Matrix-504 Linux ARM9 Industry Box Computer

User Guide

Version 1.6



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1. Introduction

Matrix-504 is a Linux ready, ARM9-based embedded computer. Its lower power and robust design concept makes it an ideal industrial computer platform for harsh environment. The Linux OS and file system are pre-installed in the on-board Flash memory and the GNU tool chain on Artila FTP is ready for your application development.

1.1 Features

- ARM926EJ-S ARM Thumb Processor 400MHz w/MMU
- 32-KByte Data Cache and 32-KByte Instruction Cache
- 64MB SDRAM, 256MB NAND Flash on board
- One 10/100 Mbps Ethernet
- Two USB 2.0 full speed (12 Mbps) Host Ports
- One software configurable RS-232/422/485 port and three RS-232/485 ports
- One serial console port
- One microSD socket: up to 32GB
- Five programmable GPIO
- 9 to 48VDC power input
- Pre-installed Linux 2.6.29 kernel and file system
- GNU tool chain available on Artila FTP
- Optional DIN RAIL mounting adaptor

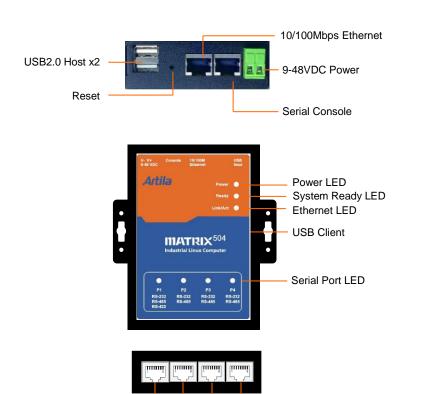
1.2 Packing List

- Matrix-504
- Matrix-504T: Wide-temperature (-20~80°C) Version

1.3 Optional Accessory

- CB-RJ45F9-150 (91-R45F9-150): Serial Cable (RJ45 to DB9 Female, 150cm)
- CB-RJ2CON-100 (91-RJCON-100): Console Cable (RJ45 to DB9 Female, 100cm)
- DK-35A (36-DK35A-000): DIN RAIL Mounting Kit
- PWR-12V-1A (31-62100-000): 110~240VAC to 12VDC 1A Power Adaptor

2. Layout



P1/P2/P3/P4 Serial Ports

3. Pin Assignment and Definition

3.1 USB Port

The USB port is an USB2.0 high speed host port. It can be used to expand the hardware function of Matrix-504 and exchange file and data between PC and Matrix-504 using an USB flash disk. Currently the hardware support by Matrix-504 USB is shown as follow:

- 1. USB Storage Device
- 2. USB to Wireless LAN Adaptor (Ralink RT73)
- 3. USB to Serial Adaptor (fdti usb to UART)
- 4. USB to Modem (CDC compliant)
- 5. USB Camera

The USB client port is reserved for production purpose only. Contact Artila if you find your hardware is not shown on the list.

3.2 Reset Button

Press the "Reset" button to activate the hardware reset. Please always use "reboot" command to reset Matrix-504. You should only use this function if the software reboot does not function properly.

3.3 Power LED

The Power LED will show solid green if power is properly applied.

3.4 Ready LED

After Power ON, Matrix-504 starts booting. Once system is boot up, the Ready LED will show solid green. The Ready LED will be turned off after Matrix-504 received "halt" command.

3.5 Link / Act LED

When Ethernet port is connected to the network, Link/Act will show solid green and if there is traffic in the Ethernet, this LED will flash.

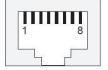
3.6 Serial Port LED

These four dual color LEDs indicate the data traffic at the serial ports. When RXD line is high then Green light is ON and when TXD line is high, Yellow light is ON.

3.7 Serial Port

The four serial ports can be configured as RS-232, RS-422 or RS-485 by software. They use RJ45 connector and the pin assignment are shown as following table.

