# **Fixmap**

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# **Fixmap Main Uses**

The fixed mapping area (hereinafter referred to as the fixmap area) is the space where the virtual address is fixed at compile time. Therefore, fixmap is usually used when mapping is required before the dynamic mapping subsystem (vmap, etc.) is activated. For example, a console device is temporarily mapped to this space for use before it is officially initialized. It is also used at runtime when the kernel code needs to be changed or the page table needs to be updated.

The fixmap is divided into several blocks for each purpose. Virtual addresses are determined at compile time, and physical addresses are mapped and used at runtime (including boot time) using the API for fixmap. Before virtual address mapping (VMAP) is enabled, a small number of specific resources use these fixed mapping address spaces.

Its uses vary slightly depending on the architecture and kernel version, but the main uses are as follows. Other uses are further described in the Fixmap slot classification.

## 1) IO Device Early Mapping

- There are two ways to map devices at early bootup time when the ioremap() function is not available.
  - Static devices are used for fixed mapping. (Early Console, etc.)
  - At the beginning of the bootup running time, when regular device mapping (ioremap) is not available, the device can be temporarily mapped to the fixmap virtual address area via the early\_ioremap() function.
    - A total of 7 times, each capable of mapping 256K

#### 2) Kernel mapping of highmem physical memory

- In the case of the ARM32 kernel, the highmem page in the physical area is mapped to the fixmap virtual address area assigned by the cpu id.
  - stack based kmap\_atomic
    - Initially, the mapped index slot was fixed according to the CPU ID and usage type, but now it is operated using push/pop in the same way as the stack by the number of KM TYPE NR (ARM=20) on the CPU ID.
      - This means that each CPU is assigned 20 mapping slots.
    - Note: mm: stack based kmap\_atomic()
       (https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/3e4d3af501cccdc8a8cca41bdbe57d54ad7
       e7e73)

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- Use the kmap\_atomic() function to map the highmem page using the fixmap area that corresponds to the current CPU. If it has already been mapped to a kmap area, it returns its virtual address.
- ZONE\_HIGHMEM uses several mapping methods in the kernel and always iterates between mapping and unmapping, so the access speed is overhead for mapping, which always results in slower performance compared to pre-mapped ZONE\_NORMAL. Of course, unlike kernels, at the user level, each task is mapped to a very large user address space (1G, 2G, or 3G, depending on the configuration).
- 64-bit systems have a very large virtual address space, so all the physical memory in the system can be mapped. Therefore, there is no need to run highmem in this case.

### 3) Kernel code changes

• When changing kernel code that is set to read only, the fixmap virtual address area is used temporarily.

# Simple comparison with other mapping methods

- vmap
  - It can be used to map multiple pages over a long period of time, and it maps to a fairly large vmalloc address space.
    - ARM32
      - 240M SPACE
    - ARM64
      - CONFIG\_VM\_BITS varies by size, and you can assume that half of the VM space is almost half of the VM space, excluding some vmemmap, pci io, fixmap, kimage, module image area, etc.
      - For example, if you use CONFIG\_VM\_BITS=39, the VM size is 512G. Of these, the vmalloc space is about 246G.
- kmap
  - kmap address space for a certain amount of time. Once the mapping is complete, it is rescheduled and retains the mapping even if it is changed to another task.
    - ARM32
      - 2M SPACE
- fixmap
  - It can be used for a very, very short mapping of highmem pages and maps to the fixmap address space. It doesn't sleep, so it can be used in an interrupt context.
    - It must be unmapped before it can be scheduled and replaced with another task.
  - Other IO areas, etc., are fixed and mapped at boot-up time.
  - o ARM32
    - It has grown from 2M to > 3M space.
  - o ARM64
    - It varies between kernel versions and kernel options, but currently around 6M space

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# **Fixmap Virtual Address Area**

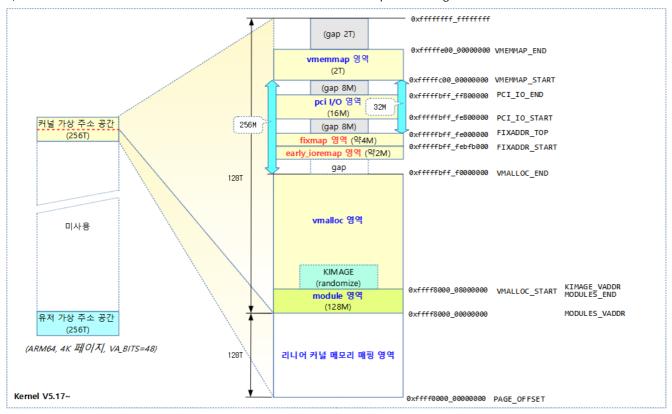
- The fixmap virtual address area is located in different architectures and has a different size.
  - o ARM32
    - Currently, 3M's virtual address space is used to add index slots (768 ~ 0) to 767 pages from the highest address downward.
    - Use a 0M area from FIXADDR\_START (0xffc0000\_0) ~ FIXADDR\_END (0xfff0000\_3).
      - Previously, we used a 0M area from 0xffc0000\_0 ~ 0xffe0000\_2.
      - Note: ARM: expand fixmap region to 3MB (https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/836a24183273e9db1c092246bd8e 306b297d9917)
    - FIXADDR\_TOP range is FIXADDR\_END PAGE\_SIZE (4K).
      - Index assignment is when FIXADDR\_TOP (0xffef\_f000) is index 0 and the index number is increased in the downward direction.
      - Index numbers can range from 0 up to 0x2ff (767).
  - o ARM64
    - It uses about 6M of virtual address space and uses index slots from the highest address downward.

# **Kernel Address Space by Kernel Version Layout**

The following figure shows the kernel v5.17~ kernel address space layout. (VA\_BITS=48)

- The bpf area restriction of 128M has been lifted, allowing the use of vmalloc space.
  - arm64/bpf: Remove 128MB limit for BPF JIT programs
     (https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/b89ddf4cca43f1269093942cf5c4e457fd45c335)
     (2021, v5.17-rc1)

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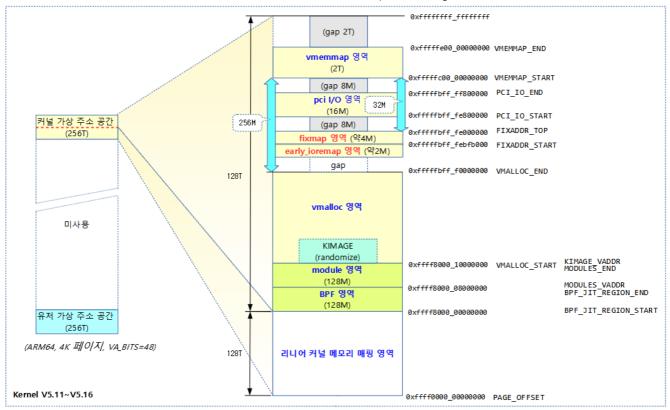
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The following figure shows the kernel v5.11~ kernel address space layout. (VA\_BITS=48)

- The vmemmap, pci, and fixmap areas have been made some adjustments.
  - arm64: mm: make vmemmap region a projection of the linear region
     (https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/8c96400d6a39be763130a5c493647c57726f701

     3) (2020, v5.11-rc1)
  - arm64: mm: tidy up top of kernel VA space
     (https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/9ad7c6d5e75b160c9ce5775db610d964af45b83
     f) (2020, v5.11-rc1)

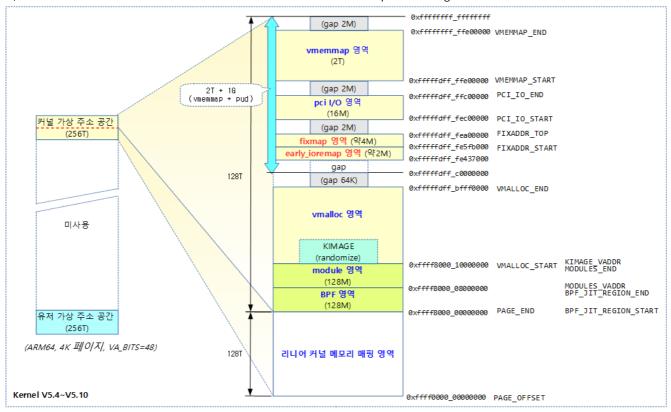
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The following figure shows the kernel address space layout for kernels v5.4 through v5.10. (VA\_BITS=48)

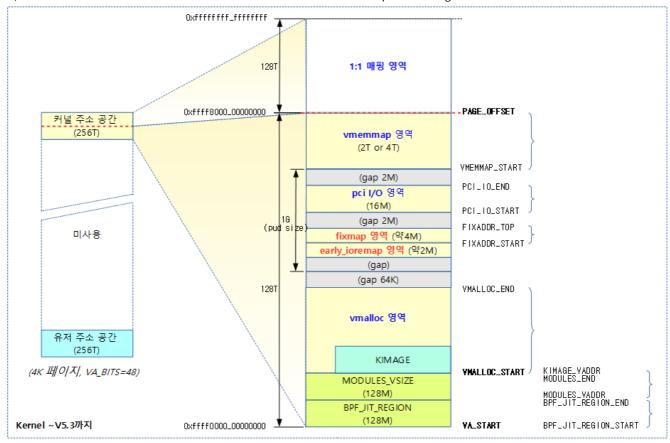
- As of kernel v5.4, you can see that half of the kernel area has been flipped. VA\_START was renamed to PAGE\_END instead.
  - Note: arm64: memory: rename VA\_START to PAGE\_END
     (https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/77ad4ce69321abbe26ec92b2a2691a66531eb68
     8#diff-b58f478335b857b9aa2599a7e129552f) (2019, v5.4-rc1)
- As of kernel v5.4, the 1:1 mapping area has been lowered to allow KASAN's shadow size to be changed at boot time.
  - Note: arm64: mm: Flip kernel VA space (https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/14c127c957c1c6070647c171e72f06e0db275ebf #diff-b58f478335b857b9aa2599a7e129552f) (2019, v5.4-rc1)
- The 32T KASAN area is omitted, but if you use this option, the bpf, module, and vmalloc starts will go up that much. (The end of vmalloc is the same)
- Depending on the kernel options, the location of the fixmap can vary from page to page.



