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# **Linux GPU Driver Developer's Guide**

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## INTRODUCTION

The Linux DRM layer contains code intended to support the needs of complex graphics devices, usually containing programmable pipelines well suited to 3D graphics acceleration. Graphics drivers in the kernel may make use of DRM functions to make tasks like memory management, interrupt handling and DMA easier, and provide a uniform interface to applications.

A note on versions: this guide covers features found in the DRM tree, including the TTM memory manager, output configuration and mode setting, and the new vblank internals, in addition to all the regular features found in current kernels.

[Insert diagram of typical DRM stack here]

## Style Guidelines

For consistency this documentation uses American English. Abbreviations are written as all-uppercase, for example: DRM, KMS, IOCTL, CRTC, and so on. To aid in reading, documentations make full use of the markup characters kerneldoc provides: @parameter for function parameters, @member for structure members (within the same structure), &struct structure to reference structures and function() for functions. These all get automatically hyperlinked if kerneldoc for the referenced objects exists. When referencing entries in function vtables (and structure members in general) please use &vtable\_name.vfunc. Unfortunately this does not yet yield a direct link to the member, only the structure.

Except in special situations (to separate locked from unlocked variants) locking requirements for functions aren't documented in the kerneldoc. Instead locking should be checked at runtime using e.g. `WARN_ON(!mutex_is_locked(...))`;. Since it's much easier to ignore documentation than runtime noise this provides more value. And on top of that runtime checks do need to be updated when the locking rules change, increasing the chances that they're correct. Within the documentation the locking rules should be explained in the relevant structures: Either in the comment for the lock explaining what it protects, or data fields need a note about which lock protects them, or both.

Functions which have a non-void return value should have a section called "Returns" explaining the expected return values in different cases and their meanings. Currently there's no consensus whether that section name should be all upper-case or not, and whether it should end in a colon or not. Go with the file-local style. Other common section names are "Notes" with information for dangerous or tricky corner cases, and "FIXME" where the interface could be cleaned up.

Also read the guidelines for the kernel documentation at large.

## Getting Started

Developers interested in helping out with the DRM subsystem are very welcome. Often people will resort to sending in patches for various issues reported by checkpatch or sparse. We welcome such contributions.

Anyone looking to kick it up a notch can find a list of janitorial tasks on the [TODO list](#).

## **Contribution Process**

Mostly the DRM subsystem works like any other kernel subsystem, see the main process guidelines and documentation for how things work. Here we just document some of the specialities of the GPU subsystem.

### **Feature Merge Deadlines**

All feature work must be in the linux-next tree by the -rc6 release of the current release cycle, otherwise they must be postponed and can't reach the next merge window. All patches must have landed in the drm-next tree by latest -rc7, but if your branch is not in linux-next then this must have happened by -rc6 already.

After that point only bugfixes (like after the upstream merge window has closed with the -rc1 release) are allowed. No new platform enabling or new drivers are allowed.

This means that there's a blackout-period of about one month where feature work can't be merged. The recommended way to deal with that is having a -next tree that's always open, but making sure to not feed it into linux-next during the blackout period. As an example, drm-misc works like that.

### **Code of Conduct**

As a freedesktop.org project, dri-devel, and the DRM community, follows the Contributor Covenant, found at: <https://www.freedesktop.org/wiki/CodeOfConduct>

Please conduct yourself in a respectful and civilised manner when interacting with community members on mailing lists, IRC, or bug trackers. The community represents the project as a whole, and abusive or bullying behaviour is not tolerated by the project.



## DRM INTERNALS

This chapter documents DRM internals relevant to driver authors and developers working to add support for the latest features to existing drivers.

First, we go over some typical driver initialization requirements, like setting up command buffers, creating an initial output configuration, and initializing core services. Subsequent sections cover core internals in more detail, providing implementation notes and examples.

The DRM layer provides several services to graphics drivers, many of them driven by the application interfaces it provides through libdrm, the library that wraps most of the DRM ioctls. These include vblank event handling, memory management, output management, framebuffer management, command submission & fencing, suspend/resume support, and DMA services.

### Driver Initialization

At the core of every DRM driver is a `struct drm_driver` structure. Drivers typically statically initialize a `drm_driver` structure, and then pass it to `drm_dev_alloc()` to allocate a device instance. After the device instance is fully initialized it can be registered (which makes it accessible from userspace) using `drm_dev_register()`.

The `struct drm_driver` structure contains static information that describes the driver and features it supports, and pointers to methods that the DRM core will call to implement the DRM API. We will first go through the `struct drm_driver` static information fields, and will then describe individual operations in details as they get used in later sections.

### Driver Information

#### Driver Features

Drivers inform the DRM core about their requirements and supported features by setting appropriate flags in the `driver_features` field. Since those flags influence the DRM core behaviour since registration time, most of them must be set to registering the `struct drm_driver` instance.

u32 `driver_features`;

**DRIVER\_USE\_AGP** Driver uses AGP interface, the DRM core will manage AGP resources.

**DRIVER\_LEGACY** Denote a legacy driver using shadow attach. Don't use.

**DRIVER\_KMS\_LEGACY\_CONTEXT** Used only by nouveau for backwards compatibility with existing userspace. Don't use.

**DRIVER\_PCI\_DMA** Driver is capable of PCI DMA, mapping of PCI DMA buffers to userspace will be enabled. Deprecated.

**DRIVER\_SG** Driver can perform scatter/gather DMA, allocation and mapping of scatter/gather buffers will be enabled. Deprecated.

**DRIVER\_HAVE\_DMA** Driver supports DMA, the userspace DMA API will be supported. Deprecated.

**DRIVER\_HAVE\_IRQ; DRIVER\_IRQ\_SHARED** DRIVER\_HAVE\_IRQ indicates whether the driver has an IRQ handler managed by the DRM Core. The core will support simple IRQ handler installation when the flag is set. The installation process is described in ?.

DRIVER\_IRQ\_SHARED indicates whether the device & handler support shared IRQs (note that this is required of PCI drivers).

**DRIVER\_GEM** Driver use the GEM memory manager.

**DRIVER\_MODESET** Driver supports mode setting interfaces (KMS).

**DRIVER\_PRIME** Driver implements DRM PRIME buffer sharing.

**DRIVER\_RENDER** Driver supports dedicated render nodes.

**DRIVER\_ATOMIC** Driver supports atomic properties. In this case the driver must implement appropriate `obj->atomic_get_property()` vfuncs for any modeset objects with driver specific properties.

**DRIVER\_SYNCOBJ** Driver support drm sync objects.

## Major, Minor and Patchlevel

`int major; int minor; int patchlevel;` The DRM core identifies driver versions by a major, minor and patch level triplet. The information is printed to the kernel log at initialization time and passed to userspace through the `DRM_IOCTL_VERSION` ioctl.

The major and minor numbers are also used to verify the requested driver API version passed to `DRM_IOCTL_SET_VERSION`. When the driver API changes between minor versions, applications can call `DRM_IOCTL_SET_VERSION` to select a specific version of the API. If the requested major isn't equal to the driver major, or the requested minor is larger than the driver minor, the `DRM_IOCTL_SET_VERSION` call will return an error. Otherwise the driver's `set_version()` method will be called with the requested version.

## Name, Description and Date

`char *name; char *desc; char *date;` The driver name is printed to the kernel log at initialization time, used for IRQ registration and passed to userspace through `DRM_IOCTL_VERSION`.

The driver description is a purely informative string passed to userspace through the `DRM_IOCTL_VERSION` ioctl and otherwise unused by the kernel.

The driver date, formatted as `YYYYMMDD`, is meant to identify the date of the latest modification to the driver. However, as most drivers fail to update it, its value is mostly useless. The DRM core prints it to the kernel log at initialization time and passes it to userspace through the `DRM_IOCTL_VERSION` ioctl.

## Device Instance and Driver Handling

A device instance for a drm driver is represented by `struct drm_device`. This is allocated with `drm_dev_alloc()`, usually from bus-specific `->c:func:probe()` callbacks implemented by the driver. The driver then needs to initialize all the various subsystems for the drm device like memory management, vblank handling, modesetting support and initial output configuration plus obviously initialize all the corresponding hardware bits. An important part of this is also calling `drm_dev_set_unique()` to set the userspace-visible unique name of this device instance. Finally when everything is up and running and ready for userspace the device instance can be published using `drm_dev_register()`.

There is also deprecated support for initializing device instances using bus-specific helpers and the `drm_driver.load` callback. But due to backwards-compatibility needs the device instance have to be published too early, which requires unpretty global locking to make safe and is therefore only support for existing drivers not yet converted to the new scheme.

When cleaning up a device instance everything needs to be done in reverse: First unpublish the device instance with `drm_dev_unregister()`. Then clean up any other resources allocated at device initialization and drop the driver's reference to `drm_device` using `drm_dev_put()`.

Note that the lifetime rules for `drm_device` instance has still a lot of historical baggage. Hence use the reference counting provided by `drm_dev_get()` and `drm_dev_put()` only carefully.

It is recommended that drivers embed `struct drm_device` into their own device structure, which is supported through `drm_dev_init()`.

**struct `drm_driver`**  
 DRM driver structure

### Definition

```
struct drm_driver {
    int (*load) (struct drm_device *, unsigned long flags);
    int (*open) (struct drm_device *, struct drm_file *);
    void (*postclose) (struct drm_device *, struct drm_file *);
    void (*lastclose) (struct drm_device *);
    void (*unload) (struct drm_device *);
    void (*release) (struct drm_device *);
    u32 (*get_vblank_counter) (struct drm_device *dev, unsigned int pipe);
    int (*enable_vblank) (struct drm_device *dev, unsigned int pipe);
    void (*disable_vblank) (struct drm_device *dev, unsigned int pipe);
    bool (*get_scanout_position) (struct drm_device *dev, unsigned int pipe, bool in_vblank_irq, int *vpos,
    bool (*get_vblank_timestamp) (struct drm_device *dev, unsigned int pipe, int *max_error, ktime_t *vblank
    irqreturn_t (*irq_handler) (int irq, void *arg);
    void (*irq_preinstall) (struct drm_device *dev);
    int (*irq_postinstall) (struct drm_device *dev);
    void (*irq_uninstall) (struct drm_device *dev);
    int (*master_create) (struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_master *master);
    void (*master_destroy) (struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_master *master);
    int (*master_set) (struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_file *file_priv, bool from_open);
    void (*master_drop) (struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_file *file_priv);
    int (*debugfs_init) (struct drm_minor *minor);
    void (*gem_free_object) (struct drm_gem_object *obj);
    void (*gem_free_object_unlocked) (struct drm_gem_object *obj);
    int (*gem_open_object) (struct drm_gem_object *, struct drm_file *);
    void (*gem_close_object) (struct drm_gem_object *, struct drm_file *);
    void (*gem_print_info) (struct drm_printer *p, unsigned int indent, const struct drm_gem_object *obj);
    struct drm_gem_object *(*gem_create_object) (struct drm_device *dev, size_t size);
    int (*prime_handle_to_fd) (struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_file *file_priv, uint32_t handle, uint32_t
    int (*prime_fd_to_handle) (struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_file *file_priv, int prime_fd, uint32_t *
    struct dma_buf * (*gem_prime_export) (struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_gem_object *obj, int flags);
    struct drm_gem_object * (*gem_prime_import) (struct drm_device *dev, struct dma_buf *dma_buf);
    int (*gem_prime_pin) (struct drm_gem_object *obj);
    void (*gem_prime_unpin) (struct drm_gem_object *obj);
    struct reservation_object * (*gem_prime_res_obj) (struct drm_gem_object *obj);
    struct sg_table * (*gem_prime_get_sg_table) (struct drm_gem_object *obj);
    struct drm_gem_object * (*gem_prime_import_sg_table) (struct drm_device *dev, struct dma_buf_attachment *
    void (*gem_prime_vmap) (struct drm_gem_object *obj);
    void (*gem_prime_vunmap) (struct drm_gem_object *obj, void *vaddr);
    int (*gem_prime_mmap) (struct drm_gem_object *obj, struct vm_area_struct *vma);
    int (*dumb_create) (struct drm_file *file_priv, struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_mode_create_dumb *arg
    int (*dumb_map_offset) (struct drm_file *file_priv, struct drm_device *dev, uint32_t handle, uint64_t *c
    int (*dumb_destroy) (struct drm_file *file_priv, struct drm_device *dev, uint32_t handle);
    const struct vm_operations_struct *gem_vm_ops;
    int major;
    int minor;
    int patchlevel;
    char *name;
    char *desc;
    char *date;
```

```
u32 driver_features;
const struct drm_ioctl_desc *ioctls;
int num_ioctls;
const struct file_operations *fops;
};
```

## Members

**load** Backward-compatible driver callback to complete initialization steps after the driver is registered. For this reason, may suffer from race conditions and its use is deprecated for new drivers. It is therefore only supported for existing drivers not yet converted to the new scheme. See [`drm\_dev\_init\(\)`](#) and [`drm\_dev\_register\(\)`](#) for proper and race-free way to set up a `struct drm_device`.

This is deprecated, do not use!

Returns:

Zero on success, non-zero value on failure.

**open** Driver callback when a new [`struct drm\_file`](#) is opened. Useful for setting up driver-private data structures like buffer allocators, execution contexts or similar things. Such driver-private resources must be released again in **postclose**.

Since the display/modeset side of DRM can only be owned by exactly one [`struct drm\_file`](#) (see [`drm\_file.is\_master`](#) and `drm_device.master`) there should never be a need to set up any modeset related resources in this callback. Doing so would be a driver design bug.

Returns:

0 on success, a negative error code on failure, which will be promoted to userspace as the result of the `open()` system call.

**postclose** One of the driver callbacks when a new [`struct drm\_file`](#) is closed. Useful for tearing down driver-private data structures allocated in **open** like buffer allocators, execution contexts or similar things.

Since the display/modeset side of DRM can only be owned by exactly one [`struct drm\_file`](#) (see [`drm\_file.is\_master`](#) and `drm_device.master`) there should never be a need to tear down any modeset related resources in this callback. Doing so would be a driver design bug.

**lastclose** Called when the last [`struct drm\_file`](#) has been closed and there's currently no userspace client for the `struct drm_device`.

Modern drivers should only use this to force-restore the fbdev framebuffer using [`drm\_fb\_helper\_restore\_fbdev\_mode\_unlocked\(\)`](#). Anything else would indicate there's something seriously wrong. Modern drivers can also use this to execute delayed power switching state changes, e.g. in conjunction with the [VGA Switcheroo](#) infrastructure.

This is called after **postclose** hook has been called.

NOTE:

All legacy drivers use this callback to de-initialize the hardware. This is purely because of the shadow-attach model, where the DRM kernel driver does not really own the hardware. Instead ownership is handled with the help of userspace through an inheritedly racy dance to set/unset the VT into raw mode.

Legacy drivers initialize the hardware in the **firstopen** callback, which isn't even called for modern drivers.

**unload** Reverse the effects of the driver load callback. Ideally, the clean up performed by the driver should happen in the reverse order of the initialization. Similarly to the load hook, this handler is deprecated and its usage should be dropped in favor of an open-coded teardown function at the driver layer. See [`drm\_dev\_unregister\(\)`](#) and [`drm\_dev\_put\(\)`](#) for the proper way to remove a `struct drm_device`.

The `unload()` hook is called right after unregistering the device.

**release** Optional callback for destroying device data after the final reference is released, i.e. the device is being destroyed. Drivers using this callback are responsible for calling `drm_dev_fini()` to finalize the device and then freeing the struct themselves.

**get\_vblank\_counter** Driver callback for fetching a raw hardware vblank counter for the CRTC specified with the pipe argument. If a device doesn't have a hardware counter, the driver can simply leave the hook as NULL. The DRM core will account for missed vblank events while interrupts where disabled based on system timestamps.

Wraparound handling and loss of events due to modesetting is dealt with in the DRM core code, as long as drivers call `drm_crtc_vblank_off()` and `drm_crtc_vblank_on()` when disabling or enabling a CRTC.

This is deprecated and should not be used by new drivers. Use `drm_crtc_funcs.get_vblank_counter` instead.

Returns:

Raw vblank counter value.

**enable\_vblank** Enable vblank interrupts for the CRTC specified with the pipe argument.

This is deprecated and should not be used by new drivers. Use `drm_crtc_funcs.enable_vblank` instead.

Returns:

Zero on success, appropriate errno if the given **crtc**'s vblank interrupt cannot be enabled.

**disable\_vblank** Disable vblank interrupts for the CRTC specified with the pipe argument.

This is deprecated and should not be used by new drivers. Use `drm_crtc_funcs.disable_vblank` instead.

**get\_scanout\_position** Called by vblank timestamping code.

Returns the current display scanout position from a crtc, and an optional accurate `ktime_get()` timestamp of when position was measured. Note that this is a helper callback which is only used if a driver uses `drm_calc_vbltimestamp_from_scanoutpos()` for the **get\_vblank\_timestamp** callback.

Parameters:

**dev:** DRM device.

**pipe:** Id of the crtc to query.

**in\_vblank\_irq:** True when called from `drm_crtc_handle_vblank()`. Some drivers need to apply some workarounds for gpu-specific vblank irq quirks if flag is set.

**vpos:** Target location for current vertical scanout position.

**hpos:** Target location for current horizontal scanout position.

**stime:** Target location for timestamp taken immediately before scanout position query. Can be NULL to skip timestamp.

**etime:** Target location for timestamp taken immediately after scanout position query. Can be NULL to skip timestamp.

**mode:** Current display timings.

Returns vpos as a positive number while in active scanout area. Returns vpos as a negative number inside vblank, counting the number of scanlines to go until end of vblank, e.g., -1 means "one scanline until start of active scanout / end of vblank."

Returns:

True on success, false if a reliable scanout position counter could not be read out.

FIXME:

Since this is a helper to implement **get\_vblank\_timestamp**, we should move it to *struct drm\_crtc\_helper\_funcs*, like all the other helper-internal hooks.

**get\_vblank\_timestamp** Called by `drm_get_last_vbltimestamp()`. Should return a precise timestamp when the most recent VBLANK interval ended or will end.

Specifically, the timestamp in **vblank\_time** should correspond as closely as possible to the time when the first video scanline of the video frame after the end of VBLANK will start scanning out, the time immediately after end of the VBLANK interval. If the **crtc** is currently inside VBLANK, this will be a time in the future. If the **crtc** is currently scanning out a frame, this will be the past start time of the current scanout. This is meant to adhere to the OpenML OML\_sync\_control extension specification.

Parameters:

**dev:** dev DRM device handle.

**pipe:** crtc for which timestamp should be returned.

**max\_error:** Maximum allowable timestamp error in nanoseconds. Implementation should strive to provide timestamp with an error of at most max\_error nanoseconds. Returns true upper bound on error for timestamp.

**vblank\_time:** Target location for returned vblank timestamp.

**in\_vblank\_irq:** True when called from *drm\_crtc\_handle\_vblank()*. Some drivers need to apply some workarounds for gpu-specific vblank irq quirks if flag is set.

Returns:

True on success, false on failure, which means the core should fallback to a simple timestamp taken in *drm\_crtc\_handle\_vblank()*.

FIXME:

We should move this hook to *struct drm\_crtc\_funcs* like all the other vblank hooks.

**irq\_handler** Interrupt handler called when using *drm\_irq\_install()*. Not used by drivers which implement their own interrupt handling.

**irq\_preinstall** Optional callback used by *drm\_irq\_install()* which is called before the interrupt handler is registered. This should be used to clear out any pending interrupts (from e.g. firmware based drives) and reset the interrupt handling registers.

**irq\_postinstall** Optional callback used by *drm\_irq\_install()* which is called after the interrupt handler is registered. This should be used to enable interrupt generation in the hardware.

**irq\_uninstall** Optional callback used by *drm\_irq\_uninstall()* which is called before the interrupt handler is unregistered. This should be used to disable interrupt generation in the hardware.

**master\_create** Called whenever a new master is created. Only used by vmwgfx.

**master\_destroy** Called whenever a master is destroyed. Only used by vmwgfx.

**master\_set** Called whenever the minor master is set. Only used by vmwgfx.

**master\_drop** Called whenever the minor master is dropped. Only used by vmwgfx.

**debugfs\_init** Allows drivers to create driver-specific debugfs files.

**gem\_free\_object** deconstructor for `drm_gem_objects`

This is deprecated and should not be used by new drivers. Use **gem\_free\_object\_unlocked** instead.

**gem\_free\_object\_unlocked** deconstructor for `drm_gem_objects`

This is for drivers which are not encumbered with `drm_device.struct_mutex` legacy locking schemes. Use this hook instead of **gem\_free\_object**.

**gem\_open\_object** Driver hook called upon gem handle creation

**gem\_close\_object** Driver hook called upon gem handle release



**gem\_print\_info** If driver subclasses struct *drm\_gem\_object*, it can implement this optional hook for printing additional driver specific info.

*drm\_printf\_indent()* should be used in the callback passing it the indent argument.

This callback is called from *drm\_gem\_print\_info()*.

**gem\_create\_object** constructor for gem objects

Hook for allocating the GEM object struct, for use by core helpers.

**prime\_handle\_to\_fd** export handle -> fd (see *drm\_gem\_prime\_handle\_to\_fd()* helper)

**prime\_fd\_to\_handle** import fd -> handle (see *drm\_gem\_prime\_fd\_to\_handle()* helper)

**gem\_prime\_export** export GEM -> dmabuf

**gem\_prime\_import** import dmabuf -> GEM

**dumb\_create** This creates a new dumb buffer in the driver's backing storage manager (GEM, TTM or something else entirely) and returns the resulting buffer handle. This handle can then be wrapped up into a framebuffer modeset object.

Note that userspace is not allowed to use such objects for render acceleration - drivers must create their own private ioctls for such a use case.

Width, height and depth are specified in the *drm\_mode\_create\_dumb* argument. The callback needs to fill the handle, pitch and size for the created buffer.

Called by the user via ioctl.

Returns:

Zero on success, negative errno on failure.

**dumb\_map\_offset** Allocate an offset in the drm device node's address space to be able to memory map a dumb buffer. GEM-based drivers must use *drm\_gem\_create\_mmap\_offset()* to implement this.

Called by the user via ioctl.

Returns:

Zero on success, negative errno on failure.

**dumb\_destroy** This destroys the userspace handle for the given dumb backing storage buffer. Since buffer objects must be reference counted in the kernel a buffer object won't be immediately freed if a framebuffer modeset object still uses it.

Called by the user via ioctl.

Returns:

Zero on success, negative errno on failure.

**gem\_vm\_ops** Driver private ops for this object

**major** driver major number

**minor** driver minor number

**patchlevel** driver patch level

**name** driver name

**desc** driver description

**date** driver date

**driver\_features** driver features

**ioctls** Array of driver-private IOCTL description entries. See the chapter on *IOCTL support in the userland interfaces chapter* for the full details.

**num\_ioctls** Number of entries in **ioctls**.

**fops** File operations for the DRM device node. See the discussion in [file operations](#) for in-depth coverage and some examples.

### Description

This structure represent the common code for a family of cards. There will one `drm_device` for each card present in this family. It contains lots of vfunc entries, and a pile of those probably should be moved to more appropriate places like [drm\\_mode\\_config\\_funcs](#) or into a new operations structure for GEM drivers.

int **drm\_dev\_is\_unplugged**(struct `drm_device` \* *dev*)  
is a DRM device unplugged

### Parameters

struct `drm_device` \* **dev** DRM device

### Description

This function can be called to check whether a hotpluggable is unplugged. Unplugging itself is signalled through [drm\\_dev\\_unplug\(\)](#). If a device is unplugged, these two functions guarantee that any store before calling [drm\\_dev\\_unplug\(\)](#) is visible to callers of this function after it completes

void **drm\_put\_dev**(struct `drm_device` \* *dev*)  
Unregister and release a DRM device

### Parameters

struct `drm_device` \* **dev** DRM device

### Description

Called at module unload time or when a PCI device is unplugged.

Cleans up all DRM device, calling `drm_lastclose()`.

### Note

Use of this function is deprecated. It will eventually go away completely. Please use [drm\\_dev\\_unregister\(\)](#) and [drm\\_dev\\_put\(\)](#) explicitly instead to make sure that the device isn't userspace accessible any more while teardown is in progress, ensuring that userspace can't access an inconsistent state.

void **drm\_dev\_unplug**(struct `drm_device` \* *dev*)  
unplug a DRM device

### Parameters

struct `drm_device` \* **dev** DRM device

### Description

This unplugs a hotpluggable DRM device, which makes it inaccessible to userspace operations. Entry-points can use [drm\\_dev\\_is\\_unplugged\(\)](#). This essentially unregisters the device like [drm\\_dev\\_unregister\(\)](#), but can be called while there are still open users of **dev**.

int **drm\_dev\_init**(struct `drm_device` \* *dev*, struct [drm\\_driver](#) \* *driver*, struct `device` \* *parent*)  
Initialise new DRM device

### Parameters

struct `drm_device` \* **dev** DRM device

struct `drm_driver` \* **driver** DRM driver

struct `device` \* **parent** Parent device object

### Description

Initialize a new DRM device. No device registration is done. Call [drm\\_dev\\_register\(\)](#) to advertice the device to user space and register it with other core subsystems. This should be done last in the device initialization sequence to make sure userspace can't access an inconsistent state.



The initial ref-count of the object is 1. Use `drm_dev_get()` and `drm_dev_put()` to take and drop further ref-counts.

Note that for purely virtual devices **parent** can be NULL.

Drivers that do not want to allocate their own device struct embedding struct `drm_device` can call `drm_dev_alloc()` instead. For drivers that do embed struct `drm_device` it must be placed first in the overall structure, and the overall structure must be allocated using `kmalloc()`: The `drm` core's release function unconditionally calls `kfree()` on the **dev** pointer when the final reference is released. To override this behaviour, and so allow embedding of the `drm_device` inside the driver's device struct at an arbitrary offset, you must supply a `drm_driver.release` callback and control the finalization explicitly.

### Return

0 on success, or error code on failure.

```
void drm_dev_fini(struct drm_device * dev)
    Finalize a dead DRM device
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

### Description

Finalize a dead DRM device. This is the converse to `drm_dev_init()` and frees up all data allocated by it. All driver private data should be finalized first. Note that this function does not free the **dev**, that is left to the caller.

The ref-count of **dev** must be zero, and `drm_dev_fini()` should only be called from a `drm_driver.release` callback.

```
struct drm_device * drm_dev_alloc(struct drm_driver * driver, struct device * parent)
    Allocate new DRM device
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_driver \* driver** DRM driver to allocate device for

**struct device \* parent** Parent device object

### Description

Allocate and initialize a new DRM device. No device registration is done. Call `drm_dev_register()` to advertise the device to user space and register it with other core subsystems. This should be done last in the device initialization sequence to make sure userspace can't access an inconsistent state.

The initial ref-count of the object is 1. Use `drm_dev_get()` and `drm_dev_put()` to take and drop further ref-counts.

Note that for purely virtual devices **parent** can be NULL.

Drivers that wish to subclass or embed struct `drm_device` into their own struct should look at using `drm_dev_init()` instead.

### Return

Pointer to new DRM device, or `ERR_PTR` on failure.

```
void drm_dev_get(struct drm_device * dev)
    Take reference of a DRM device
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** device to take reference of or NULL

### Description

This increases the ref-count of **dev** by one. You *must* already own a reference when calling this. Use `drm_dev_put()` to drop this reference again.

This function never fails. However, this function does not provide *any* guarantee whether the device is alive or running. It only provides a reference to the object and the memory associated with it.

```
void drm_dev_put(struct drm_device * dev)
    Drop reference of a DRM device
```

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** device to drop reference of or NULL

#### Description

This decreases the ref-count of **dev** by one. The device is destroyed if the ref-count drops to zero.

```
void drm_dev_unref(struct drm_device * dev)
    Drop reference of a DRM device
```

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** device to drop reference of or NULL

#### Description

This is a compatibility alias for [drm\\_dev\\_put\(\)](#) and should not be used by new code.

```
int drm_dev_register(struct drm_device * dev, unsigned long flags)
    Register DRM device
```

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** Device to register

**unsigned long flags** Flags passed to the driver's `..c:func:load()` function

#### Description

Register the DRM device **dev** with the system, advertise device to user-space and start normal device operation. **dev** must be allocated via [drm\\_dev\\_alloc\(\)](#) previously.

Never call this twice on any device!

#### NOTE

To ensure backward compatibility with existing drivers method this function calls the [drm\\_driver.load](#) method after registering the device nodes, creating race conditions. Usage of the [drm\\_driver.load](#) methods is therefore deprecated, drivers must perform all initialization before calling [drm\\_dev\\_register\(\)](#).

#### Return

0 on success, negative error code on failure.

```
void drm_dev_unregister(struct drm_device * dev)
    Unregister DRM device
```

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** Device to unregister

#### Description

Unregister the DRM device from the system. This does the reverse of [drm\\_dev\\_register\(\)](#) but does not deallocate the device. The caller must call [drm\\_dev\\_put\(\)](#) to drop their final reference.

A special form of unregistering for hotpluggable devices is [drm\\_dev\\_unplug\(\)](#), which can be called while there are still open users of **dev**.

This should be called first in the device teardown code to make sure userspace can't access the device instance any more.

```
int drm_dev_set_unique(struct drm_device * dev, const char * name)
    Set the unique name of a DRM device
```

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** device of which to set the unique name

**const char \* name** unique name

### Description

Sets the unique name of a DRM device using the specified string. Drivers can use this at driver probe time if the unique name of the devices they drive is static.

### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

## Driver Load

### IRQ Helper Library

The DRM core provides very simple support helpers to enable IRQ handling on a device through the *drm\_irq\_install()* and *drm\_irq\_uninstall()* functions. This only supports devices with a single interrupt on the main device stored in *drm\_device.dev* and set as the device paramter in *drm\_dev\_alloc()*.

These IRQ helpers are strictly optional. Drivers which roll their own only need to set *drm\_device.irq\_enabled* to signal the DRM core that vblank interrupts are working. Since these helpers don't automatically clean up the requested interrupt like e.g. *devm\_request\_irq()* they're not really recommended.

int **drm\_irq\_install**(struct drm\_device \* dev, int irq)  
install IRQ handler

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**int irq** IRQ number to install the handler for

### Description

Initializes the IRQ related data. Installs the handler, calling the driver *drm\_driver.irq\_preinstall* and *drm\_driver.irq\_postinstall* functions before and after the installation.

This is the simplified helper interface provided for drivers with no special needs. Drivers which need to install interrupt handlers for multiple interrupts must instead set *drm\_device.irq\_enabled* to signal the DRM core that vblank interrupts are available.

**irq** must match the interrupt number that would be passed to *request\_irq()*, if called directly instead of using this helper function.

*drm\_driver.irq\_handler* is called to handle the registered interrupt.

### Return

Zero on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **drm\_irq\_uninstall**(struct drm\_device \* dev)  
uninstall the IRQ handler

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

### Description

Calls the driver's *drm\_driver.irq\_uninstall* function and unregisters the IRQ handler. This should only be called by drivers which used *drm\_irq\_install()* to set up their interrupt handler. Other drivers must only reset *drm\_device.irq\_enabled* to false.

Note that for kernel modesetting drivers it is a bug if this function fails. The sanity checks are only to catch buggy user modesetting drivers which call the same function through an ioctl.

## Return

Zero on success or a negative error code on failure.

## Memory Manager Initialization

Every DRM driver requires a memory manager which must be initialized at load time. DRM currently contains two memory managers, the Translation Table Manager (TTM) and the Graphics Execution Manager (GEM). This document describes the use of the GEM memory manager only. See ? for details.

## Miscellaneous Device Configuration

Another task that may be necessary for PCI devices during configuration is mapping the video BIOS. On many devices, the VBIOS describes device configuration, LCD panel timings (if any), and contains flags indicating device state. Mapping the BIOS can be done using the `pci_map_rom()` call, a convenience function that takes care of mapping the actual ROM, whether it has been shadowed into memory (typically at address `0xc0000`) or exists on the PCI device in the ROM BAR. Note that after the ROM has been mapped and any necessary information has been extracted, it should be unmapped; on many devices, the ROM address decoder is shared with other BARs, so leaving it mapped could cause undesired behaviour like hangs or memory corruption.

## Bus-specific Device Registration and PCI Support

A number of functions are provided to help with device registration. The functions deal with PCI and platform devices respectively and are only provided for historical reasons. These are all deprecated and shouldn't be used in new drivers. Besides that there's a few helpers for pci drivers.

`drm_dma_handle_t * drm_pci_alloc(struct drm_device * dev, size_t size, size_t align)`  
Allocate a PCI consistent memory block, for DMA.

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**size\_t size** size of block to allocate

**size\_t align** alignment of block

### Description

FIXME: This is a needless abstraction of the Linux dma-api and should be removed.

### Return

A handle to the allocated memory block on success or NULL on failure.

`void drm_pci_free(struct drm_device * dev, drm_dma_handle_t * dmah)`  
Free a PCI consistent memory block

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**drm\_dma\_handle\_t \* dmah** handle to memory block

### Description

FIXME: This is a needless abstraction of the Linux dma-api and should be removed.

`int drm_get_pci_dev(struct pci_dev * pdev, const struct pci_device_id * ent, struct drm\_driver * driver)`  
Register a PCI device with the DRM subsystem

### Parameters

**struct pci\_dev \* pdev** PCI device

**const struct pci\_device\_id \* ent** entry from the PCI ID table that matches **pdev**

**struct drm\_driver \* driver** DRM device driver

### Description

Attempt to get inter module “drm” information. If we are first then register the character device and inter module information. Try and register, if we fail to register, backout previous work.

### NOTE

This function is deprecated, please use [drm\\_dev\\_alloc\(\)](#) and [drm\\_dev\\_register\(\)](#) instead and remove your [drm\\_driver.load](#) callback.

### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **drm\_legacy\_pci\_init**(struct [drm\\_driver](#) \* driver, struct pci\_driver \* pdriver)  
shadow-attach a legacy DRM PCI driver

### Parameters

**struct drm\_driver \* driver** DRM device driver

**struct pci\_driver \* pdriver** PCI device driver

### Description

This is only used by legacy dri1 drivers and deprecated.

### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

void **drm\_legacy\_pci\_exit**(struct [drm\\_driver](#) \* driver, struct pci\_driver \* pdriver)  
unregister shadow-attach legacy DRM driver

### Parameters

**struct drm\_driver \* driver** DRM device driver

**struct pci\_driver \* pdriver** PCI device driver

### Description

Unregister a DRM driver shadow-attached through [drm\\_legacy\\_pci\\_init\(\)](#). This is deprecated and only used by dri1 drivers.

## Open/Close, File Operations and IOCTLs

### File Operations

Drivers must define the file operations structure that forms the DRM userspace API entry point, even though most of those operations are implemented in the DRM core. The resulting struct `file_operations` must be stored in the [drm\\_driver.fops](#) field. The mandatory functions are [drm\\_open\(\)](#), [drm\\_read\(\)](#), [drm\\_ioctl\(\)](#) and [drm\\_compat\\_ioctl\(\)](#) if CONFIG\_COMPAT is enabled. Note that `drm_compat_ioctl` will be NULL if CONFIG\_COMPAT=n, so there's no need to sprinkle `#ifdef` into the code. Drivers which implement private ioctls that require 32/64 bit compatibility support must provide their own `file_operations.compat_ioctl` handler that processes private ioctls and calls [drm\\_compat\\_ioctl\(\)](#) for core ioctls.

In addition [drm\\_read\(\)](#) and [drm\\_poll\(\)](#) provide support for DRM events. DRM events are a generic and extensible means to send asynchronous events to userspace through the file descriptor. They are used to send vblank event and page flip completions by the KMS API. But drivers can also use it for their own needs, e.g. to signal completion of rendering.

For the driver-side event interface see [drm\\_event\\_reserve\\_init\(\)](#) and [drm\\_send\\_event\(\)](#) as the main starting points.

The memory mapping implementation will vary depending on how the driver manages memory. Legacy drivers will use the deprecated [drm\\_legacy\\_mmap\(\)](#) function, modern drivers should use one of the provided memory-manager specific implementations. For GEM-based drivers this is [drm\\_gem\\_mmap\(\)](#), and for drivers which use the CMA GEM helpers it's [drm\\_gem\\_cma\\_mmap\(\)](#).

No other file operations are supported by the DRM userspace API. Overall the following is an example `file_operations` structure:

```
static const example_drm_fops = {
    .owner = THIS_MODULE,
    .open = drm_open,
    .release = drm_release,
    .unlocked_ioctl = drm_ioctl,
    .compat_ioctl = drm_compat_ioctl, // NULL if CONFIG_COMPAT=n
    .poll = drm_poll,
    .read = drm_read,
    .llseek = no_llseek,
    .mmap = drm_gem_mmap,
};
```

For plain GEM based drivers there is the [DEFINE\\_DRM\\_GEM\\_FOPS\(\)](#) macro, and for CMA based drivers there is the [DEFINE\\_DRM\\_GEM\\_CMA\\_FOPS\(\)](#) macro to make this simpler.

The driver's `file_operations` must be stored in [drm\\_driver.fops](#).

For driver-private IOCTL handling see the more detailed discussion in [IOCTL support in the userland interfaces chapter](#).

struct **drm\_minor**  
DRM device minor structure

### Definition

```
struct drm_minor {
};
```

### Members

#### Description

This structure represents a DRM minor number for device nodes in `/dev`. Entirely opaque to drivers and should never be inspected directly by drivers. Drivers instead should only interact with [struct drm\\_file](#) and of course `struct drm_device`, which is also where driver-private data and resources can be attached to.

struct **drm\_pending\_event**  
Event queued up for userspace to read

### Definition

```
struct drm_pending_event {
    struct completion *completion;
    void (*completion_release)(struct completion *completion);
    struct drm_event *event;
    struct dma_fence *fence;
    struct drm_file *file_priv;
    struct list_head link;
    struct list_head pending_link;
};
```

### Members

**completion** Optional pointer to a kernel internal completion signalled when [drm\\_send\\_event\(\)](#) is called, useful to internally synchronize with nonblocking operations.

**completion\_release** Optional callback currently only used by the atomic modeset helpers to clean up the reference count for the structure **completion** is stored in.

**event** Pointer to the actual event that should be sent to userspace to be read using [drm\\_read\(\)](#). Can be optional, since nowadays events are also used to signal kernel internal threads with **completion** or DMA transactions using **fence**.

**fence** Optional DMA fence to unblock other hardware transactions which depend upon the nonblocking DRM operation this event represents.

**file\_priv** *struct drm\_file* where **event** should be delivered to. Only set when **event** is set.

**link** Double-linked list to keep track of this event. Can be used by the driver up to the point when it calls [drm\\_send\\_event\(\)](#), after that this list entry is owned by the core for its own book-keeping.

**pending\_link** Entry on [drm\\_file.pending\\_event\\_list](#), to keep track of all pending events for **file\_priv**, to allow correct unwinding of them when userspace closes the file before the event is delivered.

### Description

This represents a DRM event. Drivers can use this as a generic completion mechanism, which supports kernel-internal struct completion, struct dma\_fence and also the DRM-specific struct drm\_event delivery mechanism.

struct **drm\_file**  
 DRM file private data

### Definition

```
struct drm_file {
    unsigned authenticated :1;
    unsigned stereo_allowed :1;
    unsigned universal_planes:1;
    unsigned atomic:1;
    unsigned is_master:1;
    struct drm_master *master;
    struct pid *pid;
    drm_magic_t magic;
    struct list_head lhead;
    struct drm_minor *minor;
    struct idr object_idr;
    spinlock_t table_lock;
    struct idr syncobj_idr;
    spinlock_t syncobj_table_lock;
    struct file *filp;
    void *driver_priv;
    struct list_head fbs;
    struct mutex fbs_lock;
    struct list_head blobs;
    wait_queue_head_t event_wait;
    struct list_head pending_event_list;
    struct list_head event_list;
    int event_space;
    struct mutex event_read_lock;
    struct drm_prime_file_private prime;
};
```

### Members

**authenticated** Whether the client is allowed to submit rendering, which for legacy nodes means it must be authenticated.

See also the [section on primary nodes and authentication](#).

**stereo\_allowed** True when the client has asked us to expose stereo 3D mode flags.

**universal\_planes** True if client understands CRTC primary planes and cursor planes in the plane list. Automatically set when **atomic** is set.

**atomic** True if client understands atomic properties.

**is\_master** This client is the creator of **master**. Protected by struct `drm_device.master_mutex`.

See also the [section on primary nodes and authentication](#).

**master** Master this node is currently associated with. Only relevant if `drm_is_primary_client()` returns true. Note that this only matches `drm_device.master` if the master is the currently active one.

See also **authentication** and **is\_master** and the [section on primary nodes and authentication](#).

**pid** Process that opened this file.

**magic** Authentication magic, see **authenticated**.

**lhead** List of all open files of a DRM device, linked into `drm_device.filelist`. Protected by `drm_device.filelist_mutex`.

**minor** [struct `drm\_minor`](#) for this file.

**object\_idr** Mapping of mm object handles to object pointers. Used by the GEM subsystem. Protected by **table\_lock**.

**table\_lock** Protects **object\_idr**.

**syncobj\_idr** Mapping of sync object handles to object pointers.

**syncobj\_table\_lock** Protects **syncobj\_idr**.

**filp** Pointer to the core file structure.

**driver\_priv** Optional pointer for driver private data. Can be allocated in [`drm\_driver.open`](#) and should be freed in [`drm\_driver.postclose`](#).

**fbs** List of [struct `drm\_framebuffer`](#) associated with this file, using the [`drm\_framebuffer.filp\_head`](#) entry.

Protected by **fbs\_lock**. Note that the **fbs** list holds a reference on the framebuffer object to prevent it from untimely disappearing.

**fbs\_lock** Protects **fbs**.

**blobs** User-created blob properties; this retains a reference on the property.

Protected by **drm\_mode\_config.blob\_lock**;

**event\_wait** Waitqueue for new events added to **event\_list**.

**pending\_event\_list** List of pending [struct `drm\_pending\_event`](#), used to clean up pending events in case this file gets closed before the event is signalled. Uses the [`drm\_pending\_event.pending\_link`](#) entry.

Protect by `drm_device.event_lock`.

**event\_list** List of [struct `drm\_pending\_event`](#), ready for delivery to userspace through [`drm\_read\(\)`](#). Uses the [`drm\_pending\_event.link`](#) entry.

Protect by `drm_device.event_lock`.

**event\_space** Available event space to prevent userspace from exhausting kernel memory. Currently limited to the fairly arbitrary value of 4KB.

**event\_read\_lock** Serializes [`drm\_read\(\)`](#).

**prime** Per-file buffer caches used by the PRIME buffer sharing code.

## Description

This structure tracks DRM state per open file descriptor.



bool **drm\_is\_primary\_client**(const struct *drm\_file* \* *file\_priv*)  
 is this an open file of the primary node

#### Parameters

const struct *drm\_file* \* *file\_priv* DRM file

#### Description

Returns true if this is an open file of the primary node, i.e. *drm\_file.minor* of **file\_priv** is a primary minor. See also the [section on primary nodes and authentication](#).

bool **drm\_is\_render\_client**(const struct *drm\_file* \* *file\_priv*)  
 is this an open file of the render node

#### Parameters

const struct *drm\_file* \* *file\_priv* DRM file

#### Description

Returns true if this is an open file of the render node, i.e. *drm\_file.minor* of **file\_priv** is a render minor. See also the [section on render nodes](#).

bool **drm\_is\_control\_client**(const struct *drm\_file* \* *file\_priv*)  
 is this an open file of the control node

#### Parameters

const struct *drm\_file* \* *file\_priv* DRM file

#### Description

Control nodes are deprecated and in the process of getting removed from the DRM userspace API. Do not ever use!

int **drm\_open**(struct inode \* *inode*, struct file \* *filp*)  
 open method for DRM file

#### Parameters

struct inode \* *inode* device inode

struct file \* *filp* file pointer.

#### Description

This function must be used by drivers as their *file\_operations.open* method. It looks up the correct DRM device and instantiates all the per-file resources for it. It also calls the *drm\_driver.open* driver callback.

#### Return

0 on success or negative errno value on failure.

int **drm\_release**(struct inode \* *inode*, struct file \* *filp*)  
 release method for DRM file

#### Parameters

struct inode \* *inode* device inode

struct file \* *filp* file pointer.

#### Description

This function must be used by drivers as their *file\_operations.release* method. It frees any resources associated with the open file, and calls the *drm\_driver.postclose* driver callback. If this is the last open file for the DRM device also proceeds to call the *drm\_driver.lastclose* driver callback.

#### Return

Always succeeds and returns 0.

`ssize_t drm_read(struct file * filp, char __user * buffer, size_t count, loff_t * offset)`  
read method for DRM file

### Parameters

**struct file \* *filp*** file pointer

**char \_\_user \* *buffer*** userspace destination pointer for the read

**size\_t *count*** count in bytes to read

**loff\_t \* *offset*** offset to read

### Description

This function must be used by drivers as their `file_operations.read` method iff they use DRM events for asynchronous signalling to userspace. Since events are used by the KMS API for vblank and page flip completion this means all modern display drivers must use it.

**offset** is ignored, DRM events are read like a pipe. Therefore drivers also must set the `file_operation.llseek` to `no_llseek()`. Polling support is provided by [`drm\_poll\(\)`](#).

This function will only ever read a full event. Therefore userspace must supply a big enough buffer to fit any event to ensure forward progress. Since the maximum event space is currently 4K it's recommended to just use that for safety.

### Return

Number of bytes read (always aligned to full events, and can be 0) or a negative error code on failure.

`__poll_t drm_poll(struct file * filp, struct poll_table_struct * wait)`  
poll method for DRM file

### Parameters

**struct file \* *filp*** file pointer

**struct poll\_table\_struct \* *wait*** poll waiter table

### Description

This function must be used by drivers as their `file_operations.read` method iff they use DRM events for asynchronous signalling to userspace. Since events are used by the KMS API for vblank and page flip completion this means all modern display drivers must use it.

See also [`drm\_read\(\)`](#).

### Return

Mask of POLL flags indicating the current status of the file.

`int drm_event_reserve_init_locked(struct drm_device * dev, struct drm\_file * file_priv, struct drm\_pending\_event * p, struct drm_event * e)`  
init a DRM event and reserve space for it

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* *dev*** DRM device

**struct drm\_file \* *file\_priv*** DRM file private data

**struct drm\_pending\_event \* *p*** tracking structure for the pending event

**struct drm\_event \* *e*** actual event data to deliver to userspace

### Description

This function prepares the passed in event for eventual delivery. If the event doesn't get delivered (because the IOCTL fails later on, before queuing up anything) then the event must be cancelled and freed using [`drm\_event\_cancel\_free\(\)`](#). Successfully initialized events should be sent out using

`drm_send_event()` or `drm_send_event_locked()` to signal completion of the asynchronous event to userspace.

If callers embedded **p** into a larger structure it must be allocated with `kmalloc` and **p** must be the first member element.

This is the locked version of `drm_event_reserve_init()` for callers which already hold `drm_device.event_lock`.

### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

```
int drm_event_reserve_init(struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_file *file_priv, struct
                        drm_pending_event *p, struct drm_event *e)
    init a DRM event and reserve space for it
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device  
**struct drm\_file \* file\_priv** DRM file private data  
**struct drm\_pending\_event \* p** tracking structure for the pending event  
**struct drm\_event \* e** actual event data to deliver to userspace

### Description

This function prepares the passed in event for eventual delivery. If the event doesn't get delivered (because the IOCTL fails later on, before queuing up anything) then the event must be cancelled and freed using `drm_event_cancel_free()`. Successfully initialized events should be sent out using `drm_send_event()` or `drm_send_event_locked()` to signal completion of the asynchronous event to userspace.

If callers embedded **p** into a larger structure it must be allocated with `kmalloc` and **p** must be the first member element.

Callers which already hold `drm_device.event_lock` should use `drm_event_reserve_init_locked()` instead.

### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

```
void drm_event_cancel_free(struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_pending_event *p)
    free a DRM event and release it's space
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device  
**struct drm\_pending\_event \* p** tracking structure for the pending event

### Description

This function frees the event **p** initialized with `drm_event_reserve_init()` and releases any allocated space. It is used to cancel an event when the nonblocking operation could not be submitted and needed to be aborted.

```
void drm_send_event_locked(struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_pending_event *e)
    send DRM event to file descriptor
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device  
**struct drm\_pending\_event \* e** DRM event to deliver

## Description

This function sends the event **e**, initialized with `drm_event_reserve_init()`, to its associated userspace DRM file. Callers must already hold `drm_device.event_lock`, see `drm_send_event()` for the unlocked version.

Note that the core will take care of unlinking and disarming events when the corresponding DRM file is closed. Drivers need not worry about whether the DRM file for this event still exists and can call this function upon completion of the asynchronous work unconditionally.

```
void drm_send_event(struct drm_device * dev, struct drm_pending_event * e)
    send DRM event to file descriptor
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_pending\_event \* e** DRM event to deliver

## Description

This function sends the event **e**, initialized with `drm_event_reserve_init()`, to its associated userspace DRM file. This function acquires `drm_device.event_lock`, see `drm_send_event_locked()` for callers which already hold this lock.

Note that the core will take care of unlinking and disarming events when the corresponding DRM file is closed. Drivers need not worry about whether the DRM file for this event still exists and can call this function upon completion of the asynchronous work unconditionally.

# Misc Utilities

## Printer

A simple wrapper for `dev_printk()`, `seq_printf()`, etc. Allows same debug code to be used for both debugfs and printk logging.

For example:

```
void log_some_info(struct drm_printer *p)
{
    drm_printf(p, "foo=`d`\\n", foo);
    drm_printf(p, "bar=`d`\\n", bar);
}

#ifdef CONFIG_DEBUG_FS
void debugfs_show(struct seq_file *f)
{
    struct drm_printer p = drm_seq_file_printer(f);
    log_some_info(:c:type:`p`);
}
#endif

void some_other_function(...)
{
    struct drm_printer p = drm_info_printer(drm->dev);
    log_some_info(:c:type:`p`);
}
```

**struct drm\_printer**  
drm output “stream”

## Definition

```
struct drm_printer {
};
```

## Members

### Description

Do not use struct members directly. Use `drm_printer_seq_file()`, `drm_printer_info()`, etc to initialize. And `drm_printf()` for output.

void **drm\_vprintf**(struct *drm\_printer* \* *p*, const char \* *fmt*, va\_list \* *va*)  
print to a *drm\_printer* stream

### Parameters

**struct drm\_printer \* p** the *drm\_printer*

**const char \* fmt** format string

**va\_list \* va** the *va\_list*

**drm\_printf\_indent**(*printer*, *indent*, *fmt*, ...)  
Print to a *drm\_printer* stream with indentation

### Parameters

**printer** DRM printer

**indent** Tab indentation level (max 5)

**fmt** Format string

... variable arguments

struct *drm\_printer* **drm\_seq\_file\_printer**(struct seq\_file \* *f*)  
construct a *drm\_printer* that outputs to *seq\_file*

### Parameters

**struct seq\_file \* f** the struct *seq\_file* to output to

### Return

The *drm\_printer* object

struct *drm\_printer* **drm\_info\_printer**(struct device \* *dev*)  
construct a *drm\_printer* that outputs to *dev\_printk()*

### Parameters

**struct device \* dev** the struct *device* pointer

### Return

The *drm\_printer* object

struct *drm\_printer* **drm\_debug\_printer**(const char \* *prefix*)  
construct a *drm\_printer* that outputs to *pr\_debug()*

### Parameters

**const char \* prefix** debug output prefix

### Return

The *drm\_printer* object

**DRM\_DEV\_ERROR**(*dev*, *fmt*, ...)

### Parameters

**dev** device pointer

**fmt** printf() like format string.

... variable arguments

**DRM\_DEV\_ERROR\_RATELIMITED**(*dev*, *fmt*, ...)

#### **Parameters**

**dev** device pointer

**fmt** printf() like format string.

... variable arguments

**DRM\_DEV\_DEBUG**(*dev*, *fmt*, *args*...)

#### **Parameters**

**dev** device pointer

**fmt** printf() like format string.

**args**... variable arguments

**DRM\_DEV\_DEBUG\_RATELIMITED**(*dev*, *fmt*, *args*...)

#### **Parameters**

**dev** device pointer

**fmt** printf() like format string.

**args**... variable arguments

void **drm\_printf**(struct *drm\_printer* \* *p*, const char \* *f*, ...)  
print to a *drm\_printer* stream

#### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_printer \* p** the *drm\_printer*

**const char \* f** format string

... variable arguments

## **Legacy Support Code**

The section very briefly covers some of the old legacy support code which is only used by old DRM drivers which have done a so-called shadow-attach to the underlying device instead of registering as a real driver. This also includes some of the old generic buffer management and command submission code. Do not use any of this in new and modern drivers.

## **Legacy Suspend/Resume**

The DRM core provides some suspend/resume code, but drivers wanting full suspend/resume support should provide save() and restore() functions. These are called at suspend, hibernate, or resume time, and should perform any state save or restore required by your device across suspend or hibernate states.

int (\*suspend)(struct drm\_device \*, pm\_message\_t state); int (\*resume)(struct drm\_device \*); Those are legacy suspend and resume methods which *only* work with the legacy shadow-attach driver registration functions. New driver should use the power management interface provided by their bus type (usually through the struct device\_driver dev\_pm\_ops) and set these methods to NULL.

## **Legacy DMA Services**

This should cover how DMA mapping etc. is supported by the core. These functions are deprecated and should not be used.

## DRM MEMORY MANAGEMENT

Modern Linux systems require large amount of graphics memory to store frame buffers, textures, vertices and other graphics-related data. Given the very dynamic nature of many of that data, managing graphics memory efficiently is thus crucial for the graphics stack and plays a central role in the DRM infrastructure.

The DRM core includes two memory managers, namely Translation Table Maps (TTM) and Graphics Execution Manager (GEM). TTM was the first DRM memory manager to be developed and tried to be a one-size-fits-them all solution. It provides a single userspace API to accommodate the need of all hardware, supporting both Unified Memory Architecture (UMA) devices and devices with dedicated video RAM (i.e. most discrete video cards). This resulted in a large, complex piece of code that turned out to be hard to use for driver development.

GEM started as an Intel-sponsored project in reaction to TTM's complexity. Its design philosophy is completely different: instead of providing a solution to every graphics memory-related problems, GEM identified common code between drivers and created a support library to share it. GEM has simpler initialization and execution requirements than TTM, but has no video RAM management capabilities and is thus limited to UMA devices.

### The Translation Table Manager (TTM)

TTM design background and information belongs here.

#### TTM initialization

**Warning** This section is outdated.

Drivers wishing to support TTM must pass a filled `ttm_bo_driver` structure to `ttm_bo_device_init`, together with an initialized global reference to the memory manager. The `ttm_bo_driver` structure contains several fields with function pointers for initializing the TTM, allocating and freeing memory, waiting for command completion and fence synchronization, and memory migration.

The struct `drm_global_reference` is made up of several fields:

```
struct drm_global_reference {
    enum ttm_global_types global_type;
    size_t size;
    void *object;
    int (*init) (struct drm_global_reference *);
    void (*release) (struct drm_global_reference *);
};
```

There should be one global reference structure for your memory manager as a whole, and there will be others for each object created by the memory manager at runtime. Your global TTM should have a type of `TTM_GLOBAL_TTM_MEM`. The size field for the global object should be `sizeof(struct ttm_mem_global)`, and the `init` and `release` hooks should point at your driver-specific `init` and `release` routines, which probably eventually call `ttm_mem_global_init` and `ttm_mem_global_release`, respectively.

Once your global TTM accounting structure is set up and initialized by calling `ttm_global_item_ref()` on it, you need to create a buffer object TTM to provide a pool for buffer object allocation by clients and the kernel itself. The type of this object should be `TTM_GLOBAL_TTM_BO`, and its size should be `sizeof(struct ttm_bo_global)`. Again, driver-specific init and release functions may be provided, likely eventually calling `ttm_bo_global_init()` and `ttm_bo_global_release()`, respectively. Also, like the previous object, `ttm_global_item_ref()` is used to create an initial reference count for the TTM, which will call your initialization function.

See the `radeon_ttm.c` file for an example of usage.

```
int drm_global_item_ref(struct drm_global_reference * ref)
    Initialize and acquire reference to memory object
```

#### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_global\_reference \* ref** Object for initialization

#### **Description**

This initializes a memory object, allocating memory and calling the `.:c:func:init()` hook. Further calls will increase the reference count for that item.

#### **Return**

Zero on success, non-zero otherwise.

```
void drm_global_item_unref(struct drm_global_reference * ref)
    Drop reference to memory object
```

#### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_global\_reference \* ref** Object being removed

#### **Description**

Drop a reference to the memory object and eventually call the `release()` hook. The allocated object should be dropped in the `release()` hook or before calling this function

## **The Graphics Execution Manager (GEM)**

The GEM design approach has resulted in a memory manager that doesn't provide full coverage of all (or even all common) use cases in its userspace or kernel API. GEM exposes a set of standard memory-related operations to userspace and a set of helper functions to drivers, and let drivers implement hardware-specific operations with their own private API.

The GEM userspace API is described in the [GEM - the Graphics Execution Manager](#) article on LWN. While slightly outdated, the document provides a good overview of the GEM API principles. Buffer allocation and read and write operations, described as part of the common GEM API, are currently implemented using driver-specific ioctls.

GEM is data-agnostic. It manages abstract buffer objects without knowing what individual buffers contain. APIs that require knowledge of buffer contents or purpose, such as buffer allocation or synchronization primitives, are thus outside of the scope of GEM and must be implemented using driver-specific ioctls.

On a fundamental level, GEM involves several operations:

- Memory allocation and freeing
- Command execution
- Aperture management at command execution time

Buffer object allocation is relatively straightforward and largely provided by Linux's `shmem` layer, which provides memory to back each object.

Device-specific operations, such as command execution, pinning, buffer read & write, mapping, and domain ownership transfers are left to driver-specific ioctls.



## GEM Initialization

Drivers that use GEM must set the `DRIVER_GEM` bit in the struct `struct drm_driver` `driver_features` field. The DRM core will then automatically initialize the GEM core before calling the load operation. Behind the scene, this will create a DRM Memory Manager object which provides an address space pool for object allocation.

In a KMS configuration, drivers need to allocate and initialize a command ring buffer following core GEM initialization if required by the hardware. UMA devices usually have what is called a “stolen” memory region, which provides space for the initial framebuffer and large, contiguous memory regions required by the device. This space is typically not managed by GEM, and must be initialized separately into its own DRM MM object.

## GEM Objects Creation

GEM splits creation of GEM objects and allocation of the memory that backs them in two distinct operations.

GEM objects are represented by an instance of struct `struct drm_gem_object`. Drivers usually need to extend GEM objects with private information and thus create a driver-specific GEM object structure type that embeds an instance of struct `struct drm_gem_object`.

To create a GEM object, a driver allocates memory for an instance of its specific GEM object type and initializes the embedded struct `struct drm_gem_object` with a call to `drm_gem_object_init()`. The function takes a pointer to the DRM device, a pointer to the GEM object and the buffer object size in bytes.

GEM uses shmem to allocate anonymous pageable memory. `drm_gem_object_init()` will create an shmem file of the requested size and store it into the struct `struct drm_gem_object` `filp` field. The memory is used as either main storage for the object when the graphics hardware uses system memory directly or as a backing store otherwise.

Drivers are responsible for the actual physical pages allocation by calling `shmem_read_mapping_page_gfp()` for each page. Note that they can decide to allocate pages when initializing the GEM object, or to delay allocation until the memory is needed (for instance when a page fault occurs as a result of a userspace memory access or when the driver needs to start a DMA transfer involving the memory).

Anonymous pageable memory allocation is not always desired, for instance when the hardware requires physically contiguous system memory as is often the case in embedded devices. Drivers can create GEM objects with no shmems backing (called private GEM objects) by initializing them with a call to `drm_gem_private_object_init()` instead of `drm_gem_object_init()`. Storage for private GEM objects must be managed by drivers.

## GEM Objects Lifetime

All GEM objects are reference-counted by the GEM core. References can be acquired and release by calling `drm_gem_object_get()` and `drm_gem_object_put()` respectively. The caller must hold the struct `drm_device` `struct_mutex` lock when calling `drm_gem_object_get()`. As a convenience, GEM provides `drm_gem_object_put_unlocked()` functions that can be called without holding the lock.

When the last reference to a GEM object is released the GEM core calls the struct `drm_driver` `gem_free_object_unlocked` operation. That operation is mandatory for GEM-enabled drivers and must free the GEM object and all associated resources.

`void (*gem_free_object) (struct drm_gem_object *obj);` Drivers are responsible for freeing all GEM object resources. This includes the resources created by the GEM core, which need to be released with `drm_gem_object_release()`.

## GEM Objects Naming

Communication between userspace and the kernel refers to GEM objects using local handles, global names or, more recently, file descriptors. All of those are 32-bit integer values; the usual Linux kernel limits apply to the file descriptors.

GEM handles are local to a DRM file. Applications get a handle to a GEM object through a driver-specific ioctl, and can use that handle to refer to the GEM object in other standard or driver-specific ioctls. Closing a DRM file handle frees all its GEM handles and dereferences the associated GEM objects.

To create a handle for a GEM object drivers call `drm_gem_handle_create()`. The function takes a pointer to the DRM file and the GEM object and returns a locally unique handle. When the handle is no longer needed drivers delete it with a call to `drm_gem_handle_delete()`. Finally the GEM object associated with a handle can be retrieved by a call to `drm_gem_object_lookup()`.

Handles don't take ownership of GEM objects, they only take a reference to the object that will be dropped when the handle is destroyed. To avoid leaking GEM objects, drivers must make sure they drop the reference(s) they own (such as the initial reference taken at object creation time) as appropriate, without any special consideration for the handle. For example, in the particular case of combined GEM object and handle creation in the implementation of the `dumb_create` operation, drivers must drop the initial reference to the GEM object before returning the handle.

GEM names are similar in purpose to handles but are not local to DRM files. They can be passed between processes to reference a GEM object globally. Names can't be used directly to refer to objects in the DRM API, applications must convert handles to names and names to handles using the `DRM_IOCTL_GEM_FLINK` and `DRM_IOCTL_GEM_OPEN` ioctls respectively. The conversion is handled by the DRM core without any driver-specific support.

GEM also supports buffer sharing with dma-buf file descriptors through PRIME. GEM-based drivers must use the provided helpers functions to implement the exporting and importing correctly. See ?. Since sharing file descriptors is inherently more secure than the easily guessable and global GEM names it is the preferred buffer sharing mechanism. Sharing buffers through GEM names is only supported for legacy userspace. Furthermore PRIME also allows cross-device buffer sharing since it is based on dma-bufs.

## GEM Objects Mapping

Because mapping operations are fairly heavyweight GEM favours read/write-like access to buffers, implemented through driver-specific ioctls, over mapping buffers to userspace. However, when random access to the buffer is needed (to perform software rendering for instance), direct access to the object can be more efficient.

The `mmap` system call can't be used directly to map GEM objects, as they don't have their own file handle. Two alternative methods currently co-exist to map GEM objects to userspace. The first method uses a driver-specific ioctl to perform the mapping operation, calling `do_mmap()` under the hood. This is often considered dubious, seems to be discouraged for new GEM-enabled drivers, and will thus not be described here.

The second method uses the `mmap` system call on the DRM file handle. `void *mmap(void *addr, size_t length, int prot, int flags, int fd, off_t offset)`; DRM identifies the GEM object to be mapped by a fake offset passed through the `mmap` offset argument. Prior to being mapped, a GEM object must thus be associated with a fake offset. To do so, drivers must call `drm_gem_create_mmap_offset()` on the object.

Once allocated, the fake offset value must be passed to the application in a driver-specific way and can then be used as the `mmap` offset argument.

The GEM core provides a helper method `drm_gem_mmap()` to handle object mapping. The method can be set directly as the `mmap` file operation handler. It will look up the GEM object based on the offset value and set the VMA operations to the `struct drm_driver` `gem_vm_ops` field. Note that `drm_gem_mmap()` doesn't map memory to userspace, but relies on the driver-provided fault handler to map pages individually.

To use `drm_gem_mmap()`, drivers must fill the struct `struct drm_driver` `gem_vm_ops` field with a pointer to VM operations.

The VM operations is a struct `vm_operations_struct` made up of several fields, the more interesting ones being:

```
struct vm_operations_struct {
    void (*open)(struct vm_area_struct * area);
    void (*close)(struct vm_area_struct * area);
    int (*fault)(struct vm_fault *vmf);
};
```

The open and close operations must update the GEM object reference count. Drivers can use the `drm_gem_vm_open()` and `drm_gem_vm_close()` helper functions directly as open and close handlers.

The fault operation handler is responsible for mapping individual pages to userspace when a page fault occurs. Depending on the memory allocation scheme, drivers can allocate pages at fault time, or can decide to allocate memory for the GEM object at the time the object is created.

Drivers that want to map the GEM object upfront instead of handling page faults can implement their own mmap file operation handler.

For platforms without MMU the GEM core provides a helper method `drm_gem_cma_get_unmapped_area()`. The mmap() routines will call this to get a proposed address for the mapping.

To use `drm_gem_cma_get_unmapped_area()`, drivers must fill the struct `file_operations` `get_unmapped_area` field with a pointer on `drm_gem_cma_get_unmapped_area()`.

More detailed information about `get_unmapped_area` can be found in Documentation/nommu-mmap.txt

## Memory Coherency

When mapped to the device or used in a command buffer, backing pages for an object are flushed to memory and marked write combined so as to be coherent with the GPU. Likewise, if the CPU accesses an object after the GPU has finished rendering to the object, then the object must be made coherent with the CPU's view of memory, usually involving GPU cache flushing of various kinds. This core CPU->GPU coherency management is provided by a device-specific ioctl, which evaluates an object's current domain and performs any necessary flushing or synchronization to put the object into the desired coherency domain (note that the object may be busy, i.e. an active render target; in that case, setting the domain blocks the client and waits for rendering to complete before performing any necessary flushing operations).

## Command Execution

Perhaps the most important GEM function for GPU devices is providing a command execution interface to clients. Client programs construct command buffers containing references to previously allocated memory objects, and then submit them to GEM. At that point, GEM takes care to bind all the objects into the GTT, execute the buffer, and provide necessary synchronization between clients accessing the same buffers. This often involves evicting some objects from the GTT and re-binding others (a fairly expensive operation), and providing relocation support which hides fixed GTT offsets from clients. Clients must take care not to submit command buffers that reference more objects than can fit in the GTT; otherwise, GEM will reject them and no rendering will occur. Similarly, if several objects in the buffer require fence registers to be allocated for correct rendering (e.g. 2D blits on pre-965 chips), care must be taken not to require more fence registers than are available to the client. Such resource management should be abstracted from the client in libdrm.

## GEM Function Reference

struct **drm\_gem\_object**  
GEM buffer object

### Definition

```
struct drm_gem_object {
    struct kref refcount;
    unsigned handle_count;
    struct drm_device *dev;
    struct file *filp;
    struct drm_vma_offset_node vma_node;
    size_t size;
    int name;
    uint32_t read_domains;
    uint32_t write_domain;
    struct dma_buf *dma_buf;
    struct dma_buf_attachment *import_attach;
};
```

## Members

**refcount** Reference count of this object

Please use `drm_gem_object_get()` to acquire and `drm_gem_object_put()` or `drm_gem_object_put_unlocked()` to release a reference to a GEM buffer object.

**handle\_count** This is the GEM file\_priv handle count of this object.

Each handle also holds a reference. Note that when the handle\_count drops to 0 any global names (e.g. the id in the flink namespace) will be cleared.

Protected by `drm_device.object_name_lock`.

**dev** DRM dev this object belongs to.

**filp** SHMEM file node used as backing storage for swappable buffer objects. GEM also supports driver private objects with driver-specific backing storage (contiguous CMA memory, special reserved blocks). In this case **filp** is NULL.

**vma\_node** Mapping info for this object to support mmap. Drivers are supposed to allocate the mmap offset using `drm_gem_create_mmap_offset()`. The offset itself can be retrieved using `drm_vma_node_offset_addr()`.

Memory mapping itself is handled by `drm_gem_mmap()`, which also checks that userspace is allowed to access the object.

**size** Size of the object, in bytes. Immutable over the object's lifetime.

**name** Global name for this object, starts at 1. 0 means unnamed. Access is covered by `drm_device.object_name_lock`. This is used by the GEM\_FLINK and GEM\_OPEN ioctls.

**read\_domains** Read memory domains. These monitor which caches contain read/write data related to the object. When transitioning from one set of domains to another, the driver is called to ensure that caches are suitably flushed and invalidated.

**write\_domain** Corresponding unique write memory domain.

**dma\_buf** dma-buf associated with this GEM object.

Pointer to the dma-buf associated with this gem object (either through importing or exporting). We break the resulting reference loop when the last gem handle for this object is released.

Protected by `drm_device.object_name_lock`.

**import\_attach** dma-buf attachment backing this object.

Any foreign dma\_buf imported as a gem object has this set to the attachment point for the device. This is invariant over the lifetime of a gem object.

The `drm_driver.gem_free_object` callback is responsible for cleaning up the dma\_buf attachment and references acquired at import time.

Note that the drm gem/prime core does not depend upon drivers setting this field any more. So for drivers where this doesn't make sense (e.g. virtual devices or a displaylink behind an usb bus) they can simply leave it as NULL.

### Description

This structure defines the generic parts for GEM buffer objects, which are mostly around handling mmap and userspace handles.

Buffer objects are often abbreviated to BO.

**DEFINE\_DRM\_GEM\_FOPS**(*name*)

macro to generate file operations for GEM drivers

### Parameters

**name** name for the generated structure

### Description

This macro autogenerates a suitable struct `file_operations` for GEM based drivers, which can be assigned to `drm_driver.fops`. Note that this structure cannot be shared between drivers, because it contains a reference to the current module using `THIS_MODULE`.

Note that the declaration is already marked as static - if you need a non-static version of this you're probably doing it wrong and will break the `THIS_MODULE` reference by accident.

void **drm\_gem\_object\_get**(struct `drm_gem_object` \* *obj*)

acquire a GEM buffer object reference

### Parameters

**struct drm\_gem\_object** \* *obj* GEM buffer object

### Description

This function acquires an additional reference to **obj**. It is illegal to call this without already holding a reference. No locks required.

void **\_\_drm\_gem\_object\_put**(struct `drm_gem_object` \* *obj*)

raw function to release a GEM buffer object reference

### Parameters

**struct drm\_gem\_object** \* *obj* GEM buffer object

### Description

This function is meant to be used by drivers which are not encumbered with `drm_device.struct_mutex` legacy locking and which are using the `gem_free_object_unlocked` callback. It avoids all the locking checks and locking overhead of `drm_gem_object_put()` and `drm_gem_object_put_unlocked()`.

Drivers should never call this directly in their code. Instead they should wrap it up into a `driver_gem_object_put(struct driver_gem_object *obj)` wrapper function, and use that. Shared code should never call this, to avoid breaking drivers by accident which still depend upon `drm_device.struct_mutex` locking.

void **drm\_gem\_object\_reference**(struct `drm_gem_object` \* *obj*)

acquire a GEM buffer object reference

### Parameters

**struct drm\_gem\_object** \* *obj* GEM buffer object

### Description

This is a compatibility alias for `drm_gem_object_get()` and should not be used by new code.

void **\_\_drm\_gem\_object\_unreference**(struct `drm_gem_object` \* *obj*)

raw function to release a GEM buffer object reference

### Parameters

**struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** GEM buffer object

### **Description**

This is a compatibility alias for `__drm_gem_object_put()` and should not be used by new code.

**void drm\_gem\_object\_unreference\_unlocked**(struct *drm\_gem\_object* \* *obj*)  
release a GEM buffer object reference

### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** GEM buffer object

### **Description**

This is a compatibility alias for `drm_gem_object_put_unlocked()` and should not be used by new code.

**void drm\_gem\_object\_unreference**(struct *drm\_gem\_object* \* *obj*)  
release a GEM buffer object reference

### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** GEM buffer object

### **Description**

This is a compatibility alias for `drm_gem_object_put()` and should not be used by new code.

**int drm\_gem\_object\_init**(struct *drm\_device* \* *dev*, struct *drm\_gem\_object* \* *obj*, *size\_t* *size*)  
initialize an allocated shmem-backed GEM object

### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_device \* dev** *drm\_device* the object should be initialized for

**struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** *drm\_gem\_object* to initialize

**size\_t size** object size

### **Description**

Initialize an already allocated GEM object of the specified size with shmfbs backing store.

**void drm\_gem\_private\_object\_init**(struct *drm\_device* \* *dev*, struct *drm\_gem\_object* \* *obj*,  
*size\_t* *size*)  
initialize an allocated private GEM object

### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_device \* dev** *drm\_device* the object should be initialized for

**struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** *drm\_gem\_object* to initialize

**size\_t size** object size

### **Description**

Initialize an already allocated GEM object of the specified size with no GEM provided backing store. Instead the caller is responsible for backing the object and handling it.

**int drm\_gem\_handle\_delete**(struct *drm\_file* \* *filp*, *u32* *handle*)  
deletes the given file-private handle

### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_file \* filp** *drm\_file*-private structure to use for the handle look up

**u32 handle** userspace handle to delete

### **Description**

Removes the GEM handle from the **filp** lookup table which has been added with `drm_gem_handle_create()`. If this is the last handle also cleans up linked resources like GEM names.

int **drm\_gem\_dumb\_map\_offset**(struct [drm\\_file](#) \* *file*, struct drm\_device \* *dev*, u32 *handle*, u64 \* *offset*)  
 return the fake mmap offset for a gem object

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_file \* file** drm file-private structure containing the gem object

**struct drm\_device \* dev** corresponding drm\_device

**u32 handle** gem object handle

**u64 \* offset** return location for the fake mmap offset

#### Description

This implements the [drm\\_driver.dumb\\_map\\_offset](#) kms driver callback for drivers which use gem to manage their backing storage.

#### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **drm\_gem\_dumb\_destroy**(struct [drm\\_file](#) \* *file*, struct drm\_device \* *dev*, uint32\_t *handle*)  
 dumb fb callback helper for gem based drivers

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_file \* file** drm file-private structure to remove the dumb handle from

**struct drm\_device \* dev** corresponding drm\_device

**uint32\_t handle** the dumb handle to remove

#### Description

This implements the [drm\\_driver.dumb\\_destroy](#) kms driver callback for drivers which use gem to manage their backing storage.

int **drm\_gem\_handle\_create**(struct [drm\\_file](#) \* *file\_priv*, struct [drm\\_gem\\_object](#) \* *obj*, u32 \* *handlep*)  
 create a gem handle for an object

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_file \* file\_priv** drm file-private structure to register the handle for

**struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** object to register

**u32 \* handlep** pointer to return the created handle to the caller

#### Description

Create a handle for this object. This adds a handle reference to the object, which includes a regular reference count. Callers will likely want to dereference the object afterwards.

void **drm\_gem\_free\_mmap\_offset**(struct [drm\\_gem\\_object](#) \* *obj*)  
 release a fake mmap offset for an object

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** obj in question

#### Description

This routine frees fake offsets allocated by [drm\\_gem\\_create\\_mmap\\_offset\(\)](#).

Note that [drm\\_gem\\_object\\_release\(\)](#) already calls this function, so drivers don't have to take care of releasing the mmap offset themselves when freeing the GEM object.

int **drm\_gem\_create\_mmap\_offset\_size**(struct [drm\\_gem\\_object](#) \* *obj*, size\_t *size*)  
 create a fake mmap offset for an object

#### Parameters



**struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** obj in question

**size\_t size** the virtual size

### Description

GEM memory mapping works by handing back to userspace a fake mmap offset it can use in a subsequent `mmap(2)` call. The DRM core code then looks up the object based on the offset and sets up the various memory mapping structures.

This routine allocates and attaches a fake offset for **obj**, in cases where the virtual size differs from the physical size (ie. `drm_gem_object.size`). Otherwise just use `drm_gem_create_mmap_offset()`.

This function is idempotent and handles an already allocated mmap offset transparently. Drivers do not need to check for this case.

int **drm\_gem\_create\_mmap\_offset**(struct `drm_gem_object` \* *obj*)  
create a fake mmap offset for an object

### Parameters

**struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** obj in question

### Description

GEM memory mapping works by handing back to userspace a fake mmap offset it can use in a subsequent `mmap(2)` call. The DRM core code then looks up the object based on the offset and sets up the various memory mapping structures.

This routine allocates and attaches a fake offset for **obj**.

Drivers can call `drm_gem_free_mmap_offset()` before freeing **obj** to release the fake offset again.

struct page \*\* **drm\_gem\_get\_pages**(struct `drm_gem_object` \* *obj*)  
helper to allocate backing pages for a GEM object from shmem

### Parameters

**struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** obj in question

### Description

This reads the page-array of the shmem-backing storage of the given gem object. An array of pages is returned. If a page is not allocated or swapped-out, this will allocate/swap-in the required pages. Note that the whole object is covered by the page-array and pinned in memory.

Use `drm_gem_put_pages()` to release the array and unpin all pages.

This uses the GFP-mask set on the shmem-mapping (see `mapping_set_gfp_mask()`). If you require other GFP-masks, you have to do those allocations yourself.

Note that you are not allowed to change gfp-zones during runtime. That is, `shmem_read_mapping_page_gfp()` must be called with the same `gfp_zone(gfp)` as set during initialization. If you have special zone constraints, set them after `drm_gem_object_init()` via `mapping_set_gfp_mask()`. shmem-core takes care to keep pages in the required zone during swap-in.

void **drm\_gem\_put\_pages**(struct `drm_gem_object` \* *obj*, struct page \*\* *pages*, bool *dirty*,  
bool *accessed*)  
helper to free backing pages for a GEM object

### Parameters

**struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** obj in question

**struct page \*\* pages** pages to free

**bool dirty** if true, pages will be marked as dirty

**bool accessed** if true, the pages will be marked as accessed



struct *drm\_gem\_object* \* **drm\_gem\_object\_lookup**(struct *drm\_file* \* *filp*, u32 *handle*)  
look up a GEM object from it's handle

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_file \* filp** DRM file private data

**u32 handle** userspace handle

#### Return

A reference to the object named by the handle if such exists on **filp**, NULL otherwise.

void **drm\_gem\_object\_release**(struct *drm\_gem\_object* \* *obj*)  
release GEM buffer object resources

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** GEM buffer object

#### Description

This releases any structures and resources used by **obj** and is the invers of *drm\_gem\_object\_init()*.

void **drm\_gem\_object\_free**(struct kref \* *kref*)  
free a GEM object

#### Parameters

**struct kref \* kref** kref of the object to free

#### Description

Called after the last reference to the object has been lost. Must be called holding *drm\_device.struct\_mutex*.

Frees the object

void **drm\_gem\_object\_put\_unlocked**(struct *drm\_gem\_object* \* *obj*)  
drop a GEM buffer object reference

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** GEM buffer object

#### Description

This releases a reference to **obj**. Callers must not hold the *drm\_device.struct\_mutex* lock when calling this function.

See also *\_\_drm\_gem\_object\_put()*.

void **drm\_gem\_object\_put**(struct *drm\_gem\_object* \* *obj*)  
release a GEM buffer object reference

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** GEM buffer object

#### Description

This releases a reference to **obj**. Callers must hold the *drm\_device.struct\_mutex* lock when calling this function, even when the driver doesn't use *drm\_device.struct\_mutex* for anything.

For drivers not encumbered with legacy locking use *drm\_gem\_object\_put\_unlocked()* instead.

void **drm\_gem\_vm\_open**(struct *vm\_area\_struct* \* *vma*)  
*vma->ops->open* implementation for GEM

#### Parameters

**struct vm\_area\_struct \* vma** VM area structure

### Description

This function implements the `#vm_operations_struct` `open()` callback for GEM drivers. This must be used together with `drm_gem_vm_close()`.

```
void drm_gem_vm_close(struct vm_area_struct * vma)
    vma->ops->close implementation for GEM
```

### Parameters

**struct vm\_area\_struct \* vma** VM area structure

### Description

This function implements the `#vm_operations_struct` `close()` callback for GEM drivers. This must be used together with `drm_gem_vm_open()`.

```
int drm_gem_mmap_obj(struct drm_gem_object * obj, unsigned long obj_size, struct vm_area_struct
    * vma)
    memory map a GEM object
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** the GEM object to map

**unsigned long obj\_size** the object size to be mapped, in bytes

**struct vm\_area\_struct \* vma** VMA for the area to be mapped

### Description

Set up the VMA to prepare mapping of the GEM object using the `gem_vm_ops` provided by the driver. Depending on their requirements, drivers can either provide a fault handler in their `gem_vm_ops` (in which case any accesses to the object will be trapped, to perform migration, GTT binding, surface register allocation, or performance monitoring), or `mmap` the buffer memory synchronously after calling `drm_gem_mmap_obj`.

This function is mainly intended to implement the DMABUF `mmap` operation, when the GEM object is not looked up based on its fake offset. To implement the DRM `mmap` operation, drivers should use the `drm_gem_mmap()` function.

`drm_gem_mmap_obj()` assumes the user is granted access to the buffer while `drm_gem_mmap()` prevents unprivileged users from mapping random objects. So callers must verify access restrictions before calling this helper.

Return 0 or success or `-EINVAL` if the object size is smaller than the VMA size, or if no `gem_vm_ops` are provided.

```
int drm_gem_mmap(struct file * filp, struct vm_area_struct * vma)
    memory map routine for GEM objects
```

### Parameters

**struct file \* filp** DRM file pointer

**struct vm\_area\_struct \* vma** VMA for the area to be mapped

### Description

If a driver supports GEM object mapping, `mmap` calls on the DRM file descriptor will end up here.

Look up the GEM object based on the offset passed in (`vma->vm_pgoff` will contain the fake offset we created when the GTT map ioctl was called on the object) and map it with a call to `drm_gem_mmap_obj()`.

If the caller is not granted access to the buffer object, the `mmap` will fail with `EACCES`. Please see the vma manager for more information.

## GEM CMA Helper Functions Reference

The Contiguous Memory Allocator reserves a pool of memory at early boot that is used to service requests for large blocks of contiguous memory.

The DRM GEM/CMA helpers use this allocator as a means to provide buffer objects that are physically contiguous in memory. This is useful for display drivers that are unable to map scattered buffers via an IOMMU.

struct **drm\_gem\_cma\_object**  
GEM object backed by CMA memory allocations

### Definition

```
struct drm_gem_cma_object {
    struct drm_gem_object base;
    dma_addr_t paddr;
    struct sg_table *sgt;
    void *vaddr;
};
```

### Members

**base** base GEM object

**paddr** physical address of the backing memory

**sgt** scatter/gather table for imported PRIME buffers. The table can have more than one entry but they are guaranteed to have contiguous DMA addresses.

**vaddr** kernel virtual address of the backing memory

**DEFINE\_DRM\_GEM\_CMA\_FOPS**(*name*)  
macro to generate file operations for CMA drivers

### Parameters

**name** name for the generated structure

### Description

This macro autogenerates a suitable struct `file_operations` for CMA based drivers, which can be assigned to `drm_driver.fops`. Note that this structure cannot be shared between drivers, because it contains a reference to the current module using `THIS_MODULE`.

Note that the declaration is already marked as static - if you need a non-static version of this you're probably doing it wrong and will break the `THIS_MODULE` reference by accident.

struct `drm_gem_cma_object` \* **drm\_gem\_cma\_create**(struct `drm_device` \* *drm*, size\_t *size*)  
allocate an object with the given size

### Parameters

**struct `drm_device` \* *drm*** DRM device

**size\_t *size*** size of the object to allocate

### Description

This function creates a CMA GEM object and allocates a contiguous chunk of memory as backing store. The backing memory has the writecombine attribute set.

### Return

A struct `drm_gem_cma_object` \* on success or an `ERR_PTR()`-encoded negative error code on failure.

void **drm\_gem\_cma\_free\_object**(struct `drm_gem_object` \* *gem\_obj*)  
free resources associated with a CMA GEM object

### Parameters

**struct drm\_gem\_object \* gem\_obj** GEM object to free

### Description

This function frees the backing memory of the CMA GEM object, cleans up the GEM object state and frees the memory used to store the object itself. Drivers using the CMA helpers should set this as their *drm\_driver.gem\_free\_object\_unlocked* callback.

int **drm\_gem\_cma\_dumb\_create\_internal**(struct *drm\_file* \* *file\_priv*, struct drm\_device \* *drm*, struct  
drm\_mode\_create\_dumb \* *args*)  
create a dumb buffer object

### Parameters

**struct drm\_file \* file\_priv** DRM file-private structure to create the dumb buffer for

**struct drm\_device \* drm** DRM device

**struct drm\_mode\_create\_dumb \* args** IOCTL data

### Description

This aligns the pitch and size arguments to the minimum required. This is an internal helper that can be wrapped by a driver to account for hardware with more specific alignment requirements. It should not be used directly as their *drm\_driver.dumb\_create* callback.

### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **drm\_gem\_cma\_dumb\_create**(struct *drm\_file* \* *file\_priv*, struct drm\_device \* *drm*, struct  
drm\_mode\_create\_dumb \* *args*)  
create a dumb buffer object

### Parameters

**struct drm\_file \* file\_priv** DRM file-private structure to create the dumb buffer for

**struct drm\_device \* drm** DRM device

**struct drm\_mode\_create\_dumb \* args** IOCTL data

### Description

This function computes the pitch of the dumb buffer and rounds it up to an integer number of bytes per pixel. Drivers for hardware that doesn't have any additional restrictions on the pitch can directly use this function as their *drm\_driver.dumb\_create* callback.

For hardware with additional restrictions, drivers can adjust the fields set up by userspace and pass the IOCTL data along to the *drm\_gem\_cma\_dumb\_create\_internal()* function.

### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **drm\_gem\_cma\_mmap**(struct file \* *filp*, struct vm\_area\_struct \* *vma*)  
memory-map a CMA GEM object

### Parameters

**struct file \* filp** file object

**struct vm\_area\_struct \* vma** VMA for the area to be mapped

### Description

This function implements an augmented version of the GEM DRM file mmap operation for CMA objects: In addition to the usual GEM VMA setup it immediately faults in the entire object instead of using on-demand faulting. Drivers which employ the CMA helpers should use this function as their *->c:func:mmap()* handler in the DRM device file's *file\_operations* structure.

Instead of directly referencing this function, drivers should use the *DEFINE\_DRM\_GEM\_CMA\_FOPS()* macro.

**Return**

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

unsigned long **drm\_gem\_cma\_get\_unmapped\_area**(struct file \* *filp*, unsigned long *addr*, unsigned long *len*, unsigned long *pgoff*, unsigned long *flags*)  
 propose address for mapping in noMMU cases

**Parameters**

**struct file \* filp** file object  
**unsigned long addr** memory address  
**unsigned long len** buffer size  
**unsigned long pgoff** page offset  
**unsigned long flags** memory flags

**Description**

This function is used in noMMU platforms to propose address mapping for a given buffer. It's intended to be used as a direct handler for the struct file\_operations.get\_unmapped\_area operation.

**Return**

mapping address on success or a negative error code on failure.

void **drm\_gem\_cma\_print\_info**(struct [drm\\_printer](#) \* *p*, unsigned int *indent*, const struct [drm\\_gem\\_object](#) \* *obj*)  
 Print [drm\\_gem\\_cma\\_object](#) info for debugfs

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_printer \* p** DRM printer  
**unsigned int indent** Tab indentation level  
**const struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** GEM object

**Description**

This function can be used as the [drm\\_driver->gem\\_print\\_info](#) callback. It prints paddr and vaddr for use in e.g. debugfs output.

struct sg\_table \* **drm\_gem\_cma\_prime\_get\_sg\_table**(struct [drm\\_gem\\_object](#) \* *obj*)  
 provide a scatter/gather table of pinned pages for a CMA GEM object

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** GEM object

**Description**

This function exports a scatter/gather table suitable for PRIME usage by calling the standard DMA mapping API. Drivers using the CMA helpers should set this as their [drm\\_driver.gem\\_prime\\_get\\_sg\\_table](#) callback.

**Return**

A pointer to the scatter/gather table of pinned pages or NULL on failure.

struct [drm\\_gem\\_object](#) \* **drm\_gem\_cma\_prime\_import\_sg\_table**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*, struct dma\_buf\_attachment \* *attach*, struct sg\_table \* *sgt*)  
 produce a CMA GEM object from another driver's scatter/gather table of pinned pages

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_device \* dev** device to import into

**struct dma\_buf\_attachment \* attach** DMA-BUF attachment

**struct sg\_table \* sgt** scatter/gather table of pinned pages

### Description

This function imports a scatter/gather table exported via DMA-BUF by another driver. Imported buffers must be physically contiguous in memory (i.e. the scatter/gather table must contain a single entry). Drivers that use the CMA helpers should set this as their `drm_driver.gem_prime_import_sg_table` callback.

### Return

A pointer to a newly created GEM object or an ERR\_PTR-encoded negative error code on failure.

int **drm\_gem\_cma\_prime\_mmap**(struct `drm_gem_object` \* *obj*, struct `vm_area_struct` \* *vma*)  
memory-map an exported CMA GEM object

### Parameters

**struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** GEM object

**struct vm\_area\_struct \* vma** VMA for the area to be mapped

### Description

This function maps a buffer imported via DRM PRIME into a userspace process's address space. Drivers that use the CMA helpers should set this as their `drm_driver.gem_prime_mmap` callback.

### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

void \* **drm\_gem\_cma\_prime\_vmap**(struct `drm_gem_object` \* *obj*)  
map a CMA GEM object into the kernel's virtual address space

### Parameters

**struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** GEM object

### Description

This function maps a buffer exported via DRM PRIME into the kernel's virtual address space. Since the CMA buffers are already mapped into the kernel virtual address space this simply returns the cached virtual address. Drivers using the CMA helpers should set this as their DRM driver's `drm_driver.gem_prime_vmap` callback.

### Return

The kernel virtual address of the CMA GEM object's backing store.

void **drm\_gem\_cma\_prime\_vunmap**(struct `drm_gem_object` \* *obj*, void \* *vaddr*)  
unmap a CMA GEM object from the kernel's virtual address space

### Parameters

**struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** GEM object

**void \* vaddr** kernel virtual address where the CMA GEM object was mapped

### Description

This function removes a buffer exported via DRM PRIME from the kernel's virtual address space. This is a no-op because CMA buffers cannot be unmapped from kernel space. Drivers using the CMA helpers should set this as their `drm_driver.gem_prime_vunmap` callback.

## VMA Offset Manager

The vma-manager is responsible to map arbitrary driver-dependent memory regions into the linear user address-space. It provides offsets to the caller which can then be used on the address\_space of the drm-device. It takes care to not overlap regions, size them appropriately and to not confuse mm-core by inconsistent fake vm\_pgoff fields. Drivers shouldn't use this for object placement in VMEM. This manager should only be used to manage mappings into linear user-space VMs.

We use `drm_mm` as backend to manage object allocations. But it is highly optimized for alloc/free calls, not lookups. Hence, we use an rb-tree to speed up offset lookups.

You must not use multiple offset managers on a single address\_space. Otherwise, mm-core will be unable to tear down memory mappings as the VM will no longer be linear.

This offset manager works on page-based addresses. That is, every argument and return code (with the exception of `drm_vma_node_offset_addr()`) is given in number of pages, not number of bytes. That means, object sizes and offsets must always be page-aligned (as usual). If you want to get a valid byte-based user-space address for a given offset, please see `drm_vma_node_offset_addr()`.

Additionally to offset management, the vma offset manager also handles access management. For every open-file context that is allowed to access a given node, you must call `drm_vma_node_allow()`. Otherwise, an `mmap()` call on this open-file with the offset of the node will fail with `-EACCES`. To revoke access again, use `drm_vma_node_revoke()`. However, the caller is responsible for destroying already existing mappings, if required.

```
struct drm_vma_offset_node * drm_vma_offset_exact_lookup_locked(struct
                                                                    drm_vma_offset_manager
                                                                    * mgr, unsigned long start,
                                                                    unsigned long pages)
```

Look up node by exact address

### Parameters

**struct drm\_vma\_offset\_manager \* mgr** Manager object  
**unsigned long start** Start address (page-based, not byte-based)  
**unsigned long pages** Size of object (page-based)

### Description

Same as `drm_vma_offset_lookup_locked()` but does not allow any offset into the node. It only returns the exact object with the given start address.

### Return

Node at exact start address **start**.

```
void drm_vma_offset_lock_lookup(struct drm_vma_offset_manager * mgr)
    Lock lookup for extended private use
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_vma\_offset\_manager \* mgr** Manager object

### Description

Lock VMA manager for extended lookups. Only locked VMA function calls are allowed while holding this lock. All other contexts are blocked from VMA until the lock is released via `drm_vma_offset_unlock_lookup()`.

Use this if you need to take a reference to the objects returned by `drm_vma_offset_lookup_locked()` before releasing this lock again.

This lock must not be used for anything else than extended lookups. You must not call any other VMA helpers while holding this lock.

### Note

You're in atomic-context while holding this lock!

void **drm\_vma\_offset\_unlock\_lookup**(struct drm\_vma\_offset\_manager \* *mgr*)  
Unlock lookup for extended private use

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_vma\_offset\_manager \* mgr** Manager object

#### Description

Release lookup-lock. See [drm\\_vma\\_offset\\_lock\\_lookup\(\)](#) for more information.

void **drm\_vma\_node\_reset**(struct drm\_vma\_offset\_node \* *node*)  
Initialize or reset node object

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_vma\_offset\_node \* node** Node to initialize or reset

#### Description

Reset a node to its initial state. This must be called before using it with any VMA offset manager.

This must not be called on an already allocated node, or you will leak memory.

unsigned long **drm\_vma\_node\_start**(const struct drm\_vma\_offset\_node \* *node*)  
Return start address for page-based addressing

#### Parameters

**const struct drm\_vma\_offset\_node \* node** Node to inspect

#### Description

Return the start address of the given node. This can be used as offset into the linear VM space that is provided by the VMA offset manager. Note that this can only be used for page-based addressing. If you need a proper offset for user-space mappings, you must apply "<< PAGE\_SHIFT" or use the [drm\\_vma\\_node\\_offset\\_addr\(\)](#) helper instead.

#### Return

Start address of **node** for page-based addressing. 0 if the node does not have an offset allocated.

unsigned long **drm\_vma\_node\_size**(struct drm\_vma\_offset\_node \* *node*)  
Return size (page-based)

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_vma\_offset\_node \* node** Node to inspect

#### Description

Return the size as number of pages for the given node. This is the same size that was passed to [drm\\_vma\\_offset\\_add\(\)](#). If no offset is allocated for the node, this is 0.

#### Return

Size of **node** as number of pages. 0 if the node does not have an offset allocated.

\_\_u64 **drm\_vma\_node\_offset\_addr**(struct drm\_vma\_offset\_node \* *node*)  
Return sanitized offset for user-space mmaps

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_vma\_offset\_node \* node** Linked offset node

#### Description

Same as [drm\\_vma\\_node\\_start\(\)](#) but returns the address as a valid offset that can be used for user-space mappings during [mmap\(\)](#). This must not be called on unlinked nodes.

#### Return



Offset of **node** for byte-based addressing. 0 if the node does not have an object allocated.

```
void drm_vma_node_unmap(struct drm_vma_offset_node *node, struct address_space
                       *file_mapping)
```

Unmap offset node

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_vma\_offset\_node \* node** Offset node

**struct address\_space \* file\_mapping** Address space to unmap **node** from

#### Description

Unmap all userspace mappings for a given offset node. The mappings must be associated with the **file\_mapping** address-space. If no offset exists nothing is done.

This call is unlocked. The caller must guarantee that `drm_vma_offset_remove()` is not called on this node concurrently.

```
int drm_vma_node_verify_access(struct drm_vma_offset_node *node, struct drm_file *tag)
```

Access verification helper for TTM

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_vma\_offset\_node \* node** Offset node

**struct drm\_file \* tag** Tag of file to check

#### Description

This checks whether **tag** is granted access to **node**. It is the same as `drm_vma_node_is_allowed()` but suitable as drop-in helper for TTM `verify_access()` callbacks.

#### Return

0 if access is granted, -EACCES otherwise.

```
void drm_vma_offset_manager_init(struct drm_vma_offset_manager *mgr, unsigned
                               long page_offset, unsigned long size)
```

Initialize new offset-manager

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_vma\_offset\_manager \* mgr** Manager object

**unsigned long page\_offset** Offset of available memory area (page-based)

**unsigned long size** Size of available address space range (page-based)

#### Description

Initialize a new offset-manager. The offset and area size available for the manager are given as **page\_offset** and **size**. Both are interpreted as page-numbers, not bytes.

Adding/removing nodes from the manager is locked internally and protected against concurrent access. However, node allocation and destruction is left for the caller. While calling into the vma-manager, a given node must always be guaranteed to be referenced.

```
void drm_vma_offset_manager_destroy(struct drm_vma_offset_manager *mgr)
```

Destroy offset manager

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_vma\_offset\_manager \* mgr** Manager object

#### Description

Destroy an object manager which was previously created via `drm_vma_offset_manager_init()`. The caller must remove all allocated nodes before destroying the manager. Otherwise, `drm_mm` will refuse to free the requested resources.

The manager must not be accessed after this function is called.

```
struct drm_vma_offset_node * drm_vma_offset_lookup_locked(struct   drm_vma_offset_manager
                                                         * mgr, unsigned long start, un-
                                                         signed long pages)
```

Find node in offset space

### Parameters

**struct drm\_vma\_offset\_manager \* mgr** Manager object  
**unsigned long start** Start address for object (page-based)  
**unsigned long pages** Size of object (page-based)

### Description

Find a node given a start address and object size. This returns the `_best_` match for the given node. That is, **start** may point somewhere into a valid region and the given node will be returned, as long as the node spans the whole requested area (given the size in number of pages as **pages**).

Note that before lookup the vma offset manager lookup lock must be acquired with [drm\\_vma\\_offset\\_lock\\_lookup\(\)](#). See there for an example. This can then be used to implement weakly referenced lookups using `kref_get_unless_zero()`.

### Example

```
drm_vma_offset_lock_lookup(mgr);
node = drm_vma_offset_lookup_locked(mgr);
if (node)
    kref_get_unless_zero(container_of(node, sth, entr));
drm_vma_offset_unlock_lookup(mgr);
```

### Return

Returns NULL if no suitable node can be found. Otherwise, the best match is returned. It's the caller's responsibility to make sure the node doesn't get destroyed before the caller can access it.

```
int drm_vma_offset_add(struct   drm_vma_offset_manager * mgr, struct   drm_vma_offset_node
                      * node, unsigned long pages)
```

Add offset node to manager

### Parameters

**struct drm\_vma\_offset\_manager \* mgr** Manager object  
**struct drm\_vma\_offset\_node \* node** Node to be added  
**unsigned long pages** Allocation size visible to user-space (in number of pages)

### Description

Add a node to the offset-manager. If the node was already added, this does nothing and return 0. **pages** is the size of the object given in number of pages. After this call succeeds, you can access the offset of the node until it is removed again.

If this call fails, it is safe to retry the operation or call [drm\\_vma\\_offset\\_remove\(\)](#), anyway. However, no cleanup is required in that case.

**pages** is not required to be the same size as the underlying memory object that you want to map. It only limits the size that user-space can map into their address space.

### Return

0 on success, negative error code on failure.

```
void drm_vma_offset_remove(struct drm_vma_offset_manager * mgr, struct drm_vma_offset_node
                          * node)
```

Remove offset node from manager

### Parameters

**struct drm\_vma\_offset\_manager \* mgr** Manager object

**struct drm\_vma\_offset\_node \* node** Node to be removed

### Description

Remove a node from the offset manager. If the node wasn't added before, this does nothing. After this call returns, the offset and size will be 0 until a new offset is allocated via [drm\\_vma\\_offset\\_add\(\)](#) again. Helper functions like [drm\\_vma\\_node\\_start\(\)](#) and [drm\\_vma\\_node\\_offset\\_addr\(\)](#) will return 0 if no offset is allocated.

int **drm\_vma\_node\_allow**(struct drm\_vma\_offset\_node \* *node*, struct [drm\\_file](#) \* *tag*)  
Add open-file to list of allowed users

### Parameters

**struct drm\_vma\_offset\_node \* node** Node to modify

**struct drm\_file \* tag** Tag of file to remove

### Description

Add **tag** to the list of allowed open-files for this node. If **tag** is already on this list, the ref-count is incremented.

The list of allowed-users is preserved across [drm\\_vma\\_offset\\_add\(\)](#) and [drm\\_vma\\_offset\\_remove\(\)](#) calls. You may even call it if the node is currently not added to any offset-manager.

You must remove all open-files the same number of times as you added them before destroying the node. Otherwise, you will leak memory.

This is locked against concurrent access internally.

### Return

0 on success, negative error code on internal failure (out-of-mem)

void **drm\_vma\_node\_revoke**(struct drm\_vma\_offset\_node \* *node*, struct [drm\\_file](#) \* *tag*)  
Remove open-file from list of allowed users

### Parameters

**struct drm\_vma\_offset\_node \* node** Node to modify

**struct drm\_file \* tag** Tag of file to remove

### Description

Decrement the ref-count of **tag** in the list of allowed open-files on **node**. If the ref-count drops to zero, remove **tag** from the list. You must call this once for every [drm\\_vma\\_node\\_allow\(\)](#) on **tag**.

This is locked against concurrent access internally.

If **tag** is not on the list, nothing is done.

bool **drm\_vma\_node\_is\_allowed**(struct drm\_vma\_offset\_node \* *node*, struct [drm\\_file](#) \* *tag*)  
Check whether an open-file is granted access

### Parameters

**struct drm\_vma\_offset\_node \* node** Node to check

**struct drm\_file \* tag** Tag of file to remove

### Description

Search the list in **node** whether **tag** is currently on the list of allowed open-files (see [drm\\_vma\\_node\\_allow\(\)](#)).

This is locked against concurrent access internally.

### Return

true iff **filp** is on the list

## PRIME Buffer Sharing

PRIME is the cross device buffer sharing framework in drm, originally created for the OPTIMUS range of multi-gpu platforms. To userspace PRIME buffers are dma-buf based file descriptors.

### Overview and Driver Interface

Similar to GEM global names, PRIME file descriptors are also used to share buffer objects across processes. They offer additional security: as file descriptors must be explicitly sent over UNIX domain sockets to be shared between applications, they can't be guessed like the globally unique GEM names.

Drivers that support the PRIME API must set the `DRIVER_PRIME` bit in the struct `struct drm_driver` `driver_features` field, and implement the `prime_handle_to_fd` and `prime_fd_to_handle` operations.

`int (*prime_handle_to_fd)(struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_file *file_priv, uint32_t handle, uint32_t flags, int *prime_fd);` `int (*prime_fd_to_handle)(struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_file *file_priv, int prime_fd, uint32_t *handle);` Those two operations convert a handle to a PRIME file descriptor and vice versa. Drivers must use the kernel dma-buf buffer sharing framework to manage the PRIME file descriptors. Similar to the mode setting API PRIME is agnostic to the underlying buffer object manager, as long as handles are 32bit unsigned integers.

While non-GEM drivers must implement the operations themselves, GEM drivers must use the `drm_gem_prime_handle_to_fd()` and `drm_gem_prime_fd_to_handle()` helper functions. Those helpers rely on the driver `gem_prime_export` and `gem_prime_import` operations to create a dma-buf instance from a GEM object (dma-buf exporter role) and to create a GEM object from a dma-buf instance (dma-buf importer role).

`struct dma_buf * (*gem_prime_export)(struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_gem_object *obj, int flags);`  
`struct drm_gem_object * (*gem_prime_import)(struct drm_device *dev, struct dma_buf *dma_buf);` These two operations are mandatory for GEM drivers that support PRIME.

### PRIME Helper Functions

Drivers can implement **`gem_prime_export`** and **`gem_prime_import`** in terms of simpler APIs by using the helper functions **`drm_gem_prime_export`** and **`drm_gem_prime_import`**. These functions implement dma-buf support in terms of six lower-level driver callbacks:

Export callbacks:

- **`gem_prime_pin`** (optional): prepare a GEM object for exporting
- **`gem_prime_get_sg_table`**: provide a scatter/gather table of pinned pages
- **`gem_prime_vmap`**: vmap a buffer exported by your driver
- **`gem_prime_vunmap`**: vunmap a buffer exported by your driver
- **`gem_prime_mmap`** (optional): mmap a buffer exported by your driver

Import callback:

- **`gem_prime_import_sg_table`** (import): produce a GEM object from another driver's scatter/gather table

### PRIME Function References

struct `drm_prime_file_private`  
per-file tracking for PRIME

#### Definition

```
struct drm_prime_file_private {
};
```

## Members

### Description

This just contains the internal struct `dma_buf` and handle caches for each `struct drm_file` used by the PRIME core code.

```
struct dma_buf * drm_gem_dmabuf_export(struct drm_device * dev, struct dma_buf_export_info
                                     * exp_info)
    dma_buf export implementation for GEM
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** parent device for the exported dmabuf

**struct dma\_buf\_export\_info \* exp\_info** the export information used by `dma_buf_export()`

### Description

This wraps `dma_buf_export()` for use by generic GEM drivers that are using `drm_gem_dmabuf_release()`. In addition to calling `dma_buf_export()`, we take a reference to the `drm_device` and the exported `drm_gem_object` (stored in `dma_buf_export_info.priv`) which is released by `drm_gem_dmabuf_release()`.

Returns the new dmabuf.

```
void drm_gem_dmabuf_release(struct dma_buf * dma_buf)
    dma_buf release implementation for GEM
```

### Parameters

**struct dma\_buf \* dma\_buf** buffer to be released

### Description

Generic release function for dma\_bufs exported as PRIME buffers. GEM drivers must use this in their `dma_buf` ops structure as the release callback. `drm_gem_dmabuf_release()` should be used in conjunction with `drm_gem_dmabuf_export()`.

```
struct dma_buf * drm_gem_prime_export(struct drm_device * dev, struct drm_gem_object * obj,
                                     int flags)
    helper library implementation of the export callback
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm\_device to export from

**struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** GEM object to export

**int flags** flags like `DRM_CLOEXEC` and `DRM_RDWR`

### Description

This is the implementation of the `gem_prime_export` functions for GEM drivers using the PRIME helpers.

```
int drm_gem_prime_handle_to_fd(struct drm_device * dev, struct drm_file * file_priv,
                              uint32_t handle, uint32_t flags, int * prime_fd)
    PRIME export function for GEM drivers
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** dev to export the buffer from

**struct drm\_file \* file\_priv** drm file-private structure

**uint32\_t handle** buffer handle to export

**uint32\_t flags** flags like `DRM_CLOEXEC`

**int \* prime\_fd** pointer to storage for the fd id of the create dma-buf

### Description

This is the PRIME export function which must be used mandatorily by GEM drivers to ensure correct lifetime management of the underlying GEM object. The actual exporting from GEM object to a dma-buf is done through the `gem_prime_export` driver callback.

```
struct drm_gem_object * drm_gem_prime_import_dev(struct drm_device * dev, struct dma_buf
                                                * dma_buf, struct device * attach_dev)
```

core implementation of the import callback

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm\_device to import into

**struct dma\_buf \* dma\_buf** dma-buf object to import

**struct device \* attach\_dev** struct device to dma\_buf attach

### Description

This is the core of `drm_gem_prime_import`. It's designed to be called by drivers who want to use a different device structure than `dev->dev` for attaching via `dma_buf`.

```
struct drm_gem_object * drm_gem_prime_import(struct drm_device * dev, struct dma_buf
                                                * dma_buf)
```

helper library implementation of the import callback

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm\_device to import into

**struct dma\_buf \* dma\_buf** dma-buf object to import

### Description

This is the implementation of the `gem_prime_import` functions for GEM drivers using the PRIME helpers.

```
int drm_gem_prime_fd_to_handle(struct drm_device * dev, struct drm_file * file_priv, int prime_fd,
                               uint32_t * handle)
```

PRIME import function for GEM drivers

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** dev to export the buffer from

**struct drm\_file \* file\_priv** drm file-private structure

**int prime\_fd** fd id of the dma-buf which should be imported

**uint32\_t \* handle** pointer to storage for the handle of the imported buffer object

### Description

This is the PRIME import function which must be used mandatorily by GEM drivers to ensure correct lifetime management of the underlying GEM object. The actual importing of GEM object from the dma-buf is done through the `gem_import_export` driver callback.

```
struct sg_table * drm_prime_pages_to_sg(struct page ** pages, unsigned int nr_pages)
```

converts a page array into an sg list

### Parameters

**struct page \*\* pages** pointer to the array of page pointers to convert

**unsigned int nr\_pages** length of the page vector

### Description

This helper creates an sg table object from a set of pages the driver is responsible for mapping the pages into the importers address space for use with `dma_buf` itself.

