

Total Freedom 2.0

Plug-In Developer's Guide

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Contents and Development Environment

Package Contents

- **ARM™ ELF Toolchain for Cygwin**
The ARM ELF cross-compiling toolchain installation package for an IBM®-compatible Windows® PC.
Note: You must install the Cygwin software before using this cross-compiling toolchain.
- **ARM ELF Toolchain for Linux PC**
The ARM ELF cross-compiling toolchain package for an IBM-compatible Linux® PC.
- **Plug-in Samples**
Folder containing sample plug-in development projects. The Sample folder is created when you install the toolchain.

Before downloading a plug-in to the scanner, you must first compile the plug-in on an IBM-compatible Linux PC using the ARM ELF Toolchain for Linux PC or on a Windows PC with installed Cygwin software using the ARM ELF Toolchain for Cygwin.
- **EZConfig-Scanning**
Used to download and debug.

System Requirements

TotalFreedom GNU Toolchain is supported under the following system requirements:

- Processor: Minimum 1GHz:
- Memory: Minimum 512 MB RAM
- Hard Drives: Minimum 300 MB free disk space
- Operating system: Windows XP, Fedora 11, Fedora 12, Red Hat 9
- Software dependencies: GNU Make 3.81 or later

The Toolchain has not been tested on other operating systems besides those mentioned above. Support for 64-bit operating systems is not available.

Plug-in Development Environment

Installing ARM ELF Toolchain for Linux PC

1. Log into an IBM-compatible Linux PC as the root user.
2. Copy the tarball file PluginToolbin_Linux.tar.bz2 in the package.
3. Untar the PluginToolbin_Linux.tar.bz2 file:

```
mkdir /opt/ArmTools
cd /opt/ArmTools/
tar -xvf PluginToolbin_Linux.tar.bz2
```

4. Log out as root, then add the path to the Toolchain executables as follows:

```
export PATH=$PATH:/opt/ArmTools/PluginToolbin/arm-matrix-eabi/bin
```

Note: You must set the environmental variable PATH to point to the Toolchain executables for every software developer intending to compile a plug-in for Matrix.

Installing ARM ELF Toolchain for Cygwin

Before installing the Toolchain for Cygwin, you must install the Cygwin package for Microsoft Windows from <http://www.cygwin.com>.

Note: You must explicitly select some of the packages such as “make” and “gcc” during the installation setup. We recommend that you install Cygwin completely.

For additional help about installing and setting up Cygwin, please refer to

<http://cygwin.com/cygwin-ug-net/setup-net.html>

1. Install Cygwin (usually in the directory C:\cygwin).
2. Execute Cygwin.
3. Copy the tarball file PluginToolbin_Cygwin.tar.bz2 in the package and then un-tar it:

```
mkdir -p /cygdrive/c/MatrixTools/ArmTools
cd /cygdrive/c/MatrixTools/ArmTools
tar -xvf PluginToolbin_Cygwin.tar.bz2
```

Caution: The command above installs the package at the default location C:\MatrixTools\ArmTools\. If you change the installation path, remember to adjust the given samples as needed.



Plug-in Development

The plug-in is actually a relocatable ELF file. Total Freedom plug-ins are different than a normal program running on a common operating system such as Windows and Linux.

The plug-in has no main function but does have an initial function instead of the main entry function.

The following function plug-in types can be defined: decode plug-ins and format plug-ins. Another special kind of helper plug-in provides functions that can be called by other kinds of plug-ins. You can divide a plug-in into a functional plug-in and helper plug-in(s), which allows the sharing and changing of plug-in code and data in a modular fashion (see Declare Plug-in on page 5).

The installation package contains both a format plug-in sample and a helper plug-in sample.

Header Files

Use standard C library functions to develop plug-ins. To use the standard C library functions, include the standard C Library header files as you would when developing a standalone program. You also need Honeywell-defined header files to properly create plug-ins.

The following header files must be included:

```
#include <hsm_plugin/matrix_plugin.h>
```

The matrix_plugin.h header file contains the basic defines and data structures of the plug-in. All plug-ins must include this header file.

```
#include <hsm_plugin/matrix_format_plugin.h>
```

The format plug-in header file contains relevant defines, data structures and API declarations. You must include this header file when creating a format plug-in.

```
#include <hsm_plugin/matrix_beep_led.h>
```

This file contains the beeper and LED control system call defines and declarations.

```
#include <hsm_plugin/matrix_bar codeid.h>
```

This header file contains Honeywell Symbology ID definitions. You must include this header file in plug-ins that work with the symbology IDs in the processed result of the scanner.

```
#include <hsm_plugin/matrix_decode_plugin.h>
```

This header file contains the decode plug-in definitions, data structures and API declarations.

Note: These header files are built into the toolchain. Include them as follows:

```
#include <hsm_plugin/HEADER_FILE.h>
```

Plug-in Chain

Honeywell scanners provide a chain function that allows you to compact multiple plug-ins into a plug-in chain MOCF file. The data can be handled by this plug-in chain. The output data from the previous plug-in is passed to the next plug-in as the input data. The system routine should be a special plug-in and enabled by default. Call plug-ins and the system routine in the order of their appearance in the XML configuration file.

Build Bin Files for Every Plug-in

Build every plug-in used for the plug-in chain. The “*.plugin” files generated are used to create a plug-in chain MOC file.

Create a Plug-in Chain Configuration File

The configuration file determines whether the bar code data should be sent to plug-in routines or a system routine, and the order of the data. If there is no system routine configuration entry in the XML file, by default the scanner will call the system routine after all plug-ins have been called.

The following is an example of Plug-in Chain configuration file:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<Format_Plugin>

  < FormatPlugin_1>
    <! Configurations for FormatPlugin_1!>
    .....
    <entrydatastate> MODIFIED </entrydatastate>
    <chainonexit> CHAINALWAYS </chainonexit>
    .....
  </ FormatPlugin_1>

  <SystemRoutine>
    <entrydatastate> MODIFIED </entrydatastate>
    <chainonexit> CHAINIFSUCCESS </chainonexit>
  </SystemRoutine>

  < FormatPlugin_2>
    <! Configurations for FormatPlugin_2!>
    .....
    <entrydatastate> ORIGINAL </entrydatastate>
    <chainonexit> CHAINALWAYS </chainonexit>

  </ FormatPlugin_2>
```

```
.....  
</Format_Plugin>
```

In this configuration, first call FormatPlugin_1. Then, if FormatPlugin_1 parsed the input data successfully, the system routine is called and the output data from FormatPlugin_1 is passed to the system routine as input. If FormatPlugin_1 failed to parse the data, the system routine won't be called. After the system routine is treated, FormatPlugin_2 is treated according to its settings (whether it is called, what kind of input data should be passed, etc.). All the plug-ins are treated by calling the logic component in the firmware in the order of their appearance in the XML file.

Create MOCF File that Contains Multiple Plug-ins

To create a plug-in chain MOCF file with multiple "*.plugin" files, create a MOCF file with one of the files first and then use the AppendToMocf tool to add plug-in files to the MOCF file.

