

POWER ADAPTOR, TERMINAL AND CHARGING SYSTEM

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001] The present disclosure relates to field of charging, and more particularly, to a power
5 adaptor, a terminal and a charging system.

BACKGROUND

[0002] At present, a smart phone is increasingly favored by consumers. However,
generally it is required to charge the smart phone frequently because the smart phone has big
10 power consumption. In addition, with an increasing battery capacity of the smart phone, a charging
period of time can become longer correspondingly. How to realize quick-charging needs to be
solved.

[0003] It can realize the quick-charging by increasing an output current via a power
adaptor. However, when performing the quick-charging on a battery by a manner of increasing the
15 output current, phenomenon, such as too high temperature, an overvoltage, an overcurrent, an
interface burning and the like, can occur in the power adaptor or in the smart phone, thereby
causing damage of the power adaptor or of the smart phone.

[0004] In order to solve such problem, communication mechanism can be introduced
between the power adaptor and the smart phone, such that various indicators or data can be
20 interacted during a whole charging procedure timely, so as to monitor and control a charging state
in real time. Apple Inc. provides a mechanism for keeping communication during the charging
between the power adaptor and an electronic device in a Chinese patent application with an
application publication number CN 102769312A. However, in the patent application, the charging
and the data communication multiplex a power line by time-division, which can affect efficiency
25 of charging. Furthermore, it is required an inductive component to isolate a data signal from a
power channel when communicating during the charging by time-division multiplexing, thereby
causing huge consumption of the isolation component and severe heating phenomenon.

DISCLOSURE

30 [0005] Embodiments of the present disclosure provide a power adaptor, a terminal and a
charging system, so as to avoid heating phenomenon caused when time-division multiplexing a
power line.

[0006] As a first aspect, a power adaptor is provided. The power adaptor includes a power
conversion unit and a charging interface. The charging interface includes a power line. The power

conversion unit is configured to charge a terminal via the power line. The power adaptor further includes a communication unit. The charging interface further includes a data line. The communication unit is configured to communicate with the terminal via the data line when the power adaptor is coupled to the terminal.

5 **[0007]** Combining with the first aspect, in one implementation of the first aspect, the communication unit is configured to negotiate with the terminal on a charging mode of the terminal before the terminal is charged. The charging mode includes a quick-charging mode and a common charging mode.

10 **[0008]** Combining with any of the first aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the first aspect, the communication unit is configured to negotiate with the terminal on the charging mode of the terminal by acts of: sending, by the communication unit, a handshake request message to the terminal; receiving, by the communication unit, a handshake response message from the terminal, in which the handshake response message indicates that the terminal supports the quick-charging mode; and determining, by the communication unit, to charge
15 the terminal with accordance to the quick-charging mode according to the handshake response message.

20 **[0009]** Combining with any of the first aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the first aspect, the communication unit is configured to negotiate with the terminal on the charging mode of the terminal by acts of: sending, by the communication unit, a handshake request message to the terminal; and determining, by the communication unit, to charge the terminal with accordance to the common charging mode when a handshake response message sent by the terminal is not received.

25 **[0010]** Combining with any of the first aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the first aspect, the communication unit is configured to negotiate with the terminal on the charging mode of the terminal by acts of: sending, by the communication unit, a handshake request message to the terminal; receiving, by the communication unit, a handshake response message from the terminal, in which the handshake response message includes a charging mode supported by the terminal and a current working parameter of the terminal; determining, by the communication unit, to charge the terminal with accordance to the
30 quick-charging mode when both of the power adaptor and the terminal support the quick-charging mode and the current working parameter of the terminal satisfies a quick-charging condition; and determining, by the communication unit, to charge the terminal with accordance to the common charging mode when both of the power adaptor and the terminal support the quick-charging mode and the current working parameter of the terminal does not satisfy a quick-charging condition.

[0011] Combining with any of the first aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the first aspect, the communication unit is configured to negotiate with the terminal on a charging parameter before the terminal is charged. The charging parameter includes at least one of following parameters: a charging voltage and a charging current.

5 **[0012]** Combining with any of the first aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the first aspect, the communication unit is configured to negotiate with the terminal on the charging parameter by acts of: sending, by the communication unit, a handshake request message to the terminal; receiving, by the communication unit, a handshake response message from the terminal, in which the handshake response message includes at least one of
10 following information: a version of the terminal, an identifier of the terminal, a value of battery temperature of the terminal, and a maximum value of the charging voltage supported by the terminal and a maximum value of the charging current supported by the terminal; and determining, by the communication unit, the charging parameter according to information in the handshake response message.

15 **[0013]** Combining with any of the first aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the first aspect, the charging interface is a universal serial bus USB interface.

[0014] Combining with any of the first aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the first aspect, the data line is at least one of a D+ line and a D- line of the USB interface.

20 **[0015]** Combining with any of the first aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the first aspect, during a procedure of outputting a charging current to the terminal by the power adaptor, the communication unit is configured to keep communication with the terminal via the data line.

[0016] Combining with any of the first aspect and the above implementations, in another
25 implementation of the first aspect, during the procedure of outputting the charging current to the terminal by the power adaptor, the communication unit is configured to receive a first message from the terminal via the data line. The first message indicates a value of a current battery voltage of the terminal.

[0017] Combining with any of the first aspect and the above implementations, in another
30 implementation of the first aspect, during the procedure of outputting the charging current to the terminal by the power adaptor, the communication unit is configured to send a second message to the terminal via the data line. The second message indicates a current value or a voltage value output by the power adaptor.

