

4G module via USB

Introduction

BPI-4G module extension board with 1 Non-standard micro USB port,you can connect banana pi board with this port ,use 4G function development . also support PIN define ,and connect to BPI-R2. user also can choose 4G module onboard and use the universal 4G module in the market.

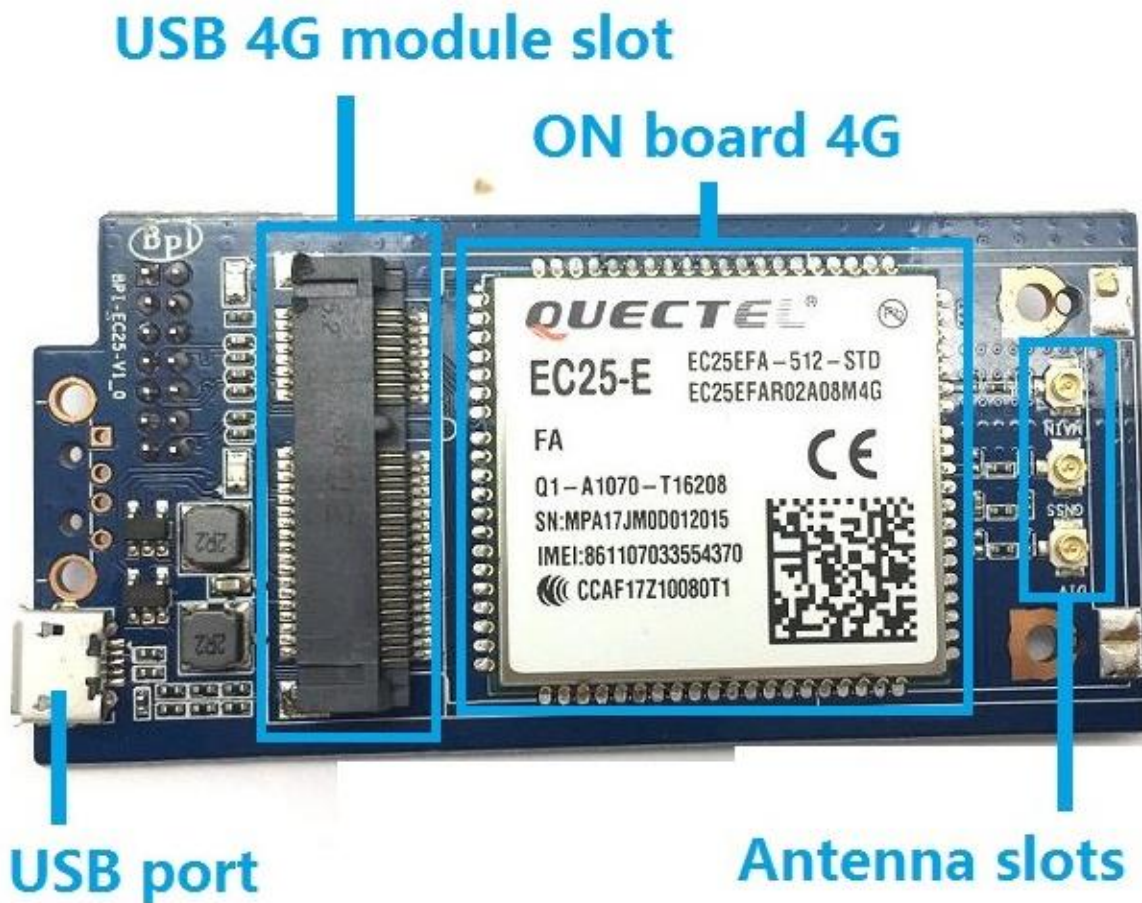
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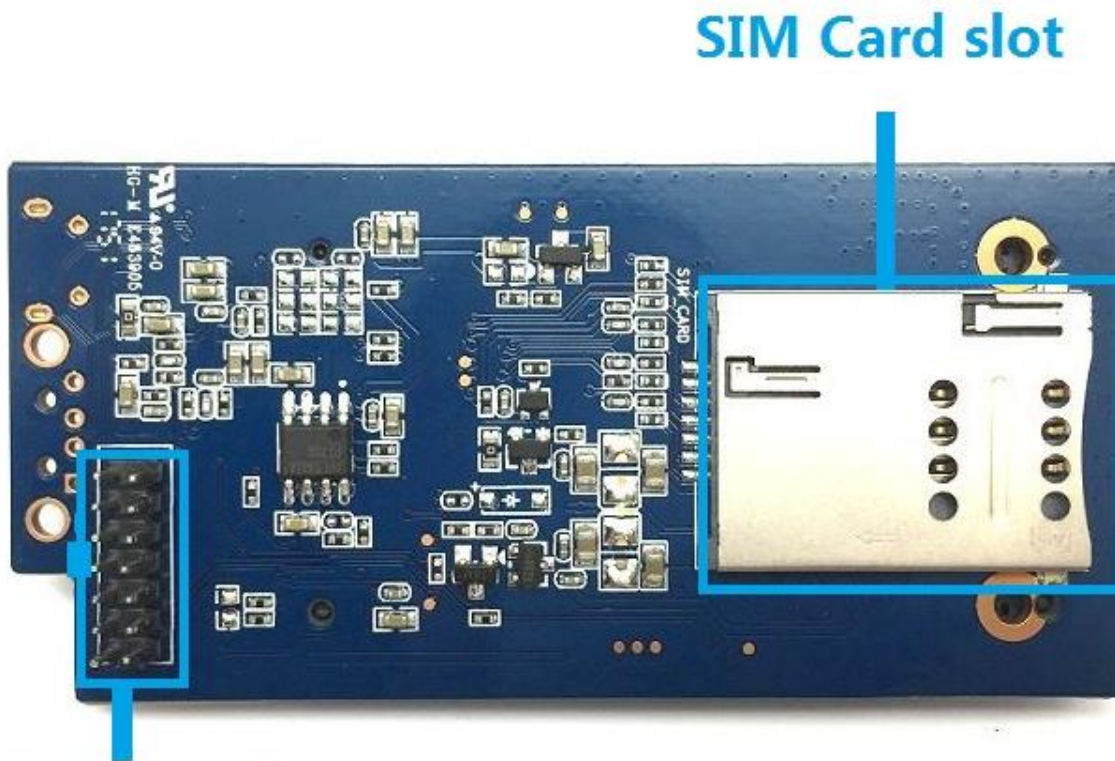
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Hardware

