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Your contribution must be sustainable, maximizing transparency of environmental impacts with the goal of continuous improvement. Focus on the responsible use of natural resources, fostering positive societal impacts, and minimizing environmental harm. This can be achieved through design decisions that promote circularity, efficient use of materials, power-saving features, and sustainability labeling. For software, consider optimizing code to reduce resource consumption and incorporating features that enable energy efficiency.

Reminder to authors, this section refines the previous section, so it’s unnecessary to strictly repeat the previous sections, only add what modifies and refines the previous. This section is for the Design Specifications. If a Base Specification provides general requirements and design goals, the Design Specifications has detail that further defines what specific role this contribution plays, and enough detailed design information such as high level board layouts, enumerations, etc that enables end users to utilize this part of the specifications to begin the journey to realize this design.

## Description

*Provide a high-level overview of the solution, including its key features, intended users, and any assumptions made during development.*

## User Requirements/User Stories

*Include all end-user requirements and user stories that describe what the solution is supposed to do. Note that users may include other subsystems or platforms.*

## Solution Architecture

Provide a detailed view of the solution’s elements, interfaces, and other significant components. Support this section with a diagram that visually represents the structure and relationships between various parts, illustrating how they interact and function together.

## Supported Functions

*List the key functions the solution must perform, detailing how users interact with it and how the system responds. Include considerations for manageability, resilience, and availability.*

### Environmental Regulatory Compliance and Design

*Please describe any environmental regulations or requirements for any platform boards and full system, if applicable..*

*Note to author of this specification: This section can include the following but is not limited to the below items:*

* *UL/CE/NRTL/FCC/IEC/EN/etc Requirements*
* *RoHS/WEE directives, REACH regulations*
* *NEBS compliance requirements*
* *Operating temperature range*
* *Storage temperature range*
* *Transportation temperature range*
* *Shock and Vibration requirements*
* *Operating Altitude*

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Example Outdoor Equipment Environmental Requirements

## Non-Functional Requirements

*Describe qualities such as performance, usability, security, and maintainability that the software must exhibit.*

## Features

*Break down the solution’s specific features, explaining the purpose and functionality of each one.*

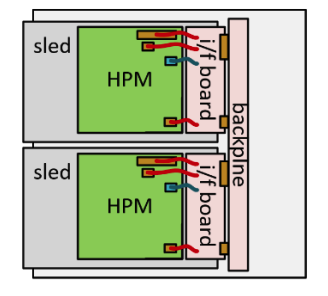
## Physical Design

*Please describe the physical requirements for your contribution. This may be the limitations of the physical envelope.*

*If this specification defines a chassis type system, be sure to include the description of the chassis and associated modules, midplane, backplanes etc….*

*Note to author of this specification: This section can include the following but is not limited to the below items:*

* *Block Diagrams*
* *Form Factor Requirements*
* *Figures & Illustrations*

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Sample Physical Diagram

## Mechanical Design

*Please describe any key mechanical requirements of your contribution.*

## Rack Compatibility

*Please describe if your contribution will be used in a rack installation. If the contribution is rack mountable, the specification must be compliant with one of the following OCP approved rack types: OpenRack (V3.X and beyond), EIA-310, OpenEdge.*

## General Requirements

*Note to author of this specification: This section can include the following but is not limited to the below items:*

* *Chassis*
* *Single sled/double sled*

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Dual-Band RRU Mechanical Requirements

## Electrical Requirements

*Please describe general electrical power requirements. Example: Power Input envelope +48VDC, 110VAC, peak/average power, etc…*

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Dual-Band RRU Electrical Requirements

## Thermal Design Requirements

*Please describe the thermal design requirements for your contribution and any CFD and/or thermal models etc...*

*Note to author of this specification: Examples include:*

* *Cooling Media*
* *Flow Management*
* *Fan Controls*

**

Example: Dual-Band RRU Thermal Requirements

## Onboard Power

*Please describe the architecture of the power systems and requirements in your contribution.*

*Note to author of this specification: This section can include the following but is not limited to the below items:*

* *Voltage Regulation*
* *Power Management*
* *Input voltages*
* *Hot swap controller circuit*
* *Hard drive power*
* *Power Tree*
* *Power Policy*
* *Power Budget*
* *Platform Budget*
* *Capacitive Load*

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Example: Dual-Band RRU Power Supply Requirements

## Interfaces

*Explain how the solution will interact with other systems or users, including hardware interfaces, software APIs, or communication protocols.*

*Please describe the I/O System of the contribution, be sure to delineate the control and data planes. Block diagrams here.*

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Sample Block Diagram Showing Interfaces

## Signal List

*Note to author of this specification: Examples only*

* *Power and Ground*
* *Synchronization/Clocks*
* *PCIe*
* *i2C/i3C*
* *GPIO*
* *USB 3.0*

## Rear Side Power, I/O, Expansion Board and Midplane Subsystems

*Please describe any modular design implementation requirements of the contribution.*

*Note to author of this specification: This section can include the following but is not limited to the below items:*

* *​​Overview of Footprint and Population Options*
* *Rear Side Connectivity*
* *Midplane*
* *Expansion*
* *Fixed, redundant, modular, pluggable, adapter?*
* *Power, Grounding etc…*

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Example: Dual-Band RRU External Interface Requirements

## Performance

*Set expectations for the system’s speed and efficiency, including resource consumption targets and scalability considerations.*

## Security

*Detail the measures needed to keep the solution and end users secure from errors, cyber-attacks, or data breaches. Briefly describe the security functionalities that your specification requires and recommends. Include a “required by” date for any recommendations.*

*Note to author of this specification: This section* ***can*** *include the following but is not limited to the below items:*