**int `drm_prime_sg_to_page_addr_arrays`**(struct sg\_table \* *sgt*, struct page \*\* *pages*, dma\_addr\_t \* *addrs*, int *max\_pages*)  
 convert an sg table into a page array

#### Parameters

**struct sg\_table \* *sgt*** scatter-gather table to convert  
**struct page \*\* *pages*** array of page pointers to store the page array in  
**dma\_addr\_t \* *addrs*** optional array to store the dma bus address of each page  
**int *max\_pages*** size of both the passed-in arrays

#### Description

Exports an sg table into an array of pages and addresses. This is currently required by the TTM driver in order to do correct fault handling.

**void `drm_prime_gem_destroy`**(struct [drm\\_gem\\_object](#) \* *obj*, struct sg\_table \* *sg*)  
 helper to clean up a PRIME-imported GEM object

#### Parameters

**struct [drm\\_gem\\_object](#) \* *obj*** GEM object which was created from a dma-buf  
**struct sg\_table \* *sg*** the sg-table which was pinned at import time

#### Description

This is the cleanup functions which GEM drivers need to call when they use **`drm_gem_prime_import`** to import dma-bufs.

## DRM MM Range Allocator

### Overview

`drm_mm` provides a simple range allocator. The drivers are free to use the resource allocator from the linux core if it suits them, the upside of `drm_mm` is that it's in the DRM core. Which means that it's easier to extend for some of the crazier special purpose needs of gpus.

The main data struct is [drm\\_mm](#), allocations are tracked in [drm\\_mm\\_node](#). Drivers are free to embed either of them into their own suitable datastructures. `drm_mm` itself will not do any memory allocations of its own, so if drivers choose not to embed nodes they need to still allocate them themselves.

The range allocator also supports reservation of preallocated blocks. This is useful for taking over initial mode setting configurations from the firmware, where an object needs to be created which exactly matches the firmware's scanout target. As long as the range is still free it can be inserted anytime after the allocator is initialized, which helps with avoiding looped dependencies in the driver load sequence.

`drm_mm` maintains a stack of most recently freed holes, which of all simplistic datastructures seems to be a fairly decent approach to clustering allocations and avoiding too much fragmentation. This means free space searches are  $O(\text{num\_holes})$ . Given that all the fancy features `drm_mm` supports something better would be fairly complex and since gfx thrashing is a fairly steep cliff not a real concern. Removing a node again is  $O(1)$ .

`drm_mm` supports a few features: Alignment and range restrictions can be supplied. Furthermore every [drm\\_mm\\_node](#) has a color value (which is just an opaque unsigned long) which in conjunction with a driver callback can be used to implement sophisticated placement restrictions. The i915 DRM driver uses this to implement guard pages between incompatible caching domains in the graphics TT.

Two behaviors are supported for searching and allocating: bottom-up and top-down. The default is bottom-up. Top-down allocation can be used if the memory area has different restrictions, or just to reduce fragmentation.



Finally iteration helpers to walk all nodes and all holes are provided as are some basic allocator dumpers for debugging.

Note that this range allocator is not thread-safe, drivers need to protect modifications with their own locking. The idea behind this is that for a full memory manager additional data needs to be protected anyway, hence internal locking would be fully redundant.

## LRU Scan/Eviction Support

Very often GPUs need to have continuous allocations for a given object. When evicting objects to make space for a new one it is therefore not most efficient when we simply start to select all objects from the tail of an LRU until there's a suitable hole: Especially for big objects or nodes that otherwise have special allocation constraints there's a good chance we evict lots of (smaller) objects unnecessarily.

The DRM range allocator supports this use-case through the scanning interfaces. First a scan operation needs to be initialized with `drm_mm_scan_init()` or `drm_mm_scan_init_with_range()`. The driver adds objects to the roster, probably by walking an LRU list, but this can be freely implemented. Eviction candidates are added using `drm_mm_scan_add_block()` until a suitable hole is found or there are no further evictable objects. Eviction roster metadata is tracked in `struct drm_mm_scan`.

The driver must walk through all objects again in exactly the reverse order to restore the allocator state. Note that while the allocator is used in the scan mode no other operation is allowed.

Finally the driver evicts all objects selected (`drm_mm_scan_remove_block()` reported true) in the scan, and any overlapping nodes after color adjustment (`drm_mm_scan_color_evict()`). Adding and removing an object is  $O(1)$ , and since freeing a node is also  $O(1)$  the overall complexity is  $O(\text{scanned\_objects})$ . So like the free stack which needs to be walked before a scan operation even begins this is linear in the number of objects. It doesn't seem to hurt too badly.

## DRM MM Range Allocator Function References

enum `drm_mm_insert_mode`  
control search and allocation behaviour

### Constants

**DRM\_MM\_INSERT\_BEST** Search for the smallest hole (within the search range) that fits the desired node.  
Allocates the node from the bottom of the found hole.

**DRM\_MM\_INSERT\_LOW** Search for the lowest hole (address closest to 0, within the search range) that fits the desired node.  
Allocates the node from the bottom of the found hole.

**DRM\_MM\_INSERT\_HIGH** Search for the highest hole (address closest to `U64_MAX`, within the search range) that fits the desired node.  
Allocates the node from the *top* of the found hole. The specified alignment for the node is applied to the base of the node (`drm_mm_node.start`).

**DRM\_MM\_INSERT\_EVICT** Search for the most recently evicted hole (within the search range) that fits the desired node. This is appropriate for use immediately after performing an eviction scan (see `drm_mm_scan_init()`) and removing the selected nodes to form a hole.  
Allocates the node from the bottom of the found hole.

### Description

The `struct drm_mm` range manager supports finding a suitable modes using a number of search trees. These trees are organised by size, by address and in most recent eviction order. This allows the user to find either the smallest hole to reuse, the lowest or highest address to reuse, or simply reuse the most recent eviction that fits. When allocating the `drm_mm_node` from within the hole, the `drm_mm_insert_mode` also dictate whether to allocate the lowest matching address or the highest.



struct **drm\_mm\_node**  
 allocated block in the DRM allocator

### Definition

```
struct drm_mm_node {
    unsigned long color;
    u64 start;
    u64 size;
};
```

### Members

**color** Opaque driver-private tag.

**start** Start address of the allocated block.

**size** Size of the allocated block.

### Description

This represents an allocated block in a *drm\_mm* allocator. Except for pre-reserved nodes inserted using *drm\_mm\_reserve\_node()* the structure is entirely opaque and should only be accessed through the provided functions. Since allocation of these nodes is entirely handled by the driver they can be embedded.

struct **drm\_mm**  
 DRM allocator

### Definition

```
struct drm_mm {
    void (*color_adjust)(const struct drm_mm_node *node, unsigned long color, u64 *start, u64 *end);
};
```

### Members

**color\_adjust** Optional driver callback to further apply restrictions on a hole. The node argument points at the node containing the hole from which the block would be allocated (see *drm\_mm\_hole\_follows()* and friends). The other arguments are the size of the block to be allocated. The driver can adjust the start and end as needed to e.g. insert guard pages.

### Description

DRM range allocator with a few special functions and features geared towards managing GPU memory. Except for the **color\_adjust** callback the structure is entirely opaque and should only be accessed through the provided functions and macros. This structure can be embedded into larger driver structures.

struct **drm\_mm\_scan**  
 DRM allocator eviction roaster data

### Definition

```
struct drm_mm_scan {
};
```

### Members

### Description

This structure tracks data needed for the eviction roaster set up using *drm\_mm\_scan\_init()*, and used with *drm\_mm\_scan\_add\_block()* and *drm\_mm\_scan\_remove\_block()*. The structure is entirely opaque and should only be accessed through the provided functions and macros. It is meant to be allocated temporarily by the driver on the stack.

bool **drm\_mm\_node\_allocated**(const struct *drm\_mm\_node* \* node)  
 checks whether a node is allocated

### Parameters

**const struct drm\_mm\_node \* node** drm\_mm\_node to check

### Description

Drivers are required to clear a node prior to using it with the drm\_mm range manager.

Drivers should use this helper for proper encapsulation of drm\_mm internals.

### Return

True if the **node** is allocated.

bool **drm\_mm\_initialized**(const struct *drm\_mm* \* mm)  
checks whether an allocator is initialized

### Parameters

**const struct drm\_mm \* mm** drm\_mm to check

### Description

Drivers should clear the struct drm\_mm prior to initialisation if they want to use this function.

Drivers should use this helper for proper encapsulation of drm\_mm internals.

### Return

True if the **mm** is initialized.

bool **drm\_mm\_hole\_follows**(const struct *drm\_mm\_node* \* node)  
checks whether a hole follows this node

### Parameters

**const struct drm\_mm\_node \* node** drm\_mm\_node to check

### Description

Holes are embedded into the drm\_mm using the tail of a drm\_mm\_node. If you wish to know whether a hole follows this particular node, query this function. See also *drm\_mm\_hole\_node\_start()* and *drm\_mm\_hole\_node\_end()*.

### Return

True if a hole follows the **node**.

u64 **drm\_mm\_hole\_node\_start**(const struct *drm\_mm\_node* \* hole\_node)  
computes the start of the hole following **node**

### Parameters

**const struct drm\_mm\_node \* hole\_node** drm\_mm\_node which implicitly tracks the following hole

### Description

This is useful for driver-specific debug dumpers. Otherwise drivers should not inspect holes themselves. Drivers must check first whether a hole indeed follows by looking at *drm\_mm\_hole\_follows()*

### Return

Start of the subsequent hole.

u64 **drm\_mm\_hole\_node\_end**(const struct *drm\_mm\_node* \* hole\_node)  
computes the end of the hole following **node**

### Parameters

**const struct drm\_mm\_node \* hole\_node** drm\_mm\_node which implicitly tracks the following hole

### Description

This is useful for driver-specific debug dumpers. Otherwise drivers should not inspect holes themselves. Drivers must check first whether a hole indeed follows by looking at *drm\_mm\_hole\_follows()*.

### Return

End of the subsequent hole.

**drm\_mm\_nodes**(*mm*)  
list of nodes under the drm\_mm range manager

### Parameters

**mm** the struct drm\_mm range manger

### Description

As the drm\_mm range manager hides its node\_list deep with its structure, extracting it looks painful and repetitive. This is not expected to be used outside of the `drm_mm_for_each_node()` macros and similar internal functions.

### Return

The node list, may be empty.

**drm\_mm\_for\_each\_node**(*entry, mm*)  
iterator to walk over all allocated nodes

### Parameters

**entry** `struct drm_mm_node` to assign to in each iteration step

**mm** `drm_mm` allocator to walk

### Description

This iterator walks over all nodes in the range allocator. It is implemented with `list_for_each()`, so not save against removal of elements.

**drm\_mm\_for\_each\_node\_safe**(*entry, next, mm*)  
iterator to walk over all allocated nodes

### Parameters

**entry** `struct drm_mm_node` to assign to in each iteration step

**next** `struct drm_mm_node` to store the next step

**mm** `drm_mm` allocator to walk

### Description

This iterator walks over all nodes in the range allocator. It is implemented with `list_for_each_safe()`, so save against removal of elements.

**drm\_mm\_for\_each\_hole**(*pos, mm, hole\_start, hole\_end*)  
iterator to walk over all holes

### Parameters

**pos** `drm_mm_node` used internally to track progress

**mm** `drm_mm` allocator to walk

**hole\_start** ulong variable to assign the hole start to on each iteration

**hole\_end** ulong variable to assign the hole end to on each iteration

### Description

This iterator walks over all holes in the range allocator. It is implemented with `list_for_each()`, so not save against removal of elements. **entry** is used internally and will not reflect a real `drm_mm_node` for the very first hole. Hence users of this iterator may not access it.

Implementation Note: We need to inline `list_for_each_entry` in order to be able to set `hole_start` and `hole_end` on each iteration while keeping the macro sane.

```
int drm_mm_insert_node_generic(struct drm_mm * mm, struct drm_mm_node * node,  
                             u64 size, u64 alignment, unsigned long color, enum  
                             drm_mm_insert_mode mode)  
    search for space and insert node
```

**Parameters**

**struct *drm\_mm* \* *mm*** *drm\_mm* to allocate from

**struct *drm\_mm\_node* \* *node*** preallocate node to insert

**u64 *size*** size of the allocation

**u64 *alignment*** alignment of the allocation

**unsigned long *color*** opaque tag value to use for this node

**enum *drm\_mm\_insert\_mode* *mode*** fine-tune the allocation search and placement

**Description**

This is a simplified version of *drm\_mm\_insert\_node\_in\_range()* with no range restrictions applied.

The preallocated node must be cleared to 0.

**Return**

0 on success, -ENOSPC if there's no suitable hole.

```
int drm_mm_insert_node(struct drm_mm * mm, struct drm_mm_node * node, u64 size)  
    search for space and insert node
```

**Parameters**

**struct *drm\_mm* \* *mm*** *drm\_mm* to allocate from

**struct *drm\_mm\_node* \* *node*** preallocate node to insert

**u64 *size*** size of the allocation

**Description**

This is a simplified version of *drm\_mm\_insert\_node\_generic()* with **color** set to 0.

The preallocated node must be cleared to 0.

**Return**

0 on success, -ENOSPC if there's no suitable hole.

```
bool drm_mm_clean(const struct drm_mm * mm)  
    checks whether an allocator is clean
```

**Parameters**

**const struct *drm\_mm* \* *mm*** *drm\_mm* allocator to check

**Return**

True if the allocator is completely free, false if there's still a node allocated in it.

```
drm_mm_for_each_node_in_range(node__, mm__, start__, end__)  
    iterator to walk over a range of allocated nodes
```

**Parameters**

**node\_\_** *drm\_mm\_node* structure to assign to in each iteration step

**mm\_\_** *drm\_mm* allocator to walk

**start\_\_** starting offset, the first node will overlap this

**end\_\_** ending offset, the last node will start before this (but may overlap)

## Description

This iterator walks over all nodes in the range allocator that lie between **start** and **end**. It is implemented similarly to `list_for_each()`, but using the internal interval tree to accelerate the search for the starting node, and so not safe against removal of elements. It assumes that **end** is within (or is the upper limit of) the `drm_mm` allocator. If [**start**, **end**] are beyond the range of the `drm_mm`, the iterator may walk over the special `_unallocated_` `drm_mm.head_node`, and may even continue indefinitely.

```
void drm_mm_scan_init(struct drm_mm_scan * scan, struct drm_mm * mm, u64 size,
                    u64 alignment, unsigned long color, enum drm_mm_insert_mode mode)
    initialize lru scanning
```

## Parameters

**struct `drm_mm_scan` \* scan** scan state

**struct `drm_mm` \* mm** `drm_mm` to scan

**u64 size** size of the allocation

**u64 alignment** alignment of the allocation

**unsigned long color** opaque tag value to use for the allocation

**enum `drm_mm_insert_mode` mode** fine-tune the allocation search and placement

## Description

This is a simplified version of `drm_mm_scan_init_with_range()` with no range restrictions applied.

This simply sets up the scanning routines with the parameters for the desired hole.

Warning: As long as the scan list is non-empty, no other operations than adding/removing nodes to/from the scan list are allowed.

```
int drm_mm_reserve_node(struct drm_mm * mm, struct drm_mm_node * node)
    insert an pre-initialized node
```

## Parameters

**struct `drm_mm` \* mm** `drm_mm` allocator to insert **node** into

**struct `drm_mm_node` \* node** `drm_mm_node` to insert

## Description

This functions inserts an already set-up `drm_mm_node` into the allocator, meaning that start, size and color must be set by the caller. All other fields must be cleared to 0. This is useful to initialize the allocator with preallocated objects which must be set-up before the range allocator can be set-up, e.g. when taking over a firmware framebuffer.

## Return

0 on success, -ENOSPC if there's no hole where **node** is.

```
int drm_mm_insert_node_in_range(struct drm_mm *const mm, struct drm_mm_node *const node,
                              u64 size, u64 alignment, unsigned long color, u64 range_start,
                              u64 range_end, enum drm_mm_insert_mode mode)
    ranged search for space and insert node
```

## Parameters

**struct `drm_mm` \*const mm** `drm_mm` to allocate from

**struct `drm_mm_node` \*const node** preallocate node to insert

**u64 size** size of the allocation

**u64 alignment** alignment of the allocation

**unsigned long color** opaque tag value to use for this node

**u64 range\_start** start of the allowed range for this node

**u64 range\_end** end of the allowed range for this node

**enum drm\_mm\_insert\_mode mode** fine-tune the allocation search and placement

### Description

The preallocated **node** must be cleared to 0.

### Return

0 on success, -ENOSPC if there's no suitable hole.

void **drm\_mm\_remove\_node**(struct *drm\_mm\_node* \* node)  
Remove a memory node from the allocator.

### Parameters

**struct drm\_mm\_node \* node** drm\_mm\_node to remove

### Description

This just removes a node from its drm\_mm allocator. The node does not need to be cleared again before it can be re-inserted into this or any other drm\_mm allocator. It is a bug to call this function on a unallocated node.

void **drm\_mm\_replace\_node**(struct *drm\_mm\_node* \* old, struct *drm\_mm\_node* \* new)  
move an allocation from **old** to **new**

### Parameters

**struct drm\_mm\_node \* old** drm\_mm\_node to remove from the allocator

**struct drm\_mm\_node \* new** drm\_mm\_node which should inherit **old**'s allocation

### Description

This is useful for when drivers embed the drm\_mm\_node structure and hence can't move allocations by reassigning pointers. It's a combination of remove and insert with the guarantee that the allocation start will match.

void **drm\_mm\_scan\_init\_with\_range**(struct *drm\_mm\_scan* \* scan, struct *drm\_mm* \* mm, u64 size, u64 alignment, unsigned long color, u64 start, u64 end, enum *drm\_mm\_insert\_mode* mode)  
initialize range-restricted lru scanning

### Parameters

**struct drm\_mm\_scan \* scan** scan state

**struct drm\_mm \* mm** drm\_mm to scan

**u64 size** size of the allocation

**u64 alignment** alignment of the allocation

**unsigned long color** opaque tag value to use for the allocation

**u64 start** start of the allowed range for the allocation

**u64 end** end of the allowed range for the allocation

**enum drm\_mm\_insert\_mode mode** fine-tune the allocation search and placement

### Description

This simply sets up the scanning routines with the parameters for the desired hole.

Warning: As long as the scan list is non-empty, no other operations than adding/removing nodes to/from the scan list are allowed.

bool **drm\_mm\_scan\_add\_block**(struct *drm\_mm\_scan* \* scan, struct *drm\_mm\_node* \* node)  
add a node to the scan list

### Parameters

**struct** `drm_mm_scan` \* `scan` the active `drm_mm` scanner

**struct** `drm_mm_node` \* `node` `drm_mm_node` to add

### Description

Add a node to the scan list that might be freed to make space for the desired hole.

### Return

True if a hole has been found, false otherwise.

**bool** `drm_mm_scan_remove_block`(**struct** `drm_mm_scan` \* `scan`, **struct** `drm_mm_node` \* `node`)  
remove a node from the scan list

### Parameters

**struct** `drm_mm_scan` \* `scan` the active `drm_mm` scanner

**struct** `drm_mm_node` \* `node` `drm_mm_node` to remove

### Description

Nodes **must** be removed in exactly the reverse order from the scan list as they have been added (e.g. using `list_add()` as they are added and then `list_for_each()` over that eviction list to remove), otherwise the internal state of the memory manager will be corrupted.

When the scan list is empty, the selected memory nodes can be freed. An immediately following `drm_mm_insert_node_in_range_generic()` or one of the simpler versions of that function with `!DRM_MM_SEARCH_BEST` will then return the just freed block (because its at the top of the `free_stack` list).

### Return

True if this block should be evicted, false otherwise. Will always return false when no hole has been found.

**struct** `drm_mm_node` \* `drm_mm_scan_color_evict`(**struct** `drm_mm_scan` \* `scan`)  
evict overlapping nodes on either side of hole

### Parameters

**struct** `drm_mm_scan` \* `scan` `drm_mm` scan with target hole

### Description

After completing an eviction scan and removing the selected nodes, we may need to remove a few more nodes from either side of the target hole if `mm.color_adjust` is being used.

### Return

A node to evict, or NULL if there are no overlapping nodes.

**void** `drm_mm_init`(**struct** `drm_mm` \* `mm`, `u64 start`, `u64 size`)  
initialize a `drm-mm` allocator

### Parameters

**struct** `drm_mm` \* `mm` the `drm_mm` structure to initialize

**u64** `start` start of the range managed by `mm`

**u64** `size` end of the range managed by `mm`

### Description

Note that `mm` must be cleared to 0 before calling this function.

**void** `drm_mm_takedown`(**struct** `drm_mm` \* `mm`)  
clean up a `drm_mm` allocator

### Parameters

**struct** `drm_mm` \* `mm` `drm_mm` allocator to clean up

## Description

Note that it is a bug to call this function on an allocator which is not clean.

void **drm\_mm\_print**(const struct *drm\_mm* \* *mm*, struct *drm\_printer* \* *p*)  
print allocator state

## Parameters

**const struct drm\_mm \* mm** drm\_mm allocator to print

**struct drm\_printer \* p** DRM printer to use

## DRM Cache Handling

void **drm\_clflush\_pages**(struct page \* *pages*, unsigned long *num\_pages*)  
Flush dcache lines of a set of pages.

## Parameters

**struct page \* pages** List of pages to be flushed.

**unsigned long num\_pages** Number of pages in the array.

## Description

Flush every data cache line entry that points to an address belonging to a page in the array.

void **drm\_clflush\_sg**(struct sg\_table \* *st*)  
Flush dcache lines pointing to a scatter-gather.

## Parameters

**struct sg\_table \* st** struct sg\_table.

## Description

Flush every data cache line entry that points to an address in the sg.

void **drm\_clflush\_virt\_range**(void \* *addr*, unsigned long *length*)  
Flush dcache lines of a region

## Parameters

**void \* addr** Initial kernel memory address.

**unsigned long length** Region size.

## Description

Flush every data cache line entry that points to an address in the region requested.

## DRM Sync Objects

DRM synchronisation objects (syncobj, see struct *drm\_syncobj*) are persistent objects that contain an optional fence. The fence can be updated with a new fence, or be NULL.

syncobj's can be waited upon, where it will wait for the underlying fence.

syncobj's can be export to fd's and back, these fd's are opaque and have no other use case, except passing the syncobj between processes.

Their primary use-case is to implement Vulkan fences and semaphores.

syncobj have a kref reference count, but also have an optional file. The file is only created once the syncobj is exported. The file takes a reference on the kref.



struct **drm\_syncobj**  
sync object.

### Definition

```
struct drm_syncobj {
    struct kref refcount;
    struct dma_fence __rcu *fence;
    struct list_head cb_list;
    spinlock_t lock;
    struct file *file;
};
```

### Members

**refcount** Reference count of this object.

**fence** NULL or a pointer to the fence bound to this object.

This field should not be used directly. Use `drm_syncobj_fence_get()` and `drm_syncobj_replace_fence()` instead.

**cb\_list** List of callbacks to call when the fence gets replaced.

**lock** Protects `cb_list` and write-locks `fence`.

**file** A file backing for this syncobj.

### Description

This structure defines a generic sync object which wraps a `dma_fence`.

struct **drm\_syncobj\_cb**  
callback for `drm_syncobj_add_callback`

### Definition

```
struct drm_syncobj_cb {
    struct list_head node;
    drm_syncobj_func_t func;
};
```

### Members

**node** used by `drm_syncobj_add_callback` to append this struct to `drm_syncobj.cb_list`

**func** `drm_syncobj_func_t` to call

### Description

This struct will be initialized by `drm_syncobj_add_callback`, additional data can be passed along by embedding `drm_syncobj_cb` in another struct. The callback will get called the next time `drm_syncobj_replace_fence` is called.

void **drm\_syncobj\_get**(struct `drm_syncobj` \* *obj*)  
acquire a syncobj reference

### Parameters

struct **drm\_syncobj** \* *obj* sync object

### Description

This acquires an additional reference to **obj**. It is illegal to call this without already holding a reference. No locks required.

void **drm\_syncobj\_put**(struct `drm_syncobj` \* *obj*)  
release a reference to a sync object.

### Parameters

**struct drm\_syncobj \* obj** sync object.

**struct dma\_fence \* drm\_syncobj\_fence\_get**(**struct drm\_syncobj \* syncobj**)  
get a reference to a fence in a sync object

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_syncobj \* syncobj** sync object.

#### Description

This acquires additional reference to *drm\_syncobj.fence* contained in **obj**, if not NULL. It is illegal to call this without already holding a reference. No locks required.

#### Return

Either the fence of **obj** or NULL if there's none.

**struct drm\_syncobj \* drm\_syncobj\_find**(**struct drm\_file \* file\_private**, **u32 handle**)  
lookup and reference a sync object.

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_file \* file\_private** drm file private pointer

**u32 handle** sync object handle to lookup.

#### Description

Returns a reference to the syncobj pointed to by handle or NULL. The reference must be released by calling *drm\_syncobj\_put()*.

**void drm\_syncobj\_add\_callback**(**struct drm\_syncobj \* syncobj**, **struct drm\_syncobj\_cb \* cb**,  
**drm\_syncobj\_func\_t func**)  
adds a callback to syncobj::cb\_list

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_syncobj \* syncobj** Sync object to which to add the callback

**struct drm\_syncobj\_cb \* cb** Callback to add

**drm\_syncobj\_func\_t func** Func to use when initializing the *drm\_syncobj\_cb* struct

#### Description

This adds a callback to be called next time the fence is replaced

**void drm\_syncobj\_remove\_callback**(**struct drm\_syncobj \* syncobj**, **struct drm\_syncobj\_cb \* cb**)  
removes a callback to syncobj::cb\_list

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_syncobj \* syncobj** Sync object from which to remove the callback

**struct drm\_syncobj\_cb \* cb** Callback to remove

**void drm\_syncobj\_replace\_fence**(**struct drm\_syncobj \* syncobj**, **struct dma\_fence \* fence**)  
replace fence in a sync object.

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_syncobj \* syncobj** Sync object to replace fence in

**struct dma\_fence \* fence** fence to install in sync file.

#### Description

This replaces the fence on a sync object.

**int drm\_syncobj\_find\_fence**(**struct drm\_file \* file\_private**, **u32 handle**, **struct dma\_fence \*\* fence**)  
lookup and reference the fence in a sync object

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_file \* file\_private** drm file private pointer

**u32 handle** sync object handle to lookup.

**struct dma\_fence \*\* fence** out parameter for the fence

### Description

This is just a convenience function that combines [drm\\_syncobj\\_find\(\)](#) and [drm\\_syncobj\\_fence\\_get\(\)](#).

Returns 0 on success or a negative error value on failure. On success **fence** contains a reference to the fence, which must be released by calling [dma\\_fence\\_put\(\)](#).

void **drm\_syncobj\_free**(struct kref \* kref)  
free a sync object.

### Parameters

**struct kref \* kref** kref to free.

### Description

Only to be called from [kref\\_put](#) in [drm\\_syncobj\\_put](#).

int **drm\_syncobj\_create**(struct [drm\\_syncobj](#) \*\* out\_syncobj, uint32\_t flags, struct dma\_fence  
\* fence)  
create a new syncobj

### Parameters

**struct drm\_syncobj \*\* out\_syncobj** returned syncobj

**uint32\_t flags** DRM\_SYNCOBJ\_\* flags

**struct dma\_fence \* fence** if non-NULL, the syncobj will represent this fence

### Description

This is the first function to create a sync object. After creating, drivers probably want to make it available to userspace, either through [drm\\_syncobj\\_get\\_handle\(\)](#) or [drm\\_syncobj\\_get\\_fd\(\)](#).

Returns 0 on success or a negative error value on failure.

int **drm\_syncobj\_get\_handle**(struct [drm\\_file](#) \* file\_private, struct [drm\\_syncobj](#) \* syncobj, u32 \* han-  
dle)  
get a handle from a syncobj

### Parameters

**struct drm\_file \* file\_private** drm file private pointer

**struct drm\_syncobj \* syncobj** Sync object to export

**u32 \* handle** out parameter with the new handle

### Description

Exports a sync object created with [drm\\_syncobj\\_create\(\)](#) as a handle on **file\_private** to userspace.

Returns 0 on success or a negative error value on failure.

int **drm\_syncobj\_get\_fd**(struct [drm\\_syncobj](#) \* syncobj, int \* p\_fd)  
get a file descriptor from a syncobj

### Parameters

**struct drm\_syncobj \* syncobj** Sync object to export

**int \* p\_fd** out parameter with the new file descriptor

### Description

Exports a sync object created with [drm\\_syncobj\\_create\(\)](#) as a file descriptor.

Returns 0 on success or a negative error value on failure.



## KERNEL MODE SETTING (KMS)

Drivers must initialize the mode setting core by calling `drm_mode_config_init()` on the DRM device. The function initializes the `struct drm_device mode_config` field and never fails. Once done, mode configuration must be setup by initializing the following fields.

- `int min_width, min_height; int max_width, max_height;` Minimum and maximum width and height of the frame buffers in pixel units.
- `struct drm_mode_config_funcs *funcs;` Mode setting functions.

### Overview

The basic object structure KMS presents to userspace is fairly simple. Framebuffers (represented by `struct drm_framebuffer`, see *Frame Buffer Abstraction*) feed into planes. One or more (or even no) planes feed their pixel data into a CRTC (represented by `struct drm_crtc`, see *CRTC Abstraction*) for blending. The precise blending step is explained in more detail in *Plane Composition Properties* and related chapters.

For the output routing the first step is encoders (represented by `struct drm_encoder`, see *Encoder Abstraction*). Those are really just internal artifacts of the helper libraries used to implement KMS drivers. Besides that they make it unnecessarily more complicated for userspace to figure out which connections between a CRTC and a connector are possible, and what kind of cloning is supported, they serve no purpose in the userspace API. Unfortunately encoders have been exposed to userspace, hence can't remove them at this point. Furthermore the exposed restrictions are often wrongly set by drivers, and in many cases not powerful enough to express the real restrictions. A CRTC can be connected to multiple encoders, and for an active CRTC there must be at least one encoder.

The final, and real, endpoint in the display chain is the connector (represented by `struct drm_connector`, see *Connector Abstraction*). Connectors can have different possible encoders, but the kernel driver selects which encoder to use for each connector. The use case is DVI, which could switch between an analog and a digital encoder. Encoders can also drive multiple different connectors. There is exactly one active connector for every active encoder.

Internally the output pipeline is a bit more complex and matches today's hardware more closely:

Internally two additional helper objects come into play. First, to be able to share code for encoders (sometimes on the same SoC, sometimes off-chip) one or more *Bridges* (represented by `struct drm_bridge`) can be linked to an encoder. This link is static and cannot be changed, which means the cross-bar (if there is any) needs to be mapped between the CRTC and any encoders. Often for drivers with bridges there's no code left at the encoder level. Atomic drivers can leave out all the encoder callbacks to essentially only leave a dummy routing object behind, which is needed for backwards compatibility since encoders are exposed to userspace.

The second object is for panels, represented by `struct drm_panel`, see *Panel Helper Reference*. Panels do not have a fixed binding point, but are generally linked to the driver private structure that embeds `struct drm_connector`.

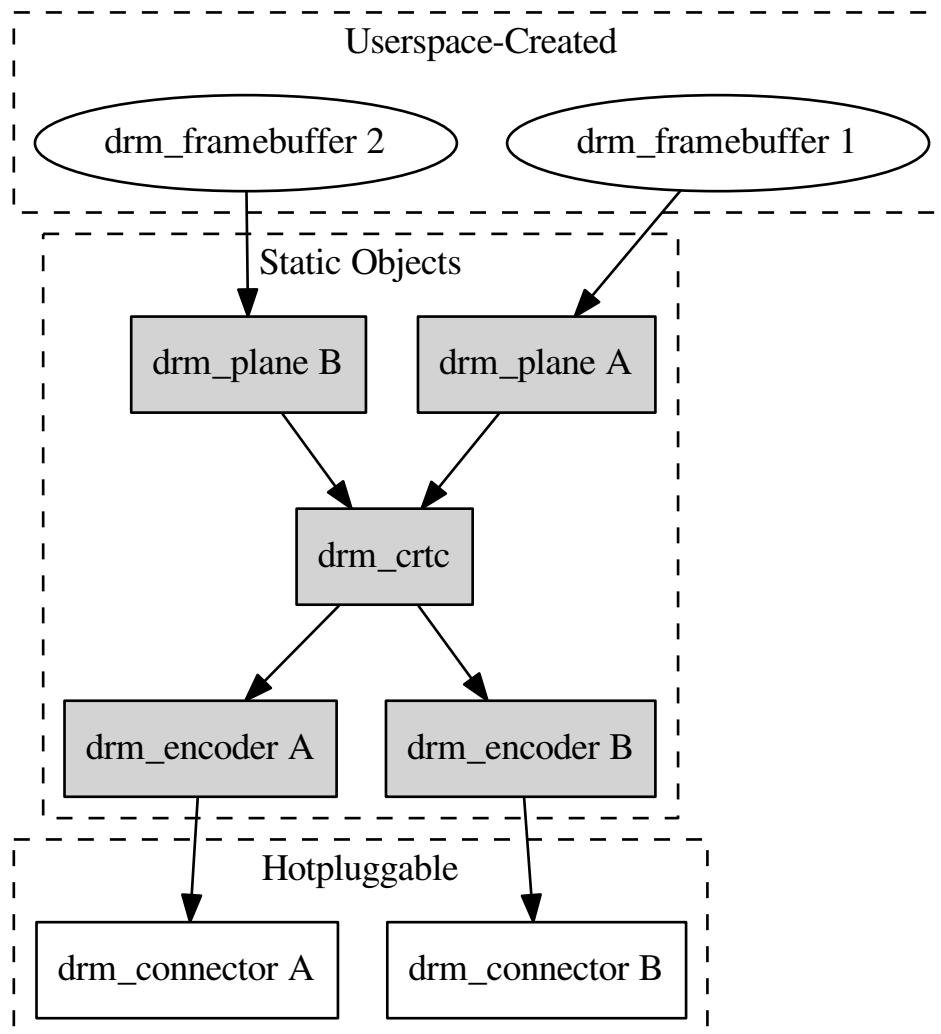


Fig. 4.1: KMS Display Pipeline Overview

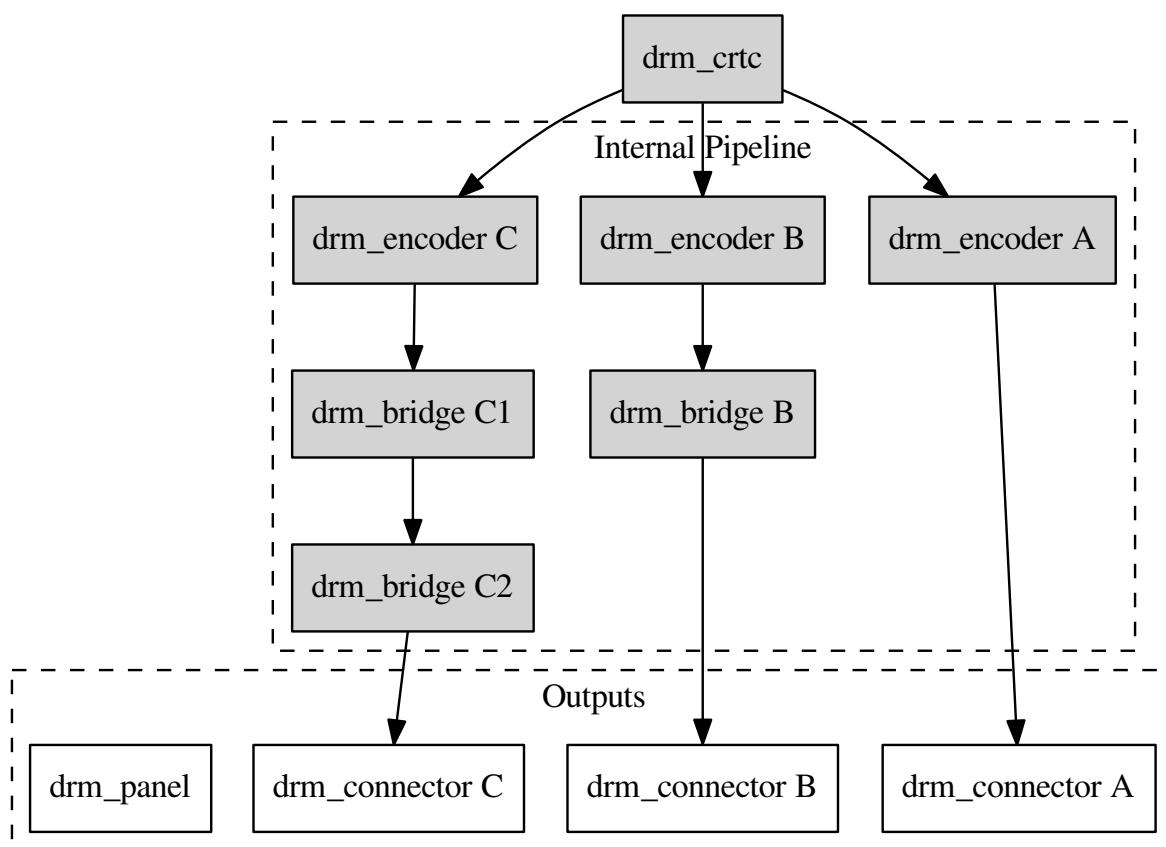


Fig. 4.2: KMS Output Pipeline

Note that currently the bridge chaining and interactions with connectors and panels are still in-flux and not really fully sorted out yet.

## KMS Core Structures and Functions

### struct `drm_mode_config_funcs`

basic driver provided mode setting functions

#### Definition

```
struct drm_mode_config_funcs {
    struct drm_framebuffer *(*fb_create)(struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_file *file_priv, const struct drm_format_info *info, const struct drm_mode_fb_cmd2 *mode_cmd);
    const struct drm_format_info *(*get_format_info)(const struct drm_mode_fb_cmd2 *mode_cmd);
    void (*output_poll_changed)(struct drm_device *dev);
    int (*atomic_check)(struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_atomic_state *state);
    int (*atomic_commit)(struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_atomic_state *state, bool nonblock);
    struct drm_atomic_state *(*atomic_state_alloc)(struct drm_device *dev);
    void (*atomic_state_clear)(struct drm_atomic_state *state);
    void (*atomic_state_free)(struct drm_atomic_state *state);
};
```

#### Members

**fb\_create** Create a new framebuffer object. The core does basic checks on the requested metadata, but most of that is left to the driver. See struct `drm_mode_fb_cmd2` for details.

If the parameters are deemed valid and the backing storage objects in the underlying memory manager all exist, then the driver allocates a new `drm_framebuffer` structure, subclassed to contain driver-specific information (like the internal native buffer object references). It also needs to fill out all relevant metadata, which should be done by calling `drm_helper_mode_fill_fb_struct()`.

The initialization is finalized by calling `drm_framebuffer_init()`, which registers the framebuffer and makes it accessible to other threads.

RETURNS:

A new framebuffer with an initial reference count of 1 or a negative error code encoded with `ERR_PTR()`.

**get\_format\_info** Allows a driver to return custom format information for special fb layouts (eg. ones with auxiliary compression control planes).

RETURNS:

The format information specific to the given fb metadata, or NULL if none is found.

**output\_poll\_changed** Callback used by helpers to inform the driver of output configuration changes.

Drivers implementing fbdev emulation with the helpers can call `drm_fb_helper_hotplug_changed` from this hook to inform the fbdev helper of output changes.

FIXME:

Except that there's no vtable for device-level helper callbacks there's no reason this is a core function.

**atomic\_check** This is the only hook to validate an atomic modeset update. This function must reject any modeset and state changes which the hardware or driver doesn't support. This includes but is of course not limited to:

- Checking that the modes, framebuffers, scaling and placement requirements and so on are within the limits of the hardware.
- Checking that any hidden shared resources are not oversubscribed. This can be shared PLLs, shared lanes, overall memory bandwidth, display fifo space (where shared between planes or maybe even CRTC).



- Checking that virtualized resources exported to userspace are not oversubscribed. For various reasons it can make sense to expose more planes, crtcs or encoders than which are physically there. One example is dual-pipe operations (which generally should be hidden from userspace if when lockstepped in hardware, exposed otherwise), where a plane might need 1 hardware plane (if it's just on one pipe), 2 hardware planes (when it spans both pipes) or maybe even shared a hardware plane with a 2nd plane (if there's a compatible plane requested on the area handled by the other pipe).
- Check that any transitional state is possible and that if requested, the update can indeed be done in the vblank period without temporarily disabling some functions.
- Check any other constraints the driver or hardware might have.
- This callback also needs to correctly fill out the `drm_crtc_state` in this update to make sure that `drm_atomic_crtc_needs_modeset()` reflects the nature of the possible update and returns true if and only if the update cannot be applied without tearing within one vblank on that CRTC. The core uses that information to reject updates which require a full modeset (i.e. blanking the screen, or at least pausing updates for a substantial amount of time) if userspace has disallowed that in its request.
- The driver also does not need to repeat basic input validation like done for the corresponding legacy entry points. The core does that before calling this hook.

See the documentation of **atomic\_commit** for an exhaustive list of error conditions which don't have to be checked at the in this callback.

See the documentation for `struct drm_atomic_state` for how exactly an atomic modeset update is described.

Drivers using the atomic helpers can implement this hook using `drm_atomic_helper_check()`, or one of the exported sub-functions of it.

RETURNS:

0 on success or one of the below negative error codes:

- -EINVAL, if any of the above constraints are violated.
- -EDEADLK, when returned from an attempt to acquire an additional `drm_modeset_lock` through `drm_modeset_lock()`.
- -ENOMEM, if allocating additional state sub-structures failed due to lack of memory.
- -EINTR, -EAGAIN or -ERESTARTSYS, if the IOCTL should be restarted. This can either be due to a pending signal, or because the driver needs to completely bail out to recover from an exceptional situation like a GPU hang. From a userspace point all errors are treated equally.

**atomic\_commit** This is the only hook to commit an atomic modeset update. The core guarantees that **atomic\_check** has been called successfully before calling this function, and that nothing has been changed in the interim.

See the documentation for `struct drm_atomic_state` for how exactly an atomic modeset update is described.

Drivers using the atomic helpers can implement this hook using `drm_atomic_helper_commit()`, or one of the exported sub-functions of it.

Nonblocking commits (as indicated with the `nonblock` parameter) must do any preparatory work which might result in an unsuccessful commit in the context of this callback. The only exceptions are hardware errors resulting in -EIO. But even in that case the driver must ensure that the display pipe is at least running, to avoid compositors crashing when pageflips don't work. Anything else, specifically committing the update to the hardware, should be done without blocking the caller. For updates which do not require a modeset this must be guaranteed.

The driver must wait for any pending rendering to the new framebuffers to complete before executing the flip. It should also wait for any pending rendering from other drivers if the underlying buffer is a shared dma-buf. Nonblocking commits must not wait for rendering in the context of this callback.

An application can request to be notified when the atomic commit has completed. These events are per-CRTC and can be distinguished by the CRTC index supplied in `drm_event` to userspace.

The drm core will supply a struct `drm_event` in each CRTC's `drm_crtc_state.event`. See the documentation for `drm_crtc_state.event` for more details about the precise semantics of this event.

NOTE:

Drivers are not allowed to shut down any display pipe successfully enabled through an atomic commit on their own. Doing so can result in compositors crashing if a page flip is suddenly rejected because the pipe is off.

RETURNS:

0 on success or one of the below negative error codes:

- `-EBUSY`, if a nonblocking update is requested and there is an earlier update pending. Drivers are allowed to support a queue of outstanding updates, but currently no driver supports that. Note that drivers must wait for preceding updates to complete if a synchronous update is requested, they are not allowed to fail the commit in that case.
- `-ENOMEM`, if the driver failed to allocate memory. Specifically this can happen when trying to pin framebuffers, which must only be done when committing the state.
- `-ENOSPC`, as a refinement of the more generic `-ENOMEM` to indicate that the driver has run out of vram, iommu space or similar GPU address space needed for framebuffer.
- `-EIO`, if the hardware completely died.
- `-EINTR`, `-EAGAIN` or `-ERESTARTSYS`, if the IOCTL should be restarted. This can either be due to a pending signal, or because the driver needs to completely bail out to recover from an exceptional situation like a GPU hang. From a userspace point of view all errors are treated equally.

This list is exhaustive. Specifically this hook is not allowed to return `-EINVAL` (any invalid requests should be caught in **atomic\_check**) or `-EDEADLK` (this function must not acquire additional modeset locks).

**atomic\_state\_alloc** This optional hook can be used by drivers that want to subclass struct `drm_atomic_state` to be able to track their own driver-private global state easily. If this hook is implemented, drivers must also implement **atomic\_state\_clear** and **atomic\_state\_free**.

Subclassing of `drm_atomic_state` is deprecated in favour of using `drm_private_state` and `drm_private_obj`.

RETURNS:

A new `drm_atomic_state` on success or NULL on failure.

**atomic\_state\_clear** This hook must clear any driver private state duplicated into the passed-in `drm_atomic_state`. This hook is called when the caller encountered a `drm_modeset_lock` deadlock and needs to drop all already acquired locks as part of the deadlock avoidance dance implemented in `drm_modeset_backoff()`.

Any duplicated state must be invalidated since a concurrent atomic update might change it, and the drm atomic interfaces always apply updates as relative changes to the current state.

Drivers that implement this must call `drm_atomic_state_default_clear()` to clear common state.

Subclassing of `drm_atomic_state` is deprecated in favour of using `drm_private_state` and `drm_private_obj`.

**atomic\_state\_free** This hook needs driver private resources and the `drm_atomic_state` itself. Note that the core first calls `drm_atomic_state_clear()` to avoid code duplicate between the clear and free hooks.

Drivers that implement this must call `drm_atomic_state_default_release()` to release common resources.

Subclassing of *drm\_atomic\_state* is deprecated in favour of using *drm\_private\_state* and *drm\_private\_obj*.

## Description

Some global (i.e. not per-CRTC, connector, etc) mode setting functions that involve drivers.

### struct **drm\_mode\_config**

Mode configuration control structure

## Definition

```
struct drm_mode_config {
    struct mutex mutex;
    struct drm_modeset_lock connection_mutex;
    struct drm_modeset_acquire_ctx *acquire_ctx;
    struct mutex idr_mutex;
    struct idr crtc_idr;
    struct idr tile_idr;
    struct mutex fb_lock;
    int num_fb;
    struct list_head fb_list;
    spinlock_t connector_list_lock;
    int num_connector;
    struct ida connector_ida;
    struct list_head connector_list;
    struct llist_head connector_free_list;
    struct work_struct connector_free_work;
    int num_encoder;
    struct list_head encoder_list;
    int num_total_plane;
    struct list_head plane_list;
    int num_crtc;
    struct list_head crtc_list;
    struct list_head property_list;
    int min_width, min_height;
    int max_width, max_height;
    const struct drm_mode_config_funcs *funcs;
    resource_size_t fb_base;
    bool poll_enabled;
    bool poll_running;
    bool delayed_event;
    struct delayed_work output_poll_work;
    struct mutex blob_lock;
    struct list_head property_blob_list;
    struct drm_property *edid_property;
    struct drm_property *dpms_property;
    struct drm_property *path_property;
    struct drm_property *tile_property;
    struct drm_property *link_status_property;
    struct drm_property *plane_type_property;
    struct drm_property *prop_src_x;
    struct drm_property *prop_src_y;
    struct drm_property *prop_src_w;
    struct drm_property *prop_src_h;
    struct drm_property *prop_crtc_x;
    struct drm_property *prop_crtc_y;
    struct drm_property *prop_crtc_w;
    struct drm_property *prop_crtc_h;
    struct drm_property *prop_fb_id;
    struct drm_property *prop_in_fence_fd;
    struct drm_property *prop_out_fence_ptr;
    struct drm_property *prop_crtc_id;
    struct drm_property *prop_active;
    struct drm_property *prop_mode_id;
```

```

struct drm_property *dvi_i_subconnector_property;
struct drm_property *dvi_i_select_subconnector_property;
struct drm_property *tv_subconnector_property;
struct drm_property *tv_select_subconnector_property;
struct drm_property *tv_mode_property;
struct drm_property *tv_left_margin_property;
struct drm_property *tv_right_margin_property;
struct drm_property *tv_top_margin_property;
struct drm_property *tv_bottom_margin_property;
struct drm_property *tv_brightness_property;
struct drm_property *tv_contrast_property;
struct drm_property *tv_flicker_reduction_property;
struct drm_property *tv_overscan_property;
struct drm_property *tv_saturation_property;
struct drm_property *tv_hue_property;
struct drm_property *scaling_mode_property;
struct drm_property *aspect_ratio_property;
struct drm_property *degamma_lut_property;
struct drm_property *degamma_lut_size_property;
struct drm_property *ctm_property;
struct drm_property *gamma_lut_property;
struct drm_property *gamma_lut_size_property;
struct drm_property *suggested_x_property;
struct drm_property *suggested_y_property;
struct drm_property *non_desktop_property;
struct drm_property *panel_orientation_property;
uint32_t preferred_depth, prefer_shadow;
bool async_page_flip;
bool allow_fb_modifiers;
struct drm_property *modifiers_property;
uint32_t cursor_width, cursor_height;
struct drm_atomic_state *suspend_state;
const struct drm_mode_config_helper_funcs *helper_private;
};

```

## Members

**mutex** This is the big scary modeset BKL which protects everything that isn't protect otherwise. Scope is unclear and fuzzy, try to remove anything from under it's protection and move it into more well-scoped locks.

The one important thing this protects is the use of **acquire\_ctx**.

**connection\_mutex** This protects connector state and the connector to encoder to CRTC routing chain.

For atomic drivers specifically this protects *drm\_connector.state*.

**acquire\_ctx** Global implicit acquire context used by atomic drivers for legacy IOCTLs. Deprecated, since implicit locking contexts make it impossible to use driver-private *struct drm\_modeset\_lock*. Users of this must hold **mutex**.

**idr\_mutex** Mutex for KMS ID allocation and management. Protects both **crtc\_idr** and **tile\_idr**.

**crtc\_idr** Main KMS ID tracking object. Use this idr for all IDs, fb, crtc, connector, modes - just makes life easier to have only one.

**tile\_idr** Use this idr for allocating new IDs for tiled sinks like use in some high-res DP MST screens.

**fb\_lock** Mutex to protect fb the global **fb\_list** and **num\_fb**.

**num\_fb** Number of entries on **fb\_list**.

**fb\_list** List of all *struct drm\_framebuffer*.

**connector\_list\_lock** Protects **num\_connector** and **connector\_list** and **connector\_free\_list**.

**num\_connector** Number of connectors on this device. Protected by **connector\_list\_lock**.

**connector\_ida** ID allocator for connector indices.

**connector\_list** List of connector objects linked with *drm\_connector.head*. Protected by **connector\_list\_lock**. Only use *drm\_for\_each\_connector\_iter()* and *struct drm\_connector\_list\_iter* to walk this list.

**connector\_free\_list** List of connector objects linked with *drm\_connector.free\_head*. Protected by **connector\_list\_lock**. Used by *drm\_for\_each\_connector\_iter()* and *struct drm\_connector\_list\_iter* to safely free connectors using **connector\_free\_work**.

**connector\_free\_work** Work to clean up **connector\_free\_list**.

**num\_encoder** Number of encoders on this device. This is invariant over the lifetime of a device and hence doesn't need any locks.

**encoder\_list** List of encoder objects linked with *drm\_encoder.head*. This is invariant over the lifetime of a device and hence doesn't need any locks.

**num\_total\_plane** Number of universal (i.e. with primary/cursor) planes on this device. This is invariant over the lifetime of a device and hence doesn't need any locks.

**plane\_list** List of plane objects linked with *drm\_plane.head*. This is invariant over the lifetime of a device and hence doesn't need any locks.

**num\_crtc** Number of CRTCs on this device linked with *drm\_crtc.head*. This is invariant over the lifetime of a device and hence doesn't need any locks.

**crtc\_list** List of CRTC objects linked with *drm\_crtc.head*. This is invariant over the lifetime of a device and hence doesn't need any locks.

**property\_list** List of property type objects linked with *drm\_property.head*. This is invariant over the lifetime of a device and hence doesn't need any locks.

**min\_width** minimum pixel width on this device

**min\_height** minimum pixel height on this device

**max\_width** maximum pixel width on this device

**max\_height** maximum pixel height on this device

**funcs** core driver provided mode setting functions

**fb\_base** base address of the framebuffer

**poll\_enabled** track polling support for this device

**poll\_running** track polling status for this device

**delayed\_event** track delayed poll uevent deliver for this device

**output\_poll\_work** delayed work for polling in process context

**blob\_lock** Mutex for blob property allocation and management, protects **property\_blob\_list** and *drm\_file.blobs*.

**property\_blob\_list** List of all the blob property objects linked with *drm\_property\_blob.head*. Protected by **blob\_lock**.

**edid\_property** Default connector property to hold the EDID of the currently connected sink, if any.

**dpms\_property** Default connector property to control the connector's DPMS state.

**path\_property** Default connector property to hold the DP MST path for the port.

**tile\_property** Default connector property to store the tile position of a tiled screen, for sinks which need to be driven with multiple CRTCs.

**link\_status\_property** Default connector property for link status of a connector

**plane\_type\_property** Default plane property to differentiate CURSOR, PRIMARY and OVERLAY legacy uses of planes.

**prop\_src\_x** Default atomic plane property for the plane source position in the connected *drm\_framebuffer*.

**prop\_src\_y** Default atomic plane property for the plane source position in the connected *drm\_framebuffer*.

**prop\_src\_w** Default atomic plane property for the plane source position in the connected *drm\_framebuffer*.

**prop\_src\_h** Default atomic plane property for the plane source position in the connected *drm\_framebuffer*.

**prop\_crtc\_x** Default atomic plane property for the plane destination position in the *drm\_crtc* is is being shown on.

**prop\_crtc\_y** Default atomic plane property for the plane destination position in the *drm\_crtc* is is being shown on.

**prop\_crtc\_w** Default atomic plane property for the plane destination position in the *drm\_crtc* is is being shown on.

**prop\_crtc\_h** Default atomic plane property for the plane destination position in the *drm\_crtc* is is being shown on.

**prop\_fb\_id** Default atomic plane property to specify the *drm\_framebuffer*.

**prop\_in\_fence\_fd** Sync File fd representing the incoming fences for a Plane.

**prop\_out\_fence\_ptr** Sync File fd pointer representing the outgoing fences for a CRTC. Userspace should provide a pointer to a value of type s32, and then cast that pointer to u64.

**prop\_crtc\_id** Default atomic plane property to specify the *drm\_crtc*.

**prop\_active** Default atomic CRTC property to control the active state, which is the simplified implementation for DPMS in atomic drivers.

**prop\_mode\_id** Default atomic CRTC property to set the mode for a CRTC. A 0 mode implies that the CRTC is entirely disabled - all connectors must be of and active must be set to disabled, too.

**dvi\_i\_subconnector\_property** Optional DVI-I property to differentiate between analog or digital mode.

**dvi\_i\_select\_subconnector\_property** Optional DVI-I property to select between analog or digital mode.

**tv\_subconnector\_property** Optional TV property to differentiate between different TV connector types.

**tv\_select\_subconnector\_property** Optional TV property to select between different TV connector types.

**tv\_mode\_property** Optional TV property to select the output TV mode.

**tv\_left\_margin\_property** Optional TV property to set the left margin.

**tv\_right\_margin\_property** Optional TV property to set the right margin.

**tv\_top\_margin\_property** Optional TV property to set the right margin.

**tv\_bottom\_margin\_property** Optional TV property to set the right margin.

**tv\_brightness\_property** Optional TV property to set the brightness.

**tv\_contrast\_property** Optional TV property to set the contrast.

**tv\_flicker\_reduction\_property** Optional TV property to control the flicker reduction mode.

**tv\_overscan\_property** Optional TV property to control the overscan setting.

**tv\_saturation\_property** Optional TV property to set the saturation.

**tv\_hue\_property** Optional TV property to set the hue.

**scaling\_mode\_property** Optional connector property to control the upscaling, mostly used for built-in panels.

**aspect\_ratio\_property** Optional connector property to control the HDMI infoframe aspect ratio setting.

**degamma\_lut\_property** Optional CRTC property to set the LUT used to convert the framebuffer's colors to linear gamma.

**degamma\_lut\_size\_property** Optional CRTC property for the size of the degamma LUT as supported by the driver (read-only).

**ctm\_property** Optional CRTC property to set the matrix used to convert colors after the lookup in the degamma LUT.

**gamma\_lut\_property** Optional CRTC property to set the LUT used to convert the colors, after the CTM matrix, to the gamma space of the connected screen.

**gamma\_lut\_size\_property** Optional CRTC property for the size of the gamma LUT as supported by the driver (read-only).

**suggested\_x\_property** Optional connector property with a hint for the position of the output on the host's screen.

**suggested\_y\_property** Optional connector property with a hint for the position of the output on the host's screen.

**non\_desktop\_property** Optional connector property with a hint that device isn't a standard display, and the console/desktop, should not be displayed on it.

**panel\_orientation\_property** Optional connector property indicating how the lcd-panel is mounted inside the casing (e.g. normal or upside-down).

**preferred\_depth** preferred RGB pixel depth, used by fb helpers

**prefer\_shadow** hint to userspace to prefer shadow-fb rendering

**async\_page\_flip** Does this device support async flips on the primary plane?

**allow\_fb\_modifiers** Whether the driver supports fb modifiers in the ADDFB2.1 ioctl call.

**modifiers\_property** Plane property to list support modifier/format combination.

**cursor\_width** hint to userspace for max cursor width

**cursor\_height** hint to userspace for max cursor height

**suspend\_state** Atomic state when suspended. Set by `drm_mode_config_helper_suspend()` and cleared by `drm_mode_config_helper_resume()`.

**helper\_private** mid-layer private data

### Description

Core mode resource tracking structure. All CRTC, encoders, and connectors enumerated by the driver are added here, as are global properties. Some global restrictions are also here, e.g. dimension restrictions.

void **drm\_mode\_config\_reset**(struct drm\_device \* dev)  
call ->reset callbacks

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm device

### Description

This functions calls all the crtc's, encoder's and connector's ->reset callback. Drivers can use this in e.g. their driver load or resume code to reset hardware and software state.

void **drm\_mode\_config\_init**(struct drm\_device \* dev)  
initialize DRM mode\_configuration structure

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device



## Description

Initialize **dev**'s `mode_config` structure, used for tracking the graphics configuration of **dev**.

Since this initializes the modeset locks, no locking is possible. Which is no problem, since this should happen single threaded at init time. It is the driver's problem to ensure this guarantee.

```
void drm_mode_config_cleanup(struct drm_device * dev)
    free up DRM mode_config info
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

## Description

Free up all the connectors and CRTC's associated with this DRM device, then free up the framebuffers and associated buffer objects.

Note that since this /should/ happen single-threaded at driver/device teardown time, no locking is required. It's the driver's job to ensure that this guarantee actually holds true.

FIXME: cleanup any dangling user buffer objects too

## Modeset Base Object Abstraction

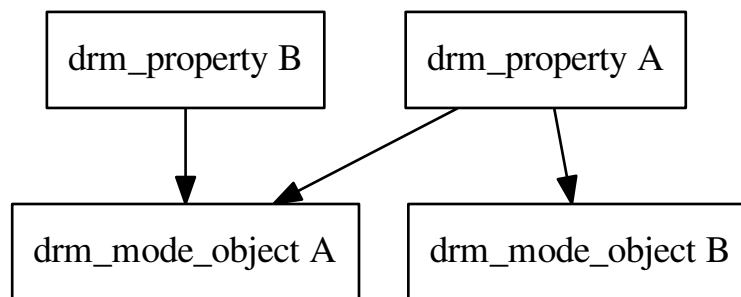


Fig. 4.3: Mode Objects and Properties

The base structure for all KMS objects is *struct drm\_mode\_object*. One of the base services it provides is tracking properties, which are especially important for the atomic IOCTL (see *Atomic Mode Setting*). The somewhat surprising part here is that properties are not directly instantiated on each object, but free-standing mode objects themselves, represented by *struct drm\_property*, which only specify the type and value range of a property. Any given property can be attached multiple times to different objects using *drm\_object\_attach\_property()*.

**struct drm\_mode\_object**  
base structure for modeset objects

## Definition

```
struct drm_mode_object {
    uint32_t id;
    uint32_t type;
    struct drm_object_properties *properties;
    struct kref refcount;
```



```
void (*free_cb)(struct kref *kref);
};
```

### Members

**id** userspace visible identifier

**type** type of the object, one of `DRM_MODE_OBJECT_*`

**properties** properties attached to this object, including values

**refcount** reference count for objects which with dynamic lifetime

**free\_cb** free function callback, only set for objects with dynamic lifetime

### Description

Base structure for modeset objects visible to userspace. Objects can be looked up using `drm_mode_object_find()`. Besides basic uapi interface properties like **id** and **type** it provides two services:

- It tracks attached properties and their values. This is used by `drm_crtc`, `drm_plane` and `drm_connector`. Properties are attached by calling `drm_object_attach_property()` before the object is visible to userspace.
- For objects with dynamic lifetimes (as indicated by a non-NULL **free\_cb**) it provides reference counting through `drm_mode_object_get()` and `drm_mode_object_put()`. This is used by `drm_framebuffer`, `drm_connector` and `drm_property_blob`. These objects provide specialized reference counting wrappers.

struct **drm\_object\_properties**  
property tracking for `drm_mode_object`

### Definition

```
struct drm_object_properties {
    int count;
    struct drm_property *properties[DRM_OBJECT_MAX_PROPERTY];
    uint64_t values[DRM_OBJECT_MAX_PROPERTY];
};
```

### Members

**count** number of valid properties, must be less than or equal to `DRM_OBJECT_MAX_PROPERTY`.

**properties** Array of pointers to `drm_property`.

NOTE: if we ever start dynamically destroying properties (ie. not at `drm_mode_config_cleanup()` time), then we'd have to do a better job of detaching property from mode objects to avoid dangling property pointers:

**values** Array to store the property values, matching **properties**. Do not read/write values directly, but use `drm_object_property_get_value()` and `drm_object_property_set_value()`.

Note that atomic drivers do not store mutable properties in this array, but only the decoded values in the corresponding state structure. The decoding is done using the `drm_crtc.atomic_get_property` and `drm_crtc.atomic_set_property` hooks for `struct drm_crtc`. For `struct drm_plane` the hooks are `drm_plane_funcs.atomic_get_property` and `drm_plane_funcs.atomic_set_property`. And for `struct drm_connector` the hooks are `drm_connector_funcs.atomic_get_property` and `drm_connector_funcs.atomic_set_property`.

Hence atomic drivers should not use `drm_object_property_set_value()` and `drm_object_property_get_value()` on mutable objects, i.e. those without the `DRM_MODE_PROP_IMMUTABLE` flag set.

void **drm\_mode\_object\_reference**(struct `drm_mode_object` \*obj)  
acquire a mode object reference

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_mode\_object \* obj** DRM mode object

**Description**

This is a compatibility alias for [drm\\_mode\\_object\\_get\(\)](#) and should not be used by new code.

void **drm\_mode\_object\_unreference**(struct [drm\\_mode\\_object](#) \* obj)  
release a mode object reference

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_mode\_object \* obj** DRM mode object

**Description**

This is a compatibility alias for [drm\\_mode\\_object\\_put\(\)](#) and should not be used by new code.

struct [drm\\_mode\\_object](#) \* **drm\_mode\_object\_find**(struct [drm\\_device](#) \* dev, struct [drm\\_file](#) \* file\_priv, uint32\_t id, uint32\_t type)  
look up a drm object with static lifetime

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm device  
**struct drm\_file \* file\_priv** drm file  
**uint32\_t id** id of the mode object  
**uint32\_t type** type of the mode object

**Description**

This function is used to look up a modeset object. It will acquire a reference for reference counted objects. This reference must be dropped again by calling [drm\\_mode\\_object\\_put\(\)](#).

void **drm\_mode\_object\_put**(struct [drm\\_mode\\_object](#) \* obj)  
release a mode object reference

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_mode\_object \* obj** DRM mode object

**Description**

This function decrements the object's refcount if it is a refcounted modeset object. It is a no-op on any other object. This is used to drop references acquired with [drm\\_mode\\_object\\_get\(\)](#).

void **drm\_mode\_object\_get**(struct [drm\\_mode\\_object](#) \* obj)  
acquire a mode object reference

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_mode\_object \* obj** DRM mode object

**Description**

This function increments the object's refcount if it is a refcounted modeset object. It is a no-op on any other object. References should be dropped again by calling [drm\\_mode\\_object\\_put\(\)](#).

void **drm\_object\_attach\_property**(struct [drm\\_mode\\_object](#) \* obj, struct [drm\\_property](#) \* property, uint64\_t init\_val)  
attach a property to a modeset object

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_mode\_object \* obj** drm modeset object  
**struct drm\_property \* property** property to attach  
**uint64\_t init\_val** initial value of the property

## Description

This attaches the given property to the modeset object with the given initial value. Currently this function cannot fail since the properties are stored in a statically sized array.

```
int drm_object_property_set_value(struct drm_mode_object * obj, struct drm_property * property, uint64_t val)
```

set the value of a property

## Parameters

**struct drm\_mode\_object \* obj** drm mode object to set property value for

**struct drm\_property \* property** property to set

**uint64\_t val** value the property should be set to

## Description

This function sets a given property on a given object. This function only changes the software state of the property, it does not call into the driver's `->set_property` callback.

Note that atomic drivers should not have any need to call this, the core will ensure consistency of values reported back to userspace through the appropriate `->atomic_get_property` callback. Only legacy drivers should call this function to update the tracked value (after clamping and other restrictions have been applied).

## Return

Zero on success, error code on failure.

```
int drm_object_property_get_value(struct drm_mode_object * obj, struct drm_property * property, uint64_t * val)
```

retrieve the value of a property

## Parameters

**struct drm\_mode\_object \* obj** drm mode object to get property value from

**struct drm\_property \* property** property to retrieve

**uint64\_t \* val** storage for the property value

## Description

This function retrieves the software state of the given property for the given property. Since there is no driver callback to retrieve the current property value this might be out of sync with the hardware, depending upon the driver and property.

Atomic drivers should never call this function directly, the core will read out property values through the various `->atomic_get_property` callbacks.

## Return

Zero on success, error code on failure.

# Atomic Mode Setting

Atomic provides transactional modeset (including planes) updates, but a bit differently from the usual transactional approach of try-commit and rollback:

- Firstly, no hardware changes are allowed when the commit would fail. This allows us to implement the `DRM_MODE_ATOMIC_TEST_ONLY` mode, which allows userspace to explore whether certain configurations would work or not.
- This would still allow setting and rollback of just the software state, simplifying conversion of existing drivers. But auditing drivers for correctness of the `atomic_check` code becomes really hard with that: Rolling back changes in data structures all over the place is hard to get right.

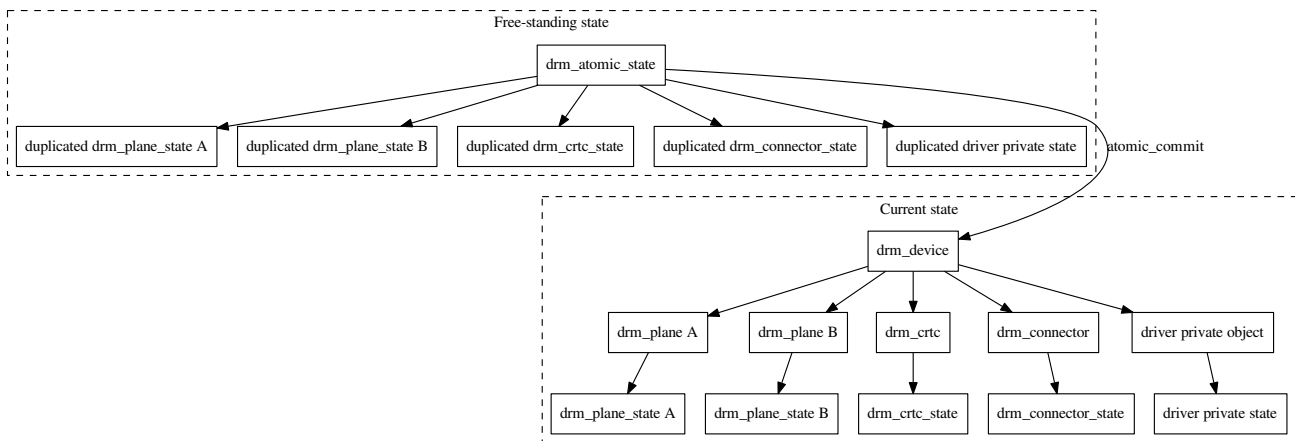


Fig. 4.4: Mode Objects and Properties

- Lastly, for backwards compatibility and to support all use-cases, atomic updates need to be incremental and be able to execute in parallel. Hardware doesn't always allow it, but where possible plane updates on different CRTC's should not interfere, and not get stalled due to output routing changing on different CRTC's.

Taken all together there's two consequences for the atomic design:

- The overall state is split up into per-object state structures: `struct drm_plane_state` for planes, `struct drm_crtc_state` for CRTC's and `struct drm_connector_state` for connectors. These are the only objects with userspace-visible and settable state. For internal state drivers can subclass these structures through embedding, or add entirely new state structures for their globally shared hardware functions.
- An atomic update is assembled and validated as an entirely free-standing pile of structures within the `drm_atomic_state` container. Driver private state structures are also tracked in the same structure; see the next chapter. Only when a state is committed is it applied to the driver and modeset objects. This way rolling back an update boils down to releasing memory and unreferencing objects like framebuffers.

Read on in this chapter, and also in [Atomic Modeset Helper Functions Reference](#) for more detailed coverage of specific topics.

## Handling Driver Private State

Very often the DRM objects exposed to userspace in the atomic modeset api (`drm_connector`, `drm_crtc` and `drm_plane`) do not map neatly to the underlying hardware. Especially for any kind of shared resources (e.g. shared clocks, scaler units, bandwidth and fifo limits shared among a group of planes or CRTC's, and so on) it makes sense to model these as independent objects. Drivers then need to do similar state tracking and commit ordering for such private (since not exposed to userspace) objects as the atomic core and helpers already provide for connectors, planes and CRTC's.

To make this easier on drivers the atomic core provides some support to track driver private state objects using struct `drm_private_obj`, with the associated state struct `drm_private_state`.

Similar to userspace-exposed objects, private state structures can be acquired by calling `drm_atomic_get_private_obj_state()`. Since this function does not take care of locking, drivers should wrap it for each type of private state object they have with the required call to `drm_modeset_lock()` for the corresponding `drm_modeset_lock`.

All private state structures contained in a `drm_atomic_state` update can be iterated using `for_each_oldnew_private_obj_in_state()`, `for_each_new_private_obj_in_state()` and `for_each_old_private_obj_in_state()`. Drivers are recommended to wrap these for each type of driver private state object they have, filtering on `drm_private_obj.funcs` using `for_each_if()`, at least if they want to iterate over all objects of a given type.

An earlier way to handle driver private state was by subclassing struct `drm_atomic_state`. But since that encourages non-standard ways to implement the check/commit split atomic requires (by using e.g. “check and rollback or commit instead” of “duplicate state, check, then either commit or release duplicated state”) it is deprecated in favour of using `drm_private_state`.

## Atomic Mode Setting Function Reference

struct **drm\_crtc\_commit**  
track modeset commits on a CRTC

### Definition

```
struct drm_crtc_commit {
    struct drm_crtc *crtc;
    struct kref ref;
    struct completion flip_done;
    struct completion hw_done;
    struct completion cleanup_done;
    struct list_head commit_entry;
    struct drm_pending_vblank_event *event;
    bool abort_completion;
};
```

### Members

**crtc** DRM CRTC for this commit.

**ref** Reference count for this structure. Needed to allow blocking on completions without the risk of the completion disappearing meanwhile.

**flip\_done** Will be signaled when the hardware has flipped to the new set of buffers. Signals at the same time as when the drm event for this commit is sent to userspace, or when an out-fence is signalled. Note that for most hardware, in most cases this happens after **hw\_done** is signalled.

**hw\_done** Will be signalled when all hw register changes for this commit have been written out. Especially when disabling a pipe this can be much later than than **flip\_done**, since that can signal already when the screen goes black, whereas to fully shut down a pipe more register I/O is required.

Note that this does not need to include separately reference-counted resources like backing storage buffer pinning, or runtime pm management.

**cleanup\_done** Will be signalled after old buffers have been cleaned up by calling `drm_atomic_helper_cleanup_planes()`. Since this can only happen after a vblank wait completed it might be a bit later. This completion is useful to throttle updates and avoid hardware updates getting ahead of the buffer cleanup too much.

**commit\_entry** Entry on the per-CRTC `drm_crtc.commit_list`. Protected by `$drm_crtc.commit_lock`.

**event** `drm_pending_vblank_event` pointer to clean up private events.

**abort\_completion** A flag that's set after `drm_atomic_helper_setup_commit` takes a second reference for the completion of `$drm_crtc_state.event`. It's used by the free code to remove the second reference if commit fails.

### Description

This structure is used to track pending modeset changes and atomic commit on a per-CRTC basis. Since updating the list should never block this structure is reference counted to allow waiters to safely wait on an event to complete, without holding any locks.

It has 3 different events in total to allow a fine-grained synchronization between outstanding updates:

atomic commit thread		hardware
write new state into hardware	---->	...
signal hw_done		
...		switch to new state on next v/hblank
wait for buffers to show up		...
...		send completion irq
cleanup old buffers		irq handler signals flip_done
signal cleanup_done		
wait for flip_done	<----	
clean up atomic state		

The important bit to know is that `cleanup_done` is the terminal event, but the ordering between `flip_done` and `hw_done` is entirely up to the specific driver and modeset state change.

For an implementation of how to use this look at [`drm\_atomic\_helper\_setup\_commit\(\)`](#) from the atomic helper library.

struct **drm\_private\_state\_funcs**  
atomic state functions for private objects

### Definition

```
struct drm_private_state_funcs {
    struct drm_private_state *(*atomic_duplicate_state)(struct drm_private_obj *obj);
    void (*atomic_destroy_state)(struct drm_private_obj *obj, struct drm_private_state *state);
};
```

### Members

**atomic\_duplicate\_state** Duplicate the current state of the private object and return it. It is an error to call this before `obj->state` has been initialized.

RETURNS:

Duplicated atomic state or NULL when `obj->state` is not initialized or allocation failed.

**atomic\_destroy\_state** Frees the private object state created with **atomic\_duplicate\_state**.

### Description

These hooks are used by atomic helpers to create, swap and destroy states of private objects. The structure itself is used as a vtable to identify the associated private object type. Each private object type that needs to be added to the atomic states is expected to have an implementation of these hooks and pass a pointer to its `drm_private_state_funcs` struct to [`drm\_atomic\_get\_private\_obj\_state\(\)`](#).

struct **drm\_private\_obj**  
base struct for driver private atomic object

### Definition

```
struct drm_private_obj {
    struct drm_private_state *state;
    const struct drm_private_state_funcs *funcs;
};
```

### Members

**state** Current atomic state for this driver private object.

**funcs** Functions to manipulate the state of this driver private object, see [drm\\_private\\_state\\_funcs](#).

### Description

A driver private object is initialized by calling [drm\\_atomic\\_private\\_obj\\_init\(\)](#) and cleaned up by calling [drm\\_atomic\\_private\\_obj\\_fini\(\)](#).

Currently only tracks the state update functions and the opaque driver private state itself, but in the future might also track which [drm\\_modeset\\_lock](#) is required to duplicate and update this object's state.

struct **drm\_private\_state**  
base struct for driver private object state

### Definition

```
struct drm_private_state {
    struct drm_atomic_state *state;
};
```

### Members

**state** backpointer to global [drm\\_atomic\\_state](#)

### Description

Currently only contains a backpointer to the overall atomic update, but in the future also might hold synchronization information similar to e.g. [drm\\_crtc\\_commit](#).

struct **drm\_atomic\_state**  
the global state object for atomic updates

### Definition

```
struct drm_atomic_state {
    struct kref ref;
    struct drm_device *dev;
    bool allow_modeset : 1;
    bool legacy_cursor_update : 1;
    bool async_update : 1;
    struct __drm_planes_state *planes;
    struct __drm_crtcs_state *crtcs;
    int num_connector;
    struct __drm_connectors_state *connectors;
    int num_private_objs;
    struct __drm_private_objs_state *private_objs;
    struct drm_modeset_acquire_ctx *acquire_ctx;
    struct drm_crtc_commit *fake_commit;
    struct work_struct commit_work;
};
```

### Members

**ref** count of all references to this state (will not be freed until zero)

**dev** parent DRM device

**allow\_modeset** allow full modeset

**legacy\_cursor\_update** hint to enforce legacy cursor IOCTL semantics

**async\_update** hint for asynchronous plane update

**planes** pointer to array of structures with per-plane data

**crtcs** pointer to array of CRTC pointers

**num\_connector** size of the **connectors** and **connector\_states** arrays

**connectors** pointer to array of structures with per-connector data

**num\_private\_objs** size of the **private\_objs** array

**private\_objs** pointer to array of private object pointers

**acquire\_ctx** acquire context for this atomic modeset state update

**fake\_commit** Used for signaling unbound planes/connectors. When a connector or plane is not bound to any CRTC, it's still important to preserve linearity to prevent the atomic states from being freed too early.

This commit (if set) is not bound to any crtc, but will be completed when `drm_atomic_helper_commit_hw_done()` is called.

**commit\_work** Work item which can be used by the driver or helpers to execute the commit without blocking.

### Description

States are added to an atomic update by calling `drm_atomic_get_crtc_state()`, `drm_atomic_get_plane_state()`, `drm_atomic_get_connector_state()`, or for private state structures, `drm_atomic_get_private_obj_state()`.

struct `drm_crtc_commit` \* **drm\_crtc\_commit\_get**(struct `drm_crtc_commit` \* *commit*)  
acquire a reference to the CRTC commit

### Parameters

struct `drm_crtc_commit` \* **commit** CRTC commit

### Description

Increases the reference of **commit**.

### Return

The pointer to **commit**, with reference increased.

void **drm\_crtc\_commit\_put**(struct `drm_crtc_commit` \* *commit*)  
release a reference to the CRTC commit

### Parameters

struct `drm_crtc_commit` \* **commit** CRTC commit

### Description

This releases a reference to **commit** which is freed after removing the final reference. No locking required and callable from any context.

struct `drm_atomic_state` \* **drm\_atomic\_state\_get**(struct `drm_atomic_state` \* *state*)  
acquire a reference to the atomic state

### Parameters

struct `drm_atomic_state` \* **state** The atomic state

### Description

Returns a new reference to the **state**

void **drm\_atomic\_state\_put**(struct `drm_atomic_state` \* *state*)  
release a reference to the atomic state

### Parameters

struct `drm_atomic_state` \* **state** The atomic state

### Description

This releases a reference to **state** which is freed after removing the final reference. No locking required and callable from any context.

struct `drm_crtc_state` \* **drm\_atomic\_get\_existing\_crtc\_state**(struct `drm_atomic_state` \* *state*,  
struct `drm_crtc` \* *crtc*)  
get crtc state, if it exists



**Parameters**

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** global atomic state object

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** crtc to grab

**Description**

This function returns the crtc state for the given crtc, or NULL if the crtc is not part of the global atomic state.

This function is deprecated, **drm\_atomic\_get\_old\_crtc\_state** or **drm\_atomic\_get\_new\_crtc\_state** should be used instead.

```
struct drm_crtc_state * drm_atomic_get_old_crtc_state(struct drm_atomic_state * state, struct
                                                    drm_crtc * crtc)
    get old crtc state, if it exists
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** global atomic state object

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** crtc to grab

**Description**

This function returns the old crtc state for the given crtc, or NULL if the crtc is not part of the global atomic state.

```
struct drm_crtc_state * drm_atomic_get_new_crtc_state(struct drm_atomic_state * state, struct
                                                    drm_crtc * crtc)
    get new crtc state, if it exists
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** global atomic state object

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** crtc to grab

**Description**

This function returns the new crtc state for the given crtc, or NULL if the crtc is not part of the global atomic state.

```
struct drm_plane_state * drm_atomic_get_existing_plane_state(struct drm_atomic_state
                                                            * state, struct drm_plane
                                                            * plane)
    get plane state, if it exists
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** global atomic state object

**struct drm\_plane \* plane** plane to grab

**Description**

This function returns the plane state for the given plane, or NULL if the plane is not part of the global atomic state.

This function is deprecated, **drm\_atomic\_get\_old\_plane\_state** or **drm\_atomic\_get\_new\_plane\_state** should be used instead.

```
struct drm_plane_state * drm_atomic_get_old_plane_state(struct drm_atomic_state * state,
                                                         struct drm_plane * plane)
    get plane state, if it exists
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** global atomic state object

**struct drm\_plane \* plane** plane to grab

## Description

This function returns the old plane state for the given plane, or NULL if the plane is not part of the global atomic state.

```
struct drm_plane_state * drm_atomic_get_new_plane_state(struct drm_atomic_state * state,  
                                                       struct drm_plane * plane)  
    get plane state, if it exists
```

## Parameters

**struct *drm\_atomic\_state* \* state** global atomic state object

**struct *drm\_plane* \* plane** plane to grab

## Description

This function returns the new plane state for the given plane, or NULL if the plane is not part of the global atomic state.

```
struct drm_connector_state * drm_atomic_get_existing_connector_state(struct  
                                                                    drm_atomic_state  
                                                                    * state,          struct  
                                                                    drm_connector * con-  
                                                                    nector)  
    get connector state, if it exists
```

## Parameters

**struct *drm\_atomic\_state* \* state** global atomic state object

**struct *drm\_connector* \* connector** connector to grab

## Description

This function returns the connector state for the given connector, or NULL if the connector is not part of the global atomic state.

This function is deprecated, **drm\_atomic\_get\_old\_connector\_state** or **drm\_atomic\_get\_new\_connector\_state** should be used instead.

```
struct drm_connector_state * drm_atomic_get_old_connector_state(struct drm_atomic_state  
                                                                * state,          struct  
                                                                drm_connector * connec-  
                                                                tor)  
    get connector state, if it exists
```

## Parameters

**struct *drm\_atomic\_state* \* state** global atomic state object

**struct *drm\_connector* \* connector** connector to grab

## Description

This function returns the old connector state for the given connector, or NULL if the connector is not part of the global atomic state.

```
struct drm_connector_state * drm_atomic_get_new_connector_state(struct drm_atomic_state  
                                                                * state,          struct  
                                                                drm_connector * connec-  
                                                                tor)  
    get connector state, if it exists
```

## Parameters

**struct *drm\_atomic\_state* \* state** global atomic state object

**struct *drm\_connector* \* connector** connector to grab

## Description

This function returns the new connector state for the given connector, or NULL if the connector is not part of the global atomic state.

```
const struct drm_plane_state * __drm_atomic_get_current_plane_state(struct
                                                                    drm_atomic_state
                                                                    * state,          struct
                                                                    drm_plane * plane)

    get current plane state
```

## Parameters

**struct *drm\_atomic\_state* \* state** global atomic state object

**struct *drm\_plane* \* plane** plane to grab

## Description

This function returns the plane state for the given plane, either from **state**, or if the plane isn't part of the atomic state update, from **plane**. This is useful in atomic check callbacks, when drivers need to peek at, but not change, state of other planes, since it avoids threading an error code back up the call chain.

WARNING:

Note that this function is in general unsafe since it doesn't check for the required locking for access state structures. Drivers must ensure that it is safe to access the returned state structure through other means. One common example is when planes are fixed to a single CRTC, and the driver knows that the CRTC lock is held already. In that case holding the CRTC lock gives a read-lock on all planes connected to that CRTC. But if planes can be reassigned things get more tricky. In that case it's better to use *drm\_atomic\_get\_plane\_state* and wire up full error handling.

## Return

Read-only pointer to the current plane state.

```
for_each_oldnew_connector_in_state(__state, connector, old_connector_state,
                                   new_connector_state, __i)
    iterate over all connectors in an atomic update
```

## Parameters

**\_\_state** *struct *drm\_atomic\_state** pointer

**connector** *struct *drm\_connector** iteration cursor

**old\_connector\_state** *struct *drm\_connector\_state** iteration cursor for the old state

**new\_connector\_state** *struct *drm\_connector\_state** iteration cursor for the new state

**\_\_i** int iteration cursor, for macro-internal use

## Description

This iterates over all connectors in an atomic update, tracking both old and new state. This is useful in places where the state delta needs to be considered, for example in atomic check functions.

```
for_each_old_connector_in_state(__state, connector, old_connector_state, __i)
    iterate over all connectors in an atomic update
```

## Parameters

**\_\_state** *struct *drm\_atomic\_state** pointer

**connector** *struct *drm\_connector** iteration cursor

**old\_connector\_state** *struct *drm\_connector\_state** iteration cursor for the old state

**\_\_i** int iteration cursor, for macro-internal use

**Description**

This iterates over all connectors in an atomic update, tracking only the old state. This is useful in disable functions, where we need the old state the hardware is still in.

**for\_each\_new\_connector\_in\_state**(*\_\_state, connector, new\_connector\_state, \_\_i*)  
iterate over all connectors in an atomic update

**Parameters**

*\_\_state* *struct drm\_atomic\_state* pointer

*connector* *struct drm\_connector* iteration cursor

*new\_connector\_state* *struct drm\_connector\_state* iteration cursor for the new state

*\_\_i* int iteration cursor, for macro-internal use

**Description**

This iterates over all connectors in an atomic update, tracking only the new state. This is useful in enable functions, where we need the new state the hardware should be in when the atomic commit operation has completed.

**for\_each\_oldnew\_crtc\_in\_state**(*\_\_state, crtc, old\_crtc\_state, new\_crtc\_state, \_\_i*)  
iterate over all CRTCs in an atomic update

**Parameters**

*\_\_state* *struct drm\_atomic\_state* pointer

*crtc* *struct drm\_crtc* iteration cursor

*old\_crtc\_state* *struct drm\_crtc\_state* iteration cursor for the old state

*new\_crtc\_state* *struct drm\_crtc\_state* iteration cursor for the new state

*\_\_i* int iteration cursor, for macro-internal use

**Description**

This iterates over all CRTCs in an atomic update, tracking both old and new state. This is useful in places where the state delta needs to be considered, for example in atomic check functions.

**for\_each\_old\_crtc\_in\_state**(*\_\_state, crtc, old\_crtc\_state, \_\_i*)  
iterate over all CRTCs in an atomic update

**Parameters**

*\_\_state* *struct drm\_atomic\_state* pointer

*crtc* *struct drm\_crtc* iteration cursor

*old\_crtc\_state* *struct drm\_crtc\_state* iteration cursor for the old state

*\_\_i* int iteration cursor, for macro-internal use

**Description**

This iterates over all CRTCs in an atomic update, tracking only the old state. This is useful in disable functions, where we need the old state the hardware is still in.

**for\_each\_new\_crtc\_in\_state**(*\_\_state, crtc, new\_crtc\_state, \_\_i*)  
iterate over all CRTCs in an atomic update

**Parameters**

*\_\_state* *struct drm\_atomic\_state* pointer

*crtc* *struct drm\_crtc* iteration cursor

*new\_crtc\_state* *struct drm\_crtc\_state* iteration cursor for the new state

*\_\_i* int iteration cursor, for macro-internal use

**Description**

This iterates over all CRTC's in an atomic update, tracking only the new state. This is useful in enable functions, where we need the new state the hardware should be in when the atomic commit operation has completed.

**for\_each\_oldnew\_plane\_in\_state**(*\_\_state, plane, old\_plane\_state, new\_plane\_state, \_\_i*)  
iterate over all planes in an atomic update

**Parameters**

**\_\_state** *struct drm\_atomic\_state* pointer

**plane** *struct drm\_plane* iteration cursor

**old\_plane\_state** *struct drm\_plane\_state* iteration cursor for the old state

**new\_plane\_state** *struct drm\_plane\_state* iteration cursor for the new state

**\_\_i** int iteration cursor, for macro-internal use

**Description**

This iterates over all planes in an atomic update, tracking both old and new state. This is useful in places where the state delta needs to be considered, for example in atomic check functions.

**for\_each\_old\_plane\_in\_state**(*\_\_state, plane, old\_plane\_state, \_\_i*)  
iterate over all planes in an atomic update

**Parameters**

**\_\_state** *struct drm\_atomic\_state* pointer

**plane** *struct drm\_plane* iteration cursor

**old\_plane\_state** *struct drm\_plane\_state* iteration cursor for the old state

**\_\_i** int iteration cursor, for macro-internal use

**Description**

This iterates over all planes in an atomic update, tracking only the old state. This is useful in disable functions, where we need the old state the hardware is still in.

**for\_each\_new\_plane\_in\_state**(*\_\_state, plane, new\_plane\_state, \_\_i*)  
iterate over all planes in an atomic update

**Parameters**

**\_\_state** *struct drm\_atomic\_state* pointer

**plane** *struct drm\_plane* iteration cursor

**new\_plane\_state** *struct drm\_plane\_state* iteration cursor for the new state

**\_\_i** int iteration cursor, for macro-internal use

**Description**

This iterates over all planes in an atomic update, tracking only the new state. This is useful in enable functions, where we need the new state the hardware should be in when the atomic commit operation has completed.

**for\_each\_oldnew\_private\_obj\_in\_state**(*\_\_state, obj, old\_obj\_state, new\_obj\_state, \_\_i*)  
iterate over all private objects in an atomic update

**Parameters**

**\_\_state** *struct drm\_atomic\_state* pointer

**obj** *struct drm\_private\_obj* iteration cursor

**old\_obj\_state** *struct drm\_private\_state* iteration cursor for the old state

**new\_obj\_state** *struct drm\_private\_state* iteration cursor for the new state

**\_\_i** int iteration cursor, for macro-internal use

### Description

This iterates over all private objects in an atomic update, tracking both old and new state. This is useful in places where the state delta needs to be considered, for example in atomic check functions.

**for\_each\_old\_private\_obj\_in\_state**(*\_\_state, obj, old\_obj\_state, \_\_i*)  
iterate over all private objects in an atomic update

### Parameters

**\_\_state** *struct drm\_atomic\_state* pointer

**obj** *struct drm\_private\_obj* iteration cursor

**old\_obj\_state** *struct drm\_private\_state* iteration cursor for the old state

**\_\_i** int iteration cursor, for macro-internal use

### Description

This iterates over all private objects in an atomic update, tracking only the old state. This is useful in disable functions, where we need the old state the hardware is still in.

**for\_each\_new\_private\_obj\_in\_state**(*\_\_state, obj, new\_obj\_state, \_\_i*)  
iterate over all private objects in an atomic update

### Parameters

**\_\_state** *struct drm\_atomic\_state* pointer

**obj** *struct drm\_private\_obj* iteration cursor

**new\_obj\_state** *struct drm\_private\_state* iteration cursor for the new state

**\_\_i** int iteration cursor, for macro-internal use

### Description

This iterates over all private objects in an atomic update, tracking only the new state. This is useful in enable functions, where we need the new state the hardware should be in when the atomic commit operation has completed.

bool **drm\_atomic\_crtc\_needs\_modeset**(const struct *drm\_crtc\_state* \* *state*)  
compute combined modeset need

### Parameters

const struct *drm\_crtc\_state* \* **state** *drm\_crtc\_state* for the CRTC

### Description

To give drivers flexibility *struct drm\_crtc\_state* has 3 booleans to track whether the state CRTC changed enough to need a full modeset cycle: *mode\_changed*, *active\_changed* and *connectors\_changed*. This helper simply combines these three to compute the overall need for a modeset for **state**.

The atomic helper code sets these booleans, but drivers can and should change them appropriately to accurately represent whether a modeset is really needed. In general, drivers should avoid full modesets whenever possible.

For example if the CRTC mode has changed, and the hardware is able to enact the requested mode change without going through a full modeset, the driver should clear *mode\_changed* in its *drm\_mode\_config\_funcs.atomic\_check* implementation.

void **drm\_atomic\_state\_default\_release**(struct *drm\_atomic\_state* \* *state*)  
release memory initialized by *drm\_atomic\_state\_init*

### Parameters

struct *drm\_atomic\_state* \* **state** atomic state

**Description**

Free all the memory allocated by `drm_atomic_state_init`. This should only be used by drivers which are still subclassing `drm_atomic_state` and haven't switched to `drm_private_state` yet.

```
int drm_atomic_state_init(struct drm_device * dev, struct drm_atomic_state * state)
    init new atomic state
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** atomic state

**Description**

Default implementation for filling in a new atomic state. This should only be used by drivers which are still subclassing `drm_atomic_state` and haven't switched to `drm_private_state` yet.

```
struct drm_atomic_state * drm_atomic_state_alloc(struct drm_device * dev)
    allocate atomic state
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**Description**

This allocates an empty atomic state to track updates.

```
void drm_atomic_state_default_clear(struct drm_atomic_state * state)
    clear base atomic state
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** atomic state

**Description**

Default implementation for clearing atomic state. This should only be used by drivers which are still subclassing `drm_atomic_state` and haven't switched to `drm_private_state` yet.

```
void drm_atomic_state_clear(struct drm_atomic_state * state)
    clear state object
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** atomic state

**Description**

When the w/w mutex algorithm detects a deadlock we need to back off and drop all locks. So someone else could sneak in and change the current modeset configuration. Which means that all the state assembled in **state** is no longer an atomic update to the current state, but to some arbitrary earlier state. Which could break assumptions the driver's `drm_mode_config_funcs.atomic_check` likely relies on.

Hence we must clear all cached state and completely start over, using this function.

```
void __drm_atomic_state_free(struct kref * ref)
    free all memory for an atomic state
```

**Parameters**

**struct kref \* ref** This atomic state to deallocate

**Description**

This frees all memory associated with an atomic state, including all the per-object state for planes, crtcs and connectors.

```
struct drm_crtc_state * drm_atomic_get_crtc_state(struct drm_atomic_state * state, struct drm_crtc * crtc)
    get crtc state
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** global atomic state object

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** crtc to get state object for

**Description**

This function returns the crtc state for the given crtc, allocating it if needed. It will also grab the relevant crtc lock to make sure that the state is consistent.

**Return**

Either the allocated state or the error code encoded into the pointer. When the error is EDEADLK then the w/w mutex code has detected a deadlock and the entire atomic sequence must be restarted. All other errors are fatal.

```
int drm_atomic_set_mode_for_crtc(struct drm_crtc_state * state, const struct drm_display_mode
                                * mode)
    set mode for CRTC
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_crtc\_state \* state** the CRTC whose incoming state to update

**const struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode** kernel-internal mode to use for the CRTC, or NULL to disable

**Description**

Set a mode (originating from the kernel) on the desired CRTC state and update the enable property.

**Return**

Zero on success, error code on failure. Cannot return -EDEADLK.

```
int drm_atomic_set_mode_prop_for_crtc(struct drm_crtc_state * state, struct drm_property_blob
                                      * blob)
    set mode for CRTC
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_crtc\_state \* state** the CRTC whose incoming state to update

**struct drm\_property\_blob \* blob** pointer to blob property to use for mode

**Description**

Set a mode (originating from a blob property) on the desired CRTC state. This function will take a reference on the blob property for the CRTC state, and release the reference held on the state's existing mode property, if any was set.

**Return**

Zero on success, error code on failure. Cannot return -EDEADLK.

```
int drm_atomic_crtc_set_property(struct drm_crtc * crtc, struct drm_crtc_state * state, struct
                                drm_property * property, uint64_t val)
    set property on CRTC
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** the drm CRTC to set a property on

**struct drm\_crtc\_state \* state** the state object to update with the new property value

**struct drm\_property \* property** the property to set

**uint64\_t val** the new property value

**Description**



This function handles generic/core properties and calls out to driver's `drm_crtc_funcs.atomic_set_property` for driver properties. To ensure consistent behavior you must call this function rather than the driver hook directly.

### Return

Zero on success, error code on failure

```
struct drm_plane_state * drm_atomic_get_plane_state(struct drm_atomic_state * state, struct drm_plane * plane)
    get plane state
```

### Parameters

**struct *drm\_atomic\_state* \* state** global atomic state object

**struct *drm\_plane* \* plane** plane to get state object for

### Description

This function returns the plane state for the given plane, allocating it if needed. It will also grab the relevant plane lock to make sure that the state is consistent.

### Return

Either the allocated state or the error code encoded into the pointer. When the error is EDEADLK then the w/w mutex code has detected a deadlock and the entire atomic sequence must be restarted. All other errors are fatal.

```
void drm_atomic_private_obj_init(struct drm_private_obj * obj, struct drm_private_state * state,
    const struct drm_private_state_funcs * funcs)
    initialize private object
```

### Parameters

**struct *drm\_private\_obj* \* obj** private object

**struct *drm\_private\_state* \* state** initial private object state

**const struct *drm\_private\_state\_funcs* \* funcs** pointer to the struct of function pointers that identify the object type

### Description

Initialize the private object, which can be embedded into any driver private object that needs its own atomic state.

```
void drm_atomic_private_obj_fini(struct drm_private_obj * obj)
    finalize private object
```

### Parameters

**struct *drm\_private\_obj* \* obj** private object

### Description

Finalize the private object.

```
struct drm_private_state * drm_atomic_get_private_obj_state(struct drm_atomic_state * state,
    struct drm_private_obj * obj)
    get private object state
```

### Parameters

**struct *drm\_atomic\_state* \* state** global atomic state

**struct *drm\_private\_obj* \* obj** private object to get the state for

### Description

This function returns the private object state for the given private object, allocating the state if needed. It does not grab any locks as the caller is expected to care of any required locking.

## Return

Either the allocated state or the error code encoded into a pointer.

```
struct drm_connector_state * drm_atomic_get_connector_state(struct drm_atomic_state * state,  
                                                         struct drm_connector * connector)  
    get connector state
```

## Parameters

**struct *drm\_atomic\_state* \* *state*** global atomic state object

**struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*** connector to get state object for

## Description

This function returns the connector state for the given connector, allocating it if needed. It will also grab the relevant connector lock to make sure that the state is consistent.

## Return

Either the allocated state or the error code encoded into the pointer. When the error is EDEADLK then the w/w mutex code has detected a deadlock and the entire atomic sequence must be restarted. All other errors are fatal.

```
int drm_atomic_set_crtc_for_plane(struct drm_plane_state * plane_state, struct drm_crtc * crtc)  
    set crtc for plane
```

## Parameters

**struct *drm\_plane\_state* \* *plane\_state*** the plane whose incoming state to update

**struct *drm\_crtc* \* *crtc*** crtc to use for the plane

## Description

Changing the assigned crtc for a plane requires us to grab the lock and state for the new crtc, as needed. This function takes care of all these details besides updating the pointer in the state object itself.

## Return

0 on success or can fail with -EDEADLK or -ENOMEM. When the error is EDEADLK then the w/w mutex code has detected a deadlock and the entire atomic sequence must be restarted. All other errors are fatal.

```
void drm_atomic_set_fb_for_plane(struct drm_plane_state * plane_state, struct drm_framebuffer  
                                * fb)  
    set framebuffer for plane
```

## Parameters

**struct *drm\_plane\_state* \* *plane\_state*** atomic state object for the plane

**struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* *fb*** fb to use for the plane

## Description

Changing the assigned framebuffer for a plane requires us to grab a reference to the new fb and drop the reference to the old fb, if there is one. This function takes care of all these details besides updating the pointer in the state object itself.

```
void drm_atomic_set_fence_for_plane(struct drm_plane_state * plane_state, struct dma_fence  
                                   * fence)  
    set fence for plane
```

## Parameters

**struct *drm\_plane\_state* \* *plane\_state*** atomic state object for the plane

**struct *dma\_fence* \* *fence*** dma\_fence to use for the plane

## Description

Helper to setup the plane\_state fence in case it is not set yet. By using this drivers doesn't need to worry if the user choose implicit or explicit fencing.

This function will not set the fence to the state if it was set via explicit fencing interfaces on the atomic ioctl. In that case it will drop the reference to the fence as we are not storing it anywhere. Otherwise, if `drm_plane_state.fence` is not set this function we just set it with the received implicit fence. In both cases this function consumes a reference for **fence**.

```
int drm_atomic_set_crtc_for_connector(struct  drm_connector_state * conn_state, struct
                                     drm_crtc * crtc)
    set crtc for connector
```

## Parameters

**struct *drm\_connector\_state* \* conn\_state** atomic state object for the connector

**struct *drm\_crtc* \* crtc** crtc to use for the connector

## Description

Changing the assigned crtc for a connector requires us to grab the lock and state for the new crtc, as needed. This function takes care of all these details besides updating the pointer in the state object itself.

## Return

0 on success or can fail with -EDEADLK or -ENOMEM. When the error is EDEADLK then the w/w mutex code has detected a deadlock and the entire atomic sequence must be restarted. All other errors are fatal.

```
int drm_atomic_add_affected_connectors(struct drm_atomic_state * state, struct drm_crtc * crtc)
    add connectors for crtc
```

## Parameters

**struct *drm\_atomic\_state* \* state** atomic state

**struct *drm\_crtc* \* crtc** DRM crtc

## Description

This function walks the current configuration and adds all connectors currently using **crtc** to the atomic configuration **state**. Note that this function must acquire the connection mutex. This can potentially cause unneeded seralization if the update is just for the planes on one crtc. Hence drivers and helpers should only call this when really needed (e.g. when a full modeset needs to happen due to some change).

## Return

0 on success or can fail with -EDEADLK or -ENOMEM. When the error is EDEADLK then the w/w mutex code has detected a deadlock and the entire atomic sequence must be restarted. All other errors are fatal.

