

Realtek Wi-Fi SDK for Android P 11.x
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Release History

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SDK packages

- hardware/realtek/*
Folder to store private code from Realtek.
- supplicant_overlay_configs/*
Folder to store supplicant overlay config files

Introduction

This document provides a simple guide to help engineers to apply Realtek Wi-Fi solution onto their Android 11.x system. For now, we have supported the following two scenarios:

- **STA/AP** – Switch between STA mode and AP mode
- **(STA+P2P)/AP** – Switch between STA+P2P(Wi-Fi Direct) concurrent mode and AP mode

To port Realtek Wi-Fi driver onto Android 11.x platform, you can go through the following guide with reference codes within our driver package's [realtek_wifi_SDK_for_android_11.x_<date>.tgz](#).

Because Android's SDK may differ from platform to platform, our reference codes may not be applied on every platform without modifications. You should check if our reference code is suitable for you to use.

In this document, \$ANDROID_SDK is the path of top folder of the target Android SDK; this term is used in the following paragraphs.

1. Copy Necessary Files into SDK

(1) SDK

After unzipping `realtek_wifi_sdk_for_android_11.x_<date>.tgz`, copy the following folder `hardware/realtek` into `$ANDROID_SDK/hardware/` folder

(2) Supplicant overlay config files

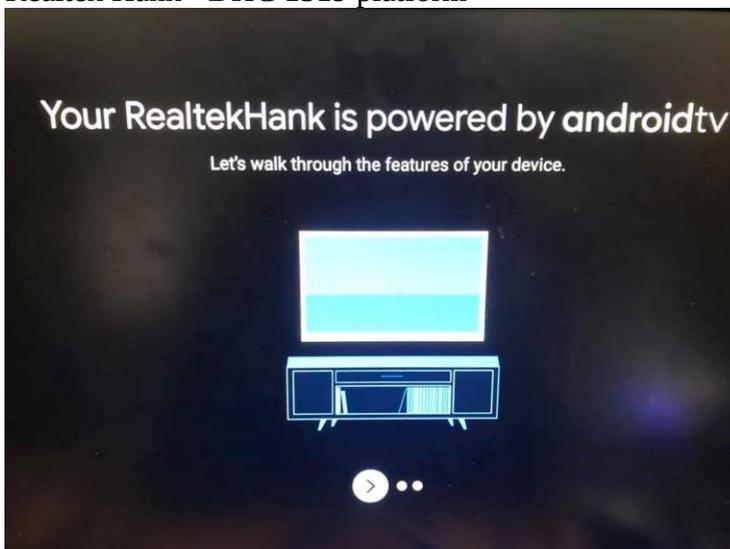
After unzipping `supplicant_overlay_config.tar.gz`, copy the following files in folder `supplicant_overlay_config` into `$ANDROID_SDK/devices/$vendor/$target`.

Please refer to Chapter 2.3. Others - Supplicant_overlay config file for further details

2. Platform Related Files

2.1 Reference Platform

Realtek Hank - DHC 1319 platform



2.2 BoardConfig.mk

To apply Realtek Wi-Fi solution onto your Android system, you need to define some compile-time variables in `BoardConfig.mk` of your platform.

In general, the `BoardConfig.mk` file is located in:

`$ANDROID_SDK /device/<soc_vendor_name>/<board_name>/`

If we use Realtek DHC 1319 platform as example, it is located at

`$ANDROID_SDK/device/realtek/hank/BoardConfig.mk`

```
BOARD_WIFI_VENDOR := realtek
ifeq ($(BOARD_WIFI_VENDOR), realtek)
    WPA_SUPPLICANT_VERSION := VER_0_8_X
    BOARD_WPA_SUPPLICANT_DRIVER := NL80211
    BOARD_WPA_SUPPLICANT_PRIVATE_LIB := lib_driver_cmd_rtl
    BOARD_HOSTAPD_DRIVER := NL80211
    BOARD_HOSTAPD_PRIVATE_LIB := lib_driver_cmd_rtl
    BOARD_WLAN_DEVICE := realtek
endif
4
```

- **BOARD_WIFI_VENDOR := realtek**

To distinguish the platform Wi-Fi device from products of other vendors, we define variable BOARD_WIFI_VENDOR as realtek. This is for compile-time choices to be applied for Realtek Wi-Fi solutions.

