

[UEFI Practice] Modules involved in HII

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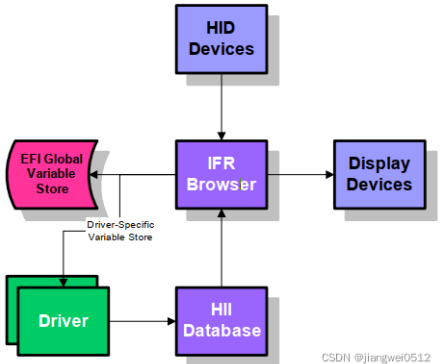
This article introduces the key modules in the UEFI Human-Machine Interface (HII), including HiiDatabaseDxe.inf, SetupBrowserDxe.inf, and DisplayEngineDxe.inf. These modules are responsible for i  
nitializing and managing interface elements, implementing the user interaction engine, and the display engine. By installing and using a series of protocols, such as HiiFont, HiiString, and HiiDatabase, the managemen  
t and operation of elements such as fonts, strings, and images are realized. At the same time, these modules also involve functions such as the creation of the user interaction interface, event processing, and shortcut ...

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The interaction logic of Hii is shown in the following figure:



The top part is the input device, such as keyboard, mouse, etc. The right part is the output device, such as monitor, and the left part is the UEFI variable, which is used to store the data involved in HII. These three parts are all UEFI basics and are not the objects introduced here. Here we mainly explain the IFR Browser and HII Database in the purple part in the middle . They are also important modules that HII needs to pay attention to. The corresponding modules in the code are as follows:

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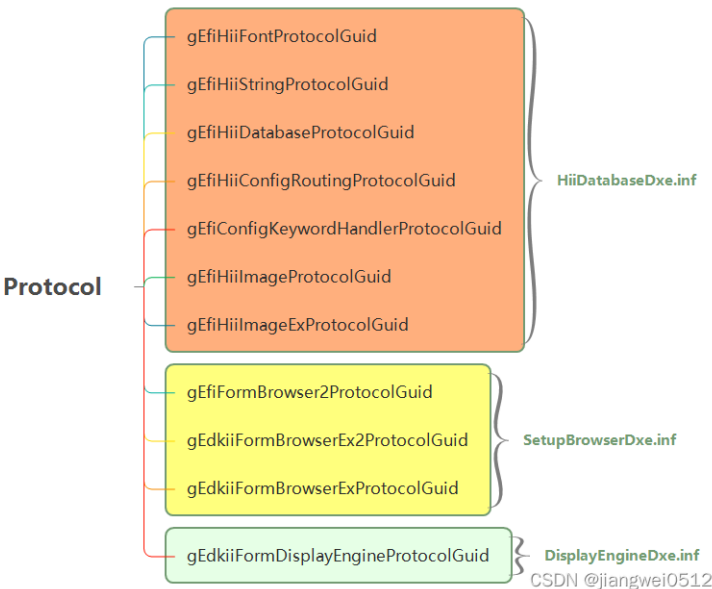
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1 MdeModulePkg/Universal/HiiDatabaseDxe/HiiDatabaseDxe.inf  
2 MdeModulePkg/Universal/SetupBrowserDxe/SetupBrowserDxe.inf  
3 MdeModulePkg/Universal/DisplayEngineDxe/DisplayEngineDxe.inf

In addition, other modules (the green part Driver in the above figure) will also provide elements required for the user interaction interface, which is usually to complete the operations required by the module.

Among the three modules above, HiiDatabaseDxe.inf the module is used to initialize and install the protocols of the operation interface elements and configure related protocols. These interface elements include fonts, strings, structures, images, etc. SetupBrowserDxe.inf This module depends on HiiDatabaseDxe.inf , it provides the implementation of the middle part of the above figure, and is actually the engine of the entire user interaction interface, used to implement various necessary operations (in fact, it is not implemented by it, it just calls the operations in the green part Driver). DisplayEngineDxe.inf It is SetupBrowserDxe.inf used together with, and it depends on the latter.