[0018] Combining with any of the first aspect and the above implementations, in another

implementation of the first aspect, during the procedure of outputting the charging current to the terminal by the power adaptor, the communication unit is configured to receive a third message from the terminal via the data line. The third message indicates a current value or a voltage value received from the power adaptor by the terminal.

5 **[0019]** Combining with any of the first aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the first aspect, during the procedure of outputting the charging current to the terminal by the power adaptor, the communication unit is configured to send a fourth message to the terminal via the data line. The fourth message indicates an output overvoltage or an output overcurrent of the power adaptor.

10 **[0020]** Combining with any of the first aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the first aspect, during the procedure of outputting the charging current to the terminal by the power adaptor, the communication unit is configured to receive a fifth message from the terminal via the data line. The fifth message indicates an overvoltage or an overcurrent received from the power adaptor by the terminal.

15 **[0021]** Combining with any of the first aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the first aspect, the communication unit is configured to perform two-way communication with the terminal via the data line.

[0022] As a second aspect, a terminal is provided. The terminal includes a battery and a charging interface. The charging interface includes a power line. The terminal is configured to
20 introduce a charging current from a power adapter via the power line so as to charge the battery. The terminal further includes a communication unit. The charging interface further includes a data line. The communication unit is configured to communicate with the power adaptor via the data line when the terminal is coupled to the power adaptor.

[0023] Combining with the second aspect, in one implementation of the second aspect, the
25 communication unit is configured to negotiate with the power adaptor on a charging mode of the terminal before the terminal is charged. The charging mode includes a quick-charging mode and a common charging mode.

[0024] Combining with any of the second aspect and the above implementations, in
another implementation of the second aspect, the communication unit is configured to negotiate
30 with the power adapter on the charging mode of the terminal by acts of: receiving, by the communication unit, a handshake request message from the power adaptor, in which the handshake request message indicates that the power adaptor supports the quick-charging mode; and sending, by the communication unit, a handshake response message to the power adaptor, in which the handshake response message indicates the power adaptor to charge the terminal with

accordance to the quick-charging mode.

[0025] Combining with any of the second aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the second aspect, the communication unit is configured to negotiate with the power adaptor on the charging mode of the terminal by acts of: receiving, by the communication unit, a handshake request message from the power adaptor, in which the handshake request message indicates that the power adaptor supports the quick-charging mode; sending, by the communication unit, a handshake response message to the power adaptor when a current working parameter of the terminal satisfies a quick-charging condition, in which the handshake response message indicates the power adaptor to charge the terminal with accordance to the quick-charging mode; and sending, by the communication unit, a handshake response message to the power adaptor when a current working parameter of the terminal does not satisfy a quick-charging condition, in which the handshake response message indicates the power adaptor to charge the terminal with accordance to the common charging mode.

[0026] Combining with any of the second aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the second aspect, the communication unit is configured to negotiate with the power adaptor on a charging parameter before the terminal is charged. The charging parameter includes at least one of following parameters: a charging voltage and a charging current.

[0027] Combining with any of the second aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the second aspect, the communication unit is configured to negotiate with the power adaptor on the charging parameter by acts of: receiving, by the communication unit, a handshake request message from the power adaptor, in which the handshake request message includes at least one of following information: a version of the power adaptor, an identifier of the power adaptor, a working state of the power adaptor, and a maximum value of an output voltage supported by the power adapter and a maximum value of an output current supported by the power adaptor; determining, by the communication unit, the charging parameter according to information in the handshake request message; and sending, by the communication unit, a handshake response message to the terminal, in which the handshake response message indicates the terminal to charge the terminal with accordance to the charging parameter.

[0028] Combining with any of the second aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the second aspect, the charging interface is a USB interface.

[0029] Combining with any of the second aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the second aspect, the data line is at least one of a D+ line and a D- line of the USB interface.

[0030] Combining with any of the second aspect and the above implementations, in

another implementation of the second aspect, during a procedure of receiving a charging current from the power adaptor by the terminal, the communication unit is configured to keep communication with the power adaptor via the data line.

[0031] Combining with any of the second aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the second aspect, during the procedure of receiving the charging current from the power adaptor by the terminal, in another implementation of the second aspect, the communication unit is configured to send a first message to the power adaptor via the data line. The first message indicates a value of a current battery voltage of the terminal.

[0032] Combining with any of the second aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the second aspect, during the procedure of receiving the charging current from the power adaptor by the terminal, the communication unit is configured to receive a second message from the power adaptor via the data line. The second message indicates a current value or a voltage value output by the power adaptor.

[0033] Combining with any of the second aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the second aspect, during the procedure of receiving the charging current from the power adaptor by the terminal, the communication unit is configured to send a third message to the power adaptor via the data line. The third message indicates a current value or a voltage value received from the power adaptor by the terminal.

[0034] Combining with any of the second aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the second aspect, during the procedure of receiving the charging current from the power adaptor by the terminal, the communication unit is configured to send a fourth message to the terminal via the data line. The fourth message indicates an output overvoltage or an output overcurrent of the power adaptor.

[0035] Combining with any of the second aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the second aspect, during the procedure of receiving the charging current from the power adaptor by the terminal, the communication unit is configured to send a fifth message to the power adaptor via the data line. The fifth message indicates an overvoltage or an overcurrent received from the power adaptor.

[0036] Combining with any of the second aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the second aspect, the terminal is a smart phone.

[0037] Combining with any of the second aspect and the above implementations, in another implementation of the second aspect, the communication unit is configured to perform two-way communication with the power adaptor.