```
int drm_atomic_add_affected_planes(struct drm_atomic_state * state, struct drm_crtc * crtc)
    add planes for crtc
```

## Parameters

**struct *drm\_atomic\_state* \* state** atomic state

**struct *drm\_crtc* \* crtc** DRM crtc

## Description

This function walks the current configuration and adds all planes currently used by **crtc** to the atomic configuration **state**. This is useful when an atomic commit also needs to check all currently enabled plane on **crtc**, e.g. when changing the mode. It's also useful when re-enabling a CRTC to avoid special code to force-enable all planes.

Since acquiring a plane state will always also acquire the w/w mutex of the current CRTC for that plane (if there is any) adding all the plane states for a CRTC will not reduce parallism of atomic updates.

## Return

0 on success or can fail with -EDEADLK or -ENOMEM. When the error is EDEADLK then the w/w mutex code has detected a deadlock and the entire atomic sequence must be restarted. All other errors are fatal.

int **drm\_atomic\_check\_only**(struct *drm\_atomic\_state* \* *state*)  
check whether a given config would work

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** atomic configuration to check

#### Description

Note that this function can return -EDEADLK if the driver needed to acquire more locks but encountered a deadlock. The caller must then do the usual w/w backoff dance and restart. All other errors are fatal.

#### Return

0 on success, negative error code on failure.

int **drm\_atomic\_commit**(struct *drm\_atomic\_state* \* *state*)  
commit configuration atomically

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** atomic configuration to check

#### Description

Note that this function can return -EDEADLK if the driver needed to acquire more locks but encountered a deadlock. The caller must then do the usual w/w backoff dance and restart. All other errors are fatal.

This function will take its own reference on **state**. Callers should always release their reference with *drm\_atomic\_state\_put()*.

#### Return

0 on success, negative error code on failure.

int **drm\_atomic\_nonblocking\_commit**(struct *drm\_atomic\_state* \* *state*)  
atomic nonblocking commit

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** atomic configuration to check

#### Description

Note that this function can return -EDEADLK if the driver needed to acquire more locks but encountered a deadlock. The caller must then do the usual w/w backoff dance and restart. All other errors are fatal.

This function will take its own reference on **state**. Callers should always release their reference with *drm\_atomic\_state\_put()*.

#### Return

0 on success, negative error code on failure.

void **drm\_state\_dump**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*, struct *drm\_printer* \* *p*)  
dump entire device atomic state

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** the drm device

**struct drm\_printer \* p** where to print the state to

#### Description

Just for debugging. Drivers might want an option to dump state to dmesg in case of error irq's. (Hint, you probably want to ratelimit this!)

The caller must `drm_modeset_lock_all()`, or if this is called from error irq handler, it should not be enabled by default. (I.e. if you are debugging errors you might not care that this is racey. But calling this without all modeset locks held is not inherently safe.)

void **drm\_atomic\_clean\_old\_fb**(struct drm\_device \* dev, unsigned plane\_mask, int ret)

- Unset old\_fb pointers and set plane->fb pointers.

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm device to check.

**unsigned plane\_mask** plane mask for planes that were updated.

**int ret** return value, can be -EDEADLK for a retry.

### Description

Before doing an update `drm_plane.old_fb` is set to `drm_plane.fb`, but before dropping the locks `old_fb` needs to be set to NULL and `plane->fb` updated. This is a common operation for each atomic update, so this call is split off as a helper.

## CRTC Abstraction

A CRTC represents the overall display pipeline. It receives pixel data from `drm_plane` and blends them together. The `drm_display_mode` is also attached to the CRTC, specifying display timings. On the output side the data is fed to one or more `drm_encoder`, which are then each connected to one `drm_connector`.

To create a CRTC, a KMS drivers allocates and zeroes an instances of `struct drm_crtc` (possibly as part of a larger structure) and registers it with a call to `drm_crtc_init_with_planes()`.

The CRTC is also the entry point for legacy modeset operations, see `drm_crtc_funcs.set_config`, legacy plane operations, see `drm_crtc_funcs.page_flip` and `drm_crtc_funcs.cursor_set2`, and other legacy operations like `drm_crtc_funcs.gamma_set`. For atomic drivers all these features are controlled through `drm_property` and `drm_mode_config_funcs.atomic_check` and `drm_mode_config_funcs.atomic_check`.

## CRTC Functions Reference

**struct drm\_crtc\_state**  
mutable CRTC state

### Definition

```
struct drm_crtc_state {
    struct drm_crtc *crtc;
    bool enable;
    bool active;
    bool planes_changed : 1;
    bool mode_changed : 1;
    bool active_changed : 1;
    bool connectors_changed : 1;
    bool zpos_changed : 1;
    bool color_mgmt_changed : 1;
    u32 plane_mask;
    u32 connector_mask;
    u32 encoder_mask;
    struct drm_display_mode adjusted_mode;
    struct drm_display_mode mode;
    struct drm_property_blob *mode_blob;
    struct drm_property_blob *degamma_lut;
    struct drm_property_blob *ctm;
    struct drm_property_blob *gamma_lut;
```

```

u32 target_vblank;
u32 pageflip_flags;
struct drm_pending_vblank_event *event;
struct drm_crtc_commit *commit;
struct drm_atomic_state *state;
};

```

## Members

**crtc** backpointer to the CRTC

**enable** whether the CRTC should be enabled, gates all other state

**active** whether the CRTC is actively displaying (used for DPMS)

**planes\_changed** planes on this crtc are updated

**mode\_changed** **mode** or **enable** has been changed

**active\_changed** **active** has been toggled.

**connectors\_changed** connectors to this crtc have been updated

**zpos\_changed** zpos values of planes on this crtc have been updated

**color\_mgmt\_changed** color management properties have changed (degamma or gamma LUT or CSC matrix)

**plane\_mask** bitmask of  $(1 \ll \text{drm\_plane\_index(plane)})$  of attached planes

**connector\_mask** bitmask of  $(1 \ll \text{drm\_connector\_index(connector)})$  of attached connectors

**encoder\_mask** bitmask of  $(1 \ll \text{drm\_encoder\_index(encoder)})$  of attached encoders

**adjusted\_mode** Internal display timings which can be used by the driver to handle differences between the mode requested by userspace in **mode** and what is actually programmed into the hardware. It is purely driver implementation defined what exactly this adjusted mode means. Usually it is used to store the hardware display timings used between the CRTC and encoder blocks.

**mode** Display timings requested by userspace. The driver should try to match the refresh rate as close as possible (but note that it's undefined what exactly is close enough, e.g. some of the HDMI modes only differ in less than 1% of the refresh rate). The active width and height as observed by userspace for positioning planes must match exactly.

For external connectors where the sink isn't fixed (like with a built-in panel), this mode here should match the physical mode on the wire to the last details (i.e. including sync polarities and everything).

**mode\_blob** [drm\\_property\\_blob](#) for **mode**

**degamma\_lut** Lookup table for converting framebuffer pixel data before apply the color conversion matrix **ctm**. See [drm\\_crtc\\_enable\\_color\\_mgmt\(\)](#). The blob (if not NULL) is an array of struct [drm\\_color\\_lut](#).

**ctm** Color transformation matrix. See [drm\\_crtc\\_enable\\_color\\_mgmt\(\)](#). The blob (if not NULL) is a struct [drm\\_color\\_ctm](#).

**gamma\_lut** Lookup table for converting pixel data after the color conversion matrix **ctm**. See [drm\\_crtc\\_enable\\_color\\_mgmt\(\)](#). The blob (if not NULL) is an array of struct [drm\\_color\\_lut](#).

**target\_vblank** Target vertical blank period when a page flip should take effect.

**pageflip\_flags** `DRM_MODE_PAGE_FLIP_*` flags, as passed to the page flip ioctl. Zero in any other case.

**event** Optional pointer to a DRM event to signal upon completion of the state update. The driver must send out the event when the atomic commit operation completes. There are two cases:

- The event is for a CRTC which is being disabled through this atomic commit. In that case the event can be send out any time after the hardware has stopped scanning out the current framebuffers. It should contain the timestamp and counter for the last vblank before the display pipeline was

shut off. The simplest way to achieve that is calling `drm_crtc_send_vblank_event()` somewhere after `drm_crtc_vblank_off()` has been called.

- For a CRTC which is enabled at the end of the commit (even when it undergoes an full modeset) the vblank timestamp and counter must be for the vblank right before the first frame that scans out the new set of buffers. Again the event can only be sent out after the hardware has stopped scanning out the old buffers.
- Events for disabled CRTCs are not allowed, and drivers can ignore that case.

This can be handled by the `drm_crtc_send_vblank_event()` function, which the driver should call on the provided event upon completion of the atomic commit. Note that if the driver supports vblank signalling and timestamping the vblank counters and timestamps must agree with the ones returned from page flip events. With the current vblank helper infrastructure this can be achieved by holding a vblank reference while the page flip is pending, acquired through `drm_crtc_vblank_get()` and released with `drm_crtc_vblank_put()`. Drivers are free to implement their own vblank counter and timestamp tracking though, e.g. if they have accurate timestamp registers in hardware.

For hardware which supports some means to synchronize vblank interrupt delivery with committing display state there's also `drm_crtc_arm_vblank_event()`. See the documentation of that function for a detailed discussion of the constraints it needs to be used safely.

If the device can't notify of flip completion in a race-free way at all, then the event should be armed just after the page flip is committed. In the worst case the driver will send the event to userspace one frame too late. This doesn't allow for a real atomic update, but it should avoid tearing.

**commit** This tracks how the commit for this update proceeds through the various phases. This is never cleared, except when we destroy the state, so that subsequent commits can synchronize with previous ones.

**state** backpointer to global `drm_atomic_state`

## Description

Note that the distinction between **enable** and **active** is rather subtle: Flipping **active** while **enable** is set without changing anything else may never return in a failure from the `drm_mode_config_funcs.atomic_check` callback. Userspace assumes that a DPMS On will always succeed. In other words: **enable** controls resource assignment, **active** controls the actual hardware state.

The three booleans `active_changed`, `connectors_changed` and `mode_changed` are intended to indicate whether a full modeset is needed, rather than strictly describing what has changed in a commit. See also: `drm_atomic_crtc_needs_modeset()`

struct **drm\_crtc\_funcs**  
control CRTCs for a given device

## Definition

```
struct drm_crtc_funcs {
    void (*reset)(struct drm_crtc *crtc);
    int (*cursor_set)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct drm_file *file_priv, uint32_t handle, uint32_t width,
    int (*cursor_set2)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct drm_file *file_priv, uint32_t handle, uint32_t width,
    int (*cursor_move)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, int x, int y);
    int (*gamma_set)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, u16 *r, u16 *g, u16 *b, uint32_t size, struct drm_modeset_acquire
    void (*destroy)(struct drm_crtc *crtc);
    int (*set_config)(struct drm_mode_set *set, struct drm_modeset_acquire_ctx *ctx);
    int (*page_flip)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct drm_framebuffer *fb, struct drm_pending_vblank_event *eve
    int (*page_flip_target)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct drm_framebuffer *fb, struct drm_pending_vblank_eve
    int (*set_property)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct drm_property *property, uint64_t val);
    struct drm_crtc_state *(*atomic_duplicate_state)(struct drm_crtc *crtc);
    void (*atomic_destroy_state)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct drm_crtc_state *state);
    int (*atomic_set_property)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct drm_crtc_state *state, struct drm_property *pro
    int (*atomic_get_property)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, const struct drm_crtc_state *state, struct drm_propert
    int (*late_register)(struct drm_crtc *crtc);
    void (*early_unregister)(struct drm_crtc *crtc);
}
```



```
int (*set_crc_source)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, const char *source, size_t *values_cnt);
void (*atomic_print_state)(struct drm_printer *p, const struct drm_crtc_state *state);
u32 (*get_vblank_counter)(struct drm_crtc *crtc);
int (*enable_vblank)(struct drm_crtc *crtc);
void (*disable_vblank)(struct drm_crtc *crtc);
};
```

## Members

**reset** Reset CRTC hardware and software state to off. This function isn't called by the core directly, only through `drm_mode_config_reset()`. It's not a helper hook only for historical reasons.

Atomic drivers can use `drm_atomic_helper_crtc_reset()` to reset atomic state using this hook.

**cursor\_set** Update the cursor image. The cursor position is relative to the CRTC and can be partially or fully outside of the visible area.

Note that contrary to all other KMS functions the legacy cursor entry points don't take a framebuffer object, but instead take directly a raw buffer object id from the driver's buffer manager (which is either GEM or TTM for current drivers).

This entry point is deprecated, drivers should instead implement universal plane support and register a proper cursor plane using `drm_crtc_init_with_planes()`.

This callback is optional

RETURNS:

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

**cursor\_set2** Update the cursor image, including hotspot information. The hotspot must not affect the cursor position in CRTC coordinates, but is only meant as a hint for virtualized display hardware to coordinate the guests and hosts cursor position. The cursor hotspot is relative to the cursor image. Otherwise this works exactly like **cursor\_set**.

This entry point is deprecated, drivers should instead implement universal plane support and register a proper cursor plane using `drm_crtc_init_with_planes()`.

This callback is optional.

RETURNS:

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

**cursor\_move** Update the cursor position. The cursor does not need to be visible when this hook is called.

This entry point is deprecated, drivers should instead implement universal plane support and register a proper cursor plane using `drm_crtc_init_with_planes()`.

This callback is optional.

RETURNS:

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

**gamma\_set** Set gamma on the CRTC.

This callback is optional.

Atomic drivers who want to support gamma tables should implement the atomic color management support, enabled by calling `drm_crtc_enable_color_mgmt()`, which then supports the legacy gamma interface through the `drm_atomic_helper_legacy_gamma_set()` compatibility implementation.

**destroy** Clean up plane resources. This is only called at driver unload time through `drm_mode_config_cleanup()` since a CRTC cannot be hotplugged in DRM.

**set\_config** This is the main legacy entry point to change the modeset state on a CRTC. All the details of the desired configuration are passed in a `struct drm_mode_set` - see there for details.



Drivers implementing atomic modeset should use `drm_atomic_helper_set_config()` to implement this hook.

RETURNS:

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

**page\_flip** Legacy entry point to schedule a flip to the given framebuffer.

Page flipping is a synchronization mechanism that replaces the frame buffer being scanned out by the CRTC with a new frame buffer during vertical blanking, avoiding tearing (except when requested otherwise through the `DRM_MODE_PAGE_FLIP_ASYNC` flag). When an application requests a page flip the DRM core verifies that the new frame buffer is large enough to be scanned out by the CRTC in the currently configured mode and then calls this hook with a pointer to the new frame buffer.

The driver must wait for any pending rendering to the new framebuffer to complete before executing the flip. It should also wait for any pending rendering from other drivers if the underlying buffer is a shared dma-buf.

An application can request to be notified when the page flip has completed. The drm core will supply a `struct drm_event` in the event parameter in this case. This can be handled by the `drm_crtc_send_vblank_event()` function, which the driver should call on the provided event upon completion of the flip. Note that if the driver supports vblank signalling and timestamping the vblank counters and timestamps must agree with the ones returned from page flip events. With the current vblank helper infrastructure this can be achieved by holding a vblank reference while the page flip is pending, acquired through `drm_crtc_vblank_get()` and released with `drm_crtc_vblank_put()`. Drivers are free to implement their own vblank counter and timestamp tracking though, e.g. if they have accurate timestamp registers in hardware.

This callback is optional.

NOTE:

Very early versions of the KMS ABI mandated that the driver must block (but not reject) any rendering to the old framebuffer until the flip operation has completed and the old framebuffer is no longer visible. This requirement has been lifted, and userspace is instead expected to request delivery of an event and wait with recycling old buffers until such has been received.

RETURNS:

0 on success or a negative error code on failure. Note that if a page flip operation is already pending the callback should return `-EBUSY`. Pageflips on a disabled CRTC (either by setting a `NULL` mode or just runtime disabled through DPMS respectively the new atomic "ACTIVE" state) should result in an `-EINVAL` error code. Note that `drm_atomic_helper_page_flip()` checks this already for atomic drivers.

**page\_flip\_target** Same as **page\_flip** but with an additional parameter specifying the absolute target vertical blank period (as reported by `drm_crtc_vblank_count()`) when the flip should take effect.

Note that the core code calls `drm_crtc_vblank_get` before this entry point, and will call `drm_crtc_vblank_put` if this entry point returns any non-0 error code. It's the driver's responsibility to call `drm_crtc_vblank_put` after this entry point returns 0, typically when the flip completes.

**set\_property** This is the legacy entry point to update a property attached to the CRTC.

This callback is optional if the driver does not support any legacy driver-private properties. For atomic drivers it is not used because property handling is done entirely in the DRM core.

RETURNS:

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

**atomic\_duplicate\_state** Duplicate the current atomic state for this CRTC and return it. The core and helpers guarantee that any atomic state duplicated with this hook and still owned by the caller (i.e. not transferred to the driver by calling `drm_mode_config_funcs.atomic_commit`) will be cleaned up by calling the **atomic\_destroy\_state** hook in this structure.

Atomic drivers which don't subclass `struct drm_crtc_state` should use `drm_atomic_helper_crtc_duplicate_state()`. Drivers that subclass the state structure to extend it with driver-private state should use `__drm_atomic_helper_crtc_duplicate_state()` to make sure shared state is duplicated in a consistent fashion across drivers.

It is an error to call this hook before `drm_crtc.state` has been initialized correctly.

NOTE:

If the duplicate state references refcounted resources this hook must acquire a reference for each of them. The driver must release these references again in **atomic\_destroy\_state**.

RETURNS:

Duplicated atomic state or NULL when the allocation failed.

**atomic\_destroy\_state** Destroy a state duplicated with **atomic\_duplicate\_state** and release or unreference all resources it references

**atomic\_set\_property** Decode a driver-private property value and store the decoded value into the passed-in state structure. Since the atomic core decodes all standardized properties (even for extensions beyond the core set of properties which might not be implemented by all drivers) this requires drivers to subclass the state structure.

Such driver-private properties should really only be implemented for truly hardware/vendor specific state. Instead it is preferred to standardize atomic extension and decode the properties used to expose such an extension in the core.

Do not call this function directly, use `drm_atomic_crtc_set_property()` instead.

This callback is optional if the driver does not support any driver-private atomic properties.

NOTE:

This function is called in the state assembly phase of atomic modesets, which can be aborted for any reason (including on userspace's request to just check whether a configuration would be possible). Drivers MUST NOT touch any persistent state (hardware or software) or data structures except the passed in **state** parameter.

Also since userspace controls in which order properties are set this function must not do any input validation (since the state update is incomplete and hence likely inconsistent). Instead any such input validation must be done in the various `atomic_check` callbacks.

RETURNS:

0 if the property has been found, -EINVAL if the property isn't implemented by the driver (which should never happen, the core only asks for properties attached to this CRTC). No other validation is allowed by the driver. The core already checks that the property value is within the range (integer, valid enum value, ...) the driver set when registering the property.

**atomic\_get\_property** Reads out the decoded driver-private property. This is used to implement the `GETCRTC_IOCTL`.

Do not call this function directly, use `drm_atomic_crtc_get_property()` instead.

This callback is optional if the driver does not support any driver-private atomic properties.

RETURNS:

0 on success, -EINVAL if the property isn't implemented by the driver (which should never happen, the core only asks for properties attached to this CRTC).

**late\_register** This optional hook can be used to register additional userspace interfaces attached to the `crtc` like debugfs interfaces. It is called late in the driver load sequence from `drm_dev_register()`. Everything added from this callback should be unregistered in the `early_unregister` callback.

Returns:

0 on success, or a negative error code on failure.

**early\_unregister** This optional hook should be used to unregister the additional userspace interfaces attached to the crtc from **late\_register**. It is called from `drm_dev_unregister()`, early in the driver unload sequence to disable userspace access before data structures are torn down.

**set\_crc\_source** Changes the source of CRC checksums of frames at the request of userspace, typically for testing purposes. The sources available are specific of each driver and a NULL value indicates that CRC generation is to be switched off.

When CRC generation is enabled, the driver should call `drm_crtc_add_crc_entry()` at each frame, providing any information that characterizes the frame contents in the `crcN` arguments, as provided from the configured source. Drivers must accept an "auto" source name that will select a default source for this CRTC.

Note that "auto" can depend upon the current modeset configuration, e.g. it could pick an encoder or output specific CRC sampling point.

This callback is optional if the driver does not support any CRC generation functionality.

RETURNS:

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

**atomic\_print\_state** If driver subclasses `struct drm_crtc_state`, it should implement this optional hook for printing additional driver specific state.

Do not call this directly, use `drm_atomic_crtc_print_state()` instead.

**get\_vblank\_counter** Driver callback for fetching a raw hardware vblank counter for the CRTC. It's meant to be used by new drivers as the replacement of `drm_driver.get_vblank_counter` hook.

This callback is optional. If a device doesn't have a hardware counter, the driver can simply leave the hook as NULL. The DRM core will account for missed vblank events while interrupts where disabled based on system timestamps.

Wraparound handling and loss of events due to modesetting is dealt with in the DRM core code, as long as drivers call `drm_crtc_vblank_off()` and `drm_crtc_vblank_on()` when disabling or enabling a CRTC.

See also `drm_device.vblank_disable_immediate` and `drm_device.max_vblank_count`.

Returns:

Raw vblank counter value.

**enable\_vblank** Enable vblank interrupts for the CRTC. It's meant to be used by new drivers as the replacement of `drm_driver.enable_vblank` hook.

Returns:

Zero on success, appropriate `errno` if the vblank interrupt cannot be enabled.

**disable\_vblank** Disable vblank interrupts for the CRTC. It's meant to be used by new drivers as the replacement of `drm_driver.disable_vblank` hook.

## Description

The `drm_crtc_funcs` structure is the central CRTC management structure in the DRM. Each CRTC controls one or more connectors (note that the name CRTC is simply historical, a CRTC may control LVDS, VGA, DVI, TV out, etc. connectors, not just CRTs).

Each driver is responsible for filling out this structure at startup time, in addition to providing other modesetting features, like i2c and DDC bus accessors.

`struct drm_crtc`  
central CRTC control structure

## Definition

```
struct drm_crtc {
    struct drm_device *dev;
    struct device_node *port;
    struct list_head head;
    char *name;
    struct drm_modeset_lock mutex;
    struct drm_mode_object base;
    struct drm_plane *primary;
    struct drm_plane *cursor;
    unsigned index;
    int cursor_x;
    int cursor_y;
    bool enabled;
    struct drm_display_mode mode;
    struct drm_display_mode hwmode;
    int x, y;
    const struct drm_crtc_funcs *funcs;
    uint32_t gamma_size;
    uint16_t *gamma_store;
    const struct drm_crtc_helper_funcs *helper_private;
    struct drm_object_properties properties;
    struct drm_crtc_state *state;
    struct list_head commit_list;
    spinlock_t commit_lock;
#ifdef CONFIG_DEBUG_FS;
    struct dentry *debugfs_entry;
#endif;
    struct drm_crtc_crc crc;
    unsigned int fence_context;
    spinlock_t fence_lock;
    unsigned long fence_seqno;
    char timeline_name[32];
};
```

## Members

**dev** parent DRM device

**port** OF node used by `drm_of_find_possible_crtcs()`

**head** list management

**name** human readable name, can be overwritten by the driver

**mutex** This provides a read lock for the overall CRTC state (mode, dpms state, ...) and a write lock for everything which can be update without a full modeset (fb, cursor data, CRTC properties ...). A full modeset also need to grab [drm\\_mode\\_config.connection\\_mutex](#).

For atomic drivers specifically this protects **state**.

**base** base KMS object for ID tracking etc.

**primary** primary plane for this CRTC

**cursor** cursor plane for this CRTC

**index** Position inside the `mode_config.list`, can be used as an array index. It is invariant over the lifetime of the CRTC.

**cursor\_x** current x position of the cursor, used for universal cursor planes

**cursor\_y** current y position of the cursor, used for universal cursor planes

**enabled** is this CRTC enabled?

**mode** current mode timings

**hwmode** mode timings as programmed to hw regs

**x** x position on screen

**y** y position on screen

**funcs** CRTC control functions

**gamma\_size** size of gamma ramp

**gamma\_store** gamma ramp values

**helper\_private** mid-layer private data

**properties** property tracking for this CRTC

**state** Current atomic state for this CRTC.

This is protected by **mutex**. Note that nonblocking atomic commits access the current CRTC state without taking locks. Either by going through the *struct drm\_atomic\_state* pointers, see *for\_each\_oldnew\_crtc\_in\_state()*, *for\_each\_old\_crtc\_in\_state()* and *for\_each\_new\_crtc\_in\_state()*. Or through careful ordering of atomic commit operations as implemented in the atomic helpers, see *struct drm\_crtc\_commit*.

**commit\_list** List of *drm\_crtc\_commit* structures tracking pending commits. Protected by **commit\_lock**. This list holds its own full reference, as does the ongoing commit.

“Note that the commit for a state change is also tracked in *drm\_crtc\_state.commit*. For accessing the immediately preceding commit in an atomic update it is recommended to just use that pointer in the old CRTC state, since accessing that doesn't need any locking or list-walking. **commit\_list** should only be used to stall for framebuffer cleanup that's signalled through *drm\_crtc\_commit.cleanup\_done*.”

**commit\_lock** Spinlock to protect **commit\_list**.

**debugfs\_entry** Debugfs directory for this CRTC.

**crc** Configuration settings of CRC capture.

**fence\_context** timeline context used for fence operations.

**fence\_lock** spinlock to protect the fences in the fence\_context.

**fence\_seqno** Seqno variable used as monotonic counter for the fences created on the CRTC's timeline.

**timeline\_name** The name of the CRTC's fence timeline.

## Description

Each CRTC may have one or more connectors associated with it. This structure allows the CRTC to be controlled.

struct **drm\_mode\_set**

new values for a CRTC config change

## Definition

```
struct drm_mode_set {
    struct drm_framebuffer *fb;
    struct drm_crtc *crtc;
    struct drm_display_mode *mode;
    uint32_t x;
    uint32_t y;
    struct drm_connector **connectors;
    size_t num_connectors;
};
```

## Members

**fb** framebuffer to use for new config

**crtc** CRTC whose configuration we're about to change

**mode** mode timings to use

**x** position of this CRTC relative to **fb**

**y** position of this CRTC relative to **fb**

**connectors** array of connectors to drive with this CRTC if possible

**num\_connectors** size of **connectors** array

### Description

This represents a modeset configuration for the legacy SETCRTC ioctl and is also used internally. Atomic drivers instead use [drm\\_atomic\\_state](#).

unsigned int **drm\_crtc\_index**(const struct [drm\\_crtc](#) \* *crtc*)  
find the index of a registered CRTC

### Parameters

**const struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** CRTC to find index for

### Description

Given a registered CRTC, return the index of that CRTC within a DRM device's list of CRTCs.

uint32\_t **drm\_crtc\_mask**(const struct [drm\\_crtc](#) \* *crtc*)  
find the mask of a registered CRTC

### Parameters

**const struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** CRTC to find mask for

### Description

Given a registered CRTC, return the mask bit of that CRTC for an encoder's possible\_crtcs field.

struct [drm\\_crtc](#) \* **drm\_crtc\_find**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*, struct [drm\\_file](#) \* *file\_priv*, uint32\_t *id*)  
look up a CRTC object from its ID

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_file \* file\_priv** drm file to check for lease against.

**uint32\_t id** [drm\\_mode\\_object](#) ID

### Description

This can be used to look up a CRTC from its userspace ID. Only used by drivers for legacy IOCTLs and interface, nowadays extensions to the KMS userspace interface should be done using [drm\\_property](#).

**drm\_for\_each\_crtc**(*crtc*, *dev*)  
iterate over all CRTCs

### Parameters

**crtc** a [struct drm\\_crtc](#) as the loop cursor

**dev** the struct [drm\\_device](#)

### Description

Iterate over all CRTCs of **dev**.

struct [drm\\_crtc](#) \* **drm\_crtc\_from\_index**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*, int *idx*)  
find the registered CRTC at an index

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**int idx** index of registered CRTC to find for

## Description

Given a CRTC index, return the registered CRTC from DRM device's list of CRTCs with matching index. This is the inverse of `drm_crtc_index()`. It's useful in the vblank callbacks (like `drm_driver.enable_vblank` or `drm_driver.disable_vblank`), since that still deals with indices instead of pointers to `struct drm_crtc`."

```
int drm_crtc_force_disable(struct drm_crtc *crtc)
```

Forcibly turn off a CRTC

## Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** CRTC to turn off

## Note

This should only be used by non-atomic legacy drivers.

## Return

Zero on success, error code on failure.

```
int drm_crtc_force_disable_all(struct drm_device *dev)
```

Forcibly turn off all enabled CRTCs

## Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device whose CRTCs to turn off

## Description

Drivers may want to call this on unload to ensure that all displays are unlit and the GPU is in a consistent, low power state. Takes modeset locks.

## Note

This should only be used by non-atomic legacy drivers. For an atomic version look at `drm_atomic_helper_shutdown()`.

## Return

Zero on success, error code on failure.

```
int drm_crtc_init_with_planes(struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct drm_plane
                           *primary, struct drm_plane *cursor, const struct drm_crtc_funcs
                           *funcs, const char *name, ...)
```

Initialise a new CRTC object with specified primary and cursor planes.

## Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** CRTC object to init

**struct drm\_plane \* primary** Primary plane for CRTC

**struct drm\_plane \* cursor** Cursor plane for CRTC

**const struct drm\_crtc\_funcs \* funcs** callbacks for the new CRTC

**const char \* name** printf style format string for the CRTC name, or NULL for default name

... variable arguments

## Description

Init's a new object created as base part of a driver crtc object. Drivers should use this function instead of `drm_crtc_init()`, which is only provided for backwards compatibility with drivers which do not yet support universal planes). For really simple hardware which has only 1 plane look at `drm_simple_display_pipe_init()` instead.

## Return



Zero on success, error code on failure.

```
void drm_crtc_cleanup(struct drm_crtc * crtc)  
    Clean up the core crtc usage
```

### Parameters

**struct *drm\_crtc* \* *crtc*** CRTC to cleanup

### Description

This function cleans up **crtc** and removes it from the DRM mode setting core. Note that the function does *not* free the crtc structure itself, this is the responsibility of the caller.

```
int drm_mode_set_config_internal(struct drm_mode_set * set)  
    helper to call drm_mode_config_funcs.set_config
```

### Parameters

**struct *drm\_mode\_set* \* *set*** modeset config to set

### Description

This is a little helper to wrap internal calls to the *drm\_mode\_config\_funcs.set\_config* driver interface. The only thing it adds is correct refcounting dance.

This should only be used by non-atomic legacy drivers.

### Return

Zero on success, negative errno on failure.

```
int drm_crtc_check_viewport(const struct drm_crtc * crtc, int x, int y, const struct  
                           drm_display_mode * mode, const struct drm_framebuffer * fb)  
    Checks that a framebuffer is big enough for the CRTC viewport
```

### Parameters

**const struct *drm\_crtc* \* *crtc*** CRTC that framebuffer will be displayed on

**int *x*** x panning

**int *y*** y panning

**const struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* *mode*** mode that framebuffer will be displayed under

**const struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* *fb*** framebuffer to check size of

## Frame Buffer Abstraction

Frame buffers are abstract memory objects that provide a source of pixels to scanout to a CRTC. Applications explicitly request the creation of frame buffers through the `DRM_IOCTL_MODE_ADDFB(2)` ioctls and receive an opaque handle that can be passed to the KMS CRTC control, plane configuration and page flip functions.

Frame buffers rely on the underlying memory manager for allocating backing storage. When creating a frame buffer applications pass a memory handle (or a list of memory handles for multi-planar formats) through the `struct drm_mode_fb_cmd2` argument. For drivers using GEM as their userspace buffer management interface this would be a GEM handle. Drivers are however free to use their own backing storage object handles, e.g. `vmwgfx` directly exposes special TTM handles to userspace and so expects TTM handles in the create ioctl and not GEM handles.

Framebuffers are tracked with *struct *drm\_framebuffer**. They are published using *drm\_framebuffer\_init()* - after calling that function userspace can use and access the framebuffer object. The helper function *drm\_helper\_mode\_fill\_fb\_struct()* can be used to pre-fill the required metadata fields.



The lifetime of a drm framebuffer is controlled with a reference count, drivers can grab additional references with `drm_framebuffer_get()` and drop them again with `drm_framebuffer_put()`. For driver-private framebuffers for which the last reference is never dropped (e.g. for the fbdev framebuffer when the struct `struct drm_framebuffer` is embedded into the fbdev helper struct) drivers can manually clean up a framebuffer at module unload time with `drm_framebuffer_unregister_private()`. But doing this is not recommended, and it's better to have a normal free-standing `struct drm_framebuffer`.

## Frame Buffer Functions Reference

struct **drm\_framebuffer\_funcs**  
framebuffer hooks

### Definition

```
struct drm_framebuffer_funcs {
    void (*destroy)(struct drm_framebuffer *framebuffer);
    int (*create_handle)(struct drm_framebuffer *fb, struct drm_file *file_priv, unsigned int *handle);
    int (*dirty)(struct drm_framebuffer *framebuffer, struct drm_file *file_priv, unsigned flags, unsigned cmd);
};
```

### Members

**destroy** Clean up framebuffer resources, specifically also unreference the backing storage. The core guarantees to call this function for every framebuffer successfully created by calling `drm_mode_config_funcs.fb_create`. Drivers must also call `drm_framebuffer_cleanup()` to release DRM core resources for this framebuffer.

**create\_handle** Create a buffer handle in the driver-specific buffer manager (either GEM or TTM) valid for the passed-in `struct drm_file`. This is used by the core to implement the GETFB IOCTL, which returns (for sufficiently privileged user) also a native buffer handle. This can be used for seamless transitions between modesetting clients by copying the current screen contents to a private buffer and blending between that and the new contents.

GEM based drivers should call `drm_gem_handle_create()` to create the handle.

RETURNS:

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

**dirty** Optional callback for the dirty fb IOCTL.

Userspace can notify the driver via this callback that an area of the framebuffer has changed and should be flushed to the display hardware. This can also be used internally, e.g. by the fbdev emulation, though that's not the case currently.

See documentation in `drm_mode.h` for the struct `drm_mode_fb_dirty_cmd` for more information as all the semantics and arguments have a one to one mapping on this function.

RETURNS:

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

struct **drm\_framebuffer**  
frame buffer object

### Definition

```
struct drm_framebuffer {
    struct drm_device *dev;
    struct list_head head;
    struct drm_mode_object base;
    char comm[TASK_COMM_LEN];
    const struct drm_format_info *format;
    const struct drm_framebuffer_funcs *funcs;
    unsigned int pitches[4];
};
```

```
unsigned int offsets[4];
uint64_t modifier;
unsigned int width;
unsigned int height;
int flags;
int hot_x;
int hot_y;
struct list_head filp_head;
struct drm_gem_object *obj[4];
};
```

## Members

**dev** DRM device this framebuffer belongs to

**head** Place on the *drm\_mode\_config.fb\_list*, access protected by *drm\_mode\_config.fb\_lock*.

**base** base modeset object structure, contains the reference count.

**comm** Name of the process allocating the fb, used for fb dumping.

**format** framebuffer format information

**funcs** framebuffer vfunc table

**pitches** Line stride per buffer. For userspace created object this is copied from *drm\_mode\_fb\_cmd2*.

**offsets** Offset from buffer start to the actual pixel data in bytes, per buffer. For userspace created object this is copied from *drm\_mode\_fb\_cmd2*.

Note that this is a linear offset and does not take into account tiling or buffer layout per **modifier**. It meant to be used when the actual pixel data for this framebuffer plane starts at an offset, e.g. when multiple planes are allocated within the same backing storage buffer object. For tiled layouts this generally means it **offsets** must at least be tile-size aligned, but hardware often has stricter requirements.

This should not be used to specify x/y pixel offsets into the buffer data (even for linear buffers). Specifying an x/y pixel offset is instead done through the source rectangle in *struct drm\_plane\_state*.

**modifier** Data layout modifier. This is used to describe tiling, or also special layouts (like compression) of auxiliary buffers. For userspace created object this is copied from *drm\_mode\_fb\_cmd2*.

**width** Logical width of the visible area of the framebuffer, in pixels.

**height** Logical height of the visible area of the framebuffer, in pixels.

**flags** Framebuffer flags like *DRM\_MODE\_FB\_INTERLACED* or *DRM\_MODE\_FB\_MODIFIERS*.

**hot\_x** X coordinate of the cursor hotspot. Used by the legacy cursor IOCTL when the driver supports cursor through a *DRM\_PLANE\_TYPE\_CURSOR* universal plane.

**hot\_y** Y coordinate of the cursor hotspot. Used by the legacy cursor IOCTL when the driver supports cursor through a *DRM\_PLANE\_TYPE\_CURSOR* universal plane.

**filp\_head** Placed on *drm\_file.fbs*, protected by *drm\_file.fbs\_lock*.

**obj** GEM objects backing the framebuffer, one per plane (optional).

This is used by the GEM framebuffer helpers, see e.g. *drm\_gem\_fb\_create()*.

## Description

Note that the fb is refcounted for the benefit of driver internals, for example some hw, disabling a CRTC/plane is asynchronous, and scanout does not actually complete until the next vblank. So some cleanup (like releasing the reference(s) on the backing GEM bo(s)) should be deferred. In cases like this, the driver would like to hold a ref to the fb even though it has already been removed from userspace perspective. See *drm\_framebuffer\_get()* and *drm\_framebuffer\_put()*.

The refcount is stored inside the mode object **base**.

void **drm\_framebuffer\_get**(struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* fb)  
 acquire a framebuffer reference

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** DRM framebuffer

#### Description

This function increments the framebuffer's reference count.

void **drm\_framebuffer\_put**(struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* fb)  
 release a framebuffer reference

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** DRM framebuffer

#### Description

This function decrements the framebuffer's reference count and frees the framebuffer if the reference count drops to zero.

void **drm\_framebuffer\_reference**(struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* fb)  
 acquire a framebuffer reference

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** DRM framebuffer

#### Description

This is a compatibility alias for *drm\_framebuffer\_get()* and should not be used by new code.

void **drm\_framebuffer\_unreference**(struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* fb)  
 release a framebuffer reference

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** DRM framebuffer

#### Description

This is a compatibility alias for *drm\_framebuffer\_put()* and should not be used by new code.

uint32\_t **drm\_framebuffer\_read\_refcount**(const struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* fb)  
 read the framebuffer reference count.

#### Parameters

**const struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** framebuffer

#### Description

This functions returns the framebuffer's reference count.

void **drm\_framebuffer\_assign**(struct *drm\_framebuffer* \*\* p, struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* fb)  
 store a reference to the fb

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_framebuffer \*\* p** location to store framebuffer

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** new framebuffer (maybe NULL)

#### Description

This functions sets the location to store a reference to the framebuffer, unreferencing the framebuffer that was previously stored in that location.

int **drm\_framebuffer\_init**(struct *drm\_device* \* dev, struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* fb, const struct *drm\_framebuffer\_funcs* \* funcs)  
 initialize a framebuffer

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device  
**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** framebuffer to be initialized  
**const struct drm\_framebuffer\_funcs \* funcs** ... with these functions

### Description

Allocates an ID for the framebuffer's parent mode object, sets its mode functions & device file and adds it to the master fd list.

IMPORTANT: This functions publishes the fb and makes it available for concurrent access by other users. Which means by this point the fb \_must\_ be fully set up - since all the fb attributes are invariant over its lifetime, no further locking but only correct reference counting is required.

### Return

Zero on success, error code on failure.

**struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* *drm\_framebuffer\_lookup***(**struct *drm\_device* \* *dev***, **struct *drm\_file* \* *file\_priv***, **uint32\_t *id***)  
look up a drm framebuffer and grab a reference

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm device  
**struct drm\_file \* file\_priv** drm file to check for lease against.  
**uint32\_t id** id of the fb object

### Description

If successful, this grabs an additional reference to the framebuffer - callers need to make sure to eventually unreference the returned framebuffer again, using *drm\_framebuffer\_put()*.

**void *drm\_framebuffer\_unregister\_private***(**struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* *fb***)  
unregister a private fb from the lookup idr

### Parameters

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** fb to unregister

### Description

Drivers need to call this when cleaning up driver-private framebuffers, e.g. those used for fbdev. Note that the caller must hold a reference of it's own, i.e. the object may not be destroyed through this call (since it'll lead to a locking inversion).

### NOTE

This function is deprecated. For driver-private framebuffers it is not recommended to embed a framebuffer struct into fbdev struct, instead, a framebuffer pointer is preferred and *drm\_framebuffer\_put()* should be called when the framebuffer is to be cleaned up.

**void *drm\_framebuffer\_cleanup***(**struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* *fb***)  
remove a framebuffer object

### Parameters

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** framebuffer to remove

### Description

Cleanup framebuffer. This function is intended to be used from the drivers *drm\_framebuffer\_funcs.destroy* callback. It can also be used to clean up driver private framebuffers embedded into a larger structure.

Note that this function does not remove the fb from active usage - if it is still used anywhere, hilarity can ensue since userspace could call getfb on the id and get back -EINVAL. Obviously no concern at driver unload time.

Also, the framebuffer will not be removed from the lookup idr - for user-created framebuffers this will happen in in the rmfb ioctl. For driver-private objects (e.g. for fbdev) drivers need to explicitly call `drm_framebuffer_unregister_private`.

void **drm\_framebuffer\_remove**(struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* fb)  
remove and unreference a framebuffer object

### Parameters

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** framebuffer to remove

### Description

Scans all the CRTC's and planes in **dev's** mode\_config. If they're using **fb**, removes it, setting it to NULL. Then drops the reference to the passed-in framebuffer. Might take the modeset locks.

Note that this function optimizes the cleanup away if the caller holds the last reference to the framebuffer. It is also guaranteed to not take the modeset locks in this case.

int **drm\_framebuffer\_plane\_width**(int width, const struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* fb, int plane)  
width of the plane given the first plane

### Parameters

**int width** width of the first plane

**const struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** the framebuffer

**int plane** plane index

### Return

The width of **plane**, given that the width of the first plane is **width**.

int **drm\_framebuffer\_plane\_height**(int height, const struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* fb, int plane)  
height of the plane given the first plane

### Parameters

**int height** height of the first plane

**const struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** the framebuffer

**int plane** plane index

### Return

The height of **plane**, given that the height of the first plane is **height**.

## DRM Format Handling

struct **drm\_format\_info**  
information about a DRM format

### Definition

```
struct drm_format_info {
    u32 format;
    u8 depth;
    u8 num_planes;
    u8 cpp[3];
    u8 hsub;
    u8 vsub;
};
```

## Members

**format** 4CC format identifier (DRM\_FORMAT\_\*)

**depth** Color depth (number of bits per pixel excluding padding bits), valid for a subset of RGB formats only. This is a legacy field, do not use in new code and set to 0 for new formats.

**num\_planes** Number of color planes (1 to 3)

**cpp** Number of bytes per pixel (per plane)

**hsub** Horizontal chroma subsampling factor

**vsub** Vertical chroma subsampling factor

struct **drm\_format\_name\_buf**  
name of a DRM format

## Definition

```
struct drm_format_name_buf {  
    char str[32];  
};
```

## Members

**str** string buffer containing the format name

uint32\_t **drm\_mode\_legacy\_fb\_format**(uint32\_t *bpp*, uint32\_t *depth*)  
compute drm fourcc code from legacy description

## Parameters

uint32\_t **bpp** bits per pixels

uint32\_t **depth** bit depth per pixel

## Description

Computes a drm fourcc pixel format code for the given **bpp/depth** values. Useful in fbdev emulation code, since that deals in those values.

const char \* **drm\_get\_format\_name**(uint32\_t *format*, struct *drm\_format\_name\_buf* \* *buf*)  
fill a string with a drm fourcc format's name

## Parameters

uint32\_t **format** format to compute name of

struct **drm\_format\_name\_buf** \* **buf** caller-supplied buffer

const struct *drm\_format\_info* \* **drm\_format\_info**(u32 *format*)  
query information for a given format

## Parameters

u32 **format** pixel format (DRM\_FORMAT\_\*)

## Description

The caller should only pass a supported pixel format to this function. Unsupported pixel formats will generate a warning in the kernel log.

## Return

The instance of struct *drm\_format\_info* that describes the pixel format, or NULL if the format is unsupported.

const struct *drm\_format\_info* \* **drm\_get\_format\_info**(struct *drm\_device* \* *dev*, const struct *drm\_mode\_fb\_cmd2* \* *mode\_cmd*)  
query information for a given framebuffer configuration

## Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**const struct drm\_mode\_fb\_cmd2 \* mode\_cmd** metadata from the userspace fb creation request

### Return

The instance of struct `drm_format_info` that describes the pixel format, or NULL if the format is unsupported.

int **drm\_format\_num\_planes**(uint32\_t *format*)  
get the number of planes for format

### Parameters

**uint32\_t format** pixel format (DRM\_FORMAT\_\*)

### Return

The number of planes used by the specified pixel format.

int **drm\_format\_plane\_cpp**(uint32\_t *format*, int *plane*)  
determine the bytes per pixel value

### Parameters

**uint32\_t format** pixel format (DRM\_FORMAT\_\*)

**int plane** plane index

### Return

The bytes per pixel value for the specified plane.

int **drm\_format\_horz\_chroma\_subsampling**(uint32\_t *format*)  
get the horizontal chroma subsampling factor

### Parameters

**uint32\_t format** pixel format (DRM\_FORMAT\_\*)

### Return

The horizontal chroma subsampling factor for the specified pixel format.

int **drm\_format\_vert\_chroma\_subsampling**(uint32\_t *format*)  
get the vertical chroma subsampling factor

### Parameters

**uint32\_t format** pixel format (DRM\_FORMAT\_\*)

### Return

The vertical chroma subsampling factor for the specified pixel format.

int **drm\_format\_plane\_width**(int *width*, uint32\_t *format*, int *plane*)  
width of the plane given the first plane

### Parameters

**int width** width of the first plane

**uint32\_t format** pixel format

**int plane** plane index

### Return

The width of **plane**, given that the width of the first plane is **width**.

int **drm\_format\_plane\_height**(int *height*, uint32\_t *format*, int *plane*)  
height of the plane given the first plane

### Parameters

**int height** height of the first plane

**uint32\_t format** pixel format

**int plane** plane index

### Return

The height of **plane**, given that the height of the first plane is **height**.

## Dumb Buffer Objects

The KMS API doesn't standardize backing storage object creation and leaves it to driver-specific ioctls. Furthermore actually creating a buffer object even for GEM-based drivers is done through a driver-specific ioctl - GEM only has a common userspace interface for sharing and destroying objects. While not an issue for full-fledged graphics stacks that include device-specific userspace components (in libdrm for instance), this limit makes DRM-based early boot graphics unnecessarily complex.

Dumb objects partly alleviate the problem by providing a standard API to create dumb buffers suitable for scanout, which can then be used to create KMS frame buffers.

To support dumb objects drivers must implement the `drm_driver.dumb_create` operation. `drm_driver.dumb_destroy` defaults to `drm_gem_dumb_destroy()` if not set and `drm_driver.dumb_map_offset` defaults to `drm_gem_dumb_map_offset()`. See the callbacks for further details.

Note that dumb objects may not be used for gpu acceleration, as has been attempted on some ARM embedded platforms. Such drivers really must have a hardware-specific ioctl to allocate suitable buffer objects.

## Plane Abstraction

A plane represents an image source that can be blended with or overlayed on top of a CRTC during the scanout process. Planes take their input data from a `drm_framebuffer` object. The plane itself specifies the cropping and scaling of that image, and where it is placed on the visible area of a display pipeline, represented by `drm_crtc`. A plane can also have additional properties that specify how the pixels are positioned and blended, like rotation or Z-position. All these properties are stored in `drm_plane_state`.

To create a plane, a KMS driver allocates and zeroes an instance of `struct drm_plane` (possibly as part of a larger structure) and registers it with a call to `drm_universal_plane_init()`.

Cursor and overlay planes are optional. All drivers should provide one primary plane per CRTC to avoid surprising userspace too much. See enum `drm_plane_type` for a more in-depth discussion of these special uapi-relevant plane types. Special planes are associated with their CRTC by calling `drm_crtc_init_with_planes()`.

The type of a plane is exposed in the immutable "type" enumeration property, which has one of the following values: "Overlay", "Primary", "Cursor".

## Plane Functions Reference

struct **drm\_plane\_state**  
mutable plane state

### Definition

```
struct drm_plane_state {
    struct drm_plane *plane;
    struct drm_crtc *crtc;
    struct drm_framebuffer *fb;
```



```

struct dma_fence *fence;
int32_t crtc_x;
int32_t crtc_y;
uint32_t crtc_w, crtc_h;
uint32_t src_x, src_y;
uint32_t src_h, src_w;
unsigned int rotation;
unsigned int zpos;
unsigned int normalized_zpos;
struct drm_rect src, dst;
bool visible;
struct drm_crtc_commit *commit;
struct drm_atomic_state *state;
};

```

## Members

**plane** backpointer to the plane

**crtc** Currently bound CRTC, NULL if disabled. Do not write directly, use [drm\\_atomic\\_set\\_crtc\\_for\\_plane\(\)](#)

**fb** Currently bound framebuffer. Do not write this directly, use [drm\\_atomic\\_set\\_fb\\_for\\_plane\(\)](#)

**fence** Optional fence to wait for before scanning out **fb**. Do not write this directly, use [drm\\_atomic\\_set\\_fence\\_for\\_plane\(\)](#)

**crtc\_x** Left position of visible portion of plane on crtc, signed dest location allows it to be partially off screen.

**crtc\_y** Upper position of visible portion of plane on crtc, signed dest location allows it to be partially off screen.

**crtc\_w** width of visible portion of plane on crtc

**crtc\_h** height of visible portion of plane on crtc

**src\_x** left position of visible portion of plane within plane (in 16.16)

**src\_y** upper position of visible portion of plane within plane (in 16.16)

**src\_h** height of visible portion of plane (in 16.16)

**src\_w** width of visible portion of plane (in 16.16)

**rotation** rotation of the plane

**zpos** priority of the given plane on crtc (optional) Note that multiple active planes on the same crtc can have an identical zpos value. The rule to solving the conflict is to compare the plane object IDs; the plane with a higher ID must be stacked on top of a plane with a lower ID.

**normalized\_zpos** normalized value of zpos: unique, range from 0 to N-1 where N is the number of active planes for given crtc. Note that the driver must call [drm\\_atomic\\_normalize\\_zpos\(\)](#) to update this before it can be trusted.

**src** clipped source coordinates of the plane (in 16.16)

**dst** clipped destination coordinates of the plane

**visible** Visibility of the plane. This can be false even if fb!=NULL and crtc!=NULL, due to clipping.

**commit** Tracks the pending commit to prevent use-after-free conditions, and for async plane updates.

May be NULL.

**state** backpointer to global drm\_atomic\_state

struct **drm\_plane\_funcs**  
driver plane control functions

## Definition

```

struct drm_plane_funcs {
    int (*update_plane)(struct drm_plane *plane, struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct drm_framebuffer *fb, int crtc_id);
    int (*disable_plane)(struct drm_plane *plane, struct drm_modeset_acquire_ctx *ctx);
    void (*destroy)(struct drm_plane *plane);
    void (*reset)(struct drm_plane *plane);
    int (*set_property)(struct drm_plane *plane, struct drm_property *property, uint64_t val);
    struct drm_plane_state *(*atomic_duplicate_state)(struct drm_plane *plane);
    void (*atomic_destroy_state)(struct drm_plane *plane, struct drm_plane_state *state);
    int (*atomic_set_property)(struct drm_plane *plane, struct drm_plane_state *state, struct drm_property *property, uint64_t val);
    int (*atomic_get_property)(struct drm_plane *plane, const struct drm_plane_state *state, struct drm_property *property, uint64_t *val);
    int (*late_register)(struct drm_plane *plane);
    void (*early_unregister)(struct drm_plane *plane);
    void (*atomic_print_state)(struct drm_printer *p, const struct drm_plane_state *state);
    bool (*format_mod_supported)(struct drm_plane *plane, uint32_t format, uint64_t modifier);
};

```

## Members

**update\_plane** This is the legacy entry point to enable and configure the plane for the given CRTC and framebuffer. It is never called to disable the plane, i.e. the passed-in crtc and fb parameters are never NULL.

The source rectangle in frame buffer memory coordinates is given by the `src_x`, `src_y`, `src_w` and `src_h` parameters (as 16.16 fixed point values). Devices that don't support subpixel plane coordinates can ignore the fractional part.

The destination rectangle in CRTC coordinates is given by the `crtc_x`, `crtc_y`, `crtc_w` and `crtc_h` parameters (as integer values). Devices scale the source rectangle to the destination rectangle. If scaling is not supported, and the source rectangle size doesn't match the destination rectangle size, the driver must return a `-EINVAL` error.

Drivers implementing atomic modeset should use `drm_atomic_helper_update_plane()` to implement this hook.

RETURNS:

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

**disable\_plane** This is the legacy entry point to disable the plane. The DRM core calls this method in response to a `DRM_IOCTL_MODE_SETPANE` IOCTL call with the frame buffer ID set to 0. Disabled planes must not be processed by the CRTC.

Drivers implementing atomic modeset should use `drm_atomic_helper_disable_plane()` to implement this hook.

RETURNS:

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

**destroy** Clean up plane resources. This is only called at driver unload time through `drm_mode_config_cleanup()` since a plane cannot be hotplugged in DRM.

**reset** Reset plane hardware and software state to off. This function isn't called by the core directly, only through `drm_mode_config_reset()`. It's not a helper hook only for historical reasons.

Atomic drivers can use `drm_atomic_helper_plane_reset()` to reset atomic state using this hook.

**set\_property** This is the legacy entry point to update a property attached to the plane.

This callback is optional if the driver does not support any legacy driver-private properties. For atomic drivers it is not used because property handling is done entirely in the DRM core.

RETURNS:

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

**atomic\_duplicate\_state** Duplicate the current atomic state for this plane and return it. The core and helpers guarantee that any atomic state duplicated with this hook and still owned by the caller (i.e. not transferred to the driver by calling `drm_mode_config_funcs.atomic_commit`) will be cleaned up by calling the **atomic\_destroy\_state** hook in this structure.

Atomic drivers which don't subclass `struct drm_plane_state` should use `drm_atomic_helper_plane_duplicate_state()`. Drivers that subclass the state structure to extend it with driver-private state should use `__drm_atomic_helper_plane_duplicate_state()` to make sure shared state is duplicated in a consistent fashion across drivers.

It is an error to call this hook before `drm_plane.state` has been initialized correctly.

NOTE:

If the duplicate state references refcounted resources this hook must acquire a reference for each of them. The driver must release these references again in **atomic\_destroy\_state**.

RETURNS:

Duplicated atomic state or NULL when the allocation failed.

**atomic\_destroy\_state** Destroy a state duplicated with **atomic\_duplicate\_state** and release or unreference all resources it references

**atomic\_set\_property** Decode a driver-private property value and store the decoded value into the passed-in state structure. Since the atomic core decodes all standardized properties (even for extensions beyond the core set of properties which might not be implemented by all drivers) this requires drivers to subclass the state structure.

Such driver-private properties should really only be implemented for truly hardware/vendor specific state. Instead it is preferred to standardize atomic extension and decode the properties used to expose such an extension in the core.

Do not call this function directly, use `drm_atomic_plane_set_property()` instead.

This callback is optional if the driver does not support any driver-private atomic properties.

NOTE:

This function is called in the state assembly phase of atomic modesets, which can be aborted for any reason (including on userspace's request to just check whether a configuration would be possible). Drivers MUST NOT touch any persistent state (hardware or software) or data structures except the passed in **state** parameter.

Also since userspace controls in which order properties are set this function must not do any input validation (since the state update is incomplete and hence likely inconsistent). Instead any such input validation must be done in the various `atomic_check` callbacks.

RETURNS:

0 if the property has been found, -EINVAL if the property isn't implemented by the driver (which shouldn't ever happen, the core only asks for properties attached to this plane). No other validation is allowed by the driver. The core already checks that the property value is within the range (integer, valid enum value, ...) the driver set when registering the property.

**atomic\_get\_property** Reads out the decoded driver-private property. This is used to implement the GETPLANE IOCTL.

Do not call this function directly, use `drm_atomic_plane_get_property()` instead.

This callback is optional if the driver does not support any driver-private atomic properties.

RETURNS:

0 on success, -EINVAL if the property isn't implemented by the driver (which should never happen, the core only asks for properties attached to this plane).

**late\_register** This optional hook can be used to register additional userspace interfaces attached to the plane like debugfs interfaces. It is called late in the driver load sequence from `drm_dev_register()`. Everything added from this callback should be unregistered in the `early_unregister` callback.

Returns:

0 on success, or a negative error code on failure.

**early\_unregister** This optional hook should be used to unregister the additional userspace interfaces attached to the plane from **late\_register**. It is called from `drm_dev_unregister()`, early in the driver unload sequence to disable userspace access before data structures are torn down.

**atomic\_print\_state** If driver subclasses `struct drm_plane_state`, it should implement this optional hook for printing additional driver specific state.

Do not call this directly, use `drm_atomic_plane_print_state()` instead.

**format\_mod\_supported** This optional hook is used for the DRM to determine if the given format/modifier combination is valid for the plane. This allows the DRM to generate the correct format bitmask (which formats apply to which modifier).

Returns:

True if the given modifier is valid for that format on the plane. False otherwise.

enum **drm\_plane\_type**  
uapi plane type enumeration

## Constants

**DRM\_PLANE\_TYPE\_OVERLAY** Overlay planes represent all non-primary, non-cursor planes. Some drivers refer to these types of planes as “sprites” internally.

**DRM\_PLANE\_TYPE\_PRIMARY** Primary planes represent a “main” plane for a CRTC. Primary planes are the planes operated upon by CRTC modesetting and flipping operations described in the `drm_crtc_funcs.page_flip` and `drm_crtc_funcs.set_config` hooks.

**DRM\_PLANE\_TYPE\_CURSOR** Cursor planes represent a “cursor” plane for a CRTC. Cursor planes are the planes operated upon by the `DRM_IOCTL_MODE_CURSOR` and `DRM_IOCTL_MODE_CURSOR2` IOCTLs.

## Description

For historical reasons not all planes are made the same. This enumeration is used to tell the different types of planes apart to implement the different uapi semantics for them. For userspace which is universal plane aware and which is using that atomic IOCTL there's no difference between these planes (beyond what the driver and hardware can support of course).

For compatibility with legacy userspace, only overlay planes are made available to userspace by default. Userspace clients may set the `DRM_CLIENT_CAP_UNIVERSAL_PLANES` client capability bit to indicate that they wish to receive a universal plane list containing all plane types. See also `drm_for_each_legacy_plane()`.

WARNING: The values of this enum is UABI since they're exposed in the “type” property.

struct **drm\_plane**  
central DRM plane control structure

## Definition

```
struct drm_plane {
    struct drm_device *dev;
    struct list_head head;
    char *name;
    struct drm_modeset_lock mutex;
    struct drm_mode_object base;
    uint32_t possible_crtcs;
    uint32_t *format_types;
    unsigned int format_count;
```

```

bool format_default;
uint64_t *modifiers;
unsigned int modifier_count;
struct drm_crtc *crtc;
struct drm_framebuffer *fb;
struct drm_framebuffer *old_fb;
const struct drm_plane_funcs *funcs;
struct drm_object_properties properties;
enum drm_plane_type type;
unsigned index;
const struct drm_plane_helper_funcs *helper_private;
struct drm_plane_state *state;
struct drm_property *zpos_property;
struct drm_property *rotation_property;
};

```

## Members

**dev** DRM device this plane belongs to

**head** for list management

**name** human readable name, can be overwritten by the driver

**mutex** Protects modeset plane state, together with the [drm\\_crtc.mutex](#) of CRTC this plane is linked to (when active, getting activated or getting disabled).

For atomic drivers specifically this protects **state**.

**base** base mode object

**possible\_crtcs** pipes this plane can be bound to

**format\_types** array of formats supported by this plane

**format\_count** number of formats supported

**format\_default** driver hasn't supplied supported formats for the plane

**modifiers** array of modifiers supported by this plane

**modifier\_count** number of modifiers supported

**crtc** Currently bound CRTC, only really meaningful for non-atomic drivers. Atomic drivers should instead check [drm\\_plane\\_state.crtc](#).

**fb** Currently bound framebuffer, only really meaningful for non-atomic drivers. Atomic drivers should instead check [drm\\_plane\\_state.fb](#).

**old\_fb** Temporary tracking of the old fb while a modeset is ongoing. Used by [drm\\_mode\\_set\\_config\\_internal\(\)](#) to implement correct refcounting.

**funcs** helper functions

**properties** property tracking for this plane

**type** type of plane (overlay, primary, cursor)

**index** Position inside the mode\_config.list, can be used as an array index. It is invariant over the lifetime of the plane.

**helper\_private** mid-layer private data

**state** Current atomic state for this plane.

This is protected by **mutex**. Note that nonblocking atomic commits access the current plane state without taking locks. Either by going through the [struct drm\\_atomic\\_state](#) pointers, see [for\\_each\\_oldnew\\_plane\\_in\\_state\(\)](#), [for\\_each\\_old\\_plane\\_in\\_state\(\)](#) and [for\\_each\\_new\\_plane\\_in\\_state\(\)](#). Or through careful ordering of atomic commit operations as implemented in the atomic helpers, see [struct drm\\_crtc\\_commit](#).

**zpos\_property** zpos property for this plane

**rotation\_property** rotation property for this plane

unsigned int **drm\_plane\_index**(struct *drm\_plane* \* *plane*)  
find the index of a registered plane

### Parameters

**struct drm\_plane \* plane** plane to find index for

### Description

Given a registered plane, return the index of that plane within a DRM device's list of planes.

struct *drm\_plane* \* **drm\_plane\_find**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*, struct *drm\_file* \* *file\_priv*, uint32\_t *id*)  
find a *drm\_plane*

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_file \* file\_priv** drm file to check for lease against.

**uint32\_t id** plane id

### Description

Returns the plane with **id**, NULL if it doesn't exist. Simple wrapper around *drm\_mode\_object\_find()*.

**drm\_for\_each\_plane\_mask**(*plane*, *dev*, *plane\_mask*)  
iterate over planes specified by bitmask

### Parameters

**plane** the loop cursor

**dev** the DRM device

**plane\_mask** bitmask of plane indices

### Description

Iterate over all planes specified by bitmask.

**drm\_for\_each\_legacy\_plane**(*plane*, *dev*)  
iterate over all planes for legacy userspace

### Parameters

**plane** the loop cursor

**dev** the DRM device

### Description

Iterate over all legacy planes of **dev**, excluding primary and cursor planes. This is useful for implementing userspace apis when userspace is not universal plane aware. See also *enum drm\_plane\_type*.

**drm\_for\_each\_plane**(*plane*, *dev*)  
iterate over all planes

### Parameters

**plane** the loop cursor

**dev** the DRM device

### Description

Iterate over all planes of **dev**, include primary and cursor planes.

```
int drm_universal_plane_init(struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_plane *plane,
                           uint32_t possible_crtcs, const struct drm_plane_funcs *funcs,
                           const uint32_t *formats, unsigned int format_count, const
                           uint64_t *format_modifiers, enum drm_plane_type type, const
                           char *name, ...)
```

Initialize a new universal plane object

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_plane \* plane** plane object to init

**uint32\_t possible\_crtcs** bitmask of possible CRTCs

**const struct drm\_plane\_funcs \* funcs** callbacks for the new plane

**const uint32\_t \* formats** array of supported formats (DRM\_FORMAT\_\*)

**unsigned int format\_count** number of elements in **formats**

**const uint64\_t \* format\_modifiers** array of struct *drm\_format* modifiers terminated by DRM\_FORMAT\_MOD\_INVALID

**enum drm\_plane\_type type** type of plane (overlay, primary, cursor)

**const char \* name** printf style format string for the plane name, or NULL for default name

... variable arguments

### Description

Initializes a plane object of type **type**.

### Return

Zero on success, error code on failure.

```
int drm_plane_init(struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_plane *plane, uint32_t possible_crtcs,
                  const struct drm_plane_funcs *funcs, const uint32_t *formats, unsigned
                  int format_count, bool is_primary)
```

Initialize a legacy plane

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_plane \* plane** plane object to init

**uint32\_t possible\_crtcs** bitmask of possible CRTCs

**const struct drm\_plane\_funcs \* funcs** callbacks for the new plane

**const uint32\_t \* formats** array of supported formats (DRM\_FORMAT\_\*)

**unsigned int format\_count** number of elements in **formats**

**bool is\_primary** plane type (primary vs overlay)

### Description

Legacy API to initialize a DRM plane.

New drivers should call *drm\_universal\_plane\_init()* instead.

### Return

Zero on success, error code on failure.

```
void drm_plane_cleanup(struct drm_plane *plane)
```

Clean up the core plane usage

### Parameters

**struct drm\_plane \* plane** plane to cleanup

### Description

This function cleans up **plane** and removes it from the DRM mode setting core. Note that the function does *not* free the plane structure itself, this is the responsibility of the caller.

struct [drm\\_plane](#) \* **drm\_plane\_from\_index**(struct drm\_device \* dev, int idx)  
find the registered plane at an index

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**int idx** index of registered plane to find for

### Description

Given a plane index, return the registered plane from DRM device's list of planes with matching index. This is the inverse of [drm\\_plane\\_index\(\)](#).

void **drm\_plane\_force\_disable**(struct [drm\\_plane](#) \* plane)  
Forcibly disable a plane

### Parameters

**struct drm\_plane \* plane** plane to disable

### Description

Forces the plane to be disabled.

Used when the plane's current framebuffer is destroyed, and when restoring fbdev mode.

Note that this function is not suitable for atomic drivers, since it doesn't wire through the lock acquisition context properly and hence can't handle retries or driver private locks. You probably want to use [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_disable\\_plane\(\)](#) or [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_disable\\_planes\\_on\\_crtc\(\)](#) instead.

int **drm\_mode\_plane\_set\_obj\_prop**(struct [drm\\_plane](#) \* plane, struct [drm\\_property](#) \* property,  
uint64\_t value)  
set the value of a property

### Parameters

**struct drm\_plane \* plane** drm plane object to set property value for

**struct drm\_property \* property** property to set

**uint64\_t value** value the property should be set to

### Description

This functions sets a given property on a given plane object. This function calls the driver's ->set\_property callback and changes the software state of the property if the callback succeeds.

### Return

Zero on success, error code on failure.

## Display Modes Function Reference

enum **drm\_mode\_status**  
hardware support status of a mode

### Constants

**MODE\_OK** Mode OK

**MODE\_HSYNC** hsync out of range



**MODE\_VSYNC** vsync out of range

**MODE\_H\_ILLEGAL** mode has illegal horizontal timings

**MODE\_V\_ILLEGAL** mode has illegal horizontal timings

**MODE\_BAD\_WIDTH** requires an unsupported linepitch

**MODE\_NOMODE** no mode with a matching name

**MODE\_NO\_INTERLACE** interlaced mode not supported

**MODE\_NO\_DBLESCAN** doublescan mode not supported

**MODE\_NO\_VSCAN** multiscan mode not supported

**MODE\_MEM** insufficient video memory

**MODE\_VIRTUAL\_X** mode width too large for specified virtual size

**MODE\_VIRTUAL\_Y** mode height too large for specified virtual size

**MODE\_MEM\_VIRT** insufficient video memory given virtual size

**MODE\_NOCLOCK** no fixed clock available

**MODE\_CLOCK\_HIGH** clock required is too high

**MODE\_CLOCK\_LOW** clock required is too low

**MODE\_CLOCK\_RANGE** clock/mode isn't in a ClockRange

**MODE\_BAD\_HVALUE** horizontal timing was out of range

**MODE\_BAD\_VVALUE** vertical timing was out of range

**MODE\_BAD\_VSCAN** VScan value out of range

**MODE\_HSYNC\_NARROW** horizontal sync too narrow

**MODE\_HSYNC\_WIDE** horizontal sync too wide

**MODE\_HBLANK\_NARROW** horizontal blanking too narrow

**MODE\_HBLANK\_WIDE** horizontal blanking too wide

**MODE\_VSYNC\_NARROW** vertical sync too narrow

**MODE\_VSYNC\_WIDE** vertical sync too wide

**MODE\_VBLANK\_NARROW** vertical blanking too narrow

**MODE\_VBLANK\_WIDE** vertical blanking too wide

**MODE\_PANEL** exceeds panel dimensions

**MODE\_INTERLACE\_WIDTH** width too large for interlaced mode

**MODE\_ONE\_WIDTH** only one width is supported

**MODE\_ONE\_HEIGHT** only one height is supported

**MODE\_ONE\_SIZE** only one resolution is supported

**MODE\_NO\_REDUCED** monitor doesn't accept reduced blanking

**MODE\_NO\_STEREO** stereo modes not supported

**MODE\_NO\_420** ycbcr 420 modes not supported

**MODE\_STALE** mode has become stale

**MODE\_BAD** unspecified reason

**MODE\_ERROR** error condition

## Description

This enum is used to filter out modes not supported by the driver/hardware combination.

### struct **drm\_display\_mode**

DRM kernel-internal display mode structure

## Definition

```
struct drm_display_mode {
    struct list_head head;
    struct drm_mode_object base;
    char name[DRM_DISPLAY_MODE_LEN];
    enum drm_mode_status status;
    unsigned int type;
    int clock;
    int hdisplay;
    int hsync_start;
    int hsync_end;
    int htotal;
    int hskew;
    int vdisplay;
    int vsync_start;
    int vsync_end;
    int vtotal;
    int vscan;
    unsigned int flags;
    int width_mm;
    int height_mm;
    int crtc_clock;
    int crtc_hdisplay;
    int crtc_hblank_start;
    int crtc_hblank_end;
    int crtc_hsync_start;
    int crtc_hsync_end;
    int crtc_htotal;
    int crtc_hskew;
    int crtc_vdisplay;
    int crtc_vblank_start;
    int crtc_vblank_end;
    int crtc_vsync_start;
    int crtc_vsync_end;
    int crtc_vtotal;
    int *private;
    int private_flags;
    int vrefresh;
    int hsync;
    enum hdmi_picture_aspect picture_aspect_ratio;
};
```

## Members

**head** struct list\_head for mode lists.

**base** A display mode is a normal modeset object, possibly including public userspace id.

FIXME:

This can probably be removed since the entire concept of userspace managing modes explicitly has never landed in upstream kernel mode setting support.

**name** Human-readable name of the mode, filled out with [drm\\_mode\\_set\\_name\(\)](#).

**status** Status of the mode, used to filter out modes not supported by the hardware. See enum [drm\\_mode\\_status](#).

**type** A bitmask of flags, mostly about the source of a mode. Possible flags are:

- `DRM_MODE_TYPE_BUILTIN`: Meant for hard-coded modes, effectively unused.
- `DRM_MODE_TYPE_PREFERRED`: Preferred mode, usually the native resolution of an LCD panel. There should only be one preferred mode per connector at any given time.
- `DRM_MODE_TYPE_DRIVER`: Mode created by the driver, which is all of them really. Drivers must set this bit for all modes they create and expose to userspace.

Plus a big list of flags which shouldn't be used at all, but are still around since these flags are also used in the userspace ABI:

- `DRM_MODE_TYPE_DEFAULT`: Again a leftover, use `DRM_MODE_TYPE_PREFERRED` instead.
- `DRM_MODE_TYPE_CLOCK_C` and `DRM_MODE_TYPE_CRTC_C`: Define leftovers which are stuck around for hysterical raisins only. No one has an idea what they were meant for. Don't use.
- `DRM_MODE_TYPE_USERDEF`: Mode defined by userspace, again a vestige from older kms designs where userspace had to first add a custom mode to the kernel's mode list before it could use it. Don't use.

**clock** Pixel clock in kHz.

**hdisplay** horizontal display size

**hsync\_start** horizontal sync start

**hsync\_end** horizontal sync end

**htotal** horizontal total size

**hskew** horizontal skew?!

**vdisplay** vertical display size

**vsync\_start** vertical sync start

**vsync\_end** vertical sync end

**vtotal** vertical total size

**vscan** vertical scan?!

**flags** Sync and timing flags:

- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_PHSYNC`: horizontal sync is active high.
- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_NHSYNC`: horizontal sync is active low.
- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_PVSYNC`: vertical sync is active high.
- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_NVSYNC`: vertical sync is active low.
- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_INTERLACE`: mode is interlaced.
- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_DBLSCAN`: mode uses doublescan.
- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_CSYNC`: mode uses composite sync.
- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_PCSYNC`: composite sync is active high.
- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_NCSYNC`: composite sync is active low.
- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_HSKEW`: hskew provided (not used?).
- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_BCAST`: not used?
- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_PIXMUX`: not used?
- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_DBLCLK`: double-clocked mode.
- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_CLKDIV2`: half-clocked mode.

Additionally there's flags to specify how 3D modes are packed:

- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_3D_NONE`: normal, non-3D mode.

- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_3D_FRAME_PACKING`: 2 full frames for left and right.
- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_3D_FIELD_ALTERNATIVE`: interleaved like fields.
- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_3D_LINE_ALTERNATIVE`: interleaved lines.
- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_3D_SIDE_BY_SIDE_FULL`: side-by-side full frames.
- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_3D_L_DEPTH`: ?
- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_3D_L_DEPTH_GFX_GFX_DEPTH`: ?
- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_3D_TOP_AND_BOTTOM`: frame split into top and bottom parts.
- `DRM_MODE_FLAG_3D_SIDE_BY_SIDE_HALF`: frame split into left and right parts.

**width\_mm** Addressable size of the output in mm, projectors should set this to 0.

**height\_mm** Addressable size of the output in mm, projectors should set this to 0.

**crtc\_clock** Actual pixel or dot clock in the hardware. This differs from the logical **clock** when e.g. using interlacing, double-clocking, stereo modes or other fancy stuff that changes the timings and signals actually sent over the wire.

This is again in kHz.

Note that with digital outputs like HDMI or DP there's usually a massive confusion between the dot clock and the signal clock at the bit encoding level. Especially when a 8b/10b encoding is used and the difference is exactly a factor of 10.

**crtc\_hdisplay** hardware mode horizontal display size

**crtc\_hblank\_start** hardware mode horizontal blank start

**crtc\_hblank\_end** hardware mode horizontal blank end

**crtc\_hsync\_start** hardware mode horizontal sync start

**crtc\_hsync\_end** hardware mode horizontal sync end

**crtc\_htotal** hardware mode horizontal total size

**crtc\_hskew** hardware mode horizontal skew?!

**crtc\_vdisplay** hardware mode vertical display size

**crtc\_vblank\_start** hardware mode vertical blank start

**crtc\_vblank\_end** hardware mode vertical blank end

**crtc\_vsync\_start** hardware mode vertical sync start

**crtc\_vsync\_end** hardware mode vertical sync end

**crtc\_vtotal** hardware mode vertical total size

**private** Pointer for driver private data. This can only be used for mode objects passed to drivers in modeset operations. It shouldn't be used by atomic drivers since they can store any additional data by subclassing state structures.

**private\_flags** Similar to **private**, but just an integer.

**vrefresh** Vertical refresh rate, for debug output in human readable form. Not used in a functional way.

This value is in Hz.

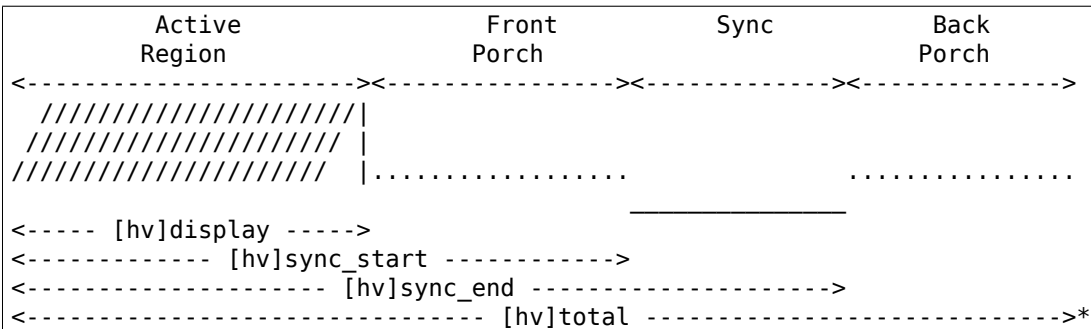
**hsync** Horizontal refresh rate, for debug output in human readable form. Not used in a functional way.

This value is in kHz.

**picture\_aspect\_ratio** Field for setting the HDMI picture aspect ratio of a mode.

### Description

The horizontal and vertical timings are defined per the following diagram.



This structure contains two copies of timings. First are the plain timings, which specify the logical mode, as it would be for a progressive 1:1 scanout at the refresh rate userspace can observe through vblank timestamps. Then there's the hardware timings, which are corrected for interlacing, double-clocking and similar things. They are provided as a convenience, and can be appropriately computed using `drm_mode_set_crtcinfo()`.

For printing you can use `DRM_MODE_FMT` and `DRM_MODE_ARG()`.

```
DRM_MODE_FMT()
    printf string for struct drm_display_mode
```

## Parameters

**DRM\_MODE\_ARG(*m*)**  
printf arguments for *struct drm\_display\_mode*

## Parameters

m display mode

```
bool drm_mode_is_stereo(const struct drm_display_mode * mode)
    check for stereo mode flags
```

## Parameters

```
const struct drm_display_mode * mode drm_display_mode to check
```

## Return

True if the mode is one of the stereo modes (like side-by-side), false if not.

```
void drm_mode_debug_printmodeline(const struct drm_display_mode * mode)
    print a mode to dmesg
```

## Parameters

```
const struct drm_display_mode * mode mode to print
```

### Description

Describe **mode** using DRM\_DEBUG.

```
struct drm_display_mode * drm_mode_create(struct drm_device * dev)
    create a new display mode
```

## Parameters

```
struct drm device * dev DRM device
```

### Description

Create a new, cleared drm display mode with kzalloc, allocate an ID for it and return it.

## Return

Pointer to new mode on success, NULL on error.

```
void drm_mode_destroy(struct drm_device * dev, struct drm_display_mode * mode)
```

remove a mode

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device  
**struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode** mode to remove

### Description

Release **mode**'s unique ID, then free it **mode** structure itself using `kfree`.

`void drm_mode_probed_add(struct drm_connector * connector, struct drm_display_mode * mode)`  
add a mode to a connector's `probed_mode` list

### Parameters

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** connector the new mode  
**struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode** mode data

### Description

Add **mode** to **connector**'s `probed_mode` list for later use. This list should then in a second step get filtered and all the modes actually supported by the hardware moved to the **connector**'s modes list.

`struct drm_display_mode * drm_cvt_mode(struct drm_device * dev, int hdisplay, int vdisplay,  
int vrefresh, bool reduced, bool interlaced,  
bool margins)`  
create a modeline based on the CVT algorithm

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm device  
**int hdisplay** hdisplay size  
**int vdisplay** vdisplay size  
**int vrefresh** vrefresh rate  
**bool reduced** whether to use reduced blanking  
**bool interlaced** whether to compute an interlaced mode  
**bool margins** whether to add margins (borders)

### Description

This function is called to generate the modeline based on CVT algorithm according to the `hdisplay`, `vdisplay`, `vrefresh`. It is based from the VESA(TM) Coordinated Video Timing Generator by Graham Loveridge April 9, 2003 available at <http://www.elo.utfsm.cl/~elo212/docs/CVTd6r1.xls>

And it is copied from `xf86CVTmode` in `xserver/hw/xfree86/modes/xf86cvt.c`. What I have done is to translate it by using integer calculation.

### Return

The modeline based on the CVT algorithm stored in a `drm_display_mode` object. The display mode object is allocated with `drm_mode_create()`. Returns NULL when no mode could be allocated.

`struct drm_display_mode * drm_gtf_mode_complex(struct drm_device * dev, int hdisplay,  
int vdisplay, int vrefresh, bool interlaced,  
int margins, int GTF_M, int GTF_2C, int GTF_K,  
int GTF_2J)`  
create the modeline based on the full GTF algorithm

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm device  
**int hdisplay** hdisplay size  
**int vdisplay** vdisplay size

**int vrefresh** vrefresh rate.

**bool interlaced** whether to compute an interlaced mode

**int margins** desired margin (borders) size

**int GTF\_M** extended GTF formula parameters

**int GTF\_2C** extended GTF formula parameters

**int GTF\_K** extended GTF formula parameters

**int GTF\_2J** extended GTF formula parameters

### Description

GTF feature blocks specify C and J in multiples of 0.5, so we pass them in here multiplied by two. For a C of 40, pass in 80.

### Return

The modeline based on the full GTF algorithm stored in a `drm_display_mode` object. The display mode object is allocated with `drm_mode_create()`. Returns NULL when no mode could be allocated.

```
struct drm_display_mode * drm_gtf_mode(struct drm_device * dev, int hdisplay, int vdisplay,
                                     int vrefresh, bool interlaced, int margins)
    create the modeline based on the GTF algorithm
```

### Parameters

**struct *drm\_device* \* dev** drm device

**int hdisplay** hdisplay size

**int vdisplay** vdisplay size

**int vrefresh** vrefresh rate.

**bool interlaced** whether to compute an interlaced mode

**int margins** desired margin (borders) size

### Description

return the modeline based on GTF algorithm

This function is to create the modeline based on the GTF algorithm. Generalized Timing Formula is derived from:

GTF Spreadsheet by Andy Morrish (1/5/97) available at <http://www.vesa.org>

And it is copied from the file of `xserver/hw/xfree86/modes/xf86gtf.c`. What I have done is to translate it by using integer calculation. I also refer to the function of `fb_get_mode` in the file of `drivers/video/fbmon.c`

Standard GTF parameters:

```
M = 600
C = 40
K = 128
J = 20
```

### Return

The modeline based on the GTF algorithm stored in a `drm_display_mode` object. The display mode object is allocated with `drm_mode_create()`. Returns NULL when no mode could be allocated.

```
void drm_display_mode_from_videomode(const struct videomode * vm, struct drm_display_mode
                                     * dmode)
    fill in dmode using vm,
```

### Parameters

**const struct *videomode* \* vm** videomode structure to use as source

**struct drm\_display\_mode \* dmode** drm\_display\_mode structure to use as destination

### Description

Fills out **dmode** using the display mode specified in **vm**.

void **drm\_display\_mode\_to\_videomode**(const struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* **dmode**, struct videomode \* **vm**)  
fill in **vm** using **dmode**,

### Parameters

**const struct drm\_display\_mode \* dmode** drm\_display\_mode structure to use as source

**struct videomode \* vm** videomode structure to use as destination

### Description

Fills out **vm** using the display mode specified in **dmode**.

void **drm\_bus\_flags\_from\_videomode**(const struct videomode \* **vm**, u32 \* **bus\_flags**)  
extract information about pixelclk and DE polarity from videomode and store it in a separate variable

### Parameters

**const struct videomode \* vm** videomode structure to use

**u32 \* bus\_flags** information about pixelclk and DE polarity will be stored here

### Description

Sets DRM\_BUS\_FLAG\_DE\_(LOW|HIGH) and DRM\_BUS\_FLAG\_PIXDATA\_(POS|NEG)EDGE in **bus\_flags** according to DISPLAY\_FLAGS found in **vm**

int **of\_get\_drm\_display\_mode**(struct device\_node \* **np**, struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* **dmode**, u32 \* **bus\_flags**, int **index**)  
get a drm\_display\_mode from devicetree

### Parameters

**struct device\_node \* np** device\_node with the timing specification

**struct drm\_display\_mode \* dmode** will be set to the return value

**u32 \* bus\_flags** information about pixelclk and DE polarity

**int index** index into the list of display timings in devicetree

### Description

This function is expensive and should only be used, if only one mode is to be read from DT. To get multiple modes start with of\_get\_display\_timings and work with that instead.

### Return

0 on success, a negative errno code when no of videomode node was found.

void **drm\_mode\_set\_name**(struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* **mode**)  
set the name on a mode

### Parameters

**struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode** name will be set in this mode

### Description

Set the name of **mode** to a standard format which is <hdisplay>x<vdisplay> with an optional 'i' suffix for interlaced modes.

int **drm\_mode\_hsync**(const struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* **mode**)  
get the hsync of a mode

### Parameters



```
const struct drm_display_mode * mode mode
```

### Return

**modes**'s hsync rate in kHz, rounded to the nearest integer. Calculates the value first if it is not yet set.

```
int drm_mode_vrefresh(const struct drm_display_mode * mode)
    get the vrefresh of a mode
```

### Parameters

```
const struct drm_display_mode * mode mode
```

### Return

**modes**'s vrefresh rate in Hz, rounded to the nearest integer. Calculates the value first if it is not yet set.

```
void drm_mode_get_hv_timing(const struct drm_display_mode * mode, int * hdisplay, int * vdisplay)
    Fetches hdisplay/vdisplay for given mode
```

### Parameters

```
const struct drm_display_mode * mode mode to query
```

```
int * hdisplay hdisplay value to fill in
```

```
int * vdisplay vdisplay value to fill in
```

### Description

The vdisplay value will be doubled if the specified mode is a stereo mode of the appropriate layout.

```
void drm_mode_set_crtcinfo(struct drm_display_mode * p, int adjust_flags)
    set CRTC modesetting timing parameters
```

### Parameters

```
struct drm_display_mode * p mode
```

```
int adjust_flags a combination of adjustment flags
```

### Description

Setup the CRTC modesetting timing parameters for **p**, adjusting if necessary.

- The CRTC\_INTERLACE\_HALVE\_V flag can be used to halve vertical timings of interlaced modes.
- The CRTC\_STEREO\_DOUBLE flag can be used to compute the timings for buffers containing two eyes (only adjust the timings when needed, eg. for "frame packing" or "side by side full").
- The CRTC\_NO\_DBLSCAN and CRTC\_NO\_VSCAN flags request that adjustment *not* be performed for doublescan and vscan > 1 modes respectively.

```
void drm_mode_copy(struct drm_display_mode * dst, const struct drm_display_mode * src)
    copy the mode
```

### Parameters

```
struct drm_display_mode * dst mode to overwrite
```

```
const struct drm_display_mode * src mode to copy
```

### Description

Copy an existing mode into another mode, preserving the object id and list head of the destination mode.

```
struct drm_display_mode * drm_mode_duplicate(struct drm_device * dev, const struct
    drm_display_mode * mode)
    allocate and duplicate an existing mode
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm\_device to allocate the duplicated mode for

**const struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode** mode to duplicate

### Description

Just allocate a new mode, copy the existing mode into it, and return a pointer to it. Used to create new instances of established modes.

### Return

Pointer to duplicated mode on success, NULL on error.

bool **drm\_mode\_equal**(const struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* *mode1*, const struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* *mode2*)  
test modes for equality

### Parameters

**const struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode1** first mode

**const struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode2** second mode

### Description

Check to see if **mode1** and **mode2** are equivalent.

### Return

True if the modes are equal, false otherwise.

bool **drm\_mode\_equal\_no\_clocks**(const struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* *mode1*, const struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* *mode2*)  
test modes for equality

### Parameters

**const struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode1** first mode

**const struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode2** second mode

### Description

Check to see if **mode1** and **mode2** are equivalent, but don't check the pixel clocks.

### Return

True if the modes are equal, false otherwise.

bool **drm\_mode\_equal\_no\_clocks\_no\_stereo**(const struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* *mode1*, const struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* *mode2*)  
test modes for equality

### Parameters

**const struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode1** first mode

**const struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode2** second mode

### Description

Check to see if **mode1** and **mode2** are equivalent, but don't check the pixel clocks nor the stereo layout.

### Return

True if the modes are equal, false otherwise.

enum *drm\_mode\_status* **drm\_mode\_validate\_basic**(const struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* *mode*)  
make sure the mode is somewhat sane

### Parameters

**const struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode** mode to check

**Description**

Check that the mode timings are at least somewhat reasonable. Any hardware specific limits are left up for each driver to check.

**Return**

The mode status

```
enum drm_mode_status drm_mode_validate_size(const struct drm_display_mode * mode,
                                             int maxX, int maxY)
    make sure modes adhere to size constraints
```

**Parameters**

**const struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode** mode to check

**int maxX** maximum width

**int maxY** maximum height

**Description**

This function is a helper which can be used to validate modes against size limitations of the DRM device/connector. If a mode is too big its status member is updated with the appropriate validation failure code. The list itself is not changed.

**Return**

The mode status

```
enum drm_mode_status drm_mode_validate_ycbcr420(const struct drm_display_mode * mode,
                                                  struct drm_connector * connector)
    add 'ycbcr420-only' modes only when allowed
```

**Parameters**

**const struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode** mode to check

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** drm connector under action

**Description**

This function is a helper which can be used to filter out any YCBCR420 only mode, when the source doesn't support it.

**Return**

The mode status

```
void drm_mode_prune_invalid(struct drm_device * dev, struct list_head * mode_list, bool verbose)
    remove invalid modes from mode list
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct list\_head \* mode\_list** list of modes to check

**bool verbose** be verbose about it

**Description**

This helper function can be used to prune a display mode list after validation has been completed. All modes who's status is not `MODE_OK` will be removed from the list, and if **verbose** the status code and mode name is also printed to `dmesg`.

```
void drm_mode_sort(struct list_head * mode_list)
    sort mode list
```

**Parameters**

**struct list\_head \* mode\_list** list of `drm_display_mode` structures to sort

**Description**

Sort **mode\_list** by favorability, moving good modes to the head of the list.

```
void drm_mode_connector_list_update(struct drm_connector * connector)
    update the mode list for the connector
```

**Parameters**

**struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*** the connector to update

**Description**

This moves the modes from the **connector** *probed\_modes* list to the actual mode list. It compares the probed mode against the current list and only adds different/new modes.

This is just a helper functions doesn't validate any modes itself and also doesn't prune any invalid modes. Callers need to do that themselves.

```
bool drm_mode_parse_command_line_for_connector(const char * mode_option, struct
                                                drm_connector * connector, struct
                                                drm_cmdline_mode * mode)
    parse command line modeline for connector
```

**Parameters**

**const char \* *mode\_option*** optional per connector mode option

**struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*** connector to parse modeline for

**struct *drm\_cmdline\_mode* \* *mode*** preallocated *drm\_cmdline\_mode* structure to fill out

**Description**

This parses **mode\_option** command line modeline for modes and options to configure the connector. If **mode\_option** is NULL the default command line modeline in *fb\_mode\_option* will be parsed instead.

This uses the same parameters as the fb *modedb.c*, except for an extra force-enable, force-enable-digital and force-disable bit at the end:

```
<xres>x<yres>[M][R][-<bpp>][****<refresh>][i][m][eDd]
```

The intermediate *drm\_cmdline\_mode* structure is required to store additional options from the command line modline like the force-enable/disable flag.

**Return**

True if a valid modeline has been parsed, false otherwise.

```
struct drm_display_mode * drm_mode_create_from_cmdline_mode(struct drm_device * dev, struct
                                                            drm_cmdline_mode * cmd)
    convert a command line modeline into a DRM display mode
```

**Parameters**

**struct *drm\_device* \* *dev*** DRM device to create the new mode for

**struct *drm\_cmdline\_mode* \* *cmd*** input command line modeline

**Return**

Pointer to converted mode on success, NULL on error.

```
bool drm_mode_is_420_only(const struct drm_display_info * display, const struct
                          drm_display_mode * mode)
    if a given videomode can be only supported in YCBCR420 output format
```

**Parameters**

**const struct *drm\_display\_info* \* *display*** display under action

**const struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* *mode*** video mode to be tested.

**Return**

true if the mode can be supported in YCBCR420 format false if not.

```
bool drm_mode_is_420_also(const struct drm_display_info *display, const struct drm_display_mode *mode)
    if a given videomode can be supported in YCBCR420 output format also (along with RGB/YCBCR444/422)
```

**Parameters**

**const struct *drm\_display\_info* \* display** display under action.

**const struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* mode** video mode to be tested.

**Return**

true if the mode can be support YCBCR420 format false if not.

```
bool drm_mode_is_420(const struct drm_display_info *display, const struct drm_display_mode *mode)
    if a given videomode can be supported in YCBCR420 output format
```

**Parameters**

**const struct *drm\_display\_info* \* display** display under action.

**const struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* mode** video mode to be tested.

**Return**

true if the mode can be supported in YCBCR420 format false if not.

## Connector Abstraction

In DRM connectors are the general abstraction for display sinks, and include als fixed panels or anything else that can display pixels in some form. As opposed to all other KMS objects representing hardware (like CRTC, encoder or plane abstractions) connectors can be hotplugged and unplugged at runtime. Hence they are reference-counted using *drm\_connector\_get()* and *drm\_connector\_put()*.

KMS driver must create, initialize, register and attach at a *struct drm\_connector* for each such sink. The instance is created as other KMS objects and initialized by setting the following fields. The connector is initialized with a call to *drm\_connector\_init()* with a pointer to the *struct drm\_connector\_funcs* and a connector type, and then exposed to userspace with a call to *drm\_connector\_register()*.

Connectors must be attached to an encoder to be used. For devices that map connectors to encoders 1:1, the connector should be attached at initialization time with a call to *drm\_mode\_connector\_attach\_encoder()*. The driver must also set the *drm\_connector.encoder* field to point to the attached encoder.

For connectors which are not fixed (like built-in panels) the driver needs to support hotplug notifications. The simplest way to do that is by using the probe helpers, see *drm\_kms\_helper\_poll\_init()* for connectors which don't have hardware support for hotplug interrupts. Connectors with hardware hotplug support can instead use e.g. *drm\_helper\_hpd\_irq\_event()*.

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```
enum drm_connector_status
    status for a drm_connector
```

**Constants**

**connector\_status\_connected** The connector is definitely connected to a sink device, and can be enabled.

**connector\_status\_disconnected** The connector isn't connected to a sink device which can be autode-tect. For digital outputs like DP or HDMI (which can be reliably probed) this means there's really nothing there. It is driver-dependent whether a connector with this status can be lit up or not.

**connector\_status\_unknown** The connector's status could not be reliably detected. This happens when probing would either cause flicker (like load-detection when the connector is in use), or when a hardware resource isn't available (like when load-detection needs a free CRTC). It should be possible to light up the connector with one of the listed fallback modes. For default configuration userspace should only try to light up connectors with unknown status when there's not connector with **connector\_status\_connected**.

### Description

This enum is used to track the connector status. There are no separate #defines for the uapi!

struct **drm\_scrambling**

### Definition

```
struct drm_scrambling {
    bool supported;
    bool low_rates;
};
```

### Members

**supported** scrambling supported for rates > 340 Mhz.

**low\_rates** scrambling supported for rates <= 340 Mhz.

struct **drm\_hdmi\_info**

runtime information about the connected HDMI sink

### Definition

```
struct drm_hdmi_info {
    struct drm_scdc scdc;
    unsigned long y420_vdb_modes[BITS_TO_LONGS(128)];
    unsigned long y420_cmdb_modes[BITS_TO_LONGS(128)];
    u64 y420_cmdb_map;
    u8 y420_dc_modes;
};
```

### Members

**scdc** sink's scdc support and capabilities

**y420\_vdb\_modes** bitmap of modes which can support ycbcr420 output only (not normal RGB/YCBCR444/422 outputs). There are total 107 VICs defined by CEA-861-F spec, so the size is 128 bits to map upto 128 VICs;

**y420\_cmdb\_modes** bitmap of modes which can support ycbcr420 output also, along with normal HDMI outputs. There are total 107 VICs defined by CEA-861-F spec, so the size is 128 bits to map upto 128 VICs;

**y420\_cmdb\_map** bitmap of SVD index, to extraxt vcb modes

**y420\_dc\_modes** bitmap of deep color support index

### Description

Describes if a given display supports advanced HDMI 2.0 features. This information is available in CEA-861-F extension blocks (like HF-VSDB).

enum **drm\_link\_status**

connector's link\_status property value

### Constants

**DRM\_LINK\_STATUS\_GOOD** DP Link is Good as a result of successful link training

**DRM\_LINK\_STATUS\_BAD** DP Link is BAD as a result of link training failure

### Description

This enum is used as the connector's link status property value. It is set to the values defined in uapi.

enum **drm\_panel\_orientation**  
panel\_orientation info for *drm\_display\_info*

### Constants

**DRM\_MODE\_PANEL\_ORIENTATION\_UNKNOWN** The drm driver has not provided any panel orientation information (normal for non panels) in this case the "panel orientation" connector prop will not be attached.

**DRM\_MODE\_PANEL\_ORIENTATION\_NORMAL** The top side of the panel matches the top side of the device's casing.

**DRM\_MODE\_PANEL\_ORIENTATION\_BOTTOM\_UP** The top side of the panel matches the bottom side of the device's casing, iow the panel is mounted upside-down.

**DRM\_MODE\_PANEL\_ORIENTATION\_LEFT\_UP** The left side of the panel matches the top side of the device's casing.

**DRM\_MODE\_PANEL\_ORIENTATION\_RIGHT\_UP** The right side of the panel matches the top side of the device's casing.

### Description

This enum is used to track the (LCD) panel orientation. There are no separate #defines for the uapi!

struct **drm\_display\_info**  
runtime data about the connected sink

### Definition

```
struct drm_display_info {
    char name[DRM_DISPLAY_INFO_LEN];
    unsigned int width_mm;
    unsigned int height_mm;
    unsigned int pixel_clock;
    unsigned int bpc;
    enum subpixel_order subpixel_order;
#define DRM_COLOR_FORMAT_RGB444      (1<<0);
#define DRM_COLOR_FORMAT_YCRCB444    (1<<1);
#define DRM_COLOR_FORMAT_YCRCB422    (1<<2);
#define DRM_COLOR_FORMAT_YCRCB420    (1<<3);
    int panel_orientation;
    u32 color_formats;
    const u32 *bus_formats;
    unsigned int num_bus_formats;
#define DRM_BUS_FLAG_DE_LOW           (1<<0);
#define DRM_BUS_FLAG_DE_HIGH          (1<<1);
#define DRM_BUS_FLAG_PIXDATA_POSEDGE (1<<2);
#define DRM_BUS_FLAG_PIXDATA_NEGEDGE (1<<3);
#define DRM_BUS_FLAG_DATA_MSB_TO_LSB (1<<4);
#define DRM_BUS_FLAG_DATA_LSB_TO_MSB (1<<5);
    u32 bus_flags;
    int max_tmds_clock;
    bool dvi_dual;
    bool has_hdmi_infoframe;
    u8 edid_hdmi_dc_modes;
    u8 cea_rev;
    struct drm_hdmi_info hdmi;
    bool non_desktop;
};
```

## Members

**name** Name of the display.

**width\_mm** Physical width in mm.

**height\_mm** Physical height in mm.

**pixel\_clock** Maximum pixel clock supported by the sink, in units of 100Hz. This mismatches the clock in `drm_display_mode` (which is in kHz), because that's what the EDID uses as base unit.

**bpc** Maximum bits per color channel. Used by HDMI and DP outputs.

**subpixel\_order** Subpixel order of LCD panels.

**panel\_orientation** Read only connector property for built-in panels, indicating the orientation of the panel vs the device's casing. `drm_connector_init()` sets this to `DRM_MODE_PANEL_ORIENTATION_UNKNOWN`. When not `UNKNOWN` this gets used by the `drm_fb_helpers` to rotate the fb to compensate and gets exported as prop to userspace.

**color\_formats** HDMI Color formats, selects between RGB and YCrCb modes. Used `DRM_COLOR_FORMAT_` defines, which are `_not_` the same ones as used to describe the pixel format in framebuffers, and also don't match the formats in **bus\_formats** which are shared with v4l.

**bus\_formats** Pixel data format on the wire, somewhat redundant with **color\_formats**. Array of size **num\_bus\_formats** encoded using `MEDIA_BUS_FMT_` defines shared with v4l and media drivers.

**num\_bus\_formats** Size of **bus\_formats** array.

**bus\_flags** Additional information (like pixel signal polarity) for the pixel data on the bus, using `DRM_BUS_FLAGS_` defines.

**max\_tmds\_clock** Maximum TMDS clock rate supported by the sink in kHz. 0 means undefined.

**dvi\_dual** Dual-link DVI sink?

**has\_hdmi\_inf FRAME** Does the sink support the HDMI infoframe?

**edid\_hdmi\_dc\_modes** Mask of supported hdmi deep color modes. Even more stuff redundant with **bus\_formats**.

**cea\_rev** CEA revision of the HDMI sink.

**hdmi** advance features of a HDMI sink.

**non\_desktop** Non desktop display (HMD).

## Description

Describes a given display (e.g. CRT or flat panel) and its limitations. For fixed display sinks like built-in panels there's not much difference between this and `struct drm_connector`. But for sinks with a real cable this structure is meant to describe all the things at the other end of the cable.

For sinks which provide an EDID this can be filled out by calling `drm_add_edid_modes()`.

struct **drm\_tv\_connector\_state**

TV connector related states

## Definition

```

struct drm_tv_connector_state {
    enum drm_mode_subconnector subconnector;
    struct {
        unsigned int left;
        unsigned int right;
        unsigned int top;
        unsigned int bottom;
    } margins;
    unsigned int mode;
}

```



```

    unsigned int brightness;
    unsigned int contrast;
    unsigned int flicker_reduction;
    unsigned int overscan;
    unsigned int saturation;
    unsigned int hue;
};

```

### Members

**subconnector** selected subconnector

**margins** left/right/top/bottom margins

**mode** TV mode

**brightness** brightness in percent

**contrast** contrast in percent

**flicker\_reduction** flicker reduction in percent

**overscan** overscan in percent

**saturation** saturation in percent

**hue** hue in percent

struct **drm\_connector\_state**  
mutable connector state

### Definition

```

struct drm_connector_state {
    struct drm_connector *connector;
    struct drm_crtc *crtc;
    struct drm_encoder *best_encoder;
    enum drm_link_status link_status;
    struct drm_atomic_state *state;
    struct drm_crtc_commit *commit;
    struct drm_tv_connector_state tv;
    enum hdmi_picture_aspect picture_aspect_ratio;
    unsigned int scaling_mode;
};

```

### Members

**connector** backpointer to the connector

**crtc** CRTC to connect connector to, NULL if disabled.

Do not change this directly, use [drm\\_atomic\\_set\\_crtc\\_for\\_connector\(\)](#) instead.

**best\_encoder** can be used by helpers and drivers to select the encoder

**link\_status** Connector link\_status to keep track of whether link is GOOD or BAD to notify userspace if retraining is necessary.

**state** backpointer to global drm\_atomic\_state

**commit** Tracks the pending commit to prevent use-after-free conditions.

Is only set when **crtc** is NULL.

**tv** TV connector state

**picture\_aspect\_ratio** Connector property to control the HDMI infoframe aspect ratio setting.

The `DRM_MODE_PICTURE_ASPECT_*` values much match the values for enum `hdmi_picture_aspect`

**scaling\_mode** Connector property to control the upscaling, mostly used for built-in panels.

**struct `drm_connector_funcs`**  
control connectors on a given device

### Definition

```
struct drm_connector_funcs {
    int (*dpms)(struct drm_connector *connector, int mode);
    void (*reset)(struct drm_connector *connector);
    enum drm_connector_status (*detect)(struct drm_connector *connector, bool force);
    void (*force)(struct drm_connector *connector);
    int (*fill_modes)(struct drm_connector *connector, uint32_t max_width, uint32_t max_height);
    int (*set_property)(struct drm_connector *connector, struct drm_property *property, uint64_t val);
    int (*late_register)(struct drm_connector *connector);
    void (*early_unregister)(struct drm_connector *connector);
    void (*destroy)(struct drm_connector *connector);
    struct drm_connector_state *(*atomic_duplicate_state)(struct drm_connector *connector);
    void (*atomic_destroy_state)(struct drm_connector *connector, struct drm_connector_state *state);
    int (*atomic_set_property)(struct drm_connector *connector, struct drm_connector_state *state, struct drm_property *property, uint64_t val);
    int (*atomic_get_property)(struct drm_connector *connector, const struct drm_connector_state *state, struct drm_property *property, uint64_t *val);
    void (*atomic_print_state)(struct drm_printer *p, const struct drm_connector_state *state);
};
```

### Members

**dpms** Legacy entry point to set the per-connector DPMS state. Legacy DPMS is exposed as a standard property on the connector, but diverted to this callback in the drm core. Note that atomic drivers don't implement the 4 level DPMS support on the connector any more, but instead only have an on/off "ACTIVE" property on the CRTC object.

This hook is not used by atomic drivers, remapping of the legacy DPMS property is entirely handled in the DRM core.

RETURNS:

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

**reset** Reset connector hardware and software state to off. This function isn't called by the core directly, only through [`drm\_mode\_config\_reset\(\)`](#). It's not a helper hook only for historical reasons.

Atomic drivers can use [`drm\_atomic\_helper\_connector\_reset\(\)`](#) to reset atomic state using this hook.

**detect** Check to see if anything is attached to the connector. The parameter `force` is set to false whilst polling, true when checking the connector due to a user request. `force` can be used by the driver to avoid expensive, destructive operations during automated probing.

This callback is optional, if not implemented the connector will be considered as always being attached.

FIXME:

Note that this hook is only called by the probe helper. It's not in the helper library vtable purely for historical reasons. The only DRM core entry point to probe connector state is **`fill_modes`**.

Note that the helper library will already hold [`drm\_mode\_config.connection\_mutex`](#). Drivers which need to grab additional locks to avoid races with concurrent modeset changes need to use [`drm\_connector\_helper\_funcs.detect\_ctx`](#) instead.

RETURNS:

`drm_connector_status` indicating the connector's status.

**force** This function is called to update internal encoder state when the connector is forced to a certain state by userspace, either through the sysfs interfaces or on the kernel cmdline. In that case the **`detect`** callback isn't called.

FIXME:

Note that this hook is only called by the probe helper. It's not in the helper library vtable purely for historical reasons. The only DRM core entry point to probe connector state is **fill\_modes**.

**fill\_modes** Entry point for output detection and basic mode validation. The driver should reprobe the output if needed (e.g. when hotplug handling is unreliable), add all detected modes to `drm_connector.modes` and filter out any the device can't support in any configuration. It also needs to filter out any modes wider or higher than the parameters `max_width` and `max_height` indicate.

The drivers must also prune any modes no longer valid from `drm_connector.modes`. Furthermore it must update `drm_connector.status` and `drm_connector.edid`. If no EDID has been received for this output connector->edid must be NULL.

Drivers using the probe helpers should use `drm_helper_probe_single_connector_modes()` or `drm_helper_probe_single_connector_modes_nomerge()` to implement this function.

RETURNS:

The number of modes detected and filled into `drm_connector.modes`.

**set\_property** This is the legacy entry point to update a property attached to the connector.

This callback is optional if the driver does not support any legacy driver-private properties. For atomic drivers it is not used because property handling is done entirely in the DRM core.

RETURNS:

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

**late\_register** This optional hook can be used to register additional userspace interfaces attached to the connector, light backlight control, i2c, DP aux or similar interfaces. It is called late in the driver load sequence from `drm_connector_register()` when registering all the core drm connector interfaces. Everything added from this callback should be unregistered in the `early_unregister` callback.

This is called while holding `drm_connector.mutex`.

Returns:

0 on success, or a negative error code on failure.

**early\_unregister** This optional hook should be used to unregister the additional userspace interfaces attached to the connector from `late_register()`. It is called from `drm_connector_unregister()`, early in the driver unload sequence to disable userspace access before data structures are torn down.

This is called while holding `drm_connector.mutex`.

**destroy** Clean up connector resources. This is called at driver unload time through `drm_mode_config_cleanup()`. It can also be called at runtime when a connector is being hot-unplugged for drivers that support connector hotplugging (e.g. DisplayPort MST).

**atomic\_duplicate\_state** Duplicate the current atomic state for this connector and return it. The core and helpers guarantee that any atomic state duplicated with this hook and still owned by the caller (i.e. not transferred to the driver by calling `drm_mode_config_funcs.atomic_commit`) will be cleaned up by calling the **atomic\_destroy\_state** hook in this structure.

Atomic drivers which don't subclass `struct drm_connector_state` should use `drm_atomic_helper_connector_duplicate_state()`. Drivers that subclass the state structure to extend it with driver-private state should use `__drm_atomic_helper_connector_duplicate_state()` to make sure shared state is duplicated in a consistent fashion across drivers.

It is an error to call this hook before `drm_connector.state` has been initialized correctly.

NOTE:

If the duplicate state references refcounted resources this hook must acquire a reference for each of them. The driver must release these references again in **atomic\_destroy\_state**.

RETURNS:

Duplicated atomic state or NULL when the allocation failed.

**atomic\_destroy\_state** Destroy a state duplicated with **atomic\_duplicate\_state** and release or unreference all resources it references

**atomic\_set\_property** Decode a driver-private property value and store the decoded value into the passed-in state structure. Since the atomic core decodes all standardized properties (even for extensions beyond the core set of properties which might not be implemented by all drivers) this requires drivers to subclass the state structure.

Such driver-private properties should really only be implemented for truly hardware/vendor specific state. Instead it is preferred to standardize atomic extension and decode the properties used to expose such an extension in the core.

Do not call this function directly, use `drm_atomic_connector_set_property()` instead.

This callback is optional if the driver does not support any driver-private atomic properties.

NOTE:

This function is called in the state assembly phase of atomic modesets, which can be aborted for any reason (including on userspace's request to just check whether a configuration would be possible). Drivers MUST NOT touch any persistent state (hardware or software) or data structures except the passed in **state** parameter.

Also since userspace controls in which order properties are set this function must not do any input validation (since the state update is incomplete and hence likely inconsistent). Instead any such input validation must be done in the various `atomic_check` callbacks.

RETURNS:

0 if the property has been found, `-EINVAL` if the property isn't implemented by the driver (which shouldn't ever happen, the core only asks for properties attached to this connector). No other validation is allowed by the driver. The core already checks that the property value is within the range (integer, valid enum value, ...) the driver set when registering the property.

**atomic\_get\_property** Reads out the decoded driver-private property. This is used to implement the `GETCONNECTOR` IOCTL.

Do not call this function directly, use `drm_atomic_connector_get_property()` instead.

This callback is optional if the driver does not support any driver-private atomic properties.

RETURNS:

0 on success, `-EINVAL` if the property isn't implemented by the driver (which shouldn't ever happen, the core only asks for properties attached to this connector).

**atomic\_print\_state** If driver subclasses `struct drm_connector_state`, it should implement this optional hook for printing additional driver specific state.

Do not call this directly, use `drm_atomic_connector_print_state()` instead.

## Description

Each CRTC may have one or more connectors attached to it. The functions below allow the core DRM code to control connectors, enumerate available modes, etc.

struct **drm\_connector**

central DRM connector control structure

## Definition

```
struct drm_connector {
    struct drm_device *dev;
    struct device *kdev;
    struct device_attribute *attr;
    struct list_head head;
    struct drm_mode_object base;
    char *name;
    struct mutex mutex;
```

```

unsigned index;
int connector_type;
int connector_type_id;
bool interlace_allowed;
bool doublescan_allowed;
bool stereo_allowed;
bool ycbcr_420_allowed;
bool registered;
struct list_head modes;
enum drm_connector_status status;
struct list_head probed_modes;
struct drm_display_info display_info;
const struct drm_connector_funcs *funcs;
struct drm_property_blob *edid_blob_ptr;
struct drm_object_properties properties;
struct drm_property *scaling_mode_property;
struct drm_property_blob *path_blob_ptr;
struct drm_property_blob *tile_blob_ptr;
#define DRM_CONNECTOR_POLL_HPD (1 << 0);
#define DRM_CONNECTOR_POLL_CONNECT (1 << 1);
#define DRM_CONNECTOR_POLL_DISCONNECT (1 << 2);
uint8_t polled;
int dpms;
const struct drm_connector_helper_funcs *helper_private;
struct drm_cmdline_mode cmdline_mode;
enum drm_connector_force force;
bool override_edid;
#define DRM_CONNECTOR_MAX_ENCODER 3;
uint32_t encoder_ids[DRM_CONNECTOR_MAX_ENCODER];
struct drm_encoder *encoder;
#define MAX_ELD_BYTES 128;
uint8_t eld[MAX_ELD_BYTES];
bool latency_present[2];
int video_latency[2];
int audio_latency[2];
int null_edid_counter;
unsigned bad_edid_counter;
bool edid_corrupt;
struct dentry *debugfs_entry;
struct drm_connector_state *state;
bool has_tile;
struct drm_tile_group *tile_group;
bool tile_is_single_monitor;
uint8_t num_h_tile, num_v_tile;
uint8_t tile_h_loc, tile_v_loc;
uint16_t tile_h_size, tile_v_size;
struct llist_node free_node;
};

```

## Members

**dev** parent DRM device

**kdev** kernel device for sysfs attributes

**attr** sysfs attributes

**head** list management

**base** base KMS object

**name** human readable name, can be overwritten by the driver

**mutex** Lock for general connector state, but currently only protects **registered**. Most of the connector state is still protected by [drm\\_mode\\_config.mutex](#).

**index** Compacted connector index, which matches the position inside the `mode_config.list` for drivers not supporting hot-add/removing. Can be used as an array index. It is invariant over the lifetime of the connector.

**connector\_type** one of the `DRM_MODE_CONNECTOR_<foo>` types from `drm_mode.h`

**connector\_type\_id** index into connector type enum

**interlace\_allowed** can this connector handle interlaced modes?

**doublescan\_allowed** can this connector handle doublescan?

**stereo\_allowed** can this connector handle stereo modes?

**ycbcr\_420\_allowed** This bool indicates if this connector is capable of handling YCBCR 420 output. While parsing the EDID blocks, its very helpful to know, if the source is capable of handling YCBCR 420 outputs.

**registered** Is this connector exposed (registered) with userspace? Protected by **mutex**.

**modes** Modes available on this connector (from `fill_modes()` + user). Protected by `drm_mode_config.mutex`.

**status** One of the `drm_connector_status` enums (connected, not, or unknown). Protected by `drm_mode_config.mutex`.

**probed\_modes** These are modes added by probing with DDC or the BIOS, before filtering is applied. Used by the probe helpers. Protected by `drm_mode_config.mutex`.

**display\_info** Display information is filled from EDID information when a display is detected. For non hot-pluggable displays such as flat panels in embedded systems, the driver should initialize the `drm_display_info.width_mm` and `drm_display_info.height_mm` fields with the physical size of the display.

Protected by `drm_mode_config.mutex`.

