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Introduction

This is the API reference for the Advanced Micro Peripherals H264ULL-DECODER Video Playback SDK.

The API is the same for all supported operating systems. Functions that are specific to an OS are marked as such.

Related Documentation

Other documentation that may be of use whilst reading this document is described in the table below:

Document Name	Source
H264ULL-DECODER Hardware Reference Manual	H264ULL-DECODER SDK

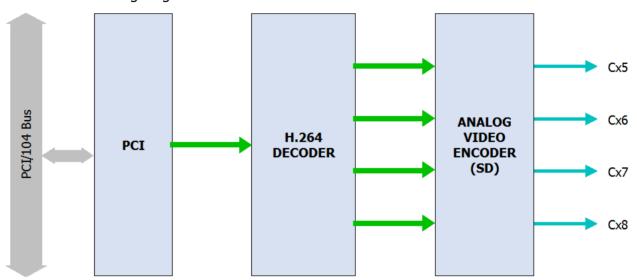
2: Hardware block diagram

H264ULL-DECODER

The analog SD video encoder on the H264ULL-DEDCODER has four digital video paths connected to the H.264 CODEC, one for each output

The encoded video data routed to the H.264 CODEC via PCI bus and is then output as analog video.

The following diagram is for the H264ULL-DECODER:



The SD outputs from the H264ULL-DECODER correspond to the following decoder channels:

Input	Channel
Cx5	7
Cx6	8
Cx6 Cx7	9
Cx8	10

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Overview of writing applications

The H264ULL-DECODER Video PLAYBACK SDKs provides functions to control every aspect of each of the respective cards.

The ull264.h header file must be included in all applications using the H264ULL-DECODER.

The SDK library should be initialised for each card by calling the MPG4K_InitCard function. The return value should be checked to confirm that the operation succeeded. If the return is not ID_OK then the application should not continue. This must be done before any other functions from the SDK are called.

Windows Library files

The application should be linked against the h264ull.lib file. This file is found in *software/lib*

The h264ull.dll should be placed in the system directory on the target machine. Under Windows XP this is /windows/system32

Linux Library files

The application should be linked against the libull264 file. This file is found in software/lib, named libull264-glibcXXnp.so for no onscreen preview support, where XX is the target glibc version.

The libull264 file should be placed in an appropriate library directory on the target machine. In general, either /usr/local/lib or /usr/lib should be used. Having copied the file, run ldconfig after verifying that the library path is present in the /etc/ld.so.conf file.

Decoding

The decoding features use external plugin libraries to parse the various container formats into a form the decoder understands.

Under Windows these DLLs should be placed on the system directory on the target machine.

Under Linux, the .so files should be placed in /usr/local/lib

Structure Reference

```
typedefstruct tagErrorCallback
{
    int nCard;
    int nChannel;
    int nSource;
    int nError;
}
```

This structure is used to pass information to the error callback function. The nCard and nChannel elements specify which card and channel have generated the error.

The nSource element specifies the source of the error.

The nError element specifies the error number for the error.

```
typedefstruct tagDecodeCommand
      int nSize;
      unsignedlong ulCommand;
      unsignedlong ulFlags;
      union
{
            unsignedchar bParam;
            unsignedshort usParam;
            int nParam;
            unsignedlong ulParam;
            long lParam;
#ifdef WIN32
              int64 i64Param;
#else
            long long i64Param;
#endif
            } Param;
} tDecodeCommand;
```

This structure is used to pass commands to the decode engine.

The nSize element specifies the size of the tDecodeCommand instance and must be filled in.

The ulCommand element specifies the command.

The ulFlags element specifies flags specific to the command. It also contains flags to specify which of the Param variables is to be used.

The Param element contains an option parameter value for the command. The ulFlags element must contain the correct flag specifying which value to use.

```
#define ID DECODE BYTE 0x10000
```

Use the bParam entry in the Param element.

```
#define ID DECODE USHORT 0x20000
```

Use the usParam entry in the Param element.

#define ID DECODE ULONG 0x30000

Use the ulParam entry in the Param element.

#define ID DECODE INT 0x40000

Use the nParam entry in the Param element.

#define ID DECODE LONG 0x50000

Use the IParam entry in the Param element.

#define ID DECODE LONGLONG 0x60000

Use the i64Param entry in the Param element.

5: Function Reference

Initialisation functions

MPG4K_InitCard

intMPG4K_InitCard(nCard)

int*nCard*; /* */

The MPG4K_InitCard function initialises the SDK and hardware.

