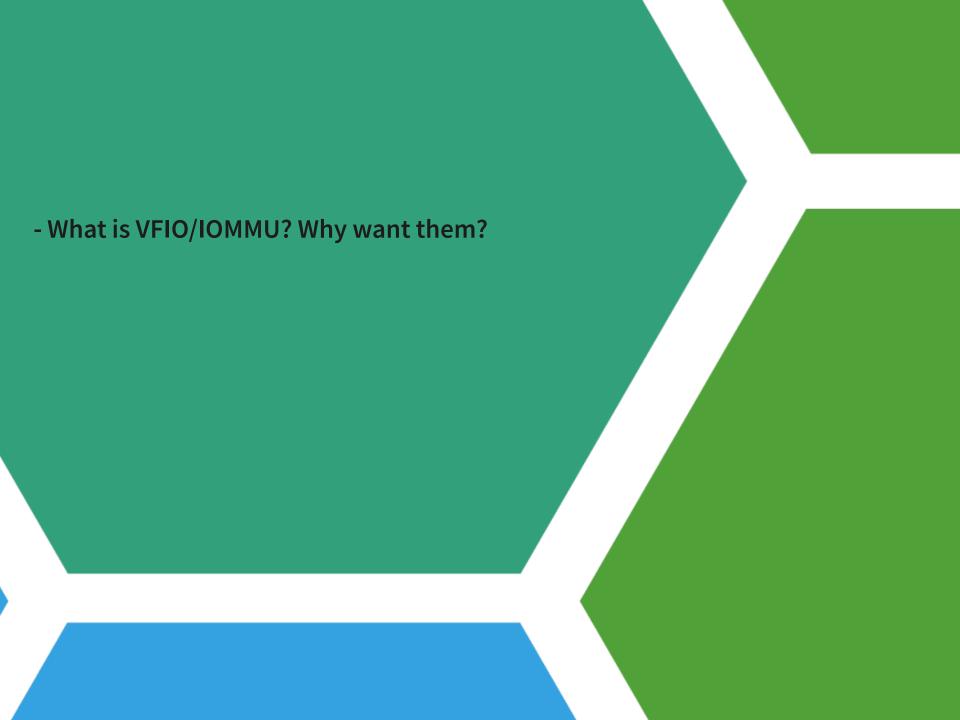
vfio-pci passthrough

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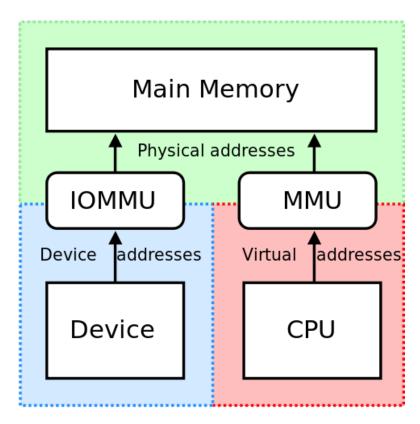
What is VFIO/IOMMU?

- The VFIO (Virtual Function I/O) driver is an IOMMU/device agnostic framework for exposing direct device access to userspace, in a secure, IOMMU protected environment.
- For x86, it needs the I/O MMU hardware support.
- VFIO consists of
- kernel device driver: vfio_pci_driver, vfio_iommu_driver, vfio_dma
- > QEMU device class: VFIODevice, VFIOPCIDevice
- The guest can operate the pass-throughed PCI device by:
 - accessing the mapped PCI config space and memory space
 - ioctl() on a fd of the VFIO kernel device for control operations

What is VFIO/IOMMU? (Continue.)

In qemu, use VFIO to configure IOMMU:

e.g. ioctl(VFIO_SET_IOMMU) && ioctl(VFIO_IOMMU_MAP_DMA)





VFIO: device, group, container

- A group is a set of devices which is isolatable from all other devices, specialized in IOMMU. It is the minimum granularity.
- Within one container, different groups can share a set of page tables to reduce the duplication. The container provides little functionality: version check and extension query.
- > The user needs to add a group into the container.
- The VFIO device API includes ioctls for describing the device, the I/O regions and their read/write/mmap offsets on the device descriptor, && mechanisms for describing and registering interrupt notifications.

