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Overview

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- Support configuration of the intermediate physical address (IPA) memory granularity of a virtual machine (VM). This capability enables more efficient use of memory and allows for granularity sizes down to 4 KB, which is useful for certain specialized device drivers.

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- Build your own VM solutions with added support for nested virtualization in Apple silicon chips, and enable a Hypervisor to run inside another VM. Nested virtualization capabilities on a Mac with Apple silicon use a new exception level (EL), EL2, which the framework enables through several new methods, including `hv_vm_config_set_el2_enabled(:)`, and a number of enumeration constants that describe ARM system registers.
- Add support for virtualized ARM Generic Interrupt Controller (GIC) devices and provide an efficient mechanism to manage interrupt delivery to a virtual machine. Providing a GIC device reduces the custom code you need to write to emulate an interrupt controller.
- Add support for GIC hypervisor control system registers that GIC devices provide for nested virtualization support. Support for these registers allows hypervisors running in a virtual machine to inject interrupts to their guests.

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