hardware interface

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SIM Card slot

USB PIN for BPI-R2

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How to use 4G

4G board connect banana pi SBC with USB line ,and connect BPI-R2 with PIN define

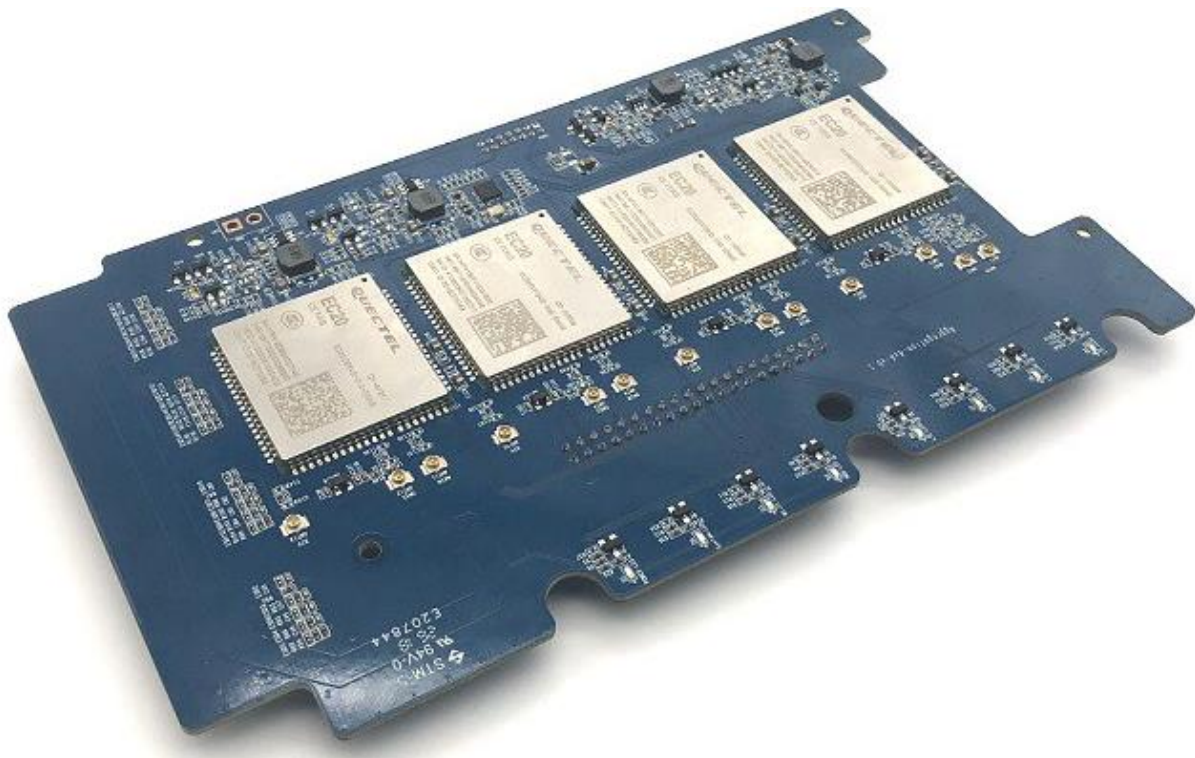


BPI 4.0: customization

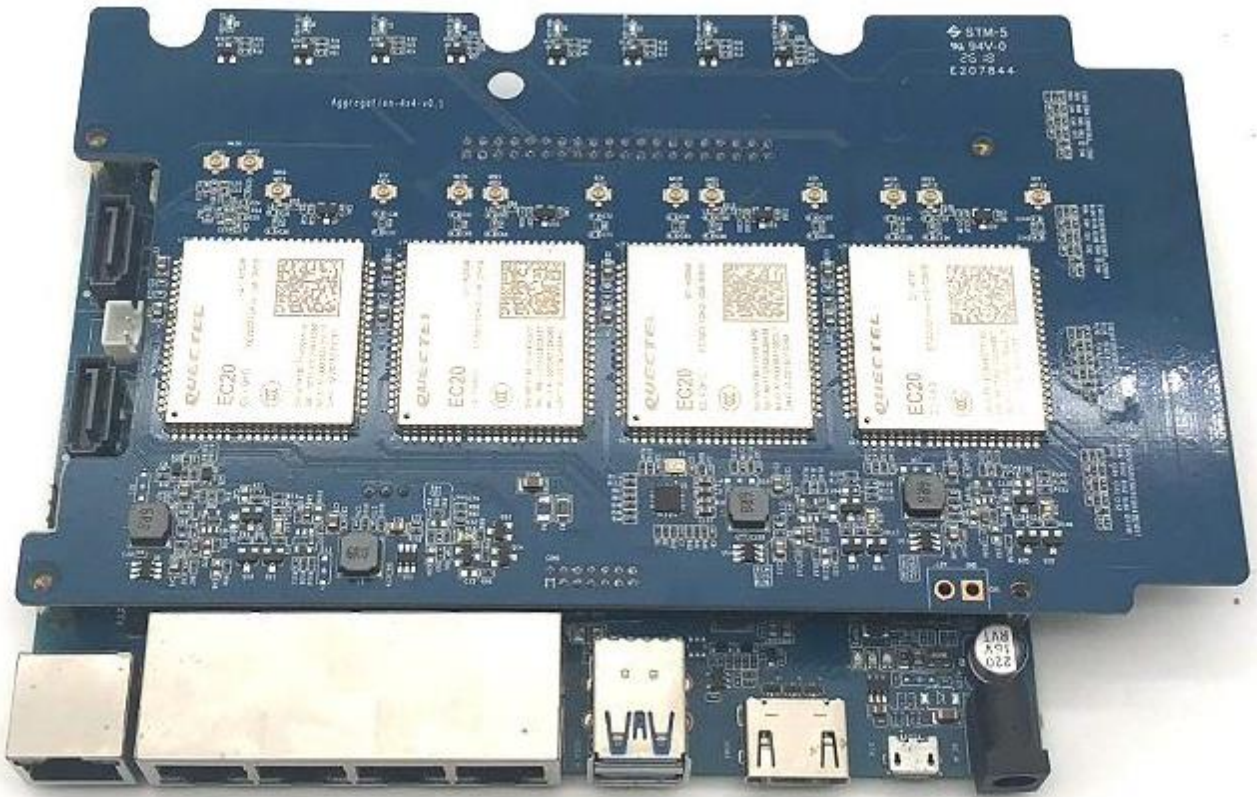
if you have any 4G customization , we can support you.