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The following figure shows the kernel address space layout up to kernel ~v5.3. (VA\_BITS=48)

- The size of the vmemmap space depends on the size of the page descriptor (struct page), which depends on the compilation options
  - If it's 64 bytes or less, use the 2T region.
  - If it exceeds 64 bytes, use the 4T region.



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# **Fixmap Index Slot**

- The virtual address is fixed according to the fixmap index slot number.
  - o e.g. ARM32
    - index=0 -> vaddr=0xffef\_f000 (FIXADDR\_TOP)
    - index=1 -> vaddr=0xffef\_e000
    - ..
    - index=767 -> vaddr=0xffc0\_0000 (FIXADDR\_START)

# Specific page mapping examples)

Page 0, which begins with the physical address 4000x0000\_1, maps the fixmap to the index of slot 1.

set\_fixmap(1, 0x4000\_0000)

# **Fixmap Slot Classification**

Fixmaps are provided in slots for different purposes depending on the architecture and kernel version.

- HOLE
  - In the case of ARM32, it is not used.
  - In the case of ARM64, 1 slot is provided for debugging purposes, and is currently not used as a spare entry page.

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- Added in kernel v3.19-rc1.
  - Note: arm64: Add FIX\_HOLE to permanent fixed addresses
     (https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/dab78b6dcb2bfc90038f35ada826844273
     dde4d6#diff-54386009a8506bfeb240099dfd205550)

#### FDT

- In the case of ARM32, it is not used.
- In the case of the ARM64, it provides a slot that covers the device tree (FDT) of 4M.
  - The FDT is up to 2M, but because it uses alignment in 2M increments, it requires an area of up to 4M.
- Added in kernel v4.2-rc1.
  - Note: arm64: use fixmap region for permanent FDT mapping (https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/61bd93ce801bb6df36eda257a9d2d16c02 863cdd#diff-54386009a8506bfeb240099dfd205550)

#### EARLYCON

- One index slot is used for input and output before regular mapping for the purpose of using the serial device as a console. (early console)
- This area was added in kernel v2015.8-rc4 in August 3.
  - Note: ARM: 8415/1: early fixmap support for earlycon (https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/a5f4c561b3b19a9bc43a81da6382b0098e bbc1fb)

#### KMAP

- Highmem, which is only used on 32-bit systems, is the space used when mapping the physical memory area, and the index slot used varies depending on the number of CPUs (NR CPUS).
  - It was used when Fixmap was first introduced.
- In the case of ARM32, there are 20 index slots depending on the number of CPUs.
  - The number has been increased from 16 to 20.
- In the case of x86\_32, there are 41 index slots depending on the number of CPUs.

### TEXT\_POKE

- When kernel code, kprobes, static keys, etc., are used, the read-only kernel code is changed, and these codes are mapped for a while using one or two slots before being changed.
- In the case of the ARM32, there are two slots.
- In the case of the ARM64, there are two slots.

#### APEI\_GHES

- If you are currently using the GHES driver on ARM64 and X86\_64, you will be given 2 slots.
- The GHES driver uses fixmap to prevent the ioremap\_page\_range() function from being used for use in the irg context.
- Added in kernel v4.15-rc.
  - Note: ACPI / APEI: Replace ioremap\_page\_range() with fixmap (https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/4f89fa286f6729312e227e7c2d764e8e7b9 d340e)
- This was added in kernel v5.1.

 Note: firmware: arm\_sdei: Add ACPI GHES registration helper (https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/f96935d3bc38a5f4b5188b6470a10e3fb8c 3f0cc#diff-54386009a8506bfeb240099dfd205550)

### • ENTRY\_TRAMP

- o For security, KASLR (Kernel Address Sanitizer Location Randomization) technology is used to hide the kernel location in the user space. In addition, a separate top-level page table (pgd) for KPTI (Kernel Page Table Isolation, aka KAISER), which is operated by preparing a kernel page table separately to prevent access to the kernel area from the user space, is used on this ENTRY\_TRAMP page. Kernels that use these options have to flush TLB every time they switch between kernel and user, resulting in a performance loss of about 5%. Future CPUs are said to be designed to use technology that completely separates kernel space access from user space, so that performance is not degraded without using this option.
- Added in kernel v4.16-rc1.
  - KAISER: hiding the kernel from user space (https://lwn.net/Articles/738975/) |
     LWN.net
  - The current state of kernel page-table isolation (https://lwn.net/Articles/741878/) |
     I WN.net
  - arm64: mm: Map entry trampoline into trampoline and kernel page tables (https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/51a0048beb449682d632d0af52a515adb9 f9882e)
  - arm64: kaslr: Put kernel vectors address in separate data page (https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/6c27c4082f4f70b9f41df4d0adf51128b403 51df)

#### BTMAPS

- This is where devices are temporarily mapped via early\_ioremap() at early bootup time when regular ioremap() is not available.
- Up to seven mappings can be made, each of which can use 7K.
- Added in kernel v3.15-rc1.
  - Note: arm64: add early\_ioremap support (https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/bf4b558eba920a38f91beb5ee62a8ce262 8c92f7#diff-54386009a8506bfeb240099dfd205550)
- FIX PTE, FIX PMD, FIX PUD, FIX PGD
  - It is used at runtime to generate kernel page tables for atomic processing for the purpose of applying them to TLB without problems, and uses a total of 1 index slots, 4 for each.
  - The kernel page table has been changed to read-only, and whenever you modify a page table entry, you use this area to modify the entry.
  - Added in kernel v.4.6-rc1.
    - Note: arm64: mm: add functions to walk tables in fixmap (https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/961faac114819a01e627fe9c9c82b830bb3 849d4#diff-54386009a8506bfeb240099dfd205550)

## fixed\_address - ARM64

#### arch/arm64/include/asm/fixmap.h

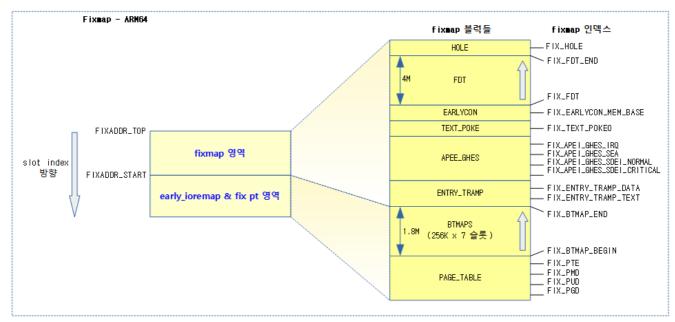
```
* Here we define all the compile-time 'special' virtual
02
03
       addresses. The point is to have a constant address at
04
       compile time, but to set the physical address only
05
       in the boot process.
06
     * Each enum increment in these 'compile-time allocated'
07
     * memory buffers is page-sized. Use set_fixmap(idx,phys)
08
09
       to associate physical memory with a fixmap index.
10
    enum fixed_addresses {
02
            FIX_HOLE,
03
04
             * Reserve a virtual window for the FDT that is 2 MB larger than
05
    the
06
             * maximum supported size, and put it at the top of the fixmap r
    egion.
             * The additional space ensures that any FDT that does not excee
07
    d
             * MAX FDT SIZE can be mapped regardless of whether it crosses a
08
    ny
             * 2 MB alignment boundaries.
09
10
             * Keep this at the top so it remains 2 MB aligned.
11
12
13
    #define FIX_FDT_SIZE
                                     (MAX_FDT_SIZE + SZ_2M)
            FIX_FDT_END,
14
15
            FIX FDT = FIX FDT END + FIX FDT SIZE / PAGE SIZE - 1,
16
17
            FIX_EARLYCON_MEM_BASE,
18
            FIX_TEXT_POKEO,
19
20
   #ifdef CONFIG_ACPI_APEI_GHES
21
            /* Used for GHES mapping from assorted contexts */
22
            FIX_APEI_GHES_IRQ,
23
            FIX_APEI_GHES_SEA,
    #ifdef CONFIG_ARM_SDE_INTERFACE
24
25
            FIX_APEI_GHES_SDEI_NORMAL,
26
            FIX APEI GHES SDEI CRITICAL,
27
    #endif
28
    #endif /* CONFIG_ACPI_APEI_GHES */
29
30
    #ifdef CONFIG_UNMAP_KERNEL_AT_EL0
31
            FIX_ENTRY_TRAMP_DATA,
            FIX_ENTRY_TRAMP_TEXT,
32
    #define TRAMP_VALIAS
33
                                        _fix_to_virt(FIX_ENTRY_TRAMP_TEXT))
    #endif /* CONFIG_UNMAP_KERNEL_AT_ELO */
34
35
             _end_of_permanent_fixed_addresses,
36
37
               Temporary boot-time mappings, used by early_ioremap(),
38
             * before ioremap() is functional.
39
40
                                     (SZ_256K / PAGE_SIZE)
41
    #define NR FIX BTMAPS
42
    #define FIX_BTMAPS_SLOTS
    #define TOTAL_FIX_BTMAPS
43
                                     (NR_FIX_BTMAPS * FIX_BTMAPS_SLOTS)
44
45
            FIX_BTMAP_END = __end_of_permanent_fixed_addresses,
46
            FIX_BTMAP_BEGIN = FIX_BTMAP_END + TOTAL_FIX_BTMAPS - 1,
47
48
             * Used for kernel page table creation, so unmapped memory may b
49
    e used
50
             * for tables.
```

```
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                      */
      51
                     FIX_PTE,
      52
      53
                     FIX_PMD
      54
                     FIX_PUD,
      55
                     FIX_PGD,
      56
                     __end_of_fixed_addresses
      57
      58
          };
```