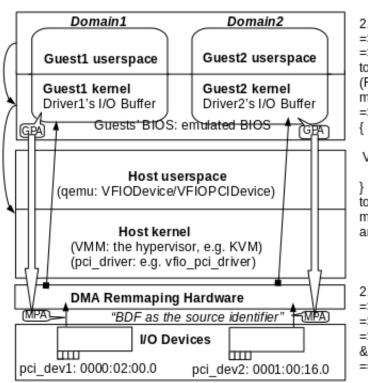


Why want them?

In short, for higher I/O performance by lessening the times of VM-EXIT/VM-ENTRY when accessing PCI BAR and doing DMA.

1. How does the guest visit the pth-ed pci's BAR

- 1.1 When the BAR is firstly accessed via MMIO, the emulated GPA can not be visited.
- 1.3 When later accessed, no VM-EXIT is needed.
- 1.2 VM-EXIT. VMM: update the EPT page table to establish the address mapping between GPA and HPA.



- 2.1 qemu:
 =>vfio_realize()
 => vfio_region_mmap()
 to get the HVA
 (RAMBlock → host) via
 mmap() for each bar-region.
 => qemu_vfio_do_mapping()
 {
 ioctl(s->container,
 VFIO_IOMMU_MAP_DMA,
 &dma_map)
 }
 to do the real memory
 mapping between VFIO iova
 and HPA

 ||
 2.2 kernel:
- => vfio_dma_do_map() => vfio_pin_map_dma() => vfio_pin_pages_remote()
- && vfio_iommu_map
- ==> intel_iommu_map()



- guest driver 'tells' GPA
- host pci needs MPA

Why want them? (literal)

- When accessing PCI BAR. The emulated guest BIOS emulate the BAR address for the guest (On the contrary, if expose the host real BAR to the guest, there may be conflicts between host real PCI BAR and the other emulated PCI device's BAR in the guest). For the first time when BAR is accessed and can not be visited, the VM exists and does the address mapping between GPA and HPA using EPT, and records the mapping. When later access, no VM-exit is needed.
- when PCI device communicates with GPA via DMA. When initializing the vfio: vfio_realize() in qemu, a memory mapping is established via vfio_region_mmap(). Then a (ioctl(s->container, VFIO_IOMMU_MAP_DMA, &dma_map) in qemu_vfio_do_mapping will do the real mapping between VFIO iova and HPA.

VFIO – qemu part

- How to define vfio-pci in qemu-cli
- Code: how to initialize the vfio-pci device

VFIO – qemu part

}

1. How to define vfio-pci in gemu command line:

```
`-device vfio-pci, host=0000:02:00.0, bus=pci.1, id=vpci1`
```

- 2. Code: how to initialize the vfio-pci device
 - 2.1 Deploy the common device_init_func() to initialize each qdev in vl.c:

- 2.2 device_init_func() => qdev_device_add() to parse the qdev's every attribute
 (next page)
- 2.3 object_property_set_bool() => ... => prop→set() => property_set_bool => device_set_realized() => pci_qdev_realize() => vfio_realize()



VFIO – qemu part: qdev_device_add()

```
BusState *bus = NULL;
   char *driver = qemu_opt_get(opts, "driver");
  /* find driver */
   DeviceClass *dc = qdev_get_device_class(&driver, errp);
   char *path = qemu_opt_get(opts, "bus");
   if (path != NULL) {
      bus = qbus_find(path, errp);
   } else if (dc->bus_type != NULL) {
      bus = qbus find recursive(sysbus get default(), NULL, dc->bus type);
  /* create device */
   DeviceState *dev = DEVICE(object_new(driver));
   /* add the dev as one of the bus's child && set bus as dev->parent_bus */
   qdev set parent bus(dev, bus);
   qdev_set_id(dev, qemu_opts_id(opts));
   /* set properties */
   if (qemu_opt_foreach(opts, set_property, dev, &err)) {
      goto err_del_dev;
   dev->opts = opts;
   object_property_set_bool(OBJECT(dev), true, "realized", &err);
```