- **WPA_SUPPLICANT_VERSION := VER_0_8_X**

For Android 11, please set WPA_SUPPLICANT_VERSION as VER_0_8_X to use wpa_supplicant_8.

- **BOARD_WPA_SUPPLICANT_DRIVER := NL80211**

- **BOARD_WPA_SUPPLICANT_PRIVATE_LIB := lib_driver_cmd_rtl**

- **BOARD_HOSTAPD_DRIVER := NL80211**

- **BOARD_HOSTAPD_PRIVATE_LIB := lib_driver_cmd_rtl**

We use NL80211 as the driver interface for wpa_supplicant and hostapd to communicate with driver and provide lib_driver_cmd_rtl as the private library.

- **BOARD_WLAN_DEVICE**

BOARD_WLAN_DEVICE is used to choose which vendor wifi_hal should be applied. You have to set **BOARD_WLAN_DEVICE := realtek** to use realtek's wifi_hal.

2.2 init.xxx.rc

For Wi-Fi to operate properly, we need some actions and daemons to be defined as service inside init.xxx.rc. In general, the init.xxx.rc file is located in:

```
$ANDROID_SDK/device/<soc_vendor_name>/  
<board_name>/
```

If we use Realtek DHC 1319 platform as example, it is located at:

```
$ANDROID_SDK/device/realtek/hank/common/init.hank.rc
```

Please add the service definitions below:

- **mkdir for wpa_supplicant and copy config file**

Please make sure the directories used by the Wireless and related wpa_supplicant config files will be created and copied in init rc.

```
on zygote-start  
# Create the directories used by the Wireless subsystem  
# Copy wpa_supplicant config files to related dir  
mkdir /data/misc/wifi 0770 wifi wifi  
mkdir /data/misc/wifi/wpa_supplicant 0770 wifi wifi  
mkdir /data/vendor/wifi 0771 wifi wifi  
mkdir /data/vendor/wifi/wpa 0770 wifi wifi  
mkdir /data/vendor/wifi/wpa/sockets 0770 wifi wifi  
mkdir /data/misc/dhcp 0770 dhcp dhcp  
chown dhcp dhcp /data/misc/dhcp
```

- **insmod**

Please select one of action definitions below according to your requirement.

Meanwhile, please make sure your wlan.ko has right seclabel and mode as

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root u:object_r:vendor_file:s0 3429448 1970-01-01 00:19 wlan.ko
```

You can use command “ls -alZ” to check seclabel of wlan.ko.

(For concurrent mode)

```
on boot  
  
exec u:r:vendor_modprobe:s0 root root -- /vendor/bin/toybox_vendor insmod  
/vendor/modules/wlan.ko ifname=wlan0 if2name=p2p0
```

(For STA only)

```
on boot

    exec u:r:vendor_modprobe:s0 root root -- /vendor/bin/toybox_vendor insmod
    /vendor/modules/wlan.ko ifname=wlan0
```

- **wpa_supplicant**

Please define wpa_supplicant service as below.

If we use Realtek DHC 1319 platform as example, it is located at
\$ANDROID_SDK/device/realtek/hank/common/prebuilt/vendor/etc/init/wpa_supplicant.rc

```
service wpa_supplicant /vendor/bin/hw/wpa_supplicant \
-O/data/vendor/wifi/wpa/sockets \
-g@android:wpa_wlan0
# we will start as root and wpa_supplicant will switch to user wifi
# after setting up the capabilities required for WEXT
# user wifi
# group wifi inet keystore
interface android.hardware.wifi.supPLICANT@1.0::ISupplicant default
interface android.hardware.wifi.supPLICANT@1.1::ISupplicant default
interface android.hardware.wifi.supPLICANT@1.2::ISupplicant default
interface android.hardware.wifi.supPLICANT@1.3::ISupplicant default
class main
socket wpa_wlan0 dgram 660 wifi wifi
disabled
oneshot
```

2.3 Others

For topics mentioned here, you can add the following code segments in any .mk file which your platform will use.

- **Add wifi related packages**

These packages are needed for Wifi support, please make sure these packages are added in .mk

If we use Realtek DHC 1319 platform as example, it is located at \$ANDROID_SDK/device/realtek/hank/device.mk

