

Debugging KVM using Intel DCI Technology

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Self Introduction

- Raymond Zhang
- Worked at Intel 2003 ~ 2016
- Xen Development in 2009
- Made Nvidia gfx worked in windows VM
- Root caused a TDR BSOD to a MMIO bug in shadow memory after 3 months debugging



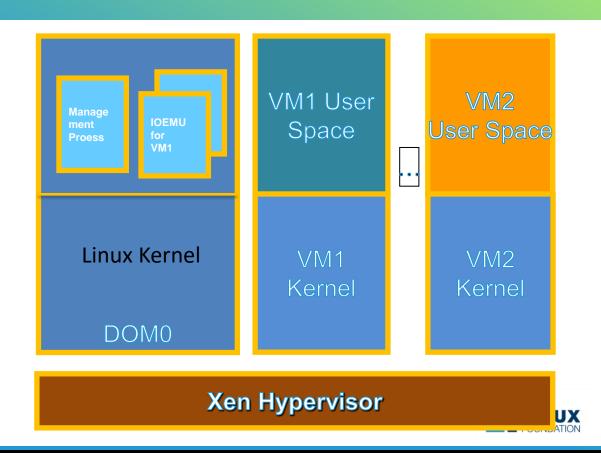




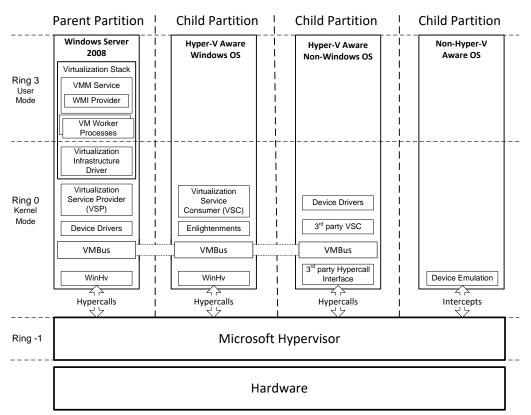
The Classic Xen Architecture

Domain 0

- Hosts Qemu process (aka ioemu)
- It's a VM too, but it's privileged
- Has drivers for most real hardware

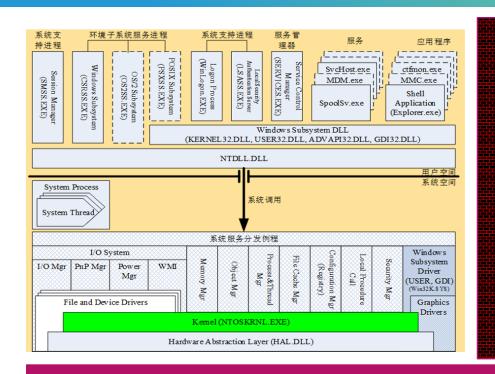


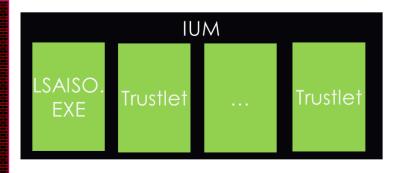
Hyper-V is Similliar



 There is a hypervisor under all VMs, including the privilege **Parent Partition** (domain 0 in Xen)

Windows 10's IUM (VBS)

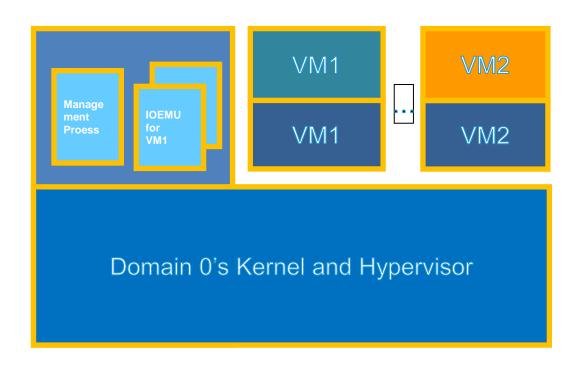








KVM is Smarter



- Combine
 Dom0 Kernel
 and hypervisor
 into 1
- It has a lot of benefits



kvm_cpu_vmxon

```
static void kvm_cpu_vmxon(u64 addr)
{
     cr4_set_bits(X86_CR4_VMXE);
     intel_pt_handle_vmx(1);

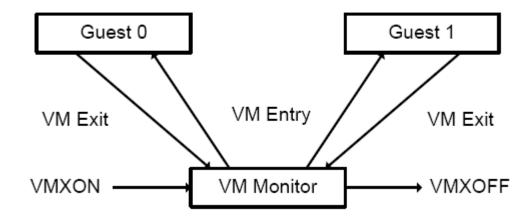
     asm volatile ("vmxon %0" : : "m"(addr));
}
```



