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TECHNICAL SUPPORT FAQ

TOPIC:	QNX 6 Installation	PRODUCT(s):	SSerial-PCI & SSerial-PCI/LP
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Installation

- With the power turned off, insert the SSerial-PCI card into any free PCI slot in your PC. Make sure the card is well seated. Turn your PC on and start QNX 6.
NOTE: If you are using an AGP video card you may find that QNX will not boot with the card in the PCI slot immediately following the AGP slot. Simply place the card in the second slot to alleviate this problem.
- QNX will automatically detect the presence of the SSerial-PCI card and create a serial device in the folder /etc/dev/ called Ser[x] (where x is the next available serial device number determined by QNX while enumerating the PCI bus at boot-up).
- To verify that the card has been installed you can check in either the /etc/dev/ folder, or in QNX's System Information (Launch>Utilities>System Information). Within the System Information listing you will find a process named "devc-ser8250". By selecting this process you will have access to several different information tabs. Selecting the Arguments tab (Args) will provide you with the exact arguments that were passed to the devc-ser8250 process at boot-up. From here you can easily determine which port is assigned to which serial device by referring to the card's resources.
For example, given the process command "devc-ser8250 -u1 3F8,3 -u2 2F8,4 -u3 a000,5" we can see that Com1 and Com2 were mapped to devices Ser1 and Ser2 respectively and our serial port at a000 was mapped to device Ser3.

Card Resources

You can easily determine the IO address and IRQ resources of the card's serial port by running the PCI command "pci -v". This command will display all the information for each of the PCI devices on the system bus. To find the physical address and IRQ of the card, simply scan through the output of this command for a section beginning with "Vendor ID = 1407h, Lava Computer MFG Inc". Both the IO address and IRQ of the card can be found in this section under "PCI IO Address" and "Interrupt Line", respectively.

Testing

Testing the card's functionality can be done by using QNX's own terminal program, Qtalk, and a loopback connector. To test a port, attach the loopback connector and open up a Qtalk session by executing the command "qtalk -m /dev/ser3 -b 115200,8,n,1" on the port. While the loopback connector is attached any characters entered in Qtalk should be echoed back to the screen. Removing the loopback connector should prevent character echoing from occurring.

Troubleshooting

If for some reason the card was not picked up by QNX at boot-up, but the card can be found in the PCI listing, you may choose to manually add the port by using the devc-ser8250 command.

Example: Say we have a serial port residing at physical address=a000 and IRQ=5 which wasn't allocated a serial device in the /etc/dev/ folder. If we have determined that Ser1 and Ser2 already exist in the /etc/dev/ folder (this is done by inspecting the folder /etc/dev/ for all serial devices), we can add a new serial device by running the command:

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devc-ser8250 -u3 a000,5
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This is a very simple example of adding a new serial device using the devc-ser8250 command. Full documentation of all the options associated with this command can be found in the QNX 6 RTOS Utilities Reference Manual.