* *For cryptography, key derivation, key agreement, and hashing, identify*

*o Required algorithms, modes, strengths, and usage*

*o Required compliance with national or international standards*

*o Acceptable sources of entropy*

*o Acceptable certifications of algorithm implementations*

*o Recommended certifications of cryptographic modules*

*o Recommended safeguards against cryptanalysis by quantum computers*

* *Required flow of Secure Boot starting from hardware root(s) of trust*
* *Required measurements from hardware reset through firmware*
* *Required attestation protocols*
* *Acceptable environments and processes for provisioning keys and device secrets*
* *Acceptable processes for identifying CVEs and distributing field updates to address them*
* *Acceptable Secure Boot and Attestation key lifecycle management (from generation through*
* *revocation)*
* *Recommended standards for software bills of materials*
* *Recommended firmware recovery mechanisms*

*\*Required = Required now*

*Acceptable = Required now and chosen from a list of acceptable alternatives*

*Note: Omit any items that do not apply and add any that are missing. Remember, the more detailed this specification is, the less flexibility is allowed during the design and product specification phases.*

# Hardware Management

*Please document the hardware management implementation of your contribution. Include Firmware (BIOS) optional Board Management Controller (BMC), Data Center Secure Control Modules (DC-SCM), etc.*

*Note to author of this specification: This section* ***should*** *include the following below items:*

* *Statement on whether the contribution supports out-of-band manageability.*
* *Statement on the modularity of the manageability architecture. (i.e. is an OCP management module used?)*

*Note to author of this specification: This section* ***can*** *include the following but is not limited to the below items:*

* *Architecture of out-of-band management*
  + *Dedicated or shared NIC*
  + *In which power state is the OOB management enabled*
* *A list of on-platform manageability interfaces:*
  + *Connections: I2C/I3C, SMBus, RMII,*
  + *Transport Protocol: MCTP, IPMI (KCS, BT, etc)*
  + *Commands constructs: PLDM …, IPMI, SPDM, CPER*
  + *A list of components whose firmware which can updated programmatically*
    - *Which support failover/rollback mechanisms*
  + *A list of diagnostic or management LEDs supported*
  + *A list of minimum telemetry/sensors*
  + *A list of minimum controls*
  + *Whether conformance to OCP Profiles has been tested*
  + *For Arm-based Servers, whether conformance to Arm Server Base Manageability Requirements Specification has been followed. If so, please also indicate the conformance level (e.g., M2)*

## Constraints

*List any limitations the solution must account for, such as hardware constraints, legal regulations, or specific tools that the OCP community must consider.*

*Document any hardware management implementations either dependent on or to your contribution, including firmware (BIOS), optional Board Management Controller (BMC), Data Center Secure Control Modules (DC-SCM), etc.*

## Test and Validation

# *Provide the concepts for testing and validation of this solution.*

## External Software/Firmware Support (*Strongly* recommended)

*Identify any external software or firmware required to support the contribution, including notional architecture and necessary features. Provide information about the OCP GitHub repository where the project is hosted.*

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*(Example Compliance Table Follows)*

| ***ITEM*** | ***REQUIREMENT*** | ***REFERENCE*** | ***MANDATORY*** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *1* | *If scalable HPM depth >372.5mm (from origin), additional Zone 2 KOZs shall be*  *implemented.* | *10.3.2 (multiple items)* | *Y* |
| *2* | *Optional: The device shall only clear the Timestamp Origin field to 000b in the Timestamp (Feature*  *Identifier 0Eh) on a main power cycle or NVM Subsystem Reset (e.g., NSSR). The device*  *shall not clear the Timestamp Origin field on a power cycle of only AUX power.* | *NVMe-OPT-4* | *N* |
| *3* | *Any supplier seeking OCP recognition for a hardware product based on this specification*  *shall be 100% compliant* | *4* | *Y* |

*All Products seeking OCP Accepted™ Product Recognition shall have source code and binary*

*blobs submitted for BMC, if applicable.*

*The BMC management source code shall be uploaded at:*

[*https://github.com/opencomputeproject/Hardware-Management/[vendor\_name]/[product\_name*](https://github.com/opencomputeproject/Hardware-Management/%5Bvendor_name%5D/%5Bproduct_name)*]*

## Arm SystemReady (only for Arm-based Systems) Requirement

Please document if this contribution is designed to meet requirements for the Arm SystemReady certificate.

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* For Server Sleds, Open Edge Sleds and Monolithic Servers, the certification of either SystemReady SR or LS certification is required.
* For Storage and Networking, the certification of SystemReady SR, LS, ES, or IR is recommended.
* For Systems that are SystemReady SR, ES or IR certified, SystemReady Security Interface Extension (SIE) certification is recommended.

More details on Arm SystemReady can be found at https://www.arm.com/architecture/system-architectures/systemready-certification-program.

## Repository Location

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## Prescribed Materials

*List any prescribed materials included in your contribution, such as specific components that are referenced but not contributed.*

*This section may include, but is not limited to:*

* *Disallowed components.*
* *Specifically required components with no substitution allowed.*

## References (recommended)

[1] “Title”, publication year, OCP specification, version, link to publication if available.

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1. **What type of specification am I contributing to OCP?**
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   2. The base specification for a product <product type> (product may be coming but within the next 1-2 years)
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3. **What is the contribution process for my hardware spec?**
   1. Follow the flow for your spec type [here](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1PlXGLhCdgVEGWQ0hLYdAQEH5qCScwYij/edit#slide=id.g10e20dc1292_0_101).
4. **What if my spec is not developed yet and I want to collaborate with other companies?**
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5. **I have a question about the Contribution License Agreement (CLA).** 
   1. Please contact OCP Staff and we can help you with questions.
6. **Do I need to have a product in order to make a contribution?**
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