Pin	RS-232	RS-422	RS-485
1	DSR		
2	RTS	TXD+	Data+
3	GND	GND	GND
4	TXD	TXD-	Data-
5	RXD	RXD+	
6	DCD	RXD-	
7	CTS		
8	DTR		



Port 1: RS-232/422/485

RS-232: RXD, TXD, RTS, CTS, DSR, DTR, DCD, GND

RS-422: TXD+, TXD-, RXD+, RXD-, GND

RS-485: DATA+, DATA-, GND

Port 2/3/4:

RS-232: RXD, TXD, RTS, CTS, GND

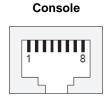
RS-485: DATA+, DATA-, GND

3.8 Serial Console Port: (JP1)

Serial console port is used for locally accessing Matrix-504 system using RS-232 port. The console port use RJ45 connector and is next to Ethernet port. Therefore please be careful to plug in the right connector.

Port 0: RS-232: RXD, TXD, GND

Pin	Definition
1	PIO0
2	TXD
3	GND
4	PIO1
5	PIO2
6	PIO3
7	RXD
8	PIO4



Therefore you need to prepare or purchase the serial console cable (91-RJCON-100) in order to use the serial console port. In addition to the serial console signal, the console RJ45 port also provides GPIO (programmable I/O signal) function. The GPIO port is CMOS I/O and can be programmed as digital input or output. Power up setting is digital input mode with 100K ohm pull up resistor.

3.9 Power Connector

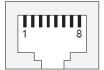
Connect the 9 to 48VDC power line to Matrix-504. If the power is properly supply, the power LED will show a solid green color.



3.10 Ethernet Port

The Ethernet Port use RJ45 connector.

Pin	Signal
1	ETx+
2	ETx-
3	ERx+
6	ERx-



3.11 Factory Default Settings

LAN 1 IP Address: 192.168.2.127

Login: root or guest (telnet guest only)

Password: root or guest (telnet guest only)

Serial Console Port:

Baud rate: 115200

Data format: 8 Bits, No Parity, 1 Stop bit (N,8,1)

Flow Control: None Terminal type: VT100

3.12 Power on and System Boot up

Once Matrix-504 is correctly power on, it will start boot Linux kernel and mount file system. You can use Ethernet and telnet and login Matrix-504. Once kernel loaded, it will find /sbin/init and execute it. The initialization configuration is at /etc/inittab. Once boot up, you can use telnet to login Matrix-504.

3.13 Inittab and Run Levels

Inittab contains information of system initialization. The system initialization script /etc/rcS.d runs first then the run level 5 /etc/rc5.d. Matrix-504 uses run level for system setup and the default run level is number 5. Please refer to introduction to linux (http://tille.garrels.be/training/tldp/) for information about run level. Following is the run levels setting:

Run level 0: halt

Run level 1 is single user (login and service are disabled)

Run level 2~5 are multiple users

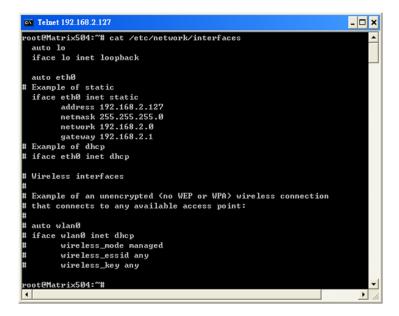
Run level 6 is reboot

Please refer to loader menu section for selection of run level.

3.14 Default Started Service

- 1. amgrd (Artila broadcast search daemon)
- 2. ssh (secured shell) with sftp
- 3. syslog/klogd (system and kernel log)
- 4. telnet server (disable root with /etc/securetty)
- 5. ftp server (vsftp)
- 6. web server (lighttpd)
- 7. Ready LED (debug LED for internal use)

3.15 Network Settings

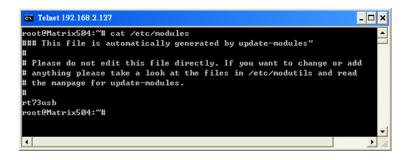


3.16 Insert Kernel Module

To insert kernel module while system boot up, please use *vi* to edit /*etc/modules* to add module to load e.g.

rt73usb

To load the USB WLAN adaptor.