The fixmap is divided into two main areas and has the following characteristics.

- \_\_end\_of\_permanent\_fixed\_addresses
  - It is a persistent mapping space that is not unmapped after boot.
- \_\_end\_of\_fixed\_addresses
  - The last area of the fixmap, and the area after \_\_end\_of\_permanent\_fixed\_addresses, is a space that can be mapped and unmapped.

The following image shows the ARM64 fixmap blocks.



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## fixed\_address - ARM32

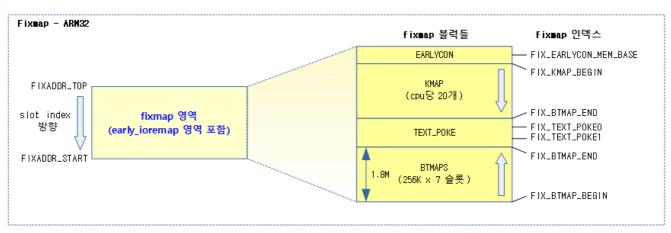
arch/arm/include/asm/fixmap.h

```
enum fixed_addresses {
01
02
            FIX_EARLYCON_MEM_BASE,
03
            __end_of_permanent_fixed_addresses,
04
05
            FIX_KMAP_BEGIN = _
                                _end_of_permanent_fixed_addresses,
06
            FIX_KMAP_END = FIX_KMAP_BEGIN + (KM_TYPE_NR * NR_CPUS) - 1,
07
            /* Support writing RO kernel text via kprobes, jump labels, etc.
98
09
            FIX_TEXT_POKEO,
10
            FIX_TEXT_POKE1,
11
12
              _end_of_fixmap_region,
13
14
```

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                     Share the kmap() region with early_ioremap(): this is guarant
     15
          eed
                     not to clash since early_ioremap() is only available before
     16
     17
                     paging_init(), and kmap() only after.
     18
     19
          #define NR_FIX_BTMAPS
                                            32
      20
          #define FIX_BTMAPS_SLOTS
                                            (NR_FIX_BTMAPS * FIX_BTMAPS_SLOTS)
      21
          #define TOTAL_FIX_BTMAPS
      22
      23
                  FIX_BTMAP_END = __end_of_permanent_fixed_addresses,
      24
                  FIX_BTMAP_BEGIN = FIX_BTMAP_END + TOTAL_FIX_BTMAPS - 1,
     25
                  __end_of_early_ioremap_region
     26 };
```

The following image shows the ARM32 fixmap blocks.



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# **Initialize**

# early\_fixmap\_init() - ARM64

We want to use the FixMap virtual address area early, which can be used by mapping a specific physical address to some fixed virtual address area before dynamic mapping is enabled. To support these fixmap virtual address areas, we prepare a complete mapping table that can use the fixmap virtual address regions by concatenating the three static page tables bm\_pud[], bm\_pmd[], and bm\_pte[] to the entries corresponding to the fixmap virtual address in the PGD table. Since it is not possible to use a regular mapping function and a regular memory allocator, the three-page table is staticly created and utilized at compile time. Note that the early\_fixmap\_init() function maps the bottom 3M of the entire fixmap area to cover first, excluding the FDT.

#### arch/arm64/mm/mmu.c

```
1    /*
2    * The p*d_populate functions call virt_to_phys implicitly so they can't
be used
3    * directly on kernel symbols (bm_p*d). This function is called too earl
y to use
4    * lm_alias so __p*d_populate functions must be used to populate with th
e
```

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```
physical address from __pa_symbol.
 5
    void __init early_fixmap_init(void)
01
02
03
            pgd_t *pgdp;
04
            p4d_t *p4dp, p4d;
05
            pud_t *pudp;
            pmd_t *pmdp;
06
07
            unsigned long addr = FIXADDR_START;
08
            pgdp = pgd_offset_k(addr);
09
10
            p4dp = p4d_offset(pgdp, addr);
11
            p4d = READ_ONCE(*p4dp);
12
            if (CONFIG_PGTABLE_LEVELS > 3 &&
13
                 !(p4d\_none(p4d) \mid \mid p4d\_page\_paddr(p4d) == \_\_pa\_symbol(bm\_pu
    d))) {
14
                      * We only end up here if the kernel mapping and the fix
15
    map
                      * share the top level pgd entry, which should only happ
16
    en on
17
                      * 16k/4 levels configurations.
18
                      */
19
                     BUG_ON(!IS_ENABLED(CONFIG_ARM64_16K_PAGES));
20
                     pudp = pud_offset_kimg(p4dp, addr);
21
            } else {
22
                     if (p4d_none(p4d))
23
                             __p4d_populate(p4dp, __pa_symbol(bm_pud), PUD_TY
    PE_TABLE);
24
                     pudp = fixmap_pud(addr);
25
            if (pud_none(READ_ONCE(*pudp)))
26
27
                     __pud_populate(pudp, __pa_symbol(bm_pmd), PMD_TYPE_TABL
    E);
28
            pmdp = fixmap_pmd(addr);
29
             _pmd_populate(pmdp, __pa_symbol(bm_pte), PMD_TYPE_TABLE);
30
31
32
               The boot-ioremap range spans multiple pmds, for which
               we are not prepared:
33
             */
34
35
            BUILD BUG_ON((__fix_to_virt(FIX_BTMAP_BEGIN) >> PMD_SHIFT)
36
                           != (__fix_to_virt(FIX_BTMAP_END) >> PMD_SHIFT));
37
38
            if ((pmdp != fixmap_pmd(fix_to_virt(FIX_BTMAP_BEGIN)))
39
                  || pmdp != fixmap_pmd(fix_to_virt(FIX_BTMAP_END))) {
                     WARN_ON(1);
40
                     pr_warn("pmdp %p != %p, %p\n",
41
42
                             pmdp, fixmap_pmd(fix_to_virt(FIX_BTMAP_BEGIN)),
43
                             fixmap_pmd(fix_to_virt(FIX_BTMAP_END)));
44
                     pr_warn("fix_to_virt(FIX_BTMAP_BEGIN): %08lx\n"
45
                             fix_to_virt(FIX_BTMAP_BEGIN));
                     pr_warn("fix_to_virt(FIX_BTMAP_END):
46
                                                              %08lx\n",
47
                             fix_to_virt(FIX_BTMAP_END));
48
                                                    %d\n", FIX_BTMAP_END);
                     pr_warn("FIX_BTMAP_END:
49
                                                    %d\n", FIX_BTMAP_BEGIN);
50
                     pr_warn("FIX_BTMAP_BEGIN:
51
52
```

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Enable the fixmap virtual address zone.

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- In line 7 of code, assign the lowest virtual address of the fixmap area to addr.
  - Unlike arm32, arm64 has a DTB equivalent to 4M at the top address of the fixmap, and most of the items you want to use at the beginning are below the fixmap area, so we plan

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to activate the lower address first.