It's inlined into kvm_intel!hardware_enable

```
kvm intel!hardware enable+0xca
 298 fffffff c0c8f80a 4889df
                                        rdi,rbx
                                 mov
 299 ffffffff c0c8f80d 57
                               push rdi
 299 ffffffff c0c8f80e 9d
                               popfq
 299 ffffffff`c0c8f80f 0f1f440000
                                   nop
                                         dword ptr [rax+rax]
 299 ffffffff`c0c8f814 bf01000000
                                    mov
                                          edi,1
 299 ffffffff`c0c8f819 e8a24db8d8
                                    call
                                          Ik!intel pt handle vmx (ffffffff 998145c0)
 288 ffffffff`c0c8f81e f30fc775d0
                                                  aword ptr [rbp-30h]
 139 ffffffff`c0c8f823 31c0
                                xor
                                      eax,eax
 139 fffffff c0c8f825 803d980c030000 cmp
                                              byte ptr [kvm intel!nested vmx hardware unse
                                      kvm_intel!hardware_enable+0x126 (ffffffff`c0c8f866)
 768 ffffffff`c0c8f82c 7538
                                ine
```

VMXON



The first one who executes VMXON wins the hypervisor/king role! The second one is a traitor.



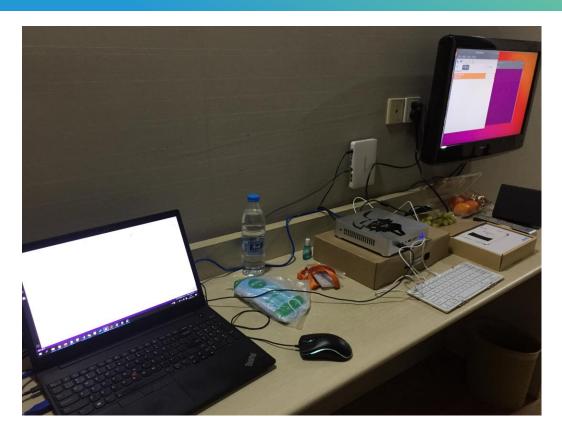
Examine in debugger

```
bp ffffffffc0c8f81e
Breakpoint 0 hit
kvm intel!hardware enable+0xde:
0010:ffffffffc0c8f81e f30fc775d0
                                              gword ptr |rbp-30h|
                                       vmxon
Child-SP
                 RetAddr Call Site
ffffb232`80140ef0 ffffffff`c0aea599 kvm intel!hardware_enable+0xfe [/build/lin
ffffb232`80140f30 ffffffff`c0ac98ba kvm!kvm_arch_hardware_enable+0x99 [/build,
ffffb232`80140f78 ffffffff`a51468ad kvm!hardware_enable_nolock+0x3a [/build/1:
ffffb232`80140f98 ffffffff`a5147483 lk!flush smp_call_function_queue+0x5d [/bu
ffffb232`80140fd0 ffffffff`a5c025be lk!generic_smp_call_function_single_inter
ffffb232`80140fe0 ffffffff`a5c01d0f lk!smp_call_function_interrupt+0x3e [/buil
ffffb232`80140ff8 00000000`0000001_lk!_paravirt_nop+0xd9 [/build/limix=hwe-po
```

Kernel



My debugging setup



Host:

Windows 10 PC

Target:

Ubuntu 18.04

KVM enabled

A Ubuntu VM

Pentium CPU(4405U)

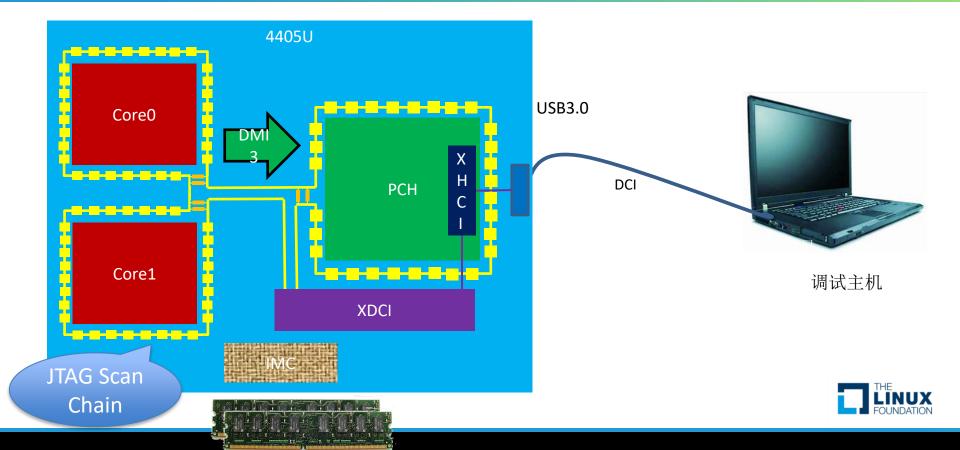
Customized BIOS

Connection:

DCI – DbC USB3.0



DCI = Direct Connect Interface



Device List

```
IPvthon: C:IntelSWTools/system studio 2020
                                                                                                                    Х
     0x00004000
                SPT0
                                         SPT
                                                                     0x9A506013
                                                                                  -/-/ -/- Yes
                                                                C1
     0x00004001
                 SPT MASTER0
                                         SPT MASTER
                                                                C1
                                                                     0x02080001
                                                                                            Yes
     0x00004004
                 SPT MASTER RETIME0
                                         SPT MASTER RETIME
                                                                C1
                                                                     0x00082017
                                                                                             Yes
     0x00004005
                 SPT RGNLB0
                                         SPT RGNLB
                                                                C1
                                                                     0x02080005
                                                                                            Yes
     0x00004008
                 SPT AGG0
                                         SPT AGG
                                                                C1
                                                                     0x0008000B
                                                                                            Yes
     0x00004009
                 SPT CLTAP RETIME0
                                         SPT CLTAP RETIME
                                                                C1
                                                                     0x0008000F
                                                                                            Yes
                 SKL U UC0
     0x00003000
                                         SKL U UC
                                                                Dø
                                                                     0x3A76D013
                                                                                            Yes
                 SKL CB00
                                         SKL CBO
     0x00005000
                                                                DØ
                                                                                            Yes
                 SKL CB01
10
     0x00005001
                                         SKL CBO
                                                                DØ
                                                                                            Yes
12
     0x00002000
                 SKL CORE0
                                                                                            Yes
                                         SKL C
                                                                D0
                                                                                  0/-/ 0/-
13
     0x00001000
                 SKL C0 T0
                                         SKL
                                                                D0
                                                                                  0/-/ 0/0
                                                                                            Yes
14
     0x00001001
                 SKL C0 T1
                                         SKL
                                                                D0
                                                                                  0/-/ 0/1
                                                                                            Yes
     0x00002001
                 SKL CORE1
                                                                                  0/-/ 1/-
16
                                         SKL C
                                                               DØ
                                                                                            Yes
     0x00001002
                 SKL C1 T0
                                         SKL
                                                               DØ
                                                                                  0/-/ 1/0
                                                                                            Yes
18
     0x00001003
                 SKL C1 T1
                                         SKL
                                                                DØ
                                                                                  0/-/ 1/1
                                                                                            Yes
                                         LogicalGroupDomain
19
     0x00010000
                 GroupDomain
                                                                                            Yes
                                         LogicalGroupCore
20
     0x00010001
                 GPC
                                                                                            Yes
                                         Debugport
21
     0x00011000
                 DebugPort0
                                                                                            Yes
     0x00014000
                 DCI USB DFX
                                         InterfacePort
                                                                                            Yes
23
     0x00016000
                 PinsInterface0
                                         PinsInterface
                                                                                            Yes
24
     0x00014001
                 DCI RAW
                                         InterfacePort
                                                                                            Yes
25
                 DCI PACKETS
                                         InterfacePort
     0x00014002
                                                                                            Yes
26
     0x00012000
                 JtagScanChain0
                                         JTAGScanChain
                                                                                            Yes
     0x00012001
                 JtagScanChain1
                                         JTAGScanChain
                                                                                            Yes
28
     0x00019000
                 dci iosf
                                         StatePortInterface
                                                                                            Yes
                                         InterfacePort
29
     0x00014003
                 DCI USB DMA
                                                                                            Yes
     0x00014004
                 DCI USB TRACE
                                         InterfacePort
                                                                                            Yes
```

Two types of DCI





Pro: Debug early wake up

Con: not USB 3 speed



USB Hosted DCI

Pro: low cost

Con: SO only



IA32_DEBUG_INTERFACE_MSR (0xC80)

12.1.452 (C80h) IA32_DEBUG_INTERFACE_MSR

This register provides controls to enable/disable and lock different processor debug features. CPUID.(EAX=1):ECX[11] when set indicates the availability of this MSR.

