



Quick start guide for Quectel cellular modules on Linux

North America version

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Introduction

This document covers basic driver setup and data call bring up, mainly for both Raspberry Pi and Ubuntu for PC. Linux is a “free” software, and according to <https://www.gnu.org/philosophy/free-sw.en.html>, the definition is:

“Free software” means software that respects users' freedom and community. Roughly, it means that the users have the freedom to run, copy, distribute, study, change and improve the software. Thus, “free software” is a matter of liberty, not price. To understand the concept, you should think of “free” as in “free speech,” not as in “free beer.” We sometimes call it “libre software,” borrowing the French or Spanish word for “free” as in freedom, to show we do not mean the software is gratis.

But the side effect of such freedom is that everybody is making variations to the software. Unfortunately, there is no hard standard in Linux. Every version is different. Please take this document as a general guide.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with me by email: kasper.cheng@quectel.com

Prerequisites

I am using this Raspberry OS image as an example. And we are trying to build the drivers on the target board itself.

2020-02-13-raspbian-buster.img

After the system is up and running, we can install some software.

sudo apt install build-essential resolvconf minicom net-tools nano

For Raspberry Pi, you can install kernel headers with this command.

sudo apt install raspberrypi-kernel-headers

For Ubuntu, use this command

sudo apt install linux-headers-\$(uname -r)

32bit and 64bit OS

As of May 2023, Raspberry Pi is moving to 64bit kernel even if the OS image is 32bit. i.e., a mixed environment with 64bit kernel + 32bit user space. Kernel driver building is an on-going issue (<https://github.com/raspberrypi/linux/issues/5408>)

Please consider moving to 64bit OS, or stay with 32bit kernel by adding arm_64bit=0 to /boot/config.txt

sudo nano /boot/config.txt

```
[all]
dtoverlay=uart0
arm_64bit=0
```

Checking system information

we can use the **uname -r** command to check the kernel version,

and use the **cat /etc/os-release** to check detailed OS version.

```
login as: pi
pi@192.168.7.9's password:
Linux raspberrypi 5.10.11-v7+ #1399 SMP Thu Jan 28 12:06:05 GMT 2021 armv7l

The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/**/copyright.

Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
Last login: Wed Feb 24 07:26:24 2021
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ uname -r
5.10.11-v7+
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ cat /etc/os-release
PRETTY_NAME="Raspbian GNU/Linux 10 (buster)"
NAME="Raspbian GNU/Linux"
VERSION_ID="10"
VERSION="10 (buster)"
VERSION_CODENAME=buster
ID=raspbian
ID_LIKE=debian
HOME_URL="http://www.raspbian.org/"
SUPPORT_URL="http://www.raspbian.org/RaspbianForums"
BUG_REPORT_URL="http://www.raspbian.org/RaspbianBugs"
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ lsusb
Bus 001 Device 005: ID 17ef:6047 Lenovo
Bus 001 Device 004: ID 2c7c:0125 Quectel Wireless Solutions Co., Ltd. EC25 LTE modem
Bus 001 Device 003: ID 0424:ec00 Standard Microsystems Corp. SMSC9512/9514 Fast Ethernet Adapter
Bus 001 Device 002: ID 0424:9514 Standard Microsystems Corp. SMC9514 Hub
Bus 001 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0002 Linux Foundation 2.0 root hub
```

Device enumeration(detection)

The system should see (enumerate) the device even if no driver software is installed.

lsusb can be used to list all USB devices detected by the OS. There may not be a name, but 2c7c:0306 is the USB Vendor ID and Product ID. Most of our USB devices are using the VID 2c7c.

```
kcheng@cyberlife:~/RM502QAEALAR13A02M4G_01.001.01.001$ lsusb
Bus 006 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0003 Linux Foundation 3.0 root hub
Bus 005 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0002 Linux Foundation 2.0 root hub
Bus 004 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0003 Linux Foundation 3.0 root hub
Bus 003 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0002 Linux Foundation 2.0 root hub
Bus 002 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0003 Linux Foundation 3.0 root hub
Bus 001 Device 004: ID 05e3:0608 Genesys Logic, Inc. Hub
Bus 001 Device 003: ID 0b05:1939 ASUSTek Computer, Inc.
Bus 001 Device 005: ID 8087:0029 Intel Corp.
Bus 001 Device 011: ID 2c7c:0306
Bus 001 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0002 Linux Foundation 2.0 root hub
```

A usb device may provide multiple “interfaces”. In Quectel module’s case, we provide multiple serial ports (usually Debug port, GNSS port, AT command port, and modem port.), and a USB network interface for high-speed modules. **lsusb -t** gives more information about USB devices, but vendor ID and product ID are not listed here. Note that some embedded systems do not support the -t parameter.

```
kcheng@rex-linux:~$ lsusb -t
/: Bus 04.Port 1: Dev 1, Class=root_hub, Driver=xhci_hcd/4p, 5000M
/: Bus 03.Port 1: Dev 1, Class=root_hub, Driver=xhci_hcd/4p, 480M
|__ Port 3: Dev 34, If 0, Class=Vendor Specific Class, Driver=option, 480M
|__ Port 3: Dev 34, If 1, Class=Vendor Specific Class, Driver=option, 480M
|__ Port 3: Dev 34, If 2, Class=Vendor Specific Class, Driver=option, 480M
|__ Port 3: Dev 34, If 3, Class=Vendor Specific Class, Driver=option, 480M
|__ Port 3: Dev 34, If 4, Class=Vendor Specific Class, Driver=qmi_wwan_q, 480M
/: Bus 02.Port 1: Dev 1, Class=root_hub, Driver=ehci-pci/2p, 480M
|__ Port 1: Dev 2, If 0, Class=Hub, Driver=hub/8p, 480M
/: Bus 01.Port 1: Dev 1, Class=root_hub, Driver=ehci-pci/2p, 480M
|__ Port 1: Dev 2, If 0, Class=Hub, Driver=hub/6p, 480M
```

You also use this command to list detected USB devices in more details if sysfs is enabled in kernel.

```
sudo cat /sys/kernel/debug/usb/devices
```

```
T: Bus=01 Lev=02 Prnt=02 Port=01 Cnt=02 Dev#= 4 Spd=480 MxCh= 0
D: Ver= 2.00 Cls=ef(misc ) Sub=02 Prot=01 MxPS=64 #Cfgs= 1
P: Vendor=2c7c ProdID=0125 Rev= 3.18
S: Manufacturer=Qeetel
S: Product=EG25-G
C:* #Ifs= 5 Cfg#= 1 Atr=a0 MxPwr=500mA
I:  If#= 0 Alt= 0 #EPs= 2 Cls=ff(vend.) Sub=ff Prot=ff Driver=(none)
E:  Ad=81(I) Atr=02(Bulk) MxPS= 512 Ivl=0ms
E:  Ad=01(O) Atr=02(Bulk) MxPS= 512 Ivl=0ms
I:  If#= 1 Alt= 0 #EPs= 3 Cls=ff(vend.) Sub=00 Prot=00 Driver=(none)
E:  Ad=83(I) Atr=03(Int.) MxPS= 10 Ivl=32ms
E:  Ad=82(I) Atr=02(Bulk) MxPS= 512 Ivl=0ms
E:  Ad=02(O) Atr=02(Bulk) MxPS= 512 Ivl=0ms
I:  If#= 2 Alt= 0 #EPs= 3 Cls=ff(vend.) Sub=00 Prot=00 Driver=(none)
E:  Ad=85(I) Atr=03(Int.) MxPS= 10 Ivl=32ms
E:  Ad=84(I) Atr=02(Bulk) MxPS= 512 Ivl=0ms
E:  Ad=03(O) Atr=02(Bulk) MxPS= 512 Ivl=0ms
I:  If#= 3 Alt= 0 #EPs= 3 Cls=ff(vend.) Sub=00 Prot=00 Driver=(none)
E:  Ad=87(I) Atr=03(Int.) MxPS= 10 Ivl=32ms
E:  Ad=86(I) Atr=02(Bulk) MxPS= 512 Ivl=0ms
E:  Ad=04(O) Atr=02(Bulk) MxPS= 512 Ivl=0ms
I:  If#= 4 Alt= 0 #EPs= 3 Cls=ff(vend.) Sub=ff Prot=ff Driver=(none)
E:  Ad=89(I) Atr=03(Int.) MxPS= 8 Ivl=32ms
E:  Ad=88(I) Atr=02(Bulk) MxPS= 512 Ivl=0ms
E:  Ad=05(O) Atr=02(Bulk) MxPS= 512 Ivl=0ms
```

Similarly, we can list the detected PCIE devices by this command. The highlighted line is the RM502Q-AE module.

```
lspci
```

```
kcheng@cyberlife:~/RM502QAEAR13A02M4G_01.01.001$ lspci
00:00.0 Host bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 1630
00:00.2 IOMMU: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 1631
00:01.0 Host bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 1632
00:01.1 PCI bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 1633
00:02.0 Host bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 1632
00:02.1 PCI bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 1634
00:02.2 PCI bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 1634
00:08.0 Host bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 1632
00:08.1 PCI bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 1635
00:14.0 SMBus: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] FCH SMBus Controller (rev 51)
00:14.3 ISA bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] FCH LPC Bridge (rev 51)
00:18.0 Host bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 166a
00:18.1 Host bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 166b
00:18.2 Host bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 166c
00:18.3 Host bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 166d
00:18.4 Host bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 166e
00:18.5 Host bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 166f
00:18.6 Host bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 1670
00:18.7 Host bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 1671
01:00.0 Unassigned class [ff00]: Qualcomm Device 0306
02:00.0 USB controller: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 43ee
02:00.1 SATA controller: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 43eb
02:00.2 PCI bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 43e9
03:00.0 PCI bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 43ea
03:00.0 PCI bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 43ea
03:00.0 PCI bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 43ea
05:00.0 Network controller: Intel Corporation Device 2723 (rev 1a)
06:00.0 Ethernet controller: Realtek Semiconductor Co., Ltd. Device 8125 (rev 04)
07:00.0 Non-Volatile memory controller: Samsung Electronics Co Ltd NVMe SSD Controller SM981/PM981
08:00.0 VGA compatible controller: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD/ATI] Device 1638 (rev c8)
08:00.1 Audio device: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD/ATI] Device 1637
08:00.2 Encryption controller: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 15df
08:00.3 USB controller: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 1639
08:00.4 USB controller: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 1639
08:00.6 Audio device: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 15e3
```

To read more details, add the -v parameter. The driver has been loaded in this case, i.e. pcie_mhi

```
lspci -v
```

```
01:00.0 Unassigned class [ff00]: Qualcomm Device 0306
  Subsystem: Qualcomm Device 5022
  Flags: bus master, fast devsel, latency 0, IRQ 92
  Memory at fcfc01000 (64-bit, non-prefetchable) [size=4K]
  Memory at fcfc00000 (64-bit, non-prefetchable) [size=4K]
  Capabilities: <access denied>
  Kernel driver in use: mhi_q
  Kernel modules: pcie_mhi
```

Download links

The Quectel drivers and tools for Linux mentioned in this document can be found in this link.

https://cnquectel-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/america-fae_quectel_com/Eojcy41tWUFOOnUwLTDRIReB_sxQXcjY6CJlj9mTrZ35g?e=y89kBf

Serial interface driver for USB modules

Quectel_Linux_USB_Serial_Option_Driver_20XXXXXX.tgz

QMI/RMNET network adapter driver for USB modules

Quectel_Linux_Android_QMI_WWAN_Driver_VX.X.X.zip

GobiNet network adapter driver for USB modules, deprecated, replaced by QMI_WWAN and QMI_WWAN_Q

Quectel_Linux_Android_GobiNet_Driver_VX.X.X.zip

Data call manager for both PCIE and USB modules. Supports both QMI and MBIM modes

Quectel_QConnectManager_Linux_VX.X.X.zip

Driver for PCIE modules

Quectel_Linux_PCIE_MHI_Driver_VX.X.X.zip

Module debug log collection tool

QLog_Linux_Android_VX.X.XX.zip

Module firmware update tool

QFirehose_Linux_Android_VX.X.XX.zip

example PPP call script

linux-ppp-scripts_V.X.zip

Example commands lines to decompress the files.

```
unzip Quectel_Linux_Android_QMI_WWAN_Driver_V1.2.1.zip
```

```
tar -xvf Quectel_Linux_USB_Serial_Option_Driver_20211204.tgz
```

note that quectel-CM zip package has no top-level folder, let's make a folder for it before decompressing

```
mkdir quectel-CM-1.6.1
```

```
cd quectel-CM-1.6.1
```

```
unzip ..../Quectel_QConnectManager_Linux_V1.6.1_20210720.zip
```

Please make sure there are no special characters like & in the path or in the file name. Or else the Linux build command will be confused and give you funny errors.

About Linux kernel and modules

Linux Kernel can be considered as a single, big program. It is usually compressed on disk, and a few different compression methods are supported. We will not discuss initial board bring up or kernel build here. Please consult the board manufacturer for initial setup.

```
kcheng@cyberlife:~$ ls /boot -l
total 179993
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 262250 Mar 20 08:32 config-5.15.0-69-generic
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 262214 Apr 19 03:21 config-5.15.0-71-generic
drwx----- 3 root root 1024 Dec 31 1969 efi
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root 4096 Apr 28 06:38 grub
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 28 Apr 28 06:37 initrd.img → initrd.img-5.15.0-71-generic
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 73892417 Mar 29 06:49 initrd.img-5.15.0-69-generic
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 73910474 Apr 28 06:37 initrd.img-5.15.0-71-generic
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 28 Apr 28 06:37 initrd.img.old → initrd.img-5.15.0-69-generic
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 182704 Aug 18 2020 memtest86+.bin
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 184380 Aug 18 2020 memtest86+.elf
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 184884 Aug 18 2020 memtest86+_multiboot.bin
-rw----- 1 root root 6226653 Mar 20 08:32 System.map-5.15.0-69-generic
-rw----- 1 root root 6228572 Apr 19 03:21 System.map-5.15.0-71-generic
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 25 Apr 28 06:37 vmlinuz → vmlinuz-5.15.0-71-generic
-rw----- 1 root root 11468936 Mar 20 08:33 vmlinuz-5.15.0-69-generic
-rw----- 1 root root 11472584 Apr 19 04:05 vmlinuz-5.15.0-71-generic
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 25 Apr 28 06:37 vmlinuz.old → vmlinuz-5.15.0-69-generic
```

Kernel modules are part of the kernel that provide certain functionality (e.g. IP stack) or they can be drivers.

They can be built into the kernel as a single big file, or they can be built as a separated, loadable file. They are stored in the `/lib/modules/<kernel version>/` folder. And they are further sorted into different subfolders.

```
kcheng@cyberlife:~$ ls /lib/modules/5.15.0-71-generic/kernel/drivers/
accessibility bluetooth cxl gnss i2c leds mfd nvdimm power rtc staging vfi xen
acpi bus dax gpio i3c macintosh misc nvme powercap scsi target vhost
android char dca gnu iio mailbox mmc nvmem pps siox tee video
ata clk dma greybus infiniband mcb most parport ptp slimbus thermal virt
atm comedl edac hid input md mtd pci pwm soc thunderbolt virtio
auxdisplay counter extcon hsi iommu media mux pcmcia rapidio soundwire tty visorbus
base cpufreq firewire hv ipack memory net phy regulator spi uio vme
bcma cpuidle firmware hwmon irqchip memstick nfc pinctrl reset spmi usb w1
block crypto fpga hwtracing isdn message ntb platform rpmmsg ssb vdpa watchdog
```

About compressed kernel modules

Traditionally, Linux drivers are .ko (kernel object) files.

`ls /lib/modules/$(uname -r)/kernel/drivers/usb/serial`

```
kcheng@cyberlife:~$ ls /lib/modules/5.15.0-53-generic/kernel/drivers/usb/serial/
aircable.ko cypress_m8.ko garmin_gps.ko iuu_phoenix.ko iuu_usb.ko opticon.ko quatech2.ko ti_usb_3410_5052.ko visor.ko
ark3116.ko digi_acceleport.ko io_edgeport.ko keyspan.ko mos7720.ko option.ko safe_serial.ko upd78f0730.ko whiteheat.ko
belkin_sa.ko empeg.ko io_ti.ko keyspan_pda.ko mos7840.ko oti6858.ko sierra.ko usb_debug.ko wishbone-serial.ko
ch341.ko f81232.ko ipaq.ko kl5kusb105.ko mxuport.ko p12303.ko spcp8x5.ko usbserial.ko xr_serial.ko
cp210x.ko f81534.ko ipw.ko kobil_sct.ko navman.ko qcaux.ko ssu100.ko usb-serial-simple.ko xsens_mt.ko
cyberjack.ko ftdi_sio.ko ir-usb.ko mct_u232.ko omninet.ko qcserial.ko symbolserial.ko usb_wwan.ko

```

But for some newer systems, the driver could be compressed to save disk space.