**funcs** connector control functions

**edid\_blob\_ptr** DRM property containing EDID if present

**properties** property tracking for this connector

**scaling\_mode\_property** Optional atomic property to control the upscaling.

**path\_blob\_ptr** DRM blob property data for the DP MST path property.

**tile\_blob\_ptr** DRM blob property data for the tile property (used mostly by DP MST). This is meant for screens which are driven through separate display pipelines represented by `drm_crtc`, which might not be running with genlocked clocks. For tiled panels which are genlocked, like dual-link LVDS or dual-link DSI, the driver should try to not expose the tiling and virtualize both `drm_crtc` and `drm_plane` if needed.

**polled** Connector polling mode, a combination of

**DRM\_CONNECTOR\_POLL\_HPD** The connector generates hotplug events and doesn't need to be periodically polled. The `CONNECT` and `DISCONNECT` flags must not be set together with the `HPD` flag.

**DRM\_CONNECTOR\_POLL\_CONNECT** Periodically poll the connector for connection.

**DRM\_CONNECTOR\_POLL\_DISCONNECT** Periodically poll the connector for disconnection.

Set to 0 for connectors that don't support connection status discovery.

**dpms** current dpms state

**helper\_private** mid-layer private data

**cmdline\_mode** mode line parsed from the kernel cmdline for this connector

**force** a `DRM_FORCE_<foo>` state for forced mode sets

**override\_edid** has the EDID been overwritten through debugfs for testing?

**encoder\_ids** valid encoders for this connector

**encoder** Currently bound encoder driving this connector, if any. Only really meaningful for non-atomic drivers. Atomic drivers should instead look at [drm\\_connector\\_state.best\\_encoder](#), and in case they need the CRTC driving this output, [drm\\_connector\\_state.crtc](#).

**eld** EDID-like data, if present

**latency\_present** AV delay info from ELD, if found

**video\_latency** video latency info from ELD, if found

**audio\_latency** audio latency info from ELD, if found

**null\_edid\_counter** track sinks that give us all zeros for the EDID

**bad\_edid\_counter** track sinks that give us an EDID with invalid checksum

**edid\_corrupt** indicates whether the last read EDID was corrupt

**debugfs\_entry** debugfs directory for this connector

**state** Current atomic state for this connector.

This is protected by **drm\_mode\_config.connection\_mutex**. Note that nonblocking atomic commits access the current connector state without taking locks. Either by going through the [struct drm\\_atomic\\_state](#) pointers, see [for\\_each\\_oldnew\\_connector\\_in\\_state\(\)](#), [for\\_each\\_old\\_connector\\_in\\_state\(\)](#) and [for\\_each\\_new\\_connector\\_in\\_state\(\)](#). Or through careful ordering of atomic commit operations as implemented in the atomic helpers, see [struct drm\\_crtc\\_commit](#).

**has\_tile** is this connector connected to a tiled monitor

**tile\_group** tile group for the connected monitor

**tile\_is\_single\_monitor** whether the tile is one monitor housing

**num\_h\_tile** number of horizontal tiles in the tile group

**num\_v\_tile** number of vertical tiles in the tile group

**tile\_h\_loc** horizontal location of this tile

**tile\_v\_loc** vertical location of this tile

**tile\_h\_size** horizontal size of this tile.

**tile\_v\_size** vertical size of this tile.

**free\_node** List used only by [drm\\_connector\\_iter](#) to be able to clean up a connector from any context, in conjunction with [drm\\_mode\\_config.connector\\_free\\_work](#).

## Description

Each connector may be connected to one or more CRTCs, or may be clonable by another connector if they can share a CRTC. Each connector also has a specific position in the broader display (referred to as a 'screen' though it could span multiple monitors).

```
struct drm\_connector * drm_connector_lookup(struct drm\_device * dev, struct drm\_file * file_priv,
                                           uint32_t id)
```

lookup connector object

## Parameters

**struct [drm\\_device](#) \* dev** DRM device

**struct [drm\\_file](#) \* file\_priv** drm file to check for lease against.

**uint32\_t id** connector object id

**Description**

This function looks up the connector object specified by id and takes a reference to it.

```
void drm_connector_get(struct drm_connector * connector)
    acquire a connector reference
```

**Parameters**

```
struct drm_connector * connector DRM connector
```

**Description**

This function increments the connector's refcount.

```
void drm_connector_put(struct drm_connector * connector)
    release a connector reference
```

**Parameters**

```
struct drm_connector * connector DRM connector
```

**Description**

This function decrements the connector's reference count and frees the object if the reference count drops to zero.

```
void drm_connector_reference(struct drm_connector * connector)
    acquire a connector reference
```

**Parameters**

```
struct drm_connector * connector DRM connector
```

**Description**

This is a compatibility alias for *drm\_connector\_get()* and should not be used by new code.

```
void drm_connector_unreference(struct drm_connector * connector)
    release a connector reference
```

**Parameters**

```
struct drm_connector * connector DRM connector
```

**Description**

This is a compatibility alias for *drm\_connector\_put()* and should not be used by new code.

```
struct drm_tile_group
    Tile group metadata
```

**Definition**

```
struct drm_tile_group {
    struct kref refcount;
    struct drm_device *dev;
    int id;
    u8 group_data[8];
};
```

**Members**

**refcount** reference count

**dev** DRM device

**id** tile group id exposed to userspace

**group\_data** Sink-private data identifying this group



## Description

**group\_data** corresponds to displayid vend/prod/serial for external screens with an EDID.

struct **drm\_connector\_list\_iter**  
connector\_list iterator

## Definition

```
struct drm_connector_list_iter {  
};
```

## Members

### Description

This iterator tracks state needed to be able to walk the connector\_list within struct **drm\_mode\_config**. Only use together with [drm\\_connector\\_list\\_iter\\_begin\(\)](#), [drm\\_connector\\_list\\_iter\\_end\(\)](#) and [drm\\_connector\\_list\\_iter\\_next\(\)](#) respectively the convenience macro [drm\\_for\\_each\\_connector\\_iter\(\)](#).

**drm\_for\_each\_connector\_iter**(connector, iter)  
connector\_list iterator macro

## Parameters

**connector** *struct drm\_connector* pointer used as cursor

**iter** *struct drm\_connector\_list\_iter*

### Description

Note that **connector** is only valid within the list body, if you want to use **connector** after calling [drm\\_connector\\_list\\_iter\\_end\(\)](#) then you need to grab your own reference first using [drm\\_connector\\_get\(\)](#).

int **drm\_connector\_init**(struct **drm\_device** \* dev, struct *drm\_connector* \* connector, const struct *drm\_connector\_funcs* \* funcs, int connector\_type)  
Init a preallocated connector

## Parameters

**struct drm\_device** \* dev DRM device

**struct drm\_connector** \* connector the connector to init

**const struct drm\_connector\_funcs** \* funcs callbacks for this connector

**int connector\_type** user visible type of the connector

### Description

Initialises a preallocated connector. Connectors should be subclassed as part of driver connector objects.

## Return

Zero on success, error code on failure.

int **drm\_mode\_connector\_attach\_encoder**(struct *drm\_connector* \* connector, struct *drm\_encoder* \* encoder)  
attach a connector to an encoder

## Parameters

**struct drm\_connector** \* connector connector to attach

**struct drm\_encoder** \* encoder encoder to attach **connector** to

### Description

This function links up a connector to an encoder. Note that the routing restrictions between encoders and crtcs are exposed to userspace through the possible\_clones and possible\_crtcs bitmasks.

### Return

Zero on success, negative errno on failure.

void **drm\_connector\_cleanup**(struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*)  
cleans up an initialised connector

### Parameters

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** connector to cleanup

### Description

Cleans up the connector but doesn't free the object.

int **drm\_connector\_register**(struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*)  
register a connector

### Parameters

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** the connector to register

### Description

Register userspace interfaces for a connector

### Return

Zero on success, error code on failure.

void **drm\_connector\_unregister**(struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*)  
unregister a connector

### Parameters

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** the connector to unregister

### Description

Unregister userspace interfaces for a connector

const char \* **drm\_get\_connector\_status\_name**(enum *drm\_connector\_status* *status*)  
return a string for connector status

### Parameters

**enum drm\_connector\_status status** connector status to compute name of

### Description

In contrast to the other `drm_get_*_name` functions this one here returns a const pointer and hence is threadsafe.

void **drm\_connector\_list\_iter\_begin**(struct *drm\_device* \* *dev*, struct *drm\_connector\_list\_iter* \* *iter*)  
initialize a connector\_list iterator

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_connector\_list\_iter \* iter** connector\_list iterator

### Description

Sets **iter** up to walk the *drm\_mode\_config.connector\_list* of **dev**. **iter** must always be cleaned up again by calling *drm\_connector\_list\_iter\_end()*. Iteration itself happens using *drm\_connector\_list\_iter\_next()* or *drm\_for\_each\_connector\_iter()*.

struct *drm\_connector* \* **drm\_connector\_list\_iter\_next**(struct *drm\_connector\_list\_iter* \* *iter*)  
return next connector

### Parameters

```
struct drm_connector_list_iter * iter connector_list iterator
```

### Description

Returns the next connector for **iter**, or NULL when the list walk has completed.

```
void drm_connector_list_iter_end(struct drm_connector_list_iter * iter)
    tear down a connector_list iterator
```

### Parameters

```
struct drm_connector_list_iter * iter connector_list iterator
```

### Description

Tears down **iter** and releases any resources (like *drm\_connector* references) acquired while walking the list. This must always be called, both when the iteration completes fully or when it was aborted without walking the entire list.

```
const char * drm_get_subpixel_order_name(enum subpixel_order order)
    return a string for a given subpixel enum
```

### Parameters

```
enum subpixel_order order enum of subpixel_order
```

### Description

Note you could abuse this and return something out of bounds, but that would be a caller error. No unscrubbed user data should make it here.

```
int drm_display_info_set_bus_formats(struct drm_display_info * info, const u32 * formats, unsigned int num_formats)
    set the supported bus formats
```

### Parameters

```
struct drm_display_info * info display info to store bus formats in
```

```
const u32 * formats array containing the supported bus formats
```

```
unsigned int num_formats the number of entries in the fmts array
```

### Description

Store the supported bus formats in display info structure. See MEDIA\_BUS\_FMT\_\* definitions in include/uapi/linux/media-bus-format.h for a full list of available formats.

```
int drm_mode_create_dvi_i_properties(struct drm_device * dev)
    create DVI-I specific connector properties
```

### Parameters

```
struct drm_device * dev DRM device
```

### Description

Called by a driver the first time a DVI-I connector is made.

```
int drm_mode_create_tv_properties(struct drm_device * dev, unsigned int num_modes, const char *const modes)
    create TV specific connector properties
```

### Parameters

```
struct drm_device * dev DRM device
```

```
unsigned int num_modes number of different TV formats (modes) supported
```

```
const char *const modes array of pointers to strings containing name of each format
```

**Description**

Called by a driver's TV initialization routine, this function creates the TV specific connector properties for a given device. Caller is responsible for allocating a list of format names and passing them to this routine.

```
int drm_mode_create_scaling_mode_property(struct drm_device * dev)
    create scaling mode property
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**Description**

Called by a driver the first time it's needed, must be attached to desired connectors.

Atomic drivers should use [drm\\_connector\\_attach\\_scaling\\_mode\\_property\(\)](#) instead to correctly assign [drm\\_connector\\_state.picture\\_aspect\\_ratio](#) in the atomic state.

```
int drm_connector_attach_scaling_mode_property(struct drm\_connector * connector,
                                              u32 scaling_mode_mask)
    attach atomic scaling mode property
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** connector to attach scaling mode property on.

**u32 scaling\_mode\_mask** or'ed mask of BIT(DRM\_MODE\_SCALE\_\*).

**Description**

This is used to add support for scaling mode to atomic drivers. The scaling mode will be set to [drm\\_connector\\_state.picture\\_aspect\\_ratio](#) and can be used from [drm\\_connector\\_helper\\_funcs->atomic\\_check](#) for validation.

This is the atomic version of [drm\\_mode\\_create\\_scaling\\_mode\\_property\(\)](#).

**Return**

Zero on success, negative errno on failure.

```
int drm_mode_create_aspect_ratio_property(struct drm_device * dev)
    create aspect ratio property
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**Description**

Called by a driver the first time it's needed, must be attached to desired connectors.

**Return**

Zero on success, negative errno on failure.

```
int drm_mode_create_suggested_offset_properties(struct drm_device * dev)
    create suggests offset properties
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**Description**

Create the the suggested x/y offset property for connectors.

```
int drm_mode_connector_set_path_property(struct drm\_connector * connector, const char
                                         * path)
    set tile property on connector
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** connector to set property on.

**const char \* path** path to use for property; must not be NULL.

### Description

This creates a property to expose to userspace to specify a connector path. This is mainly used for DisplayPort MST where connectors have a topology and we want to allow userspace to give them more meaningful names.

### Return

Zero on success, negative errno on failure.

int **drm\_mode\_connector\_set\_tile\_property**(struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*)  
set tile property on connector

### Parameters

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** connector to set property on.

### Description

This looks up the tile information for a connector, and creates a property for userspace to parse if it exists. The property is of the form of 8 integers using ':' as a separator.

### Return

Zero on success, errno on failure.

int **drm\_mode\_connector\_update\_edid\_property**(struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*, const struct edid \* *edid*)  
update the edid property of a connector

### Parameters

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** drm connector

**const struct edid \* edid** new value of the edid property

### Description

This function creates a new blob modeset object and assigns its id to the connector's edid property.

### Return

Zero on success, negative errno on failure.

void **drm\_mode\_connector\_set\_link\_status\_property**(struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*,  
uint64\_t *link\_status*)  
Set link status property of a connector

### Parameters

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** drm connector

**uint64\_t link\_status** new value of link status property (0: Good, 1: Bad)

### Description

In usual working scenario, this link status property will always be set to "GOOD". If something fails during or after a mode set, the kernel driver may set this link status property to "BAD". The caller then needs to send a hotplug uevent for userspace to re-check the valid modes through GET\_CONNECTOR\_IOCTL and retry modeset.

### Note

Drivers cannot rely on userspace to support this property and issue a modeset. As such, they may choose to handle issues (like re-training a link) without userspace's intervention.

The reason for adding this property is to handle link training failures, but it is not limited to DP or link training. For example, if we implement asynchronous setcrtc, this property can be used to report any failures in that.

int **drm\_connector\_init\_panel\_orientation\_property**(struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*,  
int *width*, int *height*)  
initialize the connectors panel\_orientation property

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** connector for which to init the panel-orientation property.

**int width** width in pixels of the panel, used for panel quirk detection

**int height** height in pixels of the panel, used for panel quirk detection

#### Description

This function should only be called for built-in panels, after setting connector->display\_info.panel\_orientation first (if known).

This function will check for platform specific (e.g. DMI based) quirks overriding display\_info.panel\_orientation first, then if panel\_orientation is not DRM\_MODE\_PANEL\_ORIENTATION\_UNKNOWN it will attach the "panel orientation" property to the connector.

#### Return

Zero on success, negative errno on failure.

void **drm\_mode\_put\_tile\_group**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*, struct *drm\_tile\_group* \* *tg*)  
drop a reference to a tile group.

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_tile\_group \* tg** tile group to drop reference to.

#### Description

drop reference to tile group and free if 0.

struct *drm\_tile\_group* \* **drm\_mode\_get\_tile\_group**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*, char *topology*)  
get a reference to an existing tile group

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**char topology** 8-bytes unique per monitor.

#### Description

Use the unique bytes to get a reference to an existing tile group.

#### Return

tile group or NULL if not found.

struct *drm\_tile\_group* \* **drm\_mode\_create\_tile\_group**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*, char *topology*)  
create a tile group from a displayid description

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**char topology** 8-bytes unique per monitor.

#### Description

Create a tile group for the unique monitor, and get a unique identifier for the tile group.

#### Return

new tile group or error.

## Encoder Abstraction

Encoders represent the connecting element between the CRTC (as the overall pixel pipeline, represented by `struct drm_crtc`) and the connectors (as the generic sink entity, represented by `struct drm_connector`). An encoder takes pixel data from a CRTC and converts it to a format suitable for any attached connector. Encoders are objects exposed to userspace, originally to allow userspace to infer cloning and connector/CRTC restrictions. Unfortunately almost all drivers get this wrong, making the uapi pretty much useless. On top of that the exposed restrictions are too simple for today's hardware, and the recommended way to infer restrictions is by using the `DRM_MODE_ATOMIC_TEST_ONLY` flag for the atomic IOCTL.

Otherwise encoders aren't used in the uapi at all (any modeset request from userspace directly connects a connector with a CRTC), drivers are therefore free to use them however they wish. Modeset helper libraries make strong use of encoders to facilitate code sharing. But for more complex settings it is usually better to move shared code into a separate `drm_bridge`. Compared to encoders, bridges also have the benefit of being purely an internal abstraction since they are not exposed to userspace at all.

Encoders are initialized with `drm_encoder_init()` and cleaned up using `drm_encoder_cleanup()`.

## Encoder Functions Reference

struct **drm\_encoder\_funcs**  
encoder controls

### Definition

```
struct drm_encoder_funcs {
    void (*reset)(struct drm_encoder *encoder);
    void (*destroy)(struct drm_encoder *encoder);
    int (*late_register)(struct drm_encoder *encoder);
    void (*early_unregister)(struct drm_encoder *encoder);
};
```

### Members

**reset** Reset encoder hardware and software state to off. This function isn't called by the core directly, only through `drm_mode_config_reset()`. It's not a helper hook only for historical reasons.

**destroy** Clean up encoder resources. This is only called at driver unload time through `drm_mode_config_cleanup()` since an encoder cannot be hotplugged in DRM.

**late\_register** This optional hook can be used to register additional userspace interfaces attached to the encoder like debugfs interfaces. It is called late in the driver load sequence from `drm_dev_register()`. Everything added from this callback should be unregistered in the `early_unregister` callback.

Returns:

0 on success, or a negative error code on failure.

**early\_unregister** This optional hook should be used to unregister the additional userspace interfaces attached to the encoder from **late\_register**. It is called from `drm_dev_unregister()`, early in the driver unload sequence to disable userspace access before data structures are torndown.

### Description

Encoders sit between CRTCs and connectors.

struct **drm\_encoder**  
central DRM encoder structure

### Definition

```

struct drm_encoder {
    struct drm_device *dev;
    struct list_head head;
    struct drm_mode_object base;
    char *name;
    int encoder_type;
    unsigned index;
    uint32_t possible_crtcs;
    uint32_t possible_clones;
    struct drm_crtc *crtc;
    struct drm_bridge *bridge;
    const struct drm_encoder_funcs *funcs;
    const struct drm_encoder_helper_funcs *helper_private;
};

```

## Members

**dev** parent DRM device

**head** list management

**base** base KMS object

**name** human readable name, can be overwritten by the driver

**encoder\_type** One of the `DRM_MODE_ENCODER_<foo>` types in `drm_mode.h`. The following encoder types are defined thus far:

- `DRM_MODE_ENCODER_DAC` for VGA and analog on DVI-I/DVI-A.
- `DRM_MODE_ENCODER_TMDS` for DVI, HDMI and (embedded) DisplayPort.
- `DRM_MODE_ENCODER_LVDS` for display panels, or in general any panel with a proprietary parallel connector.
- `DRM_MODE_ENCODER_TVDAC` for TV output (Composite, S-Video, Component, SCART).
- `DRM_MODE_ENCODER_VIRTUAL` for virtual machine displays
- `DRM_MODE_ENCODER_DSI` for panels connected using the DSI serial bus.
- `DRM_MODE_ENCODER_DPI` for panels connected using the DPI parallel bus.
- `DRM_MODE_ENCODER_DPMST` for special fake encoders used to allow multiple DP MST streams to share one physical encoder.

**index** Position inside the `mode_config.list`, can be used as an array index. It is invariant over the lifetime of the encoder.

**possible\_crtcs** Bitmask of potential CRTC bindings, using `drm_crtc_index()` as the index into the bitfield. The driver must set the bits for all `drm_crtc` objects this encoder can be connected to before calling `drm_encoder_init()`.

In reality almost every driver gets this wrong.

Note that since CRTC objects can't be hotplugged the assigned indices are stable and hence known before registering all objects.

**possible\_clones** Bitmask of potential sibling encoders for cloning, using `drm_encoder_index()` as the index into the bitfield. The driver must set the bits for all `drm_encoder` objects which can clone a `drm_crtc` together with this encoder before calling `drm_encoder_init()`. Drivers should set the bit representing the encoder itself, too. Cloning bits should be set such that when two encoders can be used in a cloned configuration, they both should have each other bits set.

In reality almost every driver gets this wrong.

Note that since encoder objects can't be hotplugged the assigned indices are stable and hence known before registering all objects.



**crtc** Currently bound CRTC, only really meaningful for non-atomic drivers. Atomic drivers should instead check `drm_connector_state.crtc`.

**bridge** bridge associated to the encoder

**funcs** control functions

**helper\_private** mid-layer private data

### Description

CRTCs drive pixels to encoders, which convert them into signals appropriate for a given connector or set of connectors.

unsigned int **drm\_encoder\_index**(struct `drm_encoder` \* *encoder*)  
find the index of a registered encoder

### Parameters

**struct drm\_encoder \* encoder** encoder to find index for

### Description

Given a registered encoder, return the index of that encoder within a DRM device's list of encoders.

bool **drm\_encoder\_crtc\_ok**(struct `drm_encoder` \* *encoder*, struct `drm_crtc` \* *crtc*)  
can a given crtc drive a given encoder?

### Parameters

**struct drm\_encoder \* encoder** encoder to test

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** crtc to test

### Description

Returns false if **encoder** can't be driven by **crtc**, true otherwise.

struct `drm_encoder` \* **drm\_encoder\_find**(struct `drm_device` \* *dev*, struct `drm_file` \* *file\_priv*,  
uint32\_t *id*)  
find a `drm_encoder`

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_file \* file\_priv** drm file to check for lease against.

**uint32\_t id** encoder id

### Description

Returns the encoder with **id**, NULL if it doesn't exist. Simple wrapper around `drm_mode_object_find()`.

**drm\_for\_each\_encoder\_mask**(*encoder*, *dev*, *encoder\_mask*)  
iterate over encoders specified by bitmask

### Parameters

**encoder** the loop cursor

**dev** the DRM device

**encoder\_mask** bitmask of encoder indices

### Description

Iterate over all encoders specified by bitmask.

**drm\_for\_each\_encoder**(*encoder*, *dev*)  
iterate over all encoders

### Parameters

**encoder** the loop cursor

**dev** the DRM device

### Description

Iterate over all encoders of **dev**.

```
int drm_encoder_init(struct drm_device * dev, struct drm_encoder * encoder, const struct drm_encoder_funcs * funcs, int encoder_type, const char * name, ...)
```

Init a preallocated encoder

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device** \* **dev** drm device

**struct drm\_encoder** \* **encoder** the encoder to init

**const struct drm\_encoder\_funcs** \* **funcs** callbacks for this encoder

**int encoder\_type** user visible type of the encoder

**const char** \* **name** printf style format string for the encoder name, or NULL for default name

... variable arguments

### Description

Initialises a preallocated encoder. Encoder should be subclassed as part of driver encoder objects. At driver unload time *drm\_encoder\_cleanup()* should be called from the driver's *drm\_encoder\_funcs.destroy* hook.

### Return

Zero on success, error code on failure.

```
void drm_encoder_cleanup(struct drm_encoder * encoder)
```

cleans up an initialised encoder

### Parameters

**struct drm\_encoder** \* **encoder** encoder to cleanup

### Description

Cleans up the encoder but doesn't free the object.

## KMS Initialization and Cleanup

A KMS device is abstracted and exposed as a set of planes, CRTC, encoders and connectors. KMS drivers must thus create and initialize all those objects at load time after initializing mode setting.

### CRTCs (struct *drm\_crtc*)

A CRTC is an abstraction representing a part of the chip that contains a pointer to a scanout buffer. Therefore, the number of CRTCs available determines how many independent scanout buffers can be active at any given time. The CRTC structure contains several fields to support this: a pointer to some video memory (abstracted as a frame buffer object), a display mode, and an (x, y) offset into the video memory to support panning or configurations where one piece of video memory spans multiple CRTCs.

### CRTC Initialization

A KMS device must create and register at least one struct *struct drm\_crtc* instance. The instance is allocated and zeroed by the driver, possibly as part of a larger structure, and registered with a call to *drm\_crtc\_init()* with a pointer to CRTC functions.

## Cleanup

The DRM core manages its objects' lifetime. When an object is not needed anymore the core calls its destroy function, which must clean up and free every resource allocated for the object. Every `drm_*_init()` call must be matched with a corresponding `drm_*_cleanup()` call to cleanup CRTC's (`drm_crtc_cleanup()`), planes (`drm_plane_cleanup()`), encoders (`drm_encoder_cleanup()`) and connectors (`drm_connector_cleanup()`). Furthermore, connectors that have been added to sysfs must be removed by a call to `drm_connector_unregister()` before calling `drm_connector_cleanup()`.

Connectors state change detection must be cleaned up with a call to `drm_kms_helper_poll_fini()`.

## Output discovery and initialization example

```
void intel_crt_init(struct drm_device *dev)
{
    struct drm_connector *connector;
    struct intel_output *intel_output;

    intel_output = kzalloc(sizeof(struct intel_output), GFP_KERNEL);
    if (!intel_output)
        return;

    connector = &intel_output->base;
    drm_connector_init(dev, &intel_output->base,
                      &intel_crt_connector_funcs, DRM_MODE_CONNECTOR_VGA);

    drm_encoder_init(dev, &intel_output->enc, &intel_crt_enc_funcs,
                    DRM_MODE_ENCODER_DAC);

    drm_mode_connector_attach_encoder(&intel_output->base,
                                     &intel_output->enc);

    /* Set up the DDC bus. */
    intel_output->ddc_bus = intel_i2c_create(dev, GPIOA, "CRTDDC_A");
    if (!intel_output->ddc_bus) {
        dev_printk(KERN_ERR, &dev->pdev->dev, "DDC bus registration "
                  "failed.\n");
        return;
    }

    intel_output->type = INTEL_OUTPUT_ANALOG;
    connector->interlace_allowed = 0;
    connector->doublescan_allowed = 0;

    drm_encoder_helper_add(&intel_output->enc, &intel_crt_helper_funcs);
    drm_connector_helper_add(connector, &intel_crt_connector_helper_funcs);

    drm_connector_register(connector);
}
```

In the example above (taken from the i915 driver), a CRTC, connector and encoder combination is created. A device-specific i2c bus is also created for fetching EDID data and performing monitor detection. Once the process is complete, the new connector is registered with sysfs to make its properties available to applications.

## KMS Locking

As KMS moves toward more fine grained locking, and atomic ioctl where userspace can indirectly control locking order, it becomes necessary to use `ww_mutex` and `acquire-contexts` to avoid deadlocks. But be-

cause the locking is more distributed around the driver code, we want a bit of extra utility/tracking out of our acquire-ctx. This is provided by *struct* `drm_modeset_lock` and *struct* `drm_modeset_acquire_ctx`.

For basic principles of `ww_mutex`, see: [Documentation/locking/ww-mutex-design.txt](#)

The basic usage pattern is to:

```
drm_modeset_acquire_init(ctx, DRM_MODESET_ACQUIRE_INTERRUPTIBLE)
retry:
foreach (lock in random_ordered_set_of_locks) {
    ret = drm_modeset_lock(lock, ctx)
    if (ret == -EDEADLK) {
        ret = drm_modeset_backoff(ctx);
        if (!ret)
            goto retry;
    }
    if (ret)
        goto out;
}
... do stuff ...
out:
drm_modeset_drop_locks(ctx);
drm_modeset_acquire_fini(ctx);
```

If all that is needed is a single modeset lock, then the *struct* `drm_modeset_acquire_ctx` is not needed and the locking can be simplified by passing a NULL instead of `ctx` in the `drm_modeset_lock()` call or calling `drm_modeset_lock_single_interruptible()`. To unlock afterwards call `drm_modeset_unlock()`.

On top of these per-object locks using `ww_mutex` there's also an overall `drm_mode_config.mutex`, for protecting everything else. Mostly this means probe state of connectors, and preventing hotplug add/removal of connectors.

Finally there's a bunch of dedicated locks to protect drm core internal lists and lookup data structures.

**struct** `drm_modeset_acquire_ctx`  
locking context (see `ww_acquire_ctx`)

### Definition

```
struct drm_modeset_acquire_ctx {
    struct ww_acquire_ctx ww_ctx;
    struct drm_modeset_lock *contended;
    struct list_head locked;
    bool trylock_only;
    bool interruptible;
};
```

### Members

**ww\_ctx** base acquire ctx

**contended** used internally for -EDEADLK handling

**locked** list of held locks

**trylock\_only** trylock mode used in atomic contexts/panic notifiers

**interruptible** whether interruptible locking should be used.

### Description

Each thread competing for a set of locks must use one acquire ctx. And if any lock fxn returns -EDEADLK, it must backoff and retry.

**struct** `drm_modeset_lock`  
used for locking modeset resources.

### Definition

```
struct drm_modeset_lock {
    struct ww_mutex mutex;
    struct list_head head;
};
```

**Members****mutex** resource locking**head** used to hold it's place on `drm_atomi_state.locked` list when part of an atomic update**Description**

Used for locking CRTC's and other modeset resources.

void **drm\_modeset\_lock\_fini**(struct *drm\_modeset\_lock* \* *lock*)  
cleanup lock

**Parameters****struct drm\_modeset\_lock \* lock** lock to cleanup

bool **drm\_modeset\_is\_locked**(struct *drm\_modeset\_lock* \* *lock*)  
equivalent to `mutex_is_locked()`

**Parameters****struct drm\_modeset\_lock \* lock** lock to check

void **drm\_modeset\_lock\_all**(struct *drm\_device* \* *dev*)  
take all modeset locks

**Parameters****struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device**Description**

This function takes all modeset locks, suitable where a more fine-grained scheme isn't (yet) implemented. Locks must be dropped by calling the *drm\_modeset\_unlock\_all()* function.

This function is deprecated. It allocates a lock acquisition context and stores it in `drm_device.mode_config`. This facilitate conversion of existing code because it removes the need to manually deal with the acquisition context, but it is also brittle because the context is global and care must be taken not to nest calls. New code should use the *drm\_modeset\_lock\_all\_ctx()* function and pass in the context explicitly.

void **drm\_modeset\_unlock\_all**(struct *drm\_device* \* *dev*)  
drop all modeset locks

**Parameters****struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device**Description**

This function drops all modeset locks taken by a previous call to the *drm\_modeset\_lock\_all()* function.

This function is deprecated. It uses the lock acquisition context stored in `drm_device.mode_config`. This facilitates conversion of existing code because it removes the need to manually deal with the acquisition context, but it is also brittle because the context is global and care must be taken not to nest calls. New code should pass the acquisition context directly to the *drm\_modeset\_drop\_locks()* function.

void **drm\_warn\_on\_modeset\_not\_all\_locked**(struct *drm\_device* \* *dev*)  
check that all modeset locks are locked

**Parameters****struct drm\_device \* dev** device

**Description**

Useful as a debug assert.

void **drm\_modeset\_acquire\_init**(struct *drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx* \* *ctx*, uint32\_t *flags*)  
initialize acquire context

**Parameters**

struct *drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx* \* *ctx* the acquire context

uint32\_t *flags* 0 or DRM\_MODESET\_ACQUIRE\_INTERRUPTIBLE

**Description**

When passing DRM\_MODESET\_ACQUIRE\_INTERRUPTIBLE to **flags**, all calls to *drm\_modeset\_lock()* will perform an interruptible wait.

void **drm\_modeset\_acquire\_fini**(struct *drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx* \* *ctx*)  
cleanup acquire context

**Parameters**

struct *drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx* \* *ctx* the acquire context

void **drm\_modeset\_drop\_locks**(struct *drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx* \* *ctx*)  
drop all locks

**Parameters**

struct *drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx* \* *ctx* the acquire context

**Description**

Drop all locks currently held against this acquire context.

int **drm\_modeset\_backoff**(struct *drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx* \* *ctx*)  
deadlock avoidance backoff

**Parameters**

struct *drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx* \* *ctx* the acquire context

**Description**

If deadlock is detected (ie. *drm\_modeset\_lock()* returns -EDEADLK), you must call this function to drop all currently held locks and block until the contended lock becomes available.

This function returns 0 on success, or -ERESTARTSYS if this context is initialized with DRM\_MODESET\_ACQUIRE\_INTERRUPTIBLE and the wait has been interrupted.

void **drm\_modeset\_lock\_init**(struct *drm\_modeset\_lock* \* *lock*)  
initialize lock

**Parameters**

struct *drm\_modeset\_lock* \* *lock* lock to init

int **drm\_modeset\_lock**(struct *drm\_modeset\_lock* \* *lock*, struct *drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx* \* *ctx*)  
take modeset lock

**Parameters**

struct *drm\_modeset\_lock* \* *lock* lock to take

struct *drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx* \* *ctx* acquire ctx

**Description**

If *ctx* is not NULL, then its acquire context is used and the lock will be tracked by the context and can be released by calling *drm\_modeset\_drop\_locks()*. If -EDEADLK is returned, this means a deadlock scenario has been detected and it is an error to attempt to take any more locks without first calling *drm\_modeset\_backoff()*.

If the **ctx** is not NULL and initialized with `DRM_MODESET_ACQUIRE_INTERRUPTIBLE`, this function will fail with `-ERESTARTSYS` when interrupted.

If **ctx** is NULL then the function call behaves like a normal, uninterruptible non-nesting `mutex_lock()` call.

```
int drm_modeset_lock_single_interruptible(struct drm_modeset_lock * lock)
    take a single modeset lock
```

#### Parameters

**struct *drm\_modeset\_lock* \* lock** lock to take

#### Description

This function behaves as `drm_modeset_lock()` with a NULL context, but performs interruptible waits.

This function returns 0 on success, or `-ERESTARTSYS` when interrupted.

```
void drm_modeset_unlock(struct drm_modeset_lock * lock)
    drop modeset lock
```

#### Parameters

**struct *drm\_modeset\_lock* \* lock** lock to release

```
int drm_modeset_lock_all_ctx(struct drm_device * dev, struct drm_modeset_acquire_ctx * ctx)
    take all modeset locks
```

#### Parameters

**struct *drm\_device* \* dev** DRM device

**struct *drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx* \* ctx** lock acquisition context

#### Description

This function takes all modeset locks, suitable where a more fine-grained scheme isn't (yet) implemented.

Unlike `drm_modeset_lock_all()`, it doesn't take the `drm_mode_config.mutex` since that lock isn't required for modeset state changes. Callers which need to grab that lock too need to do so outside of the acquire context **ctx**.

Locks acquired with this function should be released by calling the `drm_modeset_drop_locks()` function on **ctx**.

#### Return

0 on success or a negative error-code on failure.

## KMS Properties

### Property Types and Blob Property Support

Properties as represented by `drm_property` are used to extend the modeset interface exposed to userspace. For the atomic modeset IOCTL properties are even the only way to transport metadata about the desired new modeset configuration from userspace to the kernel. Properties have a well-defined value range, which is enforced by the drm core. See the documentation of the flags member of `struct drm_property` for an overview of the different property types and ranges.

Properties don't store the current value directly, but need to be instantiated by attaching them to a `drm_mode_object` with `drm_object_attach_property()`.

Property values are only 64bit. To support bigger piles of data (like gamma tables, color correction matrices or large structures) a property can instead point at a `drm_property_blob` with that additional data.

Properties are defined by their symbolic name, userspace must keep a per-object mapping from those names to the property ID used in the atomic IOCTL and in the get/set property IOCTL.

struct **drm\_property\_enum**  
symbolic values for enumerations

### Definition

```
struct drm_property_enum {
    uint64_t value;
    struct list_head head;
    char name[DRM_PROP_NAME_LEN];
};
```

### Members

**value** numeric property value for this enum entry  
**head** list of enum values, linked to *drm\_property.enum\_list*  
**name** symbolic name for the enum

### Description

For enumeration and bitmask properties this structure stores the symbolic decoding for each value. This is used for example for the rotation property.

struct **drm\_property**  
modeset object property

### Definition

```
struct drm_property {
    struct list_head head;
    struct drm_mode_object base;
    uint32_t flags;
    char name[DRM_PROP_NAME_LEN];
    uint32_t num_values;
    uint64_t *values;
    struct drm_device *dev;
    struct list_head enum_list;
};
```

### Members

**head** per-device list of properties, for cleanup.  
**base** base KMS object  
**flags** Property flags and type. A property needs to be one of the following types:

**DRM\_MODE\_PROP\_RANGE** Range properties report their minimum and maximum admissible unsigned values. The KMS core verifies that values set by application fit in that range. The range is unsigned. Range properties are created using *drm\_property\_create\_range()*.

**DRM\_MODE\_PROP\_SIGNED\_RANGE** Range properties report their minimum and maximum admissible signed values. The KMS core verifies that values set by application fit in that range. The range is signed. Range properties are created using *drm\_property\_create\_signed\_range()*.

**DRM\_MODE\_PROP\_ENUM** Enumerated properties take a numerical value that ranges from 0 to the number of enumerated values defined by the property minus one, and associate a free-formed string name to each value. Applications can retrieve the list of defined value-name pairs and use the numerical value to get and set property instance values. Enum properties are created using *drm\_property\_create\_enum()*.

**DRM\_MODE\_PROP\_BITMASK** Bitmask properties are enumeration properties that additionally restrict all enumerated values to the 0..63 range. Bitmask property instance values combine one or more of the enumerated bits defined by the property. Bitmask properties are created using *drm\_property\_create\_bitmask()*.



**DRM\_MODE\_PROB\_OBJECT** Object properties are used to link modeset objects. This is used extensively in the atomic support to create the display pipeline, by linking *drm\_framebuffer* to *drm\_plane*, *drm\_plane* to *drm\_crtc* and *drm\_connector* to *drm\_crtc*. An object property can only link to a specific type of *drm\_mode\_object*, this limit is enforced by the core. Object properties are created using *drm\_property\_create\_object()*.

Object properties work like blob properties, but in a more general fashion. They are limited to atomic drivers and must have the `DRM_MODE_PROP_ATOMIC` flag set.

**DRM\_MODE\_PROP\_BLOB** Blob properties store a binary blob without any format restriction. The binary blobs are created as KMS standalone objects, and blob property instance values store the ID of their associated blob object. Blob properties are created by calling *drm\_property\_create()* with `DRM_MODE_PROP_BLOB` as the type.

Actual blob objects to contain blob data are created using *drm\_property\_create\_blob()*, or through the corresponding IOCTL.

Besides the built-in limit to only accept blob objects blob properties work exactly like object properties. The only reasons blob properties exist is backwards compatibility with existing userspace.

In addition a property can have any combination of the below flags:

**DRM\_MODE\_PROP\_ATOMIC** Set for properties which encode atomic modeset state. Such properties are not exposed to legacy userspace.

**DRM\_MODE\_PROP\_IMMUTABLE** Set for properties where userspace cannot be changed by userspace. The kernel is allowed to update the value of these properties. This is generally used to expose probe state to userspace, e.g. the EDID, or the connector path property on DP MST sinks.

**name** symbolic name of the properties

**num\_values** size of the **values** array.

**values** Array with limits and values for the property. The interpretation of these limits is dependent upon the type per **flags**.

**dev** DRM device

**enum\_list** List of *drm\_prop\_enum\_list* structures with the symbolic names for enum and bitmask values.

### Description

This structure represent a modeset object property. It combines both the name of the property with the set of permissible values. This means that when a driver wants to use a property with the same name on different objects, but with different value ranges, then it must create property for each one. An example would be rotation of *drm\_plane*, when e.g. the primary plane cannot be rotated. But if both the name and the value range match, then the same property structure can be instantiated multiple times for the same object. Userspace must be able to cope with this and cannot assume that the same symbolic property will have the same modeset object ID on all modeset objects.

Properties are created by one of the special functions, as explained in detail in the **flags** structure member.

To actually expose a property it must be attached to each object using *drm\_object\_attach\_property()*. Currently properties can only be attached to *drm\_connector*, *drm\_crtc* and *drm\_plane*.

Properties are also used as the generic metadata transport for the atomic IOCTL. Everything that was set directly in structures in the legacy modeset IOCTLs (like the plane source or destination windows, or e.g. the links to the CRTC) is exposed as a property with the `DRM_MODE_PROP_ATOMIC` flag set.

struct *drm\_property\_blob*

Blob data for *drm\_property*

### Definition

```
struct drm_property_blob {
    struct drm_mode_object base;
    struct drm_device *dev;
```

```
struct list_head head_global;
struct list_head head_file;
size_t length;
unsigned char data[];
};
```

### Members

**base** base KMS object

**dev** DRM device

**head\_global** entry on the global blob list in [drm\\_mode\\_config.property\\_blob\\_list](#).

**head\_file** entry on the per-file blob list in [drm\\_file.blobs](#) list.

**length** size of the blob in bytes, invariant over the lifetime of the object

**data** actual data, embedded at the end of this structure

### Description

Blobs are used to store bigger values than what fits directly into the 64 bits available for a [drm\\_property](#).

Blobs are reference counted using [drm\\_property\\_blob\\_get\(\)](#) and [drm\\_property\\_blob\\_put\(\)](#). They are created using [drm\\_property\\_create\\_blob\(\)](#).

bool **drm\_property\_type\_is**(struct [drm\\_property](#) \* *property*, uint32\_t *type*)  
check the type of a property

### Parameters

struct [drm\\_property](#) \* **property** property to check

uint32\_t **type** property type to compare with

### Description

This is a helper function because the uapi encoding of property types is a bit special for historical reasons.

struct [drm\\_property\\_blob](#) \* **drm\_property\_reference\_blob**(struct [drm\\_property\\_blob](#) \* *blob*)  
acquire a blob property reference

### Parameters

struct [drm\\_property\\_blob](#) \* **blob** DRM blob property

### Description

This is a compatibility alias for [drm\\_property\\_blob\\_get\(\)](#) and should not be used by new code.

void **drm\_property\_unreference\_blob**(struct [drm\\_property\\_blob](#) \* *blob*)  
release a blob property reference

### Parameters

struct [drm\\_property\\_blob](#) \* **blob** DRM blob property

### Description

This is a compatibility alias for [drm\\_property\\_blob\\_put\(\)](#) and should not be used by new code.

struct [drm\\_property](#) \* **drm\_property\_find**(struct [drm\\_device](#) \* *dev*, struct [drm\\_file](#) \* *file\_priv*,  
uint32\_t *id*)  
find property object

### Parameters

struct [drm\\_device](#) \* **dev** DRM device

struct [drm\\_file](#) \* **file\_priv** drm file to check for lease against.

**uint32\_t id** property object id

### Description

This function looks up the property object specified by id and returns it.

```
struct drm_property * drm_property_create(struct drm_device * dev, int flags, const char * name,
                                           int num_values)
```

create a new property type

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm device  
**int flags** flags specifying the property type  
**const char \* name** name of the property  
**int num\_values** number of pre-defined values

### Description

This creates a new generic drm property which can then be attached to a drm object with *drm\_object\_attach\_property()*. The returned property object must be freed with *drm\_property\_destroy()*, which is done automatically when calling *drm\_mode\_config\_cleanup()*.

### Return

A pointer to the newly created property on success, NULL on failure.

```
struct drm_property * drm_property_create_enum(struct drm_device * dev, int flags, const char
                                                * name, const struct drm_prop_enum_list
                                                * props, int num_values)
```

create a new enumeration property type

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm device  
**int flags** flags specifying the property type  
**const char \* name** name of the property  
**const struct drm\_prop\_enum\_list \* props** enumeration lists with property values  
**int num\_values** number of pre-defined values

### Description

This creates a new generic drm property which can then be attached to a drm object with *drm\_object\_attach\_property()*. The returned property object must be freed with *drm\_property\_destroy()*, which is done automatically when calling *drm\_mode\_config\_cleanup()*.

Userspace is only allowed to set one of the predefined values for enumeration properties.

### Return

A pointer to the newly created property on success, NULL on failure.

```
struct drm_property * drm_property_create_bitmask(struct drm_device * dev, int flags,
                                                  const char * name, const struct
                                                  drm_prop_enum_list * props,
                                                  int num_props, uint64_t supported_bits)
```

create a new bitmask property type

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm device  
**int flags** flags specifying the property type  
**const char \* name** name of the property

**const struct drm\_prop\_enum\_list \* props** enumeration lists with property bitflags

**int num\_props** size of the **props** array

**uint64\_t supported\_bits** bitmask of all supported enumeration values

### Description

This creates a new bitmask drm property which can then be attached to a drm object with [drm\\_object\\_attach\\_property\(\)](#). The returned property object must be freed with [drm\\_property\\_destroy\(\)](#), which is done automatically when calling [drm\\_mode\\_config\\_cleanup\(\)](#).

Compared to plain enumeration properties userspace is allowed to set any or'ed together combination of the predefined property bitflag values

### Return

A pointer to the newly created property on success, NULL on failure.

struct [drm\\_property](#) \* **drm\_property\_create\_range**(struct drm\_device \* dev, int flags, const char \* name, uint64\_t min, uint64\_t max)  
create a new unsigned ranged property type

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm device

**int flags** flags specifying the property type

**const char \* name** name of the property

**uint64\_t min** minimum value of the property

**uint64\_t max** maximum value of the property

### Description

This creates a new generic drm property which can then be attached to a drm object with [drm\\_object\\_attach\\_property\(\)](#). The returned property object must be freed with [drm\\_property\\_destroy\(\)](#), which is done automatically when calling [drm\\_mode\\_config\\_cleanup\(\)](#).

Userspace is allowed to set any unsigned integer value in the (min, max) range inclusive.

### Return

A pointer to the newly created property on success, NULL on failure.

struct [drm\\_property](#) \* **drm\_property\_create\_signed\_range**(struct drm\_device \* dev, int flags, const char \* name, int64\_t min, int64\_t max)  
create a new signed ranged property type

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm device

**int flags** flags specifying the property type

**const char \* name** name of the property

**int64\_t min** minimum value of the property

**int64\_t max** maximum value of the property

### Description

This creates a new generic drm property which can then be attached to a drm object with [drm\\_object\\_attach\\_property\(\)](#). The returned property object must be freed with [drm\\_property\\_destroy\(\)](#), which is done automatically when calling [drm\\_mode\\_config\\_cleanup\(\)](#).

Userspace is allowed to set any signed integer value in the (min, max) range inclusive.

### Return

A pointer to the newly created property on success, NULL on failure.

```
struct drm_property * drm_property_create_object(struct drm_device * dev, int flags, const char
                                                * name, uint32_t type)
```

create a new object property type

### Parameters

**struct *drm\_device* \* *dev*** drm device

**int *flags*** flags specifying the property type

**const char \* *name*** name of the property

**uint32\_t *type*** object type from `DRM_MODE_OBJECT_*` defines

### Description

This creates a new generic drm property which can then be attached to a drm object with `drm_object_attach_property()`. The returned property object must be freed with `drm_property_destroy()`, which is done automatically when calling `drm_mode_config_cleanup()`.

Userspace is only allowed to set this to any property value of the given **type**. Only useful for atomic properties, which is enforced.

### Return

A pointer to the newly created property on success, NULL on failure.

```
struct drm_property * drm_property_create_bool(struct drm_device * dev, int flags, const char
                                                * name)
```

create a new boolean property type

### Parameters

**struct *drm\_device* \* *dev*** drm device

**int *flags*** flags specifying the property type

**const char \* *name*** name of the property

### Description

This creates a new generic drm property which can then be attached to a drm object with `drm_object_attach_property()`. The returned property object must be freed with `drm_property_destroy()`, which is done automatically when calling `drm_mode_config_cleanup()`.

This is implemented as a ranged property with only {0, 1} as valid values.

### Return

A pointer to the newly created property on success, NULL on failure.

```
int drm_property_add_enum(struct drm_property * property, int index, uint64_t value, const char
                           * name)
```

add a possible value to an enumeration property

### Parameters

**struct *drm\_property* \* *property*** enumeration property to change

**int *index*** index of the new enumeration

**uint64\_t *value*** value of the new enumeration

**const char \* *name*** symbolic name of the new enumeration

### Description

This functions adds enumerations to a property.

It's use is deprecated, drivers should use one of the more specific helpers to directly create the property with all enumerations already attached.

### Return

Zero on success, error code on failure.

void **drm\_property\_destroy**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*, struct *drm\_property* \* *property*)  
destroy a drm property

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm device  
**struct drm\_property \* property** property to destroy

### Description

This function frees a property including any attached resources like enumeration values.

struct *drm\_property\_blob* \* **drm\_property\_create\_blob**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*, size\_t *length*,  
const void \* *data*)  
Create new blob property

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device to create property for  
**size\_t length** Length to allocate for blob data  
**const void \* data** If specified, copies data into blob

### Description

Creates a new blob property for a specified DRM device, optionally copying data. Note that blob properties are meant to be invariant, hence the data must be filled out before the blob is used as the value of any property.

### Return

New blob property with a single reference on success, or an ERR\_PTR value on failure.

void **drm\_property\_blob\_put**(struct *drm\_property\_blob* \* *blob*)  
release a blob property reference

### Parameters

**struct drm\_property\_blob \* blob** DRM blob property

### Description

Releases a reference to a blob property. May free the object.

struct *drm\_property\_blob* \* **drm\_property\_blob\_get**(struct *drm\_property\_blob* \* *blob*)  
acquire blob property reference

### Parameters

**struct drm\_property\_blob \* blob** DRM blob property

### Description

Acquires a reference to an existing blob property. Returns **blob**, which allows this to be used as a shorthand in assignments.

struct *drm\_property\_blob* \* **drm\_property\_lookup\_blob**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*, uint32\_t *id*)  
look up a blob property and take a reference

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm device  
**uint32\_t id** id of the blob property

## Description

If successful, this takes an additional reference to the blob property. callers need to make sure to eventually unreference the returned property again, using `drm_property_blob_put()`.

## Return

NULL on failure, pointer to the blob on success.

```
int drm_property_replace_global_blob(struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_property_blob
                                   **replace, size_t length, const void *data, struct
                                   drm_mode_object *obj_holds_id, struct drm_property
                                   *prop_holds_id)
    replace existing blob property
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm device

**struct drm\_property\_blob \*\* replace** location of blob property pointer to be replaced

**size\_t length** length of data for new blob, or 0 for no data

**const void \* data** content for new blob, or NULL for no data

**struct drm\_mode\_object \* obj\_holds\_id** optional object for property holding blob ID

**struct drm\_property \* prop\_holds\_id** optional property holding blob ID **return** 0 on success or error on failure

## Description

This function will replace a global property in the blob list, optionally updating a property which holds the ID of that property.

If length is 0 or data is NULL, no new blob will be created, and the holding property, if specified, will be set to 0.

Access to the replace pointer is assumed to be protected by the caller, e.g. by holding the relevant modesetting object lock for its parent.

For example, a `drm_connector` has a 'PATH' property, which contains the ID of a blob property with the value of the MST path information. Calling this function with `replace` pointing to the connector's `path_blob_ptr`, `length` and `data` set for the new path information, `obj_holds_id` set to the connector's base object, and `prop_holds_id` set to the path property name, will perform a completely atomic update. The access to `path_blob_ptr` is protected by the caller holding a lock on the connector.

```
bool drm_property_replace_blob(struct drm_property_blob **blob, struct drm_property_blob
                              *new_blob)
    replace a blob property
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_property\_blob \*\* blob** a pointer to the member blob to be replaced

**struct drm\_property\_blob \* new\_blob** the new blob to replace with

## Return

true if the blob was in fact replaced.

## Standard Connector Properties

DRM connectors have a few standardized properties:

**EDID:** Blob property which contains the current EDID read from the sink. This is useful to parse sink identification information like vendor, model and serial. Drivers should update this property by calling `drm_mode_connector_update_edid_property()`, usually after having parsed the EDID using `drm_add_edid_modes()`. Userspace cannot change this property.



**DPMS:** Legacy property for setting the power state of the connector. For atomic drivers this is only provided for backwards compatibility with existing drivers, it remaps to controlling the “ACTIVE” property on the CRTC the connector is linked to. Drivers should never set this property directly, it is handled by the DRM core by calling the `drm_connector_funcs.dpms` callback. For atomic drivers the remapping to the “ACTIVE” property is implemented in the DRM core. This is the only standard connector property that userspace can change.

Note that this property cannot be set through the `MODE_ATOMIC` ioctl, userspace must use “ACTIVE” on the CRTC instead.

WARNING:

For userspace also running on legacy drivers the “DPMS” semantics are a lot more complicated. First, userspace cannot rely on the “DPMS” value returned by the `GETCONNECTOR` actually reflecting reality, because many drivers fail to update it. For atomic drivers this is taken care of in `drm_atomic_helper_update_legacy_modeset_state()`.

The second issue is that the DPMS state is only well-defined when the connector is connected to a CRTC. In atomic the DRM core enforces that “ACTIVE” is off in such a case, no such checks exists for “DPMS”.

Finally, when enabling an output using the legacy `SETCONFIG` ioctl then “DPMS” is forced to ON. But see above, that might not be reflected in the software value on legacy drivers.

Summarizing: Only set “DPMS” when the connector is known to be enabled, assume that a successful `SETCONFIG` call also sets “DPMS” to on, and never read back the value of “DPMS” because it can be incorrect.

**PATH:** Connector path property to identify how this sink is physically connected. Used by DP MST. This should be set by calling `drm_mode_connector_set_path_property()`, in the case of DP MST with the path property the MST manager created. Userspace cannot change this property.

**TILE:** Connector tile group property to indicate how a set of DRM connector compose together into one logical screen. This is used by both high-res external screens (often only using a single cable, but exposing multiple DP MST sinks), or high-res integrated panels (like dual-link DSI) which are not gen-locked. Note that for tiled panels which are genlocked, like dual-link LVDS or dual-link DSI, the driver should try to not expose the tiling and virtualize both `drm_crtc` and `drm_plane` if needed. Drivers should update this value using `drm_mode_connector_set_tile_property()`. Userspace cannot change this property.

**link-status:** Connector link-status property to indicate the status of link. The default value of link-status is “GOOD”. If something fails during or after modeset, the kernel driver may set this to “BAD” and issue a hotplug uevent. Drivers should update this value using `drm_mode_connector_set_link_status_property()`.

**non\_desktop:** Indicates the output should be ignored for purposes of displaying a standard desktop environment or console. This is most likely because the output device is not rectilinear.

Connectors also have one standardized atomic property:

**CRTC\_ID:** Mode object ID of the `drm_crtc` this connector should be connected to.

Connectors for LCD panels may also have one standardized property:

**panel orientation:** On some devices the LCD panel is mounted in the casing in such a way that the up/top side of the panel does not match with the top side of the device. Userspace can use this property to check for this. Note that input coordinates from touchscreens (input devices with `INPUT_PROP_DIRECT`) will still map 1:1 to the actual LCD panel coordinates, so if userspace rotates the picture to adjust for the orientation it must also apply the same transformation to the touchscreen input coordinates.



## Plane Composition Properties

The basic plane composition model supported by standard plane properties only has a source rectangle (in logical pixels within the `drm_framebuffer`), with sub-pixel accuracy, which is scaled up to a pixel-aligned destination rectangle in the visible area of a `drm_crtc`. The visible area of a CRTC is defined by the horizontal and vertical visible pixels (stored in **hdisplay** and **vdisplay**) of the requested mode (stored in `drm_crtc_state.mode`). These two rectangles are both stored in the `drm_plane_state`.

For the atomic ioctl the following standard (atomic) properties on the plane object encode the basic plane composition model:

**SRC\_X:** X coordinate offset for the source rectangle within the `drm_framebuffer`, in 16.16 fixed point. Must be positive.

**SRC\_Y:** Y coordinate offset for the source rectangle within the `drm_framebuffer`, in 16.16 fixed point. Must be positive.

**SRC\_W:** Width for the source rectangle within the `drm_framebuffer`, in 16.16 fixed point. SRC\_X plus SRC\_W must be within the width of the source framebuffer. Must be positive.

**SRC\_H:** Height for the source rectangle within the `drm_framebuffer`, in 16.16 fixed point. SRC\_Y plus SRC\_H must be within the height of the source framebuffer. Must be positive.

**CRTC\_X:** X coordinate offset for the destination rectangle. Can be negative.

**CRTC\_Y:** Y coordinate offset for the destination rectangle. Can be negative.

**CRTC\_W:** Width for the destination rectangle. CRTC\_X plus CRTC\_W can extend past the currently visible horizontal area of the `drm_crtc`.

**CRTC\_H:** Height for the destination rectangle. CRTC\_Y plus CRTC\_H can extend past the currently visible vertical area of the `drm_crtc`.

**FB\_ID:** Mode object ID of the `drm_framebuffer` this plane should scan out.

**CRTC\_ID:** Mode object ID of the `drm_crtc` this plane should be connected to.

Note that the source rectangle must fully lie within the bounds of the `drm_framebuffer`. The destination rectangle can lie outside of the visible area of the current mode of the CRTC. It must be appropriately clipped by the driver, which can be done by calling `drm_plane_helper_check_update()`. Drivers are also allowed to round the subpixel sampling positions appropriately, but only to the next full pixel. No pixel outside of the source rectangle may ever be sampled, which is important when applying more sophisticated filtering than just a bilinear one when scaling. The filtering mode when scaling is unspecified.

On top of this basic transformation additional properties can be exposed by the driver:

- Rotation is set up with `drm_plane_create_rotation_property()`. It adds a rotation and reflection step between the source and destination rectangles. Without this property the rectangle is only scaled, but not rotated or reflected.
- Z position is set up with `drm_plane_create_zpos_immutable_property()` and `drm_plane_create_zpos_property()`. It controls the visibility of overlapping planes. Without this property the primary plane is always below the cursor plane, and ordering between all other planes is undefined.

Note that all the property extensions described here apply either to the plane or the CRTC (e.g. for the background color, which currently is not exposed and assumed to be black).

`int drm_plane_create_rotation_property(struct drm_plane *plane, unsigned int rotation, unsigned int supported_rotations)`

create a new rotation property

### Parameters

`struct drm_plane * plane` drm plane

`unsigned int rotation` initial value of the rotation property

`unsigned int supported_rotations` bitmask of supported rotations and reflections

## Description

This creates a new property with the selected support for transformations.

Since a rotation by 180° degress is the same as reflecting both along the x and the y axis the rotation property is somewhat redundant. Drivers can use `drm_rotation_simplify()` to normalize values of this property.

The property exposed to userspace is a bitmask property (see `drm_property_create_bitmask()`) called “rotation” and has the following bitmask enumeration values:

**DRM\_MODE\_ROTATE\_0:** “rotate-0”

**DRM\_MODE\_ROTATE\_90:** “rotate-90”

**DRM\_MODE\_ROTATE\_180:** “rotate-180”

**DRM\_MODE\_ROTATE\_270:** “rotate-270”

**DRM\_MODE\_REFLECT\_X:** “reflect-x”

**DRM\_MODE\_REFLECT\_Y:** “reflect-y”

Rotation is the specified amount in degrees in counter clockwise direction, the X and Y axis are within the source rectangle, i.e. the X/Y axis before rotation. After reflection, the rotation is applied to the image sampled from the source rectangle, before scaling it to fit the destination rectangle.

unsigned int **drm\_rotation\_simplify**(unsigned int *rotation*, unsigned int *supported\_rotations*)  
Try to simplify the rotation

## Parameters

**unsigned int rotation** Rotation to be simplified

**unsigned int supported\_rotations** Supported rotations

## Description

Attempt to simplify the rotation to a form that is supported. Eg. if the hardware supports everything except DRM\_MODE\_REFLECT\_X one could call this function like this:

```
drm_rotation_simplify(rotation, DRM_MODE_ROTATE_0 | DRM_MODE_ROTATE_90 |  
DRM_MODE_ROTATE_180 | DRM_MODE_ROTATE_270 | DRM_MODE_REFLECT_Y);
```

to eliminate the DRM\_MODE\_ROTATE\_X flag. Depending on what kind of transforms the hardware supports, this function may not be able to produce a supported transform, so the caller should check the result afterwards.

int **drm\_plane\_create\_zpos\_property**(struct *drm\_plane* \* *plane*, unsigned int *zpos*, unsigned  
int *min*, unsigned int *max*)  
create mutable zpos property

## Parameters

**struct drm\_plane \* plane** drm plane

**unsigned int zpos** initial value of zpos property

**unsigned int min** minimal possible value of zpos property

**unsigned int max** maximal possible value of zpos property

## Description

This function initializes generic mutable zpos property and enables support for it in drm core. Drivers can then attach this property to planes to enable support for configurable planes arrangement during blending operation. Drivers that attach a mutable zpos property to any plane should call the `drm_atomic_normalize_zpos()` helper during their implementation of `drm_mode_config_funcs.atomic_check()`, which will update the normalized zpos values and store them in `drm_plane_state.normalized_zpos`. Usually min should be set to 0 and max to maximal number of planes for given crtc - 1.

If zpos of some planes cannot be changed (like fixed background or cursor/topmost planes), driver should adjust min/max values and assign those planes immutable zpos property with lower or higher values (for more information, see [drm\\_plane\\_create\\_zpos\\_immutable\\_property\(\)](#) function). In such case driver should also assign proper initial zpos values for all planes in its `plane_reset()` callback, so the planes will be always sorted properly.

See also [drm\\_atomic\\_normalize\\_zpos\(\)](#).

The property exposed to userspace is called “zpos”.

### Return

Zero on success, negative errno on failure.

int **drm\_plane\_create\_zpos\_immutable\_property**(struct [drm\\_plane](#) \* plane, unsigned int zpos)  
create immutable zpos property

### Parameters

**struct drm\_plane \* plane** drm plane

**unsigned int zpos** value of zpos property

### Description

This function initializes generic immutable zpos property and enables support for it in drm core. Using this property driver lets userspace to get the arrangement of the planes for blending operation and notifies it that the hardware (or driver) doesn't support changing of the planes' order. For mutable zpos see [drm\\_plane\\_create\\_zpos\\_property\(\)](#).

The property exposed to userspace is called “zpos”.

### Return

Zero on success, negative errno on failure.

int **drm\_atomic\_normalize\_zpos**(struct drm\_device \* dev, struct [drm\\_atomic\\_state](#) \* state)  
calculate normalized zpos values for all crtcs

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** atomic state of DRM device

### Description

This function calculates normalized zpos value for all modified planes in the provided atomic state of DRM device.

For every CRTC this function checks new states of all planes assigned to it and calculates normalized zpos value for these planes. Planes are compared first by their zpos values, then by plane id (if zpos is equal). The plane with lowest zpos value is at the bottom. The [drm\\_plane\\_state.normalized\\_zpos](#) is then filled with unique values from 0 to number of active planes in crtc minus one.

RETURNS Zero for success or -errno

## Color Management Properties

Color management or color space adjustments is supported through a set of 5 properties on the [drm\\_crtc](#) object. They are set up by calling [drm\\_crtc\\_enable\\_color\\_mgmt\(\)](#).

**“DEGAMMA\_LUT”**: Blob property to set the degamma lookup table (LUT) mapping pixel data from the framebuffer before it is given to the transformation matrix. The data is interpreted as an array of struct `drm_color_lut` elements. Hardware might choose not to use the full precision of the LUT elements nor use all the elements of the LUT (for example the hardware might choose to interpolate between LUT[0] and LUT[4]).

Setting this to NULL (blob property value set to 0) means a linear/pass-thru gamma table should be used. This is generally the driver boot-up state too. Drivers can access this blob through `drm_crtc_state.degamma_lut`.

**“DEGAMMA\_LUT\_SIZE”:** Unsigned range property to give the size of the lookup table to be set on the DEGAMMA\_LUT property (the size depends on the underlying hardware). If drivers support multiple LUT sizes then they should publish the largest size, and sub-sample smaller sized LUTs (e.g. for split-gamma modes) appropriately.

**“CTM”:** Blob property to set the current transformation matrix (CTM) apply to pixel data after the lookup through the degamma LUT and before the lookup through the gamma LUT. The data is interpreted as a struct `drm_color_ctm`.

Setting this to NULL (blob property value set to 0) means a unit/pass-thru matrix should be used. This is generally the driver boot-up state too. Drivers can access the blob for the color conversion matrix through `drm_crtc_state.ctm`.

**“GAMMA\_LUT”:** Blob property to set the gamma lookup table (LUT) mapping pixel data after the transformation matrix to data sent to the connector. The data is interpreted as an array of struct `drm_color_lut` elements. Hardware might choose not to use the full precision of the LUT elements nor use all the elements of the LUT (for example the hardware might choose to interpolate between LUT[0] and LUT[4]).

Setting this to NULL (blob property value set to 0) means a linear/pass-thru gamma table should be used. This is generally the driver boot-up state too. Drivers can access this blob through `drm_crtc_state.gamma_lut`.

**“GAMMA\_LUT\_SIZE”:** Unsigned range property to give the size of the lookup table to be set on the GAMMA\_LUT property (the size depends on the underlying hardware). If drivers support multiple LUT sizes then they should publish the largest size, and sub-sample smaller sized LUTs (e.g. for split-gamma modes) appropriately.

There is also support for a legacy gamma table, which is set up by calling `drm_mode_crtc_set_gamma_size()`. Drivers which support both should use `drm_atomic_helper_legacy_gamma_set()` to alias the legacy gamma ramp with the “GAMMA\_LUT” property above.

`uint32_t drm_color_lut_extract(uint32_t user_input, uint32_t bit_precision)`  
clamp and round LUT entries

### Parameters

`uint32_t user_input` input value

`uint32_t bit_precision` number of bits the hw LUT supports

### Description

Extract a degamma/gamma LUT value provided by user (in the form of `drm_color_lut` entries) and round it to the precision supported by the hardware.

`void drm_crtc_enable_color_mgmt(struct drm_crtc *crtc, uint degamma_lut_size, bool has_ctm, uint gamma_lut_size)`  
enable color management properties

### Parameters

`struct drm_crtc *crtc` DRM CRTC

`uint degamma_lut_size` the size of the degamma lut (before CSC)

`bool has_ctm` whether to attach ctm\_property for CSC matrix

`uint gamma_lut_size` the size of the gamma lut (after CSC)

### Description

This function lets the driver enable the color correction properties on a CRTC. This includes 3 degamma, csc and gamma properties that userspace can set and 2 size properties to inform the userspace of the lut

sizes. Each of the properties are optional. The gamma and degamma properties are only attached if their size is not 0 and `ctm_property` is only attached if `has_ctm` is true.

Drivers should use `drm_atomic_helper_legacy_gamma_set()` to implement the legacy `drm_crtc_funcs.gamma_set` callback.

```
int drm_mode_crtc_set_gamma_size(struct drm_crtc *crtc, int gamma_size)
    set the gamma table size
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** CRTC to set the gamma table size for

**int gamma\_size** size of the gamma table

### Description

Drivers which support gamma tables should set this to the supported gamma table size when initializing the CRTC. Currently the drm core only supports a fixed gamma table size.

### Return

Zero on success, negative errno on failure.

## Tile Group Property

Tile groups are used to represent tiled monitors with a unique integer identifier. Tiled monitors using DisplayID v1.3 have a unique 8-byte handle, we store this in a tile group, so we have a common identifier for all tiles in a monitor group. The property is called "TILE". Drivers can manage tile groups using `drm_mode_create_tile_group()`, `drm_mode_put_tile_group()` and `drm_mode_get_tile_group()`. But this is only needed for internal panels where the tile group information is exposed through a non-standard way.

## Explicit Fencing Properties

Explicit fencing allows userspace to control the buffer synchronization between devices. A Fence or a group of fences are transferred to/from userspace using Sync File fds and there are two DRM properties for that. `IN_FENCE_FD` on each DRM Plane to send fences to the kernel and `OUT_FENCE_PTR` on each DRM CRTC to receive fences from the kernel.

As a contrast, with implicit fencing the kernel keeps track of any ongoing rendering, and automatically ensures that the atomic update waits for any pending rendering to complete. For shared buffers represented with a `struct dma_buf` this is tracked in `struct reservation_object`. Implicit syncing is how Linux traditionally worked (e.g. DRI2/3 on X.org), whereas explicit fencing is what Android wants.

**"IN\_FENCE\_FD":** Use this property to pass a fence that DRM should wait on before proceeding with the Atomic Commit request and show the framebuffer for the plane on the screen. The fence can be either a normal fence or a merged one, the sync\_file framework will handle both cases and use a `fence_array` if a merged fence is received. Passing -1 here means no fences to wait on.

If the Atomic Commit request has the `DRM_MODE_ATOMIC_TEST_ONLY` flag it will only check if the Sync File is a valid one.

On the driver side the fence is stored on the **fence** parameter of `struct drm_plane_state`. Drivers which also support implicit fencing should set the implicit fence using `drm_atomic_set_fence_for_plane()`, to make sure there's consistent behaviour between drivers in precedence of implicit vs. explicit fencing.

**"OUT\_FENCE\_PTR":** Use this property to pass a file descriptor pointer to DRM. Once the Atomic Commit request call returns `OUT_FENCE_PTR` will be filled with the file descriptor number of a Sync File. This Sync File contains the CRTC fence that will be signaled when all framebuffers present on the Atomic Commit \* request for that given CRTC are scanned out on the screen.

The Atomic Commit request fails if a invalid pointer is passed. If the Atomic Commit request fails for any other reason the out fence fd returned will be -1. On a Atomic Commit with the DRM\_MODE\_ATOMIC\_TEST\_ONLY flag the out fence will also be set to -1.

Note that out-fences don't have a special interface to drivers and are internally represented by a `struct drm_pending_vblank_event` in struct `drm_crtc_state`, which is also used by the nonblocking atomic commit helpers and for the DRM event handling for existing userspace.

## Existing KMS Properties

The following table gives description of drm properties exposed by various modules/drivers.

Owner Mod- ule/Drivers	Group	Property Name	Type	Property Val- ues	Object at- tached	Description
		"scaling mode"	ENUM	{ "None", "Full", "Center", "Full aspect" }	Connector	Supported by: amd, gma500, i915, nouveau and radeon
	DVI-I	"subconnector"	ENUM	{ "Unknown", "DVI-D", "DVI-A" }	Connector	TBD
		"select sub-connector"	ENUM	{ "Automatic", "DVI-D", "DVI-A" }	Connector	TBD
	TV	"subconnector"	ENUM	{ "Unknown", "Composite", "SVIDEO", "Component", "SCART" }	Connector	TBD
		"select sub-connector"	ENUM	{ "Automatic", "Composite", "SVIDEO", "Component", "SCART" }	Connector	TBD
		"mode"	ENUM	{ "NTSC_M", "NTSC_J", "NTSC_443", "PAL_B" } etc.	Connector	TBD
		"left margin"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=100	Connector	TBD
		"right margin"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=100	Connector	TBD
		"top margin"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=100	Connector	TBD
		"bottom margin"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=100	Connector	TBD
		"brightness"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=100	Connector	TBD
		"contrast"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=100	Connector	TBD

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Owner Module/Drivers	Group	Property Name	Type	Property Values	Object attached	Description
		"flicker reduction"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=100	Connector	TBD
		"overscan"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=100	Connector	TBD
		"saturation"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=100	Connector	TBD
		"hue"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=100	Connector	TBD
	Virtual GPU	"suggested X"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=0xffffffff	Connector	property suggest X offset for connector
		"suggested Y"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=0xffffffff	Connector	property suggest Y offset for connector
	Optional	"aspect ratio"	ENUM	{ "None", "4:3", "16:9" }	Connector	TDB
i915	Generic	"Broadcast RGB"	ENUM	{ "Automatic", "Full", "Limited 16:235" }	Connector	When property set to Limited 16:235 and CTM set, the hardware will program with the result of multiplication of CTM the limit range may to ensure pixels may in range 0. are remapped to the range 16/255..235
		"audio"	ENUM	{ "force-dvi", "off", "auto", "on" }	Connector	TBD
	SDVO-TV	"mode"	ENUM	{ "NTSC_M", "NTSC_J", "NTSC_443", "PAL_B" } etc.	Connector	TBD
		"left_margin"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"right_margin"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD

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Owner Module/Drivers	Group	Property Name	Type	Property Values	Object attached	Description
		"top_margin"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"bottom_margin"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"hpos"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"vpos"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"contrast"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"saturation"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"hue"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"sharpness"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"flicker_filter"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"flicker_filter_adaptation"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"flicker_filter_2d"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"tv_chroma_filter"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"tv_luma_filter"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"dot_crawl"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=1	Connector	TBD
	SDVO-TV/LVDS	"brightness"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
CDV gma-500	Generic	"Broadcast RGB"	ENUM	{ "Full", "Limited 16:235" }	Connector	TBD
		"Broadcast RGB"	ENUM	{ "off", "auto", "on" }	Connector	TBD
Poulsbo	Generic	"backlight"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=100	Connector	TBD

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Owner Module/Drivers	Group	Property Name	Type	Property Values	Object attached	Description
	SDVO-TV	"mode"	ENUM	{ "NTSC_M", "NTSC_J", "NTSC_443", "PAL_B" } etc.	Connector	TBD
		"left_margin"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"right_margin"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"top_margin"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"bottom_margin"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"hpos"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"vpos"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"contrast"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"saturation"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"hue"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"sharpness"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"flicker_filter"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"flicker_filter_adaptation"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"flicker_filter_2d"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"tv_chroma_filter"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"tv_luma_filter"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
		"dot_crawl"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=1	Connector	TBD

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Owner Module/Drivers	Group	Property Name	Type	Property Values	Object attached	Description
	SDVO-TV/LVDS	"brightness"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=SDVO dependent	Connector	TBD
armada	CRTC	"CSC_YUV"	ENUM	{ "Auto", "CCIR601", "CCIR709" }	CRTC	TBD
		"CSC_RGB"	ENUM	{ "Auto", "Computer system", "Studio" }	CRTC	TBD
	Overlay	"colorkey"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=0xffffffff	Plane	TBD
		"colorkey_min"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=0xffffffff	Plane	TBD
		"colorkey_max"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=0xffffffff	Plane	TBD
		"colorkey_val"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=0xffffffff	Plane	TBD
		"colorkey_alpha"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=0xffffffff	Plane	TBD
		"colorkey_mode"	ENUM	{ "disabled", "Y component", "U component", "V component", "RGB", "R component", "G component", "B component" }	Plane	TBD
		"brightness"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=256 + 255	Plane	TBD
		"contrast"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=0x7fff	Plane	TBD
		"saturation"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=0x7fff	Plane	TBD
exynos	CRTC	"mode"	ENUM	{ "normal", "blank" }	CRTC	TBD
i2c/ch7006_drv	Generic	"scale"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=2	Connector	TBD
	TV	"mode"	ENUM	{ "PAL", "PAL-M", "PAL-N", "PAL-Nc", "PAL-60", "NTSC-M", "NTSC-J" }	Connector	TBD
nouveau	NV10 Overlay	"colorkey"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=0x01ffffff	Plane	TBD
		"contrast"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=8192-1	Plane	TBD

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Owner Module/Drivers	Group	Property Name	Type	Property Values	Object attached at	Description
		"brightness"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=1024	Plane	TBD
		"hue"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=359	Plane	TBD
		"saturation"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=8192-1	Plane	TBD
		"iturbt_709"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=1	Plane	TBD
	Nv04 Overlay	"colorkey"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=0x01ffffff	Plane	TBD
		"brightness"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=1024	Plane	TBD
	Display	"dithering mode"	ENUM	{ "auto", "off", "on" }	Connector	TBD
		"dithering depth"	ENUM	{ "auto", "off", "on", "static 2x2", "dynamic 2x2", "temporal" }	Connector	TBD
		"underscan"	ENUM	{ "auto", "6 bpc", "8 bpc" }	Connector	TBD
		"underscan hborder"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=128	Connector	TBD
		"underscan vborder"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=128	Connector	TBD
		"vibrant hue"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=180	Connector	TBD
		"color vibrance"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=200	Connector	TBD
omap	Generic	"zorder"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=3	CRTC, Plane	TBD
qxl	Generic	"hotplug_mode_update"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=1	Connector	TBD
radeon	DVI-I	"coherent"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=1	Connector	TBD
	DAC enable load detect	"load detection"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=1	Connector	TBD
	TV Standard	"tv standard"	ENUM	{ "ntsc", "pal", "pal-m", "pal-60", "ntsc-j", "scart-pal", "pal-cn", "se-cam" }	Connector	TBD
	legacy TMDS PLL detect	"tmds_pll"	ENUM	{ "driver", "bios" }	•	TBD
	Underscan	"underscan"	ENUM	{ "off", "on", "auto" }	Connector	TBD
		"underscan hborder"	RANGE	Min=0, Max=128	Connector	TBD

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Owner Mod- ule/Drivers	Group	Property Name	Type	Property Val- ues	Object at- tached	Description
		“underscan vborder”	RANGE	Min=0, Max=128	Connector	TBD
	Audio	“audio”	ENUM	{ “off”, “on”, “auto” }	Connector	TBD
	FMT Dithering	“dither”	ENUM	{ “off”, “on” }	Connector	TBD
rcar-du	Generic	“alpha”	RANGE	Min=0, Max=255	Plane	TBD
		“colorkey”	RANGE	Min=0, Max=0x01ffffff	Plane	TBD

## Vertical Blanking

Vertical blanking plays a major role in graphics rendering. To achieve tear-free display, users must synchronize page flips and/or rendering to vertical blanking. The DRM API offers ioctls to perform page flips synchronized to vertical blanking and wait for vertical blanking.

The DRM core handles most of the vertical blanking management logic, which involves filtering out spurious interrupts, keeping race-free blanking counters, coping with counter wrap-around and resets and keeping use counts. It relies on the driver to generate vertical blanking interrupts and optionally provide a hardware vertical blanking counter.

Drivers must initialize the vertical blanking handling core with a call to `drm_vblank_init()`. Minimally, a driver needs to implement `drm_crtc_funcs.enable_vblank` and `drm_crtc_funcs.disable_vblank` plus call `drm_crtc_handle_vblank()` in it's vblank interrupt handler for working vblank support.

Vertical blanking interrupts can be enabled by the DRM core or by drivers themselves (for instance to handle page flipping operations). The DRM core maintains a vertical blanking use count to ensure that the interrupts are not disabled while a user still needs them. To increment the use count, drivers call `drm_crtc_vblank_get()` and release the vblank reference again with `drm_crtc_vblank_put()`. In between these two calls vblank interrupts are guaranteed to be enabled.

On many hardware disabling the vblank interrupt cannot be done in a race-free manner, see `drm_driver.vblank_disable_immediate` and `drm_driver.max_vblank_count`. In that case the vblank core only disables the vblanks after a timer has expired, which can be configured through the `vblankoffdelay` module parameter.

## Vertical Blanking and Interrupt Handling Functions Reference

struct **drm\_pending\_vblank\_event**  
pending vblank event tracking

### Definition

```
struct drm_pending_vblank_event {
    struct drm_pending_event base;
    unsigned int pipe;
    u64 sequence;
    union {
        struct drm_event base;
        struct drm_event_vblank vbl;
        struct drm_event_crtc_sequence seq;
    } event;
};
```

### Members

**base** Base structure for tracking pending DRM events.

**pipe** *drm\_crtc\_index()* of the *drm\_crtc* this event is for.

**sequence** frame event should be triggered at

**event** Actual event which will be sent to userspace.

struct **drm\_vblank\_crtc**  
vblank tracking for a CRTC

### Definition

```
struct drm_vblank_crtc {
    struct drm_device *dev;
    wait_queue_head_t queue;
    struct timer_list disable_timer;
    seqlock_t seqlock;
    u64 count;
    ktime_t time;
    atomic_t refcount;
    u32 last;
    unsigned int inmodeset;
    unsigned int pipe;
    int framedur_ns;
    int linedur_ns;
    struct drm_display_mode hwmode;
    bool enabled;
};
```

### Members

**dev** Pointer to the *drm\_device*.

**queue** Wait queue for vblank waiters.

**disable\_timer** Disable timer for the delayed vblank disabling hysteresis logic. Vblank disabling is controlled through the *drm\_vblank\_offdelay* module option and the setting of the *drm\_device.max\_vblank\_count* value.

**seqlock** Protect vblank count and time.

**count** Current software vblank counter.

**time** Vblank timestamp corresponding to **count**.

**refcount** Number of users/waiters of the vblank interrupt. Only when this refcount reaches 0 can the hardware interrupt be disabled using **disable\_timer**.

**last** Protected by *drm\_device.vbl\_lock*, used for wraparound handling.

**inmodeset** Tracks whether the vblank is disabled due to a modeset. For legacy driver bit 2 additionally tracks whether an additional temporary vblank reference has been acquired to paper over the hardware counter resetting/jumping. KMS drivers should instead just call *drm\_crtc\_vblank\_off()* and *drm\_crtc\_vblank\_on()*, which explicitly save and restore the vblank count.

**pipe** *drm\_crtc\_index()* of the *drm\_crtc* corresponding to this structure.

**framedur\_ns** Frame/Field duration in ns, used by *drm\_calc\_vbltimestamp\_from\_scanoutpos()* and computed by *drm\_calc\_timestamping\_constants()*.

**linedur\_ns** Line duration in ns, used by *drm\_calc\_vbltimestamp\_from\_scanoutpos()* and computed by *drm\_calc\_timestamping\_constants()*.

**hwmode** Cache of the current hardware display mode. Only valid when **enabled** is set. This is used by helpers like *drm\_calc\_vbltimestamp\_from\_scanoutpos()*. We can't just access the hardware mode by e.g. looking at *drm\_crtc\_state.adjusted\_mode*, because that one is really hard to get from interrupt context.

**enabled** Tracks the enabling state of the corresponding `drm_crtc` to avoid double-disabling and hence corrupting saved state. Needed by drivers not using atomic KMS, since those might go through their CRTC disabling functions multiple times.

### Description

This structure tracks the vblank state for one CRTC.

Note that for historical reasons - the vblank handling code is still shared with legacy/non-kms drivers - this is a free-standing structure not directly connected to `struct drm_crtc`. But all public interface functions are taking a `struct drm_crtc` to hide this implementation detail.

u32 **drm\_crtc\_accurate\_vblank\_count**(struct `drm_crtc` \* *crtc*)  
retrieve the master vblank counter

### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** which counter to retrieve

### Description

This function is similar to `drm_crtc_vblank_count()` but this function interpolates to handle a race with vblank interrupts using the high precision timestamping support.

This is mostly useful for hardware that can obtain the scanout position, but doesn't have a hardware frame counter.

int **drm\_vblank\_init**(struct `drm_device` \* *dev*, unsigned int *num\_crtcs*)  
initialize vblank support

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**unsigned int num\_crtcs** number of CRTCs supported by **dev**

### Description

This function initializes vblank support for **num\_crtcs** display pipelines. Cleanup is handled by the DRM core, or through calling `drm_dev_fini()` for drivers with a `drm_driver.release` callback.

### Return

Zero on success or a negative error code on failure.

wait\_queue\_head\_t \* **drm\_crtc\_vblank\_waitqueue**(struct `drm_crtc` \* *crtc*)  
get vblank waitqueue for the CRTC

### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** which CRTC's vblank waitqueue to retrieve

### Description

This function returns a pointer to the vblank waitqueue for the CRTC. Drivers can use this to implement vblank waits using `wait_event()` and related functions.

void **drm\_calc\_timestamping\_constants**(struct `drm_crtc` \* *crtc*, const struct `drm_display_mode` \* *mode*)  
calculate vblank timestamp constants

### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** `drm_crtc` whose timestamp constants should be updated.

**const struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode** display mode containing the scanout timings

### Description

Calculate and store various constants which are later needed by vblank and swap-completion timestamping, e.g, by `drm_calc_vbltimestamp_from_scanoutpos()`. They are derived from CRTC's true scanout timing, so they take things like panel scaling or other adjustments into account.

```
bool drm_calc_vbltimestamp_from_scanoutpos(struct drm_device *dev, unsigned int pipe,
                                           int *max_error, ktime_t *vblank_time,
                                           bool in_vblank_irq)
```

precise vblank timestamp helper

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**unsigned int pipe** index of CRTC whose vblank timestamp to retrieve

**int \* max\_error** Desired maximum allowable error in timestamps (nanosecs) On return contains true maximum error of timestamp

**ktime\_t \* vblank\_time** Pointer to time which should receive the timestamp

**bool in\_vblank\_irq** True when called from [drm\\_crtc\\_handle\\_vblank\(\)](#). Some drivers need to apply some workarounds for gpu-specific vblank irq quirks if flag is set.

**Description**

Implements calculation of exact vblank timestamps from given `drm_display_mode` timings and current video scanout position of a CRTC. This can be directly used as the [drm\\_driver.get\\_vblank\\_timestamp](#) implementation of a kms driver if [drm\\_driver.get\\_scanout\\_position](#) is implemented.

The current implementation only handles standard video modes. For double scan and interlaced modes the driver is supposed to adjust the hardware mode (taken from [drm\\_crtc\\_state.adjusted](#) mode for atomic modeset drivers) to match the scanout position reported.

Note that atomic drivers must call [drm\\_calc\\_timestamping\\_constants\(\)](#) before enabling a CRTC. The atomic helpers already take care of that in [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_update\\_legacy\\_modeset\\_state\(\)](#).

**Return**

Returns true on success, and false on failure, i.e. when no accurate timestamp could be acquired.

u64 **drm\_crtc\_vblank\_count**(struct [drm\\_crtc](#) \*crtc)  
retrieve “cooked” vblank counter value

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** which counter to retrieve

**Description**

Fetches the “cooked” vblank count value that represents the number of vblank events since the system was booted, including lost events due to modesetting activity. Note that this timer isn't correct against a racing vblank interrupt (since it only reports the software vblank counter), see [drm\\_crtc\\_accurate\\_vblank\\_count\(\)](#) for such use-cases.

**Return**

The software vblank counter.

u64 **drm\_crtc\_vblank\_count\_and\_time**(struct [drm\\_crtc](#) \*crtc, ktime\_t \*vblanktime)  
retrieve “cooked” vblank counter value and the system timestamp corresponding to that vblank counter value

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** which counter to retrieve

**ktime\_t \* vblanktime** Pointer to time to receive the vblank timestamp.

**Description**

Fetches the “cooked” vblank count value that represents the number of vblank events since the system was booted, including lost events due to modesetting activity. Returns corresponding system timestamp of the time of the vblank interval that corresponds to the current vblank counter value.

void **drm\_crtc\_arm\_vblank\_event**(struct *drm\_crtc* \* *crtc*, struct *drm\_pending\_vblank\_event* \* *e*)  
arm vblank event after pageflip

### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** the source CRTC of the vblank event

**struct drm\_pending\_vblank\_event \* e** the event to send

### Description

A lot of drivers need to generate vblank events for the very next vblank interrupt. For example when the page flip interrupt happens when the page flip gets armed, but not when it actually executes within the next vblank period. This helper function implements exactly the required vblank arming behaviour.

### NOTE

Drivers using this to send out the *drm\_crtc\_state.event* as part of an atomic commit must ensure that the next vblank happens at exactly the same time as the atomic commit is committed to the hardware. This function itself does **not** protect against the next vblank interrupt racing with either this function call or the atomic commit operation. A possible sequence could be:

1. Driver commits new hardware state into vblank-synchronized registers.
2. A vblank happens, committing the hardware state. Also the corresponding vblank interrupt is fired off and fully processed by the interrupt handler.
3. The atomic commit operation proceeds to call *drm\_crtc\_arm\_vblank\_event()*.
4. The event is only send out for the next vblank, which is wrong.

An equivalent race can happen when the driver calls *drm\_crtc\_arm\_vblank\_event()* before writing out the new hardware state.

The only way to make this work safely is to prevent the vblank from firing (and the hardware from committing anything else) until the entire atomic commit sequence has run to completion. If the hardware does not have such a feature (e.g. using a “go” bit), then it is unsafe to use this functions. Instead drivers need to manually send out the event from their interrupt handler by calling *drm\_crtc\_send\_vblank\_event()* and make sure that there’s no possible race with the hardware committing the atomic update.

Caller must hold a vblank reference for the event **e**, which will be dropped when the next vblank arrives.

void **drm\_crtc\_send\_vblank\_event**(struct *drm\_crtc* \* *crtc*, struct *drm\_pending\_vblank\_event* \* *e*)  
helper to send vblank event after pageflip

### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** the source CRTC of the vblank event

**struct drm\_pending\_vblank\_event \* e** the event to send

### Description

Updates sequence # and timestamp on event for the most recently processed vblank, and sends it to userspace. Caller must hold event lock.

See *drm\_crtc\_arm\_vblank\_event()* for a helper which can be used in certain situation, especially to send out events for atomic commit operations.

int **drm\_crtc\_vblank\_get**(struct *drm\_crtc* \* *crtc*)  
get a reference count on vblank events

### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** which CRTC to own

### Description

Acquire a reference count on vblank events to avoid having them disabled while in use.

### Return



Zero on success or a negative error code on failure.

void **drm\_crtc\_vblank\_put**(struct *drm\_crtc* \* *crtc*)  
give up ownership of vblank events

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** which counter to give up

#### Description

Release ownership of a given vblank counter, turning off interrupts if possible. Disable interrupts after *drm\_vblank\_offdelay* milliseconds.

void **drm\_wait\_one\_vblank**(struct *drm\_device* \* *dev*, unsigned int *pipe*)  
wait for one vblank

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**unsigned int pipe** CRTC index

#### Description

This waits for one vblank to pass on **pipe**, using the irq driver interfaces. It is a failure to call this when the vblank irq for **pipe** is disabled, e.g. due to lack of driver support or because the crtc is off.

This is the legacy version of *drm\_crtc\_wait\_one\_vblank()*.

void **drm\_crtc\_wait\_one\_vblank**(struct *drm\_crtc* \* *crtc*)  
wait for one vblank

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** DRM crtc

#### Description

This waits for one vblank to pass on **crtc**, using the irq driver interfaces. It is a failure to call this when the vblank irq for **crtc** is disabled, e.g. due to lack of driver support or because the crtc is off.

void **drm\_crtc\_vblank\_off**(struct *drm\_crtc* \* *crtc*)  
disable vblank events on a CRTC

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** CRTC in question

#### Description

Drivers can use this function to shut down the vblank interrupt handling when disabling a crtc. This function ensures that the latest vblank frame count is stored so that *drm\_vblank\_on* can restore it again.

Drivers must use this function when the hardware vblank counter can get reset, e.g. when suspending or disabling the **crtc** in general.

void **drm\_crtc\_vblank\_reset**(struct *drm\_crtc* \* *crtc*)  
reset vblank state to off on a CRTC

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** CRTC in question

#### Description

Drivers can use this function to reset the vblank state to off at load time. Drivers should use this together with the *drm\_crtc\_vblank\_off()* and *drm\_crtc\_vblank\_on()* functions. The difference compared to *drm\_crtc\_vblank\_off()* is that this function doesn't save the vblank counter and hence doesn't need to call any driver hooks.

This is useful for recovering driver state e.g. on driver load, or on resume.

void **drm\_crtc\_vblank\_on**(struct *drm\_crtc* \* *crtc*)  
enable vblank events on a CRTC

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** CRTC in question

#### Description

This functions restores the vblank interrupt state captured with *drm\_crtc\_vblank\_off()* again and is generally called when enabling **crtc**. Note that calls to *drm\_crtc\_vblank\_on()* and *drm\_crtc\_vblank\_off()* can be unbalanced and so can also be unconditionally called in driver load code to reflect the current hardware state of the crtc.

bool **drm\_handle\_vblank**(struct *drm\_device* \* *dev*, unsigned int *pipe*)  
handle a vblank event

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**unsigned int pipe** index of CRTC where this event occurred

#### Description

Drivers should call this routine in their vblank interrupt handlers to update the vblank counter and send any signals that may be pending.

This is the legacy version of *drm\_crtc\_handle\_vblank()*.

bool **drm\_crtc\_handle\_vblank**(struct *drm\_crtc* \* *crtc*)  
handle a vblank event

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** where this event occurred

#### Description

Drivers should call this routine in their vblank interrupt handlers to update the vblank counter and send any signals that may be pending.

This is the native KMS version of *drm\_handle\_vblank()*.

#### Return

True if the event was successfully handled, false on failure.

## MODE SETTING HELPER FUNCTIONS

The DRM subsystem aims for a strong separation between core code and helper libraries. Core code takes care of general setup and teardown and decoding userspace requests to kernel internal objects. Everything else is handled by a large set of helper libraries, which can be combined freely to pick and choose for each driver what fits, and avoid shared code where special behaviour is needed.

This distinction between core code and helpers is especially strong in the modesetting code, where there's a shared userspace ABI for all drivers. This is in contrast to the render side, where pretty much everything (with very few exceptions) can be considered optional helper code.

There are a few areas these helpers can be grouped into:

- Helpers to implement modesetting. The important ones here are the atomic helpers. Old drivers still often use the legacy CRTC helpers. They both share the same set of common helper vtables. For really simple drivers (anything that would have been a great fit in the deprecated fbdev subsystem) there's also the simple display pipe helpers.
- There's a big pile of helpers for handling outputs. First the generic bridge helpers for handling encoder and transcoder IP blocks. Second the panel helpers for handling panel-related information and logic. Plus then a big set of helpers for the various sink standards (DisplayPort, HDMI, MIPI DSI). Finally there's also generic helpers for handling output probing, and for dealing with EDIDs.
- The last group of helpers concerns itself with the frontend side of a display pipeline: Planes, handling rectangles for visibility checking and scissoring, flip queues and assorted bits.

### Modeset Helper Reference for Common Vtables

The DRM mode setting helper functions are common code for drivers to use if they wish. Drivers are not forced to use this code in their implementations but it would be useful if the code they do use at least provides a consistent interface and operation to userspace. Therefore it is highly recommended to use the provided helpers as much as possible.

Because there is only one pointer per modeset object to hold a vfunc table for helper libraries they are by necessity shared among the different helpers.

To make this clear all the helper vtables are pulled together in this location here.

struct **drm\_crtc\_helper\_funcs**  
    helper operations for CRTCs

#### Definition

```
struct drm_crtc_helper_funcs {
    void (*dpms)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, int mode);
    void (*prepare)(struct drm_crtc *crtc);
    void (*commit)(struct drm_crtc *crtc);
    enum drm_mode_status (*mode_valid)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, const struct drm_display_mode *mode);
    bool (*mode_fixup)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, const struct drm_display_mode *mode, struct drm_display_mode *adjusted_mode);
    int (*mode_set)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct drm_display_mode *mode, struct drm_display_mode *adjusted_mode);
    void (*mode_set_nofb)(struct drm_crtc *crtc);
}
```

```

int (*mode_set_base)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, int x, int y, struct drm_framebuffer *old_fb);
int (*mode_set_base_atomic)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct drm_framebuffer *fb, int x, int y, enum mode_
void (*disable)(struct drm_crtc *crtc);
int (*atomic_check)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct drm_crtc_state *state);
void (*atomic_begin)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct drm_crtc_state *old_crtc_state);
void (*atomic_flush)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct drm_crtc_state *old_crtc_state);
void (*atomic_enable)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct drm_crtc_state *old_crtc_state);
void (*atomic_disable)(struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct drm_crtc_state *old_crtc_state);
};

```

## Members

**dpms** Callback to control power levels on the CRTC. If the mode passed in is unsupported, the provider must use the next lowest power level. This is used by the legacy CRTC helpers to implement DPMS functionality in [drm\\_helper\\_connector\\_dpms\(\)](#).

This callback is also used to disable a CRTC by calling it with `DRM_MODE_DPMS_OFF` if the **disable** hook isn't used.

This callback is used by the legacy CRTC helpers. Atomic helpers also support using this hook for enabling and disabling a CRTC to facilitate transitions to atomic, but it is deprecated. Instead **atomic\_enable** and **atomic\_disable** should be used.

**prepare** This callback should prepare the CRTC for a subsequent modeset, which in practice means the driver should disable the CRTC if it is running. Most drivers ended up implementing this by calling their **dpms** hook with `DRM_MODE_DPMS_OFF`.

This callback is used by the legacy CRTC helpers. Atomic helpers also support using this hook for disabling a CRTC to facilitate transitions to atomic, but it is deprecated. Instead **atomic\_disable** should be used.

**commit** This callback should commit the new mode on the CRTC after a modeset, which in practice means the driver should enable the CRTC. Most drivers ended up implementing this by calling their **dpms** hook with `DRM_MODE_DPMS_ON`.

This callback is used by the legacy CRTC helpers. Atomic helpers also support using this hook for enabling a CRTC to facilitate transitions to atomic, but it is deprecated. Instead **atomic\_enable** should be used.

**mode\_valid** This callback is used to check if a specific mode is valid in this crtc. This should be implemented if the crtc has some sort of restriction in the modes it can display. For example, a given crtc may be responsible to set a clock value. If the clock can not produce all the values for the available modes then this callback can be used to restrict the number of modes to only the ones that can be displayed.

This hook is used by the probe helpers to filter the mode list in [drm\\_helper\\_probe\\_single\\_connector\\_modes\(\)](#), and it is used by the atomic helpers to validate modes supplied by userspace in [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_check\\_modeset\(\)](#).

This function is optional.

NOTE:

Since this function is both called from the check phase of an atomic commit, and the mode validation in the probe paths it is not allowed to look at anything else but the passed-in mode, and validate it against configuration-invariant hardware constraints. Any further limits which depend upon the configuration can only be checked in **mode\_fixup** or **atomic\_check**.

RETURNS:

`drm_mode_status` Enum

**mode\_fixup** This callback is used to validate a mode. The parameter mode is the display mode that userspace requested, adjusted\_mode is the mode the encoders need to be fed with. Note that this is the inverse semantics of the meaning for the [drm\\_encoder](#) and [drm\\_bridge\\_funcs.mode\\_fixup](#)

vfunc. If the CRTC cannot support the requested conversion from mode to adjusted\_mode it should reject the modeset. See also [drm\\_crtc\\_state.adjusted\\_mode](#) for more details.

This function is used by both legacy CRTC helpers and atomic helpers. With atomic helpers it is optional.

NOTE:

This function is called in the check phase of atomic modesets, which can be aborted for any reason (including on userspace's request to just check whether a configuration would be possible). Atomic drivers MUST NOT touch any persistent state (hardware or software) or data structures except the passed in adjusted\_mode parameter.

This is in contrast to the legacy CRTC helpers where this was allowed.

Atomic drivers which need to inspect and adjust more state should instead use the **atomic\_check** callback, but note that they're not perfectly equivalent: **mode\_valid** is called from [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_check\\_modeset\(\)](#), but **atomic\_check** is called from [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_check\\_planes\(\)](#), because originally it was meant for plane update checks only.

Also beware that userspace can request its own custom modes, neither core nor helpers filter modes to the list of probe modes reported by the GETCONNECTOR IOCTL and stored in [drm\\_connector.modes](#). To ensure that modes are filtered consistently put any CRTC constraints and limits checks into **mode\_valid**.

RETURNS:

True if an acceptable configuration is possible, false if the modeset operation should be rejected.

**mode\_set** This callback is used by the legacy CRTC helpers to set a new mode, position and framebuffer. Since it ties the primary plane to every mode change it is incompatible with universal plane support. And since it can't update other planes it's incompatible with atomic modeset support.

This callback is only used by CRTC helpers and deprecated.

RETURNS:

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

**mode\_set\_nofb** This callback is used to update the display mode of a CRTC without changing anything of the primary plane configuration. This fits the requirement of atomic and hence is used by the atomic helpers. It is also used by the transitional plane helpers to implement a **mode\_set** hook in [drm\\_helper\\_crtc\\_mode\\_set\(\)](#).

Note that the display pipe is completely off when this function is called. Atomic drivers which need hardware to be running before they program the new display mode (e.g. because they implement runtime PM) should not use this hook. This is because the helper library calls this hook only once per mode change and not every time the display pipeline is suspended using either DPMS or the new "ACTIVE" property. Which means register values set in this callback might get reset when the CRTC is suspended, but not restored. Such drivers should instead move all their CRTC setup into the **atomic\_enable** callback.

This callback is optional.

**mode\_set\_base** This callback is used by the legacy CRTC helpers to set a new framebuffer and scanout position. It is optional and used as an optimized fast-path instead of a full mode set operation with all the resulting flickering. If it is not present [drm\\_crtc\\_helper\\_set\\_config\(\)](#) will fall back to a full modeset, using the **mode\_set** callback. Since it can't update other planes it's incompatible with atomic modeset support.

This callback is only used by the CRTC helpers and deprecated.

RETURNS:

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

**mode\_set\_base\_atomic** This callback is used by the fbdev helpers to set a new framebuffer and scanout without sleeping, i.e. from an atomic calling context. It is only used to implement kgdb support.

This callback is optional and only needed for kgdb support in the fbdev helpers.

RETURNS:

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

**disable** This callback should be used to disable the CRTC. With the atomic drivers it is called after all encoders connected to this CRTC have been shut off already using their own [drm\\_encoder\\_helper\\_funcs.disable](#) hook. If that sequence is too simple drivers can just add their own hooks and call it from this CRTC callback here by looping over all encoders connected to it using [for\\_each\\_encoder\\_on\\_crtc\(\)](#).

This hook is used both by legacy CRTC helpers and atomic helpers. Atomic drivers don't need to implement it if there's no need to disable anything at the CRTC level. To ensure that runtime PM handling (using either DPMS or the new "ACTIVE" property) works **disable** must be the inverse of **atomic\_enable** for atomic drivers. Atomic drivers should consider to use **atomic\_disable** instead of this one.

NOTE:

With legacy CRTC helpers there's a big semantic difference between **disable** and other hooks (like **prepare** or **dpms**) used to shut down a CRTC: **disable** is only called when also logically disabling the display pipeline and needs to release any resources acquired in **mode\_set** (like shared PLLs, or again release pinned framebuffers).

Therefore **disable** must be the inverse of **mode\_set** plus **commit** for drivers still using legacy CRTC helpers, which is different from the rules under atomic.

**atomic\_check** Drivers should check plane-update related CRTC constraints in this hook. They can also check mode related limitations but need to be aware of the calling order, since this hook is used by [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_check\\_planes\(\)](#) whereas the preparations needed to check output routing and the display mode is done in [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_check\\_modeset\(\)](#). Therefore drivers that want to check output routing and display mode constraints in this callback must ensure that [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_check\\_modeset\(\)](#) has been called beforehand. This is calling order used by the default helper implementation in [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_check\(\)](#).

When using [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_check\\_planes\(\)](#) this hook is called after the [drm\\_plane\\_helper\\_funcs.atomic\\_check](#) hook for planes, which allows drivers to assign shared resources requested by planes in this callback here. For more complicated dependencies the driver can call the provided check helpers multiple times until the computed state has a final configuration and everything has been checked.

This function is also allowed to inspect any other object's state and can add more state objects to the atomic commit if needed. Care must be taken though to ensure that state check and compute functions for these added states are all called, and derived state in other objects all updated. Again the recommendation is to just call check helpers until a maximal configuration is reached.

This callback is used by the atomic modeset helpers and by the transitional plane helpers, but it is optional.

NOTE:

This function is called in the check phase of an atomic update. The driver is not allowed to change anything outside of the free-standing state objects passed-in or assembled in the overall [drm\\_atomic\\_state](#) update tracking structure.

Also beware that userspace can request its own custom modes, neither core nor helpers filter modes to the list of probe modes reported by the GETCONNECTOR IOCTL and stored in [drm\\_connector.modes](#). To ensure that modes are filtered consistently put any CRTC constraints and limits checks into **mode\_valid**.

RETURNS:

0 on success, -EINVAL if the state or the transition can't be supported, -ENOMEM on memory allocation failure and -EDEADLK if an attempt to obtain another state object ran into a [drm\\_modeset\\_lock](#) deadlock.

**atomic\_begin** Drivers should prepare for an atomic update of multiple planes on a CRTC in this hook. Depending upon hardware this might be vblank evasion, blocking updates by setting bits or doing preparatory work for e.g. manual update display.

This hook is called before any plane commit functions are called.

Note that the power state of the display pipe when this function is called depends upon the exact helpers and calling sequence the driver has picked. See [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_commit\\_planes\(\)](#) for a discussion of the tradeoffs and variants of plane commit helpers.

This callback is used by the atomic modeset helpers and by the transitional plane helpers, but it is optional.

**atomic\_flush** Drivers should finalize an atomic update of multiple planes on a CRTC in this hook. Depending upon hardware this might include checking that vblank evasion was successful, unblocking updates by setting bits or setting the GO bit to flush out all updates.

Simple hardware or hardware with special requirements can commit and flush out all updates for all planes from this hook and forgo all the other commit hooks for plane updates.

This hook is called after any plane commit functions are called.

Note that the power state of the display pipe when this function is called depends upon the exact helpers and calling sequence the driver has picked. See [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_commit\\_planes\(\)](#) for a discussion of the tradeoffs and variants of plane commit helpers.

This callback is used by the atomic modeset helpers and by the transitional plane helpers, but it is optional.

**atomic\_enable** This callback should be used to enable the CRTC. With the atomic drivers it is called before all encoders connected to this CRTC are enabled through the encoder's own [drm\\_encoder\\_helper\\_funcs.enable](#) hook. If that sequence is too simple drivers can just add their own hooks and call it from this CRTC callback here by looping over all encoders connected to it using [for\\_each\\_encoder\\_on\\_crtc\(\)](#).

This hook is used only by atomic helpers, for symmetry with **atomic\_disable**. Atomic drivers don't need to implement it if there's no need to enable anything at the CRTC level. To ensure that runtime PM handling (using either DPMS or the new "ACTIVE" property) works **atomic\_enable** must be the inverse of **atomic\_disable** for atomic drivers.

Drivers can use the **old\_crtc\_state** input parameter if the operations needed to enable the CRTC don't depend solely on the new state but also on the transition between the old state and the new state.

**atomic\_disable** This callback should be used to disable the CRTC. With the atomic drivers it is called after all encoders connected to this CRTC have been shut off already using their own [drm\\_encoder\\_helper\\_funcs.disable](#) hook. If that sequence is too simple drivers can just add their own hooks and call it from this CRTC callback here by looping over all encoders connected to it using [for\\_each\\_encoder\\_on\\_crtc\(\)](#).

This hook is used only by atomic helpers. Atomic drivers don't need to implement it if there's no need to disable anything at the CRTC level.

Comparing to **disable**, this one provides the additional input parameter **old\_crtc\_state** which could be used to access the old state. Atomic drivers should consider to use this one instead of **disable**.

## Description

These hooks are used by the legacy CRTC helpers, the transitional plane helpers and the new atomic modesetting helpers.

void **drm\_crtc\_helper\_add**(struct [drm\\_crtc](#) \* *crtc*, const struct [drm\\_crtc\\_helper\\_funcs](#) \* *funcs*)  
sets the helper vtable for a crtc



## Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** DRM CRTC

**const struct drm\_crtc\_helper\_funcs \* funcs** helper vtable to set for **crtc**

**struct drm\_encoder\_helper\_funcs**  
helper operations for encoders

## Definition

```

struct drm_encoder_helper_funcs {
    void (*dpms)(struct drm_encoder *encoder, int mode);
    enum drm_mode_status (*mode_valid)(struct drm_encoder *crtc, const struct drm_display_mode *mode);
    bool (*mode_fixup)(struct drm_encoder *encoder, const struct drm_display_mode *mode, struct drm_display_mode *adjusted_mode);
    void (*prepare)(struct drm_encoder *encoder);
    void (*commit)(struct drm_encoder *encoder);
    void (*mode_set)(struct drm_encoder *encoder, struct drm_display_mode *mode, struct drm_display_mode *adjusted_mode);
    void (*atomic_mode_set)(struct drm_encoder *encoder, struct drm_crtc_state *crtc_state, struct drm_connector_state *connector_state);
    struct drm_crtc *(*get_crtc)(struct drm_encoder *encoder);
    enum drm_connector_status (*detect)(struct drm_encoder *encoder, struct drm_connector *connector);
    void (*disable)(struct drm_encoder *encoder);
    void (*enable)(struct drm_encoder *encoder);
    int (*atomic_check)(struct drm_encoder *encoder, struct drm_crtc_state *crtc_state, struct drm_connector_state *connector_state);
};

```

## Members

**dpms** Callback to control power levels on the encoder. If the mode passed in is unsupported, the provider must use the next lowest power level. This is used by the legacy encoder helpers to implement DPMS functionality in [drm\\_helper\\_connector\\_dpms\(\)](#).

This callback is also used to disable an encoder by calling it with `DRM_MODE_DPMS_OFF` if the **disable** hook isn't used.