Use *vi* editing tool to edit the /*etc/network/interfaces* for network setting. The default setting is static IP 192.168.2.127. Matrix-504 also supports Wireless LAN. Use

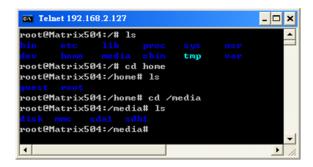
```
wireless_essid XXX
wireless_key YYY
```

To add SSID and WEP key if necessary. XXX is SSID and YYY is WEP Key.

Matrix-504 supports USB WLAN adaptor (Ralink RT2571). You can enable the driver module (rt73usb) by adding *rt73usb* in

/etc/modules

3.17 File System



The 256MB NAND Flash memory of Matrix-504 contains Boot loader (uBoot), Linux Kernel, Root File System and user disk (\home). The file system and disk space are shown as follow.

3.18 Devices List

The supported devices are shown at /dev directory. Following list are most popular ones:

- 1. ttyS0: serial console port
- 2. ttyS1 to ttyS4: serial port 1 to port 4
- sda to sdb: USB flash disk
- 4. ttyUSB0 to ttyUSB1: USB RS-232 adaptor (fdti_sio.ko)
- 5. rtc: Real Time Clock
- 6. gpio: General Purpose digital I/O
- 7. ttyACM0 and ttyACM1: USB Modem (CDC compliant)

3.19 Utility Software

Matrix-504 includes busybox utility collection and Artila utility software and there are placed at:

/sbin /bin /usr/bin /use/sbin

Please refer to Appendix for the utility collection list.

```
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oot@Matrix504:/sbin# ls
                                            lsusb
                                                                   shutdown
shutdown.sysvinit
disk
                                                                   start-stop-daer
                                            mkfs.minix
                                            poweroff
                                                                   sysct1
                                                                   syslogd
telinit
oot@Matrix504:/sbin# cd /bin
                                            mktemp
                     echo
                                             mount.util-linux
                                            netstat
                     ip
kill
kill.procps
                                                                   umount.util-linux
                     mkdir
```

3.20 Mounting External Storage Memory

To find out the device name of the external memory device which plug into Matrix-504, you can use the command:

dmesg | grep sd

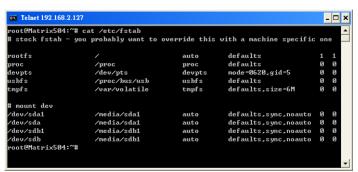
To find out the device type (sda or sdb).

And use

mount /dev/sda1

to mount the USB disk and folder is local at

media/sda1 or /mnt/sda1



3.21 Welcome Message

To modify the welcome message, user can use text edit to modify the /etc/motd.

3.22 Web Page Directory

The web pages are placed at /usr/share/apache2 and the /etc/apache2/httpd.conf contains the apache web server settings. The home page name should be index.html.

3.23 Adjust the System Time

To adjust the RTC time, you can follow the command:

date MMDDhhmmYYYYY

where

MM=Month (01~12)

DD=Date (01~31)

hh=Hour

mm=minutes

YYYY=Year

hwclock-w

To write the date information to RTC.

User can also use NTP client utility in Artila CD to adjust the RTC time.

ntpclient [time server ip]

3.24 SSH Console

Matrix-504 supports SSH. If you use Linux computer, you can use SSH command to login Matrix-504. The configuration of SSH and key are located at /etc/ssh.

The key generation program is available at /usr/bin.



3.25 Putty Console Software

For Windows user, you can download the putty software at

http://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/download.html to use SSH to login Matrix-504.

3.26 ipkg Package Software Management

ipkg is a light software package utility. It can be used to install, upgrade and remove the software package for Matrix-504. Currently user can use ipkg to install the software package from Artila FTP. You can find the configuration at *ipkg.conf*.

