

1 Introduction

This application note describes how to implement a USB to multiple VCOMs' functions on K32L2 series FRDM boards (FRDM-K32L2B3/FRDM-K32L2A). The function of USB to VCOM can be implemented by using the common AT commands in the subclass of the abstract control model in the CDC class specified by the USB protocol. A USB device can support one or more VCOMs, the number of VCOM depends mainly on the number of endpoints (EP) supported by USB device. The Full-speed (FS) USB device controller for K32L2 series MCU supports 16 bidirectional endpoints and supports up to 15 VCOMs. Based on the SDK code (dev_composite_cdc_vcom_cdc_vcom_lite_bm), this application note implements the function of a USB to 15 VCOMs and the development tool is MCUXpresso IDE.

2 USB descriptor configuration

The USB descriptor is equivalent to the business card of the USB device, and describes all the attributes and configurable information of the USB device, such as the class, interface information, and endpoint information. If the descriptor of the device is obtained, the type, purpose, and the parameters of the communication of the device, etc. are known, and the USB host can configure it so that both parties of the communication work with the same parameters.

The function of a USB to multiple VCOMs can be implemented by using the USB Composite class. The Composite class is a special USB class that can implement multiple different functions in a USB device. Such as a device can implement “Mouse + Keyboard” function, or “VCOM + Keyboard” function. In fact, the USB Composite class can implement almost any combination of USB functions, and it is not just a combination of two functions, it can be three or more, so you can use the composite class to implement the functions of two CDCs or multiple CDCs.

A CDC class device consists of two subclass interfaces: a CDC class interface and a data class interface. A CDC device can contain zero or more data interfaces.

- The CDC class interface uses a standard interface descriptor that requires a control endpoint and an optional interrupt IN endpoint.
- The data class interface requires a Bulk IN and a Bulk OUT type of endpoint. But since the 16 endpoints on the K32L2B3/ K32L2A are bidirectional endpoints, an endpoint can implement both input and output functions, ie the functions of Bulk IN and Bulk OUT can be implemented by one endpoint.

In order to support more VCOM, the interrupt IN endpoint in CDC class interface can be removed, so that in addition to a common control endpoint only one bidirectional endpoint is needed to implement a VCOM. That is, except that EP0 is used as the control endpoint, the other 15 endpoints can implement 15 VCOMs and this application note implement such a feature. The descriptor structure of the composite class containing 15 CDC subclasses used in this application note is shown in [Figure 1](#).

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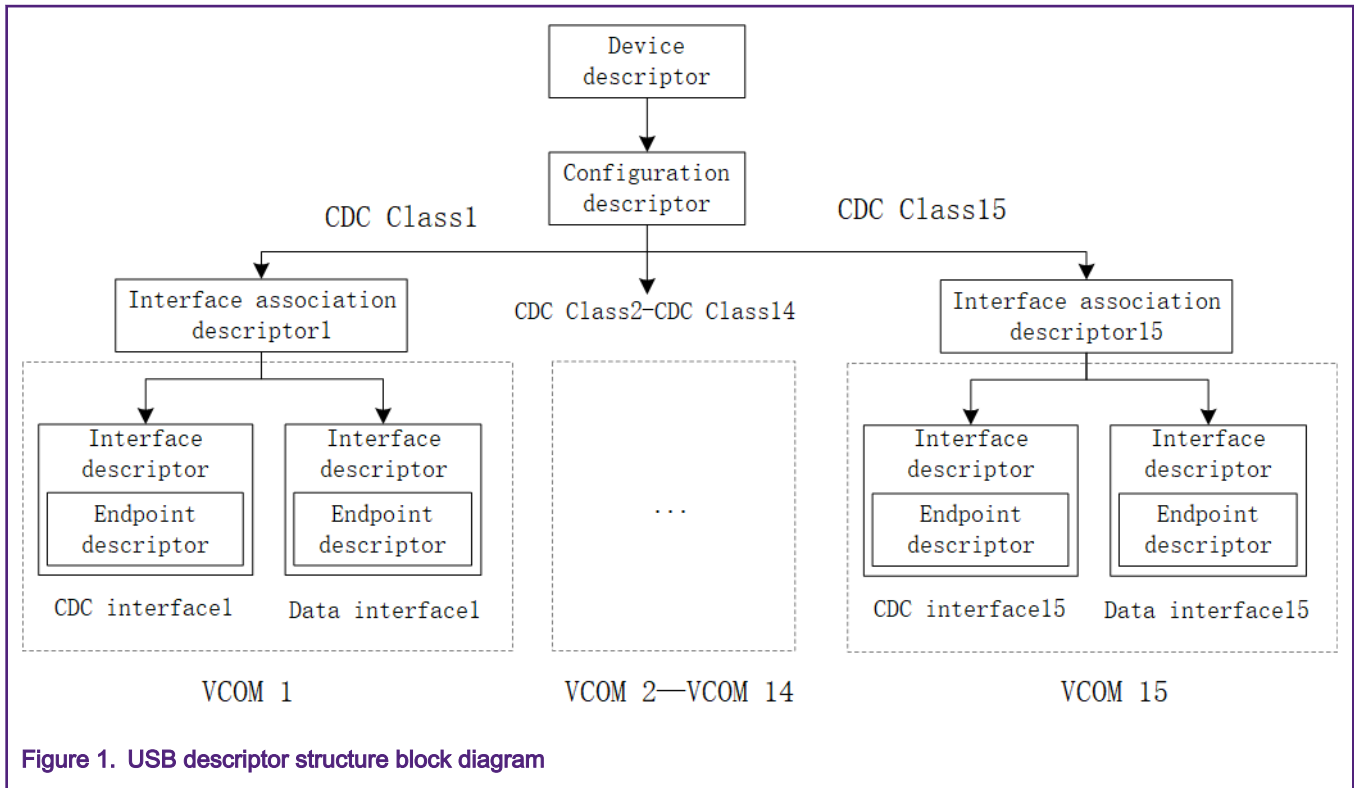


Figure 1. USB descriptor structure block diagram

In Figure 1, the interface association descriptor associates a CDC interface with a data interface to describe a VCOM function. For details on the USB descriptor, refer to [Chapter 9.6, Standard USB Descriptor Definitions, USB Specification 2.0](#) and SDK code.

NOTE

If the interrupt endpoint of the CDC interface is removed, the serial port status cannot be sent and received. For example, the RTS and DTR signals in RS232 cannot be transmitted. If the serial port debugging terminal on the PC is already turned on, the serial port data can still be sent and received.

3 Endpoint usage

As described in Chapter 2, each CDC class requires 1 bidirectional endpoint, and 15 CDC classes require 15 endpoints. The EP0 is used as a control endpoint. The usage of the endpoints of USB devices in this application note is shown in [Table 1](#).

Table 1. Endpoint usage

Endpoint	Direction	Endpoint type	Packet size (byte)	Use or not
EP0	OUT	Control	64	YES
EP0	IN	Control	64	YES
EP1	OUT	CDC1 Bulk	64	YES
EP1	IN	CDC1 Bulk	64	YES
EP2	OUT	CDC2 Bulk	64	YES
EP2	IN	CDC2 Bulk	64	YES
EP3	OUT	CDC3 Bulk	64	YES

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Table 1. Endpoint usage (continued)

EP3	IN	CDC3 Bulk	64	YES
EP4	OUT	CDC4 Bulk	64	YES
EP4	IN	CDC4 Bulk	64	YES
EP5	OUT	CDC5 Bulk	64	YES
EP5	IN	CDC5 Bulk	64	YES
EP6	OUT	CDC6 Bulk	64	YES
EP6	IN	CDC6 Bulk	64	YES
EP7	OUT	CDC7 Bulk	64	YES
EP7	IN	CDC7 Bulk	64	YES
EP8	OUT	CDC8 Bulk	64	YES
EP8	IN	CDC8 Bulk	64	YES
EP9	OUT	CDC9 Bulk	64	YES
EP9	IN	CDC9 Bulk	64	YES
EP10	OUT	CDC10 Bulk	64	YES
EP10	IN	CDC10 Bulk	64	YES
EP11	OUT	CDC11 Bulk	64	YES
EP11	IN	CDC11 Bulk	64	YES
EP12	OUT	CDC12 Bulk	64	YES
EP12	IN	CDC12 Bulk	64	YES
EP13	OUT	CDC13 Bulk	64	YES
EP13	IN	CDC13 Bulk	64	YES
EP14	OUT	CDC14 Bulk	64	YES
EP14	IN	CDC14 Bulk	64	YES
EP15	OUT	CDC15 Bulk	64	YES
EP15	IN	CDC15 Bulk	64	YES

The endpoint configuration in the "usb_device_descriptor.h" file is shown as [Figure 2](#).

```

216 /* Endpoint usage */
217 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_IN_ENDPOINT (1)
218 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_OUT_ENDPOINT (1)
219 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_IN_ENDPOINT_2 (2)
220 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_OUT_ENDPOINT_2 (2)
221 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_IN_ENDPOINT_3 (3)
222 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_OUT_ENDPOINT_3 (3)
223 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_IN_ENDPOINT_4 (4)
224 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_OUT_ENDPOINT_4 (4)
225 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_IN_ENDPOINT_5 (5)
226 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_OUT_ENDPOINT_5 (5)
227 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_IN_ENDPOINT_6 (6)
228 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_OUT_ENDPOINT_6 (6)
229 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_IN_ENDPOINT_7 (7)
230 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_OUT_ENDPOINT_7 (7)
231 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_IN_ENDPOINT_8 (8)
232 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_OUT_ENDPOINT_8 (8)
233 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_IN_ENDPOINT_9 (9)
234 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_OUT_ENDPOINT_9 (9)
235 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_IN_ENDPOINT_10 (10)
236 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_OUT_ENDPOINT_10 (10)
237 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_IN_ENDPOINT_11 (11)
238 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_OUT_ENDPOINT_11 (11)
239 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_IN_ENDPOINT_12 (12)
240 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_OUT_ENDPOINT_12 (12)
241 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_IN_ENDPOINT_13 (13)
242 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_OUT_ENDPOINT_13 (13)
243 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_IN_ENDPOINT_14 (14)
244 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_OUT_ENDPOINT_14 (14)
245 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_IN_ENDPOINT_15 (15)
246 #define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_OUT_ENDPOINT_15 (15)
...
    
```

Figure 2. Endpoint configuration

4 Endpoint Buffer Configuration

Each endpoint needs a buffer to store the received data or data to be sent. This chapter describes the configuration of the USB endpoint buffer.