`ls /lib/modules/$(uname -r)/kernel/drivers/usb/serial`

```
kcheng@krockpro64:~$ ls /lib/modules/$(uname -r)/kernel/drivers/usb/serial
aircable.ko.xz f81232.ko.xz iuu_phoenix.ko.xz mxuport.ko.xz quatech2.ko.xz usbserial.ko.xz
ark3116.ko.xz f81534.ko.xz keyspan.ko.xz navman.ko.xz safe_serial.ko.xz usb-serial-simple.ko.xz
belkin_sa.ko.xz ftdi_sio.ko.xz keyspan_pda.ko.xz omninet.ko.xz sierra.ko.xz usb_wwan.ko.xz
ch341.ko.xz garmin_gps.ko.xz kl5kusb105.ko.xz opticon.ko.xz spcp8x5.ko.xz visor.ko.xz
cp210x.ko.xz io_edgeport.ko.xz kobil_sct.ko.xz option.ko.xz ssu100.ko.xz whiteheat.ko.xz
cyberjack.ko.xz io_ti.ko.xz mct_u232.ko.xz oti6858.ko.xz symbolserial.ko.xz wishbone-serial.ko.xz
cypress_m8.ko.xz ipaq.ko.xz metro_usb.ko.xz pl2303.ko.xz ti_usb_3410_5052.ko.xz xr_serial.ko.xz
digi_acceleport.ko.xz ipw.ko.xz mos7720.ko.xz qcaux.ko.xz upd78f0730.ko.xz xsens_mt.ko.xz
empeg.ko.xz ir-usb.ko.xz mos7840.ko.xz qcserial.ko.xz usb_debug.ko.xz
```

Our driver's install script does not take this compression into account. In this case the system loads the original old compressed .ko.xz drivers instead of our new .ko drivers.

```
kcheng@kcrockpro64:~$ ls /lib/modules/$(uname -r)/kernel/drivers/usb/serial
aircable.ko.xz          f81534.ko.xz      keyspan_pda.ko.xz  opticon.ko.xz      sierra.ko.xz          usb_wwan.ko.xz
ark3116.ko.xz          ftdi_sio.ko.xz    kl5kusb105.ko.xz  option.ko          spcp8x5.ko.xz        visor.ko.xz
belkin_sa.ko.xz        garmin_gps.ko.xz  kobil_sct.ko.xz   option.ko.xz      ssu100.ko.xz        whiteheat.ko.xz
ch341.ko.xz           io_edgeport.ko.xz  mct_u232.ko.xz   oti6858.ko.xz      symbolserial.ko.xz  wishbone-serial.ko.xz
cp210x.ko.xz          ipaq.ko.xz       mos7720.ko.xz    pl2303.ko.xz      ti_usb_3410_5052.ko.xz  xr_serial.ko.xz
cyberjack.ko.xz        ipw.ko.xz        mos7840.ko.xz    qcserial.ko        upd78f0730.ko.xz    xsens_mt.ko.xz
cypress_m8.ko.xz       ir-usb.ko.xz     mxuport.ko.xz   qcserial.ko.xz      usb_debug.ko.xz
digi_acceleport.ko.xz iuu_phoenix.ko.xz navman.ko.xz    quatech2.ko.xz     usbserial.ko.xz
empeg.ko.xz           keyspan.ko.xz    omninet.ko.xz   safe_serial.ko.xz  usb-serial-simple.ko.xz
fb1232.ko.xz          keyspan.ko.xz    omninet.ko.xz   usb_wwan.ko
```

To remove the old drivers to avoid duplication

```
cd /lib/modules/$(uname -r)/kernel/drivers/usb/serial
sudo rm option.ko.xz
sudo rm qcserial.ko.xz
sudo rm usb_mon.ko.xz
```

and optionally compress our new version

```
sudo xz option.ko
sudo xz qcserial.ko
sudo xz usb_mon.ko
```

For qmi_wwan_q and pcie_mhi, they are additionally added to the system instead of replacing the old files, so there is no conflict and seems the system is loading .ko files fine.

USB serial interfaces driver, option.ko

The kernel bundled option.ko may work for our modules, but our pre-patched driver offers better compatibility and it is recommended to use our pre-patched driver. After unzipping the driver archive, look for a version that is closest to the running kernel.

In this case I am picking v5.3.1 and execute the make command

If kernel header is not installed in the system, you may see an error like this.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel $ cd 20200202/
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/20200202 $ ls
v2.6.12 v2.6.22 v2.6.32 v3.0.51 v3.13.11 v3.18.51 v3.5.1 v4.10.11 v4.14.11 v4.18.11 v4.4.11 v4.9.111
v2.6.13 v2.6.23 v2.6.33 v3.10.1 v3.14.1 v3.19.1 v3.6.1 v4.1.1 v4.14.111 v4.18.111 v4.4.111 v4.9.51
v2.6.14 v2.6.24 v2.6.34 v3.10.11 v3.14.11 v3.2.1 v3.6.11 v4.1.11 v4.14.51 v4.19.1 v4.4.51 v5.0.1
v2.6.15 v2.6.25 v2.6.35 v3.10.51 v3.14.51 v3.2.11 v3.7.1 v4.11.1 v4.1.51 v4.19.11 v4.5.1 v5.0.11
v2.6.16 v2.6.26 v2.6.36 v3.1.1 v3.15.1 v3.2.51 v3.8.1 v4.11.11 v4.15.1 v4.19.51 v4.6.1 v5.1.1
v2.6.17 v2.6.27 v2.6.37 v3.11.1 v3.16.1 v3.3.1 v3.8.11 v4.12.1 v4.15.11 v4.20.1 v4.7.1 v5.1.11
v2.6.18 v2.6.28 v2.6.38 v3.12.1 v3.17.1 v3.4.1 v3.9.1 v4.12.11 v4.16.1 v4.20.11 v4.8.1 v5.2.1
v2.6.19 v2.6.29 v2.6.39 v3.12.11 v3.18.1 v3.4.11 v3.9.11 v4.13.1 v4.16.11 v4.2.1 v4.8.11 v5.2.11
v2.6.20 v2.6.30 v3.0.1 v3.12.51 v3.18.11 v3.4.111 v4.0.1 v4.13.11 v4.17.1 v4.3.1 v4.9.1 v5.3.1
v2.6.21 v2.6.31 v3.0.11 v3.13.1 v3.18.111 v3.4.51 v4.10.1 v4.14.1 v4.17.11 v4.4.1 v4.9.11

pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/20200202 $ cd v5.3.1/
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1 $ ls
drivers Makefile
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1 $ make
rm -rf *~ .tmp_versions modules.order Module.symvers
find . -type f -name *~ -o -name *.o -o -name *.ko -o -name *.cmd -o -name *.mod.c | xargs rm -rf
make -C /lib/modules/5.10.11-v7+/build M=/home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1 modules
make[1]: *** /lib/modules/5.10.11-v7+/build: No such file or directory. Stop.
make: *** [Makefile:9: modules] Error 2
```

If it is not previously installed, please install it, and try again.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1 $ sudo apt install raspberrypi-kernel-headers
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
  libmicrodns0 rpi-eeprom-images
Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove them.
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  raspberrypi-kernel-headers
0 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 1 not upgraded.
Need to get 27.6 MB of archives.
After this operation, 180 MB of additional disk space will be used.
Get:1 http://archive.raspberrypi.org/debian buster/main armhf raspberrypi-kernel-headers armhf 1.20210201-1 [27.6 MB]
Fetched 27.6 MB in 6s (4,453 kB/s)
Selecting previously unselected package raspberrypi-kernel-headers.
(Reading database ... 99355 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../raspberrypi-kernel-headers_1.20210201-1_armhf.deb ...
Unpacking raspberrypi-kernel-headers (1.20210201-1) ...
Setting up raspberrypi-kernel-headers (1.20210201-1) ...
```

We can retry make after making sure kernel headers are installed.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1 $ make
rm -rf *~ .tmp_versions modules.order Module.symvers
find . -type f -name *~ -o -name *.o -o -name *.ko -o -name *.cmd -o -name *.mod.c | xargs rm -rf
make -C /lib/modules/5.10.11-v7+/build M=/home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1 modules
make[1]: Entering directory '/usr/src/linux-headers-5.10.11-v7+'
  CC [M] /home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1/./drivers/usb/serial/option.o
  CC [M] /home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1/./drivers/usb/serial/usb_wwan.o
  CC [M] /home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1/./drivers/usb/serial/qcserial.o
  MODPOST /home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1/Module.symvers
  CC [M] /home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1/./drivers/usb/serial/option.mod.o
  LD [M] /home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1/./drivers/usb/serial/option.ko
  CC [M] /home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1/./drivers/usb/serial/qcserial.mod.o
  LD [M] /home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1/./drivers/usb/serial/qcserial.ko
  CC [M] /home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1/./drivers/usb/serial/usb_wwan.mod.o
  LD [M] /home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1/./drivers/usb/serial/usb_wwan.ko
make[1]: Leaving directory '/usr/src/linux-headers-5.10.11-v7+'
```

The .ko files are drivers in kernel module format.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1 $ ls /lib/modules/5.10.11-v7+/kernel/drivers/usb/serial/
aircable.ko      empeg.ko      ir-usb.ko      mos7720.ko      qcaux.ko      ti_usb_3410_5052.ko
ark3116.ko      f81232.ko    iuu_phoenix.ko mos7840.ko      qcserial.ko    usb_debug.ko
belkin_sa.ko    ftdi_sio.ko   keyspan.ko     navman.ko      quatech2.ko   usbserial.ko
ch341.ko        garmin_gps.ko keyspan_pda.ko omninet.ko      safe_serial.ko  usb_wwan.ko
cp210x.ko       io_edgeport.ko k15kusbl05.ko opticon.ko      sierra.ko     visor.ko
cyberjack.ko    io_ti.ko     kobil_sct.ko  option.ko      spec8x5.ko    whiteheat.ko
cypress_m8.ko   ipaq.ko      mct_u232.ko   otie6858.ko   ssu100.ko     wishbone-serial.ko
digi_acceleport.ko ipw.ko     metro-usb.ko  pl2303.ko     symbolserial.ko xsens_mt.ko
```

Our install script doesn't keep the original files, you may want to back up the original files, but typically it is not needed.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1 $ sudo cp /lib/modules/5.10.11-v7+/kernel/drivers/usb/serial/option.ko /lib/modules/5.10.11-v7+/kernel/drivers/usb/serial/option.ko.original
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1 $ sudo cp /lib/modules/5.10.11-v7+/kernel/drivers/usb/serial/qcserial.ko /lib/modules/5.10.11-v7+/kernel/drivers/usb/serial/qcserial.ko.original
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1 $ sudo cp /lib/modules/5.10.11-v7+/kernel/drivers/usb/serial/usb_wwan.ko /lib/modules/5.10.11-v7+/kernel/drivers/usb/serial/usb_wwan.ko.original
```

And we can install the driver with this command.

sudo make install

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1 $ sudo make install
rm -rf *~ .tmp_versions modules.order Module.symvers
find . -type f -name *~ -o -name *.o -o -name *.ko -o -name *.cmd -o -name *.mod.c | xargs rm -rf
make -C /lib/modules/5.10.11-v7+/build M=/home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1 modules
make[1]: Entering directory '/usr/src/linux-headers-5.10.11-v7+'
  CC [M]  /home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1/./drivers/usb/serial/option.o
  CC [M]  /home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1/./drivers/usb/serial/usb_wwan.o
  CC [M]  /home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1/./drivers/usb/serial/qcserial.o
MODPOST /home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1/Module.symvers
  CC [M]  /home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1/./drivers/usb/serial/option.mod.o
  LD [M]  /home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1/./drivers/usb/serial/option.ko
  CC [M]  /home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1/./drivers/usb/serial/qcserial.mod.o
  LD [M]  /home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1/./drivers/usb/serial/qcserial.ko
  CC [M]  /home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1/./drivers/usb/serial/usb_wwan.mod.o
  LD [M]  /home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1/./drivers/usb/serial/usb_wwan.ko
make[1]: Leaving directory '/usr/src/linux-headers-5.10.11-v7+'
cp /home/pi/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1/drivers/usb/serial/*.ko /lib/modules/5.10.11-v7+/kernel/drivers/usb/serial/
depmod
```

General driver loading commands

When we want to install our own version of the drivers (kernel modules), It is possible that the drivers from the original kernel are already running. We can find out the list of modules in memory by this command.

`lsmod`

And in this example, I am listing out entries with the text string “option” in it. We can see that the kernel module “option” is loaded but it is not in use by another module (number 0)

`usb_wwan` is required by `usb_wwan`, and `usbserial` is required by both `usb_wwan` and `option`.

`lsusb |grep option`

```
kcheng@cyberlife:/lib/modules/5.15.0-71-generic/kernel$ lsmod |grep option
option                  61440  0
usb_wwan                24576  1 option
usbserial               57344  2 usb_wwan,option
```

In this example, I started a software talking to my cellular module via the `option` driver. We can see the number of dependencies has become 1.

```
kcheng@cyberlife:/lib/modules/5.15.0-71-generic/kernel$ lsmod |grep option
option                  61440  1
usb_wwan                24576  1 option
usbserial               57344  4 usb_wwan,option
```

We can remove the driver from memory by the “modprobe -r” command and load the new driver from disk again with the “modprobe” command. Or you can just reboot the system so that everything is flash.

`pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1 $ sudo modprobe -r option`

`pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/20200202/v5.3.1 $ sudo modprobe option`

With the `dmesg` command we can see that the new driver is detecting 4 serial ports. I am using EG25-G as an example.

The taints kernel warning means that Linux is not able to verify open-source status as our driver is not built altogether with the kernel. It is not harmful.

In this example, `ttyUSB0` to `ttyUSB3` are detected by the system. If you have another USB serial device in the system, they may share the same `ttyUSB` name so that numbers may change.

Quectel cellular modules usually provide these USB serial ports in this order. But there are exceptions.

`ttyUSB0`: Module debug port, aka DM port. Provide access to module debug information.

`ttyUSB1`: NMEA port. Provide access to GNSS/GPS NMEA messages.

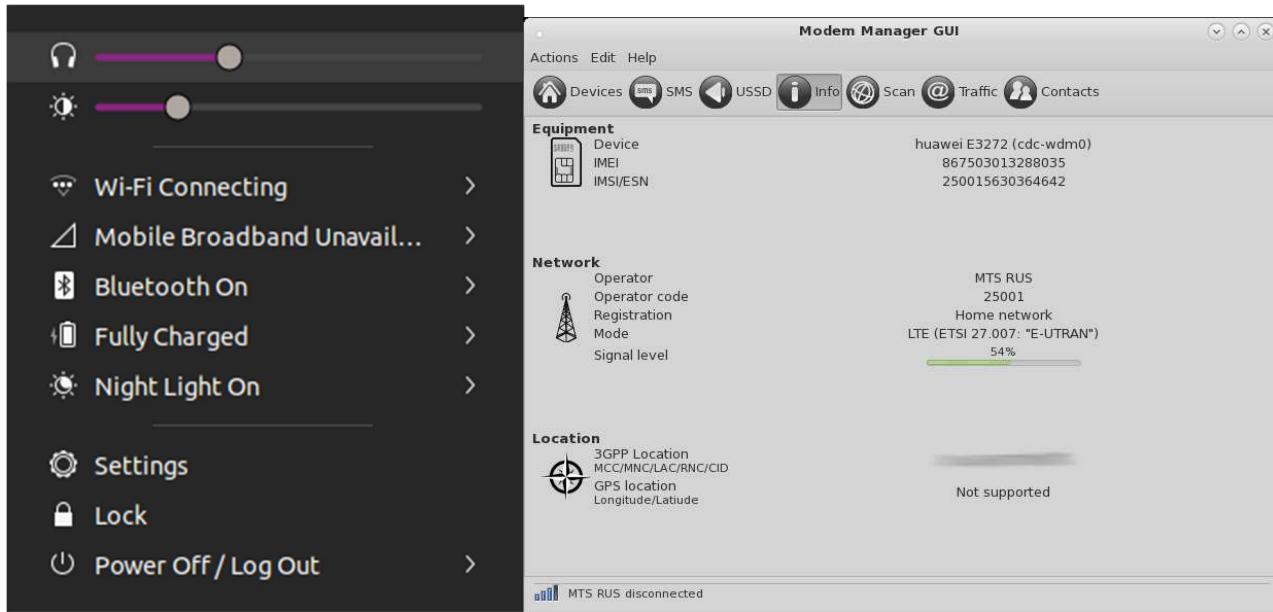
`ttyUSB2`: AT/Modem port. Provide access to AT command, and optionally PPP data call.

`ttyUSB3`: AT/Modem port. Provide access to AT command, and optionally PPP data call.

```
[ 957.735720] usb_wwan: loading out-of-tree module taints kernel.
[ 957.747890] usbcore: registered new interface driver option
[ 957.747985] usbserial: USB Serial support registered for GSM modem (1-port)
[ 957.748406] option 1-1.2:1.0: GSM modem (1-port) converter detected
[ 957.752870] usb 1-1.2: GSM modem (1-port) converter now attached to ttyUSB0
[ 957.753268] option 1-1.2:1.1: GSM modem (1-port) converter detected
[ 957.753839] usb 1-1.2: GSM modem (1-port) converter now attached to ttyUSB1
[ 957.754200] option 1-1.2:1.2: GSM modem (1-port) converter detected
[ 957.754704] usb 1-1.2: GSM modem (1-port) converter now attached to ttyUSB2
[ 957.754932] option 1-1.2:1.3: GSM modem (1-port) converter detected
[ 957.755412] usb 1-1.2: GSM modem (1-port) converter now attached to ttyUSB3
```

Modem Manager

Many modern Linux distributions come with a software called modem manager. It provides both graphical and command line-based control over cellular modules, but it is not too mature in my point of view, the information from GUI and command line can go out of sync. Also, it has a long list of software dependency, and is quite big in terms of disk size.



For embedded system use it is not ideal. Plus, it keeps on talking to the module and will affect our test. We recommend customers to use our quectel-CM data call manager instead.

To check the status of modem manager, use this command.

```
sudo systemctl status ModemManager
```

```
kcheng@kct440s:~$ sudo systemctl status ModemManager
● ModemManager.service - Modem Manager
  Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/ModemManager.service; disabled; vendor preset: enabled)
  Active: active (running) since Fri 2022-07-15 09:46:53 PDT; 4s ago
    Main PID: 2294 (ModemManager)
      Tasks: 4 (limit: 9307)
     Memory: 6.6M
        CGroup: /system.slice/ModemManager.service
                  └─2294 /usr/sbin/ModemManager
```

To stop modem manager,

```
sudo systemctl stop ModemManager
```

To start modem manager,

```
sudo systemctl start ModemManager
```

To stop modem manager from auto startup during system boot,

```
sudo systemctl disable ModemManager
```

To restore automatic startup of modem manager,

```
sudo systemctl enable ModemManager
```

To uninstall modem manager altogether with its settings,

```
sudo apt-get purge modemmanager
```

Serial terminals

To access AT command interactively with a USB module, we can use the minicom command.

```
sudo minicom -w -D /dev/ttyUSB2
```

Just type the command and press ENTER to execute. To exit minicom, press CTRL+A first, and press X to exit.

The -w parameter tells minicom to wrap the text into new line if it is too long, and -D specify the device node of the AT command prompt. The device name could change for some modules with different design, or if there are some other USB to serial devices in the system.

