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Connect USB camera and show picture on LCD panel using i.MX RT1170

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Abstract	This document describes how to connect a USB camera to get the picture and show it on the LCD panel in real time using i.MX RT1170 EVK.



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1 Introduction

This document provides information on how to connect a USB camera to get the picture and show it on the LCD panel in real time using i.MX RT1170 EVK as shown in Figure 1.

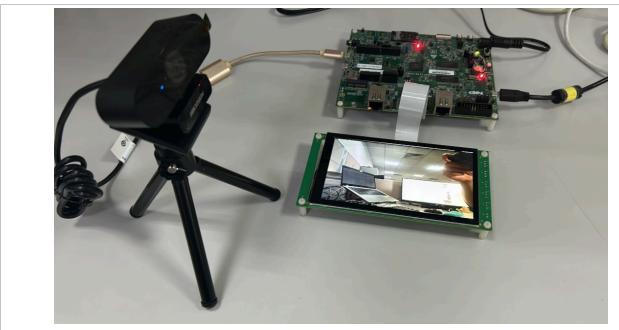
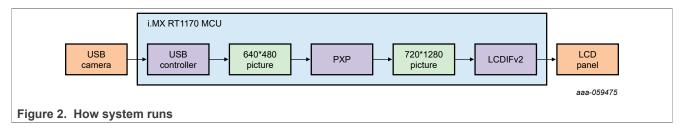


Figure 1. Connect USB camera and show picture on LCD panel using i.MX RT1170

2 How system runs

The way how the system runs is shown on Figure 2

At first, the 640*480 resolution picture in YUYV format is sent from the camera. Then it is scaled to be 1280*720 and rotated 270 degrees clockwise by PXP. The output picture size is 720*1280, which is displayed on an LCD panel.



3 Background knowledge

This section provides details on what background knowledge for USB Camera and PXP is required.

3.1 Background knowledge for USB camera

This chapter provides background information for the USB camera.

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3.1.1 Basic parameters of a USB camera

Picture format

Typically, the picture format from a USB camera supports YUV and MJPEG. For real time application, use the YUV format to avoid decoding by CPU, which would cause delay and increase the CPU loading.

Resolution

The USB camera typically supports numerous resolutions, there are several examples below:

- w = 1920, h = 1080,
- w = 640, h = 480,
- w = 640, h = 360,
- w = 1280, h = 720,
- w = 1280, h = 960,
- w = 352, h = 288,
- w = 320, h = 240,
- w = 160, h = 120,

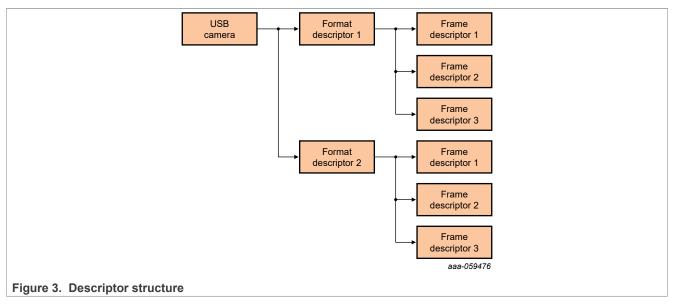
Frame rate

A USB camera reports the frame rate that it supports, there are several examples below:

- 30 fps
- 25 fps

3.1.2 Get information from class specific (CS) interface descriptor

The USB camera descriptor is organized as shown in <u>Figure 3</u>. There are format descriptors and frame descriptors. A USB camera has one or multi format descriptors, and one format descriptor includes one or multi frame descriptors.



An example for a format descriptor is shown below.