4.1 Buffer Descriptor Table

To manage USB endpoint communications, USBFS implements a Buffer Descriptor Table (BDT) in system memory, as shown in Figure 3. The BDT resides on a 512 byte boundary in system memory and is pointed to by the BDT Page Registers. Every endpoint direction requires two 8-byte Buffer Descriptor (BD) entries. Therefore, a system with 16 fully bidirectional endpoints would require 512 bytes of system memory to implement the BDT. The two BD entries allow for an EVEN BD and ODD BD entry for each endpoint direction. The contents stored in the BDT are shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Buffer descriptor format

31:26	25:16	15:8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
RSVD	BC (10 bits)	RSVD	OWN	DATA0/1	KEEP/	NINC/	DTS/	BDT_STA LL/	0	0

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Table 2. Buffer descriptor format (continued)

					TOK_PID[3]	TOK_PID[2]	TOK_PID[1]	TOK_PID[0]		
Buffer Address(32-Bits)										

The address of the EP Buffer is stored in the Buffer Address field. BDT is stored in a 512 byte aligned space and the location of the BDT can be determined by BDT Page registers: BDT Page register 1, BDT Page register 2 and BDT Page register 3. These three registers provide bit 9 -bit 31 bits of the BDT address, where bit 0-bit 8 is 0, as shown in [Table 3](#).

Table 3. BDT Address

	BDT Page register 3	BDT Page register 2	BDT Page register 1									
BDT address	bit 31— bit 24	bit 23 — bit 16	bit 15 — bit 9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

To compute the entry point into the BDT, the BDT_PAGE registers are concatenated with the current endpoint and the TX and ODD fields to form a 32-bit address. This address mechanism is shown in [Table 4](#).

Table 4. BDT Address Calculation

31:24	23:16	15:9	8:5	4	3	2
BDT_PAGE_03	BDT_PAGE_02	BDT_PAGE_01[7:1]	Endpoint	TX	ODD	000

Table 5. BDT address calculation fields

Field	Description
BDT_PAGE	BDT_PAGE register in the Control Register Block
ENDPOINT	ENDPOINT field from the USB TOKEN
TX	1 for transmit transfers and 0 for receive transfers
ODD	Maintained within the USBFS SIE. It corresponds to the buffer currently in use. The buffers are used in a ping-pong fashion.

According to the values of several fields in [Table 4](#), you can find the corresponding BD in BDT and the corresponding EP Buffer, as shown in [Figure 3](#).

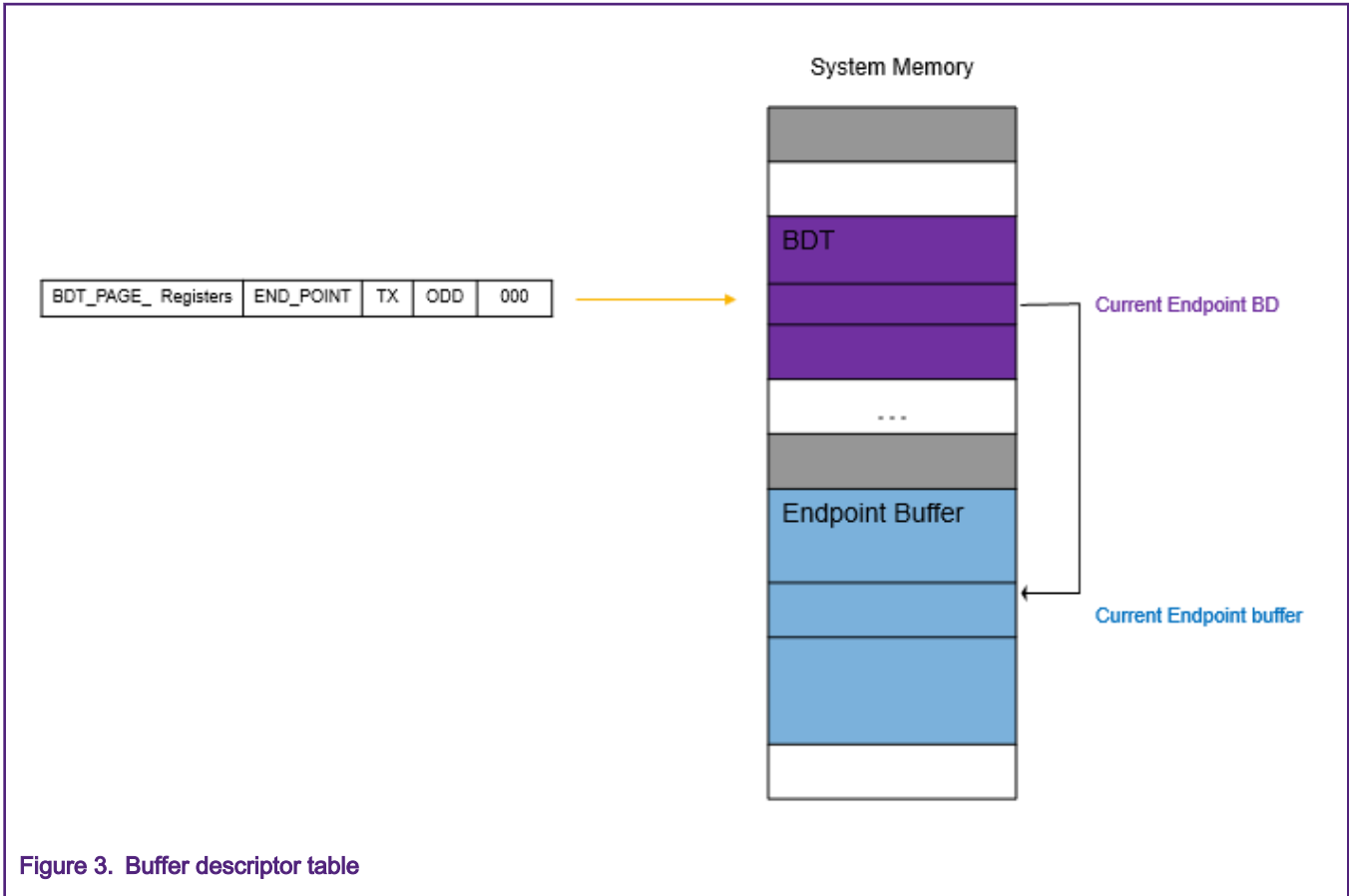


Figure 3. Buffer descriptor table

Software should manage buffers for USBFS by updating the BDT when needed. This allows USBFS to manage data transmission and reception, while the microprocessor performs communication overhead processing and other function-dependent applications.

4.2 Endpoint Buffer

The buffer of the control endpoint is not fixed. When receiving the Setup data, the EP0 buffer is `s_UsbDeviceKhciState.setupPacketBuffer[8*2]`; When processing the IN transaction, the EP0 buffer is generally an array of descriptors: `g_UsbDeviceDescriptor[]`, `g_UsbDeviceConfigurationDescriptor[]`, etc. The buffer configuration of non-control endpoint is shown in [Table 6](#).

