

Xvisor的ARMv8的启动代码分析 -foundation_v8_boot.S

CORY XIE

获得CurrentEL

```
#define PSR_MODE64_EL3          0x0000000c
#define PSR_MODE64_EL2h          0x00000009
#define PSR_MODE64_MASK          0x0000001f
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#define PSR_IRQ_DISABLED         (1 << 7)
#define PSR_ASYNC_ABORT_DISABLED (1 << 8)
#define PSR_MODE64_DEBUG_DISABLED (1 << 9)
```

```
/* Boot-wrapper entry point */

.section .text, "ax", %progbits
.globl _start

_start:
/* Assume EL2 mode if not in EL3 mode */
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cmp x0, #PSR_MODE64_EL3
bne start_el2
```

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CPSR!

Instructions for accessing special-purpose registers

The A64 instructions for accessing special-purpose registers are:

MSR <special-purpose register>, Xt ; Write to special-purpose register
MRS Xt, <special-purpose register> ; Read from special-purpose register

For these accesses, CRn has the value 4. The encoding for special-purpose register accesses is:

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|---|----|---|
| 31 | 30 | 29 | 28 | 27 | 26 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 16 | 15 | 12 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | L | 1 | 1 | Op1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | CRm | Op2 | | Rt | |

AArch64

The 64-bit Execution state. This Execution state:

- Provides 31 64-bit general-purpose registers, of which X30 is used as the procedure link register.
 - Provides a 64-bit *program counter* (PC), *stack pointers* (SPs), and *exception link registers* (ELRs).
 - Provides 32 128-bit registers for SIMD vector and scalar floating-point support.
 - Provides a single instruction set, A64. For more information, see *The ARM instruction sets* on page A1-34.
 - Defines the ARMv8 Exception model, with up to four Exception levels, EL0 - EL3, that provide an *execution privilege* hierarchy, see *Exception levels* on page D1-1408.
 - Support for 64-bit *virtual addressing*. For more information, including the limits on address ranges, see *Chapter D5 The AArch64 Virtual Memory System Architecture*.
 - Defines a number of PSTATE elements that hold PE state. The A64 instruction set includes instructions that operate directly on various PSTATE elements.
 - Names each system register using a suffix that indicates the lowest Exception level at which the register can be accessed.

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Table C5-7 lists the encodings for Op1, CRm, and Op2 fields for accesses to the special-purpose registers in AArch64.

Table C5-7 Special-purpose register accesses

| Register | Access instruction encoding: | | | Notes |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----|-----|---|
| | Op1 | CRm | Op2 | |
| SPSR_EL1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Accessible from EL1 or higher. |
| ELR_EL1 | | | 1 | |
| SP_EL0 | | 1 | 0 | Accessible from EL1 or higher. If SP_EL0 is the current stack pointer then the access is UNDEFINED. |
| SPSel | | 2 | 0 | Accessible from EL1 or higher. |
| CurrentEL | | | 2 | RO. Accessible from EL1 or higher. |
| DAIF | 3 | 2 | 1 | Configurable whether accesses at EL0 are permitted. |
| NZCV | | | 0 | Accessible from EL0 or higher. |
| FPCR | | 4 | 0 | Accessible from EL0 or higher. |
| FPSR | | | 1 | |
| DSPSR_EL0 | | 5 | 0 | Accessible only in Debug state, from EL0 or higher. |
| DLR_EL0 | | | 1 | |
| SPSR_EL2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | Accessible from EL2 or higher. |
| ELR_EL2 | | | 1 | |
| SP_EL1 | | 1 | 0 | |
| SPSR_irq | | 3 | 0 | |
| SPSR_abt | | | 1 | |
| SPSR_und | | | 2 | |
| SPSR_fiq | | | 3 | |
| SPSR_EL3 | 6 | 0 | 0 | Accessible from EL3 or higher. |
| ELR_EL3 | | | 1 | |
| SP_EL2 | | 1 | 0 | |

For the accesses to the special-purpose registers shown in Table C5-7:

- Any write to the FPCR must be synchronized, by a *Context synchronization operation*, before its effect on subsequent instructions can be relied upon.
- All other reads and writes to the registers appear to occur in program order relative to other instructions.

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些特殊寄存器！

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    b.ne _start_el2
```

Accessing the CurrentEL

To access the CurrentEL:

MRS <Xt>, CurrentEL ; Read CurrentEL into Xt

Register access is encoded as follows:

| op0 | op1 | CRn | CRm | op2 |
|-----|-----|------|------|-----|
| 11 | 000 | 0100 | 0010 | 010 |

C5.3.1 CurrentEL, Current Exception Level

The CurrentEL characteristics are:

Purpose

Holds the current exception level.

This register is part of the Process state registers functional group.

Usage constraints

This register is accessible as shown below:

| EL0 | EL1 (NS) | EL1 (S) | EL2 | EL3 (SCR.NS=1) | EL3 (SCR.NS=0) |
|-----|----------|---------|-----|----------------|----------------|
| - | RO | RO | RO | RO | RO |

A write to the CurrentEL register is UNDEFINED.

Configurations

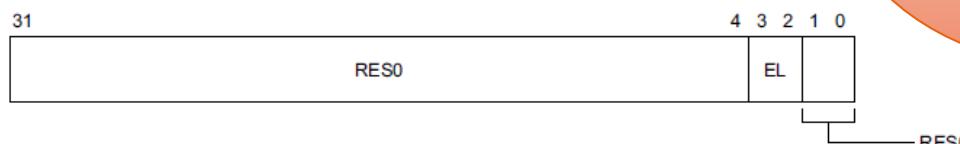
There are no configuration notes.

Attributes

CurrentEL is a 32-bit register.

Field descriptions

The CurrentEL bit assignments are:



Bits [31:4]

Reserved, RES0.

EL, bits [3:2]

Current exception level. Possible values of this field are:

| | |
|----|-----|
| 00 | EL0 |
| 01 | EL1 |
| 10 | EL2 |
| 11 | EL3 |

Resets to an IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED value.

Bits [1:0]

Reserved, RES0.

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D1.1 Exception levels

The ARMv8-A architecture defines a set of Exception levels, EL0 to EL3, where:

- If ELn is the Exception level, increased values of n indicate increased software execution privilege.
- Execution at EL0 is called *unprivileged execution*.
- EL2 provides support for virtualization of Non-secure operation.
- EL3 provides support for switching between two Security states, Secure state and Non-secure state.

An implementation might not include all of the Exception levels. All implementations must include EL0 and EL1. EL2 and EL3 are optional.

Note

A PE is not required to implement a contiguous set of Exception levels. For example, it is permissible for an implementation to include only EL0, EL1, and EL3.

Supported configurations on page D1-1524 shows some example implementations.

When executing in AArch64 state, execution can move between Exception levels only on taking an exception or on returning from an exception:

- On taking an exception, the Exception level can only increase or remain the same.
- On returning from an exception, the Exception level can only decrease or remain the same.

The Exception level that execution changes to or remains in on taking an exception is called the *target Exception level* of the exception.

Each exception type has a target Exception level that is either:

- Implicit in the nature of the exception.
- Defined by configuration bits in the system control registers.

An exception cannot target EL0.

Exception levels exist within a particular Security state. *The ARMv8-A security model* on page D1-1404 describes this. When executing at an Exception level, the PE can access both of the following:

- The resources that are available for the combination of the current Exception level and the current Security state.
- The resources that are available at all lower Exception levels, provided that those resources are available to the current Security state.

This means that if the implementation includes EL3, then when execution is at EL3, the PE can access all resources available at all Exception levels, for both Security states.

Each Exception level other than EL0 has its own translation regime and associated control registers. For information on the translation regimes, see *Chapter D4 The AArch64 Virtual Memory System Architecture*.

D1.1.1 Typical Exception level usage model

The architecture does not specify what software uses which Exception level. Such choices are outside the scope of the architecture. However, the following is a common usage model for the Exception levels:

- | | |
|-----|--|
| EL0 | Applications. |
| EL1 | OS kernel and associated functions that are typically described as <i>privileged</i> . |
| EL2 | Hypervisor. |
| EL3 | Secure monitor. |

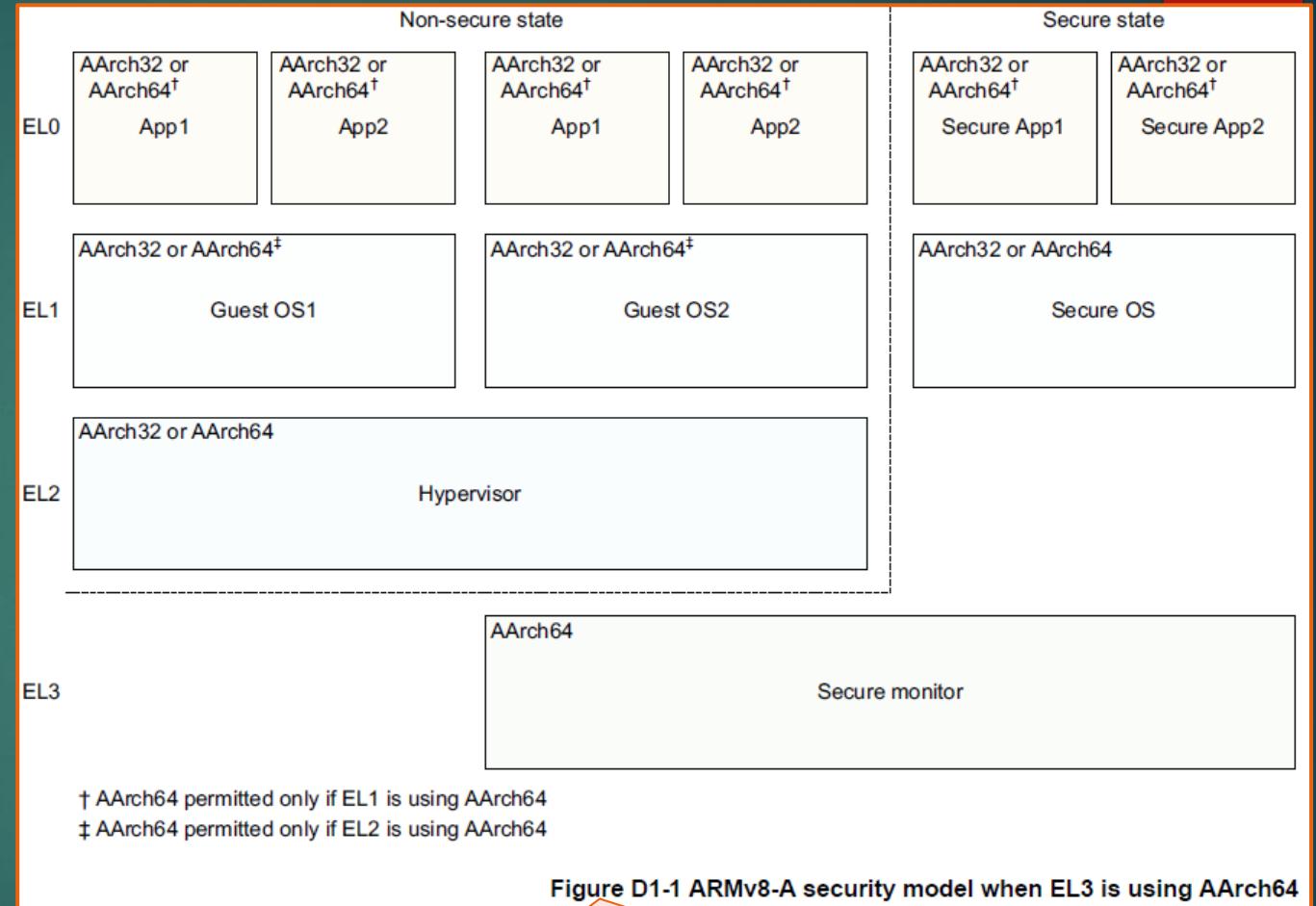
Exception
Level
Definition

获得CurrentEL

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```



Exception Level
&
Security Model

设置EL3 Security Control

```
/* Setup EL3 security control register */

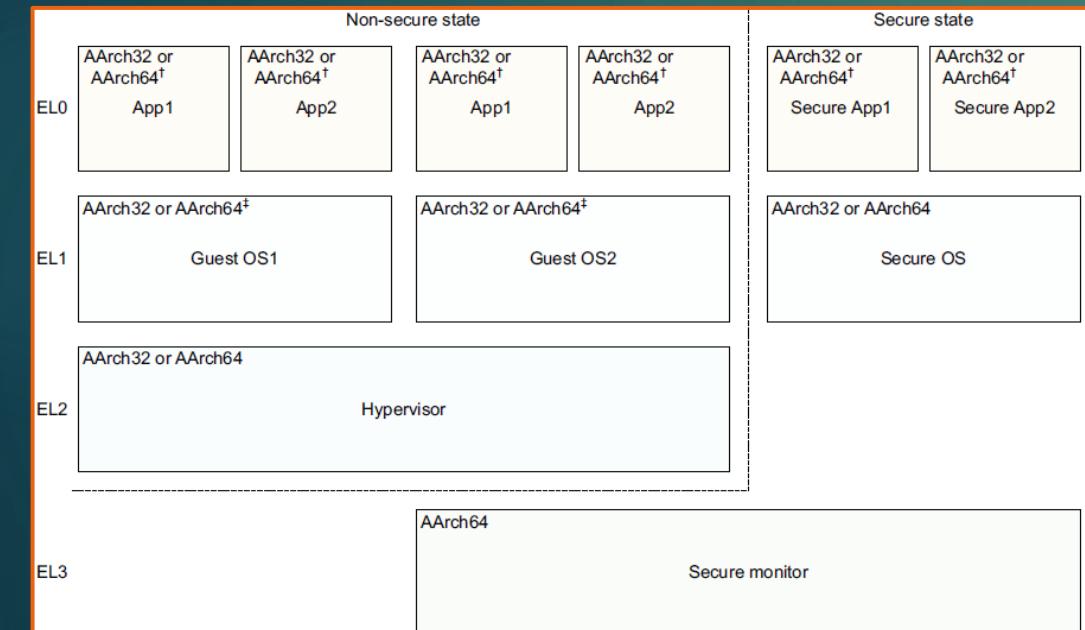
mov x0, #0x30          /* RES1 */

orr x0, x0, #(1 << 0)  /* Non-secure EL1 */

orr x0, x0, #(1 << 8)  /* HVC enable */

orr x0, x0, #(1 << 10) /* 64-bit EL2 */

msr scr el3, x0
```



† AArch64 permitted only if EL1 is using AArch64

‡ AArch64 permitted only if EL2 is using AArch64

Figure D1-1 ARMv8-A security model when EL3 is using AArch64

D7.2.79 SCR_EL3, Secure Configuration Register

The SCR EL3 characteristics are:

Purpose

Defines the configuration of the current Security state. It specifies:

- The Security state of EL0 and EL1, either Secure or Non-secure.
 - The Execution state at lower exception levels.
 - Whether IRQ, FIQ, and External Abort interrupts are taken to EL3.

This register is part of the Security registers functional group.

Usage constraints

This register is accessible as shown below:

| EL0 | EL1 (NS) | EL1 (S) | EL2 | EL3 (SCR.NS=1) | EL3 (SCR.NS=0) |
|-----|----------|---------|-----|----------------|----------------|
| - | - | - | - | RW | RW |

Configurations

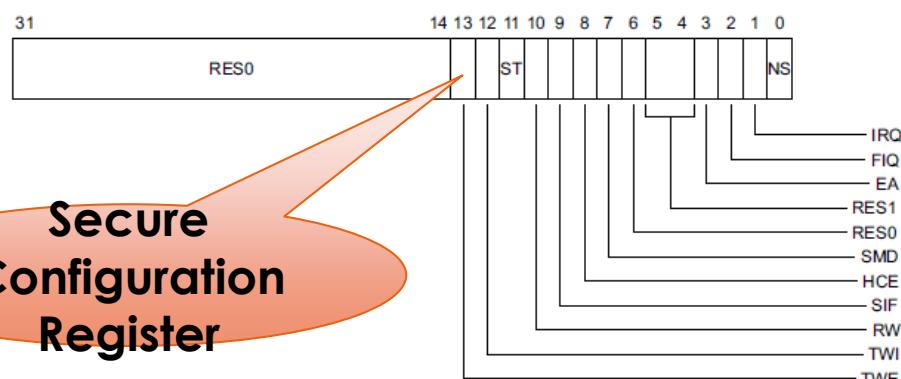
SCR_EL3 can be mapped to AArch32 register SCR, but this is not architecturally mandated.

Attributes

SCR_EL3 is a 32-bit register.

Field descriptions

The SCR EL3 bit assignments are:



Bits [31:14]

Reserved, RES0.

TWE, bit [13]

Trap WFE. The possible values of this bit are:

- 0 WFE instructions not trapped.

1 WFE instructions executed in AArch32 or AArch64 at EL2, EL1, or EL0 are trapped to EL3 if the instruction would otherwise cause suspension of execution, i.e. if there is not a pending WFI wakeup event and the instruction does not cause another exception.

设置EL3 Security Control

```
/* Setup EL3 security control register */

mov x0, #0x30          /* RES1 */

orr x0, x0, #(1 << 0)  /* Non-secure EL1 */

orr x0, x0, #(1 << 8)  /* HVC enable */

orr x0, x0, #(1 << 10) /* 64-bit EL2 */

msr scr_el3, x0
```

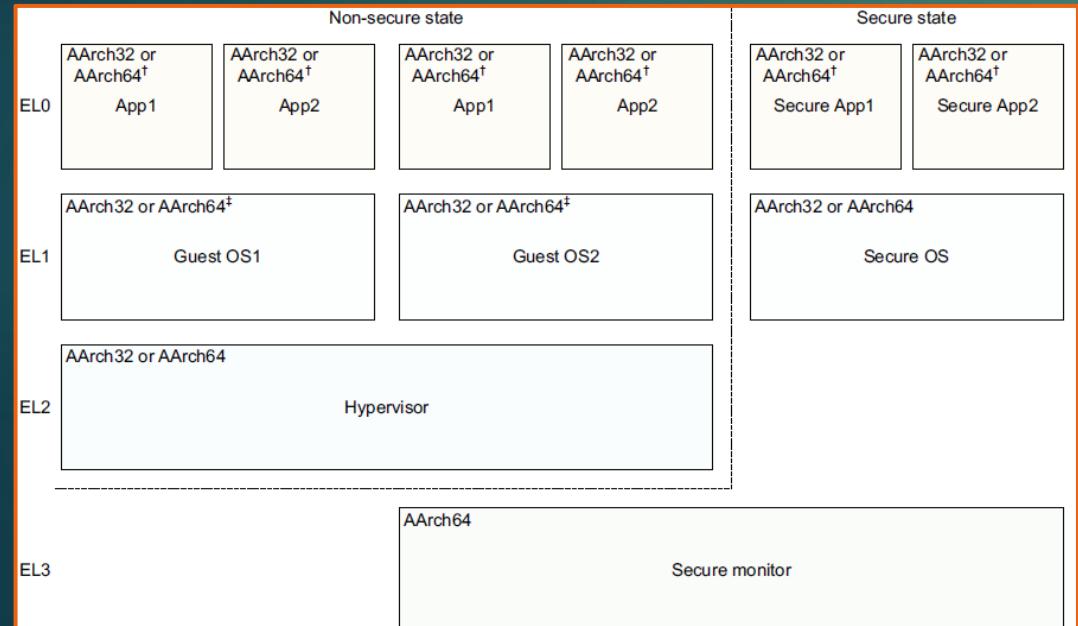


Figure D1-1 ARMv8-A security model when EL3 is using AArch64

TWI, bit [12]

Trap WFI. The possible values of this bit are:

- 0 WFI instructions not trapped.
- 1 WFI instructions executed in AArch32 or AArch64 at EL2, EL1, or EL0 are trapped to EL3 if the instruction would otherwise cause suspension of execution.

ST, bit [11]

Enables Secure EL1 access to the CNTPS_TVAL_EL1, CNTPS_CTL_EL1, and CNTPS_CVAL_EL1 registers. The possible values of this bit are:

- 0 These registers are only accessible in EL3.
- 1 These registers are accessible in EL3 and also in EL1 when SCR_EL3.NS==0.

If this bit is 0 and there is a Secure EL1 access to one of the CNTPS registers:

- An exception is taken to EL3.
- The exception class for this exception, as returned in ESR_EL3.EC, is 0x18.

RW, bit [10]

Execution state control for lower exception levels.

- 0 Lower levels are all AArch32.
- 1 The next lower level is AArch64.

If EL2 is present:

- EL2 is AArch64.
- EL2 controls EL1 and EL0 behaviors.

If EL2 is not present:

- EL1 is AArch64.
- EL0 is determined by the Execution state described in the current process state when executing at EL0.

This bit is permitted to be cached in a TLB.

SIE, bit [9]

Secure instruction fetch. When the processor is in Secure state, this bit disables instruction fetch from Non-secure memory. The possible values for this bit are:

- 0 Secure state instruction fetches from Non-secure memory are permitted.
- 1 Secure state instruction fetches from Non-secure memory are not permitted.

This bit is permitted to be cached in a TLB.

HCE, bit [8]

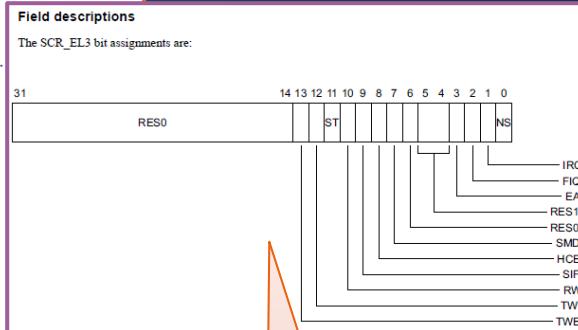
Hypervisor Call enable. This bit enables use of the HVC instruction from Non-secure EL1 modes. The possible values of this bit are:

- 0 HVC instruction is UNDEFINED in Non-secure EL1 modes, and either UNDEFINED or a NOP in Hyp mode, depending on the implementation.
 - 1 HVC instruction is enabled in Non-secure EL1 modes, and performs a Hypervisor Call.
- If EL3 is implemented but EL2 is not implemented, this bit is RES0.

SMD, bit [7]

SMC Disable.

- 0 SMC is enabled at EL1, EL2, or EL3.
- 1 SMC is UNDEFINED at all exception levels. At EL1 in the Non-secure state, the HCR_EL2.TSC bit has priority over this control.



Secure Configuration Register

设置EL3 Security Control

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mov x0, #0x30          /* RES1 */
or  x0, x0, #(1 << 0)  /* Non-secure EL1 */
or  x0, x0, #(1 << 8)  /* HVC enable */
or  x0, x0, #(1 << 10) /* 64-bit EL2 */
msr scr_el3, x0
```

