Presentation: How to join eComStation development

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eComStation is the successor of IBM OS/2 Warp operating system

- You can fix a driver or application
- Join extension of existing component or subsystem
- Join with own application to eComStation



What is more important? Technologies or applications?

- People select OS by applications available
- No big corporations on eComStation market
- SSI brings techologies by itself; There are many ports
- IBM withdrawed applications. There are many technologies
- Futher development requires money



Let's discuss how to extend existing applications:

- Power management - ½ of users purchase notebooks
- Radio support - the cheapest source of entertainment
- Syncronization with mobile devices - to survive
- Support of USB peripheral devices



ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Interface)

It's an open industry specification co-developed by Hewlett-Packard, Intel, Microsoft, Phoenix and Toshiba







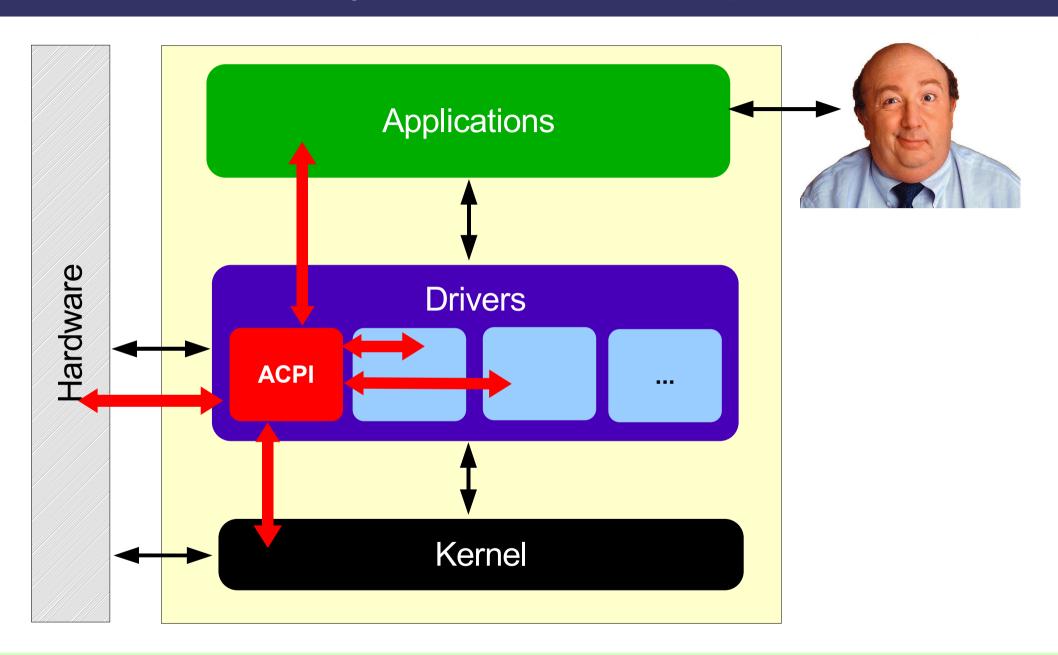




Interfaces for OS-directed configuration and power management:

- Power management (APM)
- Plug and play (PnP)
- Multiprocessor specification (MPS)







Which developers require ACPI?

Control of power consumption (developers of device drivers)

- Pay attention to APM events
- Join to discussion of power consumption politics

Control of device configuration (developers of device drivers)

- Use acpica.add via IDC or IOCTL
- Connect to ACPI.PSD driver (and follow Intel CA)

Power management timer (Sci-tech lab)

(3.5 Mhz < > 1.19 Mhz IRQ0 Hi-res timer DosTmrQueryTime)



ACPI 2006 - Power management



Most energy demanding devices

- Display (manual control)
- CPU
- Harddisk (Daniela Engert)
- Video-adapter (SciTech Software Inc.)