VFIO – qemu part: vfio_realize()

```
1. Get the container.
   /* Create a new container by open "/dev/vfio/vfio" each time. */
   container = open("/dev/vfio/vfio", O_RDWR);
   if (ioctl(container, VFIO_GET_API_VERSION) != VFIO_API_VERSION)
               /* Unknown API version handling*/
   if (!ioctl(container, VFIO_CHECK_EXTENSION, VFIO_X86_IOMMU))
                /* Doesn't support the IOMMU driver we want. */
2. Get the group, and add the group to the container.
   /* Get the sysfdev via `- device vfio_pci, host=xxxx:xx:xx.x` */
   vdev->vbasedev.sysfsdev =
          g_strdup_printf("/sys/bus/pci/devices/%04x:%02x:%02x.%01x",
          vdev->host.domain, vdev->host.bus, vdev->host.slot, vdev->host.function);
   /* Find the group id: readlink(the above sysfsdey/iommu group), e.i.
    * "/sys/kernel/iommu_groups/14" and basename() to get 14. Then open the group */
   group = open("/dev/vfio/14", O_RDWR);
    ioctl(group, VFIO_GROUP_GET_STATUS, &group_status);
   /* Add the group to the container */
   ioctl(group, VFIO_GROUP_SET_CONTAINER, &container);
Set the IOMMU via container.
   /* Enable the IOMMU model we want */
   ioctl(container, VFI0_SET_IOMMU, VFI0_X86_IOMMU)
   /* Get addition IOMMU info */
    ioctl(container, VFIO_IOMMU_GET_INFO, &iommu_info);
```

VFIO – qemu part: vfio_realize() (Continue.)

```
    Get the pci_dev fd, set the config space and 6 region bars, and the irg info.

    /* Get a file descriptor for the device */
    device = ioctl(group, VFIO_GROUP_GET_DEVICE_FD, "0000:02:00.0");
    /* Test and setup the device */
    ioctl(device, VFI0_DEVICE_GET_INFO, &device_info);
    for (i = 0; i < device_info.num_regions; i++) {</pre>
        struct vfio region info reg = { .argsz = sizeof(reg) };
        reg.index = i;
        ioctl(device, VFIO_DEVICE_GET_REGION_INFO, &reg);
        /* Setup mappings... read/write offsets, mmaps. */
        /* For PCI devices, config space is a region */
    for (i = 0; i < device_info.num_irqs; i++) {</pre>
        struct vfio_irq_info irq = { .argsz = sizeof(irq) };
        irq.index = i;
        ioctl(device, VFIO_DEVICE_GET_IRQ_INFO, &reg);
        /* Setup IROs... eventfds, VFIO_DEVICE_SET_IROS */
5. Map the device iova (e.g. [0, 1MB] as follows) with HPA
   /* In qemu, GPA is described by each root MemoryRegion's RAMBlock.
     * For each BAR region, its MR's RAMBlock->host is dma_map.vaddr (HVA) */
    dma_map.vaddr = mmap(0, 1024 * 1024, PROT_READ | PROT_WRITE,
                    MAP_PRIVATE | MAP_ANONYMOUS, 0, 0);
    dma map.size = 1024 * 1024;
    dma_map.iova = 0; /* 1MB starting at 0x0 from device view */
    dma_map.flags = VFIO_DMA_MAP_FLAG_READ | VFIO_DMA_MAP_FLAG_WRITE;
    ioctl(container, VFIO_IOMMU_MAP_DMA, &dma_map);
6. /* Gratuitous device reset and go... */
    ioctl(device, VFI0_DEVICE_RESET);
```

VFIO – qemu part: qemu_vfio_dma_map()

```
43 struct QEMUVFIOState {
       int container, group, device;
      struct vfio_region_info config_region_info, bar_region_info[6];
54
                                <= QEMU_VFIO_IOVA_MIN
                                <= low water mark
64
84
      uint64_t low_water_mark;
86
      uint64_t high_water_mark;
      IOVAMapping *mappings;
88
      int nr_mappings;
```



VFIO – kernel part

- related drivers
- container/group/device's fops
- connects with pci: vfio_pci_driver
- DMA map via iommu_type1
- get io: config space + 6 bar
- msix interrupt: eventfd/irqfd

VFIO – kernel part: related drivers

1. vfio interface:

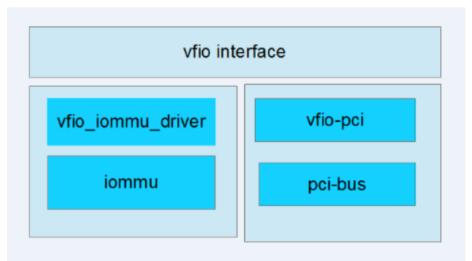
Provide the common ioctl() for userspace, including container, group, device.

