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1 Introduction

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1.1 Overview

System builders of WinCE devices are able to add third party drivers to their system image that are not part of the original Platform Builder catalog items. There are a few ways in which the system builder can add the FTDI drivers to their image; the simplest way, but not conducive to creating a mass produced product, is to manually copy the files into the Windows directory of the system and then the driver will add the contents of the INF file to the registry the first time a FTDI based device is connected to the system. A more elegant method is to create a Subproject that contains the DLL(s), BIB, REG, DAT, etc. files so that when the system is built the driver is added to the image. To make this method simpler a catalog file is used, this allows the developer to add the driver from the catalog items list.

1.2 Scope

This document is intended for developers of WinCE systems who wish to add the FTDI VCP and/or D2XX driver(s) to their system.
2 Installation

The compilation tool required for WinCE 6.0 is Windows Embedded CE 6.0 Platform Builder which is a Visual Studio 2005 plug in. For WinCE 7 the Windows Embedded Compact 7 Platform Builder plug in for Visual Studio 2008 is required.

Once the relevant Visual Studio and Platform Builder have been configured it is possible to add the FTDI catalog items. FTDI provide eight catalog items in total, see Table 2.1 FTDI Catalog Items, they add both VCP and D2XX functionality for ARM and x86 architecture devices.

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Table 2.1 FTDI Catalog Items

Unzip the folder structure from the relevant catalog item package into the C:\WINCE600 or C:\WINCE700 directory. For the WinCE 6.0 ARM VCP Catalog Item the resulting directory should be C:\WINCE600\3rdParty\FTDI_VCP_ARM_CE600.
Once all of the catalog item packages that are going to be used have been unzipped into the C:\WINCE600\3rdParty directory open Visual Studio and either create a new OSDesign or open an existing one. Go to the Catalog Items View and click the Refresh catalog tree button, shown in Figure 2.2. The list should update to include all of the Catalog Items that have been copied into the C:\WINCE600\3rdParty directory, as shown in Figure 2.3.
3 Driver Integration

3.1 Adding the Driver(s)

To add the VCP and D2XX drivers to an OSDesign select the required drivers for the processor architecture being used.

![Figure 3.1](image1)

This will automatically cause a Subproject(s) to be added to the solution and can be seen in the Solution Explorer.

![Figure 3.2](image2)
3.2 Using Both Drivers

When using both drivers in the same OSDesign the REG file for each driver will have to be altered to remove the entry(ies) that will conflict with each other, as it is not possible for the system to use different drivers for devices with the same VID & PID. Therefore to use two devices with the same VID & PID with the two drivers at least one of the devices will need to be reconfigured with a custom VID & PID.

It should be noted that editing the REG file overwrites the file within the Subproject for that catalog item and therefore any subsequent OSDesign that uses the catalog item will have the same registry settings.
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