```
AppendToMocf -m $(OutputFile) -t CompatProd -f $(CompatProdRecFile) -d  
AppendToMocf -m $(OutputFile) -t user -f FormatPlugin_1.plugin  
AppendToMocf -m $(OutputFile) -t user -f FormatPlugin_2.plugin  
AppendToMocf -m $(OutputFile) -t user -f ChainConf  
AppendToMocf -m $(OutputFile) -t CustomDefaults -f  
ChainCustomDefaults.txt
```

Define Plug-in Information

Certain information must be built into the plug-in for it to load it properly. Define this information in the same source file with the plug-in declaration (see Plug-in Chain on page 4):

```
#define PLUGIN_NAME           SamplePlugin  
#define COMPANY_NAME         Plug-In Developer, Inc.  
#define MAJOR_VERSION         5  
#define MONOR_VERSION         3  
#define BUILD_NUMBER          37  
#define CERTIFICATE           102148  
#define CERTIFICATE_TIME      2010/02/02 15:00:05  
#define PLUGIN_GUID           abcd1234  
#define FILE_NAME             Sample.plugin
```

Note that the value of the definition should be ASCII character strings without double quotes. Spaces and commas are permitted in the string.

Declare Plug-in

The macro 'DECLARE_PLUGIN(init_plugin, cleanup_plugin, plugin_type, MenuID)' (defined in "matrix_plugin.h") is used to declare the plug-in so the scanner can obtain information from the plug-in when it is loaded:

```
DECLARE_PLUGIN(init_plugin, cleanup_plugin, HON_PLUGIN_FORMAT, 0x01);
```

The `init_plugin` and `cleanup_plugin` correspond to the addresses of the plug-in initial function and plug-in cleanup function respectively (see Decode Plug-in APIs on page 31).

The plug-in class type is defined as:

```
enum HONPluginClassType
{
    HON_PLUGIN_TYPE_UNKNOWN = 0,
    HON_PLUGIN_FORMAT,
    HON_PLUGIN_DECODE
};
```

MenuID is the identifier that scanners use to identify different plug-ins when they pass menu bar codes to plug-ins (see ProcessingBarcode on page 25).

Export Symbols for Other Plug-ins

You can reference symbols that are defined in other functions. This helps you divide plug-ins into parts so that you can upgrade specific parts of the plug-in while keeping the rest of the plug-in unchanged.

To export a symbol to other plug-ins, use the macro `EXPORT_SYMBOL(symbol)`:

```
int HelloWorld(void)
{
    printf("Hello World Symbol\r\n");
    return 0;
}

EXPORT_SYMBOL(HelloWorld);
```

Note: You must define the plug-in that exports symbols for other plug-ins to call before defining any other plug-ins that will call the exported symbols in the plug-in configuration file. Otherwise, the loading of plug-ins will fail.

Define Plug-in Entry Function and Exit Function

Since the plug-in is not an executable program binary, it does not have “main” function. Instead, it contains an entry function and an exit function. The entry function is called when the plug-in is loaded to the initial plug-in and register plug-in APIs. You may need the exit function to clean up the plug-in contents when removing it.

Define your plug-in entry and exit functions by using the following prototypes:

```
int init_plugin(HONPluginRawInfo *plugin);
void cleanup_plugin(void);
```

The definitions of the entry function and exit function in `HelloWorld.c` are:

```
int init_plugin(HONPluginRawInfo *plugin)
{
```

```

/* This is a Hello World plug-in sample and you can add what you want
here */
printf("/*****\r\n");
printf("      Hello World Plug-in \r\n");
printf("/*****\r\n");

return 0;
}

void cleanup_plugin(void)
{
    return;          // Do nothing
}

```

The entry function registers plug-in APIs (see Register API on page 26).

Makefile

The sample plug-in projects provide a frame structure of the Makefile for creating your own plug-in(s). You can easily generate a Makefile by modifying the sample Makefile. The Makefile template is updated to support generating the MOCF file.

```

#Environment variables, Needed to modify to "PREFIX =
/opt/ArmTools/PluginToolbin" if #use tool chain for Linux PC
PREFIX = /cygdrive/c/MatrixTools/ArmTools/PluginToolbin

CFLAGS = -mcpu=arm926ej-s -Wall -Wundef -fomit-frame-pointer -mfloat-
abi=soft -mno-apcs-frame -Wstrict-prototypes -Wno-trigraphs -fno-
strict-aliasing -fno-common -I${PREFIX}/arm-matrix-eabi/include

LDFLAGS = -L${PREFIX}/arm-matrix-eabi/lib -L${PREFIX}/lib/gcc/arm-
matrix-eabi/4.3.2

CC = ${PREFIX}/bin/arm-matrix-eabi-gcc
LD = ${PREFIX}/bin/arm-matrix-eabi-ld
STRIP = ${PREFIX}/bin/arm-matrix-eabi-strip
APPENDMOC = ${PREFIX}/Tools/AppendToMocf
COMPATPODFILE = ${PREFIX}/Tools/AppCompatProd.txt

#
# User defined fields
# Modify 'BINNAME' to define the name of the plug-in output
# Modify 'OBS' to define list of object file names
#

```

```

BINNAME = Helper
OBJS = helper_plugin_sample.o

# Tatgets
all: moc

.PHONY: moc

moc:$(BINNAME).moc

$(BINNAME).moc: $(BINNAME).plugin $(BINNAME)Conf
    $(APPENDMOC) -m $@ -t CompatProd -f $(COMPATPODFILE) -d
    $(APPENDMOC) -m $@ -t user -f $(BINNAME).plugin
    $(APPENDMOC) -m $@ -t user -f $(BINNAME)Conf
    @echo '          ***** Modified your $(BINNAME)Conf and try "make moc"
again *****'

$(OBJS): %.o: %.c

$(BINNAME).plugin: $(OBJS)
    $(LD) -marmelf -r $(LDFLAGS) -o foo.bin $(OBJS) -lc -lmatrix -lgcc
    $(STRIP) -g -o $@ foo.bin
    rm -rf foo.bin

clean:
    -rm -f *.o *~ $(BINNAME).plugin *.moc

```

You can use the Makefile template to build a MOCF file of a single plug-in along with a configuration file. To put multiple plug-ins in one MOCF file, use the tool “AppendToMocf” and the product-compatible file “AppCompatProd.txt”, located in the Tools folder where the toolkits were installed. Put the plug-ins that you want to add to the MOCF file and the plug-in configuration file in the same folder and use following commands:

```

$(ToolKitsInstallDir)/Tools/AppendToMocf -m Plugin.moc -t CompatProd -
f ${ ToolKitsInstallDir }/Tools/AppCompatProd.txt -d
$(ToolKitsInstallDir)/Tools/AppendToMocf -m Plugin.moc -t user -f
a.plugin
$(ToolKitsInstallDir)/Tools/AppendToMocf -m Plugin.moc -t user -f
b.plugin
$(ToolKitsInstallDir)/Tools/AppendToMocf -m Plugin.moc -t user -f
c.plugin

```

.....

