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## **Technical Proposal Overview**

This TP adds support for multiple Management Endpoints per port which allows multiple Management Controllers to manage an NVMe Subsystem via NVMe-MI for high-availability use cases.

#### **Revision History**

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# Description for Changes Document for the NVM Express Management Interface Specification

#### New Features:

- Multiple Management Endpoints per Port (Optional)
  - Adds support for multiple Management Endpoints per port using MCTP bridging which allows multiple Management Controllers to manage an NVMe Subsystem via NVMe-MI over SMBus/I2C for high-availability use cases.
  - Incompatible change
    - Status bits in the out-of-band mechanism now have an instance per Management Endpoint instead of a single instance shared among all Management Endpoints in the NVM Subsystem.
  - References
    - TP6021 Status Reporting Enhancements
    - TP6027b Reset Behavior Clarifications

# **Description for Changes Document for the NVM Express Base Specification**

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# **Description of Specification Changes for NVM Express Management Interface Specification**

# 1 Introduction

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# 1.4 NVM Subsystem Architectural Model

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The PCIe ports and SMBus/I2C port of an NVM Subsystem may optionally each contain a single-zero or more NVMe—Management Endpoints—(hereafter referred to as simply Management Endpoint). A Management Endpoint is an MCTP endpoint that is the terminus and origin of MCTP packets/messages and is responsible for implementing the MCTP Base Protocol, processing MCTP Control Messages, and internal routing of Command Messages. Each Management Endpoint in an NVM Subsystem has a Port Identifier that is less than or equal to the Number of Ports (NUMP) field value in the NVM Subsystem Information Data Structure. If multiple Management Endpoints are supported on a port, then the NVMe Subsystem shall support MCTP bridging for MCTP endpoint ID discovery and assignment on that port (refer to the MCTP Base Specification).

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Figure 3 illustrates an example NVM Subsystem. The NVM Subsystem contains a single Controller and there is a Management Endpoint associated with the PCIe port.

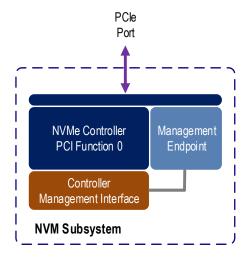


Figure 3: NVM Subsystem Associated with Single PCIe Port

Figure 4 illustrates an example NVM Subsystem that is associated with a dual ported PCIe SSD. The NVM Subsystem contains one Controller associated with PCIe Port 0 and two Controllers associated with PCIe Port 1. There is a Management Endpoint associated with the each PCIe port and the SMBus/I2C port. Since the NVM Subsystem contains a Management Endpoint, all Controllers have an associated Controller Management Interface.

Dual-port PCIe SSDs are typically used in systems that provide two in-band hosts and two Management Controllers for redundancy in high-availability use cases. One Management Controller is connected to the PCIe VDM Management Endpoint on PCIe port 0 and the other Management Controller is connected to the PCIe VDM Management Endpoint on PCIe port 1.

PCIe SSD connectors typically only have a single SMBus/I2C port. To accommodate two Management Controllers, the PCIe SSD in this example implements two Management Endpoints on the SMBus/I2C port

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using MCTP bridging for discovery and assignment of multiple MCTP endpoint IDs (refer to the MCTP Base Specification). The method for determining which Management Controller communicates with which SMBus/I2C Management Endpoint and the method for the Management Controllers to arbitrate for control of the SMBus/I2C port are outside the scope of this specification.

<Note to editor: Update "Figure 4: NVM Subsystem with Dual-Ported PCIe Ports with SMBus/I2C Port" to add a second Management Endpoint on SMBus/I2C:>

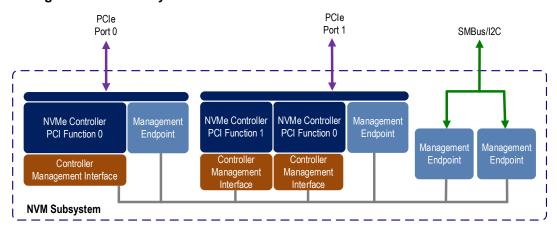


Figure 4: NVM Subsystem with Dual Ported PCIe Ports and an SMBus/I2C Port

# 1.5 NVMe Storage Device Architectural Model

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Figure 6 illustrates an NVMe Storage Device that is a dual-port PCIe SSD with an SMBus/I2C port and a FRU Information Device implemented using a Serial EEPROM.