When Matrix-504 is connected to network and issue command:

ipkg update

To update the package list and use

ipkg install

To install software package and

ipkg remove

To remove software

ipkg list

To list available software

ipkg list_installed

To list software installed

Please refer to Appendix for more about ipkg.

3.27 Install GNU Toolchain

Find a PC with Linux OS installed as followed:

Fedore 7, ubuntu 7.04, OpenSUSE 10.2, Mandriva 2008, Debian 5.0, Centos (RedHat) 5 and above.

Login as a root user then copy the arm-linux-4.3.2.tar.gz to root directory of PC. Under root directory, type following command to install the Matrix-504 Toolchain:

#tar -xvfj arm-linux-4.3.3.tar.bz2

The toolchain file name are:

arm-linux-gnueabi-gcc arm-linux-gnueabi-g++ arm-linux-gnueabi-strip

Version: gcc 4.3.3, glibc 2.9, binutils 2.18

For Windows user, please download the toolchain from CodeSourcery at http://www.codesourcery.com/sgpp/lite/arm/portal/package4547/public/arm-none-linux-gnueabi/arm-2 009q1-203-arm-none-linux-gnueabi.exe

The toolchain file name are:

arm-none-linux-gnueabi-gcc arm-none-linux-gnueabi-g++ arm-none-linux-gnueabi-strip

Version: gcc 4.3.3, glibc 2.8, binutils 2.19

3.28 Getting Started with the Hello Program

There are many example programs on Artila FTP. To compile the sample you can use the Make file and type:

make

To compile and link the library. Once done, use ftp command

ftp 192.168.2.127

Then login with password. Use bin command to set transfer mode to binary

ftp>bin

To transfer the execution file to Matrix-504 user disk (/home/guest) and use

chmod +x file.o

To change it to execution mode and

./file.o

to run the program.

3.29 Auto Start Program on Boot

To start a program on boot, you can use /etc/rc.local.

For example to use vi to edit rc.local

hello &

exit 0

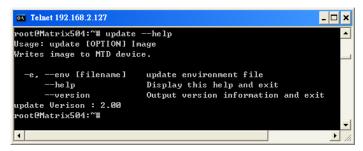
Hello will be executed after system boot up. *rc.local* has the similar function as /*etc/rc* in Matrix-504.

4. Artila Utility Software

The introduction of Artila utility software as follow:

4.1 update

Update loader, environment file and kernel image. Type *update--help* to find the command usage.



Update can only operate under supervisor mode (password: root). Please use command **su** and login as root.

4.2 setuart

Configure serial port setting. An example show as followed to configure port 1 as RS-485 interface with baud rate 921600.

```
Usage: setuart [OPTION]

-h, -help display this help and exit
-v, -version output version information and exit
-p. -port[1,2...] UART port number
-t, --type[232,422,485] UART interface type
-m, -mode[0,1] Dis/Enable 9-bit data mode for RS485
-m, -mode[0,1] Dis/Enable 9-bit data mode for RS485
guest@Matrix520 /bin>setuart -p1 -t485 -m0 -b921600
Port 1 ==> type:485, mode:0
guest@Matrix520 /bin>
```

4.3 version

Find out the version of OS.

4.4 gpioctl

The gpio can be configured by *gpioctl* and the usage is as shown followed. The default setting is digital input with 75K ohm pull up resistor.

```
rooteMatrix504:~# gpioct1 --help
Usage: gpioct1 [OPTION]

-h, --help display this help and exit
-v, --version output version information and exit
-i, --io[0,1,2,...] GPIO number
-s, --state[0,1] GPIO state, 1:HIGH, 0:LOW
-m, --mode[0,1] GPIO mode, 1:INPUT, 0:OUTPUT
-a, --all Show all GPIO state and mode
rooteMatrix504:~# gpioct1 --all
GPIO count:5
DIP_SW count:0
GPIO0 -> State:High, Mode:Input
GPIO1 -> State:High, Mode:Input
GPIO2 -> State:High, Mode:Input
GPIO3 -> State:High, Mode:Input
GPIO4 -> State:High, Mode:Input
```