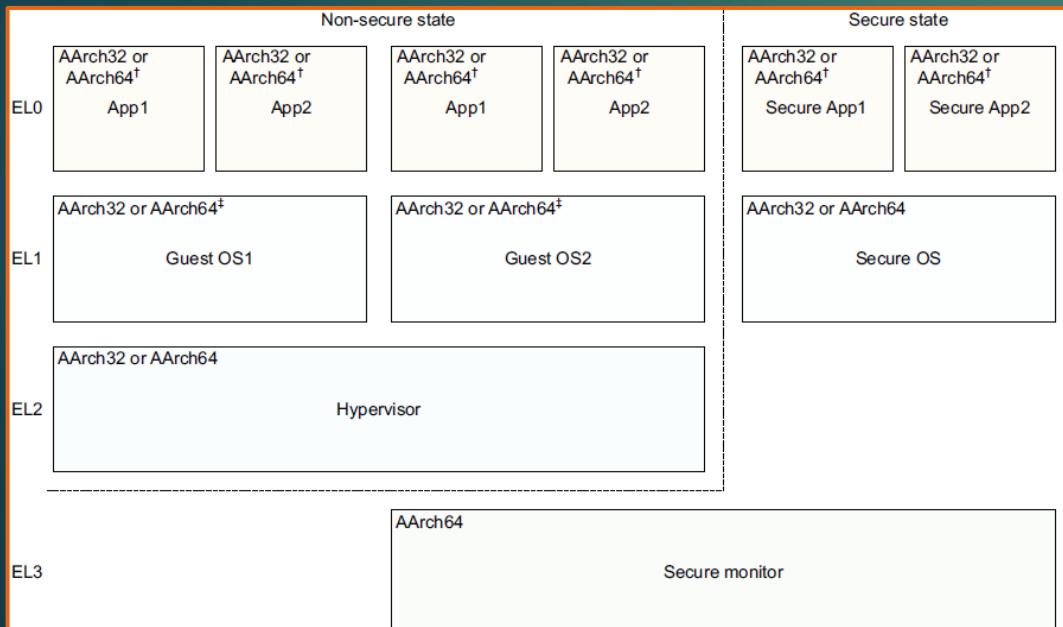
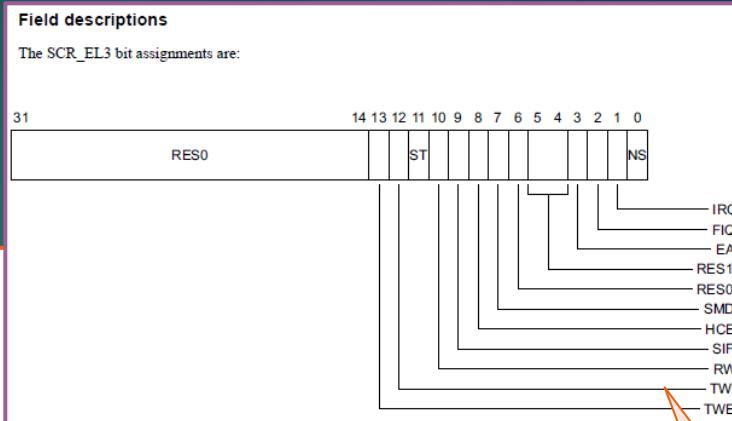


Figure D1-1 ARMv8-A security model when EL3 is using AArch64



- Bit [6]**
Reserved, RES0.
- Bits [5:4]**
Reserved, RES1.
- EA, bit [3]**
External Abort andSError Interrupt Routing.
0 External Aborts andSError Interrupts while executing at exception levels other than EL3 are not taken in EL3.
1 External Aborts andSError Interrupts while executing at all exception levels are taken in EL3.
- FIQ, bit [2]**
Physical FIQ Routing.
0 Physical FIQ while executing at exception levels other than EL3 are not taken in EL3.
1 Physical FIQ while executing at all exception levels are taken in EL3.
- IRQ, bit [1]**
Physical IRQ Routing.
0 Physical IRQ while executing at exception levels other than EL3 are not taken in EL3.
1 Physical IRQ while executing at all exception levels are taken in EL3.
- NS, bit [0]**
Non-secure bit.
0 Indicates that EL0 and EL1 are in Secure state, and so memory accesses from those exception levels can access Secure memory.
1 Indicates that EL0 and EL1 are in Non-secure state, and so memory accesses from those exception levels cannot access Secure memory.

Accessing the SCR_EL3

To access the SCR_EL3:

MRS <Xt>, SCR_EL3 ; Read SCR_EL3 into Xt
MSR SCR_EL3, <Xt> ; Write Xt to SCR_EL3

Register access is encoded as follows:

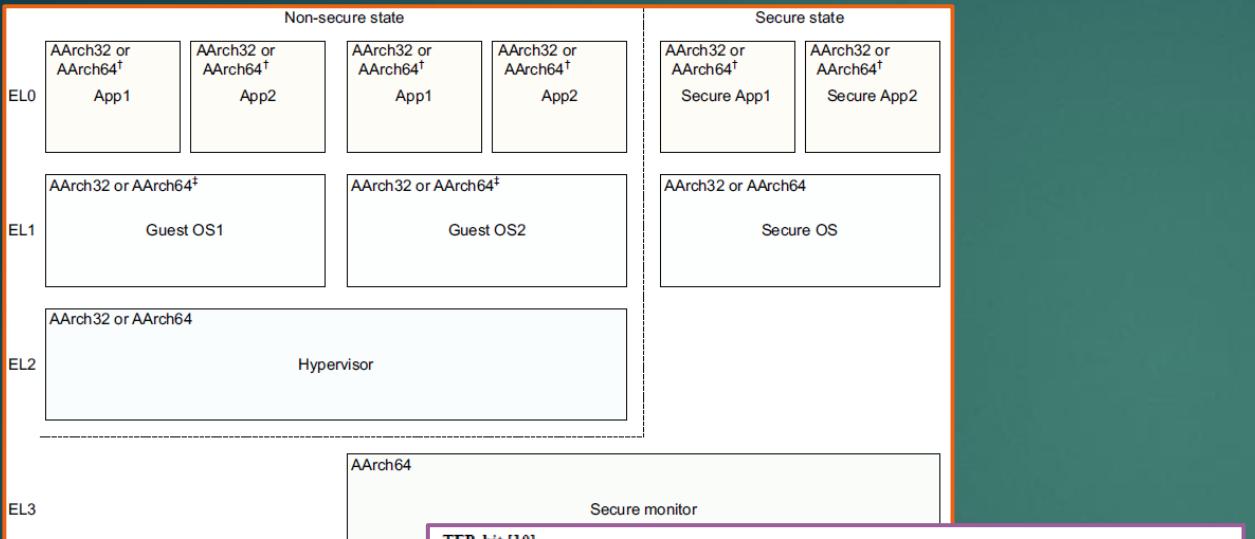
| op0 | op1 | CRn | CRm | op2 |
|-----|-----|------|------|-----|
| 11 | 110 | 0001 | 0001 | 000 |

Secure Configuration Register

禁止协处理器访问到EL3陷阱

```
/* Disable copro. traps to EL3 */
```

```
msr    cptr_el3, xzr
```



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‡ AArch64 permitted only if EL2 is using AArch64

Figure

TFP, bit [10]

This causes instructions that access the registers associated with Floating Point and Advanced SIMD execution to trap to EL3 when executed from any exception level, unless trapped to EL1 or EL2. Possible values of this bit are:

- 0 Does not cause any instruction to be trapped.
- 1 Causes any instructions that use the registers associated with Floating Point and Advanced SIMD execution to be trapped.

Bits [9:0]

Reserved, RES0.

Accessing the CPTR_EL3

To access the CPTR_EL3:

```
MRS <x>, CPTR_EL3 ; Read CPTR_EL3 into X
MSR CPTR_EL3, <x> ; Write X to CPTR_EL3
```

Register access is encoded as follows:

| op0 | op1 | CRn | CRm | op2 |
|-----|-----|------|------|-----|
| 11 | 110 | 0001 | 0001 | 010 |

D7.2.19 CPTR_EL3, Architectural Feature Trap Register (EL3)

The CPTR_EL3 characteristics are:

Purpose

Controls trapping to EL3 of access to [CPACR_EL1](#), Trace functionality and registers associated with Floating Point and Advanced SIMD execution. Also controls EL3 access to this functionality.

This register is part of the Security registers functional group.

Usage constraints

This register is accessible as shown below:

| EL0 | EL1 (NS) | EL1 (S) | EL2 | EL3 (SCR.NS=1) | EL3 (SCR.NS=0) |
|-----|----------|---------|-----|----------------|----------------|
| - | - | - | - | RW | RW |

Configurations

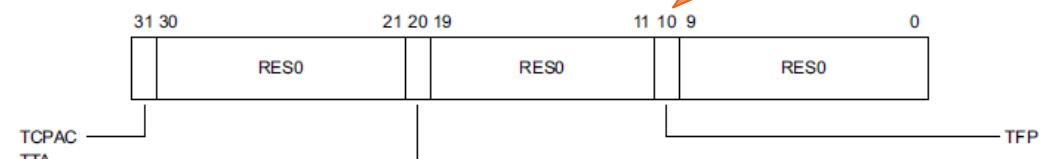
There are no configuration notes.

Attributes

CPTR_EL3 is a 32-bit register.

Field descriptions

The CPTR_EL3 bit assignments are:



TCPAC, bit [31]

This causes a direct access to the [CPACR_EL1](#) from EL1 or the [CPTR_EL2](#) from EL2 to trap to EL3 unless it is trapped at EL2. Possible values of this bit are:

- 0 Does not cause access to the CPACR_EL1 or CPTR_EL2 to be trapped.
- 1 Causes access to the CPACR_EL1 or CPTR_EL2 to be trapped.

Bits [30:21]

Reserved, RES0.

TTA, bit [20]

This causes access to the Trace functionality to trap to EL3 when executed from EL0, EL1, EL2, or EL3, unless already trapped to EL1 or EL2. Possible values of this bit are:

- 0 Does not cause System register access to the Trace Functionality to be trapped.
- 1 Causes System register access to the Trace Functionality to be trapped.

If system register access to trace functionality is not supported, this bit is RES0.

Bits [19:11]

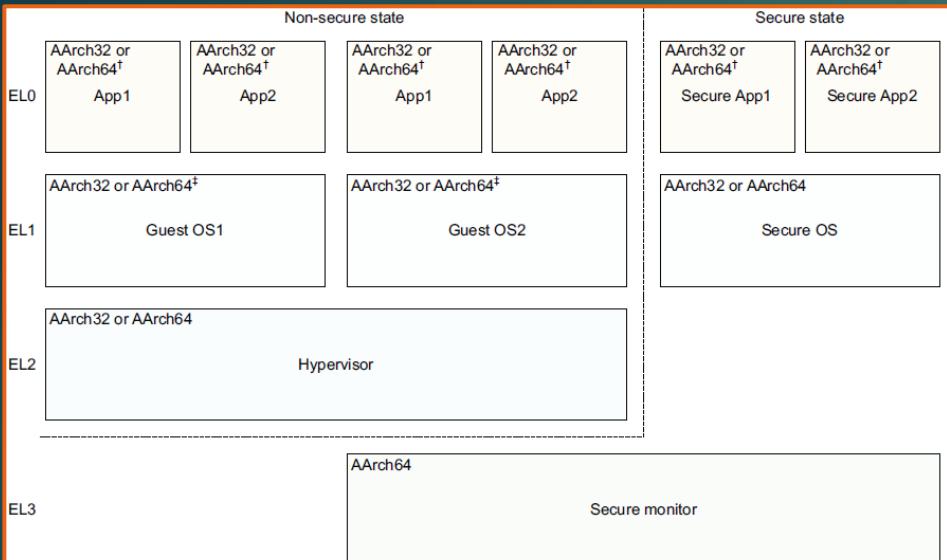
Reserved, RES0.

Architectural Feature Trap Register (EL3)

禁止协处理器访问到EL3陷阱

```
/* Disable copro. traps to EL3 */
```

```
msr    cpctr_el3, xzr
```



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General-purpose register file and the stack pointer

The 31 general-purpose registers in the general-purpose register file are named R0-R30 and encoded in the instruction register fields with values 0-30. A general-purpose register field that encodes the value 31 represents either the current stack pointer or the zero register, depending on the instruction and the operand position.

When the registers are used in a specific instruction variant, they must be qualified to indicate the operand data size, 32 bits or 64 bits, and the data size of the instruction.

When the data size is 32 bits, the lower 32 bits of the register are used and the upper 32 bits are ignored on a read and cleared to zero on a write.

Table C1-2 shows the qualified names for registers, where n is a register number 0-30.

Table C1-2 General-purpose register names

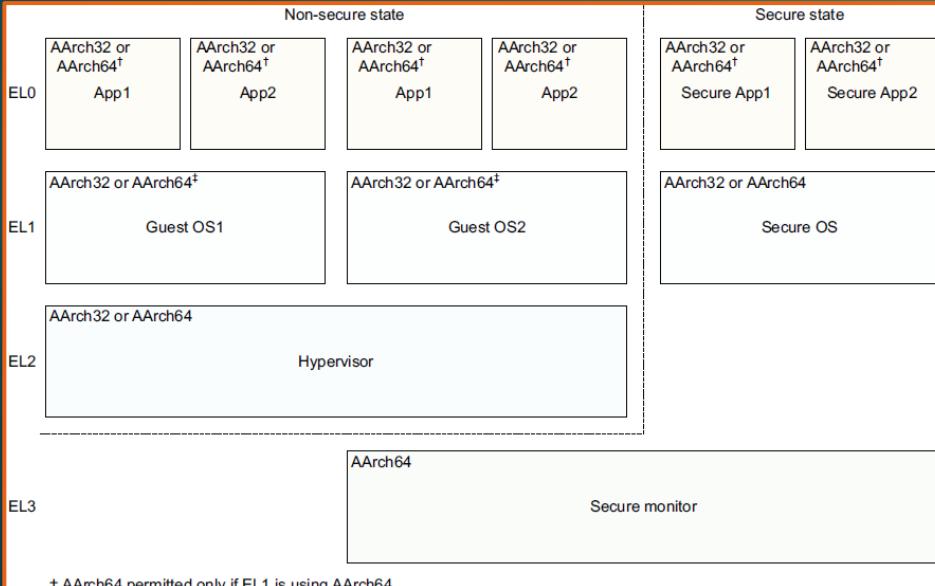
| Name | Size | Encoding | Description |
|------|---------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Wn | 32 bits | 0-30 | General-purpose register 0-30 |
| Xn | 64 bits | 0-30 | General-purpose register 0-30 |
| WZR | 32 bits | 31 | Zero register |
| XZR | 64 bits | 31 | Zero register |
| WSP | 32 bits | 31 | Current stack pointer |
| SP | 64 bits | 31 | Current stack pointer |

The following list provides further details relating to Table C1-2.

- The names Xn and Wn both refer to the same general-purpose register, Rn.
- There is no register named W31 or X31.
- The name SP represents the stack pointer for 64-bit operands where an encoding of the value 31 in the corresponding register field is interpreted as a read or write of the current stack pointer. When instructions do not interpret this operand encoding as the stack pointer, use of the name SP is an error.
- The name WSP represents the current stack pointer in a 32-bit context.
- The name XZR represents the zero register for 64-bit operands where an encoding of the value 31 in the corresponding register field is interpreted as returning zero when read or discarding the result when written. When instructions do not interpret this operand encoding as the zero register, use of the name XZR is an error.
- The name WZR represents the zero register in a 32-bit context.
- The architecture does not define a special name for general-purpose register R30 that reflects its special role as the link register on procedure calls. An A64 assembler must always use W30 and X30. Additional software names might be defined as part of the Procedure Call Standard, see *Procedure Call Standard for the ARM 64-bit Architecture*.

设置通用定时器

```
/* Setup generic timer cntfrq */  
  
ldr x0, __gentimer_freq  
  
msr cntfrq_el0, x0  
  
...  
  
.align 3  
  
__gentimer_freq:  
  
.dword GENTIMER_FREQ
```



D6.1 About the Generic Timer

Figure D6-1 shows an example system-on-chip that uses the Generic Timer as a system timer. In this figure:

- This manual defines the architecture of the individual PEs in the multiprocessor blocks.
- The *ARM Generic Interrupt Controller Architecture Specification* defines a possible architecture for the GICs.
- Generic Timer functionality is distributed across multiple components.

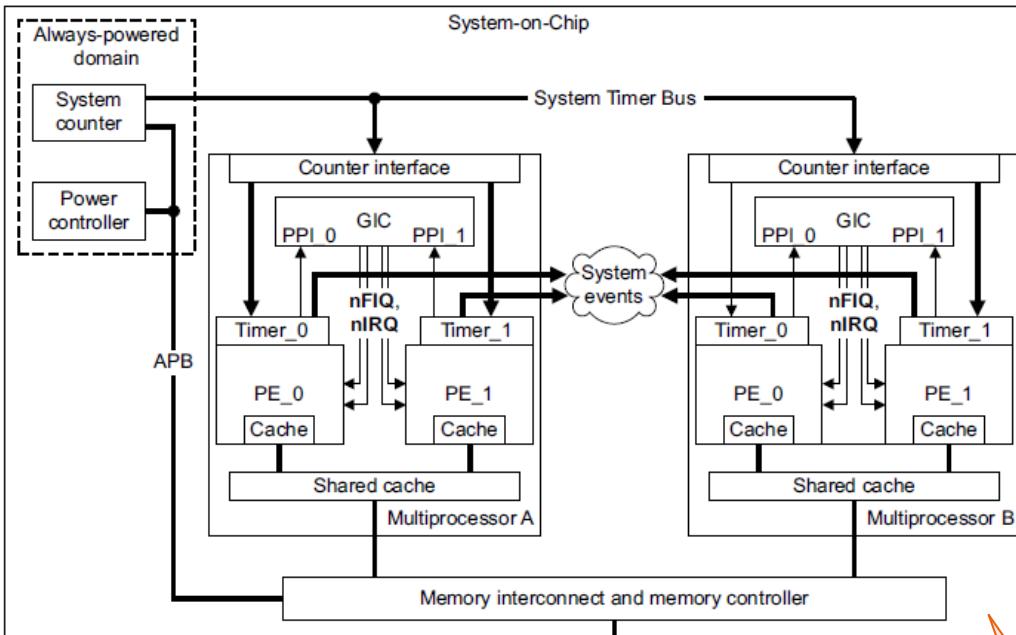


Figure D6-1 Generic Timer example

This chapter:

- Gives a general description of the Generic Timer.
- Defines the system control register interface to the Generic Timer. Each PE shown in Figure D6-1 includes an implementation of this interface.