The protocols for module installation are as follows:



HiiDatabaseDxe.inf

This module initializes HII\_DATABASE\_PRIVATE\_DATA (corresponding variables mPrivate ):

```
1 InitializeListHead (&mPrivate.DatabaseList);
2 InitializeListHead (&mPrivate.DatabaseNotifyList);
3 InitializeListHead (&mPrivate.HiiHandleList);
4 InitializeListHead (&mPrivate.FontInfoList);
```

Then a bunch of protocols were installed:

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```
1 Status = gBS->InstallMultipleProtocolInterfaces (
2     &Handle,
3     &gEfiHiiFontProtocolGuid,
4     &mPrivate.HiiFont,
5     &gEfiHiiStringProtocolGuid,
6     &mPrivate.HiiString,
7     &gEfiHiiDatabaseProtocolGuid,
8     &mPrivate.HiiDatabase,
9     &gEfiHiiConfigRoutingProtocolGuid,
10    &mPrivate.ConfigRouting,
11    &gEfiConfigKeywordHandlerProtocolGuid,
12    &mPrivate.ConfigKeywordHandler,
13    NULL
14 );
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There is another part that is optional:

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```
1 if (FeaturePcdGet (PcdSupportHiiImageProtocol)) {
2     Status = gBS->InstallMultipleProtocolInterfaces (
3         &Handle,
4         &gEfiHiiImageProtocolGuid, &mPrivate.HiiImage,
5         &gEfiHiiImageExProtocolGuid, &mPrivate.HiiImageEx,
6         NULL
7     );
8 }
9 }
```

The protocols installed will be introduced later. These protocols are installed into `HII_DATABASE_PRIVATE_DATA` the structure mentioned above:

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```
1 typedef struct _HII_DATABASE_PRIVATE_DATA {
2     UINTN Signature;
3     LIST_ENTRY DatabaseList;
4     LIST_ENTRY DatabaseNotifyList;
5     EFI_HII_FONT_PROTOCOL HiiFont;
6     EFI_HII_IMAGE_PROTOCOL HiiImage;
7     EFI_HII_IMAGE_EX_PROTOCOL HiiImageEx;
8     EFI_HII_STRING_PROTOCOL HiiString;
9     EFI_HII_DATABASE_PROTOCOL HiiDatabase;
10    EFI_HII_CONFIG_ROUTING_PROTOCOL ConfigRouting;
11    EFI_CONFIG_KEYWORD_HANDLER_PROTOCOL ConfigKeywordHandler;
12    LIST_ENTRY HiiHandleList;
13    INTN HiiHandleCount;
14    LIST_ENTRY FontInfoList; // global font info list
15    UINTN Attribute; // default system color
16    EFI_GUID CurrentLayoutGuid;
17    EFI_HII_KEYBOARD_LAYOUT *CurrentLayout;
18 } HII_DATABASE_PRIVATE_DATA;
19
```

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These protocols are used to operate fonts, strings, images and other elements in the UEFI interactive interface.

## SetupBrowserDxe.inf

This module depends on `HiiDatabaseDxe.inf` some protocols installed in , so existing `LocateProtocol()` operations:

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```
1 //
2 // Locate required Hii relative protocols
3 //
4 Status = gBS->LocateProtocol (
5     &gEfiHiiDatabaseProtocolGuid,
6     NULL,
7     (VOID **) &mHiiDatabase
8 );
9 ASSERT_EFI_ERROR (Status);
10
11 Status = gBS->LocateProtocol (
12     &gEfiHiiConfigRoutingProtocolGuid,
13     NULL,
14     (VOID **) &mHiiConfigRouting
15 );
16 ASSERT_EFI_ERROR (Status);
17
18 Status = gBS->LocateProtocol (
19     &gEfiDevicePathFromTextProtocolGuid,
20     NULL,
21     (VOID **) &mPathFromText
22 );
```

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Then install the Protocol:

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```
c
1 //
2 // Install FormBrowser2 protocol
3 //
4 mPrivateData.Handle = NULL;
5 Status = gBS->InstallProtocolInterface (
6     &mPrivateData.Handle,
7     &gEfiFormBrowser2ProtocolGuid,
8     EFI_NATIVE_INTERFACE,
9     &mPrivateData.FormBrowser2
10 );
11 ASSERT_EFI_ERROR (Status);
12
13 Status = gBS->InstallProtocolInterface (
14     &mPrivateData.Handle,
15     &gEdkiiFormBrowserEx2ProtocolGuid,
16     EFI_NATIVE_INTERFACE,
17     &mPrivateData.FormBrowserEx2
18 );
19 ASSERT_EFI_ERROR (Status);
20
21 Status = gBS->InstallProtocolInterface (
22     &mPrivateData.Handle,
23     &gEdkiiFormBrowserExProtocolGuid,
24     EFI_NATIVE_INTERFACE,
25     &mPrivateData.FormBrowserEx
26 );
27 ASSERT_EFI_ERROR (Status);
```

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Then initialize `SETUP_DRIVER_PRIVATE_DATA` (corresponding variables `mPrivateData`):

