

NAME

sane-plustek_pp – SANE backend for Plustek parallel port flatbed scanners

DESCRIPTION

The **sane-plustek_pp** library implements a SANE (Scanner Access Now Easy) backend that provides access to Plustek ASIC 9600[1/3] and P9800[1/3] based parallel port flatbed scanners. The access of the scanner is either done directly by the backend or via kernel module, called `pt_drv` which can be created out of the `plustek_pp` backend code – see also section **BUILDING THE KERNEL MODULE** for further information.

SUPPORTED DEVICES

At present, the following scanners should work with this backend and/or the kernel module:

PLUSTEK SCANNERS

Parallelport Model:	ASIC:	Properties:
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OpticPro PT12	98003	600x1200 dpi 36bit 512Kb
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OpticPro 9636T/12000T	98001	600x1200 dpi 36bit 512Kb
OpticPro 12000P Turbo	98001	600x1200 dpi 36bit 512Kb
OpticPro 9636P+/Turbo	98001	600x1200 dpi 36bit 512Kb
OpticPro 9636P	96003	600x1200 dpi 36bit 128Kb
OpticPro 12000P/96000P	96003	600x1200 dpi 36bit 128Kb
OpticPro 1236P	96003	600x1200 dpi 30bit 128Kb
OpticPro 9600P	96003	600x1200 dpi 30bit 128Kb
OpticPro 9630P/FBIV	96003	600x1200 dpi 30bit 128Kb
OpticPro 9630PL (14")	96003	600x1200 dpi 30bit 128Kb
OpticPro A3I	96003	400x800 dpi 36bit 128Kb
OpticPro 600P/6000P	96003	300x600 dpi 30bit 32Kb
OpticPro 4831P	96003	300x600 dpi 30bit 32Kb
OpticPro 4830P/FBIII	96003	300x600 dpi 30bit 32Kb
OpticPro 4800P/FBII	96001	300x600 dpi 24bit 32Kb

PRIMAX SCANNERS

There are some scanners sold by Primax, but they are in fact Plustek devices. These scanners are also supported. The following table will show the relationship:

Model:	Plustek Model:	Remarks:
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Colorado 4800	OpticPro 4800	not tested
Compact 4800 Direct	OpticPro 600	mov=2
Compact 4800 Direct 30bit	OpticPro 4830	mov=7
Compact 9600 Direct 30bit	OpticPro 9630	works

GENIUS SCANNERS

The following devices are sold as Genius Scanners, but are in fact Plustek devices. The table will show the relationship:

Model:	Remarks:
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Colorpage Vivid III V2	Like P12 but has two buttons and Wolfson DAC

ARIES SCANNERS

There's one scanner sold as Aries Scanner, but is in fact a Plustek device. The following table will show

the relationship:

Model:	Plustek Model:	Remarks:
Scan-It 4800	OpticPro 600	mov=2

BrightScan SCANNERS

There's one scanner sold as BrightScan OpticPro Scanner, this is also a rebadged Plustek device. The following table will show the relationship:

Model:	Remarks:
BrightScan OpticPro	OpticPro P12

DEVICE NAMES

This backend works in two modes, the so called "direct-mode" and the "kernel-mode". In direct-mode, the user-space backend is used, in kernel-mode, you should have a kernel-module named `pt_drv` loaded. This backends default device is:

`0x378`

This "default device" will be used, if no configuration file can be found. It is rather the base address of the parallel port on i386 machines.

As the backend supports up to four devices, it is possible to specify them in the configuration file

`@CONFIGDIR@/plustek_pp.conf`

See this file for examples.

CONFIGURATION

This section describes the backends' configuration file entries. The file is located at: `@CONFIGDIR@/plustek_pp.conf`

For a proper setup, you will need at least two entries:

```
[direct]
device 0x378
```

or

```
[kernel]
device /dev/pt_drv
```

`direct` tells the backend, that the following devicename (here `0x378`) has to be interpreted as parallel port scanner device. In fact it is the address to use, alternatively you can use `/dev/parport0` if the backend has been compiled with `libieee1284` support. `kernel` should only be used, when a kernel-module has been built out of the backend sources. See below for more instructions about this.