This callback is used by the legacy CRTC helpers. Atomic helpers also support using this hook for enabling and disabling an encoder to facilitate transitions to atomic, but it is deprecated. Instead **enable** and **disable** should be used.

**mode\_valid** This callback is used to check if a specific mode is valid in this encoder. This should be implemented if the encoder has some sort of restriction in the modes it can display. For example, a given encoder may be responsible to set a clock value. If the clock can not produce all the values for the available modes then this callback can be used to restrict the number of modes to only the ones that can be displayed.

This hook is used by the probe helpers to filter the mode list in [drm\\_helper\\_probe\\_single\\_connector\\_modes\(\)](#), and it is used by the atomic helpers to validate modes supplied by userspace in [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_check\\_modeset\(\)](#).

This function is optional.

NOTE:

Since this function is both called from the check phase of an atomic commit, and the mode validation in the probe paths it is not allowed to look at anything else but the passed-in mode, and validate it against configuration-invariant hardware constraints. Any further limits which depend upon the configuration can only be checked in **mode\_fixup** or **atomic\_check**.

RETURNS:

`drm_mode_status` Enum

**mode\_fixup** This callback is used to validate and adjust a mode. The parameter mode is the display mode that should be fed to the next element in the display chain, either the final [drm\\_connector](#) or a [drm\\_bridge](#). The parameter adjusted\_mode is the input mode the encoder requires. It can be modified by this callback and does not need to match mode. See also [drm\\_crtc\\_state.adjusted\\_mode](#) for more details.



This function is used by both legacy CRTC helpers and atomic helpers. This hook is optional.

NOTE:

This function is called in the check phase of atomic modesets, which can be aborted for any reason (including on userspace's request to just check whether a configuration would be possible). Atomic drivers **MUST NOT** touch any persistent state (hardware or software) or data structures except the passed in `adjusted_mode` parameter.

This is in contrast to the legacy CRTC helpers where this was allowed.

Atomic drivers which need to inspect and adjust more state should instead use the **atomic\_check** callback. If **atomic\_check** is used, this hook isn't called since **atomic\_check** allows a strict superset of the functionality of **mode\_fixup**.

Also beware that userspace can request its own custom modes, neither core nor helpers filter modes to the list of probe modes reported by the `GETCONNECTOR` IOCTL and stored in `drm_connector.modes`. To ensure that modes are filtered consistently put any encoder constraints and limits checks into **mode\_valid**.

RETURNS:

True if an acceptable configuration is possible, false if the modeset operation should be rejected.

**prepare** This callback should prepare the encoder for a subsequent modeset, which in practice means the driver should disable the encoder if it is running. Most drivers ended up implementing this by calling their **dpms** hook with `DRM_MODE_DPMS_OFF`.

This callback is used by the legacy CRTC helpers. Atomic helpers also support using this hook for disabling an encoder to facilitate transitions to atomic, but it is deprecated. Instead **disable** should be used.

**commit** This callback should commit the new mode on the encoder after a modeset, which in practice means the driver should enable the encoder. Most drivers ended up implementing this by calling their **dpms** hook with `DRM_MODE_DPMS_ON`.

This callback is used by the legacy CRTC helpers. Atomic helpers also support using this hook for enabling an encoder to facilitate transitions to atomic, but it is deprecated. Instead **enable** should be used.

**mode\_set** This callback is used to update the display mode of an encoder.

Note that the display pipe is completely off when this function is called. Drivers which need hardware to be running before they program the new display mode (because they implement runtime PM) should not use this hook, because the helper library calls it only once and not every time the display pipeline is suspended using either DPMS or the new "ACTIVE" property. Such drivers should instead move all their encoder setup into the **enable** callback.

This callback is used both by the legacy CRTC helpers and the atomic modeset helpers. It is optional in the atomic helpers.

NOTE:

If the driver uses the atomic modeset helpers and needs to inspect the connector state or connector display info during mode setting, **atomic\_mode\_set** can be used instead.

**atomic\_mode\_set** This callback is used to update the display mode of an encoder.

Note that the display pipe is completely off when this function is called. Drivers which need hardware to be running before they program the new display mode (because they implement runtime PM) should not use this hook, because the helper library calls it only once and not every time the display pipeline is suspended using either DPMS or the new "ACTIVE" property. Such drivers should instead move all their encoder setup into the **enable** callback.

This callback is used by the atomic modeset helpers in place of the **mode\_set** callback, if set by the driver. It is optional and should be used instead of **mode\_set** if the driver needs to inspect the connector state or display info, since there is no direct way to go from the encoder to the current connector.

**get\_crtc** This callback is used by the legacy CRTC helpers to work around deficiencies in its own book-keeping.

Do not use, use atomic helpers instead, which get the book keeping right.

FIXME:

Currently only nouveau is using this, and as soon as nouveau is atomic we can ditch this hook.

**detect** This callback can be used by drivers who want to do detection on the encoder object instead of in connector functions.

It is not used by any helper and therefore has purely driver-specific semantics. New drivers shouldn't use this and instead just implement their own private callbacks.

FIXME:

This should just be converted into a pile of driver vfuncs. Currently radeon, amdgpu and nouveau are using it.

**disable** This callback should be used to disable the encoder. With the atomic drivers it is called before this encoder's CRTC has been shut off using their own `drm_crtc_helper_funcs.disable` hook. If that sequence is too simple drivers can just add their own driver private encoder hooks and call them from CRTC's callback by looping over all encoders connected to it using `for_each_encoder_on_crtc()`.

This hook is used both by legacy CRTC helpers and atomic helpers. Atomic drivers don't need to implement it if there's no need to disable anything at the encoder level. To ensure that runtime PM handling (using either DPMS or the new "ACTIVE" property) works **disable** must be the inverse of **enable** for atomic drivers.

NOTE:

With legacy CRTC helpers there's a big semantic difference between **disable** and other hooks (like **prepare** or **dpms**) used to shut down a encoder: **disable** is only called when also logically disabling the display pipeline and needs to release any resources acquired in **mode\_set** (like shared PLLs, or again release pinned framebuffers).

Therefore **disable** must be the inverse of **mode\_set** plus **commit** for drivers still using legacy CRTC helpers, which is different from the rules under atomic.

**enable** This callback should be used to enable the encoder. With the atomic drivers it is called after this encoder's CRTC has been enabled using their own `drm_crtc_helper_funcs.enable` hook. If that sequence is too simple drivers can just add their own driver private encoder hooks and call them from CRTC's callback by looping over all encoders connected to it using `for_each_encoder_on_crtc()`.

This hook is used only by atomic helpers, for symmetry with **disable**. Atomic drivers don't need to implement it if there's no need to enable anything at the encoder level. To ensure that runtime PM handling (using either DPMS or the new "ACTIVE" property) works **enable** must be the inverse of **disable** for atomic drivers.

**atomic\_check** This callback is used to validate encoder state for atomic drivers. Since the encoder is the object connecting the CRTC and connector it gets passed both states, to be able to validate interactions and update the CRTC to match what the encoder needs for the requested connector.

Since this provides a strict superset of the functionality of **mode\_fixup** (the requested and adjusted modes are both available through the passed in `struct drm_crtc_state`) **mode\_fixup** is not called when **atomic\_check** is implemented.

This function is used by the atomic helpers, but it is optional.

NOTE:

This function is called in the check phase of an atomic update. The driver is not allowed to change anything outside of the free-standing state objects passed-in or assembled in the overall `drm_atomic_state` update tracking structure.

Also beware that userspace can request its own custom modes, neither core nor helpers filter modes to the list of probe modes reported by the GETCONNECTOR IOCTL and stored in

*drm\_connector.modes*. To ensure that modes are filtered consistently put any encoder constraints and limits checks into **mode\_valid**.

RETURNS:

0 on success, -EINVAL if the state or the transition can't be supported, -ENOMEM on memory allocation failure and -EDEADLK if an attempt to obtain another state object ran into a *drm\_modeset\_lock* deadlock.

## Description

These hooks are used by the legacy CRTC helpers, the transitional plane helpers and the new atomic modesetting helpers.

```
void drm_encoder_helper_add(struct drm_encoder *encoder, const struct drm_encoder_helper_funcs *funcs)
    sets the helper vtable for an encoder
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_encoder \* encoder** DRM encoder

**const struct drm\_encoder\_helper\_funcs \* funcs** helper vtable to set for **encoder**

**struct drm\_connector\_helper\_funcs**  
helper operations for connectors

## Definition

```
struct drm_connector_helper_funcs {
    int (*get_modes)(struct drm_connector *connector);
    int (*detect_ctx)(struct drm_connector *connector, struct drm_modeset_acquire_ctx *ctx, bool force);
    enum drm_mode_status (*mode_valid)(struct drm_connector *connector, struct drm_display_mode *mode);
    struct drm_encoder *(*best_encoder)(struct drm_connector *connector);
    struct drm_encoder *(*atomic_best_encoder)(struct drm_connector *connector, struct drm_connector_state *state);
    int (*atomic_check)(struct drm_connector *connector, struct drm_connector_state *state);
};
```

## Members

**get\_modes** This function should fill in all modes currently valid for the sink into the *drm\_connector.probed\_modes* list. It should also update the EDID property by calling *drm\_mode\_connector\_update\_edid\_property()*.

The usual way to implement this is to cache the EDID retrieved in the probe callback somewhere in the driver-private connector structure. In this function drivers then parse the modes in the EDID and add them by calling *drm\_add\_edid\_modes()*. But connectors that driver a fixed panel can also manually add specific modes using *drm\_mode\_probed\_add()*. Drivers which manually add modes should also make sure that the *drm\_connector.display\_info*, *drm\_connector.width\_mm* and *drm\_connector.height\_mm* fields are filled in.

Virtual drivers that just want some standard VESA mode with a given resolution can call *drm\_add\_modes\_noedid()*, and mark the preferred one using *drm\_set\_preferred\_mode()*.

This function is only called after the **detect** hook has indicated that a sink is connected and when the EDID isn't overridden through sysfs or the kernel commandline.

This callback is used by the probe helpers in e.g. *drm\_helper\_probe\_single\_connector\_modes()*.

To avoid races with concurrent connector state updates, the helper libraries always call this with the *drm\_mode\_config.connection\_mutex* held. Because of this it's safe to inspect *drm\_connector->state*.

RETURNS:

The number of modes added by calling *drm\_mode\_probed\_add()*.

**detect\_ctx** Check to see if anything is attached to the connector. The parameter `force` is set to false whilst polling, true when checking the connector due to a user request. `force` can be used by the driver to avoid expensive, destructive operations during automated probing.

This callback is optional, if not implemented the connector will be considered as always being attached.

This is the atomic version of `drm_connector_funcs.detect`.

To avoid races against concurrent connector state updates, the helper libraries always call this with `ctx` set to a valid context, and `drm_mode_config.connection_mutex` will always be locked with the `ctx` parameter set to this `ctx`. This allows taking additional locks as required.

RETURNS:

`drm_connector_status` indicating the connector's status, or the error code returned by `drm_modeset_lock()`, -EDEADLK.

**mode\_valid** Callback to validate a mode for a connector, irrespective of the specific display configuration.

This callback is used by the probe helpers to filter the mode list (which is usually derived from the EDID data block from the sink). See e.g. `drm_helper_probe_single_connector_modes()`.

This function is optional.

NOTE:

This only filters the mode list supplied to userspace in the GETCONNECTOR IOCTL. Compared to `drm_encoder_helper_funcs.mode_valid`, `drm_crtc_helper_funcs.mode_valid` and `drm_bridge_funcs.mode_valid`, which are also called by the atomic helpers from `drm_atomic_helper_check_modeset()`. This allows userspace to force and ignore sink constraint (like the pixel clock limits in the screen's EDID), which is useful for e.g. testing, or working around a broken EDID. Any source hardware constraint (which always need to be enforced) therefore should be checked in one of the above callbacks, and not this one here.

To avoid races with concurrent connector state updates, the helper libraries always call this with the `drm_mode_config.connection_mutex` held. Because of this it's safe to inspect `drm_connector->state`.

RETURNS:

Either `drm_mode_status.MODE_OK` or one of the failure reasons in `enum drm_mode_status`.

**best\_encoder** This function should select the best encoder for the given connector.

This function is used by both the atomic helpers (in the `drm_atomic_helper_check_modeset()` function) and in the legacy CRTC helpers.

NOTE:

In atomic drivers this function is called in the check phase of an atomic update. The driver is not allowed to change or inspect anything outside of arguments passed-in. Atomic drivers which need to inspect dynamic configuration state should instead use **atomic\_best\_encoder**.

You can leave this function to NULL if the connector is only attached to a single encoder and you are using the atomic helpers. In this case, the core will call `drm_atomic_helper_best_encoder()` for you.

RETURNS:

Encoder that should be used for the given connector and connector state, or NULL if no suitable encoder exists. Note that the helpers will ensure that encoders aren't used twice, drivers should not check for this.

**atomic\_best\_encoder** This is the atomic version of **best\_encoder** for atomic drivers which need to select the best encoder depending upon the desired configuration and can't select it statically.

This function is used by `drm_atomic_helper_check_modeset()`. If it is not implemented, the core will fallback to **best\_encoder** (or `drm_atomic_helper_best_encoder()` if **best\_encoder** is NULL).

**NOTE:**

This function is called in the check phase of an atomic update. The driver is not allowed to change anything outside of the free-standing state objects passed-in or assembled in the overall *drm\_atomic\_state* update tracking structure.

**RETURNS:**

Encoder that should be used for the given connector and connector state, or NULL if no suitable encoder exists. Note that the helpers will ensure that encoders aren't used twice, drivers should not check for this.

**atomic\_check** This hook is used to validate connector state. This function is called from *drm\_atomic\_helper\_check\_modeset*, and is called when a connector property is set, or a modeset on the crtc is forced.

Because *drm\_atomic\_helper\_check\_modeset* may be called multiple times, this function should handle being called multiple times as well.

This function is also allowed to inspect any other object's state and can add more state objects to the atomic commit if needed. Care must be taken though to ensure that state check and compute functions for these added states are all called, and derived state in other objects all updated. Again the recommendation is to just call check helpers until a maximal configuration is reached.

**NOTE:**

This function is called in the check phase of an atomic update. The driver is not allowed to change anything outside of the free-standing state objects passed-in or assembled in the overall *drm\_atomic\_state* update tracking structure.

**RETURNS:**

0 on success, -EINVAL if the state or the transition can't be supported, -ENOMEM on memory allocation failure and -EDEADLK if an attempt to obtain another state object ran into a *drm\_modeset\_lock* deadlock.

**Description**

These functions are used by the atomic and legacy modeset helpers and by the probe helpers.

```
void drm_connector_helper_add(struct drm_connector *connector, const struct drm_connector_helper_funcs *funcs)
    sets the helper vtable for a connector
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** DRM connector

**const struct drm\_connector\_helper\_funcs \* funcs** helper vtable to set for **connector**

**struct drm\_plane\_helper\_funcs**  
helper operations for planes

**Definition**

```
struct drm_plane_helper_funcs {
    int (*prepare_fb)(struct drm_plane *plane, struct drm_plane_state *new_state);
    void (*cleanup_fb)(struct drm_plane *plane, struct drm_plane_state *old_state);
    int (*atomic_check)(struct drm_plane *plane, struct drm_plane_state *state);
    void (*atomic_update)(struct drm_plane *plane, struct drm_plane_state *old_state);
    void (*atomic_disable)(struct drm_plane *plane, struct drm_plane_state *old_state);
    int (*atomic_async_check)(struct drm_plane *plane, struct drm_plane_state *state);
    void (*atomic_async_update)(struct drm_plane *plane, struct drm_plane_state *new_state);
};
```

**Members**

**prepare\_fb** This hook is to prepare a framebuffer for scanout by e.g. pinning its backing storage or relocating it into a contiguous block of VRAM. Other possible preparatory work includes flushing caches.

This function must not block for outstanding rendering, since it is called in the context of the atomic IOCTL even for async commits to be able to return any errors to userspace. Instead the recommended way is to fill out the fence member of the passed-in *drm\_plane\_state*. If the driver doesn't support native fences then equivalent functionality should be implemented through private members in the plane structure.

The helpers will call **cleanup\_fb** with matching arguments for every successful call to this hook.

This callback is used by the atomic modeset helpers and by the transitional plane helpers, but it is optional.

RETURNS:

0 on success or one of the following negative error codes allowed by the *drm\_mode\_config\_funcs.atomic\_commit* vfunc. When using helpers this callback is the only one which can fail an atomic commit, everything else must complete successfully.

**cleanup\_fb** This hook is called to clean up any resources allocated for the given framebuffer and plane configuration in **prepare\_fb**.

This callback is used by the atomic modeset helpers and by the transitional plane helpers, but it is optional.

**atomic\_check** Drivers should check plane specific constraints in this hook.

When using *drm\_atomic\_helper\_check\_planes()* plane's **atomic\_check** hooks are called before the ones for CRTC's, which allows drivers to request shared resources that the CRTC controls here. For more complicated dependencies the driver can call the provided check helpers multiple times until the computed state has a final configuration and everything has been checked.

This function is also allowed to inspect any other object's state and can add more state objects to the atomic commit if needed. Care must be taken though to ensure that state check and compute functions for these added states are all called, and derived state in other objects all updated. Again the recommendation is to just call check helpers until a maximal configuration is reached.

This callback is used by the atomic modeset helpers and by the transitional plane helpers, but it is optional.

NOTE:

This function is called in the check phase of an atomic update. The driver is not allowed to change anything outside of the free-standing state objects passed-in or assembled in the overall *drm\_atomic\_state* update tracking structure.

RETURNS:

0 on success, -EINVAL if the state or the transition can't be supported, -ENOMEM on memory allocation failure and -EDEADLK if an attempt to obtain another state object ran into a *drm\_modeset\_lock* deadlock.

**atomic\_update** Drivers should use this function to update the plane state. This hook is called in-between the *drm\_crtc\_helper\_funcs.atomic\_begin* and *drm\_crtc\_helper\_funcs.atomic\_flush* callbacks.

Note that the power state of the display pipe when this function is called depends upon the exact helpers and calling sequence the driver has picked. See *drm\_atomic\_helper\_commit\_planes()* for a discussion of the tradeoffs and variants of plane commit helpers.

This callback is used by the atomic modeset helpers and by the transitional plane helpers, but it is optional.

**atomic\_disable** Drivers should use this function to unconditionally disable a plane. This hook is called in-between the *drm\_crtc\_helper\_funcs.atomic\_begin* and *drm\_crtc\_helper\_funcs.atomic\_flush* callbacks. It is an alternative to **atomic\_update**, which will be called for disabling planes, too, if the **atomic\_disable** hook isn't implemented.



This hook is also useful to disable planes in preparation of a modeset, by calling `drm_atomic_helper_disable_planes_on_crtc()` from the `drm_crtc_helper_funcs.disable` hook.

Note that the power state of the display pipe when this function is called depends upon the exact helpers and calling sequence the driver has picked. See `drm_atomic_helper_commit_planes()` for a discussion of the tradeoffs and variants of plane commit helpers.

This callback is used by the atomic modeset helpers and by the transitional plane helpers, but it is optional.

**atomic\_async\_check** Drivers should set this function pointer to check if the plane state can be updated in a async fashion. Here async means “not vblank synchronized”.

This hook is called by `drm_atomic_async_check()` to establish if a given update can be committed asynchronously, that is, if it can jump ahead of the state currently queued for update.

RETURNS:

Return 0 on success and any error returned indicates that the update can not be applied in asynchronous manner.

**atomic\_async\_update** Drivers should set this function pointer to perform asynchronous updates of planes, that is, jump ahead of the currently queued state and update the plane. Here async means “not vblank synchronized”.

This hook is called by `drm_atomic_helper_async_commit()`.

An async update will happen on legacy cursor updates. An async update won't happen if there is an outstanding commit modifying the same plane.

Note that unlike `drm_plane_helper_funcs.atomic_update` this hook takes the new `drm_plane_state` as parameter. When doing `atomic_update` drivers shouldn't replace the `drm_plane_state` but update the current one with the new plane configurations in the new `plane_state`.

**FIXME:**

- It only works for single plane updates
- Async Pageflips are not supported yet
- Some hw might still scan out the old buffer until the next vblank, however we let go of the fb references as soon as we run this hook. For now drivers must implement their own workers for deferring if needed, until a common solution is created.

## Description

These functions are used by the atomic helpers and by the transitional plane helpers.

`void drm_plane_helper_add(struct drm_plane *plane, const struct drm_plane_helper_funcs *funcs)`  
sets the helper vtable for a plane

## Parameters

`struct drm_plane * plane` DRM plane

`const struct drm_plane_helper_funcs * funcs` helper vtable to set for **plane**

`struct drm_mode_config_helper_funcs`  
global modeset helper operations

## Definition

```
struct drm_mode_config_helper_funcs {
    void (*atomic_commit_tail)(struct drm_atomic_state *state);
};
```

## Members

**atomic\_commit\_tail** This hook is used by the default `atomic_commit()` hook implemented in `drm_atomic_helper_commit()` together with the nonblocking commit helpers (see `drm_atomic_helper_setup_commit()` for a starting point) to implement blocking and nonblocking commits easily. It is not used by the atomic helpers

This function is called when the new atomic state has already been swapped into the various state pointers. The passed in state therefore contains copies of the old/previous state. This hook should commit the new state into hardware. Note that the helpers have already waited for preceeding atomic commits and fences, but drivers can add more waiting calls at the start of their implementation, e.g. to wait for driver-internal request for implicit syncing, before starting to commit the update to the hardware.

After the atomic update is committed to the hardware this hook needs to call `drm_atomic_helper_commit_hw_done()`. Then wait for the upate to be executed by the hardware, for example using `drm_atomic_helper_wait_for_vblanks()` or `drm_atomic_helper_wait_for_flip_done()`, and then clean up the old framebuffers using `drm_atomic_helper_cleanup_planes()`.

When disabling a CRTC this hook `_must_` stall for the commit to complete. Vblank waits don't work on disabled CRTC, hence the core can't take care of this. And it also can't rely on the vblank event, since that can be signalled already when the screen shows black, which can happen much earlier than the last hardware access needed to shut off the display pipeline completely.

This hook is optional, the default implementation is `drm_atomic_helper_commit_tail()`.

## Description

These helper functions are used by the atomic helpers.

# Atomic Modeset Helper Functions Reference

## Overview

This helper library provides implementations of check and commit functions on top of the CRTC modeset helper callbacks and the plane helper callbacks. It also provides convenience implementations for the atomic state handling callbacks for drivers which don't need to subclass the drm core structures to add their own additional internal state.

This library also provides default implementations for the check callback in `drm_atomic_helper_check()` and for the commit callback with `drm_atomic_helper_commit()`. But the individual stages and callbacks are exposed to allow drivers to mix and match and e.g. use the plane helpers only together with a driver private modeset implementation.

This library also provides implementations for all the legacy driver interfaces on top of the atomic interface. See `drm_atomic_helper_set_config()`, `drm_atomic_helper_disable_plane()`, `drm_atomic_helper_disable_plane()` and the various functions to implement set\_property callbacks. New drivers must not implement these functions themselves but must use the provided helpers.

The atomic helper uses the same function table structures as all other modesetting helpers. See the documentation for `struct drm_crtc_helper_funcs`, `struct drm_encoder_helper_funcs` and `struct drm_connector_helper_funcs`. It also shares the `struct drm_plane_helper_funcs` function table with the plane helpers.

## Implementing Asynchronous Atomic Commit

Nonblocking atomic commits have to be implemented in the following sequence:

1. Run `drm_atomic_helper_prepare_planes()` first. This is the only function which commit needs to call which can fail, so we want to run it first and synchronously.



2. Synchronize with any outstanding nonblocking commit worker threads which might be affected the new state update. This can be done by either cancelling or flushing the work items, depending upon whether the driver can deal with cancelled updates. Note that it is important to ensure that the framebuffer cleanup is still done when cancelling.

Asynchronous workers need to have sufficient parallelism to be able to run different atomic commits on different CRTC's in parallel. The simplest way to achieve this is by running them on the `system_unbound_wq` work queue. Note that drivers are not required to split up atomic commits and run an individual commit in parallel - userspace is supposed to do that if it cares. But it might be beneficial to do that for modesets, since those necessarily must be done as one global operation, and enabling or disabling a CRTC can take a long time. But even that is not required.

3. The software state is updated synchronously with `drm_atomic_helper_swap_state()`. Doing this under the protection of all modeset locks means concurrent callers never see inconsistent state. And doing this while it's guaranteed that no relevant nonblocking worker runs means that nonblocking workers do not need grab any locks. Actually they must not grab locks, for otherwise the work flushing will deadlock.

4. Schedule a work item to do all subsequent steps, using the split-out commit helpers: a) pre-plane commit b) plane commit c) post-plane commit and then cleaning up the framebuffers after the old framebuffer is no longer being displayed.

The above scheme is implemented in the atomic helper libraries in `drm_atomic_helper_commit()` using a bunch of helper functions. See `drm_atomic_helper_setup_commit()` for a starting point.

## Atomic State Reset and Initialization

Both the drm core and the atomic helpers assume that there is always the full and correct atomic software state for all connectors, CRTC's and planes available. Which is a bit a problem on driver load and also after system suspend. One way to solve this is to have a hardware state read-out infrastructure which reconstructs the full software state (e.g. the i915 driver).

The simpler solution is to just reset the software state to everything off, which is easiest to do by calling `drm_mode_config_reset()`. To facilitate this the atomic helpers provide default reset implementations for all hooks.

On the upside the precise state tracking of atomic simplifies system suspend and resume a lot. For drivers using `drm_mode_config_reset()` a complete recipe is implemented in `drm_atomic_helper_suspend()` and `drm_atomic_helper_resume()`. For other drivers the building blocks are split out, see the documentation for these functions.

## Helper Functions Reference

`drm_atomic_crtc_for_each_plane(plane, crtc)`  
iterate over planes currently attached to CRTC

### Parameters

**plane** the loop cursor

**crtc** the crtc whose planes are iterated

### Description

This iterates over the current state, useful (for example) when applying atomic state after it has been checked and swapped. To iterate over the planes which *will* be attached (more useful in code called from `drm_mode_config_funcs.atomic_check`) see `drm_atomic_crtc_state_for_each_plane()`.

`drm_atomic_crtc_state_for_each_plane(plane, crtc_state)`  
iterate over attached planes in new state

### Parameters

**plane** the loop cursor

**crtc\_state** the incoming crtc-state

### Description

Similar to `drm_crtc_for_each_plane()`, but iterates the planes that will be attached if the specified state is applied. Useful during for example in code called from `drm_mode_config_funcs.atomic_check` operations, to validate the incoming state.

**drm\_atomic\_crtc\_state\_for\_each\_plane\_state**(*plane*, *plane\_state*, *crtc\_state*)  
iterate over attached planes in new state

### Parameters

**plane** the loop cursor

**plane\_state** loop cursor for the plane's state, must be const

**crtc\_state** the incoming crtc-state

### Description

Similar to `drm_crtc_for_each_plane()`, but iterates the planes that will be attached if the specified state is applied. Useful during for example in code called from `drm_mode_config_funcs.atomic_check` operations, to validate the incoming state.

Compared to just `drm_atomic_crtc_state_for_each_plane()` this also fills in a const *plane\_state*. This is useful when a driver just wants to peek at other active planes on this crtc, but does not need to change it.

**bool drm\_atomic\_plane\_disabling**(struct *drm\_plane\_state* \* *old\_plane\_state*, struct *drm\_plane\_state* \* *new\_plane\_state*)  
check whether a plane is being disabled

### Parameters

**struct drm\_plane\_state \* old\_plane\_state** old atomic plane state

**struct drm\_plane\_state \* new\_plane\_state** new atomic plane state

### Description

Checks the atomic state of a plane to determine whether it's being disabled or not. This also WARNs if it detects an invalid state (both CRTC and FB need to either both be NULL or both be non-NULL).

### Return

True if the plane is being disabled, false otherwise.

**int drm\_atomic\_helper\_check\_modeset**(struct *drm\_device* \* *dev*, struct *drm\_atomic\_state* \* *state*)  
validate state object for modeset changes

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** the driver state object

### Description

Check the state object to see if the requested state is physically possible. This does all the crtc and connector related computations for an atomic update and adds any additional connectors needed for full modesets. It calls the various per-object callbacks in the follow order:

1. `drm_connector_helper_funcs.atomic_best_encoder` for determining the new encoder.
2. `drm_connector_helper_funcs.atomic_check` to validate the connector state.
3. If it's determined a modeset is needed then all connectors on the affected crtc crtc are added and `drm_connector_helper_funcs.atomic_check` is run on them.
4. `drm_encoder_helper_funcs.mode_valid`, `drm_bridge_funcs.mode_valid` and `drm_crtc_helper_funcs.mode_valid` are called on the affected components.

5. `drm_bridge_funcs.mode_fixup` is called on all encoder bridges.
6. `drm_encoder_helper_funcs.atomic_check` is called to validate any encoder state. This function is only called when the encoder will be part of a configured crtc, it must not be used for implementing connector property validation. If this function is NULL, `drm_atomic_encoder_helper_funcs.mode_fixup` is called instead.
7. `drm_crtc_helper_funcs.mode_fixup` is called last, to fix up the mode with crtc constraints.

`drm_crtc_state.mode_changed` is set when the input mode is changed. `drm_crtc_state.connectors_changed` is set when a connector is added or removed from the crtc. `drm_crtc_state.active_changed` is set when `drm_crtc_state.active` changes, which is used for DPMS. See also: `drm_atomic_crtc_needs_modeset()`

#### IMPORTANT:

Drivers which set `drm_crtc_state.mode_changed` (e.g. in their `drm_plane_helper_funcs.atomic_check` hooks if a plane update can't be done without a full modeset) **must** call this function afterwards after that change. It is permitted to call this function multiple times for the same update, e.g. when the `drm_crtc_helper_funcs.atomic_check` functions depend upon the adjusted dotclock for fifo space allocation and watermark computation.

#### Return

Zero for success or -errno

```
int drm_atomic_helper_check_plane_state(struct drm_plane_state *plane_state, const struct
                                     drm_crtc_state *crtc_state, const struct drm_rect
                                     *clip, int min_scale, int max_scale, bool can_position,
                                     bool can_update_disabled)
```

Check plane state for validity

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_plane\_state \* plane\_state** plane state to check

**const struct drm\_crtc\_state \* crtc\_state** crtc state to check

**const struct drm\_rect \* clip** integer clipping coordinates

**int min\_scale** minimum **src:dest** scaling factor in 16.16 fixed point

**int max\_scale** maximum **src:dest** scaling factor in 16.16 fixed point

**bool can\_position** is it legal to position the plane such that it doesn't cover the entire crtc? This will generally only be false for primary planes.

**bool can\_update\_disabled** can the plane be updated while the crtc is disabled?

#### Description

Checks that a desired plane update is valid, and updates various bits of derived state (clipped coordinates etc.). Drivers that provide their own plane handling rather than helper-provided implementations may still wish to call this function to avoid duplication of error checking code.

#### Return

Zero if update appears valid, error code on failure

```
int drm_atomic_helper_check_planes(struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_atomic_state *state)
    validate state object for planes changes
```

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** the driver state object

#### Description

Check the state object to see if the requested state is physically possible. This does all the plane update related checks using by calling into the `drm_crtc_helper_funcs.atomic_check` and `drm_plane_helper_funcs.atomic_check` hooks provided by the driver.

It also sets `drm_crtc_state.planes_changed` to indicate that a crtc has updated planes.

### Return

Zero for success or -errno

int **drm\_atomic\_helper\_check**(struct drm\_device \* dev, struct `drm_atomic_state` \* state)  
validate state object

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** the driver state object

### Description

Check the state object to see if the requested state is physically possible. Only crtc and planes have check callbacks, so for any additional (global) checking that a driver needs it can simply wrap that around this function. Drivers without such needs can directly use this as their `drm_mode_config_funcs.atomic_check` callback.

This just wraps the two parts of the state checking for planes and mode-set state in the default order: First it calls `drm_atomic_helper_check_modeset()` and then `drm_atomic_helper_check_planes()`. The assumption is that the **drm\_plane\_helper\_funcs.atomic\_check** and **drm\_crtc\_helper\_funcs.atomic\_check** functions depend upon an updated `adjusted_mode.clock` to e.g. properly compute watermarks.

### Return

Zero for success or -errno

void **drm\_atomic\_helper\_update\_legacy\_modeset\_state**(struct drm\_device \* dev, struct `drm_atomic_state` \* old\_state)  
update legacy modeset state

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* old\_state** atomic state object with old state structures

### Description

This function updates all the various legacy modeset state pointers in connectors, encoders and crtc. It also updates the timestamping constants used for precise vblank timestamps by calling `drm_calc_timestamping_constants()`.

Drivers can use this for building their own atomic commit if they don't have a pure helper-based modeset implementation.

Since these updates are not synchronized with lockings, only code paths called from `drm_mode_config_helper_funcs.atomic_commit_tail` can look at the legacy state filled out by this helper. Defacto this means this helper and the legacy state pointers are only really useful for transitioning an existing driver to the atomic world.

void **drm\_atomic\_helper\_commit\_modeset\_disables**(struct drm\_device \* dev, struct `drm_atomic_state` \* old\_state)  
modeset commit to disable outputs

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* old\_state** atomic state object with old state structures

## Description

This function shuts down all the outputs that need to be shut down and prepares them (if required) with the new mode.

For compatibility with legacy crtc helpers this should be called before `drm_atomic_helper_commit_planes()`, which is what the default commit function does. But drivers with different needs can group the modeset commits together and do the plane commits at the end. This is useful for drivers doing runtime PM since planes updates then only happen when the CRTC is actually enabled.

```
void drm_atomic_helper_commit_modeset_enables(struct drm_device *dev, struct
                                             drm_atomic_state *old_state)
    modeset commit to enable outputs
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* old\_state** atomic state object with old state structures

## Description

This function enables all the outputs with the new configuration which had to be turned off for the update.

For compatibility with legacy crtc helpers this should be called after `drm_atomic_helper_commit_planes()`, which is what the default commit function does. But drivers with different needs can group the modeset commits together and do the plane commits at the end. This is useful for drivers doing runtime PM since planes updates then only happen when the CRTC is actually enabled.

```
int drm_atomic_helper_wait_for_fences(struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_atomic_state
                                     *state, bool pre_swap)
    wait for fences stashed in plane state
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** atomic state object with old state structures

**bool pre\_swap** If true, do an interruptible wait, and **state** is the new state. Otherwise **state** is the old state.

## Description

For implicit sync, driver should fish the exclusive fence out from the incoming fb's and stash it in the `drm_plane_state`. This is called after `drm_atomic_helper_swap_state()` so it uses the current plane state (and just uses the atomic state to find the changed planes)

Note that **pre\_swap** is needed since the point where we block for fences moves around depending upon whether an atomic commit is blocking or non-blocking. For non-blocking commit all waiting needs to happen after `drm_atomic_helper_swap_state()` is called, but for blocking commits we want to wait **before** we do anything that can't be easily rolled back. That is before we call `drm_atomic_helper_swap_state()`.

Returns zero if success or < 0 if `dma_fence_wait()` fails.

```
void drm_atomic_helper_wait_for_vblanks(struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_atomic_state
                                       *old_state)
    wait for vblank on crtcs
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* old\_state** atomic state object with old state structures

## Description

Helper to, after atomic commit, wait for vblanks on all effected crtcs (ie. before cleaning up old framebuffers using [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_cleanup\\_planes\(\)](#)). It will only wait on CRTC's where the framebuffers have actually changed to optimize for the legacy cursor and plane update use-case.

Drivers using the nonblocking commit tracking support initialized by calling [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_setup\\_commit\(\)](#) should look at [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_wait\\_for\\_flip\\_done\(\)](#) as an alternative.

```
void drm_atomic_helper_wait_for_flip_done(struct drm_device * dev, struct drm\_atomic\_state
                                         * old_state)
    wait for all page flips to be done
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* old\_state** atomic state object with old state structures

### Description

Helper to, after atomic commit, wait for page flips on all effected crtcs (ie. before cleaning up old framebuffers using [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_cleanup\\_planes\(\)](#)). Compared to [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_wait\\_for\\_vblanks\(\)](#) this waits for the completion of on all CRTC's, assuming that cursors-only updates are signalling their completion immediately (or using a different path).

This requires that drivers use the nonblocking commit tracking support initialized using [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_setup\\_commit\(\)](#).

```
void drm_atomic_helper_commit_tail(struct drm\_atomic\_state * old_state)
    commit atomic update to hardware
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* old\_state** atomic state object with old state structures

### Description

This is the default implementation for the [drm\\_mode\\_config\\_helper\\_funcs.atomic\\_commit\\_tail](#) hook, for drivers that do not support runtime\_pm or do not need the CRTC to be enabled to perform a commit. Otherwise, see [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_commit\\_tail\\_rpm\(\)](#).

Note that the default ordering of how the various stages are called is to match the legacy modeset helper library closest.

```
void drm_atomic_helper_commit_tail_rpm(struct drm\_atomic\_state * old_state)
    commit atomic update to hardware
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* old\_state** new modeset state to be committed

### Description

This is an alternative implementation for the [drm\\_mode\\_config\\_helper\\_funcs.atomic\\_commit\\_tail](#) hook, for drivers that support runtime\_pm or need the CRTC to be enabled to perform a commit. Otherwise, one should use the default implementation [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_commit\\_tail\(\)](#).

```
int drm_atomic_helper_async_check(struct drm_device * dev, struct drm\_atomic\_state * state)
    check if state can be committed asynchronously
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** the driver state object

### Description

This helper will check if it is possible to commit the state asynchronously. Async commits are not supposed to swap the states like normal sync commits but just do in-place changes on the current state.

It will return 0 if the commit can happen in an asynchronous fashion or error if not. Note that error just mean it can't be committed asynchronously, if it fails the commit should be treated like a normal synchronous commit.

```
void drm_atomic_helper_async_commit(struct drm_device * dev, struct drm_atomic_state * state)
    commit state asynchronously
```

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** the driver state object

#### Description

This function commits a state asynchronously, i.e., not vblank synchronized. It should be used on a state only when `drm_atomic_async_check()` succeeds. Async commits are not supposed to swap the states like normal sync commits, but just do in-place changes on the current state.

```
int drm_atomic_helper_commit(struct drm_device * dev, struct drm_atomic_state * state,
                             bool nonblock)
    commit validated state object
```

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** the driver state object

**bool nonblock** whether nonblocking behavior is requested.

#### Description

This function commits a with `drm_atomic_helper_check()` pre-validated state object. This can still fail when e.g. the framebuffer reservation fails. This function implements nonblocking commits, using `drm_atomic_helper_setup_commit()` and related functions.

Committing the actual hardware state is done through the `drm_mode_config_helper_funcs.atomic_commit_tail` callback, or it's default implementation `drm_atomic_helper_commit_tail()`.

#### Return

Zero for success or -errno.

```
int drm_atomic_helper_setup_commit(struct drm_atomic_state * state, bool nonblock)
    setup possibly nonblocking commit
```

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** new modeset state to be committed

**bool nonblock** whether nonblocking behavior is requested.

#### Description

This function prepares **state** to be used by the atomic helper's support for nonblocking commits. Drivers using the nonblocking commit infrastructure should always call this function from their `drm_mode_config_funcs.atomic_commit` hook.

To be able to use this support drivers need to use a few more helper functions. `drm_atomic_helper_wait_for_dependencies()` must be called before actually committing the hardware state, and for nonblocking commits this call must be placed in the async worker. See also `drm_atomic_helper_swap_state()` and it's stall parameter, for when a driver's commit hooks look at the `drm_crtc.state`, `drm_plane.state` or `drm_connector.state` pointer directly.

Completion of the hardware commit step must be signalled using `drm_atomic_helper_commit_hw_done()`. After this step the driver is not allowed to read or change any permanent software or hardware modeset state. The only exception is state protected by other means than `drm_modeset_lock` locks. Only the free standing **state** with pointers to the old state structures can be inspected, e.g. to clean up old buffers using `drm_atomic_helper_cleanup_planes()`.



At the very end, before cleaning up **state** drivers must call `drm_atomic_helper_commit_cleanup_done()`. This is all implemented by in `drm_atomic_helper_commit()`, giving drivers a complete and easy-to-use default implementation of the `atomic_commit()` hook.

The tracking of asynchronously executed and still pending commits is done using the core structure `drm_crtc_commit`.

By default there's no need to clean up resources allocated by this function explicitly: `drm_atomic_state_default_clear()` will take care of that automatically.

### Return

0 on success. -EBUSY when userspace schedules nonblocking commits too fast, -ENOMEM on allocation failures and -EINTR when a signal is pending.

void **drm\_atomic\_helper\_wait\_for\_dependencies**(struct `drm_atomic_state` \* *old\_state*)  
wait for required preceeding commits

### Parameters

**struct `drm_atomic_state` \* *old\_state*** atomic state object with old state structures

### Description

This function waits for all preceeding commits that touch the same CRTC as **old\_state** to both be committed to the hardware (as signalled by `drm_atomic_helper_commit_hw_done`) and executed by the hardware (as signalled by calling `drm_crtc_send_vblank_event()` on the `drm_crtc_state.event`).

This is part of the atomic helper support for nonblocking commits, see `drm_atomic_helper_setup_commit()` for an overview.

void **drm\_atomic\_helper\_commit\_hw\_done**(struct `drm_atomic_state` \* *old\_state*)  
setup possible nonblocking commit

### Parameters

**struct `drm_atomic_state` \* *old\_state*** atomic state object with old state structures

### Description

This function is used to signal completion of the hardware commit step. After this step the driver is not allowed to read or change any permanent software or hardware modeset state. The only exception is state protected by other means than `drm_modeset_lock` locks.

Drivers should try to postpone any expensive or delayed cleanup work after this function is called.

This is part of the atomic helper support for nonblocking commits, see `drm_atomic_helper_setup_commit()` for an overview.

void **drm\_atomic\_helper\_commit\_cleanup\_done**(struct `drm_atomic_state` \* *old\_state*)  
signal completion of commit

### Parameters

**struct `drm_atomic_state` \* *old\_state*** atomic state object with old state structures

### Description

This signals completion of the atomic update **old\_state**, including any cleanup work. If used, it must be called right before calling `drm_atomic_state_put()`.

This is part of the atomic helper support for nonblocking commits, see `drm_atomic_helper_setup_commit()` for an overview.

int **drm\_atomic\_helper\_prepare\_planes**(struct `drm_device` \* *dev*, struct `drm_atomic_state` \* *state*)  
prepare plane resources before commit

### Parameters

**struct `drm_device` \* *dev*** DRM device



**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** atomic state object with new state structures

### Description

This function prepares plane state, specifically framebuffers, for the new configuration, by calling `drm_plane_helper_funcs.prepare_fb`. If any failure is encountered this function will call `drm_plane_helper_funcs.cleanup_fb` on any already successfully prepared framebuffer.

### Return

0 on success, negative error code on failure.

```
void drm_atomic_helper_commit_planes(struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_atomic_state
                                   *old_state, uint32_t flags)
    commit plane state
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* old\_state** atomic state object with old state structures

**uint32\_t flags** flags for committing plane state

### Description

This function commits the new plane state using the plane and atomic helper functions for planes and crtcs. It assumes that the atomic state has already been pushed into the relevant object state pointers, since this step can no longer fail.

It still requires the global state object **old\_state** to know which planes and crtcs need to be updated though.

Note that this function does all plane updates across all CRTCs in one step. If the hardware can't support this approach look at `drm_atomic_helper_commit_planes_on_crtc()` instead.

Plane parameters can be updated by applications while the associated CRTC is disabled. The DRM/KMS core will store the parameters in the plane state, which will be available to the driver when the CRTC is turned on. As a result most drivers don't need to be immediately notified of plane updates for a disabled CRTC.

Unless otherwise needed, drivers are advised to set the **ACTIVE\_ONLY** flag in **flags** in order not to receive plane update notifications related to a disabled CRTC. This avoids the need to manually ignore plane updates in driver code when the driver and/or hardware can't or just don't need to deal with updates on disabled CRTCs, for example when supporting runtime PM.

Drivers may set the **NO\_DISABLE\_AFTER\_MODESET** flag in **flags** if the relevant display controllers require to disable a CRTC's planes when the CRTC is disabled. This function would skip the `drm_plane_helper_funcs.atomic_disable` call for a plane if the CRTC of the old plane state needs a modesetting operation. Of course, the drivers need to disable the planes in their CRTC disable callbacks since no one else would do that.

The `drm_atomic_helper_commit()` default implementation doesn't set the **ACTIVE\_ONLY** flag to most closely match the behaviour of the legacy helpers. This should not be copied blindly by drivers.

```
void drm_atomic_helper_commit_planes_on_crtc(struct drm_crtc_state *old_crtc_state)
    commit plane state for a crtc
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc\_state \* old\_crtc\_state** atomic state object with the old crtc state

### Description

This function commits the new plane state using the plane and atomic helper functions for planes on the specific crtc. It assumes that the atomic state has already been pushed into the relevant object state pointers, since this step can no longer fail.

This function is useful when plane updates should be done crtc-by-crtc instead of one global step like `drm_atomic_helper_commit_planes()` does.

This function can only be safely used when planes are not allowed to move between different CRTC's because this function doesn't handle inter-CRTC dependencies. Callers need to ensure that either no such dependencies exist, resolve them through ordering of commit calls or through some other means.

```
void drm_atomic_helper_disable_planes_on_crtc(struct drm_crtc_state *old_crtc_state,  
                                              bool atomic)
```

helper to disable CRTC's planes

### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc\_state \* old\_crtc\_state** atomic state object with the old CRTC state

**bool atomic** if set, synchronize with CRTC's atomic\_begin/flush hooks

### Description

Disables all planes associated with the given CRTC. This can be used for instance in the CRTC helper `atomic_disable` callback to disable all planes.

If the atomic-parameter is set the function calls the CRTC's `atomic_begin` hook before and `atomic_flush` hook after disabling the planes.

It is a bug to call this function without having implemented the `drm_plane_helper_funcs.atomic_disable` plane hook.

```
void drm_atomic_helper_cleanup_planes(struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_atomic_state  
                                      *old_state)
```

cleanup plane resources after commit

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* old\_state** atomic state object with old state structures

### Description

This function cleans up plane state, specifically framebuffers, from the old configuration. Hence the old configuration must be preserved in **old\_state** to be able to call this function.

This function must also be called on the new state when the atomic update fails at any point after calling `drm_atomic_helper_prepare_planes()`.

```
int drm_atomic_helper_swap_state(struct drm_atomic_state *state, bool stall)
```

store atomic state into current sw state

### Parameters

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** atomic state

**bool stall** stall for preceeding commits

### Description

This function stores the atomic state into the current state pointers in all driver objects. It should be called after all failing steps have been done and succeeded, but before the actual hardware state is committed.

For cleanup and error recovery the current state for all changed objects will be swapped into **state**.

With that sequence it fits perfectly into the plane prepare/cleanup sequence:

1. Call `drm_atomic_helper_prepare_planes()` with the staged atomic state.
2. Do any other steps that might fail.
3. Put the staged state into the current state pointers with this function.
4. Actually commit the hardware state.
5. Call `drm_atomic_helper_cleanup_planes()` with **state**, which since step 3 contains the old state. Also do any other cleanup required with that state.

**stall** must be set when nonblocking commits for this driver directly access the `drm_plane.state`, `drm_crtc.state` or `drm_connector.state` pointer. With the current atomic helpers this is almost always the case, since the helpers don't pass the right state structures to the callbacks.

### Return

Returns 0 on success. Can return -ERESTARTSYS when **stall** is true and the waiting for the previous commits has been interrupted.

```
int drm_atomic_helper_update_plane(struct drm_plane *plane, struct drm_crtc *crtc,
                                   struct drm_framebuffer *fb, int crtc_x, int crtc_y,
                                   unsigned int crtc_w, unsigned int crtc_h, uint32_t src_x,
                                   uint32_t src_y, uint32_t src_w, uint32_t src_h, struct
                                   drm_modeset_acquire_ctx *ctx)
```

Helper for primary plane update using atomic

### Parameters

**struct drm\_plane \* plane** plane object to update  
**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** owning CRTC of owning plane  
**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** framebuffer to flip onto plane  
**int crtc\_x** x offset of primary plane on crtc  
**int crtc\_y** y offset of primary plane on crtc  
**unsigned int crtc\_w** width of primary plane rectangle on crtc  
**unsigned int crtc\_h** height of primary plane rectangle on crtc  
**uint32\_t src\_x** x offset of **fb** for panning  
**uint32\_t src\_y** y offset of **fb** for panning  
**uint32\_t src\_w** width of source rectangle in **fb**  
**uint32\_t src\_h** height of source rectangle in **fb**  
**struct drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx \* ctx** lock acquire context

### Description

Provides a default plane update handler using the atomic driver interface.

### Return

Zero on success, error code on failure

```
int drm_atomic_helper_disable_plane(struct drm_plane *plane, struct drm_modeset_acquire_ctx
                                   *ctx)
```

Helper for primary plane disable using \*atomic

### Parameters

**struct drm\_plane \* plane** plane to disable  
**struct drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx \* ctx** lock acquire context

### Description

Provides a default plane disable handler using the atomic driver interface.

### Return

Zero on success, error code on failure

```
int drm_atomic_helper_set_config(struct drm_mode_set *set, struct drm_modeset_acquire_ctx
                                *ctx)
```

set a new config from userspace

### Parameters

**struct drm\_mode\_set \* set** mode set configuration

**struct drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx \* ctx** lock acquisition context

### Description

Provides a default crtc set\_config handler using the atomic driver interface.

### NOTE

For backwards compatibility with old userspace this automatically resets the “link-status” property to GOOD, to force any link re-training. The SETCRTC ioctl does not define whether an update does need a full modeset or just a plane update, hence we're allowed to do that. See also [drm\\_mode\\_connector\\_set\\_link\\_status\\_property\(\)](#).

### Return

Returns 0 on success, negative errno numbers on failure.

int **drm\_atomic\_helper\_disable\_all**(struct drm\_device \* dev, struct [drm\\_modeset\\_acquire\\_ctx](#) \* ctx)  
disable all currently active outputs

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx \* ctx** lock acquisition context

### Description

Loops through all connectors, finding those that aren't turned off and then turns them off by setting their DPMS mode to OFF and deactivating the CRTC that they are connected to.

This is used for example in suspend/resume to disable all currently active functions when suspending. If you just want to shut down everything at e.g. driver unload, look at [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_shutdown\(\)](#).

Note that if callers haven't already acquired all modeset locks this might return -EDEADLK, which must be handled by calling [drm\\_modeset\\_backoff\(\)](#).

### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

See also: [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_suspend\(\)](#), [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_resume\(\)](#) and [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_shutdown\(\)](#).

void **drm\_atomic\_helper\_shutdown**(struct drm\_device \* dev)  
shutdown all CRTC

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

### Description

This shuts down all CRTC, which is useful for driver unloading. Shutdown on suspend should instead be handled with [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_suspend\(\)](#), since that also takes a snapshot of the modeset state to be restored on resume.

This is just a convenience wrapper around [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_disable\\_all\(\)](#), and it is the atomic version of [drm\\_crtc\\_force\\_disable\\_all\(\)](#).

struct [drm\\_atomic\\_state](#) \* **drm\_atomic\_helper\_suspend**(struct drm\_device \* dev)  
subsystem-level suspend helper

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

## Description

Duplicates the current atomic state, disables all active outputs and then returns a pointer to the original atomic state to the caller. Drivers can pass this pointer to the `drm_atomic_helper_resume()` helper upon resume to restore the output configuration that was active at the time the system entered suspend.

Note that it is potentially unsafe to use this. The atomic state object returned by this function is assumed to be persistent. Drivers must ensure that this holds true. Before calling this function, drivers must make sure to suspend fbdev emulation so that nothing can be using the device.

## Return

A pointer to a copy of the state before suspend on success or an `ERR_PTR()`-encoded error code on failure. Drivers should store the returned atomic state object and pass it to the `drm_atomic_helper_resume()` helper upon resume.

See also: `drm_atomic_helper_duplicate_state()`, `drm_atomic_helper_disable_all()`, `drm_atomic_helper_resume()`, `drm_atomic_helper_commit_duplicated_state()`

```
int drm_atomic_helper_commit_duplicated_state(struct drm_atomic_state *state, struct
                                             drm_modeset_acquire_ctx *ctx)
    commit duplicated state
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** duplicated atomic state to commit

**struct drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx \* ctx** pointer to acquire\_ctx to use for commit.

## Description

The state returned by `drm_atomic_helper_duplicate_state()` and `drm_atomic_helper_suspend()` is partially invalid, and needs to be fixed up before commit.

## Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

See also: `drm_atomic_helper_suspend()`

```
int drm_atomic_helper_resume(struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_atomic_state *state)
    subsystem-level resume helper
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** atomic state to resume to

## Description

Calls `drm_mode_config_reset()` to synchronize hardware and software states, grabs all mode-set locks and commits the atomic state object. This can be used in conjunction with the `drm_atomic_helper_suspend()` helper to implement suspend/resume for drivers that support atomic mode-setting.

## Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

See also: `drm_atomic_helper_suspend()`

```
int drm_atomic_helper_page_flip(struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct drm_framebuffer *fb, struct
                               drm_pending_vblank_event *event, uint32_t flags, struct
                               drm_modeset_acquire_ctx *ctx)
    execute a legacy page flip
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** DRM crtc

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** DRM framebuffer

**struct drm\_pending\_vblank\_event \* event** optional DRM event to signal upon completion

**uint32\_t flags** flip flags for non-vblank sync'ed updates

**struct drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx \* ctx** lock acquisition context

### Description

Provides a default *drm\_crtc\_funcs.page\_flip* implementation using the atomic driver interface.

### Return

Returns 0 on success, negative errno numbers on failure.

See also: *drm\_atomic\_helper\_page\_flip\_target()*

```
int drm_atomic_helper_page_flip_target(struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct drm_framebuffer
                                     *fb, struct drm_pending_vblank_event
                                     *event, uint32_t flags, uint32_t target, struct
                                     drm_modeset_acquire_ctx *ctx)
```

do page flip on target vblank period.

### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** DRM crtc

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** DRM framebuffer

**struct drm\_pending\_vblank\_event \* event** optional DRM event to signal upon completion

**uint32\_t flags** flip flags for non-vblank sync'ed updates

**uint32\_t target** specifying the target vblank period when the flip to take effect

**struct drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx \* ctx** lock acquisition context

### Description

Provides a default *drm\_crtc\_funcs.page\_flip\_target* implementation. Similar to *drm\_atomic\_helper\_page\_flip()* with extra parameter to specify target vblank period to flip.

### Return

Returns 0 on success, negative errno numbers on failure.

```
struct drm_encoder *drm_atomic_helper_best_encoder(struct drm_connector *connector)
Helper for drm_connector_helper_funcs.best_encoder callback
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** Connector control structure

### Description

This is a *drm\_connector\_helper\_funcs.best\_encoder* callback helper for connectors that support exactly 1 encoder, statically determined at driver init time.

```
void drm_atomic_helper_crtc_reset(struct drm_crtc *crtc)
default drm_crtc_funcs.reset hook for CRTCs
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** drm CRTC

### Description

Resets the atomic state for **crtc** by freeing the state pointer (which might be NULL, e.g. at driver load time) and allocating a new empty state object.

```
void __drm_atomic_helper_crtc_duplicate_state(struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct drm_crtc_state
                                             *state)
copy atomic CRTC state
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** CRTC object

**struct drm\_crtc\_state \* state** atomic CRTC state

### Description

Copies atomic state from a CRTC's current state and resets inferred values. This is useful for drivers that subclass the CRTC state.

struct [drm\\_crtc\\_state](#) \* **drm\_atomic\_helper\_crtc\_duplicate\_state**(struct [drm\\_crtc](#) \* crtc)  
default state duplicate hook

### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** drm CRTC

### Description

Default CRTC state duplicate hook for drivers which don't have their own subclassed CRTC state structure.

void **\_\_drm\_atomic\_helper\_crtc\_destroy\_state**(struct [drm\\_crtc\\_state](#) \* state)  
release CRTC state

### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc\_state \* state** CRTC state object to release

### Description

Releases all resources stored in the CRTC state without actually freeing the memory of the CRTC state. This is useful for drivers that subclass the CRTC state.

void **drm\_atomic\_helper\_crtc\_destroy\_state**(struct [drm\\_crtc](#) \* crtc, struct [drm\\_crtc\\_state](#) \* state)  
default state destroy hook

### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** drm CRTC

**struct drm\_crtc\_state \* state** CRTC state object to release

### Description

Default CRTC state destroy hook for drivers which don't have their own subclassed CRTC state structure.

void **drm\_atomic\_helper\_plane\_reset**(struct [drm\\_plane](#) \* plane)  
default [drm\\_plane\\_funcs.reset](#) hook for planes

### Parameters

**struct drm\_plane \* plane** drm plane

### Description

Resets the atomic state for **plane** by freeing the state pointer (which might be NULL, e.g. at driver load time) and allocating a new empty state object.

void **\_\_drm\_atomic\_helper\_plane\_duplicate\_state**(struct [drm\\_plane](#) \* plane, struct [drm\\_plane\\_state](#) \* state)  
copy atomic plane state

### Parameters

**struct drm\_plane \* plane** plane object

**struct drm\_plane\_state \* state** atomic plane state

### Description

Copies atomic state from a plane's current state. This is useful for drivers that subclass the plane state.

```
struct drm_plane_state * drm_atomic_helper_plane_duplicate_state(struct drm_plane * plane)  
    default state duplicate hook
```

**Parameters**

**struct *drm\_plane* \* *plane*** drm plane

**Description**

Default plane state duplicate hook for drivers which don't have their own subclassed plane state structure.

```
void __drm_atomic_helper_plane_destroy_state(struct drm_plane_state * state)  
    release plane state
```

**Parameters**

**struct *drm\_plane\_state* \* *state*** plane state object to release

**Description**

Releases all resources stored in the plane state without actually freeing the memory of the plane state. This is useful for drivers that subclass the plane state.

```
void drm_atomic_helper_plane_destroy_state(struct drm_plane * plane, struct drm_plane_state  
                                           * state)  
    default state destroy hook
```

**Parameters**

**struct *drm\_plane* \* *plane*** drm plane

**struct *drm\_plane\_state* \* *state*** plane state object to release

**Description**

Default plane state destroy hook for drivers which don't have their own subclassed plane state structure.

```
void __drm_atomic_helper_connector_reset(struct drm_connector * connector, struct  
                                         drm_connector_state * conn_state)  
    reset state on connector
```

**Parameters**

**struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*** drm connector

**struct *drm\_connector\_state* \* *conn\_state*** connector state to assign

**Description**

Initializes the newly allocated **conn\_state** and assigns it to the *drm\_connector->state* pointer of **connector**, usually required when initializing the drivers or when called from the *drm\_connector\_funcs.reset* hook.

This is useful for drivers that subclass the connector state.

```
void drm_atomic_helper_connector_reset(struct drm_connector * connector)  
    default drm_connector_funcs.reset hook for connectors
```

**Parameters**

**struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*** drm connector

**Description**

Resets the atomic state for **connector** by freeing the state pointer (which might be NULL, e.g. at driver load time) and allocating a new empty state object.

```
void __drm_atomic_helper_connector_duplicate_state(struct drm_connector * connector,  
                                                  struct drm_connector_state * state)  
    copy atomic connector state
```



### Parameters

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** connector object

**struct drm\_connector\_state \* state** atomic connector state

### Description

Copies atomic state from a connector's current state. This is useful for drivers that subclass the connector state.

```
struct drm_connector_state * drm_atomic_helper_connector_duplicate_state(struct
                                                                    drm_connector
                                                                    * connector)
    default state duplicate hook
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** drm connector

### Description

Default connector state duplicate hook for drivers which don't have their own subclassed connector state structure.

```
struct drm_atomic_state * drm_atomic_helper_duplicate_state(struct drm_device * dev, struct
                                                                    drm_modeset_acquire_ctx
                                                                    * ctx)
    duplicate an atomic state object
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx \* ctx** lock acquisition context

### Description

Makes a copy of the current atomic state by looping over all objects and duplicating their respective states. This is used for example by suspend/ resume support code to save the state prior to suspend such that it can be restored upon resume.

Note that this treats atomic state as persistent between save and restore. Drivers must make sure that this is possible and won't result in confusion or erroneous behaviour.

Note that if callers haven't already acquired all modeset locks this might return -EDEADLK, which must be handled by calling *drm\_modeset\_backoff()*.

### Return

A pointer to the copy of the atomic state object on success or an ERR\_PTR() -encoded error code on failure.

See also: *drm\_atomic\_helper\_suspend()*, *drm\_atomic\_helper\_resume()*

```
void __drm_atomic_helper_connector_destroy_state(struct drm_connector_state * state)
    release connector state
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_connector\_state \* state** connector state object to release

### Description

Releases all resources stored in the connector state without actually freeing the memory of the connector state. This is useful for drivers that subclass the connector state.

```
void drm_atomic_helper_connector_destroy_state(struct drm_connector * connector, struct
                                                                    drm_connector_state * state)
    default state destroy hook
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** drm connector

**struct drm\_connector\_state \* state** connector state object to release

### Description

Default connector state destroy hook for drivers which don't have their own subclassed connector state structure.

int **drm\_atomic\_helper\_legacy\_gamma\_set**(struct *drm\_crtc* \* *crtc*, u16 \* *red*, u16 \* *green*, u16 \* *blue*, uint32\_t *size*, struct *drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx* \* *ctx*)

set the legacy gamma correction table

### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** CRTC object

**u16 \* red** red correction table

**u16 \* green** green correction table

**u16 \* blue** green correction table

**uint32\_t size** size of the tables

**struct drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx \* ctx** lock acquire context

### Description

Implements support for legacy gamma correction table for drivers that support color management through the DEGAMMA\_LUT/GAMMA\_LUT properties. See *drm\_crtc\_enable\_color\_mgmt()* and the containing chapter for how the atomic color management and gamma tables work.

void **\_\_drm\_atomic\_helper\_private\_obj\_duplicate\_state**(struct *drm\_private\_obj* \* *obj*, struct *drm\_private\_state* \* *state*)

copy atomic private state

### Parameters

**struct drm\_private\_obj \* obj** CRTC object

**struct drm\_private\_state \* state** new private object state

### Description

Copies atomic state from a private objects's current state and resets inferred values. This is useful for drivers that subclass the private state.

## Simple KMS Helper Reference

This helper library provides helpers for drivers for simple display hardware.

*drm\_simple\_display\_pipe\_init()* initializes a simple display pipeline which has only one full-screen scanout buffer feeding one output. The pipeline is represented by *struct drm\_simple\_display\_pipe* and binds together *drm\_plane*, *drm\_crtc* and *drm\_encoder* structures into one fixed entity. Some flexibility for code reuse is provided through a separately allocated *drm\_connector* object and supporting optional *drm\_bridge* encoder drivers.

**struct drm\_simple\_display\_pipe\_funcs**  
helper operations for a simple display pipeline

### Definition

```
struct drm_simple_display_pipe_funcs {
    void (*enable)(struct drm_simple_display_pipe *pipe, struct drm_crtc_state *crtc_state);
    void (*disable)(struct drm_simple_display_pipe *pipe);
    int (*check)(struct drm_simple_display_pipe *pipe, struct drm_plane_state *plane_state, struct drm_crtc_state *crtc_state);
}
```

```
void (*update)(struct drm_simple_display_pipe *pipe, struct drm_plane_state *old_plane_state);
int (*prepare_fb)(struct drm_simple_display_pipe *pipe, struct drm_plane_state *plane_state);
void (*cleanup_fb)(struct drm_simple_display_pipe *pipe, struct drm_plane_state *plane_state);
};
```

## Members

**enable** This function should be used to enable the pipeline. It is called when the underlying crtc is enabled. This hook is optional.

**disable** This function should be used to disable the pipeline. It is called when the underlying crtc is disabled. This hook is optional.

**check** This function is called in the check phase of an atomic update, specifically when the underlying plane is checked. The simple display pipeline helpers already check that the plane is not scaled, fills the entire visible area and is always enabled when the crtc is also enabled. This hook is optional.

RETURNS:

0 on success, -EINVAL if the state or the transition can't be supported, -ENOMEM on memory allocation failure and -EDEADLK if an attempt to obtain another state object ran into a [drm\\_modeset\\_lock](#) deadlock.

**update** This function is called when the underlying plane state is updated. This hook is optional.

This is the function drivers should submit the [drm\\_pending\\_vblank\\_event](#) from. Using either [drm\\_crtc\\_arm\\_vblank\\_event\(\)](#), when the driver supports vblank interrupt handling, or [drm\\_crtc\\_send\\_vblank\\_event\(\)](#) directly in case the hardware lacks vblank support entirely.

**prepare\_fb** Optional, called by [drm\\_plane\\_helper\\_funcs.prepare\\_fb](#). Please read the documentation for the [drm\\_plane\\_helper\\_funcs.prepare\\_fb](#) hook for more details.

**cleanup\_fb** Optional, called by [drm\\_plane\\_helper\\_funcs.cleanup\\_fb](#). Please read the documentation for the [drm\\_plane\\_helper\\_funcs.cleanup\\_fb](#) hook for more details.

struct **drm\_simple\_display\_pipe**  
simple display pipeline

## Definition

```
struct drm_simple_display_pipe {
    struct drm_crtc crtc;
    struct drm_plane plane;
    struct drm_encoder encoder;
    struct drm_connector *connector;
    const struct drm_simple_display_pipe_funcs *funcs;
};
```

## Members

**crtc** CRTC control structure

**plane** Plane control structure

**encoder** Encoder control structure

**connector** Connector control structure

**funcs** Pipeline control functions (optional)

## Description

Simple display pipeline with plane, crtc and encoder collapsed into one entity. It should be initialized by calling [drm\\_simple\\_display\\_pipe\\_init\(\)](#).

```
int drm_simple_display_pipe_attach_bridge(struct drm\_simple\_display\_pipe *pipe, struct drm\_bridge *bridge)
```

Attach a bridge to the display pipe

### Parameters

**struct drm\_simple\_display\_pipe \* pipe** simple display pipe object

**struct drm\_bridge \* bridge** bridge to attach

### Description

Makes it possible to still use the `drm_simple_display_pipe` helpers when a DRM bridge has to be used.

Note that you probably want to initialize the pipe by passing a NULL connector to `drm_simple_display_pipe_init()`.

### Return

Zero on success, negative error code on failure.

```
int drm_simple_display_pipe_init(struct drm_device * dev, struct drm_simple_display_pipe
                                * pipe, const struct drm_simple_display_pipe_funcs * funcs,
                                const uint32_t * formats, unsigned int format_count, const
                                uint64_t * format_modifiers, struct drm_connector * connector)
```

Initialize a simple display pipeline

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_simple\_display\_pipe \* pipe** simple display pipe object to initialize

**const struct drm\_simple\_display\_pipe\_funcs \* funcs** callbacks for the display pipe (optional)

**const uint32\_t \* formats** array of supported formats (DRM\_FORMAT\_\*)

**unsigned int format\_count** number of elements in **formats**

**const uint64\_t \* format\_modifiers** array of formats modifiers

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** connector to attach and register (optional)

### Description

Sets up a display pipeline which consist of a really simple plane-crtc-encoder pipe.

If a connector is supplied, the pipe will be coupled with the provided connector. You may supply a NULL connector when using drm bridges, that handle connectors themselves (see `drm_simple_display_pipe_attach_bridge()`).

Tear down of a simple display pipe is all handled automatically by the drm core through calling `drm_mode_config_cleanup()`. Drivers afterwards need to release the memory for the structure themselves.

### Return

Zero on success, negative error code on failure.

## fbdev Helper Functions Reference

The fb helper functions are useful to provide an fbdev on top of a drm kernel mode setting driver. They can be used mostly independently from the crtc helper functions used by many drivers to implement the kernel mode setting interfaces.

Setup fbdev emulation by calling `drm_fb_helper_fbdev_setup()` and tear it down by calling `drm_fb_helper_fbdev_tear down()`.

Drivers that need to handle connector hotplugging (e.g. dp mst) can't use the setup helper and will need to do the whole four-step setup process with `drm_fb_helper_prepare()`,

`drm_fb_helper_init()`, `drm_fb_helper_single_add_all_connectors()`, enable hotplugging and `drm_fb_helper_initial_config()` to avoid a possible race window.

At runtime drivers should restore the fbdev console by using `drm_fb_helper_lastclose()` as their `drm_driver.lastclose` callback. They should also notify the fb helper code from updates to the output configuration by using `drm_fb_helper_output_poll_changed()` as their `drm_mode_config_funcs.output_poll_changed` callback.

For suspend/resume consider using `drm_mode_config_helper_suspend()` and `drm_mode_config_helper_resume()` which takes care of fbdev as well.

All other functions exported by the fb helper library can be used to implement the fbdev driver interface by the driver.

It is possible, though perhaps somewhat tricky, to implement race-free hotplug detection using the fbdev helpers. The `drm_fb_helper_prepare()` helper must be called first to initialize the minimum required to make hotplug detection work. Drivers also need to make sure to properly set up the `drm_mode_config_funcs` member. After calling `drm_kms_helper_poll_init()` it is safe to enable interrupts and start processing hotplug events. At the same time, drivers should initialize all mode-set objects such as CRTC, encoders and connectors. To finish up the fbdev helper initialization, the `drm_fb_helper_init()` function is called. To probe for all attached displays and set up an initial configuration using the detected hardware, drivers should call `drm_fb_helper_single_add_all_connectors()` followed by `drm_fb_helper_initial_config()`.

If `drm_framebuffer_funcs.dirty` is set, the `drm_fb_helper_{cfb,sys}_{write,fillrect,copyarea,imageblit}` functions will accumulate changes and schedule `drm_fb_helper.dirty_work` to run right away. This worker then calls the `dirty()` function ensuring that it will always run in process context since the `fb_*()` function could be running in atomic context. If `drm_fb_helper_deferred_io()` is used as the `deferred_io` callback it will also schedule `dirty_work` with the damage collected from the mmap page writes. Drivers can use `drm_fb_helper_defio_init()` to setup deferred I/O (coupled with `drm_fb_helper_fbdev_tearardown()`).

struct **drm\_fb\_helper\_surface\_size**  
describes fbdev size and scanout surface size

### Definition

```
struct drm_fb_helper_surface_size {
    u32 fb_width;
    u32 fb_height;
    u32 surface_width;
    u32 surface_height;
    u32 surface_bpp;
    u32 surface_depth;
};
```

### Members

**fb\_width** fbdev width

**fb\_height** fbdev height

**surface\_width** scanout buffer width

**surface\_height** scanout buffer height

**surface\_bpp** scanout buffer bpp

**surface\_depth** scanout buffer depth

### Description

Note that the scanout surface width/height may be larger than the fbdev width/height. In case of multiple displays, the scanout surface is sized according to the largest width/height (so it is large enough for all CRTC to scanout). But the fbdev width/height is sized to the minimum width/ height of all the displays. This ensures that fbcon fits on the smallest of the attached displays.

So what is passed to `drm_fb_helper_fill_var()` should be fb\_width/fb\_height, rather than the surface size.

struct **drm\_fb\_helper\_funcs**  
driver callbacks for the fbdev emulation library

### Definition

```
struct drm_fb_helper_funcs {
    int (*fb_probe)(struct drm_fb_helper *helper, struct drm_fb_helper_surface_size *sizes);
    bool (*initial_config)(struct drm_fb_helper *fb_helper, struct drm_fb_helper_crtc **crtcs, struct drm_device *dev);
};
```

### Members

**fb\_probe** Driver callback to allocate and initialize the fbdev info structure. Furthermore it also needs to allocate the DRM framebuffer used to back the fbdev.

This callback is mandatory.

RETURNS:

The driver should return 0 on success and a negative error code on failure.

**initial\_config** Driver callback to setup an initial fbdev display configuration. Drivers can use this callback to tell the fbdev emulation what the preferred initial configuration is. This is useful to implement smooth booting where the fbdev (and subsequently all userspace) never changes the mode, but always inherits the existing configuration.

This callback is optional.

RETURNS:

The driver should return true if a suitable initial configuration has been filled out and false when the fbdev helper should fall back to the default probing logic.

### Description

Driver callbacks used by the fbdev emulation helper library.

struct **drm\_fb\_helper**  
main structure to emulate fbdev on top of KMS

### Definition

```
struct drm_fb_helper {
    struct drm_framebuffer *fb;
    struct drm_device *dev;
    int crtc_count;
    struct drm_fb_helper_crtc *crtc_info;
    int connector_count;
    int connector_info_alloc_count;
    int sw_rotations;
    struct drm_fb_helper_connector **connector_info;
    const struct drm_fb_helper_funcs *funcs;
    struct fb_info *fbdev;
    u32 pseudo_palette[17];
    struct drm_clip_rect dirty_clip;
    spinlock_t dirty_lock;
    struct work_struct dirty_work;
    struct work_struct resume_work;
    struct mutex lock;
    struct list_head kernel_fb_list;
    bool delayed_hotplug;
    bool deferred_setup;
    int preferred_bpp;
};
```

## Members

**fb** Scanout framebuffer object

**dev** DRM device

**crtc\_count** number of possible CRTCs

**crtc\_info** per-CRTC helper state (mode, x/y offset, etc)

**connector\_count** number of connected connectors

**connector\_info\_alloc\_count** size of **connector\_info**

**sw\_rotations** Bitmask of all rotations requested for panel-orientation which could not be handled in hardware. If only one bit is set **fbdev->fbcon\_rotate\_hint** gets set to the requested rotation.

**connector\_info** Array of per-connector information. Do not iterate directly, but use **drm\_fb\_helper\_for\_each\_connector**.

**funcs** driver callbacks for fb helper

**fbdev** emulated fbdev device info struct

**pseudo\_palette** fake palette of 16 colors

**dirty\_clip** clip rectangle used with **deferred\_io** to accumulate damage to the screen buffer

**dirty\_lock** spinlock protecting **dirty\_clip**

**dirty\_work** worker used to flush the framebuffer

**resume\_work** worker used during resume if the console lock is already taken

**lock** Top-level FBDEV helper lock. This protects all internal data structures and lists, such as **connector\_info** and **crtc\_info**.

FIXME: fbdev emulation locking is a mess and long term we want to protect all helper internal state with this lock as well as reduce core KMS locking as much as possible.

**kernel\_fb\_list** Entry on the global **kernel\_fb\_helper\_list**, used for kgdb entry/exit.

**delayed\_hotplug** A hotplug was received while fbdev wasn't in control of the DRM device, i.e. another KMS master was active. The output configuration needs to be reprobe when fbdev is in control again.

**deferred\_setup** If no outputs are connected (disconnected or unknown) the FB helper code will defer setup until at least one of the outputs shows up. This field keeps track of the status so that setup can be retried at every hotplug event until it succeeds eventually.

Protected by **lock**.

**preferred\_bpp** Temporary storage for the driver's preferred BPP setting passed to FB helper initialization. This needs to be tracked so that deferred FB helper setup can pass this on.

See also: **deferred\_setup**

## Description

This is the main structure used by the fbdev helpers. Drivers supporting fbdev emulation should embedded this into their overall driver structure. Drivers must also fill out a *struct **drm\_fb\_helper\_funcs*** with a few operations.

**DRM\_FB\_HELPER\_DEFAULT\_OPS()**  
helper define for drm drivers

## Parameters

### Description

Helper define to register default implementations of **drm\_fb\_helper** functions. To be used in struct **fb\_ops** of drm drivers.

int **drm\_fb\_helper\_single\_add\_all\_connectors**(struct *drm\_fb\_helper* \* *fb\_helper*)  
add all connectors to fbdev emulation helper

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_fb\_helper \* fb\_helper** fbdev initialized with `drm_fb_helper_init`, can be NULL

#### Description

This functions adds all the available connectors for use with the given *fb\_helper*. This is a separate step to allow drivers to freely assign connectors to the fbdev, e.g. if some are reserved for special purposes or not adequate to be used for the fbcon.

This function is protected against concurrent connector hotadds/removals using `drm_fb_helper_add_one_connector()` and `drm_fb_helper_remove_one_connector()`.

int **drm\_fb\_helper\_debug\_enter**(struct fb\_info \* *info*)  
implementation for `fb_ops.fb_debug_enter`

#### Parameters

**struct fb\_info \* info** fbdev registered by the helper

int **drm\_fb\_helper\_debug\_leave**(struct fb\_info \* *info*)  
implementation for `fb_ops.fb_debug_leave`

#### Parameters

**struct fb\_info \* info** fbdev registered by the helper

int **drm\_fb\_helper\_restore\_fbdev\_mode\_unlocked**(struct *drm\_fb\_helper* \* *fb\_helper*)  
restore fbdev configuration

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_fb\_helper \* fb\_helper** driver-allocated fbdev helper, can be NULL

#### Description

This should be called from driver's `drm_driver.lastclose` callback when implementing an fbcon on top of kms using this helper. This ensures that the user isn't greeted with a black screen when e.g. X dies.

#### Return

Zero if everything went ok, negative error code otherwise.

int **drm\_fb\_helper\_blank**(int *blank*, struct fb\_info \* *info*)  
implementation for `fb_ops.fb_blank`

#### Parameters

**int blank** desired blanking state

**struct fb\_info \* info** fbdev registered by the helper

void **drm\_fb\_helper\_prepare**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*, struct *drm\_fb\_helper* \* *helper*, const struct *drm\_fb\_helper\_funcs* \* *funcs*)  
setup a `drm_fb_helper` structure

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_fb\_helper \* helper** driver-allocated fbdev helper structure to set up

**const struct drm\_fb\_helper\_funcs \* funcs** pointer to structure of functions associate with this helper

#### Description

Sets up the bare minimum to make the framebuffer helper usable. This is useful to implement race-free initialization of the polling helpers.



```
int drm_fb_helper_init(struct drm_device *dev, struct drm_fb_helper *fb_helper,
                      int max_conn_count)
    initialize a struct drm_fb_helper
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm device

**struct drm\_fb\_helper \* fb\_helper** driver-allocated fbdev helper structure to initialize

**int max\_conn\_count** max connector count

### Description

This allocates the structures for the fbdev helper with the given limits. Note that this won't yet touch the hardware (through the driver interfaces) nor register the fbdev. This is only done in **drm\_fb\_helper\_initial\_config()** to allow driver writes more control over the exact init sequence.

Drivers must call **drm\_fb\_helper\_prepare()** before calling this function.

### Return

Zero if everything went ok, nonzero otherwise.

```
struct fb_info * drm_fb_helper_alloc_fbi(struct drm_fb_helper *fb_helper)
    allocate fb_info and some of its members
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_fb\_helper \* fb\_helper** driver-allocated fbdev helper

### Description

A helper to alloc fb\_info and the members cmap and apertures. Called by the driver within the fb\_probe fb\_helper callback function. Drivers do not need to release the allocated fb\_info structure themselves, this is automatically done when calling **drm\_fb\_helper\_fini()**.

### Return

fb\_info pointer if things went okay, pointer containing error code otherwise

```
void drm_fb_helper_unregister_fbi(struct drm_fb_helper *fb_helper)
    unregister fb_info framebuffer device
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_fb\_helper \* fb\_helper** driver-allocated fbdev helper, can be NULL

### Description

A wrapper around unregister\_framebuffer, to release the fb\_info framebuffer device. This must be called before releasing all resources for **fb\_helper** by calling **drm\_fb\_helper\_fini()**.

```
void drm_fb_helper_fini(struct drm_fb_helper *fb_helper)
    finalize a struct drm_fb_helper
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_fb\_helper \* fb\_helper** driver-allocated fbdev helper, can be NULL

### Description

This cleans up all remaining resources associated with **fb\_helper**. Must be called after **drm\_fb\_helper\_unlink\_fbi()** was called.

```
void drm_fb_helper_unlink_fbi(struct drm_fb_helper *fb_helper)
    wrapper around unlink_framebuffer
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_fb\_helper \* fb\_helper** driver-allocated fbdev helper, can be NULL

**Description**

A wrapper around `unlink_framebuffer` implemented by fbdev core

`void drm_fb_helper_deferred_io(struct fb_info * info, struct list_head * pagelist)`  
fbdev deferred\_io callback function

**Parameters**

`struct fb_info * info` fb\_info struct pointer

`struct list_head * pagelist` list of dirty mmap framebuffer pages

**Description**

This function is used as the `fb_deferred_io.deferred_io` callback function for flushing the fbdev mmap writes.

`int drm_fb_helper_defio_init(struct drm_fb_helper * fb_helper)`  
fbdev deferred I/O initialization

**Parameters**

`struct drm_fb_helper * fb_helper` driver-allocated fbdev helper

**Description**

This function allocates `fb_deferred_io`, sets callback to `drm_fb_helper_deferred_io()`, delay to 50ms and calls `fb_deferred_io_init()`. It should be called from the `drm_fb_helper_funcs->fb_probe` callback. `drm_fb_helper_fbdev_teardown()` cleans up deferred I/O.

**NOTE**

A copy of `fb_ops` is made and assigned to `info->fbops`. This is done because `fb_deferred_io_cleanup()` clears `fbops->fb_mmap` and would thereby affect other instances of that `fb_ops`.

**Return**

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

`ssize_t drm_fb_helper_sys_read(struct fb_info * info, char __user * buf, size_t count, loff_t * ppos)`  
wrapper around `fb_sys_read`

**Parameters**

`struct fb_info * info` fb\_info struct pointer

`char __user * buf` userspace buffer to read from framebuffer memory

`size_t count` number of bytes to read from framebuffer memory

`loff_t * ppos` read offset within framebuffer memory

**Description**

A wrapper around `fb_sys_read` implemented by fbdev core

`ssize_t drm_fb_helper_sys_write(struct fb_info * info, const char __user * buf, size_t count, loff_t * ppos)`  
wrapper around `fb_sys_write`

**Parameters**

`struct fb_info * info` fb\_info struct pointer

`const char __user * buf` userspace buffer to write to framebuffer memory

`size_t count` number of bytes to write to framebuffer memory

`loff_t * ppos` write offset within framebuffer memory

**Description**

A wrapper around `fb_sys_write` implemented by fbdev core

```
void drm_fb_helper_sys_fillrect(struct fb_info * info, const struct fb_fillrect * rect)
    wrapper around sys_fillrect
```

**Parameters**

**struct fb\_info \* info** fbdev registered by the helper

**const struct fb\_fillrect \* rect** info about rectangle to fill

**Description**

A wrapper around `sys_fillrect` implemented by fbdev core

```
void drm_fb_helper_sys_copyarea(struct fb_info * info, const struct fb_copyarea * area)
    wrapper around sys_copyarea
```

**Parameters**

**struct fb\_info \* info** fbdev registered by the helper

**const struct fb\_copyarea \* area** info about area to copy

**Description**

A wrapper around `sys_copyarea` implemented by fbdev core

```
void drm_fb_helper_sys_imageblit(struct fb_info * info, const struct fb_image * image)
    wrapper around sys_imageblit
```

**Parameters**

**struct fb\_info \* info** fbdev registered by the helper

**const struct fb\_image \* image** info about image to blit

**Description**

A wrapper around `sys_imageblit` implemented by fbdev core

```
void drm_fb_helper_cfb_fillrect(struct fb_info * info, const struct fb_fillrect * rect)
    wrapper around cfb_fillrect
```

**Parameters**

**struct fb\_info \* info** fbdev registered by the helper

**const struct fb\_fillrect \* rect** info about rectangle to fill

**Description**

A wrapper around `cfb_imageblit` implemented by fbdev core

```
void drm_fb_helper_cfb_copyarea(struct fb_info * info, const struct fb_copyarea * area)
    wrapper around cfb_copyarea
```

**Parameters**

**struct fb\_info \* info** fbdev registered by the helper

**const struct fb\_copyarea \* area** info about area to copy

**Description**

A wrapper around `cfb_copyarea` implemented by fbdev core

```
void drm_fb_helper_cfb_imageblit(struct fb_info * info, const struct fb_image * image)
    wrapper around cfb_imageblit
```

**Parameters**

**struct fb\_info \* info** fbdev registered by the helper

**const struct fb\_image \* image** info about image to blit

### Description

A wrapper around `cfb_imageblit` implemented by fbdev core

**void `drm_fb_helper_set_suspend`**(struct *drm\_fb\_helper* \* *fb\_helper*, bool *suspend*)  
wrapper around `fb_set_suspend`

### Parameters

**struct `drm_fb_helper` \* *fb\_helper*** driver-allocated fbdev helper, can be NULL

**bool *suspend*** whether to suspend or resume

### Description

A wrapper around `fb_set_suspend` implemented by fbdev core. Use *drm\_fb\_helper\_set\_suspend\_unlocked()* if you don't need to take the lock yourself

**void `drm_fb_helper_set_suspend_unlocked`**(struct *drm\_fb\_helper* \* *fb\_helper*, bool *suspend*)  
wrapper around `fb_set_suspend` that also takes the console lock

### Parameters

**struct `drm_fb_helper` \* *fb\_helper*** driver-allocated fbdev helper, can be NULL

**bool *suspend*** whether to suspend or resume

### Description

A wrapper around `fb_set_suspend()` that takes the console lock. If the lock isn't available on resume, a worker is tasked with waiting for the lock to become available. The console lock can be pretty contented on resume due to all the printk activity.

This function can be called multiple times with the same state since `fb_info.state` is checked to see if fbdev is running or not before locking.

Use *drm\_fb\_helper\_set\_suspend()* if you need to take the lock yourself.

**int `drm_fb_helper_setcmap`**(struct *fb\_cmap* \* *cmap*, struct *fb\_info* \* *info*)  
implementation for `fb_ops.fb_setcmap`

### Parameters

**struct `fb_cmap` \* *cmap*** cmap to set

**struct `fb_info` \* *info*** fbdev registered by the helper

**int `drm_fb_helper_ioctl`**(struct *fb\_info* \* *info*, unsigned int *cmd*, unsigned long *arg*)  
legacy ioctl implementation

### Parameters

**struct `fb_info` \* *info*** fbdev registered by the helper

**unsigned int *cmd*** ioctl command

**unsigned long *arg*** ioctl argument

### Description

A helper to implement the standard fbdev ioctl. Only `FBIO_WAITFORVSYNC` is implemented for now.

**int `drm_fb_helper_check_var`**(struct *fb\_var\_screeninfo* \* *var*, struct *fb\_info* \* *info*)  
implementation for `fb_ops.fb_check_var`

### Parameters

**struct `fb_var_screeninfo` \* *var*** screeninfo to check

**struct `fb_info` \* *info*** fbdev registered by the helper

```
int drm_fb_helper_set_par(struct fb_info * info)
    implementation for fb_ops.fb_set_par
```

#### Parameters

**struct fb\_info \* info** fbdev registered by the helper

#### Description

This will let fbcon do the mode init and is called at initialization time by the fbdev core when registering the driver, and later on through the hotplug callback.

```
int drm_fb_helper_pan_display(struct fb_var_screeninfo * var, struct fb_info * info)
    implementation for fb_ops.fb_pan_display
```

#### Parameters

**struct fb\_var\_screeninfo \* var** updated screen information

**struct fb\_info \* info** fbdev registered by the helper

```
void drm_fb_helper_fill_fix(struct fb_info * info, uint32_t pitch, uint32_t depth)
    initializes fixed fbdev information
```

#### Parameters

**struct fb\_info \* info** fbdev registered by the helper

**uint32\_t pitch** desired pitch

**uint32\_t depth** desired depth

#### Description

Helper to fill in the fixed fbdev information useful for a non-accelerated fbdev emulations. Drivers which support acceleration methods which impose additional constraints need to set up their own limits.

Drivers should call this (or their equivalent setup code) from their *drm\_fb\_helper\_funcs.fb\_probe* callback.

```
void drm_fb_helper_fill_var(struct fb_info * info, struct drm_fb_helper * fb_helper,
    uint32_t fb_width, uint32_t fb_height)
    initializes variable fbdev information
```

#### Parameters

**struct fb\_info \* info** fbdev instance to set up

**struct drm\_fb\_helper \* fb\_helper** fb helper instance to use as template

**uint32\_t fb\_width** desired fb width

**uint32\_t fb\_height** desired fb height

#### Description

Sets up the variable fbdev metainformation from the given fb helper instance and the drm framebuffer allocated in *drm\_fb\_helper.fb*.

Drivers should call this (or their equivalent setup code) from their *drm\_fb\_helper\_funcs.fb\_probe* callback after having allocated the fbdev backing storage framebuffer.

```
int drm_fb_helper_initial_config(struct drm_fb_helper * fb_helper, int bpp_sel)
    setup a sane initial connector configuration
```

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_fb\_helper \* fb\_helper** fb\_helper device struct

**int bpp\_sel** bpp value to use for the framebuffer configuration

## Description

Scans the CRTC and connectors and tries to put together an initial setup. At the moment, this is a cloned configuration across all heads with a new framebuffer object as the backing store.

Note that this also registers the fbdev and so allows userspace to call into the driver through the fbdev interfaces.

This function will call down into the `drm_fb_helper_funcs.fb_probe` callback to let the driver allocate and initialize the fbdev info structure and the drm framebuffer used to back the fbdev. `drm_fb_helper_fill_var()` and `drm_fb_helper_fill_fix()` are provided as helpers to setup simple default values for the fbdev info structure.

HANG DEBUGGING:

When you have fbcon support built-in or already loaded, this function will do a full modeset to setup the fbdev console. Due to locking misdesign in the VT/fbdev subsystem that entire modeset sequence has to be done while holding `console_lock`. Until `console_unlock` is called no dmesg lines will be sent out to consoles, not even serial console. This means when your driver crashes, you will see absolutely nothing else but a system stuck in this function, with no further output. Any kind of `printk()` you place within your own driver or in the drm core modeset code will also never show up.

Standard debug practice is to run the fbcon setup without taking the `console_lock` as a hack, to be able to see backtraces and crashes on the serial line. This can be done by setting the `fb.lockless_register_fb=1` kernel cmdline option.

The other option is to just disable fbdev emulation since very likely the first modeset from userspace will crash in the same way, and is even easier to debug. This can be done by setting the `drm_kms_helper.fbdev_emulation=0` kernel cmdline option.

## Return

Zero if everything went ok, nonzero otherwise.

int **drm\_fb\_helper\_hotplug\_event**(struct `drm_fb_helper` \* *fb\_helper*)  
respond to a hotplug notification by probing all the outputs attached to the fb

## Parameters

**struct drm\_fb\_helper \* fb\_helper** driver-allocated fbdev helper, can be NULL

## Description

Scan the connectors attached to the `fb_helper` and try to put together a setup after notification of a change in output configuration.

Called at runtime, takes the mode config locks to be able to check/change the modeset configuration. Must be run from process context (which usually means either the output polling work or a work item launched from the driver's hotplug interrupt).

Note that drivers may call this even before calling `drm_fb_helper_initial_config` but only after `drm_fb_helper_init`. This allows for a race-free fbcon setup and will make sure that the fbdev emulation will not miss any hotplug events.

## Return

0 on success and a non-zero error code otherwise.

int **drm\_fb\_helper\_fbdev\_setup**(struct `drm_device` \* *dev*, struct `drm_fb_helper` \* *fb\_helper*, const struct `drm_fb_helper_funcs` \* *funcs*, unsigned int *preferred\_bpp*, unsigned int *max\_conn\_count*)  
Setup fbdev emulation

## Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_fb\_helper \* fb\_helper** fbdev helper structure to set up

**const struct drm\_fb\_helper\_funcs \* funcs** fbdev helper functions

**unsigned int preferred\_bpp** Preferred bits per pixel for the device. **dev->mode\_config.preferred\_depth** is used if this is zero.

**unsigned int max\_conn\_count** Maximum number of connectors. **dev->mode\_config.num\_connector** is used if this is zero.

### Description

This function sets up fbdev emulation and registers fbdev for access by userspace. If all connectors are disconnected, setup is deferred to the next time [drm\\_fb\\_helper\\_hotplug\\_event\(\)](#) is called. The caller must provide a [drm\\_fb\\_helper\\_funcs->fb\\_probe](#) callback function.

See also: [drm\\_fb\\_helper\\_initial\\_config\(\)](#)

### Return

Zero on success or negative error code on failure.

void **drm\_fb\_helper\_fbdev\_teardown**(struct drm\_device \* dev)  
Tear down fbdev emulation

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

### Description

This function unregisters fbdev if not already done and cleans up the associated resources including the [drm\\_framebuffer](#). The driver is responsible for freeing the [drm\\_fb\\_helper](#) structure which is stored in `drm_device->fb_helper`. Do note that this pointer has been cleared when this function returns.

In order to support device removal/unplug while file handles are still open, [drm\\_fb\\_helper\\_unregister\\_fbi\(\)](#) should be called on device removal and [drm\\_fb\\_helper\\_fbdev\\_teardown\(\)](#) in the [drm\\_driver->release](#) callback when file handles are closed.

void **drm\_fb\_helper\_lastclose**(struct drm\_device \* dev)  
DRM driver lastclose helper for fbdev emulation

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

### Description

This function can be used as the [drm\\_driver->lastclose](#) callback for drivers that only need to call [drm\\_fb\\_helper\\_restore\\_fbdev\\_mode\\_unlocked\(\)](#).

void **drm\_fb\_helper\_output\_poll\_changed**(struct drm\_device \* dev)  
DRM mode config .output\_poll\_changed helper for fbdev emulation

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

### Description

This function can be used as the [drm\\_mode\\_config\\_funcs.output\\_poll\\_changed](#) callback for drivers that only need to call [drm\\_fb\\_helper\\_hotplug\\_event\(\)](#).

## Framebuffer CMA Helper Functions Reference

Provides helper functions for creating a cma (contiguous memory allocator) backed framebuffer.

[drm\\_gem\\_fb\\_create\(\)](#) is used in the [drm\\_mode\\_config\\_funcs.fb\\_create](#) callback function to create a cma backed framebuffer.

An fbdev framebuffer backed by cma is also available by calling `drm_fb_cma_fbdev_init()`. `drm_fb_cma_fbdev_fini()` tears it down. If the `drm_framebuffer_funcs.dirty` callback is set, `fb_deferred_io` will be set up automatically. `drm_framebuffer_funcs.dirty` is called by `drm_fb_helper_deferred_io()` in process context (struct `delayed_work`).

Example fbdev deferred io code:

```
static int driver_fb_dirty(struct drm_framebuffer *fb,
                          struct drm_file *file_priv,
                          unsigned flags, unsigned color,
                          struct drm_clip_rect *clips,
                          unsigned num_clips)
{
    struct drm_gem_cma_object *cma = drm_fb_cma_get_gem_obj(fb, 0);
    ... push changes ...
    return 0;
}

static struct drm_framebuffer_funcs driver_fb_funcs = {
    .destroy      = drm_gem_fb_destroy,
    .create_handle = drm_gem_fb_create_handle,
    .dirty        = driver_fb_dirty,
};
```

Initialize:

```
fbdev = drm_fb_cma_fbdev_init_with_funcs(dev, 16,
                                          dev->mode_config.num_crtc,
                                          dev->mode_config.num_connector,
                                          :c:type:`driver_fb_funcs`);
```

struct `drm_gem_cma_object` \* **drm\_fb\_cma\_get\_gem\_obj**(struct `drm_framebuffer` \* *fb*, unsigned int *plane*)

Get CMA GEM object for framebuffer

### Parameters

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** The framebuffer

**unsigned int plane** Which plane

### Description

Return the CMA GEM object for given framebuffer.

This function will usually be called from the CRTC callback functions.

dma\_addr\_t **drm\_fb\_cma\_get\_gem\_addr**(struct `drm_framebuffer` \* *fb*, struct `drm_plane_state` \* *state*, unsigned int *plane*)

Get physical address for framebuffer

### Parameters

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** The framebuffer

**struct drm\_plane\_state \* state** Which state of drm plane

**unsigned int plane** Which plane Return the CMA GEM address for given framebuffer.

### Description

This function will usually be called from the PLANE callback functions.

int **drm\_fb\_cma\_fbdev\_init\_with\_funcs**(struct `drm_device` \* *dev*, unsigned int *preferred\_bpp*, unsigned int *max\_conn\_count*, const struct `drm_framebuffer_funcs` \* *funcs*)

Allocate and initialize fbdev emulation

### Parameters



**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**unsigned int preferred\_bpp** Preferred bits per pixel for the device. **dev->mode\_config.preferred\_depth** is used if this is zero.

**unsigned int max\_conn\_count** Maximum number of connectors. **dev->mode\_config.num\_connector** is used if this is zero.

**const struct drm\_framebuffer\_funcs \* funcs** Framebuffer functions, in particular a custom dirty() callback. Can be NULL.

### Return

Zero on success or negative error code on failure.

**int drm\_fb\_cma\_fbdev\_init**(struct drm\_device \* dev, unsigned int preferred\_bpp, unsigned int max\_conn\_count)  
Allocate and initialize fbdev emulation

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**unsigned int preferred\_bpp** Preferred bits per pixel for the device. **dev->mode\_config.preferred\_depth** is used if this is zero.

**unsigned int max\_conn\_count** Maximum number of connectors. **dev->mode\_config.num\_connector** is used if this is zero.

### Return

Zero on success or negative error code on failure.

**void drm\_fb\_cma\_fbdev\_fini**(struct drm\_device \* dev)  
Teardown fbdev emulation

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_fbdev\_cma \* drm\_fbdev\_cma\_init\_with\_funcs**(struct drm\_device \* dev, unsigned int preferred\_bpp, unsigned int max\_conn\_count, const struct drm\_framebuffer\_funcs \* funcs)  
Allocate and initializes a drm\_fbdev\_cma struct

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**unsigned int preferred\_bpp** Preferred bits per pixel for the device

**unsigned int max\_conn\_count** Maximum number of connectors

**const struct drm\_framebuffer\_funcs \* funcs** fb helper functions, in particular a custom dirty() callback

### Description

Returns a newly allocated **drm\_fbdev\_cma** struct or a **ERR\_PTR**.

**struct drm\_fbdev\_cma \* drm\_fbdev\_cma\_init**(struct drm\_device \* dev, unsigned int preferred\_bpp, unsigned int max\_conn\_count)  
Allocate and initializes a **drm\_fbdev\_cma** struct

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**unsigned int preferred\_bpp** Preferred bits per pixel for the device

**unsigned int max\_conn\_count** Maximum number of connectors

### Description

Returns a newly allocated `drm_fbdev_cma` struct or a `ERR_PTR`.

void **drm\_fbdev\_cma\_fini**(struct `drm_fbdev_cma` \* *fbdev\_cma*)  
Free `drm_fbdev_cma` struct

### Parameters

**struct `drm_fbdev_cma` \* *fbdev\_cma*** The `drm_fbdev_cma` struct

void **drm\_fbdev\_cma\_restore\_mode**(struct `drm_fbdev_cma` \* *fbdev\_cma*)  
Restores initial framebuffer mode

### Parameters

**struct `drm_fbdev_cma` \* *fbdev\_cma*** The `drm_fbdev_cma` struct, may be NULL

### Description

This function is usually called from the `drm_driver.lastclose` callback.

void **drm\_fbdev\_cma\_hotplug\_event**(struct `drm_fbdev_cma` \* *fbdev\_cma*)  
Poll for hotplug events

### Parameters

**struct `drm_fbdev_cma` \* *fbdev\_cma*** The `drm_fbdev_cma` struct, may be NULL

### Description

This function is usually called from the `drm_mode_config.output_poll_changed` callback.

void **drm\_fbdev\_cma\_set\_suspend**(struct `drm_fbdev_cma` \* *fbdev\_cma*, bool *state*)  
wrapper around `drm_fb_helper_set_suspend`

### Parameters

**struct `drm_fbdev_cma` \* *fbdev\_cma*** The `drm_fbdev_cma` struct, may be NULL

**bool *state*** desired state, zero to resume, non-zero to suspend

### Description

Calls `drm_fb_helper_set_suspend`, which is a wrapper around `fb_set_suspend` implemented by fbdev core.

void **drm\_fbdev\_cma\_set\_suspend\_unlocked**(struct `drm_fbdev_cma` \* *fbdev\_cma*, bool *state*)  
wrapper around `drm_fb_helper_set_suspend_unlocked`

### Parameters

**struct `drm_fbdev_cma` \* *fbdev\_cma*** The `drm_fbdev_cma` struct, may be NULL

**bool *state*** desired state, zero to resume, non-zero to suspend

### Description

Calls `drm_fb_helper_set_suspend`, which is a wrapper around `fb_set_suspend` implemented by fbdev core.

## Bridges

### Overview

`struct drm_bridge` represents a device that hangs on to an encoder. These are handy when a regular `drm_encoder` entity isn't enough to represent the entire encoder chain.

A bridge is always attached to a single `drm_encoder` at a time, but can be either connected to it directly, or through an intermediate bridge:

```
encoder ---> bridge B ---> bridge A
```

Here, the output of the encoder feeds to bridge B, and that further feeds to bridge A.

The driver using the bridge is responsible to make the associations between the encoder and bridges. Once these links are made, the bridges will participate along with encoder functions to perform `mode_set/enable/disable` through the ops provided in [drm\\_bridge\\_funcs](#).

`drm_bridge`, like `drm_panel`, aren't `drm_mode_object` entities like planes, CRTC, encoders or connectors and hence are not visible to userspace. They just provide additional hooks to get the desired output at the end of the encoder chain.

Bridges can also be chained up using the [drm\\_bridge.next](#) pointer.

Both legacy CRTC helpers and the new atomic modeset helpers support bridges.

## Default bridge callback sequence

The [drm\\_bridge\\_funcs](#) ops are populated by the bridge driver. The DRM internals (atomic and CRTC helpers) use the helpers defined in `drm_bridge.c`. These helpers call a specific [drm\\_bridge\\_funcs](#) op for all the bridges during encoder configuration.

For detailed specification of the bridge callbacks see [drm\\_bridge\\_funcs](#).

## Bridge Helper Reference

struct **drm\_bridge\_funcs**  
     drm\_bridge control functions

### Definition

```
struct drm_bridge_funcs {
    int (*attach)(struct drm_bridge *bridge);
    void (*detach)(struct drm_bridge *bridge);
    enum drm_mode_status (*mode_valid)(struct drm_bridge *crtc, const struct drm_display_mode *mode);
    bool (*mode_fixup)(struct drm_bridge *bridge, const struct drm_display_mode *mode, struct drm_display_mode *adj);
    void (*disable)(struct drm_bridge *bridge);
    void (*post_disable)(struct drm_bridge *bridge);
    void (*mode_set)(struct drm_bridge *bridge, struct drm_display_mode *mode, struct drm_display_mode *adj);
    void (*pre_enable)(struct drm_bridge *bridge);
    void (*enable)(struct drm_bridge *bridge);
};
```

### Members

**attach** This callback is invoked whenever our bridge is being attached to a [drm\\_encoder](#).

The attach callback is optional.

RETURNS:

Zero on success, error code on failure.

**detach** This callback is invoked whenever our bridge is being detached from a [drm\\_encoder](#).

The detach callback is optional.

**mode\_valid** This callback is used to check if a specific mode is valid in this bridge. This should be implemented if the bridge has some sort of restriction in the modes it can display. For example, a given bridge may be responsible to set a clock value. If the clock can not produce all the values for the available modes then this callback can be used to restrict the number of modes to only the ones that can be displayed.

This hook is used by the probe helpers to filter the mode list in *drm\_helper\_probe\_single\_connector\_modes()*, and it is used by the atomic helpers to validate modes supplied by userspace in *drm\_atomic\_helper\_check\_modeset()*.

This function is optional.

NOTE:

Since this function is both called from the check phase of an atomic commit, and the mode validation in the probe paths it is not allowed to look at anything else but the passed-in mode, and validate it against configuration-invariant hardware constraints. Any further limits which depend upon the configuration can only be checked in **mode\_fixup**.

RETURNS:

drm\_mode\_status Enum

**mode\_fixup** This callback is used to validate and adjust a mode. The parameter mode is the display mode that should be fed to the next element in the display chain, either the final *drm\_connector* or the next *drm\_bridge*. The parameter adjusted\_mode is the input mode the bridge requires. It can be modified by this callback and does not need to match mode. See also *drm\_crtc\_state.adjusted\_mode* for more details.

This is the only hook that allows a bridge to reject a modeset. If this function passes all other callbacks must succeed for this configuration.

The mode\_fixup callback is optional.

NOTE:

This function is called in the check phase of atomic modesets, which can be aborted for any reason (including on userspace's request to just check whether a configuration would be possible). Drivers MUST NOT touch any persistent state (hardware or software) or data structures except the passed in **state** parameter.

Also beware that userspace can request its own custom modes, neither core nor helpers filter modes to the list of probe modes reported by the GETCONNECTOR IOCTL and stored in *drm\_connector.modes*. To ensure that modes are filtered consistently put any bridge constraints and limits checks into **mode\_valid**.

RETURNS:

True if an acceptable configuration is possible, false if the modeset operation should be rejected.

**disable** This callback should disable the bridge. It is called right before the preceding element in the display pipe is disabled. If the preceding element is a bridge this means it's called before that bridge's **disable** vfunc. If the preceding element is a *drm\_encoder* it's called right before the *drm\_encoder\_helper\_funcs.disable*, *drm\_encoder\_helper\_funcs.prepare* or *drm\_encoder\_helper\_funcs.dpms* hook.

The bridge can assume that the display pipe (i.e. clocks and timing signals) feeding it is still running when this callback is called.

The disable callback is optional.

**post\_disable** This callback should disable the bridge. It is called right after the preceding element in the display pipe is disabled. If the preceding element is a bridge this means it's called after that bridge's **post\_disable** function. If the preceding element is a *drm\_encoder* it's called right after the encoder's *drm\_encoder\_helper\_funcs.disable*, *drm\_encoder\_helper\_funcs.prepare* or *drm\_encoder\_helper\_funcs.dpms* hook.

The bridge must assume that the display pipe (i.e. clocks and timing signals) feeding it is no longer running when this callback is called.

The post\_disable callback is optional.

**mode\_set** This callback should set the given mode on the bridge. It is called after the **mode\_set** callback for the preceding element in the display pipeline has been called already. If the bridge is the first

element then this would be `drm_encoder_helper_funcs.mode_set`. The display pipe (i.e. clocks and timing signals) is off when this function is called.

**pre\_enable** This callback should enable the bridge. It is called right before the preceding element in the display pipe is enabled. If the preceding element is a bridge this means it's called before that bridge's **pre\_enable** function. If the preceding element is a `drm_encoder` it's called right before the encoder's `drm_encoder_helper_funcs.enable`, `drm_encoder_helper_funcs.commit` or `drm_encoder_helper_funcs.dpms` hook.

The display pipe (i.e. clocks and timing signals) feeding this bridge will not yet be running when this callback is called. The bridge must not enable the display link feeding the next bridge in the chain (if there is one) when this callback is called.

The `pre_enable` callback is optional.

**enable** This callback should enable the bridge. It is called right after the preceding element in the display pipe is enabled. If the preceding element is a bridge this means it's called after that bridge's **enable** function. If the preceding element is a `drm_encoder` it's called right after the encoder's `drm_encoder_helper_funcs.enable`, `drm_encoder_helper_funcs.commit` or `drm_encoder_helper_funcs.dpms` hook.

The bridge can assume that the display pipe (i.e. clocks and timing signals) feeding it is running when this callback is called. This callback must enable the display link feeding the next bridge in the chain if there is one.

The `enable` callback is optional.

struct **drm\_bridge**  
central DRM bridge control structure

### Definition

```
struct drm_bridge {
    struct drm_device *dev;
    struct drm_encoder *encoder;
    struct drm_bridge *next;
#ifdef CONFIG_OF;
    struct device_node *of_node;
#endif;
    struct list_head list;
    const struct drm_bridge_funcs *funcs;
    void *driver_private;
};
```

### Members

**dev** DRM device this bridge belongs to

**encoder** encoder to which this bridge is connected

**next** the next bridge in the encoder chain

**of\_node** device node pointer to the bridge

**list** to keep track of all added bridges

**funcs** control functions

**driver\_private** pointer to the bridge driver's internal context

void **drm\_bridge\_add**(struct `drm_bridge` \* *bridge*)  
add the given bridge to the global bridge list

### Parameters

struct **drm\_bridge** \* **bridge** bridge control structure

void **drm\_bridge\_remove**(struct `drm_bridge` \* *bridge*)  
remove the given bridge from the global bridge list

### Parameters

**struct drm\_bridge \* bridge** bridge control structure

int **drm\_bridge\_attach**(struct *drm\_encoder* \* encoder, struct *drm\_bridge* \* bridge, struct *drm\_bridge* \* previous)  
attach the bridge to an encoder's chain

### Parameters

**struct drm\_encoder \* encoder** DRM encoder

**struct drm\_bridge \* bridge** bridge to attach

**struct drm\_bridge \* previous** previous bridge in the chain (optional)

### Description

Called by a kms driver to link the bridge to an encoder's chain. The previous argument specifies the previous bridge in the chain. If NULL, the bridge is linked directly at the encoder's output. Otherwise it is linked at the previous bridge's output.