<Note to editor: Update "Figure 6: Dual-Port PCIe SSD with SMBus/I2C" to add a second Management Endpoint on SMBus/I2C as follows:>

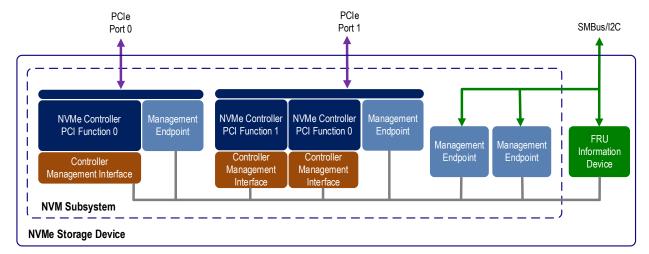


Figure 6: Dual-Port PCIe SSD with SMBus/I2C

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#### 1.7 Conventions

#### Modify a portion of Section 1.7 (Conventions) as follows:

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Reset – For the out-of-band mechanism, this column indicates the value the field is initialized to by an NVM Subsystem Reset. For the in-band tunneling mechanism, this column indicates the value the field is initialized to by a Controller Level Reset (refer to the NVM Express Base Specification).

#### 1.8 Definitions

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### 1.8.14 Management Endpoint or NVMe Management Endpoint

An MCTP endpoint associated with an NVM Subsystem (e.g., an NVMe SSD or NVMe Enclosure) that is the terminus and origin of MCTP packets/messages and which processes Request Messages and transmits Response Messages.

#### 1.8.26 PCIe Reset

A mechanism used to reset a one or more PCIe VDM Management Endpoints in an NVMe Storage Device or NVMe Enclosure. For more information, see section 8.3.5.

# 2 Physical Layer

This section describes the physical layers supported by this specification for NVMe Storage Devices or NVMe Enclosures.

# 2.1 PCI Express

PCI Express is used as a physical layer in both the out-of-band mechanism and the in-band tunneling mechanism in this specification.

For the out-of-band mechanism, a PCIe port in an NVMe Storage Device or NVMe Enclosure may implement a-one or more Management Endpoints. If the PCIe port implements a-one or more Management Endpoints, then:

- a) the PCIe port shall support MCTP over PCIe Vendor Defined Messages (VDMs) as specified by the MCTP PCIe VDM Transport Binding Specification;
- b) the Management Endpoint should be associated with PCIe Function 0 on the upstream PCIe bus on the NVMe Storage Device or NVMe Enclosure; and
- c) the Management Endpoint should not be associated with a PCIe SR-IOV Virtual Function.

For the in-band tunneling mechanism, host software issues NVMe Admin Commands (NVMe-MI Send and NVMe-MI Receive) to the NVMe Admin Queue over PCI Express. Refer to the NVM Express Base Specification and section 4.3 of this specification for additional details on the NVMe-MI Send and NVMe-MI Receive commands.

#### 2.2 SMBus/I2C

This section defines the requirements for an NVMe Storage Device or NVMe Enclosure that implements an SMBus/I2C port. The SMBus/I2C physical layer is only applicable for the out-of-band mechanism.

If an NVMe Storage Device or NVMe Enclosure implements an NVM Subsystem with a one or more Management Endpoints associated with an SMBus/I2C port, then that port shall comply to the MCTP SMBus/I2C Transport Binding Specification.