```
PRODUCT_PACKAGES += \  
libwpa_client wpa_supplicant hostapd wificond wifilogd wpa_supplicant.conf \  
hostapd.conf libwifi-hal android.hardware.wifi.suplicant@1.0-service \  
android.hardware.wifi.suplicant@1.1-service \  
android.hardware.wifi.suplicant@1.2-service \  
android.hardware.wifi.suplicant@1.3-service \  
android.hardware.wifi@1.0-service android.hardware.wifi@1.0-service-lib \  
android.hardware.wifi@1.1-service android.hardware.wifi@1.1-service-lib \  
android.hardware.wifi@1.2-service android.hardware.wifi@1.2-service-lib \  
android.hardware.wifi@1.3-service android.hardware.wifi@1.3-service-lib \  
android.hardware.wifi@1.4-service android.hardware.wifi@1.4-service-lib \  
android.hardware.wifi.hostapd@1.0-service \  
android.hardware.wifi.hostapd@1.1-service \  
android.hardware.wifi.hostapd@1.2-service
```

- **Add android.hardware.wifi.xml**

To claim Wi-Fi support for your device, please add the rule in the PRODUCT_COPY_FILES variable to copy the permission definition file of Wi-Fi to the /system/etc/permissions/ folder of your system image.

If we use Realtek DHC 1319 platform as example, it is located at \$ANDROID_SDK/device/realtek/hank/common/deviceCommon.mk

```
PRODUCT_COPY_FILES += \
frameworks/native/data/etc/android.hardware.wifi.xml:system/etc/permissions/android.hardware.wifi.xml
```

- **Add android.hardware.wifi.direct.xml**

To claim Wi-Fi Direct (P2P) support for your device, please add the rule in the PRODUCT_COPY_FILES variable to copy the permission definition file of Wi-Fi Direct to the /system/etc/permissions/ folder of your system image.

```
PRODUCT_COPY_FILES += \
frameworks/native/data/etc/android.hardware.wifi.direct.xml:system/etc/permissions/android.hardware.wifi.direct.xml
```

Make sure your driver is configured for STA+P2P concurrent mode or you may encounter error when you open the Wi-Fi. Please refer to “**5. Driver Configurations for Android 9.x**”

- **Set wifi.interface**

To specify the wifi interface name in Android, a system property named “wifi.interface” is used. For Realtek Wi-Fi driver, Wi-Fi interface name is assigned with “wlan%d”. In general, you should set wifi.interface as “wlan0”.

```
PRODUCT_PROPERTY_OVERRIDES += \  
    wifi.interface=wlan0
```

- **Set wifi.direct.interface**

If you require p2p support, you have to set wifi.direct.interface as “p2p0”

```
PRODUCT_PROPERTY_OVERRIDES += \  
    wifi.direct.interface=p2p0
```

- **wifi_hal**

To support wifi_hal, you have to patch \$ANDROID_SDK/frameworks/opt/net/wifi/libwifi_hal/Android.mk as below.

```
# Pick a vendor provided HAL implementation library.  
# =====  
LIB_WIFI_HAL := libwifi-hal-fallback  
....  
else ifeq ($(BOARD_WLAN_DEVICE), realtek)  
    # support RTK WIFI HAL  
    LIB_WIFI_HAL := libwifi-hal-rtk  
endif  
....
```

● Device manifest file

The Device manifest file is provided by the device. It lives in the Android source tree at `device/${VENDOR}/${DEVICE}/manifest.xml` and on the device at `/vendor/manifest.xml`

If we use Realtek DHC 1319 platform as example, it is located at `$ANDROID_SDK/device/realtek/hank/common/manifest.xml`

RTK wifi needs **Iwifi** , **ISupplicant** and **IHostapd**. Not like Android 10 or earlier versions, in Android 11, these should be declared at

`$ANDROID_SDK/hardware/interface/wifi/1.4/default/android.hardware.wifi@1.0-service.xml`

`$ANDROID_SDK/external/wpa_supplicant_8/wpa_supplicant/hidl/1.3/manifest.xml`

`$ANDROID_SDK/external/wpa_supplicant_8/hostapd/android.hardware.wifi.hostapd.xml`

```
<hal format="hidl">
  <name>android.hardware.wifi</name>
  <transport>hwbinder</transport>
  <version>1.4</version>
  <interface>
    <name>IWifi</name>
    <instance>default</instance>
  </interface>
</hal>
<hal format="hidl">
  <name>android.hardware.wifi.supPLICANT</name>
  <transport>hwbinder</transport>
  <version>1.3</version>
  <interface>
    <name>ISupplicant</name>
    <instance>default</instance>
  </interface>
</hal>
<hal format="hidl">
  <name>android.hardware.wifi.hostapd</name>
  <transport>hwbinder</transport>
  <version>1.2</version>
  <interface>
    <name>IHostapd</name>
    <instance>default</instance>
  </interface>
</hal>
```

● Supplicant_overlay config file

After “1. Copy Necessary Files into SDK.” accomplished, you should find out **wpa_supplicant_overlay.conf** and **p2p_supplicant_overlay.conf** in folder `$ANDROID_SDK/devices/${VENDOR}/${TARGET}`.

Please modify `$ANDROID_SDK/devices/${VENDOR}/${TARGET}/BoardConfig.mk` as below.