MSR Address: C80h				
Bit	Scope	Default	Attribute	Description
63:32	-	-	-	RSVD_63_32—Reserved
31	Package	-	RO	DEBUG_OCCURRED —This sticky bit is set by hardware to indicate the status of the enable bit.
				Note: On Skylake Server this bit status is retained in the RTC well through persitent PCH bit setting. On reboot the previous value is sent back to the processor through a reset message.
30	Package	-	RW	LOCK—When set locks any further changes to enable bit
				Note: The lock bit is set automatically on the first SMI assertion even if not explicitly set by BIOS
29:1	-	-	-	RSVD_29_1—Reserved
0	Package	-	RW	ENABLE—When set enables the debug features

For usual commercial machine, BIOS locks it

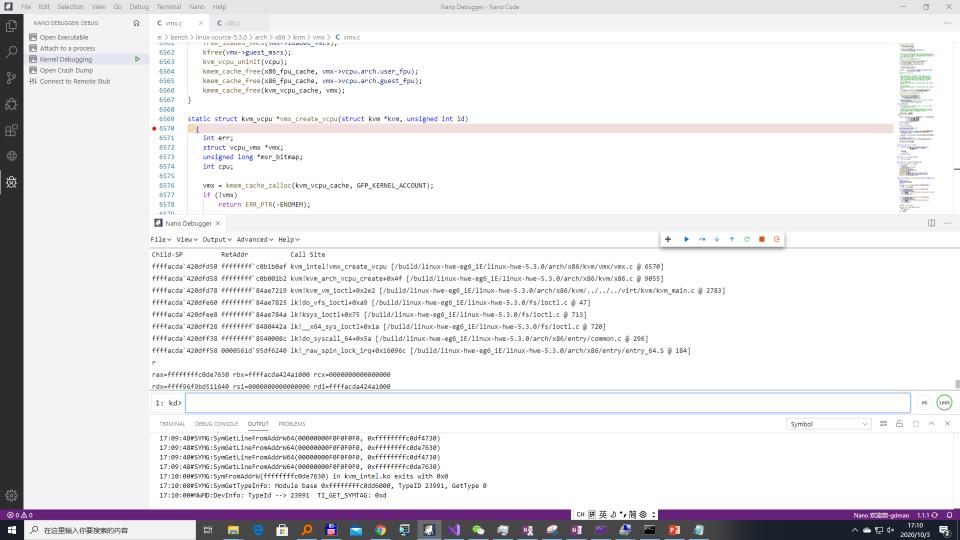




VM Create

- Create virtual CPU
- Create virtual MMU
- Create local APIC
- Hyper-V emulation
- Programmable Interrupt Timer





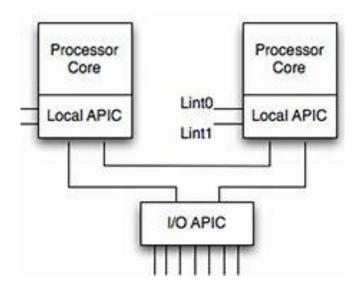
Creating Virtual MMU

- Memory Manage ment Unit
- Address Translati on

```
Call Site
Child-SP
             RetAddr
ffff9e0a`02c4bca0 ffffffff`c08ccd63 kvm!kvm mmu create(
                          struct kvm vcpu * vcpu = 0xffff8e73`25740000)
ffff9e0a`02c4bca8 ffffffff`c08a9a8f kvm!kvm arch vcpu init(
                          struct kvm vcpu * vcpu = 0xffff8e73`25740000)+0x93
ffff9e0a'02c4bcc8 ffffffff'c0bfe6e5 kvm!kvm vcpu init(
                          struct kvm vcpu * vcpu = 0xffff8e73`25740000,
                          struct kvm * kvm = 0xffff9e0a\02c01000.
                         unsigned int id = 0)+0xcf
ffff9e0a`02c4bcf8 ffffffffc08cc0af kvm intel!vmx create vcpu(
                          struct kvm * kvm = 0xffff8e73`25740000.
                         unsigned int id = 0x2c01000)+0xb5
ffff9e0a`02c4bd58 ffffffff`c08b11b2 kvm!kvm arch vcpu create(
                          struct kvm * kvm = 0xffff8e73`25740000)+0x4f
ffff9e0a'02c4bd78 fffffff'916e7219 kvm!kvm vm ioctl(
                          unsigned int ioctl = 0x25740000,
                         long unsigned int arg = 0n-107709143707648)+0x2e2
ffff9e0a`02c4be60 ffffffff`916e7825 lk!do vfs ioctl(
                          struct file * filp = 0xffff8e73`25740000,
                          long unsigned int arg = 0n2111471)+0xa9
ffff9e0a`02c4bee8 ffffffff`916e784a lk!ksys ioctl(
                          unsigned int fd = 0x2c01000,
                          unsigned int cmd = 0x25740000,
                          long unsigned int arg = 0n0)+0x75
ffff9e0a`02c4bf28 ffffffff`9140442a lk! x64 sys ioctl(void)+0x1a
ffff9e0a'02c4bf38 ffffffff'9200008c lk!do syscall 64(
```