- In line 9~11 of the code, read the p4d entry value corresponding to the virtual address addr.
  - From the pgd table, we get the pgd entry pointer, pgdp, then the next level, p4dp, and then we read the p4d entry value from this pointer and assign it to p4d.
- In line 12~20 of code, if the page table conversion level is more than 4 levels, and the kernel uses 16K as the page size, there will only be a maximum of 4 p2d entries. One of them is a virtual address space for kernel memory, and the other is used to contain all of the several spatial addresses used by the kernel for various purposes, including the kernel image area or the fixmap area. In other words, the kernel image and fixmap area exist in a single bm\_pud[] table. In this case, the bm\_pud[] page table is already enabled and in use for the kernel image, so there is no need to re-enable it for fixmap. So we get the pud entry pointer that corresponds to the fixmap start address right away.
  - This condition only allows the use of 4 levels + 16K pages, otherwise it will output a bug message.
- In other cases, from lines 21~25 of the code, the bm\_pud[] table is not shared like the fixmap area and kernel image area, but is mainly used for the fixmap area. So, in order to use the fixmap area, we activate the bm\_pud[] table by associating it with the pgd entry, and then get the pud entry pointer that corresponds to the fixmap start address.
  - Includes 4 levels + 4K pages and all pages in 3 (4K, 16K, 64K).
- In lines 26~27 of code, if there is no PMD table connected to the PUD, use the bm\_pmd[] table to connect it.
- On line 28 of the code, we get the pmd entry pointer that corresponds to the addr address.
- If there is no PTE table linked to PMD on line 29, use the bm pte[] table to connect it.
  - Map the bottom 2M of the entire fixmap area, excluding FDT, to cover it.
- In line 38~51 of the code, if the PMD entry address values in the PUD table corresponding to the beginning and end of the btmap area used by the early\_ioremap() function are different from the PMD entry address values read above, a warning message is displayed.

bm\_pte, bm\_pmd, and bm\_pud use a static array generated at kernel build time without any page allocation as a page table for fixmap

arch/arm64/mm/mmu.c

```
1  static pte_t bm_pte[PTRS_PER_PTE] __page_aligned_bss;
2  static pmd_t bm_pmd[PTRS_PER_PMD] __page_aligned_bss __maybe_unused;
3  static pud_t bm_pud[PTRS_PER_PUD] __page_aligned_bss __maybe_unused;
```

## Mapping two virtual spaces in a kernel image

- The kernel image (kimage) is mapped to two virtual spaces at bootup time.
  - 1) Linear Mapping Virtual Space
    - This is the space where the entire DRAM that the kernel is loaded is mapped to.
    - e.g. 0xfff\_0000\_0000\_0000~ (4K, 4 level pages)
  - 2) kimage virtual space
    - This is a space where only the kernel image is mapped.

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• e.g. 0xffff\_8000\_1000\_0000~ (4K, 4 level pages, KASLR=n)

## **Translation APIs for Virtual and Physical Addresses**

- The following API is used to convert 1) linear mapping (lm) virtual addresses and physical addresses.
  - Restrictions on Use
    - It can be used after linear mapping is completed via the paging\_init() function.
    - CONFIG\_DEBUG\_VIRTUAL Displays a warning message if the kernel option does not use the lm virtual address.
  - virt\_to\_phys(), \_\_virt\_to\_phys(), \_\_va()
  - phys\_to\_virt(), \_\_phys\_to\_virt(), \_\_pa()
  - o Im alias()
    - Convert the lm virtual address for the kernel symbol.
- The following API is used to convert the virtual address of the kernel symbol 2) to the physical address.
  - Restrictions on Use
    - none
  - \_kimg\_to\_phys()
  - \_phys\_to\_kimg()
  - \_pa\_symbol()
    - Converts kernel symbol virtual addresses to physical addresses.
- The following API is used to convert 1) Im (linear mapping) virtual addresses and pages.
  - Restrictions on Use
    - It is available after vmemmap, which consists of an array of page descriptors, is enabled.
  - virt\_to\_page()
  - page\_to\_virt()

## Using the \_\_p\*d\_populate() function

Learn why the early\_fixmap\_init() function uses the  $\_p*d_populate()$  function instead of the  $p*d_populate()$  function.

- The p\*d\_populate() function takes the virtual address of the table to be linked as the third argument.
  - The p\*d\_populate() function uses the \_\_pa() function internally to convert a virtual address for linear to a physical address. However, the \_\_pa() function is still in the early stages of bootup, so the linear mapping has not been completed, so it cannot be used. Therefore, you cannot use kernel symbols such as bm\_pud[] as virtual address arguments, so you cannot use this function.
- The \_\_p\*d\_populate() function takes the physical address of the table to be linked as the second argument.
  - There is a separate function that converts kernel symbols into physical addresses. You can use the \_\_pa\_symbol() function to convert a kernel symbol virtual address to a physical

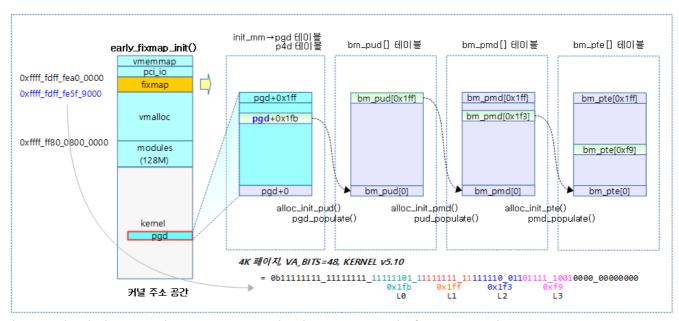
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address. Use the \_\_p\*d\_populate() function using this converted physical address.

- consultation
  - arm64: mm: restrict virt\_to\_page() to the linear mapping (https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/9f2875912dac35d9272a82ea9eec9e5884 b42cd2#diff-
    - 9236b527713c6c3c1d1ac8bb3ea6b737c7a566770a6580ae6b57e0708bc25e26) (2016, v4.7-rc1)
  - arm64: Use \_\_pa\_symbol for kernel symbols (https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/2077be6783b5936c3daa838d8addbb635 667927f#diff-
    - 9236b527713c6c3c1d1ac8bb3ea6b737c7a566770a6580ae6b57e0708bc25e26) (2017, v4.11-rc1)
  - arm64: Add support for CONFIG\_DEBUG\_VIRTUAL
     (https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/ec6d06efb0bac6cd92846e42d1afe5b98b
     57e7c2#diff 0226bE27712c6c22dd1ac8bb2cacb727c7af66770a6F80ac6bF7c0708bc2Fa26
    - 9236b527713c6c3c1d1ac8bb3ea6b737c7a566770a6580ae6b57e0708bc25e26) (2017, v4.11-rc1)
  - mm: Introduce lm\_alias (https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/568c5fe5a54f2654f5a4c599c45b8a62ed9 a2013) (2017, v4.11-rc1)

The following illustration shows how the page table at each stage is activated for fixmap.

• Using 4K pages, VA\_BITS=48, the page table from step 4 was used, and the p4d table after pgd uses pgd as it is on ARM64.



(http://jake.dothome.co.kr/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/early\_fixmap\_init-1b.png)

# early\_fixmap\_init() - ARM32

arch/arm/mm/mmu.c

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```
void __init early_fixmap_init(void)
02
03
            pmd_t *pmd;
04
05
             * The early fixmap range spans multiple pmds, for which
06
             * we are not prepared:
07
08
09
            BUILD_BUG_ON((__fix_to_virt(__end_of_early_ioremap_region) >> PM
    D_SHIFT)
                          != FIXADDR_TOP >> PMD_SHIFT);
10
11
            pmd = fixmap_pmd(FIXADDR_TOP);
12
13
            pmd_populate_kernel(&init_mm, pmd, bm_pte);
14
15
            pte_offset_fixmap = pte_offset_early_fixmap;
16
```

Activate the fixmap area.

- In line 12 of the code, we get the pmd entry that corresponds to the top area of the fixmap virtual address.
- In line 13 of code, use the static bm\_pte page prepared at compile time to connect and activate the PTE table to run the fixmap.
  - Each pte table covers 2M. The pte area is 4M, so we need two pte tables, but we only activate the top-level zone at first.

# **Key Fixmap APIs**

# set\_fixmap()

include/asm-generic/fixmap.h

Fixmap's request index @idx maps a page that corresponds to a physical address @phys, which is set to the normal kernel page mapping property.

- ARM32
  - L\_PTE\_YOUNG | L\_PTE\_PRESENT | L\_PTE\_XN | L\_PTE\_DIRTY | L\_PTE\_MT\_WRITEBACK
- ARM64
  - FIXMAP\_PAGE\_NORMAL Use the -> PAGE\_KERNEL -> \_\_pgprot(PROT\_NORMAL) attribute
    - PTE\_TYPE\_PAGE | PTE\_AF | PTE\_SHARED | PTE\_MAYBE\_NG | PTE\_PXN | PTE\_UXN |
       PTE\_WRITE | PTE\_ATTRINDX(MT\_NORMAL)

## clear\_fixmap()

include/asm-generic/fixmap.h

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Unmap one page of physical addresses mapped to the @idx area of the request index of the fixmap, and set the attribute to CLEAR(1).

• PTE\_DIRTY -> \_\_pgprot(0)

## set\_fixmap\_nocache()

include/asm-generic/fixmap.h

In the @idx area of the request index of the fixmap, it maps one page corresponding to the physical address @phys without a cache, and the attribute is set to FIXMAP\_PAGE\_NOCACHE.

- ARM32
  - L\_PTE\_YOUNG | L\_PTE\_PRESENT | L\_PTE\_XN | L\_PTE\_DIRTY | L\_PTE\_MT\_DEV\_SHARED |
     L PTE SHARE
- ARM64
  - FIXMAP\_PAGE\_NOCACHE Use the -> PAGE\_KERNEL\_NOCACHE ->
     \_\_pgprot(PROT\_NORMAL\_NC) attribute
    - PTE\_TYPE\_PAGE | PTE\_AF | PTE\_SHARED | PTE\_MAYBE\_NG | PTE\_PXN | PTE\_UXN |
       PTE\_WRITE | PTE\_ATTRINDX(MT\_NORMAL\_NC)

# set\_fixmap\_io()

include/asm-generic/fixmap.h

Map one page corresponding to the physical address @phys to the @idx area of the request index of the fixmap, and set the attribute to FIXMAP PAGE IO.

- ARM32
  - Use the same properties as nocache
- ARM64
  - FIXMAP PAGE IO -> PAGE KERNEL IO -> pgprot (PROT DEVICE nGnRE) attribute
    - PTE\_TYPE\_PAGE | PTE\_AF | PTE\_SHARED | PTE\_MAYBE\_NG | PTE\_PXN | PTE\_UXN |
       PTE\_WRITE | PTE\_ATTRINDX(MT\_DEVICE\_nGnRE)

#### \_\_set\_fixmap() - ARM32

arch/arm/mm/mmu.c

