



# **CVITEK RTC Application Guide**

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## RTC OPERATION GUIDE

### 2.1 Module Introduction

RTC (real time clock) is a hardware clock that provides and records time for the system. If the RTC is powered by battery, the RTC will continue to count and maintain the time information when the chip is powered down or hibernated.

The Linux kernel uses the RTC as a time and date maintainer. When the Linux system is booted, the kernel reads the RTC time to initialize the system (software) clock for time synchronization. The kernel can also write the time and date back to the RTC when needed.

### 2.2 Counting Clock Frequency

The RTC's count clock uses a 32.768KHz clock and operates based on a 32-bit additive counter that provides a second count. The maximum counting time is:

$$2^{32} \text{ seconds} = 49710 \text{ days} = 136 \text{ years}$$

### 2.3 Operation Preperation

The operation preparation of RTC is as follows:

- Use the kernel released by the SDK
- Insert module: `insmod cv180x_rtc.ko/ cv181x_rtc.ko`

### 2.4 Usage

#### 2.4.1 ioctl Control RTC

The application layer can access RTC through `ioctl`, and the device node is `/dev/rtc0`.

The usage is as follow:

```
int ioctl(int fd, ind cmd);
```

Function description of `ioctl` commands:

Command	Description
RTC_ALM_READand	Read alarm time
RTC_ALM_SET	Set alarm time
RTC_RD_TIME	Read time and date
RTC_SET_TIME	Set time and date
RTC_PIE_ON	Turn on RTC global interrupt
RTC_PIE_OFF	Turn off RTC global interrupt
RTC_AIE_ON	Enable RTC alarm interrupt
RTC_AIE_OFF	Disable RTC alarm interrupt
RTC_UIE_ON	Enable RTC update interrupt
RTC_UIE_OFF	Disable RTC update interrupt
RTC_IRQP_SET	Set interrupt frequency

### 2.4.2 Example of ioctl Usage:

```
static const char default_rtc[] = "/dev/rtc0";
struct rtc_time rtc_tm;
int fd;

fd = open(rtc, O_RDONLY);
if (fd == -1) {
    perror(rtc);
    exit(errno);
}
```

The RTC time can be obtained by the following commands:

```
/* Read the RTC time/date */
retval = ioctl(fd, RTC_RD_TIME, &rtc_tm);
if (retval == -1) {
    perror("RTC_RD_TIME ioctl");
    exit(errno);
}
fprintf(stderr, "\n\nCurrent RTC date/time is %d-%d-%d, %02d:%02d:%02d.\n",
        rtc_tm.tm_mday, rtc_tm.tm_mon + 1, rtc_tm.tm_year + 1900,
        rtc_tm.tm_hour, rtc_tm.tm_min, rtc_tm.tm_sec);
```

The RTC alarm time can be set by the following commands:

```
retval = ioctl(fd, RTC_SET_TIME, &rtc_tm);
if (retval == -1) {
    perror("RTC_RD_TIME ioctl");
    exit(errno);
}
```

### 2.4.3 Structure

- rtc\_time

```
struct rtc_time {  
    int tm_sec;  
    int tm_min;  
    int tm_hour;  
    int tm_mday;  
    int tm_mon;  
    int tm_year;  
    int tm_wday;  
    int tm_yday;  
    int tm_isdst;  
};
```

tm\_mday: The date of the month, the value range is [1,31]

tm\_wday: The day of the week, Sunday is 0, Monday is 1, and so on

tm\_yday: The day of the year, the value range is [0,365], where 0 represents January 1st, 1 represents January 2nd, and so on

tm\_isdst: Determine whether it is daylight saving time, 1 is daylight saving time; 0 is not daylight saving time

## RTC TEST COMMAND IN LINUX SYSTEM

### 3.1 date and hwclock

- The date command can query / change the current system (software) clock on Linux

Example: Set time

```
# date "2020-10-17 9:48:30"  
Sat Oct 17 09:48:30 CST 2020
```

Example: read time

```
# date  
Sat Oct 17 09:48:34 CST 2020
```

- Hwclock is used to query / change the time of hardware clock (RTC)

Example: query the time of hardware time (RTC)

```
# hwclock  
Sat Oct 17 09:56:03 2020  0.000000 seconds
```

Example: write the system time to the RTC time

```
# hwclock -w
```

Example: write the RTC time to the system time

```
# hwclock -s
```

(The RTC time can be read automatically when the system is powered on and synchronized to the system clock by adding `/bin/hwclock -s` to `/etc/inittab`)