

Starting Linux 'pppd' at Boot for Skywire[®] LTE CAT3 Modem On BeagleBone Black

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1. Introduction

1.1 Orderable Parts

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Number	Description	Manufacturer	Carrier	Network Type
NL-AB-BBBC	Skywire Beagle Bone Black Cape	Nimbelink		
	Skywire LTE without Fallback, GPS,			
NL-SW-LTE-TSVG	GLONASS	Nimbelink	Verizon	LTE

^{*}Antenna is a dual cellular & GPS antenna

1.2 Description

This document provides steps to setup the PPP connection on boot. This has been tested with a BeagleBone Black (kernel 3.8.13-bone73) with a LE910-SVG. This will allow you to have a PPP connection with your Skywire® modem without needing to manually start it.

2. Procedure

2.1 Verify PPP Works

Follow the Skywire PPPd on Linux guide to verify that your connection works.

2.2 Modify the PPP Script File

In the PPP script file, remove the following line:

updetach

2.3 Create a Boot Script

Create a script file (for example, "start_ppp") in the directory /etc/init.d/. In the file, type the following:

#!/bin/bash # /etc/init.d/start_ppp

ifconfig eth0 down ifconfig usb0 down

pon verizon

Where "verizon" is the name of your PPPd script file.

2.4 Make the Boot Script Executable

Make the file executable:

chmod 755 /etc/init.d/start ppp

2.5 Update the Boot Sequence

Finally, update the system to use start the script at boot. It is recommended that you put the startup script before rc.local is loaded. To find out the best place to put it, type:

Is /etc/rc5.d

to see the startup order. You may want to check other rc levels, like rc4.d, as well. For instance, on this test system, the startup level for rc.local is 06 (S06rc.local). So, we would want the script to start at 05.

update-rc.d start_ppp defaults 05

2.6 Reboot and Verify Connection

Reboot, and if you run ifconfig once you login, you should have your PPP script up and running.