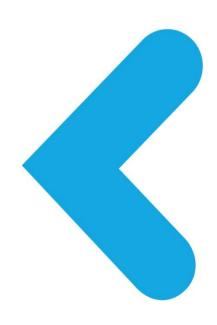




FastCall Hooking Interface

<t-base



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1 Introduction to the FastCall Interface

The SMC instruction [ARM11] in conjunction with a negative (< 0) value in the r0 register is interpreted by the secure monitor as a FastCall. A FastCall accesses a function in <t-base context without performing a complete context switch. FastCalls are always executed in Monitor Privileged Mode [ARM11]. In this regard they shall execute as little code as possible and shall be carefully designed.

FastCall Parameters (Input)

```
r0 FastCallID (always < 0)
r1 - r3 FC parameters depending on the FastCallID
```

Return Values (Output)

```
r0 FastCallID (always < 0) of the FC which has been executed (r0 from input data)
r1 - r3 status information / data (depending on FC)
(r1 returns status "0" or error)
```

<t-base already supports either generic or platform-specific internal FastCalls. They are mainly used for <t-base initialization and common operations that have to be done by the normal world but can only be performed in secure.

FastCalls have the following limitations:

- They cannot call any TlApi or DrApi functions
- They may be executed concurrently on several CPUs
- They must not cause any exception. There is no means to recover in case an exception is triggered in a FastCall.



2 ADDING CUSTOM FASTCALLS

2.1 THE FIRMWARE DRIVER

<t-base allows a unique driver, known as the Firmware Driver, to register an additional FastCall handler that will be called for FastCall IDs that are not known to <t-base. "Firmware Driver" is a naming convention for the first driver to ever install a FastCall handler during <t-base runtime. It is intended to act as a system integration means, compared to other hardware peripherals' drivers.

As it must always be available as soon as the FastCall handler has been registered, the Firmware Driver **must** be marked as permanent in the driver flags defined in its Makefile:

```
DRIVER FLAGS := 1 # 0: no flags; 1: permanent; [...]
```

Regarding the information shared between the Firmware driver and the Fastcall handlers: the Fastcall handlers get Firmware driver memory mappings in range of 0-2MB at the time handler is installed. As there is absolutely no synchronization mechanism between the Firmware driver and the FastCall handles once installed, it's mandatory for the Firmware driver to not unmap any of these mappings.

In addition, if new mappings are made by the Firmware driver after FastCall installation, they cannot be relied upon to be visible in Fastcall hook functions.



2.2 ADDITIONAL SECURE DRIVER APIS

The main header file for the Driver API extension is fastcall.h.

```
#include "fastcall.h"
```

2.2.1 Types

2.2.1.1 FastCall Registers

```
typedef word_t *fastcall_registers_t;
```

Depending on the platform, a FastCall handler may have access to at least 4 registers (r0 to r3).

Each time an SMC is sent and catch by the Firmware driver, they are forwarded by <t-base to the Firmware driver through the fastcall registers t table.

2.2.1.2 FastCall Context

```
struct fcContext {
    /* Size of the context */
    word_t size;

    /*Callback to modify L1 MMU mapping */
    void *(*setL1Entry)(word_t idx, word_t entry);

    /* Number of registers available in FastCalls */
    word_t registers;
};
```

The FastCall context structure, fcContext_t, is filled when the Firmware driver is initialized into <t-base and forwarded as parameter to the FastCall hook initialization function.

The $\mathtt{setL1Entry}$ callback can be used at runtime to map additional memory in FastCall context:

- idx: The Index of the section in the table of L1 descriptors (maximum of 12 slots available).
- entry: The L1 descriptor that will be used for the mapping.

Value returned by function setL1Entry is the virtual address of the mapped area (Null in case of error).

However, these mappings, done in FastCall context will not be visible from the Firmware driver.

Note: This context is shared between FastCalls and all processors.



2.2.2 Specific FastCall Entry Points

2.2.2.1 FastCall Handler Initialization

```
typedef word_t (*fcInitHook)(
    struct fcContext *context
);
```

This entry point is called once when FastCall Hooking is enabled through a call to the drApiInstallFc driver API (Firmware driver initialization). It is executed in Secure SVC mode.