```
/*
  * To avoid TLB flush broadcasts, this uses local_flush_tlb_kernel_range
().
  * As a result, this can only be called with preemption disabled, as und
er
  * stop_machine().
```

```
__set_fixmap(enum fixed_addresses idx, phys_addr_t phys, pgprot_t p
    rot)
02
03
            unsigned long vaddr = __fix_to_virt(idx);
            pte_t *pte = pte_offset_kernel(pmd_off_k(vaddr), vaddr);
04
05
06
            /* Make sure fixmap region does not exceed available allocation.
            BUILD_BUG_ON(FIXADDR_START + (__end_of_fixed_addresses * PAGE_SI
07
    ZE) >
08
                         FIXADDR_END);
09
            BUG_ON(idx >= __end_of_fixed_addresses);
10
11
            if (pgprot_val(prot))
12
                    set_pte_at(NULL, vaddr, pte,
13
                             pfn_pte(phys >> PAGE_SHIFT, prot));
14
            else
                    pte_clear(NULL, vaddr, pte);
15
            local_flush_tlb_kernel_range(vaddr, vaddr + PAGE_SIZE);
16
17
```

Map one page that corresponds to a physical address @phys to the fixmap index @idx number area with @prot attributes. You can also use this function for unmapping purposes, in which case you use the phys physical address and flags property as 1.

- In line 3 of code, we get the virtual address of the fixmap area that matches the index number @idx.
- In line 4 of the code, we find the entry pointer to the page table that corresponds to the virtual address.
- If the mapping is requested in line 11~13 of the code, use the flag to map the fixmap entry to the physical address @phys.
- If the unmapping is requested in line 14~15 of the code, clear the PTE entry corresponding to the fixmap slot index.
- On line 16 of the code, perform a TLB flush for that virtual address page area.

#### $\_\_set_fixmap() - ARM64$

arch/arm64/mm/mmu.c

```
1
     * Unusually, this is also called in IRQ context (ghes_iounmap_irq) so i
 2
 3
      ever need to use IPIs for TLB broadcasting, then we're in trouble her
    е.
 4
    void __set_fixmap(enum fixed_addresses idx,
01
02
                                    phys_addr_t phys, pgprot_t flags)
03
    {
04
            unsigned long addr = __fix_to_virt(idx);
05
            pte_t *ptep;
06
            BUG_ON(idx <= FIX_HOLE || idx >= __end_of_fixed_addresses);
07
98
            ptep = fixmap_pte(addr);
09
10
11
            if (pgprot_val(flags)) {
                    set_pte(ptep, pfn_pte(phys >> PAGE_SHIFT, flags));
12
```

Map the physical address @phys to the @flags attribute to the fixmap virtual address space of the slot location corresponding to the @idx. You can also use this function for unmapping purposes, in which case you use the phys physical address and flags property as 0.

- In line 4 of code, we get the virtual address of the fixmap area that matches the index number @idx.
- In line 9 of the code, we find the entry pointer to the page table that corresponds to the virtual address.
- If the mapping is requested in line 11~12 of the code, use the flag to map the fixmap entry to the physical address @phys.
- If the unmapping is requested in code lines 13~16, TLB flush the corresponding 1 page area of the virtual address after clearing the PTE entry corresponding to the fixmap slot index.

# fix\_to\_virt()

include/asm-generic/fixmap.h

```
/*
    * 'index to address' translation. If anyone tries to use the idx
    * directly without translation, we catch the bug with a NULL-deference
    * kernel oops. Illegal ranges of incoming indices are caught too.
    */

static __always_inline unsigned long fix_to_virt(const unsigned int idx)
{
    BUILD_BUG_ON(idx >= __end_of_fixed_addresses);
    return __fix_to_virt(idx);
}
```

Get the virtual address as an index for the fixmap area.

```
1 | \text{#define } \_\text{fix\_to\_virt}(x)  (FIXADDR_TOP - ((x) << PAGE_SHIFT))
```

# virt\_to\_fix()

include/asm-generic/fixmap.h

```
1 static inline unsigned long virt_to_fix(const unsigned long vaddr)
2 {
3          BUG_ON(vaddr >= FIXADDR_TOP || vaddr < FIXADDR_START);
4          return __virt_to_fix(vaddr);
5 }</pre>
```

Returns the fixmap index that matches the fixmap area.

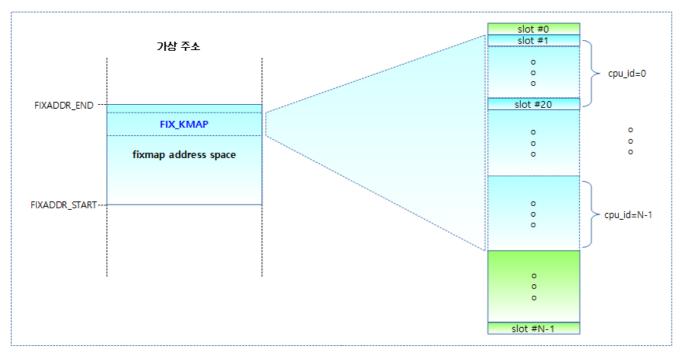
```
__virt_to_fix()
```

include/asm-generic/fixmap.h

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# **Highmem Page Mapping**

The following figure shows the FIX\_KMAP blocks used for highmem page mapping in the fixmap area.



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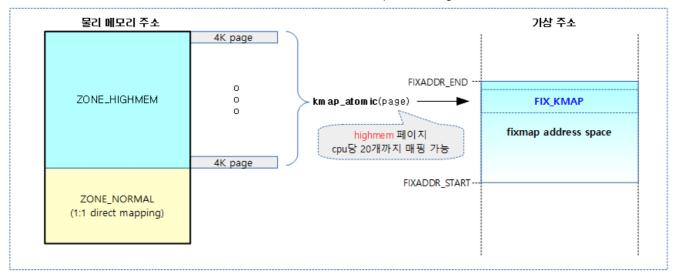
### highmem mapping example)

Map the highmem page to the kmap block of the fixmap. It is used in a push/pull like a stack in the number of areas allocated for each CPU ID.

kmap\_atomic(page)

The following figure shows the mapping of a highmem physical memory page to a kmap block in the fixmap space.

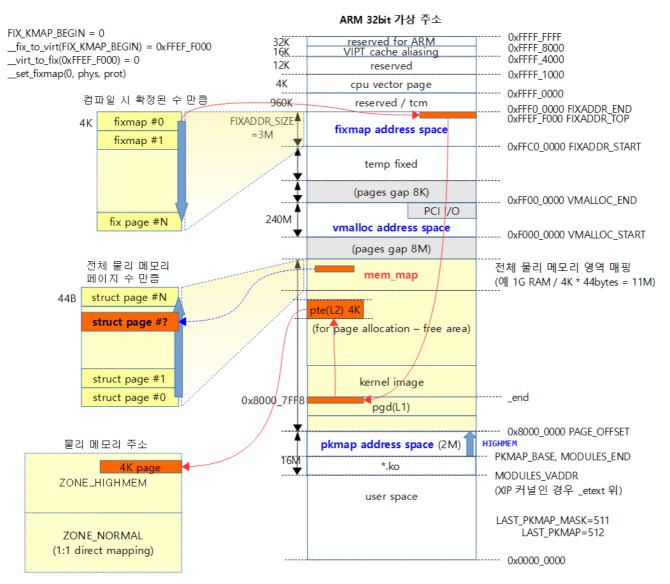
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The following figure shows the relationship between the page descriptor and the page table when mapping a highmem physical page to the fixmap area in ARM32.

• The page descriptors included in the mem\_map, PGD and PTE page tables, etc., are all combined to create a complex look.



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# **HighMem Page Allocation & Unallocate**

## kmap\_atomic() - ARM32

arch/arm/mm/highmem.c