[0038] As a third aspect, a charging system is provided. The charging system includes a

power adaptor according to the first aspect or any of implementations thereof and a terminal according to the second aspect or any of the implementations thereof.

[0039] In embodiments of the present disclosure, the power adaptor charges the terminal still using the power line. Furthermore, the power adaptor communicates with the terminal via the data line when the power adaptor is coupled to the terminal. Compared with the method of data and power time-division multiplexing the power line, it is effectively avoided the heating phenomenon of the power line caused by an excessively high load of a signal isolation unit.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0040] In order to make technique solutions according to embodiments of the present disclosure more apparent, drawings needed to be used in descriptions of the embodiments will be illustrated in the following. Obviously, the drawings to be illustrated in the following only represent some embodiments of the present disclosure, and other drawings can be obtained according these drawings by those having ordinary skills in the related art without making creative labors.

[0041] Fig. 1 is a block diagram of a power adaptor according to embodiments of the present disclosure.

[0042] Fig. 2 is a block diagram of a terminal according to embodiments of the present disclosure.

[0043] Fig. 3 is a block diagram of a charging system according to embodiments of the present disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0044] The technical solutions in embodiments of the present disclosure will be described clearly and completely hereinafter with reference to accompanying drawings in embodiments of the present disclosure. Apparently, embodiments described are a part of embodiments of the present disclosure, but not all embodiments. All other embodiments obtained by those skilled in the art based on the embodiments in the present disclosure without creative labor shall fall in the protection scope of the present disclosure.

[0045] Fig. 1 is a block diagram of a power adaptor according to embodiments of the present disclosure. The power adaptor 100 includes a power conversion unit 110 and a charging interface 120. The charging interface 120 includes a power line 121. The power conversion unit 110 is configured to charge a terminal via the power line 121. The power adaptor 100 further includes a communication unit 130. The charging interface 120 further includes a data line 122.

The communication unit 130 is configured to communicate with the terminal via the data line 122 when the power adaptor 100 is coupled to the terminal.

[0046] It is to be understood that, the power conversion unit 110 is configured to convert alternating current to direct current. For example, the power conversion unit 110 can convert 220V utility power to 5V direct-current power.

[0047] The number of the power line 121 can be one or more than one. The number of the data line 122 can be one or more than one.

[0048] The charging interface 120 can be a USB interface. The data line 122 can be at least one of a D+ line and a D- line of the USB interface. Furthermore, the power adaptor in embodiments of the present disclosure can be integrated with a USB cable, or can include a USB connector and coupled to the terminal via a USB cable. It is to be understood that, the USB interface can be a normal USB interface or also can be a micro USB interface.

[0049] It is to be illustrated that, the power adaptor 100 can perform one or more handshakes with the terminal when it is coupled to the terminal. After the handshake, the power adaptor 100 starts to charge the terminal. The so-called "handshake" herein refers to that the power adaptor and the terminal send messages (or signals) to each other so as to perform interactions on various required information before charging. The various required information can be, such as, a version or a type of the power adaptor, a version or a type of the terminal, a working state of the power adaptor, a value of battery temperature of the terminal, a charging mode supported by the power adaptor and by the terminal, a capability of the power adaptor for outputting a voltage and a current, a capability of the terminal for receiving a voltage and a current and the like. The power adaptor negotiates with the terminal on a charging mode and a charging parameter by performing interactions on that information. For example, the charging mode includes a quick-charging mode and a common charging mode; and the charging parameter includes a charging voltage (such as an initial charging voltage), and a charging current (such as an initial charging current).

[0050] As known from the above, communication between the communication unit 130 and the terminal can occur during a process of negotiation before the power adaptor charges the terminal (the power adaptor does not output the charging current to the terminal yet at this moment). However, in embodiments of the present disclosure, it is not limited thereto. The communication between the communication unit 130 and the terminal can occur during a process of charging the terminal by the communication unit 130 (that is, during a process of outputting the charging current to the terminal by the power adaptor 100). For example, a value of a battery voltage is received from the terminal during charging; or from the terminal, an input voltage value or an input current value of the power adaptor detected by the terminal is received during charging;

or an interaction with the terminal on information, such as an overcurrent/overvoltage, is performed during charging. Furthermore, the communication between the communication unit 130 and the terminal can occur at the end of the charging. For example, the power adaptor negotiates with the terminal to finish charging.

5 **[0051]** In embodiments of the present disclosure, the power adaptor charges the terminal still using the power line. Furthermore, the power adaptor can communicate with the terminal via the data line when the power adaptor is coupled to the terminal. Compared with the method of data and power time-division multiplexing the power line, it is effectively avoided the heating phenomenon of the power line caused by an excessively high load of a signal isolation unit.

10 **[0052]** Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 130 is configured to perform two-way communication with the terminal via the data line 122.

[0053] In detail, the communication unit 130 can perform interactions on parameters thereof with each other. For example, the communication unit 130 sends an output current value or voltage value of the power adaptor to the terminal during charging, and the terminal also sends an
15 input current value and voltage value received from the power adaptor by the terminal to the power adaptor. For another example, the communication unit 130 sends a handshake request message to the terminal to ask whether the terminal supports the quick-charging mode, and the terminal sends a handshake response message to the communication unit 130 to notify the power adaptor of the charging mode supported by the terminal.

20 **[0054]** Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 130 is configured to negotiate with the terminal on the charging mode of the terminal before the terminal is charged. The charging mode includes a quick-charging mode and a common charging mode.

[0055] In detail, the communication unit 130 and the terminal send handshake signals to each other, so as to negotiate on the charging mode of the terminal. The handshake signal can be
25 sent by the communication unit 130 to the terminal, or also can be sent by the terminal to the communication unit 130.

