Input Devices & **Proton/Wine Gaming**

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Keyboards & Layout



- The layout detection code has its roots in **1999**.
- **XKB (1996)** was fairly young back then and not supported by all the relevant X11 servers.
- XKeycodeToKeysym() / XLookupString().
- Now using XkbKeycodeToKeysym() / XkbTranslateKeySym().

```
static const WORD main_key_vkey_qwerty[MAIN_LEN] =
{
    /* NOTE: this layout must concur with the scan codes layout above */
    VK_OEM_3,'1','2','3','4','5','6','7','8','9','0',VK_OEM_MINUS,VK_OEM_PLUS,
    'Q','W','E','R','T','Y','U','I','0','P',VK_OEM_4,VK_OEM_6,
    'A','S','D','F','G','H','J','K','L',VK_OEM_1,VK_OEM_7,VK_OEM_5,
    'Z','X','C','V','B','N','M',VK_OEM_COMMA,VK_OEM_PERIOD,VK_OEM_2,
    VK_OEM_102 /* the 102nd key (actually to the right of l-shift) */
};
static const char main key US[MAIN_LEN][4] =
```

```
{
    "`~","1!","2@","3#","4$","5%","6^","7&","8*","9(","0)","-_","=+",
    "qQ","wW","eE","rR","tT","yY","uU","iI","o0","pP","[{","]}",
    "aA","sS","dD","fF","gG","hH","jJ","kK","lL",";:","'\"","\\|",
    "zZ","xX","cC","vV","bB","nN","mM",",<",".>","/?"
};
```

{0x0409, "United States keyboard layout", &main_key_US, &main_key_scan_qwerty, &main_key_vkey_qwerty}, /* 62 of these */

winewayland.drv

- More sensible and **less verbose XKB** code.
- Can mature and prove itself as a **mostly cleanslate.**
- Eventually **yoink and twist** for the benefit of winex11.drv *questionmark?*

Mice & Touchscreens



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XInput2 is *fairly* straightforward

Non-Keyboard & Non-Mice (mostly game controllers)



The Backends

- **SDL** normalizes a lot of gamepads (
- evdev what Linux exposes and we can easily read on most devices
- hidraw for some devices if we can read it

Normalized Form

- Win32 is very HID-centric.
- HID details leak in DirectInput (device→GetObjetInfo(..., DIPH_BYUSAGE)).
- RawInput allows to subscribe and receive RAWHID via messages sent to program's window.
- We normalize all controllers into HID internally and then consume / pass the HID representation in the user-facing APIs.

Normalized Form

```
BOOL hid device add buttons(struct unix_device *iface, USAGE usage_page,
                            USAGE usage_min, USAGE usage_max)
{
    struct hid_report_descriptor *desc = &iface→hid_report_descriptor;
    const USHORT count = usage_max - usage_min + 1;
    const BYTE template[] =
    {}^{+}
        USAGE_PAGE(2, usage_page),
        USAGE_MINIMUM(2, usage_min),
        USAGE_MAXIMUM(2, usage_max),
        LOGICAL_MINIMUM(1, 0),
        LOGICAL_MAXIMUM(1, 1),
        REPORT_COUNT(2, count),
        REPORT_SIZE(1, 1),
        INPUT(1, Data|Var|Abs),
    };
   /* ... */
```

}

Human Interface Devices over USB and BT



Undoing Kernel's Work

- hid_playstation module
- puts the device into "advanced mode" right away (BT)
- this makes sense to get the most of the device via evdev
- stops sending well described input report #1
- starts sending **opaque** vendor report #49

We have to turn #49 into #1 until the game requests the fancy pants mode.

```
((impl \rightarrow quirks \& QUIRK_DUALSENSE_BT) \& report_buffer[0] = 0x31 \& size \ge 11)
if
    BYTE trigger[2];
    size = 10;
    buff += 1;
    buff[0] = 1; /* fake report #1 */
    trigger[0] = buff[5]; /* TriggerLeft*/
    trigger[1] = buff[6]; /* TriggerRight */
    buff[5] = buff[8]; /* Buttons[0] */
buff[6] = buff[9]; /* Buttons[1] */
    buff[7] = buff[10]; /* Buttons[2] */
    buff[8] = trigger[0]; /* TriggerLeft */
    buff[9] = trigger[1]; /* TirggerRight */
}
```

DualSense Haptics

- Extra **audio device** (over USB).
- 4 channels:
 - [–] 2 go to the 3.5mm jack
 - [–] 2 go to the haptic motors
- We are pairing the devices based on **sysfs paths**.
- Creating fake Container ID as there's no access to this device descriptor.

Access

Linux

% cat /dev/hidraw2 cat: /dev/hidraw2: Permission denied

Windows

\\?\HID#VID_054C&PID_0CE6&MI_03#8&27cb3b47&0&000#{4d1e55b2-f16f-11cf-88cb-001111000030}

HANDLE file = CreateFile(name, GENERIC_READ, SHARE_ALL, NULL, OPEN_EXISTING, 0, 0); ReadFile(file, buffer, sizeof(buffer), &bytes_read, NULL);

Mice, keyboards, pen devices, touchscreens and touchpads are opened exclusively by the OS.

% cat /usr/lib/udev/rules.d/70-steam-input.rules

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PS5 DualSense controller over USB hidraw
KERNEL="hidraw*", ATTRS{idVendor}="054c", ATTRS{idProduct}="0ce6", MODE="0660", TAG+="uaccess"

PS5 DualSense controller over bluetooth hidraw
KERNEL="hidraw*", KERNELS="*054C:0CE6*", MODE="0660", TAG+="uaccess"

Users

- Wine / Proton
- Steam
- SDL
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The Request

- udev: tag game controllers with ID_GAME_CONTROLLER (upstream)
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What We Are Getting

- **HIDIOCREVOKE IOCTL** in Linux 6.12
- **logind support** via TakeDevice()
- Wayland protocol / XDG Desktop Portal (?)
- session managers implementation of the portal using logind's TakeDevice() (?)
- wine support for the portal (?)

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Thanks!



Questions?