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Figure 16: SMBus/I2C Elements and Requirements

SMBus/I2C Element	Default SMBus/I2C Address		SMBus ARP Support	Required Element Presence	
2.0	Hex Format	Binary Format <sup>1</sup>	Сарроп		
FRU Information Device	A6h	1010_011xb	Optional	Required on an NVMe Storage Device with <i>no</i> Expansion Connectors. Undefined on NVMe Enclosures.	
FRU Information Device	A4h	1010_010xb	Optional	Required on Carriers (i.e., an NVMe Storage Device with <i>one or more</i> Expansion Connectors). Undefined on NVMe Enclosures.	
SMBus/I2C Management Endpoint	3Ah	0011_101xb	Optional	Required if an NVMe Storage Device or NVMe Enclosure contains an one or more SMBus/I2C Management Endpoints.	
SMBus/I2C Mux	E8h	1110_100xb	Optional	For NVMe Storage Devices, required if there is more than one SMBus/I2C element on any SMBus/I2C channel with the same SMBus/I2C address that does not support ARP. Undefined on NVMe Enclosures.	
Basic Management Command <sup>2</sup>	D4h	1101_010xb	Optional	For NVMe Storage Devices, not recommended for new designs. Undefined on NVMe Enclosures.	

## NOTES:

- 1. The x represents the SMBus/I2C read/write bit.
- 2. The NVMe Basic Management Command is defined in Appendix A as an informative technical note.

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Figure 17: SMBus/I2C Element UDID

Bits	Field		Description		
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111:96	Vendor ID	This field	contains the PCI-SIG vendor ID for the NVM Subsystem Management Endpoint.		
95:80	Device ID	This field Endpoint.	This field contains a vendor assigned device ID for the NVM Subsystem—Management Endpoint.		
	This field defines the SMBus version and the Interface Protocols supported.				
		Bits	Description		
		15:08	Reserved		
	Interface	07	<b>ZONE:</b> This bit shall be cleared to '0'.		
79:64		06	IPMI: This bit shall be cleared to '0'.		
7 0.0 1		05	ASF: This bit shall be set to '1'. Refer to the MCTP SMBus/I2C Transport		
			Binding Specification.		
		04	OEM: This bit shall be set to '1'.		
		03:00	SMBus Version: This field shall be set to 4h for SMBus Version 2.0, or to 5h		
		00.00	for SMBus Version 3.0 and 3.1.		
63:48	Subsystem Vendor ID	This field contains the PCI-SIG vendor ID for the NVM Subsystem-Management Endpoint.			
47:32	Subsystem Device ID	This field contains a vendor assigned device ID for the NVM Subsystem-Management Endpoint.			
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# **5 Management Interface Command Set**

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# 5.1 Configuration Get

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## 5.1.1 SMBus/I2C Frequency (Configuration Identifier 01h)

The SMBus/I2C Frequency configuration indicates the current frequency of each Management Endpoint on the SMBus port, if applicable.

The configuration specific fields in the NVMe Management Dword 0 field are shown in Figure 67. The configuration specific fields in the NVMe Management Dword 1 field are reserved. The current SMBus/I2C Frequency configuration is returned in the NVMe Management Response field as shown in Figure 68.

Figure 67: SMBus/I2C Frequency - NVMe Management Dword 0

Bits	Description
31:24	Port Identifier: This field specifies the port whose SMBus/I2C Frequency is indicated.
23:08	Reserved
07:00	<b>Configuration Identifier:</b> This field specifies the identifier of the Configuration that is being read. Refer to Figure 66.

Figure 68: SMBus/I2C Frequency - NVMe Management Response

Bits	Description				
23:04	Reserved	Reserved			
	SMBus/I2C Frequency: The current frequency of each Management Endpoint on the SMBus/I2C. The default value for port.				
		ent Endpoint Reset (refer to section 8.3.3) shall set this field eset or power cycle is to 1h, if SMBus is supported.			
	Value	Description			
03:00	0h	SMBus is not supported or disabled. This value is obsolete for implementations compliant with versions of this specification later than 1.2.			
	1h	100 kHz			
	2h	400 kHz			
	3h	1 MHz			
	4h to Fh	Reserved			

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#### 5.1.3 MCTP Transmission Unit Size (Configuration Identifier 03h)

The MCTP Transmission Unit Size configuration indicates the current MCTP Transmission Unit Size of each Management Endpoint on the port corresponding to the Port Identifier specified in the NVMe Management Dword 0 field.