[0056] Alternatively, as an implementation, the communication unit 130 is configured to negotiate with the terminal on the charging mode by acts of: sending, by the communication unit, a handshake request message to the terminal; receiving, by the communication unit, a handshake
30 response message from the terminal, in which the handshake response message indicates that the terminal supports the quick-charging mode; and determining, by the communication unit, to charge the terminal with accordance to the quick-charging mode according to the handshake response message.

[0057] It is to be understood that, the handshake request message can indicate that the

power adaptor is a power adaptor supporting the quick-charging mode. That is, it is known that the power adaptor supports the quick-charging mode correspondingly when the terminal receives the handshake request message sent by the power adaptor. Or, the handshake request message does not carry with any information and is merely a request for communicating with the terminal. The power adaptor further negotiates with the terminal on the charging mode, the charging parameter and such information after the terminal responds with the handshake request message.

[0058] Alternatively, as another implementation, the communication unit 130 is configured to negotiate with the terminal on the charging mode by acts of: sending, by the communication unit 130, a handshake request message to the terminal; and determining, by the communication unit 130, to charge the terminal with accordance to the common charging mode when a handshake response message sent by the terminal does not received.

[0059] For example, the power adaptor sends the handshake request message to the terminal and the terminal responds with the handshake response message when both of the power adaptor and the terminal support the quick-charging mode. However, the power adaptor charges the terminal as default with accordance to the common charging mode when the terminal does not respond with the handshake response message. It is to be illustrated that, there are a plurality of reasons that the terminal does not respond with the handshake response message back. For example, the terminal does not support the quick-charging mode so as not to recognize the handshake request message; or it is not satisfied a quick-charging condition according to a working condition thereof although the terminal recognizes the handshake request message, so as to abandon sending the handshake response message to the power adaptor. For example, the terminal finds that the electric quantity of the battery is too low to enter the quick-charging mode immediately. Then, the terminal will not respond with the handshake response message, and the power adaptor charges the terminal with accordance to the common charging mode.

[0060] Alternatively, as another implementation, the communication unit 130 is configured to negotiate with the terminal on the charging mode by acts of: sending, by the communication unit 130, a handshake request message to the terminal; receiving, by the communication unit 130, a handshake response message from the terminal, in which the handshake response message includes a charging mode supported by the terminal and a current working parameter of the terminal; determining, by the communication unit 130, to charging the terminal with accordance to the quick-charging mode when both of the power adaptor and the terminal support the quick-charging mode and the current working parameter of the terminal satisfies a quick-charging condition; and determining, by the communication unit 130, to charge the terminal with accordance to the common charging mode when both of the power adaptor and the terminal

support the quick-charging mode and the current working parameter of the terminal does not satisfy a quick-charging condition.

[0061] In detail, the power adaptor judges whether the terminal supports the quick-charging condition firstly after receiving the handshake response message. It further judges whether the current working parameter of the terminal satisfies the quick-charging condition when the terminal supports the quick-charging mode. For example, whether the value of the battery temperature of the terminal satisfies temperature value required by the quick-charging mode; whether the value of the battery voltage of the terminal satisfies a minimum value of the voltage required by the quick-charging mode, and the like. It is charged with accordance to the quick-charging mode when the current working parameter of the terminal satisfies the quick-charging condition, otherwise, it is charged with accordance to the common charging mode.

[0062] It is to be illustrated that, the quick-charging mode and the common charging mode are two relative concepts. It is generally understood that, the period of time spent by the quick-charging mode is less than that spent by the common charging mode when it is needed to charge the battery from a first electricity to a second electricity (the second electricity is greater than the first electricity). There are a plurality of implementation forms of the quick-charging mode. For example, compared with the common charging mode, it provides a bigger voltage or current to the terminal.

[0063] It is to be illustrated that, the negotiation between the power adaptor and the terminal before charging is not limited to the negotiation on the charging mode. The negotiation can be on the charging voltage, the charging current and such parameters.

[0064] Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 130 is configured to negotiate with the terminal on the charging parameter before the terminal is charged. The charging parameter includes at least one of followings: the charging voltage and the charging current.

[0065] Taking an example to illustrate, the communication unit 130 sends a handshake request message to the terminal. And then the communication unit 130 receives a handshake response message of the terminal, in which the handshake response message includes at least one of following information: a version of the terminal, an identifier of the terminal, a value of battery temperature of the terminal, and a maximum value of the charging voltage supported by the terminal and a maximum value of the charging current supported by the terminal. Further, the communication unit 130 determines the charging parameter according to information in the handshake response message.

[0066] For example, the communication unit 130 acquires that the terminal supports the quick-charging mode from the handshake response message. And then the communication unit 130

determines a voltage/current value of the terminal with the version during quick-charging according to the version of the terminal. Or, the communication unit 130 determines an initial voltage/current value of the quick-charging mode according to a value of a current electric quantity of the battery.

5 **[0067]** Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 130 is configured to keep communication with the terminal during a procedure of outputting the charging current to the terminal by the power adaptor.

10 **[0068]** It is to be illustrated that, one-way communication between the communication unit 130 and the terminal may be performed during the procedure of outputting the charging current to the terminal by the power adaptor 100. For example, a value of the battery voltage is acquired from the terminal, and an output voltage and current are adjusted according thereto. Two-way communication between the communication unit 130 and the terminal also may be performed. For example, the power adaptor 100 sends an output voltage value and current value to the terminal, and from the terminal, receives a voltage value and current value input by the power adaptor 100 and detected by the terminal.