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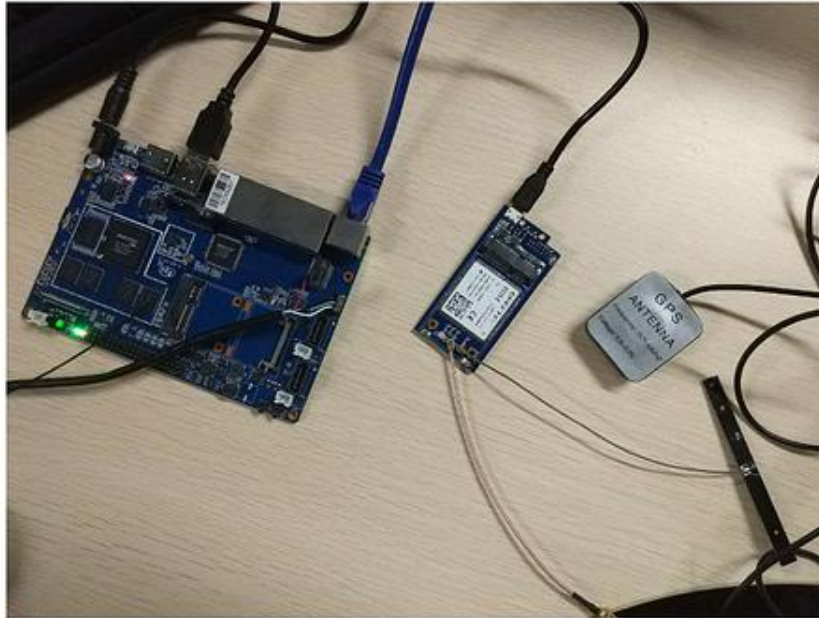


use this module on BPI-R2



Get starting

- forum pthread for discuss : <http://forum.banana-pi.org/t/how-to-use-bpi-4g-lte-module-with-bpi-r2/5223/4>



1. Firstly, use R2 connects LTE module by USB or 14pin Headers. then execute command "lsusb" to have a look if R2 have drove the module. The red box is the id of 4G module.

```
root@bpi-iot-ros-ai:~# lsusb
Bus 004 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0003 Linux Foundation 3.0 root hub
Bus 003 Device 002: ID 2c7c:0125
Bus 003 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0002 Linux Foundation 2.0 root hub
Bus 002 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0003 Linux Foundation 3.0 root hub
Bus 001 Device 001: ID 1d6b:0002 Linux Foundation 2.0 root hub
root@bpi-iot-ros-ai:~#
```

