

## Re: How PC parallel port is connected internally?

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>you have a number of device layers under NT. 64

Yeah you are right, sometimes called device stack, Actually it is layered structure from higher to lower level drivers including filter drivers also.

>Since Windows is *already* going to have something hooked in at that level in order to facilitate the very communications initially required to participate in the PnP recognition of your external device.

I know Jon you are pointing towards PnP manager which incorporates with I/O Manager to provide hot plug-in [Play and Play, Device removal and insertion]

The hardware I have used in the project is AT89S52 microcontroller device from 8051 family produced by ATMEL. The device board incorporates basic inputs (push-button, analog to digital converter ADC0804), output(LED), LM35 heat sensor and a IDC connectors so that the user is able to easily connect his or her 8 bit interface for input or output. The device is powered by external power supply. PC Communicate with device through parallel port attached to port 1 of microcontroller for sending data back and forth.

How My device [PowerCell Device] communicate with Parallel Port. As mentioned above the data port (H378) of D25 is attached with port 1 of microcontroller for bidirectional communication. Provided interface let user to perform either activity, I/O read or write.

When host interface [PC] wants to perform write operation then.

1) It throws data on Data register (Base Address + 0) of parallel port which is connected with port 1 of microcontroller

NowWrite Val("&H378"), Val(xxx) ' send data to mC Port 1

2) It sends a high signal to microcontroller P3.3 (INT1) via parallel port Control register (H37A), by raising the interrupt pin high on microcontroller.

NowWrite Val("&H37A"), Val(WRITEmC)

3) microcontroller fetch data from its port 1 and then moves it to port 2 which is connected with PowerCell Relay Board via 10 Pin IDC.

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Controller assembly :

MOV A, P1

MOV P2,A

4) clear the INT1

NowWrite Val("&H37A"), Val(CLEARmC) ' clear C0 , C1

When the host sends data to the device, the device must respond by sending a code that indicates whether it accepted the data or was too busy to handle it. On the other hand, when data is sent from the host to device, the device must respond turning the relay board LED's ON.

The question is do i have to upgrade my hardware too for writing a PnP driver? I mean it is working fine with NT Driver [Non PnP].

1) Do i have to upgrade my hardware in sense of interrupt generation because i'm not sure how kernel [NT] will discover that now PowerCell [my device] is connected to DB-25 port instead of ordinary printer? and its

time to load my WDM driver and vice versa when removed.

I appreciate your time!

Cheers.

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