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with C

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# Preface

About this guide and technical support information.

## About this document

This application note provides steps to use VisionFive's UART to read GPS data through an example program with C.






## Revision History

Table 0-1 Revision History

Version	Released	Revision
V1.0	2021-12-15	Preliminary release.
V1.1	2021-12-29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updated the Makefile content format.</li><li>• Updated the Makefile description.</li><li>• Added description for the <code>rsync</code> command.</li><li>• Added description for <code>&lt;User_Name&gt;</code>.</li></ul>

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The following notes and notices might appear in this guide:

-  **Tip:**  
Suggests how to apply the information in a topic or step.
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Explains a special case or expands on an important point.
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Points out critical information concerning a topic or step.
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Indicates that an action or step can cause loss of data, security problems, or performance issues.
-  **Warning:**  
Indicates that an action or step can result in physical harm or cause damage to hardware.

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# 1. Introduction

This application note provides steps to use VisionFive's UART to read GPS data through an example program with C.

## 2. Preparation

Before executing the demo program, make sure you prepare the following:

### 2.1. Preparing Hardware

Prepare the following hardware items before running the demo code:

**Table 2-1 Hardware Preparation**

Type	M/O*	Item	Notes
General	M	StarFive single board computer	The following boards are applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• StarLight</li><li>• VisionFive</li></ul>
General	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 16 GB (or more) micro-SD card</li><li>• micro-SD card reader</li><li>• Computer (Windows/MAC/Linux)</li><li>• USB to serial converter (3.3 V I/O)</li><li>• Ethernet cable</li><li>• Power adapter (5 V / 3 A)</li><li>• USB Type-C Cable</li></ul>	These items are used for flashing Fedora OS into a micro-SD card.
UART Demo	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GNSS HAT</li><li>• Dupont Line</li></ul>	This is a GNSS HAT based on MAX-7Q, which supports positioning systems including GPS, GLONASS, QZSS, and SBAS. It features accurate and fast positioning with minor drifting, low power consumption, outstanding ability for anti-spoofing and anti-jamming, and so on. For detailed specifications, refer to <a href="#">MAX-7Q GNSS HAT</a> .