Create Local APIC

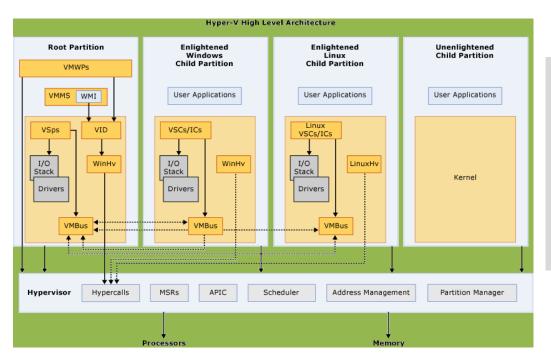


Call Site
kvm!kvm_create_lapic
kvm!kvm_arch_vcpu_init
kvm!kvm_vcpu_init
kvm_intel!vmx_create_vcpu
kvm!kvm_arch_vcpu_create
kvm!kvm_vm_ioctl

```
vcpu->arch.apic = apic;
```



KVM Microsoft Hyper-V emulation



kvm!kvm_hv_vcpu_postcreate kvm!kvm_arch_vcpu_postcreate kvm!kvm_vm_ioctl lk!do_vfs_ioctl lk!ksys_ioctl lk!__x64_sys_ioctl lk!do_syscall_64



Programmable Interval Timer (PIT)

 Run in qemusystem-x86



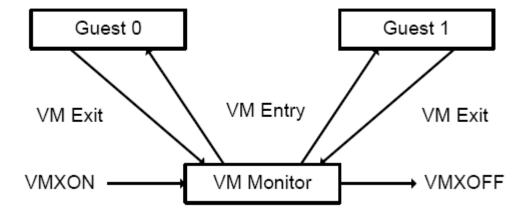
```
Call Site
kvm!create_pit_timer.part.6
kvm!pit_load_count
kvm!kvm_pit_load_count
kvm!kvm arch vm ioctl
```

```
kvm!kvm_create_pit [/build/linux-
hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-
5.3.0/arch/x86/kvm/i8254.c @ 649]
```



VM Exit

- It doesn't mean VM shutdown
- VM exits when it executes sensitive instruction
 - I/O access
 - Some page fault
 - Exception



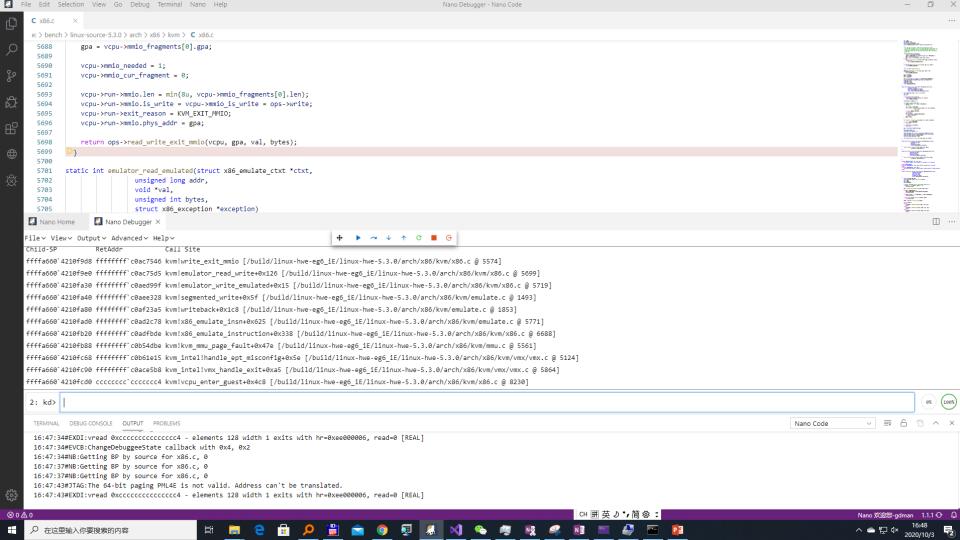


Exit for I/O

Primary way to stop VM destroy hardware

```
# Child-SP RetAddr Call Site
00 ffff9e0a`02c4bc70 ffffffff`c0bf14aa kvm!kvm_fast_pio [/build/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-5.3.001 ffff9e0a`02c4bc78 ffffffff`c0bfee15 kvm_intel!handle_io+0x4a [/build/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6_iE/linux-hwe-eg6
```