15 **[0069]** Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 130 is configured to receive a first message from the terminal via the data line 122 during the procedure of outputting the charging current to the terminal by the power adaptor 100. The first message indicates a value of a current battery voltage of the terminal.

20 **[0070]** The power adaptor can adjust the output voltage by acquiring the value of the current battery voltage of the terminal from the terminal. It can be avoided that the voltage applied on the battery of the terminal exceeds a safe charging voltage of the battery. As a result, it can improve safety while charging using the power adaptor of embodiments of the present disclosure.

25 **[0071]** Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 130 is configured to send a second message to the terminal via the data line 122 during the procedure of outputting the charging current to the terminal by the power adaptor 100. The second message indicates a voltage value or a current value output by the power adaptor 100.

30 **[0072]** The terminal can determine whether the input voltage or current matches to the voltage or current output by the power adaptor by sending a message indicating the voltage value and current value output by the power adaptor to the terminal. It can be further determined whether there is a fault in coupling between the power adaptor and the terminal (such as a short circuit). As a result, it can further improve safety while charging using the power adaptor of embodiments of the present disclosure.

[0073] Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 130 is configured to

receive a third message from the terminal via the data line 122 during the procedure of outputting the charging current to the terminal by the power adaptor 100. The third message can indicate a current value or a voltage value received by the power adaptor 100.

[0074] The power adaptor can determine whether the output voltage or current matches to the voltage and current input into the terminal by receiving a message indicating the voltage value or current value input into the terminal sent by the terminal. It can be further determined whether there is a fault in coupling between the power adaptor and the terminal (such as a short circuit). As a result, it can further improve safety while charging using the power adaptor of embodiments of the present disclosure.

[0075] It is to be understood that, as the coupling between the power adaptor 100 and the terminal is generally realized via the charging interface, the circuit on the charging interface can have impedance. Therefore, a voltage/current value output to the terminal by the power adaptor 100 cannot always be equal to a voltage/current value received from the power adaptor 100 by the terminal. The voltage/current value output by the power adaptor 100 is different greatly from the voltage/current received by the terminal when the impedance of the circuit on the charging interface is very high. Therefore, an interaction on the voltage/current value can provide support for finding and excluding a fault subsequently.

[0076] Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 130 is configured to send a fourth message to the terminal via the data line 122 during charging the terminal. The fourth message indicates an output overvoltage or an output overcurrent of the power adaptor 100.

[0077] Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 130 is configured to receive a fifth message from the terminal via the data line 122 during charging the terminal. The fifth message indicates an overvoltage or an overcurrent received from the power adaptor 100 by the terminal.

[0078] Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 130 is configured to receive a sixth message from the terminal via the data line 122 before charging the terminal. The sixth message indicates a value of battery temperature of the terminal.

[0079] The power adaptor can determine a state of the battery by acquiring the value of the current battery temperature of the terminal from the terminal. For example, the terminal determines the safety of the battery low so as to stop power outputting when the value of the battery temperature is higher than a preset threshold. As a result, it can improve safety while charging using the power adaptor of embodiments of the present disclosure.

[0080] Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 130 is configured to send a seventh message to the terminal via the data line 122 before charging the terminal. The seventh

message indicates an identifier or a version of the power adaptor.

[0081] The terminal can determine the coupled device is the power adaptor by sending a message indicating the identifier or the version of the power adaptor to the terminal. Thus, the phone can be triggered into a processing of a charging state (the processing can be similar to the prior art, herein, in order to avoid repeating again, detailed introduction can be omitted). It can be avoided a fault caused by the phone mistaken assuming the coupled device to be a computer or other terminals.

[0082] Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 130 is configured to receive an eighth message from the terminal via the data line 122 before charging the terminal. The eighth message indicates an identifier or a version of the terminal.

[0083] The power adaptor can determine a battery parameter used by terminal (such as whether it is supported the quick-charging, a rated charging voltage or the like) according to a pre-stored data by receiving data of the identifier or the version of the terminal from the terminal. Further, the terminal can output a power corresponding to the parameter of the battery to the terminal. As a result, it can improve safety while charging using the power adaptor of embodiments of the present disclosure.

[0084] The description combined with the Fig.1, describes the power adaptor according to embodiments of the present disclosure in detail. The below description combined with Fig. 2, will describe the terminal according to embodiments of the present disclosure in detail. It is to be understood that, the power adaptor and the terminal are interoperable and relative with each other in a charging system. In order to clarity, repeated description can be appropriately omitted.

[0085] Fig. 2 is a block diagram of a terminal according to embodiments of the present disclosure. The terminal 200 illustrated in Fig. 2 includes a battery 210 and a charging interface 220. The charging interface 220 includes a power line 221. The terminal 200 is configured to introduce a charging current from the power adaptor via the power line 221, so as to charge the battery 210. The terminal 200 further includes a communication unit 230. The charging interface 220 further includes a data line 222. The communication unit 230 is configured to communicate with the power adaptor via the data line 222 when the terminal 200 is coupled to the power adaptor.

[0086] In embodiments of the present disclosure, the power adaptor charges the terminal still using the power line. Furthermore, the power adaptor can communicate with the terminal via the data line when the power adaptor is coupled to the terminal. Compared with the method of data and power time-division multiplexing the power line, it is effectively avoided the heating phenomenon of the power line caused by an excessively high load of a signal isolation unit.

[0087] Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 230 is configured to negotiate with the power adaptor on a charging mode of the terminal before the terminal is charged. The charging mode can include a quick-charging mode and a common charging mode.