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Table 1. CS_INTERFACE Descriptor (27 bytes)

Field	Length (bits)	Offset (bits)	Decoded	Hex Value	Description
bLength	8	1120	0x1B	0x1B	The descriptor size is 27 bytes.
bDescriptorType	8	1128	0x24	0x24	CS_INTERFACE descriptor type
bDescriptorSub Type1	8	1136	0x04	0x04	VS_FORMAT_ UNCOMPRESSED descriptor subtype
bFormatIndex	8	1144	0x01	0x01	Index of this format descriptor
bNumFrame Descriptors	8	1152	0x03	0x03	Various frame descriptors following what corresponds to this format
guidFormat	32	1160	59555932- 1000- 800000AA389871	0x32595559	The globally unique identifier used to identify stream-encoding format 595559321000-800000AA-389B71
bBitsPerPixel	8	1288	0x10	0x10	Number of bits per pixel used to specify color in the decoded video frame
bDefaultFrame Index	8	1296	0x02	0x02	Optimum Index (used to select resolution) for this stream
bAspectRatioX	8	1304	0x00	0x00	The X dimension of the picture aspect ratio
bAspectRatioY	8	1312	0x00	0x00	The Y dimension of the picture aspect ratio
bmInterlaceFlags	8	1320	0x00	0x00	Specifies interlace information DO: Interlaced stream or variable 0 DI: Fields per frame 0 D2: Field 1 first O D3: Reserved O D54: Field pattern O

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Table 1. CS_INTERFACE Descriptor (27 bytes)...continued

Field	Length (bits)	Offset (bits)	Decoded	Hex Value	Description
					D76: Display Mode O
bCopyProtect	8	1328	0x00	0x00	Specifies whether duplication of the video stream is restricted D0: video stream is restricted 0

An example for a frame descriptor is as below.

Table 2. CS_INTERFACE Descriptor (30 bytes)

Field	Length (bits)	Offset (bits)	Decoded	Hex Value	Description
bLength	8	1576	0x1E	0x1E	The descriptor size is 30 bytes.
bDescriptorType	8	1584	0x24	0x24	CS_INTERFACE Descriptor Type
bDescriptorSub Type1	8	1592	0x05	0x05	VS_FRAME_ UNCOMPRESSED descriptor subtype
bFrameIndex	8	1600	0x02	0x02	Index of this frame descriptor
bmCapabilities	8	1608	0x00	0x00	D0: Still image supported 0 D71: Reserved 0
wWidth	16	1616	0x0280	0x0280	Width of decoded bitmap frame in pixels
wHeight	16	1632	0x01E0	0x01E0	Height of decoded bitmap frame in pixels
dwMinBitRate	32	1648	01194000	0x01194000	Specifies the minimum bit rate at the longest frame interval in units of bit/s at which the data can be transmitted
dwMaxBitRate	32	1680	034BC000	0x034BC000	Specifies the maximum bit rate at the shortest frame interval in units of bit/s at which the data can be transmitted

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Table 2. CS_INTERFACE Descriptor (30 bytes)...continued

Field	Length (bits)	Offset (bits)	Decoded	Hex Value	Description
dwMaxVideo FrameBufferSize	32	1712	00096000	0x00096000	Specifies the maximum number of bytes that the compressor produces for a video frame or still image
dwDefaultFrame Interval	32	1744	00061A80	0x00061A80	Specifies the frame interval that the device would like to indicate for use by default
bFrameInterval Type	8	1776	0x01	0x01	Indicates how the frame interval can be programmed 0: Continuous frame interval 1255: The number of discrete frames
dwFrame Interval(1)	32	1784	00061A80	0x00061A80	Longest frame interval supported (at lowest frame rate), in 100 ns units

From the CS interface descriptors, the important parameters are below:

• Bits per pixel: 16

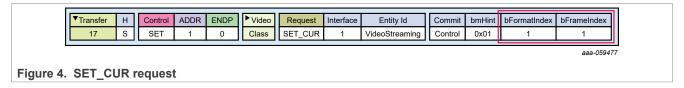
• Frame format: VS FRAME UNCOMPRESSED

• Resolution: 640(0x280)*480(0x1E0)

• Interval: 40,000,000 (0x61A80) ns = 40 ms (Frame rate is 1000/40 = 25 fps)

• Buffer size: 614,400(0x96, 000) B = 640*480*2

The information would be decoded in the project code. Specify the working format CS descriptor and frame CS descriptor by the SET CUR request according to the application requirement.



