VBAR_EL3, Vector Base Address Register (EL3)

The VBAR_EL3 characteristics are:

Purpose

Holds the vector base address for any exception that is taken to EL3.

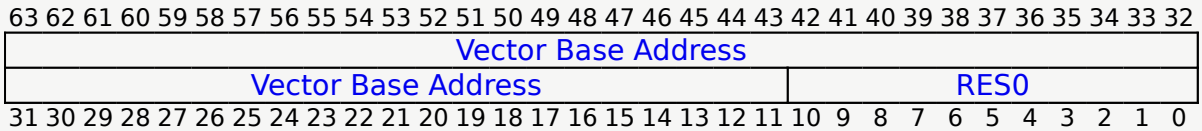
Configuration

This register is present only when EL3 is implemented. Otherwise, direct accesses to VBAR_EL3 are undefined.

Attributes

VBAR_EL3 is a 64-bit register.

Field descriptions



Bits [63:11]

Vector Base Address. Base address of the exception vectors for exceptions taken to EL3.

Note

If the implementation supports FEAT_LVA3, then:

- If tagged addresses are not being used, bits [63:56] of VBAR_EL3 must be 0 or else the use of the vector address will result in a recursive exception.

Otherwise:

If the implementation supports FEAT_LVA, then:

- If tagged addresses are being used, bits [55:52] of VBAR_EL3 must be 0 or else the use of the vector address will result in a recursive exception.
- If tagged addresses are not being used, bits [63:52] of VBAR_EL3 must be 0 or else the use of the vector address will result in a recursive exception.

If the implementation does not support FEAT_LVA, then:

- If tagged addresses are being used, bits [55:48] of VBAR_EL3 must be 0 or else the use of the vector address will result in a recursive exception.
- If tagged addresses are not being used, bits [63:48] of VBAR_EL3 must be 0 or else the use of the vector address will result in a recursive exception.

The reset behavior of this field is:

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

Bits [10:0]

Reserved, res0.

Accessing VBAR_EL3

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

MRS <Xt>, VBAR_EL3

op0	op1	CRn	CRm	op2
0b11	0b110	0b1100	0b0000	0b000

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if PSTATE.EL == EL0 then
    UNDEFINED;
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL1 then
    UNDEFINED;
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL2 then
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    UNDEFINED;
elsif PSTATE.EL == EL3 then
    X[t, 64] = VBAR_EL3;
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MSR VBAR_EL3, <Xt>

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    VBAR_EL3 = X[t, 64];
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