Parameter	Description
nCard	Specifies which card to initialise

Returns

The return value is one of the following values:

Value	Meaning
ID_OK	Success
ID_ERR_NODEVICE	The card could not be opened or was not detected.
ID_ERR_NOFWFILE	The firmware file was not found.
ID_ERR_MEMALLOC	Memory allocation for the firmware failed
ID_ERR_FWUPLOAD	An error occurred uploading the firmware
ID_ERR_INVALID_CHANNEL	Invalid card number specified

Comments

The application should only continue if the return was ID_OK. All other errors are fatal.

This function enables the hardware in ID_CODEC mode.

ID_CODEC mode encoding is limited to a total of approximately 252,000 macroblocks across all channels.

ID_CODEC mode is required for decode operation.

MPG4KX_InitCard

The MPG4KX_Init function initializes the SDK and hardware.

Parameter	Description	
nCard	Specifies the card to initialize.	
nCodecMode	Specifies the codec mode. This can be one of the following values	
	Value	Meaning
	ID_CODEC	Both encode and decode can be performed simultaneously
	ID_ENCODER	Encode only
	ID_DECODER	Decode only. Reserved for future use
gopm	Reserved	
chansize	Reserved	

Returns

The return value is one of the following values:

Value	Meaning
ID_OK	Success
ID_ERR_NODEVICE	The card could not be opened or was not detected.
ID_ERR_NOFWFILE	The firmware file was not found.
ID_ERR_MEMALLOC	Memory allocation for the firmware failed

Comments

The application should only continue if the return was ID_OK. All other errors are fatal.

ID_CODEC mode is required for decode operation.

MPG4K_DeInitCard

int MPG4K_DeInitCard(nCard)

intnCard; /* */

The MPG4K_DeInitCard function de-initialises the specified card.

Parameter	Description
nCard	Specifies the card to de-initialise

Returns

The return value is one of the following values

Value	Meaning
ID_OK	Success
ID_ERR_NODEVICE	The card could not be opened or was not detected.

Encoding control functions

MPG4KX_SetInputStandard

The **MPG4KX_SetInputStandard** function sets the standard for the input video for the specified channel.

Parameter	Description		
nCard	Specifies the o	card to set the standard for	
nChannel	•	Specifies the channel to set the standard for	
nStandard	•	Specifies the video standard for the input. This can be one of the following values.	
	Value	Meaning	
	ID_PAL	PAL	
	ID_NTSC	NTSC	
	ID AUTO	Auto detect	

Returns

The return value is one of the following values.

Value	Meaning
ID_OK	Success
ID_ERR_NODEVICE	No hardware was detected or the library not initialised
ID_ERR_INVALID_CHANNEL	An invalid card number was specified
_ID_ERR_INVALID_STANDARD	An invalid video standard was passed

Comments

This function is only required if the resolution and framerate of the H.264 stream is not full size and full framerate. Otherwise the standard will be automatically detected from the stream

Decoding control functions

MPG4KX_StartDecode

int MPG4KX_StartDecode (nCard, nChannel, szSource)

intnCard;	/*	*/
intnChannel;	/*	*/
char *szSource;	/*	*/

The **MPG4KX_StartDecode** function starts decoding the specified source.

Parameter	Description
nCard	Specifies on which card to start decoding
nChannel	Specifies the decoder channel. to use
szSource	NULL terminated string specifying the source to decode.

Returns

The return value is one of the following values

Value	Meaning
ID_ERR_INVALID_CHANNEL	An invalid card or channel number was specified
ID_ERR_NODEVICE	No hardware was detected or the library not initialised
ID_ERR_INVALID_POINTER	The specified source was invalid
ID_ERR_NOTFOUND	The specified file could not be opened or is in an incompatible format
All other non-negative numbers	ID number of file.

Comments

Currently only AVI files are supported as sources.

Multiple AVI files can be queued for consecutive playback with no gaps between them by calling this function multiple times or by calling MPG4KX QueueDecode function.

The name of the file currently playing can be retrieved using the **MPG4KX GetDecodeSource** function.

The ID number of the file current playing can be retrieved using the **MPG4KX GetDecodeSourceID** function.

References to all queue files are stored until playback of the last file finishes. This enables skipping back to previously played files. To remove a file from the queue use the MPG4KX_RemoveDecodeSource function szSource can be NULL is sources have previously been queue using MPG4KX_QueueDecode function.

MPG4KX_StopDecode

int MPG4KX_StopDecode (nCard, nChannel)

intnCard; /* */
intnChannel; /* */

The MPG4KX_StopDecode function stops the decoding.

Parameter	Description
nCard nChannel	Specifies on which card to stop decoding Specifies the decoder channel. to use

Returns

The return value is one of the following values

Value	Meaning
ID_ERR_INVALID_CHANNEL	An invalid card or channel number was specified
ID_ERR_NODEVICE	No hardware was detected or the library not initialised
ID_OK	Success.