3.1.3 Interface with multialternate setting

An interface has one or multiple alternate settings. Each alternate setting operates at a different bandwidth.

An example for an interface with an alternate setting 1 to support 3 ISO transaction per frame is shown below:

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Table 3. INTERFACE descriptor (9 bytes)

Field	Length (bits)	Offset (bits)	Decoded	Hex Value	Description
bLength	8	6968	0x09	0x09	The descriptor size is 9 bytes.
bDescriptorType	8	6976	0x04	0x04	INTERFACE descriptor type
bInterfaceNumber	8	6984	0x01	0x01	The number of this interface is 1.
bAlternateSetting	8	6992	0x01	0x01	The value used to select the alternate setting for this interface is 1.
bNumEndpoints	8	7000	0x01	0x01	The number of endpoints used by this interface is 1 (excluding endpoint zero)
bInterfaceClass	8	7008	0x0E	0x0E	The interface implements the Video class
bInterfaceSub Class	8	7016	0x02	0x02	The interface implements the SC_VIDEOSTREAMING Subclass
bInterfaceProtocol	8	7024	0x00	0x00	The interface uses the PC PROTOCOL UNDEFINED Protocol
iInterface	8	7032	0x04	0x04	The interface string descriptor index is 4.

Table 4. ENDPOINT descriptor (7 bytes)

Field	Length (bits)	Offset (bits)	Decoded	Hex Value	Description
bLength	8	7040	0x07	0x07	The descriptor size is 7 bytes.
bDescriptorType	8	7048	0x05	0x05	ENDPOINT Descriptor Type
bEndpointAddress	8	7056	0x82	0x82	This is an IN endpoint with endpoint number 2
bmAtributes	8	7064	0x05	0x05	Types - Transfer: ISOCHR ONOUS Sync: Async Usage: Data EP
wMaxPacketSize	16	7072	0x1400	0x1400	The maximum packet size for

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Table 4. ENDPOINT descriptor (7 bytes)...continued

Field	Length (bits)	Offset (bits)	Decoded	Hex Value	Description
					this endpoint is 1024. If Hi-Speed, 2 additional transactions per frame.
bInterval	8	7088	0x01	0x01	The polling interval value is every 1 frame. If Hi-Speed, every 1 uFrames

An example for an interface with an alternate setting 2 to support 2 ISO transaction per frame is shown below:

Table 5. INTERFACE descriptor (9 bytes)

Field	Length (bits) 8	Offset (bits)	Decoded	Hex Value	Description
bLength	8	7096	0x09	0x09	The descriptor size is 9 bytes.
bDescriptorType	8	7104	0x04	0x04	INTERFACE descriptor type
bInterfaceNumber	8	7112	0x01	0x01	The number of this interface is 1.
bAlternateSetting	8	7120	0x02	0x02	The value used to select the alternate setting for this interface is 2.
bNumEndpoints	8	7128	0x01	0x01	The number of endpoints used by this interface is 1 (excluding endpoint zero)
bInterfaceClass	8	7136	0x0E	0x0E	The interface implements the Video class
blnterfaceSub Class	8	7144	0x02	0x02	The interface implements the SC VIDEOSTRE AMING Subclass
bInterfaceProtocol	8	7152	0x00	0x00	The interface uses the PC PRO TOCOL UND EFINED Protocol
ilnterface	8	7160	0x04	0x04	The interface string descriptor index is 4

Table 6. ENDPOINT descriptor (7 bytes)

Field	Length (bits)	Offset (bits)	Decoded	Hex Value	Description
bLength	8	7168	0x07	0x07	The descriptor size is 7 bytes.