The configuration specific fields in the NVMe Management Dword 0 field are shown in Figure 69. The configuration specific fields in the NVMe Management Dword 1 field are reserved. The current Transmission unit size of the specified port is returned in the NVMe Management Response field as shown in Figure 70.

Figure 69: MCTP Transmission Unit Size - NVMe Management Dword 0

Bits	Description
31:24	Port Identifier: This field specifies the port whose MCTP Transmission Unit Size is indicated.
23:08	Reserved
07:00	<b>Configuration Identifier:</b> This field specifies the identifier of the Configuration that is being read. Refer to Figure 66.

Figure 70: MCTP Transmission Unit Size - NVMe Management Response

Bits	Description
23:16	Reserved
15:00	MCTP Transmission Unit Size: This field contains the MCTP Transmission Unit Size in bytes to be used by each Management Endpoint on the port.—The default value for
15:00	A Management Endpoint Reset (refer to section 8.3.3) shall cause this field following a reset or power cycle is to be set to 40h (64).

# 5.2 Configuration Set

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# 5.2.1 SMBus/I2C Frequency (Configuration Identifier 01h)

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Figure 73: SMBus/I2C Frequency - NVMe Management Dword 0

Bits	Description			
31:24	Port Identifier: This field	specifies the	port whose SMBus/I2C Freque	ency is specified.
23:12	Reserved			
	on the specified SMBus/l2	•	cifies the new frequency for ea	ch Management Endpoint
		Value	Description	
11:08		0h	Reserved	
11.00		1h	100 kHz	
		2h	400 kHz	
		3h	1 MHz	
		4h to Fh	Reserved	
07:00	Configuration Identifier: This field specifies the identifier of the Configuration that is being			
07.00	written. Refer to Figure 66	· 6.		-

# 5.2.2 Health Status Change (Configuration Identifier 02h)

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<Note to editor: Globally add "the" in front of NVMe Management Dword 1 and "field" after.>

A Configuration Set command that selects Health Status Change may be used to clear clears corresponding bits selected in the NVMe Management Dword 1 field of the Composite Controller Status Flags field to '0'.

A Configuration Set command that selects Health Status Change operates independently for each Management Endpoint in the out-of-band mechanism and each Controller in the in-band tunneling mechanism.

<Note to editor: Globally add "the" in front of Composite Controller Status Flags and "field" after.>

An NVMe Storage Device or NVMe Enclosure supporting the Health Status Change Configuration Identifier in the out-of-band mechanism shall have an independent copy instance of the Composite Controller Status Flags field dedicated to each Management Endpoint the out-of-band mechanism. In the out-of-band mechanism, a Configuration Set command that selects Health Status Change only applies to the copy instance of the Composite Controller Status Flags field dedicated to the Management Endpoint to which the Configuration Set command was issued out of band mechanism. Refer to Figure 92 section 5.4 for more details on the Composite Controller Status Flags field.

An NVMe Storage Device or NVMe Enclosure supporting the Health Status Change Configuration Identifier in the in-band tunneling mechanism shall have an independent copy-instance of the Composite Controller Status Flags field dedicated to each Controller the in-band tunneling mechanism. In the in-band tunneling mechanism, a Configuration Set command that selects Health Status Change only applies to the copy instance of the Composite Controller Status Flags field dedicated to the Controller to which the Configuration Set command was issued in-band tunneling mechanism.

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#### 5.2.3 MCTP Transmission Unit Size (Configuration Identifier 03h)

The MCTP Transmission Unit Size configuration specifies a new MCTP Transmission Unit Size for each Management Endpoint on the port corresponding to the specified Port Identifier. A Management Controller should check the maximum MCTP Transmission Unit Size for the port reported by the Management Endpoint using the Read NVMe-MI Data Structure command (refer to Figure 96).