Table 6. EP buffer configuration

VCOM number	Endpoint	direction	EP Buffer
VCOM1	1	OUT	<code>s_currRecvBuf[0][64]</code>
VCOM1	1	IN	<code>s_currSendBuf[0][64]</code>
VCOM2	2	OUT	<code>s_currRecvBuf[1][64]</code>
VCOM2	2	IN	<code>s_currSendBuf[1][64]</code>
VCOM3	3	OUT	<code>s_currRecvBuf[2][64]</code>

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Table 6. EP buffer configuration (continued)

VCOM3	3	IN	s_currSendBuf[2][64]
VCOM4	4	OUT	s_currRecvBuf[3][64]
VCOM4	4	IN	s_currSendBuf[3][64]
VCOM5	5	OUT	s_currRecvBuf[4][64]
VCOM5	5	IN	s_currSendBuf[4][64]
VCOM6	6	OUT	s_currRecvBuf[5][64]
VCOM6	6	IN	s_currSendBuf[5][64]
VCOM7	7	OUT	s_currRecvBuf[6][64]
VCOM7	7	IN	s_currSendBuf[6][64]
VCOM8	8	OUT	s_currRecvBuf[7][64]
VCOM8	8	IN	s_currSendBuf[7][64]
VCOM9	9	OUT	s_currRecvBuf[8][64]
VCOM9	9	IN	s_currSendBuf[8][64]
VCOM10	10	OUT	s_currRecvBuf[9][64]
VCOM10	10	IN	s_currSendBuf[9][64]
VCOM11	11	OUT	s_currRecvBuf[10][64]
VCOM11	11	IN	s_currSendBuf[10][64]
VCOM12	12	OUT	s_currRecvBuf[11][64]
VCOM12	12	IN	s_currSendBuf[11][64]
VCOM13	13	OUT	s_currRecvBuf[12][64]
VCOM13	13	IN	s_currSendBuf[12][64]
VCOM14	14	OUT	s_currRecvBuf[13][64]
VCOM14	14	IN	s_currSendBuf[13][64]
VCOM15	15	OUT	s_currRecvBuf[14][64]
VCOM15	15	IN	s_currSendBuf[14][64]

The s_currRecvBuf and s_currSendBuf are two global arrays, defined as follows:

```
USB_DMA_NONINIT_DATA_ALIGN(USB_DATA_ALIGN_SIZE) static uint8_t
```

```
s_currRecvBuf[USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_CDC_ACM][DATA_BUFF_SIZE];
USB_DMA_NONINIT_DATA_ALIGN(USB_DATA_ALIGN_SIZE) static uint8_t
s_currSendBuf[USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_CDC_ACM][DATA_BUFF_SIZE];
```

The value of the macro DATA_BUFF_SIZE is 64.

The buffer configuration of non-control endpoint of the OUT direction is performed in the *USB_DeviceCdcVcomSetConfigure()* function after the USB device receives the SetConfiguration standard request from the host, while the EP Buffer of the IN direction is configured before the data will be sent using this IN endpoint.

5 Software workflow chart

The code used in this application note is based on the

usb_device_composite_cdc_vcom_cdc_vcom_lite example in the SDK. The architecture of the USB Device stack is shown in Figure 4.

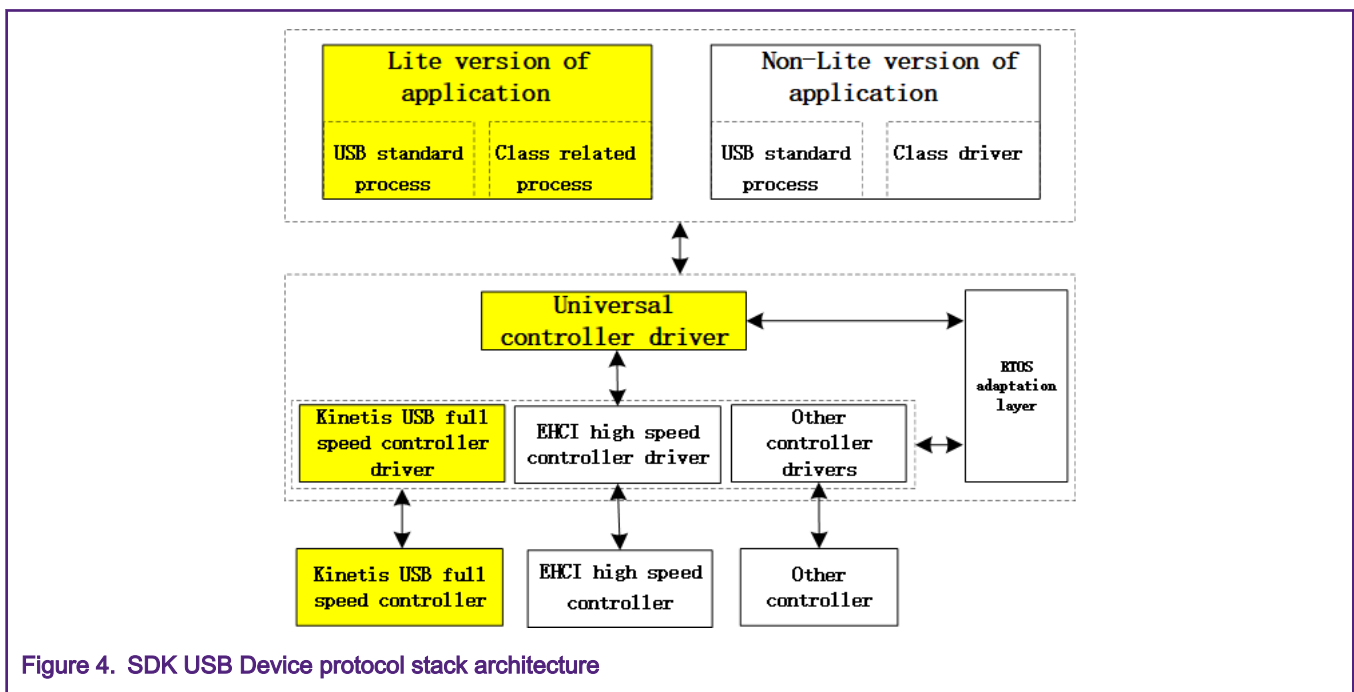


Figure 4. SDK USB Device protocol stack architecture

The USB Device protocol stack is the middle part of the architecture and consists of a universal controller driver, a specific controller driver, and an RTOS (Real-Time Operating System) adaptation layer. The parts marked with yellow in the architecture diagram are used in this application note, using the Lite version of the application.

- Universal Controller Driver—This provides a unified interface for applications, and users do not need to care about the details of different hardware controllers.
- Specific controller drivers—There are many types of USB controllers, each of which implements a specific driver. The USB device controller of the K32L2 series MCU is a Kinetis Full-speed USB device controller.
- RTOS Adaptation Layer—This USB protocol stack can operate not only in different RTOS environments but also in bare-board environments. RTOS is not used in this application note.

The corresponding relationship between the source code and the USB protocol stack architecture in the project is shown in Figure 5.