This function must **never** cause any exception.

Parameters

context: FastCall context structure.

Returns

It must return 0 if initialization goes OK. Else, with any other value, the fastcalls will not be allowed.

2.2.2.2 FastCall Handler

```
typedef void (*fcEntryHook)(
    fastcall_registers_t *regs,
    struct fcContext *context
);
```

This is the actual FastCall handler. It may be executed concurrently on several CPUs. It is executed in Monitor mode.

This function must **never** cause any exception.

Parameters

- regs: Normal World registers' values:
 - On entry, regs[0] to regs[context->registers 1] contain input
 parameters. regs[0] is always the FastCall identifier.
 - On exit, regs[0] to regs[3] store output results.
 - regs[0] is always the FastCall identifier.
 - regs[1] can be used to store a return value.
 - Other registers **must not** be modified. Result of any modification is unpredictable.

By convention, if the FastCall identifier is unknown the value MC FC RET ERR INVALID should be returned in r1.

context: FastCall context structure.



2.2.3 Specific Firmware Driver APIs

2.2.3.1 drApiInstallFc

```
_DRAPI_EXTERN_C drApiResult_t drApiInstallFc(
    void *entryTable)
```

Install the custom FastCall handler.

Parameters:

- entryTable: table of function pointers to FastCall Hooking entry points (see section 2.3, "Firmware Driver Structure").
 - entryTable[0] should point to a function of type fcInitHook
 - entryTable[1] should point to a function of type fcEntryHook

Returns:

- ORAPI OK if the FastCall handler has been correctly set
- E DRAPI NOT PERMITTED if this function is called from a non-driver context
- E_DRAPI_INVALID_PARAMETER if entryTable does not point to code in the
 driver
- E DRAPI CANNOT INIT if the driver has not been configured as permanent
- DRAPI_ERROR_CREATE(E_DRAPI_CANNOT_INIT, E_MAPPED)if another FastCall
 handler has already been installed



2.3 FIRMWARE DRIVER STRUCTURE

2.3.1 FastCall Hook Initialization

Initialization of FastCall handling is done by the Firmware driver, it boils down to building a 2-entries table where:

- the first element is a pointer to the FastCall initialization function,
- the second one is a pointer to the actual FastCall handler.

2.3.2 Assembly Glue for FastCall Handler

The FastCall handler, once installed, will be executed in the context of the Monitor and eventually on any CPUs available. While the main Monitor might have a decent stack, it might not be the case for the secondary monitors. For this reason, it's required to setup a new stack before entering in the FastCall Handler

The following piece of assembly code is an example on how to reserve specific stacks for each CPU on which the FastCall handler may run and use the correct one when it is executed (_fcMain is the function installed, it then call real FastCall Handler, fcMain):

```
export _fcMain
import fcMain

CORES_MAX equ 4
STACK_SIZE equ 256 * 4

area stack, noinit, readwrite
fcStackBottom
   space CORES_MAX * STACK_SIZE
fcStackTop

area text, code, readonly
   preserve8
   arm
```



```
push {r0, r6-r8, r12, lr}
mov r12, sp
; get affinity level 0 core number in r1
     p15, 0, r7, c0, c0, 5 ; get mpidr
ubfx
      r6, r7, #0, #4
                               ; cpu id(1-3)
; set own core-specific stack
1dr r7, =fcStackTop
mov r8, #STACK_SIZE
; calculate stack-start for this core
mul r6, r6, r8
sub r7, r7, r6 mov sp -7
; by sp = top - (core num * size core)
; save the old stack in the new stack
push \{r12\}
blx fcMain
; get the old stack back
pop {r12}
mov sp, r12
; restore the context from the old stack
pop {r0, r6-r8, r12, lr}
bx lr
```

2.3.3 FastCall Handler Example

The FastCall Handler is divided in two steps:

The initialization function, called by <t-base when the Firmware driver install the FastCall hook:

```
word_t fcInit(fcContext_t *context)
{
    /* Initialization code here...
    * Runs in Kernel context */

    /* optionally map things... */
    //context->setL1Entry(0, L1_TYPE_FAULT);
    return 0;
}
```



The FastCall Handler, called each time an SMC is not recognized by <t-base Monitor:</p>

```
void fcMain(
   fastcall_registers_t *regs,
   fcContext_t *context)
{
   uint32_t mpidr;
   uint32_t fastCallID = regs[0];

   switch(fastCallID) {
      case FASTCALL_SOMETHING:
            doFCSomething(regs);
            break;
      default:
            regs[1] = MC_FC_RET_ERR_INVALID;
   }
}
```



3 u-boot Integration Sample

This section describes what could be the integration of the Firmware driver in u-boot, and directly load it into <t-base.