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Figure 77: MCTP Transmission Unit Size - NVMe Management Dword 1

Bits	Description
31:16	Reserved
15:00	MCTP Transmission Unit Size: This field contains the MCTP Transmission Unit Size in bytes to
	be used by each Management Endpoint on the port.

#### 5.3 Controller Health Status Poll

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The Controller Health Status Poll command operates independently for each Management Endpoint in the out-of-band mechanism and each Controller in the in-band tunneling mechanism.

<Note to editor: Globally add "the" in front of Controller Health Status Changed Flags and "field" after.>

An NVMe Storage Device or NVMe Enclosure supporting the Controller Health Status Poll command in the out-of-band mechanism shall have an independent copy instance of the Controller Health Data Structure (refer to Figure 81) and the Controller Health Status Changed Flags field (refer to Figure 82) dedicated to each Management Endpoint the out-of-band mechanism. In the out-of-band mechanism, a Controller Health Status Poll command only applies to the copy instance of the Controller Health Data Structure and the Controller Health Status Changed Flags field dedicated to the Management Endpoint to which the Controller Health Status Poll command was issued out-of-band mechanism.

An NVMe Storage Device or NVMe Enclosure supporting the Controller Health Status Poll command in the in-band tunneling mechanism shall have an independent copy\_instance of the Controller Health Data Structure and the Controller Health Status Changed Flags field dedicated to each Controller—the in-band tunneling mechanism. In the in-band tunneling mechanism, a Controller Health Status Poll command only applies to the copy\_instance of the Controller Health Data Structure and the Controller Health Status Changed Flags field dedicated to the Controller to which the Controller Health Status Poll command was issued in-band tunneling mechanism.

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Figure 81: Controller Health Data Structure (CHDS)

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Figure 81: Controller Health Data Structure (CHDS)

#### Description

#### NOTES:

 An NVM Subsystem Reset shall reset the instance of the Controller Status field dedicated to each Management Endpoint in the NVM Subsystem the out-of-band mechanism—and the instance of the Controller Status field dedicated to each Controller in the NVM Subsystem.

The instance of the Controller Status field dedicated to a Controller shall be reset by a Controller Level Reset (refer to the NVM Express Base Specification) of that Controller. Note that a Controller Level Reset may affect the Controller Status field in the out-of-band mechanism (e.g., a Controller Level Reset causes the CECO bit in the instance of the Controller Status bits dedicated to the out-of-band mechanism to be set to '1').

The instance of the Controller Status field dedicated to a Management Endpoint shall be reset by a Management Endpoint Reset of that Management Endpoint.

No instance of the Controller Status field shall be reset by any other resets other than the resets documented by this note.

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#### 5.3.2 Filtering by Controller Health Status Changed Flags

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Figure 82: Controller Health Status Changed Flags (CHSCF)

	Bits	Reset <sup>1</sup>	Description
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#### NOTES:

 An NVM Subsystem Reset shall reset the instance of the Controller Health Status Changed Flags field dedicated to each Management Endpoint in the NVM Subsystem the out-of-band mechanism and the instance of the Controller Health Status Changed Flags field dedicated to each Controller in the NVM Subsystem.

The instance of the Controller Health Status Changed Flags field dedicated to a Controller shall be reset by a Controller Level Reset (refer to the NVM Express Base Specification) of that Controller. Note that a Controller Level Reset may affect the Controller Health Status Changed Flags field in the out-of-band mechanism (e.g., a Controller Level Reset causes the CECO bit in the instance of the Controller Health Status Changed Flags field dedicated to the out-of-band mechanism to be set to '1').

The instance of the Controller Health Status Changed Flags field dedicated to a Management Endpoint shall be reset by a Management Endpoint Reset of that Management Endpoint.

No instance of the Controller Health Status Changed Flags field shall be reset by any other resets other than the resets documented by this note.