Further options:

option `warmup t`

`t` specifies the warmup period in seconds

option `lampOff t`

`t` is the time in seconds for switching off the lamps in standby mode

option `lOffonEnd b`

`b` specifies the behaviour when closing the backend, 1 --> switch lamps off, 0 --> do not change lamp status

option `mov m`

`m` is the model override switch, which only works in direct mode.

`m = 0` default: no override

- m* = 1 OpticPro 9630PL override (works if OP9630 has been detected) forces legal size (14")
- m* = 2 Primax 4800Direct override (works if OP600 has been detected) swaps red/green color
- m* = 3 OpticPro 9636 override (works if OP9636 has been detected) disables backends transparency/negative capabilities
- m* = 4 OpticPro 9636P override (works if OP9636 has been detected) disables backends transparency/negative capabilities
- m* = 5 OpticPro A3I override (works if OP12000 has been detected) enables A3 scanning
- m* = 6 OpticPro 4800P override (works if OP600 has been detected) swaps red/green color
- m* = 7 Primax 4800Direct 30bit override (works if OP4830 has been detected)

See the `plustek_pp.conf` file for examples.

BUILDING THE KERNEL MODULE

As mentioned before, the `plustek_pp` backend code can also be compiled and installed as linux kernel module. To do so, you will need the source-files of this `sane-backend` installation. Unpack this tar-ball and go to the directory:

```
sane-backends/doc/plustek
```

Within this directory, you should find a script called:

```
MakeModule.sh
```

Now if your Linux kernelsources are installed correctly, it should be possible to build, install and load the module `pt_drv`. **Please note**, that the kernelsources need to be configured correctly. Refer to your distributions manual on how this is done. As root user, try

```
./MakeModule.sh
```

the script will try and get all necessary information about your running kernel and will lead you through the whole installation process.

Note: Installing and loading the can only be done as superuser.

KERNEL MODULE SETUP

The configuration of the kernel module is done by providing some or more options found below to the kernel module at load time. This can be done by invoking `insmod` with the appropriate parameters or appending the options to the file `/etc/modules.conf` (**kernel < 2.6.x**) or `/etc/modprobe.conf` (**kernel >= 2.6.x**)

The Options:

`lampoff=lll`

The value *lll* tells the driver, after how many seconds to switch-off the lamp(s). The default value is 180. 0 will disable this feature.

HINT: Do not use a value that is too small, because often switching on/off the lamps will reduce their lifetime.

`port=ppp`

ppp specifies the port base address, where the scanner is connected to. The default value is 0x378, which is normally a standard.

`warmup=www`

www specifies the time in seconds, how long a lamp has to be on, until the driver will start to scan. The default value is 30.

`IOffonEnd=e`

e specifies the behaviour when unloading the driver, 1 --> switch lamps off, 0 --> do not change lamp status

`slowIO=s`

s specifies which I/O functions the driver should use, 1 --> use delayed functions, 0 --> use the non-delayed ones

`forceMode=fm`

fm specifies port mode which should be used, 0 --> autodetection, 1 --> use SPP mode and 2 -->

use EPP mode

mov=m

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Sample entry for file */etc/modules.conf* :

alias char-major-40 pt_drv

pre-install pt_drv modprobe -k parport

options pt_drv lampoff=180 warmup=15 port=0x378 lOffonEnd=0 mov=0 slowIO=0 forceMode=0

For multidevice support, simply add values separated by commas to the different options

options pt_drv port=0x378,0x278 mov=0,4 slowIO=0,1 forceMode=0,1

Remember to call *depmod* after changing */etc/conf.modules*.

