

AGL Native VIRTIO (Phase 2) Status and next steps



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The list of the project task are:

Task 1: virtio-loopback support for virtio-GPU
Task 2: virtio-loopback support for virtio-sound
Task 3: virtio-loopback support for virtio-CAN
Task 4: virtio-loopback support for virtio-GPIO and console
Task 5: Apply Non-HV VirtIO to Cloud

For tasks 1-4, the target is to use existing vhost-user device backends (GPU, sound, GPIO) or implement them when needed (CAN and console).

Add adapter support for vhost-user-gpu

- Use QEMU's implementation 'hw/display/virtio-gpu*'
- Isolate & extract dependencies from QEMU
- Re-write systems which are not ported from QEMU
 - e.g., QEMU character device abstraction
 - > Used to operate socket communication
 - Timer classes
 - Object oriented device initializations
 - QEMU Type system & parent/child relationships



Task 1: GPU - activity description Windowing system

- Adding rendering capability to the adapter (same as QEMU)
 - Selected the SDL/EGL backend to set the scene based on how QEMU does it (discarded GTK)
 - Extracted the dependent functionality from QEMU
 - DisplayChangeListener API and SDL API
 - Integration of SDL window initialization on adapter

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Task 1: GPU – architecture overview

- Adapter support for the virtio-gpu split in 3 parts
 - Vhost-user-gpu interface
 - Virtio-gpu device model
 - SDL rendering
 - Uses the real-GPU to render on the host compositor
- Sequence of actions
 - Virtio-loopback probes the virtio-gpu driver upon adapter request
 - Initial SDL window creation
 - Weston & application targets the virtio-gpu exposed DRM device files
 - Frames are rendered by the adapter upon 'contrib/vhost-user-gpu' requsts



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- Virtio-loopback-adapter integration status
 - Vhost-user-gpu interface [initial version done]
 - QEMU structures/functionality used by virtio-gpu
 - Virtio-gpu device model [WIP]
 - SDL rendering [initial version done]
 - Frames updates based on vhost-user-gpu requests
- Yocto integration
 - Recipe creation [WIP]
 - fixing libpixman/virgilrender dependency issues

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1) virtio-loopback-adapter running and connected to the '/tmp/vgpu.sock' socket provided by 'contrib/vhost-user-gpu' application



2) weston compositor started on the DRM device probed by the virtio-loopback-adapter kernel driver via the adapter

• WIP: The application does not recognize the proped driver by virtio-loopback and fallbacks to the default gpu node



3) glmark2 application startup. The command line includes the DRI_PRIME=1 to indicat the DRM rendering node associated with this workload

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3) Rendering part of the virtio-loopback-adapter rendering the frames coming from the 'contrib/vhost-user-gpu' application

Task 1: conclusions and next steps

 \succ Very challenging task (QEMU side only is ~4500 lines of code)

- Complexity comes from the different layers in play: QEMU device abstraction, QEMU type system, vhost-user protocol, SDL API, etc.
- \succ We have a first version of the QEMU vhost-user-gpu support in the adapter
 - Able to register a new virtio-gpu device via vhost-user-gpu protocol (communication between adapter and kernel is OK)
 - Able to start rendering window (SDL initialization works)

Next Steps:

- Fix requests from virtio-GPU kernel model to the adapter GPU device model (to fix differences between QEMU device models and adapter)
 - Trial error process: the complexity of QEMU abstraction makes things hard to debug

 \succ We remain committed and we keep working



> Work is based on a rust-vmm device under active development

- > No crates.io availability yet
- > Issues with cross-compilation
- Vhost-user-sound adapter support added
- Tested with AGL reference hardware
- Create multi-sound devices support
 - Feature (Additional task activity added during the project)

Task 2: demo on reference hardware

The demonstration (AGL ALS Tokyo) shows **two completely separated sound stacks** running on top of virtio-loopback architecture:

- Two applications ("aplay") route their audio via the
- Two virtio-loopback drivers and vhost-user-sound devices



Both audio streams converge in "pipewire" audio server which can manage/prioritize the audio streams!