```
$(ToolKitsInstallDir)/Tools/AppendToMocf -m Plugin.moc -t user -f  
PluginConf
```

In this example, “Plugin.moc” is the MOCF file that contains all plug-ins and a configuration file. The files “a.plugin”, “b.plugin” and “...plugin” are plug-ins you want to put in the MOCF file. “PluginConf” is the plug-in configuration file.

Build Plug-in

To build a plug-in, go to source directory for the plug-in and type:

```
make
```

To clean the project and remove all earlier compiled objects, go to the source directory and type:

```
make clean
```

In a new build environment, the plug-in configuration file must be in the same folder with the source code and must be named “\$(BINNAME)Conf” so that Makefile can invoke tools to generate a MOCF file containing plug-in and configuration files. You can modify your configuration file and type “make moc” to generate a new MOCF file without re-compiling the plug-in:

```
make moc
```

Plug-in Configuration File

The plug-in configuration file helps plug-ins load properly. A plug-in configuration file controls the operation of each plug-in class. You must assign a single configuration file to a plug-in class for the system to execute plug-ins in that class.

The configuration file format conforms to XML version 1.0. The parser on the device will parse the format as described below and will not necessarily be fully XML compliant. Note that inserting comments is optional. When this configuration file is reported to the host, the comments will remain. The items (not including comments) in the configuration file are as follows, with each item defined in the order of appearance.

- 1) `<?xml version="1.0"?>`
- 2) One of the following must appear, depending on the plug-in class. Each file must contain only one plug-in class configuration: `<Decode_Plugin>` or `<Format_Plugin>`.
 - a) Each plug-in within a class requires a unique identifier. Immediately following this identifier are all the definitions associated with that particular plug-in. The identifier does not need to match plug-in file names or the name you assigned the plug-in. This identifier is used solely for reference within this document, both to demarcate all definitions associated with the plug-in and to allow plug-in definitions within this file to reference one another, such as for passing control from one plug-in to another. When you create this file, ensure that all plug-in identifiers are unique. The plug-in identifier must appear in the form `<plug-in identifier>`, using a unique identifier as described above.

Note: If two or more plug-ins are defined with the same tag name, the scanner will load the one that is defined first in the configuration file and ignore the other(s) without reporting an error.

- i. You can include the name you assigned to the plug-in within the configuration file. The name is overridden by any value obtained from the plug-in when it is loaded. This name is always output in reports to the host. The format is as follows:

```
<name>
Plug-in name string
</name>
```

- ii. You can include the company name of the plug-in within the configuration file. It is overridden by any value obtained from the plug-in when it is loaded. This company name is always output in reports to the host. The format is as follows:

```
<companyname>
Company name string
</companyname >
```

- iii. You can also include the license status of the plug-in within the configuration file. License status is reported with a value of YES or NO. This field is ignored as an input in the configuration file, as the plug-in itself is responsible for determining license status. This license status is always output in reports to the host. The format is as follows:

```
<licensed>
YES or NO
</licensed>
```

- iv. The following definition determines whether or not the plug-in is to be used. It contains a value of YES or NO. If not specified, the default value is YES. You can use NO in those instances when a plug-in resides on the bar code reader for future or alternate use but is not to be used in the present configuration. The format is as follows:

```
<active>
YES or NO
</active>
```

Note: To deactivate a plug-in, set the field of “active” in the configuration file to “NO”. The inactive plug-ins are not loaded. There is no error beep to indicate that the inactive plug-ins were ignored.

- v. The plug-in major revision string, which you assign, can be included in the configuration file. It is overridden by any value obtained from the plug-in when it is loaded. The major revision string is always output in reports to the host. The format is as follows:

```
<majorrevision>
Major revision string
```

```
</majorrevision>
```

- vi. The plug-in minor revision string that you assign can also be included in the configuration file. It is overridden by any value obtained from the plug-in when it is loaded. The minor revision string is always output in reports to the host. The format is as follows:

```
<minorrevision>  
Minor revision string  
</minorrevision>
```

- vii. The plug-in build number string that you assign can be included in the configuration file. It is overridden by any value obtained from the plug-in when it is loaded. The build number string is always output in reports to the host. The format is as follows:

```
<build>  
Build number string  
</build>
```

- viii. The plug-in certificate number string supplied by Honeywell can be included in the configuration file. It is overridden by any value obtained from the plug-in when it is loaded. The certificate number string is always output in reports to the host. The format is as follows:

```
<certificate>  
Certificate number string  
</certificate>
```

- ix. The plug-in certificate time stamp string supplied by Honeywell can be included in the configuration file. The format of the string is “YYYY/MM/DD HH:MM:SS”. The string is overridden by any value obtained from the plug-in when it is loaded. The certificate time stamp string is always output in reports to the host. The format is as follows:

```
<certificatetime>  
Certificate time stamp string  
</certificatetime>
```

- x. The GUID string supplied by Honeywell can be included in the configuration file. It is overridden by any value obtained from the plug-in when it is loaded. The GUID string is always output in reports to the host. The format is as follows:

```
<guid>  
Certificate number string  
</guid>
```

- xi. The following value defines the name of the plug-in binary file. This field is mandatory. The format is as follows:

```
<filename>  
File name string  
</filename>
```

Note: The PlugInFileName must be only the file name without any path.

- xii. The following optional field defines whether the plug-in's main processing function (including the main process function since it will be treated as a special plug-in) should receive original data (ORIGINAL), or data as it was modified by the last plug-in in the plug-in chain (MODIFIED). If not specified, the default is ORIGINAL. The format is as follows:

```
<entrydatastate>  
ORIGINAL or MODIFIED (BOTH)  
</entrydatastate>
```

- xiii. The following optional field defines how to chain the plug-in based on the exit criteria from this plug-in's main processing function. Parameter values are as follows:

CHAINALWAYS - always chain to the next plug-in, regardless of exit criteria.

CHAINIFSUCCESS - chain only if the plug-in exit state indicates success.

CHAINIFFAILURE - chain only if the plug-in exit state indicates failure.

CHAINNEVER – don't chain at all, regardless of the plug-in exit state.

If not specified, the default is CHAINALWAYS. The format is as follows:

```
<chainonexit>  
CHAINALWAYS or CHAINIFSUCCESS or CHAINIFFAILURE or CHAINNEVER  
</chainonexit>
```

- b) A matching terminator for each plug-in identifier must follow all the definitions for that plug-in. The plug-in terminator must appear in the form `</plug-in identifier>`, where the plug-in identifier is the same used at the start of the plug-in definition.
- 3) One of the following must appear, depending on the plug-in class: `</Decode_Plugin>` or `</Format_Plugin>`.

The following is a sample format plug-in configuration file, assuming the following criteria:

- Configuration file name = FormatPlugIn_conf.
- Menu setting PLGFON is set to "FormatPlugIn_conf".
- Identifier = SampleFormatPlugIn_1
- Developer assigned name = SampleFormatPlugIn
- Developer assigned company name = Plug-In Developer, Inc.
- Major revision = 5
- Minor revision = 3
- Build number = 37
- Certificate number = 102148 dated 2009/08/10 15:00:05
- No GUID defined

- Binary file name = FormatPlugIn.bin
- This plug-in takes modified data, rather than original data, as its input.
- Chain to the next plug-in if this plug-in fails:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
< ! --- Should be Format_Plugin since currently we only support format
plug-ins --- !>
<Format_Plugin>
  < ! --- Plug-in ID name. Should conforms to plug-in filename
currently --- !>
    < SampleFormatPlugIn_1>
      <name> SampleFormatPlugIn </name>
      <company> Plug-In Developer, Inc. </company>
      <licensed> YES </licensed>
      <active> YES </active>
      <majorrevision> 5 </majorrevision>
      <minorrevision> 3 </minorrevision>
      <build> 37 </build>
      <certificate> 102148 </certificate>
      <certificatetime> 2009/08/10 15:00:05 </certificatetime>
      <guid></guid>
      <filename> FormatPlugIn.bin </filename>
      <entrydatastate> MODIFIED </entrydatastate>
      <chainonexit> CHAINIFFAILURE </chainonexit>
    </ SampleFormatPlugIn_1>
  </Format_Plugin>
```

Configurations of System Routines

Each class of plug-ins has routines to provide functions. The scanner also has routines that provide functions, called system routines. System routines are enabled and called after all plug-in routines have been called.