For PCI Express modules, the device node for AT command access is **/dev/mhi_DUN**

In this example, I am using the command AT+QGMR to read the module's detailed firmware information, and AT+QCFG="usbnet" to check the module's current "usbnet" mode, which is 0 in this case. Generally, we use mode 0(QMI) and 2(MBIM)

```
ati
Quectel
EM06
Revision: EM06ELAR04A03M4G_BETA1229

OK
at+qgmr
EM06ELAR04A03M4G_BETA1229

OK
at+qcfg="usbnet"
+QCFG: "usbnet",0

OK

CTRL-A Z for help | 115200 8N1 | NOR | Minicom 2.7.1 | VT102 | Offline | ttyUSB2
01:33:42 Connected | SSH/22
```

microcom is a smaller application like minicom. CTRL+X to exit.

```
kcheng@cyberlife:~$ busybox microcom /dev/ttyUSB2
at+qgmr
EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001

OK
ati
Quectel
EM06
Revision: EM06ALAR04A01M4G

OK
```

Types of AT commands

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hayes_command_set

AT command was introduced since 1981 and has been extended again and again as network technology evolves. It is not surprising that the design is not very unified. There are a few different forms.

Execution type, a simple command with no parameters, e.g.

ATI

```
ati
Quectel
EM06
Revision: EM06ALAR04A01M4G
OK
```

Execution type, but the parameter is directly added to as suffix, e.g.

ATE1

Help/Query type, a command ending with =?. The first one is a network scan which may take some time to complete, and the second one provides help information only.

at+cops=? and **at+qurccfg=?**

```
at+cops=?
+COPS: (2,"TELUS","TELUS","302220",7),(1,"TELUS","TELUS","302220",2),(1,"Bell","Bell","302610",7),(1,"Bell","Bell","302610",2),(1,"Freedom","Freedom","302490",2),(1,"Rogers Wireless","ROGERS","302720",7),(1,"Rogers Wireless","ROGERS","302720",2),(1,"Freedom","Freedom","302490",7),,(0-4),(0-2)
OK
at+qurccfg=?
+QURCCFG: "urcport",("usbat","usbmodem","uart1")
OK
```

Query type, a command with a question mark

at+cops?

```
at+cops?
+COPS: 0,0,"TELUS",7
OK
```

Value writing type, a command with a value assignment. e.g.

AT+CFUN=1

Commands with a string as verb

AT+QENG="SERVINGCELL"

Commands with a string as verb, plus parameters

at+qcfg="dbgctl",0

URCs

URC stands for unsolicited result code; they are string prompts coming to the port to indicate events. The most common URCs are +CPIN that indicates SIM PIN lock status, and +CEREG that indicates network registration events.

Note that URCs could be configured to go to specific AT port only, if the module has multiple AT/Modem ports. The command to configure URC is AT+QURCCFG. Sometimes it could be easier to handle AT commands and URC programmatically if URC goes to another port.

To read current value

AT+QURCCFG="urcport"

To check for valid values

AT+QURCCFG=?

To modify the setting

AT+QURCCFG="urcport","usbat"

In this example I have turned on GPIO based SIM hot-plug and inserted a SIM.

+CPIN indicates the status of the PIN status. It changes from NOT READY to READY.

+QIND: SMS DONE tells you that SMS initialization has completed.

+CEREG tells you that the module has register to a cell, radio technology is 7 (LTE)

+QIND: PB DONE tells you that the phone book initialization has completed.

```
+CPIN: NOT READY
+CEREG: 0
+CPIN: READY
+QUSIM: 1
+QIND: SMS DONE
+CEREG: 1,"2B02","1AFA60B",7
+QIND: PB DONE
at+qurccfg="urcport"
+QURCCFG: "urcport","usbat"
OK
at+qurccfg=?
+QURCCFG: "urcport",("usbat","usbmodem","uart1")
OK
```

Frequently used AT commands

Carrier name and connected cell technology check. The result code 7 means LTE.

at+cops?

```
at+cops?  
+COPS: 0,0,"TELUS",7  
OK
```

APN check

at+cgdcont?

```
at+cgdcont?  
+CGDCONT: 1,"IP","isp.telus.com","0.0.0.0",0,0,0,0  
+CGDCONT: 2,"IPV4V6","ims","0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0",0,0,0,0  
+CGDCONT: 3,"IPV4V6","services.telus.com","0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0",0,0,0,0  
+CGDCONT: 4,"IPV4V6","sos","0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0",0,0,0,1  
OK
```

APN setup

Setting up APN #1, type IPV4V6, with the name isp.telus.com

at+cgdcont=1,"IPV4V6","isp.telus.com"

Deleting an APN (#4)

AT+CGDCONT=4

Check IP address assigned to PDP.

at+cgcontrdp

Network attach failure reason, supported by newer modules only.

AT+QCFG="emmcause"

Read module IMEI number.

AT+CGSN

Read SIM IMSI number, also useful to confirm if SIM is detected.

AT+CIMI

Read carrier profile list.

AT+QMBNCFG="list"

```
at+qmbncfg="list"  
+QMBNCFG: "List",0,0,0,"ROW_Generic_3GPP",0x06010821,201901151  
+QMBNCFG: "List",1,0,0,"Volte_OpenMkt-Commercial-CMCC",0x06012064,202107271  
+QMBNCFG: "List",2,0,0,"OpenMkt-Commercial-CU",0x06011510,202109061  
+QMBNCFG: "List",3,0,0,"VoLTE-ATT",0x0601036F,202106281  
+QMBNCFG: "List",4,0,0,"ATT_NDO",0x06800601,201903051  
+QMBNCFG: "List",5,0,0,"ATT_FirstNET",0x06800501,201903051  
+QMBNCFG: "List",6,0,0,"hVoLTE-Verizon",0x060101A0,202101201  
+QMBNCFG: "List",7,1,1,"Telus-Commercial",0x0680FE01,201907031 active and selected  
+QMBNCFG: "List",8,0,0,"USCC-Commercial_VoLTE",0x0680FD01,201907041  
+QMBNCFG: "List",9,0,0,"Sprint-VoLTE",0x06010324,202012101  
+QMBNCFG: "List",10,0,0,"Rogers_Canada",0x0680FC01,201908281  
+QMBNCFG: "List",11,0,0,"Bell_Canada",0x0680FB01,201906111  
+QMBNCFG: "List",12,0,0,"Commercial-TMO",0x06010543,202106261  
+QMBNCFG: "List",13,0,0,"ROW_Generic_3GPP_GCF",0x06800701,202101211
```

Get information of the currently connected cell

at+qeng="servingcell"

```
at+qeng="servingcell"
```

```
+QENG: "servingcell","LIMSRV","LTE","FDD",302,720,61C2A0A,84,5070,12,3,3,8980,-125,-13,-94,10,3
```

```
OK
```

Checking signal level

AT+QCSQ

```
at+qcsq
```

```
+QCSQ: "LTE", -62, -89, 149, -10
```

```
OK
```

Network carrier scan, it will take some time to finish. And the module will be disconnected from the network during the scan

AT+COPS=?

```
at+cops=?
```

```
+COPS: (2,"TELUS","TELUS","302220",7),(1,"TELUS","TELUS","302220",2),(1,"Bell","Bell","302610",7),(1,"Bell","Bell","302610",2),(1,"Freedom","Freedom","302490",2),(1,"Rogers Wireless","ROGERS","302720",7),(1,"Rogers Wireless","ROGERS","302720",2),(1,"Freedom","Freedom","302490",7),,(0-4),(0-2)
```

```
OK
```

Command mode and data mode

Both the AT command and the Modem port operate in two different modes.

Typically, the ports operate AT command modes. This is the standard mode we tested with different AT commands in the previous chapter.

When there is a need, the port can turn into DATA mode. It is indicated by a "CONNECT" URC and the DCD signal of the port will be turned on.

In this mode instead of AT commands, we can send data to the data session.

e.g., opening TCP connection with a transparent access mode using the AT+QIOPEN command

Quoting from the Quectel_BG96_TCP(IP)_AT_Commands_Manual_V1.1.pdf

```
AT+QIOPEN=1,0,"TCP","220.180.239.212",8009,0,2 //Context is 1 and <connectID> is 0. Before using
AT+QIOPEN, the host should activate the
context with AT+QIACT first.
```

CONNECT	//Connected TCP client successfully. It is suggested to wait for 150 seconds for the URC response as "CONNECT". If the URC response cannot be received in 150 seconds, the host could use AT+QICLOSE to close the socket.
----------------	---

<All data got from COM port will be sent to internet directly>

AT+QICLOSE=0	//After using "+++" to exit from the transparent access mode, the host could use AT+QICLOSE to close the TCP link. Depending on the network, the maximum response time is 10s.
---------------------	--

OK

While the port is in DATA mode, we cannot send AT commands with the same port. We can switch back to AT command mode by using the +++ escape sequence.

- Stop sending data for 1 second.
- Send +++ (3 plus sign) quickly.
- Stop sending data for 1 second again.
- The module will prompt OK to indicate it is back to command mode.
- Some data connection can be held for some time, as specified by the command that triggered data mode. The conditions for holding the data session in the background are different for different commands. Check the document for the command for details.
- Use the ATO command to go back to the data session which is on hold.

The other use of the data mode is the PPP data call. More about it in the following chapter.

USB network adapter modes

Our high-speed modules support different usb network adapter(usbnet) modes. Slower LPWA (low power wide area) modules could be limited to serial ports though.

0: RMNET/QMI: The Qualcomm preparatory mode, supported by the kernel qmi_wwan.ko driver, and our branched qmi_wwan_q.ko driver which adds more function. It takes a data call manager like our quetel-CM to start and maintain a data call. There is also a Qualcomm GobiNet driver which is now deprecated. QMI is an alternative module control command set, which is binary and not human readable.

1: ECM mode: In this mode the module will maintain the data call automatically, and act as a router. i.e., the host system will be allocated a 192.168.x.x local private IP address via DHCP. It is supported by the Linux kernel bundled cdc_ether.ko driver. It is easier to use, you can go to the internet, but not accepting incoming connections. i.e. you cannot host a server.

2: MBIM mode: This is the new industrial standard, newer modules default to this mode. Both Windows and Linux support MBIM natively. It is supported by the kernel bundled cdc_mbim.ko driver. It takes a data call manager like our quetel-CM to start and maintain a data call. MBIM is an alternative module control command set, which is binary and not human readable.

There are pros and cons for all these modes, you can pick on that suits you needs most.

To read current USBNET mode,

AT+QCFG="USBNET"

To switch to QMI mode (0), use this command.

AT+QCFG="USBNET", 0

Some modules reboot themselves automatically, some require a manual restart. To restart the module, use this AT command.

AT+CFUN=1,1

During a module reboot, minicom reports the AT port is not accessible like this.



In this example, the module is in ECM mode and the network interface is detected as usb0.

```
[2329239.685948] usb 3-3: new high-speed USB device number 33 using xhci_hcd
[2329239.836948] usb 3-3: New USB device found, idVendor=2c7c, idProduct=0306, bcdDevice= 3.10
[2329239.836951] usb 3-3: New USB device strings: Mfr=1, Product=2, SerialNumber=3
[2329239.836953] usb 3-3: Product: EM06-E
[2329239.836955] usb 3-3: Manufacturer: Quectel
[2329239.836956] usb 3-3: SerialNumber: 0123456789ABCDEF
[2329239.838933] option 3-3:1.0: GSM modem (1-port) converter detected
[2329239.839050] usb 3-3: GSM modem (1-port) converter now attached to ttyUSB0
[2329239.839129] option 3-3:1.1: GSM modem (1-port) converter detected
[2329239.839234] usb 3-3: GSM modem (1-port) converter now attached to ttyUSB1
[2329239.839316] option 3-3:1.2: GSM modem (1-port) converter detected
[2329239.839422] usb 3-3: GSM modem (1-port) converter now attached to ttyUSB2
[2329239.839507] option 3-3:1.3: GSM modem (1-port) converter detected
[2329239.839613] usb 3-3: GSM modem (1-port) converter now attached to ttyUSB3
[2329239.841657] cdc_ether 3-3:1.4 [usb0]: register 'cdc_ether' at usb-0000:00:14.0-3, CDC Ethernet
Device, 2e:e2:0e:c2:3c:d1
```

For ECM, the IP address of the USB0 interface is usually setup by DHCP, you should be able to go online without a data call manager if the cellular settings like APN and frequency band are correct.

```
kchen@ex-linux:~$ ifconfig usb0
usb0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST  mtu 1500
      inet 192.168.225.36  netmask 255.255.255.0  broadcast 192.168.225.255
      inet6 fe80::6d00:815e:5b7f:5e06  prefixlen 64  scopeid 0x20<link>
      ether 2e:e2:0e:c2:3c:d1  txqueuelen 1000  (Ethernet)
      RX packets 313  bytes 25678 (25.6 KB)
      RX errors 0  dropped 0  overruns 0  frame 0
      TX packets 364  bytes 40013 (40.0 KB)
      TX errors 0  dropped 0  overruns 0  carrier 0  collisions 0
```

This is a module in QMI/RMNET mode. The driver in use could be the kernel built in qmi_wwan or our qmi_wwan_q

```
kcheng@rex-linux:~$ lsusb -t
/: Bus 04.Port 1: Dev 1, Class=root_hub, Driver=xhci_hcd/4p, 5000M
/: Bus 03.Port 1: Dev 1, Class=root_hub, Driver=xhci_hcd/4p, 480M
|__ Port 3: Dev 34, If 0, Class=Vendor Specific Class, Driver=option, 480M
|__ Port 3: Dev 34, If 1, Class=Vendor Specific Class, Driver=option, 480M
|__ Port 3: Dev 34, If 2, Class=Vendor Specific Class, Driver=option, 480M
|__ Port 3: Dev 34, If 3, Class=Vendor Specific Class, Driver=option, 480M
|__ Port 3: Dev 34, If 4, Class=Vendor Specific Class, Driver=qmi_wwan_q, 480M
/: Bus 02.Port 1: Dev 1, Class=root_hub, Driver=ehci-pci/2p, 480M
|__ Port 1: Dev 2, If 0, Class=Hub, Driver=hub/8p, 480M
/: Bus 01.Port 1: Dev 1, Class=root_hub, Driver=ehci-pci/2p, 480M
|__ Port 1: Dev 2, If 0, Class=Hub, Driver=hub/6p, 480M
```

This is an example of modules running in MBIM mode.

The driver handling the MBIM port is `cdc_mbim`, there could be 1 or 2 interfaces (interface 4 and 5 in this case).

```
[ 3326.983843] usb 2-1: new high-speed USB device number 11 using xhci_hcd
[ 3327.133928] usb 2-1: New USB device found, idVendor=2c7c, idProduct=0800, bcdDevice= 4.14
[ 3327.133944] usb 2-1: New USB device strings: Mfr=1, Product=2, SerialNumber=3
[ 3327.133950] usb 2-1: Product: RM505Q-AE
[ 3327.133955] usb 2-1: Manufacturer: Quectel
[ 3327.133959] usb 2-1: SerialNumber: e09a156c
[ 3327.141749] option 2-1:1.0: GSM modem (1-port) converter detected
[ 3327.141882] usb 2-1: GSM modem (1-port) converter now attached to ttyUSB0
[ 3327.142063] option 2-1:1.1: GSM modem (1-port) converter detected
[ 3327.142175] usb 2-1: GSM modem (1-port) converter now attached to ttyUSB1
[ 3327.142364] option 2-1:1.2: GSM modem (1-port) converter detected
[ 3327.142472] usb 2-1: GSM modem (1-port) converter now attached to ttyUSB2
[ 3327.142659] option 2-1:1.3: GSM modem (1-port) converter detected
[ 3327.142763] usb 2-1: GSM modem (1-port) converter now attached to ttyUSB3
[ 3327.221825] usbcore: registered new interface driver cdc_ether
[ 3327.225087] usbcore: registered new interface driver cdc_ncm
[ 3327.227446] usbcore: registered new interface driver cdc_wdm
[ 3327.248941] cdc_mbim 2-1:1.4: setting rx_max = 16384
[ 3327.249512] cdc_mbim 2-1:1.4: cdc-wdm0: USB WDM device
[ 3327.250251] cdc_mbim 2-1:1.4 wwan0: register 'cdc_mbim' at usb-0000:00:14.0-1, CDC MBIM, 32:93:39:c8:8e:99
[ 3327.250843] usbcore: registered new interface driver cdc_mbim
kcheng@kct440s:~/repo/QLog$ lsusb -t
/: Bus 03.Port 1: Dev 1, Class=root_hub, Driver=xhci_hcd/4p, 5000M
/: Bus 02.Port 1: Dev 1, Class=root_hub, Driver=xhci_hcd/9p, 480M
|__ Port 1: Dev 11, If 0, Class=Vendor Specific Class, Driver=option, 480M
|__ Port 1: Dev 11, If 1, Class=Vendor Specific Class, Driver=option, 480M
|__ Port 1: Dev 11, If 2, Class=Vendor Specific Class, Driver=option, 480M
|__ Port 1: Dev 11, If 3, Class=Vendor Specific Class, Driver=option, 480M
|__ Port 1: Dev 11, If 4, Class=Communications, Driver=cdc_mbim, 480M
|__ Port 1: Dev 11, If 5, Class=CDC Data, Driver=cdc_mbim, 480M
|__ Port 7: Dev 2, If 1, Class=Wireless, Driver=btusb, 12M
|__ Port 7: Dev 2, If 0, Class=Wireless, Driver=btusb, 12M
|__ Port 8: Dev 3, If 0, Class=Video, Driver=uvcvideo, 480M
|__ Port 8: Dev 3, If 1, Class=Video, Driver=uvcvideo, 480M
/: Bus 01.Port 1: Dev 1, Class=root_hub, Driver=ehci-pci/3p, 480M
|__ Port 1: Dev 2, If 0, Class=Hub, Driver=hub/8p, 480M
kcheng@kct440s:~/repo/QLog$ ifconfig wwan0
wwan0: flags=4226<BROADCAST,NOARP,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
      ether 32:93:39:c8:8e:99 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
      RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
      RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
      TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
      TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

USB QMI/RMNET driver qmi_wwan_q.ko

The driver is provided in source code form, we have to build the ethernet driver qmi_wwan_q.ko for the target board. Note that in Raspberry Pi, the operation system could be 32bit or 64bit and sometimes the build system is not able to detect which architecture is in use, you may see errors like this.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/Quectel_Linux_Android_QMI_WWAN_Driver_V1.1 $ make
make ARCH=armv7l CROSS_COMPILE= -C /lib/modules/5.10.11-v7+/build M=/home/pi/quectel/Quectel_Linux_Android_QMI_WWAN_Driver_V1.1 modules
make[1]: Entering directory '/usr/src/linux-headers-5.10.11-v7+'
Makefile:681: arch/armv7l/Makefile: No such file or directory
make[1]: *** No rule to make target 'arch/armv7l/Makefile'. Stop.
make[1]: Leaving directory '/usr/src/linux-headers-5.10.11-v7+'
make: *** [Makefile:22: default] Error 2
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/Quectel_Linux_Android_QMI_WWAN_Driver_V1.1 $
```