After seeing this, execute command "ls /dev/ttyUSB*" to make sure the 4G module have been recognised as USB devs.

```
root@bpi-iot-ros-ai:~# ls /dev/ttyUSB*
/dev/ttyUSB0 /dev/ttyUSB1 /dev/ttyUSB2 /dev/ttyUSB3
root@bpi-iot-ros-ai:~#
```

2. Execute the "./ppp1.sh &"

```
root@bpi-iot-ros-ai:~/lte# ./ppp1.sh &
[1] 2994
quectel-pppd options in effect:
```

then execute command "ifconfig -a", you will see ppp0

```
root@bpi-iot-ros-ai:~/lte#
root@bpi-iot-ros-ai:~/lte# ifconfig -a
bond0    Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 5a:bf:fe:d1:d2:6e
         BROADCAST MASTER MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
         RX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
         TX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
         collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
         RX bytes:0 (0.0 B) TX bytes:0 (0.0 B)

docker0  Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 02:42:51:20:a4:ee
         inet addr:172.17.0.1 Bcast:0.0.0.0 Mask:255.255.0.0
         UP BROADCAST MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
         RX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
         TX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
         collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
         RX bytes:0 (0.0 B) TX bytes:0 (0.0 B)

eth0     Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr b6:dd:25:76:e1:ba
         inet6 addr: fe80::4163:6c61:e15e:1772/64 Scope:Link
         UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
         RX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
         TX packets:194 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
         collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
         RX bytes:0 (0.0 B) TX bytes:39306 (39.3 KB)
         Interrupt:68

eth1     Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 7e:1e:8f:fe:11:ae
         inet6 addr: fe80::8dfe:6ea5:f73:e552/64 Scope:Link
         UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
         RX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
         TX packets:191 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
         collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
         RX bytes:0 (0.0 B) TX bytes:38268 (38.2 KB)
         Interrupt:68

lo       Link encap:Local Loopback
         inet addr:127.0.0.1 Mask:255.0.0.0
         inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
         UP LOOPBACK RUNNING MTU:65536 Metric:1
         RX packets:490 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
         TX packets:490 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
         collisions:0 txqueuelen:1
         RX bytes:38982 (38.9 KB) TX bytes:38982 (38.9 KB)

ppp0     Link encap:Point-to-Point Protocol
         inet addr:10.60.171.247 P-t-P:10.64.64.64 Mask:255.255.255.255
         UP POINTOPOINT RUNNING NOARP MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
         RX packets:381 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
         TX packets:444 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
         collisions:0 txqueuelen:3
         RX bytes:123176 (123.1 KB) TX bytes:34844 (34.8 KB)

sit0     Link encap:TPv6-in-TPv4
```

3. Execute command "wget -O speedtest-cli <https://raw.githubusercontent.com/sivel/speedtest-cli/master/speedtest.py>" to download speed test tool.

```
1vel/speedtest-cli/master/speedtest.py -O speedtest-cli https://raw.githubusercontent.com/s
--2018-01-26 10:28:32-- https://raw.githubusercontent.com/sivel/speedtest-cli/mast
er/speedtest.py
Resolving raw.githubusercontent.com (raw.githubusercontent.com)... 151.101.228.133
Connecting to raw.githubusercontent.com (raw.githubusercontent.com)|151.101.228.133
|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 47441 (46K) [text/plain]
Saving to: 'speedtest-cli'

speedtest-cli      100%[=====>] 46.33K  107KB/s   in 0.4s
2018-01-26 10:28:34 (107 KB/s) - 'speedtest-cli' saved [47441/47441]

root@bpi-iot-ros-ai:~/#
root@bpi-iot-ros-ai:~/# ls
lte speedtest-cli
root@bpi-iot-ros-ai:~/#
```