You can disable/enable system routines by editing the plug-in configuration file. To do so, add a special plug-in entry in the XML configuration file. The entry name **MUST** be "SystemRoutine". There are two sub-entries available in this entry: "entrydatastate" and "chainonexit".

Configuration files without any explicit system routine definitions are also supported. If there is no system routine configuration entry in the XML file, by default the scanner will call the system routine after all plug-ins have been called.

If you do not want the system routine to parse the input data, set the tag "chainonexit" to CHAINNEVER, which means the system routine is not called in the calling sequence.

If there is no system routine configuration in the configuration file, the default settings are used. The default settings for system routine are “entrydatastate” – MODIFIED and “chainonexit” – CHAINALWAYS. Then, regardless of whether or not the plug-in parsed the decode result data, the system routine is always called and will receive the output data from the plug-in and treat the received data as input.

The following is an example of disable/enable system routines:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<Format_Plugin>
<SystemRoutine>
    <entrydatastate> MODIFIED </entrydatastate>
<chainonexit> CHAINALWAYS/ </chainonexit>
</SystemRoutine>

    < FormatPlugin_1>
        <! Configurations for FormatPlugin_1!>
        .....
    </ FormatPlugin_1>

    < FormatPlugin_2>
        <! Configurations for FormatPlugin_2!>
        .....
    </ FormatPlugin_2>

    .....

</Format_Plugin>
```

Memory and Storage for Plug-ins

File Size of Plug-in

The file size of plug-ins is limited to 2 MB. If the total size of your plug-ins and all the files they generate during runtime reaches 2 MB, you cannot download any more plug-ins to the scanner.

The size of a single plug-in is limited to 2 MB. If you try to download a plug-in larger than 2 MB, the download will fail. In addition, if the plug-in debug setting is turned on (by sending menu command “PLGDBG1.” to the scanner), you will receive download failure information from the scanner.

Stack Size

The size of stack for plug-ins is limited to 200K bytes. Therefore, you cannot define local variables larger than 200K bytes

Global Variables

If any global variable is not initialized in the plug-in, the memory for the global variable is allocated dynamically during loading time. The size for global variables in your plug-in is limited to 1 MB. Therefore, do not define global variables with initialization larger than 1 MB.

Heap

The heap size for plug-ins is 1 MB. Standard library functions such as malloc, free, calloc and realloc are supported. If you try to allocate memory larger than 1 MB, the memory allocate functions (malloc, calloc and realloc) will fail.

Create an MOCF file with Plug-ins

Convert or merge the plug-ins and plug-in configuration files to the “MOCF” file container before downloading the plug-in to a scanner. A scanner will not accept a binary plug-in file. Use the “AppendToMocf” tool to create an MOCF file. This tool is located in the folder \$PluginDevToolInstallDir/Tools. In the same folder there are two compatible product record files (AppCompatProd.txt and AppCompatProdRF.txt), which you can use to generate MOCF files for corded and cordless scanners.

Note: There are examples for creating an MOCF file in the Makefile of the sample code. You can use the example Makefile in the sample code of the toolchain as reference to create your own Makefile.

Create an MOCF File that Contains a Single File

To create an MOCF file that only contains one file, use the shell commands:

```
AppendToMocf -m $(OutputFile) -t CompatProd -f $(CompatProdRecFile) -d
AppendToMocf -m $(OutputFile) -t user -f $(PluginFile)
```

Note: Create the MOCF file name \$(OutputFile). \$(CompatProdRecFile) is the compatible product record file name. If you want the plug-in to be applied to corded scanners, set \$(CompatProdRecFile) to AppCompatProd.txt, otherwise, use AppCompatProdRF.txt. \$(PluginFile) is the plug-in binary file or plug-in configuration file that you must add to the MOCF.

Create an MOCF File that Contains Multiple Files

You can create an MOCF file with multiple files. Once an MOCF file is created, use the AppendToMocf tool to add more files to the MOCF file.

```
AppendToMocf -m $(OutputFile) -t CompatProd -f $(CompatProdRecFile) -d
AppendToMocf -m $(OutputFile) -t user -f $(PluginFile1)
AppendToMocf -m $(OutputFile) -t user -f $(PluginFile2)
AppendToMocf -m $(OutputFile) -t user -f $(PluginFile3)
.....
AppendToMocf -m $(OutputFile) -t user -f $(PluginFilen)
```

Add Custom Defaults File to Plug-in MOCF file

Custom defaults files can be downloaded to a scanner for special uses. To add a custom defaults file to an MOCF file, use the following shell command:

```
AppendToMocf -m $(OutputFile) -t CustomDefaults -f $(DefaultsFile)
```

Download Plug-in and Configuration File

You can download the plug-in and configuration file to a scanner using EasyConfig software. Connect the scanner to EZConfig-Scanning. Click on the **Download** selection. Under **Firmware Download**, use the ... button to browse to the MOCF file name. Click on **Download to Device**.

You may also use the **Scan Data** selection to send the command "PLGDIR" to verify that your files have saved to the scanner correctly.



Configuration File Samples

FormatPlugin_1 and FormatPlugin_2

In the following configuration, FormatPlugin_1 is called and then, if FormatPlugin_1 parsed the input data successfully, the system routine is called and the output data from FormatPlugin_1 is passed to the system routine as input. If FormatPlugin_1 failed to parse the data, the system routine is not called. After system routine is treated, FormatPlugin_2 is treated according to its settings (to be called or not, what kind of input data should be passed, etc.). All the plug-ins are treated by the calling logic component in the firmware in the order of their appearance in the XML file.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<Format_Plugin>
  < FormatPlugin_1>
    <! Configurations for FormatPlugin_1!>
    .....
  </ FormatPlugin_1>

  <SystemRoutine>
    <entrydatastate> MODIFIED </entrydatastate>
    <chainonexit> CHAINIFSUCCEED </chainonexit>
  </SystemRoutine>

  < FormatPlugin_2>
    <! Configurations for FormatPlugin_2!>
    .....
  </ FormatPlugin_2>

  < FormatPlugin_3>
    <! Configurations for FormatPlugin_3!>
    .....
  </ FormatPlugin_3>

</Format_Plugin>
```

Call the System Routine

In the next example, the system routine is called whether or not FormatPlugIn_1 parsed the input data. The system routine will always use the original data as input (the data which was not treated by FormatPlugIn_1).

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<Format_Plugin>
  < FormatPlugIn_1>
    <! Configurations for FormatPlugin_1!>
      .....
  </ FormatPlugIn_1>

  <SystemRoutine>
    <entrydatastate> ORIGINAL </entrydatastate>
  <chainonexit> CHAINALWAYS </chainonexit>
</SystemRoutine>

  < FormatPlugIn_2>
    <! Configurations for FormatPlugin_2!>
      .....
  </ FormatPlugIn_2>

  < FormatPlugIn_3>
    <! Configurations for FormatPlugin_3!>
      .....
  </ FormatPlugIn_3>

</Format_Plugin>
```

Disable Calling the System Routine

In the next example, the system routine is not called at all. This case disables calling the system routine.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<Format_Plugin>
  < FormatPlugIn_1>
    <! Configurations for FormatPlugin_1!>
      .....
  </ FormatPlugIn_1>

  <SystemRoutine>
```

```
        <entrydatastate> MODIFIED </entrydatastate>
<chainonexit> CHAINNEVER </chainonexit>
</SystemRoutine>

< FormatPlugIn_2>
    <!-- Configurations for FormatPlugin_2!>
    .....
</ FormatPlugIn_2>

< FormatPlugIn_3>
    <!-- Configurations for FormatPlugin_3!>
    .....
</ FormatPlugIn_3>

</Format_PlugIn>
```