To build it correctly we can specify the correct CPU architecture. I am using 32bit arm in my case. The name of the architecture depends on the operating system in use (Raspberry OS, Ubuntu, Armbian). Some of them use the name **arm (and 64)** while some of them use the name **aarch (and 64)**

make ARCH=arm

or

make ARCH=arm64

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/Quectel_Linux_Android_QMI_WWAN_Driver_V1.1 $ make ARCH=arm
make ARCH=arm CROSS_COMPILE= -C /lib/modules/5.10.11-v7+/build M=/home/pi/quectel/Quectel_Linux_Android_QMI_WWAN_Driver_V1.1 modules
make[1]: Entering directory '/usr/src/linux-headers-5.10.11-v7+'
  CC [M]  /home/pi/quectel/Quectel_Linux_Android_QMI_WWAN_Driver_V1.1/qmi_wwan_q.o
  MODPOST /home/pi/quectel/Quectel_Linux_Android_QMI_WWAN_Driver_V1.1/Module.symvers
  CC [M]  /home/pi/quectel/Quectel_Linux_Android_QMI_WWAN_Driver_V1.1/qmi_wwan_q.mod.o
  LD [M]  /home/pi/quectel/Quectel_Linux_Android_QMI_WWAN_Driver_V1.1/qmi_wwan_q.ko
make[1]: Leaving directory '/usr/src/linux-headers-5.10.11-v7+'
```

Installing it doesn't overwrite the original kernel driver. Let's unload the original driver and load the new one

sudo make ARCH=arm install

sudo rmmod qmi_wwan

sudo modprobe qmi_wwan_q

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/Quectel_Linux_Android_QMI_WWAN_Driver_V1.1 $ sudo make ARCH=arm install
make ARCH=arm CROSS_COMPILE= -C /lib/modules/5.10.11-v7+/build M=/home/pi/quectel/Quectel_Linux_Android_QMI_WWAN_Driver_V1.1 modules
make[1]: Entering directory '/usr/src/linux-headers-5.10.11-v7+'
make[1]: Leaving directory '/usr/src/linux-headers-5.10.11-v7+'
cp /home/pi/quectel/Quectel_Linux_Android_QMI_WWAN_Driver_V1.1/qmi_wwan_q.ko /lib/modules/5.10.11-v7+/kernel/drivers/net/usb/
depmod
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/Quectel_Linux_Android_QMI_WWAN_Driver_V1.1 $ sudo rmmod qmi_wwan
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/Quectel_Linux_Android_QMI_WWAN_Driver_V1.1 $ sudo modprobe qmi_wwan_q
```

From **dmesg** we can see the old driver is removed, and the new one is loaded

```
[ 1217.525399] qmi_wwan 1-1.2:1.4 wwan0: unregister 'qmi_wwan' usb-3f980000.usb-1.2, WWAN/QMI device
[ 1224.366084] qmi_wwan_q 1-1.2:1.4: cdc-wdm0: USB WDM device
[ 1224.366106] qmi_wwan_q 1-1.2:1.4: Quectel EC25&EC21&EG91&EG95&EG06&EP06&EM06&EG12&EP12&EM12&EG16&EG18&BG96&AG35 work on RawIP mode
[ 1224.368119] qmi_wwan_q 1-1.2:1.4: rx_urb_size = 1520
[ 1224.369128] qmi_wwan_q 1-1.2:1.4 wwan0: register 'qmi_wwan_q' at usb-3f980000.usb-1.2, WWAN/QMI device, ae:76:73:12:79:5b
[ 1224.369399] usbcore: registered new interface driver qmi_wwan_q
```

As now we have two drivers (qmi_wwan and qmi_wwan_q) handling the same hardware, it would be good to block the old one from loading.

Driver blacklisting

We can put qmi_wwan or some other loadable drivers into blacklist by creating the file.

sudo nano /etc/modprobe.d/blacklist.conf

And add the name of the driver we want to disable to it, e.g.,

blacklist qmi_wwan

```
GNU nano 6.2                               /etc/modprobe.d/blacklist.conf
blacklist garmin_gps

# replaced by asus-laptop (Ubuntu: #184721)
blacklist asus_acpi

# low-quality, just noise when being used for sound playback, causes
# hangs at desktop session start (Ubuntu: #246969)
blacklist snd_pcsp

# ugly and loud noise, getting on everyone's nerves; this should be done by a
# nice pulseaudio bing (Ubuntu: #77010)
blacklist pcspkr

# EDAC driver for amd76x clashes with the agp driver preventing the aperture
# from being initialised (Ubuntu: #297750). Blacklist so that the driver
# continues to build and is installable for the few cases where its
# really needed.
blacklist amd76x_edac

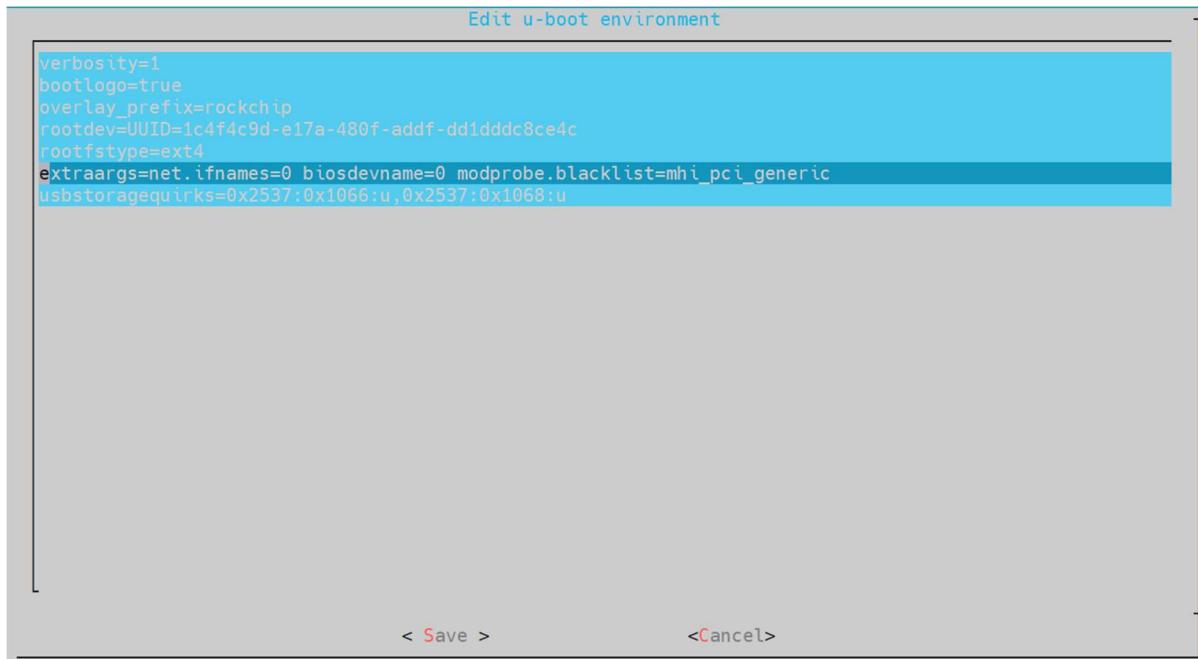
blacklist qmi_wwan
#blacklist qmi_wwan_q
#blacklist option
```

But for a bus driver like the mhi_pci_generic.ko will be loaded in by the system really early and the blacklist.conf will not be able to stop it. We will have to modify the kernel command line or even remove the file from the system to stop it.

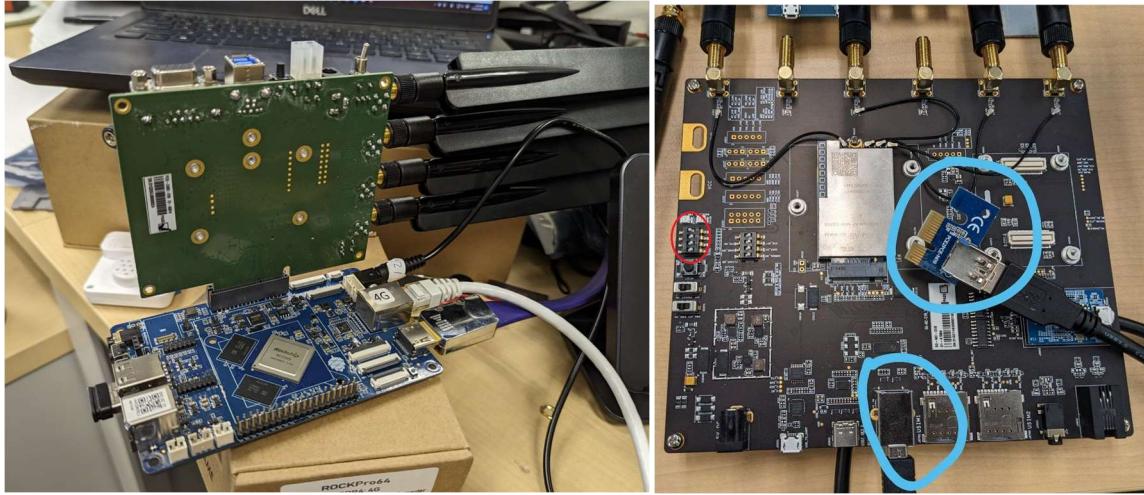
Updating the kernel command line is a system dependent operation, please refer to the documentation of the Linux distribution you are using.

For example, with Armbian you can use the armbian-config tool, in system->Boot environment, and add this line.

extraargs=modprobe.blacklist=mhi_pci_generic,qmi_wwan



PCI-Express devices



Our PCIE capable modules can come with 3 different favors.

- Switchable but defaults to USB
- Switchable but defaults to PCIE
- Fused down to PCIE only.

The power up sequence of a switchable module and a fused down module is different, and the compatibility is lower with a switchable ver. So, we should use a PCIE only version whenever possible.

To see if the device is detected by the system, use the command ***lspci***

```
00:18.2 Host bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 166c
00:18.3 Host bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 166d
00:18.4 Host bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 166e
00:18.5 Host bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 166f
00:18.6 Host bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 1670
00:18.7 Host bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 1671
m1:00.0 Unassigned class [ff00]: Qualcomm Device 0306
02:00.0 USB controller: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 43ee
02:00.1 SATA controller: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 43eb
02:00.2 PCI bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 43e9
03:00.0 PCI bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 43ea
03:08.0 PCI bridge: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. [AMD] Device 43ea
```

lspci -k for more information

```
01:00.0 Unassigned class [ff00]: Qualcomm Device 0308
  Subsystem: Qualcomm Device 5201
  Kernel driver in use: mhi_q
  Kernel modules: pcie_mhi
```

Another example with a RockPro64 board <https://www.pine64.org/rockpro64/>

```
kcheng@kcrckpro64:~$ lspci
00:00.0 PCI bridge: Rockchip Electronics Co., Ltd RK3399 PCI Express Root Port
01:00.0 Unassigned class [ff00]: Qualcomm Device 0308
kcheng@kcrckpro64:~$ lspci -k
00:00.0 PCI bridge: Rockchip Electronics Co., Ltd RK3399 PCI Express Root Port
  Kernel driver in use: pcieport
01:00.0 Unassigned class [ff00]: Qualcomm Device 0308
  Subsystem: Qualcomm Device 5201
  Kernel driver in use: mhi_q
  Kernel modules: mhi_pci_generic, pcie_mhi
```

PCIE express drivers

MHI stands for modem host interface, and it is a Qualcomm protocol designed for cellular modules.

Newer kernels have an in-tree driver for the MHI interface named `mhi_pci_generic.ko`, but is not compatible with our software yet so we will disable it for now.

To stop the kernel from loading the `mhi_pci_generic.ko`, please refer to the previous chapter **Driver blacklisting**.

```
[ 83.811270] mhi-pci-generic 0000:01:00.0: BAR 0: assigned [mem 0xfa000000-0xfa000fff 64bit]
[ 83.811389] mhi-pci-generic 0000:01:00.0: enabling device (0000 -> 0002)
[ 83.822830] mhi mhi0: Requested to power ON
[ 83.966664] mhi mhi0: Power on setup success
[ 83.966786] mhi mhi0: Wait for device to enter SBL or Mission mode
[ 84.033706] NET: Registered PF_QIPCRT protocol family
kcheng@krockpro64:~$ ls /dev
autofs          hidraw0      loop5      pts      tty16      tty34      tty52      ttyS5      vcs2      vcsu6
block          hidraw1      loop6      random   tty17      tty35      tty53      ttyS6      vcs3      vcsu7
btrfs-control  hidraw2      loop7      rfkill   tty18      tty36      tty54      ttyS7      vcs4      vfio
bus            hugepages   loop-control  rtc      tty19      tty37      tty55      uhid      vcs5      vga_arbiter
cec0          i2c-0        mapper    rtc0      tty2      tty38      tty56      uinput   vcs6      vhci
char          i2c-1        media0    shm      tty20      tty39      tty57      uleds   vhost-net
console        i2c-3        media1    snapshot  tty21      tty4      tty58      urandom  vcsa     video0
cpu_dma_latency i2c-4        mem      snd      tty22      tty40      tty59      usb      vcsa1   video1
cuse          iio:device0  mmcblk1  stderr   tty23      tty41      tty6      usbmon0  vcsa2   video2
disk          initctl    mmcblk1p1  stdin    tty24      tty42      tty60      usbmon1  vcsa3   video3
dri           input      mmcblk1p1  stdout   tty25      tty43      tty61      usbmon2  vcsa4   video4
ecryptfs      kmsg       mmcblk1p1  tty      tty26      tty44      tty62      usbmon3  vcsa5   watchdog
fd            kvm       mmcblk1p1  tty0     tty27      tty45      tty63      usbmon4  vcsa6   watchdog0
full          lirc0     mmcblk1p1  tty1     tty28      tty46      tty7      usbmon5  vcsa7   wwan0mbim0
fuse          log       mmcblk1p1  net      tty10      tty47      tty8      usbmon6  vcsu    wwan0qcdm0
gpiochip0     loop0     mmcblk1p1  null    tty11      tty3      tty48      tty9      usbmon7  vcsu1   wwan0qmi0
gpiochip1     loop1     mmcblk1p1  port     tty12      tty30     tty49      ttyS1     usbmon8  vcsu2   zero
gpiochip2     loop2     mmcblk1p1  ppp     tty13      tty31     tty5      ttyS2     v41     vcsu3   zram0
gpiochip3     loop3     mmcblk1p1  psaux   tty14      tty32     tty50     ttyS3     vcs     vcsu4   zram1
gpiochip4     loop4     mmcblk1p1  ptmx    tty15      tty33     tty51     ttyS4     vcs1    vcsu5   zram2
```

We are providing our driver named `pcie_mhi` and we can build it the same way as the USB drivers. I am using a Arm64 device here,

ARCH=arm64 make

sudo ARCH=arm64 make install

```
kcheng@krockpro64:~/repo/pcie_mhi$ ls
controllers  devices  Makefile      Module.symvers  pcie_mhi.mod  pcie_mhi.mod.o  README
core         log      modules.order  pcie_mhi.ko   pcie_mhi.mod.c  pcie_mhi.o   ReleaseNote.txt
kcheng@krockpro64:~/repo/pcie_mhi$ ARCH=arm64 make
make ARCH=arm64 CROSS_COMPILE= -C /lib/modules/5.15.74-rockchip64/build M=/home/kcheng/repo/pcie_mhi clean
make[1]: Entering directory '/usr/src/linux-headers-5.15.74-rockchip64'
  CLEAN  /home/kcheng/repo/pcie_mhi/Module.symvers
make[1]: Leaving directory '/usr/src/linux-headers-5.15.74-rockchip64'
find . -name *.o.usr-safe | xargs rm -f
make ARCH=arm64 CROSS_COMPILE= -C /lib/modules/5.15.74-rockchip64/build M=/home/kcheng/repo/pcie_mhi modules
make[1]: Entering directory '/usr/src/linux-headers-5.15.74-rockchip64'
warning: the compiler differs from the one used to build the kernel
  The kernel was built by: gcc (Ubuntu 11.2.0-19ubuntu1) 11.2.0
  You are using:          gcc (Ubuntu 11.3.0-1ubuntu1-22.04) 11.3.0
  CC [M]  /home/kcheng/repo/pcie_mhi/core/mhi_init.o
  CC [M]  /home/kcheng/repo/pcie_mhi/core/mhi_main.o
  CC [M]  /home/kcheng/repo/pcie_mhi/core/mhi_pm.o
  CC [M]  /home/kcheng/repo/pcie_mhi/core/mhi_boot.o
  CC [M]  /home/kcheng/repo/pcie_mhi/core/mhi_dtr.o
  CC [M]  /home/kcheng/repo/pcie_mhi/controllers/mhi_qti.o
  CC [M]  /home/kcheng/repo/pcie_mhi/devices/mhi_uci.o
  CC [M]  /home/kcheng/repo/pcie_mhi/devices/mhi_netdev_quectel.o
  LD [M]  /home/kcheng/repo/pcie_mhi/pcie_mhi.o
  MODPOST /home/kcheng/repo/pcie_mhi/Module.symvers
  CC [M]  /home/kcheng/repo/pcie_mhi/pcie_mhi.mod.o
  LD [M]  /home/kcheng/repo/pcie_mhi/pcie_mhi.ko
make[1]: Leaving directory '/usr/src/linux-headers-5.15.74-rockchip64'
#cp pcie_mhi.ko /tftpboot/
kcheng@krockpro64:~/repo/pcie_mhi$
```

The system should load the pcie_mhi driver when it reboots. If we want to load the driver manually, use the modprobe command.

```
sudo modprobe pcie_mhi
```

```
[ 11.574967] [I] [mhi_netdev_enable_iface] Prepare the channels for transfer
[ 11.575602] [I] [mhi0] [__mhi_prepare_channel] Entered: preparing channel:100
[ 11.583148] [I] [mhi0] [mhi_dump_tre] carl_ev evt_cmd_comp code=1, type=33
[ 11.583204] [I] [mhi0] [__mhi_prepare_channel] Chan:100 successfully moved to start state
[ 11.583214] [I] [mhi0] [__mhi_prepare_channel] Entered: preparing channel:101
[ 11.591776] [I] [mhi0] [mhi_dump_tre] carl_ev evt_cmd_comp code=1, type=33
[ 11.591829] [I] [mhi0] [__mhi_prepare_channel] Chan:101 successfully moved to start state
[ 11.674744] [I] [mhi_netdev_enable_iface] Exited.
[ 11.753744] rmnet_vnd_register_device(rmnet_mhi0.1)=0
[ 11.756322] [I] [mhi0] [mhi_pm_mission_mode_transition] Exit with ret:0
kcheng@kcrockpro64:~$ ls /dev/mhi*
/dev/mhi_BHI  /dev/mhi_DIAG  /dev/mhi_DUN  /dev/mhi_LOOPBACK  /dev/mhi_QMIO
```

```
ip -a
```

```
kcheng@kcrockpro64:~$ ip a
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc mq state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 12:67:3c:22:81:98 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 172.30.100.160/24 brd 172.30.100.255 scope global dynamic noprefixroute eth0
        valid_lft 84854sec preferred_lft 84854sec
    inet6 fe80::52c8:c87d:208c:a346/64 scope link noprefixroute
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
3: rmnet_mhi0: <NOARP> mtu 1500 qdisc noop state DOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/none
4: rmnet_mhi0.1: <NOARP> mtu 1500 qdisc noop state DOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 02:50:f4:00:00:01 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
```

About the ports,

- mhi_BHI is the boot host interface. It should always be present even if the firmware is corrupted. It is used for firmware updates.
- mhi_DIAG is the diagnostic port. Both BHI and DIAG added together is pretty similar to the DM port available in USB.
- mhi_DUN is the dial up networking port. i.e., AT/modem port.
- mhi_LOOPBACK is a loop back network interface for use with performance testing.
- mhi_QMIO is the QMI command interface.
- rmnet_mhi0 and rmnet_mhi0.1 are the network interfaces.

