

Linux Power!

(From the perspective of a PMIC vendor)

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Goal

What is PMIC

Regulator errors and notifications

Functional-safety helpers in regulator subsystem

What and Why is a PMIC?

PMIC drivers

- MFD and sub-devices

- Regulators

Monitoring for abnormal conditions

- Severity levels and limit values

- Regulator errors and notifications

- Helpers and examples

Wrap it up

About Me

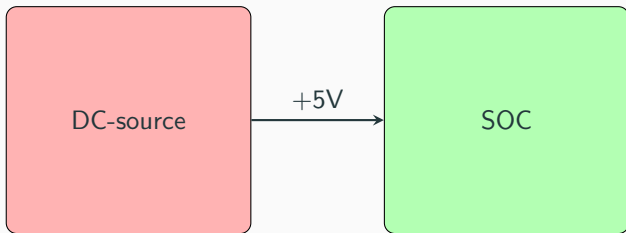
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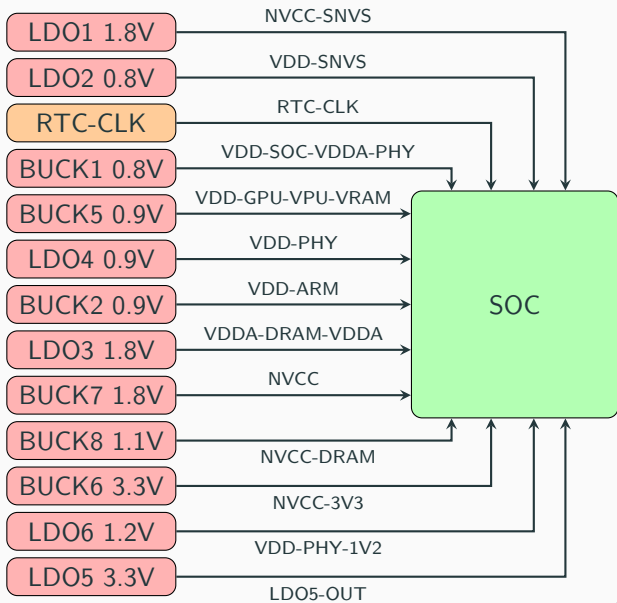
Powering a processor

- Processor and peripherals need power
- Can be as simple as a dummy DC power source with correct voltage

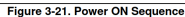


Powering a modern SOC 1/2

Modern SOC's can require multiple specific voltages



And specific timings...



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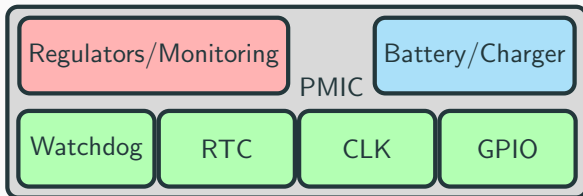
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PMIC - Power Management Integrated Circuit

- Multiple DC sources with specific start-up / shut-down sequence
- Voltage control
- Functional-safety
- Auxiliary blocks to support various needs



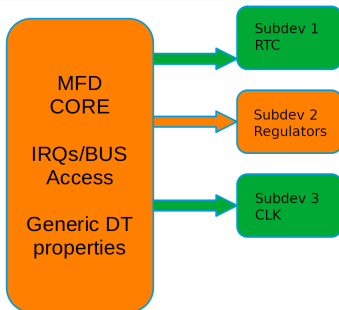
PMIC drivers

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Why? (I have 1 reason on mind, may be more)

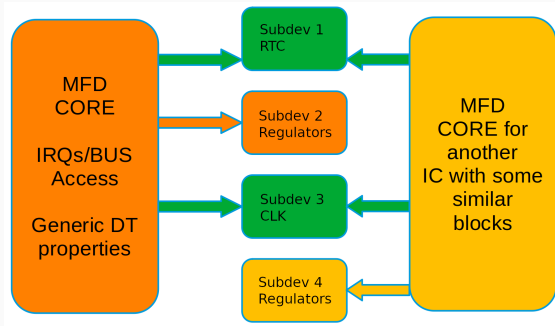


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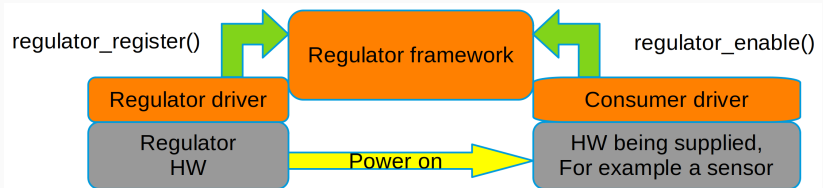
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Allows re-use



Regulator (provider) and consumer

- Provider is driver interfacing the hardware. Eg, sits “below” the regulator framework. Between regulator framework and HW
- Consumer is driver who wishes to control the regulator using the regulator framework. Eg, sits “on top of” the regulator framework
- PMIC driver is the provider driver (usually just referred as a regulator driver)



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What if hardware does not support given limit?