```
01 | void *kmap atomic(struct page *page)
02
03
            unsigned int idx;
            unsigned long vaddr;
04
            void *kmap;
05
06
            int type;
07
            preempt_disable();
98
            pagefault_disable();
09
10
            if (!PageHighMem(page))
11
                     return page_address(page);
12
13
    #ifdef CONFIG_DEBUG_HIGHMEM
14
             * There is no cache coherency issue when non VIVT, so force the
15
16
               dedicated kmap usage for better debugging purposes in that ca
    se.
17
18
            if (!cache_is_vivt())
19
                     kmap = NULL;
20
            else
21
    #endif
22
                     kmap = kmap_high_get(page);
23
            if (kmap)
24
                     return kmap;
25
26
            type = kmap_atomic_idx_push();
27
28
            idx = type + KM_TYPE_NR * smp_processor_id();
29
            vaddr = __fix_to_virt(idx);
30
    #ifdef CONFIG_DEBUG_HIGHMEM
31
32
               With debugging enabled, kunmap_atomic forces that entry to 0.
             * Make sure it was indeed properly unmapped.
33
34
35
            BUG_ON(!pte_none(get_fixmap_pte(vaddr)));
36
    #endif
37
             * When debugging is off, kunmap_atomic leaves the previous mapp
38
    ing
             * in place, so the contained TLB flush ensures the TLB is updat
39
    ed
40
             * with the new mapping.
41
42
            set_fixmap_pte(idx, mk_pte(page, kmap_prot));
43
            return (void *)vaddr;
44
45
    EXPORT_SYMBOL(kmap_atomic);
```

Map the highmem page to the fixmap area atomically. If it is already mapped to a kmap area, it returns the mapped virtual address.

- pagefault\_disable()
  - increment the preemption counter to disable the preemption and perform barrier().
- if (! PageHighMem(page))

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- o If the page address is not a highmem area, the
- return page\_address(page);
  - If it is already mapped to kmap, it returns the virtual address corresponding to page.
- kmap = kmap\_high\_get(page);
  - Increment the pkmap reference counter and return the virtual address corresponding to the highmen page.
- if (kmap)
  - Returns if kmap has already been found.
- type = kmap\_atomic\_idx\_push();
  - \_\_kmap\_atomic\_idx increments and knows the previous value.
- idx = type + KM\_TYPE\_NR \* smp\_processor\_id();
  - Type value + KM\_TYPE\_NR(20) \* CPU ID
- vaddr = fix to virt(idx);
  - FixMap retrieves the virtual address from the IDX number.
  - fixmap is idx 0 points to FIXADDR\_TOP.
    - FIXADDR TOP
      - 0xffef\_f000= (FIXADDR\_END(0xfff00000UL) PAGE\_SIZE)
  - Index numbers can be from 0 up to 0x2ff (767), and the mapped virtual address is  $0xffc0\_0000 \sim 0xffef\_ffff$  for a total of 3M.
    - The actual allowable number of slot index numbers is limited to KM\_TYPE\_NR (ARM=20) per CPU.
- set\_fixmap\_pte(idx, mk\_pte(page, kmap\_prot));
  - o mk pte()
    - Combine the page address and the kmap\_prot attribute values to create a PTE entry.
  - Map the PTE entry to the fixmap area that corresponds to the IDX number.

## \_\_fix\_to\_virt()

include/asm-generic/fixmap.h

```
1 #define __fix_to_virt(x) (FIXADDR_TOP - ((x) << PAGE_SHIFT))</pre>
```

### mk\_pte() - ARM & ARM64

arch/arm64/include/asm/pgtable.h

```
1 | #define mk_pte(page,prot) pfn_pte(page_to_pfn(page), prot)
```

## set\_fixmap\_pte() - ARM32

arch/arm/mm/highmem.c

```
static inline void set_fixmap_pte(int idx, pte_t pte)

unsigned long vaddr = __fix_to_virt(idx);
pte_t *ptep = pte_offset_kernel(pmd_off_k(vaddr), vaddr);

set_pte_ext(ptep, pte, 0);
```

Map the PTE entry to the fixmap area that corresponds to the IDX number.

- unsigned long vaddr = \_\_fix\_to\_virt(idx);
  - Find the virtual address of the fixmap area that corresponds to the idx number.
- pte\_t \*ptep = pte\_offset\_kernel(pmd\_off\_k(vaddr), vaddr);
  - pmd\_off\_k()
    - Get the PMD entry address value by the virtual address value.
  - pte\_offset\_kernel()
    - Use the pmd entry address value and the vaddr value to determine the pte entry address.
- set\_pte\_ext(ptep, pte, 0);
  - Store the PTE value in the PTE entry address.
    - rpi2: cpu\_v7\_set\_pte\_ext() call
- local\_flush\_tlb\_kernel\_page(vaddr);
  - Flush the TLB cache that corresponds to vaddr.

# local\_flush\_tlb\_kernel\_page() - ARM32

arch/arm/include/asm/tlbflush.h

```
static inline void local_flush_tlb_kernel_page(unsigned long kaddr)
01
02
            const unsigned int __tlb_flag = __cpu_tlb_flags;
03
04
05
            kaddr &= PAGE_MASK;
06
07
            if (tlb_flag(TLB_WB))
08
                     dsb(nshst);
09
10
              local_flush_tlb_kernel_page(kaddr);
11
            tlb_op(TLB_V7_UIS_PAGE, "c8, c7, 1", kaddr);
12
            if (tlb_flag(TLB_BARRIER)) {
13
14
                     dsb(nsh);
15
                     isb();
            }
16
17
```

#### \_\_local\_flush\_tlb\_kernel\_page() - ARM32

arch/arm/include/asm/tlbflush.h

```
static inline void __local_flush_tlb_kernel_page(unsigned long kaddr)
02
03
             const int zero = 0;
04
             const unsigned int __tlb_flag = __cpu_tlb_flags;
05
06
             tlb_op(TLB_V4_U_PAGE, "c8, c7, 1", kaddr);
             tlb_op(TLB_V4_D_PAGE, "c8, c6, 1", kaddr);
tlb_op(TLB_V4_I_PAGE, "c8, c5, 1", kaddr);
07
08
             if (!tlb_flag(TLB_V4_I_PAGE) && tlb_flag(TLB_V4_I_FULL))
09
                       asm("mcr p15, 0, %0, c8, c5, 0" : : "r" (zero) : "cc");
10
11
```

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```
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12 tlb_op(TLB_V6_U_PAGE, "c8, c7, 1", kaddr);
13 tlb_op(TLB_V6_D_PAGE, "c8, c6, 1", kaddr);
14 tlb_op(TLB_V6_I_PAGE, "c8, c5, 1", kaddr);
15 }
```

### $tlb_op() - ARM32$

arch/arm/include/asm/tlbflush.h

```
1 | #define tlb_op(f, regs, arg) __tlb_op(f, "p15, 0, %0, " regs, arg)
```

## \_\_tlb\_op() - ARM32

arch/arm/include/asm/tlbflush.h

```
#define __tlb_op(f, insnarg, arg)
02
            do {
03
                    if (always_tlb_flags & (f))
04
                             asm("mcr " insnarg
                                 :: "r" (arg): "cc");
05
06
                    else if (possible_tlb_flags & (f))
                             asm("tst %1, %2\n\t"
07
                                 "mcrne " insnarg
08
                                 : : "r" (arg), "r" (__tlb_flag), "Ir" (f)
09
10
                                 : "cc");
11
            } while (⊙)
```

#### kmap\_atomic\_idx\_push() - 32bit

include/linux/highmem.h

```
static inline int kmap_atomic_idx_push(void)
01
02
03
            int idx = __this_cpu_inc_return(__kmap_atomic_idx) - 1;
04
   #ifdef CONFIG_DEBUG_HIGHMEM
05
06
            WARN_ON_ONCE(in_irq() && !irqs_disabled());
07
            BUG_ON(idx >= KM_TYPE_NR);
98
    #endif
09
            return idx;
10
```

Returns the slot index for the fixmap to be used by that CPU, and increments its value.

- If you use the CONFIG\_DEBUG\_HIGHMEM option, if the fixmap index slot exceeds KM\_TYPE\_NR (ARM=20), it will output a message about the bug and stop.
- int idx = \_\_this\_cpu\_inc\_return(\_\_kmap\_atomic\_idx);

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- \_kmap\_atomic\_idx Increase per-CPU data by 1
- IDX returns the value before the increase.