Our data call manager quectel-CM will recognize the ports and bring up data call with them. Quectel-CM will be covered in its own chapter.

Cellular network registration with generic network carriers

Traditionally, in 2G(GSM) networks the SIM card represents the user identity, and it is all we need to register to the network. Data calls were made by dialing a specific phone number and access fee is usually calculated by call duration, as continuous network resource must be allocated for the UE (user equipment) even if there is no active data transmission.

With the introduction of 2.5G (GPRS), the network is separated into traditional CS (circuit switching) domain and a new PS (packet switching) domain. Data access fee is usually charged per KB as the UE is no longer using network resources when it is idle. A new concept of APN (access point name) replaces phone numbers for data call. But if you are not making data calls, i.e. the phone is just standing by, sending, and receiving text messages and voice calls), the APN is not needed at all. APN can be setup before you bring up the data call.

An APN setting is usually a simple string name, sometimes also with more details like proxy server settings, username, and password.

Moving forward, things didn't change much for 3G in terms of connection setup. But starting with 4G LTE (long term evolution), the whole CS domain has been dropped. Voice calls and traditional text messages could be handled in two ways: fall back to 2G/3G, or to be handled by PS domain. i.e., VoLTE (voice over LTE), iMessage or RCS

VoLTE is a form of VOIP (voice over IP) and if it is implemented properly, we can save network resources as people don't speak 100% nonstop during a call. Resources can be conserved if there is no actual voice communication. As the deployment of LTE is going smooth, carriers are now shutting down 3G or even 2G networks in favor of 4G and 5G networks. Frequency bands previously allocated for 2G and 3G networks are now being "refarmed" for 4G or 5G networks.

Now we have a problem. Previously we could ignore APN name until data call is made, as the module will register to 2G or 3G network even if APN is not setup properly. With the shutdown of 2G and 3G networks, we have nothing to fall back to when the APN is incorrect. We cannot even see the network carrier name and signal strength without a proper APN. The SIM alone is no longer enough to connect us to the network.

To ease the problem, Quectel modules have some carrier specific settings stored as loadable profiles (MBNs). A MBN profile has carrier specific settings, including the commonly used APN for the carrier in it. By default, when the module detects a SIM card, it will check its MCC and MNC (mobile country code and mobile network code) and load a matching MBN. A generic fall back MBN is also available when a good match is not available.

In this example, I am using a Canada Telus SIM and the 7th MBN is currently selected and activated. If you are using an unlisted carrier, the module should load the ROW_Generic profile instead.

```
at+qmbncfg="list"
+QMBNCFG: "List",0,0,0,"ROW_Generic_3GPP",0x06010821,201901151
+QMBNCFG: "List",1,0,0,"Volte_OpenMkt-Commercial-CMCC",0x06012064,202107271
+QMBNCFG: "List",2,0,0,"OpenMkt-Commercial-CU",0x06011510,202109061
+QMBNCFG: "List",3,0,0,"VoLTE-ATT",0x0601036F,202106281
+QMBNCFG: "List",4,0,0,"ATT_NDO",0x06800601,201903051
+QMBNCFG: "List",5,0,0,"ATT_FirstNET",0x06800501,201903051
+QMBNCFG: "List",6,0,0,"hVoLTE-Verizon",0x060101A0,202101201
+QMBNCFG: "List",7,1,1,"Telus-Commercial",0x0680FE01,201907031
+QMBNCFG: "List",8,0,0,"USCC-Commercial_VoLTE",0x0680FD01,201907041
+QMBNCFG: "List",9,0,0,"Sprint-VoLTE",0x06010324,202012101
+QMBNCFG: "List",10,0,0,"Rogers_Canada",0x0680FC01,201908281
+QMBNCFG: "List",11,0,0,"Bell_Canada",0x0680FB01,201906111
+QMBNCFG: "List",12,0,0,"Commercial-TMO",0x06010543,202106261
+QMBNCFG: "List",13,0,0,"ROW_Generic_3GPP_GCF",0x06800701,202101211
```

The typical APN setting for Telus's end user retail SIM is preloaded.

```
at+cgdcont?
+CGDCONT: 1,"IP","isp.telus.com","0.0.0.0",0,0,0,0
+CGDCONT: 2,"IPV4V6","ims","0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0",0,0,0,0
+CGDCONT: 3,"IPV4V6","services.telus.com","0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0",0,0,0,0
+CGDCONT: 4,"IPV4V6","sos","0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0",0,0,0,1
```

The 1st entry `isp.telus.com` is the generic APN for Telus for retail customers. If you are using a business SIM account, it is very likely that you need a special APN. Please contact your network carrier for details.

To update the APN, use this AT command.

`AT+CGDONCT=1,"IPV4V6","apn-name-to-use"`

Usually, the default IPV4V6 is fine, you may want to specify IP, IPV6, or IPV4V6 depending on your network design.

Some carriers accept a blank APN name, you may try an empty string `""`. But it is still possible that IP traffic will fail even if network registration works.

Manually restart the radio part of the module for the APN change to take effect.

`AT+CFUN=0`

`AT+CFUN=1`

The 2nd entry `IMS` is the PDP for VoLTE. The 4th entry `SOS` is the PDP for emergency call. These APNs have some additional settings inside and could not be created/modified using the usual `AT+CGDCONT` command. If it has been overwritten, the best way to restore them is to reload the MBN which will be covered in the next chapter.

In this example, the `isp.telus.com` APN has been activated and an IP V4 address is assigned to the module.

`AT+COPS?` Returns the correct carrier's name Telus, and technology is 7 i.e. LTE

```
at+cgcontrdp
+CGCONTRDP: 1,5,isp.telus.com,10.254.191.167,,75.153.171.7,75.153.171.8

OK
at+cops?
+COPS: 0,0,"TELUS",7
```

Reload APN settings from default

To reload default APN settings from the MBN, you may try to swap the SIM with another SIM from another carrier to trigger a MBN reload. If SIM hot plug is enabled, it is done automatically. If SIM hot plug is not setup, you can power cycle the module or trigger a radio restart by AT+CFUN=0 followed by AT+CFUN=1. Now put back the SIM you want to use (and power cycle/restart radio) to trigger a reload again. After a new SIM is detected, the module should load the other MBN profile.

The auto MBN loading setting can be turned off by

AT+QMBCFG="autosel",0

Turn it back on by

AT+QMBCFG="autosel",1

To reload a MBN manually, you can look up the name of the carrier MBN from the list with this AT command,

AT+QMBCFG="list"

```
at+qmncfg="list"
+QMBCFG: "List",0,0,0,"ROW_Generic_3GPP",0x06010821,201901151
+QMBCFG: "List",1,0,0,"VoLTE_OpenMkt-Commercial-CMCC",0x06012064,202107271
+QMBCFG: "List",2,0,0,"OpenMkt-Commercial-CU",0x06011510,202109061
+QMBCFG: "List",3,0,0,"VoLTE-ATT",0x0601036F,202106281
+QMBCFG: "List",4,0,0,"ATT_NDO",0x06800601,201903051
+QMBCFG: "List",5,0,0,"ATT_FirstNET",0x06800501,201903051
+QMBCFG: "List",6,0,0,"hVoLTE-Verizon",0x060101A0,202101201
+QMBCFG: "List",7,1,1,"Telus-Commercial",0x0680FE01,201907031
+QMBCFG: "List",8,0,0,"USCC-Commercial_VoLTE",0x0680FD01,201907041
+QMBCFG: "List",9,0,0,"Sprint-VoLTE",0x06010324,202012101
+QMBCFG: "List",10,0,0,"Rogers_Canada",0x0680FC01,201908281
+QMBCFG: "List",11,0,0,"Bell_Canada",0x0680FB01,201906111
+QMBCFG: "List",12,0,0,"Commercial-TMO",0x06010543,202106261
+QMBCFG: "List",13,0,0,"ROW_Generic_3GPP_GCF",0x06800701,202101211
```

For some modules, an additional command is needed to de-select the current MBN before selecting (another) one

at+qmncfg="Deactivate"

Select it again with this command,

AT+QMBCFG="select","name from the previous command"

e.g.

AT+QMBCFG="select","hVoLTE-Verizon"

And reboot the module for it to take effect. Simple radio restart won't work in this case.

AT+CFUN=1,1

Network registration with Verizon

Verizon has some special requirements with network registration, compared with most other carriers.

```
at+cgdcont?  
+CGDCONT: 1, "IPV4V6", "ims", "0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0", 0, 0, 0, 0  
+CGDCONT: 2, "IPV4V6", "vzwadmin", "0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0", 0, 0, 0, 0  
+CGDCONT: 3, "IPV4V6", "vzwinternet", "0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0", 0, 0, 0, 0  
+CGDCONT: 4, "IPV4V6", "vzwapp", "0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0", 0, 0, 0, 0  
+CGDCONT: 5, "IPV4V6", "vzwemergency", "0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0", 0, 0, 0, 1  
+CGDCONT: 6, "IPV4V6", "VZWCLASS6", "0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0", 0, 0, 0, 0
```

- For LPWA modules, it's pretty much the same as other carriers. You can setup the APN in PDP#1
- For LTE and 5G networks, the APN of PDP#1 must be IMS and it is used for initial network attach.
- PDP#2 is used for remote administration, with the OMA-DM or LWM2M protocols.
- PDP#3 is used for data call, it can also be setup by OMA-DM/LWM2M. When you insert a new SIM to the module, the module will talk with the Verizon administration server using the vzwadmin PDP and the correct APN will be set. After that you can setup manually and Verizon won't push a new APN to the module again unless you swap a SIM.
- If APNs have been accidentally changed manually, the module won't register to the network, or strange things can happen. Please reload the default in this case.

Data call with quectel-CM

Finally, we can build the quectel-CM connection manager. It is provided with source code, and you may want to customize it to suit your application if needed. It supports both QMI and MBIM mode. We are using QMI mode as an example here.

Unzip the quectel-CM package. Note that quectel-CM zip package has no top-level folder, let's make a folder for it before decompressing. e.g.

```
mkdir quectel-CM-1.6.1
```

```
cd quectel-CM-1.6.1
```

```
unzip ..../Quectel_QConnectManager_Linux_V1.6.1_20210720.zip
```

Copy our sample DHCP script (default.script or default.script_ip) to /etc/udhcpc/default.script. It is a helper script used by udhcpc to setup system's DNS and route. You may want to customize it if you have special needs. Please also enable execution right for it.

```
sudo mkdir /etc/udhcpc
```

```
sudo cp default.script /etc/udhcpc/default.script
```

```
sudo chmod a+x /etc/udhcpc/default.script
```

To compile the source code into Linux executable,

```
make
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/quectel-CM $ ls
default.script  GobiNetCM.c  Makefile  MPQMI.h  NOTICE  QMITHread.h  ReleaseNote.txt  util.c
device.c        libmn1    mbim-cm.c  MPQMUX.c  qmap_bridge_mode.c  QmiWwanCM.c  udhcpc.c  util.h
ethtool-copy.h main.c    MPQCTL.h  MPQMUX.h  QMITHread.c   quectel-qmi-proxy.c  udhcpc_netlink.c
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/quectel-CM $ sudo mkdir /etc/udhcpc
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/quectel-CM $ sudo cp default.script /etc/udhcpc/default.script
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/quectel-CM $ make
rm -rf quectel-CM /*
rm -rf quectel-qmi-proxy
gcc -Wall -s quectel-qmi-proxy.c -o quectel-qmi-proxy -lpthread -ldl
gcc -Wall -s QmiWwanCM.c GobiNetCM.c main.c MPQMUX.c QMITHread.c util.c qmap_bridge_mode.c mbim-cm.c device.c udhcpc.c -o quectel-CM -lpthread -ldl
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/quectel-CM $ ls
default.script  GobiNetCM.c  Makefile  MPQMI.h  NOTICE  QMITHread.h  quectel-qmi-proxy  udhcpc.c  util.h
device.c        libmn1    mbim-cm.c  MPQMUX.c  qmap_bridge_mode.c  QmiWwanCM.c  quectel-qmi-proxy.c  udhcpc_netlink.c
ethtool-copy.h main.c    MPQCTL.h  MPQMUX.h  QMITHread.c   quectel-CM  ReleaseNote.txt  util.c
pi@raspberrypi:~/quectel/quectel-CM $
```

We can execute quectel-CM with command **sudo ./quectel-CM** You may want to add **-n 3** if you are using a VoLTE capable module on Verizon. The correct data call APN is in PDP 3 for such cases.

You may want to use command line parameter **-s <APN name>** to specify a customer APN. **Not recommended for QMI mode unless you are making multiple APN calls. And as of today, quectel-CM is not able to detect the correct APN name in MBIM mode** and it is needed to use this command line parameter.

From the output of quectel-CM, you can see useful information like module FW version, SIM status, APN name, and current network information.

Before dialing the **IPv4ConnectionStatus** is **DISCONNECTED**, and after dialing we have a **WdsConnectionIPv4Handle: XXXXXXXX** it means that the data call is connected.

Depending on the module you use, quectel-CM may config the network interface by calling udhcpc, or it may issue "ip" shell commands to configure the network adapter.

The error message "Fail to access /usr/share/udhcpc/default.script, errno: 2 (No such file or directory)" may not be valid for your system. Older versions of udhcpc are using this path and quectel-CM is checking if this file is there, but newer udhcpc is using **/etc/udhcpc/default.script** instead.

The last 4 lines come from default.script and it is setting up route and DNS. The error message SIOCDELRT: No such process is also harmless. It is also expected.

You may see an error message "**ioctl (0x89f3, qmap_settings) failed: Operation not supported, rc=-1**" if the module does not support the newer QMAP mode. It can be ignored, and it is expected.