2. vfio_iommu_driver (we now use vfio_iommu_type1):

Expose DMA for userspace, e.g. VFIO_IOMMU_MAP_DMA

3. vfio_pci_driver:

Deploy the existed pci standards: to be a pci driver, attach to a pci bus, realize I/O and interrupts, etc.





VFIO – kernel part: container

1. container: via vfio_fops

```
1287 static const struct file_operations vfio_fops =
1288
                               = THIS_MODULE,
              .owner
1289
              .open
                              = vfio_fops_open,
                              = vfio fops release,
1290
              .release
                              = vfio_fops_read,
1291
              .read
1292
              .write
                              = vfio_fops_write,
             .unlocked_ioctl = vfio_fops_unl_ioctl,
1293
1294 #ifdef CONFIG COMPAT
1295
             .compat_ioctl
                              = vfio_fops_compat_ioctl,
1296 #endif
1297
                              = vfio_fops_mmap,
              .mmap
1298 };
```

```
2189
            .minor = VFIO_MINOR,
            .name = "vfio",
2190
2191
            .fops = &vfio_fops,
            .nodename = "vfio/vfio",
2192
2193
            .mode = S IRUGO | S IWUGO,
2194 };
2195
2196 static int __init vfio_init(void)
2197 {
            int ret;
2198
2199
            idr_init(&vfio.group_idr);
2200
2201
            mutex_init(&vfio.group_lock);
2202
            mutex init(&vfio.iommu drivers lock);
2203
            INIT_LIST_HEAD(&vfio.group_list);
            INIT LIST HEAD(&vfio.iommu drivers list);
2204
            init_waitqueue_head(&vfio.release_q);
2205
2206
            ret = misc_register(&vfio_dev);
2207
```

VFIO – kernel part: group

1. group: via vfio_group_fops

```
1636 static const struct file_operations vfio_group_fops =
1637
                             = THIS_MODULE,
             .owner
             .unlocked_ioctl = vfio_group_fops_unl_ioctl,
1638
1639 #ifdef CONFIG_COMPAT
1640
             .compat_ioctl = vfio_group_fops_compat_ioctl,
1641 #endif
1642
                             = vfio_group_fops_open,
             .open
1643
             .release
                             = vfio_group_fops_release,
1644 };
```

```
2196 static int __init vfio_init(void)
2197 {
             ret = misc_register(&vfio_dev);
2198
2199
             /* /dev/vfio/$GROUP */
2200
             vfio.class = class_create(THIS_MODULE, "vfio");
2201
2202
             vfio.class->devnode = vfio_devnode;
2203
2204
             ret = alloc_chrdev_region(&vfio.group_devt, 0, MINORMASK, "vfio");
2205
2206
             cdev_init(&vfio.group_cdev, &vfio_group_fops);
2207
2208
             ret = cdev_add(&vfio.group_cdev, vfio.group_devt, MINORMASK);
```

VFIO – kernel part: device

1. device: indirectly via group fd

To allocate the fd and the struct file which has a anon inode.

```
case VFIO GROUP GET DEVICE FD:
1558
1559
                    char *buf;
1560
1561
                   buf = strndup_user((const char __user *)arg, PAGE_SIZE);
1562
                   if (IS_ERR(buf))
1563
                           return PTR_ERR(buf);
1564
1565
                    ret = vfio group get device fd(group, buf);
1566
1567
                   kfree(buf);
                   break;
1568
1569
1480
            filep = anon_inode_getfile("[vfio-device]", &vfio_device_fops,
1481
                                       device, O_RDWR);
     1716
                  .owner
                                  = THIS_MODULE,
     1717
                  .release
                                 = vfio_device_fops_release,
     1718
                                 = vfio_device_fops_read,
                  .read
                                  = vfio_device_fops_write,
     1719
                  .write
     1720
                  .unlocked_ioctl = vfio_device_fops_unl_ioctl,
     1721 #ifdef CONFIG_COMPAT
                  .compat_ioctl
     1722
                                 = vfio_device_fops_compat_ioctl,
     1723 #endif
     1724
                  .mmap
                                  = vfio device fops mmap,
     1725 };
```