```
PRODUCT_COPY_FILES += device/${VENDOR}/${
{TARGET}/wpa_supplicant_overlay.conf:${TARGET_COPY_OUT_VENDOR}/etc/
wifi/wpa_supplicant_overlay.conf

PRODUCT_COPY_FILES += device/${VENDOR}/${
{TARGET}/p2p_supplicant_overlay.conf:${TARGET_COPY_OUT_VENDOR}/etc/
wifi/p2p_supplicant_overlay.conf
```

If you need wowlan function, the below line `wowlan_triggers=any` should be added in your `wpa_supplicant_overlay.conf`

3. System Resource Configurations

You should set the following four resource configurations for your platform to configure the network function and enable the corresponding UI interface. In general, you can set the following configurations in your platform dependent `config.xml` file.

If we use Realtek DHC 1319 platform as example, it is located at

`$ANDROID_SDK/frameworks/base/core/res/res/values/config.xml`

Or the global `config.xml` file:

`$ANDROID_SDK/frameworks/base/core/res/res/values/config.xml`

● **networkAttributes**

To define the system's available network interfaces, make sure the `wifi` interface items is defined in the `networkAttributes` resource configuration in the `config.xml`. For example:

```
<string-array translatable="false" name="networkAttributes">
  <item>"wifi,1,1,1,-1,true"</item>
  <item>"bluetooth,7,7,0,-1,true"</item>
  <item>"ethernet,9,9,2,-1,true"</item>
</string-array>
```

● **radioAttributes**

To define the system's available network interfaces, we need to define interface items for `wifi` in the `radioAttributes` resource configuration. For example:

```
<string-array translatable="false" name="radioAttributes">
  <item>"1,1"</item>
  <item>"7,1"</item>
  <item>"9,1"</item>
</string-array>
```

- **config_tether_wifi_regexs**

The interfaces set here are tetherable Wi-Fi interfaces which will be used as interfaces for Wi-Fi LAN port. We use 'wlan0' by default when our Wi-Fi is set as softap mode. So it needs to set 'wlan0' here. For example:

```
<string-array translatable="false" name="config_tether_wifi_regexs">  
  <item>"wlan0"</item>  
</string-array>
```

- **config_tether_upstream_types**

The connection types set here are used as the interfaces for WAN port to connect to internet. For example, adding Wi-Fi and Ethernet:

```
<integer-array translatable="false" name="config_tether_upstream_types">  
  <item>1</item>  
  <item>9</item>  
</integer-array>
```

At least one item should be declared here to enable the “Tethering & portable hotspot” option of WirelessSettings in Settings.apk.

To know the definition and set other upstream connection types, please refer to ANDROID_SDK/frameworks/base/core/java/android/net/ConnectivityManager.java.

- **config_enableWifiDisplay**

To enable Wi-Fi Display(Miracast) function, set config_enableWifiDisplay to true:

```
<bool name="config_enableWifiDisplay">true</bool>
```

4. wpa_supplicant_8

We provide **wpa_supplicant_8_11.0.0.r3_rtw_<date>** or **newer** version in this release package. You can:

- **Use the **wpa_supplicant_8_11.0.0.r3_rtw_<date>** instead of the original**
 1. Backup and remove the original external/wpa_supplicant_8/ folder
 2. Extract and copy the **wpa_supplicant_8_11.x_rtw_<date>** tar file to the external/ folder of your Android SDK.
 3. Rename **wpa_supplicant_8_11.0.0.r3_rtw_<date>** as **wpa_supplicant_8**.

5. GKI (Generic Kernel Image)

Android 11 introduced GKI and KMI(kernel module interface) in kernel 5.4. Therefore, kernel API kernel_path(), kernel_write() and kernel_read() were prohibited.

If kernel module needs to load parameters from the parameter files, the relative parameter files must be put under the directory: **/vendor/firmware.**

You cannot specify driver **REALTEK_CONFIG_PATH through Makefile**

For example, if you want to load TX Power By Rate and Limit from file system, you have to put PHY_REG_PG.txt and TXPWR_LMT.txt under the directory **/vendor/firmware** on DUT

6. Driver Configurations for Android

Android 11.x support two scenarios for Wi-Fi solution:

- **STA/AP – Switch between STA and AP mode**
- **(STA+P2P)/AP – Switch between STA+P2P concurrent and AP mode**

The configuration of driver to fit the requirement of each scenario, see the following table:

MACRO	STA /AP	(STA+P2P)/AP	Kernel ver.
CONFIG_IOCTL_CFG80211	Defined	Defined	ver. >= 2.6.35
RTW_USE_CFG80211_STA_EVENT	Defined	Defined	ver. >= 3.2.0
CONFIG_RADIO_WORK	Defined	Defined	-
CONFIG_CONCURRENT_MODE	Undefined	Defined	-
RTW_ENABLE_WIFI_CONTROL_FUNC	Defined for platform device/driver mechanism		
CONFIG_RTW_WIFI_HAL	Defined if android version >= 8.x		ver. >= 3.18
CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID	Must set this when rtk driver ver >= v5.9, please refer to section 6.1		

- **CONFIG_IOCTL_CFG80211** is used for driver to enable cfg80211 ioctl interface, which is required by Realtek Wi-Fi to operate on Android 11.x system.

- **RTW_USE_CFG80211_STA_EVENT** is used for driver to indicate new cfg80211 STA event, which is required by wpa_supplicant_8 of Android 9.x Linux kernel supports this feature after kernel 3.2. For kernel version between 3.0 and 3.2, please refer to the patch file:
linux-3.0.42_STATION_INFO_ASSOC_REQ_IES.diff
- **CONFIG_RADIO_WORK** is used for driver to fit ‘radio work’ mechanism of Android 9’s wpa_supplicant_8. If this MACRO doesn’t exist in driver’s source code, please contact with Realtek technical windows for suitable driver.
If you use rtk driver ver. >= v5.9, you do not need to set this compile flag. Instead, you have to set **CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID** according to section “6.1 CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID”
- **CONFIG_CONCURRENT_MODE** is used for driver to enable concurrent mode, which is required by STA+P2P concurrent mode.
- **RTW_ENABLE_WIFI_CONTROL_FUNC** is used to register platform driver callbacks. If your platform needs those callbacks, please define this macro to register platform driver callback functions. For example, these functions include:

```
static struct platform_driver wifi_device = {
    .probe = wifi_probe,
    .remove = wifi_remove
}
```

By default, the probe callback is used to set up Wi-Fi power and remove callback is used to close Wi-Fi power.

To compile Realtek Wi-Fi driver with the above setting, please refer to the following document:

document/Quick_Start_Guide_for_Driver_Compilation_and_Installation.pdf Adding platform selection and setting sections for compilation settings of your platform.

For example, if you want to configure Realtek Wi-Fi driver for the (STA+P2P)/AP scenario, make sure the macros: CONFIG_IOCTL_CFG80211, RTW_USE_CFG80211_STA_EVENT, **CONFIG_RADIO_WORK** and CONFIG_CONCURRENT_MODE are defined into the EXTRA_CFLAGS settings as following:

```

CONFIG_PLATFORM_ANDROID_M60_SAMPLE = y
...
...
...
ifeq ($(CONFIG_PLATFORM_ANDROID_ML0_SAMPLE), y)
EXTRA_CFLAGS += -DCONFIG_LITTLE_ENDIAN
EXTRA_CFLAGS += -DCONFIG_CONCURRENT_MODE
EXTRA_CFLAGS += -DCONFIG_IOCTL_CFG80211 -
DRTW_USE_CFG80211_STA_EVENT EXTRA_CFLAGS += -DCONFIG_RADIO_WORK
ARCH := arm
CROSS_COMPILE := /toolchain/bin/arm-none-linux-gnueabi-
KSRC := / android_sdk/android_l/
kernel endif

```

- **CONFIG_RTW_WIFI_HAL** is defined if android version is $\geq 8.x$:
For supporting Android version $\geq 8.x$, make sure **CONFIG_RTW_WIFI_HAL** is set to “y” in **Makefile** as follows,