Example call log in QMI mode. We can see quectel-CM is calling udhcpc to set up the network interface.

```
kcheng@rex-linux:~$ sudo quectel-CM
[02-22_11:56:07:529] QConnectManager_Linux_V1.6.1
[02-22_11:56:07:529] Find /sys/bus/usb/devices/3-3 idVendor=0x2c7c idProduct=0x306, bus=0x003, de
v=0x022
[02-22_11:56:07:530] Auto find qmichannel = /dev/cdc-wdm0      name of the network adapter, it could be different
[02-22_11:56:07:530] Auto find usbnet_adapter = wwan0      depending on your system
[02-22_11:56:07:530] netcard driver = qmi_wwan_q, driver version = V1.2.0.23
[02-22_11:56:07:530] qmap_mode = 1, qmap_version = 5, qmap_size = 16384, muxid = 0x81, qmap_netca
rd = wwan0
[02-22_11:56:07:530] Modem works in QMI mode modem operation mode is detected as QMI
[02-22_11:56:07:542] cdc_wdm_fd = 7
[02-22_11:56:07:722] Get clientWDS = 21  initial get client ID QMI
[02-22_11:56:07:786] Get clientDMS = 1  commnads are running
[02-22_11:56:07:850] Get clientNAS = 3
[02-22_11:56:07:914] Get clientUIM = 2
[02-22_11:56:07:978] Get clientWDA = 1      module firmware ver
[02-22_11:56:08:042] requestBaseBandVersion EM06ELAR04A03M4G BETA1229
[02-22_11:56:08:107] qmap_settings.rx_urb_size = 16384, QMI mode enabled, for supported modules only
[02-22_11:56:08:107] qmap_settings.ul_data_aggregation_max_datagrams = 11
[02-22_11:56:08:107] qmap_settings.ul_data_aggregation_max_size = 8000
[02-22_11:56:08:107] qmap_settings.dl_minimum_padding = 0
[02-22_11:56:08:362] requestGetSIMStatus SIMStatus: SIM READY  SIM is detected and unlocked
[02-22_11:56:08:426] requestGetProfile[1] cmhk///0/IPv4V6  currently using PDP1 and APN cmhk
[02-22_11:56:08:490] requestRegistrationState2 MCC: 454, MNC: 12, PS: Attached, DataCap: LTE
[02-22_11:56:08:554] requestQueryDataCall IPv4ConnectionStatus: DISCONNECTED  data call is not up yet
[02-22_11:56:08:554] ifconfig wwan0 0.0.0.0
[02-22_11:56:08:557] ifconfig wwan0 down
[02-22_11:56:08:874] requestSetupDataCall WdsConnectionIPv4Handle: 0x3cb49bf0  data call is up with handle
[02-22_11:56:09:130] ifconfig wwan0 up
[02-22_11:56:09:133] busybox udhcpc -f -n -q -t 5 -i wwan0  quectel-CM is starting DHCP
udhcpc: started, v1.30.1
udhcpc: sending discover
udhcpc: sending select for 10.27.142.132  IP address is assigned
udhcpc: lease of 10.27.142.132 obtained, lease time 7200
[02-22_11:56:09:230] /etc/udhcpc/default.script: Resetting default routes
SIOCDELRT: No such process  expected false error message
[02-22_11:56:09:233] /etc/udhcpc/default.script: Adding DNS 10.13.168.140
[02-22_11:56:09:233] /etc/udhcpc/default.script: Adding DNS 10.13.200.140
```

00:41:06 Connected | SSH/22

Example call log in MBIM mode. In this case we can see quectel-CM is calling "ip" command line tool to setup the network interface.

```
kcheng@kcrockpro64:~/repo/quectel-CM-1.6.4$ sudo ./quectel-CM -s isp.telus.com
[11-03_12:00:42:589] QConnectManager_Linux_V1.6.4
[11-03_12:00:42:593] Find /sys/bus/usb/devices/4-1 idVendor=0x2c7c idProduct=0x801, bus=0x004, dev=0x004
[11-03_12:00:42:595] Auto find qmichannel = /dev/cdc-wdm0
[11-03_12:00:42:595] Auto find usbneth_adapter = wwan0
[11-03_12:00:42:596] netcard driver = cdc_mbim, driver version = 5.15.74-rockchip64
[11-03_12:00:42:596] Modem works in MBIM mode
[11-03_12:00:42:663] cdc_wdm_fd = 7
[11-03_12:00:42:664] mbim_open_device()
[11-03_12:00:42:947] mbim_device_caps_query()
[11-03_12:00:43:011] DeviceId: 868371050064530
[11-03_12:00:43:011] FirmwareInfo: (RM520NGLAAR01A05M4G
[11-03_12:00:43:011] HardwareInfo: (RM520N-GL
[11-03_12:00:43:011] mbim_device_services_query()
[11-03_12:00:43:075] mbim_set_radio_state( 1 )
[11-03_12:00:43:107] HwRadioState: 1, SwRadioState: 1
[11-03_12:00:43:107] mbim_subscriber_status_query()
[11-03_12:00:43:139] SubscriberId: (302220319813033
[11-03_12:00:43:139] SimIccId: 8912230102171130333F
[11-03_12:00:43:139] SubscriberReadyState NotInitialized -> Initialized
[11-03_12:00:43:139] mbim_register_state_query()
[11-03_12:00:43:203] RegisterState Unknown -> Home
[11-03_12:00:43:203] mbim_packet_service_query()
[11-03_12:00:43:267] PacketServiceState Unknown -> Attached
[11-03_12:00:43:267] CurrentDataClass = 5G_NSA
[11-03_12:00:43:267] mbim_query_connect(sessionID=0)
[11-03_12:00:43:299] ActivationState Unknown -> Deactivated
[11-03_12:00:43:299] ifconfig wwan0 0.0.0.0
[11-03_12:00:43:306] ifconfig wwan0 down
[11-03_12:00:43:312] mbim_set_connect(onoff=1, sessionID=0)
[11-03_12:00:43:459] ActivationState Deactivated -> Activated
[11-03_12:00:43:459] mbim_ip_config(sessionID=0)
[11-03_12:00:43:491] < SessionId = 0
[11-03_12:00:43:491] < IPv4ConfigurationAvailable = 0xf
[11-03_12:00:43:491] < IPv6ConfigurationAvailable = 0x0
[11-03_12:00:43:491] < IPv4AddressCount = 0x1
[11-03_12:00:43:491] < IPv4AddressOffset = 0x3c
[11-03_12:00:43:491] < IPv6AddressCount = 0x0
[11-03_12:00:43:491] < IPv6AddressOffset = 0x0
[11-03_12:00:43:491] < IPv4 = 10.142.225.225/30
[11-03_12:00:43:491] < gw = 10.142.225.226
[11-03_12:00:43:491] < dns1 = 75.153.171.7
[11-03_12:00:43:492] < dns2 = 75.153.171.8
[11-03_12:00:43:492] < ipv4 mtu = 1500
[11-03_12:00:43:523] ifconfig wwan0 up
[11-03_12:00:43:530] ip -4 address flush dev wwan0
[11-03_12:00:43:537] ip -4 address add 10.142.225.225/30 dev wwan0
[11-03_12:00:43:544] ip -4 route add default via 10.142.225.226 dev wwan0
```

Example call log with PCIE

```
kcheng@kcrockpro64:~/repo/quectel-CM-1.6.4$ sudo ./quectel-CM
[11-03_14:32:15:293] QConnectManager_Linux_V1.6.4
[11-03_14:32:15:297] network interface '' or qmidev '' is not exist
[11-03_14:32:15:299] netcard driver = pcie mhi, driver version = V1.3.4
[11-03_14:32:15:299] qmap_mode = 1, qmap_version = 9, qmap_size = 15360, muxid = 0x81, qmap_netcard = rmnet_mhi0.1
[11-03_14:32:15:299] Modem works in QMI mode
[11-03_14:32:15:377] cdc_wdm_fd = 7
[11-03_14:32:15:390] Get clientWDS = 14
[11-03_14:32:15:393] Get clientDMS = 1
[11-03_14:32:15:397] Get clientNAS = 3
[11-03_14:32:15:400] Get clientUIM = 2
[11-03_14:32:15:403] Get clientWDA = 1
[11-03_14:32:15:405] requestBaseBandVersion RM520NGLAAR01A05M4G
[11-03_14:32:15:409] qmap_settings.rx_urb_size = 15360
[11-03_14:32:15:409] qmap_settings.ul_data_aggregation_max_datagrams = 11
[11-03_14:32:15:409] qmap_settings.ul_data_aggregation_max_size = 8192
[11-03_14:32:15:409] qmap_settings.dl_minimum_padding = 0
[11-03_14:32:15:420] requestGetSIMStatus SIMStatus: SIM_READY
[11-03_14:32:15:423] requestGetProfile[1] sp.telus.com//0/IPv4 PDP number 1 and APN name
[11-03_14:32:15:425] requestRegistrationState2 MCC: 302, MNC: 220, PS: Attached, DataCap: 5G_NSA carrier number and type
[11-03_14:32:15:427] requestQueryDataCall IPv4Connectionstatus: DISCONNECTED
[11-03_14:32:15:427] ifconfig rmnet_mhi0 down
[11-03_14:32:15:433] ifconfig rmnet_mhi0.1 0.0.0.0
SIOCSIFFLAGS: Network is down
[11-03_14:32:15:439] ifconfig rmnet_mhi0.1 down
[11-03_14:32:15:456] requestSetupDataCall WdsConnectionIPv4Handle: 0x6bb4d990 data call is connected
[11-03_14:32:15:466] ifconfig rmnet_mhi0 up
[11-03_14:32:15:472] ifconfig rmnet_mhi0.1 up
[11-03_14:32:15:479] busybox udhcpc -f -n -q -t 5 -i rmnet_mhi0.1
udhcpc: started, v1.30.1
/etc/resolvconf/update.d/libc: Warning: /etc/resolv.conf is not a symbolic link to /run/resolvconf/resolv.conf
udhcpc: sending discover
udhcpc: sending select for 25.21.76.75 IP assigned by DHCP
udhcpc: lease of 25.21.76.75 obtained, lease time 7200
[11-03_14:32:15:639] /etc/udhcpc/default.script: Resetting default routes
SIOCDELRT: No such process
[11-03_14:32:15:645] /etc/udhcpc/default.script: Adding DNS 75.153.171.7
[11-03_14:32:15:645] /etc/udhcpc/default.script: Adding DNS 75.153.171.8
/etc/resolvconf/update.d/libc: Warning: /etc/resolv.conf is not a symbolic link to /run/resolvconf/resolv.conf
```

After the data call is connected, we can confirm the data call is up by these commands

ifconfig

Or

ip a

You may note that in this example the names of the network interfaces are traditional simple names, but you may see something like ens33 on newer systems. It is a new behavior introduced by systemd.

If you prefer old style names like I do, please refer to this link.

<https://www.itzgeek.com/how-tos/mini-howtos/change-default-network-name-ens33-to-old-eth0-on-ubuntu-16-04.html>

```
kcheng@cyberlife:~$ ifconfig
eth0      Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr fc:34:97:a9:57:c6
          inet addr:172.30.100.25 Bcast:172.30.100.255 Mask:255.255.255.0
          inet6 addr: fe80::b4e6:1bf:919:79c2/64 Scope:Link
            UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
            RX packets:41626 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
            TX packets:19429 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
            collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
            RX bytes:9244941 (9.2 MB) TX bytes:23000032 (23.0 MB)
            Interrupt:31

lo       Link encap:Local Loopback
          inet addr:127.0.0.1 Mask:255.0.0.0
          inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
            UP LOOPBACK RUNNING MTU:65536 Metric:1
            RX packets:316 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
            TX packets:316 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
            collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
            RX bytes:25244 (25.2 KB) TX bytes:25244 (25.2 KB)

wwan0    Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr ae:e5:3a:d2:10:c1
          inet addr:10.254.214.139 Mask:255.255.255.248
          inet6 addr: fe80::ace5:3aff:fed2:10c1/64 Scope:Link
            UP RUNNING NOARP MTU:1500 Metric:1
            RX packets:2 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
            TX packets:4 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
            collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
            RX bytes:612 (612.0 B) TX bytes:784 (784.0 B)
```

route -n

```
kcheng@cyberlife:~$ route
Kernel IP routing table
Destination     Gateway         Genmask         Flags Metric Ref    Use Iface
default         10.254.214.140  0.0.0.0         UG    0      0        0 wwan0
^default        172.30.100.1   0.0.0.0         UG    100    0        0 eth0
10.254.214.136 *              255.255.255.248 U      0      0        0 wwan0
link-local      *              255.255.0.0     U      1000   0        0 eth0
172.30.100.0   *              255.255.255.0   U      100    0        0 eth0
```

```
cat /etc/resolv.conf
```

```
kcheng@cyberlife:~$ cat /etc/resolv.conf
# Dynamic resolv.conf(5) file for glibc resolver(3) generated by resolvconf(8)
#      DO NOT EDIT THIS FILE BY HAND -- YOUR CHANGES WILL BE OVERWRITTEN
nameserver 127.0.1.1
```

Ping with IP

```
kcheng@cyberlife:~$ ping -I wwan0 8.8.8.8
PING 8.8.8.8 (8.8.8.8) from 10.254.214.139 wwan0: 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=1 ttl=110 time=452 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=2 ttl=110 time=40.6 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=3 ttl=110 time=38.8 ms
^C
```

Ping with domain name

```
kcheng@cyberlife:~$ ping -I wwan0 www.google.com
PING www.google.com (142.251.211.228) from 10.254.214.139 wwan0: 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from sea30s13-in-f4.1e100.net (142.251.211.228): icmp_seq=1 ttl=110 time=19.9 ms
64 bytes from sea30s13-in-f4.1e100.net (142.251.211.228): icmp_seq=2 ttl=110 time=25.9 ms
^C
```

PPP call over serial ports

Point to point protocol (PPP) is an ancient protocol designed for serial ports (UART), and it is still in use today for low end processors that lack USB support. It is possible to make a PPP call over either UART or USB serial ports (ttyUSB).

I am using a Raspberry Pi 4 to connect to an EG91NAXD as an example here.

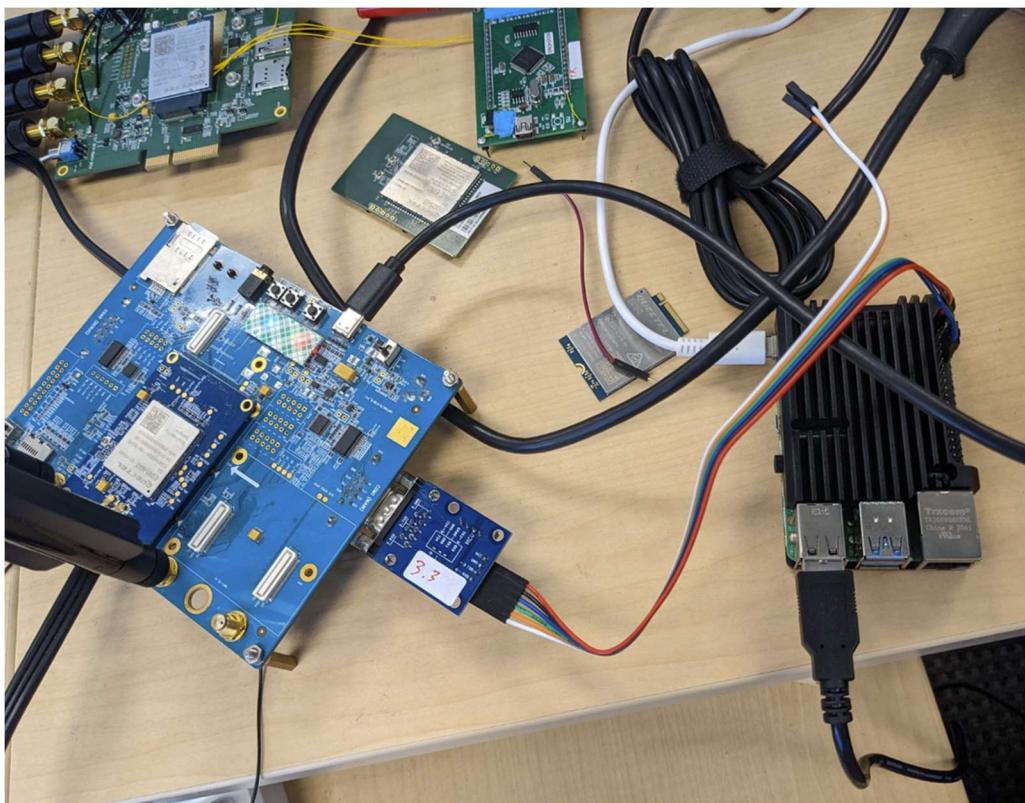
The COM1(MAIN) port on the UMTS<E-EVB-B_V1.1 connects to the module's UART. It is running at RS232 voltage level.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RS-232>

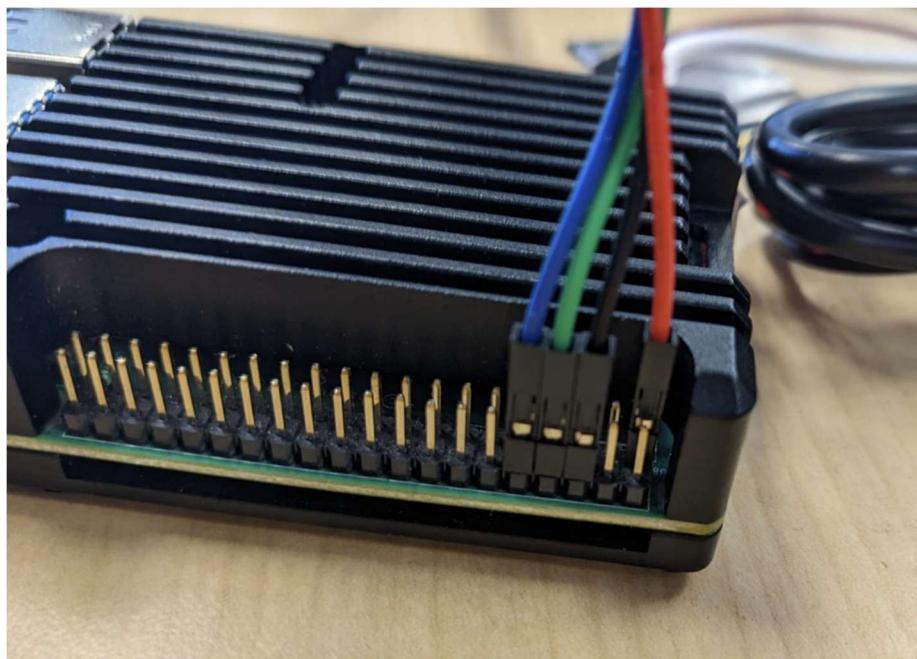
A voltage level adapter is needed to connect to Raspberry's UART port, as shown in the picture below, i.e., the dark blue board labelled 3.3

I am using this page as reference on raspberry's UART port

<https://forums.raspberrypi.com/viewtopic.php?t=307094>



serial 0 and 1 on the raspberry are sharing the same header pins, they cannot be used at the same time.
My voltage adapter board takes 3.3V from the Raspberry Pi



Physical Pins					
Function	BCM	pin#	pin#	BCM	Function
3.3 Volts		1	2		5 Volts
GPIO/SDA1 (I2C)	2	3	4		5 Volts
GPIO/SCL1 (I2C)	3	5	6		GND
GPIO/GCLK	4	7	8	14	TX UART/GPIO
GND		9	10	15	RX UART/GPIO
GPIO	17	11	12	18	GPIO
GPIO	27	13	14	19	GND
GPIO	22	15	16	23	GPIO
3.3 Volts		17	18	24	GPIO
MOSI (SPI)	10	19	20	25	GND
MISO(SPI)	9	21	22	8	GPIO
SCLK(SPI)	11	23	24	7	CE0_N (SPI)
GND		25	26		CE1_N (SPI)
RESERVED		27	28		RESERVED
GPIO	5	29	30		GND
GPIO	6	31	32	12	GPIO
GPIO	13	33	34		GND
GPIO	19	35	36	16	GPIO
GPIO	26	37	38	20	GPIO
GND		39	40	21	GPIO

For some reason I am enabling uart0 in raspberry pi 4 but it is named /dev/serial1 in the OS
I am not 100% sure how Linux kernel assigns the number, but it works. Please check with the documents for the platform of your choice for details on how to configure the board.

Make sure Linux console is not using the serial port, neither serial0 nor serial 1 should be in use by the kernel.
There was a console=serial1 in the kernel command line and I removed it.