The Generic Timer:

- Provides a system counter, that measures the passing of time in real-time.
- Supports *virtual counters* that measure the passing of virtual-time. That is, a virtual counter can measure the passing of time on a particular virtual machine.
- Timers, that can trigger events after a period of time has passed. The timers:
 - Can be used as count-up or as count-down timers.
 - Can operate in real-time or in virtual-time.

系统定时器

GIC Distributor Interface Init

```
/* GIC Distributor Interface Init */

mrs    x4, mpidr_el1
and    x4, x4, #0xffff /* CPU number */

__gic_dist_init:
    ldr    x0, __gic_dist_base /* Dist GIC base */
    mov    x1, #0 /* non-0 cpus should at least */

    cmp    x4, xzr /* program IGROUP0 */
    bne    1f
    mov    x1, #3 /* Enable group0 & group1 */
    str    w1, [x0, #0x00] /* Ctrl Register */
    ldr    w1, [x0, #0x04] /* Type Register */
1:   and    x1, x1, #0x1f /* No. of IGROUPn registers */
    add    x2, x0, #0x080 /* IGROUP0 Register */
    movn  x3, #0 /* All interrupts to group-1 */
2:   str    w3, [x2], #4
    subs  x1, x1, #1
    bge   2b
...
__gic_dist_base:
    .dword GIC_DIST_BASE
```

D7.2.66 MPIDR EL1, Multiprocessor Affinity Register

The MPIDR EL1 characteristics are:

Purpose

In a multiprocessor system, provides an additional processor identification mechanism for scheduling purposes.

This register is part of the Identification registers functional group

Usage constraint

This register is accessible as shown below

| EL0 | EL1 (NS) | EL1 (S) | EL2 | EL3 (SCR.NS=1) | EL3 (SCR.NS=0) |
|-----|----------|---------|-----|----------------|----------------|
| - | RO | RO | RO | RO | RO |

If EL2 is implemented, reads of MPIDR EL1 from EL1(NS) return the value from VMPIDR EL2

Configuration

MPIDR EL1 is architecturally mapped to AArch32 register MPIDR

In a uniprocessor system, ARM recommends that this register returns a value of 0.

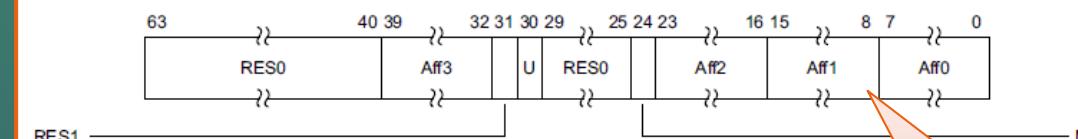
In the system as a whole, the assigned value of all affinity fields in the MPIDR_EL1 for each PE must be unique.

Attributes

MPIDR EL1 is a 64-bit register

Field descriptions

The MPIDR_EL1 bit assignments are



Bits [63:40]

Reserved RES

Aff3_bits [30:32]

Affinity level 3: Highest level affinity field

Bit [31]

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II. bit [30]

Indicates a Uniprocessor system, as distinct from PE 0 in a multiprocessor system. The possible values of this bit are:

- 0 PE is part of a multiprocessor system
 - 1 PE is part of a uniprocessor system

Multiprocessor Affinity Register

GIC Distributor Interface Init

```
/* GIC Distributor Interface Init */

mrs  x4, mpidr_el1

and  x4, x4, #0xffff      /* CPU number */

_gic_dist_init:

    ldr  x0, __gic_dist_base /* Dist GIC base */

    mov  x1, #0              /* non-0 cpus should at least */

    cmp  x4, xzr             /* program IGROUP0 */

    bne  1f

    mov  x1, #3              /* Enable group0 & group1 */

    str  w1, [x0, #0x00]      /* Ctrl Register */

    ldr  w1, [x0, #0x04]      /* Type Register */

1:   and  x1, x1, #0x1f      /* No. of IGROUPn registers */

    add  x2, x0, #0x080      /* IGROUP0 Register */

    movn x3, #0               /* All interrupts to group-1 */

2:   str  w3, [x2], #4

    sub  x1, x1, #1

    bge  2b

...

__gic_dist_base:
    .dword GIC_DIST_BASE
```

Bits [29:25]

Reserved, RES0.

MT, bit [24]

Indicates whether the lowest level of affinity consists of logical PEs that are implemented using a multi-threading type approach. The possible values of this bit are:

- 0 Performance of the PEs at the lowest affinity level is largely independent.
- 1 Performance of the PEs at the lowest affinity level is very interdependent.

Aff2, bits [23:16]

Affinity level 2. Second highest level affinity field.

Aff1, bits [15:8]

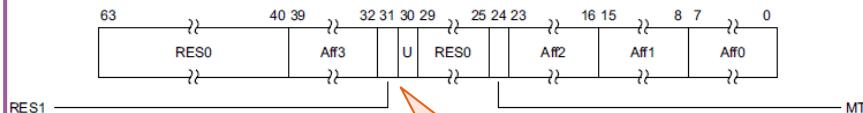
Affinity level 1. Third highest level affinity field.

Aff0, bits [7:0]

Affinity level 0. Lowest level affinity field.

Field descriptions

The MPIDR_EL1 bit assignments are:



Note

- The interpretation of these fields is IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED, and must be documented as part of the documentation of the multiprocessor system.
- The software mechanism to discover the total number of affinity numbers used at each level is IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED, and is part of the general system identification task.

Multi-threading approach to lowest affinity levels

If `MPIDR_EL1.MT` is set to 1, this indicates that the PEs at affinity level 0 are logical PEs, implemented using a multi-threading type approach. In such an approach, there can be a significant performance impact if a new thread is assigned to the PE with:

- A different affinity level 0 value to some other thread, referred to as the original thread.
- A pair of values for affinity levels 1 and 2 that are the same as the pair of values of the original thread.

In this situation, the performance of the original thread might be significantly reduced.

Note

In this description a thread always refers to a thread or a PE.

Accessing the MPIDR_EL1:

To access the MPIDR_EL1:

MRS <Xt>, MPIDR_EL1 ; Read MPIDR_EL1 into Xt

Register access is encoded as follows:

| op0 | op1 | CRn | CRm | op2 |
|-----|-----|------|------|-----|
| 11 | 000 | 0000 | 0000 | 101 |

Multiprocessor Affinity Register

GIC Distributor Interface Init

```
/* GIC Distributor Interface Init */

mrs  x4, mpidr_el1

and  x4, x4, #0xffff /* CPU number */

__gic_dist_init:

ldr  x0, __gic_dist_base /* Dist GIC base */

mov  x1, #0 /* non-0 cpus should at least */

cmp  x4, xzr /* program IGROUP0 */

bne  1f

mov  x1, #3 /* Enable group0 & group1 */

str  w1, [x0, #0x00] /* Ctrl Register */

ldr  w1, [x0, #0x04] /* Type Register */

1:  and  x1, x1, #0x1f /* No. of IGROUPl registers */

add  x2, x0, #0x080 /* IGROUPO Register */

movn x3, #0 /* All interrupts to group-1 */

2:  str  w3, [x2], #4

subs x1, x1, #1

bge  2b

...

__gic_dist_base:

.dword GIC_DIST_BASE
```

| | | | | | |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--|-----|------|
| 0x00_2C00_1000 | 0x00_2C00_1FFF | GIC Distributor | GIC Distributor ^a | 4KB | - |
| 0x00_2C00_2000 | 0x00_2C00_2FFF | GIC Processor Interface | GIC Processor Interface ^a | 4KB | - |
| 0x00_2C00_4000 | 0x00_2C00_4FFF | GIC Processor Hyp Interface | GIC Processor Hyp Interface ^a | 4KB | - |
| 0x00_2C00_5000 | 0x00_2C00_5FFF | GIC Hyp Interface | GIC Hyp Interface ^a | 4KB | - |
| 0x00_2C00_6000 | 0x00_2C00_7FFF | GIC Virtual CPU Interface | GIC Virtual CPU Interface ^a | 8KB | - |
| 0x00_2C01_0000 | 0x00_2C01_0FFF | - | GIC Virtual Interface Control, GICH ^b | 4KB | S/NS |

Table 3-2 ARMv8-A Foundation Model memory map (continued)

| Start address | End address | Foundation v1 peripheral | Foundation v2 peripheral | Size | Security (v2 only) |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|--|-------|--------------------|
| 0x00_2C02_F000 | 0x00_2C03_0FFF | - | GIC Virtual CPU Interface, GICV ^b | 8KB | S/NS |
| 0x00_2C09_0000 | 0x00_2C09_FFFF | - | Warning + RAZ/W | | |
| 0x00_2E00_0000 | 0x00_2E00_FFFF | - | Non-trusted SRAM | 64KB | S/NS |
| 0x00_2F00_0000 | 0x00_2F00_FFFF | - | GICv3 Distributor GICD ^b | 64KB | S/NS |
| 0x00_2F02_0000 | 0x00_2F03_FFFF | - | GICv3 Distributor ITS ^b | 128KB | S/NS |
| 0x00_2F10_0000 | 0x00_2F1F_FFFF | - | GICv3 Distributor GICR ^b | 1MB | S/NS |

ARMv8-A
Foundation Model
memory map
(GIC section)

GIC Distributor Interface Init

```
/* GIC Distributor Interface Init */

mrs  x4, mpidr_el1

and  x4, x4, #0xffff /* CPU number */

_gic_dist_init:

ldr  x0, __gic_dist_base /* Dist GIC base */

mov  x1, #0 /* non-0 cpus should at least */

cmp  x4, xzr /* program IGROUP0 */

bne  1f

mov  x1, #3 /* Enable group0 & group1 */

str  w1, [x0, #0x00] /* Ctrl Register */

ldr  w1, [x0, #0x04] /* Type Register */

1:  and  x1, x1, #0x1f /* No. of IGROUPn registers */

      add  x2, x0, #0x080 /* IGROUP0 Register */

      movn x3, #0 /* All interrupts to group-1 */

2:  str  w3, [x2], #4

      subs x1, x1, #1

      bge  2b

...

__gic_dist_base:

.dword GIC_DIST_BASE
```

2.1 About GIC partitioning

The GIC architecture splits logically into a Distributor block and one or more CPU interface blocks. The GIC Virtualization Extensions add one or more virtual CPU interfaces to the GIC. Therefore, as [Figure 2-1 on page 2-23](#) shows, the logical partitioning of the GIC is as follows:

Distributor The Distributor block performs interrupt prioritization and distribution to the CPU interface blocks that connect to the processors in the system.

The Distributor block registers are identified by the GICD_ prefix.

CPU interfaces Each CPU interface block performs priority masking and preemption handling for a connected processor in the system.

CPU interface block registers are identified by the GICC_ prefix.

When describing a GIC that includes the GIC Virtualization Extensions, a CPU interface is sometimes called a *physical CPU interface*, to avoid possible confusion with a virtual CPU interface.

Virtual CPU interfaces The GIC Virtualization Extensions add a virtual CPU interface for each processor in the system. Each virtual CPU interface is partitioned into the following blocks:

Virtual interface control

The main component of the virtual interface control block is the GIC virtual interface control registers, that include a list of active and pending virtual interrupts for the current virtual machine on the connected processor. Typically, these registers are managed by the hypervisor that is running on that processor. Virtual interface control block registers are identified by the GICH_ prefix.

Virtual CPU interface

Each virtual CPU interface block provides physical signaling of virtual interrupts to the connected processor. The ARM processor Virtualization Extensions signal these interrupts to the current virtual machine on that processor. The GIC virtual CPU interface registers, accessed by the virtual machine, provide interrupt control and status information for the virtual interrupts. The format of these registers is similar to the format of the physical CPU interface registers.

Virtual CPU interface block registers are identified by the GICV_ prefix.

Note

The virtual CPU interface does not support the power management functionality described in [Power management, GIC v2 on page 2-31](#).

A GIC can implement up to eight CPU interfaces, numbered from 0-7. In a GIC that implements the GIC Virtualization Extensions, virtual CPU interface numbering corresponds to the CPU interface numbering, so that CPU interface 0 and virtual CPU interface 0 connect to the same processor.

This model supports implementation of the GIC in uniprocessing or multiprocessing environments, and the GIC Virtualization Extensions extend that support to processors that support virtualization, in which, in Non-secure state:

- A Guest OS runs on a virtual machine
- A hypervisor is responsible for switching between virtual machines. This switching includes switching the state held in the GIC virtual interface control registers.

Each block provides part of the GIC programmers' model, and:

- the programmers' model is generally the same for each implemented CPU interface.
- the programmers' model for a virtual CPU interface is generally the same as the programmers' model for a physical CPU interface.

GIC partitioning

GIC Distributor Interface Init

```
/* GIC Distributor Interface Init */

mrs x4, mpidr_el1

and x4, x4, #0xffff /* CPU number */

__gic_dist_init:
    ldr x0, __gic_dist_base /* Dist GIC base */

    mov x1, #0 /* non-0 cpus should at least */

    cmp x4, xzr /* program IGROUP0 */

    bne 1f

    mov x1, #3 /* Enable group0 & group1 */

    str w1, [x0, #0x00] /* Ctrl Register */

    ldr w1, [x0, #0x04] /* Type Register */

1:   and x1, x1, #0x1f /* No. of IGROUPn registers */

    add x2, x0, #0x080 /* IGROUP0 Register */

    movn x3, #0 /* All interrupts to group-1 */

2:   str w3, [x2], #4

    sub x1, x1, #1

    bge 2b

...
__gic_dist_base:
.dword GIC_DIST_BASE
```

Note

- The partitioning of the GIC described in this section is an architectural abstraction. Whether these blocks are implemented separately or combined is **IMPLEMENTATION SPECIFIC**.
- In a GIC that implements the GIC Security Extensions in a multiprocessor system, a CPU interface can be implemented so that it receives:
 - both Secure and Non-secure accesses
 - only Secure accesses
 - only Non-secure accesses.

GIC partitioning

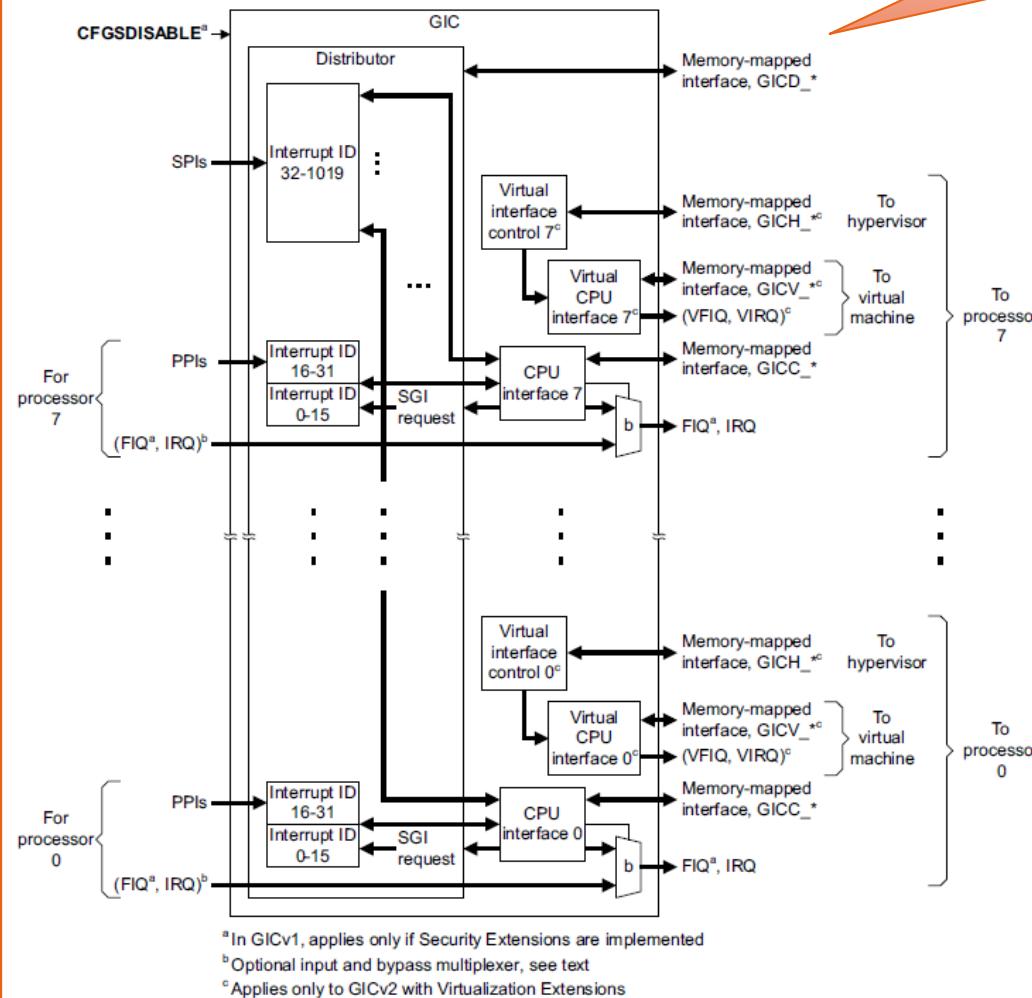


Figure 2-1 GIC logical partitioning

The remainder of this chapter, and [Chapter 3 Interrupt Handling and Prioritization](#) and [Chapter 4 Programmers' Model](#), describe the GIC without the GIC Virtualization Extensions. [Chapter 5 GIC Support for Virtualization](#) describes the features added by the GIC Virtualization Extensions.

GIC Distributor Interface Init

```
/* GIC Distributor Interface Init */

mrs  x4, mpidr_el1

and  x4, x4, #0xffff      /* CPU number */

_gic_dist_init:

    ldr  x0, __gic_dist_base /* Dist GIC base */

    mov  x1, #0              /* non-0 cpus should at least */

    cmp  x4, xzr            /* program IGROUP0 */

    bne  1f

    mov  x1, #3              /* Enable group0 & group1 */

    str  w1, [x0, #0x00]      /* Ctrl Register */

    ldr  w1, [x0, #0x04]      /* Type Register */

1:   and  x1, x1, #0x1f      /* No. of IGROUPn registers */

    add  x2, x0, #0x080      /* IGROUP0 Register */

    movn x3, #0              /* All interrupts to group-1 */

2:   str  w3, [x2], #4

    sub  x1, x1, #1

    bge  2b

...
_gic_dist_base:
    .dword GIC_DIST_BASE
```

2.2 The Distributor

The Distributor centralizes all interrupt sources, determines the priority of each interrupt, and for each CPU interface forwards the interrupt with the highest priority to the interface, for priority masking and preemption handling.

The Distributor provides a programming interface for:

- Globally enabling the forwarding of interrupts to the CPU interfaces.
- Enabling or disabling each interrupt.
- Setting the priority level of each interrupt.
- Setting the target processor list of each interrupt.
- Setting each peripheral interrupt to be level-sensitive or edge-triggered.
- Setting each interrupt as either Group 0 or Group 1.

GIC Distributor

Note

For GICv1, setting interrupts as Group 0 or Group 1 is possible only when the implementation includes the GIC Security Extensions.

- Forwarding an SGI to one or more target processors.

In addition, the Distributor provides:

- visibility of the state of each interrupt
- a mechanism for software to set or clear the pending state of a peripheral interrupt.

2.2.1 Interrupt IDs

Interrupts from sources are identified using *ID numbers*. Each CPU interface can see up to 1020 interrupts. The banking of SPIs and PPIs increases the total number of interrupts supported by the Distributor.