4. Execute command "chmod +x speedtest-cli", then execute "./speedtest-cli"

```

root@bpi-iot-ros-ai:~# chmod +x speedtest-cli
root@bpi-iot-ros-ai:~# ./speedtest-cli
Retrieving speedtest.net configuration...
Testing from China Telecom Guangdong (14.30.117.88)...
Retrieving speedtest.net server list...
Selecting best server based on ping...
Hosted by Shenzhen Telecom (Shenzhen) [0.00 km]: 35.27 ms
Testing download speed.....
.....
Download: 11.83 Mbit/s
Testing upload speed.....
.....
Upload: 10.36 Mbit/s
root@bpi-iot-ros-ai:~#

```

ppp1_success_log.txt : <http://forum.banana-pi.org/uploads/default/original/2X/e/eb7d46a0971c25f6337116d60e76590ce298b676.txt>

FAQ

- (1) You could get ppp1.sh from here : <https://pan.baidu.com/s/1yu0nTNQKPNPzprVPjhOPUA>
- (2) Q: What should I do, if you meet this "expect (OK) ^M alarm Failed "

```

-----
abort on (ERROR)
abort on (NO ANSWER)
timeout set to 30 seconds
send (AT^M)

```

```

expect (OK)

```

```

^M

```

```

alarm

```

```

Failed

```

```

Script chat -s -v ABORT BUSY ABORT "NO CARRIER" ABORT
TIMEOUT 30 "" AT OK ATE0 OK AT\ \ +CSUR\ \ +CSQ\ \ +CPIN?\ \ +

```

A:The root cause is the Modem.service has used the module usbserial, so the 4G module can't use usbserial; we can solve the problem by using command "systemctl disable ModemManager.service " or "systemctl stop ModemManager.service "

- (3) Q : How to test the communication between SIM card and 4G module ?
A:Use minicom, "minicom -D /dev/ttyUSB2", and then use AT commands to test, such as "at", "at+csq", "at+ccid", if you get response without error, that means the communication is OK.
- (4) Q: How to install libqmi?
A: Download from here: <http://www.linuxfromscratch.org/blfs/view/cvs/general/libqmi.html> 1 ; then make and make install.
If you meet this:

```

checking whether gcc understands -Wformat-security... yes
checking whether gcc understands -Wtype-limits... yes
checking for pkg-config... /usr/bin/pkg-config
checking pkg-config is at least version 0.9.0... yes
checking for glib-2.0 >= 2.36
      gobject-2.0
      gio-2.0
      gio-unix-2.0... yes
checking for gudev-1.0 >= 147... no
configure: error: Couldn't find gudev >= 147. Install it, or otherwise configure using --without
t-udev to disable udev support.
root@bpi-iot-ros-ai:~/libqmi-1.20.0# apt-get install gudev
Reading package lists... Done

```

you need to install libgudev-1.0-dev, then make and make install again.

- (5) Q : How to use qmi-wwan ?

A : There is a very easy way to use, I've put quectel-CM in home path of root, just execute `./quectel-CM &`, then execute `dhclient wwan0`, now you have finished the configurations.

- (6) Q : How to use GPS ?

A : BPI-4G module supports GPS and BeiDou, execute `minicom -D /dev/ttyUSB2`, then input AT commands like this :

```

PRESS CTRL-A Z FOR HELP ON SPECIAL KEYS

at+qgps=1
OK
at+qgpsloc?
+QGPSLOC: 095359.0,2.175.3827N,111.1072E,2.1,75.0,2,0.00,0.0,0.0,290318,09
...

```

if you want to use BeiDou, just input AT commands like this :

```

PRESS CTRL-A Z FOR HELP ON SPECIAL KEYS

at+qgps=1
OK
at+qgpsloc?
+QGPSLOC: 095359.0,2.175.3827N,111.1072E,2.1,75.0,2,0.00,0.0,0.0,290318,09
...