/boot/cmdline.txt

```
GNU nano 5.4          /boot/cmdline.txt
console=tty1 root=PARTUUID=42709754-02 rootfstype=ext4 fsck.repair=yes rootwait;
[ Read 1 line ]
^G Help      ^O Write Out  ^W Where Is  ^K Cut      ^T Execute  ^C Location
^X Exit      ^R Read File  ^Y Replace   ^U Paste    ^J Justify  ^_ Go To Line
```

And I added this line to /boot/config.txt

dtoverlay=uart0

```
GNU nano 5.4          /boot/config.txt
# Enable DRM VC4 V3D driver
dtoverlay=vc4-kms-v3d
max_framebuffers=2

# Disable compensation for displays with overscan
disable_overscan=1

[cm4]
# Enable host mode on the 2711 built-in XHCI USB controller.
# This line should be removed if the legacy DWC2 controller is required
# (e.g. for USB device mode) or if USB support is not required.
otg_mode=1

[all]

[pi4]
# Run as fast as firmware / board allows
arm_boost=1

[all]
dtoverlay=uart0
[ Read 81 lines ]
^G Help      ^O Write Out  ^W Where Is  ^K Cut      ^T Execute  ^C Location
^X Exit      ^R Read File  ^Y Replace   ^U Paste    ^J Justify  ^_ Go To Line
```

please reboot the raspberry to for the changes to take effect.

PPP call script linux-ppp-scripts_V1.2.zip

https://cnquectel-my.sharepoint.com/:u/g/personal/america-fae_ quectel_com/EV9khtiXDuFFsVokT9SOEtobK1Si2pjZf26-7ttRVz23VQ?e=EfqZ19

Unzip linux-ppp-scripts_V1.2.zip to /etc/ppp/peers
convert to UNIX format just in case.
dos2unix /etc/ppp/peers/*

Please update or remove APN setup, in line 12 for quectel-chat-connect. For LTE and up, APN should have been set properly before making the call. Please don't update APN on the fly.
sudo nano quectel-chat-connect

update serial port name in quectel-ppp line 4. Typically, it could be /dev/ttyUSB2, /dev/ttyUSB3, or in the case of Raspberry's UART, /dev/serial1
sudo nano quectel-ppp

make a data call.
sudo pppd call quectel-ppp&

disconnect data call.
sudo killall pppd

Example PPP call progress

```
hakeem@kcrasp4: /boot
Session Special Command Window Logging Files Transfer Hangup ?
> <accomp>]
sent [LCP ConfAck id=0x0 <asyncmap 0x0> <auth chap MD5> <magic 0xcb517716> <pcomp>
> <accomp>]
rcvd [LCP ConfAck id=0x1 <asyncmap 0x0> <magic 0x2e2a6e83> <pcomp> <accomp>]
sent [LCP EchoReq id=0x0 magic=0x2e2a6e83]
rcvd [LCP DiscReq id=0x1 magic=0xcb517716]
rcvd [CHAP Challenge id=0x1 <4548ed654a84a85c8bd8e74fb89f07c4>, name = "UMTS_CHA
P_SRVR"]
sent [CHAP Response id=0x1 <4c3a7ba4cb8a350d226137ffbf213c65>, name = "test"]
rcvd [LCP EchoRep id=0x0 magic=0xcb517716 2e 2a 6e 83]
rcvd [CHAP Success id=0x1 ""]
CHAP authentication succeeded
CHAP authentication succeeded
sent [IPCP ConfReq id=0x1 <addr 0.0.0.0> <ms-dns1 0.0.0.0> <ms-dns2 0.0.0.0>]
sent [IPV6CP ConfReq id=0x1 <addr fe80::ec2b:0287:ae4c:108f>]
rcvd [IPCP ConfReq id=0x0]
sent [IPCP ConfNak id=0x0 <addr 0.0.0.0>]
rcvd [IPCP ConfNak id=0x1 <addr 10.210.245.90> <ms-dns1 161.216.153.1> <ms-dns2
161.216.157.1>]
sent [IPCP ConfReq id=0x2 <addr 10.210.245.90> <ms-dns1 161.216.153.1> <ms-dns2
161.216.157.1>]
rcvd [IPCP ConfReq id=0x1]
sent [IPCP ConfAck id=0x1]
rcvd [IPCP ConfAck id=0x2 <addr 10.210.245.90> <ms-dns1 161.216.153.1> <ms-dns2
161.216.157.1>]
Could not determine remote IP address: defaulting to 10.64.64.64
Script /etc/ppp/ip-pre-up started (pid 2856)
Script /etc/ppp/ip-pre-up finished (pid 2856), status = 0x0
not replacing default route to wlan0 [192.168.1.254]
local IP address 10.210.245.90
remote IP address 10.64.64.64
primary DNS address 161.216.153.1
secondary DNS address 161.216.157.1
Script /etc/ppp/ip-up started (pid 2859)
Script /etc/ppp/ip-up finished (pid 2859), status = 0x0
sent [IPV6CP ConfReq id=0x1 <addr fe80::ec2b:0287:ae4c:108f>]
rcvd [IPV6CP ConfReq id=0x0 <addr fe80::b41e:8c4f:9e4c:d850>]
sent [IPV6CP ConfAck id=0x0 <addr fe80::b41e:8c4f:9e4c:d850>]
rcvd [IPV6CP ConfNak id=0x1 <addr fe80::6d63:b633:cb0d:fe7a>]
sent [IPV6CP ConfReq id=0x2 <addr fe80::6d63:b633:cb0d:fe7a>]
rcvd [IPV6CP ConfAck id=0x2 <addr fe80::6d63:b633:cb0d:fe7a>]
local LL address fe80::6d63:b633:cb0d:fe7a
remote LL address fe80::b41e:8c4f:9e4c:d850
Script /etc/ppp/ipv6-up started (pid 2931)
Script /etc/ppp/ipv6-up finished (pid 2931), status = 0x0
```

And after the call, ifconfig shows the ppp0 interface.

```
kcheng@kcrasp4:~/repo $ ifconfig
eth0: flags=4099<UP,BROADCAST,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    ether e4:5f:01:00:de:ff txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
        loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
        RX packets 37 bytes 5747 (5.6 KiB)
        RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
        TX packets 37 bytes 5747 (5.6 KiB)
        TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

ppp0: flags=4305<UP,POINTOPOINT,RUNNING,NOARP,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 10.210.245.90 netmask 255.255.255.255 destination 10.64.64.64
    inet6 fe80::6d63:b633:cb0d:fe7a prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x20<link>
    inet6 2605:b100:93e:3f68:6d63:b633:cb0d:fe7a prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<
global>
    ppp txqueuelen 3 (Point-to-Point Protocol)
    RX packets 8 bytes 238 (238.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 9 bytes 162 (162.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

wlan0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.1.200 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.1.255
    inet6 2001:569:519e:100:4c36:cfb:e0a1:c8b4 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<gl
obal>
    inet6 fe80::2025:6543:4e47:33a8 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether e4:5f:01:00:df:00 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 99942 bytes 122790384 (117.1 MiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 35597 bytes 5036608 (4.8 MiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

Depending on OS you are using, you may have to update default route and setup DNS. Try these.

```
route add default gw ppp0
```

```
route add default ppp0
```

<https://wiki.archlinux.org/title/systemd-resolved>

Custom routing and DNS settings

<https://askubuntu.com/questions/157154/how-do-i-include-lines-in-resolv-conf-that-wont-get-lost-on-reboot>

Firmware upgrade using QFirehose

The QFirehose firmware upgrade tool is provided in source code form. We can build the source in the target board with a simple "make" command.

```
kcheng@cyberlife:~/QFirehose-Aaron-202205191147$ ls
android          hostdl_packet.h  md5.c    qfirehose.c      sahara_protocol.c      usb2tcp.c
Android.mk        log             md5.h    README.md      sahara_protocol.h      usb_linux.c
firehose_protocol.c  Makefile      NOTICE  ReleaseNote.txt  stream_download_protocol.c  usb_linux.h
kcheng@cyberlife:~/QFirehose-Aaron-202205191147$ make
rm -rf QFirehose obj libs usb2tcp */
gcc -Wall -Werror -O1  firehose_protocol.c  qfirehose.c  sahara_protocol.c  usb_linux.c  stream_download_protocol.c
l.c  md5.c  usb2tcp.c  -o QFirehose -lpthread -ldl
kcheng@cyberlife:~/QFirehose-Aaron-202205191147$ ls
android          log             NOTICE  ReleaseNote.txt      usb2tcp.c
Android.mk        Makefile      QFirehose      sahara_protocol.c      usb_linux.c
firehose_protocol.c  md5.c    qfirehose.c  sahara_protocol.h      usb_linux.h
hostdl_packet.h  md5.h    README.md  stream_download_protocol.c
```

Start the firmware upgrade by running **QFirehose -f <path to unzipped firmware>** with root privileges. You may have to add -n for beta firmware release to skip MD5 check. Most module will reboot itself after firmware update is completed.

```
kcheng@cyberlife:~/QFirehose-Aaron-202205191147$ ls /home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/
contents.xml  Quectel_EM06-A-LA_Firmware_Release_Notes_V0401_01.001.01.001.pdf  update
md5.txt      Quectel_EM06-A-LA_软件版本变更说明_V0401_01.001.01.001.pdf
```

```
sudo ./QFirehose -f /home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/
```

```
kcheng@cyberlife:~/QFirehose-Aaron-202205191147$ sudo ./QFirehose -f /home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/
[000.000]: Version: QFirehose_Linux_Android_V1.4.9
[000.000]: Builded: Oct 14 2022 13:38:45
[000.007]: Find md5 check file </home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/md5.txt>
[000.007]: md5 checking: /home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/contents.xml pass
[000.010]: md5 checking: /home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/update/appsboot.mbn pass
[000.010]: md5 checking: /home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/update/ENPRG9x45.mbn pass
[000.011]: md5 checking: /home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/update/firehose/partition_complete_p4K_b256K.mbn
pass
[000.011]: md5 checking: /home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/update/firehose/patch_p4K_b256K.xml pass
[000.012]: md5 checking: /home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/update/firehose/prog_nand_firehose_9x45.mbn pass
[000.012]: md5 checking: /home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/update/firehose/rawprogram_nand_p4K_b256K_update
.xml pass
[000.026]: md5 checking: /home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/update/mdm9640-perf-boot.img pass
[000.104]: md5 checking: /home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/update/mdm9640-perf-sysfs.ubi pass
[000.118]: md5 checking: /home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/update/mdm-perf-recovery-image-mdm9640-perf.ubi
pass
[000.182]: md5 checking: /home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/update/NON-HLOS.ubi pass
[000.182]: md5 checking: /home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/update/NPRG9x45.mbn pass
[000.182]: md5 checking: /home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/update/partition.mbn pass
[000.182]: md5 checking: /home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/update/partition_nand.xml pass
[000.183]: md5 checking: /home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/update/rpm.mbn pass
[000.184]: md5 checking: /home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/update/sbl1.mbn pass
[000.185]: md5 checking: /home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/update/tz.mbn pass
[000.185]: Totals checking 17 files md5 value, 0 file fail!
[000.185]: [1] /sys/bus/usb/devices/1-3 2c7c/306/310
[000.185]: P: /dev/bus/usb/001/006 idVendor=2c7c idProduct=0306
[000.185]: C: /dev/bus/usb/001/006 bNumInterfaces: 5
[000.185]: I: If#= 0 Alt= 0 #EPs= 2 Cls=ff Sub=ff Prot=ff
```

To specify a specific port name if you have multiple modules, or you are using a PCIE module, use the **-p <path-to-port>** command line parameter. e.g.,

```
sudo ./QFirehose -f /home/kcheng/EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001/ -p /dev/mhi_BHI
```

Module logging

QLog is a tool to collect module logs for debugging purposes. It is also available in source code form.

Just “make” it

```
kcheng@cyberlife:~/QLog$ ls
Android.mk  exampleCatchAsr_dump.txt      main.c    NOTICE    ql-tty2tcp.c  sahara_protocol.h  unisoc.c
asr.c       exampleCatch_dump_by_tftp.readme.txt  Makefile  qlog_files  qshrink4.c   tftp.c           ymodem.c
conf        exampleCatch_dump.readme.txt      mdm.c    qlog.h     sahara.c    tty2tcp.c
kcheng@cyberlife:~/QLog$ make
rm -rf QLog *.exe *.dSYM *.obj *.exp *.o *.lib *~ libs out android
gcc -Wall -g main.c asr.c mdm.c tty2tcp.c sahara.c tftp.c ymodem.c unisoc.c -o QLog -lpthread -ldl
kcheng@cyberlife:~/QLog$ ls
Android.mk  exampleCatchAsr_dump.txt      main.c    NOTICE    qlog.h     sahara.c    tty2tcp.c
asr.c       exampleCatch_dump_by_tftp.readme.txt  Makefile  QLog      ql-tty2tcp.c  sahara_protocol.h  unisoc.c
conf        exampleCatch_dump.readme.txt      mdm.c    qlog_files  qshrink4.c   tftp.c           ymodem.c
```

Execute it with root privileges. We may provide a log filer file in .cfg form. Use the -f command line parameter to specify the filter file.

QLog will take some time to initialize, for LTE modules it takes a few seconds, but for 5G modules it can take half a minute. Please wait for this “qlog_init_filter_finished” prompt before trying to reproduce the issue.

```
[017.183] qlog_init_filter_finished
```

Once QLog is running, you can press CTRL+C to stop QLog. The log files will be stored in a subfolder called qlog_files, like this.

```
kcheng@cyberlife:~/QLog$ ls qlog_files
20221014_135504_0000.qmdl  20221014_135802_0000.qmdl  20221014_140607_0000.qmdl
```

For some newer modules an AT command is needed to enable debug logging. Without it the collected log file will be almost empty. To enable debug logging, use this command. The setting is persistent across power cycle.

```
at+qcfg="dbgctl",0
```

To check current setting

```
at+qcfg="dbgctl"
```

example command line. Note the V10 part of the name 5GNR_LTE_CN_V10.cfg is a revision number and it can be updated over time.

```
kcheng@kcrockpro64:~/repo/QLog_Linux_Android_V1.5.14$ ls ./conf/
5GNR_LTE_CN_V11.cfg
5GNR_LTE_CN_V9.cfg
default.cfg
defaultNR5G1216.cfg
NR5GRegistration0608.cfg
ota_at_qmi.cfg
```

```
sudo ./QLog -f /home/kcheng/5GNR_LTE_CN_VXX.cfg
```

```
kcheng@cyberlife:~/QLog$ sudo ./QLog -f /home/kcheng/5GNR_LTE_CN_V10.cfg
[000.000] QLog Version: Quectel_QLog_Linux&Android_V1.5
[000.000] will use filter file: /home/kcheng/5GNR_LTE_CN_V10.cfg
[000.101] Find [0] idVendor=2c7c, idProduct=0306, bNumInterfaces=5, ttyDM=/dev/ttyUSB0, busnum=001, dev=009, usbdevic
e_pah=/sys/bus/usb/devices/1-3
[000.104] open /dev/ttyUSB0 ttyfd = 3
[000.104] Press CTRL+C to stop catch log.
[000.104] catch log via tty port
[000.110] qlog_logfile_create qlog_files/20221014_135802_0000.qmdl logfd=4
[002.416] timeout g_mdm_req=4b
[004.751] timeout g_mdm_req=4b
[005.035] qlog_init_filter_finished
[005.157] recv: 0M 38K 771B in 5053 msec
[010.362] recv: 0M 173K 1016B in 5205 msec
```

To specify a specific port name if you have multiple modules, or you are using a PCIE module, use the **-p <path-to-port>** command line parameter. e.g.,

```
sudo ./QLog -f /home/kcheng/5GNR_LTE_CN_V10.cfg -p /dev/mhi_DIAG
```

For data call or network registration related issues, a log starting from the beginning including network attach is usually needed. We can use AT command to disable radio and start logging. i.e.

- AT+QCFG="dbgctl",0 (it may return ERROR for some modules, ignore it)
- AT+CFUN=0
- Start QLog and wait for a few seconds for it to initialize. Wait for the prompt "**qlog_init_filter_finished**", for the log filter to take effect. For 5G modules it may take up to half a minute.
- AT+CFUN=1
- Wait for a few seconds and run some AT commands to collect basic information.
- AT+QGMR
- AT+CIMI
- AT+CGSN
- AT+QMBNCFG="list"
- AT+CGDCONT?
- AT+CGCONTRDP
- AT+COPS?
- AT+QNWINFO
- AT+QCSQ
- AT+CREG?
- AT+CEREG?
- AT+C5GREG?
- AT+QENG="SERVINGCELL"
- AT+QENG="NEIGHBOURCELL"
- AT+QCFG="NWSCANMODE" (for LPWA modules)
- AT+QOPSCFG="SCANCONTROL" (for LPWA modules)
- Maybe even AT+COPS=?
- Make data call with quectel-CM if it is related.

For example

```
at+qcfg="dbgctl"
+QCFG: "dbgctl",0

OK
at+cfun=0
OK
at+cfun=1
OK

+CPIN: READY

+QUSIM: 1

+QIND: SMS DONE

+QIND: PB DONE
at+cops?
+COPS: 0,0,"TELUS",7

OK
at+qgmr
EM06ALAR04A01M4G_01.001.01.001

OK
```

CTRL-A Z for help | 115200 8N1 | NOR | Minicom 2.7 | VT102 | Offline | ttyUSB2