PARALLEL PORT MODES

The current driver works best, when the parallel port has been set to EPP-mode. When detecting any other mode such as ECP or PS/2 the driver tries to set to a faster, supported mode. If this fails, it will use the SPP mode, as this mode should work with all Linux supported parallel ports. If in doubt, enter your BIOS and set it to any mode except ECP.

Former Plustek scanner models (4830, 9630) supplied a ISA parallel port adapter card. This card is **not** supported by the driver.

The ASIC 96001/3 based models have sometimes trouble with high resolution modes. If you encounter sporadic corrupted images (parts duplicated or shifted horizontally) kill all other applications before scanning and (if sufficient memory available) disable swapping.

See the *plustek_pp.conf* file for examples.

FILES

@*CONFIGDIR*@/*plustek_pp.conf*

The backend configuration file

@*LIBDIR*@/*libsane-plustek_pp.a*

The static library implementing this backend.

@*LIBDIR*@/*libsane-plustek_pp.so*

The shared library implementing this backend (present on systems that support dynamic loading).

/lib/modules/<Kernel-Version>/kernel/drivers/parport/pt_drv.o

The Linux kernelmodule for kernels < 2.6.x.

/lib/modules/<Kernel-Version>/kernel/drivers/parport/pt_drv.ko

The Linux kernelmodule for kernels >= 2.6.x.

ENVIRONMENT

SANE_CONFIG_DIR

This environment variable specifies the list of directories that may contain the configuration file. Under UNIX, the directories are separated by a colon (':'), under OS/2, they are separated by a semi-colon (;'). If this variable is not set, the configuration file is searched in two default

directories: first, the current working directory (".") and then in @CONFIGDIR@. If the value of the environment variable ends with the directory separator character, then the default directories are searched after the explicitly specified directories. For example, setting **SANE_CONFIG_DIR** to "/tmp/config:" would result in directories "tmp/config", ".", and "@CONFIGDIR@" being searched (in this order).

SANE_DEBUG_PLUSTEK_PP

If the library was compiled with debug support enabled, this environment variable controls the debug level for this backend. Higher debug levels increase the verbosity of the output.

Example: export SANE_DEBUG_PLUSTEK_PP=10

SEE ALSO

sane(7),
@DOCDIR@/plustek/Plustek-PARPORT.changes

CONTACT AND BUG-REPORTS

Please send any information and bug-reports to:

SANE Mailing List

Additional info and hints can be obtained from our Mailing-List archive at:

<http://www.sane-project.org/mailling-lists.html>

To obtain debug messages from the backend, please set the environment-variable *SANE_DEBUG_PLUSTEK_PP* before calling your favorite scan-frontend (i.e. xscanimage).

i.e.: export SANE_DEBUG_PLUSTEK_PP=20 ; xscanimage

The value controls the verbosity of the backend.

KNOWN BUGS & RESTRICTIONS

- * The Halftoning works, but the quality is poor
- * Printers (especially HP models) will start to print during scanning. This in fact is a problem to other printers too, using bidirectional protocol (see www.plustek.com (TAIWAN) page for further details)
- * The driver does not support these manic scalings up to 16 times the physical resolution. The only scaling is done on resolutions between the physical resolution of the CCD-sensor and the stepper motor i.e. you have a 600x1200 dpi scanner and you are scanning using 800dpi, so scaling is necessary, because the sensor only delivers 600dpi but the motor is capable to perform 800dpi steps.
- * On some devices, the pictures seems bluish

ASIC 98001 based models:

- * The 300dpi transparency and negative mode does not work correctly.
- * There is currently no way to distinguish a model with and without transparency unit.
- * The scanned images seem to be too dark (P9636T)

ASIC 96003/1 based models:

- * 30bit mode is currently not supported.
- * On low end systems under heavy system load the driver may lose data, which can result in picture corruption or cause the sensor to hit the scan bed.
- * The scanning speed on 600x1200 dpi models is slow.
- * The scanning quality of the A3I is poor