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Development and functional testing completed



Create yocto recipe

- The lack of crates.io support for vhost-user-sound obliges us to a "manual" approach
- > Issues with cross compilation (rust AGL yocto support)
 - Current recipe works with qemux86_64 target but doesn't with arm based targets



- Vhost-user-can device not available at the beginning of the task. We need to create it
- Existing virtio-can driver RFC (SocketCAN) based on virtio-can RFC code from OpenSynergy (https://lwn.net/Articles/934187/) can be reused
- Enable vhost-user device support in the virtio adapter
- Yocto integration
- Push contributions back to rust-vmm



- Task 3 virtio-loopback support for virtio-CAN
 - Created vhost-user version of virtio-can driver that uses Linux kernel pre-existing device driver (SocketCAN)
 - Vhost-user-can Gerrit: https://gerrit.automotivelinux.org/gerrit/c/AGL/meta-agl-devel/+/29 407
 - Enabled vhost-user device support in the virtio adapter
 - Gerrit link: https://gerrit.automotivelinux.org/gerrit/c/src/virtio/virtioloopback-adapter/+/29493
 - Proposed the newly created device to rust-vmm community
 - Pull request on rust-vmm: https://github.com/rust-vmm/vhostdevice/pull/602



Support existing pull request addressing community requests

Pull request on rust-vmm: https://github.com/rust-vmm/vhost-device/pull/602



Task 4: activity description GPIO & Console

> GPIO

- > Vhost-user-device available
- > Add support for the adapter and prepare yocto recipe

Console

- No vhost-user-device available (same as CAN)
- > Add support for the adapter and prepare yocto recipe
- Push contributions back to rust-vmm



Task 4: status GPIO & Console

- > GPIO
 - Enabled vhost-user device support in the virtio adapter
 - Gerrit link: https://gerrit.automotivelinux.org/gerrit/c/AGL/meta-agl-devel/+/29390
 - Added vhost-user-gpio in AGL: https://gerrit.automotivelinux.org/gerrit/c/AGL/meta-agl-devel/+/29407
- Console
 - Create vhost-user version of the driver (virtio-console only) that uses Linux kernel pre-existing device driver
 - https://gerrit.automotivelinux.org/gerrit/c/AGL/meta-agl-devel/+/29545
 - Enable vhost-user device support in the virtio adapter
 - https://gerrit.automotivelinux.org/gerrit/c/src/virtio/virtio-loopback-adapter/+/29539
 - Pull request on rust-vmm done
 - https://github.com/rust-vmm/vhost-device/pull/601



Support existing pull request addressing community requests

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Measure virtio-loopback performance infrastructure targeting:

- Interrupt notification
- Throughput
- Virtio-loopback will then be compared with QEMU/KVM vhostuser performance in the same conditions
- GPU, being a particularly interesting target performance wise, will be tested with specific benchmark
- Status:
 - Interrupt notification benchmark is almost final
 - > for the throughput benchmark we will use blk



Very preliminary first version of latency measurement

- Average: 0.901 ms
- Standard Deviation: 0.157 ms



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- All the virtio-loopback development described so far should be executable also on the Amazon AWS cloud
- To do this, QEMU arm64 and x86_64 were added as a build target
- Next step
 - Ensure that all the components keep building for all the targets (QEMU arm and x86_64 and reference hardware)



The list of the project task are:

- Task 1: virtio-loopback support for virtio-GPU
 - Trial/error QEMU integration
 - Yocto recipes
- Task 2: virtio-loopback support for virtio-sound
 - Yocto recipes
- Task 5: aws support
 - Run virtio-loopback in AWS
- \blacktriangleright [Additional] virtio-loopback tests for AGL CI
 - not started



The list of the project task are:

- Task 3 and 4 (CAN, GPIO, console and Cloud)
 - Completed, code maintenance up to the end of the project
- \blacktriangleright [Additional] virtio-loopback infrastructure improvement and bug fixes
 - Create vhost-user compatibility layer (no changes required in vhost-user protocol)
 - Add Multi-queue support
- \succ [Additional] multi device support demonstration



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