Two types of I/O

(1) PIO

- Port IO
- Classic PCPorts

(2) MIO

- MemoryMapped IO
- More common



Register I/O handler

```
int register_ioport_read(pio_addr_t start, int length, int
size,IOPortReadFunc *func, void *opaque);
int register_ioport_write(pio_addr_t start, int length, int size,
IOPortWriteFunc *func, void *opaque);
```

The main job to do device emulation

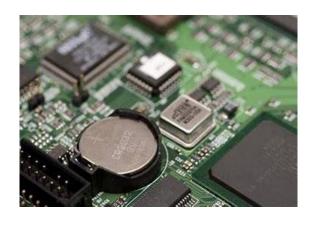


kvm_io_bus

```
dt bus -r
Local var @ r14 Type kvm io bus*
 +0x000 dev count : 0n4
 +0x004 ioeventfd count: 0n0
                  : [0]kvm io range[]
 +0x008 range
kvm_io_range
  +0x000 addr
                   : 0x20
  +0x008 len
                  : 0n2
  +0x010 dev
                   : 0xffff8e72`dd084960
kvm io device
              : 0xffffffffc0905cc0
    +0x000 ops
kvm io device ops
```



Dispatch/Service I/O Access



```
Child-SP
             RetAddr
                          Call Site
ffff9e0a`02c4bbd0 ffffffff`c08bc30e kvm!kvm_io_bus_read(
                        struct kvm vcpu * vcpu = 0xffff8e73`25740000,
                        kvm bus bus idx = KVM PIO BUS (0n1),
                        gpa t addr = 0x71,
                       int len = 0n1,
                        void * val = 0xffff8e73`21174000)
ffff9e0a`02c4bbd8 ffffffff`c08bd714 kvm!kernel pio(
                        struct kvm vcpu * vcpu = 0xffff8e73`25740000,
                        void * pd = 0xffff8e73^21174000)+0x2e
ffff9e0a`02c4bc00 ffffffff`c08c4594 kvm!emulator pio in emulated(
                        struct x86 emulate ctxt * ctxt = 0xffff8e73`25740000,
                        int size = 0n1.
                        unsigned int count = 0x21174000)+0x84
ffff9e0a`02c4bc40 ffffffff`c0bf14aa kvm!kvm fast pio(
                        struct kvm vcpu * vcpu = 0xffff8e73`25740000,
                        short unsigned int port = 0)+0x54
ffff9e0a\02c4bc78 ffffffff\c0bfee15 kvm intel!handle io(
                        struct kvm vcpu * vcpu = 0xffff8e73`25740000)+0x4a
ffff9e0a'02c4bc90 ffffffff'c08c65b8 kvm intel!vmx handle exit(
                        struct kvm vcpu * vcpu = 0xffff8e73`25740000)+0xa5
Amd64VtoP: Virt ccccccccccc4, pagedir 00000258bc03d000
Amd64VtoP: Non-canonical address
ffff9e0a'02c4bcd0 ccccccc'cccccc4 kvm!vcpu enter guest(
```

struct kvm vcpu * vcpu = 0xffff8e73`25740000)+0x4c8

Exit for MMIO

```
Call Site
kvm!apic mmio read
kvm!vcpu mmio read
kvm!emulator read write onepage
kvm!emulator read write
kvm!emulator read emulated
kvm!segmented read
kvm!x86 emulate insn
kvm!x86 emulate instruction
kvm!kvm mmu page fault
kvm intel!handle ept misconfig
kvm intel!vmx handle exit
kvm!vcpu enter guest
```