Comments

This function will not return until the decoding has stopped

MPG4KX_QueueDecode

int MPG4KX_QueueDecode (nCard, nChannel, szSource)

intnCard;	/*	*/
intnChannel;	/*	*/
char *szSource;	/*	*/

The **MPG4KX_QueueDecode** function adds the specified source to the decode queue.

Parameter	Description
nCard	Specifies on which card to start decoding
nChannel	Specifies the decoder channel. to use
szSource	NULL terminated string specifying the source to decode.

Returns

The return value is one of the following values

Value	Meaning
ID_ERR_INVALID_CHANNEL	An invalid card or channel number was specified
ID_ERR_NODEVICE	No hardware was detected or the library not initialised
ID_ERR_INVALID_POINTER	The specified source was invalid
ID_ERR_NOTFOUND	The specified file could not be opened or is in an incompatible format
All other non-negative numbers	ID number of file.

Comments

Currently only AVI files are supported as sources.

MPG4KX_DecoderRunning

int MPG4KX_DecoderRunning (nCard, nChannel)

intnCard; /* */
intnChannel; /* */

The **MPG4KX_DecoderRunning** function returns whether the decoder is currently running.

Parameter	Description
nCard	Specifies on which card to return the decoder status
nChannel	Specifies the decoder channel. to use

Returns

The return value is one of the following values

Value	Meaning
ID_ERR_INVALID_CHANNEL	An invalid card or channel number was specified
ID_ERR_NODEVICE	No hardware was detected or the library not initialised
0	The decoder is not running
1	The decoder is running.

MPG4KX_GetDecodeDuration

__int64 MPG4KX_GetDecodeDuration (nCard, nChannel)

intnCard; /* */
intnChannel; /* */

The **MPG4KX_GetDecodeDuration** function returns the duration of the current source in microseconds.

Parameter	Description
nCard	Specifies from which card to get the decode duration
nChannel	Specifies the decoder channel. to use

Returns

The return value is one of the following values

Value	Meaning
ID_ERR_INVALID_CHANNEL	An invalid card or channel number was specified
ID_ERR_NODEVICE	No hardware was detected or the library not initialised
-1	The decode source is live or has no duration information
All other positive values	The duration of the source in microseconds

Comments

Under Linux the return type is long long

MPG4KX_GetDecodeLocation

__int64 MPG4KX_GetDecodeLocation (nCard, nChannel)

intnCard; /* */
intnChannel; /* */

The **MPG4KX_GetDecodeLocation** function returns the current decoding position of the current source in microseconds.

Parameter	Description
nCard	Specifies from which card to get the decode location
nChannel	Specifies the decoder channel to use

Returns

The return value is one of the following values

Value	Meaning
ID_ERR_INVALID_CHANNEL	An invalid card or channel number was specified
ID_ERR_NODEVICE	No hardware was detected or the library not initialised
-1	The decode source is live or has no duration information
All other positive values	The current decode position of the source in microseconds

Comments

Under Linux the return type is long long

MPG4KX_DecoderCommand

int MPG4KX_DecoderCommand (nCard, nChannel, ulCommand)

intnCard;	/*	*/
intnChannel;	/*	*/
intulCommand;	/*	*/

The **MPG4KX_DecoderCommand function** sends a command to the decode engine.

Parameter	Description		
nCard	Specifies which card t	o send the dec	code command to
nChannel	Specifies the decoder	channel. to us	e
ulCommand	Specifies the command to send. The command is made up of two parts: command and parameter. The command is the least significant 8bits. The parameter is the remaining 24 bits.		
	Command	Parameter	Meaning
	ID_DECODE_PLAY	none	Resume normal decode
	ID_DECODE_PAUSE	none	Pause the decode
	ID_DECODE_STEP	none	Single frame step
	ID_DECODE_FF	rate	Fast forward
	ID_DECODE_RW	rate	Rewind

Returns

The return value is one of the following values

Value	Meaning
ID_ERR_INVALID_CHANNEL	An invalid card or channel number was specified
ID_ERR_NODEVICE	No hardware was detected or the library not initialised
ID_OK	Success

Comments

The commands are queued so multiple calls will queue commands. Fast forward and rewind both take a rate parameter. In fast forward and rewind mode, only the I-frames within the MPEG-4 stream are played. The rate parameter specifies the number of I-frames to skip between played frames. A rate of 1 plays all I-frames, 2 plays every 2nd I-frame, etc. The normal rate is 0.

Single step mode will pause the decode and increment one frame for every single step command.

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MPG4KX_DecoderCommandEx

int MPG4KX_DecoderCommandEx (nCard, nChannel, Command)

intnCard;	/*	*/
intnChannel;	/*	*/
tDecodeCommand Command;	/*	*/

The **MPG4KX_DecoderCommandEx** function sends a command to the decode engine.

