RISC-V arch test Module: Privileged spec Task 1

Test description(what test is trying to do)

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What's the actual output?(Try explaining this with snapshots of your log file)

The value of mstatus is updated to be in the supervisor mode

Ecall is called and control transferred to trap handler

Returned from the trap handler to the address stored in the mepc register + 4 and then switch mode function is called that will change to user mode by updating the mstatus register

Updated mstatus with the user mode values

Trap is called and the control is transferred to trap handler

Add snapshot or reference of spec, if possible for expected behaviour

RV32 and Figure 3.7 for RV64. The mstatus register keeps track of and controls the hart's current operating state. A restricted view of mstatus appears as the sstatus register in the S-level ISA.

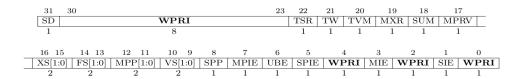


Figure 3.6: Machine-mode status register (mstatus) for RV32.



Figure 3.7: Machine-mode status register (mstatus) for RV64.

For RV32 only, mstatush is a 32-bit read/write register formatted as shown in Figure 3.8. Bits 30:4 of mstatush generally contain the same fields found in bits 62:36 of mstatus for RV64. Fields

How can you start your test in M-mode?

By default the program runs in M-mode, so we don't need to set it to M-mode because the program will already be running in M-mode.

Verify that you have switched to the required mode(Figure out How to verify this)

We can verify that we have switched to the required mode by exploring the mstatus register, specifically MPP bits of the mstatus register that tells us the privilege mode in which the program is running.

Try switching to U mode. (figure out how you can do this using standard way) We can switch to U mode by setting the MPP bits to 01 i.e 12 and 11 bit in mstatus register.