If non-NULL the previous bridge must be already attached by a call to this function.

### Return

Zero on success, error code on failure

bool **drm\_bridge\_mode\_fixup**(struct *drm\_bridge* \* bridge, const struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* mode, struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* adjusted\_mode)  
fixup proposed mode for all bridges in the encoder chain

### Parameters

**struct drm\_bridge \* bridge** bridge control structure

**const struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode** desired mode to be set for the bridge

**struct drm\_display\_mode \* adjusted\_mode** updated mode that works for this bridge

### Description

Calls *drm\_bridge\_funcs.mode\_fixup* for all the bridges in the encoder chain, starting from the first bridge to the last.

### Note

the bridge passed should be the one closest to the encoder

### Return

true on success, false on failure

enum *drm\_mode\_status* **drm\_bridge\_mode\_valid**(struct *drm\_bridge* \* bridge, const struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* mode)  
validate the mode against all bridges in the encoder chain.

### Parameters

**struct drm\_bridge \* bridge** bridge control structure

**const struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode** desired mode to be validated

### Description

Calls *drm\_bridge\_funcs.mode\_valid* for all the bridges in the encoder chain, starting from the first bridge to the last. If at least one bridge does not accept the mode the function returns the error code.

### Note

the bridge passed should be the one closest to the encoder.

### Return

MODE\_OK on success, drm\_mode\_status Enum error code on failure

void **drm\_bridge\_disable**(struct *drm\_bridge* \* bridge)  
disables all bridges in the encoder chain

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_bridge \* bridge** bridge control structure

#### Description

Calls *drm\_bridge\_funcs.disable* op for all the bridges in the encoder chain, starting from the last bridge to the first. These are called before calling the encoder's prepare op.

#### Note

the bridge passed should be the one closest to the encoder

void **drm\_bridge\_post\_disable**(struct *drm\_bridge* \* bridge)  
cleans up after disabling all bridges in the encoder chain

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_bridge \* bridge** bridge control structure

#### Description

Calls *drm\_bridge\_funcs.post\_disable* op for all the bridges in the encoder chain, starting from the first bridge to the last. These are called after completing the encoder's prepare op.

#### Note

the bridge passed should be the one closest to the encoder

void **drm\_bridge\_mode\_set**(struct *drm\_bridge* \* bridge, struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* mode, struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* adjusted\_mode)  
set proposed mode for all bridges in the encoder chain

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_bridge \* bridge** bridge control structure

**struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode** desired mode to be set for the bridge

**struct drm\_display\_mode \* adjusted\_mode** updated mode that works for this bridge

#### Description

Calls *drm\_bridge\_funcs.mode\_set* op for all the bridges in the encoder chain, starting from the first bridge to the last.

#### Note

the bridge passed should be the one closest to the encoder

void **drm\_bridge\_pre\_enable**(struct *drm\_bridge* \* bridge)  
prepares for enabling all bridges in the encoder chain

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_bridge \* bridge** bridge control structure

#### Description

Calls *drm\_bridge\_funcs.pre\_enable* op for all the bridges in the encoder chain, starting from the last bridge to the first. These are called before calling the encoder's commit op.

#### Note

the bridge passed should be the one closest to the encoder

void **drm\_bridge\_enable**(struct *drm\_bridge* \* bridge)  
enables all bridges in the encoder chain

## Parameters

**struct drm\_bridge \* bridge** bridge control structure

## Description

Calls *drm\_bridge\_funcs.enable* op for all the bridges in the encoder chain, starting from the first bridge to the last. These are called after completing the encoder's commit op.

Note that the bridge passed should be the one closest to the encoder

**struct drm\_bridge \* of\_drm\_find\_bridge**(struct device\_node \* np)  
find the bridge corresponding to the device node in the global bridge list

## Parameters

**struct device\_node \* np** device node

## Return

drm\_bridge control struct on success, NULL on failure

## Panel-Bridge Helper Reference

**struct drm\_bridge \* drm\_panel\_bridge\_add**(struct drm\_panel \* panel, u32 connector\_type)  
Creates a drm\_bridge and drm\_connector that just calls the appropriate functions from drm\_panel.

## Parameters

**struct drm\_panel \* panel** The drm\_panel being wrapped. Must be non-NULL.

**u32 connector\_type** The DRM\_MODE\_CONNECTOR\_\* for the connector to be created.

## Description

For drivers converting from directly using drm\_panel: The expected usage pattern is that during either encoder module probe or DSI host attach, a drm\_panel will be looked up through *drm\_of\_find\_panel\_or\_bridge()*. *drm\_panel\_bridge\_add()* is used to wrap that panel in the new bridge, and the result can then be passed to *drm\_bridge\_attach()*. The *drm\_panel\_prepare()* and related functions can be dropped from the encoder driver (they're now called by the KMS helpers before calling into the encoder), along with connector creation. When done with the bridge, *drm\_bridge\_detach()* should be called as normal, then *drm\_panel\_bridge\_remove()* to free it.

**void drm\_panel\_bridge\_remove**(struct drm\_bridge \* bridge)  
Unregisters and frees a drm\_bridge created by *drm\_panel\_bridge\_add()*.

## Parameters

**struct drm\_bridge \* bridge** The drm\_bridge being freed.

## Panel Helper Reference

The DRM panel helpers allow drivers to register panel objects with a central registry and provide functions to retrieve those panels in display drivers.

**struct drm\_panel\_funcs**  
perform operations on a given panel

## Definition

```
struct drm_panel_funcs {
    int (*disable)(struct drm_panel *panel);
    int (*unprepare)(struct drm_panel *panel);
    int (*prepare)(struct drm_panel *panel);
    int (*enable)(struct drm_panel *panel);
}
```



```
int (*get_modes)(struct drm_panel *panel);
int (*get_timings)(struct drm_panel *panel, unsigned int num_timings, struct display_timing *timings);
};
```

### Members

**disable** disable panel (turn off back light, etc.)

**unprepare** turn off panel

**prepare** turn on panel and perform set up

**enable** enable panel (turn on back light, etc.)

**get\_modes** add modes to the connector that the panel is attached to and return the number of modes added

**get\_timings** copy display timings into the provided array and return the number of display timings available

### Description

The `.:c:func:prepare()` function is typically called before the display controller starts to transmit video data. Panel drivers can use this to turn the panel on and wait for it to become ready. If additional configuration is required (via a control bus such as I2C, SPI or DSI for example) this is a good time to do that.

After the display controller has started transmitting video data, it's safe to call the `.:c:func:enable()` function. This will typically enable the backlight to make the image on screen visible. Some panels require a certain amount of time or frames before the image is displayed. This function is responsible for taking this into account before enabling the backlight to avoid visual glitches.

Before stopping video transmission from the display controller it can be necessary to turn off the panel to avoid visual glitches. This is done in the `.:c:func:disable()` function. Analogously to `.:c:func:enable()` this typically involves turning off the backlight and waiting for some time to make sure no image is visible on the panel. It is then safe for the display controller to cease transmission of video data.

To save power when no video data is transmitted, a driver can power down the panel. This is the job of the `.:c:func:unprepare()` function.

struct **drm\_panel**  
DRM panel object

### Definition

```
struct drm_panel {
    struct drm_device *drm;
    struct drm_connector *connector;
    struct device *dev;
    const struct drm_panel_funcs *funcs;
    struct list_head list;
};
```

### Members

**drm** DRM device owning the panel

**connector** DRM connector that the panel is attached to

**dev** parent device of the panel

**funcs** operations that can be performed on the panel

**list** panel entry in registry

int **drm\_panel\_unprepare**(struct [drm\\_panel](#) \* panel)  
power off a panel

### Parameters

**struct drm\_panel \* panel** DRM panel

### **Description**

Calling this function will completely power off a panel (assert the panel's reset, turn off power supplies, ...). After this function has completed, it is usually no longer possible to communicate with the panel until another call to *drm\_panel\_prepare()*.

### **Return**

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **drm\_panel\_disable**(struct *drm\_panel* \* panel)  
disable a panel

### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_panel \* panel** DRM panel

### **Description**

This will typically turn off the panel's backlight or disable the display drivers. For smart panels it should still be possible to communicate with the integrated circuitry via any command bus after this call.

### **Return**

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **drm\_panel\_prepare**(struct *drm\_panel* \* panel)  
power on a panel

### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_panel \* panel** DRM panel

### **Description**

Calling this function will enable power and deassert any reset signals to the panel. After this has completed it is possible to communicate with any integrated circuitry via a command bus.

### **Return**

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **drm\_panel\_enable**(struct *drm\_panel* \* panel)  
enable a panel

### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_panel \* panel** DRM panel

### **Description**

Calling this function will cause the panel display drivers to be turned on and the backlight to be enabled. Content will be visible on screen after this call completes.

### **Return**

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **drm\_panel\_get\_modes**(struct *drm\_panel* \* panel)  
probe the available display modes of a panel

### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_panel \* panel** DRM panel

### **Description**

The modes probed from the panel are automatically added to the connector that the panel is attached to.

### **Return**

The number of modes available from the panel on success or a negative error code on failure.

void **drm\_panel\_init**(struct *drm\_panel* \* *panel*)  
 initialize a panel

#### Parameters

struct *drm\_panel* \* *panel* DRM panel

#### Description

Sets up internal fields of the panel so that it can subsequently be added to the registry.

int **drm\_panel\_add**(struct *drm\_panel* \* *panel*)  
 add a panel to the global registry

#### Parameters

struct *drm\_panel* \* *panel* panel to add

#### Description

Add a panel to the global registry so that it can be looked up by display drivers.

#### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

void **drm\_panel\_remove**(struct *drm\_panel* \* *panel*)  
 remove a panel from the global registry

#### Parameters

struct *drm\_panel* \* *panel* DRM panel

#### Description

Removes a panel from the global registry.

int **drm\_panel\_attach**(struct *drm\_panel* \* *panel*, struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*)  
 attach a panel to a connector

#### Parameters

struct *drm\_panel* \* *panel* DRM panel

struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector* DRM connector

#### Description

After obtaining a pointer to a DRM panel a display driver calls this function to attach a panel to a connector.

An error is returned if the panel is already attached to another connector.

#### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **drm\_panel\_detach**(struct *drm\_panel* \* *panel*)  
 detach a panel from a connector

#### Parameters

struct *drm\_panel* \* *panel* DRM panel

#### Description

Detaches a panel from the connector it is attached to. If a panel is not attached to any connector this is effectively a no-op.

#### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

struct *drm\_panel* \* **of\_drm\_find\_panel**(const struct device\_node \* *np*)  
 look up a panel using a device tree node

**Parameters**

**const struct device\_node \* np** device tree node of the panel

**Description**

Searches the set of registered panels for one that matches the given device tree node. If a matching panel is found, return a pointer to it.

**Return**

A pointer to the panel registered for the specified device tree node or NULL if no panel matching the device tree node can be found.

int **drm\_get\_panel\_orientation\_quirk**(int *width*, int *height*)  
Check for panel orientation quirks

**Parameters**

**int width** width in pixels of the panel

**int height** height in pixels of the panel

**Description**

This function checks for platform specific (e.g. DMI based) quirks providing info on panel\_orientation for systems where this cannot be probed from the hard-/firm-ware. To avoid false-positive this function takes the panel resolution as argument and checks that against the resolution expected by the quirk-table entry.

Note this function is also used outside of the drm-subsys, by for example the efifb code. Because of this this function gets compiled into its own kernel-module when built as a module.

**Return**

A `DRM_MODE_PANEL_ORIENTATION_*` value if there is a quirk for this system, or `DRM_MODE_PANEL_ORIENTATION_UNKNOWN` if there is no quirk.

## Display Port Helper Functions Reference

These functions contain some common logic and helpers at various abstraction levels to deal with Display Port sink devices and related things like DP aux channel transfers, EDID reading over DP aux channels, decoding certain DPCD blocks, ...

The DisplayPort AUX channel is an abstraction to allow generic, driver- independent access to AUX functionality. Drivers can take advantage of this by filling in the fields of the `drm_dp_aux` structure.

Transactions are described using a hardware-independent `drm_dp_aux_msg` structure, which is passed into a driver's `.:c:func:transfer()` implementation. Both native and I2C-over-AUX transactions are supported.

struct **drm\_dp\_aux\_msg**  
DisplayPort AUX channel transaction

**Definition**

```
struct drm_dp_aux_msg {
    unsigned int address;
    u8 request;
    u8 reply;
    void *buffer;
    size_t size;
};
```

**Members**

**address** address of the (first) register to access

**request** contains the type of transaction (see DP\_AUX\_\* macros)

**reply** upon completion, contains the reply type of the transaction

**buffer** pointer to a transmission or reception buffer

**size** size of **buffer**

struct **drm\_dp\_aux**

DisplayPort AUX channel

### Definition

```
struct drm_dp_aux {
    const char *name;
    struct i2c_adapter ddc;
    struct device *dev;
    struct drm_crtc *crtc;
    struct mutex hw_mutex;
    struct work_struct crc_work;
    u8 crc_count;
    ssize_t (*transfer)(struct drm_dp_aux *aux, struct drm_dp_aux_msg *msg);
    unsigned i2c_nack_count;
    unsigned i2c_defer_count;
};
```

### Members

**name** user-visible name of this AUX channel and the I2C-over-AUX adapter

**ddc** I2C adapter that can be used for I2C-over-AUX communication

**dev** pointer to struct device that is the parent for this AUX channel

**crtc** backpointer to the crtc that is currently using this AUX channel

**hw\_mutex** internal mutex used for locking transfers

**crc\_work** worker that captures CRCs for each frame

**crc\_count** counter of captured frame CRCs

**transfer** transfers a message representing a single AUX transaction

**i2c\_nack\_count** Counts I2C NACKs, used for DP validation.

**i2c\_defer\_count** Counts I2C DEFERS, used for DP validation.

### Description

The .dev field should be set to a pointer to the device that implements the AUX channel.

The .name field may be used to specify the name of the I2C adapter. If set to NULL, dev\_name() of .dev will be used.

Drivers provide a hardware-specific implementation of how transactions are executed via the .:c:func:transfer() function. A pointer to a drm\_dp\_aux\_msg structure describing the transaction is passed into this function. Upon success, the implementation should return the number of payload bytes that were transferred, or a negative error-code on failure. Helpers propagate errors from the .:c:func:transfer() function, with the exception of the -EBUSY error, which causes a transaction to be retried. On a short, helpers will return -EPROTO to make it simpler to check for failure.

An AUX channel can also be used to transport I2C messages to a sink. A typical application of that is to access an EDID that's present in the sink device. The .:c:func:transfer() function can also be used to execute such transactions. The [drm\\_dp\\_aux\\_register\(\)](#) function registers an I2C adapter that can be passed to [drm\\_probe\\_ddc\(\)](#). Upon removal, drivers should call [drm\\_dp\\_aux\\_unregister\(\)](#) to remove the I2C adapter. The I2C adapter uses long transfers by default; if a partial response is received, the adapter will drop down to the size given by the partial response for this transaction only.

Note that the aux helper code assumes that the `drm_dp_transfer()` function only modifies the reply field of the `drm_dp_aux_msg` structure. The retry logic and i2c helpers assume this is the case.

`ssize_t drm_dp_dpcd_readb(struct drm\_dp\_aux * aux, unsigned int offset, u8 * valuep)`  
read a single byte from the DPCD

#### Parameters

**struct `drm_dp_aux` \* `aux`** DisplayPort AUX channel  
**unsigned int `offset`** address of the register to read  
**u8 \* `valuep`** location where the value of the register will be stored

#### Description

Returns the number of bytes transferred (1) on success, or a negative error code on failure.

`ssize_t drm_dp_dpcd_writeb(struct drm\_dp\_aux * aux, unsigned int offset, u8 value)`  
write a single byte to the DPCD

#### Parameters

**struct `drm_dp_aux` \* `aux`** DisplayPort AUX channel  
**unsigned int `offset`** address of the register to write  
**u8 `value`** value to write to the register

#### Description

Returns the number of bytes transferred (1) on success, or a negative error code on failure.

**struct `drm_dp_desc`**  
DP branch/sink device descriptor

#### Definition

```
struct drm_dp_desc {
    struct drm_dp_dpcd_ident ident;
    u32 quirks;
};
```

#### Members

**ident** DP device identification from DPCD 0x400 (sink) or 0x500 (branch).  
**quirks** Quirks; use [drm\\_dp\\_has\\_quirk\(\)](#) to query for the quirks.  
**enum `drm_dp_quirk`**  
Display Port sink/branch device specific quirks

#### Constants

**DP\_DPCD\_QUIRK\_LIMITED\_M\_N** The device requires main link attributes Mvid and Nvid to be limited to 16 bits.

#### Description

Display Port sink and branch devices in the wild have a variety of bugs, try to collect them here. The quirks are shared, but it's up to the drivers to implement workarounds for them.

**bool `drm_dp_has_quirk`(const struct [drm\\_dp\\_desc](#) \* desc, enum [drm\\_dp\\_quirk](#) quirk)**  
does the DP device have a specific quirk

#### Parameters

**const struct `drm_dp_desc` \* `desc`** Device descriptor filled by [drm\\_dp\\_read\\_desc\(\)](#)  
**enum `drm_dp_quirk` `quirk`** Quirk to query for

## Description

Return true if DP device identified by **desc** has **quirk**.

`ssize_t drm_dp_dpcd_read(struct drm\_dp\_aux * aux, unsigned int offset, void * buffer, size_t size)`  
read a series of bytes from the DPCD

## Parameters

**struct [drm\\_dp\\_aux](#) \* aux** DisplayPort AUX channel

**unsigned int offset** address of the (first) register to read

**void \* buffer** buffer to store the register values

**size\_t size** number of bytes in **buffer**

## Description

Returns the number of bytes transferred on success, or a negative error code on failure. -EIO is returned if the request was NAKed by the sink or if the retry count was exceeded. If not all bytes were transferred, this function returns -EPROTO. Errors from the underlying AUX channel transfer function, with the exception of -EBUSY (which causes the transaction to be retried), are propagated to the caller.

`ssize_t drm_dp_dpcd_write(struct drm\_dp\_aux * aux, unsigned int offset, void * buffer, size_t size)`  
write a series of bytes to the DPCD

## Parameters

**struct [drm\\_dp\\_aux](#) \* aux** DisplayPort AUX channel

**unsigned int offset** address of the (first) register to write

**void \* buffer** buffer containing the values to write

**size\_t size** number of bytes in **buffer**

## Description

Returns the number of bytes transferred on success, or a negative error code on failure. -EIO is returned if the request was NAKed by the sink or if the retry count was exceeded. If not all bytes were transferred, this function returns -EPROTO. Errors from the underlying AUX channel transfer function, with the exception of -EBUSY (which causes the transaction to be retried), are propagated to the caller.

`int drm_dp_dpcd_read_link_status(struct drm\_dp\_aux * aux, u8 status)`  
read DPCD link status (bytes 0x202-0x207)

## Parameters

**struct [drm\\_dp\\_aux](#) \* aux** DisplayPort AUX channel

**u8 status** buffer to store the link status in (must be at least 6 bytes)

## Description

Returns the number of bytes transferred on success or a negative error code on failure.

`int drm_dp_link_probe(struct drm\_dp\_aux * aux, struct drm\_dp\_link * link)`  
probe a DisplayPort link for capabilities

## Parameters

**struct [drm\\_dp\\_aux](#) \* aux** DisplayPort AUX channel

**struct [drm\\_dp\\_link](#) \* link** pointer to structure in which to return link capabilities

## Description

The structure filled in by this function can usually be passed directly into [drm\\_dp\\_link\\_power\\_up\(\)](#) and [drm\\_dp\\_link\\_configure\(\)](#) to power up and configure the link based on the link's capabilities.

Returns 0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **drm\_dp\_link\_power\_up**(struct *drm\_dp\_aux* \* *aux*, struct drm\_dp\_link \* *link*)  
power up a DisplayPort link

**Parameters**

struct *drm\_dp\_aux* \* *aux* DisplayPort AUX channel

struct *drm\_dp\_link* \* *link* pointer to a structure containing the link configuration

**Description**

Returns 0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **drm\_dp\_link\_power\_down**(struct *drm\_dp\_aux* \* *aux*, struct drm\_dp\_link \* *link*)  
power down a DisplayPort link

**Parameters**

struct *drm\_dp\_aux* \* *aux* DisplayPort AUX channel

struct *drm\_dp\_link* \* *link* pointer to a structure containing the link configuration

**Description**

Returns 0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **drm\_dp\_link\_configure**(struct *drm\_dp\_aux* \* *aux*, struct drm\_dp\_link \* *link*)  
configure a DisplayPort link

**Parameters**

struct *drm\_dp\_aux* \* *aux* DisplayPort AUX channel

struct *drm\_dp\_link* \* *link* pointer to a structure containing the link configuration

**Description**

Returns 0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **drm\_dp\_downstream\_max\_clock**(const u8 *dpcd*, const u8 *port\_cap*)  
extract branch device max pixel rate for legacy VGA converter or max TMDS clock rate for others

**Parameters**

const u8 *dpcd* DisplayPort configuration data

const u8 *port\_cap* port capabilities

**Description**

Returns max clock in kHz on success or 0 if max clock not defined

int **drm\_dp\_downstream\_max\_bpc**(const u8 *dpcd*, const u8 *port\_cap*)  
extract branch device max bits per component

**Parameters**

const u8 *dpcd* DisplayPort configuration data

const u8 *port\_cap* port capabilities

**Description**

Returns max bpc on success or 0 if max bpc not defined

int **drm\_dp\_downstream\_id**(struct *drm\_dp\_aux* \* *aux*, char *id*)  
identify branch device

**Parameters**

struct *drm\_dp\_aux* \* *aux* DisplayPort AUX channel

char *id* DisplayPort branch device id



**Description**

Returns branch device id on success or NULL on failure

```
void drm_dp_downstream_debug(struct seq_file *m, const u8 dpcd, const u8 port_cap, struct
                             drm_dp_aux *aux)
    debug DP branch devices
```

**Parameters**

**struct seq\_file \* m** pointer for debugfs file  
**const u8 dpcd** DisplayPort configuration data  
**const u8 port\_cap** port capabilities  
**struct drm\_dp\_aux \* aux** DisplayPort AUX channel  
**void drm\_dp\_aux\_init**(struct *drm\_dp\_aux* \*aux)  
 minimally initialise an aux channel

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_dp\_aux \* aux** DisplayPort AUX channel

**Description**

If you need to use the *drm\_dp\_aux*'s i2c adapter prior to registering it with the outside world, call *drm\_dp\_aux\_init()* first. You must still call *drm\_dp\_aux\_register()* once the connector has been registered to allow userspace access to the auxiliary DP channel.

```
int drm_dp_aux_register(struct drm_dp_aux *aux)
    initialise and register aux channel
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_dp\_aux \* aux** DisplayPort AUX channel

**Description**

Automatically calls *drm\_dp\_aux\_init()* if this hasn't been done yet.

Returns 0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

```
void drm_dp_aux_unregister(struct drm_dp_aux *aux)
    unregister an AUX adapter
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_dp\_aux \* aux** DisplayPort AUX channel

```
int drm_dp_psr_setup_time(const u8 psr_cap)
    PSR setup in time usec
```

**Parameters**

**const u8 psr\_cap** PSR capabilities from DPCD

**Return**

PSR setup time for the panel in microseconds, negative error code on failure.

```
int drm_dp_start_crc(struct drm_dp_aux *aux, struct drm_crtc *crtc)
    start capture of frame CRCs
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_dp\_aux \* aux** DisplayPort AUX channel  
**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** CRTC displaying the frames whose CRCs are to be captured

**Description**

Returns 0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **drm\_dp\_stop\_crc**(struct *drm\_dp\_aux* \* *aux*)  
stop capture of frame CRCs

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_dp\_aux** \* **aux** DisplayPort AUX channel

**Description**

Returns 0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **drm\_dp\_read\_desc**(struct *drm\_dp\_aux* \* *aux*, struct *drm\_dp\_desc* \* *desc*, bool *is\_branch*)  
read sink/branch descriptor from DPCD

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_dp\_aux** \* **aux** DisplayPort AUX channel

**struct drm\_dp\_desc** \* **desc** Device descriptor to fill from DPCD

**bool is\_branch** true for branch devices, false for sink devices

**Description**

Read DPCD 0x400 (sink) or 0x500 (branch) into **desc**. Also debug log the identification.

Returns 0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

## Display Port Dual Mode Adaptor Helper Functions Reference

Helper functions to deal with DP dual mode (aka. DP++) adaptors.

Type 1: Adaptor registers (if any) and the sink DDC bus may be accessed via I2C.

Type 2: Adaptor registers and sink DDC bus can be accessed either via I2C or I2C-over-AUX. Source devices may choose to implement either of these access methods.

enum **drm\_lspcon\_mode**

**Constants**

**DRM\_LSPCON\_MODE\_INVALID** No LSPCON.

**DRM\_LSPCON\_MODE\_LS** Level shifter mode of LSPCON which drives DP++ to HDMI 1.4 conversion.

**DRM\_LSPCON\_MODE\_PCON** Protocol converter mode of LSPCON which drives DP++ to HDMI 2.0 active conversion.

enum **drm\_dp\_dual\_mode\_type**  
Type of the DP dual mode adaptor

**Constants**

**DRM\_DP\_DUAL\_MODE\_NONE** No DP dual mode adaptor

**DRM\_DP\_DUAL\_MODE\_UNKNOWN** Could be either none or type 1 DVI adaptor

**DRM\_DP\_DUAL\_MODE\_TYPE1\_DVI** Type 1 DVI adaptor

**DRM\_DP\_DUAL\_MODE\_TYPE1\_HDMI** Type 1 HDMI adaptor

**DRM\_DP\_DUAL\_MODE\_TYPE2\_DVI** Type 2 DVI adaptor

**DRM\_DP\_DUAL\_MODE\_TYPE2\_HDMI** Type 2 HDMI adaptor

**DRM\_DP\_DUAL\_MODE\_LSPCON** Level shifter / protocol converter

ssize\_t **drm\_dp\_dual\_mode\_read**(struct *i2c\_adapter* \* *adapter*, u8 *offset*, void \* *buffer*, size\_t *size*)  
Read from the DP dual mode adaptor register(s)

**Parameters**

**struct i2c\_adapter \* adapter** I2C adapter for the DDC bus

**u8 offset** register offset

**void \* buffer** buffer for return data

**size\_t size** size of the buffer

### Description

Reads **size** bytes from the DP dual mode adaptor registers starting at **offset**.

### Return

0 on success, negative error code on failure

`ssize_t drm_dp_dual_mode_write(struct i2c_adapter * adapter, u8 offset, const void * buffer, size_t size)`

Write to the DP dual mode adaptor register(s)

### Parameters

**struct i2c\_adapter \* adapter** I2C adapter for the DDC bus

**u8 offset** register offset

**const void \* buffer** buffer for write data

**size\_t size** size of the buffer

### Description

Writes **size** bytes to the DP dual mode adaptor registers starting at **offset**.

### Return

0 on success, negative error code on failure

`enum drm\_dp\_dual\_mode\_type drm_dp_dual_mode_detect(struct i2c_adapter * adapter)`  
Identify the DP dual mode adaptor

### Parameters

**struct i2c\_adapter \* adapter** I2C adapter for the DDC bus

### Description

Attempt to identify the type of the DP dual mode adaptor used.

Note that when the answer is **DRM\_DP\_DUAL\_MODE\_UNKNOWN** it's not certain whether we're dealing with a native HDMI port or a type 1 DVI dual mode adaptor. The driver will have to use some other hardware/driver specific mechanism to make that distinction.

### Return

The type of the DP dual mode adaptor used

`int drm_dp_dual_mode_max_tmds_clock(enum drm\_dp\_dual\_mode\_type type, struct i2c_adapter * adapter)`

Max TMDS clock for DP dual mode adaptor

### Parameters

**enum [drm\\_dp\\_dual\\_mode\\_type](#) type** DP dual mode adaptor type

**struct i2c\_adapter \* adapter** I2C adapter for the DDC bus

### Description

Determine the max TMDS clock the adaptor supports based on the type of the dual mode adaptor and the DP\_DUAL\_MODE\_MAX\_TMDS\_CLOCK register (on type2 adaptors). As some type 1 adaptors have problems with registers (see comments in [drm\\_dp\\_dual\\_mode\\_detect\(\)](#)) we don't read the register on those, instead we simply assume a 165 MHz limit based on the specification.

**Return**

Maximum supported TMDS clock rate for the DP dual mode adaptor in kHz.

```
int drm_dp_dual_mode_get_tmds_output(enum drm_dp_dual_mode_type type, struct i2c_adapter  
                                     * adapter, bool * enabled)
```

Get the state of the TMDS output buffers in the DP dual mode adaptor

**Parameters**

**enum *drm\_dp\_dual\_mode\_type* type** DP dual mode adaptor type

**struct i2c\_adapter \* *adapter*** I2C adapter for the DDC bus

**bool \* *enabled*** current state of the TMDS output buffers

**Description**

Get the state of the TMDS output buffers in the adaptor. For type2 adaptors this is queried from the DP\_DUAL\_MODE\_TMDS\_OEN register. As some type 1 adaptors have problems with registers (see comments in *drm\_dp\_dual\_mode\_detect()*) we don't read the register on those, instead we simply assume that the buffers are always enabled.

**Return**

0 on success, negative error code on failure

```
int drm_dp_dual_mode_set_tmds_output(enum drm_dp_dual_mode_type type, struct i2c_adapter  
                                     * adapter, bool enable)
```

Enable/disable TMDS output buffers in the DP dual mode adaptor

**Parameters**

**enum *drm\_dp\_dual\_mode\_type* type** DP dual mode adaptor type

**struct i2c\_adapter \* *adapter*** I2C adapter for the DDC bus

**bool *enable*** enable (as opposed to disable) the TMDS output buffers

**Description**

Set the state of the TMDS output buffers in the adaptor. For type2 this is set via the DP\_DUAL\_MODE\_TMDS\_OEN register. As some type 1 adaptors have problems with registers (see comments in *drm\_dp\_dual\_mode\_detect()*) we avoid touching the register, making this function a no-op on type 1 adaptors.

**Return**

0 on success, negative error code on failure

```
const char * drm_dp_get_dual_mode_type_name(enum drm_dp_dual_mode_type type)
```

Get the name of the DP dual mode adaptor type as a string

**Parameters**

**enum *drm\_dp\_dual\_mode\_type* type** DP dual mode adaptor type

**Return**

String representation of the DP dual mode adaptor type

```
int drm_lspcon_get_mode(struct i2c_adapter * adapter, enum drm_lspcon_mode * mode)
```

**Parameters**

**struct i2c\_adapter \* *adapter*** I2C-over-aux adapter

**enum *drm\_lspcon\_mode* \* *mode*** current lspcon mode of operation output variable

**Description**

reading offset (0x80, 0x41)

**Return**

0 on success, sets the `current_mode` value to appropriate mode -error on failure

int **drm\_lspcon\_set\_mode**(struct i2c\_adapter \* *adapter*, enum *drm\_lspcon\_mode* *mode*)

#### Parameters

**struct i2c\_adapter \* adapter** I2C-over-aux adapter

**enum drm\_lspcon\_mode mode** required mode of operation

#### Description

writing offset (0x80, 0x40)

#### Return

0 on success, -error on failure/timeout

## Display Port MST Helper Functions Reference

These functions contain parts of the DisplayPort 1.2a MultiStream Transport protocol. The helpers contain a topology manager and bandwidth manager. The helpers encapsulate the sending and received of sideband msgs.

struct **drm\_dp\_vcpi**  
Virtual Channel Payload Identifier

#### Definition

```
struct drm_dp_vcpi {
    int vcpi;
    int pbn;
    int aligned_pbn;
    int num_slots;
};
```

#### Members

**vcpi** Virtual channel ID.

**pbn** Payload Bandwidth Number for this channel

**aligned\_pbn** PBN aligned with slot size

**num\_slots** number of slots for this PBN

struct **drm\_dp\_mst\_port**  
MST port

#### Definition

```
struct drm_dp_mst_port {
    struct kref kref;
    u8 port_num;
    bool input;
    bool mcs;
    bool ddps;
    u8 pdt;
    bool ldps;
    u8 dpcd_rev;
    u8 num_sdp_streams;
    u8 num_sdp_stream_sinks;
    uint16_t available_pbn;
    struct list_head next;
    struct drm_dp_mst_branch *mstb;
    struct drm_dp_aux aux;
    struct drm_dp_mst_branch *parent;
};
```

```
struct drm_dp_vcpi vcpi;
struct drm_connector *connector;
struct drm_dp_mst_topology_mgr *mgr;
struct edid *cached_edid;
bool has_audio;
};
```

### Members

**kref** reference count for this port.

**port\_num** port number

**input** if this port is an input port.

**mcs** message capability status - DP 1.2 spec.

**ddps** DisplayPort Device Plug Status - DP 1.2

**pdt** Peer Device Type

**ldps** Legacy Device Plug Status

**dpcd\_rev** DPCD revision of device on this port

**num\_sdp\_streams** Number of simultaneous streams

**num\_sdp\_stream\_sinks** Number of stream sinks

**available\_pbn** Available bandwidth for this port.

**next** link to next port on this branch device

**mstb** branch device attach below this port

**aux** i2c aux transport to talk to device connected to this port.

**parent** branch device parent of this port

**vcpi** Virtual Channel Payload info for this port.

**connector** DRM connector this port is connected to.

**mgr** topology manager this port lives under.

**cached\_edid** for DP logical ports - make tiling work by ensuring that the EDID for all connectors is read immediately.

**has\_audio** Tracks whether the sink connector to this port is audio-capable.

### Description

This structure represents an MST port endpoint on a device somewhere in the MST topology.

struct **drm\_dp\_mst\_branch**  
MST branch device.

### Definition

```
struct drm_dp_mst_branch {
    struct kref kref;
    u8 rad[8];
    u8 lct;
    int num_ports;
    int msg_slots;
    struct list_head ports;
    struct drm_dp_mst_port *port_parent;
    struct drm_dp_mst_topology_mgr *mgr;
    struct drm_dp_sideband_msg_tx *tx_slots[2];
    int last_seqno;
    bool link_address_sent;
};
```

```
u8 guid[16];
};
```

### Members

**kref** reference count for this port.

**rad** Relative Address to talk to this branch device.

**lct** Link count total to talk to this branch device.

**num\_ports** number of ports on the branch.

**msg\_slots** one bit per transmitted msg slot.

**ports** linked list of ports on this branch.

**port\_parent** pointer to the port parent, NULL if toplevel.

**mgr** topology manager for this branch device.

**tx\_slots** transmission slots for this device.

**last\_seqno** last sequence number used to talk to this.

**link\_address\_sent** if a link address message has been sent to this device yet.

**guid** guid for DP 1.2 branch device. port under this branch can be identified by port #.

### Description

This structure represents an MST branch device, there is one primary branch device at the root, along with any other branches connected to downstream port of parent branches.

struct **drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr**  
DisplayPort MST manager

### Definition

```
struct drm_dp_mst_topology_mgr {
    struct drm_private_obj base;
    struct drm_device *dev;
    const struct drm_dp_mst_topology_cbs *cbs;
    int max_dpcd_transaction_bytes;
    struct drm_dp_aux *aux;
    int max_payloads;
    int conn_base_id;
    struct drm_dp_sideband_msg_rx down_rep_recv;
    struct drm_dp_sideband_msg_rx up_req_recv;
    struct mutex lock;
    bool mst_state;
    struct drm_dp_mst_branch *mst_primary;
    u8 dpcd[DP_RECEIVER_CAP_SIZE];
    u8 sink_count;
    int pbn_div;
    struct drm_dp_mst_topology_state *state;
    const struct drm_private_state_funcs *funcs;
    struct mutex qlock;
    struct list_head tx_msg_downq;
    struct mutex payload_lock;
    struct drm_dp_vcpi **proposed_vcpis;
    struct drm_dp_payload *payloads;
    unsigned long payload_mask;
    unsigned long vcpi_mask;
    wait_queue_head_t tx_waitq;
    struct work_struct work;
    struct work_struct tx_work;
    struct list_head destroy_connector_list;
```

```
struct mutex destroy_connector_lock;  
struct work_struct destroy_connector_work;  
};
```

## Members

**base** Base private object for atomic

**dev** device pointer for adding i2c devices etc.

**cbs** callbacks for connector addition and destruction.

**max\_dpcd\_transaction\_bytes** maximum number of bytes to read/write in one go.

**aux** AUX channel for the DP MST connector this topology mgr is controlling.

**max\_payloads** maximum number of payloads the GPU can generate.

**conn\_base\_id** DRM connector ID this mgr is connected to. Only used to build the MST connector path value.

**down\_rep\_rcv** Message receiver state for down replies. This and **up\_req\_rcv** are only ever access from the work item, which is serialised.

**up\_req\_rcv** Message receiver state for up requests. This and **down\_rep\_rcv** are only ever access from the work item, which is serialised.

**lock** protects mst state, primary, dpcd.

**mst\_state** If this manager is enabled for an MST capable port. False if no MST sink/branch devices is connected.

**mst\_primary** Pointer to the primary/first branch device.

**dpcd** Cache of DPCD for primary port.

**sink\_count** Sink count from DEVICE\_SERVICE\_IRQ\_VECTOR\_ESI0.

**pbn\_div** PBN to slots divisor.

**state** State information for topology manager

**funcs** Atomic helper callbacks

**qlock** protects **tx\_msg\_downq**, the *drm\_dp\_mst\_branch.txslst* and *drm\_dp\_sideband\_msg\_tx.state* once they are queued

**tx\_msg\_downq** List of pending down replies.

**payload\_lock** Protect payload information.

**proposed\_vcpi** Array of pointers for the new VCPI allocation. The VCPI structure itself is *drm\_dp\_mst\_port.vcpi*.

**payloads** Array of payloads.

**payload\_mask** Elements of **payloads** actually in use. Since reallocation of active outputs isn't possible gaps can be created by disabling outputs out of order compared to how they've been enabled.

**vcpi\_mask** Similar to **payload\_mask**, but for **proposed\_vcpi**.

**tx\_waitq** Wait to queue stall for the tx worker.

**work** Probe work.

**tx\_work** Sideband transmit worker. This can nest within the main **work** worker for each transaction **work** launches.

**destroy\_connector\_list** List of to be destroyed connectors.

**destroy\_connector\_lock** Protects **connector\_list**.

**destroy\_connector\_work** Work item to destroy connectors. Needed to avoid locking inversion.



**Description**

This struct represents the toplevel displayport MST topology manager. There should be one instance of this for every MST capable DP connector on the GPU.

```
int drm_dp_update_payload_part1(struct drm_dp_mst_topology_mgr * mgr)
    Execute payload update part 1
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr \* mgr** manager to use.

**Description**

This iterates over all proposed virtual channels, and tries to allocate space in the link for them. For 0->slots transitions, this step just writes the VCPI to the MST device. For slots->0 transitions, this writes the updated VCPIs and removes the remote VC payloads.

after calling this the driver should generate ACT and payload packets.

```
int drm_dp_update_payload_part2(struct drm_dp_mst_topology_mgr * mgr)
    Execute payload update part 2
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr \* mgr** manager to use.

**Description**

This iterates over all proposed virtual channels, and tries to allocate space in the link for them. For 0->slots transitions, this step writes the remote VC payload commands. For slots->0 this just resets some internal state.

```
int drm_dp_mst_topology_mgr_set_mst(struct drm_dp_mst_topology_mgr * mgr, bool mst_state)
    Set the MST state for a topology manager
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr \* mgr** manager to set state for

**bool mst\_state** true to enable MST on this connector - false to disable.

**Description**

This is called by the driver when it detects an MST capable device plugged into a DP MST capable port, or when a DP MST capable device is unplugged.

```
void drm_dp_mst_topology_mgr_suspend(struct drm_dp_mst_topology_mgr * mgr)
    suspend the MST manager
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr \* mgr** manager to suspend

**Description**

This function tells the MST device that we can't handle UP messages anymore. This should stop it from sending any since we are suspended.

```
int drm_dp_mst_topology_mgr_resume(struct drm_dp_mst_topology_mgr * mgr)
    resume the MST manager
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr \* mgr** manager to resume

**Description**

This will fetch DPCD and see if the device is still there, if it is, it will rewrite the MSTM control bits, and return.

if the device fails this returns -1, and the driver should do a full MST reprobe, in case we were undocked.

int **drm\_dp\_mst\_hpd\_irq**(struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr* \* mgr, u8 \* esi, bool \* handled)  
MST hotplug IRQ notify

### Parameters

**struct drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr \* mgr** manager to notify irq for.

**u8 \* esi** 4 bytes from SINK\_COUNT\_ESI

**bool \* handled** whether the hpd interrupt was consumed or not

### Description

This should be called from the driver when it detects a short IRQ, along with the value of the DEVICE\_SERVICE\_IRQ\_VECTOR\_ESI0. The topology manager will process the sideband messages received as a result of this.

enum *drm\_connector\_status* **drm\_dp\_mst\_detect\_port**(struct *drm\_connector* \* connector, struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr* \* mgr, struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_port* \* port)  
get connection status for an MST port

### Parameters

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** DRM connector for this port

**struct drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr \* mgr** manager for this port

**struct drm\_dp\_mst\_port \* port** unverified pointer to a port

### Description

This returns the current connection state for a port. It validates the port pointer still exists so the caller doesn't require a reference

bool **drm\_dp\_mst\_port\_has\_audio**(struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr* \* mgr, struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_port* \* port)  
Check whether port has audio capability or not

### Parameters

**struct drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr \* mgr** manager for this port

**struct drm\_dp\_mst\_port \* port** unverified pointer to a port.

### Description

This returns whether the port supports audio or not.

struct edid \* **drm\_dp\_mst\_get\_edid**(struct *drm\_connector* \* connector, struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr* \* mgr, struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_port* \* port)  
get EDID for an MST port

### Parameters

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** toplevel connector to get EDID for

**struct drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr \* mgr** manager for this port

**struct drm\_dp\_mst\_port \* port** unverified pointer to a port.

### Description

This returns an EDID for the port connected to a connector, It validates the pointer still exists so the caller doesn't require a reference.

int **drm\_dp\_find\_vcpi\_slots**(struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr* \* mgr, int pbn)  
find slots for this PBN value

### Parameters

**struct drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr \* mgr** manager to use

**int pbn** payload bandwidth to convert into slots.

```
int drm_dp_atomic_find_vcpi_slots(struct drm_atomic_state *state, struct drm_dp_mst_topology_mgr *mgr, struct drm_dp_mst_port *port, int pbn)
```

Find and add vcpi slots to the state

#### Parameters

**struct *drm\_atomic\_state* \* state** global atomic state

**struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr* \* mgr** MST topology manager for the port

**struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_port* \* port** port to find vcpi slots for

**int pbn** bandwidth required for the mode in PBN

#### Return

Total slots in the atomic state assigned for this port or error

```
int drm_dp_atomic_release_vcpi_slots(struct drm_atomic_state *state, struct drm_dp_mst_topology_mgr *mgr, int slots)
```

Release allocated vcpi slots

#### Parameters

**struct *drm\_atomic\_state* \* state** global atomic state

**struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr* \* mgr** MST topology manager for the port

**int slots** number of vcpi slots to release

#### Return

0 if **slots** were added back to *drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_state->avail\_slots* or negative error code

```
bool drm_dp_mst_allocate_vcpi(struct drm_dp_mst_topology_mgr *mgr, struct drm_dp_mst_port *port, int pbn, int slots)
```

Allocate a virtual channel

#### Parameters

**struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr* \* mgr** manager for this port

**struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_port* \* port** port to allocate a virtual channel for.

**int pbn** payload bandwidth number to request

**int slots** returned number of slots for this PBN.

```
void drm_dp_mst_reset_vcpi_slots(struct drm_dp_mst_topology_mgr *mgr, struct drm_dp_mst_port *port)
```

Reset number of slots to 0 for VCPI

#### Parameters

**struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr* \* mgr** manager for this port

**struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_port* \* port** unverified pointer to a port.

#### Description

This just resets the number of slots for the ports VCPI for later programming.

```
void drm_dp_mst_deallocate_vcpi(struct drm_dp_mst_topology_mgr *mgr, struct drm_dp_mst_port *port)
```

deallocate a VCPI

#### Parameters

**struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr* \* mgr** manager for this port

**struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_port* \* port** unverified port to deallocate vcpi for

int **drm\_dp\_check\_act\_status**(struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr* \* mgr)  
Check ACT handled status.

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr \* mgr** manager to use

#### Description

Check the payload status bits in the DPCD for ACT handled completion.

int **drm\_dp\_calc\_pbn\_mode**(int *clock*, int *bpp*)  
Calculate the PBN for a mode.

#### Parameters

**int clock** dot clock for the mode

**int bpp** bpp for the mode.

#### Description

This uses the formula in the spec to calculate the PBN value for a mode.

void **drm\_dp\_mst\_dump\_topology**(struct seq\_file \* m, struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr* \* mgr)

#### Parameters

**struct seq\_file \* m** seq\_file to dump output to

**struct drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr \* mgr** manager to dump current topology for.

#### Description

helper to dump MST topology to a seq file for debugfs.

struct drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_state \* **drm\_atomic\_get\_mst\_topology\_state**(struct *drm\_atomic\_state* \* state, struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr* \* mgr)

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** global atomic state

**struct drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr \* mgr** MST topology manager, also the private object in this case

#### Description

This function wraps *drm\_atomic\_get\_priv\_obj\_state()* passing in the MST atomic state vtable so that the private object state returned is that of a MST topology object. Also, *drm\_atomic\_get\_private\_obj\_state()* expects the caller to care of the locking, so warn if don't hold the connection\_mutex.

#### Return

The MST topology state or error pointer.

int **drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr\_init**(struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr* \* mgr, struct *drm\_device* \* dev, struct *drm\_dp\_aux* \* aux, int *max\_dpcd\_transaction\_bytes*, int *max\_payloads*, int *conn\_base\_id*)  
initialise a topology manager

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr \* mgr** manager struct to initialise

**struct drm\_device \* dev** device providing this structure - for i2c addition.

**struct drm\_dp\_aux \* aux** DP helper aux channel to talk to this device

**int max\_dpcd\_transaction\_bytes** hw specific DPCD transaction limit

**int max\_payloads** maximum number of payloads this GPU can source

**int conn\_base\_id** the connector object ID the MST device is connected to.

### Description

Return 0 for success, or negative error code on failure

void **drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr\_destroy**(struct *drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr* \* mgr)  
destroy topology manager.

### Parameters

**struct drm\_dp\_mst\_topology\_mgr \* mgr** manager to destroy

## MIPI DSI Helper Functions Reference

These functions contain some common logic and helpers to deal with MIPI DSI peripherals.

Helpers are provided for a number of standard MIPI DSI command as well as a subset of the MIPI DCS command set.

struct **mipi\_dsi\_msg**  
read/write DSI buffer

### Definition

```
struct mipi_dsi_msg {
    u8 channel;
    u8 type;
    u16 flags;
    size_t tx_len;
    const void *tx_buf;
    size_t rx_len;
    void *rx_buf;
};
```

### Members

**channel** virtual channel id

**type** payload data type

**flags** flags controlling this message transmission

**tx\_len** length of **tx\_buf**

**tx\_buf** data to be written

**rx\_len** length of **rx\_buf**

**rx\_buf** data to be read, or NULL

struct **mipi\_dsi\_packet**  
represents a MIPI DSI packet in protocol format

### Definition

```
struct mipi_dsi_packet {
    size_t size;
    u8 header[4];
    size_t payload_length;
    const u8 *payload;
};
```

### Members

**size** size (in bytes) of the packet

**header** the four bytes that make up the header (Data ID, Word Count or Packet Data, and ECC)

**payload\_length** number of bytes in the payload

**payload** a pointer to a buffer containing the payload, if any

struct **mipi\_dsi\_host\_ops**

DSI bus operations

### Definition

```
struct mipi_dsi_host_ops {
    int (*attach)(struct mipi_dsi_host *host, struct mipi_dsi_device *dsi);
    int (*detach)(struct mipi_dsi_host *host, struct mipi_dsi_device *dsi);
    ssize_t (*transfer)(struct mipi_dsi_host *host, const struct mipi_dsi_msg *msg);
};
```

### Members

**attach** attach DSI device to DSI host

**detach** detach DSI device from DSI host

**transfer** transmit a DSI packet

### Description

DSI packets transmitted by `::c:func:transfer()` are passed in as `mipi_dsi_msg` structures. This structure contains information about the type of packet being transmitted as well as the transmit and receive buffers. When an error is encountered during transmission, this function will return a negative error code. On success it shall return the number of bytes transmitted for write packets or the number of bytes received for read packets.

Note that typically DSI packet transmission is atomic, so the `::c:func:transfer()` function will seldomly return anything other than the number of bytes contained in the transmit buffer on success.

struct **mipi\_dsi\_host**

DSI host device

### Definition

```
struct mipi_dsi_host {
    struct device *dev;
    const struct mipi_dsi_host_ops *ops;
    struct list_head list;
};
```

### Members

**dev** driver model device node for this DSI host

**ops** DSI host operations

**list** list management

struct **mipi\_dsi\_device\_info**

template for creating a `mipi_dsi_device`

### Definition

```
struct mipi_dsi_device_info {
    char type[DSI_DEV_NAME_SIZE];
    u32 channel;
    struct device_node *node;
};
```

### Members

**type** DSI peripheral chip type

**channel** DSI virtual channel assigned to peripheral

**node** pointer to OF device node or NULL

### Description

This is populated and passed to `mipi_dsi_device_new` to create a new DSI device

struct **mipi\_dsi\_device**  
DSI peripheral device

### Definition

```
struct mipi_dsi_device {
    struct mipi_dsi_host *host;
    struct device dev;
    char name[DSI_DEV_NAME_SIZE];
    unsigned int channel;
    unsigned int lanes;
    enum mipi_dsi_pixel_format format;
    unsigned long mode_flags;
};
```

### Members

**host** DSI host for this peripheral

**dev** driver model device node for this peripheral

**name** DSI peripheral chip type

**channel** virtual channel assigned to the peripheral

**lanes** number of active data lanes

**format** pixel format for video mode

**mode\_flags** DSI operation mode related flags

int **mipi\_dsi\_pixel\_format\_to\_bpp**(enum mipi\_dsi\_pixel\_format *fmt*)  
obtain the number of bits per pixel for any given pixel format defined by the MIPI DSI specification

### Parameters

enum **mipi\_dsi\_pixel\_format** *fmt* MIPI DSI pixel format

### Return

The number of bits per pixel of the given pixel format.

enum **mipi\_dsi\_dcs\_tear\_mode**  
Tearing Effect Output Line mode

### Constants

**MIPI\_DSI\_DCS\_TEAR\_MODE\_VBLANK** the TE output line consists of V-Blanking information only

**MIPI\_DSI\_DCS\_TEAR\_MODE\_VHBLANK** the TE output line consists of both V-Blanking and H-Blanking information

struct **mipi\_dsi\_driver**  
DSI driver

### Definition

```
struct mipi_dsi_driver {
    struct device_driver driver;
    int(*probe)(struct mipi_dsi_device *dsi);
    int(*remove)(struct mipi_dsi_device *dsi);
};
```

```
void (*shutdown)(struct mipi_dsi_device *dsi);  
};
```

### Members

**driver** device driver model driver

**probe** callback for device binding

**remove** callback for device unbinding

**shutdown** called at shutdown time to quiesce the device

struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* **of\_find\_mipi\_dsi\_device\_by\_node**(struct device\_node \* *np*)  
find the MIPI DSI device matching a device tree node

### Parameters

struct device\_node \* **np** device tree node

### Return

A pointer to the MIPI DSI device corresponding to **np** or NULL if no such device exists (or has not been registered yet).

struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* **mipi\_dsi\_device\_register\_full**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_host* \* *host*, const struct *mipi\_dsi\_device\_info* \* *info*)  
create a MIPI DSI device

### Parameters

struct *mipi\_dsi\_host* \* **host** DSI host to which this device is connected

const struct *mipi\_dsi\_device\_info* \* **info** pointer to template containing DSI device information

### Description

Create a MIPI DSI device by using the device information provided by *mipi\_dsi\_device\_info* template

### Return

A pointer to the newly created MIPI DSI device, or, a pointer encoded with an error

void **mipi\_dsi\_device\_unregister**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* *dsi*)  
unregister MIPI DSI device

### Parameters

struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* **dsi** DSI peripheral device

struct *mipi\_dsi\_host* \* **of\_find\_mipi\_dsi\_host\_by\_node**(struct device\_node \* *node*)  
find the MIPI DSI host matching a device tree node

### Parameters

struct device\_node \* **node** device tree node

### Return

A pointer to the MIPI DSI host corresponding to **node** or NULL if no such device exists (or has not been registered yet).

int **mipi\_dsi\_attach**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* *dsi*)  
attach a DSI device to its DSI host

### Parameters

struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* **dsi** DSI peripheral

int **mipi\_dsi\_detach**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* *dsi*)  
detach a DSI device from its DSI host

### Parameters



**struct mipi\_dsi\_device \* dsi** DSI peripheral

**bool mipi\_dsi\_packet\_format\_is\_short(u8 type)**  
check if a packet is of the short format

#### Parameters

**u8 type** MIPI DSI data type of the packet

#### Return

true if the packet for the given data type is a short packet, false otherwise.

**bool mipi\_dsi\_packet\_format\_is\_long(u8 type)**  
check if a packet is of the long format

#### Parameters

**u8 type** MIPI DSI data type of the packet

#### Return

true if the packet for the given data type is a long packet, false otherwise.

**int mipi\_dsi\_create\_packet(struct *mipi\_dsi\_packet* \* packet, const struct *mipi\_dsi\_msg* \* msg)**  
create a packet from a message according to the DSI protocol

#### Parameters

**struct mipi\_dsi\_packet \* packet** pointer to a DSI packet structure

**const struct mipi\_dsi\_msg \* msg** message to translate into a packet

#### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

**int mipi\_dsi\_shutdown\_peripheral(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* dsi)**  
sends a Shutdown Peripheral command

#### Parameters

**struct mipi\_dsi\_device \* dsi** DSI peripheral device

#### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

**int mipi\_dsi\_turn\_on\_peripheral(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* dsi)**  
sends a Turn On Peripheral command

#### Parameters

**struct mipi\_dsi\_device \* dsi** DSI peripheral device

#### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

**ssize\_t mipi\_dsi\_generic\_write(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* dsi, const void \* payload, size\_t size)**  
transmit data using a generic write packet

#### Parameters

**struct mipi\_dsi\_device \* dsi** DSI peripheral device

**const void \* payload** buffer containing the payload

**size\_t size** size of payload buffer

#### Description

This function will automatically choose the right data type depending on the payload length.

#### Return

The number of bytes transmitted on success or a negative error code on failure.

```
ssize_t mipi_dsi_generic_read(struct mipi_dsi_device * dsi, const void * params,
                             size_t num_params, void * data, size_t size)
    receive data using a generic read packet
```

**Parameters**

**struct mipi\_dsi\_device \* dsi** DSI peripheral device  
**const void \* params** buffer containing the request parameters  
**size\_t num\_params** number of request parameters  
**void \* data** buffer in which to return the received data  
**size\_t size** size of receive buffer

**Description**

This function will automatically choose the right data type depending on the number of parameters passed in.

**Return**

The number of bytes successfully read or a negative error code on failure.

```
ssize_t mipi_dsi_dcs_write_buffer(struct mipi_dsi_device * dsi, const void * data, size_t len)
    transmit a DCS command with payload
```

**Parameters**

**struct mipi\_dsi\_device \* dsi** DSI peripheral device  
**const void \* data** buffer containing data to be transmitted  
**size\_t len** size of transmission buffer

**Description**

This function will automatically choose the right data type depending on the command payload length.

**Return**

The number of bytes successfully transmitted or a negative error code on failure.

```
ssize_t mipi_dsi_dcs_write(struct mipi_dsi_device * dsi, u8 cmd, const void * data, size_t len)
    send DCS write command
```

**Parameters**

**struct mipi\_dsi\_device \* dsi** DSI peripheral device  
**u8 cmd** DCS command  
**const void \* data** buffer containing the command payload  
**size\_t len** command payload length

**Description**

This function will automatically choose the right data type depending on the command payload length.

**Return**

The number of bytes successfully transmitted or a negative error code on failure.

```
ssize_t mipi_dsi_dcs_read(struct mipi_dsi_device * dsi, u8 cmd, void * data, size_t len)
    send DCS read request command
```

**Parameters**

**struct mipi\_dsi\_device \* dsi** DSI peripheral device  
**u8 cmd** DCS command

**void \* data** buffer in which to receive data

**size\_t len** size of receive buffer

### Return

The number of bytes read or a negative error code on failure.

int **mipi\_dsi\_dcs\_nop**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* dsi)  
send DCS nop packet

### Parameters

**struct mipi\_dsi\_device \* dsi** DSI peripheral device

### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **mipi\_dsi\_dcs\_soft\_reset**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* dsi)  
perform a software reset of the display module

### Parameters

**struct mipi\_dsi\_device \* dsi** DSI peripheral device

### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **mipi\_dsi\_dcs\_get\_power\_mode**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* dsi, u8 \* mode)  
query the display module's current power mode

### Parameters

**struct mipi\_dsi\_device \* dsi** DSI peripheral device

**u8 \* mode** return location for the current power mode

### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **mipi\_dsi\_dcs\_get\_pixel\_format**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* dsi, u8 \* format)  
gets the pixel format for the RGB image data used by the interface

### Parameters

**struct mipi\_dsi\_device \* dsi** DSI peripheral device

**u8 \* format** return location for the pixel format

### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **mipi\_dsi\_dcs\_enter\_sleep\_mode**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* dsi)  
disable all unnecessary blocks inside the display module except interface communication

### Parameters

**struct mipi\_dsi\_device \* dsi** DSI peripheral device

### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **mipi\_dsi\_dcs\_exit\_sleep\_mode**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* dsi)  
enable all blocks inside the display module

### Parameters

**struct mipi\_dsi\_device \* dsi** DSI peripheral device

### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **mipi\_dsi\_dcs\_set\_display\_off**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* *dsi*)  
stop displaying the image data on the display device

### Parameters

struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* *dsi* DSI peripheral device

### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **mipi\_dsi\_dcs\_set\_display\_on**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* *dsi*)  
start displaying the image data on the display device

### Parameters

struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* *dsi* DSI peripheral device

### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure

int **mipi\_dsi\_dcs\_set\_column\_address**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* *dsi*, u16 *start*, u16 *end*)  
define the column extent of the frame memory accessed by the host processor

### Parameters

struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* *dsi* DSI peripheral device

u16 *start* first column of frame memory

u16 *end* last column of frame memory

### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **mipi\_dsi\_dcs\_set\_page\_address**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* *dsi*, u16 *start*, u16 *end*)  
define the page extent of the frame memory accessed by the host processor

### Parameters

struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* *dsi* DSI peripheral device

u16 *start* first page of frame memory

u16 *end* last page of frame memory

### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **mipi\_dsi\_dcs\_set\_tear\_off**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* *dsi*)  
turn off the display module's Tearing Effect output signal on the TE signal line

### Parameters

struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* *dsi* DSI peripheral device

### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure

int **mipi\_dsi\_dcs\_set\_tear\_on**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* *dsi*, enum *mipi\_dsi\_dcs\_tear\_mode* *mode*)  
turn on the display module's Tearing Effect output signal on the TE signal line.

### Parameters

struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* *dsi* DSI peripheral device

enum *mipi\_dsi\_dcs\_tear\_mode* *mode* the Tearing Effect Output Line mode

**Return**

0 on success or a negative error code on failure

int **mipi\_dsi\_dcs\_set\_pixel\_format**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* *dsi*, u8 *format*)  
sets the pixel format for the RGB image data used by the interface

**Parameters**

**struct mipi\_dsi\_device \* dsi** DSI peripheral device

**u8 format** pixel format

**Return**

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **mipi\_dsi\_dcs\_set\_tear\_scanline**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* *dsi*, u16 *scanline*)  
set the scanline to use as trigger for the Tearing Effect output signal of the display module

**Parameters**

**struct mipi\_dsi\_device \* dsi** DSI peripheral device

**u16 scanline** scanline to use as trigger

**Return**

0 on success or a negative error code on failure

int **mipi\_dsi\_dcs\_set\_display\_brightness**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* *dsi*, u16 *brightness*)  
sets the brightness value of the display

**Parameters**

**struct mipi\_dsi\_device \* dsi** DSI peripheral device

**u16 brightness** brightness value

**Return**

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **mipi\_dsi\_dcs\_get\_display\_brightness**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_device* \* *dsi*, u16 \* *brightness*)  
gets the current brightness value of the display

**Parameters**

**struct mipi\_dsi\_device \* dsi** DSI peripheral device

**u16 \* brightness** brightness value

**Return**

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **mipi\_dsi\_driver\_register\_full**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_driver* \* *drv*, struct module \* *owner*)  
register a driver for DSI devices

**Parameters**

**struct mipi\_dsi\_driver \* drv** DSI driver structure

**struct module \* owner** owner module

**Return**

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

void **mipi\_dsi\_driver\_unregister**(struct *mipi\_dsi\_driver* \* *drv*)  
unregister a driver for DSI devices

**Parameters**

**struct mipi\_dsi\_driver \* drv** DSI driver structure

## Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

## Output Probing Helper Functions Reference

This library provides some helper code for output probing. It provides an implementation of the core *drm\_connector\_funcs.fill\_modes* interface with *drm\_helper\_probe\_single\_connector\_modes()*.

It also provides support for polling connectors with a work item and for generic hotplug interrupt handling where the driver doesn't or cannot keep track of a per-connector hpd interrupt.

This helper library can be used independently of the modeset helper library. Drivers can also overwrite different parts e.g. use their own hotplug handling code to avoid probing unrelated outputs.

The probe helpers share the function table structures with other display helper libraries. See *struct drm\_connector\_helper\_funcs* for the details.

**void** **drm\_kms\_helper\_poll\_enable**(struct *drm\_device* \* *dev*)  
re-enable output polling.

### Parameters

**struct** *drm\_device* \* **dev** *drm\_device*

### Description

This function re-enables the output polling work, after it has been temporarily disabled using *drm\_kms\_helper\_poll\_disable()*, for example over suspend/resume.

Drivers can call this helper from their device resume implementation. It is not an error to call this even when output polling isn't enabled.

Note that calls to enable and disable polling must be strictly ordered, which is automatically the case when they're only call from suspend/resume callbacks.

**int** **drm\_helper\_probe\_detect**(struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*, struct *drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx* \* *ctx*, **bool** *force*)  
probe connector status

### Parameters

**struct** *drm\_connector* \* **connector** connector to probe

**struct** *drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx* \* **ctx** *acquire\_ctx*, or NULL to let this function handle locking.

**bool** **force** Whether destructive probe operations should be performed.

### Description

This function calls the detect callbacks of the connector. This function returns *drm\_connector\_status*, or if **ctx** is set, it might also return -EDEADLK.

**int** **drm\_helper\_probe\_single\_connector\_modes**(struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*,  
uint32\_t *maxX*, uint32\_t *maxY*)  
get complete set of display modes

### Parameters

**struct** *drm\_connector* \* **connector** connector to probe

**uint32\_t** **maxX** max width for modes

**uint32\_t** **maxY** max height for modes

### Description

Based on the helper callbacks implemented by **connector** in struct `drm_connector_helper_funcs` try to detect all valid modes. Modes will first be added to the connector's probed\_modes list, then culled (based on validity and the **maxX**, **maxY** parameters) and put into the normal modes list.

Intended to be used as a generic implementation of the `drm_connector_funcs.fill_modes()` vfunc for drivers that use the CRTC helpers for output mode filtering and detection.

The basic procedure is as follows

1. All modes currently on the connector's modes list are marked as stale
2. New modes are added to the connector's probed\_modes list with `drm_mode_probed_add()`. New modes start their life with status as OK. Modes are added from a single source using the following priority order.
  - `drm_connector_helper_funcs.get_modes` vfunc
  - if the connector status is `connector_status_connected`, standard VESA DMT modes up to 1024x768 are automatically added (`drm_add_modes_noedid()`)

Finally modes specified via the kernel command line (`video=...`) are added in addition to what the earlier probes produced (`drm_helper_probe_add_cmdline_mode()`). These modes are generated using the VESA GTF/CVT formulas.
3. Modes are moved from the probed\_modes list to the modes list. Potential duplicates are merged together (see `drm_mode_connector_list_update()`). After this step the probed\_modes list will be empty again.
4. Any non-stale mode on the modes list then undergoes validation
  - `drm_mode_validate_basic()` performs basic sanity checks
  - `drm_mode_validate_size()` filters out modes larger than **maxX** and **maxY** (if specified)
  - `drm_mode_validate_flag()` checks the modes against basic connector capabilities (`interlace_allowed`, `doublescan_allowed`, `stereo_allowed`)
  - the optional `drm_connector_helper_funcs.mode_valid` helper can perform driver and/or sink specific checks
  - the optional `drm_crtc_helper_funcs.mode_valid`, `drm_bridge_funcs.mode_valid` and `drm_encoder_helper_funcs.mode_valid` helpers can perform driver and/or source specific checks which are also enforced by the modeset/atomic helpers
5. Any mode whose status is not OK is pruned from the connector's modes list, accompanied by a debug message indicating the reason for the mode's rejection (see `drm_mode_prune_invalid()`).

## Return

The number of modes found on **connector**.

void **drm\_kms\_helper\_hotplug\_event**(struct drm\_device \* dev)  
fire off KMS hotplug events

## Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm\_device whose connector state changed

## Description

This function fires off the uevent for userspace and also calls the `output_poll_changed` function, which is most commonly used to inform the fbdev emulation code and allow it to update the fbcon output configuration.

Drivers should call this from their hotplug handling code when a change is detected. Note that this function does not do any output detection of its own, like `drm_helper_hpd_irq_event()` does - this is assumed to be done by the driver already.

This function must be called from process context with no mode setting locks held.

bool **drm\_kms\_helper\_is\_poll\_worker**(void)  
is current task an output poll worker?

**Parameters**

**void** no arguments

**Description**

Determine if current task is an output poll worker. This can be used to select distinct code paths for output polling versus other contexts.

One use case is to avoid a deadlock between the output poll worker and the autosuspend worker wherein the latter waits for polling to finish upon calling [drm\\_kms\\_helper\\_poll\\_disable\(\)](#), while the former waits for runtime suspend to finish upon calling `pm_runtime_get_sync()` in a connector ->detect hook.

void **drm\_kms\_helper\_poll\_disable**(struct drm\_device \* dev)  
disable output polling

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm\_device

**Description**

This function disables the output polling work.

Drivers can call this helper from their device suspend implementation. It is not an error to call this even when output polling isn't enabled or already disabled. Polling is re-enabled by calling [drm\\_kms\\_helper\\_poll\\_enable\(\)](#).

Note that calls to enable and disable polling must be strictly ordered, which is automatically the case when they're only call from suspend/resume callbacks.

void **drm\_kms\_helper\_poll\_init**(struct drm\_device \* dev)  
initialize and enable output polling

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm\_device

**Description**

This function initializes and then also enables output polling support for **dev**. Drivers which do not have reliable hotplug support in hardware can use this helper infrastructure to regularly poll such connectors for changes in their connection state.

Drivers can control which connectors are polled by setting the `DRM_CONNECTOR_POLL_CONNECT` and `DRM_CONNECTOR_POLL_DISCONNECT` flags. On connectors where probing live outputs can result in visual distortion drivers should not set the `DRM_CONNECTOR_POLL_DISCONNECT` flag to avoid this. Connectors which have no flag or only `DRM_CONNECTOR_POLL_HPD` set are completely ignored by the polling logic.

Note that a connector can be both polled and probed from the hotplug handler, in case the hotplug interrupt is known to be unreliable.

void **drm\_kms\_helper\_poll\_fini**(struct drm\_device \* dev)  
disable output polling and clean it up

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm\_device

bool **drm\_helper\_hpd\_irq\_event**(struct drm\_device \* dev)  
hotplug processing

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm\_device



## Description

Drivers can use this helper function to run a detect cycle on all connectors which have the `DRM_CONNECTOR_POLL_HPD` flag set in their polled member. All other connectors are ignored, which is useful to avoid reprobng fixed panels.

This helper function is useful for drivers which can't or don't track hotplug interrupts for each connector.

Drivers which support hotplug interrupts for each connector individually and which have a more fine-grained detect logic should bypass this code and directly call [`drm\_kms\_helper\_hotplug\_event\(\)`](#) in case the connector state changed.

This function must be called from process context with no mode setting locks held.

Note that a connector can be both polled and probed from the hotplug handler, in case the hotplug interrupt is known to be unreliable.

## EDID Helper Functions Reference

`int drm_eld_mnl(const uint8_t * eld)`  
Get ELD monitor name length in bytes.

### Parameters

`const uint8_t * eld` pointer to an eld memory structure with mnl set

`const uint8_t * drm_eld_sad(const uint8_t * eld)`  
Get ELD SAD structures.

### Parameters

`const uint8_t * eld` pointer to an eld memory structure with sad\_count set

`int drm_eld_sad_count(const uint8_t * eld)`  
Get ELD SAD count.

### Parameters

`const uint8_t * eld` pointer to an eld memory structure with sad\_count set

`int drm_eld_calc_baseline_block_size(const uint8_t * eld)`  
Calculate baseline block size in bytes

### Parameters

`const uint8_t * eld` pointer to an eld memory structure with mnl and sad\_count set

## Description

This is a helper for determining the payload size of the baseline block, in bytes, for e.g. setting the `Baseline_ELD_Len` field in the ELD header block.

`int drm_eld_size(const uint8_t * eld)`  
Get ELD size in bytes

### Parameters

`const uint8_t * eld` pointer to a complete eld memory structure

## Description

The returned value does not include the vendor block. It's vendor specific, and comprises of the remaining bytes in the ELD memory buffer after [`drm\_eld\_size\(\)`](#) bytes of header and baseline block.

The returned value is guaranteed to be a multiple of 4.

`u8 drm_eld_get_spk_alloc(const uint8_t * eld)`  
Get speaker allocation

**Parameters**

**const uint8\_t \* eld** pointer to an ELD memory structure

**Description**

The returned value is the speakers mask. User has to use `DRM_ELD_SPEAKER` field definitions to identify speakers.

**u8 `drm_eld_get_conn_type`(const uint8\_t \* *eld*)**  
Get device type hdmi/dp connected

**Parameters**

**const uint8\_t \* eld** pointer to an ELD memory structure

**Description**

The caller need to use `DRM_ELD_CONN_TYPE_HDMI` or `DRM_ELD_CONN_TYPE_DP` to identify the display type connected.

**int `drm_edid_header_is_valid`(const u8 \* *raw\_edid*)**  
sanity check the header of the base EDID block

**Parameters**

**const u8 \* *raw\_edid*** pointer to raw base EDID block

**Description**

Sanity check the header of the base EDID block.

**Return**

8 if the header is perfect, down to 0 if it's totally wrong.

**bool `drm_edid_block_valid`(u8 \* *raw\_edid*, int *block*, bool *print\_bad\_edid*, bool \* *edid\_corrupt*)**  
Sanity check the EDID block (base or extension)

**Parameters**

**u8 \* *raw\_edid*** pointer to raw EDID block

**int *block*** type of block to validate (0 for base, extension otherwise)

**bool *print\_bad\_edid*** if true, dump bad EDID blocks to the console

**bool \* *edid\_corrupt*** if true, the header or checksum is invalid

**Description**

Validate a base or extension EDID block and optionally dump bad blocks to the console.

**Return**

True if the block is valid, false otherwise.

**bool `drm_edid_is_valid`(struct edid \* *edid*)**  
sanity check EDID data

**Parameters**

**struct edid \* *edid*** EDID data

**Description**

Sanity-check an entire EDID record (including extensions)

**Return**

True if the EDID data is valid, false otherwise.

**struct edid \* `drm_do_get_edid`(struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*, int (\**get\_edid\_block*)(void \**data*, u8 \**buf*, unsigned int *block*, size\_t *len*, void \**data*))**  
get EDID data using a custom EDID block read function

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** connector we're probing

**int (\*)(void \*data, u8 \*buf, unsigned int block, size\_t len) get\_edid\_block** EDID block read function

**void \* data** private data passed to the block read function

**Description**

When the I2C adapter connected to the DDC bus is hidden behind a device that exposes a different interface to read EDID blocks this function can be used to get EDID data using a custom block read function.

As in the general case the DDC bus is accessible by the kernel at the I2C level, drivers must make all reasonable efforts to expose it as an I2C adapter and use `drm_get_edid()` instead of abusing this function.

The EDID may be overridden using debugfs `override_edid` or firmware EDID (`drm_load_edid_firmware()` and `drm.edid_firmware` parameter), in this priority order. Having either of them bypasses actual EDID reads.

**Return**

Pointer to valid EDID or NULL if we couldn't find any.

**bool drm\_probe\_ddc**(struct i2c\_adapter \* *adapter*)  
probe DDC presence

**Parameters**

**struct i2c\_adapter \* adapter** I2C adapter to probe

**Return**

True on success, false on failure.

**struct edid \* drm\_get\_edid**(struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*, struct i2c\_adapter \* *adapter*)  
get EDID data, if available

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** connector we're probing

**struct i2c\_adapter \* adapter** I2C adapter to use for DDC

**Description**

Poke the given I2C channel to grab EDID data if possible. If found, attach it to the connector.

**Return**

Pointer to valid EDID or NULL if we couldn't find any.

**struct edid \* drm\_get\_edid\_switcheroo**(struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*, struct i2c\_adapter \* *adapter*)  
get EDID data for a vga\_switcheroo output

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** connector we're probing

**struct i2c\_adapter \* adapter** I2C adapter to use for DDC

**Description**

Wrapper around `drm_get_edid()` for laptops with dual GPUs using one set of outputs. The wrapper adds the requisite `vga_switcheroo` calls to temporarily switch DDC to the GPU which is retrieving EDID.

**Return**

Pointer to valid EDID or NULL if we couldn't find any.

`struct edid * drm_edid_duplicate(const struct edid * edid)`  
duplicate an EDID and the extensions

**Parameters**

`const struct edid * edid` EDID to duplicate

**Return**

Pointer to duplicated EDID or NULL on allocation failure.

`u8 drm_match_cea_mode(const struct drm_display_mode * to_match)`  
look for a CEA mode matching given mode

**Parameters**

`const struct drm_display_mode * to_match` display mode

**Return**

The CEA Video ID (VIC) of the mode or 0 if it isn't a CEA-861 mode.

`enum hdmi_picture_aspect drm_get_cea_aspect_ratio(const u8 video_code)`  
get the picture aspect ratio corresponding to the input VIC from the CEA mode list

**Parameters**

`const u8 video_code` ID given to each of the CEA modes

**Description**

Returns picture aspect ratio

`void drm_edid_get_monitor_name(struct edid * edid, char * name, int bufsize)`  
fetch the monitor name from the edid

**Parameters**

`struct edid * edid` monitor EDID information

`char * name` pointer to a character array to hold the name of the monitor

`int bufsize` The size of the name buffer (should be at least 14 chars.)

`int drm_edid_to_sad(struct edid * edid, struct cea_sad ** sads)`  
extracts SADs from EDID

**Parameters**

`struct edid * edid` EDID to parse

`struct cea_sad ** sads` pointer that will be set to the extracted SADs

**Description**

Looks for CEA EDID block and extracts SADs (Short Audio Descriptors) from it.

**Note**

The returned pointer needs to be freed using `kfree()`.

**Return**

The number of found SADs or negative number on error.

`int drm_edid_to_speaker_allocation(struct edid * edid, u8 ** sadb)`  
extracts Speaker Allocation Data Blocks from EDID

**Parameters**

`struct edid * edid` EDID to parse

`u8 ** sadb` pointer to the speaker block

**Description**

Looks for CEA EDID block and extracts the Speaker Allocation Data Block from it.

**Note**

The returned pointer needs to be freed using `kfree()`.

**Return**

The number of found Speaker Allocation Blocks or negative number on error.

int **drm\_av\_sync\_delay**(struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*, const struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* *mode*)  
compute the HDMI/DP sink audio-video sync delay

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_connector \* connector** connector associated with the HDMI/DP sink

**const struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode** the display mode

**Return**

The HDMI/DP sink's audio-video sync delay in milliseconds or 0 if the sink doesn't support audio or video.

bool **drm\_detect\_hdmi\_monitor**(struct edid \* *edid*)  
detect whether monitor is HDMI

**Parameters**

**struct edid \* edid** monitor EDID information

**Description**

Parse the CEA extension according to CEA-861-B.

**Return**

True if the monitor is HDMI, false if not or unknown.

bool **drm\_detect\_monitor\_audio**(struct edid \* *edid*)  
check monitor audio capability

**Parameters**

**struct edid \* edid** EDID block to scan

**Description**

Monitor should have CEA extension block. If monitor has 'basic audio', but no CEA audio blocks, it's 'basic audio' only. If there is any audio extension block and supported audio format, assume at least 'basic audio' support, even if 'basic audio' is not defined in EDID.

**Return**

True if the monitor supports audio, false otherwise.

bool **drm\_rgb\_quant\_range\_selectable**(struct edid \* *edid*)  
is RGB quantization range selectable?

**Parameters**

**struct edid \* edid** EDID block to scan

**Description**

Check whether the monitor reports the RGB quantization range selection as supported. The AVI infoframe can then be used to inform the monitor which quantization range (full or limited) is used.

**Return**

True if the RGB quantization range is selectable, false otherwise.

enum `hdmi_quantization_range` **drm\_default\_rgb\_quant\_range**(const struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* *mode*)  
default RGB quantization range

**Parameters**

const struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* *mode* display mode

**Description**

Determine the default RGB quantization range for the mode, as specified in CEA-861.

**Return**

The default RGB quantization range for the mode

int **drm\_add\_edid\_modes**(struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*, struct edid \* *edid*)  
add modes from EDID data, if available

**Parameters**

struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector* connector we're probing

struct edid \* *edid* EDID data

**Description**

Add the specified modes to the connector's mode list. Also fills out the *drm\_display\_info* structure and ELD in **connector** with any information which can be derived from the edid.

**Return**

The number of modes added or 0 if we couldn't find any.

int **drm\_add\_modes\_noedid**(struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*, int *hdisplay*, int *vdisplay*)  
add modes for the connectors without EDID

**Parameters**

struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector* connector we're probing

int *hdisplay* the horizontal display limit

int *vdisplay* the vertical display limit

**Description**

Add the specified modes to the connector's mode list. Only when the *hdisplay*/*vdisplay* is not beyond the given limit, it will be added.

**Return**

The number of modes added or 0 if we couldn't find any.

void **drm\_set\_preferred\_mode**(struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector*, int *hpref*, int *vpref*)  
Sets the preferred mode of a connector

**Parameters**

struct *drm\_connector* \* *connector* connector whose mode list should be processed

int *hpref* horizontal resolution of preferred mode

int *vpref* vertical resolution of preferred mode

**Description**

Marks a mode as preferred if it matches the resolution specified by **hpref** and **vpref**.

int **drm\_hdmi\_avi\_infoframe\_from\_display\_mode**(struct *hdmi\_avi\_infoframe* \* *frame*,  
const struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* *mode*,  
bool *is\_hdmi2\_sink*)  
fill an HDMI AVI infoframe with data from a DRM display mode

**Parameters**

**struct hdmi\_avi\_infoframe \* frame** HDMI AVI infoframe  
**const struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode** DRM display mode  
**bool is\_hdmi2\_sink** Sink is HDMI 2.0 compliant

**Return**

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

```
void drm_hdmi_avi_infoframe_quant_range(struct    hdmi_avi_infoframe    * frame,    const
                                         struct    drm_display_mode    * mode,    enum
                                         hdmi_quantization_range rgb_quant_range,
                                         bool rgb_quant_range_selectable,
                                         bool is_hdmi2_sink)
    fill the HDMI AVI infoframe quantization range information
```

**Parameters**

**struct hdmi\_avi\_infoframe \* frame** HDMI AVI infoframe  
**const struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode** DRM display mode  
**enum hdmi\_quantization\_range rgb\_quant\_range** RGB quantization range (Q)  
**bool rgb\_quant\_range\_selectable** Sink support selectable RGB quantization range (QS)  
**bool is\_hdmi2\_sink** HDMI 2.0 sink, which has different default recommendations

**Description**

Note that **is\_hdmi2\_sink** can be derived by looking at the `drm_scdc.supported` flag stored in `drm_hdmi_info.scdc`, `drm_display_info.hdmi`, which can be found in `drm_connector.display_info`.

```
int drm_hdmi_vendor_infoframe_from_display_mode(struct    hdmi_vendor_infoframe    * frame,
                                                  struct    drm_connector    * connector,    const
                                                  struct    drm_display_mode    * mode)
    fill an HDMI infoframe with data from a DRM display mode
```

**Parameters**

**struct hdmi\_vendor\_infoframe \* frame** HDMI vendor infoframe  
**struct drm\_connector \* connector** the connector  
**const struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode** DRM display mode

**Description**

Note that there's is a need to send HDMI vendor infoframes only when using a 4k or stereoscopic 3D mode. So when giving any other mode as input this function will return -EINVAL, error that can be safely ignored.

**Return**

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

## SCDC Helper Functions Reference

Status and Control Data Channel (SCDC) is a mechanism introduced by the HDMI 2.0 specification. It is a point-to-point protocol that allows the HDMI source and HDMI sink to exchange data. The same I2C interface that is used to access EDID serves as the transport mechanism for SCDC.

```
int drm_scdc_readb(struct i2c_adapter * adapter, u8 offset, u8 * value)
    read a single byte from SCDC
```

**Parameters**

**struct i2c\_adapter \* adapter** I2C adapter  
**u8 offset** offset of register to read  
**u8 \* value** return location for the register value

#### Description

Reads a single byte from SCDC. This is a convenience wrapper around the [drm\\_scdc\\_read\(\)](#) function.

#### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

int **drm\_scdc\_writeb**(struct i2c\_adapter \* *adapter*, u8 *offset*, u8 *value*)  
write a single byte to SCDC

#### Parameters

**struct i2c\_adapter \* adapter** I2C adapter  
**u8 offset** offset of register to read  
**u8 value** return location for the register value

#### Description

Writes a single byte to SCDC. This is a convenience wrapper around the [drm\\_scdc\\_write\(\)](#) function.

#### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

ssize\_t **drm\_scdc\_read**(struct i2c\_adapter \* *adapter*, u8 *offset*, void \* *buffer*, size\_t *size*)  
read a block of data from SCDC

#### Parameters

**struct i2c\_adapter \* adapter** I2C controller  
**u8 offset** start offset of block to read  
**void \* buffer** return location for the block to read  
**size\_t size** size of the block to read

#### Description

Reads a block of data from SCDC, starting at a given offset.

#### Return

0 on success, negative error code on failure.

ssize\_t **drm\_scdc\_write**(struct i2c\_adapter \* *adapter*, u8 *offset*, const void \* *buffer*, size\_t *size*)  
write a block of data to SCDC

#### Parameters

**struct i2c\_adapter \* adapter** I2C controller  
**u8 offset** start offset of block to write  
**const void \* buffer** block of data to write  
**size\_t size** size of the block to write

#### Description

Writes a block of data to SCDC, starting at a given offset.

#### Return

0 on success, negative error code on failure.



bool **drm\_scdc\_get\_scrambling\_status**(struct i2c\_adapter \* *adapter*)  
 what is status of scrambling?

#### Parameters

struct i2c\_adapter \* **adapter** I2C adapter for DDC channel

#### Description

Reads the scrambler status over SCDC, and checks the scrambling status.

#### Return

True if the scrambling is enabled, false otherwise.

bool **drm\_scdc\_set\_scrambling**(struct i2c\_adapter \* *adapter*, bool *enable*)  
 enable scrambling

#### Parameters

struct i2c\_adapter \* **adapter** I2C adapter for DDC channel

bool **enable** bool to indicate if scrambling is to be enabled/disabled

#### Description

Writes the TMDS config register over SCDC channel, and: enables scrambling when enable = 1 disables scrambling when enable = 0

#### Return

True if scrambling is set/reset successfully, false otherwise.

bool **drm\_scdc\_set\_high\_tmds\_clock\_ratio**(struct i2c\_adapter \* *adapter*, bool *set*)  
 set TMDS clock ratio

#### Parameters

struct i2c\_adapter \* **adapter** I2C adapter for DDC channel

bool **set** ret or reset the high clock ratio

#### Description

**TMDS clock ratio calculations go like this:** TMDS character = 10 bit TMDS encoded value

TMDS character rate = The rate at which TMDS characters are transmitted (Mcsc)

TMDS bit rate = 10x TMDS character rate

**As per the spec:** TMDS clock rate for pixel clock < 340 MHz = 1x the character rate = 1/10 pixel clock rate

TMDS clock rate for pixel clock > 340 MHz = 0.25x the character rate = 1/40 pixel clock rate

**Writes to the TMDS config register over SCDC channel, and:** sets TMDS clock ratio to 1/40 when set = 1

sets TMDS clock ratio to 1/10 when set = 0

#### Return

True if write is successful, false otherwise.

## Rectangle Utilities Reference

Utility functions to help manage rectangular areas for clipping, scaling, etc. calculations.

struct **drm\_rect**  
 two dimensional rectangle

**Definition**

```
struct drm_rect {
    int x1, y1, x2, y2;
};
```

**Members**

**x1** horizontal starting coordinate (inclusive)

**y1** vertical starting coordinate (inclusive)

**x2** horizontal ending coordinate (exclusive)

**y2** vertical ending coordinate (exclusive)

**DRM\_RECT\_FMT()**  
printf string for *struct drm\_rect*

**Parameters**

**DRM\_RECT\_ARG(r)**  
printf arguments for *struct drm\_rect*

**Parameters**

**r** rectangle struct

**DRM\_RECT\_FP\_FMT()**  
printf string for *struct drm\_rect* in 16.16 fixed point

**Parameters**

**DRM\_RECT\_FP\_ARG(r)**  
printf arguments for *struct drm\_rect* in 16.16 fixed point

**Parameters**

**r** rectangle struct

**Description**

This is useful for e.g. printing plane source rectangles, which are in 16.16 fixed point.

void **drm\_rect\_adjust\_size**(struct *drm\_rect* \* *r*, int *dw*, int *dh*)  
adjust the size of the rectangle

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_rect \* r** rectangle to be adjusted

**int dw** horizontal adjustment

**int dh** vertical adjustment

**Description**

Change the size of rectangle **r** by **dw** in the horizontal direction, and by **dh** in the vertical direction, while keeping the center of **r** stationary.

Positive **dw** and **dh** increase the size, negative values decrease it.

void **drm\_rect\_translate**(struct *drm\_rect* \* *r*, int *dx*, int *dy*)  
translate the rectangle

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_rect \* r** rectangle to be translated

**int dx** horizontal translation

**int dy** vertical translation

**Description**

Move rectangle **r** by **dx** in the horizontal direction, and by **dy** in the vertical direction.

```
void drm_rect_downscale(struct drm_rect * r, int horz, int vert)
    downscale a rectangle
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_rect \* r** rectangle to be downscaled

**int horz** horizontal downscale factor

**int vert** vertical downscale factor

**Description**

Divide the coordinates of rectangle **r** by **horz** and **vert**.

```
int drm_rect_width(const struct drm_rect * r)
    determine the rectangle width
```

**Parameters**

**const struct drm\_rect \* r** rectangle whose width is returned

**Return**

The width of the rectangle.

```
int drm_rect_height(const struct drm_rect * r)
    determine the rectangle height
```

**Parameters**

**const struct drm\_rect \* r** rectangle whose height is returned

**Return**

The height of the rectangle.

```
bool drm_rect_visible(const struct drm_rect * r)
    determine if the the rectangle is visible
```

**Parameters**

**const struct drm\_rect \* r** rectangle whose visibility is returned

**Return**

true if the rectangle is visible, false otherwise.

```
bool drm_rect_equals(const struct drm_rect * r1, const struct drm_rect * r2)
    determine if two rectangles are equal
```

**Parameters**

**const struct drm\_rect \* r1** first rectangle

**const struct drm\_rect \* r2** second rectangle

**Return**

true if the rectangles are equal, false otherwise.

```
bool drm_rect_intersect(struct drm_rect * r1, const struct drm_rect * r2)
    intersect two rectangles
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_rect \* r1** first rectangle

**const struct drm\_rect \* r2** second rectangle

**Description**

Calculate the intersection of rectangles **r1** and **r2**. **r1** will be overwritten with the intersection.

**Return**

true if rectangle **r1** is still visible after the operation, false otherwise.

bool **drm\_rect\_clip\_scaled**(struct *drm\_rect* \* **src**, struct *drm\_rect* \* **dst**, const struct *drm\_rect* \* **clip**, int **hscale**, int **vscale**)  
perform a scaled clip operation

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_rect** \* **src** source window rectangle  
**struct drm\_rect** \* **dst** destination window rectangle  
**const struct drm\_rect** \* **clip** clip rectangle  
**int hscale** horizontal scaling factor  
**int vscale** vertical scaling factor

**Description**

Clip rectangle **dst** by rectangle **clip**. Clip rectangle **src** by the same amounts multiplied by **hscale** and **vscale**.

**Return**

true if rectangle **dst** is still visible after being clipped, false otherwise

int **drm\_rect\_calc\_hscale**(const struct *drm\_rect* \* **src**, const struct *drm\_rect* \* **dst**, int **min\_hscale**, int **max\_hscale**)  
calculate the horizontal scaling factor

**Parameters**

**const struct drm\_rect** \* **src** source window rectangle  
**const struct drm\_rect** \* **dst** destination window rectangle  
**int min\_hscale** minimum allowed horizontal scaling factor  
**int max\_hscale** maximum allowed horizontal scaling factor

**Description**

Calculate the horizontal scaling factor as (**src** width) / (**dst** width).

**Return**

The horizontal scaling factor, or errno of out of limits.

int **drm\_rect\_calc\_vscale**(const struct *drm\_rect* \* **src**, const struct *drm\_rect* \* **dst**, int **min\_vscale**, int **max\_vscale**)  
calculate the vertical scaling factor

**Parameters**

**const struct drm\_rect** \* **src** source window rectangle  
**const struct drm\_rect** \* **dst** destination window rectangle  
**int min\_vscale** minimum allowed vertical scaling factor  
**int max\_vscale** maximum allowed vertical scaling factor

**Description**

Calculate the vertical scaling factor as (**src** height) / (**dst** height).

**Return**

The vertical scaling factor, or errno of out of limits.

```
int drm_rect_calc_hscale_relaxed(struct drm_rect * src, struct drm_rect * dst, int min_hscale,
                                int max_hscale)
    calculate the horizontal scaling factor
```

#### Parameters

**struct *drm\_rect* \* src** source window rectangle  
**struct *drm\_rect* \* dst** destination window rectangle  
**int min\_hscale** minimum allowed horizontal scaling factor  
**int max\_hscale** maximum allowed horizontal scaling factor

#### Description

Calculate the horizontal scaling factor as (**src** width) / (**dst** width).

If the calculated scaling factor is below **min\_vscale**, decrease the height of rectangle **dst** to compensate.

If the calculated scaling factor is above **max\_vscale**, decrease the height of rectangle **src** to compensate.

#### Return

The horizontal scaling factor.

```
int drm_rect_calc_vscale_relaxed(struct drm_rect * src, struct drm_rect * dst, int min_vscale,
                                int max_vscale)
    calculate the vertical scaling factor
```

#### Parameters

**struct *drm\_rect* \* src** source window rectangle  
**struct *drm\_rect* \* dst** destination window rectangle  
**int min\_vscale** minimum allowed vertical scaling factor  
**int max\_vscale** maximum allowed vertical scaling factor

#### Description

Calculate the vertical scaling factor as (**src** height) / (**dst** height).

If the calculated scaling factor is below **min\_vscale**, decrease the height of rectangle **dst** to compensate.

If the calculated scaling factor is above **max\_vscale**, decrease the height of rectangle **src** to compensate.

#### Return

The vertical scaling factor.

```
void drm_rect_debug_print(const char * prefix, const struct drm_rect * r, bool fixed_point)
    print the rectangle information
```

#### Parameters

**const char \* prefix** prefix string  
**const struct *drm\_rect* \* r** rectangle to print  
**bool fixed\_point** rectangle is in 16.16 fixed point format  

```
void drm_rect_rotate(struct drm_rect * r, int width, int height, unsigned int rotation)
    Rotate the rectangle
```

#### Parameters

**struct *drm\_rect* \* r** rectangle to be rotated  
**int width** Width of the coordinate space  
**int height** Height of the coordinate space

**unsigned int rotation** Transformation to be applied

### Description

Apply **rotation** to the coordinates of rectangle **r**.

**width** and **height** combined with **rotation** define the location of the new origin.

**width** corresponds to the horizontal and **height** to the vertical axis of the untransformed coordinate space.

void **drm\_rect\_rotate\_inv**(struct *drm\_rect* \* *r*, int *width*, int *height*, unsigned int *rotation*)  
Inverse rotate the rectangle

### Parameters

**struct drm\_rect \* r** rectangle to be rotated

**int width** Width of the coordinate space

**int height** Height of the coordinate space

**unsigned int rotation** Transformation whose inverse is to be applied

### Description

Apply the inverse of **rotation** to the coordinates of rectangle **r**.

**width** and **height** combined with **rotation** define the location of the new origin.

**width** corresponds to the horizontal and **height** to the vertical axis of the original untransformed coordinate space, so that you never have to flip them when doing a rotation and its inverse. That is, if you do

```
DRM_MODE_PROP_ROTATE(:c:type:`r`, width, height, rotation);  
DRM_MODE_ROTATE_inv(:c:type:`r`, width, height, rotation);
```

you will always get back the original rectangle.

## HDMI Infoframes Helper Reference

Strictly speaking this is not a DRM helper library but generally useable by any driver interfacing with HDMI outputs like v4l or alsa drivers. But it nicely fits into the overall topic of mode setting helper libraries and hence is also included here.

union **hdmi\_infoframe**  
overall union of all abstract infoframe representations

### Definition

```
union hdmi_infoframe {  
    struct hdmi_any_infoframe any;  
    struct hdmi_avi_infoframe avi;  
    struct hdmi_spd_infoframe spd;  
    union hdmi_vendor_any_infoframe vendor;  
    struct hdmi_audio_infoframe audio;  
};
```

### Members

**any** generic infoframe

**avi** avi infoframe

**spd** spd infoframe

**vendor** union of all vendor infoframes

**audio** audio infoframe

### Description

This is used by the generic pack function. This works since all infoframes have the same header which also indicates which type of infoframe should be packed.

```
int hdmi_avi_infoframe_init(struct hdmi_avi_infoframe * frame)
    initialize an HDMI AVI infoframe
```

### Parameters

**struct hdmi\_avi\_infoframe \* frame** HDMI AVI infoframe

### Description

Returns 0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

```
ssize_t hdmi_avi_infoframe_pack(struct hdmi_avi_infoframe * frame, void * buffer, size_t size)
    write HDMI AVI infoframe to binary buffer
```

### Parameters

**struct hdmi\_avi\_infoframe \* frame** HDMI AVI infoframe

**void \* buffer** destination buffer

**size\_t size** size of buffer

### Description

Packs the information contained in the **frame** structure into a binary representation that can be written into the corresponding controller registers. Also computes the checksum as required by section 5.3.5 of the HDMI 1.4 specification.

Returns the number of bytes packed into the binary buffer or a negative error code on failure.

```
int hdmi_spd_infoframe_init(struct hdmi_spd_infoframe * frame, const char * vendor, const char
                           * product)
    initialize an HDMI SPD infoframe
```

### Parameters

**struct hdmi\_spd\_infoframe \* frame** HDMI SPD infoframe

**const char \* vendor** vendor string

**const char \* product** product string

### Description

Returns 0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

```
ssize_t hdmi_spd_infoframe_pack(struct hdmi_spd_infoframe * frame, void * buffer, size_t size)
    write HDMI SPD infoframe to binary buffer
```

### Parameters

**struct hdmi\_spd\_infoframe \* frame** HDMI SPD infoframe

**void \* buffer** destination buffer

**size\_t size** size of buffer

### Description

Packs the information contained in the **frame** structure into a binary representation that can be written into the corresponding controller registers. Also computes the checksum as required by section 5.3.5 of the HDMI 1.4 specification.

Returns the number of bytes packed into the binary buffer or a negative error code on failure.

```
int hdmi_audio_infoframe_init(struct hdmi_audio_infoframe * frame)
    initialize an HDMI audio infoframe
```

### Parameters

**struct hdmi\_audio\_infoframe \* frame** HDMI audio infoframe

### Description

Returns 0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

**ssize\_t hdmi\_audio\_infoframe\_pack**(**struct hdmi\_audio\_infoframe \* frame**, **void \* buffer**, **size\_t size**)  
write HDMI audio infoframe to binary buffer

### Parameters

**struct hdmi\_audio\_infoframe \* frame** HDMI audio infoframe

**void \* buffer** destination buffer

**size\_t size** size of buffer

### Description

Packs the information contained in the **frame** structure into a binary representation that can be written into the corresponding controller registers. Also computes the checksum as required by section 5.3.5 of the HDMI 1.4 specification.

Returns the number of bytes packed into the binary buffer or a negative error code on failure.

**int hdmi\_vendor\_infoframe\_init**(**struct hdmi\_vendor\_infoframe \* frame**)  
initialize an HDMI vendor infoframe

### Parameters

**struct hdmi\_vendor\_infoframe \* frame** HDMI vendor infoframe

### Description

Returns 0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

**ssize\_t hdmi\_vendor\_infoframe\_pack**(**struct hdmi\_vendor\_infoframe \* frame**, **void \* buffer**, **size\_t size**)  
write a HDMI vendor infoframe to binary buffer

### Parameters

**struct hdmi\_vendor\_infoframe \* frame** HDMI infoframe

**void \* buffer** destination buffer

**size\_t size** size of buffer

### Description

Packs the information contained in the **frame** structure into a binary representation that can be written into the corresponding controller registers. Also computes the checksum as required by section 5.3.5 of the HDMI 1.4 specification.

Returns the number of bytes packed into the binary buffer or a negative error code on failure.

**ssize\_t hdmi\_infoframe\_pack**(**union hdmi\_infoframe \* frame**, **void \* buffer**, **size\_t size**)  
write a HDMI infoframe to binary buffer

### Parameters

**union hdmi\_infoframe \* frame** HDMI infoframe

**void \* buffer** destination buffer

**size\_t size** size of buffer



## Description

Packs the information contained in the **frame** structure into a binary representation that can be written into the corresponding controller registers. Also computes the checksum as required by section 5.3.5 of the HDMI 1.4 specification.

Returns the number of bytes packed into the binary buffer or a negative error code on failure.

void **hdmi\_infoframe\_log**(const char \* *level*, struct device \* *dev*, union [hdmi\\_infoframe](#) \* *frame*)  
log info of HDMI infoframe

## Parameters

const char \* **level** logging level

struct device \* **dev** device

union **hdmi\_infoframe** \* **frame** HDMI infoframe

int **hdmi\_infoframe\_unpack**(union [hdmi\\_infoframe](#) \* *frame*, void \* *buffer*)  
unpack binary buffer to a HDMI infoframe

## Parameters

union **hdmi\_infoframe** \* **frame** HDMI infoframe

void \* **buffer** source buffer

## Description

Unpacks the information contained in binary buffer **buffer** into a structured **frame** of a HDMI infoframe. Also verifies the checksum as required by section 5.3.5 of the HDMI 1.4 specification.

Returns 0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

## Flip-work Helper Reference

Util to queue up work to run from work-queue context after flip/vblank. Typically this can be used to defer unref of framebuffer's, cursor bo's, etc until after vblank. The APIs are all thread-safe. Moreover, `drm_flip_work_queue_task` and `drm_flip_work_queue` can be called in atomic context.

struct **drm\_flip\_task**  
flip work task

## Definition

```
struct drm_flip_task {
    struct list_head node;
    void *data;
};
```

## Members

**node** list entry element

**data** data to pass to `drm_flip_work.func`

struct **drm\_flip\_work**  
flip work queue

## Definition

```
struct drm_flip_work {
    const char *name;
    drm_flip_func_t func;
    struct work_struct worker;
    struct list_head queued;
    struct list_head committed;
};
```

```
spinlock_t lock;
};
```

**Members**

**name** debug name

**func** callback fxn called for each committed item

**worker** worker which calls **func**

**queued** queued tasks

**committed** committed tasks

**lock** lock to access queued and committed lists

struct [drm\\_flip\\_task](#) \* **drm\_flip\_work\_allocate\_task**(void \* *data*, gfp\_t *flags*)  
allocate a flip-work task

**Parameters**

**void \* data** data associated to the task

**gfp\_t flags** allocator flags

**Description**

Allocate a `drm_flip_task` object and attach private data to it.

void **drm\_flip\_work\_queue\_task**(struct [drm\\_flip\\_work](#) \* *work*, struct [drm\\_flip\\_task](#) \* *task*)  
queue a specific task

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_flip\_work \* work** the flip-work

**struct drm\_flip\_task \* task** the task to handle

**Description**

Queues task, that will later be run (passed back to `drm_flip_func_t func`) on a work queue after [drm\\_flip\\_work\\_commit\(\)](#) is called.

void **drm\_flip\_work\_queue**(struct [drm\\_flip\\_work](#) \* *work*, void \* *val*)  
queue work

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_flip\_work \* work** the flip-work

**void \* val** the value to queue

**Description**

Queues work, that will later be run (passed back to `drm_flip_func_t func`) on a work queue after [drm\\_flip\\_work\\_commit\(\)](#) is called.

void **drm\_flip\_work\_commit**(struct [drm\\_flip\\_work](#) \* *work*, struct `workqueue_struct` \* *wq*)  
commit queued work

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_flip\_work \* work** the flip-work

**struct workqueue\_struct \* wq** the work-queue to run the queued work on

**Description**

Trigger work previously queued by [drm\\_flip\\_work\\_queue\(\)](#) to run on a workqueue. The typical usage would be to queue work (via [drm\\_flip\\_work\\_queue\(\)](#)) at any point (from vblank irq and/or prior), and then from vblank irq commit the queued work.

void **drm\_flip\_work\_init**(struct *drm\_flip\_work* \* *work*, const char \* *name*, drm\_flip\_func\_t *func*)  
 initialize flip-work

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_flip\_work \* work** the flip-work to initialize

**const char \* name** debug name

**drm\_flip\_func\_t func** the callback work function

#### Description

Initializes/allocates resources for the flip-work

void **drm\_flip\_work\_cleanup**(struct *drm\_flip\_work* \* *work*)  
 cleans up flip-work

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_flip\_work \* work** the flip-work to cleanup

#### Description

Destroy resources allocated for the flip-work

## Auxiliary Modeset Helpers

This helper library contains various one-off functions which don't really fit anywhere else in the DRM modeset helper library.

void **drm\_helper\_move\_panel\_connectors\_to\_head**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*)  
 move panels to the front in the connector list

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm device to operate on

#### Description

Some userspace presumes that the first connected connector is the main display, where it's supposed to display e.g. the login screen. For laptops, this should be the main panel. Use this function to sort all (eDP/LVDS/DSI) panels to the front of the connector list, instead of painstakingly trying to initialize them in the right order.

void **drm\_helper\_mode\_fill\_fb\_struct**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*, struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* *fb*,  
 const struct drm\_mode\_fb\_cmd2 \* *mode\_cmd*)  
 fill out framebuffer metadata

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** drm\_framebuffer object to fill out

**const struct drm\_mode\_fb\_cmd2 \* mode\_cmd** metadata from the userspace fb creation request

#### Description

This helper can be used in a drivers fb\_create callback to pre-fill the fb's metadata fields.

int **drm\_crtc\_init**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*, struct *drm\_crtc* \* *crtc*, const struct *drm\_crtc\_funcs*  
 \* *funcs*)  
 Legacy CRTC initialization function

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** CRTC object to init

**const struct drm\_crtc\_funcs \* funcs** callbacks for the new CRTC

### Description

Initialize a CRTC object with a default helper-provided primary plane and no cursor plane.

### Return

Zero on success, error code on failure.

int **drm\_mode\_config\_helper\_suspend**(struct drm\_device \* dev)  
Modeset suspend helper

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

### Description

This helper function takes care of suspending the modeset side. It disables output polling if initialized, suspends fbdev if used and finally calls [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_suspend\(\)](#). If suspending fails, fbdev and polling is re-enabled.

### Return

Zero on success, negative error code on error.

See also: [drm\\_kms\\_helper\\_poll\\_disable\(\)](#) and [drm\\_fb\\_helper\\_set\\_suspend\\_unlocked\(\)](#).

int **drm\_mode\_config\_helper\_resume**(struct drm\_device \* dev)  
Modeset resume helper

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

### Description

This helper function takes care of resuming the modeset side. It calls [drm\\_atomic\\_helper\\_resume\(\)](#), resumes fbdev if used and enables output polling if initiaized.

### Return

Zero on success, negative error code on error.

See also: [drm\\_fb\\_helper\\_set\\_suspend\\_unlocked\(\)](#) and [drm\\_kms\\_helper\\_poll\\_enable\(\)](#).

## Framebuffer GEM Helper Reference

This library provides helpers for drivers that don't subclass [drm\\_framebuffer](#) and use [drm\\_gem\\_object](#) for their backing storage.

Drivers without additional needs to validate framebuffers can simply use [drm\\_gem\\_fb\\_create\(\)](#) and everything is wired up automatically. Other drivers can use all parts independently.

struct [drm\\_gem\\_object](#) \* **drm\_gem\_fb\_get\_obj**(struct [drm\\_framebuffer](#) \* fb, unsigned int plane)  
Get GEM object backing the framebuffer

### Parameters

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** Framebuffer

**unsigned int plane** Plane index

### Description

No additional reference is taken beyond the one that the [drm\\_framebuffer](#) already holds.

### Return

Pointer to [drm\\_gem\\_object](#) for the given framebuffer and plane index or NULL if it does not exist.

```
void drm_gem_fb_destroy(struct drm_framebuffer * fb)
    Free GEM backed framebuffer
```

### Parameters

```
struct drm_framebuffer * fb
```

 Framebuffer

### Description

Frees a GEM backed framebuffer with its backing buffer(s) and the structure itself. Drivers can use this as their *drm\_framebuffer\_funcs->destroy* callback.

```
int drm_gem_fb_create_handle(struct drm_framebuffer * fb, struct drm_file * file, unsigned int
                             * handle)
    Create handle for GEM backed framebuffer
```

### Parameters

```
struct drm_framebuffer * fb
```

 Framebuffer

```
struct drm_file * file
```

 DRM file to register the handle for

```
unsigned int * handle
```

 Pointer to return the created handle

### Description

This function creates a handle for the GEM object backing the framebuffer. Drivers can use this as their *drm\_framebuffer\_funcs->create\_handle* callback. The GETFB IOCTL calls into this callback.

### Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

```
struct drm_framebuffer * drm_gem_fb_create_with_funcs(struct drm_device * dev, struct
                                                       drm_file * file, const struct
                                                       drm_mode_fb_cmd2 * mode_cmd,
                                                       const struct drm_framebuffer_funcs
                                                       * funcs)
    Helper function for the drm_mode_config_funcs.fb_create callback
```

### Parameters

```
struct drm_device * dev
```

 DRM device

```
struct drm_file * file
```

 DRM file that holds the GEM handle(s) backing the framebuffer

```
const struct drm_mode_fb_cmd2 * mode_cmd
```

 Metadata from the userspace framebuffer creation request

```
const struct drm_framebuffer_funcs * funcs
```

 vtable to be used for the new framebuffer object

### Description

This can be used to set *drm\_framebuffer\_funcs* for drivers that need the *drm\_framebuffer\_funcs.dirty* callback. Use *drm\_gem\_fb\_create()* if you don't need to change *drm\_framebuffer\_funcs*. The function does buffer size validation.

