SP_EL2, Stack Pointer (EL2)

The SP_EL2 characteristics are:

Purpose

Holds the stack pointer associated with EL2. When executing at EL2, the value of SPSel. SP determines the current stack pointer:

SPSel.SP	Current stack pointer
0b0	SP_EL0
0b1	SP_EL2

Configuration

This register has no effect if EL2 is not enabled in the current Security state.

Attributes

SP_EL2 is a 64-bit register.

Field descriptions

63	62	61	60	59	58	57	56	55	54	53	52	51	50	49	48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32
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31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

Bits [63:0]

Stack pointer.

The reset behavior of this field is:

- On a Warm reset, this field resets to an architecturally unknown value.

Accessing SP_EL2

This accessibility information only applies to accesses using the MRS or MSR instructions.

When the value of SPSel.SP is 1, this register is also accessible at EL2 as the current stack pointer.

Note

When the value of SPSel.SP is 0, SP_EL0 is used as the current stack pointer at all Exception levels.

Accesses to this register use the following encodings in the System register encoding space:

MRS <Xt>, SP_EL2

op0	op1	CRn	CRm	op2
0b11	0b110	0b0100	0b0001	0b000

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if PSTATE.EL == EL0 then
    UNDEFINED;
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL1 then
    UNDEFINED;
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL2 then
    UNDEFINED;
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL3 then
    X[t, 64] = SP_EL2;
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