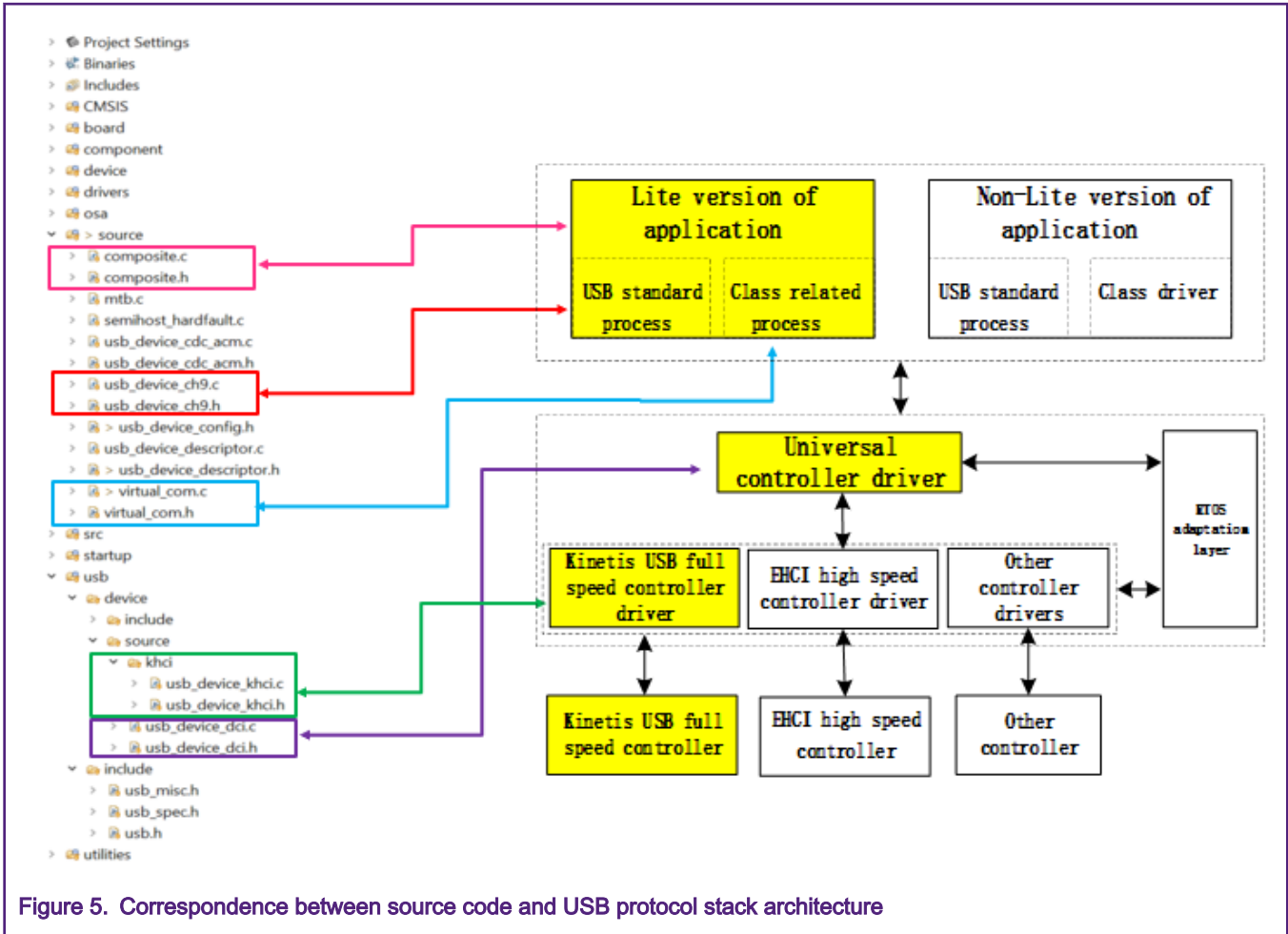
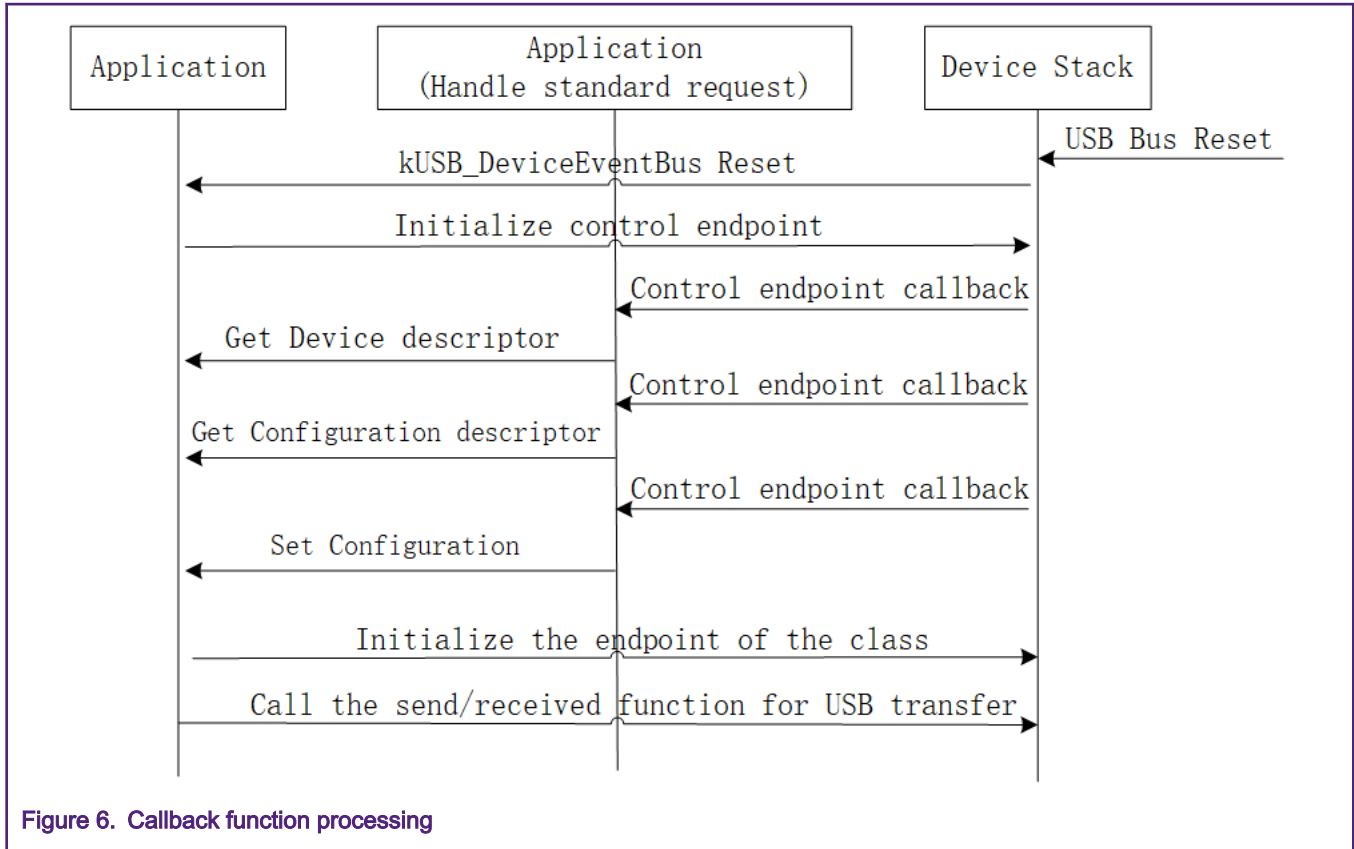


Figure 5. Correspondence between source code and USB protocol stack architecture

The basic workflow of the device stack depends on callback functions and function calls. The callback functions notify all state changes and data requests of the device stack to application.

There are two types of callback functions in the device stack:

- Device callback function - It notifies the state of device stack to the application.
- Endpoint callback function - It notifies the data transfer result of the corresponding endpoint to application. The control endpoint callback function handles all USB standard requests and class requests. The [Figure 6](#) briefly describes the processing of the callback function.



When the USB host recognizes that a USB device is plugged into the USB interface, it starts an enumeration process. The essence of USB enumeration is the process in which the USB host obtains the parameter information of the USB device and configures the configurable parameters. The USB enumeration process is done in the USB interrupt service function. The processing flow of the USB interrupt service function is shown in [Figure 7](#).

5.1 USB interrupt service function flowchart

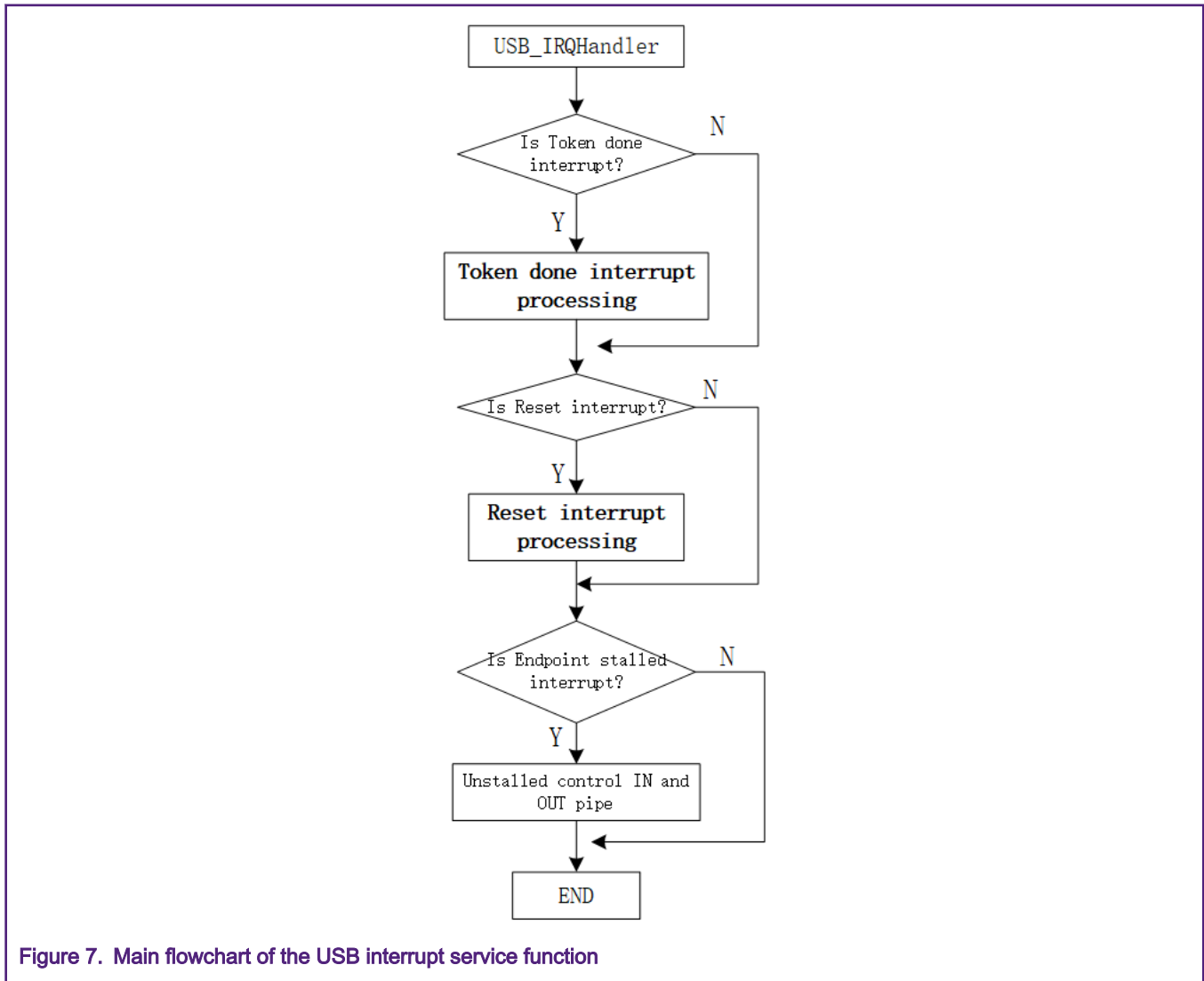


Figure 7. Main flowchart of the USB interrupt service function

When a USB interrupt occurs, the interrupt service function determines which type of interrupt: Token done interrupt, Reset interrupt, Endpoint stalled interrupt, then go to the corresponding operation.

5.1.1 Reset interrupt process

If the USB interrupt is a reset interrupt, the program executes the flow shown in [Figure 8](#).