[0088] Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 230 is configured to negotiate with the power adaptor on the charging mode of the terminal by acts of: receiving, by the communication unit 230, a handshake request message from the power adaptor, in which the handshake request message can indicate that the power adaptor supports the quick-charging mode; and sending, by the communication unit 230, a handshake response message to the power adaptor, in which the handshake response message can indicate the power adaptor to charge the terminal with accordance to the quick-charging mode.

[0089] Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 230 is configured to negotiate with the power adaptor on the charging mode of the terminal by acts of: receiving, by the communication unit 230, a handshake request message from the power adaptor, in which the handshake request message can indicate that the power adaptor supports the quick-charging mode; sending, by the communication unit 230, a handshake response message to the power adaptor when a current working parameter of the terminal satisfies a quick-charging condition, in which the handshake response message can indicate the power adaptor to charge the terminal with accordance to the quick-charging mode; and sending, by the communication unit 230, a handshake response message to the power adaptor when a current working parameter of the terminal does not satisfy a quick-charging condition, in which the handshake response message can indicate the power adaptor to charge the terminal with accordance to the common charging mode.

[0090] Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 230 is configured to negotiate with the power adaptor on a charging parameter before charging the terminal. The charging parameter can include at least one of following parameters: a charging voltage and a charging current.

[0091] Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 230 is configured to negotiate with the power adaptor on the charging parameter by acts of: receiving, by the communication unit 230, a handshake request message from the power adaptor, in which the handshake request message can include at least one of following information: a version of the power adaptor, an identifier of the power adaptor, a working state of the power adaptor, and a maximum value of an output voltage supported by the power adaptor and a maximum value of an output current supported by the power adaptor; determining, by the communication unit 230, the charging parameter according to information in the handshake request message; and sending, by the communication unit 230, a handshake response message to the terminal, in which the

handshake response message can indicate the terminal to charge the terminal with accordance to the charging parameter.

[0092] Alternatively, as an embodiment, the charging interface 220 can be a USB interface.

[0093] Alternatively, as an embodiment, the data line 222 can be at least one of a D+ line and a D- line of the USB interface.

[0094] Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 230 is configured to keep communication with the power adaptor via the data line 222 during a procedure of receiving a charging current from the power adaptor by the terminal.

[0095] Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 230 is configured to send a first message to the power adaptor via the data line 222 during the procedure of receiving the charging current from the power adaptor by the terminal. The first message can indicate a value of a current battery voltage of the terminal.

[0096] Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 230 is configured to receive a second message from the power adaptor via the data line 222 during procedure of receiving the charging current from the power adaptor by the terminal. The second message can indicate a current value or a voltage value output by the power adaptor.

[0097] Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 230 is configured to send a third message to the power adaptor via the data line 222 during the procedure of receiving the charging current from the power adaptor by the terminal. The third message can indicate a current value or a voltage value received from the power adaptor by the terminal.

[0098] Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 230 is configured to send a fourth message to the terminal via the data line 222 during the procedure of receiving the charging current from the power adaptor by the terminal. The fourth message can indicate an overvoltage or an overcurrent output by the power adaptor.

[0099] Alternatively, as an embodiment, the communication unit 230 is configured to send a fifth message to the power adaptor via the data line 222 during the procedure of receiving the charging current from the power adaptor by the terminal. The fifth message can indicate an overvoltage or an overcurrent received from the power adaptor.

[00100] Alternatively, as an embodiment, the terminal can be a smart phone.

[00101] It is to be understood that, the mentioned smart phone is merely one example of the terminal. Embodiments of the present disclosure are not limited thereto. Technical solutions of the present disclosure can be applied in various devices of finishing functions with power supplied by the battery. For example, a tablet computer, a portable computing device, a message displaying device, an image shooting device, a messaging device or the like.

[00102] Alternatively, as an embodiment, communication between the communication unit 230 and the power adaptor can be two-way communication.

[00103] Fig. 3 is a block diagram of a charging system according to embodiments of the present disclosure. The charging system includes a power adaptor 100 and a terminal 200.

5 **[00104]** It is to be understood that, term "and/or" mentioned is merely a purpose for describing an association between associated objects, which represents three relations. For example, A and/or B, can represent three conditions: A existing alone, A and B both existing at a same moment, and B existing alone. Furthermore, character "/" mentioned merely represents a "or" relation between an object in front thereof and another object thereafter.

10 **[00105]** It is to be understood that, in various embodiments of the present disclosure, sequence number of each process does not refer to a performance order. The performance order of each process is determined by functions and internal logic thereof, but does not limit the implementation process of embodiments of the present disclosure.

[00106] Those skilled in the art can be aware that, units and algorithm steps in respective
15 examples described with reference to embodiments disclosed in the present disclosure can be realized by electronic hardware or combination of computer software and electronic hardware. Executing these functions in hardware or software depends on particular applications and design constraint conditions of the technical solutions. Technology professionals can use different methods to realize the described functions for each particular application, which should be
20 regarded as being within the scope of the present disclosure.

[00107] Those skilled in the art can understand clearly that, for convenience and simplicity of description, specific working process of the above system, devices and units can refer to corresponding process in the above method embodiments, which will not be elaborated herein.

[00108] It should be understood that, the system, devices and method disclosed in several
25 embodiments provided by the present disclosure can be realized in any other manner. For example, the device embodiments described above can be merely exemplary, for example, the units are just divided according to logic functions. In practical implementation, the units can be divided in other manners, for example, multiple units or components can be combined or integrated into another system, or some features can be omitted or not executed. In addition, the mutual coupling or direct
30 coupling or communication connection described or discussed can be via some interfaces, and indirect coupling or communication connection between devices or units can be electrical, mechanical or of other forms.