# 5.6 NVM Subsystem Health Status Poll

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The NVM Subsystem Health Status Poll command operates independently using for each Management Endpoint in the out-of-band mechanism and each Controller in the in-band tunneling mechanism.

An NVMe Storage Device or NVMe Enclosure supporting the NVM Subsystem Health Status Poll command using the out-of-band mechanism shall have an independent copy-instance of the NVM Subsystem Health Data Structure (refer to Figure 91) dedicated to each Management Endpoint the out-of-band mechanism. In the out-of-band mechanism, an NVM Subsystem Health Status Poll command only applies to the copy instance of the NVM Subsystem Health Data Structure dedicated to the Management Endpoint to which the NVM Subsystem Health Status Poll command was issued-out-of-band mechanism.

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An NVMe Storage Device or NVMe Enclosure supporting the NVM Subsystem Health Status Poll command using the in-band tunneling mechanism shall have an independent copy instance of the NVM Subsystem Health Data Structure dedicated to each Controller the in-band tunneling mechanism. In the in-band tunneling mechanism, an NVM Subsystem Health Status Poll command only applies to the copy instance of the NVM Subsystem Health Data Structure dedicated to the Controller to which the NVM Subsystem Health Status Poll command was issued in-band tunneling mechanism.

The NVM Subsystem Health Status Poll command uses the NVMe Management Dword 1 field as shown in Figure 90.

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Figure TBD2: Composite Controller Status Data Structure (CCSDS)

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1.	An NVM Subsystem Reset shall reset the instance of the Composite Controller Status Flags field dedicated to each Management Endpoint in the NVM Subsystem the out-of-band mechanism—and the instance of the Composite Controller Status Flags field dedicated to each Controller in the NVM Subsystem.
	The instance of the Composite Controller Status Flags field dedicated to a Controller shall be reset by a Controller Level Reset (refer to the NVM Express Base Specification) of that Controller. Note that a Controller Level Reset may affect the Composite Controller Status Flags field in the out-of-band mechanism (e.g., a Controller Level Reset causes the CECO bit in the instance of the Composite Controller Status Flags field dedicated to the out-of-band mechanism to be set to '1').
	The instance of the Composite Controller Status Flags field dedicated to a Management Endpoint shall be reset by a Management Endpoint Reset of that Management Endpoint.
	No instance of the Composite Controller Status Flags field shall be reset by any other resets other than the resets documented by this note.

## 5.7 Read NVMe-MI Data Structure

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The Port Information data structure contains information about a port within the NVM Subsystem. The Port Identifier specifies the port. The Controller Identifier fields are reserved. The format is shown in Figure 96.

**Figure 96: Port Information Data Structure** 

Bytes	Description						
	Port Type: Specifies the port type.						
	Value		Definition				
00	0h		Inactive				
00	1h		PCle				
	2h		SMBus				
	3h to FFh		Reserved				
	Port Capabilities: This field contains information about the capabilities of the port.						
	Bits		Description				
2.4	7:1	Res	eserved				
01	0	Command Initiated Auto Pause Supported (CIAPS): If this bit is set to '1', then the Command Initiated Auto Pause (CIAP) bit is supported in Command Messages on this port. If this bit is cleared to '0', then the CIAP bit is not supported in Command Messages on this port.					

Figure 96: Port Information Data Structure

Bytes	Description					
	Maximum MCTP Transmission Unit Size: The maximum MCTP Transmission Unit size that all Management Endpoints on the port are is-capable of sending and receiving.					
	If the port does not support MCTP, then this field shall be cleared to 0h.					
03:02	If the Port Type is PCIe and the port supports MCTP, then this field shall be set to a value between 64 bytes and the PCIe Max Payload Size Supported (refer to the PCI Express Base Specification), inclusive. All PCIe ports within an NVM Subsystem should report the same value in this field.					
	If the Port Type is SMBus and the port supports MCTP, then this field shall be set to a value between 64 bytes and 250 bytes, inclusive.					
07:04	<b>Management Endpoint Buffer Size:</b> This field specifies the size of the Management Endpoint Buffer in bytes when a Management Endpoint Buffer is supported.					
	A value of 0h in this field indicates that the Management Endpoint does not support a Management Endpoint Buffer.					
31:08	Port Type Specific (refer to Figure 97 and Figure 98)					