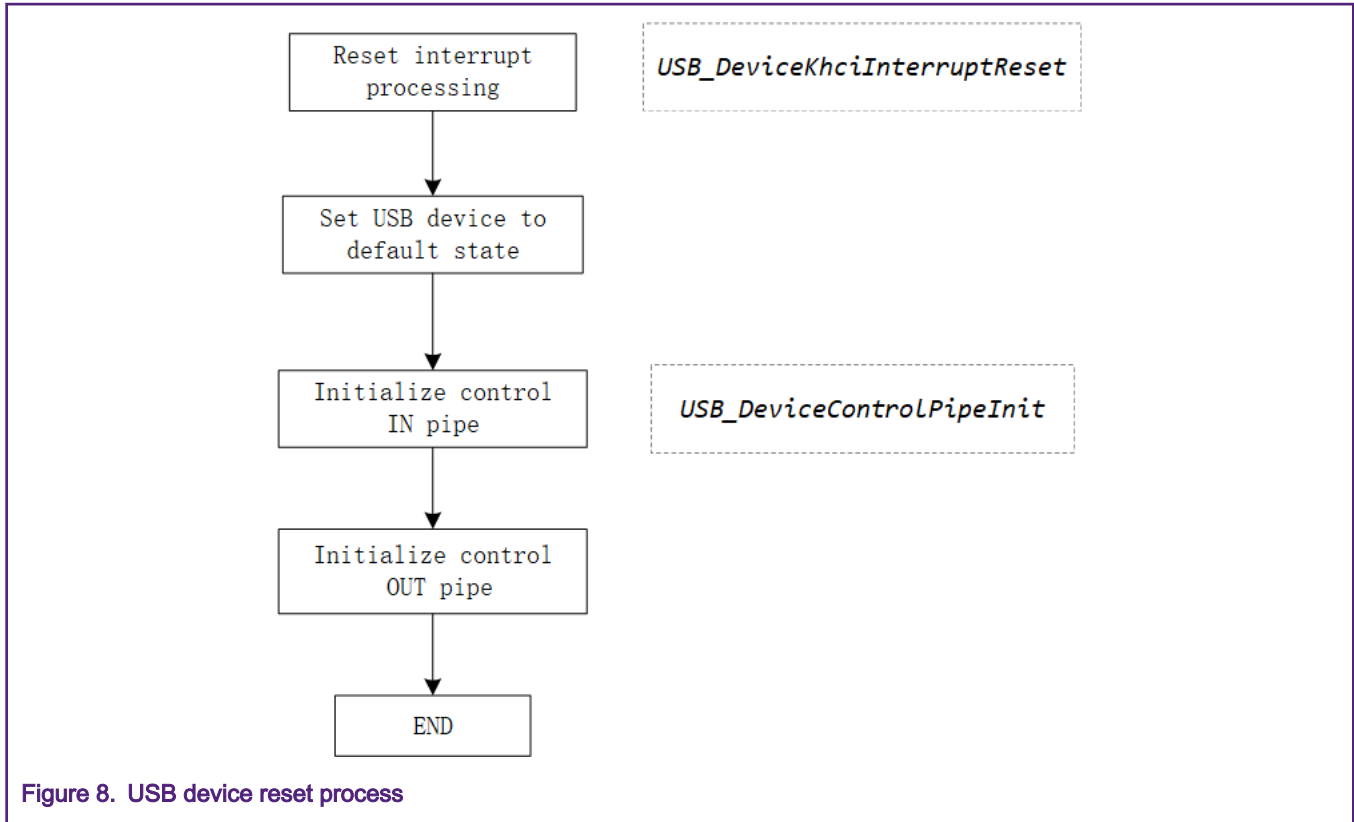


Figure 8. USB device reset process

The main thing to do in the reset interrupt is to set the USB device to the default state and initialize the control IN pipe and OUT pipe.

5.1.2 Token done interrupt processing

If it is a Token done interrupt, the program executes the process shown in [Figure 9](#).

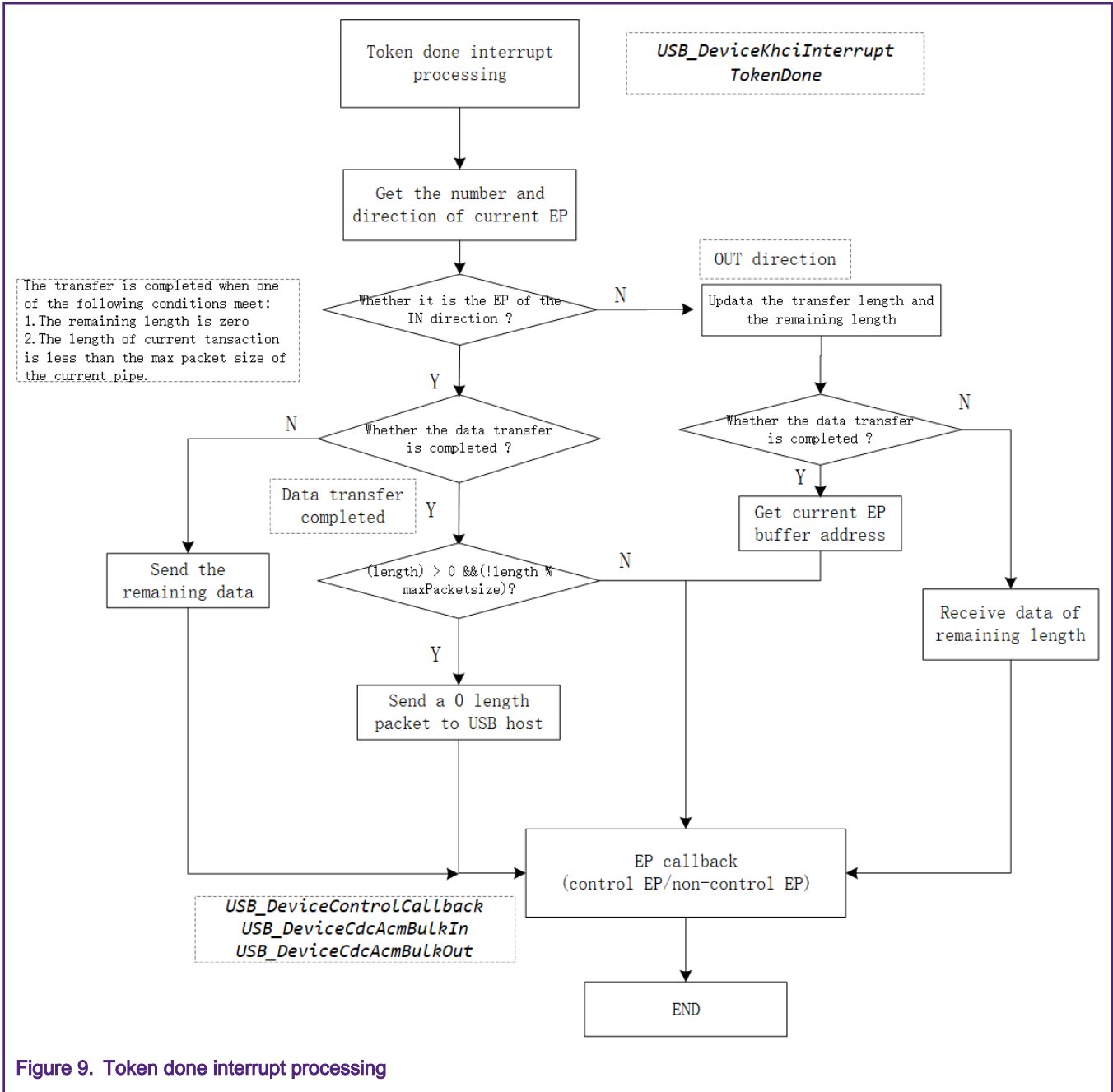


Figure 9. Token done interrupt processing

The endpoint callback function includes two types: control endpoint callback function and non-control endpoint callback function. If the current endpoint is a control endpoint, the control endpoint callback function is called; if the current endpoint is a non-control endpoint, the non-control endpoint callback function is called. The callback function of the control endpoint implements the processing of standard and class requests; the non-control endpoint callback function implements the data transmission function, and transmits the data received by the Bulk OUT endpoint to the host through the Bulk IN endpoint. The non-control endpoint callback functions for the 15 VCOMs in this application note are the same. The endpoint callback function in IN direction is *USB_DeviceCdcAcmBulkIn()*, and the callback function in OUT direction is *USB_DeviceCdcAcmBulkOut()*, that is, the functions of the 15 VCOMs implementations are the same: transmits the data received from USB host to the USB host.

5.2 USB device request

The processing of standard requests and class requests is performed in the callback function of the control endpoint. The USB host obtains the information of the USB device and performs related configuration on the USB device by sending a device request

(Device Request) to the device. The device request is specified by the Setup data of length 8 bytes, and the direction is always from the USB host to the USB device. Commonly used standard requests are shown in [Table 7](#).

Table 7. Common Standard requests

Standard request	Direction
SetAddress	OUT
SetConfiguration	OUT
GetDescriptor(Device/Configuration/String)	IN

CDC class devices also support some class requests in addition to the standard requests. After the USB host obtains various descriptor information of the CDC class device, it also sends some class requests to the USB device. Common Class requests are shown in [Table 8](#).

Table 8. Common Class requests

Class request	Direction
SetLineCoding	OUT
SetControlLineState	OUT
GetLineCoding	IN

NOTE

The interrupt IN endpoint is not used in the CDC interface, so SetControlLineState class request cannot be handled, ignore this class request.