5. Loader Menu

Loader menu helps user to select the run level of system boot up. User need to use serial console to enter loader menu. Please configure the serial port of terminal as follow:

Baud Rate: 115200

Data bits: 8
Parity: N
Stop bit: 1

Flow Control: None Terminal type: VT100

Once power up Matrix-504, please repeatedly keying "@" and you will see the loader menu appear as follow:

```
Starting Matrix504......

Artila Loader Version 2.0.0

G: Loader TFTP L: Loader Serial
K: Kernel TFTP S: Kernel Serial
F: Filesys TFTP T: Filesys Serial
E: Env. Upgrade M: Ethernet Setting
A: Dataflash Booting U: Runlevel
R: Reset
```

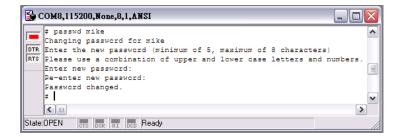
If you miss the timing, please power on again the Matrix-504 and do it again. Select U will prompt the run level selection message. Run level 0 is halt, run level 1 is single user (disable login and service). Run level 2~5 are multiple users and run level 6 is reboot. To view the run level configuration, please check:

/etc/inittab

6. Frequently Asked Question

6.1 Forgot Password

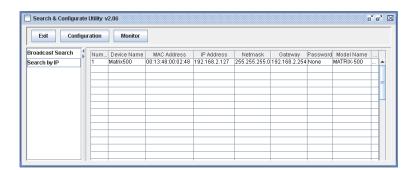
If you forgot the password for login, please use serial console and use run level 1 to boot system. Use passwd to change the password setting.



6.2 Forgot the IP Address

If you forgot the Matrix-504 IP address, you can use the Java Manager available on Artila FTP to search the IP address of Matrix-504.

Or use serial console port to find out the IP address by #ifconfig.



6.3 System Fail to Boot

If you mess up the root file system and make the system fail to boot, Matrix-504 will automatically switch to boot from Dataflash file system and a console menu will show up at console port to help user perform system recovery. **System Recovery Section** will tell you how to recover the system.

7. System Recovery

If NAND Flash file system does fail, DataFlash file system will automatically boot up and a Console Menu at console port will appear as follow:



7.1 Update Image

This option can recover the loader, kernel and file system by using an USB disk. The USB disk contains the images files with the path as follow:

Loader: matrix504/matrix504.alf Kernel: matrix504/matrix504K

File system: matrix504/matrix504R

The files are available on Artila FTP. Please prepare an USB disk and copy the image files to it before choosing this option.

7.2 Make Filesystem

This option is used to create customized file system. Before using this function, you need to copy the folder of *mkimage504* on Artila FTP to an USB disk. This function will create a new file system image for users and they can use it to duplicate the customized file system to other Matrix-504.

7.3 Recovery Env.

The option will recover the environment files as default setting. Use this function only when the NAND file system crash.

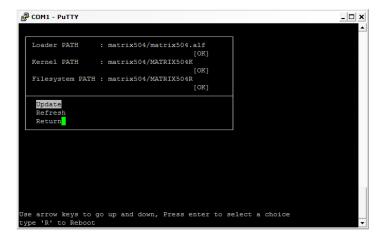
7.4 Show Info

Show the version information of Matrix-504.

7.5 Reboot

Reboot the NAND flash file system.