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```
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1 InitializeListHead (&mPrivateData.FormBrowserEx2.FormViewHistoryHead);
2 InitializeListHead (&mPrivateData.FormBrowserEx2.OverrideQestListHead);
```

There is also initialization `EDKII_FORM_DISPLAY_ENGINE_PROTOCOL` (correspondingly `mFormDisplay` , this Protocol will actually be `DisplayEngineDxe.inf` installed in the entire module, so the Callback method is used):

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```
c
1 Status = gBS->LocateProtocol (
2     &gEdkiiFormDisplayEngineProtocolGuid,
3     NULL,
4     (VOID **) &mFormDisplay
5 );
6
7 if (EFI_ERROR (Status)) {
8     EfiCreateProtocolNotifyEvent (
9         &gEdkiiFormDisplayEngineProtocolGuid,
10        TPL_CALLBACK,
11        FormDisplayCallback,
12        NULL,
13        &Registration
14    );
15 }
```

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And `FORM_DISPLAY_ENGINE_FORM` (corresponding `gDisplayFormData`):

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```
c
1 /**
2  * Initialize the Display form structure data.
3  */
4 VOID
5 InitializeDisplayFormData (
6     VOID
7 )
8 {
9     EFI_STATUS Status;
10
11     gDisplayFormData.Signature = FORM_DISPLAY_ENGINE_FORM_SIGNATURE;
12     gDisplayFormData.Version = FORM_DISPLAY_ENGINE_VERSION_1;
13     gDisplayFormData.ImageId = 0;
14     gDisplayFormData.AnimationId = 0;
15
16     InitializeListHead (&gDisplayFormData.StatementListHead);
17     InitializeListHead (&gDisplayFormData.StatementListOSF);
18     InitializeListHead (&gDisplayFormData.HotKeyListHead);
19
20     Status = gBS->CreateEvent (
21         EVT_NOTIFY_WAIT,
22         TPL_CALLBACK,
23         EfiEventEmptyFunction,
24         NULL,
25         &mValueChangedEvent
26     );
27     ASSERT_EFI_ERROR (Status);
28 }
```

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The first step is to install a Strings:

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<pre>1 gHiiHandle = HiiAddPackages ( 2     &amp;gDisplayEngineGuid, 3     ImageHandle, 4     DisplayEngineStrings, 5     NULL 6 ); 7 ASSERT (gHiiHandle != NULL);</pre>			

Then install the Protocol:

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<pre>1 // 2 // Install Form Display protocol 3 // 4 Status = gBS-&gt;InstallProtocolInterface ( 5     &amp;mPrivateData.Handle, 6     &amp;gEdkiiFormDisplayEngineProtocolGuid, 7     EFI_NATIVE_INTERFACE, 8     &amp;mPrivateData.FromDisplayProt 9 ); 10 ASSERT_EFI_ERROR (Status);</pre>			
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Then initialize a bunch of strings:

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<pre>1 InitializeDisplayStrings(); 2 3 /** 4  * Initialize the HII String Token to the correct values. 5  */ 6 VOID 7 InitializeDisplayStrings ( 8     VOID 9 ) 10 { 11     gReconnectConfirmChanges = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (RECONNECT_CONFIRM_CHANGES), gHiiHandle); 12     mUnknownString          = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (UNKNOWN_STRING), gHiiHandle); 13     gSaveFailed              = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (SAVE_FAILED), gHiiHandle); 14     gNoSubmitIfFailed        = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (NO_SUBMIT_IF_CHECK_FAILED), gHiiHandle); 15     gReconnectFail           = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (RECONNECT_FAILED), gHiiHandle); 16     gReconnectRequired       = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (RECONNECT_REQUIRED), gHiiHandle); 17     gChangesOpt              = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (RECONNECT_CHANGES_OPTIONS), gHiiHandle); 18     gSaveProcess             = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (DISCARD_OR_JUMP), gHiiHandle); 19     gSaveNoSubmitProcess     = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (DISCARD_OR_CHECK), gHiiHandle); 20     gDiscardChange           = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (DISCARD_OR_JUMP_DISCARD), gHiiHandle); twen  gJumpToFormSet              = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (DISCARD_OR_JUMP_JUMP), gHiiHandle); twen  gCheckError               = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (DISCARD_OR_CHECK_CHECK), gHiiHandle); twen  gPromptForData            = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (PROMPT_FOR_DATA), gHiiHandle); twen  gPromptForPassword        = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (PROMPT_FOR_PASSWORD), gHiiHandle); 25   gPromptForNewPassword      = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (PROMPT_FOR_NEW_PASSWORD), gHiiHandle); 26   gConfirmPassword           = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (CONFIRM_PASSWORD), gHiiHandle); 27   gConfirmError              = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (CONFIRM_ERROR), gHiiHandle); 28   gPasswordInvalid           = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (PASSWORD_INVALID), gHiiHandle); 29   gPressEnter                = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (PRESS_ENTER), gHiiHandle); 30   gEmptyString               = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (EMPTY_STRING), gHiiHandle); 31   gMiniString                = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (MINI_STRING), gHiiHandle); 32   gOptionMismatch            = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (OPTION_MISMATCH), gHiiHandle); 33   gFormSuppress              = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (FORM_SUPPRESSED), gHiiHandle); 34   gProtocolNotFound          = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (PROTOCOL_NOT_FOUND), gHiiHandle); 35   gFormNotFound              = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (STATUS_BROWSER_FORM_NOT_FOUND), gHiiHandle); 36   gNoSubmitIf                = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (STATUS_BROWSER_NO_SUBMIT_IF), gHiiHandle); 37   gBrowserError              = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (STATUS_BROWSER_ERROR), gHiiHandle); 38   gConfirmDefaultMsg         = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (CONFIRM_DEFAULT_MESSAGE), gHiiHandle); 39   gConfirmDiscardMsg         = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (CONFIRM_DISCARD_MESSAGE), gHiiHandle); 40   gConfirmSubmitMsg          = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (CONFIRM_SUBMIT_MESSAGE), gHiiHandle); 41   gConfirmResetMsg           = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (CONFIRM_RESET_MESSAGE), gHiiHandle); 42   gConfirmExitMsg            = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (CONFIRM_EXIT_MESSAGE), gHiiHandle); 43   gConfirmDefaultMsg2nd      = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (CONFIRM_DEFAULT_MESSAGE_2ND), gHiiHandle); 44   gConfirmSubmitMsg2nd       = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (CONFIRM_SUBMIT_MESSAGE_2ND), gHiiHandle); 45   gConfirmResetMsg2nd        = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (CONFIRM_RESET_MESSAGE_2ND), gHiiHandle); 46   gConfirmExitMsg2nd         = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (CONFIRM_EXIT_MESSAGE_2ND), gHiiHandle); 47   gConfirmOpt                = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (CONFIRM_OPTION), gHiiHandle); 48   gConfirmOptYes             = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (CONFIRM_OPTION_YES), gHiiHandle); 49   gConfirmOptNo              = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (CONFIRM_OPTION_NO), gHiiHandle); 50   gConfirmMsggConnect        = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (CONFIRM_OPTION_CONNECT), gHiiHandle); 51   gConfirmMsggEnd            = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (CONFIRM_OPTION_END), gHiiHandle); 52   gPasswordUnsupported       = GetToken (STRING_TOKEN (PASSWORD_NOT_SUPPORTED ), gHiiHandle); 53 }</pre>			
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Then initialize several variables:

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<pre>1 ZeroMem (&amp;gHighlighMenuInfo, sizeof (gHighlighMenuInfo)); 2 ZeroMem (&amp;gOldFormEntry, sizeof (gOldFormEntry));</pre>			

Finally, register a few shortcut keys:

```
1 //
2 // Use BrowserEx2 protocol to register HotKey.
3 //
4 Status = gBS->LocateProtocol (&gEdkiiFormBrowserEx2ProtocolGuid, NULL, (VOID **) &FormBrowserEx2);
5 if (!EFI_ERROR (Status)) {
6     //
7     // Register the default HotKey F9 and F10 again.
8     //
9     HotKey.UnicodeChar = CHAR_NULL;
10    HotKey.ScanCode = SCAN_F10;
11    NewString = HiiGetString (gHiiHandle, STRING_TOKEN (FUNCTION_TEN_STRING), NULL);
12    ASSERT (NewString != NULL);
13    FormBrowserEx2->RegisterHotKey (&HotKey, BROWSER_ACTION_SUBMIT, 0, NewString);
14
15    HotKey.ScanCode = SCAN_F9;
16    NewString = HiiGetString (gHiiHandle, STRING_TOKEN (FUNCTION_NINE_STRING), NULL);
17    ASSERT (NewString != NULL);
18    FormBrowserEx2->RegisterHotKey (&HotKey, BROWSER_ACTION_DEFAULT, EFI_HII_DEFAULT_CLASS_STANDARD, NewString);
19 }
```

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