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Preface

This preface introduces the *Arm® Base System Architecture Compliance User Guide*.

It contains the following:

- [About this book on page 6.](#)

About this book

This book is the user guide for Arm® Base System Architecture Compliance. It provides details on the UEFI and Linux application.

Using this book

This book is organized into the following chapters:

Chapter 1 Introduction

This chapter provides an overview of the BSA tests and the test IDs.

Chapter 2 UEFI shell application

This chapter provides information on executing tests from the UEFI shell application and the PAL API implementation.

Chapter 3 Linux application

This chapter provides information on executing tests from the Linux application.

Appendix A Revisions

This appendix describes the technical changes between released issues of this book.

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bold

Highlights interface elements, such as menu names. Denotes signal names. Also used for terms in descriptive lists, where appropriate.

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Denotes text that you can enter at the keyboard, such as commands, file and program names, and source code.

monospace

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<and>

Encloses replaceable terms for assembler syntax where they appear in code or code fragments. For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, <CRn>, <CRm>, <Opcode_2>
```

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- *Arm® Generic Interrupt Controller Architecture Specification for GIC architecture version 3.0 and version 4.0* (IHI 0069D ID072617)
- *GICv3 and GICv4 Software Overview* (DAI 0492)
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Chapter 1

Introduction

This chapter provides an overview of the BSA tests and the test IDs.

It contains the following sections:

- [1.1 Abbreviations](#) on page 1-9.
- [1.2 Overview of tests](#) on page 1-10.
- [1.3 Test IDs](#) on page 1-11.

1.1 Abbreviations

This section lists the abbreviations used in this document.

Table 1-1 Abbreviations and expansions

Abbreviation	Expansion
ACPI	Advanced Configuration and Power Interface
BSA	Base System Architecture
DT	Device Tree
GIC	Generic Interrupt Controller
PAL	Platform Abstraction Layer
PCIe	Peripheral Component Interconnect express
PE	Processing Element
SMC	Secure Monitor Call
SMMU	System Memory Management Unit
UEFI	Unified Extensible Firmware Interface

1.2 Overview of tests

The following table describes the general divisions of Base System Architecture (BSA) tests between Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI) shell application and Linux application.

Table 1-2 Test environment and modules

Test environment	Modules
UEFI shell	PE, GIC, Timers, Watchdog, Wakeup and Power, PCIe, Memory map, Exerciser, Peripheral, and SMMU
Linux command line	PCIe, Memory map, and Peripheral

1.3 Test IDs

This section provides information on module names and module IDs.

The test ID of each test is generated as an addition to the module ID and unit test ID. For a given module, the unit test ID begins from 1.

The following table describes the module name and module IDs.

Table 1-3 Module name and Module ID

Module name	Module ID
PE	0
Memory Map	100
GIC	200
SMMU	300
Timer	400
Wakeup and Power	500
Peripheral	600
Watchdog	700
PCIe	800
Exerciser	900

Note

Each module has tests classified as operating system, hypervisor, and platform security as defined by the BSA v1.0 specification.

Chapter 2

UEFI shell application

This chapter provides information on executing tests from the UEFI shell application and the PAL API implementation.

It contains the following sections:

- [2.1 UEFI shell application arguments](#) on page 2-13.
- [2.2 UEFI shell implementation of PAL APIs](#) on page 2-15.

2.1 UEFI shell application arguments

This section provides information on the UEFI shell application arguments.

Run the UEFI shell application with the following set of arguments.

```
uefi shell> bsa.efi [-v <n>] [-skip <x,y,z>] [-f <file name>] [-os] [-hyp] [-ps] [-dtb <file name>]
```

Note

The shell session becomes unusable after all the BSA tests are run and the test results are printed on the UEFI console.

The following table provides descriptions to the arguments.

Table 2-1 Description of UEFI application arguments

Argument	Description
-v	Print level 1 INFO and above. 2 DEBUG and above. 3 TEST and above. 4 WARN and ERROR. 5 ERROR.
-skip	Overrides the suite to skip the execution of a particular test. It allows a maximum of nine values (comma-separated). For example, 302 skips test case with ID = 302. 200 skips all tests in module with ID = 200. For more information on module IDs, see the 1.3 Test IDs on page 1-11 .
-f	File name to which the output log is written.
-os	By default, all the operating system, hypervisor, and platform security view tests are run.
-hyp	To run specific tests, add the following options:
-ps	-os Run the operating system view tests. -hyp Run the hypervisor view tests. -ps Run the platform security view tests.
-dtb	Dumps the board Device Tree (DT) blob into the specified file.

Note

-dtb option is for platforms that present DT files only.

Example

The following is an example to run the UEFI shell application using arguments:

```
shell > bsa.efi -v 2 -skip 200,302 -f acs.txt -os -dtb platform.dtb
```

The set of parameters shown in the code block:

- Prints messages with verbosity of 2 and above.
- Tests for compliance against operating system view tests.
- Skips execution of all tests belonging to Generic Interrupt Controller (GIC) module and test number 302.
- Stores the log messages to the `acs.txt` file.
- Saves the firmware DT into the `platform.dtb` file.

2.2 UEFI shell implementation of PAL APIs

This section provides information on infrastructure APIs and module-specific APIs.

Booting to a UEFI shell is a prerequisite for running a BSA test.

Infrastructure APIs

The following table describes the Platform Abstraction Layer (PAL) APIs and UEFI interfaces.

Table 2-2 PAL APIs and UEFI interfaces

PAL API	UEFI interface
pal_print	AsciiPrint
mem_alloc	gBS->AllocatePool
mem_free	gBS->FreePool
mem_alloc_shared	gBS->AllocatePool
mem_free_shared	gBS->FreePool
mem_get_shared_addr	None
mmio_read	None
mmio_write	None

Module-specific APIs

The following table represents the mapping of PAL API to Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI), if the system firmware presents platform configuration through ACPI tables.

Table 2-3 PAL APIs, UEFI interfaces, and ACPI tables consumed

PAL APIs	UEFI interfaces	ACPI tables consumed
pe_create_info_table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> gST->ConfigurationTable CompareGuid IndustryStandard/Acpi61.h 	MADT Table
call_smc	-	-
pe_execute_payload	-	-
pe_install_esr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> gEfiCpuArchProtocolGuid Cpu->RegisterInterruptHandler 	-
gic_create_info_table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> gST->ConfigurationTable CompareGuid IndustryStandard/Acpi61.h 	MADT table
gic_install_isr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> gHardwareInterruptProtocolGuid RegisterInterruptSource EnableInterruptSource 	-
timer_create_info_table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> gST->ConfigurationTable CompareGuid IndustryStandard/Acpi61.h 	GTDT table
wd_create_info_table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> gST->ConfigurationTable CompareGuid IndustryStandard/Acpi61.h 	GTDT table
pcie_create_info_table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> gST->ConfigurationTable CompareGuid IndustryStandard/Acpi61.h 	MCFG table
pcie_get_mcfg_ecam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> gST->ConfigurationTable CompareGuid, IndustryStandard/Acpi61.h IndustryStandard/MemoryMappedConfigurationSpaceAccessTable.h 	MCFG table
iovirt_create_info_table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> gST->ConfigurationTable CompareGuid IndustryStandard/Acpi61.h 	IORT table
peripheral_create_info_table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> gEfiPciIoProtocolGuid Pci->GetLocation Pci->Pci.Read 	-
memory_create_info_table	gBS->GetMemoryMap	-

The following table represents the mapping of PAL API to DT node, if the system firmware presents platform configuration through DT nodes.

Table 2-4 PAL APIs, UEFI interfaces, and DT nodes consumed

PAL APIs	UEFI interfaces	DT nodes consumed
pe_create_info_table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> gST->ConfigurationTable CompareGuid 	cpu, pmu, interrupt-controller node
gic_create_info_table		interrupt-controller, v2m and its nodes
timer_create_info_table		systimer and memory mapped timer nodes
wd_create_info_table		watchdog nodes
pcie_create_info_table		pcie node
iovirt_create_info_table		smmu node
peripheral_create_info_table		usb, uart, and sata node
memory_create_info_table	gBS->GetMemoryMap	-

Chapter 3

Linux application

This chapter provides information on executing tests from the Linux application.

It contains the following section:

- [3.1 Linux application arguments](#) on page 3-19.

3.1 Linux application arguments

This section provides information on the Linux application arguments.

Run the Linux application with the following set of arguments.

```
shell> bsa [--v <n>] [--skip <x,y,z>]
```

Table 3-1 Description of Linux application arguments

Argument	Description
v	Print level 1 INFO and above 2 DEBUG and above 3 TEST and above 4 WARN and ERROR 5 ERROR
skip	Overrides the suite to skip the execution of a particular test. For example, 53 skips test case with ID = 53.

Example

In the following example, the set of parameters tests for compliance against BSA with print verbosity set to 3, and skips the test number 57.

```
shell> bsa --v 3 --skip 57
```

Loading the kernel module

Before running the BSA ACS Linux application, load the BSA ACS kernel module using the `insmod` command.

```
shell> insmod bsa_acs.ko
```

Appendix A

Revisions

This appendix describes the technical changes between released issues of this book.

It contains the following section:

- [A.1 Revisions on page Appx-A-21.](#)

A.1 Revisions

This section consists of all the technical changes between different versions of this document.

Table A-1 Issue 0005-01

Change	Location
First release	-

Table A-2 Issue 0005-01 to Issue 0009-02

Change	Location
Added the abbreviation for SMMU in the list.	See 1.1 Abbreviations on page 1-9 .
Added [-dtb <file name>], a UEFI shell argument with its description.	See 2.1 UEFI shell application arguments on page 2-13 .

Table A-3 Issue 0009-02 to Issue 0100-01

Change	Location
Added sata to the PAL APIs, UEFI interfaces, and DT nodes consumed table.	See 2.2 UEFI shell implementation of PAL APIs on page 2-15 .