### \_\_this\_cpu\_inc\_return()

```
1 | #define __this_cpu_inc_return(pcp) __this_cpu_add_return(pcp, 1)
```

• Returns pcp plus 1

## \_\_this\_cpu\_add\_return()

- If the preemption is not disable, or the irq is not disable, the stack dump
- \_\_kmap\_atomic\_idx Increase per-CPU data by 1

#### raw\_cpu\_add\_return()

```
#define raw_cpu_add_return(pcp, val) __pcpu_size_call_return2(raw_cpu
_add_return_, pcp, val)
```

 Calling a macro function to classify an optimized addition function based on the size of the scalar data type PCP

# \_\_pcpu\_size\_call\_return2()

```
#define __pcpu_size_call_return2(stem, variable, ...)
02
03
            typeof(variable) pscr2_ret__;
04
            __verify_pcpu_ptr(&(variable));
05
            switch(sizeof(variable)) {
            case 1: pscr2_ret__ = stem##1(variable, __VA_ARGS__); break;
06
            case 2: pscr2_ret__ = stem##2(variable, __VA_ARGS__); break;
07
            case 4: pscr2_ret__ = stem##4(variable, __VA_ARGS__); break;
08
            case 8: pscr2_ret__ = stem##8(variable, __VA_ARGS__); break;
09
            default:
10
                    __bad_size_call_parameter(); break;
11
```

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• Depending on the size of the variable, it is called with the number stem (function name argument) + 1/2/4/8

# this\_cpu\_add\_return\_4()

- #define this\_cpu\_add\_return\_4(pcp, val) this\_cpu\_generic\_add\_return(pcp, val)
- The ARM architecture calls generic code regardless of size.

### this\_cpu\_generic\_add\_return()

```
#define this_cpu_generic_add_return(pcp, val)
02
    ({
03
            typeof(pcp) __ret;
04
            unsigned long __flags;
05
            raw_local_irq_save(__flags);
06
            raw_cpu_add(pcp, val);
07
             __ret = raw_cpu_read(pcp);
08
            raw_local_irq_restore(__flags);
09
             __ret;
10
```

• Add the val value to the per-cpu variable and read it back and return it.

#### raw\_cpu\_add()

 Calling a macro function to classify an optimized addition function based on the size of the scalar data type PCP

## \_\_pcpu\_size\_call()

```
#define __pcpu_size_call(stem, variable, ...)

do {
    __verify_pcpu_ptr(&(variable));

switch(sizeof(variable)) {
```

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```
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                                                  Fixmap – Munc Blog
                            case 1: stem##1(variable, ___VA_ARGS___);break;
      05
                            case 2: stem##2(variable, ___VA_ARGS___);break;
      06
      07
                            case 4: stem##4(variable, ___VA_ARGS___);break;
                            case 8: stem##8(variable, ___VA_ARGS___);break;
      08
      09
                            default:
      10
                                     __bad_size_call_parameter();break;
      11
            while (0)
      12
```

• Depending on the size of the variable, it is called with the number stem (function name argument) + 1/2/4/8

## raw\_cpu\_add\_4()

```
1 #define raw_cpu_add_4(pcp, val) raw_cpu_generic_to_op(pcp, val,
+=)
```

• The ARM architecture calls generic code regardless of size.

## raw\_cpu\_generic\_to\_op()

```
#define raw_cpu_generic_to_op(pcp, val, op)

do {
    *raw_cpu_ptr(&(pcp)) op val;
} while (0)
```

- e.g. pcp=\_kmap\_atomic\_idx, val=1, op= +=
  - \_kmap\_atomic\_idx += 1, which is per-cpu int data

# kunmap\_atomic() - 32bit

include/linux/highmem.h

```
/*
    * Prevent people trying to call kunmap_atomic() as if it were kunmap()
    * kunmap_atomic() should get the return value of kmap_atomic, not the p
    age.
    */
    #define kunmap_atomic(addr)
    do {
        BUILD_BUG_ON(__same_type((addr), struct page *));
        __kunmap_atomic(addr);
    } while (0)
```

Use kmap atomic() to release the highmem area that is mapped to the fixmap area.

# \_\_kunmap\_atomic() - 32bit

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arch/arm/mm/highmem.c

```
void kunmap atomic(void *kvaddr)
02
            unsigned long vaddr = (unsigned long) kvaddr & PAGE_MASK;
03
04
            int idx, type;
05
            if (kvaddr >= (void *)FIXADDR_START) {
06
                     type = kmap_atomic_idx();
07
08
                     idx = type + KM_TYPE_NR * smp_processor_id();
09
                     if (cache_is_vivt())
10
11
                             __cpuc_flush_dcache_area((void *)vaddr, PAGE_SIZ
    E);
12
    #ifdef CONFIG_DEBUG_HIGHMEM
13
                     BUG_ON(vaddr != __fix_to_virt(idx));
14
                     set_fixmap_pte(idx, __pte(0));
15
    #else
16
                     (void) idx; /* to kill a warning */
17
    #endif
18
                     kmap_atomic_idx_pop();
            } else if (vaddr >= PKMAP_ADDR(0) && vaddr < PKMAP_ADDR(LAST_PKM</pre>
19
    AP)) {
20
                     /* this address was obtained through kmap_high_get() */
21
                     kunmap_high(pte_page(pkmap_page_table[PKMAP_NR(vadd
    r)]));
22
23
            pagefault_enable();
24
    EXPORT_SYMBOL(__kunmap_atomic);
25
```

Use kmap\_atomic() to release the highmem areas that are mapped to the fixmap or kmap areas.

- if (kvaddr >= (void \*)FIXADDR START) {
  - If the address is a fixmap zone
- type = kmap\_atomic\_idx();
  - \_kmap\_atomic\_idx Per-CPU data value minus 1 index value
- idx = type + KM\_TYPE\_NR \* smp\_processor\_id();
  - KM TYPE NR=20
- if (cache\_is\_vivt())
  - If the L1 d-cache type is VIVT
  - o rpi2:
    - L1 d-cache is CACHEID\_VIPT\_NONALIASING
    - L1 i-cache is CACHEID VIPT I ALIASING
- \_\_cpuc\_flush\_dcache\_area((void \*)vaddr, PAGE\_SIZE);
  - flush the d-cache of the page 1 area of that address.
- kmap\_atomic\_idx\_pop();
  - \_kmap\_atomic\_idx Reduces per-CPU data by 1.
- } else if (vaddr >= PKMAP\_ADDR(0) && vaddr < PKMAP\_ADDR(LAST\_PKMAP)) {</li>
  - If the virtual address is a pkmap mapping area
- kunmap\_high(pte\_page(pkmap\_page\_table[PKMAP\_NR(vaddr)]));
  - Unmap the highmem page address mapped to the kmap area.
- pagefault\_enable();
  - Enable preemption.

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# consultation

- page\_address\_init() (http://jake.dothome.co.kr/page\_address\_init) | Qc
- Kmap(Pkmap) (http://jake.dothome.co.kr/kmap) | Qc
- Early ioremap (http://jake.dothome.co.kr/early-ioremap) | Qc
- Fixing kmap\_atomic() (https://lwn.net/Articles/356378/) | LWN.net

# 13 thoughts to "Fixmap"



#### JAE-KOOK CHOI

2019-07-21 17:17 (http://jake.dothome.co.kr/fixmap/#comment-215352)

I have a question.

The following illustration shows how the page table at each stage is activated for fixmap.

If you use 4K pages, VA\_BITS=39, you use the page table from step 3, so the intermediate pud table is omitted.

If the L3 area (10 bits, maximum number of 1024) is 111111\_1111, it should be bm\_pte\_[0x3ff], but the bm\_pte[] table size is up to 512.

If so, it means that there are areas where the fixmap area is not mapped, or that the picture is wrong. I'm not sure what's right.

RESPONSE (/FIXMAP/?REPLYTOCOM=215352#RESPOND)



## MOON YOUNG-IL (HTTP://JAKE.DOTHOME.CO.KR)

2019-07-22 08:58 (http://jake.dothome.co.kr/fixmap/#comment-215358)

Hello?

You have a good ability to concentrate. Incorrect illustrations have been corrected. L1, L2, and L3 are all 9 bits each.

Note that the size of the index is determined by the size of the page.

- There are 4 indexes available for 512K pages, using 9 bits.
- There are 16 indexes available on 2048K pages, using 11 bits.
- There are 64 indexes available on 8192K pages, using 13 bits.

I appreciate it.

RESPONSE (/FIXMAP/?REPLYTOCOM=215358#RESPOND)

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#### **IAE-KOOK CHOI**

2019-08-12 17:42 (http://jake.dothome.co.kr/fixmap/#comment-215877)

I have a question.

The fixmap area is supposed to be the space where the virtual address is determined at compile time, so

why don't other mapping subsystems set the mapping area at compile time and use fixmap to map it?

And when it says "Temporarily map to this space for use before officially initializing the console device", does that mean that the console device is the device driver?? If that's true, as I understand it, it's developed as a module before the device driver is officially added, so does that mapping area become the fixmap area?

RESPONSE (/FIXMAP/?REPLYTOCOM=215877#RESPOND)



#### MOON YOUNG-IL (HTTP://JAKE.DOTHOME.CO.KR)

2019-08-12 21:33 (http://jake.dothome.co.kr/fixmap/#comment-215879)

vmap mapping to vmalloc area, or normal mapping to userspace, use the dynamic mapping method.

In other words, when allocating memory, there is a way to allocate it statically at compile time, similar to allocating it at runtime using the malloc() API.

Even when mapping to the vmalloc space normally, modern kernels use some areas of the fixmap, which are used to atomically reflect pgd->pud->pmd->pte->page at once.

When we say console device, we literally mean a console device. The code that works in response to the device is called a device driver. Device drivers programmed in such a way that they are embedded in a module or kernel are mapped using the ioremap() API, which is one of the regular mappings. When it is activated, it does not work until the device drivers are up and running long after the kernel boots up and the kernel core is running. For this reason, there are ways to start up the console device specifically for debug output before the device driver is officially running. These are called early consoles. In order to use the Early Console used for this purpose, we will use the early\_ioremap() API, which uses the fixmap area instead of ioremap(), which is one of the regular mappings, to get the device up and running.

즉 다시 말씀드리면 콘솔 디바이스를 포함한 일반 디바이스 드라이버들은 vmalloc 영역을 사용하는 ioremap() API를 사용하고, early 콘솔 출력을 위해 fixmap을 사용하는 early\_ioremap() API를 사용합니다.

감사합니다.



#### 최재국

2019-08-13 23:43 (http://jake.dothome.co.kr/fixmap/#comment-215909)

질문있습니다 ..ㅠㅠ

early\_fixmap\_init() - ARM64에서

pgd가 init\_mm.pgd이여야 되는것 아닌가요??

함수초기에 pgd\_t \*pgdp, pgd;로 선언 되어져 있는데 init\_mm.pgd가 아니고 지역변수 pgd로 매 핑했을때 해당 함수가 끝나면 결국 의미없는것 아닌가요??

항상 답변해주셔서 감사합니다.

응답 (/FIXMAP/?REPLYTOCOM=215909#RESPOND)



#### 최재국

2019-08-14 17:44 (http://jake.dothome.co.kr/fixmap/#comment-215927)

아 제가 잘못생각하고 있었습니다. 감사합니다.

응답 (/FIXMAP/?REPLYTOCOM=215927#RESPOND)



### 문영일 (HTTP://JAKE.DOTHOME.CO.KR)

2019-08-15 15:37 (http://jake.dothome.co.kr/fixmap/#comment-215942)

금방 확인하셨군요.

오늘도 즐거운 하루되세요.

응답 (/FIXMAP/?REPLYTOCOM=215942#RESPOND)



#### 이대로

2019-12-27 21:02 (http://jake.dothome.co.kr/fixmap/#comment-227370)

질문 있습니다!!

fixed\_address - ARM64

에서 그려주신 그림에 보면

FIXADDR\_START가 FIX\_PGD를 포함하고 있는데...

FIXADDR START가 정의되어 있는 부분을 보면

