



DPDK

DATA PLANE DEVELOPMENT KIT

Baseband Device Drivers

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BBDEV NULL POLL MODE DRIVER

The (**baseband_null**) is a bbdev poll mode driver which provides a minimal implementation of a software bbdev device. As a null device it does not modify the data in the mbuf on which the bbdev operation is to operate and it only works for operation type `RTE_BBDEV_OP_NONE`.

When a burst of mbufs is submitted to a *bbdev null PMD* for processing then each mbuf in the burst will be enqueued in an internal buffer ring to be collected on a dequeue call.

1.1 Limitations

- In-place operations for Turbo encode and decode are not supported

1.2 Installation

The *bbdev null PMD* is enabled and built by default in both the Linux and FreeBSD builds.

1.3 Initialization

To use the PMD in an application, user must:

- Call `rte_vdev_init("baseband_null")` within the application.
- Use `--vdev="baseband_null"` in the EAL options, which will call `rte_vdev_init()` internally.

The following parameters (all optional) can be provided in the previous two calls:

- `socket_id`: Specify the socket where the memory for the device is going to be allocated (by default, `socket_id` will be the socket where the core that is creating the PMD is running on).
- `max_nb_queues`: Specify the maximum number of queues in the device (default is `RTE_MAX_LCORE`).

1.3.1 Example:

```
./test-bbdev.py -e="--vdev=baseband_null,socket_id=0,max_nb_queues=8"
```

SW TURBO POLL MODE DRIVER

The SW Turbo PMD (**baseband_turbo_sw**) provides a poll mode bbdev driver that utilizes Intel optimized libraries for LTE Layer 1 workloads acceleration. This PMD supports the functions: Turbo FEC, Rate Matching and CRC functions.

2.1 Features

SW Turbo PMD has support for the following capabilities:

For the encode operation:

- RTE_BBDEV_TURBO_CRC_24A_ATTACH
- RTE_BBDEV_TURBO_CRC_24B_ATTACH
- RTE_BBDEV_TURBO_RATE_MATCH
- RTE_BBDEV_TURBO_RV_INDEX_BYPASS

For the decode operation:

- RTE_BBDEV_TURBO_SUBBLOCK_DEINTERLEAVE
- RTE_BBDEV_TURBO_CRC_TYPE_24B
- RTE_BBDEV_TURBO_POS_LLR_1_BIT_IN
- RTE_BBDEV_TURBO_NEG_LLR_1_BIT_IN
- RTE_BBDEV_TURBO_DEC_TB_CRC_24B_KEEP
- RTE_BBDEV_TURBO_EARLY_TERMINATION

2.2 Limitations

- In-place operations for Turbo encode and decode are not supported

2.3 Installation

2.3.1 FlexRAN SDK Download

To build DPDK with the *baseband_turbo_sw* PMD the user is required to download the export controlled FlexRAN SDK Libraries. An account at [Intel Resource Design Center](#) needs to be registered.

Once registered, the user needs to log in, and look for *Intel FlexRAN Software Release Package -18-09* to download or directly through this [link](#).

After download is complete, the user needs to unpack and compile on their system before building DPDK.

The following table maps DPDK versions with past FlexRAN SDK releases:

Table 2.1: DPDK and FlexRAN SDK releases compliance

DPDK version	FlexRAN SDK release
18.02	1.3.0
18.05	1.4.0
18.08	1.6.0
19.02	18.09

2.3.2 FlexRAN SDK Installation

The following are pre-requisites for building FlexRAN SDK Libraries:

1. An AVX2 supporting machine
2. CentOS Linux release 7.2.1511 (Core) operating system
3. Intel ICC 18.0.1 20171018 compiler installed

The following instructions should be followed in this exact order:

1. Set the environment variables:

```
source <path-to-icc-compiler-install-folder>/linux/bin/compilervars.sh intel64 -platform
```

2. Extract the 605167-flexran-18-09-tar.gz package:

```
mkdir FlexRAN-18.09
tar xvzf 605167-flexran-18-09-tar.gz -C FlexRAN-18.09/
```

3. Run the SDK extractor script and accept the license:

```
cd <path-to-workspace>/FlexRAN-18.09/
./SDK-18.09.sh
```

4. Generate makefiles based on system configuration:

```
cd <path-to-workspace>/FlexRAN-18.09/SDK-18.09/sdk/
./create-makefiles-linux.sh
```

5. A build folder is generated in this form build-<ISA>-<CC>, enter that folder and install:

```
cd build-avx2-icc/
make && make install
```

2.4 Initialization

In order to enable this virtual bbdev PMD, the user must:

- Build the `FLEXRAN` SDK libraries (explained in Installation section).
- Export the environmental variables `FLEXRAN_SDK` to the path where the FlexRAN SDK libraries were installed. And `DIR_WIRELESS_SDK` to the path where the libraries were extracted.

Example:

```
export FLEXRAN_SDK=<path-to-workspace>/FlexRAN-18.09/SDK-18.09/sdk/build-avx2-icc/install
export DIR_WIRELESS_SDK=<path-to-workspace>/FlexRAN-18.09/SDK-18.09/sdk/
```

- Set `CONFIG_RTE_LIBRTE_PMD_BBDEV_TURBO_SW=y` in DPDK common configuration file `config/common_base`.

To use the PMD in an application, user must:

- Call `rte_vdev_init("baseband_turbo_sw")` within the application.
- Use `--vdev="baseband_turbo_sw"` in the EAL options, which will call `rte_vdev_init()` internally.

The following parameters (all optional) can be provided in the previous two calls:

- `socket_id`: Specify the socket where the memory for the device is going to be allocated (by default, `socket_id` will be the socket where the core that is creating the PMD is running on).
- `max_nb_queues`: Specify the maximum number of queues in the device (default is `RTE_MAX_LCORE`).

2.4.1 Example:

```
./test-bbdev.py -e="--vdev=baseband_turbo_sw,socket_id=0,max_nb_queues=8" \
-c validation -v ./turbo*_default.data
```