VFIO – kernel part: vfio_pci_driver

```
1. __init vfio_pci_init() => pci_register_driver(&vfio_pci_driver)
=> bus_add_driver(drv) => __driver_attach() => really_probe()
=> dev > bus > probe()
    [pci_bus_type.probe = pci_device_probe: pci_drv->probe()]
=> vfio_pci_probe
```

```
1315 static struct pci_driver vfio_pci_driver = {
1316
                            = "vfio-pci",
             .name
             .id_table = NULL, /* only dynamic ids */
1317
1318
             .probe
                           = vfio_pci_probe,
1319
                           = vfio_pci_remove,
             .remove
                           = &vfio_err_handlers,
1320
             .err_handler
1321 };
```

VFIO – kernel part: vfio_pci_driver (Continue)

```
805 int vfio add group dev(struct device *dev,
806
                            const struct vfio device ops *ops, void *device data)
807 {
808
            struct iommu_group *iommu_group;
            struct vfio_group *group;
809
            struct vfio_device *device;
810
811
812
            iommu_group = iommu_group_get(dev);
813
814
            group = vfio_group_get_from_iommu(iommu_group);
            if (!group) {
815
                    group = vfio_create_group(iommu_group);
816
            } else {
817
818
                    iommu_group_put(iommu_group);
819
820
            device = vfio_group_get_device(group, dev);
821
            if (device) {
822
                    WARN(1, "Device %s already exists on group %d\n",
823
                         dev name(dev), iommu_group_id(iommu_group));
824
825
826
                    return -EBUSY;
827
828
829
            device = vfio_group_create_device(group, dev, ops, device_data);
```

VFIO – kernel part: DMA MAP via iommu_type1

```
1. vfio_fops_unl_ioctl => vfio_iommu_type1_ioctl
=> vfio_dma_do_map
[record (iova, vaddr) in rb_root dma_list of struct vfio_iommu]
=> vfio_pin_map_dma =>
{1.1 vfio_pin_pages_remote => vaddr_get_pfn => get_user_pages
=> get_user_pages_unlocked => __get_user_pages
=> handle_mm_fault
 1.2 vfio_iommu_map(iova, pfn) => iommu_map()
=> domain→ops→map() [e.g. intel_iommu_map()]
=> domain_pfn_mapping() => __domain_mapping()
=> pfn_to_dma_pte()
```

VFIO – kernel part: get io e.g. config space + 6 bar

```
} else if (cmd == VFIO_DEVICE_GET_REGION_INFO) {
       struct pci_dev *pdev = vdev->pdev;
       struct vfio_region_info info;
       struct vfio_info_cap caps = { .buf = NULL, .size = 0 };
       minsz = offsetofend(struct vfio_region_info, offset);
       if (copy_from_user(&info, (void __user *)arg, minsz))
                return -EFAULT;
       if (info.argsz < minsz)</pre>
                return -EINVAL;
       switch (info.index) {
       case VFIO_PCI_CONFIG_REGION_INDEX:
                info.offset = VFIO_PCI_INDEX_TO_OFFSET(info.index);
                info.size = pdev->cfg_size;
                info.flags = VFIO_REGION_INFO_FLAG_READ
                             VFIO_REGION_INFO_FLAG_WRITE;
                break;
       case VFIO_PCI_BAR0_REGION_INDEX ... VFIO_PCI_BAR5_REGION_INDEX:
                info.offset = VFIO_PCI_INDEX_TO_OFFSET(info.index);
                info.size = pci_resource_len(pdev, info.index);
                if (!info.size) {
                        info.flags = 0;
                        break;
                info.flags = VFIO_REGION_INFO_FLAG_READ |
                             VFIO REGION INFO FLAG WRITE;
                if (vdev->bar_mmap_supported[info.index]) {
                        info.flags |= VFIO_REGION_INFO_FLAG_MMAP;
                        if (info.index == vdev->msix_bar) {
                                ret = msix_mmappable_cap(vdev, &caps);
                                if (ret)
                                        return ret;
                break:
```

case VFIO_PCI_ROM_REGION_INDEX:

VFIO – kernel part: vfio_pci_mmap for each bar

```
1106 static int vfio pci mmap(void *device data, struct vm area struct *vma)
1107 {
1108
             struct vfio_pci_device *vdev = device_data;
1109
             struct pci_dev *pdev = vdev->pdev;
1110
             unsigned int index;
1111
             u64 phys_len, req_len, pgoff, req_start;
1112
             int ret;
1113
1114
             index = vma->vm_pgoff >> (VFIO_PCI_OFFSET_SHIFT - PAGE_SHIFT);
1115
1116
             if (vma->vm end < vma->vm start)
1117
                     return -EINVAL;
1118
             if ((vma->vm_flags & VM_SHARED) == 0)
1119
                      return -EINVAL;
1120
             if (index >= VFIO_PCI_ROM_REGION_INDEX)
1121
                      return -EINVAL;
1122
             if (!vdev->bar_mmap_supported[index])
1123
                     return -EINVAL;
1124
1125
             phys_len = PAGE_ALIGN(pci_resource_len(pdev, index));
1126
             req_len = vma->vm_end - vma->vm_start;
1127
             pgoff = vma->vm_pgoff &
1128
                      ((1U << (VFIO_PCI_OFFSET_SHIFT - PAGE_SHIFT)) - 1);
             req_start = pgoff << PAGE_SHIFT;</pre>
1129
1130
1131
1132
             if (!vdev->barmap[index]) {
1133
1134
                     ret = pci_request_selected_regions(pdev,
1135
                                                          1 << index, "vfio-pci");</pre>
                     if (ret)
1136
1137
                              return ret;
1138
1139
                     vdev->barmap[index] = pci_iomap(pdev, index, 0);
1140
                     if (!vdev->barmap[index]) {
1141
                              pci_release_selected_regions(pdev, 1 << index);</pre>
1142
                              return -ENOMEM;
1143
1144
1145
1146
             vma->vm_private_data = vdev;
1147
             vma->vm_page_prot = pgprot_noncached(vma->vm_page_prot);
1148
             vma->vm_pgoff = (pci_resource_start(pdev, index) >> PAGE_SHIFT) + pgoff;
```



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VFIO – kernel part: interrupt via eventfd/irqfd

If uses MSIX to do the interrupt:

2. //allocate an interrupt line: irq for the vfio pci device

```
ret = request_irq(irq, vfio_msihandler, 0,
337       vdev->ctx[vector].name, trigger);
```

3. //wait for the IRQ occurs, then call vfio_msihandler to handle.]

(plus) VFIO – qemu part: register the vfio_irq_set

```
int argsz;
struct vfio_irq_set *irq_set;
int32_t *pfd;
argsz = sizeof(*irq_set) + sizeof(*pfd);
irq_set = g_malloc0(argsz);
irq_set->argsz = argsz;
irq_set->flags = VFIO_IRQ_SET_DATA_EVENTFD
                 VFIO_IRQ_SET_ACTION_TRIGGER;
irq_set->index = VFIO_PCI_MSIX_IRQ_INDEX;
irq_set->start = nr;
irq_set->count = 1;
pfd = (int32_t *)&irq_set->data;
if (vector->virg >= 0) {
    *pfd = event_notifier_get_fd(&vector->kvm_interrupt);
} else {
    *pfd = event_notifier_get_fd(&vector->interrupt);
ret = ioctl(vdev->vbasedev.fd, VFIO_DEVICE_SET_IRQS, irq_set);
```

VFIO usage: how to passthrough a pci device

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- 1. Enable VT-d in BIOS, and add `intel_iommu=on` in host kernel
- 2. Build vfio/iommu in kernel or as module
- 3. Insmod the vfio-pci.ko: `modprobe vfio-pci`
- 4. If the pci needs to be passthroughed has been bound to other host driver, unbind it firstly:

```
echo 0000:02:00.0 > /sys/bus/pci/devices/0000\:02\:00.0/driver/unbind
```

- 5. echo "vendor_id device_id" > /sys/bus/pci/drivers/vfio-pci/new_id
 - PS: `lspci -n -s BDF` to check the vendor_id and device_id

```
linux-50ts:/build/gitcode # lspci -n -s 00:02.0
00:02.0 0300: 8086:191b (rev 06)
```



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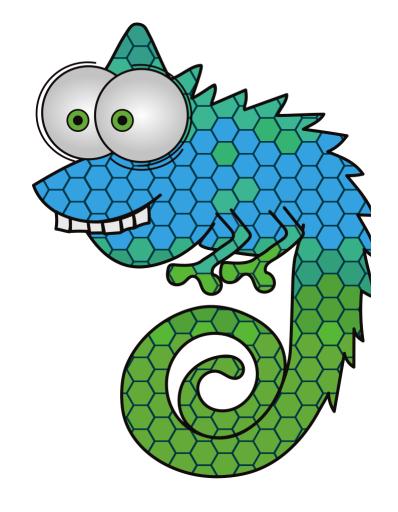


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