```
74 __end_of_permanent_fixed_addresses, <——-
75
76 /*
77 * Temporary boot-time mappings, used by early_ioremap(),
78 * before ioremap() is functional.
79 */
80 #define NR_FIX_BTMAPS (SZ_256K / PAGE_SIZE)
81 #define FIX_BTMAPS_SLOTS 7
82 #define TOTAL_FIX_BTMAPS (NR_FIX_BTMAPS * FIX_BTMAPS_SLOTS)
83
84 FIX_BTMAP_END = __end_of_permanent_fixed_addresses,
85 FIX_BTMAP_BEGIN = FIX_BTMAP_END + TOTAL_FIX_BTMAPS - 1,
86
87 /*
88 * Used for kernel page table creation, so unmapped memory may be used
89 * for tables.
90 */
91 FIX PTE,
92 FIX_PMD,
93 FIX_PUD,
94 FIX PGD,
95
96 end of fixed addresses
97 };
98
99 #define FIXADDR_SIZE (__end_of_permanent_fixed_addresses << PAGE_SHIFT)
100 #define FIXADDR_START (FIXADDR_TOP - FIXADDR_SIZE)
FIXADDR START는 fixed addresses enum 구조체에서 FIX BTMAP, FIX PTE, FIX PMD,
FIX_PUD, FIX_PGD를 제외한
```

부분인 \_\_end\_of\_permanent\_fixed\_addresses를 가리키고 있는 것이 아닌가요?

응답 (/FIXMAP/?REPLYTOCOM=227370#RESPOND)



#### 문영일 (HTTP://JAKE.DOTHOME.CO.KR)

2019-12-30 18:54 (http://jake.dothome.co.kr/fixmap/#comment-227416)

안녕하세요?

결론을 말씀드리면, 이대로님이 생각하시는대로 FIXADDR\_START ~ FIXADDR\_TOP 영역에 BTMAP과 4개의 페이지테이블이 포함되지 않습니다. (그림을 수정해야겠습니다. 감사 ^^)

조금 더 설명을 드리자면,

고정 주소 엔트리들 중 (A) 영역만 fixmap 영역으로 인정하고, (B)영역에 위치한 early\_ioremap 영역과, 4개의 페이지 테이블 영역을 fixmap 영역에서 제외시켰습니다.

arch/arm64/include/asm/fixmap.h

enum fixed\_addresses {

(A)

\_\_end\_of\_permanent\_fixed\_addresses,

(B)

\_\_end\_of\_fixed\_addresses,

}

단 fixmap 영역이 아니라고 해도 논리적으로만 범위를 벗어난 것이고, 실제 내부 동작은 모두 동일하게 다음과 같은 fixmap API들을 사용합니다.

- fix to virt()
- \_\_virt\_to\_fix()
- fixmap\_pte()
- set\_fixmap\_offset()
- \_\_set\_fixmap()

- ...

새해엔 더 행복하시길 바랍니다.

감사합니다.

응답 (/FIXMAP/?REPLYTOCOM=227416#RESPOND)



#### 이대로

2020-01-07 00:47 (http://jake.dothome.co.kr/fixmap/#comment-227887)

안녕하세요!

답변 주신 것을 바탕으로 다시 코드를 보다가 궁금한 점이 생겨 질문 올립니다.

(5.1버전)

'early\_fixmap\_init() - ARM64'에서

'참고로 early\_fixmap\_init() 함수에서는 전체 fixmap 영역 중 FDT를 제외한 아랫 부분 2M를 먼저 커버하기 위해 매핑합니다.'

부분에서 말씀하신 2M에 속하는 것은 \_\_end\_of\_permanent\_fixed\_addresses부터 FIX EARLYCON MEM BASE 부분까지 인 것인지요?

early\_fixmap\_init()에서는 FIX\_PTE, FIX\_PMD, FIX\_PUD, FIX\_PGD 부분을 사용하는 것이 없다고 생각되는데..

혹시 제 생각이 틀린 것인지 궁금합니다.

항상 친절하게 답변을 달아주셔서 감사합니다 새해 복 많이 받으세요~



#### 문영일 (HTTP://JAKE.DOTHOME.CO.KR)

2020-01-07 08:40 (http://jake.dothome.co.kr/fixmap/#comment-227939)

안녕하세요?

정확히 \_\_end\_of\_permanent\_fixed\_addresses 위치의 2M를 먼저 커버하는데, 다음 조건과 같이 그 2M에 FIX BTMAP이 포함됩니다.

BUILD\_BUG\_ON((\_\_fix\_to\_virt(FIX\_BTMAP\_BEGIN) >> PMD\_SHIFT)
!= (\_\_fix\_to\_virt(FIX\_BTMAP\_END) >> PMD\_SHIFT))

early\_fixmap\_init()에서 FIX\_PTE, FIX\_PMD, FIX\_PUD, FIX\_PGD 부분은 명확히 포함시키진 않았습니다만 보통 2M 범위에 포함됩니다.

감사합니다. 새해 복 많이 받으세요.

응답 (/FIXMAP/?REPLYTOCOM=227939#RESPOND)



#### PARAN LEE (HTTP://WWW.BHRAL.COM)

2023-04-23 23:36 (http://jake.dothome.co.kr/fixmap/#comment-307918)

문영일님, 안녕하세요! 이파란입니다.

레이아웃이 또 변경되었네요 ^^;

Arm 64 가 가상 메모리 레이아웃이 6.0 부터 변경된 패치입니다.

arm64/bpf: Remove 128MB limit for BPF JIT programs

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https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/b89ddf4cca43f1269093942cf5c4e457fd45c3

(https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/b89ddf4cca43f1269093942cf5c4e457fd45c3 35)

Documentation/arm64: update memory layout table.

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https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/5bed6a93920dea85b1828cbe3aa3e333ed663ea3

(https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commit/5bed6a93920dea85b1828cbe3aa3e333ed66 3ea3)

위 패치로 아래 독스에 반영되어있네요.

https://www.kernel.org/doc/html/latest/arm64/memory.html(https://www.kernel.org/doc/html/latest/arm64/memory.html)

감사합니다~ 이파란 드림.

응답 (/FIXMAP/?REPLYTOCOM=307918#RESPOND)



### 문영일 (HTTP://JAKE.DOTHOME.CO.KR)

2023-04-24 14:46 (http://jake.dothome.co.kr/fixmap/#comment-307919)

다행히 소소한 변경이군요. ^^ 언제나 감사를 드립니다.

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