System Routine at End of Plug-In Sequence

In the example above, there is no system routine configuration entry in the XML file. So the system routine is put at the end of the plug-in calling sequence. In other words, the system routine is called by default after all the plug-ins have been processed, whether or not the last plug-in parsed data, and will take the data parsed by all the plug-ins as input data.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<Format_PlugIn>
    < FormatPlugIn_1>
        <!-- Configurations for FormatPlugin_1!>
        .....
    </ FormatPlugIn_1>

    < FormatPlugIn_2>
        <!-- Configurations for FormatPlugin_2!>
        .....
    </ FormatPlugIn_2>

    < FormatPlugIn_3>
        <!-- Configurations for FormatPlugin_3!>
        .....
    </ FormatPlugIn_3>
```

```
</Format_Plugin>
```




Generate Menu Bar Codes for Plug-ins

Each plug-in has a unique ID assigned to it. The ID is used to generate a menu bar code for the plug-in. Plug-in menu codes are generated using either a Normal, or a Lock-Mode method.

Normal

Using the normal method, conform to the following format when you generate menu bar codes:

990XYYYYYDATA

"990" is a fixed prefix for plug-ins, "X" stands for plug-in types (0 for decode, 2 for format), "YYYYY" stands for a five-digit hexadecimal ID number, and DATA is the menu data that is sent to the plug-in. The "990XYYYYY" prefix is stripped off before the menu code is sent to the plug-in.

The programming bar code data can also be sent as a menu command to the scanner so that the plug-in can be configured that way. This only applies to the Normal method.

Lock-Mode

Using the Lock-Mode method, you can scan an Enter bar code to lock the plug-in when you want to configure the plug-in via menu bar codes.

The format of the enter code is:

990XEntYYYYY

"990" is a fixed prefix for plug-ins, "X" stands for plug-in types (0 for decode, 2 for format), Ent indicates this is a lock-mode enter code, and "YYYYY" stands for a five-digit hexadecimal ID number.

Only one plug-in can be locked at a time. Once the plug-in is locked, all menu codes scanned are passed to the plug-in directly by calling the BarcodeProcessing API. Scanning data codes will cause the device to issue an error when a plug-in is locked. To exit the lock-mode, scan an Exit menu bar code.

If the scanner is in lock-mode, generate menu bar codes that conform to the format 990XDATA ("990" is a fixed prefix for the plug-in menu and "X" stands for plug-in types). When one of these codes is scanned, the prefix 990X is stripped off and DATA is passed to the locked plug-in if the locked plug-in is the type indicated by X.

The format of an Exit code is:

99Exit

There is an exception for scanning menu codes when the scanner is in lock-mode. If you scanned a menu code conforming to the format of the specific menu codes used in the normal way (990XYYYYYDATA), the scanner will strip off the "990XYYYYY" header and then pass the "DATA" to the plug-in.

Note: The helper plug-ins do not provide any API to the device, and they do not need any identifier. You must define the Macro "MenuID" to "-1", which is ignored.



Format Plug-In APIs

DataEdit

DataEdit is the main routine for formatting plug-ins. This API is called when the output string must be formatted before being sent out.

Function prototype:

```
int                                     /* Return zero on success, -1 if an error
                                     occurred */
(*DataEdit)(
DataEditParam *format_param); /* Input: Format parameters structure */
```

The parameter type “DataEditParam” is defined as:

```
typedef struct {
    // Revision number
    int RevisionNumber;
    // Input and Output Data. Note that input data could be byte wide or
    // word wide. depends on the value of CharSize.
    unsigned char *message;
    // Number of Data Characters
    int length;
    //Character size (1 for byte, 2 for word)
    int CharSize;
    // Hand Held Products internal Code (Symbology) ID
    char HHPcodeID;
    // AIM/FACT/ISO "Symbology Identifier"
    char AIMcodeLetter;
    // ... and "Modifier" character
    char AIMcodeModifier;
} DataEditParam;
```

Note: The “message” member field of structure DataEditParam contains the passed-in data string. You must put the formatted data string back to “message” buffer. The length of the formatted data string must not exceed the length of the original string by more than 500 bytes, otherwise it will cause an overflow.

The function returns -1 if an error occurred or formatting failed. If the format processing is successful, the function returns zero to indicate success, and restores the processed string to the “message” field in the input structure.

Below is an example of DataEdit API. This API of the plug-in simply adds the prefix "Code128*" and applies it to all the Code 128 bar codes.

```
/** This API is called to perform a data format.
 * The plug-in developer should implement this
 * routine by himself and set address of this
 * function to the "DataEdit" field of the
 * "DataEditApi" structure.
 */
int MatrixPluginDataEdit(DataEditParam *pFormatParam)
{
    // Add your Format code here and copy the result back to
    pFormatParam->message.
    unsigned char *buffer = NULL;
    unsigned short WidePrefix = {'C', 'o', 'd', 'e', '1', '2', '8',
    '*'};

    // if not Code 128, just return -1
    if(pFormatParam->HHPcodeID != WA_CODELETTER_CODE128){
        return -1;
    }else{
        printf("This is Code128\r\n");
    }
    buffer = malloc((pFormatParam->length + 100 )*(pFormatParam->CharSize));
    if(!buffer)
        return -1;
    if(pFormatParam->CharSize == 1){
        memcpy(buffer, "Code128*", 8);
        memcpy(buffer+8, pFormatParam->message, (pFormatParam->length)*(pFormatParam->CharSize));
    }else if(pFormatParam->CharSize == 2){
        memcpy(buffer, WidePrefix, 16);
        memcpy(buffer+16, pFormatParam->message, (pFormatParam->length)*(pFormatParam->CharSize));
    }
    // Set length after data format
    pFormatParam->length += 8;
    free(buffer);
    return 0;
}
```

ProcessingBarcode

This function is used to process specific user-defined programming bar codes.

Function prototype:

```
int                                     /* Return zero on success, -1 if an error
                                     occurred */

    (*ProcessingBarcode)(

char *pMenuData,                       /* Input: Pointer of menu code data */
int DataLength);                      /* Input: Data length */
```

The function returns -1 if an error occurred or processing failed. If the programming bar code is processed successfully, the function returns zero to indicate success.

CheckLicense

This function is used to validate the license of the plug-in.

Function prototype:

```
int                                     /* Return zero on success, -1 if an error
                                     occurred */

    (*CheckLicense)(

char *SN);                             /* Product serial number */
```

The product serial number is passed to the function as a null-terminated string of characters. The function must return 0 if the license is valid or -1 if not.

Note: This function is called after the plug-in is loaded and initialized. Plug-ins should keep the result of the CheckLicense function during the runtime of the plug-in, and should use the result to determine if the other APIs (for example, ProcessingBarcode) can be called or not (by returning 0 or -1 when the API is called).

Setting up a license check mechanism requires two parts: license check and license file generation.

To generate a license file, create a data string from the serial number of the scanner using your own encryption algorithm. You could make a programming bar code (the programming bar code should conform to the plug-in programming bar code format “990XXXXXXDATA”) based on this data string. Add code in the API “ProcessingBarcode” so that after the license programming bar code is scanned, a license file can be generated in the scanner. Typically in “ProcessingBarcode”, to support licensing you must:

1. Distinguish a programming bar code for licensing.
2. Decrypt the passed in data of the programming bar code.
3. Extract the serial number from the Decrypt data and compare it with the serial number of the scanner.

-
4. If the serial number from decrypted data is the same as the serial number of scanner, create a license file in the scanner to contain the license information of the plug-in.

You can use a group ID method to implement your license check mechanism so that you do not need to generate programming bar codes for every scanner. A group ID is the identifier assigned to scanner groups, and it resides in the scanner. If the value of the group ID is 0, then the scanner does not have a group ID. For scanners with the same group ID, you can create a programming bar code to generate the license file. The CheckLicense function may be called twice if the scanner has a group ID. The plug-in must remember both the passed-in serial number and group ID during the runtime.

Register APIs

The register API function is called to register APIs of the plug-in so they can be called by scanner applications. It returns zero for success and -1 for error.

Function prototype:

```
int                                     /* Return zero on success, -1 if an error
                                     occurred */

    register_apis(

void *Plugin,                          /* Plugin object */
void *APIS);                          /* API structure pointer */
```

The plug-in object structure type is defined as:

```
typedef struct{
char PluginRawName[PLUGIN_ID_LEN];      /* Raw name in plugin
                                         binary */

enum HONPluginClassType PluginRawClassType; /* Raw Class Type in
                                              plugin binary */

int (*PluginInitRoutine)(void *Info);    /* Startup function. */
void (*PluginExitRoutine)(void);         /* Destruction function.
                                          */

void *PluginApis;                       /* Plugin APIs. This
                                         should be in this
                                         structure in order that
                                         the plugin could assign
                                         APIs' address here */

int MenuIdentifier;                     /* This field is the
                                         identifier assigned from
                                         Hoenywell. Menu codes
                                         with the identifier
                                         prefix are passed to
                                         * the corresponding plug-
                                         in */

/* Other plugin infos */
char CompanyName[PLUGIN_STRING_LEN];
```

```

char MajorVersionNumber[PLUGIN_STRING_LEN];
char MinorVersionNumber[PLUGIN_STRING_LEN];
char BuildNumber[PLUGIN_STRING_LEN];
char CertificateNumber[PLUGIN_STRING_LEN];
char CertificateTime[PLUGIN_STRING_LEN];
char GUID[PLUGIN_GUID_LEN];
char FileName[PLUGIN_STRING_LEN];
} HONPluginRawInfo;

```

The API structure type is defined as:

```

typedef struct
{
    // Revision Number. It is used for Plug-in API forward compablity
    int RevisionNumber;
    // Format API callback
    int (*DataEdit)(DataEditParam *pFormatParam);
    // Plug-in Menuing API callback
    int (*ProcessingBarcode)(char *pMenuData, int DataLength);
    // Check license API callback
    int (*CheckLicense)(char *SN);
    // Get version API callback
    int (*GetVersion)(VersionInfo *pInfo);
} DataEditApi;

```

Control the Scanner's Beeper and LED

This function is a system call to control the scanner's beeper and LED. Control of the LED is bound with the beeper, and the plug-in can control the beeper and LED by calling one system call:

Function prototype:

```

int                                     /* return -1 for failure and return 0
                                     for success */

beep_led_io(
    unsigned int const* pBeepSeq,      /* Input: the beeper/LED control
                                     entry sequence */
    unsigned int SeqLen);             /* Input: length of the control
                                     sequence */

```

The beeper/LED control entry sequence is an array of integers starting with an audible LED sync (defined in "matrix_beep_led.h"). Three types of LEDs are defined: good read

flash, error flash, and no LED. The following integers stand for entries of the sequence. The rules for the entries are:

- Each sequence should start with an audible LED sync (LED_DEFINE) and end with a terminator (0x00).
- The odd entries of the sequence are duration in heartbeats; the even entries are the frequency (0 is a rest).
- Frequency 100 or above is an audible sound (provided the beeper can create the sound).
- Frequency 100 or above will use the LED specified at the first char of the sequence.
- For each silent pause, use one of the LED defines as the frequency.

Examples:

This sequence can be read as 10mS sound at 200Hz with no led, then 10mS silence with no LED:

```
unsigned int ExampleSeq[] = {audible LED sync (LED_DEFINE),  
duration of next freq (mS), audible freq (Hz), duration (mS),  
silent freq (LED_DEFINE), end of string (0x00)};
```

```
unsigned int StandardClickSeq[] = {NO_LED, 10, 200, 10, NO_LED,  
0x00};
```

The beeper duration has a resolution of 10ms.

```
unsigned int StandardBeepSeq[] = {LED Synchronized?, mS  
(duration), frequency hz, end of string (0x00)};
```

For reference, read the header file "matrix_beep_led.h"

Control GPIO of the Scanner

Function prototype:

```
void (*GPIO_Plugins)(void);
```

The GPIO_Plugins function is called from the scanner's system idle thread. It allows you to run code without an imaged-based event. How often this function gets called is unspecified and will vary with scanner activity. Calls to this function will not occur if the scanner is in a low power mode. This function can be used with the timer function to provide minimum timing of GPIO toggles.

Available pins (for Xenon 1900/1902):

OEM Plug-in GPIO Control												
Plug-in GPIO	Pin Number	TTL-232 Serial	Signal name at MX25	MX25 signal	GPIO Port	Description	Hysteresis	Pull/Keeper	Pull up or down strength, at iMX25	Open drain	Drive Strength	Slew Rate
	1	232Inv	UART1_POL	UART2_CTS/PORT4_29		Reserved	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	Vin	-	-		Power	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	GND	-	-		Power	-	-	-	-	-	-
0	4	nRXD	232_RXD/nTERM_CLK_IN	UART1_RXD	GPIO4_22	Input	Enabled	Pull-up	100k	Disabled	Normal	Slow
1	5	nTXD	232_TXD/nTERM_DATA_OUT	UART1_TXD	GPIO4_23	Output	Enabled	Pull-up	100k	Disabled	Normal	Slow
2	6	nCTS	232_RTS/nKEY_DATA_OUT	UART1_CTS	GPIO4_25	Input	Enabled	Pull-up	100k	Disabled	Normal	Slow
3	7	nRTS	232_CTS/nKEY_CLK_IN	UART1_RTS	GPIO4_24	Output	Enabled	Pull-up	100k	Disabled	Normal	Slow
4	8	PWRDWN	PWRDWN/nREADY	NFRB/TRACE2	GPIO3_31	Output	Disabled	Pull-up	100k	Disabled	High	Fast
			Flash Out									
5	9	nBEEPER	nBEEPER_PWM	CSPI1_SS0/TRACE6	GPIO1_16	Output	Enabled	Pull-up	100k	Disabled	Normal	Slow
6	10	nGREEN	nGREEN_LED	I2C1_CLK/PORT1_12	GPIO1_12	Output	Enabled	Pull-up	100k	Disabled	Normal	Slow
7	11	AIM/nWAKE	AIM_IN	KPP_ROW1/UART3_TXD	GPIO2_30	Input	Enabled	Pull-up	100k	Disabled	Normal	Slow
8	12	nTRIG	nTRIG_UP	KPP_COL2/PORT3_3	GPIO3_3	Input	Enabled	Pull-up	100k	Disabled	Normal	Slow
			nSW_TRIG	KPP_ROW0/UART3_RXD	GPIO2_29	Output	Enabled	Pull-up	100k	Disabled	Normal	Slow

```
int plugin_io_init(unsigned int pins, unsigned int direction);
```

The `plugin_io_init` function is used to take control of a GPIO pin for plug-in use. It specifies the pin direction as an input or output. The function will save the system pin configuration which can be restored when the pin control is returned. The function returns 0 when successful and -1 if unsuccessful. It has two bit field inputs that specify the pin number and direction.

Examples:

```
plugin_io_init(0x40,0x40) will make GPIO Pin 6 an output.
plugin_io_init(0x140,0x040) will make GPIO Pin 6 an output and GPIO
pin 8 an input.
```

```
int plugin_io_read(void);
```

The `plugin_io_read` function reads the GPIO pins and returns a bit field containing the pin status. A value of 1 specifies the signal is high at the processor input and a value of 0 specifies the signal is low at the processor input. Pins that are not under plug-in control or pins that are outputs are set to zero.

Example:

```
Readvalue = plugin_io_read(); could return 0x100, which would
indicate GPIO pin 8 is high.
```

```
int plugin_io_write(unsigned int pins, unsigned int data);
```

The `plugin_io_write` function is used to write data to the output pins. Pins set as inputs are not under plug-in control and will be ignored. A zero is returned when successful and a -1 is returned if there is an error. Like the init function, two input bit fields are used to specify the pins to write to and data to be written.

Examples:

```
plugin_io_write(0x40,0x40) will set GPIO Pin 6 high, other pins
will not be written too
```

`plugin_io_write(0x40,0x0)` will set GPIO Pin 6 low, other pins will not be written too

`plugin_io_write(0x140,0x040)` will make GPIO Pin 6 high and GPIO pin 8 an low.



Decode Plug-in APIs

Logic of Calling Decode Plug-ins

The order of calling decode plug-ins is controlled by the configuration file but should also conform to the scanner's internal logic. The captured image is sent to the system decode routine first to detect programming bar codes. If it is a programming bar code, the bar code decode is processed directly and the image is not passed to any plug-ins. If the image is not a programming bar code, plug-ins and the system decode routine is called to decode the image according to the order in the configuration file.

Once the image is recognized and decoded, the decoding process is stopped. The plug-ins configured to be invoked after the current plug-in are ignored even if they are configured as CHAINALWAYS or CHAINIFSUCCEED. Therefore, you must determine the order of calling plug-ins and define the proper configuration file to ensure the plug-ins can be called. For instance, if there are two plug-ins in the plug-in chain and both of them can recognize and decode the same type of bar codes, you must define the plug-in that you want to use to decode that type of bar codes before defining the second plug-in.

Decode Plug-in APIs

Decode

This API, which is the main routine for a decode plug-in, is called to decode the image captured by a scanner.

Function prototype:

```
int                                     /* Return zero on success, -1 if an error
                                     occurred */
(
    (*Decode)(
        unsigned char *pBuffer,        /* Input: Pointer to image buffer */
        int width,                     /* Input: image width */
        int height);                   /* Input: image height */
```

When the decode processing succeeds, the function returns zero. The function returns -1 if an error occurs or decode failed.

ProcessingBarcode

The usage of this function is the same as the format plug-in (see ProcessingBarcode on page 25).

Function prototype:

```
int                                     /* Return zero on success, -1 if an error
                                     occurred */
```

```

    (*ProcessingBarcode)(
char *pMenuData,          /* Input: Pointer of menu code data */
int DataLength);         /* Input: Data length */

```

When the programming bar code is processed successfully, the function returns zero. The function returns -1 if an error occurs or processing failed.

CheckLicense

The usage of this function is the same as the format plug-in. See also [CheckLicense](#) on page 32.

Function prototype:

```

int                                /* Return zero on success, -1 if an error
                                occurred */

    (*CheckLicense)(
char *SN);                         /* Product serial number */

```

The product serial number is passed to the function as a null-terminated string of characters. The function returns 0 if the license is valid or -1 if not.

CheckVersion

The usage of this function is the same as the format plug-in. See also [CheckVersion](#) on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**

Function prototype:

```

int                                /* Return zero on success, -1 if an error
                                occurred */

    (*CheckVersion)(
VersionInfo *Info);              /* Plug-in version info structure */

```

The version information type “VersionInfo” is defined as:

```

typedef struct {
    int RevisionNumber;          /* Revision number */
    char *GUID;                  /* GUID of the plug-in */
    char *PluginName;            /* Plug-in name */
    char *CompanyName;           /* Company name of the plug-in */
    int MajorVersion;             /* Major version number */
    int MinorVersion;             /* Minor version number */
    int BuildNumber;              /* Build number of the plug-in version */
    char *CertificateNumber;      /* Certificate number of the plug-in
                                version */
    char *CertificateTime;        /* Certificate time (yyyy/mm/dd hh:mm:ss)
                                */
} VersionInfo;

```

The plug-in information is filled into the input parameter structure when the function returns 0, which indicates that the information was obtained successfully. The function returns -1 if an error occurs.

Register APIs

The register API function is a system call function for a plug-in to register its APIs. It returns zero for success and -1 for error.

Function prototype:

```
int                                /* Return zero on success, -1 if an error
                                occurred */

    register_apis(

void *Plugin,                      /* Plugin object */
void *APIS);                      /* API structure pointer */
```

The plug-in object structure type is defined as:

```
typedef struct{
char PluginRawName[PLUGIN_ID_LEN];    /* Raw name in plugin
                                        binary */

enum HONPluginClassType PluginRawClassType; /* Raw Class Type in
                                        plugin binary */

int (*PluginInitRoutine)(void *Info); /* Startup function. */
void (*PluginExitRoutine)(void);      /* Destruction function.
                                        */

void *PluginApis;                    /* Plugin APIs. This
                                        should be in this
                                        structure in order that
                                        the plugin could assign
                                        APIs' address here */

int MenuIdentifier;                  /* This field is the
                                        identifier assigned from
                                        Honeywell. Menu codes
                                        with the identifier
                                        prefix are passed to *
                                        the corresponding plug-in
                                        */

/* Other plugin infos */
char CompanyName[PLUGIN_STRING_LEN];
char MajorVersionNumber[PLUGIN_STRING_LEN];
char MinorVersionNumber[PLUGIN_STRING_LEN];
char BuildNumber[PLUGIN_STRING_LEN];
char CertificateNumber[PLUGIN_STRING_LEN];
```

```

char CertificateTime[PLUGIN_STRING_LEN];
char GUID[PLUGIN_GUID_LEN];
char FileName[PLUGIN_STRING_LEN];
} HONPluginRawInfo;

```

The decode API structure type is defined as:

```

typedef struct
{
    /// Revision Number
    int RevisionNumber;
    /// Decode API callback
    int (*Decode)(unsigned char *pBuffer, int width, int height);
    /// Set Decoder Menu
    int (*SetDecoderMenu)(void *DecoderSetting);
    /// Plug-in Menuing API callback
    int (*ProcessingBarcode)(char *pMenuData, int DataLength);
    /// Check license API callback
    int (*CheckLicense)(char *SN);
    /// Get version API callback
    int (*GetVersion)(VersionInfo *pInfo);
    void (*GPIO_Plugins)(void);
} DecodeApi;

```

Control GPIO of the Scanner

This is a system call to control some GPIO of the scanner. See also [Control GPIO of the Scanner](#) on page 28.

Function prototype:

```
void (*GPIO_Plugins)(void);
```

System Calls for Decode Plug-ins

There are four system calls for decode plug-ins to call:

```

extern int decoder_maycontinue(void);
extern int decoder_processresult(void *result);
extern int decoder_mstimer(void);
extern int plugin_div64(unsigned long long *n, unsigned int divisor);

```

The decoder_maycontinue system call allows the plug-in to check if the decoding should continue or stop. A plug-in should call this system call frequently to avoid a scanner hanging up during a long period of decoding.