APIC Emulation

```
1367
         static int apic mmio read(struct kvm vcpu *vcpu, struct kvm io device *this,
 1368
                        gpa t address, int len, void *data)
1369
 1370
             struct kvm lapic *apic = to lapic(this);
 1371
             u32 offset = address - apic->base address;
 1372
 1373
             if (!apic mmio in range(apic, address))
                 return -EOPNOTSUPP;
 1374
 1375
             if (!kvm apic hw enabled(apic) | apic x2apic mode(apic)) {
 1376
                 if (!kvm check has quirk(vcpu->kvm,
 1377
 1378
                              KVM X86 QUIRK LAPIC MMIO HOLE))
 1379
                     return -EOPNOTSUPP:
 1380
                 memset(data, 0xff, len);
 1381
 1382
                 return 0:
 1383
 1384
 1385
             kvm lapic reg read(apic, offset, len, data);
 1386
 1387
             return 0:
```



Service MMIO Write by APIC

```
Child-SP
            RetAddr
                         Call Site
ffff9e0a'02c4b928 ffffffff'c08be89a kvm!apic mmio write(
                       struct kvm vcpu * vcpu = 0xffff8e73`25740000,
                       struct kvm io_device * this = 0xffff8e73`22455008,
                       gpa t address = 0xfc097024,
                       int len = 0n4.
                       void * data = 0xffff8e73`25741a40)+0xa
ffff9e0a`02c4b940 ffffffff`c08bf259 kvm!write mmio(
                       struct kvm vcpu * vcpu = 0xffff8e73`25740000,
                       gpa t gpa = 0xffff8e73`22455008,
                       int bytes = 0n-66490332.
                       ffff9e0a`02c4b980 ffffffff`c08bf4b0 kvm!emulator read write onepage(
                       void * val = 0x00000000`00000004,
                       unsigned int bytes = 0x25741a40,
                       struct kvm vcpu * vcpu = 0x00000000`00000004,
                       const read write emulator ops * ops = 0xffff8e73`25740000)+0x119
ffff9e0a`02c4b9e0 ffffffff`c08bf5d5 kvm!emulator read write(
                       struct x86 emulate ctxt * ctxt = 0x00000000`00000004,
                       long unsigned int addr = 0n4,
                       void * val = 0xffff8e73`25741a40.
                       unsigned int bytes = 0xfc097024,
                       const read write emulator ops * ops = 0xffff8e73`25740000)+0x90
ffff9e0a`02c4ba30 ffffffff`c08e599f kvm!emulator write emulated(void)+0x15
ffff9e0a`02c4ba40 ffffffff`c08e6328 kvm!segmented_write(
```



APIC Regsiter

Quite frequent

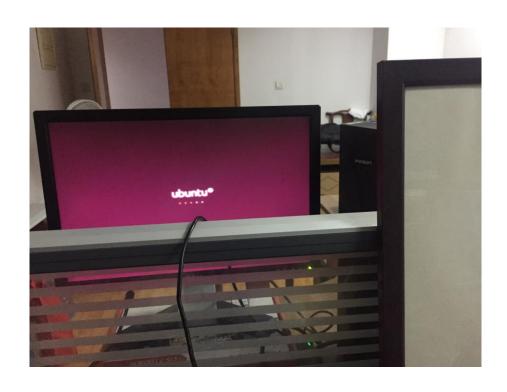


Useful Breakpoints

```
bl0 e fffffff c0ad4060 0001 (0001) kvm!kv
```

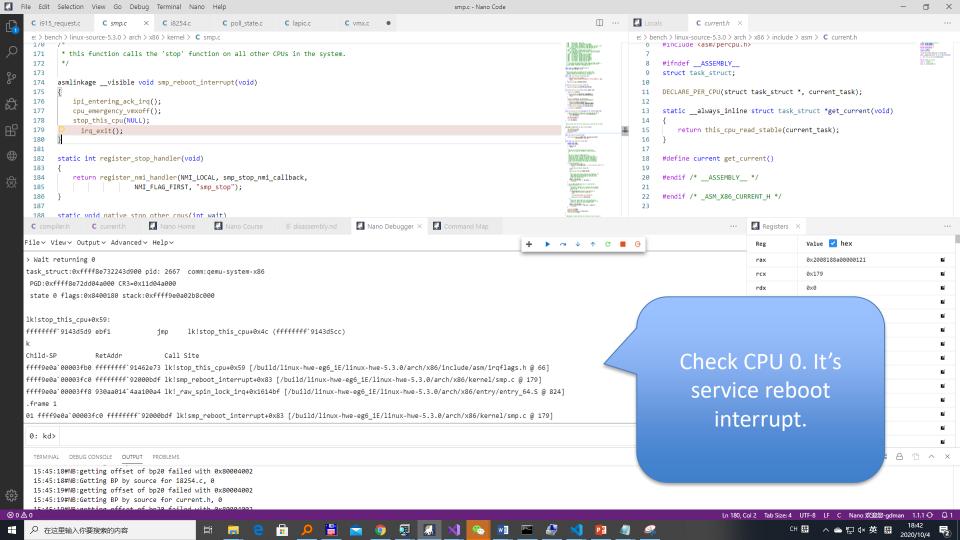
- 0 e fffffff c0ad4060 0001 (0001) kvm!kvm_arch_vcpu_create
 1 e fffffff c0b5be50 0001 (0001) kvm_intel!alloc_vmcs_cpu
- 2 e fffffff c0ad3740 0001 (0001) kvm!kvm_arch_exit
- 3 e fffffff c0b22400 0001 (0001) kvm!kvm_arch_create_vcpu_
- 4 e fffffff c0abc550 0001 (0001) kvm!kvm_vfio_ops_exit
- 5 e fffffff`c0ac2370 0001 (0001) kvm!write_exit_mmio
- 6 e fffffff c0b6e730 0001 (0001) kvm_intel!handle_vmon
- 7 e fffffff c0b61d70 0001 (0001) kvm_intel!vmx_handle_exit