Parameter	Descrip	tion	
nCard	Specifies which card to	send the decode com	mand to
nChannel	Specifies the decoder	channel. to use	
Command	Specifies the command to send		
	Command	Meaning	Parameters
	ID_DECODE_PLAY	Resume normal decode	None
	ID_DECODE_PAUSE	Pause the decode	None
	ID_DECODE_STEP	Single frame step	None
	ID_DECODE_FF	Fast forward	Rate
	ID_DECODE_RW	Rewind	Rate
	ID_DECODE_SEEK	Seek	Location

Returns

The return value is one of the following values

Value	Meaning
ID_ERR_INVALID_CHANNEL	An invalid card or channel number was specified
ID_ERR_NODEVICE	No hardware was detected or the library not initialised
ID OK	Success

Comments

The commands are queued so multiple calls will queue commands. For commands that take parameters, the Command.ulFlags and Command.Param elements must be filled in correctly.

ID_DECODE_FW and ID_DECODE_RW

The commands take a parameter to specify the rate.

A rate of 1 plays all I-frames, 2 plays every 2nd I-frame, etc. The normal rate is 0.

This can be passed using the bParam, usParam, ulParam or nParam entries in the Param element.

A negative rate reverses the direction.

ID_DECODE_STEP

Single step mode will pause the decode and increment one frame for every single step command. Single step can be combined with ID_DECODE_FW or ID_DECODE_RW to step to each I-frame.

ID_DECODE_SEEK

The seek will only happen within the current decoded file. Seeking past the start or end of a file will have no effect.

To seek based on the number of frames, the Command.ulFlags must have ID_DECODE_SEEK_FRAME set. The parameter must be an integer and contain the number of frames to seek.

To seek based on time the Command.ulFlags must have ID_DECODE_SEEK_TIME and ID_DECODE_LONGLONG set. The parameter must be an int64 and specifies the time in microseconds to seek.

The seeking can be performed relative to the current location or as an absolute location within the file.

The default is absolute. To specify relative seeking the Command.ulFlags should have ID_DECODE_SEEK_RELATIVE set.

If doing relative seeking, negative parameters will seek backwards from the current location.

All seeking is done to the nearest I-frame. Backward seeks go to the nearest I-frame before the requested location. Forward seeks go the nearest I-frame after the requested location.

MPG4KX_GetDecodeSource

char *MPG4KX_GetDecodeSource (nCard, nChannel)

intnCard; /* */
intnChannel; /* */

The **MPG4KX_GetDecodeSource** function returns the name of the file currently being decoded.

Parameter	Description
nCard	Specifies from which card to get the file currently being decoded
nChannel	Specifies the decoder channel to use

Returns

The return value is one of the following values

Value	Meaning
NULL	No file is currently being decoded
Other values	NULL terminated string specifying the file currently being decoded

MPG4KX_GetDecodeSourceID

int MPG4KX_GetDecodeSourceID (nCard, nChannel)

intnCard; /* */
intnChannel; /* */

The **MPG4KX_GetDecodeSourceID** function returns the ID number of the file currently being decoded.

Parameter	Description
nCard	Specifies from which card to get the file currently being decoded
nChannel	Specifies the decoder channel to use

Returns

The return value is one of the following values

Value	Meaning
ID_ERR_INVALID_CHANNEL	An invalid card or channel number was specified
ID_ERR_NODEVICE	No hardware was detected or the library not initialised
All other non-negative numbers	ID number

MPG4KX_RemoveDecodeSource

int MPG4KX_DecodeSource (nCard, nChannel, nID)

intnCard;	/*	*/
intnChannel;	/*	*/
intnID;	/*	*/

The **MPG4KX_RemoveDecodeSource** function removes the specified file from the decode queue.

Parameter	Description
nCard	Specifies from which card to remove the file from the decode queue
nChannel	Specifies the decoder channel to use
nID	Specifies the ID of the file to remove from the
	queue

Returns

The return value is one of the following values

Value	Meaning
ID_ERR_INVALID_CHANNEL	An invalid card or channel number was specified
ID_ERR_NODEVICE	No hardware was detected or the library not initialised
ID_ERR_NOTFOUND	The specified file could not be found
ID_OK	Success

MPG4KX_ClearDecodeQueue

int MPG4KX_ClearDecodeQueue (nCard, nChannel)

intnCard; /* */
intnChannel; /* */

The MPG4KX_ClearDecodeQueue function empties the decode queue.

Parameter	Description
nCard	Specifies from which card to remove the file from the decode queue
nChannel	Specifies the decoder channel to use

Returns

The return value is one of the following values

Value	Meaning
ID_ERR_INVALID_CHANNEL	An invalid card or channel number was specified
ID_ERR_NODEVICE	No hardware was detected or the library not initialised
ID_ERR_NOTFOUND	The specified file could not be found
ID_OK	Success

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