

User-Level Device Access

Moving beyond KEXTs

Session 207

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Introduction

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Mac OS

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- Techniques for user-space access to devices
- Summary of available APIs

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- User-space HID device driver walkthrough

Ethan Bold

- Sleep/wake from user-space
- New sleep behaviors

What You Will Learn

- The Mac App Store and drivers
- Benefits and challenges of user-level device software
- Basics of device matching
- Running a process when a device is attached
- Finding and accessing devices from an app
- A tour of user-level device APIs

Drivers and the Mac App Store



- Guidelines for Mac App Store restrict many driverlike behaviors
 - No kernel extensions (KEXTs)
 - No privileged execution
 - App must be self-contained within its bundle
 - Background execution requires user approval

Drivers and the Mac App Store



- Access to many restricted APIs are allowed on as-needed basis
 - Mac App Store applications are run inside of an “App SandBox”
 - “Entitlements” allows access to restricted APIs
 - `com.apple.security.device.microphone` for microphone access

User-Space Device Software Advantages

- Simpler development and debugging
 - Shares APIs and frameworks with other apps
 - Easier debugging than KEXTs
 - Richer performance tools available
- Improved customer experience
 - Faults will not crash the system
 - May not require admin credentials to install/use
 - Does not prevent distribution via Mac App Store

User-Space Device Software Challenges

- Limited device access
 - Not all device types are directly accessible to user-space
 - Only a few device types are publishable from user-space
- Several different APIs for device access
 - I/O Kit, Bluetooth, POSIX, CUPS, etc.
 - No “stacking” model like IORegistry
- Performance
 - Increased scheduling latency (batching)
 - Subject to paging stalls

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Run `ioreg -l`

Or `IORegistryExplorer.app`

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See `man launchd.plist`

Discovering Hardware

- Discovering IOKit devices in the IORegistry
 - Specify device using matching dictionary
 - Call `IOServiceGetMatchingServices()` to find attached devices
 - Iterate through results
- Registering for notification of new devices
 - Call `IOServiceAddMatchingNotification()` to register callback
- Connecting to devices using an IOUserClient
 - Call `IOCreatePlugInInterfaceForService()` to load device plugin
 - May require admin privilege and/or entitlement if SandBoxed

Tour of Available APIs

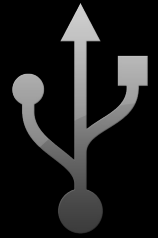
- Mac OS X Lion offers a variety of device access APIs
- Bus-level
 - USB, Bluetooth, FireWire, SCSI, Serial
- Service-level
 - Audio, Video, Storage, HID, Scanner & Camera, Printing

USB: User-Space Access



- Use IORegistry and IOUSBLib to access USB devices and interfaces
Classes `IOUSBDevice` and `IOUSBInterface`
- SandBox access to USB devices
Entitlement: `com.apple.security.device.usb`
- Apps cannot access an in-use USB device
 - Class drivers such as HID driver can “get in the way”
 - Install a “codeless KEXT” to prevent interference

USB: More Information



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Technical Q&A QA11370:
Common QA and Roadmap
for USB Software Development
on Mac OS X



USBPrivateDataSample
SampleUSBMIDIDriver



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IOKit.framework/usb

Bluetooth: User-Space Access



- Use specific APIs to interact with Bluetooth devices
 - Use `IOBluetoothDeviceInquiry` to discover devices
 - Use `IOBluetoothSDPServiceRecord` to discover individual services
 - Use `IOBluetoothDevice` and `IOBluetoothL2CAPChannel` for device I/O
 - Note: Objective C APIs preferred
- SandBox access not allowed for Bluetooth devices
- Apps can publish new Bluetooth services
 - Appears as a new service of the Mac
 - Persistent service will launch app if needed to handle remote requests
- Bluetooth services can usually be shared by several apps

Bluetooth: More Information

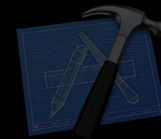


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Bluetooth Device Access Guide



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`IOBluetooth.framework`
`IOBluetoothUI.framework`

FireWire: User-Space Access



- Use IORegistry to interact with FireWire devices
 - Generic classes: `IOFireWireUnit`, `IOFireWireDevice`
 - Storage classes: `IOFireWireSBP2Target`, `IOFireWireSBP2LUN`
 - Should use `IOCSITaskUserClient` instead
 - A/V class: `IOFireWireAVCUnit`
- SandBox access not allowed for FireWire devices
- Apps cannot access an in-use FireWire device