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Figure 98: SMBus Port Specific Data

Bytes	Description			
		<b>ement Endpoint SMBus/I2C Frequency:</b> This field indicates the maximum SMBus/I2C ed by the all Management Endpoints on the port.		
	Value	Definition		
44	0h	Not supported		
11	1h	100 kHz		
	2h	400 kHz		
	3h	1 MHz		
	4h to FFh	Reserved		
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# **8 Management Architecture**

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8.2 Vital Product Data

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8.2.4 NVMe PCle Port MultiRecord Area

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Figure 154: NVMe PCle Port MultiRecord Area

Bytes	Factory Default	Description		
		<b>MCTP Support:</b> This field contains a bit vector that specifies the level of support for the NVMe Management Interface.		
		Bits	Definition	
10	Impl Spec	7:1	Reserved	
.0		0	If this bit is set to '1', then MCTP-based management commands are supported on all PCle VDM Management Endpoints on the PCle port. If this bit is cleared to '0', then MCTP-based management commands are not supported on the PCle port.	

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# 8.2.5 Topology MultiRecord Area

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## 8.2.5.7 NVM Subsystem Element Descriptor

The NVM Subsystem Element Descriptor is shown in Figure 172 and is used to describe an NVM Subsystem contained in the NVMe Storage Device.

Figure 172: NVM Subsystem Element Descriptor

Bytes	Factory Default	Description			
	3Ah	SMBus/I2C Address Info: If the NVM Subsystem supports an_MCTP over_on a SMBus/I2C Management Endpoints on the SMBus/I2C port, then this field indicates th SMBus/I2C address for the MCTP over SMBus/I2C port and whether or not SMBus AR is supported; otherwise, this field shall be cleared to 0h.			
03	or 3Bh	Bits	Description		
		7:1	SMBus/I2C Address: This field contains the 7-bit SMBus/I2C address. Refer to Figure 16 for requirements.		
		0	<b>ARP Capable:</b> This bit is set to '1' if SMBus ARP is supported, else it is cleared to '0'. Refer to Figure 16 for requirements.		

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#### **8.3 Reset Architecture**

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#### 8.3.3 Management Endpoint Reset

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Additional requirements and recommendations for Management Endpoint Resets are specified elsewhere in this specification. For example, a Management Endpoint Reset:

- resets bits and fields that are dedicated to each Management Endpoint in the out-of-band mechanism as defined in Figure 80, Figure 81, and Figure 90;
- <Note to reader: The Composite Controller Status Flags field is added by TP6027b.>
- resets the value of the Composite Controller Status Flags field as defined by Figure TBD2;
- resets the value of the SMBus/I2C Frequency field as defined by Figure 68;
- resets the value of the MCTP Transmission Unit Size field as defined by Figure 69; and

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clears the Control Primitive Specific Response field to 0h as defined in Figure 42.

#### 8.3.4 SMBus Reset

SMBus clock-low recovery is the ability to reset communication on all SMBus/I2C Management Endpoints on an SMBus/I2C port when the SMBus/I2C clock on that SMBus/I2C port is low for longer than ttimeout,MIN (refer to the SMBus Specification). SMBus/I2C Management Endpoints shall support SMBus clock-low recovery. It is strongly recommended that any SMBus/I2C element other than the SMBus/I2C Management Endpoint (refer to Figure 16 for a list of SMBus/I2C elements) should support SMBus clock-low recovery. SMBus clock-low recovery shall cause an SMBus Reset. An SMBus Reset caused by SMBus clock-low recovery shall not cause ARP-assigned addresses to be reset to their default values. All SMBus/I2C elements should support the recommendation for SMBus Reset when the SMBus/I2C clock is low for longer than ttimeout,MIN (refer to the SMBus Specification).