```
00:10:09 Conn SSH/22
kcheng@cyberlife:~/QLog$ sudo ./QLog -f /home/kcheng/5GNR_LTE_CN_V10.cfg
[000.000] QLog Version: Quectel_QLog_Linux&Android_V1.5
[000.000] will use filter file: /home/kcheng/5GNR_LTE_CN_V10.cfg
[000.100] Find [0] idVendor=2c7c, idProduct=0306, bNumInterfaces=5, ttyDM=/dev/ttyUSB0, busnum=001, dev=00
e_pah=/sys/bus/usb/devices/1-3
[000.103] open /dev/ttyUSB0 ttyfd = 3
[000.103] Press CTRL+C to stop catch log.
[000.103] catch log via tty port
[000.103] qlog_logfile_create qlog_files/20221014_140607_0000.qmdl logfd=4
[002.400] timeout g_mdm_req=4b
[004.726] timeout g_mdm_req=4b
[005.020] qlog_init_filter_finished
[005.122] recv: 0M 199K 589B in 5019 msec
[010.132] recv: 0M 479K 625B in 5010 msec
[015.139] recv: 7M 359K 24B in 5007 msec
^C[016.687] recv signal 2
[016.687] poll(handlefd) =-1, errno: 4 (Interrupted system call)
kcheng@cyberlife:~/QLog$
```

Please share the log file with us and we should be able to extract IP traffic (partial), see cellular handshakes and possibly find bugs.

The log file could be quite big, and we can try dropbox or google drive to share the file.

As we can see in this example, cellular OTA traffic is captured, and the APN used in network attach is seen.

UPDATE AVAILABLE: A new version of QXDM is available. Please upgrade to 5.1.410.0. NOTE: QXDM Release 5.2.0 and later will be 64 bit only. Please contact the team for any concern. Update Now																
Key	Type	Time Stamp	Name	Summary	SubID	Payload	HW Time Stamp	ProcID								
[0x80E2]	OTA LOG	21:06:18.321025	LTE NAS ESM Plain OTA Incoming ...	ESM information request Msg		0x10001300130...										
[0x80E3]	OTA LOG	21:06:18.322009	LTE NAS ESM Plain OTA Outgoing ...	ESM information response Msg		0x10002300230...										
[0x80C0]	OTA LOG	21:06:18.323013	UL_DCCH / DLInformationTransfer	Radio Bearer ID: 1, Freq: 2325, SFN: 0		0x10003b003b0...										
[0x80C0]	OTA LOG	21:06:18.377017	DL_DCCH / DLInformationTransfer	Radio Bearer ID: 1, Freq: 2325, SFN: 609		0x10003500350...										
[0x80EC]	OTA LOG	21:06:18.377017	LTE NAS EMM Plain OTA Incoming ...	EMM information Msg		0x10001d001d0...										
[0x80C0]	OTA LOG	21:06:19.267017	DL_DCCH / UECapabilityEnquiry	Radio Bearer ID: 1, Freq: 2325, SFN: 698		0x10002400240...										
[0x80C0]	OTA LOG	21:06:19.275159	DL_DCCH / UECapabilityInformation	Radio Bearer ID: 1, Freq: 2325, SFN: 0		0x1000da04da0...										
[0x80C0]	OTA LOG	21:06:19.311080	DL_DCCH / SecurityModeCommand	Radio Bearer ID: 1, Freq: 2325, SFN: 702		0x10002200220...										
[0x80C0]	OTA LOG	21:06:19.313004	UL_DCCH / SecurityModeComplete	Radio Bearer ID: 1, Freq: 2325, SFN: 0		0x10002100210...										
[0x80C0]	OTA LOG	21:06:19.343009	DL_DCCH / RRCConnectionReconfiguration	Radio Bearer ID: 1, Freq: 2325, SFN: 705		0x1000600e60...										
[0x80C0]	OTA LOG	21:06:19.349012	UL_DCCH / ...	Radio Bearer ID: 1, Freq: 2325, SFN: 0		0x10002100210...										
[0x80EC]	OTA LOG	21:06:19.350005	LTE NAS EMM Plain OTA Incoming ...	Attach accept Msg		0x1000400b40...										
[0x80E2]	OTA LOG	21:06:19.350005	LTE NAS ESM Plain OTA Incoming ...	Activate default EPS bearer context request ...		0x10009f009f00...										
[0x80ED]	OTA LOG	21:06:19.372014	LTE NAS EMM Plain OTA Outgoing ...	Attach complete Msg		0x10001700170...										
[0x80C0]	OTA LOG	21:06:19.373518	UL_DCCH / ULInformationTransfer	Radio Bearer ID: 2, Freq: 2325, SFN: 0		0x10002f002f00...										
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FAQs

Installed drivers do not take effect.

Please refer to the previous chapter “Note on driver installation.”

Data call failure

Type in APN. Update/restore APN, restart module and try again.

<https://github.com/abferm/libqmi/blob/master/src/libqmi-glib/qmi-enum-wds.h>

QMI_WDS_VERBOSE_CALL_END_REASON_INTERNAL_PDN_IPV4_CALL_THROTTLED = 209

```
xcheng@cyberlife:~/quectel-CM$ sudo ./quectel-CM
[10-14_14:42:34:626] QConnectManager_Linux_V1.6.1
[10-14_14:42:34:627] Find /sys/bus/usb/devices/1-3 idVendor=0x2c7c idProduct=0x306, bus=0x001, dev=0x009
[10-14_14:42:34:627] Auto find qmichannel = /dev/cdc-wdm1
[10-14_14:42:34:627] Auto find usbneth_adapter = wwan0
[10-14_14:42:34:627] netcard driver = qmi_wwan_q, driver version = V1.2.1
[10-14_14:42:34:627] qmap_mode = 1, qmap_version = 5, qmap_size = 16384, muxid = 0x81, qmap_netcard = wwan0
[10-14_14:42:34:628] Modem works in QMI mode
[10-14_14:42:34:631] cdc_wdm_fd = 7
[10-14_14:42:34:823] Get clientWDS = 21
[10-14_14:42:34:887] Get clientDMS = 1
[10-14_14:42:34:951] Get clientNAS = 3
[10-14_14:42:35:015] Get clientUIM = 3
[10-14_14:42:35:079] Get clientWDA = 1
[10-14_14:42:35:143] requestBaseBandVersion EM06ALAR04A01M4G
[10-14_14:42:35:208] qmap_settings.rx_urb_size = 16384
[10-14_14:42:35:208] qmap_settings.ul_data_aggregation_max_datagrams = 11
[10-14_14:42:35:208] qmap_settings.ul_data_aggregation_max_size = 8000
[10-14_14:42:35:208] qmap_settings.dl_minimum_padding = 0
[10-14_14:42:35:464] requestGetSIMStatus SIMStatus: SIM_READY
[10-14_14:42:35:531] requestGetProfile[1] isp.tels.com///0/IPV4
[10-14_14:42:35:592] requestRegistrationState2 MCC: 302, MNC: 220, PS: Detached, DataCap: UNKNOW
[10-14_14:42:35:655] requestQueryDataCall IPv4ConnectionStatus: DISCONNECTED
[10-14_14:42:35:655] ifconfig wwan0 0.0.0.0
[10-14_14:42:35:657] ifconfig wwan0 down
[10-14_14:42:36:360] requestRegistrationState2 MCC: 302, MNC: 220, PS: Detached, DataCap: UNKNOW
[10-14_14:42:36:744] requestRegistrationState2 MCC: 302, MNC: 220, PS: Detached, DataCap: UMTS
[10-14_14:42:36:872] requestRegistrationState2 MCC: 302, MNC: 220, PS: Detached, DataCap: UMTS
[10-14_14:42:36:936] requestRegistrationState2 MCC: 302, MNC: 220, PS: Detached, DataCap: UMTS
[10-14_14:42:37:000] requestRegistrationState2 MCC: 302, MNC: 220, PS: Detached, DataCap: UMTS
[10-14_14:42:37:064] requestRegistrationState2 MCC: 302, MNC: 220, PS: Detached, DataCap: UMTS
[10-14_14:42:37:128] requestRegistrationState2 MCC: 302, MNC: 220, PS: Detached, DataCap: UMTS
[10-14_14:42:38:505] requestRegistrationState2 MCC: 302, MNC: 220, PS: Attached, DataCap: UMTS
[10-14_14:42:38:567] requestSetupDataCall QMUXResult = 0x1, QMUXError = 0xe
[10-14_14:42:38:567] call_end_reason is 1
[10-14_14:42:38:567] call_end_reason_type is 2
[10-14_14:42:38:567] call_end_reason_verbose is 209
[10-14_14:42:38:567] try to requestSetupDataCall 5 second later
[10-14_14:42:38:633] requestRegistrationState2 MCC: 302, MNC: 220, PS: Attached, DataCap: UMTS
[10-14_14:42:38:761] requestRegistrationState2 MCC: 302, MNC: 220, PS: Attached, DataCap: UMTS
[10-14_14:42:43:815] requestSetupDataCall QMUXResult = 0x1, QMUXError = 0xe
[10-14_14:42:43:815] call_end_reason is 1
[10-14_14:42:43:815] call_end_reason_type is 2
[10-14_14:42:43:815] call_end_reason_verbose is 209
[10-14_14:42:43:815] try to requestSetupDataCall 10 second later
^C[10-14_14:42:53:255] QmiWwanThread exit
[10-14_14:42:53:255] qmi_main exit
```

FAQs cont.

Call_end_reason_verbose is 239, i.e., APN_DISALLOWED_ON_ROAMING

It is a Verizon SIM, but the data call was made without the “-n 3” command line parameter. i.e., incorrectly using default PDP1 for data call. Adding -n 3 to the command line will fix the issue

```
kcheng@cyberlife:~/quectel-CM$ sudo ./quectel-CM
[10-14_14:50:31:420] QConnectManager_Linux_V1.6.1
[10-14_14:50:31:421] Find /sys/bus/usb/devices/1-3 idVendor=0x2c7c idProduct=0x306, bus=0x001, dev=0x009
[10-14_14:50:31:421] Auto find qmichannel = /dev/cdc-wdm1
[10-14_14:50:31:421] Auto find usbnat_adapter = wwan0
[10-14_14:50:31:421] netcard driver = qmi_wwan_q, driver version = V1.2.1
[10-14_14:50:31:422] qmap_mode = 1, qmap_version = 5, qmap_size = 16384, muxid = 0x81, qmap_netcard = wwan0
[10-14_14:50:31:422] Modem works in QMI mode
[10-14_14:50:31:426] cdc_wdm_fd = 7
[10-14_14:50:31:615] Get clientWDS = 21
[10-14_14:50:31:679] Get clientDMS = 1
[10-14_14:50:31:743] Get clientNAS = 3
[10-14_14:50:31:807] Get clientUIM = 3
[10-14_14:50:31:871] Get clientWDA = 1
[10-14_14:50:31:935] requestBaseBandVersion EM06ALAR04A01M4G
[10-14_14:50:32:000] qmap_settings.rx_urb_size = 16384
[10-14_14:50:32:000] qmap_settings.ul_data_aggregation_max_datagrams = 11
[10-14_14:50:32:000] qmap_settings.ul_data_aggregation_max_size = 8000
[10-14_14:50:32:000] qmap_settings.dl_minimum_padding = 0
[10-14_14:50:32:257] requestGetSIMStatus SIMStatus: SIM_READY
[10-14_14:50:32:323] requestGetProfile[1] ims///0/IPv4V6
[10-14_14:50:32:385] requestRegistrationState2 MCC: 302, MNC: 610, PS: Attached, DataCap: LTE
[10-14_14:50:32:447] requestQueryDataCall IPv4ConnectionStatus: DISCONNECTED
[10-14_14:50:32:447] ifconfig wwan0 0.0.0.0
[10-14_14:50:32:450] ifconfig wwan0 down
[10-14_14:50:32:511] requestSetupDataCall QMUXResult = 0x1, QMUXError = 0xe
[10-14_14:50:32:511] call_end_reason is 1
[10-14_14:50:32:511] call_end_reason_type is 2
[10-14_14:50:32:511] call_end_reason_verbose is 239
[10-14_14:50:32:511] try to requestSetupDataCall 5 second later
[10-14_14:50:37:535] requestSetupDataCall QMUXResult = 0x1, QMUXError = 0xe
[10-14_14:50:37:535] call_end_reason is 1
[10-14_14:50:37:535] call_end_reason_type is 2
[10-14_14:50:37:535] call_end_reason_verbose is 239
[10-14_14:50:37:535] try to requestSetupDataCall 10 second later
^C[10-14_14:50:39:263] QmiWwanThread exit
[10-14_14:50:39:264] qmi_main exit
```

Correct case:

```
[10-14_14:54:52:675] requestGetSIMStatus SIMStatus: SIM_READY
[10-14_14:54:52:740] requestGetProfile[3] VZWINTERNET///0/IPv4V6
```

FAQs cont.

SIM is not detected

```
[10-14_14:59:53:731] requestGetSIMStatus SIMStatus: SIM_ABSENT
[10-14_14:59:53:799] requestGetProfile[1] isp.telus.com///0/IPv4
[10-14_14:59:53:860] requestRegistrationState2 MCC: 302, MNC: 720, PS: Detached, DataCap: UNKNOWN
[10-14_14:59:53:923] requestQueryDataCall IPv4ConnectionStatus: DISCONNECTED
[10-14_14:59:53:923] ifconfig wwan0 0.0.0.0
[10-14_14:59:53:925] ifconfig wwan0 down
```

Call end reasons

These are usually APN/SIM account related. Some SIM plans only allow IPV6; please check with the carrier about APN setup and data call restrictions.

It is also possible that another data call is already in progress.

e.g., The module may have connected to a Windows or Linux PC that brings up data calls automatically, and the module is re-connected to another host without a power cycle. The previous data session is kept, and making a new one is not allowed.

QMI_WDS_VERBOSE_CALL_END_REASON_INTERNAL_PDN_IPV4_CALL_DISALLOWED	= 208,
QMI_WDS_VERBOSE_CALL_END_REASON_INTERNAL_PDN_IPV4_CALL_THROTTLED	= 209,
QMI_WDS_VERBOSE_CALL_END_REASON_INTERNAL_PDN_IPV6_CALL_DISALLOWED	= 210,
QMI_WDS_VERBOSE_CALL_END_REASON_INTERNAL_PDN_IPV6_CALL_THROTTLED	= 211,
QMI_WDS_CALL_END_REASON_GSM_WCDMA_OPTION_NOT_SUPPORTED	= 1017,
QMI_WDS_CALL_END_REASON_GSM_WCDMA_OPTION_UNSUBSCRIBED	= 1018,

Traditional network interface names like eth0

You may see random-looking names like ens33 on newer systems. It is a new behavior introduced by systemd.

Please refer to this link if you prefer old-style names like I do.

<https://www.itzgeek.com/how-tos/mini-howtos/change-default-network-name-ens33-to-old-eth0-on-ubuntu-16-04.html>

SIOCDELRT: No such process

It is an expected behavior. /etc/udhcpc/default.script deletes all existing default routes with a loop, and the system reports this error message when there is no more default route to delete. We can safely ignore it.

Custom DNS server address

<https://wiki.archlinux.org/title/systemd-resolved>

FAQs cont.

DHCP retries

Reason 1: qmi_wwan was used instead of qmi_wwan_q. quectel-CM will enable RAW IP after the first DHCP attempt fails. Please consider switching to qmi_wwan_q

Reason 2: qmi_wwan_q 1.2.1 is buggy. Please update to 1.2.2 or newer

Reason 3: pcie_mhi driver issue. Please update to 1.3.4 or newer.

```
kcheng@kcrackpro64:~/repo/quectel-CM-1.6.4$ sudo ./quectel-CM
[11-03_11:41:27:496] QConnectManager_Linux_V1.6.4
[11-03_11:41:27:499] Find /sys/bus/usb/devices/4-1 idVendor=0x2c7c idProduct=0x801, bus=0x004, dev=0x002
[11-03_11:41:27:502] Auto find qmichannel = /dev/cdc-wdm0
[11-03_11:41:27:502] Auto find usbnet_adapter = wwan0
[11-03_11:41:27:502] netcard driver = qmi_wwan_q, driver version = V1.2.1
[11-03_11:41:27:503] qmap_mode = 1, qmap_version = 5, qmap_size = 31744, muxid = 0x81, qmap_netcard = wwan0
[11-03_11:41:27:504] Modem works in QMI mode
[11-03_11:41:27:576] cdc_wdm_fd = 7
[11-03_11:41:28:577] QmiWwanInit message timeout
[11-03_11:41:29:834] Get clientWDS = 14
[11-03_11:41:29:866] Get clientDMS = 1
[11-03_11:41:29:898] Get clientNAS = 3
[11-03_11:41:29:930] Get clientUIM = 2
[11-03_11:41:29:962] Get clientWDA = 1
[11-03_11:41:29:993] requestBaseBandVersion RM520NGLAAR01A05M4G
[11-03_11:41:30:026] qmap_settings.rx_urb_size = 31744
[11-03_11:41:30:026] qmap_settings.ul_data_aggregation_max_datagrams = 11
[11-03_11:41:30:026] qmap_settings.ul_data_aggregation_max_size = 8192
[11-03_11:41:30:026] qmap_settings.dl_minimum_padding = 0
[11-03_11:41:30:026] ioctl(0x89f2, qmap_settings) failed: Operation not supported, rc=-1
[11-03_11:41:30:153] requestGetSIMStatus SIMStatus: SIM_READY
[11-03_11:41:30:186] requestGetProfile[1] ///0/IPv4V6
[11-03_11:41:30:218] requestRegistrationState2 MCC: 302, MNC: 220, PS: Attached, DataCap: 5G_NSA
[11-03_11:41:30:250] requestQueryDataCall IPv4ConnectionStatus: DISCONNECTED
[11-03_11:41:30:250] ifconfig wwan0 0.0.0.0
[11-03_11:41:30:264] ifconfig wwan0 down
[11-03_11:41:30:314] requestSetupDataCall WdsConnectionIPv4Handle: 0x67ab2d80
[11-03_11:41:30:442] ifconfig wwan0 up
[11-03_11:41:30:458] busybox udhcpc -f -n -q -t 5 -i wwan0
udhcpc: started, v1.30.1
udhcpc: sending discover
[11-03_11:41:45:708] /etc/udhcpc/default.script: Lease failed:
udhcpc: no lease, failing
[11-03_11:41:45:725] ip -4 address flush dev wwan0
[11-03_11:41:45:743] ip -4 address add 25.248.168.170/30 dev wwan0
[11-03_11:41:45:760] ip -4 route add default via 25.248.168.169 dev wwan0
```

Driver build error about missing files or directory

```
kcheng@kcrasp4:~/repo/20220902/v5.15.11 $ make
make -C /lib/modules/6.1.21-v8+/build M=/home/kcheng/repo/20220902/v5.15.11 clean
make[1]: *** /lib/modules/6.1.21-v8+/build: No such file or directory. Stop.
make: *** [Makefile:16: clean] Error 2
```

Reason 1: Did you install kernel header?

Reason 2: Did you specify the CPU architecture? See page 22.

Reason 3: Kernel is 64 bit but the installed kernel header is 32 bit. See Page 3.