### Return

Pointer to a *drm\_framebuffer* on success or an error pointer on failure.

```
struct drm_framebuffer * drm_gem_fb_create(struct drm_device * dev, struct drm_file * file, const
                                           struct drm_mode_fb_cmd2 * mode_cmd)
    Helper function for the drm_mode_config_funcs.fb_create callback
```

### Parameters

```
struct drm_device * dev
```

 DRM device

```
struct drm_file * file
```

 DRM file that holds the GEM handle(s) backing the framebuffer

**const struct drm\_mode\_fb\_cmd2 \* mode\_cmd** Metadata from the userspace framebuffer creation request

### Description

This function creates a new framebuffer object described by `drm_mode_fb_cmd2`. This description includes handles for the buffer(s) backing the framebuffer.

If your hardware has special alignment or pitch requirements these should be checked before calling this function. The function does buffer size validation. Use `drm_gem_fb_create_with_funcs()` if you need to set `drm_framebuffer_funcs.dirty`.

Drivers can use this as their `drm_mode_config_funcs.fb_create` callback. The `ADDFB2` IOCTL calls into this callback.

### Return

Pointer to a `drm_framebuffer` on success or an error pointer on failure.

**int drm\_gem\_fb\_prepare\_fb**(struct `drm_plane` \* *plane*, struct `drm_plane_state` \* *state*)  
Prepare a GEM backed framebuffer

### Parameters

**struct drm\_plane \* plane** Plane

**struct drm\_plane\_state \* state** Plane state the fence will be attached to

### Description

This function prepares a GEM backed framebuffer for scanout by checking if the plane framebuffer has a DMA-BUF attached. If it does, it extracts the exclusive fence and attaches it to the plane state for the atomic helper to wait on. This function can be used as the `drm_plane_helper_funcs.prepare_fb` callback.

There is no need for `drm_plane_helper_funcs.cleanup_fb` hook for simple gem based framebuffer drivers which have their buffers always pinned in memory.

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* drm\_gem\_fbdev\_fb\_create**(struct `drm_device` \* *dev*, struct `drm_fb_helper_surface_size` \* *sizes*, unsigned int *pitch\_align*, struct `drm_gem_object` \* *obj*, const struct `drm_framebuffer_funcs` \* *funcs*)  
Create a GEM backed `drm_framebuffer` for fbdev emulation

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**struct drm\_fb\_helper\_surface\_size \* sizes** fbdev size description

**unsigned int pitch\_align** Optional pitch alignment

**struct drm\_gem\_object \* obj** GEM object backing the framebuffer

**const struct drm\_framebuffer\_funcs \* funcs** Optional vtable to be used for the new framebuffer object when the dirty callback is needed.

### Description

This function creates a framebuffer from a `drm_fb_helper_surface_size` description for use in the `drm_fb_helper_funcs.fb_probe` callback.

### Return

Pointer to a `drm_framebuffer` on success or an error pointer on failure.

## Legacy Plane Helper Reference

This helper library has two parts. The first part has support to implement primary plane support on top of the normal CRTC configuration interface. Since the legacy `drm_mode_config_funcs.set_config` interface ties the primary plane together with the CRTC state this does not allow userspace to disable the primary plane itself. To avoid too much duplicated code use `drm_plane_helper_check_update()` which can be used to enforce the same restrictions as primary planes had thus. The default primary plane only expose XRGB8888 and ARGB8888 as valid pixel formats for the attached framebuffer.

Drivers are highly recommended to implement proper support for primary planes, and newly merged drivers must not rely upon these transitional helpers.

The second part also implements transitional helpers which allow drivers to gradually switch to the atomic helper infrastructure for plane updates. Once that switch is complete drivers shouldn't use these any longer, instead using the proper legacy implementations for update and disable plane hooks provided by the atomic helpers.

Again drivers are strongly urged to switch to the new interfaces.

The plane helpers share the function table structures with other helpers, specifically also the atomic helpers. See `struct drm_plane_helper_funcs` for the details.

```
int drm_plane_helper_check_update(struct drm_plane *plane, struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct
                                drm_framebuffer *fb, struct drm_rect *src, struct
                                drm_rect *dst, const struct drm_rect *clip, unsigned
                                int rotation, int min_scale, int max_scale, bool can_position,
                                bool can_update_disabled, bool *visible)
```

Check plane update for validity

### Parameters

**struct drm\_plane \* plane** plane object to update

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** owning CRTC of owning plane

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** framebuffer to flip onto plane

**struct drm\_rect \* src** source coordinates in 16.16 fixed point

**struct drm\_rect \* dst** integer destination coordinates

**const struct drm\_rect \* clip** integer clipping coordinates

**unsigned int rotation** plane rotation

**int min\_scale** minimum **src:dest** scaling factor in 16.16 fixed point

**int max\_scale** maximum **src:dest** scaling factor in 16.16 fixed point

**bool can\_position** is it legal to position the plane such that it doesn't cover the entire crtc? This will generally only be false for primary planes.

**bool can\_update\_disabled** can the plane be updated while the crtc is disabled?

**bool \* visible** output parameter indicating whether plane is still visible after clipping

### Description

Checks that a desired plane update is valid. Drivers that provide their own plane handling rather than helper-provided implementations may still wish to call this function to avoid duplication of error checking code.

### Return

Zero if update appears valid, error code on failure

```
int drm_primary_helper_update(struct drm_plane *plane, struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct drm_framebuffer *fb, int crtc_x, int crtc_y, unsigned int crtc_w, unsigned int crtc_h, uint32_t src_x, uint32_t src_y, uint32_t src_w, uint32_t src_h, struct drm_modeset_acquire_ctx *ctx)
```

Helper for primary plane update

### Parameters

**struct *drm\_plane* \* plane** plane object to update  
**struct *drm\_crtc* \* crtc** owning CRTC of owning plane  
**struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* fb** framebuffer to flip onto plane  
**int crtc\_x** x offset of primary plane on crtc  
**int crtc\_y** y offset of primary plane on crtc  
**unsigned int crtc\_w** width of primary plane rectangle on crtc  
**unsigned int crtc\_h** height of primary plane rectangle on crtc  
**uint32\_t src\_x** x offset of **fb** for panning  
**uint32\_t src\_y** y offset of **fb** for panning  
**uint32\_t src\_w** width of source rectangle in **fb**  
**uint32\_t src\_h** height of source rectangle in **fb**  
**struct *drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx* \* ctx** lock acquire context, not used here

### Description

Provides a default plane update handler for primary planes. This handler is called in response to a userspace SetPlane operation on the plane with a non-NULL framebuffer. We call the driver's modeset handler to update the framebuffer.

SetPlane() on a primary plane of a disabled CRTC is not supported, and will return an error.

Note that we make some assumptions about hardware limitations that may not be true for all hardware –

1. Primary plane cannot be repositioned.
2. Primary plane cannot be scaled.
3. Primary plane must cover the entire CRTC.
4. Subpixel positioning is not supported.

Drivers for hardware that don't have these restrictions can provide their own implementation rather than using this helper.

### Return

Zero on success, error code on failure

```
int drm_primary_helper_disable(struct drm_plane *plane, struct drm_modeset_acquire_ctx *ctx)
```

Helper for primary plane disable

### Parameters

**struct *drm\_plane* \* plane** plane to disable  
**struct *drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx* \* ctx** lock acquire context, not used here

### Description

Provides a default plane disable handler for primary planes. This handler is called in response to a userspace SetPlane operation on the plane with a NULL framebuffer parameter. It unconditionally fails the disable call with -EINVAL the only way to disable the primary plane without driver support is to disable the entire CRTC. Which does not match the plane *drm\_plane\_funcs.disable\_plane* hook.



Note that some hardware may be able to disable the primary plane without disabling the whole CRTC. Drivers for such hardware should provide their own disable handler that disables just the primary plane (and they'll likely need to provide their own update handler as well to properly re-enable a disabled primary plane).

### Return

Unconditionally returns -EINVAL.

void **drm\_primary\_helper\_destroy**(struct *drm\_plane* \* *plane*)  
Helper for primary plane destruction

### Parameters

**struct drm\_plane \* plane** plane to destroy

### Description

Provides a default plane destroy handler for primary planes. This handler is called during CRTC destruction. We disable the primary plane, remove it from the DRM plane list, and deallocate the plane structure.

int **drm\_plane\_helper\_update**(struct *drm\_plane* \* *plane*, struct *drm\_crtc* \* *crtc*, struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* *fb*, int *crtc\_x*, int *crtc\_y*, unsigned int *crtc\_w*, unsigned int *crtc\_h*, uint32\_t *src\_x*, uint32\_t *src\_y*, uint32\_t *src\_w*, uint32\_t *src\_h*)

Transitional helper for plane update

### Parameters

**struct drm\_plane \* plane** plane object to update

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** owning CRTC of owning plane

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** framebuffer to flip onto plane

**int crtc\_x** x offset of primary plane on crtc

**int crtc\_y** y offset of primary plane on crtc

**unsigned int crtc\_w** width of primary plane rectangle on crtc

**unsigned int crtc\_h** height of primary plane rectangle on crtc

**uint32\_t src\_x** x offset of **fb** for panning

**uint32\_t src\_y** y offset of **fb** for panning

**uint32\_t src\_w** width of source rectangle in **fb**

**uint32\_t src\_h** height of source rectangle in **fb**

### Description

Provides a default plane update handler using the atomic plane update functions. It is fully left to the driver to check plane constraints and handle corner-cases like a fully occluded or otherwise invisible plane.

This is useful for piecewise transitioning of a driver to the atomic helpers.

### Return

Zero on success, error code on failure

int **drm\_plane\_helper\_disable**(struct *drm\_plane* \* *plane*)  
Transitional helper for plane disable

### Parameters

**struct drm\_plane \* plane** plane to disable

### Description

Provides a default plane disable handler using the atomic plane update functions. It is fully left to the driver to check plane constraints and handle corner-cases like a fully occluded or otherwise invisible plane.

This is useful for piecewise transitioning of a driver to the atomic helpers.

**Return**

Zero on success, error code on failure

## Legacy CRTC/Modeset Helper Functions Reference

The CRTC modeset helper library provides a default `set_config` implementation in `drm_crtc_helper_set_config()`. Plus a few other convenience functions using the same callbacks which drivers can use to e.g. restore the modeset configuration on resume with `drm_helper_resume_force_mode()`.

Note that this helper library doesn't track the current power state of CRTC and encoders. It can call callbacks like `drm_encoder_helper_funcs.dpms` even though the hardware is already in the desired state. This deficiency has been fixed in the atomic helpers.

The driver callbacks are mostly compatible with the atomic modeset helpers, except for the handling of the primary plane: Atomic helpers require that the primary plane is implemented as a real standalone plane and not directly tied to the CRTC state. For easier transition this library provides functions to implement the old semantics required by the CRTC helpers using the new plane and atomic helper callbacks.

Drivers are strongly urged to convert to the atomic helpers (by way of first converting to the plane helpers). New drivers must not use these functions but need to implement the atomic interface instead, potentially using the atomic helpers for that.

These legacy modeset helpers use the same function table structures as all other modesetting helpers. See the documentation for struct `drm_crtc_helper_funcs`, struct `drm_encoder_helper_funcs` and struct `drm_connector_helper_funcs`.

**bool** `drm_helper_encoder_in_use`(struct `drm_encoder` \* *encoder*)  
check if a given encoder is in use

**Parameters**

**struct** `drm_encoder` \* **encoder** encoder to check

**Description**

Checks whether **encoder** is with the current mode setting output configuration in use by any connector. This doesn't mean that it is actually enabled since the DPMS state is tracked separately.

**Return**

True if **encoder** is used, false otherwise.

**bool** `drm_helper_crtc_in_use`(struct `drm_crtc` \* *crtc*)  
check if a given CRTC is in a mode\_config

**Parameters**

**struct** `drm_crtc` \* **crtc** CRTC to check

**Description**

Checks whether **crtc** is with the current mode setting output configuration in use by any connector. This doesn't mean that it is actually enabled since the DPMS state is tracked separately.

**Return**

True if **crtc** is used, false otherwise.

**void** `drm_helper_disable_unused_functions`(struct `drm_device` \* *dev*)  
disable unused objects

**Parameters**

**struct** `drm_device` \* **dev** DRM device

## Description

This function walks through the entire mode setting configuration of **dev**. It will remove any CRTC links of unused encoders and encoder links of disconnected connectors. Then it will disable all unused encoders and CRTCs either by calling their disable callback if available or by calling their dpms callback with `DRM_MODE_DPMS_OFF`.

## NOTE

This function is part of the legacy modeset helper library and will cause major confusion with atomic drivers. This is because atomic helpers guarantee to never call `->:c:func:disable()` hooks on a disabled function, or `->:c:func:enable()` hooks on an enabled functions. `drm_helper_disable_unused_functions()` on the other hand throws such guarantees into the wind and calls disable hooks unconditionally on unused functions.

```
bool drm_crtc_helper_set_mode(struct drm_crtc *crtc, struct drm_display_mode *mode, int x,
                             int y, struct drm_framebuffer *old_fb)
    internal helper to set a mode
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** CRTC to program  
**struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode** mode to use  
**int x** horizontal offset into the surface  
**int y** vertical offset into the surface  
**struct drm\_framebuffer \* old\_fb** old framebuffer, for cleanup

## Description

Try to set **mode** on **crtc**. Give **crtc** and its associated connectors a chance to fixup or reject the mode prior to trying to set it. This is an internal helper that drivers could e.g. use to update properties that require the entire output pipe to be disabled and re-enabled in a new configuration. For example for changing whether audio is enabled on a hdmi link or for changing panel fitter or dither attributes. It is also called by the `drm_crtc_helper_set_config()` helper function to drive the mode setting sequence.

## Return

True if the mode was set successfully, false otherwise.

```
int drm_crtc_helper_set_config(struct drm_mode_set *set, struct drm_modeset_acquire_ctx
                             * ctx)
    set a new config from userspace
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_mode\_set \* set** mode set configuration  
**struct drm\_modeset\_acquire\_ctx \* ctx** lock acquire context, not used here

## Description

The `drm_crtc_helper_set_config()` helper function implements the of `drm_crtc_funcs.set_config` callback for drivers using the legacy CRTC helpers.

It first tries to locate the best encoder for each connector by calling the connector **drm\_connector\_helper\_funcs.best\_encoder** helper operation.

After locating the appropriate encoders, the helper function will call the `mode_fixup` encoder and CRTC helper operations to adjust the requested mode, or reject it completely in which case an error will be returned to the application. If the new configuration after mode adjustment is identical to the current configuration the helper function will return without performing any other operation.

If the adjusted mode is identical to the current mode but changes to the frame buffer need to be applied, the `drm_crtc_helper_set_config()` function will call the CRTC `drm_crtc_helper_funcs.mode_set_base` helper operation.

If the adjusted mode differs from the current mode, or if the `->c:func:mode_set_base()` helper operation is not provided, the helper function performs a full mode set sequence by calling the `->c:func:prepare()`, `->c:func:mode_set()` and `->c:func:commit()` CRTC and encoder helper operations, in that order. Alternatively it can also use the `dpms` and `disable` helper operations. For details see [struct `drm\_crtc\_helper\_funcs`](#) and [struct `drm\_encoder\_helper\_funcs`](#).

This function is deprecated. New drivers must implement atomic modeset support, for which this function is unsuitable. Instead drivers should use [`drm\_atomic\_helper\_set\_config\(\)`](#).

### Return

Returns 0 on success, negative `errno` numbers on failure.

int **drm\_helper\_connector\_dpms**(struct [`drm\_connector`](#) \* *connector*, int *mode*)  
connector dpms helper implementation

### Parameters

**struct `drm_connector` \* *connector*** affected connector

**int *mode*** DPMS mode

### Description

The [`drm\_helper\_connector\_dpms\(\)`](#) helper function implements the [`drm\_connector\_funcs.dpms`](#) callback for drivers using the legacy CRTC helpers.

This is the main helper function provided by the CRTC helper framework for implementing the DPMS connector attribute. It computes the new desired DPMS state for all encoders and CRTCs in the output mesh and calls the [`drm\_crtc\_helper\_funcs.dpms`](#) and [`drm\_encoder\_helper\_funcs.dpms`](#) callbacks provided by the driver.

This function is deprecated. New drivers must implement atomic modeset support, where DPMS is handled in the DRM core.

### Return

Always returns 0.

void **drm\_helper\_resume\_force\_mode**(struct `drm_device` \* *dev*)  
force-restore mode setting configuration

### Parameters

**struct `drm_device` \* *dev*** `drm_device` which should be restored

### Description

Drivers which use the mode setting helpers can use this function to force-restore the mode setting configuration e.g. on resume or when something else might have trampled over the hw state (like some overzealous old BIOSen tended to do).

This helper doesn't provide a error return value since restoring the old config should never fail due to resource allocation issues since the driver has successfully set the restored configuration already. Hence this should boil down to the equivalent of a few `dpms` on calls, which also don't provide an error code.

Drivers where simply restoring an old configuration again might fail (e.g. due to slight differences in allocating shared resources when the configuration is restored in a different order than when userspace set it up) need to use their own restore logic.

This function is deprecated. New drivers should implement atomic mode- setting and use the atomic suspend/resume helpers.

See also: [`drm\_atomic\_helper\_suspend\(\)`](#), [`drm\_atomic\_helper\_resume\(\)`](#)

int **drm\_helper\_crtc\_mode\_set**(struct [`drm\_crtc`](#) \* *crtc*, struct [`drm\_display\_mode`](#) \* *mode*,  
struct [`drm\_display\_mode`](#) \* *adjusted\_mode*, int *x*, int *y*, struct  
[`drm\_framebuffer`](#) \* *old\_fb*)  
mode\_set implementation for atomic plane helpers

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** DRM CRTC

**struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode** DRM display mode which userspace requested

**struct drm\_display\_mode \* adjusted\_mode** DRM display mode adjusted by ->mode\_fixup callbacks

**int x** x offset of the CRTC scanout area on the underlying framebuffer

**int y** y offset of the CRTC scanout area on the underlying framebuffer

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* old\_fb** previous framebuffer

**Description**

This function implements a callback useable as the ->mode\_set callback required by the CRTC helpers. Besides the atomic plane helper functions for the primary plane the driver must also provide the ->mode\_set\_nofb callback to set up the CRTC.

This is a transitional helper useful for converting drivers to the atomic interfaces.

int **drm\_helper\_crtc\_mode\_set\_base**(struct [drm\\_crtc](#) \* *crtc*, int *x*, int *y*, struct [drm\\_framebuffer](#) \* *old\_fb*)  
mode\_set\_base implementation for atomic plane helpers

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** DRM CRTC

**int x** x offset of the CRTC scanout area on the underlying framebuffer

**int y** y offset of the CRTC scanout area on the underlying framebuffer

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* old\_fb** previous framebuffer

**Description**

This function implements a callback useable as the ->mode\_set\_base used required by the CRTC helpers. The driver must provide the atomic plane helper functions for the primary plane.

This is a transitional helper useful for converting drivers to the atomic interfaces.



## USERLAND INTERFACES

The DRM core exports several interfaces to applications, generally intended to be used through corresponding libdrm wrapper functions. In addition, drivers export device-specific interfaces for use by userspace drivers & device-aware applications through ioctls and sysfs files.

External interfaces include: memory mapping, context management, DMA operations, AGP management, vblank control, fence management, memory management, and output management.

Cover generic ioctls and sysfs layout here. We only need high-level info, since man pages should cover the rest.

### libdrm Device Lookup

BEWARE THE DRAGONS! MIND THE TRAPDOORS!

In an attempt to warn anyone else who's trying to figure out what's going on here, I'll try to summarize the story. First things first, let's clear up the names, because the kernel internals, libdrm and the ioctls are all named differently:

- GET\_UNIQUE ioctl, implemented by `drm_getunique` is wrapped up in libdrm through the `drmGetBusid` function.
- The libdrm `drmSetBusid` function is backed by the SET\_UNIQUE ioctl. All that code is nerved in the kernel with `drm_invalid_op()`.
- The internal `set_busid` kernel functions and driver callbacks are exclusively use by the SET\_VERSION ioctl, because only drm 1.0 (which is nerved) allowed userspace to set the busid through the above ioctl.
- Other ioctls and functions involved are named consistently.

For anyone wondering what's the difference between drm 1.1 and 1.4: Correctly handling pci domains in the busid on ppc. Doing this correctly was only implemented in libdrm in 2010, hence can't be nerved yet. No one knows what's special with drm 1.2 and 1.3.

Now the actual horror story of how device lookup in drm works. At large, there's 2 different ways, either by busid, or by device driver name.

Opening by busid is fairly simple:

1. First call SET\_VERSION to make sure pci domains are handled properly. As a side-effect this fills out the unique name in the master structure.
2. Call GET\_UNIQUE to read out the unique name from the master structure, which matches the busid thanks to step 1. If it doesn't, proceed to try the next device node.

Opening by name is slightly different:

1. Directly call VERSION to get the version and to match against the driver name returned by that ioctl. Note that SET\_VERSION is not called, which means the the unique name for the master node just

opening is `_not_` filled out. This despite that with current drm device nodes are always bound to one device, and can't be runtime assigned like with drm 1.0.

2. Match driver name. If it mismatches, proceed to the next device node.
3. Call `GET_UNIQUE`, and check whether the unique name has length zero (by checking that the first byte in the string is 0). If that's not the case libdrm skips and proceeds to the next device node. Probably this is just copy-pasta from drm 1.0 times where a set unique name meant that the driver was in use already, but that's just conjecture.

Long story short: To keep the open by name logic working, `GET_UNIQUE` must `_not_` return a unique string when `SET_VERSION` hasn't been called yet, otherwise libdrm breaks. Even when that unique string can't ever change, and is totally irrelevant for actually opening the device because runtime assignable device instances were only support in drm 1.0, which is long dead. But the libdrm code in `drmOpenByName` somehow survived, hence this can't be broken.

## Primary Nodes, DRM Master and Authentication

`struct drm_master` is used to track groups of clients with open primary/legacy device nodes. For every `struct drm_file` which has had at least once successfully became the device master (either through the `SET_MASTER` IOCTL, or implicitly through opening the primary device node when no one else is the current master that time) there exists one `drm_master`. This is noted in `drm_file.is_master`. All other clients have just a pointer to the `drm_master` they are associated with.

In addition only one `drm_master` can be the current master for a `drm_device`. It can be switched through the `DROP_MASTER` and `SET_MASTER` IOCTL, or implicitly through closing/opening the primary device node. See also `drm_is_current_master()`.

Clients can authenticate against the current master (if it matches their own) using the `GETMAGIC` and `AUTHMAGIC` IOCTLs. Together with exchanging masters, this allows controlled access to the device for an entire group of mutually trusted clients.

`bool drm_is_current_master(struct drm_file * fpriv)`  
checks whether **priv** is the current master

### Parameters

`struct drm_file * fpriv` DRM file private

### Description

Checks whether **fpriv** is current master on its device. This decides whether a client is allowed to run `DRM_MASTER` IOCTLs.

Most of the modern IOCTL which require `DRM_MASTER` are for kernel modesetting - the current master is assumed to own the non-shareable display hardware.

`struct drm_master * drm_master_get(struct drm_master * master)`  
reference a master pointer

### Parameters

`struct drm_master * master` `struct drm_master`

### Description

Increments the reference count of **master** and returns a pointer to **master**.

`void drm_master_put(struct drm_master ** master)`  
unreference and clear a master pointer

### Parameters

`struct drm_master ** master` pointer to a pointer of `struct drm_master`



## Description

This decrements the `drm_master` behind **master** and sets it to NULL.

struct **drm\_master**  
drm master structure

## Definition

```

struct drm_master {
    struct kref refcount;
    struct drm_device *dev;
    char *unique;
    int unique_len;
    struct idr magic_map;
    struct drm_lock_data lock;
    void *driver_priv;
    struct drm_master *lessor;
    int lessee_id;
    struct list_head lessee_list;
    struct list_head lessees;
    struct idr leases;
    struct idr lessee_idr;
};

```

## Members

**refcount** Refcount for this master object.

**dev** Link back to the DRM device

**unique** Unique identifier: e.g. busid. Protected by `drm_device.master_mutex`.

**unique\_len** Length of unique field. Protected by `drm_device.master_mutex`.

**magic\_map** Map of used authentication tokens. Protected by `drm_device.master_mutex`.

**lock** DRI1 lock information.

**driver\_priv** Pointer to driver-private information.

**lessor** Lease holder

**lessee\_id** id for lessees. Owners always have id 0

**lessee\_list** other lessees of the same master

**lessees** `drm_masters` leasing from this one

**leases** Objects leased to this `drm_master`.

**lessee\_idr** All lessees under this owner (only used where `lessor == NULL`)

## Description

Note that master structures are only relevant for the legacy/primary device nodes, hence there can only be one per device, not one per `drm_minor`.

## Open-Source Userspace Requirements

The DRM subsystem has stricter requirements than most other kernel subsystems on what the userspace side for new uAPI needs to look like. This section here explains what exactly those requirements are, and why they exist.

The short summary is that any addition of DRM uAPI requires corresponding open-sourced userspace patches, and those patches must be reviewed and ready for merging into a suitable and canonical upstream project.

GFX devices (both display and render/GPU side) are really complex bits of hardware, with userspace and kernel by necessity having to work together really closely. The interfaces, for rendering and modesetting, must be extremely wide and flexible, and therefore it is almost always impossible to precisely define them for every possible corner case. This in turn makes it really practically infeasible to differentiate between behaviour that's required by userspace, and which must not be changed to avoid regressions, and behaviour which is only an accidental artifact of the current implementation.

Without access to the full source code of all userspace users that means it becomes impossible to change the implementation details, since userspace could depend upon the accidental behaviour of the current implementation in minute details. And debugging such regressions without access to source code is pretty much impossible. As a consequence this means:

- The Linux kernel's "no regression" policy holds in practice only for open-source userspace of the DRM subsystem. DRM developers are perfectly fine if closed-source blob drivers in userspace use the same uAPI as the open drivers, but they must do so in the exact same way as the open drivers. Creative (ab)use of the interfaces will, and in the past routinely has, lead to breakage.
- Any new userspace interface must have an open-source implementation as demonstration vehicle.

The other reason for requiring open-source userspace is uAPI review. Since the kernel and userspace parts of a GFX stack must work together so closely, code review can only assess whether a new interface achieves its goals by looking at both sides. Making sure that the interface indeed covers the use-case fully leads to a few additional requirements:

- The open-source userspace must not be a toy/test application, but the real thing. Specifically it needs to handle all the usual error and corner cases. These are often the places where new uAPI falls apart and hence essential to assess the fitness of a proposed interface.
- The userspace side must be fully reviewed and tested to the standards of that userspace project. For e.g. mesa this means piglit testcases and review on the mailing list. This is again to ensure that the new interface actually gets the job done.
- The userspace patches must be against the canonical upstream, not some vendor fork. This is to make sure that no one cheats on the review and testing requirements by doing a quick fork.
- The kernel patch can only be merged after all the above requirements are met, but it **must** be merged **before** the userspace patches land. uAPI always flows from the kernel, doing things the other way round risks divergence of the uAPI definitions and header files.

These are fairly steep requirements, but have grown out from years of shared pain and experience with uAPI added hastily, and almost always regretted about just as fast. GFX devices change really fast, requiring a paradigm shift and entire new set of uAPI interfaces every few years at least. Together with the Linux kernel's guarantee to keep existing userspace running for 10+ years this is already rather painful for the DRM subsystem, with multiple different uAPIs for the same thing co-existing. If we add a few more complete mistakes into the mix every year it would be entirely unmanageable.

## Render nodes

DRM core provides multiple character-devices for user-space to use. Depending on which device is opened, user-space can perform a different set of operations (mainly ioctls). The primary node is always created and called `card<num>`. Additionally, a currently unused control node, called `controlD<num>` is also created. The primary node provides all legacy operations and historically was the only interface used by userspace. With KMS, the control node was introduced. However, the planned KMS control interface has never been written and so the control node stays unused to date.

With the increased use of offscreen renderers and GPGPU applications, clients no longer require running compositors or graphics servers to make use of a GPU. But the DRM API required unprivileged clients to authenticate to a DRM-Master prior to getting GPU access. To avoid this step and to grant clients GPU access without authenticating, render nodes were introduced. Render nodes solely serve render clients, that is, no modesetting or privileged ioctls can be issued on render nodes. Only non-global rendering commands are allowed. If a driver supports render nodes, it must advertise it via the `DRIVER_RENDER`

DRM driver capability. If not supported, the primary node must be used for render clients together with the legacy `drmAuth` authentication procedure.

If a driver advertises render node support, DRM core will create a separate render node called `renderD<num>`. There will be one render node per device. No ioctls except PRIME-related ioctls will be allowed on this node. Especially `GEM_OPEN` will be explicitly prohibited. Render nodes are designed to avoid the buffer-leaks, which occur if clients guess the flink names or mmap offsets on the legacy interface. Additionally to this basic interface, drivers must mark their driver-dependent render-only ioctls as `DRM_RENDER_ALLOW` so render clients can use them. Driver authors must be careful not to allow any privileged ioctls on render nodes.

With render nodes, user-space can now control access to the render node via basic file-system access-modes. A running graphics server which authenticates clients on the privileged primary/legacy node is no longer required. Instead, a client can open the render node and is immediately granted GPU access. Communication between clients (or servers) is done via PRIME. FLINK from render node to legacy node is not supported. New clients must not use the insecure FLINK interface.

Besides dropping all modeset/global ioctls, render nodes also drop the DRM-Master concept. There is no reason to associate render clients with a DRM-Master as they are independent of any graphics server. Besides, they must work without any running master, anyway. Drivers must be able to run without a master object if they support render nodes. If, on the other hand, a driver requires shared state between clients which is visible to user-space and accessible beyond open-file boundaries, they cannot support render nodes.

## IOCTL Support on Device Nodes

First things first, driver private IOCTLs should only be needed for drivers supporting rendering. Kernel modesetting is all standardized, and extended through properties. There are a few exceptions in some existing drivers, which define IOCTL for use by the display DRM master, but they all predate properties.

Now if you do have a render driver you always have to support it through driver private properties. There's a few steps needed to wire all the things up.

First you need to define the structure for your IOCTL in your driver private UAPI header in `include/uapi/drm/my_driver_drm.h`:

```
struct my_driver_operation {
    u32 some_thing;
    u32 another_thing;
};
```

Please make sure that you follow all the best practices from `Documentation/ioctl/botching-up-ioctls.txt`. Note that `drm_ioctl()` automatically zero-extends structures, hence make sure you can add more stuff at the end, i.e. don't put a variable sized array there.

Then you need to define your IOCTL number, using one of `DRM_IO()`, `DRM_IOR()`, `DRM_IOW()` or `DRM_IOWR()`. It must start with the `DRM_IOCTL_` prefix:

```
##define DRM_IOCTL_MY_DRIVER_OPERATION *          DRM_IOW(DRM_COMMAND_BASE, struct my_driver_operation)
```

DRM driver private IOCTL must be in the range from `DRM_COMMAND_BASE` to `DRM_COMMAND_END`. Finally you need an array of `struct drm_ioctl_desc` to wire up the handlers and set the access rights:

```
static const struct drm_ioctl_desc my_driver_ioctls[] = {
    DRM_IOCTL_DEF_DRV(MY_DRIVER_OPERATION, my_driver_operation,
        DRM_AUTH|DRM_RENDER_ALLOW),
};
```

And then assign this to the `drm_driver.ioctls` field in your driver structure.

See the separate chapter on [file operations](#) for how the driver-specific IOCTLs are wired up.

## Recommended IOCTL Return Values

In theory a driver's IOCTL callback is only allowed to return very few error codes. In practice it's good to abuse a few more. This section documents common practice within the DRM subsystem:

**ENOENT:** Strictly this should only be used when a file doesn't exist e.g. when calling the `open()` syscall. We reuse that to signal any kind of object lookup failure, e.g. for unknown GEM buffer object handles, unknown KMS object handles and similar cases.

**ENOSPC:** Some drivers use this to differentiate "out of kernel memory" from "out of VRAM". Sometimes also applies to other limited gpu resources used for rendering (e.g. when you have a special limited compression buffer). Sometimes resource allocation/reservation issues in command submission IOCTLs are also signalled through `EDEADLK`.

Simply running out of kernel/system memory is signalled through `ENOMEM`.

**EPERM/EACCESS:** Returned for an operation that is valid, but needs more privileges. E.g. root-only or much more common, DRM master-only operations return this when called by unprivileged clients. There's no clear difference between `EACCESS` and `EPERM`.

**ENODEV:** Feature (like PRIME, modesetting, GEM) is not supported by the driver.

**ENXIO:** Remote failure, either a hardware transaction (like i2c), but also used when the exporting driver of a shared dma-buf or fence doesn't support a feature needed.

**EINTR:** DRM drivers assume that userspace restarts all IOCTLs. Any DRM IOCTL can return `EINTR` and in such a case should be restarted with the IOCTL parameters left unchanged.

**EIO:** The GPU died and couldn't be resurrected through a reset. Modesetting hardware failures are signalled through the "link status" connector property.

**EINVAL:** Catch-all for anything that is an invalid argument combination which cannot work.

IOCTL also use other error codes like `ETIME`, `EFAULT`, `EBUSY`, `ENOTTY` but their usage is in line with the common meanings. The above list tries to just document DRM specific patterns. Note that `ENOTTY` has the slightly unintuitive meaning of "this IOCTL does not exist", and is used exactly as such in DRM.

```
typedef int drm_ioctl_t(struct drm_device * dev, void * data, struct drm_file * file_priv)
    DRM ioctl function type.
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device inode

**void \* data** private pointer of the ioctl call

**struct drm\_file \* file\_priv** DRM file this ioctl was made on

### Description

This is the DRM ioctl typedef. Note that `drm_ioctl()` has already copied **data** into kernel-space, and will also copy it back, depending upon the read/write settings in the ioctl command code.

```
typedef int drm_ioctl_compat_t(struct file * filp, unsigned int cmd, unsigned long arg)
    compatibility DRM ioctl function type.
```

### Parameters

**struct file \* filp** file pointer

**unsigned int cmd** ioctl command code

**unsigned long arg** DRM file this ioctl was made on

### Description

Just a typedef to make declaring an array of compatibility handlers easier. New drivers shouldn't screw up the structure layout for their ioctl structures and hence never need this.

```
enum drm_ioctl_flags
    DRM ioctl flags
```

## Constants

**DRM\_AUTH** This is for ioctls which are used for rendering, and require that the file descriptor is either for a render node, or if it's a legacy/primary node, then it must be authenticated.

**DRM\_MASTER** This must be set for any ioctl which can change the modeset or display state. Userspace must call the ioctl through a primary node, while it is the active master.

Note that read-only modeset ioctl can also be called by unauthenticated clients, or when a master is not the currently active one.

**DRM\_ROOT\_ONLY** Anything that could potentially wreak a master file descriptor needs to have this flag set. Current that's only for the SETMASTER and DROPMMASTER ioctl, which e.g. logind can call to force a non-behaving master (display compositor) into compliance.

This is equivalent to callers with the SYSADMIN capability.

**DRM\_CONTROL\_ALLOW** Deprecated, do not use. Control nodes are in the process of getting removed.

**DRM\_UNLOCKED** Whether *drm\_ioctl\_desc.func* should be called with the DRM BKL held or not. Enforced as the default for all modern drivers, hence there should never be a need to set this flag.

**DRM\_RENDER\_ALLOW** This is used for all ioctls needed for rendering only, for drivers which support render nodes. This should be all new render drivers, and hence it should be always set for any ioctl with DRM\_AUTH set. Note though that read-only query ioctl might have this set, but have not set DRM\_AUTH because they do not require authentication.

## Description

Various flags that can be set in *drm\_ioctl\_desc.flags* to control how userspace can use a given ioctl.

struct **drm\_ioctl\_desc**  
DRM driver ioctl entry

## Definition

```
struct drm_ioctl_desc {
    unsigned int cmd;
    enum drm_ioctl_flags flags;
    drm_ioctl_t *func;
    const char *name;
};
```

## Members

**cmd** ioctl command number, without flags

**flags** a bitmask of *enum drm\_ioctl\_flags*

**func** handler for this ioctl

**name** user-readable name for debug output

## Description

For convenience it's easier to create these using the *DRM\_IOCTL\_DEF\_DRV()* macro.

**DRM\_IOCTL\_DEF\_DRV(ioctl, \_func, \_flags)**  
helper macro to fill out a *struct drm\_ioctl\_desc*

## Parameters

**ioctl** ioctl command suffix

**\_func** handler for the ioctl

**\_flags** a bitmask of *enum drm\_ioctl\_flags*

## Description

Small helper macro to create a *struct drm\_ioctl\_desc* entry. The ioctl command number is constructed by prepending DRM\_IOCTL\\_ and passing that to DRM\_IOCTL\_NR().

int **drm\_noop**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*, void \* *data*, struct *drm\_file* \* *file\_priv*)  
DRM no-op ioctl implementation

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device for the ioctl  
**void \* data** data pointer for the ioctl  
**struct drm\_file \* file\_priv** DRM file for the ioctl call

### Description

This no-op implementation for drm ioctls is useful for deprecated functionality where we can't return a failure code because existing userspace checks the result of the ioctl, but doesn't care about the action.

Always returns successfully with 0.

int **drm\_invalid\_op**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*, void \* *data*, struct *drm\_file* \* *file\_priv*)  
DRM invalid ioctl implementation

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device for the ioctl  
**void \* data** data pointer for the ioctl  
**struct drm\_file \* file\_priv** DRM file for the ioctl call

### Description

This no-op implementation for drm ioctls is useful for deprecated functionality where we really don't want to allow userspace to call the ioctl any more. This is the case for old ums interfaces for drivers that transitioned to kms gradually and so kept the old legacy tables around. This only applies to radeon and i915 kms drivers, other drivers shouldn't need to use this function.

Always fails with a return value of -EINVAL.

int **drm\_ioctl\_permit**(u32 *flags*, struct *drm\_file* \* *file\_priv*)  
Check ioctl permissions against caller

### Parameters

**u32 flags** ioctl permission flags.  
**struct drm\_file \* file\_priv** Pointer to struct drm\_file identifying the caller.

### Description

Checks whether the caller is allowed to run an ioctl with the indicated permissions.

### Return

Zero if allowed, -EACCES otherwise.

long **drm\_ioctl**(struct file \* *filp*, unsigned int *cmd*, unsigned long *arg*)  
ioctl callback implementation for DRM drivers

### Parameters

**struct file \* filp** file this ioctl is called on  
**unsigned int cmd** ioctl cmd number  
**unsigned long arg** user argument

### Description

Looks up the ioctl function in the DRM core and the driver dispatch table, stored in *drm\_driver.ioctls*. It checks for necessary permission by calling *drm\_ioctl\_permit()*, and dispatches to the respective function.

### Return

Zero on success, negative error code on failure.

bool **drm\_ioctl\_flags**(unsigned int *nr*, unsigned int \* *flags*)  
Check for core ioctl and return ioctl permission flags

#### Parameters

**unsigned int nr** ioctl number

**unsigned int \* flags** where to return the ioctl permission flags

#### Description

This ioctl is only used by the vmwgfx driver to augment the access checks done by the drm core and insofar a pretty decent layering violation. This shouldn't be used by any drivers.

#### Return

True if the **nr** corresponds to a DRM core ioctl number, false otherwise.

long **drm\_compat\_ioctl**(struct file \* *filp*, unsigned int *cmd*, unsigned long *arg*)  
32bit IOCTL compatibility handler for DRM drivers

#### Parameters

**struct file \* filp** file this ioctl is called on

**unsigned int cmd** ioctl cmd number

**unsigned long arg** user argument

#### Description

Compatibility handler for 32 bit userspace running on 64 kernels. All actual IOCTL handling is forwarded to [drm\\_ioctl\(\)](#), while marshalling structures as appropriate. Note that this only handles DRM core IOCTLs, if the driver has botched IOCTL itself, it must handle those by wrapping this function.

#### Return

Zero on success, negative error code on failure.

## Testing and validation

### Validating changes with IGT

There's a collection of tests that aims to cover the whole functionality of DRM drivers and that can be used to check that changes to DRM drivers or the core don't regress existing functionality. This test suite is called IGT and its code can be found in <https://cgit.freedesktop.org/drm/igt-gpu-tools/>.

To build IGT, start by installing its build dependencies. In Debian-based systems:

```
# apt-get build-dep intel-gpu-tools
```

And in Fedora-based systems:

```
# dnf builddep intel-gpu-tools
```

Then clone the repository:

```
$ git clone git://anongit.freedesktop.org/drm/igt-gpu-tools
```

Configure the build system and start the build:

```
$ cd igt-gpu-tools && ./autogen.sh && make -j6
```

Download the piglit dependency:



```
$ ./scripts/run-tests.sh -d
```

And run the tests:

```
$ ./scripts/run-tests.sh -t kms -t core -s
```

run-tests.sh is a wrapper around piglit that will execute the tests matching the -t options. A report in HTML format will be available in ./results/html/index.html. Results can be compared with piglit.

## Display CRC Support

DRM device drivers can provide to userspace CRC information of each frame as it reached a given hardware component (a CRC sampling “source”).

Userspace can control generation of CRCs in a given CRTC by writing to the file `dri/0/crtc-N/crc/control` in debugfs, with N being the index of the CRTC. Accepted values are source names (which are driver-specific) and the “auto” keyword, which will let the driver select a default source of frame CRCs for this CRTC.

Once frame CRC generation is enabled, userspace can capture them by reading the `dri/0/crtc-N/crc/data` file. Each line in that file contains the frame number in the first field and then a number of unsigned integer fields containing the CRC data. Fields are separated by a single space and the number of CRC fields is source-specific.

Note that though in some cases the CRC is computed in a specified way and on the frame contents as supplied by userspace (eDP 1.3), in general the CRC computation is performed in an unspecified way and on frame contents that have been already processed in also an unspecified way and thus userspace cannot rely on being able to generate matching CRC values for the frame contents that it submits. In this general case, the maximum userspace can do is to compare the reported CRCs of frames that should have the same contents.

On the driver side the implementation effort is minimal, drivers only need to implement `drm_crtc_funcs.set_crc_source`. The debugfs files are automatically set up if that vfunc is set. CRC samples need to be captured in the driver by calling `drm_crtc_add_crc_entry()`.

```
int drm_crtc_add_crc_entry(struct drm_crtc *crtc, bool has_frame, uint32_t frame, uint32_t
                        *crcs)
    Add entry with CRC information for a frame
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_crtc \* crtc** CRTC to which the frame belongs

**bool has\_frame** whether this entry has a frame number to go with

**uint32\_t frame** number of the frame these CRCs are about

**uint32\_t \* crcs** array of CRC values, with length matching `#drm_crtc_crc.values_cnt`

### Description

For each frame, the driver polls the source of CRCs for new data and calls this function to add them to the buffer from where userspace reads.

## Debugfs Support

```
struct drm_info_list
    debugfs info list entry
```

### Definition

```
struct drm_info_list {
    const char *name;
    int (*show)(struct seq_file*, void*);
}
```



```

    u32 driver_features;
    void *data;
};

```

## Members

**name** file name

**show** Show callback. `seq_file->private` will be set to the *struct drm\_info\_node* corresponding to the instance of this info on a given *struct drm\_minor*.

**driver\_features** Required driver features for this entry

**data** Driver-private data, should not be device-specific.

## Description

This structure represents a debugfs file to be created by the drm core.

struct **drm\_info\_node**

Per-minor debugfs node structure

## Definition

```

struct drm_info_node {
    struct drm_minor *minor;
    const struct drm_info_list *info_ent;
};

```

## Members

**minor** *struct drm\_minor* for this node.

**info\_ent** template for this node.

## Description

This structure represents a debugfs file, as an instantiation of a *struct drm\_info\_list* on a *struct drm\_minor*.

FIXME:

No it doesn't make a hole lot of sense that we duplicate debugfs entries for both the render and the primary nodes, but that's how this has organically grown. It should probably be fixed, with a compatibility link, if needed.

int **drm\_debugfs\_create\_files**(const struct *drm\_info\_list* \* *files*, int *count*, struct dentry \* *root*, struct *drm\_minor* \* *minor*)  
 Initialize a given set of debugfs files for DRM minor

## Parameters

**const struct drm\_info\_list \* files** The array of files to create

**int count** The number of files given

**struct dentry \* root** DRI debugfs dir entry.

**struct drm\_minor \* minor** device minor number

## Description

Create a given set of debugfs files represented by an array of *struct drm\_info\_list* in the given root directory. These files will be removed automatically on `drm_debugfs_cleanup()`.

## Sysfs Support

DRM provides very little additional support to drivers for sysfs interactions, beyond just all the standard stuff. Drivers who want to expose additional sysfs properties and property groups can attach them at either `drm_device.dev` or `drm_connector.kdev`.

Registration is automatically handled when calling `drm_dev_register()`, or `drm_connector_register()` in case of hot-plugged connectors. Unregistration is also automatically handled by `drm_dev_unregister()` and `drm_connector_unregister()`.

void **drm\_sysfs\_hotplug\_event**(struct drm\_device \* dev)  
generate a DRM uevent

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

### Description

Send a uevent for the DRM device specified by **dev**. Currently we only set HOTPLUG=1 in the uevent environment, but this could be expanded to deal with other types of events.

int **drm\_class\_device\_register**(struct device \* dev)  
register new device with the DRM sysfs class

### Parameters

**struct device \* dev** device to register

### Description

Registers a new struct device within the DRM sysfs class. Essentially only used by ttm to have a place for its global settings. Drivers should never use this.

void **drm\_class\_device\_unregister**(struct device \* dev)  
unregister device with the DRM sysfs class

### Parameters

**struct device \* dev** device to unregister

### Description

Unregisters a struct device from the DRM sysfs class. Essentially only used by ttm to have a place for its global settings. Drivers should never use this.

## VBlank event handling

The DRM core exposes two vertical blank related ioctls:

**DRM\_IOCTL\_WAIT\_VBLANK** This takes a struct `drm_wait_vblank` structure as its argument, and it is used to block or request a signal when a specified vblank event occurs.

**DRM\_IOCTL\_MODESET\_CTL** This was only used for user-mode-setting drivers around modesetting changes to allow the kernel to update the vblank interrupt after mode setting, since on many devices the vertical blank counter is reset to 0 at some point during modeset. Modern drivers should not call this any more since with kernel mode setting it is a no-op.

## DRM/I915 INTEL GFX DRIVER

The `drm/i915` driver supports all (with the exception of some very early models) integrated GFX chipsets with both Intel display and rendering blocks. This excludes a set of SoC platforms with an SGX rendering unit, those have basic support through the `gma500` `drm` driver.

### Core Driver Infrastructure

This section covers core driver infrastructure used by both the display and the GEM parts of the driver.

### Runtime Power Management

The `i915` driver supports dynamic enabling and disabling of entire hardware blocks at runtime. This is especially important on the display side where software is supposed to control many power gates manually on recent hardware, since on the GT side a lot of the power management is done by the hardware. But even there some manual control at the device level is required.

Since `i915` supports a diverse set of platforms with a unified codebase and hardware engineers just love to shuffle functionality around between power domains there's a sizeable amount of indirection required. This file provides generic functions to the driver for grabbing and releasing references for abstract power domains. It then maps those to the actual power wells present for a given platform.

```
bool __intel_display_power_is_enabled(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, enum intel_display_power_domain domain)
    unlocked check for a power domain
```

#### Parameters

**struct `drm_i915_private` \* `dev_priv`** `i915` device instance  
**enum `intel_display_power_domain` `domain`** power domain to check

#### Description

This is the unlocked version of `intel_display_power_is_enabled()` and should only be used from error capture and recovery code where deadlocks are possible.

#### Return

True when the power domain is enabled, false otherwise.

```
bool intel_display_power_is_enabled(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, enum intel_display_power_domain domain)
    check for a power domain
```

#### Parameters

**struct `drm_i915_private` \* `dev_priv`** `i915` device instance  
**enum `intel_display_power_domain` `domain`** power domain to check

## Description

This function can be used to check the hw power domain state. It is mostly used in hardware state readout functions. Everywhere else code should rely upon explicit power domain reference counting to ensure that the hardware block is powered up before accessing it.

Callers must hold the relevant modesetting locks to ensure that concurrent threads can't disable the power well while the caller tries to read a few registers.

## Return

True when the power domain is enabled, false otherwise.

void **intel\_display\_set\_init\_power**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*, bool *enable*)  
set the initial power domain state

## Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance  
**bool enable** whether to enable or disable the initial power domain state

## Description

For simplicity our driver load/unload and system suspend/resume code assumes that all power domains are always enabled. This functions controls the state of this little hack. While the initial power domain state is enabled runtime pm is effectively disabled.

void **intel\_display\_power\_get**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*, enum intel\_display\_power\_domain *domain*)  
grab a power domain reference

## Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance  
**enum intel\_display\_power\_domain domain** power domain to reference

## Description

This function grabs a power domain reference for **domain** and ensures that the power domain and all its parents are powered up. Therefore users should only grab a reference to the innermost power domain they need.

Any power domain reference obtained by this function must have a symmetric call to [intel\\_display\\_power\\_put\(\)](#) to release the reference again.

bool **intel\_display\_power\_get\_if\_enabled**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*, enum intel\_display\_power\_domain *domain*)  
grab a reference for an enabled display power domain

## Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance  
**enum intel\_display\_power\_domain domain** power domain to reference

## Description

This function grabs a power domain reference for **domain** and ensures that the power domain and all its parents are powered up. Therefore users should only grab a reference to the innermost power domain they need.

Any power domain reference obtained by this function must have a symmetric call to [intel\\_display\\_power\\_put\(\)](#) to release the reference again.

void **intel\_display\_power\_put**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*, enum intel\_display\_power\_domain *domain*)  
release a power domain reference

## Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**enum intel\_display\_power\_domain domain** power domain to reference

### Description

This function drops the power domain reference obtained by [intel\\_display\\_power\\_get\(\)](#) and might power down the corresponding hardware block right away if this is the last reference.

int **intel\_power\_domains\_init**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv)  
initializes the power domain structures

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

### Description

Initializes the power domain structures for **dev\_priv** depending upon the supported platform.

void **intel\_power\_domains\_fini**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv)  
finalizes the power domain structures

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

### Description

Finalizes the power domain structures for **dev\_priv** depending upon the supported platform. This function also disables runtime pm and ensures that the device stays powered up so that the driver can be reloaded.

void **intel\_power\_domains\_init\_hw**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv, bool resume)  
initialize hardware power domain state

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**bool resume** Called from resume code paths or not

### Description

This function initializes the hardware power domain state and enables all power wells belonging to the INIT power domain. Power wells in other domains (and not in the INIT domain) are referenced or disabled during the modeset state HW readout. After that the reference count of each power well must match its HW enabled state, see [intel\\_power\\_domains\\_verify\\_state\(\)](#).

void **intel\_power\_domains\_suspend**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv)  
suspend power domain state

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

### Description

This function prepares the hardware power domain state before entering system suspend. It must be paired with [intel\\_power\\_domains\\_init\\_hw\(\)](#).

void **intel\_power\_domains\_verify\_state**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv)  
verify the HW/SW state for all power wells

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

### Description

Verify if the reference count of each power well matches its HW enabled state and the total refcount of the domains it belongs to. This must be called after modeset HW state sanitization, which is responsible

for acquiring reference counts for any power wells in use and disabling the ones left on by BIOS but not required by any active output.

```
void intel_runtime_pm_get(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)
    grab a runtime pm reference
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**Description**

This function grabs a device-level runtime pm reference (mostly used for GEM code to ensure the GTT or GT is on) and ensures that it is powered up.

Any runtime pm reference obtained by this function must have a symmetric call to [intel\\_runtime\\_pm\\_put\(\)](#) to release the reference again.

```
bool intel_runtime_pm_get_if_in_use(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)
    grab a runtime pm reference if device in use
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**Description**

This function grabs a device-level runtime pm reference if the device is already in use and ensures that it is powered up.

Any runtime pm reference obtained by this function must have a symmetric call to [intel\\_runtime\\_pm\\_put\(\)](#) to release the reference again.

```
void intel_runtime_pm_get_noresume(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)
    grab a runtime pm reference
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**Description**

This function grabs a device-level runtime pm reference (mostly used for GEM code to ensure the GTT or GT is on).

It will *not* power up the device but instead only check that it's powered on. Therefore it is only valid to call this functions from contexts where the device is known to be powered up and where trying to power it up would result in hilarity and deadlocks. That pretty much means only the system suspend/resume code where this is used to grab runtime pm references for delayed setup down in work items.

Any runtime pm reference obtained by this function must have a symmetric call to [intel\\_runtime\\_pm\\_put\(\)](#) to release the reference again.

```
void intel_runtime_pm_put(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)
    release a runtime pm reference
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**Description**

This function drops the device-level runtime pm reference obtained by [intel\\_runtime\\_pm\\_get\(\)](#) and might power down the corresponding hardware block right away if this is the last reference.

```
void intel_runtime_pm_enable(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)
    enable runtime pm
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

## Description

This function enables runtime pm at the end of the driver load sequence.

Note that this function does currently not enable runtime pm for the subordinate display power domains. That is only done on the first modeset using [intel\\_display\\_set\\_init\\_power\(\)](#).

```
void intel_uncore_forcewake_get(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, enum force-
                               wake_domains fw_domains)
    grab forcewake domain references
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**enum forcewake\_domains fw\_domains** forcewake domains to get reference on

## Description

This function can be used get GT's forcewake domain references. Normal register access will handle the forcewake domains automatically. However if some sequence requires the GT to not power down a particular forcewake domains this function should be called at the beginning of the sequence. And subsequently the reference should be dropped by symmetric call to [intel\\_unforce\\_forcewake\\_put\(\)](#). Usually caller wants all the domains to be kept awake so the **fw\_domains** would be then **FORCEWAKE\_ALL**.

```
void intel_uncore_forcewake_user_get(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv)
    claim forcewake on behalf of userspace
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

## Description

This function is a wrapper around [intel\\_uncore\\_forcewake\\_get\(\)](#) to acquire the GT powerwell and in the process disable our debugging for the duration of userspace's bypass.

```
void intel_uncore_forcewake_user_put(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv)
    release forcewake on behalf of userspace
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

## Description

This function complements [intel\\_uncore\\_forcewake\\_user\\_get\(\)](#) and releases the GT powerwell taken on behalf of the userspace bypass.

```
void intel_uncore_forcewake_get__locked(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, enum force-
                                       wake_domains fw_domains)
    grab forcewake domain references
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**enum forcewake\_domains fw\_domains** forcewake domains to get reference on

## Description

See [intel\\_uncore\\_forcewake\\_get\(\)](#). This variant places the onus on the caller to explicitly handle the `dev_priv->uncore.lock` spinlock.

```
void intel_uncore_forcewake_put(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, enum force-
                               wake_domains fw_domains)
    release a forcewake domain reference
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**enum forcewake\_domains fw\_domains** forcewake domains to put references

### Description

This function drops the device-level forcewakes for specified domains obtained by [intel\\_uncore\\_forcewake\\_get\(\)](#).

```
void intel_uncore_forcewake_put__locked(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, enum force-
                                     wake_domains fw_domains)
    grab forcewake domain references
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**enum forcewake\_domains fw\_domains** forcewake domains to get reference on

### Description

See [intel\\_uncore\\_forcewake\\_put\(\)](#). This variant places the onus on the caller to explicitly handle the `dev_priv->uncore.lock` spinlock.

```
int gen6_reset_engines(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, unsigned engine_mask)
    reset individual engines
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device

**unsigned engine\_mask** mask of `intel_ring_flag()` engines or `ALL_ENGINES` for full reset

### Description

This function will reset the individual engines that are set in `engine_mask`. If you provide `ALL_ENGINES` as mask, full global domain reset will be issued.

### Note

It is responsibility of the caller to handle the difference between asking full domain reset versus reset for all available individual engines.

Returns 0 on success, nonzero on error.

```
int __intel_wait_for_register_fw(struct    drm_i915_private    *dev_priv,    i915_reg_t reg,
                                u32 mask, u32 value, unsigned int fast_timeout_us, unsigned
                                int slow_timeout_ms, u32 *out_value)
    wait until register matches expected state
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** the i915 device

**i915\_reg\_t reg** the register to read

**u32 mask** mask to apply to register value

**u32 value** expected value

**unsigned int fast\_timeout\_us** fast timeout in microsecond for atomic/tight wait

**unsigned int slow\_timeout\_ms** slow timeout in millisecond

**u32 \* out\_value** optional placeholder to hold registry value

### Description

This routine waits until the target register **reg** contains the expected **value** after applying the **mask**, i.e. it waits until

```
(I915_READ_FW(reg) & mask) == value
```



Otherwise, the wait will timeout after **slow\_timeout\_ms** milliseconds. For atomic context **slow\_timeout\_ms** must be zero and **fast\_timeout\_us** must be not larger than 20,000 microseconds.

Note that this routine assumes the caller holds forcewake asserted, it is not suitable for very long waits. See [intel\\_wait\\_for\\_register\(\)](#) if you wish to wait without holding forcewake for the duration (i.e. you expect the wait to be slow).

Returns 0 if the register matches the desired condition, or -ETIMEDOUT.

```
int intel_wait_for_register(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv, i915_reg_t reg, u32 mask,
                          u32 value, unsigned int timeout_ms)
    wait until register matches expected state
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** the i915 device

**i915\_reg\_t reg** the register to read

**u32 mask** mask to apply to register value

**u32 value** expected value

**unsigned int timeout\_ms** timeout in millisecond

### Description

This routine waits until the target register **reg** contains the expected **value** after applying the **mask**, i.e. it waits until

```
(I915_READ(reg) & mask) == value
```

Otherwise, the wait will timeout after **timeout\_ms** milliseconds.

Returns 0 if the register matches the desired condition, or -ETIMEDOUT.

```
enum forcewake_domains intel_uncore_forcewake_for_reg(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv,
                                                       i915_reg_t reg, unsigned int op)
    which forcewake domains are needed to access a register
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** pointer to struct `drm_i915_private`

**i915\_reg\_t reg** register in question

**unsigned int op** operation bitmask of FW\_REG\_READ and/or FW\_REG\_WRITE

### Description

Returns a set of forcewake domains required to be taken with for example `intel_uncore_forcewake_get` for the specified register to be accessible in the specified mode (read, write or read/write) with raw mmio accessors.

### NOTE

On Gen6 and Gen7 write forcewake domain (FORCEWAKE\_RENDER) requires the callers to do FIFO management on their own or risk losing writes.

## Interrupt Handling

These functions provide the basic support for enabling and disabling the interrupt handling support. There's a lot more functionality in `i915_irq.c` and related files, but that will be described in separate chapters.

```
void intel_irq_init(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)
    initializes irq support
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

### **Description**

This function initializes all the irq support including work items, timers and all the vtables. It does not setup the interrupt itself though.

void **intel\_runtime\_pm\_disable\_interrupts**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*)  
runtime interrupt disabling

### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

### **Description**

This function is used to disable interrupts at runtime, both in the runtime pm and the system suspend/resume code.

void **intel\_runtime\_pm\_enable\_interrupts**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*)  
runtime interrupt enabling

### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

### **Description**

This function is used to enable interrupts at runtime, both in the runtime pm and the system suspend/resume code.

## **Intel GVT-g Guest Support(vGPU)**

Intel GVT-g is a graphics virtualization technology which shares the GPU among multiple virtual machines on a time-sharing basis. Each virtual machine is presented a virtual GPU (vGPU), which has equivalent features as the underlying physical GPU (pGPU), so i915 driver can run seamlessly in a virtual machine. This file provides vGPU specific optimizations when running in a virtual machine, to reduce the complexity of vGPU emulation and to improve the overall performance.

A primary function introduced here is so-called “address space ballooning” technique. Intel GVT-g partitions global graphics memory among multiple VMs, so each VM can directly access a portion of the memory without hypervisor’s intervention, e.g. filling textures or queuing commands. However with the partitioning an unmodified i915 driver would assume a smaller graphics memory starting from address ZERO, then requires vGPU emulation module to translate the graphics address between ‘guest view’ and ‘host view’, for all registers and command opcodes which contain a graphics memory address. To reduce the complexity, Intel GVT-g introduces “address space ballooning”, by telling the exact partitioning knowledge to each guest i915 driver, which then reserves and prevents non-allocated portions from allocation. Thus vGPU emulation module only needs to scan and validate graphics addresses without complexity of address translation.

void **i915\_check\_vgpu**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*)  
detect virtual GPU

### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device private

### **Description**

This function is called at the initialization stage, to detect whether running on a vGPU.

void **intel\_vgt\_deballoon**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*)  
deballoon reserved graphics address trunks

### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device private data

## Description

This function is called to deallocate the ballooned-out graphic memory, when driver is unloaded or when ballooning fails.

int **intel\_vgt\_balloon**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv)  
balloon out reserved graphics address trunks

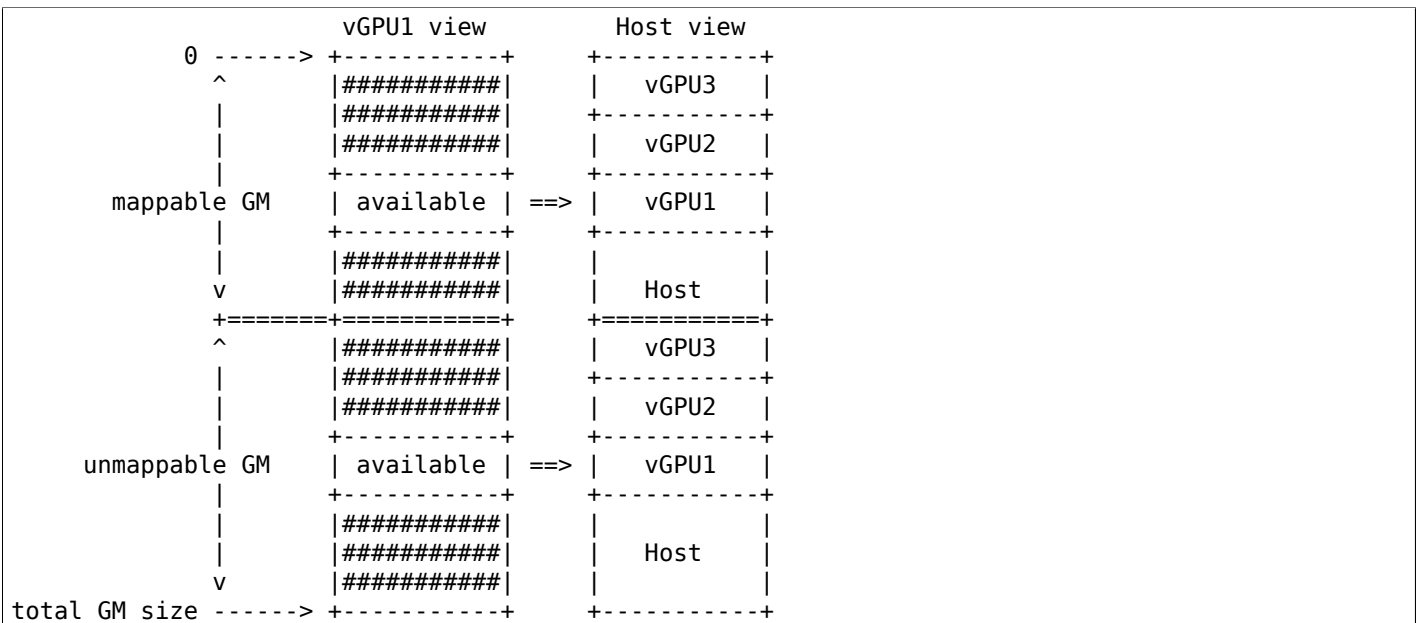
## Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device private data

## Description

This function is called at the initialization stage, to balloon out the graphic address space allocated to other vGPUs, by marking these spaces as reserved. The ballooning related knowledge(starting address and size of the mappable/unmappable graphic memory) is described in the vgt\_if structure in a reserved mmio range.

To give an example, the drawing below depicts one typical scenario after ballooning. Here the vGPU1 has 2 pieces of graphic address spaces ballooned out each for the mappable and the non-mappable part. From the vGPU1 point of view, the total size is the same as the physical one, with the start address of its graphic space being zero. Yet there are some portions ballooned out( the shadow part, which are marked as reserved by drm allocator). From the host point of view, the graphic address space is partitioned by multiple vGPUs in different VMs.



## Return

zero on success, non-zero if configuration invalid or ballooning failed

## Intel GVT-g Host Support(vGPU device model)

Intel GVT-g is a graphics virtualization technology which shares the GPU among multiple virtual machines on a time-sharing basis. Each virtual machine is presented a virtual GPU (vGPU), which has equivalent features as the underlying physical GPU (pGPU), so i915 driver can run seamlessly in a virtual machine.

To virtualize GPU resources GVT-g driver depends on hypervisor technology e.g KVM/VFIO/mdev, Xen, etc. to provide resource access trapping capability and be virtualized within GVT-g device module. More architectural design doc is available on <https://01.org/group/2230/documentation-list>.

void **intel\_vgt\_sanitize\_options**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv)  
sanitize GVT related options

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** drm i915 private data

### Description

This function is called at the i915 options sanitize stage.

int **intel\_gvt\_init**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*)  
initialize GVT components

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** drm i915 private data

### Description

This function is called at the initialization stage to create a GVT device.

### Return

Zero on success, negative error code if failed.

void **intel\_gvt\_cleanup**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*)  
cleanup GVT components when i915 driver is unloading

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** drm i915 private \*

### Description

This function is called at the i915 driver unloading stage, to shutdown GVT components and release the related resources.

## Display Hardware Handling

This section covers everything related to the display hardware including the mode setting infrastructure, plane, sprite and cursor handling and display, output probing and related topics.

### Mode Setting Infrastructure

The i915 driver is thus far the only DRM driver which doesn't use the common DRM helper code to implement mode setting sequences. Thus it has its own tailor-made infrastructure for executing a display configuration change.

### Frontbuffer Tracking

Many features require us to track changes to the currently active frontbuffer, especially rendering targeted at the frontbuffer.

To be able to do so GEM tracks frontbuffers using a bitmask for all possible frontbuffer slots through [\*i915\\_gem\\_track\\_fb\(\)\*](#). The function in this file are then called when the contents of the frontbuffer are invalidated, when frontbuffer rendering has stopped again to flush out all the changes and when the frontbuffer is exchanged with a flip. Subsystems interested in frontbuffer changes (e.g. PSR, FBC, DRRS) should directly put their callbacks into the relevant places and filter for the frontbuffer slots that they are interested in.

On a high level there are two types of powersaving features. The first one work like a special cache (FBC and PSR) and are interested when they should stop caching and when to restart caching. This is done by placing callbacks into the invalidate and the flush functions: At invalidate the caching must be stopped and at flush time it can be restarted. And maybe they need to know when the frontbuffer changes

(e.g. when the hw doesn't initiate an invalidate and flush on its own) which can be achieved with placing callbacks into the flip functions.

The other type of display power saving feature only cares about busyness (e.g. DRRS). In that case all three (invalidate, flush and flip) indicate busyness. There is no direct way to detect idleness. Instead an idle timer work delayed work should be started from the flush and flip functions and cancelled as soon as busyness is detected.

Note that there's also an older frontbuffer activity tracking scheme which just tracks general activity. This is done by the various mark\_busy and mark\_idle functions. For display power management features using these functions is deprecated and should be avoided.

bool **intel\_fb\_obj\_invalidate**(struct drm\_i915\_gem\_object \* *obj*, enum fb\_op\_origin *origin*)  
invalidate frontbuffer object

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_gem\_object \* obj** GEM object to invalidate  
**enum fb\_op\_origin origin** which operation caused the invalidation

#### Description

This function gets called every time rendering on the given object starts and frontbuffer caching (fbc, low refresh rate for DRRS, panel self refresh) must be invalidated. For ORIGIN\_CS any subsequent invalidation will be delayed until the rendering completes or a flip on this frontbuffer plane is scheduled.

void **intel\_fb\_obj\_flush**(struct drm\_i915\_gem\_object \* *obj*, enum fb\_op\_origin *origin*)  
flush frontbuffer object

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_gem\_object \* obj** GEM object to flush  
**enum fb\_op\_origin origin** which operation caused the flush

#### Description

This function gets called every time rendering on the given object has completed and frontbuffer caching can be started again.

void **intel\_frontbuffer\_flush**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*, unsigned *frontbuffer\_bits*,  
enum fb\_op\_origin *origin*)  
flush frontbuffer

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device  
**unsigned frontbuffer\_bits** frontbuffer plane tracking bits  
**enum fb\_op\_origin origin** which operation caused the flush

#### Description

This function gets called every time rendering on the given planes has completed and frontbuffer caching can be started again. Flushes will get delayed if they're blocked by some outstanding asynchronous rendering.

Can be called without any locks held.

void **intel\_frontbuffer\_flip\_prepare**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*, unsigned *frontbuffer\_bits*)  
prepare asynchronous frontbuffer flip

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device  
**unsigned frontbuffer\_bits** frontbuffer plane tracking bits

## Description

This function gets called after scheduling a flip on **obj**. The actual frontbuffer flushing will be delayed until completion is signalled with `intel_frontbuffer_flip_complete`. If an invalidate happens in between this flush will be cancelled.

Can be called without any locks held.

```
void intel_frontbuffer_flip_complete(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, unsigned frontbuffer_bits)
    complete asynchronous frontbuffer flip
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device  
**unsigned frontbuffer\_bits** frontbuffer plane tracking bits

## Description

This function gets called after the flip has been latched and will complete on the next vblank. It will execute the flush if it hasn't been cancelled yet.

Can be called without any locks held.

```
void intel_frontbuffer_flip(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, unsigned frontbuffer_bits)
    synchronous frontbuffer flip
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device  
**unsigned frontbuffer\_bits** frontbuffer plane tracking bits

## Description

This function gets called after scheduling a flip on **obj**. This is for synchronous plane updates which will happen on the next vblank and which will not get delayed by pending gpu rendering.

Can be called without any locks held.

```
void i915_gem_track_fb(struct drm_i915_gem_object *old, struct drm_i915_gem_object *new, unsigned frontbuffer_bits)
    update frontbuffer tracking
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_gem\_object \* old** current GEM buffer for the frontbuffer slots  
**struct drm\_i915\_gem\_object \* new** new GEM buffer for the frontbuffer slots  
**unsigned frontbuffer\_bits** bitmask of frontbuffer slots

## Description

This updates the frontbuffer tracking bits **frontbuffer\_bits** by clearing them from **old** and setting them in **new**. Both **old** and **new** can be NULL.

## Display FIFO Underrun Reporting

The i915 driver checks for display fifo underruns using the interrupt signals provided by the hardware. This is enabled by default and fairly useful to debug display issues, especially watermark settings.

If an underrun is detected this is logged into dmesg. To avoid flooding logs and occupying the cpu underrun interrupts are disabled after the first occurrence until the next modeset on a given pipe.

Note that underrun detection on gmch platforms is a bit more ugly since there is no interrupt (despite that the signalling bit is in the PIPESTAT pipe interrupt register). Also on some other platforms underrun interrupts are shared, which means that if we detect an underrun we need to disable underrun reporting on all pipes.

The code also supports underrun detection on the PCH transcoder.

```
bool intel_set_cpu_fifo_underrun_reporting(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, enum
                                         pipe pipe, bool enable)
    set cpu fifo underrun reporting state
```

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**enum pipe pipe** (CPU) pipe to set state for

**bool enable** whether underruns should be reported or not

#### Description

This function sets the fifo underrun state for **pipe**. It is used in the modeset code to avoid false positives since on many platforms underruns are expected when disabling or enabling the pipe.

Notice that on some platforms disabling underrun reports for one pipe disables for all due to shared interrupts. Actual reporting is still per-pipe though.

Returns the previous state of underrun reporting.

```
bool intel_set_pch_fifo_underrun_reporting(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, enum
                                         pipe pch_transcoder, bool enable)
    set PCH fifo underrun reporting state
```

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**enum pipe pch\_transcoder** the PCH transcoder (same as pipe on IVB and older)

**bool enable** whether underruns should be reported or not

#### Description

This function makes us disable or enable PCH fifo underruns for a specific PCH transcoder. Notice that on some PCHs (e.g. CPT/PPT), disabling FIFO underrun reporting for one transcoder may also disable all the other PCH error interrupts for the other transcoders, due to the fact that there's just one interrupt mask/enable bit for all the transcoders.

Returns the previous state of underrun reporting.

```
void intel_cpu_fifo_underrun_irq_handler(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, enum
                                         pipe pipe)
    handle CPU fifo underrun interrupt
```

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**enum pipe pipe** (CPU) pipe to set state for

#### Description

This handles a CPU fifo underrun interrupt, generating an underrun warning into dmesg if underrun reporting is enabled and then disables the underrun interrupt to avoid an irq storm.

```
void intel_pch_fifo_underrun_irq_handler(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, enum
                                         pipe pch_transcoder)
    handle PCH fifo underrun interrupt
```

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**enum pipe pch\_transcoder** the PCH transcoder (same as pipe on IVB and older)

## Description

This handles a PCH fifo underrun interrupt, generating an underrun warning into dmesg if underrun reporting is enabled and then disables the underrun interrupt to avoid an irq storm.

```
void intel_check_cpu_fifo_underruns(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)  
    check for CPU fifo underruns immediately
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

## Description

Check for CPU fifo underruns immediately. Useful on IVB/HSW where the shared error interrupt may have been disabled, and so CPU fifo underruns won't necessarily raise an interrupt, and on GMCH platforms where underruns never raise an interrupt.

```
void intel_check_pch_fifo_underruns(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)  
    check for PCH fifo underruns immediately
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

## Description

Check for PCH fifo underruns immediately. Useful on CPT/PPT where the shared error interrupt may have been disabled, and so PCH fifo underruns won't necessarily raise an interrupt.

## Plane Configuration

This section covers plane configuration and composition with the primary plane, sprites, cursors and overlays. This includes the infrastructure to do atomic vsync'ed updates of all this state and also tightly coupled topics like watermark setup and computation, framebuffer compression and panel self refresh.

## Atomic Plane Helpers

The functions here are used by the atomic plane helper functions to implement legacy plane updates (i.e., `drm_plane->c:func:update_plane()` and `drm_plane->c:func:disable_plane()`). This allows plane updates to use the atomic state infrastructure and perform plane updates as separate prepare/check/commit/cleanup steps.

```
struct intel_plane_state * intel_create_plane_state(struct drm_plane * plane)  
    create plane state object
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_plane \* plane** drm plane

## Description

Allocates a fresh plane state for the given plane and sets some of the state values to sensible initial values.

## Return

A newly allocated plane state, or NULL on failure

```
struct drm_plane_state * intel_plane_duplicate_state(struct drm_plane * plane)  
    duplicate plane state
```

## Parameters

**struct drm\_plane \* plane** drm plane



**Description**

Allocates and returns a copy of the plane state (both common and Intel-specific) for the specified plane.

**Return**

The newly allocated plane state, or NULL on failure.

```
void intel_plane_destroy_state(struct drm_plane * plane, struct drm_plane_state * state)
    destroy plane state
```

**Parameters**

```
struct drm_plane * plane  drm plane
struct drm_plane_state * state  state object to destroy
```

**Description**

Destroys the plane state (both common and Intel-specific) for the specified plane.

```
int intel_plane_atomic_get_property(struct drm_plane * plane, const struct drm_plane_state
                                   * state, struct drm_property * property, uint64_t * val)
    fetch plane property value
```

**Parameters**

```
struct drm_plane * plane  plane to fetch property for
const struct drm_plane_state * state  state containing the property value
struct drm_property * property  property to look up
uint64_t * val  pointer to write property value into
```

**Description**

The DRM core does not store shadow copies of properties for atomic-capable drivers. This entrypoint is used to fetch the current value of a driver-specific plane property.

```
int intel_plane_atomic_set_property(struct drm_plane * plane, struct drm_plane_state * state,
                                   struct drm_property * property, uint64_t val)
    set plane property value
```

**Parameters**

```
struct drm_plane * plane  plane to set property for
struct drm_plane_state * state  state to update property value in
struct drm_property * property  property to set
uint64_t val  value to set property to
```

**Description**

Writes the specified property value for a plane into the provided atomic state object.

Returns 0 on success, -EINVAL on unrecognized properties

## Output Probing

This section covers output probing and related infrastructure like the hotplug interrupt storm detection and mitigation code. Note that the i915 driver still uses most of the common DRM helper code for output probing, so those sections fully apply.

## Hotplug

Simply put, hotplug occurs when a display is connected to or disconnected from the system. However, there may be adapters and docking stations and Display Port short pulses and MST devices involved, complicating matters.

Hotplug in i915 is handled in many different levels of abstraction.

The platform dependent interrupt handling code in `i915_irq.c` enables, disables, and does preliminary handling of the interrupts. The interrupt handlers gather the hotplug detect (HPD) information from relevant registers into a platform independent mask of hotplug pins that have fired.

The platform independent interrupt handler `intel_hpd_irq_handler()` in `intel_hotplug.c` does hotplug irq storm detection and mitigation, and passes further processing to appropriate bottom halves (Display Port specific and regular hotplug).

The Display Port work function `i915_digport_work_func()` calls into `intel_dp_hpd_pulse()` via hooks, which handles DP short pulses and DP MST long pulses, with failures and non-MST long pulses triggering regular hotplug processing on the connector.

The regular hotplug work function `i915_hotplug_work_func()` calls connector detect hooks, and, if connector status changes, triggers sending of hotplug uevent to userspace via `drm_kms_helper_hotplug_event()`.

Finally, the userspace is responsible for triggering a modeset upon receiving the hotplug uevent, disabling or enabling the crtc as needed.

The hotplug interrupt storm detection and mitigation code keeps track of the number of interrupts per hotplug pin per a period of time, and if the number of interrupts exceeds a certain threshold, the interrupt is disabled for a while before being re-enabled. The intention is to mitigate issues raising from broken hardware triggering massive amounts of interrupts and grinding the system to a halt.

Current implementation expects that hotplug interrupt storm will not be seen when display port sink is connected, hence on platforms whose DP callback is handled by `i915_digport_work_func` reenabling of hpd is not performed (it was never expected to be disabled in the first place ;) ) this is specific to DP sinks handled by this routine and any other display such as HDMI or DVI enabled on the same port will have proper logic since it will use `i915_hotplug_work_func` where this logic is handled.

```
enum port intel_hpd_pin_to_port(enum hpd_pin pin)
    return port hard associated with certain pin.
```

### Parameters

**enum hpd\_pin pin** the hpd pin to get associated port

### Description

Return port that is associated with **pin** and `PORT_NONE` if no port is hard associated with that **pin**.

```
enum hpd_pin intel_hpd_pin(enum port port)
    return pin hard associated with certain port.
```

### Parameters

**enum port port** the hpd port to get associated pin

### Description

Return pin that is associated with **port** and `HDP_NONE` if no pin is hard associated with that **port**.

```
bool intel_hpd_irq_storm_detect(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv, enum hpd_pin pin)
    gather stats and detect HPD irq storm on a pin
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** private driver data pointer

**enum hpd\_pin pin** the pin to gather stats on

## Description

Gather stats about HPD irqs from the specified **pin**, and detect irq storms. Only the pin specific stats and state are changed, the caller is responsible for further action.

The number of irqs that are allowed within **HPD\_STORM\_DETECT\_PERIOD** is stored in **dev\_priv->hotplug.hpd\_storm\_threshold** which defaults to **HPD\_STORM\_DEFAULT\_THRESHOLD**. If this threshold is exceeded, it's considered an irq storm and the irq state is set to **HPD\_MARK\_DISABLED**.

The HPD threshold can be controlled through `i915_hpd_storm_ctl` in debugfs, and should only be adjusted for automated hotplug testing.

Return true if an irq storm was detected on **pin**.

void **intel\_hpd\_irq\_handler**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*, u32 *pin\_mask*, u32 *long\_mask*)  
main hotplug irq handler

## Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** drm\_i915\_private

**u32 pin\_mask** a mask of hpd pins that have triggered the irq

**u32 long\_mask** a mask of hpd pins that may be long hpd pulses

## Description

This is the main hotplug irq handler for all platforms. The platform specific irq handlers call the platform specific hotplug irq handlers, which read and decode the appropriate registers into bitmasks about hpd pins that have triggered (**pin\_mask**), and which of those pins may be long pulses (**long\_mask**). The **long\_mask** is ignored if the port corresponding to the pin is not a digital port.

Here, we do hotplug irq storm detection and mitigation, and pass further processing to appropriate bottom halves.

void **intel\_hpd\_init**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*)  
initializes and enables hpd support

## Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

## Description

This function enables the hotplug support. It requires that interrupts have already been enabled with `intel_irq_init_hw()`. From this point on hotplug and poll request can run concurrently to other code, so locking rules must be obeyed.

This is a separate step from interrupt enabling to simplify the locking rules in the driver load and resume code.

Also see: `intel_hpd_poll_init()`, which enables connector polling

void **intel\_hpd\_poll\_init**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*)  
enables/disables polling for connectors with hpd

## Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

## Description

This function enables polling for all connectors, regardless of whether or not they support hotplug detection. Under certain conditions HPD may not be functional. On most Intel GPUs, this happens when we enter runtime suspend. On Valleyview and Cherryview systems, this also happens when we shut off all of the powerwells.

Since this function can get called in contexts where we're already holding `dev->mode_config.mutex`, we do the actual hotplug enabling in a separate worker.

Also see: `intel_hpd_init()`, which restores hpd handling.

## High Definition Audio

The graphics and audio drivers together support High Definition Audio over HDMI and Display Port. The audio programming sequences are divided into audio codec and controller enable and disable sequences. The graphics driver handles the audio codec sequences, while the audio driver handles the audio controller sequences.

The disable sequences must be performed before disabling the transcoder or port. The enable sequences may only be performed after enabling the transcoder and port, and after completed link training. Therefore the audio enable/disable sequences are part of the modeset sequence.

The codec and controller sequences could be done either parallel or serial, but generally the ELDV/PD change in the codec sequence indicates to the audio driver that the controller sequence should start. Indeed, most of the co-operation between the graphics and audio drivers is handled via audio related registers. (The notable exception is the power management, not covered here.)

The struct *i915\_audio\_component* is used to interact between the graphics and audio drivers. The struct *i915\_audio\_component\_ops* **ops** in it is defined in graphics driver and called in audio driver. The struct *i915\_audio\_component\_audio\_ops* **audio\_ops** is called from i915 driver.

```
void intel_audio_codec_enable(struct intel_encoder *encoder, const struct intel_crtc_state
                             *crtc_state, const struct drm_connector_state *conn_state)
    Enable the audio codec for HD audio
```

### Parameters

**struct intel\_encoder \* encoder** encoder on which to enable audio  
**const struct intel\_crtc\_state \* crtc\_state** pointer to the current crtc state.  
**const struct drm\_connector\_state \* conn\_state** pointer to the current connector state.

### Description

The enable sequences may only be performed after enabling the transcoder and port, and after completed link training.

```
void intel_audio_codec_disable(struct intel_encoder *encoder, const struct intel_crtc_state
                              *old_crtc_state, const struct drm_connector_state
                              *old_conn_state)
    Disable the audio codec for HD audio
```

### Parameters

**struct intel\_encoder \* encoder** encoder on which to disable audio  
**const struct intel\_crtc\_state \* old\_crtc\_state** pointer to the old crtc state.  
**const struct drm\_connector\_state \* old\_conn\_state** pointer to the old connector state.

### Description

The disable sequences must be performed before disabling the transcoder or port.

```
void intel_init_audio_hooks(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv)
    Set up chip specific audio hooks
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** device private  
**void i915\_audio\_component\_init**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv)  
initialize and register the audio component

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

## Description

This will register with the component framework a child component which will bind dynamically to the `snd_hda_intel` driver's corresponding master component when the latter is registered. During binding the child initializes an instance of `struct i915_audio_component` which it receives from the master. The master can then start to use the interface defined by this struct. Each side can break the binding at any point by deregistering its own component after which each side's component unbind callback is called.

We ignore any error during registration and continue with reduced functionality (i.e. without HDMI audio).

**void `i915_audio_component_cleanup`**(struct `drm_i915_private` \* *dev\_priv*)  
deregister the audio component

## Parameters

**struct `drm_i915_private` \* `dev_priv`** i915 device instance

## Description

Deregisters the audio component, breaking any existing binding to the corresponding `snd_hda_intel` driver's master component.

**void `intel_audio_init`**(struct `drm_i915_private` \* *dev\_priv*)  
Initialize the audio driver either using component framework or using lpe audio bridge

## Parameters

**struct `drm_i915_private` \* `dev_priv`** the i915 drm device private data

**void `intel_audio_deinit`**(struct `drm_i915_private` \* *dev\_priv*)  
deinitialize the audio driver

## Parameters

**struct `drm_i915_private` \* `dev_priv`** the i915 drm device private data

**struct `i915_audio_component_ops`**  
Ops implemented by i915 driver, called by hda driver

## Definition

```
struct i915_audio_component_ops {
    struct module *owner;
    void (*get_power)(struct device *);
    void (*put_power)(struct device *);
    void (*codec_wake_override)(struct device *, bool enable);
    int (*get_cdclk_freq)(struct device *);
    int (*sync_audio_rate)(struct device *, int port, int pipe, int rate);
    int (*get_eld)(struct device *, int port, int pipe, bool *enabled, unsigned char *buf, int max_bytes);
};
```

## Members

**owner** i915 module

**get\_power** get the POWER\_DOMAIN\_AUDIO power well  
Request the power well to be turned on.

**put\_power** put the POWER\_DOMAIN\_AUDIO power well  
Allow the power well to be turned off.

**codec\_wake\_override** Enable/disable codec wake signal

**get\_cdclk\_freq** Get the Core Display Clock in kHz

**sync\_audio\_rate** set n/cts based on the sample rate

Called from audio driver. After audio driver sets the sample rate, it will call this function to set n/cts

**get\_eld** fill the audio state and ELD bytes for the given port

Called from audio driver to get the HDMI/DP audio state of the given digital port, and also fetch ELD bytes to the given pointer.

It returns the byte size of the original ELD (not the actually copied size), zero for an invalid ELD, or a negative error code.

Note that the returned size may be over **max\_bytes**. Then it implies that only a part of ELD has been copied to the buffer.

struct **i915\_audio\_component\_audio\_ops**

Ops implemented by hda driver, called by i915 driver

#### Definition

```
struct i915_audio_component_audio_ops {  
    void *audio_ptr;  
    void (*pin_eld_notify)(void *audio_ptr, int port, int pipe);  
};
```

#### Members

**audio\_ptr** Pointer to be used in call to pin\_eld\_notify

**pin\_eld\_notify** Notify the HDA driver that pin sense and/or ELD information has changed

Called when the i915 driver has set up audio pipeline or has just begun to tear it down. This allows the HDA driver to update its status accordingly (even when the HDA controller is in power save mode).

struct **i915\_audio\_component**

Used for direct communication between i915 and hda drivers

#### Definition

```
struct i915_audio_component {  
    struct device *dev;  
    int aud_sample_rate[MAX_PORTS];  
    const struct i915_audio_component_ops *ops;  
    const struct i915_audio_component_audio_ops *audio_ops;  
};
```

#### Members

**dev** i915 device, used as parameter for ops

**aud\_sample\_rate** the array of audio sample rate per port

**ops** Ops implemented by i915 driver, called by hda driver

**audio\_ops** Ops implemented by hda driver, called by i915 driver

## Intel HDMI LPE Audio Support

Motivation: Atom platforms (e.g. valleyview and cherryTrail) integrates a DMA-based interface as an alternative to the traditional HDAudio path. While this mode is unrelated to the LPE aka SST audio engine, the documentation refers to this mode as LPE so we keep this notation for the sake of consistency.

The interface is handled by a separate standalone driver maintained in the ALSA subsystem for simplicity. To minimize the interaction between the two subsystems, a bridge is setup between the hdmi-lpe-audio and i915: 1. Create a platform device to share MMIO/IRQ resources 2. Make the platform device child of i915 device for runtime PM. 3. Create IRQ chip to forward the LPE audio irq. the hdmi-lpe-audio driver probes the lpe audio device and creates a new sound card

Threats: Due to the restriction in Linux platform device model, user need manually uninstall the hdmi-lpe-audio driver before uninstalling i915 module, otherwise we might run into use-after-free issues after

i915 removes the platform device: even though hdmi-lpe-audio driver is released, the modules is still in "installed" status.

Implementation: The MMIO/REG platform resources are created according to the registers specification. When forwarding LPE audio irqs, the flow control handler selection depends on the platform, for example on valleyview `handle_simple_irq` is enough.

void **intel\_lpe\_audio\_irq\_handler**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*)  
forwards the LPE audio irq

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** the i915 drm device private data

#### Description

the LPE Audio irq is forwarded to the irq handler registered by LPE audio driver.

int **intel\_lpe\_audio\_init**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*)  
detect and setup the bridge between HDMI LPE Audio driver and i915

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** the i915 drm device private data

#### Return

0 if successful. non-zero if detection or llocation/initialization fails

void **intel\_lpe\_audio\_teardown**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*)  
destroy the bridge between HDMI LPE audio driver and i915

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** the i915 drm device private data

#### Description

release all the resources for LPE audio <-> i915 bridge.

void **intel\_lpe\_audio\_notify**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*, enum pipe *pipe*, enum port *port*,  
const void \* *eld*, int *ls\_clock*, bool *dp\_output*)  
notify lpe audio event audio driver and i915

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** the i915 drm device private data

enum pipe **pipe** pipe

enum port **port** port

const void \* **eld** ELD data

int **ls\_clock** Link symbol clock in kHz

bool **dp\_output** Driving a DP output?

#### Description

Notify lpe audio driver of eld change.

## Panel Self Refresh PSR (PSR/SRD)

Since Haswell Display controller supports Panel Self-Refresh on display panels witch have a remote frame buffer (RFB) implemented according to PSR spec in eDP1.3. PSR feature allows the display to go to lower standby states when system is idle but display is on as it eliminates display refresh request to DDR memory completely as long as the frame buffer for that display is unchanged.

Panel Self Refresh must be supported by both Hardware (source) and Panel (sink).

PSR saves power by caching the framebuffer in the panel RFB, which allows us to power down the link and memory controller. For DSI panels the same idea is called “manual mode”.

The implementation uses the hardware-based PSR support which automatically enters/exits self-refresh mode. The hardware takes care of sending the required DP aux message and could even retrain the link (that part isn't enabled yet though). The hardware also keeps track of any framebuffer changes to know when to exit self-refresh mode again. Unfortunately that part doesn't work too well, hence why the i915 PSR support uses the software framebuffer tracking to make sure it doesn't miss a screen update. For this integration *intel\_psr\_invalidate()* and *intel\_psr\_flush()* get called by the framebuffer tracking code. Note that because of locking issues the self-refresh re-enable code is done from a work queue, which must be correctly synchronized/cancelled when shutting down the pipe.”

```
void intel_psr_enable(struct intel_dp * intel_dp, const struct intel_crtc_state * crtc_state)  
    Enable PSR
```

#### **Parameters**

**struct intel\_dp \* intel\_dp** Intel DP  
**const struct intel\_crtc\_state \* crtc\_state** new CRTC state

#### **Description**

This function can only be called after the pipe is fully trained and enabled.

```
void intel_psr_disable(struct intel_dp * intel_dp, const struct intel_crtc_state * old_crtc_state)  
    Disable PSR
```

#### **Parameters**

**struct intel\_dp \* intel\_dp** Intel DP  
**const struct intel\_crtc\_state \* old\_crtc\_state** old CRTC state

#### **Description**

This function needs to be called before disabling pipe.

```
void intel_psr_single_frame_update(struct      drm_i915_private      * dev_priv,      un-  
                                signed frontbuffer_bits)  
    Single Frame Update
```

#### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device  
**unsigned frontbuffer\_bits** framebuffer plane tracking bits

#### **Description**

Some platforms support a single frame update feature that is used to send and update only one frame on Remote Frame Buffer. So far it is only implemented for Valleyview and Cherryview because hardware requires this to be done before a page flip.

```
void intel_psr_invalidate(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv, unsigned frontbuffer_bits)  
    Invalidate PSR
```

#### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device  
**unsigned frontbuffer\_bits** framebuffer plane tracking bits

#### **Description**

Since the hardware framebuffer tracking has gaps we need to integrate with the software framebuffer tracking. This function gets called every time framebuffer rendering starts and a buffer gets dirtied. PSR must be disabled if the framebuffer mask contains a buffer relevant to PSR.

Dirty frontbuffers relevant to PSR are tracked in *busy\_frontbuffer\_bits*.”



```
void intel_psr_flush(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv, unsigned frontbuffer_bits, enum
                    fb_op_origin origin)
    Flush PSR
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device  
**unsigned frontbuffer\_bits** frontbuffer plane tracking bits  
**enum fb\_op\_origin origin** which operation caused the flush

**Description**

Since the hardware frontbuffer tracking has gaps we need to integrate with the software frontbuffer tracking. This function gets called every time frontbuffer rendering has completed and flushed out to memory. PSR can be enabled again if no other frontbuffer relevant to PSR is dirty.

Dirty frontbuffers relevant to PSR are tracked in `busy_frontbuffer_bits`.

```
void intel_psr_init(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)
    Init basic PSR work and mutex.
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device private

**Description**

This function is called only once at driver load to initialize basic PSR stuff.

**Frame Buffer Compression (FBC)**

FBC tries to save memory bandwidth (and so power consumption) by compressing the amount of memory used by the display. It is total transparent to user space and completely handled in the kernel.

The benefits of FBC are mostly visible with solid backgrounds and variation-less patterns. It comes from keeping the memory footprint small and having fewer memory pages opened and accessed for refreshing the display.

i915 is responsible to reserve stolen memory for FBC and configure its offset on proper registers. The hardware takes care of all compress/decompress. However there are many known cases where we have to forcibly disable it to allow proper screen updates.

```
bool intel_fbc_is_active(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)
    Is FBC active?
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**Description**

This function is used to verify the current state of FBC.

FIXME: This should be tracked in the plane config eventually instead of queried at runtime for most callers.

```
void intel_fbc_choose_crtc(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv, struct intel_atomic_state * state)
    select a CRTC to enable FBC on
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance  
**struct intel\_atomic\_state \* state** the atomic state structure

### **Description**

This function looks at the proposed state for CRTC's and planes, then chooses which pipe is going to have FBC by setting `intel_crtc_state->enable_fbc` to true.

Later, `intel_fbc_enable` is going to look for `state->enable_fbc` and then maybe enable FBC for the chosen CRTC. If it does, it will set `dev_priv->fbc.crtc`.

```
void intel_fbc_enable(struct intel_crtc * crtc, struct intel_crtc_state * crtc_state, struct intel_plane_state * plane_state)
```

### **Parameters**

**struct intel\_crtc \* *crtc*** the CRTC

**struct intel\_crtc\_state \* *crtc\_state*** corresponding `drm_crtc_state` for ***crtc***

**struct intel\_plane\_state \* *plane\_state*** corresponding `drm_plane_state` for the primary plane of ***crtc***

### **Description**

This function checks if the given CRTC was chosen for FBC, then enables it if possible. Notice that it doesn't activate FBC. It is valid to call `intel_fbc_enable` multiple times for the same pipe without an `intel_fbc_disable` in the middle, as long as it is deactivated.

```
void __intel_fbc_disable(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)  
    disable FBC
```

### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*** i915 device instance

### **Description**

This is the low level function that actually disables FBC. Callers should grab the FBC lock.

```
void intel_fbc_disable(struct intel_crtc * crtc)  
    disable FBC if it's associated with crtc
```

### **Parameters**

**struct intel\_crtc \* *crtc*** the CRTC

### **Description**

This function disables FBC if it's associated with the provided CRTC.

```
void intel_fbc_global_disable(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)  
    globally disable FBC
```

### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*** i915 device instance

### **Description**

This function disables FBC regardless of which CRTC is associated with it.

```
void intel_fbc_handle_fifo_underrun_irq(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)  
    disable FBC when we get a FIFO underrun
```

### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*** i915 device instance

### **Description**

Without FBC, most underruns are harmless and don't really cause too many problems, except for an annoying message on `dmesg`. With FBC, underruns can become black screens or even worse, especially when paired with bad watermarks. So in order for us to be on the safe side, completely disable FBC in case we ever detect a FIFO underrun on any pipe. An underrun on any pipe already suggests that watermarks may be bad, so try to be as safe as possible.

This function is called from the IRQ handler.

```
void intel_fbc_init_pipe_state(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)
    initialize FBC's CRTC visibility tracking
```

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

#### Description

The FBC code needs to track CRTC visibility since the older platforms can't have FBC enabled while multiple pipes are used. This function does the initial setup at driver load to make sure FBC is matching the real hardware.

```
void intel_fbc_init(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)
    Initialize FBC
```

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** the i915 device

#### Description

This function might be called during PM init process.

## Display Refresh Rate Switching (DRRS)

Display Refresh Rate Switching (DRRS) is a power conservation feature which enables switching between low and high refresh rates, dynamically, based on the usage scenario. This feature is applicable for internal panels.

Indication that the panel supports DRRS is given by the panel EDID, which would list multiple refresh rates for one resolution.

DRRS is of 2 types - static and seamless. Static DRRS involves changing refresh rate (RR) by doing a full modeset (may appear as a blink on screen) and is used in dock-undock scenario. Seamless DRRS involves changing RR without any visual effect to the user and can be used during normal system usage. This is done by programming certain registers.

Support for static/seamless DRRS may be indicated in the VBT based on inputs from the panel spec.

DRRS saves power by switching to low RR based on usage scenarios.

The implementation is based on frontbuffer tracking implementation. When there is a disturbance on the screen triggered by user activity or a periodic system activity, DRRS is disabled (RR is changed to high RR). When there is no movement on screen, after a timeout of 1 second, a switch to low RR is made.

For integration with frontbuffer tracking code, `intel_edp_drrs_invalidate()` and `intel_edp_drrs_flush()` are called.

DRRS can be further extended to support other internal panels and also the scenario of video playback wherein RR is set based on the rate requested by userspace.

```
void intel_dp_set_drrs_state(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv, const struct intel_crtc_state
    * crtc_state, int refresh_rate)
    program registers for RR switch to take effect
```

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device

**const struct intel\_crtc\_state \* crtc\_state** a pointer to the active intel\_crtc\_state

**int refresh\_rate** RR to be programmed

## Description

This function gets called when refresh rate (RR) has to be changed from one frequency to another. Switches can be between high and low RR supported by the panel or to any other RR based on media playback (in this case, RR value needs to be passed from user space).

The caller of this function needs to take a lock on `dev_priv->drrs`.

void **intel\_edp\_drrs\_enable**(struct intel\_dp \* *intel\_dp*, const struct intel\_crtc\_state \* *crtc\_state*)  
init drrs struct if supported

## Parameters

**struct intel\_dp \* intel\_dp** DP struct

**const struct intel\_crtc\_state \* crtc\_state** A pointer to the active crtc state.

## Description

Initializes `frontbuffer_bits` and `drrs.dp`

void **intel\_edp\_drrs\_disable**(struct intel\_dp \* *intel\_dp*, const struct intel\_crtc\_state \* *old\_crtc\_state*)  
Disable DRRS

## Parameters

**struct intel\_dp \* intel\_dp** DP struct

**const struct intel\_crtc\_state \* old\_crtc\_state** Pointer to old crtc state.

void **intel\_edp\_drrs\_invalidate**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*, unsigned int *frontbuffer\_bits*)  
Disable Idleness DRRS

## Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device

**unsigned int frontbuffer\_bits** frontbuffer plane tracking bits

## Description

This function gets called everytime rendering on the given planes start. Hence DRRS needs to be Up-clocked, i.e. (LOW\_RR -> HIGH\_RR).

Dirty frontbuffers relevant to DRRS are tracked in `busy_frontbuffer_bits`.

void **intel\_edp\_drrs\_flush**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*, unsigned int *frontbuffer\_bits*)  
Restart Idleness DRRS

## Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device

**unsigned int frontbuffer\_bits** frontbuffer plane tracking bits

## Description

This function gets called every time rendering on the given planes has completed or flip on a crtc is completed. So DRRS should be upclocked (LOW\_RR -> HIGH\_RR). And also Idleness detection should be started again, if no other planes are dirty.

Dirty frontbuffers relevant to DRRS are tracked in `busy_frontbuffer_bits`.

struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* **intel\_dp\_drrs\_init**(struct intel\_connector \* *connector*, struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* *fixed\_mode*)  
Init basic DRRS work and mutex.

## Parameters

**struct intel\_connector \* connector** eDP connector

**struct drm\_display\_mode \* fixed\_mode** preferred mode of panel

### Description

This function is called only once at driver load to initialize basic DRRS stuff.

### Return

Downclock mode if panel supports it, else return NULL. DRRS support is determined by the presence of downclock mode (apart from VBT setting).

## DPIO

VLV, CHV and BXT have slightly peculiar display PHYs for driving DP/HDMI ports. DPIO is the name given to such a display PHY. These PHYs don't follow the standard programming model using direct MMIO registers, and instead their registers must be accessed through IOSF sideband. VLV has one such PHY for driving ports B and C, and CHV adds another PHY for driving port D. Each PHY responds to specific IOSF-SB port.

Each display PHY is made up of one or two channels. Each channel houses a common lane part which contains the PLL and other common logic. CH0 common lane also contains the IOSF-SB logic for the Common Register Interface (CRI) ie. the DPIO registers. CRI clock must be running when any DPIO registers are accessed.

In addition to having their own registers, the PHYs are also controlled through some dedicated signals from the display controller. These include PLL reference clock enable, PLL enable, and CRI clock selection, for example.

Each channel also has two splines (also called data lanes), and each spline is made up of one Physical Access Coding Sub-Layer (PCS) block and two TX lanes. So each channel has two PCS blocks and four TX lanes. The TX lanes are used as DP lanes or TMDS data/clock pairs depending on the output type.

Additionally the PHY also contains an AUX lane with AUX blocks for each channel. This is used for DP AUX communication, but this fact isn't really relevant for the driver since AUX is controlled from the display controller side. No DPIO registers need to be accessed during AUX communication,

Generally on VLV/CHV the common lane corresponds to the pipe and the spline (PCS/TX) corresponds to the port.

For dual channel PHY (VLV/CHV):

```
pipe A == CMN/PLL/REF CH0
pipe B == CMN/PLL/REF CH1
port B == PCS/TX CH0
port C == PCS/TX CH1
```

This is especially important when we cross the streams ie. drive port B with pipe B, or port C with pipe A.

For single channel PHY (CHV):

```
pipe C == CMN/PLL/REF CH0
port D == PCS/TX CH0
```

On BXT the entire PHY channel corresponds to the port. That means the PLL is also now associated with the port rather than the pipe, and so the clock needs to be routed to the appropriate transcoder. Port A PLL is directly connected to transcoder EDP and port B/C PLLs can be routed to any transcoder A/B/C.

Note: DDI0 is digital port B, DDI1 is digital port C, and DDI2 is digital port D (CHV) or port A (BXT).

Dual channel PHY (VLV/CHV/BXT)

CH0				CH1				Display PHY
CMN/PLL/REF				CMN/PLL/REF				
PCS01   PCS23				PCS01   PCS23				

```

|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|TX0|TX1|TX2|TX3|TX0|TX1|TX2|TX3|
|-----|
|      DDI0      |      DDI1      | DP/HDMI ports
|-----|

```

Single channel PHY (CHV/BXT)

```

|-----|
|      CH0      |
|CMN/PLL/REF|
|-----|
|PCS01|PCS23| | |
|---|---|---|---|
|TX0|TX1|TX2|TX3|
|-----|
|      DDI2      | DP/HDMI port
|-----|

```

Display PHY

## CSR firmware support for DMC

Display Context Save and Restore (CSR) firmware support added from gen9 onwards to drive newly added DMC (Display microcontroller) in display engine to save and restore the state of display engine when it enter into low-power state and comes back to normal.

void **intel\_csr\_load\_program**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*)  
write the firmware from memory to register.

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 drm device.

### Description

CSR firmware is read from a .bin file and kept in internal memory one time. Everytime display comes back from low power state this function is called to copy the firmware from internal memory to registers.

void **intel\_csr\_ucode\_init**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*)  
initialize the firmware loading.

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 drm device.

### Description

This function is called at the time of loading the display driver to read firmware from a .bin file and copied into a internal memory.

void **intel\_csr\_ucode\_suspend**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*)  
prepare CSR firmware before system suspend

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 drm device

### Description

Prepare the DMC firmware before entering system suspend. This includes flushing pending work items and releasing any resources acquired during init.

void **intel\_csr\_ucode\_resume**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*)  
init CSR firmware during system resume

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 drm device

**Description**

Reinitialize the DMC firmware during system resume, reacquiring any resources released in *intel\_csr\_ucode\_suspend()*.

```
void intel_csr_ucode_fini(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)
    unload the CSR firmware.
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 drm device.

**Description**

Firmware unloading includes freeing the internal memory and reset the firmware loading status.

**Video BIOS Table (VBT)**

The Video BIOS Table, or VBT, provides platform and board specific configuration information to the driver that is not discoverable or available through other means. The configuration is mostly related to display hardware. The VBT is available via the ACPI OpRegion or, on older systems, in the PCI ROM.

The VBT consists of a VBT Header (defined as *struct vbt\_header*), a BDB Header (*struct bdb\_header*), and a number of BIOS Data Blocks (BDB) that contain the actual configuration information. The VBT Header, and thus the VBT, begins with "\$VBT" signature. The VBT Header contains the offset of the BDB Header. The data blocks are concatenated after the BDB Header. The data blocks have a 1-byte Block ID, 2-byte Block Size, and Block Size bytes of data. (Block 53, the MIPI Sequence Block is an exception.)

The driver parses the VBT during load. The relevant information is stored in driver private data for ease of use, and the actual VBT is not read after that.

```
bool intel_bios_is_valid_vbt(const void * buf, size_t size)
    does the given buffer contain a valid VBT
```

**Parameters**

**const void \* buf** pointer to a buffer to validate

**size\_t size** size of the buffer

**Description**

Returns true on valid VBT.

```
void intel_bios_init(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)
    find VBT and initialize settings from the BIOS
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**Description**

Parse and initialize settings from the Video BIOS Tables (VBT). If the VBT was not found in ACPI OpRegion, try to find it in PCI ROM first. Also initialize some defaults if the VBT is not present at all.

```
void intel_bios_cleanup(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)
    Free any resources allocated by intel_bios_init()
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

```
bool intel_bios_is_tv_present(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)
    is integrated TV present in VBT
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**Description**

Return true if TV is present. If no child devices were parsed from VBT, assume TV is present.

bool **intel\_bios\_is\_lvds\_present**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*, u8 \* *i2c\_pin*)  
is LVDS present in VBT

**Parameters**

struct drm\_i915\_private \* **dev\_priv** i915 device instance

u8 \* **i2c\_pin** i2c pin for LVDS if present

**Description**

Return true if LVDS is present. If no child devices were parsed from VBT, assume LVDS is present.

bool **intel\_bios\_is\_port\_present**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*, enum port *port*)  
is the specified digital port present

**Parameters**

struct drm\_i915\_private \* **dev\_priv** i915 device instance

enum port **port** port to check

**Description**

Return true if the device in port is present.

bool **intel\_bios\_is\_port\_edp**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*, enum port *port*)  
is the device in given port eDP

**Parameters**

struct drm\_i915\_private \* **dev\_priv** i915 device instance

enum port **port** port to check

**Description**

Return true if the device in port is eDP.

bool **intel\_bios\_is\_dsi\_present**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*, enum port \* *port*)  
is DSI present in VBT

**Parameters**

struct drm\_i915\_private \* **dev\_priv** i915 device instance

enum port \* **port** port for DSI if present

**Description**

Return true if DSI is present, and return the port in port.

bool **intel\_bios\_is\_port\_hpd\_inverted**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*, enum port *port*)  
is HPD inverted for port

**Parameters**

struct drm\_i915\_private \* **dev\_priv** i915 device instance

enum port **port** port to check

**Description**

Return true if HPD should be inverted for port.

bool **intel\_bios\_is\_lspcon\_present**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*, enum port *port*)  
if LSPCON is attached on port

**Parameters**

struct drm\_i915\_private \* **dev\_priv** i915 device instance



**enum port port** port to check

### Description

Return true if LSPCON is present on this port

struct **vbt\_header**  
VBT Header structure

### Definition

```
struct vbt_header {
    u8 signature[20];
    u16 version;
    u16 header_size;
    u16 vbt_size;
    u8 vbt_checksum;
    u8 reserved0;
    u32 bdb_offset;
    u32 aim_offset[4];
};
```

### Members

**signature** VBT signature, always starts with "\$VBT"

**version** Version of this structure

**header\_size** Size of this structure

**vbt\_size** Size of VBT (VBT Header, BDB Header and data blocks)

**vbt\_checksum** Checksum

**reserved0** Reserved

**bdb\_offset** Offset of [struct bdb\\_header](#) from beginning of VBT

**aim\_offset** Offsets of add-in data blocks from beginning of VBT

struct **bdb\_header**  
BDB Header structure

### Definition

```
struct bdb_header {
    u8 signature[16];
    u16 version;
    u16 header_size;
    u16 bdb_size;
};
```

### Members

**signature** BDB signature "BIOS\_DATA\_BLOCK"

**version** Version of the data block definitions

**header\_size** Size of this structure

**bdb\_size** Size of BDB (BDB Header and data blocks)

## Display clocks

The display engine uses several different clocks to do its work. There are two main clocks involved that aren't directly related to the actual pixel clock or any symbol/bit clock of the actual output port. These are the core display clock (CDCLK) and RAWCLK.