A Real Case



- Ubuntu shutdown takes long time
- It seems hang somewhere
- Hard to debug





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170
       * this function calls the 'stop' function on all other CPUs in the system.
171
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174
      asmlinkage visible void smp reboot interrupt(void)
175
          ipi_entering_ack_irq();
176
177
          cpu_emergency_vmxoff();
178
          stop_this_cpu(NULL);
179
            irq exit();
180
```

Call stop on all other CPUs



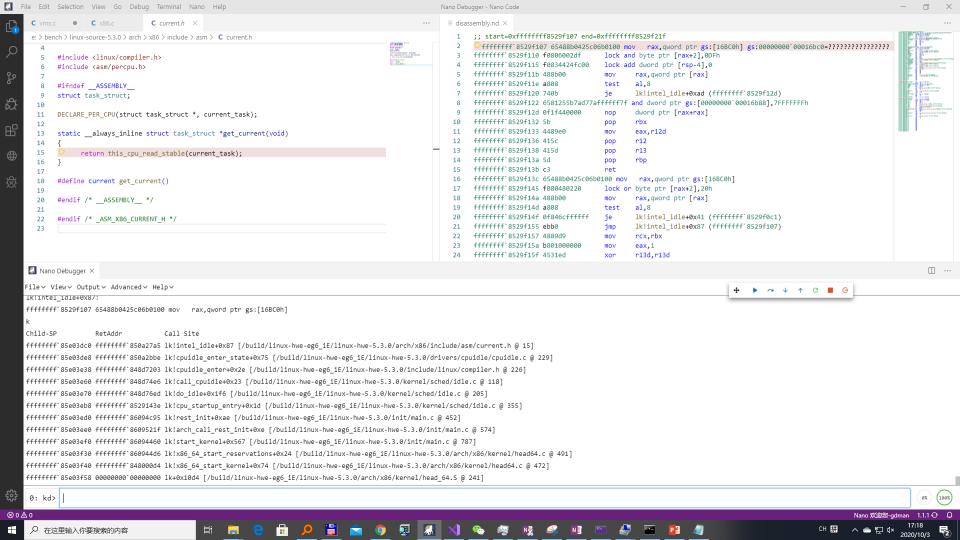
CPU2 is in Panic

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Child-SP RetAddr Call Site fffff9e0a`00c4be48 ffffffff$91e8b426 lk!delay_tsc(void)+0x24 ffff9e0a`00c4be58 ffffffff$9149bb88 lk!__const_udelay(void)+0x46 ffff9e0a`00c4be68 ffffffff$9149b559 lk!panic(void)+0x2cc ffff9e0a`00c4bef0 ffffffff$91539a89 lk!__stack_chk_fail(void)+0x19 ffff9e0a`00c4bf00 00000000`25b30f83 lk!__x64_sys_clock_gettime(void)+0xa9
```

- It's in const delay.
- It might have cleared interrupt.







Call Site
kvm!ioeventfd_write
kvm!__kvm_io_bus_write
kvm!kvm_io_bus_write
kvm_intel!handle_ept_misconfig
kvm_intel!vmx_handle_exit
kvm!vcpu_enter_guest



- Call Site
- vhost!translate_desc
 vhost!vhost_get_vq_desc
 vhost_net!handle_rx
 vhost_net!handle_rx_net
 vhost!vhost_worker_lk!kthread