```

- (7) Here are kernel configurations and driver patch for kernel 4.14.

config : <http://forum.banana-pi.org/uploads/default/original/2X/5/54a89518b88857f06fd44757d3413e700338b269>

patch : <http://forum.banana-pi.org/uploads/default/original/2X/5/5739bb02c8dc5817ed8ba6ec466b4bdb70cf37fa>

- (8) Support areas:

EC25-E support: EMEA/Thailand/India/South Korea

EC25-AU support: Australia

EC25-V/-A support : North America

- (9) Openwrt Supported:

A. Clone the source code from this link : [BPI-R2 OpenWrt\(LEDE\) Souce code : 2018-04-11](https://github.com/BPI-R2/OpenWrt-LEDE)

B. Add qmi-wwan driver to this project :

Execute `./scripts/feeds/ install minicom` to install minicom to openwrt project

Execute `./scripts/feeds/ install python` to install python to openwrt project

Execute `make menuconfig`

Add minicom `Utilities —> Terminal —> minicom`

Add python `Languages —> Python`

Add driver "Network —> wwan ...Genetic OpenWrt 3G/4G proto handler"

Add "Kernel modules —> USB Support —>

kmod-usb-core

kmod-usb-net —> kmod-usb-net-qmi-wwan


kmod-usb-ohci

kmod-usb-serial —> kmod-usb-serial-option , kmod-usb-serial-wwan

kmod-usb-uhci

kmod-usb2-*

Use these source files to replace your openwrt project source files ("build_dir/target-arm_cortex-a7+neon-vfpv4_musl_eabi/linux-mediatek_32/linux-4.9.44/drivers/usb(or net)/...") :

 option.c	123.47 KB	13.90 KB	C 源
 qmi_wwan.c	42.98 KB	10.14 KB	C 源
 usb_wwan.c	17.80 KB	4.44 KB	C 源

C. Image & Stuff Link :

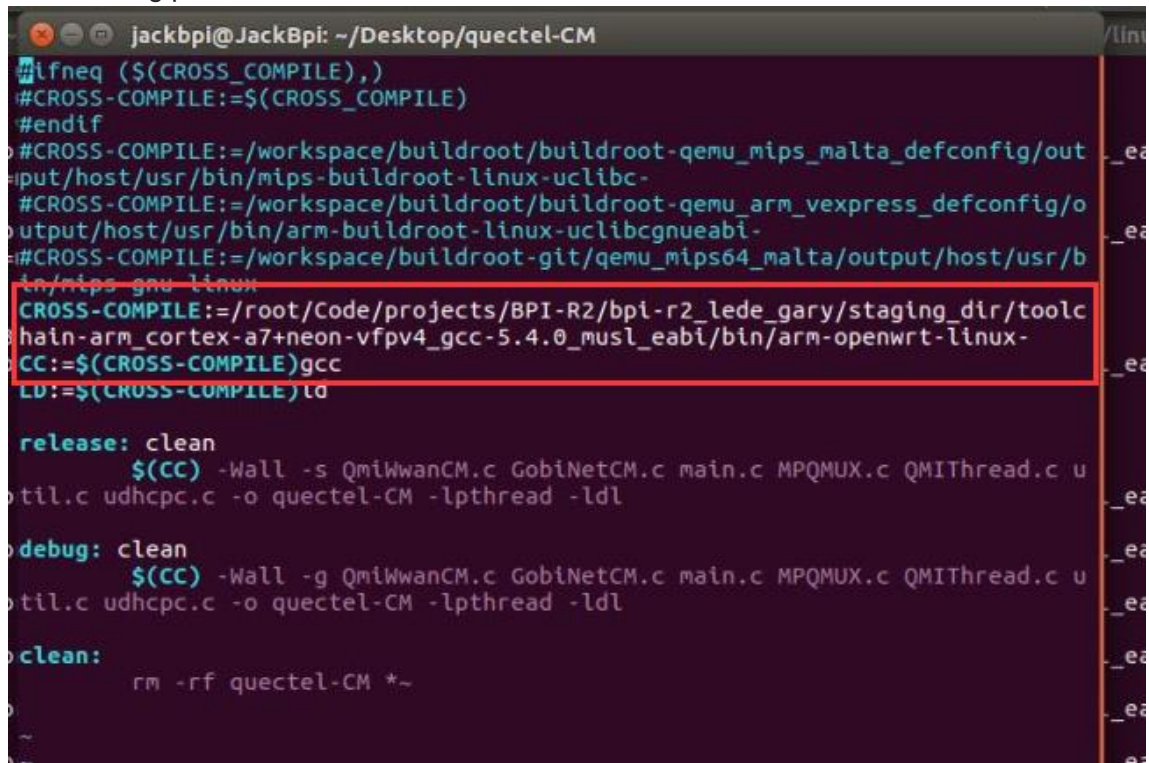
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Google