```

...
CONFIG_RTW_WIFI_HAL = y
...

```

If you use rtk driver ver. $\geq v5.9$, you do not need to set this compile flag.

Instead, you have to set **CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID** according to section “6.1 CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID”

According to Google’s suggestion, you must use kernel 3.18 or newer.

For more detail, you can refer

<https://source.android.com/devices/architecture/kernel/modular-kernels>

6.1 CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID

From Wifi driver version 5.9, a new setting CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID is added in Makefile, We can set CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID with the Android version in Makefile. e.g. CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID = 11

Please note that we must set CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID with correct Android version from wifi driver version 5.9, otherwise there will be problem in wifi driver for Android. And the default value of CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID is 0, which means the driver is for pure linux, not Android.

(CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID=4 means Android 4.4)

Example in Makefile:

```
##### Android #####  
# CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID - 0: no Android, 4/5/6/7/8/9/10/11 : Android version  
CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID = 11  
  
ifeq ($(shell test $(CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID) -gt 0; echo $$?), 0)  
EXTRA_CFLAGS += -DCONFIG_RTW_ANDROID=$(CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID)  
endif
```

Then most of the settings mentioned above are set automatically by Android version (CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID) in drv_conf.h, and we don't need to write these setting in Makefile; Except CONFIG_CONCURRENT_MODE and RTW_ENABLE_WIFI_CONTROL_FUNC still need to be set manually, depends on the platforms in Makefile as above as before.
drv_conf.h

```
#define CONFIG_IOCTL_CFG80211  
  
#define RTW_USE_CFG80211_STA_EVENT  
  
#if (CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID > 4)  
#ifndef CONFIG_RADIO_WORK  
#define CONFIG_RADIO_WORK  
#endif  
#endif  
  
#if (CONFIG_RTW_ANDROID >= 8)  
#if (LINUX_VERSION_CODE >= KERNEL_VERSION(3,18,0))  
#ifndef CONFIG_RTW_WIFI_HAL  
#define CONFIG_RTW_WIFI_HAL  
#endif  
#else  
#error "Linux kernel version is too old\n"  
#endif  
#endif
```

7. FAQ

7.1. Wi-Fi (STA mode)

7.1.1. Why Wi-Fi can't enable?

The whole Wi-Fi enabling procedure includes the following three main check points. Please check in sequence:

- Is network interface(s) created?
 - insmod driver success
 - Wi-Fi device is recognized
 - wlan0 is created
- Does wpa_supplicant run successfully?
 - wpa_supplicant.conf (and p2p_supplicant.conf) exists and is correct
 - Service definition of wpa_supplicant exists and is correct
 - Binary file wpa_supplicant exists and is executable
- Do connections of communication socket setup?
 - Make sure the communication socket settings is matched below:
 - ◆ ctrl_interface in:
/data/misc/wifi/wpa_supplicant.conf
(and /data/misc/wifi/p2p_supplicant.conf)
 - ◆ Service definition of wpa_supplicant
 - ◆ Paths of communication socket in wifi.c

7.2. Portable Wi-Fi hotspot (AP mode)

7.2.1. Why Portable Wi-Fi hotspot can't enable?

The whole Portable Wi-Fi hotspot enabling procedure includes the following three main check points. Please check in sequence:

- Is network interface created?
 - insmod driver success
 - Wi-Fi device is recognized
 - wlan0 is created
- Does netd and hostapd run successfully?
 - /data/misc/wifi/hostapd.conf exists and is correct
 - Binary file netd and hostapd exist and are executable
- Does dnsmasq run successfully?
 - Binary file dnsmasq exist and are executable

7.3. Wi-Fi Direct (P2P mode)

7.3.1. There is no Wi-Fi Direct UI shown?

Please refer to “**Add android.hardware.wifi.direct.xml**” in chapter 2.3. **Others** to enable Wi-Fi Direct functionality of Android P.

7.3.2. Wi-Fi Direct can't scan any peer?

First, make sure you have workable Wi-Fi Direct device nearby. Make them into Wi-Fi Direct scanning state. Push “SEARCH FOR DEVICES” button also in our device and wait for a while.

If there is still no peer shown the problem is usually caused by wrong service definition of wpa_supplicant services. Please refer to “**wpa_supplicant**” in chapter 2.2. **init.xxx.rc** to check your service definition of wpa_supplicant.