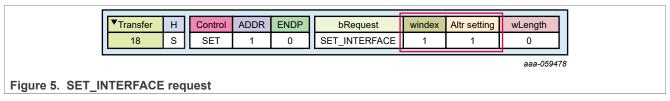
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Table 6. ENDPOINT descriptor (7 bytes)...continued

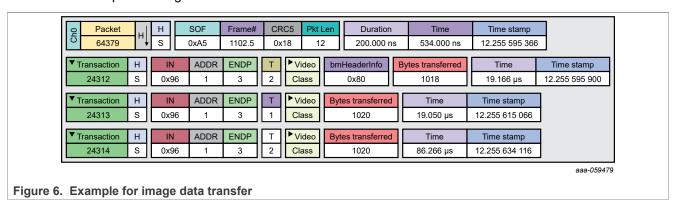
Field	Length (bits)	Offset (bits)	Decoded	Hex Value	Description
bDescriptorType	8	7176	0x05	0x05	ENDPOINT Descriptor Type
bEndpointAddress	8	7184	0x82	0x82	This is an IN endpoint with endpoint number 2.
bmAttributes	8	7192	0x05	0x05	Types - Transfer ISOCHR ONOUS Sync: Async Usage: Data EP
wMaxPacketSize	16	7200	0x0C00	0x0C00	The maximum packet size for this endpoint is 1024 Bytes. If Hi-Speed, 1 additional transaction per frame.
blnterval	8	7216	0x01	0x01	The polling interval value is every 1 Frame. If Hi-Speed, every 1 u Frames.

Note: Verify that the bandwidth is sufficient to support the intended functionality. For some USB camera, multi-ISO in one micro frame is a must; otherwise, only part of the picture is transferred from the USB camera.

To select a high-bandwidth alternate setting, use the <code>SET_INTERFACE</code> request as shown below.



Below is an example for image data transfer. There are 3 ISO transactions in 1 uFrame.

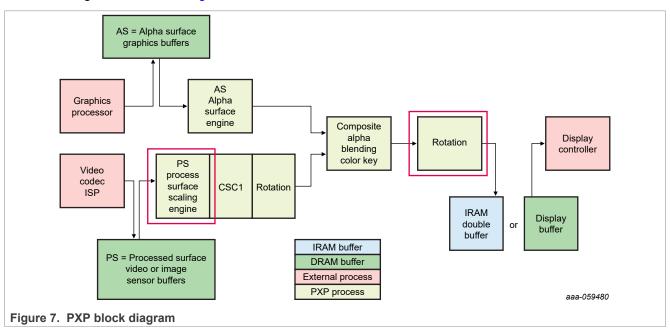


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3.2 Background knowledge for PXP

PXP is a 2-D image accelerator provided by NXP. It supports color space conversion, scaling, rotation, and blending.

The block diagram is shown in Figure 7.

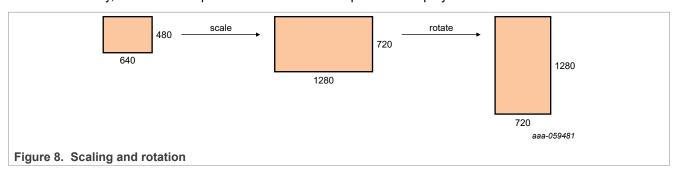


There are three domains in PXP: PS, AS, and OUTPUT.

If blending is not necessary, use the PS domain as input. From the PS domain input path, the image can be scaled and rotated.

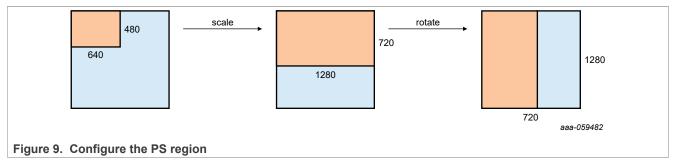
In this document, the scaling engine and rotation unit marked in the red rectangle in the picture above are used.

The input image from the USB camera is 640 * 480. Then it is scaled to be 1280 * 720 and rotated to be 720*1280. Finally, the 720*1280 picture is sent to an LCD panel for display.



