

Kernel driver coretemp

Supported chips:

- * All Intel Core family

Prefix: 'coretemp'

CPUID: family 0x6, models 0xe (Pentium M DC), 0xf (Core 2 DC 65nm),
0x16 (Core 2 SC 65nm), 0x17 (Penryn 45nm),
0x1a (Nehalem), 0x1c (Atom), 0x1e (Lynnfield)

Datasheet: Intel 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer's Manual
Volume 3A: System Programming Guide

<http://softwarecommunity.intel.com/Wiki/Mobility/720.htm>

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Description

This driver permits reading temperature sensor embedded inside Intel Core CPU. Temperature is measured in degrees Celsius and measurement resolution is 1 degree C. Valid temperatures are from 0 to TjMax degrees C, because the actual value of temperature register is in fact a delta from TjMax.

Temperature known as TjMax is the maximum junction temperature of processor. Intel defines this temperature as 85C or 100C. At this temperature, protection mechanism will perform actions to forcibly cool down the processor. Alarm may be raised, if the temperature grows enough (more than TjMax) to trigger the Out-Of-Spec bit. Following table summarizes the exported sysfs files:

templ_input	- Core temperature (in millidegrees Celsius).
templ_max	- All cooling devices should be turned on (on Core2).
templ_crit	- Maximum junction temperature (in millidegrees Celsius).
templ_crit_alarm	- Set when Out-of-spec bit is set, never clears. Correct CPU operation is no longer guaranteed.
templ_label	- Contains string "Core X", where X is processor number.

The TjMax temperature is set to 85 degrees C if undocumented model specific register (UMSR) 0xee has bit 30 set. If not the TjMax is 100 degrees C as (sometimes) documented in processor datasheet.