

CDC

Implementation in IQRF USB devices

User's guide



CDC class

Unlike the Custom class, the CDC class provides a simpler serial bus via USB interface. A device equipped with the firmware supporting CDC creates a virtual serial port enabling to communicate with PC via the USB interface like through a standard COM port.

After the first connection the USB driver *iqrfcdc* is requested. It is available to download from www.iqrf.org/cdc. It is also installed within the IQRF IDE 4 development environment installation. This driver (by Microchip) uses VID / PID by MICRORISC when used with IQRF devices.

IQRF kits working with IQRF IDE 4 use the Custom class but can be switched to/from the CDC class by the IQRF IDE 4 (if the kit is equipped with the CDC option).

TIP

For testing a communication in CDC mode various SW terminals operating with PC serial ports are available. Select a terminal enabling to issue direct byte commands and data. Recommended terminal: Docklight, www.docklight.de. There is a project containing all supported commands for this terminal available at www.iqrf.org/218. It is necessary just to select the COM port used.

Unsuitable terminals: Windows Hyperterminal, Tera Term, ...

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Communication

Communication is based on commands sent from PC and USB device responds with answers. Additionally, USB device can send asynchronous messages as well.

Format

Every command begins with the ">" character. Every answer and asynchronous message begins with the "<" character. It allows easy orientation in directions if PC terminal is used. Every packet is terminated with the CR character (CR LF is also accepted).

Command:

> [body] [CR]

Answer:

< [body] [CR]

Message:

< [body] [CR]

[body] – body of the command

[CR] – Carriage Return (value 0x0D)

General error

In case of syntax error or not supported command general error message is issued.

Answer:

<ERR [CR]

Communication test

Command:

> [CR]

Answer:

<OK [CR]

Commands

Reset USB Device

5 s after receiving of this command USB device is reset. This delay allows to disconnect USB communication on PC side in time.

Command:

```
>R[CR]
```

Answer:

```
<R:OK[CR]
```

Reset TR Module

TR module inside the USB device is reset.

Command:

```
>RT[CR]
```

Answer:

```
<RT:OK[CR]
```

Get USB Device Info

Returns USB device identification.

Command:

```
>I[CR]
```

Answer:

```
<I:[type]#[version]#[id][CR]
```

```
    [type]    - device type (in text format)
    [version] - firmware version (in text format)
    [id]      - serial number (in text format)
```

Example:

```
>I[CR]
```

```
<I:GW-USB-03#02.01#03010000[CR]
```

```
    [type]    - GW-USB-03
    [version] - 2.01
    [id]      - 0x03010000
```

Get TR Module Info

Returns identification of TR module inside the USB device.

Command:

```
>IT[CR]
```

Answer:

```
<IT:[module_info][CR]
```

```
    [module_info] - description see IQRF OS User's guide (chapter Identification → Module Data)
```

Connectivity Indication

USB device issues an acoustical or optical indication.

Command:

```
>B[CR]
```

Answer:

```
<B:OK[CR]
```

Get Status

Returns information about current status.

Command:

```
>S[CR]
```

Answer:

```
<S:[spi_status][CR]
```

[spi_status] - value according to the table in IQRF SPI User's guide (chapter SPI status)

Send Data

Sends data to TR module inside the USB device.

Command:

```
>DS[dlen]:[data][CR]
```

[dlen] – data length (number of bytes in the [data] field), in hexadecimal
– range 1 to 41

[data] – actual data for TR module
– number of bytes must correspond to [dlen]

Answers:

```
<DS:OK[CR]
```

– data successfully sent to TR module

```
<DS:ERR[CR]
```

– communication failure (checksum error)

– [dlen] out of range

– data length mismatch (number of bytes in [data] does not correspond to [dlen])

```
<DS:BUSY[CR]
```

– SPI bus is busy, communication is just running

– TR module is not in communication mode

Example:

```
>DS[0x05]:Hello[CR]
```

```
<DS:OK[CR]
```

Received Data

Asynchronous message sent by the USB device after data receipt from TR module.

Messages:

```
<DR[dlen]:[data][CR]
    [dlen] - data length (number of bytes in the [data] field), in hexadecimal
            - range 1 to 41
    [data] - actual data from TR module
<DR:ERR[CR]
    - communication failure (checksum error)
```

Example:

```
<DR[0x05]:Hello[CR]
```

Switch to USB Custom Class

USB class is switched to Custom and the device is reset 5 s after this command is issued. This delay allows to cancel USB communication on PC side. Refer to user's manual of given USB device how to return to CDC.

Command:

```
>U[CR]
```

Answer:

```
<U:OK[CR]
```

Supported devices

- GW-USB-03 with FW v2.01 or higher. The *Switch to USB Custom Class* command is supported from FW v2.03.
- GW-USB-04 with FW v1.20 or higher
- GW-USB-03A with FW v1.00 or higher

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