To achieve this, configure the PS region correctly. For the case above, the PS region should be configured to be (0, 0, 1280-1, 1280-1), which means, the upper left X, upper left Y, the lower right X, the lower right Y. After this configuration, the PS region should be as shown in Figure 9.

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Here, since we configure the PS region to be a square of 1280*1280, then in the process of scaling and rotation, the whole picture is within the PS region range. For the range beyond PS region, PXP does not guarantee the data is correct. This is important in the PXP PS region configuration.

4 Keycode analysis

The process of getting picture data from the USB camera is as described below.

1. After enumeration, call USB HosVideoStreamRecv() to prime USB RX transfers.

- 2. In the callback, call USB HosVideoStreamRecv() again to start a new USB RX transfer as shown below.
- 3. Get an uncompressed format descriptor as shown in Figure 11

```
case RUSB_HostVideoRunFindOptimalSetting:

// Get uSB_HostVideoRunFindOptimalSetting:

// Get uSB_HostVideoStreamGetFormatDescriptor(videoAppInstance->classHandle,

USB_Host_DESC_SUBTYPE_VS_FORMAT_UNCOMPRESSED,

(void *)&videoAppInstance->videoStreamFormatDescriptor);

Figure 11. Get an uncompressed format descriptor
```

4. Get a frame descriptor and choose the one with the required resolution.

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5. Select a frame interval

- 6. Get a picture from a USB camera. When a picture from a USB camera is received, it is detected by the USB HostVideo CheckOneFrameReady() function, which processes the picture from the USB camera.
- 7. Process picture by the PXP. The function <code>APP_Scale_Rotate()</code> would be called to implement scaling and rotation by PXP.

5 Skills for optimization in MCUXpresso

In this case, the code must be optimized for performance; otherwise, visual artifacts (such as intermittent strips) may appear, as shown in <u>Figure 14</u>.



Figure 14. Strips

To avoid it, place some key code into TCM instead of running it in flash.

This is done by linkscripts in MCUXpresso.

```
    ✓ Iinkscripts
    # bss.ldt
    # data.ldt
    # main_text.ldt

Figure 15. linkscripts in MCUXpresso
```

In data.ldt.

```
<#if memory.name=="SRAM_ITC_cm7">
*app.o(.text*)
*host_video.o(.text*)
*usb_host_hub_app.o(.text*)
*usb_host_video.o(.text*)
*usb_host_video.o(.text*)
*usb_host_devices.o(.text*)
*usb_host_ehci.o(.text*)
*usb_host_framework.o(.text*)
*usb_host_hci.o(.text*)
*usb_host_hci.o(.text*)
```

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```
*heap_4.o(.text*)
*croutine.o(.text*)
*event_groups.o(.text*)
*list.o(.text*)
*queue.o(.text*)
*stream_buffer.o(.text*)
*tasks.o(.text*)
*timers.o(.text*)
```

In main_text.ldt:

```
*(EXCLUDE FILE(
*app.o
*host video.o
*usb host hub app.o
*usb host hub.o
*usb_host_video.o
*usb_host_devices.o
*usb_host_ehci.o
*usb_host_framework.o
*usb_host_hci.o
*port.o
*heap 4.o
*croutine.o
*event_groups.o
*list.o
*queue.o
*stream buffer.o
*tasks.o
*timers.o
) .text*)
```

In bss.ldt:

```
<#if memory.name=="SRAM_OC1">
*(.bss*)
</#if>
```

6 HW setup

For HW setup, refer to Figure 1.

Power the board by a power adapter instead of a USB cable.

The below camera is tested in this AN:

- 1. HIK VISION E14
- 2. Logi C270
- 3. Newman NM-13-2K.

7 Performance test

To test the performance (frame rate), enable the <code>TEST_FRAME_RATE</code> in function <code>process_camera_image()</code> as shown below:

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From the console, the frame rate is 25 fps, it matches the 25 fps declared in the frame descriptor from the USB camera, see Section 3.1.1.

8 Revision history

Table 7. Revision history

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