The GIC assigns interrupt ID numbers ID0-ID1019 as follows:

- Interrupt numbers ID32-ID1019 are used for SPIs.
- Interrupt numbers ID0-ID31 are used for interrupts that are private to a CPU interface. These interrupts are banked in the Distributor.

A banked interrupt is one where the Distributor can have multiple interrupts with the same ID. A banked interrupt is identified uniquely by its ID number and its associated CPU interface number. Of the banked interrupt IDs:

- ID0-ID15 are used for SGIs
- ID16-ID31 are used for PPIs

In a multiprocessor system:

- A PPI is forwarded to a particular CPU interface, and is private to that interface. In prioritizing interrupts for a CPU interface the Distributor does not consider PPIs that relate to other interfaces.
- Each connected processor issues an SGI by writing to the [GICD_SGIR](#) in the Distributor. Each write can generate SGIs with the same ID that target multiple processors.

In the Distributor, an SGI is identified uniquely by the combination of its interrupt number, ID0-ID15, the target processor ID, CPUID0-CPUID7, and the *processor source ID*, CPUID0-CPUID7, of the processor that issued the SGI. When the CPU interface communicates the interrupt ID to a targeted processor, it also provides the processor source ID, so that the targeted processor can uniquely identify the SGI.

SGI banking means the GIC can handle multiple SGIs simultaneously, without resource conflicts.

The Distributor ignores any write to the [GICD_SGIR](#) that is not from a processor that is connected to one of the CPU interfaces. How the Distributor determines the processor source ID of a processor writing to the [GICD_SGIR](#) is IMPLEMENTATION SPECIFIC.

In a uniprocessor system, there is no distinction between shared and private interrupts, because all interrupts are visible to the processor. In this case the processor source ID value is 0.

• Interrupt numbers ID1020-ID1023 are reserved for special purposes, see [Special interrupt numbers on page 3-43](#).

System software sets the priority of each interrupt. This priority is independent of the interrupt ID number.

In any system that implements the ARM Security Extensions, to support a consistent model for message passing between processors, ARM strongly recommends that all processors reserve:

- ID0-ID7 for Non-secure interrupts
- ID8-ID15 for Secure interrupts.

GIC Distributor Interface Init

```

/* GIC Distributor Interface Init */

mrs  x4, mpidr_el1

and  x4, x4, #0xffff  /* CPU number */

_gic_dist_init:

    ldr  x0, __gic_dist_base /* Dist GIC base */

    mov  x1, #0           /* non-0 cpus should at least */

    cmp  x4, xzr         /* program IGROUP0 */

    bne  1f

    mov  x1, #3           /* Enable group0 & group1 */

    str  w1, [x0, #0x00]  /* Ctrl Register */

    ldr  w1, [x0, #0x04]  /* Type Register */

1:   and  x1, x1, #0x1f /* No. of IGROUPn registers */

    add  x2, x0, #0x080  /* IGROUP0 Register */

    movn x3, #0           /* All interrupts to group-1 */

2:   str  w3, [x2], #4

    sub  x1, x1, #1

    bge  2b

...

__gic_dist_base:

.dword GIC_DIST_BASE

```

Table 4-1 Distributor register map

| Offset | Name | Type | Reset ^a | Description |
|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| 0x000 | GICD_CTLR | RW | 0x00000000 | Distributor Control Register |
| 0x004 | GICD_TYPER | RO | IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED | Interrupt Controller Type Register |
| 0x008 | GICD_IIDR | RO | IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED | Distributor Implementer Identification Register |
| 0x00C-0x01C | - | - | - | Reserved |
| 0x020-0x03C | - | - | - | IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED registers |
| 0x040-0x07C | - | - | - | Reserved |
| 0x080 | GICD_IGROUPRn ^b | RW | IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED ^c | Interrupt Group Registers |
| 0x084-0x0FC | | | 0x00000000 | |
| 0x100-0x17C | GICD_ISENABLERn | RW | IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED | Interrupt Set-Enable Registers |
| 0x180-0x1FC | GICD_ICENABLERn | RW | IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED | Interrupt Clear-Enable Registers |
| 0x200-0x27C | GICD_ISPENDRn | RW | 0x00000000 | Interrupt Set-Pending Registers |
| 0x280-0x2FC | GICD_ICPENDRn | RW | 0x00000000 | Interrupt Clear-Pending Registers |
| 0x300-0x37C | GICD_ISACTIVERn ^d | RW | 0x00000000 | GICv2 Interrupt Set-Active Registers |
| 0x380-0x3FC | GICD_ICACTIVERn ^e | RW | 0x00000000 | Interrupt Clear-Active Registers |
| 0x400-0x7F8 | GICD_IPRIORITYRn | RW | 0x00000000 | Interrupt Priority Registers |
| 0x7FC | - | - | - | Reserved |
| 0x800-0x81C | GICD_ITARGETSRn | RO ^f | IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED | Interrupt Processor Targets Registers |
| 0x820-0xBF8 | | RW ^f | 0x00000000 | |
| 0xBFC | - | - | - | Reserved |
| 0xC00-0xCFC | GICD_ICFGRn | RW | IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED | Interrupt Configuration Registers |
| 0xD00-0xDFC | - | - | - | IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED registers |
| 0xE00-0xEFC | GICD_NSACRn ^e | RW | 0x00000000 | Non-secure Access Control Registers, optional |
| 0xF00 | GICD_SGIR | WO | - | Software Generated Interrupt Register |
| 0xF04-0xF0C | - | - | - | Reserved |
| 0xF10-0xF1C | GICD_CPENDSGIRn ^e | RW | 0x00000000 | SGI Clear-Pending Registers |
| 0xF20-0xF2C | GICD_SPENDSGIRn ^e | RW | 0x00000000 | SGI Set-Pending Registers |
| 0xF30-0xFCC | - | - | - | Reserved |
| 0xFD0-0xFFC | - | RO | IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED | <i>Identification registers on page 4-119</i> |

a. For details of any restrictions that apply to the reset values of IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED cases see the appropriate register description.

b. In a GICv1 implementation, present only if the GIC implements the GIC Security Extensions, otherwise RAZ/WI.

c. For more information see *GICD_IGROUP0 reset value* on page 4-92.

d. In GICv1, these are the Active Bit Registers, ICDABRn. These registers are RO.

GIC Distributor register map

GIC Distributor Interface Init

```
/* GIC Distributor Interface Init */

mrs  x4, mpidr_el1
and  x4, x4, #0xffff /* CPU number */

_gic_dist_init:
    ldr  x0, __gic_dist_base /* Dist GIC base */
    mov  x1, #0           /* non-0 cpus should at least */
    cmp  x4, xzr          /* program IGROUP0 */
    bne  1f
    mov  x1, #3           /* Enable group0 & group1 */
    str  w1, [x0, #0x00]   /* Ctrl Register */
    ldr  w1, [x0, #0x04]   /* Type Register */
1:   and  x1, x1, #0x1f  /* No. of IGROUPn registers */
    add  x2, x0, #0x080   /* IGROUP0 Register */
    movn x3, #0           /* All interrupts to group-1 */
2:   str  w3, [x2], #4
    sub  x1, x1, #1
    bge  2b
...
__gic_dist_base:
    .dword GIC_DIST_BASE
```

- The GIC includes *interrupt grouping* functionality that supports:
- configuring each interrupt as either Group 0 or Group 1
 - signaling Group 0 interrupts to the target processor using either the IRQ or the FIQ exception request
 - signaling Group 1 interrupts to the target processor using the IRQ exception request only
 - a unified scheme for handling the priority of Group 0 and Group 1 interrupts
 - optional lockdown of the configuration of some Group 0 interrupts.

Note

- Interrupt grouping is present in all GICv2 implementations and in GICv1 implementations that include the GIC Security Extensions, see [Changes in version 2.0 of the Specification](#) on page 1-15.

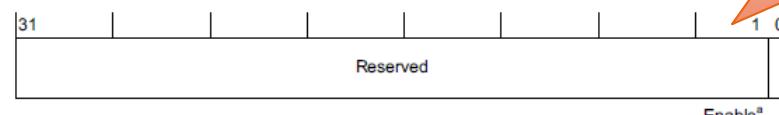
4.3.1 Distributor Control Register, GICD_CTLR

The GICD_CTLR characteristics are:

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Purpose | Enables the forwarding of pending interrupts from the Distributor to the CPU interfaces. |
| Usage constraints | If the GIC implements the Security Extensions with configuration lockdown, the system can lock down the Secure GICD_CTLR, see Configuration lockdown on page 4-82. |
| Configurations | This register is available in all configurations of the GIC. If the GIC implements the Security Extensions, this register is banked, see Register banking on page 4-77. |
| Attributes | See the register summary in Table 4-1 on page 4-75 . |

[Figure 4-1](#) and [Table 4-4](#) show the GICD_CTLR bit assignments for:

- a GICv1 implementation that does not include the GIC Security Extensions
- the Non-secure copy of the register in an implementation that includes the GIC Security Extensions.



^a Bit name is IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED in an implementation that includes the Security Extensions

[Figure 4-1 GICD_CTLR bit assignments, GICv1 without Security Extensions or Non-secure](#)

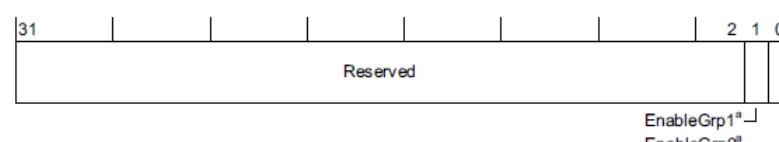
[Table 4-4 GICD_CTLR bit assignments, GICv1 without Security Extensions or Non-secure](#)

| Bits | Name | Function |
|--------|---------------------|--|
| [31:1] | - | Reserved. |
| [0] | Enable ^a | Global enable for forwarding pending interrupts from the Distributor to the CPU interfaces. In the Non-secure copy of this register in an implementation that includes the Security Extensions, this bit controls only the forwarding of Group 1 interrupts: 0 interrupts not forwarded. 1 interrupts forwarded, subject to the priority rules. See Enabling and disabling the Distributor and CPU interfaces on page 4-77 for more information about this bit. |

^a Bit name is IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED in a GICv1 implementation that includes the Security Extensions.

[Figure 4-2 and Table 4-5 on page 4-86](#) shows the GICD_CTLR bit assignments for:

- Any GICv2 implementation. If the implementation includes the Security Extensions then these assignments apply only to the Secure copy of the register.
- The Secure copy of the register in a GICv1 implementation that includes the Security Extensions.



^a In a GICv1 implementation that includes the Security Extensions:

- Bit[0] is named Enable
- Bit[1] is IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED.

[Figure 4-2 GICD_CTLR bit assignments, GICv2, and GICv1 Secure copy](#)

GIC Distributor Control Register

GIC Distributor Interface Init

```

/* GIC Distributor Interface Init */

mrs x4, mpidr_el1
and x4, x4, #0xffff /* CPU number */

_gic_dist_init:
    ldr x0, __gic_dist_base /* Dist GIC base */
    mov x1, #0 /* non-0 cpus should at least */
    cmp x4, xzr /* program IGROUP0 */
    bne 1f
    mov x1, #3 /* Enable group0 & group1 */
    str w1, [x0, #0x00] /* Ctrl Register */
    ldr w1, [x0, #0x04] /* Type Register */
1:   and x1, x1, #0x1f /* No. of IGROUPn registers */
    add x2, x0, #0x080 /* IGROUP0 Register */
    movn x3, #0 /* All interrupts to group-1 */
2:   str w3, [x2], #4
    sub x1, x1, #1
    bge 2b
...
__gic_dist_base:
    .dword GIC_DIST_BASE

```

Peripheral interrupt

An interrupt generated by the assertion of an interrupt request signal input to the GIC. The GIC architecture defines the following types of peripheral interrupt:

Private Peripheral Interrupt (PPI)

A peripheral interrupt that is specific to a single processor.

Shared Peripheral Interrupt (SPI)

A peripheral interrupt that the Distributor can route to a combination of processors, as specified by the corresponding [GICD_ITARGETSRn](#) register.

Table 4-5 GICD_CTLR bit assignments, GICv2, and GICv1 Secure copy

| Bits | Name | Function |
|--------|------------|---|
| [31:2] | - | Reserved. |
| [1] | EnableGrp1 | Global enable for forwarding pending Group 1 interrupts from the Distributor to the CPU interfaces: 0 Group 1 interrupts not forwarded. 1 Group 1 interrupts forwarded, subject to the priority rules. |
| | | Note In a GICv1 implementation that includes the Security Extensions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Whether this bit is implemented, and the bit name if implemented, is IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED. If not implemented the bit is reserved.When the bit is implemented, it is an alias of bit[0] of the Non-secure copy of the register. |
| [0] | EnableGrp0 | Global enable for forwarding pending Group 0 interrupts from the Distributor to the CPU interfaces: 0 Group 0 interrupts not forwarded. 1 Group 0 interrupts forwarded, subject to the priority rules. |
| | | When any of the Distributor global enable bits are set to 0, disabling the Distributor functions, other GIC register read and writes still operate normally. This means software can change the state of PPIs and SPIs before re-enabling the Distributor. For example, software can: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Make an interrupt pending by writing to the corresponding GICD_ISPENDRn.Remove the active state from an interrupt by writing to the corresponding GICC_EOIR or GICC_AEOIR. |
| | | Note Setting a Distributor global enable bit to 0 disables forwarding of interrupts to the CPU interfaces. In addition: <ul style="list-style-type: none">When forwarding of pending interrupts is disabled for Group 0 or Group 1 interrupts, it is IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED whether an edge-triggered interrupt signal sets an edge-triggered interrupt in a disabled group to the pending state.In GICv2, software can manage SGI pending state using the Interrupt Set-Pending Register, GICD_ISPENDRn and Interrupt Clear-Pending Register, GICD_ICPENDRn. However, in GICv1, the GIC clears the pending state of an SGI only when the SGI becomes active, and therefore software cannot clear the pending state of an SGI.In GICv2, software can manage the active state using the Interrupt Set-Active Registers, GICD_ISACTIVERn and the Interrupt Clear-Active Registers, GICD_ICACTIVERn. |
| | | If the forwarding of only one group of interrupts is disabled, and the highest priority pending interrupt is in the disabled group: <ul style="list-style-type: none">In GICv1, it is IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED whether the Distributor forwards any pending interrupts of Sufficient priority from the other group, to the CPU interfaces.In GICv2, the Distributor does not forward any interrupts, from either group, to the CPU interfaces. |
| | | When the GICD_CTLR.{EnableGrp1, EnableGrp0} settings mean the Distributor does not forward any pending interrupts to the CPU interfaces, a read of a GICC_IAR or GICC_AIAR register returns a spurious interrupt ID. |

GIC Distributor Control Register

GIC Distributor Interface Init

```
/* GIC Distributor Interface Init */

mrs  x4, mpidr_el1

and  x4, x4, #0xffff      /* CPU number */

_gic_dist_init:

ldr  x0, __gic_dist_base /* Dist GIC base */   
    /* non-0 cpus should at least */

    mov  x1, #0           /* program IGROUP0 */

    cmp  x4, xzr          /* program IGROUP0 */

    bne  1f

    mov  x1, #3           /* Enable group0 & group1 */

    str  w1, [x0, #0x00]   /* Ctrl Register */

    ldr  w1, [x0, #0x04]   /* Type Register */

1:   and  x1, x1, #0x1f   /* No. of IGROUPl registers */

    add  x2, x0, #0x080   /* IGROUPl Register */

    movn x3, #0           /* All interrupts to group-1 */

2:   str  w3, [x2], #4

    sub  x1, x1, #1

    bge  2b

...
_gic_dist_base:

.dword GIC_DIST_BASE
```

Interrupt Controller Type Register

4.3.2 Interrupt Controller Type Register, GICD_TYPER

The GICD_TYPER characteristics are:

Purpose

Provides information about the configuration of the GIC. It indicates:

- whether the GIC implements the Security Extensions
- the maximum number of interrupt IDs that the GIC supports
- the number of CPU interfaces implemented
- if the GIC implements the Security Extensions, the maximum number of implemented *Lockable Shared Peripheral Interrupts* (LSPIs).

Usage constraints

No usage constraints.

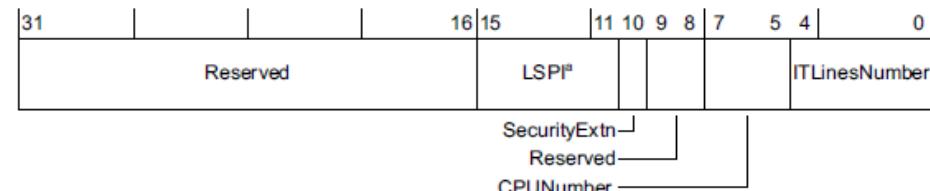
Configurations

This register is available in all configurations of the GIC. If the GIC implements the Security Extensions this register is Common.

Attributes

See the register summary in [Table 4-1 on page 4-75](#).

[Figure 4-3](#) shows the GICD_TYPER bit assignments.



a Implemented only if the GIC implements the Security Extensions, Reserved otherwise

[Figure 4-3 GICD_TYPER bit assignments](#)

[Table 4-6](#) shows the GICD_TYPER bit assignments.

[Table 4-6 GICD_TYPER bit assignments](#)

| Bits | Name | Function |
|---------|--------------|--|
| [31:16] | - | Reserved. |
| [15:11] | LSPI | If the GIC implements the Security Extensions, the value of this field is the maximum number of implemented lockable SPIs, from 0 (0b00000) to 31 (0b11111), see Configuration lockdown on page 4-82 . If this field is 0b00000 then the GIC does not implement configuration lockdown. If the GIC does not implement the Security Extensions, this field is reserved. |
| [10] | SecurityExtn | Indicates whether the GIC implements the Security Extensions. 0 Security Extensions not implemented. 1 Security Extensions implemented. |

GIC Distributor Interface Init

```
/* GIC Distributor Interface Init */

mrs  x4, mpidr_el1
and  x4, x4, #0xffff /* CPU number */

_gic_dist_init:
    ldr  x0, __gic_dist_base /* Dist GIC base */
    mov  x1, #0           /* non-0 cpus should at least */
    cmp  x4, xzr          /* program IGROUP0 */
    bne  1f
    mov  x1, #3           /* Enable group0 & group1 */
    str  w1, [x0, #0x00]   /* Ctrl Register */
    ldr  w1, [x0, #0x04]   /* Type Register */
1:   and  x1, x1, #0x1f  /* No. of IGROUPn registers */
    add  x2, x0, #0x080   /* IGROUP0 Register */
    movn x3, #0           /* All interrupts to group-1 */
2:   str  w3, [x2], #4
    sub  x1, x1, #1
    bge  2b
...
_gic_dist_base:
.dword GIC_DIST_BASE
```

Figure 4-3 shows the GICD_TYPER bit assignments.

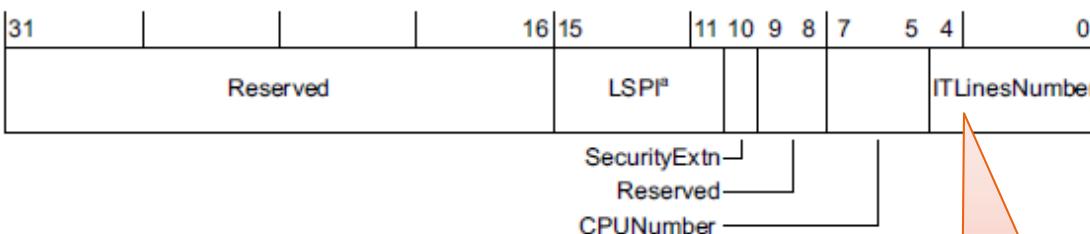


Figure 4-3 GICD_TYPER bit assignments

Table 4-6 GICD_TYPER bit assignments

Interrupt Controller Type Register

| Bits | Name | Function |
|-------|---------------|--|
| [9:8] | - | Reserved. |
| [7:5] | CPUNumber | Indicates the number of implemented CPU interfaces. The number of implemented CPU interfaces is one more than the value of this field, for example if this field is 0b011, there are four CPU interfaces. If the GIC implements the Virtualization Extensions, this is also the number of virtual CPU interfaces. |
| [4:0] | ITLinesNumber | Indicates the maximum number of interrupts that the GIC supports. If ITLinesNumber=N, the maximum number of interrupts is 32(N+1). The interrupt ID range is from 0 to (number of IDs – 1). For example: 0b00011 Up to 128 interrupt lines, interrupt IDs 0-127. The maximum number of interrupts is 1020 (0b11111). See the text in this section for more information. Regardless of the range of interrupt IDs defined by this field, interrupt IDs 1020-1023 are reserved for special purposes, see Special interrupt numbers on page 3-43 and Interrupt IDs on page 2-24. |

The ITLinesNumber field only indicates the maximum number of SPIs that the GIC might support. This value determines the number of implemented interrupt registers, that is, the number of instances of the following registers:

- [GICD_IGROUPRn](#)
- [GICD_ISENABLERn](#)
- [GICD_ICENABLERn](#)
- [GICD_ISPENDRn](#)
- [GICD_ICPENDRn](#)
- [GICD_ISACTIVERn](#)
- [GICD_IPRIORITYRn](#)
- [GICD_ITARGETSRn](#)
- [GICD_ICFGRn](#).