[00109] The units illustrated as separate components can be or not be separated physically, and components described as units can be or not be physical units, i.e., can be located at one place,

or can be distributed onto multiple network units. It is possible to select some or all of the units according to actual needs, for realizing the objective of embodiments of the present disclosure.

[00110] In addition, respective functional units in respective embodiments of the present disclosure can be integrated into one processing unit, or can be present as separate physical entities.

5 It is also possible that two or more than two units are integrated into one unit.

[00111] If the functions are realized in form of functional software units and are sold or used as separate products, they can be stored in a computer readable storage medium. Based on this understanding, the parts of the technical solutions or the essential parts of the technical solutions (i.e. the parts making a contribution to the related art) can be embodied in form of software product, which is stored in a storage medium, and includes several instruction used for causing a computer device (for example, a personal computer, a server or a network device) to execute all or part of steps in the methods described in respective embodiments of the present disclosure. The above storage medium can be any medium capable of storing program codes, including a USB flash disk, a mobile hard disk, a Read-Only Memory (ROM), a Random Access Memory (RAM), a disc, or a light disk.

[00112] The forgoing description is only directed to preferred embodiments of the present disclosure, but not used to limit the present disclosure. All modifications, equivalents, variants and improvements made within the spirit and principle of the present disclosure shall fall within the protection scope of the present disclosure. Thus, the protection scope of the present disclosure shall be limited by the protection scope of the claims.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A power adaptor, comprising a power conversion unit and a charging interface, the charging interface comprising a power line, the power conversion unit being configured to charge
5 a terminal via the power line, and being characterized at that,

the power adaptor further comprises a communication unit, the charging interface further comprises a data line, and the communication unit is configured to communicate with the terminal via the data line when the power adaptor is coupled to the terminal.

10 2. The power adaptor according to claim 1, being characterized at that, the communication unit is configured to negotiate with the terminal on a charging mode of the terminal before the terminal is charged, and the charging mode comprises a quick-charging mode and a common charging mode.

15 3. The power adaptor according to claim 2, being characterized at that, the communication unit is configured to negotiate with the terminal on the charging mode of the terminal by acts of:

sending, by the communication unit, a handshake request message to the terminal;

receiving, by the communication unit, a handshake response message from the terminal, wherein the handshake response message indicates that the terminal supports the quick-charging
20 mode; and

determining, by the communication unit, to charge the terminal with accordance to the quick-charging mode according to the handshake response message.

25 4. The power adaptor according to claim 2 or 3, being characterized at that, the communication unit is configured to negotiate with the terminal on the charging mode of the terminal by acts of:

sending, by the communication unit, a handshake request message to the terminal; and

determining, by the communication unit, to charge the terminal with accordance to the common charging mode when a handshake response message sent by the terminal is not received.

30 5. The power adaptor according to claim 2, being characterized at that, the communication unit is configured to negotiate with the terminal on the charging mode of the terminal by acts of:

sending, by the communication unit, a handshake request message to the terminal;

receiving, by the communication unit, a handshake response message from the terminal, wherein the handshake response message comprises a charging mode supported by the terminal and a current working parameter of the terminal;

determining, by the communication unit, to charge the terminal with accordance to the quick-charging mode when both of the power adaptor and the terminal support the quick-charging mode and the current working parameter of the terminal satisfies a quick-charging condition; and

determining, by the communication unit, to charge the terminal with accordance to the common charging mode when both of the power adaptor and the terminal support the quick-charging mode and the current working parameter of the terminal does not satisfy a quick-charging condition.

6. The power adaptor according to any one of claims 1 to 5, being characterized at that, the communication unit is configured to negotiate with the terminal on a charging parameter before the terminal is charged, and the charging parameter comprises at least one of following parameters: a charging voltage and a charging current.

7. The power adaptor according to claim 6, being characterized at that, the communication unit is configured to negotiate with the terminal on the charging parameter by acts of:

sending, by the communication unit, a handshake request message to the terminal;

receiving, by the communication unit, a handshake response message from the terminal, wherein the handshake response message comprises at least one of following information: a version of the terminal, an identifier of the terminal, a value of battery temperature of the terminal, a maximum value of the charging voltage supported by the terminal and a maximum value of the charging current supported by the terminal; and

determining, by the communication unit, the charging parameter according to information in the handshake response message.

8. The power adaptor according to any one of claims 1 to 7, being characterized at that, the charging interface is a universal serial bus USB interface.

9. The power adaptor according to claim 8, being characterized at that, the data line is at least one of a D+ line and a D- line of the USB interface.

10. The power adaptor according to any one of claims 1 to 9, being characterized at that,

during a procedure of outputting a charging current to the terminal by the power adaptor, the communication unit is configured to keep communication with the terminal via the data line.

11. The power adaptor according to claim 10, being characterized at that, during the
5 procedure of outputting the charging current to the terminal by the power adaptor, the communication unit is configured to receive a first message from the terminal via the data line, the first message indicates a value of a current battery voltage of the terminal.

12. The power adaptor according to claim 10 or 11, being characterized at that, during the
10 procedure of outputting the charging current to the terminal by the power adaptor, the communication unit is configured to send a second message to the terminal via the data line, the second message indicates a current value or a voltage value output by the power adaptor.

13. The power adaptor according to any one of claims 10 to 12, being characterized at that,
15 during the procedure of outputting the charging current to the terminal by the power adaptor, the communication unit is configured to receive a third message from the terminal via the data line, the third message indicates a current value or a voltage value received from the power adaptor by the terminal.