Some form factors may also specify one or more form factor-specific separate SMBus Reset mechanisms to reset the SMBus (e.g., SMBRST# as defined in SFF-TA-1009 or the rising edge of the +3.3 Vaux rail as defined in the PCI Express SFF-8639 Module Specification). If such mechanisms are Any form factor-specific mechanisms to reset the SMBus supported by an NVMe Storage Device or NVMe Enclosure-NVM Subsystem, then the NVM Subsystem shall cause an SMBus Reset. propagate the reset to all SMBus/I2C elements on the NVM Subsystem and translate the reset, if needed, to Expansion Connector form factors.

An SMBus Reset shall cause a Management Endpoint Reset of the all SMBus/I2C Management Endpoints on the SMBus/I2C port. For any SMBus/I2C element other than the SMBus/I2C Management Endpoint (refer to Figure 16 for a list of SMBus/I2C elements), it is strongly recommended that an SMBus Reset should reset that SMBus/I2C element.

An SMBus Reset shall cause an SMBus reset mechanism defined for the Expansion Connector to be applied to each Expansion Connector in the NVMe Storage Device.

If the an SMBus/I2C Management Endpoint port element on an NVM Subsystem is transmitting a Response Message, then an SMBus Reset shall cause the SMBus/I2C port it to attempt to generate a STOP condition as defined in (refer to the SMBus Specification) within 5 ms from the assertion of SMBus Reset or after the current data byte in the transfer process. The NVM Subsystem shall remain idle on SMBus/I2C port shall remain in the bus idle condition (refer to the SMBus Specification) for the remainder of the SMBus Reset assertion even if other SMBus/I2C elements a Management Controller attempts to address itaccess the SMBus/I2C port. An NVM Subsystem SMBus/I2C port shall support SMBus/I2C accesses starting from the de-assertion of SMBus Reset within the same timing constraints as are applicable to transitioning from an unsupported to a supported power state as defined in section 8.1-be ready to receive a START condition as defined in the SMBus Specification within 10 ms after SMBus Reset de-assertion.

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#### 8.3.TBD PCIe Reset

A PCIe Reset is generated by:

- a) a Conventional Reset (refer to the PCI Express Base Specification); or
- b) a Function Level Reset (refer to the PCI Express Base Specification).

PCIe Resets have additional impacts on in-band traffic and NVMe Controller operations which are outside the scope of this specification.

A Conventional Reset shall cause a Management Endpoint Reset of the all PCIe VDM Management Endpoints associated with the PCI Express port being reset. A Function Level Reset shall cause a Management Endpoint Reset of the PCIe VDM Management Endpoint associated with the Function being reset.

A PCIe VDM Management Endpoint shall support PCIe MCTP accesses after a PCIe Reset is de-asserted within the same timing constraints as are applicable to transitioning from an unsupported to a supported NVM Subsystem power state as defined by section 8.1.



# **Description of Specification Changes for NVM Express Base Specification**

# 5 Admin Command Set

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5.17 Identify command

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5.17.2 Identify Data Structures

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5.17.2.1 Identify Controller Data Structure (CNS 01h)

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Figure 275: Identify – Identify Controller Data Structure, I/O Command Set Independent

Bytes	1/01	Admin <sup>1</sup>	Disc <sup>1</sup>	Description			
	M	М	М	capabi	gement Endpoint Capabilities (MEC): This field indicates the lities of the support for Management Endpoints in the NVM subsystem. To the NVM Express Management Interface Specification for details.		
				Bits	Description		
				7:2	Reserved		
255				1	PCIe Port Management Endpoint (PCIEME): If set to '1', then the NVM subsystem contains a one or more Management Endpoints on a one or more PCIe ports, then this bit shall be set to '1'; otherwise, this bit shall be cleared to '0'.		
				0	SMBus/I2C Port Management Endpoint (SMBUSME): If set to '1', then the NVM subsystem contains a one or more Management Endpoints on an the SMBus/I2C port, then this bit shall be set to '1'; otherwise, this bit shall be cleared to '0'.		