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        int lim_uA, int severity, bool enable);
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Simplified example

```
static int bd9576_set_ocp(struct regulator_dev *rdev, int lim_uA,
                          int severity, bool enable)
{
    ...

    /* Return -EINVAL for unsupported configurations */
    if ((lim_uA && !enable) || (!lim_uA && enable))
        return -EINVAL;

    /*
     * Select the correct register and appropriate register-value
     * conversion for given severity and limit..
     */
    if (severity == REGULATOR_SEVERITY_PROT) {
        ...
    } else {
        ...
    }

    /* Write configuration to registers */
    return bd9576_set_limit(range, num_ranges, d->regmap,
                           reg, mask, Vfet);
}
```

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Regulator error flags

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include/linux/regulator/consumer.h
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Event IRQ helper

A helper provided for IRQ handling and sending the notification

- Supports keeping IRQ disabled for a period of time
- Supports forcibly shutting down the system if accessing the PMIC fails

```
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                           const struct regulator_irq_desc *d, int irq,
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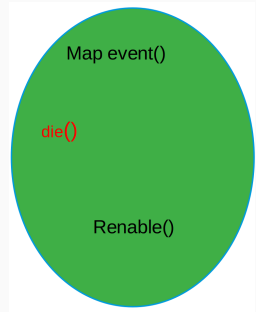
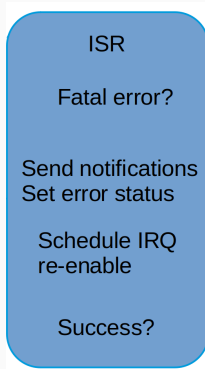
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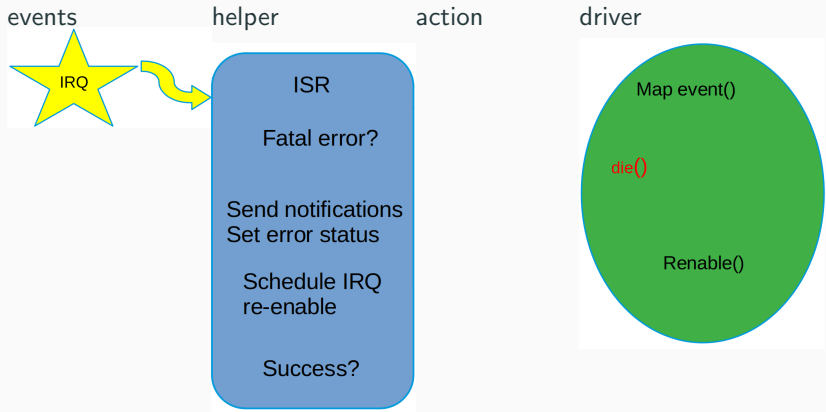