The advantage would be to have the FastCall hook available for u-boot and for the very early boot sequence of the Normal World OS.

3.1 ENTRY POINT IN U-BOOT

The proposed entry point in the bootloader code:

```
ulong mobi_drv_addr = 0x0;
size_t mobi_drv_size = 0x0;

/* Initialize the MobiCore runtime */
if(mci_setup())
    return CMD_RET_USAGE;

if (mc_load_driver(mobi_drv_addr, mobi_drv_size, tci, TCI_SIZE))
    printf("MobiCore Driver loading failed!\n");

// Unmap the MobiCore runtime - otherwise Linux daemon will fail
mci_unmap();
```

It is up to the bootloader developer to specify:

- mobi_drv_address the address in memory where the secure driver blob has been loaded to memory
- mobi drv size the size of the blob loaded to memory
- tci a global buffer already allocated to send commands to the driver
- TCI SIZE the size of the tci buffer previously allocated

NOTE: This guide assumes the bootloader developer has a mechanism to load the secure driver from permanent storage to memory AND has done so before integrating.

NOTE: It is assumed that if TCI is required the bootloader will not release that particular memory for other uses



3.2 <T-BASE COMMUNICATION SETUP

The function $mci_setup()$ handles the setup of the communication mechanism between the bootloader and <t-base

The code provided in our example patch is assumed complete and working:

```
static int mci setup(void)
{
     struct fc generic fc init;
     int i;
     uint32 t mci offset = ((uint32 t)mci) & PAGE MASK;
     fc init.cmd = MC FC INIT;
     // Set MCI as uncached
     fc init.param[0] = (uint32 t)mci | 0x1U;
     fc init.param[1] = (mci offset << 16 ) | NQ LENGTH;</pre>
     // mcp offset = 0x118 mcp length=0x90
     fc init.param[2] = ((NQ LENGTH + mci offset) << 16) | MCP LENGTH;</pre>
     smc(&fc init);
     printf("MobiCore INIT response = %x\n", fc init.param[0]);
     if(fc init.param[0]) {
           printf("MobiCore MCI init failed!\n");
           return -1;
     }
     // MCI is setup, do a nsiq to give RTM a chance to run
     for(i = 0; i < MC MAX SIQ; i++) {</pre>
           uint32 t state, ext info;
           mc nsiq();
           mc info(0, &state, &ext info);
           // Check if initialized
           if(state == MC STATUS INITIALIZED) {
                printf("MobiCore RTM has initialized!\n");
                break;
           }
     if (i == MC MAX SIQ) {
           printf("MobiCore RTM failed to initialize\n");
           return -1;
     mcp = (mcpBuffer ptr)((uint8 t*)mci + mci offset + NQ LENGTH);
     nq = (uint8 t*)mci + mci offset;
     printf("MobiCore IDLE flag = %x\n", mcp->mcFlags.schedule);
     return 0;
```



The code assumes the buffer MCI is already allocated in memory and has a size of MCI SIZE:

```
#define MCI_SIZE 512
uint8_t mci[MCI_SIZE];
```

NOTE: This buffer must be globally defined as it is used for communication throughout the code!

NOTE: This code execute several smc calls to give <t-base time to initialize. It does also have a maximum number of calls(MC_MAX_SIQ) defined so if something goes wrong it can handle errors correctly!

3.3 FIRMWARE DRIVER LOADING

The function for driver loading is assumed complete and working.