7.6 Update Image Starts



7.7 Update Image Completes

```
Use arrow keys to go up and down, Press enter to select a choice type 'R' to Reboot

Updating Loader 128 Kibyte @ 20000 -- 100% complete.
The update will be effective at next boot.

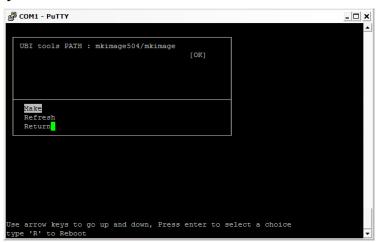
Updating Kernel 128 Kibyte @ 260000 -- 100% complete.
The update will be effective at next boot.

Updating Filesystem 128 Kibyte @ 7ce0000 -- 100% complete.
The update will be effective at next boot.

Updating Filesystem 128 Kibyte @ 7ce0000 -- 100% complete.
The update will be effective at next boot.

Done.
Type Enter to return.
```

7.8 Make Files System Starts



Note

- 1. Use Arrow keys up and down to selection the functions.
- 2. Use Arrow keys left and right to go to higher or lower levels of menu screen.
- 3. To force system go into DataFlash booting, repeatedly keying "!" (Shift +1) right after Matrix-504 power on.

8. Appendix

8.1 Utility Collection

- busybox v1.14.2: tiny utility collection
- sysvinit v2.86: standard Linux initialization
- util-linux-mount/umount v2.12r: support long file name
- ssh v4.6p1: support sftp server
- usbutils v0.7: USB id program
- Apache2 v2.23: web server
- wget v1.9.1: used in ipkg software
- iptables v1.3.8: IP routing
- ipkg v.0.99.163: software package management
- procps v3.2.7: support webmin process management
- vsftpd v2.0.5: ftp server
- bash v3.2: GNU shell
- wireless_tools v29: wireless LAN utility
- ppp v2.4.3: ppp dial up utility
- psmics v22.2: procps supplement
- artila utility v.1.1: handy utility added by Artila

You can find more utility on Artila FTP and use ipkg to install the utility.

8.2 ipkg Software Package Management

Matrix-504 uses *ipkg* to manage the software installation, upgrade and removal. Artila will continuously add the kernel module and utility on Artila FTP, user can install these software from Artila FTP. In addition user can also setup your FTP server to update the software you want.

How to setup ipkg via internet

enable DHCP

\$ udhcpc eth0

make sure your network environment can access internet

\$ ping www.artila.com

modify /etc/ipkg.conf

add the following two lines

src/gz arm http://www.artila.com/download/ipkgs/9G20/utility/ src/gz kernel http://www.artila.com/download/ipkgs/9G20/modules/

comment out other package source

save and quit

execute ipkg update

\$ ipkg update

examples of package installation

\$ ipkg install pythoncore

\$ ipkg install pythonpyserial

How to setup ipkg via USB disk

You can also copy the Utility and module folder from Artila FTP to a USB disk, then use USB disk to install the software by changing the *ipkg.conf*

src/gz usb_arm ftp://root:root@127.0.0.1/media/sda1/Utility src/gz usb_kernel ftp://root:root@127.0.0.1/media/sda1/modules

Make sure the USB disk is correctly mounted, now use command:

ipkg update

To update the package list and use

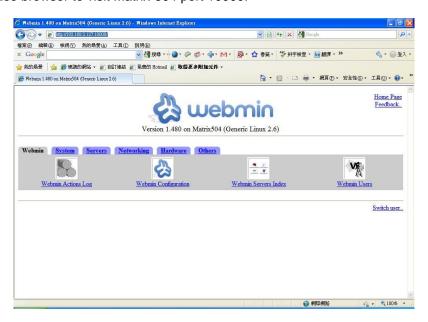
ipkg install webmin

To install webmin. Webmin is a web-based interface to system administration.

To start webmin, go to /etc/webmin and type

start webmin

Then you can use browser to visit Matrix-504 port 10000.



The webmin for Matrix-504 provides following modules:

- Webmin: webmin configuration
- System: system boot, process and log management
- Server: Apache and SSH server configuration
- Network: network configuration

Hardware: RTC setting

Others: File manager, upload and download

Remember to use command:

depmod –a /lib/modules/2.6.29.4/modules.dep

To update the dependency list if new kernel module were added.