FireWire: More Information



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Accessing FireWire Devices
From Applications



simpleAVC



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IOKit.framework/firewire

SCSI: User-Space Access



- Use IORegistry to interact with SCSI Task devices (STUC)
 - Classes with property `SCSITaskDeviceCategory`
- SandBox access not allowed for SCSI devices
- Apps cannot access an in-use SCSI device
 - Exception for authoring devices (e.g., DVD Burner)

SCSI: More Information



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SCSI Architecture Model
Device Interface Guide



STUCAuthoringDeviceTool
STUCOtherDeviceTool



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IOKit.framework/scsi

Serial: User-Space Access



- Use IORegistry to discover serial devices
- Use POSIX APIs to access serial devices
 - Use `/dev/tty*` device node for incoming connections
 - Use `/dev/cu*` device node for outgoing connections
- SandBox access not allowed for serial interfaces
- Apps cannot access an in-use serial device

Serial: More Information



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Device File Access Guide
For Serial Devices

`man termios`



SerialPortSample



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`System.framework`
`IOKit.framework/serial`

Audio: User-Space Access



- Use CoreAudio APIs to interact with audio devices
 - Output Audio Unit (AUHAL) wraps HAL's API
 - Use AudioComponent APIs to load AudioUnits
- SandBox access allowed for microphone
 - Entitlement: `com.apple.security.device.microphone`
- Audio interfaces can be published via AudioDriverPlugin
 - Requires admin privileges to install
 - Accessible to other clients of CoreAudio
 - App must stay running while service is published
- All audio interfaces may be shared by multiple apps

Audio: More Information



Music in iOS and Lion

Marina
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Audio Lab

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CoreAudio Overview



HALExamples
SampleDriverPlugIn



Apple Developer Forums
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`CoreAudio.framework`

Video: User-Space Access

New

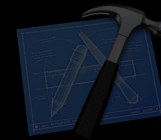
- Use CoreMedia APIs to interact with video devices
 - Device Abstraction Layer (DAL)
- SandBox access allowed for camera
 - Entitlement: `com.apple.security.device.camera`
- Admin-privileged apps can publish new video interfaces
 - Accessible to other clients of CoreMedia
 - App must stay running while service is published

Video: More Information



AV Foundation Lab

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`CoreMedia.framework`
`CoreMediaIO.framework`

Storage: User-Space Access



- Use DiskArbitration APIs to discover storage devices
 - Use `DARegisterDiskAppearedCallback()` to discover storage devices
 - Alternatively, use IORegistry to discover IOMedia objects
- Apps use BSD APIs to interact with storage devices
 - Use `/dev/rdisk*` for block-level I/O
 - BSD access semantics enforced
- SandBox access not allowed for storage devices

Storage: More Information



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Disk Arbitration Framework
Reference



FSMegaInfo



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`System.framework`
`DiskArbitration.framework`

HID: User-Space Access



- Use the IOHIDManager to locate HID devices
 - Use `IOHIDManagerCopyDevices()` to discover HID devices
 - Use `IOHIDDeviceOpen()` to connect to an HID device
- SandBox access not allowed for HID devices
- Apps can “seize” nonkeyboard HID devices
- Apps can post virtual HID events via CoreGraphics

HID: More Information



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HID Class Device Interface Guide



HID Utilities



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`IOKit.framework/hid*`

Image Capture: User-Space Access

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- Use ImageCaptureCore to interact with cameras and scanners
 - Use `ICDeviceBrowser` to discover image-capture devices
 - Use `requestDownloadFile` to download images
- Use ImageKit to access ImageCapture devices from UI classes
- SandBox access not allowed for ImageCapture devices
- Apps can publish new image-capture devices
 - Appears as a new service of the Mac
 - App must stay running while service is published

Image Capture: More Information

New

Image Capture Lab

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Image Capture Applications
Programming Guide



VirtualScanner



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`ImageCaptureCore.framework`

Printing: User-Space Access



- Use CorePrinting to access printers
- SandBox access allowed for printers
 - Entitlement: `com.apple.security.print`
- Printers published via user-space printer driver
 - Use CUPS APIs to create “backend” driver
 - Appears as new printing service of the Mac
 - Can be shared over network
 - Requires admin privileges to install

Printing: More Information



Printing on iOS and Mac OS X Lab

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<http://www.cups.org>
man cups-config



SampleRaster



printing@lists.apple.com



`/usr/include/cups/*`

HID Driver

Turning lead into gold

Thane Norton

I/O HID Team Lead

What You Will Learn

- How to find and access HID devices
- How to inject events

New Hardware!

- Looks cool!
- No driver?



New Hardware!

Buttons →



New Hardware!



New Hardware!

LEDs →



New Hardware!



← RGB Backlight

New Hardware!



Where Do I Start?