Drive : <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Zjj0TiZOFGLmAGmRmErqnwdSosUrLUPZ/view?usp=sharing>

D. Cross-Compile quectel-CM

Copy "quectel-CM" to Linux host PC, and change "Makefile" under the "quectel-CM", change tools like this : The tools are under openwrt project, you can find them according to the following picture.



```
jackbpi@JackBpi: ~/Desktop/quectel-CM
#ifndef $(CROSS_COMPILE),)
#CROSS_COMPILE:=$(CROSS_COMPILE)
#endif
#CROSS_COMPILE:=/workspace/buildroot/buildroot-qemu_mips_malta_defconfig/output/host/usr/bin/mips-buildroot-linux-uclibc-
#CROSS_COMPILE:=/workspace/buildroot/buildroot-qemu_arm_vexpress_defconfig/output/host/usr/bin/arm-buildroot-linux-uclibcgnueabi-
#CROSS_COMPILE:=/workspace/buildroot-git/qemu_mips64_malta/output/host/usr/bin/mips-gnu-linux
CROSS_COMPILE:=/root/Code/projects/BPI-R2/bpi-r2_lede_gary/staging_dir/toolchain-arm_cortex-a7+neon-vfpv4_gcc-5.4.0_musl_eabi/bin/arm-openwrt-linux-
CC:=$(CROSS_COMPILE)gcc
LD:=$(CROSS_COMPILE)ld

release: clean
$(CC) -Wall -s QmiWwanCM.c GobiNetCM.c main.c MPQMUX.c QMITHread.c util.c udhpc.c -o quectel-CM -lpthread -ld

debug: clean
$(CC) -Wall -g QmiWwanCM.c GobiNetCM.c main.c MPQMUX.c QMITHread.c util.c udhpc.c -o quectel-CM -lpthread -ld

clean:
rm -rf quectel-CM *~
```

If ping Domain name fail, add "nameserver 8.8.8.8" to /etc/resolv.conf

```
root@LEDE:~# ping www.baidu.com
ping: bad address 'www.baidu.com'
root@LEDE:~# ping 8.8.8.8
PING 8.8.8.8 (8.8.8.8): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: seq=0 ttl=41 time=129.687 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: seq=1 ttl=41 time=46.718 ms
^C
--- 8.8.8.8 ping statistics ---
2 packets transmitted, 2 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 46.718/88.202/129.687 ms
root@LEDE:~#
```

```
search lan
nameserver 127.0.0.1
nameserver 8.8.8.8
```

- (10) If you use mPCIe interface 4G module to connect R2 by 14 pin header, use these cmds to enable 4G module, after you did these steps, USB0 port will be disable.

```
cd /sys/class/gpio/
echo 266 > export 【# 266(gpio_offset) = 232(base) + 34(GPIO_34)】
cd gpio266/
echo out > direction
echo 1 > value
```