```

int                /* return 0 if the decoder may be stopped and
                    return 1 for if decoder may continue decoding */
decoder_maycontinue(void);

```

The `decoder_processresult` system call is called when the decode plug-in gets a decoded result from the passed-in image.

```

int                /* return 0 if the decoder may be stopped and
                    return 1 for if decoder may continue decoding */
decoder_processresult(
void *result);      /* Input: the pointer to decoded result */

```

`DecodeResult` is filled up by the plug-in with a decoded result, and the pointer to this structure is passed to the `decoder_processresult` system call as `void*` parameter. You must construct this structure before calling `decoder_processresult` and destruct this structure after `decoder_processresult` is called. (See header file `"hsm_plugin/matrix_decode_plugin.h"` for more information.)

```

typedef struct {
    unsigned char *message;      // Output Data String
    int length;                  // Number of Data Characters
    char menuFlag;               // Boolean: is this for Menuing
                                // Purposes
    char mustStop;               // Boolean: signals UnStructured
                                // Append result
    char lastRecord;             // Boolean: is this the final "Result"
                                // from the current decode?
    char HHPcodeID;              // Hand Held Products internal Code
                                // (Symbology) ID
    char AIMcodeLetter;          // AIM/FACT/ISO "Symbology Identifier"
    char AIMcodeModifier;        // ... and "Modifier" character
    DecodeType_t DecodeType;
    IQImgInfo_t IQImgInfo;
} DecodeResult;

```

The `decoder_mstimer` system call provides a 1 ms granularity clock for use by decoder plug-ins. The returned ticks are rolled back when it reaches the value of `0xFFFFFFFF`.

```

int    /* return ticks of current system timer */
decoder_mstimer (void);

```

This system call provides the functionality of 64-bit division. The result is stored in the dividend and returns the remainder.

```

int                /* return the remainder of the
                    division */

```

```
plugin_div64 (  
    unsigned long long *n,          /* Input: pointer to 64 bits dividend  
    unsigned int divisor);          */  
/* Input: 32 bits divisor */
```




Diagnostics

Boot Mode to Disable Loading Plug-in

If the scanner interface becomes locked due to corrupt plug-ins, you may boot the scanner without loading plug-ins. The following steps force the scanner to boot in boot mode:

1. Run EZConfig-Scanning and use **Configure-Communications** to set the Baud Rate to **115200**, and Word Format to **N 8 1**.
2. From the menu, select **Device-Force Reader to Boot Mode**.
3. Power the scanner and press any key.
4. From the Application Explorer pane, select **Scan Data**.
5. From the menu, select **View-Serial Command Window**. Enter **232** in the text box of the Command Center window and click the **Send Non Menu Command** button.
6. The scanner loads the application without loading plug-ins.

In this mode, you can scan programming bar codes or send menu commands to disable the plug-in. After power-cycling the scanner, the new configuration files or modified plug-ins can be downloaded.

View Plug-in Configuration

The menu command “PLGINF” is used to show the plug-in configurations and load status of plug-ins. Send menu command “PLGINF” in the Serial Command Window in EZConfig-Scanning. A sample of the output is shown:

```
Plugin Configurations:
[Format Plugin Configuration]
  <HelloWorld.plugin>
      [name]:                HelloWorld
      [company]:             Plug-In Developer, Inc.
      [licensed]:            YES
      [active]:              YES
      [majorrevision]:       5
      [minorrevision]:       3
      [build]:               37
      [certificate]:         102148
      [certificatetime]:     2009/08/10 15:00:05
```

```
[guid]:                abcd1234
[filename]:            HelloWorld.plugin
[mainroutineorder]:    BEFORE
[bar codeinterceptmode]:  YES
[entrydatastate]:      MODIFIED
[chainonexit]:         CHAINIFFAILURE
[loadstatus]:          SUCCESS
```

```
<sample.plugin>
```

```
  [name]:              FormatPlugin
  [company]:           Plug-In Developer, Inc.
  [licensed]:          YES
  [active]:            YES
  [majorrevision]:     5
  [minorrevision]:     3
  [build]:             37
  [certificate]:       102148
  [certificatetime]:   2009/08/10 15:00:05
  [guid]:              abcd1234
  [filename]:          sample.plugin
  [mainroutineorder]:  BEFORE
  [bar codeinterceptmode]:  YES
  [entrydatastate]:    MODIFIED
  [chainonexit]:       CHAINIFFAILURE
  [loadstatus]:        SUCCESS
```

Some of the fields in the configuration file may be updated to conform to scanner settings the first time the plug-in is loaded.

Load Status of Plug-ins

The “loadstatus” field in the configuration file is updated every time after a plug-in is loaded. It indicates success or the reason for failure if the plug-in cannot be loaded. This field may display:

SUCCESS	The plug-in is loaded successfully
INACTIVE	The plug-in is inactive
UNLICENSED	The plug-in is unlicensed
NORESOURCE	Short of resources to load the plug-in
	1. Cannot open plug-in file (file not found)

	2. Not enough memory
	3. File operation error when loading plug-in
	4. Main routine not found in the plug-in
	5. Helper not found in the plug-in
CORRUPT	Plug-in is corrupt
	1. Unknown symbol
	2. Bad relocation
	3. Relocation out of range
	4. Unknown relocation
CORRUPTCONFIGENTRY	Configuration file is corrupt
NOPLUGINDEFINED	No definition in configuration entry
PLUGININTERMEDIATE	Error occurred during plug-in initialization

Plug-in Relevant Menu Settings

Plug-in relevant menu settings are used to help develop and debug plug-ins:

PLGIPE

Fully visible boolean setting to enable / disable image processing class plug-ins (1 for enable, 0 for disable).

PLGDCE

Fully visible boolean setting to enable / disable decode class plug-ins (1 for enable, 0 for disable).

PLGFOE

Fully visible boolean setting to enable / disable format class plug-ins (1 for enable, 0 for disable).

PLGDBG

Fully visible boolean setting to enable / disable plug-ins to output debug information (1 for enable, 0 for disable).

PLGIPN

Fully visible string setting containing the name of the image processing class configuration file. Default is null (no configuration file).

PLGDCN

Fully visible string setting containing the name of the decode class configuration file. Default is null (no configuration file).

PLGFON

Fully visible string setting containing the name of the format class configuration file. Default is null (no configuration file).

To turn on FormatConf, enter the menu command: "PLGFONFormatConf" and hard reboot the scanner. The configuration file name should be a string consisting of ASCII characters except '.', '?', ';' and '!' (these characters are reserved for menu commands).

PLGINF

The plug-in configuration files may be reported to the host via the hidden PLGINF menu command.

PLGDEL

Delete the plug-in file or configuration file from the scanner.

PLGDIR

List all the plug-in files and configuration files in the scanner

PLGREA

Read the content of a configuration file. (Do not use this menu command to output a plug-in file.)

PLGREN

Rename a plug-in file or configuration file:

PLGRENOldFileName:NewFileName

The old name and new name are separated by a colon.

PLGCPY

Copy a plug-in file or a configuration file:

PLGCPYOrgFileName:DstFileName

OrgFileName is the original file name and DstFileName is the destination file name. The original name and destination name are separated by a colon.

PLGDLA

Delete all plug-in files and configuration files in the scanner.



Technical Assistance

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Knowledge Base: www.hsmknowledgebase.com

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The Technical Support Portal not only allows you to report your problem, but it also provides immediate solutions to your technical issues by searching our Knowledge Base. With the Portal, you can submit and track your questions online and send and receive attachments.

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