The GetLineCoding request is a request for the host to obtain the serial port attribute, including the baud rate, the stop bit, the check type, and the number of data bits. The structure of the GetLineCoding request is shown in [Table 9](#).

Table 9. GetLineCoding request structure

bmRequestType	bRequestCode	wValue	wIndex	wLength	Data
10100001B	GET_LINE_CODING	Zero	Interface	Size of Structure	Line Coding Structure

The contents of Line Coding Structure are shown in [Table 10](#).

Table 10. Line Coding Structure

Offset	Field	Size/byte	Description
0	dwDTERate	4	Data terminal rate, in bits per second
4	bCharFormat	1	Stop bits 0: 1 Stop bit 1: 1.5 Stop bit 2: 2 Stop
5	bParityType	1	Parity 0: None 3: Mark

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Table 10. Line Coding Structure (continued)

			1: Odd 4: Space 2: Even
6	bDataBits	1	Data bits (5,6,7,8 or 16)

SetLineCoding is an output class request, which corresponds to GetLineCoding. The USB host uses this command to set the serial port property of the device, and its data structure is the same as GetLineCoding. After the USB host completes these standard requests and class requests, the enumeration process ends, and the USB host will recognize multiple VCOMs. Then the serial port debugging terminal on the PC can communicate with the USB device of the K32L2 series MCU.

6 Key Steps

6.1 How to expand the number of supported VCOMs

This section uses the SDK code *dev_composite_cdc_vcom_cdc_vcom_lite_bm* as an example to show how to extend to three VCOMs based on two VCOMs. The specific steps are as follows:

1. Modify the `usb_device_config.h` file

- Change the value of the macro `USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_CDC_ACM` from 2 to 3

```
#define USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_CDC_ACM (2U) to
#define USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_CDC_ACM (3U)
```

- Modify the value of the `USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_ENDPOINTS` macro

```
#define USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_ENDPOINTS (5U) to
/* Values that meet functional requirements are ok */
#define USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_ENDPOINTS (8U)
```

2. Modify the `usb_device_descriptor.h` file

- Change the value of the macro `USB_INTERFACE_COUNT` from 4 to 6

```
#define USB_INTERFACE_COUNT (4) to
#define USB_INTERFACE_COUNT (6)
```

- Add some macro definitions for VCOM3

```
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_INTERFACE_COUNT_3 (2)

#define USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_INTERFACE_INDEX_3 (4)
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_INTERFACE_INDEX_3 (5)
/* If the CDC interface does not require an Interrupt IN endpoint, then this macro is 0 */
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_ENDPOINT_COUNT_3 (1)

/* If the CDC interface does not require an Interrupt IN endpoint, you do not need to define
this macro*/
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_3 (7)

#define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_ENDPOINT_COUNT_3 (2)
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_IN_ENDPOINT_3 (3)
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_OUT_ENDPOINT_3 (3)

#define HS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_PACKET_SIZE_3 (16)
#define FS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_PACKET_SIZE_3 (16)
```

```
#define HS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_INTERVAL_3 (0x07)
#define FS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_INTERVAL_3 (0x08)

#define HS_CDC_VCOM_BULK_IN_PACKET_SIZE_3 (512)
#define FS_CDC_VCOM_BULK_IN_PACKET_SIZE_3 (64)
#define HS_CDC_VCOM_BULK_OUT_PACKET_SIZE_3 (512)
#define FS_CDC_VCOM_BULK_OUT_PACKET_SIZE_3 (64)
```

3. Modify the `usb_device_descriptor.c` file

- Modify the `g_interface` array

```
uint8_t g_interface[USB_CDC_VCOM_INTERFACE_COUNT + USB_CDC_VCOM_INTERFACE_COUNT_2
+ USB_CDC_VCOM_INTERFACE_COUNT_3];
```

- Modify the configuration descriptor array `g_UsbDeviceConfigurationDescriptor`: add the interface descriptor and endpoint descriptor of CDC3. Refer to the attached code for details.

4. Modify the `virtual_com.c` file

- Extend `s_lineCoding`, `s_abstractState`, `s_countryCode`, `s_usbCdcAcmlInfo` array.
- Modify the `USB_DeviceCdcVcomSetConfigure()` function to increase the initialization of non-control endpoint in CDC3.

NOTE

The callback functions of the non-control endpoint in multi VCOMs are same in this application note. If you want to modify the function of the application layer, you can use the callback function of different functions here.

6.2 How to remove the Interrupt IN endpoint in the CDC interface

In order to enable the USB device to support more VCOM, the Interrupt IN endpoint in the CDC interface can be removed. The specific implementation steps are as follows:

1. Modify the `usb_device_config.h` file

- Increase the definition of the macro **USB_CDC_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_ENABLE**

```
#define USB_CDC_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_ENABLE (0U)
```

2. Modify the `usb_device_descriptor.h` file

- Modify the value of the macro `USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_ENDPOINT_COUNT` to 0

```
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_ENDPOINT_COUNT ( 0 )
```

And mask the definition of the Interrupt IN endpoint in the CDC interface according to the value of the `USB_CDC_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_ENABLE` macro.

```
#if USB_CDC_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_ENABLE
/* No need interrupt IN endpoint for CIC interface */
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT (0)
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_2 (0)
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_3 (0)
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_4 (0)
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_5 (0)
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_6 (0)
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_7 (0)
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_8 (0)
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_9 (0)
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_10 (0)
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_11 (0)
```



```
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_12 (0)
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_13 (0)
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_14 (0)
#define USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_15 (0)
#endif
```

3. Modify the `usb_device_descriptor.c` file

- Modify the array length field in the `g_UsbDeviceConfigurationDescriptor` configuration descriptor array

```
USB_SHORT_GET_LOW(USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_CONFIGURE +
                  (USB_IAD_DESC_SIZE + USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_INTERFACE +
                   USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_CDC_HEADER_FUNC +
                   USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_CDC_CALL_MANAG + USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_CDC_ABSTRACT +
                   USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_CDC_UNION_FUNC + 0 +
                   USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_INTERFACE + USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_ENDPOINT +
                   USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_ENDPOINT) * USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_CDC_ACM),
USB_SHORT_GET_HIGH(USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_CONFIGURE +
                   (USB_IAD_DESC_SIZE + USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_INTERFACE +
                    USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_CDC_HEADER_FUNC +
                    USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_CDC_CALL_MANAG + USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_CDC_ABSTRACT +
                    USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_CDC_UNION_FUNC + 0 +
                    USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_INTERFACE + USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_ENDPOINT +
                    USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_ENDPOINT) *
USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_CDC_ACM),
```

- Delete interrupt endpoint descriptors in all CDC interfaces

```
#if USB_CDC_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_ENABLE
/*Notification Endpoint descriptor */
    USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_ENDPOINT,
    USB_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_ENDPOINT,
    USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT | (USB_IN << 7U), USB_ENDPOINT_INTERRUPT,
    USB_SHORT_GET_LOW(FS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_PACKET_SIZE),
    USB_SHORT_GET_HIGH(FS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_PACKET_SIZE),
    FS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_INTERVAL,
#endif
```

4. Modify the `virtual_com.c` file

- Modify the processing of the `SetControlLineState` class request in the `USB_DeviceCdcVcomClassRequest()` function.

```
    if (0 == vcomInstance->hasSentState)
    {
        #if USB_CDC_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_ENABLE
            error = USB_DeviceSendRequest(handle, vcomInstance->interruptEndpoint,
                                         acmInfo->serialStateBuf, len);
            if (kStatus_USB_Success != error)
            {
                usb_echo("kUSB_DeviceCdcEventSetControlLineState error!");
            }
        #endif
        vcomInstance->hasSentState = 1;
    }
```

- Add `g_CdcVcomInterruptInPackageSzie`, `g_CdcVcomInterruptInInterval`, `g_CdcVcomInterruptInEndpoint`, `g_CdcVcomDicBulkInEndpoint`, `g_CdcVcomDicBulkInEndpoint`, `g_CdcVcomDicBulkOutEndpoint`,

```
g_CdcVcomDicInterfaceIndex g_CdcVcomCicInterfaceIndex,
g_CdcVcomBulkInPacketSize, g_CdcVcomBulkOutPacketSize array.
```

NOTE

These arrays are only used to simplify the initialization of each endpoint in the USB_DeviceCdcVcomSetConfigure() function.