The GIC architecture does not require a GIC to support a continuous range of SPI interrupt IDs, and the supported SPI interrupt ID range is likely to be non-continuous. Software must check which SPI interrupt IDs are supported, up to the maximum value indicated by the ITLinesNumber field, see [Identifying the supported interrupts](#) on page 3-35.

GIC Distributor Interface Init

```
/* GIC Distributor Interface Init */

mrs  x4, mpidr_el1

and  x4, x4, #0xffff      /* CPU number */

_gic_dist_init:

    ldr  x0, __gic_dist_base /* Dist GIC base */

    mov  x1, #0              /* non-0 cpus should at least */

    cmp  x4, xzr             /* program IGROUP0 */

    bne  1f

    mov  x1, #3              /* Enable group0 & group1 */

    str  w1, [x0, #0x00]      /* Ctrl Register */

    ldr  w1, [x0, #0x04]      /* Type Register */

1:   and  x1, x1, #0x1f      /* No. of IGROUPn registers */

    add  x2, x0, #0x080      /* IGROUP0 Register */

    movn x3, #0               /* All interrupts to group-1 */

2:   str  w3, [x2], #4

    sub  x1, x1, #1

    bge  2b

...
_gic_dist_base:
    .dword GIC_DIST_BASE
```

4.3.4 Interrupt Group Registers, GICD_IGROUPRn

The GICD_IGROUPR characteristics are:

Purpose The GICD_IGROUPR registers provide a status bit for each interrupt supported by the GIC. Each bit controls whether the corresponding interrupt is in Group 0 or Group 1.

Usage constraints In implementations that include the GIC Security Extensions, accessible by Secure accesses only. The register addresses are RAZ/WI to Non-secure accesses.

A register bit corresponding to an unimplemented interrupt is RAZ/WI.

If the GIC implements configuration lockdown, the system can lockdown the group status bits for lockable SPIs that are configured as Group 0, see [Configuration lockdown on page 4-82](#).

Configurations In GICv1, only implemented if the GIC implements the Security Extensions. If a GICv1 implementation does not include the Security Extensions the GICD_IGROUPR addresses are RAZ/WI.

Note

Typically, when used with a processor that implements the ARM Security Extensions, Group 0 interrupts are Secure interrupts, and Group 1 interrupts are Non-secure interrupts, see [Security Extensions support on page 1-16](#) for more information.

In GICv2, these registers are always implemented.

The number of implemented GICD_IGROUPR registers is $(\text{GICD_TYPER.ITLinesNumber} + 1)$. The implemented GICD_IGROUPR registers number upwards from GICD_IGROUPR0. If the GIC implements the Security Extensions, these are Secure registers.

In a multiprocessor implementation, GICD_IGROUPR0 is banked for each connected processor. This register holds the group status bits for interrupts 0-31.

See the register summary in [Table 4-1 on page 4-75](#), and [GICD_IGROUPR0 reset value on page 4-92](#).

[Fig. 4-5](#) shows the GICD_IGROUPR bit assignments.

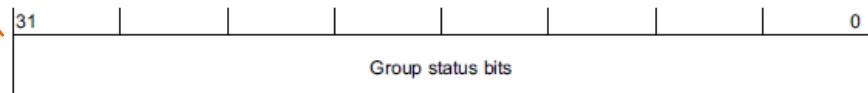


Figure 4-5 GICD_IGROUPR bit assignments

[Table 4-8](#) shows the GICD_IGROUPR bit assignments.

Table 4-8 GICD_IGROUPR bit assignments

| Bits | Name | Function |
|--------|-------------------|---|
| [31:0] | Group status bits | For each bit: |
| 0 | | The corresponding interrupt is Group 0. |
| 1 | | The corresponding interrupt is Group 1. |

GIC Distributor Interface Init

```
/* GIC Distributor Interface Init */

mrs  x4, mpidr_el1

and  x4, x4, #0xffff      /* CPU number */

_gic_dist_init:

    ldr  x0, __gic_dist_base /* Dist GIC base */

    mov  x1, #0              /* non-0 cpus should at least */

    cmp  x4, xzr            /* program IGROUP0 */

    bne  1f

    mov  x1, #3              /* Enable group0 & group1 */

    str  w1, [x0, #0x00]      /* Ctrl Register */

    ldr  w1, [x0, #0x04]      /* Type Register */

1:   and  x1, x1, #0x1f      /* No. of IGROUPn registers */

    add  x2, x0, #0x080      /* IGROUP0 Register */

    movn x3, #0              /* All interrupts to group-1 */

2:   str  w3, [x2], #4

    subs x1, x1, #1

    bge  2b

...

__gic_dist_base:

.dword GIC_DIST_BASE
```

Note

On start-up or reset, each interrupt with ID32 or higher resets as Group 0 and therefore all SPIs are Group 0 unless the system reprograms the appropriate GICD_IGROUPR bit. See [GICD_IGROUPR0 reset value](#) for information about the reset configuration of interrupts with IDs 0-31.

For interrupt ID m , when DIV and MOD are the integer division and modulo operations:

- the corresponding GICD_IGROUPR n number, n , is given by $n = m \text{ DIV } 32$
- the offset of the required GICD_IGROUPR is $(0x080 + (4*n))$
- the bit number of the required group status bit in this register is $m \text{ MOD } 32$

GICD_IGROUPR0 reset value

Typically, the reset value of all GICD_IGROUPR registers is zero, so that all interrupts are Group 0 unless reprogrammed as Group 1 by Secure accesses to the appropriate GICD_IGROUPR registers.

For GICv2 implementations that do not include the Security Extensions, the GICD_IGROUPR n reset values are **IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED**.

A multiprocessor implementation that supports the Security Extensions might include one or more *Non-secure processors*, meaning processors that cannot make Secure accesses to the GIC. In this situation only, a GIC can implement a Secure **IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED** mechanism that resets to 1 the GICD_IGROUPR0 bits for the peripheral interrupts and SGIs of any Non-secure processor. This mechanism must apply only to:

- a banked GICD_IGROUPR0 that corresponds to a Non-secure processor
- bits in that banked GICD_IGROUPR0 that correspond to implemented interrupts.

Interrupt Group Register

GIC Secured CPU Interface Init

__gic_cpu_init:

```
/* GIC Secured CPU Interface Init */

ldr x0, __gic_cpu_base /* GIC CPU base */

mov x1, #0x80

str w1, [x0, #0x4]      /* GIC CPU Priority Mask */

mov x1, #0x3            /* Enable group0 & group1 */

str w1, [x0]             /* GIC CPU Control */

...

__gic_cpu_base:

.dword GIC_CPU_BASE
```

GIC
CPU interface
register map

4.1.3 CPU interface register map

Table 4-2 shows the CPU interface register map. Address offsets are relative to the *CPU interface base address* defined by the system memory map. All GIC registers are 32-bits wide. Reserved register addresses are RAZ/WI.

For a multiprocessor implementation, the GIC implements a set of CPU interface registers for each CPU interface. ARM strongly recommends that each processor has the same CPU interface base address for the CPU interface that connects it to the GIC. This is the private CPU interface base address for that processor. It is IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED whether a processor can access the CPU interface registers of other processors in the system.

Note

For more information about:

- the registers added by the GIC Virtualization Extensions, see [Chapter 5 GIC Support for Virtualization](#)
- legacy register names, see [Appendix B Register Names](#).

Table 4-2 CPU interface register map

| Offset | Name | Type | Reset | Description |
|---------------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|---|
| 0x0000 | GICC_CTLR | RW | 0x00000000 | CPU Interface Control Register |
| 0x0004 | GICC_PMR | RW | 0x00000000 | Interrupt Priority Mask Register |
| 0x0008 | GICC_BPR | RW | 0x00000000x ^a | Binary Point Register |
| 0x000C | GICC_IAR | RO | 0x0000003FF | Interrupt Acknowledge Register |
| 0x0010 | GICC_EOIR | WO | - | End of Interrupt Register |
| 0x0014 | GICC_RPR | RO | 0x000000FF | Running Priority Register |
| 0x0018 | GICC_HPPIR | RO | 0x0000003FF | Highest Priority Pending Interrupt Register |
| 0x001C | GICC_ABPR ^b | RW | 0x00000000x ^a | Aliased Binary Point Register |
| 0x0020 | GICC_AIAR ^c | RO | 0x0000003FF | Aliased Interrupt Acknowledge Register |
| 0x0024 | GICC_AEOIR ^c | WO | - | Aliased End of Interrupt Register |
| 0x0028 | GICC_AHPPIR ^c | RO | 0x0000003FF | Aliased Highest Priority Pending Interrupt Register |
| 0x002C-0x003C | - | - | - | Reserved |
| 0x0040-0x00CF | - | - | - | IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED registers |
| 0x00D0-0x00DC | GICC_APRe ^c | RW | 0x00000000 | Active Priorities Registers |
| 0x00E0-0x00EC | GICC_NSAPRe ^c | RW | 0x00000000 | Non-secure Active Priorities Registers |
| 0x00ED-0x00F8 | - | - | - | Reserved |
| 0x00FC | GICC_IIDR | RO | IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED | CPU Interface Identification Register |
| 0x1000 | GICC_DIR ^c | WO | - | Deactivate Interrupt Register |

a. See the register description for more information.

b. Present in GICv1 if the GIC implements the GIC Security Extensions. Always present in GICv2.

c. GICv2 only.

GIC Secured CPU Interface Init

```
__gic_cpu_init:  
    /* GIC Secured CPU Interface Init */  
  
    ldr    x0, __gic_cpu_base /* GIC CPU base */  
  
    mov    x1, #0x80  
  
    str    w1, [x0, #0x4]      /* GIC CPU Priority Mask */  
  
    mov    x1, #0x3            /* Enable group0 & group1 */  
  
    str    w1, [x0]             /* GIC CPU Control */  
  
    ...  
  
__gic_cpu_base:  
    .dword GIC_CPU_BASE
```

**GIC
CPU Interface
Control Register**

4.4.1 CPU Interface Control Register, GICC_CTLR

The GICC_CTLR characteristics are:

Purpose Enables the signaling of interrupts by the CPU interface to the connected processor, and provides additional top-level control of the CPU interface. In a GICv2 implementation, this includes control of the *end of interrupt* (EOI) behavior.

— Note —

In a GICv2 implementation that includes the GIC Security Extensions, independent EOI controls are provided for:

- Accesses from Secure state. This control applies to the handling of both Group 0 and Group 1 interrupts.
- Accesses from Non-secure state. This control only applies to the handling of Group 1 interrupts.

The EOI controls affect the behavior of accesses to [GICC_EOIR](#) and [GICC_DIR](#). See the register descriptions for more information.

Usage constraints

If the GIC implements the Security Extensions with support for configuration lockdown, the system can prevent write access to certain register fields in the Secure GICC_CTLR, see [Configuration lockdown on page 4-82](#).

Configurations

If the implementation supports interrupt grouping, this register provides independent control of Group 0 and Group 1 interrupts.

If the GIC implements the Security Extensions:

- this register is banked to provide Secure and Non-secure copies, see [Register banking on page 4-77](#)
- the register bit assignments are different in the Secure and Non-secure copies of the register, and:
 - the Secure copy of the register can control both Group 0 and Group 1 interrupts
 - the Non-secure copy of the register can control only Group 1 interrupts.

Attributes

See the register summary in [Table 4-2 on page 4-76](#).

[Figure 4-22 on page 4-126](#) and [Table 4-29 on page 4-126](#) shows the GICC_CTLR bit assignments for a GICv1 implementation, for

- an implementation that does not include the Security Extensions
- the Non-secure copy of the register, in an implementation that includes the Security Extensions.

GIC Secured CPU Interface Init

__gic_cpu_init:

```
/* GIC Secured CPU Interface Init */

ldr x0, __gic_cpu_base /* GIC CPU base */

mov x1, #0x80

str w1, [x0, #0x4]      /* GIC CPU Priority Mask */

mov x1, #0x3            /* Enable group0 & group1 */

str w1, [x0]             /* GIC CPU Control */

...
```

__gic_cpu_base:

```
.dword GIC_CPU_BASE
```

GIC
CPU Interface
Control Register

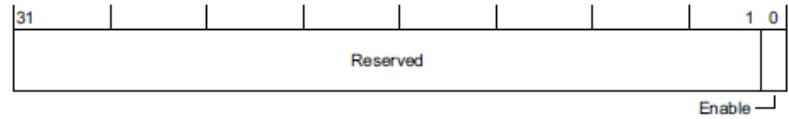


Table 4-29 GICC_CTLR bit assignments, GIC1 without Security Extensions or Non-secure

| Bits | Name | Function |
|--------|--------|--|
| [31:1] | - | Reserved |
| [0] | Enable | Enable for the signaling of Group 1 interrupts by the CPU interface to the connected processor. 0 Disable signaling of interrupts 1 Enable signaling of interrupts. |
| | Note | <ul style="list-style-type: none">When this bit is cleared to 0, the CPU interface ignores any pending interrupt forwarded to it. When this bit is set to 1, the CPU interface starts to process pending interrupts that are forwarded to it. There is a small but finite time required for a change to take effect.On a GICv1 implementation that does not include the Security Extensions, this bit controls the signaling of all interrupts by the CPU interface to the connected processor. |

See [Enabling and disabling the Distributor and CPU interfaces](#) on page 4-77 for more information about this bit.

Figure 4-23 and Table 4-30 show the GICC_CTLR bit assignments for the Non-secure copy of the register in a GICv2 implementation that includes the Security Extensions,

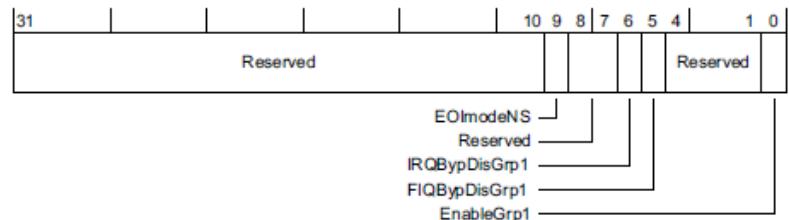


Table 4-30 GICC_CTLR bit assignments, GIC2 with Security Extensions, Non-secure copy

| Bits | Name | Function |
|---------|-----------|---|
| [31:10] | - | Reserved |
| [9] | EOImodeNS | Controls the behavior of Non-secure accesses to the GICC_EOIR and GICC_DIR registers: 0 GICC_EOIR has both priority drop and deactivate interrupt functionality. Accesses to the GICC_DIR are UNPREDICTABLE. 1 GICC_EOIR has priority drop functionality only. The GICC_DIR register has deactivate interrupt functionality. See Behavior of writes to GICC_EOIR, GICv2 on page 4-140 for more information. |
| [8:7] | - | Reserved. |

GIC Secured CPU Interface Init

__gic_cpu_init:

```
/* GIC Secured CPU Interface Init */

ldr  x0, __gic_cpu_base /* GIC CPU base */

mov  x1, #0x80

str  w1, [x0, #0x4]      /* GIC CPU Priority Mask */

mov  x1, #0x3            /* Enable group0 & group1 */

str  w1, [x0]             /* GIC CPU Control */

...
```

__gic_cpu_base:

```
.dword GIC_CPU_BASE
```

GIC
CPU Interface
Control Register

Table 4-30 GICC_CTLR bit assignments, GIC2 with Security Extensions, Non-secure copy (continued)

| Bits | Name | Function |
|-------|---------------|--|
| [6] | IRQBypDisGrp1 | When the signaling of IRQs by the CPU interface is disabled, this bit partly controls whether the bypass IRQ signal is signaled to the processor: 0 Bypass IRQ signal is signaled to the processor 1 Bypass IRQ signal is not signaled to the processor. See Interrupt signal bypass, and GICv2 bypass disable on page 2-27 for more information. |
| [5] | FIQBypDisGrp1 | When the signaling of FIQs by the CPU interface is disabled, this bit partly controls whether the bypass FIQ signal is signaled to the processor: 0 Bypass FIQ signal is signaled to the processor 1 Bypass FIQ signal is not signaled to the processor. See Interrupt signal bypass, and GICv2 bypass disable on page 2-27 for more information. |
| [4:1] | - | Reserved |
| [0] | EnableGrp1 | Enable for the signaling of Group 1 interrupts by the CPU interface to the connected processor. 0 Disable signaling of interrupts 1 Enable signaling of interrupts. Note When this bit is set to 0, the CPU interface ignores any pending Group 1 interrupt forwarded to it. When this bit is set to 1, the CPU interface starts to process pending Group 1 interrupts that are forwarded to it. There is a small but finite time required for a change to take effect. See Enabling and disabling the Distributor and CPU interfaces on page 4-77 for more information about this bit. |

Figure 4-24 on page 4-128 and Table 4-31 on page 4-128 show the GICC_CTLR bit assignments for:

- a GICv2 implementation, for:
 - an implementation that does not include the Security Extensions
 - the Secure copy of the register, in an implementation that includes the Security Extensions
- a GICv1 implementation that includes the Security Extensions, for the Secure copy of the register.