14. The power adaptor according to any one of claims 10 to 13, being characterized at that,
20 during the procedure of outputting the charging current to the terminal by the power adaptor, the communication unit is configured to send a fourth message to the terminal via the data line, the fourth message indicates an output overvoltage or an output overcurrent of the power adaptor.

15. The power adaptor according to any one of claims 10 to 14, being characterized at that,
25 during the procedure of outputting the charging current to the terminal by the power adaptor, the communication unit is configured to receive a fifth message from the terminal via the data line, the fifth message indicates an overvoltage or an overcurrent received from the power adaptor by the terminal.

16. The power adaptor according to any one of claims 1 to 15, being characterized at that, the
30 communication unit is configured to perform two-way communication with the terminal via the data line.

17. A terminal, comprising a battery and a charging interface, the charging interface comprising a power line, the terminal being configured to introduce a charging current from a power adaptor via the power line to charge the battery, and being characterized at that,

the terminal further comprises a communication unit, the charging interface further comprises
5 a data line, and the communication unit is configured to communicate with the power adaptor via the data line when the terminal is coupled to the power adapter.

18. The terminal according to claim 17, being characterized at that, the communication unit is configured to negotiate with the power adaptor on a charging mode of the terminal before the
10 terminal is charged, and the charging mode comprises a quick-charging mode and a common charging mode.

19. The terminal according to claim 18, being characterized at that, the communication unit is configured to negotiate with the power adaptor on the charging mode of the terminal by acts of:

15 receiving, by the communication unit, a handshake request message from the power adaptor, wherein the handshake request message indicates that the power adaptor supports the quick-charging mode; and

sending, by the communication unit, a handshake response message to the power adaptor, wherein the handshake response message indicates the power adaptor to charge the terminal with
20 accordance to the quick-charging mode.

20. The terminal according to claim 18 or 19, being characterized at that, the communication unit is configured to negotiate with the power adapter on the charging mode of the terminal by acts of:

25 receiving, by the communication unit, a handshake request message from the power adaptor, wherein the handshake request message indicates that the power adaptor supports the quick-charging mode;

sending, by the communication unit, a handshake response message to the power adaptor when a current working parameter of the terminal satisfies a quick-charging condition, wherein the
30 handshake response message indicates the power adaptor to charge the terminal with accordance to the quick-charging mode; and

sending, by the communication unit, a handshake response message to the power adaptor when a current working parameter of the terminal does not satisfy a quick-charging condition, wherein the handshake response message indicates the power adaptor to charge the terminal with

accordance to the common charging mode.

21. The terminal according to any one of claims 17 to 20, being characterized at that, the communication unit is configured to negotiate with the power adaptor on a charging parameter before the terminal is charged, and the charging parameter comprises at least one of following parameters: a charging voltage and a charging current.

22. The terminal according to claim 21, being characterized at that, the communication unit is configured to negotiate with the power adapter on the charging parameter by acts of:

receiving, by the communication unit, a handshake request message from the power adaptor, wherein the handshake request message comprises at least one of following information: a version of the power adaptor, an identifier of the power adaptor, a working state of the power adaptor, a maximum value of an output voltage supported by the power adaptor and a maximum value of an output current supported by the power adaptor;

determining, by the communication unit, the charging parameter according to information in the handshake request message; and

sending, by the communication unit, a handshake response message to the terminal, wherein the handshake response message indicates the terminal to charge the terminal with accordance to the charging parameter.

23. The terminal according to any one of claims 17 to 22, being characterized at that, the charging interface is a universal serial bus USB interface.

24. The terminal according to claim 23, being characterized at that, the data line is at least one of a D+ line and a D- line of the USB interface.

25. The terminal according to any one of claims 17 to 24, being characterized at that, during a procedure of receiving a charging current from the power adaptor by the terminal, the communication unit is configured to keep communication with the power adapter via the data line.

26. The terminal according to claim 25, being characterized at that, during the procedure of receiving the charging current from the power adaptor by the terminal, the communication unit is configured to send a first message to the power adaptor via the data line, the first message indicates a value of a current battery voltage of the terminal.

27. The terminal according to claim 25 or 26, being characterized at that, during the procedure of receiving the charging current from the power adaptor by the terminal, the communication unit is configured to receive a second message from the power adaptor via the data line, the second message indicates a current value or a voltage value output by the power adaptor.

28. The terminal according to any one of claims 25 to 27, being characterized at that, during the procedure of receiving the charging current from the power adaptor by the terminal, the communication unit is configured to send a third message to the power adaptor via the data line, the third message indicates a current value or a voltage value received from the power adaptor by the terminal.

29. The terminal according to any one of claims 25 to 28, being characterized at that, during the procedure of receiving the charging current from the power adaptor by the terminal, the communication unit is configured to send a fourth message to the terminal via the data line, the fourth message indicates an output overvoltage or an output overcurrent of the power adaptor.

30. The power adaptor according to any one of claims 25 to 29, being characterized at that, during the procedure of receiving the charging current from the power adaptor by the terminal, the communication unit is configured to send a fifth message to the power adaptor via the data line, the fifth message indicates an overvoltage and an overcurrent received from the power adaptor.

31. The terminal according to any one of claims 17 to 30, being characterized at that, the terminal is a smart phone.

32. The terminal according to any one of claims 17 to 31, being characterized at that, the communication unit is configured to perform two-way communication with the power adaptor.

33. A charging system, being characterized at comprising a power adaptor according to any one of claims 1 to 16 and a terminal according to any one of claims 17 to 32.