**Note:**

\*: M: Mandatory, O: Optional



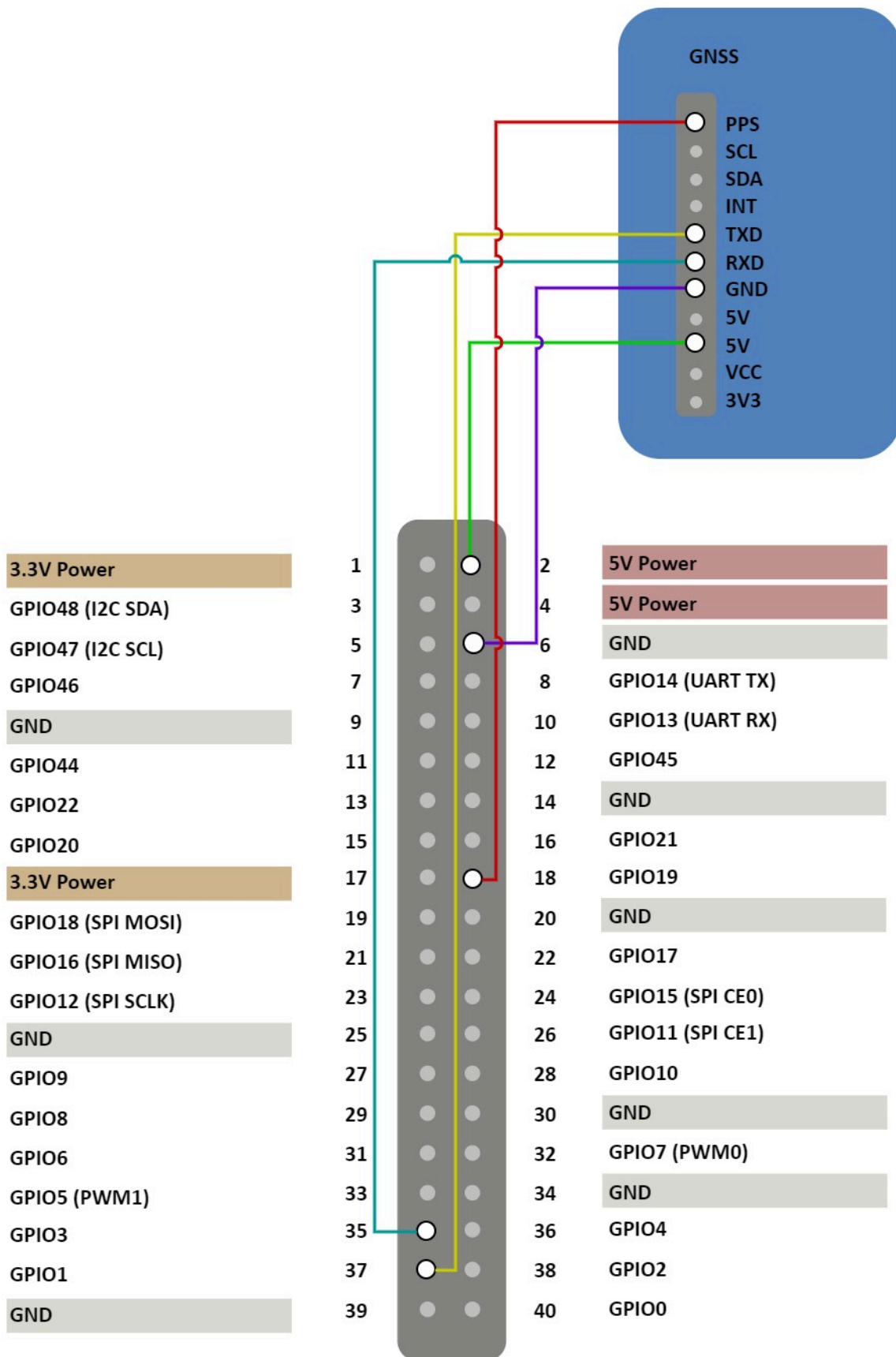
## 2.1.1. Hardware Setup

The following table and figure describe how to connect GNSS HAT to the 40-pin header:

**Table 2-2 Connect GNSS HAT to the 40-Pin Header**

<b>GNSS HAT</b>	<b>Pin Number</b>
PPS	18
TXD	37
RXD	35
GND	6
5V	2

Figure 2-1 Connect GNSS HAT to the 40-Pin Header



## 2.2. Preparing Software

### Software Environment

- PC: Ubuntu 20.04
- RISC-V Platform: Linux 5.16.0

### Preparing Toolchain

Install the tool to compile. The following is an example to install:

```
sudo apt-get install gcc-riscv64-linux-gnu
```

#### Tip:

- This step can be skipped if the tool has been installed.
- After successful installation, check the version by running: `linus@starfive$ riscv64-linux-gnu-gcc -v`. The following is the example output:

**Figure 2-2 Example Output**

```
Thread model: posix
gcc version 9.3.0 (Ubuntu 9.3.0-17ubuntu1~20.04)
```

### Preparing UART GPIO

Make sure the following procedures are performed:

1. Flash Fedora OS into a Micro-SD card and compile and replace dtb files as described in the *Preparing Software* section in *StarFive 40-Pin GPIO Header User Guide*.
2. Configure the GPIO pin as UART by setting the dts file as described in the *Configuring UART GPIO* section in the *StarFive 40-Pin GPIO Header User Guide*.



#### Note:

You can configure the unoccupied pins as UART. The following is an example table for the mapping:

**Table 2-3 UART and Pin Name Mapping**

UART	GPIO (Pin Name)
Uart1	- GPIO3
	- GPIO1
Uart2	- GPIO2



UART	GPIO (Pin Name)
	- GPIO0

3. Execute the following:

```
make CROSS_COMPILE=riscv64-linux-gnu- ARCH=riscv dtbs
```



```

struct serial_config serial;

int name_arr[] =
    {230400, 115200, 57600, 38400, 19200, 9600, 4800, 2400, 1200, 300,};

#define FUNC_RUN          0
#define FUNC_NOT_RUN     1
#define ORG_GPS          1
#define SEL_GPGGA       2
#define SEL_GPGLL       3
#define SEL_GPGSA       4
#define SEL_GPGSV       5
#define SEL_GPRMC       6
#define SEL_GPVTG       7
#define FUNC_QUIT       8

/*****
 * Function Name: StarF_Read_GPS_datas
 * Description:   Read GPS data
 * Return value:
 *   Data        version      Author    Application Name
 *
 *-----
 * 2021/12/08      V1.0       zheng.xu    Test GPS
 *****/

int StarF_Read_GPS_datas(int fd, char *rcv_buf)
{
    int retval;
        fd_set rfds;
        struct timeval tv;

        int ret,pos;

        tv.tv_sec = 1;
        tv.tv_usec = 0;

        pos = 0;           // Point to receive buf

        while (1)
        {
            FD_ZERO(&rfds);
            FD_SET(fd, &rfds);

            retval = select(fd+1 , &rfds, NULL, NULL, &tv);

            if (retval == -1)
            {