GIC Secured CPU Interface Init

__gic_cpu_init:

```
/* GIC Secured CPU Interface Init */

ldr  x0, __gic_cpu_base /* GIC CPU base */

mov  x1, #0x80

str  w1, [x0, #0x4]      /* GIC CPU Priority Mask */

mov  x1, #0x3            /* Enable group0 & group1 */

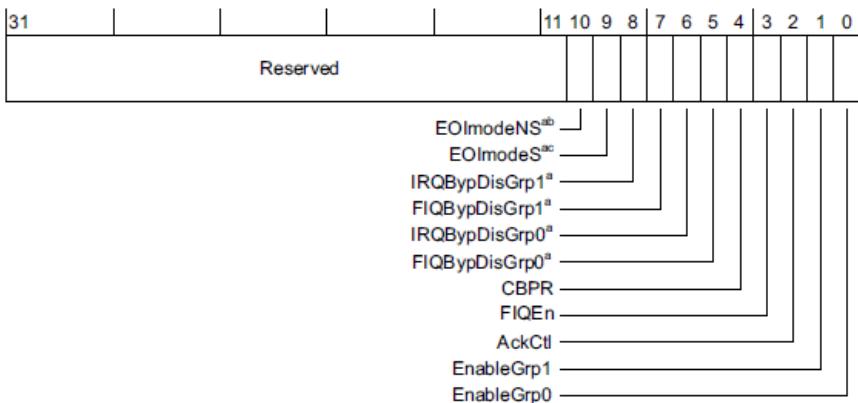
str  w1, [x0]             /* GIC CPU Control */

...
```

__gic_cpu_base:

```
.dword GIC_CPU_BASE
```

GIC
CPU Interface
Control Register



a GICv2 only

b When the GIC implementation includes the Security Extensions

c EOImode in a GIC implementation that does not include the Security Extensions

Figure 4-24 GICC_CTLR bit assignments, GICv2 without Security Extensions or Secure

Table 4-31 GICC_CTLR bit assignments, GICv2 without Security Extensions or Secure

| Bit | Name | Function |
|-------|----------------------------|--|
| 31:11 | - | Reserved. |
| 10 | EOImodeNS ^b | Alias of EOImodeNS from the Non-secure copy of this register, see Table 4-30 on page 4-126 . In a GICv2 implementation that does not include the Security Extensions, and in a GICv1 implementation, this bit is reserved. |
| 9 | EOImodeS ^a | Controls the behavior of accesses to GICC_EOIR and GICC_DIR registers. In a GIC implementation that includes the Security Extensions, this control applies only to Secure accesses, and the EOImodeNS bit controls the behavior of Non-secure accesses to these registers: 0 GICC_EOIR has both priority drop and deactivate interrupt functionality. Accesses to the GICC_DIR are UNPREDICTABLE. 1 GICC_EOIR has priority drop functionality only. GICC_DIR has deactivate interrupt functionality. See Behavior of writes to GICC_EOIR, GICv2 on page 4-140 for more information. |
| 8 | IRQBypDisGrp1 ^a | Alias of IRQBypDisGrp1 from the Non-secure copy of this register, see Table 4-30 on page 4-126 . In a GICv1 implementation, this bit is reserved. |
| 7 | FIQBypDisGrp1 ^a | Alias of FIQBypDisGrp1 from the Non-secure copy of this register, see Table 4-30 on page 4-126 . In a GICv1 implementation, this bit is reserved. |

GIC Secured CPU Interface Init

__gic_cpu_init:

```
/* GIC Secured CPU Interface Init */

ldr  x0, __gic_cpu_base /* GIC CPU base */

mov  x1, #0x80

str  w1, [x0, #0x4]      /* GIC CPU Priority Mask */

mov  x1, #0x3            /* Enable group0 & group1 */

str  w1, [x0]             /* GIC CPU Control */

...
...  
__gic_cpu_base:  
.dword GIC_CPU_BASE
```

**GIC
CPU Interface
Control Register**

Table 4-31 GICC_CTLR bit assignments, GICv2 without Security Extensions or Secure (continued)

| Bit | Name | Function |
|-----|----------------------------|---|
| [6] | IRQBypDisGrp0 ^a | When the signaling of IRQs by the CPU interface is disabled, this bit partly controls whether the bypass IRQ signal is signaled to the processor: 0 Bypass IRQ signal is signaled to the processor 1 Bypass IRQ signal is not signaled to the processor. See Interrupt signal bypass, and GICv2 bypass disable on page 2-27 and Power management, GIC v2 on page 2-31 for more information. In a GICv1 implementation, this bit is reserved. |
| [5] | FIQBypDisGrp0 ^a | When the signaling of FIQs by the CPU interface is disabled, this bit partly controls whether the bypass FIQ signal is signaled to the processor: 0 Bypass FIQ signal is signaled to the processor 1 Bypass FIQ signal is not signaled to the processor. See Interrupt signal bypass, and GICv2 bypass disable on page 2-27 and Power management, GIC v2 on page 2-31 for more information. In a GICv1 implementation, this bit is reserved. |
| [4] | CBPR ^c | Controls whether the GICC_BPR provides common control to Group 0 and Group 1 interrupts. 0 To determine any preemption, use: <ul style="list-style-type: none">the GICC_BPR for Group 0 interruptsthe GICC_ABPR for Group 1 interrupts. 1 To determine any preemption use the GICC_BPR for both Group 0 and Group 1 interrupts. See The effect of interrupt grouping on priority grouping on page 3-57 for more information about how GICC_CTLR.CBPR affects accesses to GICC_BPR and GICC_ABPR . |
| [3] | FIQEn | Controls whether the CPU interface signals Group 0 interrupts to a target processor using the FIQ or the IRQ signal. 0 Signal Group 0 interrupts using the IRQ signal. 1 Signal Group 0 interrupts using the FIQ signal. The GIC always signals Group 1 interrupts using the IRQ signal. |

— Note —

If using software written for a system that includes an implementation of GICv1 without the Security Extensions, all interrupts are signaled by the IRQ signal. In such systems, ensure that this bit is 0. This is the default value. See [Example GIC usage models](#) on page 3-68 for more information.

GIC Secured CPU Interface Init

```
__gic_cpu_init:
    /* GIC Secured CPU Interface Init */

    ldr    x0, __gic_cpu_base /* GIC CPU base */
```

```
    mov    x1, #0x80
    str    w1, [x0, #0x4]      /* GIC CPU Priority Mask */
    mov    x1, #0x3            /* Enable group0 & group1 */
    str    w1, [x0]             /* GIC CPU Control */
    ...
...
```

```
__gic_cpu_base:
```

```
    .dword GIC_CPU_BASE
```

**GIC
CPU Interface
Control Register**

Table 4-31 GICC_CTLR bit assignments, GICv2 without Security Extensions or Secure (continued)

| Bit | Name | Function |
|---|----------------------------|---|
| [2] | AckCtl | When the highest priority pending interrupt is a Group 1 interrupt, determines both: <ul style="list-style-type: none">whether a read of GICC_IAR acknowledges the interrupt, or returns a spurious interrupt IDwhether a read of GICC_HPPIR returns the ID of the highest priority pending interrupt, or returns a spurious interrupt ID. |
| 0 | | If the highest priority pending interrupt is a Group 1 interrupt, a read of the GICC_IAR or the GICC_HPPIR returns an Interrupt ID of 1022. A read of the GICC_IAR does not acknowledge the interrupt, and has no effect on the pending status of the interrupt. |
| 1 | | If the highest priority pending interrupt is a Group 1 interrupt, a read of the GICC_IAR or the GICC_HPPIR returns the Interrupt ID of the Group 1 interrupt. A read of GICC_IAR acknowledges and Activates the interrupt. |
| | | In a GIC implementation that includes the Security Extensions, this control affects only the behavior of Secure register accesses. For more information, see: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The effect of interrupt grouping on interrupt acknowledgement on page 3-50Interrupt grouping and interrupt prioritization on page 3-53Behavior of writes to GICC_EOIR, GICv1 with Security Extensions on page 4-139Effect of interrupt grouping and the Security Extensions on reads of the GICC_HPPIR on page 4-143. |
| Note | | |
| ARM deprecates use of GICC_CTLR.AckCtl, and strongly recommends using a software model where GICC_CTLR.AckCtl is set to 0. See Enabling and disabling the Distributor and CPU interfaces on page 4-77 for more information about the effects of setting this bit. | | |
| [1] | EnableGrp1 ^{d, e} | Enable for the signaling of Group 1 interrupts by the CPU interface to the connected processor: <ul style="list-style-type: none">0 Disable signaling of Group 1 interrupts.1 Enable signaling of Group 1 interrupts. |
| [0] | EnableGrp0 ^{e, f} | Enable for the signaling of Group 0 interrupts by the CPU interface to the connected processor: <ul style="list-style-type: none">0 Disable signaling of Group 0 interrupts.1 Enable signaling of Group 0 interrupts. |
| <p>a. GICv2 only, see Power management, GIC v2 on page 2-31 for more information.</p> <p>b. When the GIC implements the Security Extensions.</p> <p>c. SBPR in GICv1.</p> <p>d. EnableNS in GICv1.</p> <p>e. There is a small but finite time required for a change in the value of this register to take effect.</p> <p>f. EnableS in GICv1.</p> | | |
| For more information about the optional support for interrupt signal bypass, including the GICv2 disable controls of this functionality, see Interrupt signal bypass, and GICv2 bypass disable on page 2-27. | | |

GIC Secured CPU Interface Init

__gic_cpu_init:

```
/* GIC Secured CPU Interface Init */

ldr  x0, __gic_cpu_base /* GIC CPU base */

mov  x1, #0x80

str  w1, [x0, #0x4]      /* GIC CPU Priority Mask */

mov  x1, #0x3            /* Enable group0 & group1 */

str  w1, [x0]             /* GIC CPU Control */

...

__gic_cpu_base:

.dword GIC_CPU_BASE
```

GIC
Interrupt Priority
Mask Register

4.4.2 Interrupt Priority Mask Register, GICC_PMR

The GICC_PMR characteristics are:

Purpose Provides an interrupt priority filter. Only interrupts with higher priority than the value in this register are signaled to the processor.

— Note —

Higher priority corresponds to a lower Priority field value.

Usage constraints

If the GIC implements the Security Extensions then:

- a Non-secure access to this register can only read or write a value that corresponds to the lower half of the priority range, see [Interrupt grouping and interrupt prioritization on page 3-53](#).
- if a Secure write has programmed the GICC_PMR with a value that corresponds to a value in the upper half of the priority range then:
 - any Non-secure read of the GICC_PMR returns 0x00, regardless of the value held in the register
 - any Non-secure write to the GICC_PMR is ignored.

For more information see [Non-secure access to register fields for Group 0 interrupt priorities on page 4-81](#).

When determining interrupt preemption, the priority value can be split into two parts, using the Binary Point register, [GICC_BPR](#).

Configurations

This register is available in all configurations of the GIC. If the GIC implements the Security Extensions, this register is Common.

Attributes

See the register summary in [Table 4-2 on page 4-76](#).

Figure 4-25 shows the GICC_PMR bit assignments.



Figure 4-25 GICC_PMR bit assignments

Table 4-32 shows the GICC_PMR Register bit assignments.

Table 4-32 GICC_PMR Register bit assignments

| Bits | Name | Function |
|--------|----------|--|
| [31:8] | - | Reserved. |
| [7:0] | Priority | <p>The priority mask level for the CPU interface. If the priority of an interrupt is higher than the value indicated by this field, the interface signals the interrupt to the processor.</p> <p>If the GIC supports fewer than 256 priority levels then some bits are RAZ/WI, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">128 supported levels Bit [0] = 0.64 supported levels Bit [1:0] = 0b00.32 supported levels Bit [2:0] = 0b000.16 supported levels Bit [3:0] = 0b0000. <p>For more information see Interrupt prioritization on page 3-44.</p> |

GIC Secured CPU Interface Init

```
__gic_cpu_init:  
    /* GIC Secured CPU Interface Init */  
  
    ldr    x0, __gic_cpu_base /* GIC CPU base */  
  
    mov    x1, #0x80  
  
    str    w1, [x0, #0x4]      /* GIC CPU Priority Mask */  
  
    mov    x1, #0x3            /* Enable group0 & group1 */  
  
    str    w1, [x0]            /* GIC CPU Control */  
  
    ...  
  
__gic_cpu_base:  
    .dword GIC_CPU_BASE
```

**GIC
Interrupt Priority
Mask Register**

The following pseudocode shows the effects of the GIC Security Extensions on accesses to this register:

```
// MaskRegRead()  
// -----  
  
bits(8) MaskRegRead()  
  
    read_value - GICC_PMR<7:0>;  
    if NS_access then  
        if read_value<7> == '0' then  
            read_value - '00000000';  
        else  
            read_value - LSL((read_value AND P_MASK), 1);  
    return(read_value);  
  
// MaskRegWrite()  
// -----  
  
MaskRegWrite(bits(8) value)  
  
    if NS_access then  
        mod_write_val - ('10000000' OR LSR(value,1)) AND P_MASK;  
        if GICC_PMR<7> == '1' then  
            GICC_PMR[cpu_id]<7:0> - mod_write_val;  
        else  
            IgnoreWriteRequest();  
    else  
        GICC_PMR<7:0> - value AND P_MASK;
```

Clear EL2 control register

```
/* Clear EL2 control register */  
  
msr    sctlr_el2, xzr
```

D7.2.81 SCTLR_EL2, System Control Register (EL2)

The SCTLR_EL2 characteristics are:

Purpose

Provides top level control of the system, including its memory system, at EL2.

This register is part of:

- the Virtualization registers functional group
- the Other system control registers functional group.

Usage constraints

This register is accessible as shown below:

| EL0 | EL1 (NS) | EL1 (S) | EL2 | EL3 (SCR.NS=1) | EL3 (SCR.NS=0) |
|-----|----------|---------|-----|----------------|----------------|
| - | - | - | RW | RW | RW |

Configurations

SCTLR_EL2 is architecturally mapped to AArch32 register [HSCTLR](#).

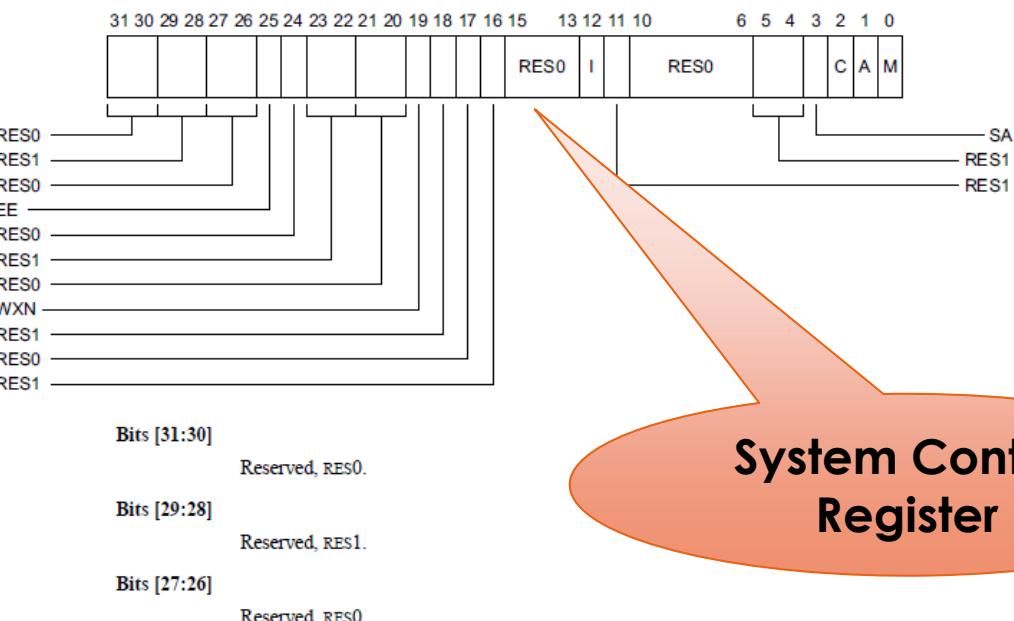
If EL2 is not implemented, this register is RES0 from EL3.

Attributes

SCTLR_EL2 is a 32-bit register.

Field descriptions

The SCTLR_EL2 bit assignments are:



Clear EL2 control register

```
/* Clear EL2 control register */  
msr    sctlr_el2, xzr
```

EE, bit [25]

Exception Endianness. This bit controls the endianness for:

- Explicit data accesses at EL2.
- Stage 1 translation table walks at EL2.
- Stage 2 translation table walks at EL1 and EL0.

The possible values of this bit are:

- 0 Little-endian.
- 1 Big-endian.

If an implementation does not provide Big-endian support, this bit is RES0. If it does not provide Little-endian support, this bit is RES1.

The EE bit is permitted to be cached in a TLB.

If this register is at the highest exception level implemented, field resets to an IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED value. Otherwise, its reset value is UNKNOWN.

Bit [24]

Reserved, RES0.

Bits [23:22]

Reserved, RES1.

Bits [21:20]

Reserved, RES0.

WXN, bit [19]

Write permission implies XN (Execute Never). This bit can be used to require all memory regions with write permission to be treated as XN. The possible values of this bit are:

- 0 Regions with write permission are not forced to XN.
- 1 Regions with write permission are forced to XN.

The WXN bit is permitted to be cached in a TLB.

Reset value is architecturally UNKNOWN.

Bit [18]

Reserved, RES1.

Bit [17]

Reserved, RES0.

Bit [16]

Reserved, RES1.

Bits [15:13]

Reserved, RES0.

I, bit [12]

Instruction cache enable. This is an enable bit for instruction caches at EL2:

- 0 Instruction caches disabled at EL2. If SCLTR_EL2.M is set to 0, instruction accesses from stage 1 of the EL2 translation regime are to Normal memory, Outer Shareable, Inner Non-cacheable, Outer Non-cacheable.
- 1 Instruction caches enabled at EL2. If SCLTR_EL2.M is set to 0, instruction accesses from stage 1 of the EL2 translation regime are to Normal memory, Outer Shareable, Inner Write-Through, Outer Write-Through.



System Control Register

Clear EL2 control register

```
/* Clear EL2 control register */  
msr    sctlr_el2, xzr
```

Accessing the SCTLR_EL2

To access the SCTLR_EL2:

MRS <Xt>, SCTLR_EL2 ; Read SCTLR_EL2 into Xt
MSR SCTLR_EL2, <Xt> ; Write Xt to SCTLR_EL2

Register access is encoded as follows:

| op0 | op1 | CRn | CRm | op2 |
|-----|-----|------|------|-----|
| 11 | 100 | 0001 | 0000 | 000 |

System Control
Register

When this bit is 0, all EL2 Normal memory instruction accesses are Non-cacheable. This bit has no effect on the EL1&0 or EL3 translation regimes.

If this register is at the highest exception level implemented, field resets to 0. Otherwise, its reset value is UNKNOWN.

Bit [11]

Reserved, RES1.

Bits [10:6]

Reserved, RES0.

Bits [5:4]

Reserved, RES1.

SA, bit [3]

Stack Alignment Check Enable. When set, use of the stack pointer as the base address in a load/store instruction at this register's exception level must be aligned to a 16-byte boundary, or a Stack Alignment Fault exception will be raised.

Reset value is architecturally UNKNOWN.

C, bit [2]

Cache enable. This is an enable bit for data and unified caches at EL2:

- 0 Data and unified caches disabled at EL2.
- 1 Data and unified caches enabled at EL2.

When this bit is 0, all EL2 Normal memory data accesses and all accesses to the EL2 translation tables are Non-cacheable. This bit has no effect on the EL1&0 or EL3 translation regimes.

If this register is at the highest exception level implemented, field resets to 0. Otherwise, its reset value is UNKNOWN.

A, bit [1]

Alignment check enable. This is the enable bit for Alignment fault checking:

- 0 Alignment fault checking disabled.
Instructions that load or store one or more registers, other than load/store exclusive and load-acquire/store-release, do not check that the address being accessed is aligned to the size of the data element(s) being accessed.
- 1 Alignment fault checking enabled.
All instructions that load or store one or more registers have an alignment check that the address being accessed is aligned to the size of the data element(s) being accessed. If this check fails it causes an Alignment fault, which is taken as a Data Abort exception.

Load/store exclusive and load-acquire/store-release instructions have an alignment check regardless of the value of the A bit.

Reset value is architecturally UNKNOWN.

M, bit [0]

MMU enable for EL2 stage 1 address translation. Possible values of this bit are:

- 0 EL2 stage 1 address translation disabled.
- 1 EL2 stage 1 address translation enabled.

If this register is at the highest exception level implemented, field resets to 0. Otherwise, its reset value is UNKNOWN.

Switch to EL2 from EL3

```
/* Prepare the switch to EL2 mode from EL3 mode */

ldr x0, __start_el2      /* Return after mode switch */

mov x1, #0x3c9           /* EL2_SP1 | D | A | I | F */

msr elr_el3, x0

msr spsr_el3, x1

eret

...

__start_el2:

.dword __start_el2
```

Exception Link
Register

C5.3.7 ELR_EL3, Exception Link Register (EL3)

The ELR_EL3 characteristics are:

Purpose

When taking an exception to EL3, holds the address to return to.
This register is part of the Special purpose registers functional group.

Usage constraints

This register is accessible as shown below:

| EL0 | EL1 (NS) | EL1 (S) | EL2 | EL3 (SCR.NS=1) | EL3 (SCR.NS=0) |
|-----|----------|---------|-----|----------------|----------------|
| - | - | - | - | RW | RW |

Configurations

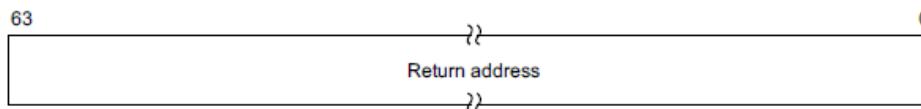
There are no configuration notes.

Attributes

ELR_EL3 is a 64-bit register.

Field descriptions

The ELR_EL3 bit assignments are:



Bits [63:0]

Return address.