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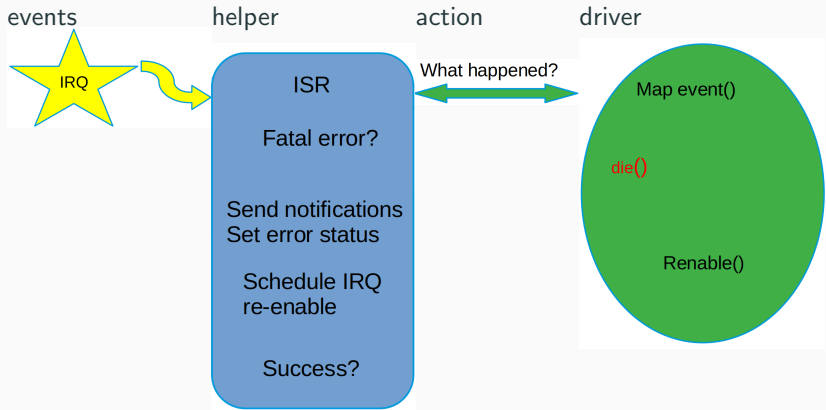
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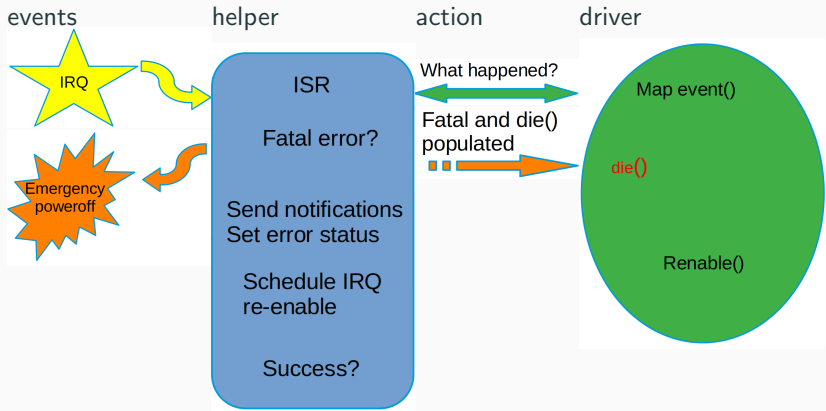
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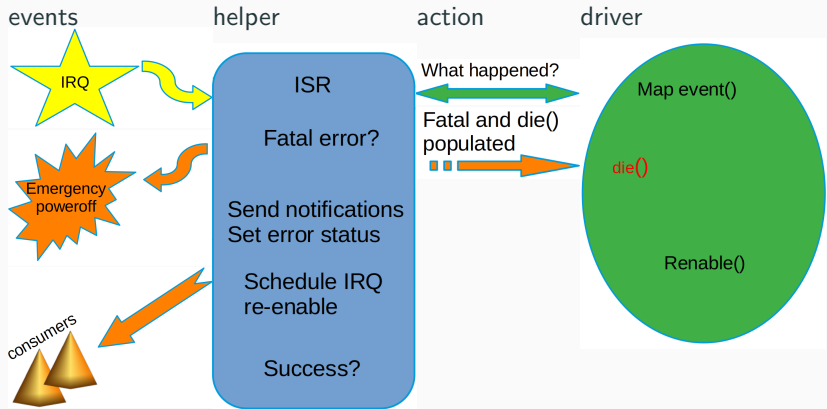
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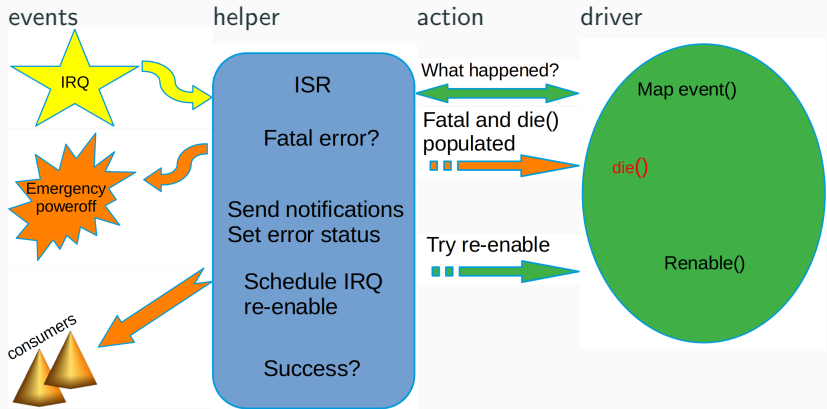
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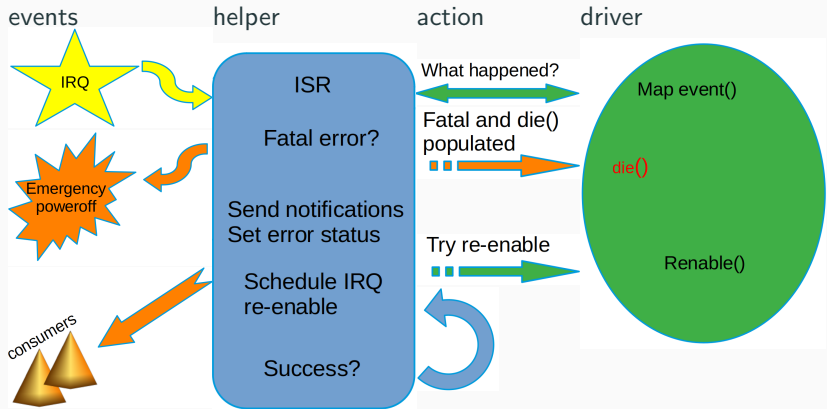
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    if (ret)
        return REGULATOR_FAILED_RETRY;

    rid->opaque = val & OVD_IRQ_VALID_MASK;
    *dev_mask = 0;

    if (!(val & OVD_IRQ_VALID_MASK))
        return 0;

    *dev_mask = val & BD9576_xVD_IRQ_MASK_VOUT1TO4;

    for_each_set_bit(i, dev_mask, 4) {
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Helper registration 1/2

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Helper registration 2/2

Create an array of regulators this IRQ may concern

```
struct regulator_dev *ovd_devs[BD9576_NUM_OVD_REGULATORS];

for (i = 0; i < num_rdev; i++) {
    struct bd957x_regulator_data *r = &ic_data->regulator_data[i];
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Wrap it up

- Powering up a modern SOC is not simple
- PMIC is an IC trying to integrate powering related features into single chip
- Many PMICs include functional-safety features
- There is some existing support for indicating abnormal events

Questions?

Thank You for listening!
(or time to wake up) :)