Modify the initialization process for the interrupt endpoint in each CDC class in the USB_DeviceCdcVcomSetConfigure() function.

```
if (USB_COMPOSITE_CONFIGURE_INDEX == configure)
{
    for ( uint8_t i = 0; i < USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_CDC_ACM; i++)
    {
        /***** Initiaailizecdc endpoint *****/
        g_deviceComposite->cdcVcom [i]. attach = 1;
#ifdef USB_CDC_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_ENABLE
        /* Initiaailizeendpoint for interrupt pipe */
        epCallback.callbackFn = USB_DeviceCdcAcmInterruptIn;
        epCallback.callbackParam = (void

*) &g_deviceComposite->cdcVcom[i].communicationInterfaceNumber;
        epInitStruct.zlt = 0;

        epInitStruct.transferType = USB_ENDPOINT_INTERRUPT;
        epInitStruct.endpointAddress =
        g_CdcVcomCicInterruptInEndpoint[i] | (USB_IN <<

        USB_DESCRIPTOR_ENDPOINT_ADDRESS_DIRECTION_SHIFT);
        epInitStruct.maxPacketSize = FS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_PACKET_SIZE;
        epInitStruct.interval = FS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_INTERVAL;
        g_deviceComposite->cdcVcom[i].interruptEndpoint =

        g_CdcVcomCicInterruptInEndpoint[i];
        g_deviceComposite->cdcVcom[i].interruptEndpointMaxPacketSize =

        epInitStruct.maxPacketSize;
        g_deviceComposite->cdcVcom[i].communicationInterfaceNumber =
        g_CdcVcomCicInterfaceIndex[i];
        USB_DeviceInitEndpoint(handle, &epInitStruct, &epCallback);
#else
        g_deviceComposite->cdcVcom [i]. communicationInterfaceNumber =
        g_CdcVcomCicInterfaceIndex[i];
#endif
    }
}
```

NOTE

Do not delete the following content

```
g_deviceComposite->cdcVcom[i].communicationInterfaceNumber =
USB_CDC_VCOM_CIC_INTERFACE_INDEX; To see the complete code, refer to AN12597SW.
```

6.3 Code optimization

The steps in Sections 6.1 and 6.2 are a bit complicated. Users need to have some understanding of the USB protocol stack. If there is a step error, it may cause the function to fail. For each additional VCOM, users need to repeat the steps in Section 6.1. To make the process more convenient to use the function of VCOM, some optimizations are made on the code based on section 6.1 and 6.2, which makes it easy for users to configure the number of VCOM and to decide whether to use the interrupt IN endpoint in CIC interface through macro definition.

6.3.1 Use loop instead of list

For example, the USB_DeviceCdcVcomConfigureEndpointStatus () function in the virtual_com.c file:

```
usb_status_t USB_DeviceCdcVcomConfigureEndpointStatus(usb_device_handle handle, uint8_t ep, uint8_t
status)
{
    usb_status_t error = kStatus_USB_Error;
    if (status)
    {
        if ((USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_IN_ENDPOINT == (ep & USB_ENDPOINT_NUMBER_MASK)) &&
            (ep & USB_DESCRIPTOR_ENDPOINT_ADDRESS_DIRECTION_MASK))
        {
            error = USB_DeviceStallEndpoint(handle, ep);
        }
        else if ((USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_OUT_ENDPOINT == (ep & USB_ENDPOINT_NUMBER_MASK)) &&
            (!(ep & USB_DESCRIPTOR_ENDPOINT_ADDRESS_DIRECTION_MASK)))
        {
            error = USB_DeviceStallEndpoint(handle, ep);
        }
        else if ((USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_IN_ENDPOINT_2 == (ep & USB_ENDPOINT_NUMBER_MASK)) &&
            (ep & USB_DESCRIPTOR_ENDPOINT_ADDRESS_DIRECTION_MASK))
        {
            error = USB_DeviceStallEndpoint(handle, ep);
        }
        else if ((USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_OUT_ENDPOINT_2 == (ep & USB_ENDPOINT_NUMBER_MASK)) &&
            (!(ep & USB_DESCRIPTOR_ENDPOINT_ADDRESS_DIRECTION_MASK)))
        {
            error = USB_DeviceStallEndpoint(handle, ep);
        }
    }
    else
    {
    }
    else
    {
        if ((USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_IN_ENDPOINT == (ep & USB_ENDPOINT_NUMBER_MASK)) &&
            (ep & USB_DESCRIPTOR_ENDPOINT_ADDRESS_DIRECTION_MASK))
        {
            error = USB_DeviceUnstallEndpoint(handle, ep);
        }
        else if ((USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_OUT_ENDPOINT == (ep & USB_ENDPOINT_NUMBER_MASK)) &&
            (!(ep & USB_DESCRIPTOR_ENDPOINT_ADDRESS_DIRECTION_MASK)))
        {
            error = USB_DeviceUnstallEndpoint(handle, ep);
        }
        else if ((USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_IN_ENDPOINT_2 == (ep & USB_ENDPOINT_NUMBER_MASK)) &&
            (ep & USB_DESCRIPTOR_ENDPOINT_ADDRESS_DIRECTION_MASK))
        {
            error = USB_DeviceUnstallEndpoint(handle, ep);
        }
        else if ((USB_CDC_VCOM_DIC_BULK_OUT_ENDPOINT_2 == (ep & USB_ENDPOINT_NUMBER_MASK)) &&
            (!(ep & USB_DESCRIPTOR_ENDPOINT_ADDRESS_DIRECTION_MASK)))
        {
            error = USB_DeviceUnstallEndpoint(handle, ep);
        }
    }
    else
    {
    }
}
```

```

}
return error;
}

```

```

usb_status_t USB_DeviceCdcVcomConfigureEndpointStatus(usb_device_handle handle, uint8_t ep,
uint8_t status)
{
    usb_status_t error = kStatus_USB_Error;
    uint8_t i;
    if (status)
    {
        for(i = 0; i < USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_CDC_ACM; i++)
        {
            if ((g_CdcVcomDicBulkInEndpoint[i] == (ep & USB_ENDPOINT_NUMBER_MASK)) &&
                (ep & USB_DESCRIPTOR_ENDPOINT_ADDRESS_DIRECTION_MASK))
            {
                error = USB_DeviceStallEndpoint(handle, ep);
            }
            else if ((g_CdcVcomDicBulkOutEndpoint[i] == (ep & USB_ENDPOINT_NUMBER_MASK)) &&
                ep & USB_DESCRIPTOR_ENDPOINT_ADDRESS_DIRECTION_MASK))
            {
                error = USB_DeviceStallEndpoint(handle, ep);
            }
        }
    }
    else
    {
        for(i = 0; i < USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_CDC_ACM; i++)
        {
            if ((g_CdcVcomDicBulkInEndpoint[i] == (ep & USB_ENDPOINT_NUMBER_MASK)) &&
                (ep & USB_DESCRIPTOR_ENDPOINT_ADDRESS_DIRECTION_MASK))
            {
                error = USB_DeviceUnstallEndpoint(handle, ep);
            }
            else if ((g_CdcVcomDicBulkOutEndpoint[i] == (ep & USB_ENDPOINT_NUMBER_MASK)) &&
                (ep & USB_DESCRIPTOR_ENDPOINT_ADDRESS_DIRECTION_MASK))
            {
                error = USB_DeviceUnstallEndpoint(handle, ep);
            }
        }
    }
    return error;
}

```

There is a lot code in fact can be replaced by loop, It is a key step to make automatic composite class for application. Other similar code is not listed here, Refer to the code released with this application note for more details.

6.3.2 Remove unnecessary settings

The following settings can be merged, as in most cases, user do not need to tune the parameters at all. Even in some special case that some users need to tune the parameters, it is also supported in runtime initialization.

```

/* Packet size. */
#define HS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_PACKET_SIZE (16)
#define FS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_PACKET_SIZE (16)
#define HS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_INTERVAL (0x07) /* 2^(7-1) = 8ms */
#define FS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_INTERVAL (0x08)

```

```

/* Packet size. */
#define HS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_PACKET_SIZE_2 (16)
#define FS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_PACKET_SIZE_2 (16)
#define HS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_INTERVAL_2 (0x07) /* 2^(7-1) = 8ms */
#define FS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_INTERVAL_2 (0x08)
#define HS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_PACKET_SIZE_3 (16)
#define FS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_PACKET_SIZE_3 (16)
#define HS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_INTERVAL_3 (0x07) /* 2^(7-1) = 8ms */
#define FS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_INTERVAL_3 (0x08)
#define HS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_PACKET_SIZE_4 (16)
#define FS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_PACKET_SIZE_4 (16)
#define HS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_INTERVAL_4 (0x07) /* 2^(7-1) = 8ms */
#define FS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_INTERVAL_4 (0x08)
#define HS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_PACKET_SIZE_5 (16)
#define FS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_PACKET_SIZE_5 (16)
#define HS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_INTERVAL_5 (0x07) /* 2^(7-1) = 8ms */
#define FS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_INTERVAL_5 (0x08)
...

```

After merge, the above code becomes:

```

/* Packet size. */
#define HS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_PACKET_SIZE (16)
#define FS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_PACKET_SIZE (16)
#define HS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_INTERVAL (0x07) /* 2^(7-1) = 8ms */
#define FS_CDC_VCOM_INTERRUPT_IN_INTERVAL (0x08)

```

Other similar code is not listed here, refer to the code attached with this application note for more details.

6.3.3 Use MACRO to avoid modify code manually

```

#define USB_INTERFACE_COUNT (30)

#define USB_INTERFACE_COUNT (2*USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_CDC_ACM)

#define USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_ENDPOINTS (16U)

#define USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_ENDPOINTS (1+2*USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_CDC_ACM)

```

Other similar code is not listed here, refer to the code attached with this AN for more details.