Accessing the ELR_EL3

To access the ELR_EL3:

MRS <Xt>, ELR_EL3 ; Read ELR_EL3 into Xt
MSR ELR_EL3, <Xt> ; Write Xt to ELR_EL3

Register access is encoded as follows:

| op0 | op1 | CRn | CRm | op2 |
|-----|-----|------|------|-----|
| 11 | 110 | 0100 | 0000 | 001 |

Switch to EL2 from EL3

```
/* Prepare the switch to EL2 mode from EL3 mode */

ldr    x0, __start_el2          /* Return after mode switch */

mov    x1, #0x3c9              /* EL2_SP1 | D | A | I | F */

msr    elr_el3, x0

msr    spsr_el3, x1

eregt

...

__start_el2:

.dword start_el2
```

Saved Program Status Register

C5.3.19 SPSR_EL3, Saved Program Status Register (EL3)

The SPSR_EL3 characteristics are:

Purpose

Holds the saved processor state when an exception is taken to EL3.
This register is part of the Special purpose registers functional group.

Usage constraints

This register is accessible as shown below:

| EL0 | EL1 (NS) | EL1 (S) | EL2 | EL3 (SCR.NS=1) | EL3 (SCR.NS=0) |
|-----|----------|---------|-----|----------------|----------------|
| - | - | - | - | RW | RW |

Configurations

SPSR_EL3 can be mapped to AArch32 register [SPSR_mon](#), but this is not architecturally mandated.

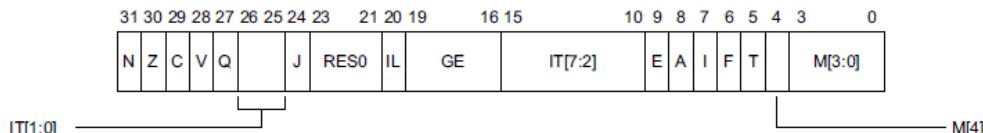
Attributes

SPSR EL3 is a 32-bit register.

Field descriptions

The SPSR_EI_3 bit assignments are:

When exception taken from AArch32:



N, bit [31]

Set to the value of CPSR.N on taking an exception to Monitor mode, and copied to CPSR.N on executing an exception return operation in Monitor mode.

Z₂ bit [30]

Set to the value of [CPSR.Z](#) on taking an exception to Monitor mode, and copied to [CPSR.Z](#) on executing an exception return operation in Monitor mode.

C. bit [29]

Set to the value of CPSR.C on taking an exception to Monitor mode, and copied to CPSR.C on executing an exception return operation in Monitor mode.

V. bit [28]

Set to the value of CPSR.V on taking an exception to Monitor mode, and copied to CPSR.V on executing an exception return operation in Monitor mode.

Q-bit [27]

Cumulative saturation bit. Set to 1 to indicate that overflow or saturation occurred in some instructions.

Switch to EL2 from EL3

```
/* Prepare the switch to EL2 mode from EL3 mode */

ldr x0, __start_el2      /* Return after mode switch */

mov x1, #0x3c9           /* EL2_SP1 | D | A | I | F */

msr elr_el3, x0

msr spsr_el3, x1

eret

...

__start_el2:

.dword _start_el2
```

Saved Program Status Register

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| IT[1:0], bits [26:25] | If-Then Execution State bits for the T32 IT (If-Then) instruction. See IT[7:2] for explanation of this field. |
| J, bit [24] | RES0. In previous versions of the architecture, the {J, T} bits determined the AArch32 Instruction set state. ARMv8 does not support either Jazelle state or T32EE state, and the T bit determines the Instruction set state. |
| Bits [23:21] | Reserved, RES0. |
| IL, bit [20] | Illegal Execution State bit. Shows the value of PSTATE.IL immediately before the exception was taken. |
| GE, bits [19:16] | Greater than or Equal flags, for parallel addition and subtraction. |
| IT[7:2], bits [15:10] | If-Then Execution State bits for the T32 IT (If-Then) instruction. This field must be interpreted in two parts. <ul style="list-style-type: none">IT[7:5] holds the base condition for the IT block. The base condition is the top 3 bits of the condition code specified by the first condition field of the IT instruction.IT[4:0] encodes the size of the IT block, which is the number of instructions that are to be conditionally executed, by the position of the least significant 1 in this field. It also encodes the value of the least significant bit of the condition code for each instruction in the block. The IT field is 0b00000000 when no IT block is active. |
| E, bit [9] | Endianness Execution State bit. Controls the load and store endianness for data accesses: 0 Little-endian operation 1 Big-endian operation. Instruction fetches ignore this bit. When the reset value of the SCLTR.EE bit is defined by a configuration input signal, that value also applies to the CPSR.E bit on reset, and therefore applies to software execution from reset. If an implementation does not provide Big-endian support, this bit is RES0. If it does not provide Little-endian support, this bit is RES1. If an implementation provides Big-endian support but only at EL0, this bit is RES0 for an exception return to any exception level other than EL0. Likewise, if it provides Little-endian support only at EL0, this bit is RES1 for an exception return to any exception level other than EL0. |
| A, bit [8] | Asynchronous data abort mask bit. The possible values of this bit are: 0 Exception not masked. 1 Exception masked. |
| I, bit [7] | IRQ mask bit. The possible values of this bit are: 0 Exception not masked. 1 Exception masked. |

Switch to EL2 from EL3

```
/* Prepare the switch to EL2 mode from EL3 mode */

ldr x0, __start_el2      /* Return after mode switch */

mov x1, #0x3c9           /* EL2_SP1 | D | A | I | F */

msr elr_el3, x0

msr spsr_el3, x1

eret

...

__start_el2:

.dword __start_el2
```

Saved Program Status Register

E, bit [6]

FIQ mask bit. The possible values of this bit are:

- 0 Exception not masked.
- 1 Exception masked.

T, bit [5]

T32 Instruction set state bit. Determines the AArch32 instruction set state that the exception was taken from. Possible values of this bit are:

- 0 Taken from A32 state.
- 1 Taken from T32 state.

M[4], bit [4]

Execution state that the exception was taken from. Possible values of this bit are:

- 1 Exception taken from AArch32.

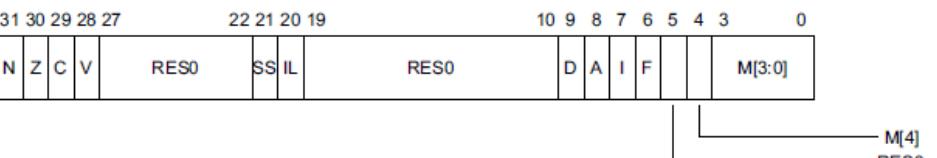
M[3:0], bits [3:0]

Mode that an exception was taken from. For exceptions taken from AArch32, the possible values are:

| M[3:0] | Mode |
|--------|------------|
| 0b0000 | User |
| 0b0001 | FIQ |
| 0b0010 | IRQ |
| 0b0011 | Supervisor |
| 0b0110 | Monitor |
| 0b0111 | Abort |
| 0b1010 | Hyp |
| 0b1011 | Undefined |
| 0b1111 | System |

Other values are reserved.

When exception taken from AArch64:



N, bit [31]

Set to the value of the N condition flag on taking an exception to EL3, and copied to the N condition flag on executing an exception return operation in EL3.

Switch to EL2 from EL3

```
/* Prepare the switch to EL2 mode from EL3 mode */

ldr x0, __start_el2      /* Return after mode switch */

mov x1, #0x3c9           /* EL2_SP1 | D | A | I | F */

msr elr_el3, x0

msr spsr_el3, x1

eret

...

__start_el2:

.dword __start_el2
```

Saved Program Status Register

| | |
|--------------|--|
| Z, bit [30] | Set to the value of the Z condition flag on taking an exception to EL3, and copied to the Z condition flag on executing an exception return operation in EL3. |
| C, bit [29] | Set to the value of the C condition flag on taking an exception to EL3, and copied to the C condition flag on executing an exception return operation in EL3. |
| V, bit [28] | Set to the value of the V condition flag on taking an exception to EL3, and copied to the V condition flag on executing an exception return operation in EL3. |
| Bits [27:22] | Reserved, RES0. |
| SS, bit [21] | Software step. Indicates whether software step was enabled when an exception was taken. |
| IL, bit [20] | Illegal Execution State bit. Shows the value of PSTATE.IL immediately before the exception was taken. |
| Bits [19:10] | Reserved, RES0. |
| D, bit [9] | Process state D mask. The possible values of this bit are: 0 Debug exceptions from Watchpoint, Breakpoint, and Software step debug events targeted at the current exception level are not masked. 1 Debug exceptions from Watchpoint, Breakpoint, and Software step debug events targeted at the current exception level are masked. When the target exception level of the debug exception is not than the current exception level, the exception is not masked by this bit. |
| A, bit [8] | SError (System Error) mask bit. The possible values of this bit are: 0 Exception not masked. 1 Exception masked. |
| I, bit [7] | IRQ mask bit. The possible values of this bit are: 0 Exception not masked. 1 Exception masked. |
| F, bit [6] | FIQ mask bit. The possible values of this bit are: 0 Exception not masked. 1 Exception masked. |
| Bit [5] | Reserved, RES0. |

Switch to EL2 from EL3

```
/* Prepare the switch to EL2 mode from EL3 mode */

ldr x0, __start_el2      /* Return after mode switch */

mov x1, #0x3c9           /* EL2_SP1 | D | A | I | F */

msr elr_el3, x0

msr spsr_el3, x1

eret

...

__start_el2:

.dword __start_el2
```

Saved Program Status Register

M[4], bit [4]

Execution state that the exception was taken from. Possible values of this bit are:

- 0 Exception taken from AArch64.

M[3:0], bits [3:0]

Mode that an exception was taken from. For exceptions taken from AArch64, the possible values are:

| M[3:0] | Mode |
|--------|------|
| 0b0000 | EL0t |
| 0b0100 | EL1t |
| 0b0101 | EL1h |
| 0b1000 | EL2t |
| 0b1001 | EL2h |
| 0b1100 | EL3t |
| 0b1101 | EL3h |

Other values are reserved.

For exceptions from AArch64:

- M[3:2] holds the Exception Level.
- M[1] is unused, and returning to an exception level that is using AArch64 with this bit set is treated as an illegal exception return.
- M[0] is used to select the SP:
 - 0 means the SP is always SP0.
 - 1 means the exception SP is determined by the EL.

Accessing the SPSR_EL3

To access the SPSR_EL3:

```
MRS <Xt>, SPSR_EL3 ; Read SPSR_EL3 into Xt
MSR SPSR_EL3, <Xt> ; Write Xt to SPSR_EL3
```

Register access is encoded as follows:

| op0 | op1 | CRn | CRm | op2 |
|-----|-----|------|------|-----|
| 11 | 110 | 0100 | 0000 | 000 |

Switch to EL2 from EL3

```
/* Prepare the switch to EL2 mode from EL3 mode */

ldr x0, __start_el2      /* Return after mode switch */

mov x1, #0x3c9           /* EL2_SP1 | D | A | I | F */

msr elr_el3, x0

msr spsr_el3, x1

eret

...

__start_el2:

.dword __start_el2
```

C6.6.66 ERET

Exception return using current ELR and SPSR

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 30 | 29 | 28 | 27 | 26 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

System variant

ERET

if PSTATE.EL == EL0 then UnallocatedEncoding();

Operation

AArch64.ExceptionReturn(ELR[], SPSR[]);

Exception
generation and
return

C3.1.4 Exception generation and return

This section describes the following exceptions:

- [Exception generating](#).
- [Exception return](#) on page C3-128.
- [Debug state](#) on page C3-128.

Exception generating

Table C3-4 shows the Exception generating instructions.

Table C3-4 Exception generating instructions

| Mnemonic | Instruction | See |
|----------|--|------------------------------------|
| BRK | Software breakpoint instruction | BRK on page C6-428 |
| HLT | Halting software breakpoint instruction | HLT on page C6-479 |
| HVC | Generate exception targeting Exception level 2 | HVC on page C6-480 |
| SMC | Generate exception targeting Exception level 3 | SMC on page C6-658 |
| SVC | Generate exception targeting Exception level 1 | SVC on page C6-743 |

Exception return

Table C3-5 shows the Exception return instructions.

Table C3-5 Exception return instructions

| Mnemonic | Instruction | See |
|----------|---|-------------------------------------|
| ERET | Exception return using current ELR and SPSR | ERET on page C6-474 |

Debug state

Table C3-6 shows the Debug state instructions.

Table C3-6 Debug state instructions

| Mnemonic | Instruction | See |
|----------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| DCPS1 | Debug switch to Exception level 1 | DCPS1 on page C6-461 |
| DCPS2 | Debug switch to Exception level 2 | DCPS2 on page C6-462 |
| DCPS3 | Debug switch to Exception level 3 | DCPS3 on page C6-463 |
| DRPS | Debug restore PE state | DRPS on page C6-466 |

Start running in EL2

```
_start_el2:
    /* Skip secondary loop for Primary core */
    mrs    x4, mpidr_el1
    ands   x4, x4, #0xffff
    beq    __secondary_spin_skip

    /* Copy the secondary_spin(start, end) to SPIN_LOOP_ADDR */
    adr    x0, __secondary_spin_code_start
    adr    x1, __secondary_spin_code_end
    ldr    x2, __secondary_spin_loc

1:
    ldr    x4, [x0], #8
    str    x4, [x2], #8
    cmp    x1, x0
    bge    1b
    adr    x3, __secondary_spin
    sub    x3, x3, x0
    add    x3, x3, x2
    br     x3

    .align 3
__secondary_spin_code_start:
    .dword 0x0
__secondary_spin_loc:
    .dword SPIN_LOOP_ADDR
__leds_base:
    .dword 0x1c010008
#endif DTB
__dtb_addr:
    .dword dtb
#endif

__secondary_spin:
    ldr    x0, __secondary_spin_loc
    sevl
1:
    wfe
    ldr    x1, [x0]
    cmp    x1, xzr
    beq    1b
    ldr    x15, __leds_base
    mov    w14, #1
    str    w14, [x15]
    br     x1
__secondary_spin_code_end:
```

ANS (immediate)

C6.6.13 ANDS (immediate)

Bitwise AND (immediate), setting the condition flags: $Rd = Rn \text{ AND } imm$

This instruction is used by the alias [TST \(immediate\)](#). See the [Alias conditions](#) table for details of when each alias is preferred.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|-------|------|-----|-----|
| 31 | 30 | 29 | 28 | 27 | 26 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 22 | 21 | 16 15 | 10 9 | 5 4 | 0 |
| sf | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | N | immr | imms | Rn | Rd | opc |

32-bit variant (sf = 0, N = 0)

ANDS <rd>, <rn>, #<imm>

64-bit variant (sf = 1)

ANDS <xd>, <xn>, #<imm>

```
integer d = UInt(Rd);
integer n = UInt(Rn);
integer datasize = if sf == '1' then 64 else 32;
boolean setflags;
LogicalOp op;
case opc of
    when '00' op = LogicalOp_AND; setflags = FALSE;
    when '01' op = LogicalOp_ORR; setflags = FALSE;
    when '10' op = LogicalOp_EOR; setflags = FALSE;
    when '11' op = LogicalOp_AND; setflags = TRUE;
```

```
bits(datasize) imm;
if sf == '0' && N != '0' then ReservedValue();
(imm, -) = DecodeBitMasks(N, imms, immr, TRUE);
```

Alias conditions

| Alias | is preferred when |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| TST (immediate) | Rd == '11111' |

Assembler symbols

<rd> Is the 32-bit name of the general-purpose destination register, encoded in the Rd field.
<rn> Is the 32-bit name of the general-purpose source register, encoded in the Rn field.
<xd> Is the 64-bit name of the general-purpose destination register, encoded in the Rd field.
<xn> Is the 64-bit name of the general-purpose source register, encoded in the Rn field.
<imm> Is the bitmask immediate, encoded in N:imms:immr.

Operation

```
bits(datasize) result;
bits(datasize) operand1 = X[n];
bits(datasize) operand2 = imm;

case op of
    when LogicalOp_AND result = operand1 AND operand2;
```

Start running in EL2

```
start_el2:
    /* Skip secondary loop for Primary core */
    mrs    x4, mpidr_el1
    ands   x4, x4, #0xffff
    beq    __secondary_spin_skip

    /* Copy the secondary_spin(start, end) to SPIN_LOOP_ADDR */
    adr    x0, __secondary_spin_code_start
    adr    x1, __secondary_spin_code_end
    ldr    x2, __secondary_spin_loc

1:
    ldr    x4, [x0], #8
    str    x4, [x2], #8
    cmp    x1, x0
    bge    1b
    adr    x3, __secondary_spin
    sub    x3, x3, x0
    add    x3, x3, x2
    br     x3

    .align 3
__secondary_spin_code_start:
    .dword 0x0
__secondary_spin_loc:
    .dword SPIN_LOOP_ADDR
__leds_base:
    .dword 0x1c010008
#endif DTB
__dtb_addr:
    .dword dtb
#endif

__secondary_spin:
    ldr    x0, __secondary_spin_loc
    sevl
1:
    wfe
    ldr    x1, [x0]
    cmp    x1, xzr
    beq    1b

    ldr    x15, __leds_base
    mov    w14, #1
    str    w14, [x15]

    br     x1
__secondary_spin_code_end:
```

ADR

C6.6.9 ADR

Address of label at a PC-relative offset

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|--|--|--|--|----|---|---|
| 31 | 30 | 29 | 28 | 27 | 26 | 25 | 24 | 23 | | | | | | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| 0 | immlo | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | immhi | | | | | Rd | | |

op

Literal variant

ADR <Xd>, <label>

```
integer d = UInt(Rd);
boolean page = (op == '1');
bits(64) imm;

if page then
    imm = SignExtend(immhi:immlo:Zeros(12), 64);
else
    imm = SignExtend(immhi:immlo, 64);
```

Assembler symbols

<Xd> Is the 64-bit name of the general-purpose destination register, encoded in the Rd field.

<label> Is the program label whose address is to be calculated. Its offset from the address of this instruction, in the range +/-1MB, is encoded in immhi:immlo.

Operation

```
bits(64) base = PC[];
if page then
    base<11:0> = Zeros(12);
X[d] = base + imm;
```

Start running in EL2

```
_start_el2:
    /* Skip secondary loop for Primary core */
    mrs    x4, mpidr_el1
    ands   x4, x4, #0xffff
    beq    __secondary_spin_skip
```

```
    /* Copy the secondary_spin(start, end) to SPIN_LOOP_ADDR */
    adr    x0, __secondary_spin_code_start
    adr    x1, __secondary_spin_code_end
    ldr    x2, __secondary_spin_loc
```

```
1:
    ldr    x4, [x0], #8
    str    x4, [x2], #8
    cmp    x1, x0
    bge    1b
    adr    x3, __secondary_spin
    sub    x3, x3, x0
    add    x3, x3, x2
    br     x3
```

```
.align 3
__secondary_spin_code_start:
.dword 0x0
```

```
__secondary_spin_loc:
.dword SPIN_LOOP_ADDR
__leds_base:
.dword 0x1c010008
```

```
#ifdef DTB
__dtb_addr:
.dword dtb
#endif
```

```
__secondary_spin:
    ldr    x0, __secondary_spin_loc
    sevl
1:
    wfe
    ldr    x1, [x0]
    cmp    x1, xzr
    beq    1b
```

```
    ldr    x15, __leds_base
    mov    w14, #1
    str    w14, [x15]
```

```
    br    x1
__secondary_spin_code_end:
```

LDR (literal)

C6.6.84 LDR (literal)

Load register (PC-relative literal)

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|-------|--|-------|--|--|-----|-----|
| 31 30 29 28 | 27 26 25 24 | 23 | | | | | 5 4 | 0 |
| 0 x | 0 1 1 | 0 0 0 | | imm19 | | | Rt | opc |

32-bit variant (opc = 00)

LDR <Wt>, <label>

64-bit variant (opc = 01)

LDR <Xt>, <label>

```
integer t = UInt(Rt);
MemOp memop = MemOp_LOAD;
boolean signed = FALSE;
integer size;
bits(64) offset;
```

```
case opc of
    when '00'
        size = 4;
    when '01'
        size = 8;
    when '10'
        size = 4;
        signed = TRUE;
    when '11'
        memop = MemOp_PREFETCH;
```

```
offset = SignExtend(imm19:'00', 64);
```

Assembler symbols

<Wt> Is the 32-bit name of the general-purpose register to be loaded, encoded in the Rt field.

<Xt> Is the 64-bit name of the general-purpose register to be loaded, encoded in the Rt field.

<label> Is the program label from which the data is to be loaded. Its offset from the address of this instruction, in the range +/-1MB, is encoded as imm19 times 4.