The return value of the function is 0 for success – driver has been loaded and has initialized correctly.

```
static int mc load driver(void *buf, size t size, void *tci, size t tci size)
     int ret = 0;
     int i;
      // now we have the driver in memory, setup the MCP
     mclfHeaderV2 ptr header = buf;
     printf("MobiCore driver address %x, size = %u!\n", buf, size);
     mcp->mcpMessage.cmdOpen.cmdHeader.cmdId = MC MCP CMD OPEN SESSION;
     mcp->mcpMessage.cmdOpen.uuid = header->uuid;
     mcp->mcpMessage.cmdOpen.wsmTypeTci = WSM CONTIGUOUS | WSM WSM UNCACHED;
     mcp->mcpMessage.cmdOpen.adrTciBuffer = ((uint32 t)tci) & ~(PAGE MASK);
     mcp->mcpMessage.cmdOpen.ofsTciBuffer = ((uint32 t)tci) & PAGE MASK;
     mcp->mcpMessage.cmdOpen.lenTciBuffer = tci size;
      // check if load data is provided
     mcp->mcpMessage.cmdOpen.wsmTypeLoadData=WSM CONTIGUOUS|
WSM WSM UNCACHED;
     mcp->mcpMessage.cmdOpen.adrLoadData = ((uint32 t)buf) & ~(PAGE MASK);
     mcp->mcpMessage.cmdOpen.ofsLoadData = ((uint32 t)buf) & PAGE MASK;
     mcp->mcpMessage.cmdOpen.lenLoadData = size;
     memcpy(&mcp->mcpMessage.cmdOpen.tlHeader, header, sizeof(mclfHeader t));
     put notification(0);
      for (i = 0; i < MC MAX SIQ; i++) {
           mc nsiq();
           udelay(2000);
            if(get notification() == 0) {
                  printf("MobiCore RTM Notified back!\n");
                  break;
            }
      if (i == MC MAX_SIQ) {
           printf("MobiCore RTM did not ack the open command!\n");
```

Parameters

- buf the address in memory where the secure driver blob has been loaded to memory
- size the size of the blob loaded to memory
- tci a global buffer already allocated to send commands to the driver
- tci size the size of the tci buffer previously allocated

NOTE: As stated before please note that if the secure driver will use the TCI after initialization you MUST ensure the memory allocated for TCI is not released to Android!

NOTE: Please remember the driver must not have long initialization times or endless loops. The code above has checks that the driver will not take too long to initialize but since there might not be any time source interrupts in the bootloader <t-base might not relinquish control to bootloader at all there is nothing the code can do!

NOTE: It is always assumed the driver developer understands the system!



3.4 DATA DEALLOCATION

Data deallocation is very important in the bootflow. Without proper deallocation subsequent calls to <t-base from the Android daemon will fail.

The code is considered complete and working:

```
static int mci unmap(void)
     int i;
     mcp->mcpMessage.cmdHeader.cmdId = MC MCP CMD CLOSE MCP;
     put notification(0);
     mc nsiq();
     for (i = 0; i < MC MAX SIQ; i++)
           uint32 t state, ext info;
           mc info(0, &state, &ext info);
           mc nsiq();
           // Check if initialized
           if(state != MC STATUS INITIALIZED) {
                printf("MobiCore RTM has been uninitialized!\n");
                break;
           mc nsiq();
     if (i == MC MAX SIQ) {
           printf("MobiCore RTM failed to uninitialize\n");
           return -1;
     return 0;
```

NOTE: Error handling is important here as any error returned by this code will result in an unusable <t-base system for Android



3.5 <T-BASE FILES NEEDED

Our u-boot example code consists of the following files:

Name	Comment
mcLoadFormat.h	<t-base format<="" header="" load="" of="" structures="" td="" the="" with=""></t-base>
mcUuid.h	<t-base about="" format<="" header="" structure="" td="" uuid="" with=""></t-base>
mcVersionInfo.h	<t-base header="" information<="" td="" versioning="" with=""></t-base>
mcimcp.h	<t-base header="" related="" structures="" to<br="" with="">bootloader->t-base communication (MCI format)</t-base>
mcinq.h	<t-base <t-base<="" command="" communication="" for="" format="" header="" needed="" queue="" related="" structure="" td="" to="" with=""></t-base>