6.3.4 Use run time initialization instead of static initialization

6.3.4.1 Assign interface number dynamically

```

void USB_CdcVcomInterfaceIndexInit(void)
{
    uint8_t i;
    for(i = 0; i < USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_CDC_ACM; i++)
    {
        g_CdcVcomCicInterfaceIndex[i] = 0 + i*2;
        g_CdcVcomDicInterfaceIndex[i] = 1 + i*2;
    }
}

```

```

}
}

```

6.3.4.2 Assign endpoint number dynamically

```

void USB_CdcVcomEndpointInit(void)
{
    uint8_t i;
    for(i = 0; i < USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_CDC_ACM; i++)
    {
        #if USB_CDC_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_ENABLE

            g_CdcVcomCicInterruptInEndpoint[i] = 1 + i*2;
            g_CdcVcomDicBulkInEndpoint[i] = 2 + i*2;
            g_CdcVcomDicBulkOutEndpoint[i] = 2 + i*2;
        #else
            g_CdcVcomDicBulkInEndpoint[i] = 1 + i*1;
            g_CdcVcomDicBulkOutEndpoint[i] = 1 + i*1;
        #endif
    }
}

```

6.3.4.3 Run time initialization for config descriptor

```

void USB_DescriptorInit(void)
{
    uint8_t *p = NULL;
    uint8_t i;
    /* copy configuration descriptor */
    memcpy(g_UsbDeviceConfigurationDescriptor + 0, g_CdcConfigurationDescriptorTemplate,
    USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_CONFIGURE);

    /* copy cdc iap, interface, endpoint descriptor */
    for(i = 0; i < USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_CDC_ACM ; i++)
    {
        memcpy(g_UsbDeviceConfigurationDescriptor + USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_CONFIGURE +
            USB_CDC_DESCRIPTOR_INSTANCE_LENGTH * i,
            g_CdcDescriptorTemplate,
            USB_CDC_DESCRIPTOR_INSTANCE_LENGTH
        );
    }

    /* update interface and endpoint descriptor */
    for(i = 0; i < USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_CDC_ACM ; i++)
    {
        p = g_UsbDeviceConfigurationDescriptor + USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_CONFIGURE +
            USB_CDC_DESCRIPTOR_INSTANCE_LENGTH * i;
        /* The first interface number associated with this function */
        p[2] = g_CdcVcomCicInterfaceIndex[i];
        p += USB_IAD_DESC_SIZE;
        /* CIC interface index */
        p[2] = g_CdcVcomCicInterfaceIndex[i];
        p += USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_INTERFACE;
        p += USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_CDC_HEADER_FUNC;
        p += USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_CDC_CALL_MANAG;
    }
}

```

```

p += USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_CDC_ABSTRACT;
p[3] = g_CdcVcomCicInterfaceIndex[i];
p[4] = g_CdcVcomDicInterfaceIndex[i];
p += USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_CDC_UNION_FUNC;

#if USB_CDC_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_ENABLE
p[2] = g_CdcVcomCicInterruptInEndpoint[i] | (USB_IN <<7);
p += USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_CDC_CIC_INTERRUPT_ENDPOINT;
#endif

/* data interface descriptor */
p[2] = g_CdcVcomDicInterfaceIndex[i];

/* bulk in endpoint descriptor */
p += USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_INTERFACE;
p[2] = g_CdcVcomDicBulkInEndpoint[i] | (USB_IN <<7);

/* bulk out endpoint descriptor */
p += USB_DESCRIPTOR_LENGTH_ENDPOINT;
p[2] = g_CdcVcomDicBulkOutEndpoint[i] | (USB_OUT <<7);
}
}

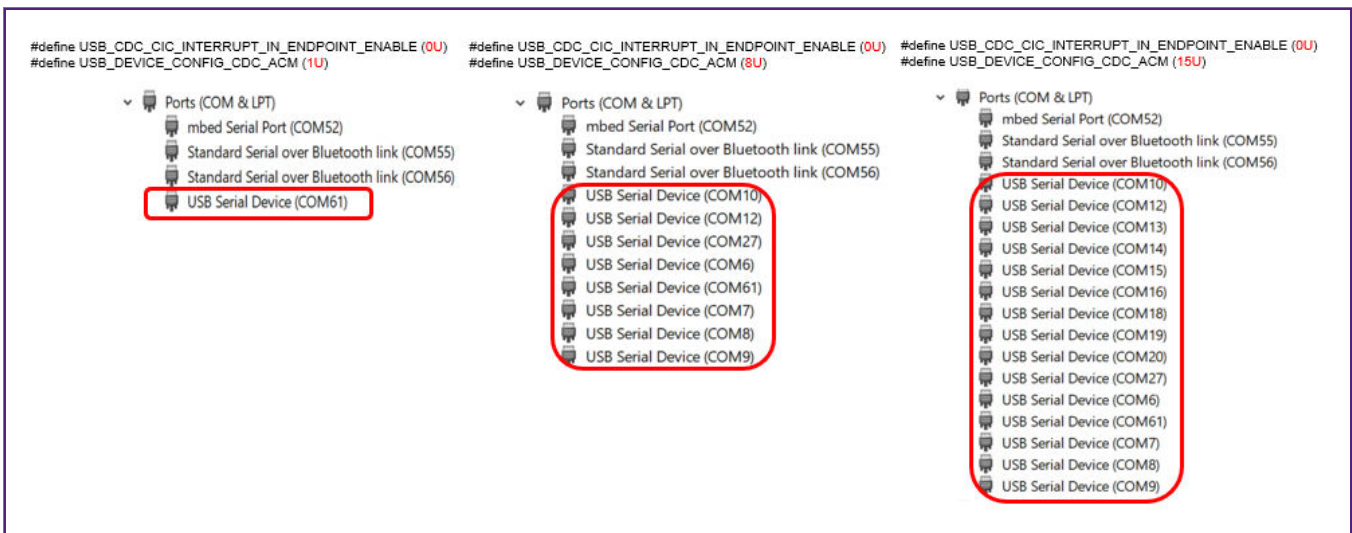
```

Adding CDC class descriptors manually is also an error-prone step. The array length is very long when 15 VCOM descriptors are used. This dynamic method makes it easy to configure descriptors. After completing the above four optimizations, user can set the number of VCOMs through the macro `USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_CDC_ACM`, and user can also use the macro `USB_CDC_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_ENABLE` to determine whether to use the interrupt endpoint in the CIC interface.

7 Function Test

Two projects of MCUXpresso version for K32L2B3 are provided in the attachment to this application note. The first project is a project that has not been optimized by the steps in section 6.3, and the second project is the optimized project. Similarly, two similar projects were also provided for the K32L2A. Use the optimized project of K32L2B3 for functional testing:

Set the macro `USB_DEVICE_CONFIG_CDC_ACM` and the macro `USB_CDC_CIC_INTERRUPT_IN_ENDPOINT_ENABLE` to a different value, then compile the project to download the program to the board, the results are as shown in [Figure 11](#).



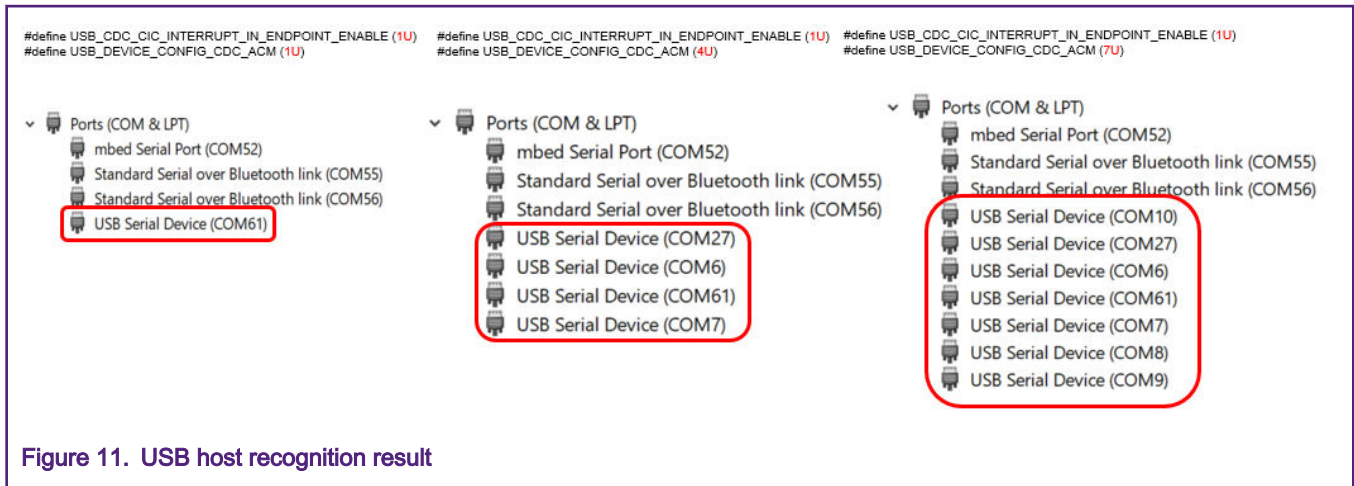


Figure 11. USB host recognition result

When not using the Interrupt IN endpoint in the CIC interface, a USB device can support up to 15 VCOMs; when using an Interrupt IN endpoint, a USB device can support up to 7 VCOMs.

NOTE

If the window system comes with a CDC driver, users do not need to manually install the driver; if the CDC driver is not installed on the PC, users need to manually drive the driver. For the driver installation, refer to the attached readme.pdf document.

8 Conclusion

Based on the SDK code, this application note implements the function of an FS USB device to multi VCOMs on the K32L2 series MCU. It can support up to 15 VCOMs, and each VCOM implements the function of returning received data to the host.

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