Operation

```
bits(64) address = PC[] + offset;
bits(size*8) data;
```

```
case memop of
    when MemOp_LOAD
        data = Mem[address, size, AccType_NORMAL];
        if signed then
            X[t] = SignExtend(data, 64);
        else
            X[t] = data;
```

```
when MemOp_PREFETCH
    Prefetch(address, t<4:0>);
```

Start running in EL2

```
_start_el2:
    /* Skip secondary loop for Primary core */
    mrs    x4, mpidr_el1
    ands   x4, x4, #0xffff
    beq    __secondary_spin_skip

    /* Copy the secondary_spin(start, end) to SPIN_LOOP_ADDR */
    adr    x0, __secondary_spin_code_start
    adr    x1, __secondary_spin_code_end
    ldr    x2, __secondary_spin_loc

1:
    ldr    x4, [x0], #8
    str    x4, [x2], #8
    cmp    x1, x0
    bge    1b
    adr    x3, __secondary_spin
    sub    x3, x3, x0
    add    x3, x3, x2
    br     x3

    .align 3
__secondary_spin_code_start:
    .dword 0x0
__secondary_spin_loc:
    .dword SPIN_LOOP_ADDR
__leds_base:
    .dword 0x1c010008
#endif DTB
__dtb_addr:
    .dword dtb
#endif

__secondary_spin:
    ldr    x0, __secondary_spin_loc
    sevl
1:
    wfe
    ldr    x1, [x0]
    cmp    x1, xzr
    beq    1b
    ldr    x15, __leds_base
    mov    w14, #1
    str    w14, [x15]
    br     x1
__secondary_spin_code_end:
```

LDR
(immediate)

C6.6.83 LDR (immediate)

Load register (immediate offset)

It has encodings from 3 classes: *Post-index*, *Pre-index* and *Unsigned offset*

Post-index

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|----|---------|-----|-----|----|
| 31 30 29 28 | 27 26 25 24 | 23 22 21 20 | | 12 | 11 10 9 | | 5 4 | 0 |
| 1 x | 1 1 1 | 0 0 0 | 0 1 0 | | imm9 | 0 1 | Rn | Rt |

32-bit variant (size = 10)

LDR <Wt>, [<Xn|SP>], #<simm>

64-bit variant (size = 11)

LDR <Xt>, [<Xn|SP>], #<simm>

```
boolean wback = TRUE;
boolean postindex = TRUE;
integer scale = UInt(size);
bits(64) offset = SignExtend(imm9, 64);
```

Pre-index

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|----|---------|-----|-----|----|
| 31 30 29 28 | 27 26 25 24 | 23 22 21 20 | | 12 | 11 10 9 | | 5 4 | 0 |
| 1 x | 1 1 1 | 0 0 0 | 0 1 0 | | imm9 | 1 1 | Rn | Rt |

32-bit variant (size = 10)

LDR <Wt>, [<Xn|SP>, #<simm>]!

64-bit variant (size = 11)

LDR <Xt>, [<Xn|SP>, #<simm>]!

```
boolean wback = TRUE;
boolean postindex = FALSE;
integer scale = UInt(size);
bits(64) offset = SignExtend(imm9, 64);
```

Unsigned offset

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|----------|-----|--|-------|------|----|-----|---|
| 31 30 29 28 | 27 26 25 24 | 23 22 21 | | | | 10 9 | | 5 4 | 0 |
| 1 x | 1 1 1 | 0 0 1 | 0 1 | | imm12 | | Rn | Rt | |

32-bit variant (size = 10)

LDR <Wt>, [<Xn|SP>{, #<pimm>}]

64-bit variant (size = 11)

LDR <Xt>, [<Xn|SP>{, #<pimm>}]

```
boolean wback = FALSE;
boolean postindex = FALSE;
integer scale = UInt(size);
bits(64) offset = LSL(ZeroExtend(imm12, 64), scale);
```

Start running in EL2

```
_start_el2:
    /* Skip secondary loop for Primary core */
    mrs    x4, mpidr_el1
    ands   x4, x4, #0xffff
    beq    __secondary_spin_skip

    /* Copy the secondary_spin(start, end) to SPIN_LOOP_ADDR */
    adr    x0, __secondary_spin_code_start
    adr    x1, __secondary_spin_code_end
    ldr    x2, __secondary_spin_loc

1:
    ldr    x4, [x0], #8
    str    x4, [x2], #8
    cmp    x1, x0
    bge    1b
    adr    x3, __secondary_spin
    sub    x3, x3, x0
    add    x3, x3, x2
    br     x3

    .align 3
__secondary_spin_code_start:
    .dword 0x0
__secondary_spin_loc:
    .dword SPIN_LOOP_ADDR
__leds_base:
    .dword 0x1c010008
#endif DTB
__dtb_addr:
    .dword dtb
#endif

__secondary_spin:
    ldr    x0, __secondary_spin_loc
    sevl
1:
    wfe
    ldr    x1, [x0]
    cmp    x1, xzr
    beq    1b
    ldr    x15, __leds_base
    mov    w14, #1
    str    w14, [x15]
    br     x1
__secondary_spin_code_end:
```

LDR
(immediate)

Operation for all classes

```
bits(64) address;
bits(datasize) data;
boolean wb_unknown = FALSE;
boolean rt_unknown = FALSE;

if memop == MemOp_LOAD && wback && n == t && n != 31 then
    c = ConstrainUnpredictable();
    assert c IN {Constraint_WBSUPPRESS, Constraint_UNKNOWN, Constraint_UNDEF, Constraint_NOP};
    case c of
        when Constraint_WBSUPPRESS wbback = FALSE; // writeback is suppressed
        when Constraint_UNKNOWN wb_unknown = TRUE; // writeback is UNKNOWN
        when Constraint_UNDEF UnallocatedEncoding();
        when Constraint_NOP EndOfInstruction();

if memop == MemOp_STORE && wback && n == t && n != 31 then
    c = ConstrainUnpredictable();
    assert c IN {Constraint_NONE, Constraint_UNKNOWN, Constraint_UNDEF, Constraint_NOP};
    case c of
        when Constraint_NONE rt_unknown = FALSE; // value stored is original value
        when Constraint_UNKNOWN rt_unknown = TRUE; // value stored is UNKNOWN
        when Constraint_UNDEF UnallocatedEncoding();

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```

Instruction Descriptions

```
when Constraint_NOP EndOfInstruction();

when n == 31 then
    if memop != MemOp_PREFETCH then CheckSPLignment();
    address = SP[];
else
    address = X[n];

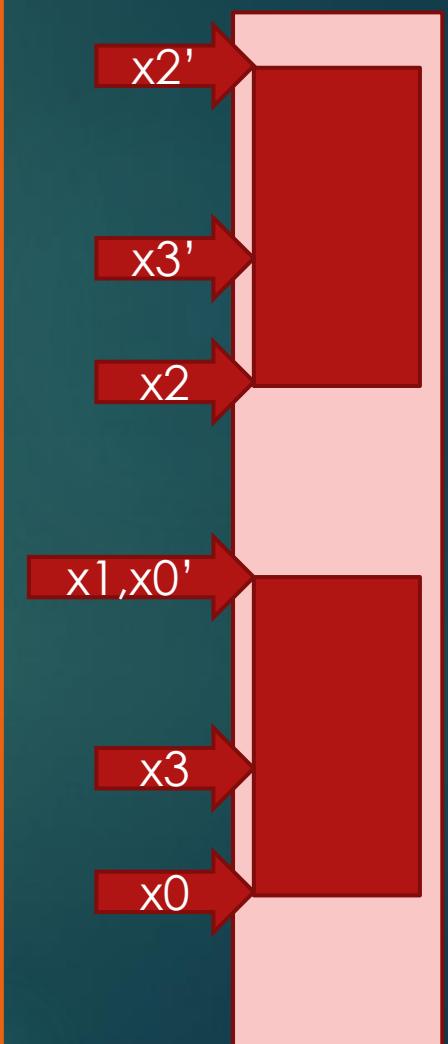
if ! postindex then
    address = address + offset;

case memop of
    when MemOp_STORE
        if rt_unknown then
            data = bits(datasize) UNKNOWN;
        else
            data = X[t];
        Mem[address, datasize DIV 8, acctype] = data;

    when MemOp_LOAD
        data = Mem[address, datasize DIV 8, acctype];
        if signed then
            X[t] = SignExtend(data, regsize);
        else
            X[t] = ZeroExtend(data, regsize);

    when MemOp_PREFETCH
        Prefetch(address, t<4:0>);

if wback then
    if wb_unknown then
        address = bits(64) UNKNOWN;
    elseif postindex then
        address = address + offset;
    if n == 31 then
        SP[] = address;
    else
        X[n] = address;
```



Start running in EL2

```
_start_el2:
    /* Skip secondary loop for Primary core */
    mrs    x4, mpidr_el1
    ands   x4, x4, #0xffff
    beq    __secondary_spin_skip

    /* Copy the secondary_spin(start, end) to SPIN_LOOP_ADDR */
    adr    x0, __secondary_spin_code_start
    adr    x1, __secondary_spin_code_end
    ldr    x2, __secondary_spin_loc

1:
    ldr    x4, [x0], #8
    str    x4, [x2], #8
    cmp    x1, x0
    bge    1b
    adr    x3, __secondary_spin
    sub    x3, x3, x0
    add    x3, x3, x2
    br     x3

    .align 3
__secondary_spin_code_start:
    .dword 0x0
__secondary_spin_loc:
    .dword SPIN_LOOP_ADDR
__leds_base:
    .dword 0x1c010008
#endif DTB
__dtb_addr:
    .dword dtb
#endif

__secondary_spin:
    ldr    x0, __secondary_spin_loc
    sevl
    wfe
    ldr    x1, [x0]
    cmp    x1, xzr
    beq    1b
    ldr    x15, __leds_base
    mov    w14, #1
    str    w14, [x15]

    br     x1
__secondary_spin_code_end:
```

BR

C6.6.28 BR

Branch to register, branches unconditionally to an address in a register, with a hint that this is not a subroutine return

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|----|---|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 30 | 29 | 28 | 27 | 26 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rn | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

op

Integer variant

BR <Rn>

integer n = UInt(Rn);
BranchType branch_type;

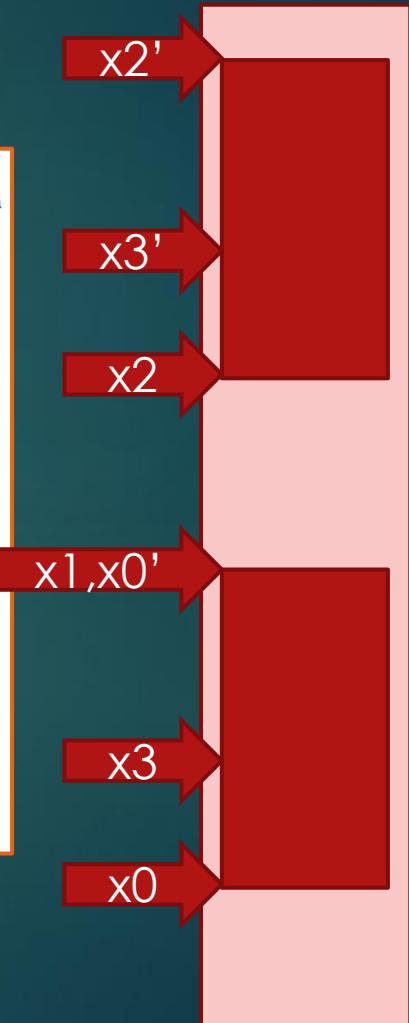
case op of
when '00' branch_type = BranchType_JMP;
when '01' branch_type = BranchType_CALL;
when '10' branch_type = BranchType_RET;
otherwise UnallocatedEncoding();

Assembler symbols

<Rn> Is the 64-bit name of the general-purpose register holding the address to be branched to, encoded in the Rn field.

Operation

bits(64) target = X[n];
if branch_type == BranchType_CALL then X[30] = PC[] + 4;
BranchTo(target, branch_type);



Start running in EL2

```
_start_el2:
    /* Skip secondary loop for Primary core */
    mrs    x4, mpidr_el1
    ands   x4, x4, #0xfffff
    beq    __secondary_spin_skip

    /* Copy the secondary_spin(start, end) to SPIN_LOOP_ADDR */
    adr    x0, __secondary_spin_code_start
    adr    x1, __secondary_spin_code_end
    ldr    x2, __secondary_spin_loc

1:   ldr    x4, [x0], #8
    str    x4, [x2], #8
    cmp    x1, x0
    bge    1b
    adr    x3, __secondary_spin
    sub    x3, x3, x0
    add    x3, x3, x2
    br     x3

    .align 3
__secondary_spin_code_start:
    .dword 0x0
__secondary_spin_loc:
    .dword SPIN_LOOP_ADDR
__leds_base:
    .dword 0x1c010008
#endif DTB
__dtb_addr:
    .dword dtb
#endif

__secondary_spin:
    ldr    x0, __secondary_spin_loc
    sevl
1:   wfe
    ldr    x1, [x0]
    cmp    x1, xzr
    beq    1b
    ldr    x15, __leds_base
    mov    w14, #1
    str    w14, [x15]

    br     x1
__secondary_spin_code_end:
```

C6.6.68 HINT

Hint instruction

This instruction is used by the aliases **NOP**, **SEVL**, **SEV**, **WFE**, **WFI**, and **YIELD**. See the *Alias conditions* table for details of when each alias is preferred.

Op code:

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----|-----------|---------------|
| 31 30 29 28 | 27 26 25 24 | 23 22 21 20 | 19 18 17 16 | 15 14 13 12 | 11 | 8 7 | 5 4 3 2 1 0 |
| 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 | 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 | 0 1 0 0 1 0 | CRm | op2 | 1 1 1 1 1 | |

System variant

HINT #<imm>

SystemHintOp op;

case CRm:op2 of

- when '0000 000' op - SystemHintOp_NOP;
- when '0000 001' op - SystemHintOp_YIELD;
- when '0000 010' op - SystemHintOp_WFE;
- when '0000 011' op - SystemHintOp_WFI;
- when '0000 100' op - SystemHintOp_SEV;
- when '0000 101' op - SystemHintOp_SEVL;
- otherwise op - SystemHintOp_NOP;

Alias conditions

| Alias | is preferred when |
|-------|--------------------|
| NOP | UInt(CRm:op2) == 0 |
| SEVL | UInt(CRm:op2) == 5 |
| SEV | UInt(CRm:op2) == 4 |
| WFE | UInt(CRm:op2) == 2 |
| WFI | UInt(CRm:op2) == 3 |
| YIELD | UInt(CRm:op2) == 1 |

Assembler symbols

<imm> Is a 7-bit unsigned immediate, in the range 0 to 127, encoded in CRm:op2.

C6.6.16 SEVL

Send event local.

This instruction is an alias of the **HINT** instruction.

Op code:

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----|-----------|---------------|
| 31 30 29 28 | 27 26 25 24 | 23 22 21 20 | 19 18 17 16 | 15 14 13 12 | 11 | 8 7 | 5 4 3 2 1 0 |
| 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 | 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 | 0 1 0 0 1 0 | CRm | op2 | 1 1 1 1 1 | |

System variant

SEVL

is equivalent to

HINT #5

and is the preferred disassembly when UInt(CRm:op2) == 5.

Operation

case op of

- when **SystemHintOp_YIELD** Hint_Yield();
- when **SystemHintOp_WFE** if EventRegistered() then ClearEventRegister();
- else if PSTATE.EL == EL0 then AArch64.CheckForWFETrap(EL1, TRUE);
- if HaveEL(EL2) && !ISecure() && PSTATE.EL IN {EL0,EL1} then AArch64.CheckForWFETrap(EL2, TRUE);

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Description

of instructions

if HaveEL(EL3) && PSTATE.EL != EL3 then AArch64.CheckForWFETrap(EL3, TRUE); WaitForEvent();

when **SystemHintOp_WFI** if !InterruptPending() then if PSTATE.EL == EL0 then AArch64.CheckForWFETrap(EL1, FALSE); if HaveEL(EL2) && !ISecure() && PSTATE.EL IN {EL0,EL1} then AArch64.CheckForWFETrap(EL2, FALSE); if HaveEL(EL3) && PSTATE.EL != EL3 then AArch64.CheckForWFETrap(EL3, FALSE); WaitForInterrupt();

when **SystemHintOp_SEV** SendEvent();

when **SystemHintOp_SEVL** EventRegisterSet();

otherwise // do nothing

Start running in EL2

```
_start_el2:
    /* Skip secondary loop for Primary core */
    mrs    x4, mpidr_el1
    ands   x4, x4, #0xffff
    beq    __secondary_spin_skip

    /* Copy the secondary_spin(start, end) to SPIN_LOOP_ADDR */
    adr    x0, __secondary_spin_code_start
    adr    x1, __secondary_spin_code_end
    ldr    x2, __secondary_spin_loc

1:
    ldr    x4, [x0], #8
    str    x4, [x2], #8
    cmp    x1, x0
    bge    1b
    adr    x3, __secondary_spin
    sub    x3, x3, x0
    add    x3, x3, x2
    br    x3

    .align 3
__secondary_spin_code_start:
    .dword 0x0
__secondary_spin_loc:
    .dword SPIN_LOOP_ADDR
__leds_base:
    .dword 0x1c010008
#endif DTB
__dtb_addr:
    .dword dtb
#endif

__secondary_spin:
    ldr    x0, __secondary_spin_loc
    sevl
1:
    wfe
    ldr    x1, [x0]
    cmp    x1, xzr
    beq    1b
    ldr    x15, __leds_base
    mov    w14, #1
    str    w14, [x15]

    br    x1
__secondary_spin_code_end:
```

LEDs

The LEDs store eight bits of state that software can read or write on the model and can be viewed at runtime from the web interface.

等待有人写入非零值
并跳转!

Table 3-2 ARMv8-A Foundation Model memory map

| Start address | End address | Foundation v1 peripheral | Foundation v2 peripheral | Size | Security (v2 only) |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| 0x00_0000_0000 | 0x00_03FF_FFFF | RAM | Trusted Boot ROM, secureflash | 64MB | S |
| 0x00_0400_0000 | 0x00_0403_FFFF | | Trusted SRAM | 256KB | S |
| 0x00_0600_0000 | 0x00_07FF_FFFF | | Trusted DRAM | 32MB | S |
| 0x00_0800_0000 | 0x00_0BFF_FFFF | - | NOR flash, flash0 | 64MB | S/NS |
| 0x00_0C00_0000 | 0x00_0FFF_FFFF | - | NOR flash, flash1 | 64MB | S/NS |
| 0x00_1800_0000 | 0x00_19FF_FFFF | - | Warning + RAZ/WI | | |
| 0x00_1A00_0000 | 0x00_1AFF_FFFF | Ethernet, SMSC 91C111 | Ethernet, SMSC 91C111 | 16MB | S/NS |
| 0x00_1C01_0000 | 0x00_1C01_FFFF | System Registers | System Registers | 64KB | S/NS |

3.3 System register block

The system register block that Table 3-5 shows provides a minimal set of registers.

Table 3-5 System register block

| Offset | Type | Bits | Register |
|--------|------|--------|------------------------------|
| 0x0000 | R/O | [31:0] | System ID Register |
| 0x0004 | R/W | [7:0] | User Programmable Switches |
| 0x0008 | R/W | [7:0] | LEDs |
| 0x00A0 | R/W | [31:0] | System configuration data |
| 0x00A4 | R/W | [31:0] | System configuration control |
| 0x00A8 | R/W | [31:0] | System configuration status |

Start running in EL2

```
secondary_spin_skip:  
#ifdef DTB  
    /* if dtb provided load the address where we placed it */  
    ldr    x0, __dtb_addr  
#else  
    /* deliberately put a non-8B aligned value to x0 skip dtb checking */  
    mov    x0, #1  
#endif  
    /* Jump to input binary */  
    b     input_bin  
  
#define str(s)      #s  
#define stringify(s) str(s)  
  
.section .text, "ax", %progbits  
#ifdef DTB  
    /* DTB binary */  
    .globl dtb  
    .balign 0x1000  
dtb:  
    .incbin stringify(DTB)  
#endif  
    /* Input binary containing OS images */  
    .globl input_bin  
    .balign 0x10000  
input_bin:  
    .incbin stringify(IMAGE)  
    .globl input_bin_end  
input_bin_end:
```

跳转到包含进来的代码入口，
即**cpu_entry.S!**