ACPI 2006 – CPU control

CPU idle power states

• CPU enters different idle states (C0 = normal ... C5 = doing no work)

CPU Frequence management (Speedstep)

Run the CPU at lower frequency (Px states)

CPU throttling

Force the CPU to be idle a fixed percentage of its cycles per second

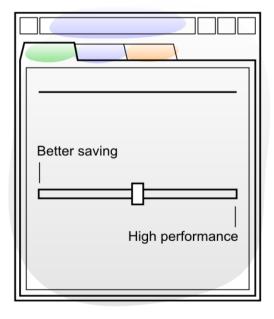


ACPI 2006 – New utilities

Battery widget



Configuration of energy politics



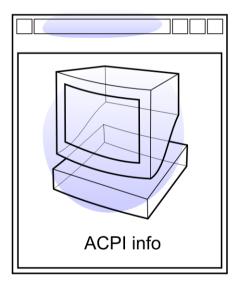
Popup window





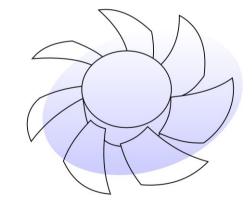
Help us to create new utilities!

ACPI Info



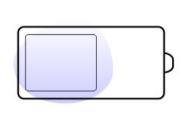
Batteries measuring

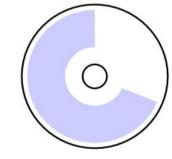
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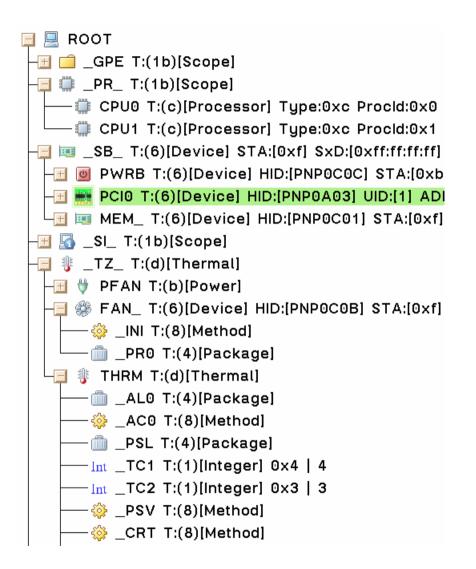
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More batteries widgets









How to learn ACPI?

- ACPI standard
- Intel ACPI-CA
- ACPI Toolkit

Welcome to: http://ecomstation.ru/acpitools





CoolFM

- FM-tuners embedded to TV-tuners
- Misc USB FM-tuners









Emperoar TV

• WinTV PVR 150, 250, 350



FM-tuner is a simple device:

- Initialization
- Frequency change
- Mute, Volume
- Query Signal

You should know:

- how to control PCI/USB
- Vendor specific protocol of the device



CardBus PCMCIA tuners (AverTV CardBus)



(Veit Kannegieser)



USB sound devices (radio Shark)



FM-radio is a good **start point** if you are going:

- learn PCMCIA/USB/PCI development
- create TV-tuner applications
- extend tools for sound broadcasting

More fun:

FM transmitters



RocketFM



Importance of Syncronization:

- Field for dosenz of new applications
- It's important condition for users coming from Windows
- This prolongs the life of OS/2 Warp platform

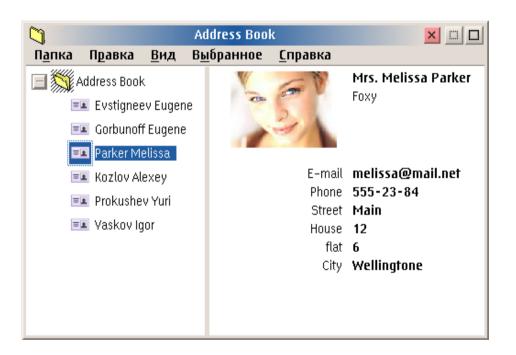




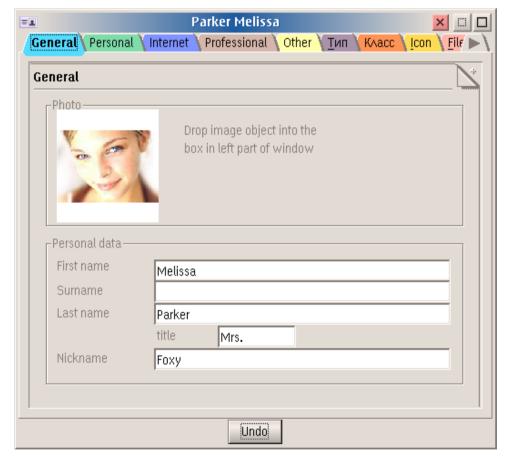


Personal Cards Manager











Current state of PCM:

- Functionality of personal card is implemented
- Preview (Folder)
- Sync module prototype

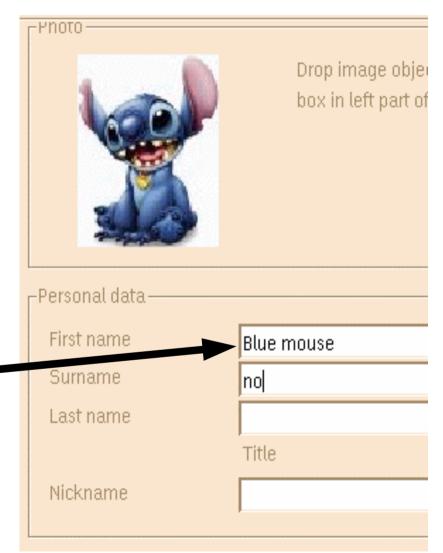
Futher development during the spring:

- Release of API
- Visualization improvement
- Extend API of base classes
- Improve Sync

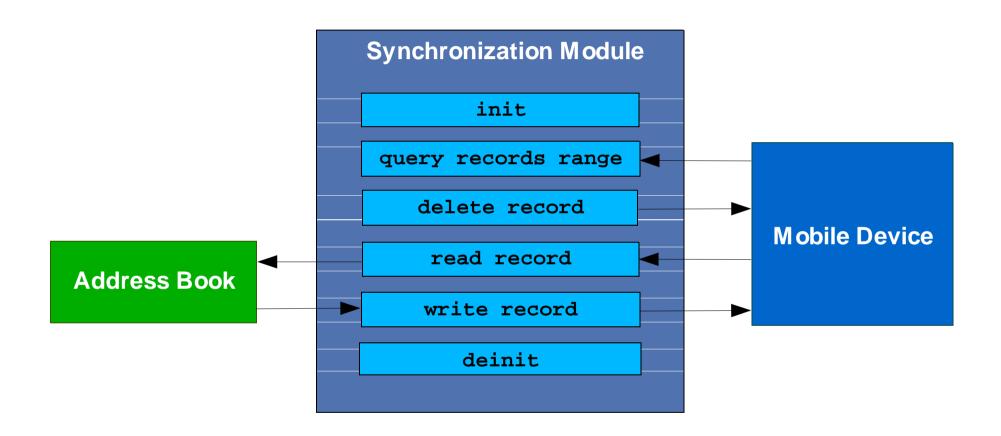


Requirements for syncronization

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How to join Personal Cards Manager project:

- Sync with PDA/GPS devices
- Integration with Mozilla browsers
- Translate the interface / cards template to your language
- Extension of PCM for mobile phones (SMS)
- Support other formats of personal cards
- Backup utilities

Open PCM interfaces:

- wpGetPersonAttr
- wpGetPersonBinAttr
- wpSetPersonAttr
- wpSetPersonBinAttr
- wpQueryNextAttrName



USBCalls library

USBCalls is a library which allows applications access USB devices

- Create ring3 applications, not drivers
- Supports any USB controller (USBD.SYS)

Who is creating USBCalls?

Markus Montkowski (Netlabs)

Frolov Dmitry (independent ranger)

Exigen Latvia

Martin Kiewitz



Demand on USB

Why USB library is so important today?

- Serial port, Firewire, SCSI devices migrated to USB
- Modern computers are equipped with USB ports only

Attention: USB doesn't replace Firewire!

- Firewire 1.0: 400 Mbps <> USB 1.0: 12 Mbps
- Firewire 2.0: 3200 Mbps <> USB 2.0: 480 Mbps





USBCalls is working!

USBCalls is used in many applications:

- USB Resource manager
- Gphoto/2 (USB)
- PTPPro
- Sane (Paul Smedley)
- Coolfm
- Utility to control special keys on USB keyboards
- USBMSD detect utility
- Web-cameras
- Palm (Yuri Dario)



Features of USBCalls library

USBCalls provides end-points:

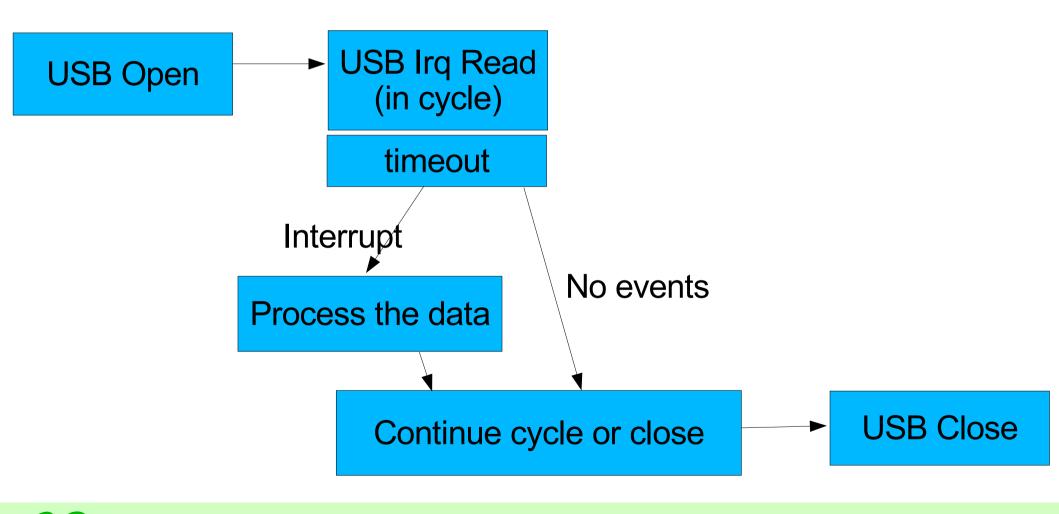
- Ctrl transfer standard device requests
- Bulk transfer mp3, flash, scaners, digicams
- Irq transfer devices notify the host about events
- Iso transfer transfer of video (web-cameras) and audio (usb sound)

USBCalls allows:

- Change configuration
- Build tree of devices
- Catch notifications

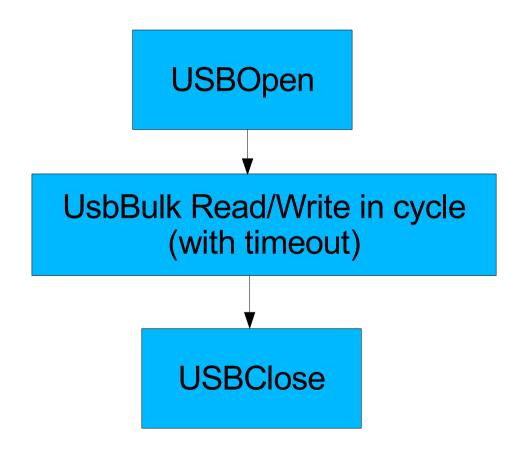


USBCalls library – interrupt end-point



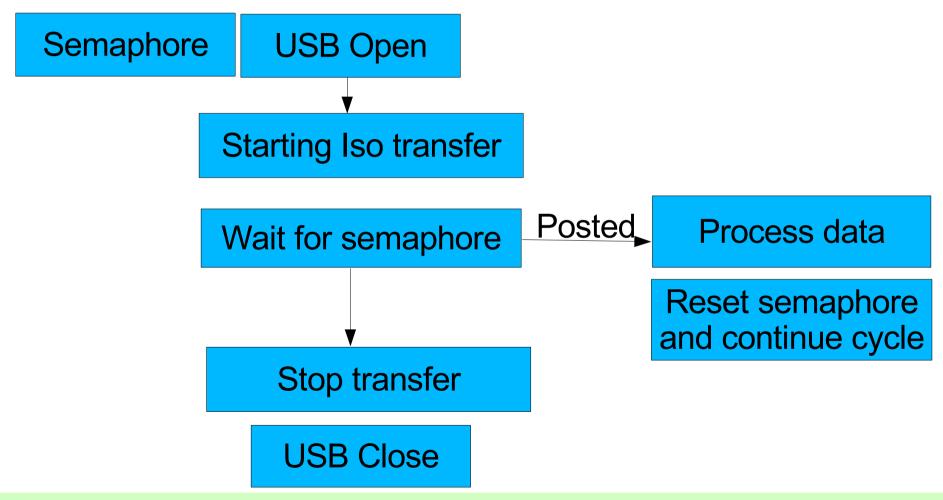


USBCalls library - bulk end-point





USBCalls library - Isochronous end-point





USBCalls library – it's easy! Let's animate the toys!





Conculsion: Let's strengthen existing applications

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