```

```

        perror("select()");
        break;
    }
    else if (retval)
    { // Determine whether data exists
        ret = read(fd, rcv_buf+pos, 2048);
        pos += ret;
        if (rcv_buf[pos-2] == '\r' && rcv_buf[pos-1]
== '\n')
        {
            FD_ZERO(&rfd);
            FD_SET(fd, &rfd);

            retval = select(fd+1 , &rfd, NULL,
NULL, &tv);

            if (!retval) break; // If no data
exists, break
        }
    }
    else
    {
        printf("No data\n");
        break;
    }
}

return 1;
} // end read_GPS_datas

/*****
* Function Name: StarF_Read_GPS_datas
* Description:   Show all receive signal
* return value:
*   Data        version      Author    Application Name
*
-----
* 2021/12/08      V1.0        zheng.xu   Test GPS
*****
*/

void StarF_GPS_original_signal(int fd)
{
    char rcv_buf[2048];

    while (1)
    {
        bzero(rcv_buf, sizeof(rcv_buf));
        {
            if (StarF_Read_GPS_datas(fd, rcv_buf))

```

```

    {
        printf("%s",rcv_buf);
    }
}
} // end GPS_original_sign

/*****
* Function Name: StarF_init_ttyS
* Description:   Init serial port
* return value:
*   Data        version      Author    Application Name
*
-----
* 2021/12/08      V1.0        zheng.xu   Test GPS
*****
*/

void StarF_init_ttyS(int fd, int i)
{
    struct termios newtio;
    tcgetattr(fd, &newtio);

    bzero(&newtio, sizeof(newtio));

    switch (i)
    {
        case 230400 : newtio.c_cflag = (B230400 | CS8 | CLOCAL | CREAD);
                    break;
        case 115200 : newtio.c_cflag = (B115200 | CS8 | CLOCAL | CREAD);
                    break;
        case 57600  : newtio.c_cflag = (B57600  | CS8 | CLOCAL | CREAD);
                    break;
        case 38400  : newtio.c_cflag = (B38400  | CS8 | CLOCAL | CREAD);
                    break;
        case 19200  : newtio.c_cflag = (B19200  | CS8 | CLOCAL | CREAD);
                    break;
        case 9600   : newtio.c_cflag = (B9600   | CS8 | CLOCAL | CREAD);
                    break;
        case 4800   : newtio.c_cflag = (B4800   | CS8 | CLOCAL | CREAD);
                    break;
        case 2400   : newtio.c_cflag = (B2400   | CS8 | CLOCAL | CREAD);
                    break;
        case 1200   : newtio.c_cflag = (B1200   | CS8 | CLOCAL | CREAD);
                    break;
        case 300    : newtio.c_cflag = (B300    | CS8 | CLOCAL | CREAD);
                    break;

        default:
            break;
    }
}

```



```

newtio.c_lflag &= ~(ECHO | ICANON);

newtio.c_iflag = IGNPAR;
newtio.c_oflag = 0;
newtio.c_cflag &= ~(OPOST);

newtio.c_cc[VTIME]      = 5;
newtio.c_cc[VMIN]      = 0;
tcflush(fd, TCIFLUSH);
tcsetattr(fd, TCSANOW, &newtio);

} //end init_ttyS

/*****
* Function Name: StarF_print_usage
* Description:
* return value:
*   Data          version      Author      Application Name
*
*-----
* 2021/12/08      V1.0         zheng.xu   Test GPS
*****/

void StarF_print_usage(FILE *stream, int exit_code)
{
    fprintf(stream,
        "\t-h --help      Display this usage information.\n"
        "\t-d --device    The device ttyS[0-3] or ttyEXT[0-3]\n"
        "\t-b --baudrate Set the baud rate you can select\n"
        "\t\t [230400, 115200, 57600, 38400, 19200, 9600, 4800, 2400,
        1200, 300]\n");
    exit(exit_code);
}

int StarF_set_speed(int speed)
{
    int i;
    int re_speed;
    for (i = 0; i < sizeof(name_arr)/sizeof(int); i++)
    {
        if(speed == name_arr[i])
        {
            re_speed = speed;
            break;
        }
    }
}

if(i == 10)

```

```

{
    printf("\tSorry, please set the correct baud rate!\n\n");
    StarF_print_usage(stderr, 1);
}
return re_speed;
}

/
*****
* Function Name: main
* Description:
* return value:
*   Data          version      Author      Application Name
*
-----
* 2021/12/08      V1.0        zheng.xu    Test GPS
*****
*/

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int fd;
    int opt;
    int speed_i;
    const char *dev = NULL;
    const char *short_options= "hd:b:";
    struct option long_options[] =
    {
        {"help", 0, NULL, 'h'},
        {"device", 1, NULL, 'd'},
        {"baudrate", 1, NULL, 'b'},
        {0, 0, 0, 0},
    };

    while ((opt = getopt_long(argc, argv, short_options, long_options,
        NULL)) != -1)
    {
        switch (opt)
        {
            case 'h':
                StarF_print_usage(stdout, 0);
            case 'd':
                dev = optarg;
                break;
            case 'b':
                serial.serial_speed = atoi(optarg);
                break;
            case '?':
                StarF_print_usage(stderr, 1);
            default:

```

```

        StarF_print_usage(stdout, 0);
    }
}

    if (dev == NULL)
    {
        printf("\tYou must enter to open the device node\n\n");
        StarF_print_usage(stderr, 1);
        exit (0);
    }

strcpy(serial.serial_dev, dev);

// Open serial port
fd = open(serial.serial_dev, O_RDONLY);

if (fd == -1)
{
    printf("open device %s error\n", serial.serial_dev);
}

speed_i = StarF_set_speed(serial.serial_speed);

printf("\t\tctrl + c to exit!\n");
    StarF_init_ttyS(fd, speed_i);           // Init device
    StarF_GPS_original_signal(fd);

        if (close(fd)!=0)
    {
        printf("close device %s error", (serial.serial_dev));
    }
return 0;

} // end main

```

### 3. Execute the following to create Makefile:

```
touch Makefile
```

### 4. Copy the following to the Makefile, save and exit:

```

EXEC   = test-gps
OBJS   = test-gps.o

#CROSS = riscv64-unknown-elf-
CROSS  = riscv64-linux-gnu-
CC     = $(CROSS)gcc
STRIP  = $(CROSS)strip
CFLAGS = -O2

```

```

all:  clean $(EXEC)

$(EXEC):$(OBJS)
        $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o $@ $(OBJS)
        $(STRIP) $@

clean:
        -rm -f $(EXEC) *.o

```

- Execute `make` to generate the executable `test-gps` file.
- Execute `file` command to check if it is a RISC-V file. The following is an example output:

**Figure 3-1 Example Output**

```

linus@starfive:~/work/starlingt_puls/app/gps$ file test-gps
test-gps: ELF 64-bit LSB shared object, UCB RISC-V, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /lib/ld-linux-riscv64-lp64d.so.1, BuildID[sha1]=6ad296f8420149b81bdfa344ba108a3bde8b074c, for GNU/Linux 4.15.0, stripped
linus@starfive:~/work/starlingt_puls/app/gps$

```

- Execute the following command in Ubuntu to upload the executable file `test-gps` to your desired directory of the board, for example, `test`:

```
rsync ./test-gps <User_Name>@<Board_IP_Address>:/home/riscv/test
```

**Note:**

- <User\_Name>: Your user name of the board. For example, `riscv`.
- <Board\_IP\_Address>: The board IP address. For example, `192.168.92.133`.

**Example:**

```
rsync ./test-gps riscv@192.168.92.133:/home/riscv/test
```

- Execute the following command on VisionFive to run the demo codes:

```
./test-gps -d /dev/ttyUSB1 -b 9600
```

**Result:**

The following output indicates the execution is successful:

```

[root@fedora-starfive test]# ./test-gps -d /dev/ttyUSB1 -b 9600
ctrl + c to exit!
$GPGSV,2,1,06,03,26,272,47,04,23,313,48,16,40,224,42,22,,43*41
$GPGSV,2,2,06,26,,,49,41,,,38*78
$GPVTG,,T,,M,,N,,K,N*2C
$GPGSA,A,1,,,,,,,,,,,,,*1E
$GPGGA,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,*66
$GPRMC,,V,,,,,,,,,N*53
$GPGSV,2,1,06,03,26,272,47,04,23,313,48,16,40,224,42,22,,43*41
$GPGSV,2,2,06,26,,,49,41,,,38*78
$GPVTG,,T,,M,,N,,K,N*2C
$GPGSA,A,1,,,,,,,,,,,,,*1E
$GPGGA,,,,,0,,,,,,,,,*66
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$GPGSV,2,2,06,26,,,49,41,,,38*78
$GPGGA,075306.00,3958.446141,N,11618.981715,E,1,03,4.5,78.4,M,-7.0,M,,*41
$GPVTG,0.0,T,5.9,M,0.0,N,0.0,K,A*2F
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$GPGSV,2,2,06,26,,,49,41,,,37*77
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$GPGSA,A,2,03,04,16,,,,,,,,,4.6,4.5,1.0*31
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$GPVTG,0.0,T,5.9,M,0.0,N,0.0,K,A*2F
$GPRMC,075308.00,A,3958.446523,N,11618.983069,E,0.0,0.0,260402,5.9,W,A*27

```

Refer to <http://aprs.gids.nl/nmea/> for how to analyze the GPS data.