- HID device
- Use USB Prober

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Where Do I Start?

- Developer documentation
- Open source drivers
- “Play with it”
- Packet inspection
 - Strictly for the hard core

Writing a Driver

A sample project

Error Handling

- Use a consistent idiom
- May want to use AssertMacros.h
- Definitely want to use asl.h

See `man asl` for more info

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- Gather data from real keyboards

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Device Data—Other Keys

- Internal-state change
 - Reflect that change back to the hardware

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Device Data—Other Keys

Backlight color

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data[1] = [color redComponent] * 255;
data[2] = [color greenComponent] * 255;
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    kIOHIDReportTypeFeature, 7,  
    data, sizeof(data));  
check_noerr(err);
```

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Device Data—Other Keys

LEDs

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Device Detach

- Your callback is called
 - Call `IOHIDDeviceClose()`
- Do not talk to device
- Do not need to unregister

Driver Quit

- Call `IOHIDManagerClose()`
- Release the manager reference
- Fin

Summary

- Use an IOHIDManager to track devices
- Use an IOHIDDevice to
 - Get data from a device
 - Send data to a device
 - One physical device may publish multiple HID devices
- Check your errors
- Writing a driver for a HID device is easy

Sleep/Wake for Apps

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Sleep and Wake

Only on
Mac OS

- Best practices for sleep/wake API
- New behaviors in sleep/wake

Sleep and Wake

Going to Sleep



Applications
Devices
OS and Hibernate
Hardware



Waking Up

Listen for Sleep/Wake Notifications



`I0RegisterForSystemPower()`

- Lets you run code before sleep and after wake
- Sleep handler must acknowledge ASAP
 - Call `I0AllowPowerChange()`

Register and Deregister

CFRunLoop

- At launch

```
IORegisterForSystemPower();  
IOWorkQueueCreateRunLoopSource();  
CFRunLoopAddSource();
```

- At exit

```
IODeregisterForSystemPower();
```


Register and Deregister

Dispatch source

- At launch

```
IORegisterForSystemPower();  
IONotificationPortCreateDispatchSource();  
dispatch_queue_add_source();
```

- At exit

```
IODeregisterForSystemPower();
```

Implementing a Sleep/Wake Handler

```
MySleepWakeHandler(..., uint32_t msgType, void *handlerID)
{
    if (msgType == kIOMessageSystemHasPoweredOn) {
        // Do wake-up work
    }

    if (msgType == kIOMessageSystemWillSleep) {
        // Do Going To Sleep Work
        IOAllowPowerChange(PMRoot, handlerID);
    }

    if (msgType == kIOMessageCanSystemSleep) {
        IOAllowPowerChange(PMRoot, handlerID);
    }
}
```

Power Assertions

- API to keep the system and the display awake

```
IOPMAssertionCreateWithName()
```

- Takes arguments

```
kIOPMAssertionTypePreventUserIdleDisplaySleep
```

```
kIOPMAssertionTypePreventUserIdleSleep
```

- Use power assertions when you are doing important work
- More accountable

Power Assertion Sample Code

```
IOPMAssertionID newAssertionID;  
  
IOPMAssertionCreateWithName(  
    kIOPMAssertionTypePreventUserIdleSleep,  
    kIOPMAssertionLevel0n,  
    CFSTR("com.mycompany.myapp.description"),  
    &newAssertionID);  
  
...  
IOPMAssertionRelease(newAssertionID);
```

Great Command-Line Tools

- `caffeinate`
- `pmset -g assertions`
- `pmset -g log`

New Types of Sleep/Wake

- Standby—new behavior in 10.6.7 to extend battery life while sleeping
- DarkWake—new behavior in Lion to perform work while the computer appears to sleep

Standby



- After sleeping for about an hour, OS X writes memory to a hibernation image on mass storage
- 10.6.7 and Lion
- Only latest MacBook Air models



DarkWake



- The CPU and device drivers power on, but the display and audio remain off
- OS X might enter DarkWake when
 - Attaching external devices
 - Maintaining a network connection (DHCP, Back to My Mac)
 - File sharing, printer sharing, iTunes sharing

Consequences to the Developer

- DarkWake and Standby are not exposed in OS X API
- Clients of `IOWorkflowManager::registerForSystemPower()` will not receive notifications during DarkWake or Standby

Take-Aways

- Sleep/wake notifications

`IORRegisterForSystemPower()`

- Asserting a power need

`IOPMAssertionCreateWithName()`

- Technical Q&A QA1340

Labs

Userland Device Access Lab

Core OS Lab B
Thursday 9:00–11:15AM

Power Management Lab

Core OS Lab A
Thursday 9:00–11:15AM