CDCLK clocks most of the display pipe logic, and thus its frequency must be high enough to support the rate at which pixels are flowing through the pipes. Downscaling must also be accounted as that increases the effective pixel rate.

On several platforms the CDCLK frequency can be changed dynamically to minimize power consumption for a given display configuration. Typically changes to the CDCLK frequency require all the display pipes to be shut down while the frequency is being changed.

On SKL+ the DMC will toggle the CDCLK off/on during DC5/6 entry/exit. DMC will not change the active CDCLK frequency however, so that part will still be performed by the driver directly.

RAWCLK is a fixed frequency clock, often used by various auxiliary blocks such as AUX CH or backlight PWM. Hence the only thing we really need to know about RAWCLK is its frequency so that various dividers can be programmed correctly.

```
void skl_init_cdclk(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)  
    Initialize CDCLK on SKL
```

#### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device

#### **Description**

Initialize CDCLK for SKL and derivatives. This is generally done only during the display core initialization sequence, after which the DMC will take care of turning CDCLK off/on as needed.

```
void skl_uninit_cdclk(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)  
    Uninitialize CDCLK on SKL
```

#### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device

#### **Description**

Uninitialize CDCLK for SKL and derivatives. This is done only during the display core uninitialization sequence.

```
void bxt_init_cdclk(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)  
    Initialize CDCLK on BXT
```

#### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device

#### **Description**

Initialize CDCLK for BXT and derivatives. This is generally done only during the display core initialization sequence, after which the DMC will take care of turning CDCLK off/on as needed.

```
void bxt_uninit_cdclk(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)  
    Uninitialize CDCLK on BXT
```

#### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device

#### **Description**

Uninitialize CDCLK for BXT and derivatives. This is done only during the display core uninitialization sequence.

```
void cnl_init_cdclk(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)  
    Initialize CDCLK on CNL
```

#### **Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device

**Description**

Initialize CDCLK for CNL. This is generally done only during the display core initialization sequence, after which the DMC will take care of turning CDCLK off/on as needed.

```
void cnl_uninit_cdclk(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)
    Uninitialize CDCLK on CNL
```

**Parameters**

```
struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv i915 device
```

**Description**

Uninitialize CDCLK for CNL. This is done only during the display core uninitialization sequence.

```
bool intel_cdclk_needs_modeset(const struct intel_cdclk_state * a, const struct intel_cdclk_state
                               * b)
    Determine if two CDCLK states require a modeset on all pipes
```

**Parameters**

```
const struct intel_cdclk_state * a first CDCLK state
const struct intel_cdclk_state * b second CDCLK state
```

**Return**

True if the CDCLK states require pipes to be off during reprogramming, false if not.

```
bool intel_cdclk_changed(const struct intel_cdclk_state * a, const struct intel_cdclk_state * b)
    Determine if two CDCLK states are different
```

**Parameters**

```
const struct intel_cdclk_state * a first CDCLK state
const struct intel_cdclk_state * b second CDCLK state
```

**Return**

True if the CDCLK states don't match, false if they do.

```
void intel_set_cdclk(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv, const struct intel_cdclk_state * cd-
                     clk_state)
    Push the CDCLK state to the hardware
```

**Parameters**

```
struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv i915 device
const struct intel_cdclk_state * cdclk_state new CDCLK state
```

**Description**

Program the hardware based on the passed in CDCLK state, if necessary.

```
void intel_update_max_cdclk(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)
    Determine the maximum support CDCLK frequency
```

**Parameters**

```
struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv i915 device
```

**Description**

Determine the maximum CDCLK frequency the platform supports, and also derive the maximum dot clock frequency the maximum CDCLK frequency allows.

```
void intel_update_cdclk(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)
    Determine the current CDCLK frequency
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device

### Description

Determine the current CDCLK frequency.

void **intel\_update\_rawclk**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*)  
Determine the current RAWCLK frequency

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device

### Description

Determine the current RAWCLK frequency. RAWCLK is a fixed frequency clock so this needs to be done only once.

void **intel\_init\_cdclk\_hooks**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*)  
Initialize CDCLK related modesetting hooks

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device

## Display PLLs

Display PLLs used for driving outputs vary by platform. While some have per-pipe or per-encoder dedicated PLLs, others allow the use of any PLL from a pool. In the latter scenario, it is possible that multiple pipes share a PLL if their configurations match.

This file provides an abstraction over display PLLs. The function *intel\_shared\_dpll\_init()* initializes the PLLs for the given platform. The users of a PLL are tracked and that tracking is integrated with the atomic modest interface. During an atomic operation, a PLL can be requested for a given CRTC and encoder configuration by calling *intel\_get\_shared\_dpll()* and a previously used PLL can be released with *intel\_release\_shared\_dpll()*. Changes to the users are first staged in the atomic state, and then made effective by calling *intel\_shared\_dpll\_swap\_state()* during the atomic commit phase.

struct *intel\_shared\_dpll* \* **intel\_get\_shared\_dpll\_by\_id**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*,  
enum *intel\_dpll\_id* *id*)  
get a DPLL given its id

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**enum intel\_dpll\_id id** pll id

### Return

A pointer to the DPLL with **id**

enum *intel\_dpll\_id* **intel\_get\_shared\_dpll\_id**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*, struct *intel\_shared\_dpll* \* *pll*)  
get the id of a DPLL

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**struct intel\_shared\_dpll \* pll** the DPLL

### Return

The id of **pll**

void **intel\_prepare\_shared\_dpll**(struct intel\_crtc \* *crtc*)  
call a dpll's prepare hook

### Parameters

**struct intel\_crtc \* crtc** CRTC which has a shared dpll

### Description

This calls the PLL's prepare hook if it has one and if the PLL is not already enabled. The prepare hook is platform specific.

void **intel\_enable\_shared\_dpll**(struct intel\_crtc \* *crtc*)  
enable a CRTC's shared DPLL

### Parameters

**struct intel\_crtc \* crtc** CRTC which has a shared DPLL

### Description

Enable the shared DPLL used by **crtc**.

void **intel\_disable\_shared\_dpll**(struct intel\_crtc \* *crtc*)  
disable a CRTC's shared DPLL

### Parameters

**struct intel\_crtc \* crtc** CRTC which has a shared DPLL

### Description

Disable the shared DPLL used by **crtc**.

void **intel\_shared\_dpll\_swap\_state**(struct *drm\_atomic\_state* \* *state*)  
make atomic DPLL configuration effective

### Parameters

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** atomic state

### Description

This is the dpll version of *drm\_atomic\_helper\_swap\_state()* since the helper does not handle driver-specific global state.

For consistency with atomic helpers this function does a complete swap, i.e. it also puts the current state into **state**, even though there is no need for that at this moment.

void **intel\_shared\_dpll\_init**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*)  
Initialize shared DPLLs

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm device

### Description

Initialize shared DPLLs for **dev**.

struct *intel\_shared\_dpll* \* **intel\_get\_shared\_dpll**(struct intel\_crtc \* *crtc*, struct intel\_crtc\_state \* *crtc\_state*, struct intel\_encoder \* *encoder*)  
get a shared DPLL for CRTC and encoder combination

### Parameters

**struct intel\_crtc \* crtc** CRTC

**struct intel\_crtc\_state \* crtc\_state** atomic state for **crtc**

**struct intel\_encoder \* encoder** encoder

### Description

Find an appropriate DPLL for the given CRTC and encoder combination. A reference from the **crtc** to the returned pll is registered in the atomic state. That configuration is made effective by calling *intel\_shared\_dpll\_swap\_state()*. The reference should be released by calling *intel\_release\_shared\_dpll()*.

### Return

A shared DPLL to be used by **crtc** and **encoder** with the given **crtc\_state**.

```
void intel_release_shared_dpll(struct intel_shared_dpll *dpll, struct intel_crtc *crtc, struct
                             drm_atomic_state *state)
    end use of DPLL by CRTC in atomic state
```

### Parameters

**struct intel\_shared\_dpll \* dpll** dpll in use by **crtc**

**struct intel\_crtc \* crtc** crtc

**struct drm\_atomic\_state \* state** atomic state

### Description

This function releases the reference from **crtc** to **dpll** from the atomic **state**. The new configuration is made effective by calling *intel\_shared\_dpll\_swap\_state()*.

```
void intel_dpll_dump_hw_state(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, struct intel_dpll_hw_state
                             *hw_state)
    write hw_state to dmesg
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 drm device

**struct intel\_dpll\_hw\_state \* hw\_state** hw state to be written to the log

### Description

Write the relevant values in **hw\_state** to dmesg using DRM\_DEBUG\_KMS.

enum **intel\_dpll\_id**  
possible DPLL ids

### Constants

**DPLL\_ID\_PRIVATE** non-shared dpll in use

**DPLL\_ID\_PCH\_PLL\_A** DPLL A in ILK, SNB and IVB

**DPLL\_ID\_PCH\_PLL\_B** DPLL B in ILK, SNB and IVB

**DPLL\_ID\_WRPLL1** HSW and BDW WRPLL1

**DPLL\_ID\_WRPLL2** HSW and BDW WRPLL2

**DPLL\_ID\_SPLL** HSW and BDW SPLL

**DPLL\_ID\_LCPLL\_810** HSW and BDW 0.81 GHz LCPLL

**DPLL\_ID\_LCPLL\_1350** HSW and BDW 1.35 GHz LCPLL

**DPLL\_ID\_LCPLL\_2700** HSW and BDW 2.7 GHz LCPLL

**DPLL\_ID\_SKL\_DPLL0** SKL and later DPLL0

**DPLL\_ID\_SKL\_DPLL1** SKL and later DPLL1

**DPLL\_ID\_SKL\_DPLL2** SKL and later DPLL2

**DPLL\_ID\_SKL\_DPLL3** SKL and later DPLL3

### Description

Enumeration of possible IDs for a DPLL. Real shared dpll ids must be  $\geq 0$ .

struct **intel\_shared\_dpll\_state**  
hold the DPLL atomic state

### Definition

```
struct intel_shared_dpll_state {
    unsigned crtc_mask;
    struct intel_dpll_hw_state hw_state;
};
```

### Members

**crtc\_mask** mask of CRTC using this DPLL, active or not

**hw\_state** hardware configuration for the DPLL stored in struct `intel_dpll_hw_state`.

### Description

This structure holds an atomic state for the DPLL, that can represent either its current state (in struct `intel_shared_dpll`) or a desired future state which would be applied by an atomic mode set (stored in a struct `intel_atomic_state`).

See also `intel_get_shared_dpll()` and `intel_release_shared_dpll()`.

struct **intel\_shared\_dpll\_funcs**

platform specific hooks for managing DPLLs

### Definition

```
struct intel_shared_dpll_funcs {
    void (*prepare)(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, struct intel_shared_dpll *pll);
    void (*enable)(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, struct intel_shared_dpll *pll);
    void (*disable)(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, struct intel_shared_dpll *pll);
    bool (*get_hw_state)(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, struct intel_shared_dpll *pll, struct intel_dp1
```

### Members

**prepare** Optional hook to perform operations prior to enabling the PLL. Called from `intel_prepare_shared_dpll()` function unless the PLL is already enabled.

**enable** Hook for enabling the pll, called from `intel_enable_shared_dpll()` if the pll is not already enabled.

**disable** Hook for disabling the pll, called from `intel_disable_shared_dpll()` only when it is safe to disable the pll, i.e., there are no more tracked users for it.

**get\_hw\_state** Hook for reading the values currently programmed to the DPLL registers. This is used for initial hw state readout and state verification after a mode set.

struct **intel\_shared\_dpll**

display PLL with tracked state and users

### Definition

```
struct intel_shared_dpll {
    struct intel_shared_dpll_state state;
    unsigned active_mask;
    bool on;
    const char *name;
    enum intel_dpll_id id;
    struct intel_shared_dpll_funcs funcs;
#define INTEL_DPLL_ALWAYS_ON (1 << 0);
    uint32_t flags;
};
```

### Members

**state** Store the state for the pll, including the its hw state and CRTC's using it.

**active\_mask** mask of active CRTC's (i.e. DPMS on) using this DPLL

**on** is the PLL actually active? Disabled during modeset

**name** DPLL name; used for logging

**id** unique identifier for this DPLL; should match the index in the `dev_priv->shared_dppls` array

**funcs** platform specific hooks

**flags**

**INTEL\_DPLL\_ALWAYS\_ON** Inform the state checker that the DPLL is kept enabled even if not in use by any CRTC.

## Memory Management and Command Submission

This section covers all things related to the GEM implementation in the i915 driver.

### Batchbuffer Parsing

**Motivation:** Certain OpenGL features (e.g. transform feedback, performance monitoring) require userspace code to submit batches containing commands such as `MI_LOAD_REGISTER_IMM` to access various registers. Unfortunately, some generations of the hardware will noop these commands in “unsecure” batches (which includes all userspace batches submitted via i915) even though the commands may be safe and represent the intended programming model of the device.

The software command parser is similar in operation to the command parsing done in hardware for unsecure batches. However, the software parser allows some operations that would be noop'd by hardware, if the parser determines the operation is safe, and submits the batch as “secure” to prevent hardware parsing.

**Threats:** At a high level, the hardware (and software) checks attempt to prevent granting userspace undue privileges. There are three categories of privilege.

First, commands which are explicitly defined as privileged or which should only be used by the kernel driver. The parser generally rejects such commands, though it may allow some from the drm master process.

Second, commands which access registers. To support correct/enhanced userspace functionality, particularly certain OpenGL extensions, the parser provides a whitelist of registers which userspace may safely access (for both normal and drm master processes).

Third, commands which access privileged memory (i.e. GGTT, HWS page, etc). The parser always rejects such commands.

The majority of the problematic commands fall in the `MI_*` range, with only a few specific commands on each engine (e.g. `PIPE_CONTROL` and `MI_FLUSH_DW`).

**Implementation:** Each engine maintains tables of commands and registers which the parser uses in scanning batch buffers submitted to that engine.

Since the set of commands that the parser must check for is significantly smaller than the number of commands supported, the parser tables contain only those commands required by the parser. This generally works because command opcode ranges have standard command length encodings. So for commands that the parser does not need to check, it can easily skip them. This is implemented via a per-engine length decoding vfunc.

Unfortunately, there are a number of commands that do not follow the standard length encoding for their opcode range, primarily amongst the `MI_*` commands. To handle this, the parser provides a way to define explicit “skip” entries in the per-engine command tables.

Other command table entries map fairly directly to high level categories mentioned above: rejected, master-only, register whitelist. The parser implements a number of checks, including the privileged memory checks, via a general bitmasking mechanism.



void **intel\_engine\_init\_cmd\_parser**(struct intel\_engine\_cs \* *engine*)  
 set cmd parser related fields for an engine

#### Parameters

**struct intel\_engine\_cs \* engine** the engine to initialize

#### Description

Optionally initializes fields related to batch buffer command parsing in the struct intel\_engine\_cs based on whether the platform requires software command parsing.

void **intel\_engine\_cleanup\_cmd\_parser**(struct intel\_engine\_cs \* *engine*)  
 clean up cmd parser related fields

#### Parameters

**struct intel\_engine\_cs \* engine** the engine to clean up

#### Description

Releases any resources related to command parsing that may have been initialized for the specified engine.

int **intel\_engine\_cmd\_parser**(struct intel\_engine\_cs \* *engine*, struct drm\_i915\_gem\_object \* *batch\_obj*, struct drm\_i915\_gem\_object \* *shadow\_batch\_obj*, u32 *batch\_start\_offset*, u32 *batch\_len*, bool *is\_master*)  
 parse a submitted batch buffer for privilege violations

#### Parameters

**struct intel\_engine\_cs \* engine** the engine on which the batch is to execute

**struct drm\_i915\_gem\_object \* batch\_obj** the batch buffer in question

**struct drm\_i915\_gem\_object \* shadow\_batch\_obj** copy of the batch buffer in question

**u32 batch\_start\_offset** byte offset in the batch at which execution starts

**u32 batch\_len** length of the commands in batch\_obj

**bool is\_master** is the submitting process the drm master?

#### Description

Parses the specified batch buffer looking for privilege violations as described in the overview.

#### Return

non-zero if the parser finds violations or otherwise fails; -EACCES if the batch appears legal but should use hardware parsing

int **i915\_cmd\_parser\_get\_version**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*)  
 get the cmd parser version number

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device private

#### Description

The cmd parser maintains a simple increasing integer version number suitable for passing to userspace clients to determine what operations are permitted.

#### Return

the current version number of the cmd parser

## Batchbuffer Pools

In order to submit batch buffers as 'secure', the software command parser must ensure that a batch buffer cannot be modified after parsing. It does this by copying the user provided batch buffer contents to a kernel owned buffer from which the hardware will actually execute, and by carefully managing the address space bindings for such buffers.

The batch pool framework provides a mechanism for the driver to manage a set of scratch buffers to use for this purpose. The framework can be extended to support other uses cases should they arise.

```
void i915_gem_batch_pool_init(struct intel_engine_cs * engine, struct i915_gem_batch_pool
                             * pool)
    initialize a batch buffer pool
```

### Parameters

**struct intel\_engine\_cs \* engine** the associated request submission engine

**struct i915\_gem\_batch\_pool \* pool** the batch buffer pool

```
void i915_gem_batch_pool_fini(struct i915_gem_batch_pool * pool)
    clean up a batch buffer pool
```

### Parameters

**struct i915\_gem\_batch\_pool \* pool** the pool to clean up

### Note

Callers must hold the struct\_mutex.

```
struct drm_i915_gem_object * i915_gem_batch_pool_get(struct i915_gem_batch_pool * pool,
                                                       size_t size)
    allocate a buffer from the pool
```

### Parameters

**struct i915\_gem\_batch\_pool \* pool** the batch buffer pool

**size\_t size** the minimum desired size of the returned buffer

### Description

Returns an inactive buffer from **pool** with at least **size** bytes, with the pages pinned. The caller must `i915_gem_object_unpin_pages()` on the returned object.

### Note

Callers must hold the struct\_mutex

### Return

the buffer object or an error pointer

## Logical Rings, Logical Ring Contexts and Execlists

Motivation: GEN8 brings an expansion of the HW contexts: "Logical Ring Contexts". These expanded contexts enable a number of new abilities, especially "Execlists" (also implemented in this file).

One of the main differences with the legacy HW contexts is that logical ring contexts incorporate many more things to the context's state, like PDPs or ringbuffer control registers:

The reason why PDPs are included in the context is straightforward: as PPGTTs (per-process GTTs) are actually per-context, having the PDPs contained there mean you don't need to do a `ppggt->switch_mm` yourself, instead, the GPU will do it for you on the context switch.

But, what about the ringbuffer control registers (head, tail, etc..)? shouldn't we just need a set of those per engine command streamer? This is where the name "Logical Rings" starts to make sense: by virtualizing the rings, the engine cs shifts to a new "ring buffer" with every context switch. When you want to submit

a workload to the GPU you: A) choose your context, B) find its appropriate virtualized ring, C) write commands to it and then, finally, D) tell the GPU to switch to that context.

Instead of the legacy `MI_SET_CONTEXT`, the way you tell the GPU to switch to a contexts is via a context execution list, ergo "Execlists".

LRC implementation: Regarding the creation of contexts, we have:

- One global default context.
- One local default context for each opened fd.
- One local extra context for each context create ioctl call.

Now that ringbuffers belong per-context (and not per-engine, like before) and that contexts are uniquely tied to a given engine (and not reusable, like before) we need:

- One ringbuffer per-engine inside each context.
- One backing object per-engine inside each context.

The global default context starts its life with these new objects fully allocated and populated. The local default context for each opened fd is more complex, because we don't know at creation time which engine is going to use them. To handle this, we have implemented a deferred creation of LR contexts:

The local context starts its life as a hollow or blank holder, that only gets populated for a given engine once we receive an execbuffer. If later on we receive another execbuffer ioctl for the same context but a different engine, we allocate/populate a new ringbuffer and context backing object and so on.

Finally, regarding local contexts created using the ioctl call: as they are only allowed with the render ring, we can allocate & populate them right away (no need to defer anything, at least for now).

Execlists implementation: Execlists are the new method by which, on gen8+ hardware, workloads are submitted for execution (as opposed to the legacy, ringbuffer-based, method). This method works as follows:

When a request is committed, its commands (the BB start and any leading or trailing commands, like the seqno breadcrumbs) are placed in the ringbuffer for the appropriate context. The tail pointer in the hardware context is not updated at this time, but instead, kept by the driver in the ringbuffer structure. A structure representing this request is added to a request queue for the appropriate engine: this structure contains a copy of the context's tail after the request was written to the ring buffer and a pointer to the context itself.

If the engine's request queue was empty before the request was added, the queue is processed immediately. Otherwise the queue will be processed during a context switch interrupt. In any case, elements on the queue will get sent (in pairs) to the GPU's ExecLists Submit Port (ELSP, for short) with a globally unique 20-bits submission ID.

When execution of a request completes, the GPU updates the context status buffer with a context complete event and generates a context switch interrupt. During the interrupt handling, the driver examines the events in the buffer: for each context complete event, if the announced ID matches that on the head of the request queue, then that request is retired and removed from the queue.

After processing, if any requests were retired and the queue is not empty then a new execution list can be submitted. The two requests at the front of the queue are next to be submitted but since a context may not occur twice in an execution list, if subsequent requests have the same ID as the first then the two requests must be combined. This is done simply by discarding requests at the head of the queue until either only one requests is left (in which case we use a NULL second context) or the first two requests have unique IDs.

By always executing the first two requests in the queue the driver ensures that the GPU is kept as busy as possible. In the case where a single context completes but a second context is still executing, the request for this second context will be at the head of the queue when we remove the first one. This request will then be resubmitted along with a new request for a different context, which will cause the hardware to continue executing the second request and queue the new request (the GPU detects the condition of a context getting preempted with the same context and optimizes the context switch flow by not doing preemption, but just sampling the new tail pointer).

```
void intel_lr_context_descriptor_update(struct i915_gem_context * ctx, struct intel_engine_cs
                                     * engine)
    calculate & cache the descriptor descriptor for a pinned context
```

### Parameters

**struct i915\_gem\_context \* ctx** Context to work on

**struct intel\_engine\_cs \* engine** Engine the descriptor will be used with

### Description

The context descriptor encodes various attributes of a context, including its GTT address and some flags. Because it's fairly expensive to calculate, we'll just do it once and cache the result, which remains valid until the context is unpinned.

This is what a descriptor looks like, from LSB to MSB:

bits 0-11:	flags, GEN8_CTX_* (cached in ctx->desc_template)
bits 12-31:	LRCA, GTT address of (the HWSP of) this context
bits 32-52:	ctx ID, a globally unique tag
bits 53-54:	mbz, reserved for use by hardware
bits 55-63:	group ID, currently unused and set to 0

```
void intel_logical_ring_cleanup(struct intel_engine_cs * engine)
    deallocate the Engine Command Streamer
```

### Parameters

**struct intel\_engine\_cs \* engine** Engine Command Streamer.

## Global GTT views

Background and previous state

Historically objects could exist (be bound) in global GTT space only as singular instances with a view representing all of the object's backing pages in a linear fashion. This view will be called a normal view.

To support multiple views of the same object, where the number of mapped pages is not equal to the backing store, or where the layout of the pages is not linear, concept of a GGTT view was added.

One example of an alternative view is a stereo display driven by a single image. In this case we would have a framebuffer looking like this (2x2 pages):

12 34

Above would represent a normal GGTT view as normally mapped for GPU or CPU rendering. In contrast, fed to the display engine would be an alternative view which could look something like this:

1212 3434

In this example both the size and layout of pages in the alternative view is different from the normal view.

Implementation and usage

GGTT views are implemented using VMAs and are distinguished via enum `i915_gggtt_view_type` and struct `i915_gggtt_view`.

A new flavour of core GEM functions which work with GGTT bound objects were added with the `_ggtt_infix`, and sometimes with `_view` postfix to avoid renaming in large amounts of code. They take the struct `i915_gggtt_view` parameter encapsulating all metadata required to implement a view.

As a helper for callers which are only interested in the normal view, globally const `i915_gggtt_view_normal` singleton instance exists. All old core GEM API functions, the ones not taking the view parameter, are operating on, or with the normal GGTT view.

Code wanting to add or use a new GGTT view needs to:

1. Add a new enum with a suitable name.

2. Extend the metadata in the `i915_ggtt_view` structure if required.
3. Add support to `i915_get_vma_pages()`.

New views are required to build a scatter-gather table from within the `i915_get_vma_pages` function. This table is stored in the `vma.gggtt_view` and exists for the lifetime of an VMA.

Core API is designed to have copy semantics which means that passed in struct `i915_gggtt_view` does not need to be persistent (left around after calling the core API functions).

void **i915\_gggtt\_cleanup\_hw**(struct `drm_i915_private` \* *dev\_priv*)  
Clean up GGTT hardware initialization

#### Parameters

**struct `drm_i915_private` \* *dev\_priv*** i915 device

const struct `intel_ppat_entry` \* **intel\_ppat\_get**(struct `drm_i915_private` \* *i915*, u8 *value*)  
get a usable PPAT entry

#### Parameters

**struct `drm_i915_private` \* *i915*** i915 device instance

**u8 *value*** the PPAT value required by the caller

#### Description

The function tries to search if there is an existing PPAT entry which matches with the required value. If perfectly matched, the existing PPAT entry will be used. If only partially matched, it will try to check if there is any available PPAT index. If yes, it will allocate a new PPAT index for the required entry and update the HW. If not, the partially matched entry will be used.

void **intel\_ppat\_put**(const struct `intel_ppat_entry` \* *entry*)  
put back the PPAT entry got from [intel\\_ppat\\_get\(\)](#)

#### Parameters

**const struct `intel_ppat_entry` \* *entry*** an intel PPAT entry

#### Description

Put back the PPAT entry got from [intel\\_ppat\\_get\(\)](#). If the PPAT index of the entry is dynamically allocated, its reference count will be decreased. Once the reference count becomes into zero, the PPAT index becomes free again.

int **i915\_gggtt\_probe\_hw**(struct `drm_i915_private` \* *dev\_priv*)  
Probe GGTT hardware location

#### Parameters

**struct `drm_i915_private` \* *dev\_priv*** i915 device

int **i915\_gggtt\_init\_hw**(struct `drm_i915_private` \* *dev\_priv*)  
Initialize GGTT hardware

#### Parameters

**struct `drm_i915_private` \* *dev\_priv*** i915 device

int **i915\_gem\_gtt\_reserve**(struct `i915_address_space` \* *vm*, struct [drm\\_mm\\_node](#) \* *node*, u64 *size*,  
u64 *offset*, unsigned long *color*, unsigned int *flags*)  
reserve a node in an address\_space (GTT)

#### Parameters

**struct `i915_address_space` \* *vm*** the struct `i915_address_space`

**struct `drm_mm_node` \* *node*** the [struct `drm\_mm\_node`](#) (typically `i915_vma.mode`)

**u64 *size*** how much space to allocate inside the GTT, must be `#I915_GTT_PAGE_SIZE` aligned

**u64 offset** where to insert inside the GTT, must be `#I915_GTT_MIN_ALIGNMENT` aligned, and the node (**offset** + **size**) must fit within the address space

**unsigned long color** color to apply to node, if this node is not from a VMA, color must be `#I915_COLOR_UNEVICTABLE`

**unsigned int flags** control search and eviction behaviour

### Description

*i915\_gem\_gtt\_reserve()* tries to insert the **node** at the exact **offset** inside the address space (using **size** and **color**). If the **node** does not fit, it tries to evict any overlapping nodes from the GTT, including any neighbouring nodes if the colors do not match (to ensure guard pages between differing domains). See *i915\_gem\_evict\_for\_node()* for the gory details on the eviction algorithm. `#PIN_NONBLOCK` may be used to prevent waiting on evicting active overlapping objects, and any overlapping node that is pinned or marked as unevictable will also result in failure.

### Return

0 on success, `-ENOSPC` if no suitable hole is found, `-EINTR` if asked to wait for eviction and interrupted.

```
int i915_gem_gtt_insert(struct i915_address_space * vm, struct drm_mm_node * node, u64 size,
                      u64 alignment, unsigned long color, u64 start, u64 end, unsigned
                      int flags)
    insert a node into an address_space (GTT)
```

### Parameters

**struct i915\_address\_space \* vm** the struct `i915_address_space`

**struct drm\_mm\_node \* node** the *struct `drm_mm_node`* (typically `i915_vma.node`)

**u64 size** how much space to allocate inside the GTT, must be `#I915_GTT_PAGE_SIZE` aligned

**u64 alignment** required alignment of starting offset, may be 0 but if specified, this must be a power-of-two and at least `#I915_GTT_MIN_ALIGNMENT`

**unsigned long color** color to apply to node

**u64 start** start of any range restriction inside GTT (0 for all), must be `#I915_GTT_PAGE_SIZE` aligned

**u64 end** end of any range restriction inside GTT (`U64_MAX` for all), must be `#I915_GTT_PAGE_SIZE` aligned if not `U64_MAX`

**unsigned int flags** control search and eviction behaviour

### Description

*i915\_gem\_gtt\_insert()* first searches for an available hole into which it can insert the node. The hole address is aligned to **alignment** and its **size** must then fit entirely within the [**start**, **end**] bounds. The nodes on either side of the hole must match **color**, or else a guard page will be inserted between the two nodes (or the node evicted). If no suitable hole is found, first a victim is randomly selected and tested for eviction, otherwise then the LRU list of objects within the GTT is scanned to find the first set of replacement nodes to create the hole. Those old overlapping nodes are evicted from the GTT (and so must be rebound before any future use). Any node that is currently pinned cannot be evicted (see *i915\_vma\_pin()*). Similar if the node's VMA is currently active and `#PIN_NONBLOCK` is specified, that node is also skipped when searching for an eviction candidate. See *i915\_gem\_evict\_something()* for the gory details on the eviction algorithm.

### Return

0 on success, `-ENOSPC` if no suitable hole is found, `-EINTR` if asked to wait for eviction and interrupted.

## GTT Fences and Swizzling

```
int i915_vma_put_fence(struct i915_vma * vma)
    force-remove fence for a VMA
```

**Parameters**

**struct i915\_vma \* vma** vma to map linearly (not through a fence reg)

**Description**

This function force-removes any fence from the given object, which is useful if the kernel wants to do untiled GTT access.

**Return**

0 on success, negative error code on failure.

int **i915\_vma\_pin\_fence**(struct i915\_vma \* vma)  
set up fencing for a vma

**Parameters**

**struct i915\_vma \* vma** vma to map through a fence reg

**Description**

When mapping objects through the GTT, userspace wants to be able to write to them without having to worry about swizzling if the object is tiled. This function walks the fence regs looking for a free one for **obj**, stealing one if it can't find any.

It then sets up the reg based on the object's properties: address, pitch and tiling format.

For an untiled surface, this removes any existing fence.

**Return**

0 on success, negative error code on failure.

struct drm\_i915\_fence\_reg \* **i915\_reserve\_fence**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv)  
Reserve a fence for vGPU

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device private

**Description**

This function walks the fence regs looking for a free one and remove it from the fence\_list. It is used to reserve fence for vGPU to use.

void **i915\_unreserve\_fence**(struct drm\_i915\_fence\_reg \* fence)  
Reclaim a reserved fence

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_fence\_reg \* fence** the fence reg

**Description**

This function add a reserved fence register from vGPU to the fence\_list.

void **i915\_gem\_revoke\_fences**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv)  
revoke fence state

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device private

**Description**

Removes all GTT mmappings via the fence registers. This forces any user of the fence to reacquire that fence before continuing with their access. One use is during GPU reset where the fence register is lost and we need to revoke concurrent userspace access via GTT mmaps until the hardware has been reset and the fence registers have been restored.

void **i915\_gem\_restore\_fences**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv)  
restore fence state

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device private

**Description**

Restore the hw fence state to match the software tracking again, to be called after a gpu reset and on resume. Note that on runtime suspend we only cancel the fences, to be reacquired by the user later.

void **i915\_gem\_detect\_bit\_6\_swizzle**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *dev\_priv*)  
detect bit 6 swizzling pattern

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device private

**Description**

Detects bit 6 swizzling of address lookup between IGD access and CPU access through main memory.

void **i915\_gem\_object\_do\_bit\_17\_swizzle**(struct drm\_i915\_gem\_object \* *obj*, struct sg\_table \* *pages*)  
fixup bit 17 swizzling

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_gem\_object \* obj** i915 GEM buffer object

**struct sg\_table \* pages** the scattergather list of physical pages

**Description**

This function fixes up the swizzling in case any page frame number for this object has changed in bit 17 since that state has been saved with [i915\\_gem\\_object\\_save\\_bit\\_17\\_swizzle\(\)](#).

This is called when pinning backing storage again, since the kernel is free to move unpinned backing storage around (either by directly moving pages or by swapping them out and back in again).

void **i915\_gem\_object\_save\_bit\_17\_swizzle**(struct drm\_i915\_gem\_object \* *obj*, struct sg\_table \* *pages*)  
save bit 17 swizzling

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_gem\_object \* obj** i915 GEM buffer object

**struct sg\_table \* pages** the scattergather list of physical pages

**Description**

This function saves the bit 17 of each page frame number so that swizzling can be fixed up later on with [i915\\_gem\\_object\\_do\\_bit\\_17\\_swizzle\(\)](#). This must be called before the backing storage can be unpinned.

**Global GTT Fence Handling**

Important to avoid confusions: “fences” in the i915 driver are not execution fences used to track command completion but hardware detiler objects which wrap a given range of the global GTT. Each platform has only a fairly limited set of these objects.

Fences are used to detile GTT memory mappings. They're also connected to the hardware frontbuffer render tracking and hence interact with frontbuffer compression. Furthermore on older platforms fences are required for tiled objects used by the display engine. They can also be used by the render engine - they're required for blitter commands and are optional for render commands. But on gen4+ both display (with the exception of fbc) and rendering have their own tiling state bits and don't need fences.

Also note that fences only support X and Y tiling and hence can't be used for the fancier new tiling formats like W, Ys and Yf.



Finally note that because fences are such a restricted resource they're dynamically associated with objects. Furthermore fence state is committed to the hardware lazily to avoid unnecessary stalls on gen2/3. Therefore code must explicitly call `i915_gem_object_get_fence()` to synchronize fencing status for cpu access. Also note that some code wants an unfenced view, for those cases the fence can be removed forcefully with `i915_gem_object_put_fence()`.

Internally these functions will synchronize with userspace access by removing CPU ptes into GTT mmaps (not the GTT ptes themselves) as needed.

## Hardware Tiling and Swizzling Details

The idea behind tiling is to increase cache hit rates by rearranging pixel data so that a group of pixel accesses are in the same cacheline. Performance improvement from doing this on the back/depth buffer are on the order of 30%.

Intel architectures make this somewhat more complicated, though, by adjustments made to addressing of data when the memory is in interleaved mode (matched pairs of DIMMS) to improve memory bandwidth. For interleaved memory, the CPU sends every sequential 64 bytes to an alternate memory channel so it can get the bandwidth from both.

The GPU also rearranges its accesses for increased bandwidth to interleaved memory, and it matches what the CPU does for non-tiled. However, when tiled it does it a little differently, since one walks addresses not just in the X direction but also Y. So, along with alternating channels when bit 6 of the address flips, it also alternates when other bits flip – Bits 9 (every 512 bytes, an X tile scanline) and 10 (every two X tile scanlines) are common to both the 915 and 965-class hardware.

The CPU also sometimes XORs in higher bits as well, to improve bandwidth doing strided access like we do so frequently in graphics. This is called “Channel XOR Randomization” in the MCH documentation. The result is that the CPU is XORing in either bit 11 or bit 17 to bit 6 of its address decode.

All of this bit 6 XORing has an effect on our memory management, as we need to make sure that the 3d driver can correctly address object contents.

If we don't have interleaved memory, all tiling is safe and no swizzling is required.

When bit 17 is XORed in, we simply refuse to tile at all. Bit 17 is not just a page offset, so as we page an object out and back in, individual pages in it will have different bit 17 addresses, resulting in each 64 bytes being swapped with its neighbor!

Otherwise, if interleaved, we have to tell the 3d driver what the address swizzling it needs to do is, since it's writing with the CPU to the pages (bit 6 and potentially bit 11 XORed in), and the GPU is reading from the pages (bit 6, 9, and 10 XORed in), resulting in a cumulative bit swizzling required by the CPU of XORing in bit 6, 9, 10, and potentially 11, in order to match what the GPU expects.

## Object Tiling IOCTLs

`u32 i915_gem_fence_size(struct drm_i915_private *i915, u32 size, unsigned int tiling, unsigned int stride)`  
required global GTT size for a fence

### Parameters

`struct drm_i915_private * i915` i915 device

`u32 size` object size

`unsigned int tiling` tiling mode

`unsigned int stride` tiling stride

### Description

Return the required global GTT size for a fence (view of a tiled object), taking into account potential fence register mapping.

**u32 i915\_gem\_fence\_alignment**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *i915*, u32 *size*, unsigned int *tiling*, unsigned int *stride*)  
required global GTT alignment for a fence

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* i915** i915 device

**u32 size** object size

**unsigned int tiling** tiling mode

**unsigned int stride** tiling stride

**Description**

Return the required global GTT alignment for a fence (a view of a tiled object), taking into account potential fence register mapping.

**int i915\_gem\_set\_tiling\_ioctl**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*, void \* *data*, struct *drm\_file* \* *file*)  
IOCTL handler to set tiling mode

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**void \* data** data pointer for the ioctl

**struct drm\_file \* file** DRM file for the ioctl call

**Description**

Sets the tiling mode of an object, returning the required swizzling of bit 6 of addresses in the object.

Called by the user via ioctl.

**Return**

Zero on success, negative errno on failure.

**int i915\_gem\_get\_tiling\_ioctl**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*, void \* *data*, struct *drm\_file* \* *file*)  
IOCTL handler to get tiling mode

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_device \* dev** DRM device

**void \* data** data pointer for the ioctl

**struct drm\_file \* file** DRM file for the ioctl call

**Description**

Returns the current tiling mode and required bit 6 swizzling for the object.

Called by the user via ioctl.

**Return**

Zero on success, negative errno on failure.

*i915\_gem\_set\_tiling\_ioctl()* and *i915\_gem\_get\_tiling\_ioctl()* is the userspace interface to declare fence register requirements.

In principle GEM doesn't care at all about the internal data layout of an object, and hence it also doesn't care about tiling or swizzling. There's two exceptions:

- For X and Y tiling the hardware provides detilers for CPU access, so called fences. Since there's only a limited amount of them the kernel must manage these, and therefore userspace must tell the kernel the object tiling if it wants to use fences for detiling.

- On gen3 and gen4 platforms have a swizzling pattern for tiled objects which depends upon the physical page frame number. When swapping such objects the page frame number might change and the kernel must be able to fix this up and hence now the tiling. Note that on a subset of platforms with asymmetric memory channel population the swizzling pattern changes in an unknown way, and for those the kernel simply forbids swapping completely.

Since neither of this applies for new tiling layouts on modern platforms like W, Ys and Yf tiling GEM only allows object tiling to be set to X or Y tiled. Anything else can be handled in userspace entirely without the kernel's involvement.

## Buffer Object Eviction

This section documents the interface functions for evicting buffer objects to make space available in the virtual gpu address spaces. Note that this is mostly orthogonal to shrinking buffer objects caches, which has the goal to make main memory (shared with the gpu through the unified memory architecture) available.

int **i915\_gem\_evict\_something**(struct i915\_address\_space \* *vm*, u64 *min\_size*, u64 *alignment*, unsigned *cache\_level*, u64 *start*, u64 *end*, unsigned *flags*)  
 Evict vmas to make room for binding a new one

### Parameters

**struct i915\_address\_space \* vm** address space to evict from  
**u64 min\_size** size of the desired free space  
**u64 alignment** alignment constraint of the desired free space  
**unsigned cache\_level** cache\_level for the desired space  
**u64 start** start (inclusive) of the range from which to evict objects  
**u64 end** end (exclusive) of the range from which to evict objects  
**unsigned flags** additional flags to control the eviction algorithm

### Description

This function will try to evict vmas until a free space satisfying the requirements is found. Callers must check first whether any such hole exists already before calling this function.

This function is used by the object/vma binding code.

Since this function is only used to free up virtual address space it only ignores pinned vmas, and not object where the backing storage itself is pinned. Hence obj->pages\_pin\_count does not protect against eviction.

To clarify: This is for freeing up virtual address space, not for freeing memory in e.g. the shrinker.

int **i915\_gem\_evict\_for\_node**(struct i915\_address\_space \* *vm*, struct *drm\_mm\_node* \* *target*, unsigned int *flags*)  
 Evict vmas to make room for binding a new one

### Parameters

**struct i915\_address\_space \* vm** address space to evict from  
**struct drm\_mm\_node \* target** range (and color) to evict for  
**unsigned int flags** additional flags to control the eviction algorithm

### Description

This function will try to evict vmas that overlap the target node.

To clarify: This is for freeing up virtual address space, not for freeing memory in e.g. the shrinker.

```
int i915_gem_evict_vm(struct i915_address_space * vm)
    Evict all idle vmas from a vm
```

**Parameters**

**struct i915\_address\_space \* vm** Address space to cleanse

**Description**

This function evicts all vmas from a vm.

This is used by the execbuf code as a last-ditch effort to defragment the address space.

To clarify: This is for freeing up virtual address space, not for freeing memory in e.g. the shrinker.

## Buffer Object Memory Shrinking

This section documents the interface function for shrinking memory usage of buffer object caches. Shrinking is used to make main memory available. Note that this is mostly orthogonal to evicting buffer objects, which has the goal to make space in gpu virtual address spaces.

```
unsigned long i915_gem_shrink(struct drm_i915_private * i915, unsigned long target, unsigned
                                long * nr_scanned, unsigned flags)
    Shrink buffer object caches
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* i915** i915 device

**unsigned long target** amount of memory to make available, in pages

**unsigned long \* nr\_scanned** optional output for number of pages scanned (incremental)

**unsigned flags** control flags for selecting cache types

**Description**

This function is the main interface to the shrinker. It will try to release up to **target** pages of main memory backing storage from buffer objects. Selection of the specific caches can be done with **flags**. This is e.g. useful when purgeable objects should be removed from caches preferentially.

Note that it's not guaranteed that released amount is actually available as free system memory - the pages might still be in-used due to other reasons (like cpu mmaps) or the mm core has reused them before we could grab them. Therefore code that needs to explicitly shrink buffer objects caches (e.g. to avoid deadlocks in memory reclaim) must fall back to [i915\\_gem\\_shrink\\_all\(\)](#).

Also note that any kind of pinning (both per-vma address space pins and backing storage pins at the buffer object level) result in the shrinker code having to skip the object.

**Return**

The number of pages of backing storage actually released.

```
unsigned long i915_gem_shrink_all(struct drm_i915_private * i915)
    Shrink buffer object caches completely
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* i915** i915 device

**Description**

This is a simple wrapper around [i915\\_gem\\_shrink\(\)](#) to aggressively shrink all caches completely. It also first waits for and retires all outstanding requests to also be able to release backing storage for active objects.

This should only be used in code to intentionally quiescent the gpu or as a last-ditch effort when memory seems to have run out.

**Return**

The number of pages of backing storage actually released.

void **i915\_gem\_shrinker\_register**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *i915*)  
 Register the i915 shrinker

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* i915** i915 device

#### Description

This function registers and sets up the i915 shrinker and OOM handler.

void **i915\_gem\_shrinker\_unregister**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* *i915*)  
 Unregisters the i915 shrinker

#### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* i915** i915 device

#### Description

This function unregisters the i915 shrinker and OOM handler.

## GuC

### GuC-specific firmware loader

void **intel\_guc\_fw\_init\_early**(struct intel\_guc \* *guc*)  
 initializes GuC firmware struct

#### Parameters

**struct intel\_guc \* guc** intel\_guc struct

#### Description

On platforms with GuC selects firmware for uploading

int **intel\_guc\_fw\_upload**(struct intel\_guc \* *guc*)  
 finish preparing the GuC for activity

#### Parameters

**struct intel\_guc \* guc** intel\_guc structure

#### Description

Called during driver loading and also after a GPU reset.

The main action required here it to load the GuC uCode into the device. The firmware image should have already been fetched into memory by the earlier call to `intel_guc_init()`, so here we need only check that worked, and then transfer the image to the h/w.

#### Return

non-zero code on error

### GuC-based command submission

GuC client: A `intel_guc_client` refers to a submission path through GuC. Currently, there are two clients. One of them (the `execbuf_client`) is charged with all submissions to the GuC, the other one (`preempt_client`) is responsible for preempting the `execbuf_client`. This struct is the owner of a doorbell, a process descriptor and a workqueue (all of them inside a single gem object that contains all required pages for these elements).

GuC stage descriptor: During initialization, the driver allocates a static pool of 1024 such descriptors, and shares them with the GuC. Currently, there exists a 1:1 mapping between a `intel_guc_client` and a `guc_stage_desc` (via the client's `stage_id`), so effectively only one gets used. This stage descriptor lets the GuC know about the doorbell, workqueue and process descriptor. Theoretically, it also lets the GuC know about our HW contexts (context ID, etc...), but we actually employ a kind of submission where the GuC uses the LRCA sent via the work item instead (the single `guc_stage_desc` associated to `execbuf` client contains information about the default kernel context only, but this is essentially unused). This is called a "proxy" submission.

The Scratch registers: There are 16 MMIO-based registers start from `0xC180`. The kernel driver writes a value to the action register (`SOFT_SCRATCH_0`) along with any data. It then triggers an interrupt on the GuC via another register write (`0xC4C8`). Firmware writes a success/fail code back to the action register after processes the request. The kernel driver polls waiting for this update and then proceeds. See `intel_guc_send()`

Doorbells: Doorbells are interrupts to uKernel. A doorbell is a single cache line (QW) mapped into process space.

Work Items: There are several types of work items that the host may place into a workqueue, each with its own requirements and limitations. Currently only `WQ_TYPE_INORDER` is needed to support legacy submission via GuC, which represents in-order queue. The kernel driver packs ring tail pointer and an ELSP context descriptor dword into Work Item. See `guc_add_request()`

ADS: The Additional Data Struct (ADS) has pointers for different buffers used by the GuC. One single gem object contains the ADS struct itself (`guc_ads`), the scheduling policies (`guc_policies`), a structure describing a collection of register sets (`guc_mmio_reg_state`) and some extra pages for the GuC to save its internal state for sleep.

`void guc_submit(struct intel_engine_cs * engine)`  
Submit commands through GuC

### Parameters

**struct intel\_engine\_cs \* engine** engine associated with the commands

### Description

The only error here arises if the doorbell hardware isn't functioning as expected, which really shouldn't happen.

`struct intel_guc_client * guc_client_alloc(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv, u32 engines, u32 priority, struct i915_gem_context * ctx)`  
Allocate an `intel_guc_client`

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** driver private data structure

**u32 engines** The set of engines to enable for this client

**u32 priority** four levels priority `_CRITICAL`, `_HIGH`, `_NORMAL` and `_LOW` The kernel client to replace ExecList submission is created with `NORMAL` priority. Priority of a client for scheduler can be `HIGH`, while a preemption context can use `CRITICAL`.

**struct i915\_gem\_context \* ctx** the context that owns the client (we use the default render context)

### Return

An `intel_guc_client` object if success, else `NULL`.

## GuC Firmware Layout

The GuC firmware layout looks like this:

uc_css_header
contains major/minor version
uCode
RSA signature
modulus key
exponent val

The firmware may or may not have modulus key and exponent data. The header, uCode and RSA signature are must-have components that will be used by driver. Length of each components, which is all in dwords, can be found in header. In the case that modulus and exponent are not present in fw, a.k.a truncated image, the length value still appears in header.

Driver will do some basic fw size validation based on the following rules:

1. Header, uCode and RSA are must-have components.
2. All firmware components, if they present, are in the sequence illustrated in the layout table above.
3. Length info of each component can be found in header, in dwords.
4. Modulus and exponent key are not required by driver. They may not appear in fw. So driver will load a truncated firmware in this case.

HuC firmware layout is same as GuC firmware.

HuC firmware css header is different. However, the only difference is where the version information is saved. The uc\_css\_header is unified to support both. Driver should get HuC version from uc\_css\_header.huc\_sw\_version, while uc\_css\_header.guc\_sw\_version for GuC.

## Tracing

This sections covers all things related to the tracepoints implemented in the i915 driver.

### i915\_ppgtt\_create and i915\_ppgtt\_release

With full ppgtt enabled each process using drm will allocate at least one translation table. With these traces it is possible to keep track of the allocation and of the lifetime of the tables; this can be used during testing/debug to verify that we are not leaking ppgtts. These traces identify the ppgtt through the vm pointer, which is also printed by the i915\_vma\_bind and i915\_vma\_unbind tracepoints.

### i915\_context\_create and i915\_context\_free

These tracepoints are used to track creation and deletion of contexts. If full ppgtt is enabled, they also print the address of the vm assigned to the context.

### switch\_mm

This tracepoint allows tracking of the mm switch, which is an important point in the lifetime of the vm in the legacy submission path. This tracepoint is called only if full ppgtt is enabled.



## Perf

### Overview

Gen graphics supports a large number of performance counters that can help driver and application developers understand and optimize their use of the GPU.

This i915 perf interface enables userspace to configure and open a file descriptor representing a stream of GPU metrics which can then be read() as a stream of sample records.

The interface is particularly suited to exposing buffered metrics that are captured by DMA from the GPU, unsynchronized with and unrelated to the CPU.

Streams representing a single context are accessible to applications with a corresponding drm file descriptor, such that OpenGL can use the interface without special privileges. Access to system-wide metrics requires root privileges by default, unless changed via the dev.i915.perf\_event\_paranoid sysctl option.

### Comparison with Core Perf

The interface was initially inspired by the core Perf infrastructure but some notable differences are:

i915 perf file descriptors represent a “stream” instead of an “event”; where a perf event primarily corresponds to a single 64bit value, while a stream might sample sets of tightly-coupled counters, depending on the configuration. For example the Gen OA unit isn't designed to support orthogonal configurations of individual counters; it's configured for a set of related counters. Samples for an i915 perf stream capturing OA metrics will include a set of counter values packed in a compact HW specific format. The OA unit supports a number of different packing formats which can be selected by the user opening the stream. Perf has support for grouping events, but each event in the group is configured, validated and authenticated individually with separate system calls.

i915 perf stream configurations are provided as an array of u64 (key,value) pairs, instead of a fixed struct with multiple miscellaneous config members, interleaved with event-type specific members.

i915 perf doesn't support exposing metrics via an mmap'd circular buffer. The supported metrics are being written to memory by the GPU unsynchronized with the CPU, using HW specific packing formats for counter sets. Sometimes the constraints on HW configuration require reports to be filtered before it would be acceptable to expose them to unprivileged applications - to hide the metrics of other processes/contexts. For these use cases a read() based interface is a good fit, and provides an opportunity to filter data as it gets copied from the GPU mapped buffers to userspace buffers.

### Issues hit with first prototype based on Core Perf

The first prototype of this driver was based on the core perf infrastructure, and while we did make that mostly work, with some changes to perf, we found we were breaking or working around too many assumptions baked into perf's currently cpu centric design.

In the end we didn't see a clear benefit to making perf's implementation and interface more complex by changing design assumptions while we knew we still wouldn't be able to use any existing perf based userspace tools.

Also considering the Gen specific nature of the Observability hardware and how userspace will sometimes need to combine i915 perf OA metrics with side-band OA data captured via MI\_REPORT\_PERF\_COUNT commands; we're expecting the interface to be used by a platform specific userspace such as OpenGL or tools. This is to say; we aren't inherently missing out on having a standard vendor/architecture agnostic interface by not using perf.

For posterity, in case we might re-visit trying to adapt core perf to be better suited to exposing i915 metrics these were the main pain points we hit:



- The perf based OA PMU driver broke some significant design assumptions:

Existing perf pmus are used for profiling work on a cpu and we were introducing the idea of `_IS_DEVICE` pmus with different security implications, the need to fake cpu-related data (such as user/kernel registers) to fit with perf's current design, and adding `_DEVICE` records as a way to forward device-specific status records.

The OA unit writes reports of counters into a circular buffer, without involvement from the CPU, making our PMU driver the first of a kind.

Given the way we were periodically forward data from the GPU-mapped, OA buffer to perf's buffer, those bursts of sample writes looked to perf like we were sampling too fast and so we had to subvert its throttling checks.

Perf supports groups of counters and allows those to be read via transactions internally but transactions currently seem designed to be explicitly initiated from the cpu (say in response to a userspace `read()`) and while we could pull a report out of the OA buffer we can't trigger a report from the cpu on demand.

Related to being report based; the OA counters are configured in HW as a set while perf generally expects counter configurations to be orthogonal. Although counters can be associated with a group leader as they are opened, there's no clear precedent for being able to provide group-wide configuration attributes (for example we want to let userspace choose the OA unit report format used to capture all counters in a set, or specify a GPU context to filter metrics on). We avoided using perf's grouping feature and forwarded OA reports to userspace via perf's 'raw' sample field. This suited our userspace well considering how coupled the counters are when dealing with normalizing. It would be inconvenient to split counters up into separate events, only to require userspace to recombine them. For Mesa it's also convenient to be forwarded raw, periodic reports for combining with the side-band raw reports it captures using `MI_REPORT_PERF_COUNT` commands.

- As a side note on perf's grouping feature; there was also some concern that using `PERF_FORMAT_GROUP` as a way to pack together counter values would quite drastically inflate our sample sizes, which would likely lower the effective sampling resolutions we could use when the available memory bandwidth is limited.

With the OA unit's report formats, counters are packed together as 32 or 40bit values, with the largest report size being 256 bytes.

`PERF_FORMAT_GROUP` values are 64bit, but there doesn't appear to be a documented ordering to the values, implying `PERF_FORMAT_ID` must also be used to add a 64bit ID before each value; giving 16 bytes per counter.

Related to counter orthogonality; we can't time share the OA unit, while event scheduling is a central design idea within perf for allowing userspace to open + enable more events than can be configured in HW at any one time. The OA unit is not designed to allow re-configuration while in use. We can't reconfigure the OA unit without losing internal OA unit state which we can't access explicitly to save and restore. Reconfiguring the OA unit is also relatively slow, involving ~100 register writes. From userspace Mesa also depends on a stable OA configuration when emitting `MI_REPORT_PERF_COUNT` commands and importantly the OA unit can't be disabled while there are outstanding `MI_RPC` commands lest we hang the command streamer.

The contents of sample records aren't extensible by device drivers (i.e. the `sample_type` bits). As an example; Sourab Gupta had been looking to attach GPU timestamps to our OA samples. We were shoehorning OA reports into sample records by using the 'raw' field, but it's tricky to pack more than one thing into this field because events/core.c currently only lets a pmu give a single raw data pointer plus len which will be copied into the ring buffer. To include more than the OA report we'd have to copy the report into an intermediate larger buffer. I'd been considering allowing a vector of data+len values to be specified for copying the raw data, but it felt like a kludge to being using the raw field for this purpose.

- It felt like our perf based PMU was making some technical compromises just for the sake of using perf:

`perf_event_open()` requires events to either relate to a pid or a specific cpu core, while our device pmu related to neither. Events opened with a pid will be automatically enabled/disabled according to the scheduling of that process - so not appropriate for us. When an event is related to a cpu id, perf ensures pmu methods will be invoked via an inter process interrupt on that core. To avoid invasive changes our userspace opened OA perf events for a specific cpu. This was workable but it meant the majority of the OA driver ran in atomic context, including all OA report forwarding, which wasn't really necessary in our case and seems to make our locking requirements somewhat complex as we handled the interaction with the rest of the i915 driver.

## i915 Driver Entry Points

This section covers the entrypoints exported outside of `i915_perf.c` to integrate with `drm/i915` and to handle the `DRM_I915_PERF_OPEN` ioctl.

**void `i915_perf_init`**(struct `drm_i915_private` \* *dev\_priv*)  
initialize i915-perf state on module load

### Parameters

**struct `drm_i915_private` \* *dev\_priv*** i915 device instance

### Description

Initializes i915-perf state without exposing anything to userspace.

### Note

i915-perf initialization is split into an 'init' and 'register' phase with the `i915_perf_register()` exposing state to userspace.

**void `i915_perf_fini`**(struct `drm_i915_private` \* *dev\_priv*)  
Counter part to `i915_perf_init()`

### Parameters

**struct `drm_i915_private` \* *dev\_priv*** i915 device instance

**void `i915_perf_register`**(struct `drm_i915_private` \* *dev\_priv*)  
exposes i915-perf to userspace

### Parameters

**struct `drm_i915_private` \* *dev\_priv*** i915 device instance

### Description

In particular OA metric sets are advertised under a sysfs metrics/ directory allowing userspace to enumerate valid IDs that can be used to open an i915-perf stream.

**void `i915_perf_unregister`**(struct `drm_i915_private` \* *dev\_priv*)  
hide i915-perf from userspace

### Parameters

**struct `drm_i915_private` \* *dev\_priv*** i915 device instance

### Description

i915-perf state cleanup is split up into an 'unregister' and 'deinit' phase where the interface is first hidden from userspace by `i915_perf_unregister()` before cleaning up remaining state in `i915_perf_fini()`.

**int `i915_perf_open_ioctl`**(struct `drm_device` \* *dev*, void \* *data*, struct `drm_file` \* *file*)  
DRM ioctl() for userspace to open a stream FD

### Parameters

**struct `drm_device` \* *dev*** drm device

**void \* *data*** ioctl data copied from userspace (unvalidated)

**struct drm\_file \* file** drm file

### Description

Validates the stream open parameters given by userspace including flags and an array of u64 key, value pair properties.

Very little is assumed up front about the nature of the stream being opened (for instance we don't assume it's for periodic OA unit metrics). An i915-perf stream is expected to be a suitable interface for other forms of buffered data written by the GPU besides periodic OA metrics.

Note we copy the properties from userspace outside of the i915 perf mutex to avoid an awkward lockdep with mmap\_sem.

Most of the implementation details are handled by [i915\\_perf\\_open\\_ioctl\\_locked\(\)](#) after taking the `drm_i915_private->perf.lock` mutex for serializing with any non-file-operation driver hooks.

### Return

A newly opened i915 Perf stream file descriptor or negative error code on failure.

int **i915\_perf\_release**(struct inode \* *inode*, struct file \* *file*)  
handles userspace `close()` of a stream file

### Parameters

**struct inode \* inode** anonymous inode associated with file

**struct file \* file** An i915 perf stream file

### Description

Cleans up any resources associated with an open i915 perf stream file.

NB: `close()` can't really fail from the userspace point of view.

### Return

zero on success or a negative error code.

int **i915\_perf\_add\_config\_ioctl**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*, void \* *data*, struct [drm\\_file](#) \* *file*)  
DRM `ioctl()` for userspace to add a new OA config

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm device

**void \* data** ioctl data (pointer to struct `drm_i915_perf_oa_config`) copied from userspace (unvalidated)

**struct drm\_file \* file** drm file

### Description

Validates the submitted OA register to be saved into a new OA config that can then be used for programming the OA unit and its NOA network.

### Return

A new allocated config number to be used with the perf open ioctl or a negative error code on failure.

int **i915\_perf\_remove\_config\_ioctl**(struct drm\_device \* *dev*, void \* *data*, struct [drm\\_file](#) \* *file*)  
DRM `ioctl()` for userspace to remove an OA config

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm device

**void \* data** ioctl data (pointer to u64 integer) copied from userspace

**struct drm\_file \* file** drm file

## Description

Configs can be removed while being used, they will stop appearing in sysfs and their content will be freed when the stream using the config is closed.

## Return

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

## i915 Perf Stream

This section covers the stream-semantics-agnostic structures and functions for representing an i915 perf stream FD and associated file operations.

struct **i915\_perf\_stream**  
state for a single open stream FD

## Definition

```
struct i915_perf_stream {
    struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv;
    struct list_head link;
    u32 sample_flags;
    int sample_size;
    struct i915_gem_context *ctx;
    bool enabled;
    const struct i915_perf_stream_ops *ops;
    struct i915_oa_config *oa_config;
};
```

## Members

**dev\_priv** i915 drm device

**link** Links the stream into :c:type:`drm\_i915\_private->streams` <drm\_i915\_private>`

**sample\_flags** Flags representing the *DRM\_I915\_PERF\_PROP\_SAMPLE\_\** properties given when opening a stream, representing the contents of a single sample as read() by userspace.

**sample\_size** Considering the configured contents of a sample combined with the required header size, this is the total size of a single sample record.

**ctx** NULL if measuring system-wide across all contexts or a specific context that is being monitored.

**enabled** Whether the stream is currently enabled, considering whether the stream was opened in a disabled state and based on *I915\_PERF\_IOCTL\_ENABLE* and *I915\_PERF\_IOCTL\_DISABLE* calls.

**ops** The callbacks providing the implementation of this specific type of configured stream.

**oa\_config** The OA configuration used by the stream.

struct **i915\_perf\_stream\_ops**  
the OPs to support a specific stream type

## Definition

```
struct i915_perf_stream_ops {
    void (*enable)(struct i915_perf_stream *stream);
    void (*disable)(struct i915_perf_stream *stream);
    void (*poll_wait)(struct i915_perf_stream *stream, struct file *file, poll_table *wait);
    int (*wait_unlocked)(struct i915_perf_stream *stream);
    int (*read)(struct i915_perf_stream *stream, char __user *buf, size_t count, size_t *offset);
    void (*destroy)(struct i915_perf_stream *stream);
};
```

## Members

**enable** Enables the collection of HW samples, either in response to `I915_PERF_IOCTL_ENABLE` or implicitly called when stream is opened without `I915_PERF_FLAG_DISABLED`.

**disable** Disables the collection of HW samples, either in response to `I915_PERF_IOCTL_DISABLE` or implicitly called before destroying the stream.

**poll\_wait** Call `poll_wait`, passing a wait queue that will be woken once there is something ready to read() for the stream

**wait\_unlocked** For handling a blocking read, wait until there is something to ready to read() for the stream. E.g. wait on the same wait queue that would be passed to `poll_wait()`.

**read** Copy buffered metrics as records to userspace **buf**: the userspace, destination buffer **count**: the number of bytes to copy, requested by userspace **offset**: zero at the start of the read, updated as the read proceeds, it represents how many bytes have been copied so far and the buffer offset for copying the next record.

Copy as many buffered i915 perf samples and records for this stream to userspace as will fit in the given buffer.

Only write complete records; returning `-ENOSPC` if there isn't room for a complete record.

Return any error condition that results in a short read such as `-ENOSPC` or `-EFAULT`, even though these may be squashed before returning to userspace.

**destroy** Cleanup any stream specific resources.

The stream will always be disabled before this is called.

```
int read_properties_unlocked(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, u64 __user *uprops,
                           u32 n_props, struct perf_open_properties *props)
    validate + copy userspace stream open open properties
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**u64 \_\_user \* uprops** The array of u64 key value pairs given by userspace

**u32 n\_props** The number of key value pairs expected in **uprops**

**struct perf\_open\_properties \* props** The stream configuration built up while validating properties

### Description

Note this function only validates properties in isolation it doesn't validate that the combination of properties makes sense or that all properties necessary for a particular kind of stream have been set.

Note that there currently aren't any ordering requirements for properties so we shouldn't validate or assume anything about ordering here. This doesn't rule out defining new properties with ordering requirements in the future.

```
int i915_perf_open_ioctl_locked(struct      drm_i915_private      *dev_priv,      struct
                              drm_i915_perf_open_param      *param,      struct
                              perf_open_properties *props, struct drm_file *file)
    DRM ioctl() for userspace to open a stream FD
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**struct drm\_i915\_perf\_open\_param \* param** The open parameters passed to 'DRM\_I915\_PERF\_OPEN'

**struct perf\_open\_properties \* props** individually validated u64 property value pairs

**struct drm\_file \* file** drm file

### Description

See `i915_perf_ioctl_open()` for interface details.

Implements further stream config validation and stream initialization on behalf of *i915\_perf\_open\_ioctl()* with the `drm_i915_private->perf.lock` mutex taken to serialize with any non-file-operation driver hooks.

**Note**

at this point the **props** have only been validated in isolation and it's still necessary to validate that the combination of properties makes sense.

In the case where userspace is interested in OA unit metrics then further config validation and stream initialization details will be handled by *i915\_oa\_stream\_init()*. The code here should only validate config state that will be relevant to all stream types / backends.

**Return**

zero on success or a negative error code.

```
void i915_perf_destroy_locked(struct i915_perf_stream * stream)
    destroy an i915 perf stream
```

**Parameters**

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915 perf stream

**Description**

Frees all resources associated with the given i915 perf **stream**, disabling any associated data capture in the process.

**Note**

The `drm_i915_private->perf.lock` mutex has been taken to serialize with any non-file-operation driver hooks.

```
ssize_t i915_perf_read(struct file * file, char __user * buf, size_t count, loff_t * ppos)
    handles read() FOP for i915 perf stream FDs
```

**Parameters**

**struct file \* file** An i915 perf stream file

**char \_\_user \* buf** destination buffer given by userspace

**size\_t count** the number of bytes userspace wants to read

**loff\_t \* ppos** (inout) file seek position (unused)

**Description**

The entry point for handling a `read()` on a stream file descriptor from userspace. Most of the work is left to the *i915\_perf\_read\_locked()* and *i915\_perf\_stream\_ops->read* but to save having stream implementations (of which we might have multiple later) we handle blocking read here.

We can also consistently treat trying to read from a disabled stream as an IO error so implementations can assume the stream is enabled while reading.

**Return**

The number of bytes copied or a negative error code on failure.

```
long i915_perf_ioctl(struct file * file, unsigned int cmd, unsigned long arg)
    support ioctl() usage with i915 perf stream FDs
```

**Parameters**

**struct file \* file** An i915 perf stream file

**unsigned int cmd** the ioctl request

**unsigned long arg** the ioctl data

**Description**

Implementation deferred to *i915\_perf\_ioctl\_locked()*.

**Return**

zero on success or a negative error code. Returns -EINVAL for an unknown ioctl request.

```
void i915_perf_enable_locked(struct i915_perf_stream * stream)
    handle I915_PERF_IOCTL_ENABLE ioctl
```

**Parameters**

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** A disabled i915 perf stream

**Description**

[Re]enables the associated capture of data for this stream.

If a stream was previously enabled then there's currently no intention to provide userspace any guarantee about the preservation of previously buffered data.

```
void i915_perf_disable_locked(struct i915_perf_stream * stream)
    handle I915_PERF_IOCTL_DISABLE ioctl
```

**Parameters**

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An enabled i915 perf stream

**Description**

Disables the associated capture of data for this stream.

The intention is that disabling an re-enabling a stream will ideally be cheaper than destroying and re-opening a stream with the same configuration, though there are no formal guarantees about what state or buffered data must be retained between disabling and re-enabling a stream.

**Note**

while a stream is disabled it's considered an error for userspace to attempt to read from the stream (-EIO).

```
__poll_t i915_perf_poll(struct file * file, poll_table * wait)
    call poll_wait() with a suitable wait queue for stream
```

**Parameters**

**struct file \* file** An i915 perf stream file

**poll\_table \* wait** poll() state table

**Description**

For handling userspace polling on an i915 perf stream, this ensures poll\_wait() gets called with a wait queue that will be woken for new stream data.

**Note**

Implementation deferred to *i915\_perf\_poll\_locked()*

**Return**

any poll events that are ready without sleeping

```
__poll_t i915_perf_poll_locked(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv, struct i915_perf_stream
    * stream, struct file * file, poll_table * wait)
    poll_wait() with a suitable wait queue for stream
```

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915 perf stream

**struct file \* file** An i915 perf stream file

**poll\_table \* wait** poll() state table

### Description

For handling userspace polling on an i915 perf stream, this calls through to [i915\\_perf\\_stream\\_ops->poll\\_wait](#) to call poll\_wait() with a wait queue that will be woken for new stream data.

### Note

The `drm_i915_private->perf.lock` mutex has been taken to serialize with any non-file-operation driver hooks.

### Return

any poll events that are ready without sleeping

## i915 Perf Observation Architecture Stream

struct **i915\_oa\_ops**

Gen specific implementation of an OA unit stream

### Definition

```
struct i915_oa_ops {
    bool (*is_valid_b_counter_reg)(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, u32 addr);
    bool (*is_valid_mux_reg)(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, u32 addr);
    bool (*is_valid_flex_reg)(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, u32 addr);
    void (*init_oa_buffer)(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv);
    int (*enable_metric_set)(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, const struct i915_oa_config *oa_config);
    void (*disable_metric_set)(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv);
    void (*oa_enable)(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv);
    void (*oa_disable)(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv);
    int (*read)(struct i915_perf_stream *stream, char __user *buf, size_t count, size_t *offset);
    u32 (*oa_hw_tail_read)(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv);
};
```

### Members

**is\_valid\_b\_counter\_reg** Validates register's address for programming boolean counters for a particular platform.

**is\_valid\_mux\_reg** Validates register's address for programming mux for a particular platform.

**is\_valid\_flex\_reg** Validates register's address for programming flex EU filtering for a particular platform.

**init\_oa\_buffer** Resets the head and tail pointers of the circular buffer for periodic OA reports.

Called when first opening a stream for OA metrics, but also may be called in response to an OA buffer overflow or other error condition.

Note it may be necessary to clear the full OA buffer here as part of maintaining the invariant that new reports must be written to zeroed memory for us to be able to reliably detect if an expected report has not yet landed in memory. (At least on Haswell the OA buffer tail pointer is not synchronized with reports being visible to the CPU)

**enable\_metric\_set** Selects and applies any MUX configuration to set up the Boolean and Custom (B/C) counters that are part of the counter reports being sampled. May apply system constraints such as disabling EU clock gating as required.

**disable\_metric\_set** Remove system constraints associated with using the OA unit.

**oa\_enable** Enable periodic sampling

**oa\_disable** Disable periodic sampling



**read** Copy data from the circular OA buffer into a given userspace buffer.

**oa\_hw\_tail\_read** read the OA tail pointer register

In particular this enables us to share all the fiddly code for handling the OA unit tail pointer race that affects multiple generations.

```
int i915_oa_stream_init(struct i915_perf_stream *stream, struct drm_i915_perf_open_param
                      *param, struct perf_open_properties *props)
    validate combined props for OA stream and init
```

### Parameters

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915 perf stream

**struct drm\_i915\_perf\_open\_param \* param** The open parameters passed to *DRM\_I915\_PERF\_OPEN*

**struct perf\_open\_properties \* props** The property state that configures stream (individually validated)

### Description

While *read\_properties\_unlocked()* validates properties in isolation it doesn't ensure that the combination necessarily makes sense.

At this point it has been determined that userspace wants a stream of OA metrics, but still we need to further validate the combined properties are OK.

If the configuration makes sense then we can allocate memory for a circular OA buffer and apply the requested metric set configuration.

### Return

zero on success or a negative error code.

```
int i915_oa_read(struct i915_perf_stream *stream, char __user *buf, size_t count, size_t *offset)
    just calls through to i915_oa_ops->read
```

### Parameters

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915-perf stream opened for OA metrics

**char \_\_user \* buf** destination buffer given by userspace

**size\_t count** the number of bytes userspace wants to read

**size\_t \* offset** (inout): the current position for writing into **buf**

### Description

Updates **offset** according to the number of bytes successfully copied into the userspace buffer.

### Return

zero on success or a negative error code

```
void i915_oa_stream_enable(struct i915_perf_stream *stream)
    handle I915_PERF_IOCTL_ENABLE for OA stream
```

### Parameters

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915 perf stream opened for OA metrics

### Description

[Re]enables hardware periodic sampling according to the period configured when opening the stream. This also starts a hrtimer that will periodically check for data in the circular OA buffer for notifying userspace (e.g. during a *read()* or *poll()*).

```
void i915_oa_stream_disable(struct i915_perf_stream *stream)
    handle I915_PERF_IOCTL_DISABLE for OA stream
```

### Parameters

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915 perf stream opened for OA metrics

### Description

Stops the OA unit from periodically writing counter reports into the circular OA buffer. This also stops the hrtimer that periodically checks for data in the circular OA buffer, for notifying userspace.

int **i915\_oa\_wait\_unlocked**(struct *i915\_perf\_stream* \* stream)  
handles blocking IO until OA data available

### Parameters

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915-perf stream opened for OA metrics

### Description

Called when userspace tries to read() from a blocking stream FD opened for OA metrics. It waits until the hrtimer callback finds a non-empty OA buffer and wakes us.

### Note

it's acceptable to have this return with some false positives since any subsequent read handling will return -EAGAIN if there isn't really data ready for userspace yet.

### Return

zero on success or a negative error code

void **i915\_oa\_poll\_wait**(struct *i915\_perf\_stream* \* stream, struct file \* file, poll\_table \* wait)  
call poll\_wait() for an OA stream poll()

### Parameters

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915-perf stream opened for OA metrics

**struct file \* file** An i915 perf stream file

**poll\_table \* wait** poll() state table

### Description

For handling userspace polling on an i915 perf stream opened for OA metrics, this starts a poll\_wait with the wait queue that our hrtimer callback wakes when it sees data ready to read in the circular OA buffer.

## All i915 Perf Internals

This section simply includes all currently documented i915 perf internals, in no particular order, but may include some more minor utilities or platform specific details than found in the more high-level sections.

struct **perf\_open\_properties**  
for validated properties given to open a stream

### Definition

```
struct perf_open_properties {
    u32 sample_flags;
    u64 single_context:1;
    u64 ctx_handle;
    int metrics_set;
    int oa_format;
    bool oa_periodic;
    int oa_period_exponent;
};
```

### Members

**sample\_flags** *DRM\_I915\_PERF\_PROP\_SAMPLE\_\** properties are tracked as flags

**single\_context** Whether a single or all gpu contexts should be monitored

**ctx\_handle** A gem ctx handle for use with **single\_context**

**metrics\_set** An ID for an OA unit metric set advertised via sysfs

**oa\_format** An OA unit HW report format

**oa\_periodic** Whether to enable periodic OA unit sampling

**oa\_period\_exponent** The OA unit sampling period is derived from this

### Description

As [read\\_properties\\_unlocked\(\)](#) enumerates and validates the properties given to open a stream of metrics the configuration is built up in the structure which starts out zero initialized.

bool **oa\_buffer\_check\_unlocked**(struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv)  
check for data and update tail ptr state

### Parameters

struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv i915 device instance

### Description

This is either called via fops (for blocking reads in user ctx) or the poll check hrtimer (atomic ctx) to check the OA buffer tail pointer and check if there is data available for userspace to read.

This function is central to providing a workaround for the OA unit tail pointer having a race with respect to what data is visible to the CPU. It is responsible for reading tail pointers from the hardware and giving the pointers time to 'age' before they are made available for reading. (See description of OA\_TAIL\_MARGIN\_NSEC above for further details.)

Besides returning true when there is data available to read() this function also has the side effect of updating the oa\_buffer.tails[], .aging\_timestamp and .aged\_tail\_idx state used for reading.

### Note

It's safe to read OA config state here unlocked, assuming that this is only called while the stream is enabled, while the global OA configuration can't be modified.

### Return

true if the OA buffer contains data, else false

int **append\_oa\_status**(struct [i915\\_perf\\_stream](#) \* stream, char \_\_user \* buf, size\_t count, size\_t \* offset, enum drm\_i915\_perf\_record\_type type)  
Appends a status record to a userspace read() buffer.

### Parameters

struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream An i915-perf stream opened for OA metrics

char \_\_user \* buf destination buffer given by userspace

size\_t count the number of bytes userspace wants to read

size\_t \* offset (inout): the current position for writing into **buf**

enum drm\_i915\_perf\_record\_type type The kind of status to report to userspace

### Description

Writes a status record (such as *DRM\_I915\_PERF\_RECORD\_OA\_REPORT\_LOST*) into the userspace read() buffer.

The **buf offset** will only be updated on success.

### Return

0 on success, negative error code on failure.

```
int append_oa_sample(struct i915_perf_stream * stream, char __user * buf, size_t count, size_t * offset, const u8 * report)
```

Copies single OA report into userspace read() buffer.

#### Parameters

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915-perf stream opened for OA metrics

**char \_\_user \* buf** destination buffer given by userspace

**size\_t count** the number of bytes userspace wants to read

**size\_t \* offset** (inout): the current position for writing into **buf**

**const u8 \* report** A single OA report to (optionally) include as part of the sample

#### Description

The contents of a sample are configured through *DRM\_I915\_PERF\_PROP\_SAMPLE\_\** properties when opening a stream, tracked as *stream->sample\_flags*. This function copies the requested components of a single sample to the given read() **buf**.

The **buf offset** will only be updated on success.

#### Return

0 on success, negative error code on failure.

```
int gen8_append_oa_reports(struct i915_perf_stream * stream, char __user * buf, size_t count, size_t * offset)
```

#### Parameters

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915-perf stream opened for OA metrics

**char \_\_user \* buf** destination buffer given by userspace

**size\_t count** the number of bytes userspace wants to read

**size\_t \* offset** (inout): the current position for writing into **buf**

#### Description

Notably any error condition resulting in a short read (-ENOSPC or -EFAULT) will be returned even though one or more records may have been successfully copied. In this case it's up to the caller to decide if the error should be squashed before returning to userspace.

#### Note

reports are consumed from the head, and appended to the tail, so the tail chases the head?... If you think that's mad and back-to-front you're not alone, but this follows the Gen PRM naming convention.

#### Return

0 on success, negative error code on failure.

```
int gen8_oa_read(struct i915_perf_stream * stream, char __user * buf, size_t count, size_t * offset)  
    copy status records then buffered OA reports
```

#### Parameters

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915-perf stream opened for OA metrics

**char \_\_user \* buf** destination buffer given by userspace

**size\_t count** the number of bytes userspace wants to read

**size\_t \* offset** (inout): the current position for writing into **buf**

#### Description

Checks OA unit status registers and if necessary appends corresponding status records for userspace (such as for a buffer full condition) and then initiate appending any buffered OA reports.

Updates **offset** according to the number of bytes successfully copied into the userspace buffer.

NB: some data may be successfully copied to the userspace buffer even if an error is returned, and this is reflected in the updated **offset**.

### Return

zero on success or a negative error code

```
int gen7_append_oa_reports(struct i915_perf_stream * stream, char __user * buf, size_t count,
                          size_t * offset)
```

### Parameters

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915-perf stream opened for OA metrics

**char \_\_user \* buf** destination buffer given by userspace

**size\_t count** the number of bytes userspace wants to read

**size\_t \* offset** (inout): the current position for writing into **buf**

### Description

Notably any error condition resulting in a short read (-ENOSPC or -EFAULT) will be returned even though one or more records may have been successfully copied. In this case it's up to the caller to decide if the error should be squashed before returning to userspace.

### Note

reports are consumed from the head, and appended to the tail, so the tail chases the head?... If you think that's mad and back-to-front you're not alone, but this follows the Gen PRM naming convention.

### Return

0 on success, negative error code on failure.

```
int gen7_oa_read(struct i915_perf_stream * stream, char __user * buf, size_t count, size_t * offset)
    copy status records then buffered OA reports
```

### Parameters

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915-perf stream opened for OA metrics

**char \_\_user \* buf** destination buffer given by userspace

**size\_t count** the number of bytes userspace wants to read

**size\_t \* offset** (inout): the current position for writing into **buf**

### Description

Checks Gen 7 specific OA unit status registers and if necessary appends corresponding status records for userspace (such as for a buffer full condition) and then initiate appending any buffered OA reports.

Updates **offset** according to the number of bytes successfully copied into the userspace buffer.

### Return

zero on success or a negative error code

```
int i915_oa_wait_unlocked(struct i915_perf_stream * stream)
    handles blocking IO until OA data available
```

### Parameters

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915-perf stream opened for OA metrics

### Description

Called when userspace tries to read() from a blocking stream FD opened for OA metrics. It waits until the hrtimer callback finds a non-empty OA buffer and wakes us.

### Note

it's acceptable to have this return with some false positives since any subsequent read handling will return -EAGAIN if there isn't really data ready for userspace yet.

**Return**

zero on success or a negative error code

void **i915\_oa\_poll\_wait**(struct *i915\_perf\_stream* \* *stream*, struct file \* *file*, poll\_table \* *wait*)  
call poll\_wait() for an OA stream poll()

**Parameters**

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915-perf stream opened for OA metrics

**struct file \* file** An i915 perf stream file

**poll\_table \* wait** poll() state table

**Description**

For handling userspace polling on an i915 perf stream opened for OA metrics, this starts a poll\_wait with the wait queue that our hrtimer callback wakes when it sees data ready to read in the circular OA buffer.

int **i915\_oa\_read**(struct *i915\_perf\_stream* \* *stream*, char \_\_user \* *buf*, size\_t *count*, size\_t \* *offset*)  
just calls through to *i915\_oa\_ops->read*

**Parameters**

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915-perf stream opened for OA metrics

**char \_\_user \* buf** destination buffer given by userspace

**size\_t count** the number of bytes userspace wants to read

**size\_t \* offset** (inout): the current position for writing into **buf**

**Description**

Updates **offset** according to the number of bytes successfully copied into the userspace buffer.

**Return**

zero on success or a negative error code

int **oa\_get\_render\_ctx\_id**(struct *i915\_perf\_stream* \* *stream*)  
determine and hold ctx hw id

**Parameters**

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915-perf stream opened for OA metrics

**Description**

Determine the render context hw id, and ensure it remains fixed for the lifetime of the stream. This ensures that we don't have to worry about updating the context ID in OACONTROL on the fly.

**Return**

zero on success or a negative error code

void **oa\_put\_render\_ctx\_id**(struct *i915\_perf\_stream* \* *stream*)  
counterpart to oa\_get\_render\_ctx\_id releases hold

**Parameters**

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915-perf stream opened for OA metrics

**Description**

In case anything needed doing to ensure the context HW ID would remain valid for the lifetime of the stream, then that can be undone here.

void **i915\_oa\_stream\_enable**(struct *i915\_perf\_stream* \* *stream*)  
handle *I915\_PERF\_IOCTL\_ENABLE* for OA stream

## Parameters

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915 perf stream opened for OA metrics

## Description

[Re]enables hardware periodic sampling according to the period configured when opening the stream. This also starts a hrtimer that will periodically check for data in the circular OA buffer for notifying userspace (e.g. during a `read()` or `poll()`).

```
void i915_oa_stream_disable(struct i915_perf_stream * stream)
    handle I915_PERF_IOCTL_DISABLE for OA stream
```

## Parameters

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915 perf stream opened for OA metrics

## Description

Stops the OA unit from periodically writing counter reports into the circular OA buffer. This also stops the hrtimer that periodically checks for data in the circular OA buffer, for notifying userspace.

```
int i915_oa_stream_init(struct i915_perf_stream * stream, struct drm_i915_perf_open_param
    * param, struct perf_open_properties * props)
    validate combined props for OA stream and init
```

## Parameters

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915 perf stream

**struct drm\_i915\_perf\_open\_param \* param** The open parameters passed to `DRM_I915_PERF_OPEN`

**struct perf\_open\_properties \* props** The property state that configures stream (individually validated)

## Description

While `read_properties_unlocked()` validates properties in isolation it doesn't ensure that the combination necessarily makes sense.

At this point it has been determined that userspace wants a stream of OA metrics, but still we need to further validate the combined properties are OK.

If the configuration makes sense then we can allocate memory for a circular OA buffer and apply the requested metric set configuration.

## Return

zero on success or a negative error code.

```
ssize_t i915_perf_read_locked(struct i915_perf_stream * stream, struct file * file, char __user
    * buf, size_t count, loff_t * ppos)
    i915_perf_stream_ops->read with error normalisation
```

## Parameters

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915 perf stream

**struct file \* file** An i915 perf stream file

**char \_\_user \* buf** destination buffer given by userspace

**size\_t count** the number of bytes userspace wants to read

**loff\_t \* ppos** (inout) file seek position (unused)

## Description

Besides wrapping `i915_perf_stream_ops->read` this provides a common place to ensure that if we've successfully copied any data then reporting that takes precedence over any internal error status, so the data isn't lost.

For example `ret` will be `-ENOSPC` whenever there is more buffered data than can be copied to userspace, but that's only interesting if we weren't able to copy some data because it implies the userspace buffer is too small to receive a single record (and we never split records).

Another case with `ret == -EFAULT` is more of a grey area since it would seem like bad form for userspace to ask us to overrun its buffer, but the user knows best:

[http://yarchive.net/comp/linux/partial\\_reads\\_writes.html](http://yarchive.net/comp/linux/partial_reads_writes.html)

### Return

The number of bytes copied or a negative error code on failure.

`ssize_t i915_perf_read(struct file * file, char __user * buf, size_t count, loff_t * ppos)`  
handles `read()` FOP for i915 perf stream FDs

### Parameters

**struct file \* file** An i915 perf stream file  
**char \_\_user \* buf** destination buffer given by userspace  
**size\_t count** the number of bytes userspace wants to read  
**loff\_t \* ppos** (inout) file seek position (unused)

### Description

The entry point for handling a `read()` on a stream file descriptor from userspace. Most of the work is left to the `i915_perf_read_locked()` and `i915_perf_stream_ops->read` but to save having stream implementations (of which we might have multiple later) we handle blocking read here.

We can also consistently treat trying to read from a disabled stream as an IO error so implementations can assume the stream is enabled while reading.

### Return

The number of bytes copied or a negative error code on failure.

`__poll_t i915_perf_poll_locked(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv, struct i915_perf_stream * stream, struct file * file, poll_table * wait)`  
`poll_wait()` with a suitable wait queue for stream

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance  
**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915 perf stream  
**struct file \* file** An i915 perf stream file  
**poll\_table \* wait** `poll()` state table

### Description

For handling userspace polling on an i915 perf stream, this calls through to `i915_perf_stream_ops->poll_wait` to call `poll_wait()` with a wait queue that will be woken for new stream data.

### Note

The `drm_i915_private->perf.lock` mutex has been taken to serialize with any non-file-operation driver hooks.

### Return

any poll events that are ready without sleeping

`__poll_t i915_perf_poll(struct file * file, poll_table * wait)`  
call `poll_wait()` with a suitable wait queue for stream

### Parameters

**struct file \* file** An i915 perf stream file



**poll\_table \* wait** poll() state table

### Description

For handling userspace polling on an i915 perf stream, this ensures poll\_wait() gets called with a wait queue that will be woken for new stream data.

### Note

Implementation deferred to *i915\_perf\_poll\_locked()*

### Return

any poll events that are ready without sleeping

void **i915\_perf\_enable\_locked**(struct *i915\_perf\_stream* \* stream)  
handle *I915\_PERF\_IOCTL\_ENABLE* ioctl

### Parameters

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** A disabled i915 perf stream

### Description

[Re]enables the associated capture of data for this stream.

If a stream was previously enabled then there's currently no intention to provide userspace any guarantee about the preservation of previously buffered data.

void **i915\_perf\_disable\_locked**(struct *i915\_perf\_stream* \* stream)  
handle *I915\_PERF\_IOCTL\_DISABLE* ioctl

### Parameters

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An enabled i915 perf stream

### Description

Disables the associated capture of data for this stream.

The intention is that disabling an re-enabling a stream will ideally be cheaper than destroying and re-opening a stream with the same configuration, though there are no formal guarantees about what state or buffered data must be retained between disabling and re-enabling a stream.

### Note

while a stream is disabled it's considered an error for userspace to attempt to read from the stream (-EIO).

long **i915\_perf\_ioctl\_locked**(struct *i915\_perf\_stream* \* stream, unsigned int cmd, unsigned long arg)  
support ioctl() usage with i915 perf stream FDs

### Parameters

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915 perf stream

**unsigned int cmd** the ioctl request

**unsigned long arg** the ioctl data

### Note

The *drm\_i915\_private->perf.lock* mutex has been taken to serialize with any non-file-operation driver hooks.

### Return

zero on success or a negative error code. Returns -EINVAL for an unknown ioctl request.

long **i915\_perf\_ioctl**(struct file \* file, unsigned int cmd, unsigned long arg)  
support ioctl() usage with i915 perf stream FDs

### Parameters

**struct file \* file** An i915 perf stream file

**unsigned int cmd** the ioctl request

**unsigned long arg** the ioctl data

### Description

Implementation deferred to *i915\_perf\_ioctl\_locked()*.

### Return

zero on success or a negative error code. Returns -EINVAL for an unknown ioctl request.

void **i915\_perf\_destroy\_locked**(struct *i915\_perf\_stream* \* stream)  
destroy an i915 perf stream

### Parameters

**struct i915\_perf\_stream \* stream** An i915 perf stream

### Description

Frees all resources associated with the given i915 perf **stream**, disabling any associated data capture in the process.

### Note

The `drm_i915_private->perf.lock` mutex has been taken to serialize with any non-file-operation driver hooks.

int **i915\_perf\_release**(struct inode \* inode, struct file \* file)  
handles userspace `close()` of a stream file

### Parameters

**struct inode \* inode** anonymous inode associated with file

**struct file \* file** An i915 perf stream file

### Description

Cleans up any resources associated with an open i915 perf stream file.

NB: `close()` can't really fail from the userspace point of view.

### Return

zero on success or a negative error code.

int **i915\_perf\_open\_ioctl\_locked**(struct *drm\_i915\_private* \* dev\_priv, struct *drm\_i915\_perf\_open\_param* \* param, struct *perf\_open\_properties* \* props, struct *drm\_file* \* file)  
DRM `ioctl()` for userspace to open a stream FD

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**struct drm\_i915\_perf\_open\_param \* param** The open parameters passed to 'DRM\_I915\_PERF\_OPEN'

**struct perf\_open\_properties \* props** individually validated u64 property value pairs

**struct drm\_file \* file** drm file

### Description

See `i915_perf_ioctl_open()` for interface details.

Implements further stream config validation and stream initialization on behalf of *i915\_perf\_open\_ioctl()* with the `drm_i915_private->perf.lock` mutex taken to serialize with any non-file-operation driver hooks.

### Note

at this point the **props** have only been validated in isolation and it's still necessary to validate that the combination of properties makes sense.

In the case where userspace is interested in OA unit metrics then further config validation and stream initialization details will be handled by `i915_oa_stream_init()`. The code here should only validate config state that will be relevant to all stream types / backends.

### Return

zero on success or a negative error code.

```
int read_properties_unlocked(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv, u64 __user *uprops,
                           u32 n_props, struct perf_open_properties *props)
    validate + copy userspace stream open properties
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**u64 \_\_user \* uprops** The array of u64 key value pairs given by userspace

**u32 n\_props** The number of key value pairs expected in **uprops**

**struct perf\_open\_properties \* props** The stream configuration built up while validating properties

### Description

Note this function only validates properties in isolation it doesn't validate that the combination of properties makes sense or that all properties necessary for a particular kind of stream have been set.

Note that there currently aren't any ordering requirements for properties so we shouldn't validate or assume anything about ordering here. This doesn't rule out defining new properties with ordering requirements in the future.

```
int i915_perf_open_ioctl(struct drm_device *dev, void *data, struct drm_file *file)
    DRM_IOCTL() for userspace to open a stream FD
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_device \* dev** drm device

**void \* data** ioctl data copied from userspace (unvalidated)

**struct drm\_file \* file** drm file

### Description

Validates the stream open parameters given by userspace including flags and an array of u64 key, value pair properties.

Very little is assumed up front about the nature of the stream being opened (for instance we don't assume it's for periodic OA unit metrics). An i915-perf stream is expected to be a suitable interface for other forms of buffered data written by the GPU besides periodic OA metrics.

Note we copy the properties from userspace outside of the i915 perf mutex to avoid an awkward lockdep with `mmap_sem`.

Most of the implementation details are handled by `i915_perf_open_ioctl_locked()` after taking the `drm_i915_private->perf.lock` mutex for serializing with any non-file-operation driver hooks.

### Return

A newly opened i915 Perf stream file descriptor or negative error code on failure.

```
void i915_perf_register(struct drm_i915_private *dev_priv)
    exposes i915-perf to userspace
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**Description**

In particular OA metric sets are advertised under a `sysfs metrics/` directory allowing userspace to enumerate valid IDs that can be used to open an i915-perf stream.

void **i915\_perf\_unregister**(struct `drm_i915_private` \* *dev\_priv*)  
hide i915-perf from userspace

**Parameters**

struct `drm_i915_private` \* **dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**Description**

i915-perf state cleanup is split up into an 'unregister' and 'deinit' phase where the interface is first hidden from userspace by *i915\_perf\_unregister()* before cleaning up remaining state in *i915\_perf\_fini()*.

int **i915\_perf\_add\_config\_ioctl**(struct `drm_device` \* *dev*, void \* *data*, struct `drm_file` \* *file*)  
DRM ioctl() for userspace to add a new OA config

**Parameters**

struct `drm_device` \* **dev** drm device

void \* **data** ioctl data (pointer to struct `drm_i915_perf_oa_config`) copied from userspace (unvalidated)

struct `drm_file` \* **file** drm file

**Description**

Validates the submitted OA register to be saved into a new OA config that can then be used for programming the OA unit and its NOA network.

**Return**

A new allocated config number to be used with the perf open ioctl or a negative error code on failure.

int **i915\_perf\_remove\_config\_ioctl**(struct `drm_device` \* *dev*, void \* *data*, struct `drm_file` \* *file*)  
DRM ioctl() for userspace to remove an OA config

**Parameters**

struct `drm_device` \* **dev** drm device

void \* **data** ioctl data (pointer to u64 integer) copied from userspace

struct `drm_file` \* **file** drm file

**Description**

Configs can be removed while being used, they will stop appearing in sysfs and their content will be freed when the stream using the config is closed.

**Return**

0 on success or a negative error code on failure.

void **i915\_perf\_init**(struct `drm_i915_private` \* *dev\_priv*)  
initialize i915-perf state on module load

**Parameters**

struct `drm_i915_private` \* **dev\_priv** i915 device instance

**Description**

Initializes i915-perf state without exposing anything to userspace.

**Note**

i915-perf initialization is split into an 'init' and 'register' phase with the *i915\_perf\_register()* exposing state to userspace.

```
void i915_perf_fini(struct drm_i915_private * dev_priv)
    Counter part to i915_perf_init()
```

### Parameters

**struct drm\_i915\_private \* dev\_priv** i915 device instance

## Style

The drm/i915 driver codebase has some style rules in addition to (and, in some cases, deviating from) the kernel coding style.

### Register macro definition style

The style guide for `i915_reg.h`.

Follow the style described here for new macros, and while changing existing macros. Do **not** mass change existing definitions just to update the style.

### Layout

Keep helper macros near the top. For example, `_PIPE()` and friends.

Prefix macros that generally should not be used outside of this file with underscore `'_'`. For example, `_PIPE()` and friends, single instances of registers that are defined solely for the use by function-like macros.

Avoid using the underscore prefixed macros outside of this file. There are exceptions, but keep them to a minimum.

There are two basic types of register definitions: Single registers and register groups. Register groups are registers which have two or more instances, for example one per pipe, port, transcoder, etc. Register groups should be defined using function-like macros.

For single registers, define the register offset first, followed by register contents.

For register groups, define the register instance offsets first, prefixed with underscore, followed by a function-like macro choosing the right instance based on the parameter, followed by register contents.

Define the register contents (i.e. bit and bit field macros) from most significant to least significant bit. Indent the register content macros using two extra spaces between `#define` and the macro name.

For bit fields, define a `_MASK` and a `_SHIFT` macro. Define bit field contents so that they are already shifted in place, and can be directly OR'd. For convenience, function-like macros may be used to define bit fields, but do note that the macros may be needed to read as well as write the register contents.

Define bits using `(1 << N)` instead of `BIT(N)`. We may change this in the future, but this is the prevailing style. Do **not** add `_BIT` suffix to the name.

Group the register and its contents together without blank lines, separate from other registers and their contents with one blank line.

Indent macro values from macro names using TABs. Align values vertically. Use braces in macro values as needed to avoid unintended precedence after macro substitution. Use spaces in macro values according to kernel coding style. Use lower case in hexadecimal values.

### Naming

Try to name registers according to the specs. If the register name changes in the specs from platform to another, stick to the original name.

Try to re-use existing register macro definitions. Only add new macros for new register offsets, or when the register contents have changed enough to warrant a full redefinition.

When a register macro changes for a new platform, prefix the new macro using the platform acronym or generation. For example, SKL\_ or GEN8\_. The prefix signifies the start platform/generation using the register.

When a bit (field) macro changes or gets added for a new platform, while retaining the existing register macro, add a platform acronym or generation suffix to the name. For example, \_SKL or \_GEN8.

## Examples

(Note that the values in the example are indented using spaces instead of TABs to avoid misalignment in generated documentation. Use TABs in the definitions.):

```
#define _F00_A          0xf000
#define _F00_B          0xf001
#define F00(pipe)       _MMIO_PIPE(pipe, _F00_A, _F00_B)
#define F00_ENABLE      (1 << 31)
#define F00_MODE_MASK   (0xf << 16)
#define F00_MODE_SHIFT  16
#define F00_MODE_BAR     (0 << 16)
#define F00_MODE_BAZ     (1 << 16)
#define F00_MODE_QUX_SNB (2 << 16)

#define BAR              _MMIO(0xb000)
#define GEN8_BAR         _MMIO(0xb888)
```

## DRM/MESON AMLOGIC MESON VIDEO PROCESSING UNIT

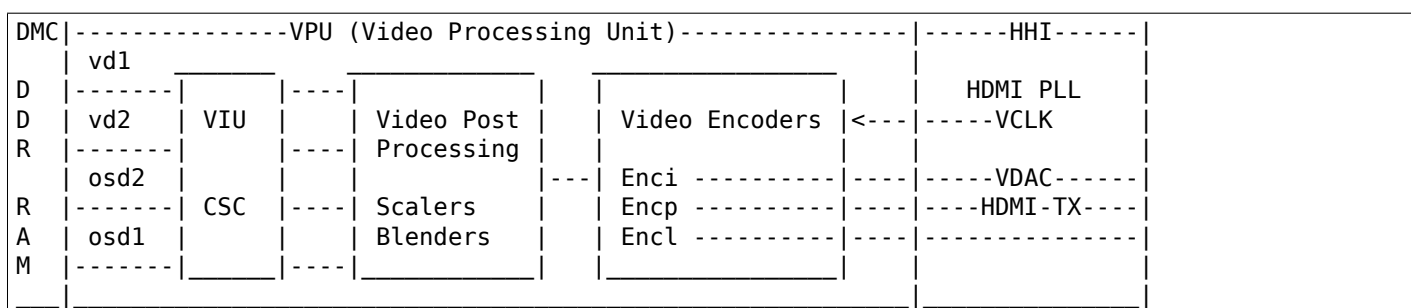
VPU Handles the Global Video Processing, it includes management of the clocks gates, blocks reset lines and power domains.

What is missing :

- Full reset of entire video processing HW blocks
- Scaling and setup of the VPU clock
- Bus clock gates
- Powering up video processing HW blocks
- Powering Up HDMI controller and PHY

### Video Processing Unit

The Amlogic Meson Display controller is composed of several components that are going to be documented below:



### Video Input Unit

VIU Handles the Pixel scanout and the basic Colorspace conversions We handle the following features :

- OSD1 RGB565/RGB888/xRGB8888 scanout
- RGB conversion to x/cb/cr
- Progressive or Interlace buffer scanout
- OSD1 Commit on Vsync
- HDR OSD matrix for GXL/GXM

What is missing :

- BGR888/xBGR8888/BGRx8888/BGRx8888 modes

- YUV4:2:2 Y0CbY1Cr scanout
- Conversion to YUV 4:4:4 from 4:2:2 input
- Colorkey Alpha matching
- Big endian scanout
- X/Y reverse scanout
- Global alpha setup
- OSD2 support, would need interlace switching on vsync
- OSD1 full scaling to support TV overscan

## Video Post Processing

VPP Handles all the Post Processing after the Scanout from the VIU We handle the following post processings :

- **Postblend, Blends the OSD1 only** We exclude OSD2, VS1, VS1 and Preblend output
- **Vertical OSD Scaler for OSD1 only, we disable vertical scaler and** use it only for interlace scanout
- Intermediate FIFO with default Amlogic values

What is missing :

- Preblend for video overlay pre-scaling
- OSD2 support for cursor framebuffer
- Video pre-scaling before postblend
- Full Vertical/Horizontal OSD scaling to support TV overscan
- HDR conversion

## Video Encoder

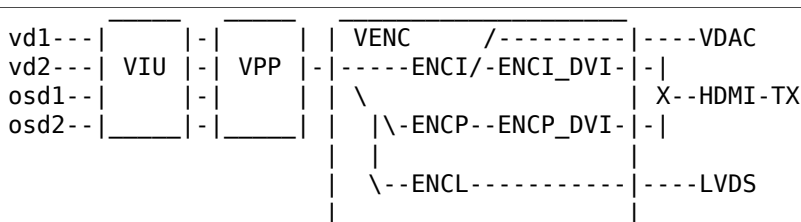
VENC Handle the pixels encoding to the output formats. We handle the following encodings :

- CVBS Encoding via the ENCI encoder and VDAC digital to analog converter
- TMDS/HDMI Encoding via ENCI\_DIV and ENCP
- Setup of more clock rates for HDMI modes

What is missing :

- LCD Panel encoding via ENCL
- TV Panel encoding via ENCT

VENC paths :





The ENCI is designed for PAL or NTSC encoding and can go through the VDAC directly for CVBS encoding or through the ENCI\_DVI encoder for HDMI. The ENCP is designed for Progressive encoding but can also generate 1080i interlaced pixels, and was initially designed to encode pixels for VDAC to output RGB or YUV analog outputs. Its output is only used through the ENCP\_DVI encoder for HDMI. The ENCL LVDS encoder is not implemented.

The ENCI and ENCP encoders need specially defined parameters for each supported mode and thus cannot be determined from standard video timings.

The ENCI and ENCP DVI encoders are more generic and can generate any timings from the pixel data generated by ENCI or ENCP, so can use the standard video timings as source for HW parameters.

## Video Canvas Management

CANVAS is a memory zone where physical memory frames information are stored for the VIU to scanout.

## Video Clocks

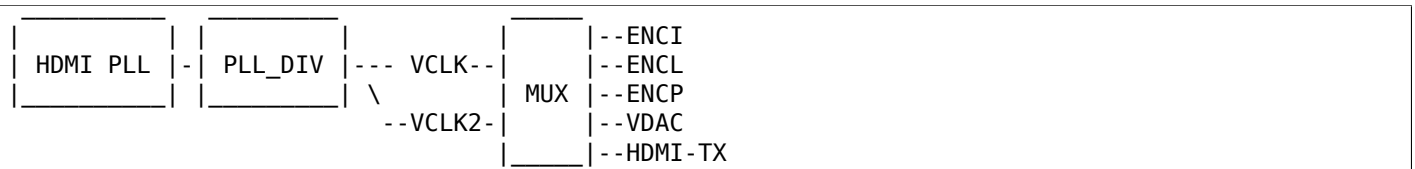
VCLK is the "Pixel Clock" frequency generator from a dedicated PLL. We handle the following encodings :

- CVBS 27MHz generator via the VCLK2 to the VENCI and VDAC blocks
- HDMI Pixel Clocks generation

What is missing :

- Generate Pixel clocks for 2K/4K 10bit formats

Clock generator scheme :



Final clocks can take input for either VCLK or VCLK2, but VCLK is the preferred path for HDMI clocking and VCLK2 is the preferred path for CVBS VDAC clocking.

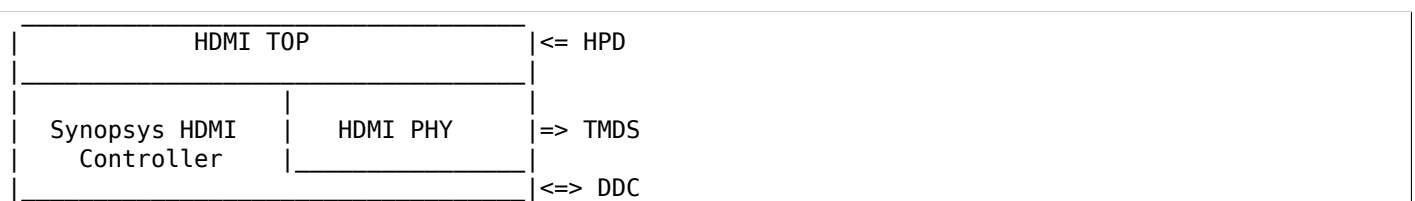
VCLK and VCLK2 have fixed divided clocks paths for /1, /2, /4, /6 or /12.

The PLL\_DIV can achieve an additional fractional dividing like 1.5, 3.5, 3.75... to generate special 2K and 4K 10bit clocks.

## HDMI Video Output

HDMI Output is composed of :

- A Synopsys DesignWare HDMI Controller IP
- A TOP control block controlling the Clocks and PHY
- A custom HDMI PHY in order to convert video to TMDS signal



The HDMI TOP block only supports HPD sensing. The Synopsys HDMI Controller interrupt is routed through the TOP Block interrupt. Communication to the TOP Block and the Synopsys HDMI Controller is done a pair of addr+read/write registers. The HDMI PHY is configured by registers in the HHI register block.

Pixel data arrives in 4:4:4 format from the VENC block and the VPU HDMI mux selects either the ENCI encoder for the 576i or 480i formats or the ENCP encoder for all the other formats including interlaced HD formats. The VENC uses a DVI encoder on top of the ENCI or ENCP encoders to generate DVI timings for the HDMI controller.

GXBB, GXL and GXM embeds the Synopsys DesignWare HDMI TX IP version 2.01a with HDCP and I2C & S/PDIF audio source interfaces.

We handle the following features :

- HPD Rise & Fall interrupt
- HDMI Controller Interrupt
- HDMI PHY Init for 480i to 1080p60
- VENC & HDMI Clock setup for 480i to 1080p60
- VENC Mode setup for 480i to 1080p60

What is missing :

- PHY, Clock and Mode setup for 2k && 4k modes
- SDDC Scrambling mode for HDMI 2.0a
- HDCP Setup
- CEC Management

## DRM/PL111 ARM PRIMECELL PL111 CLCD DRIVER

The PL111 is a simple LCD controller that can support TFT and STN displays. This driver exposes a standard KMS interface for them.

This driver uses the same Device Tree binding as the fbdev CLCD driver. While the fbdev driver supports panels that may be connected to the CLCD internally to the CLCD driver, in DRM the panels get split out to `drivers/gpu/drm/panels/`. This means that, in converting from using fbdev to using DRM, you also need to write a panel driver (which may be as simple as an entry in `panel-simple.c`).

The driver currently doesn't expose the cursor. The DRM API for cursors requires support for 64x64 ARGB8888 cursor images, while the hardware can only support 64x64 monochrome with masking cursors. While one could imagine trying to hack something together to look at the ARGB8888 and program reasonable in monochrome, we just don't expose the cursor at all instead, and leave cursor support to the X11 software cursor layer.

TODO:

- Fix race between setting plane base address and getting IRQ for vsync firing the pageflip completion.
- Use the "max-memory-bandwidth" DT property to filter the supported formats.
- Read back hardware state at boot to skip reprogramming the hardware when doing a no-op modeset.
- Use the CLKSEL bit to support switching between the two external clock parents.



## **DRM/TEGRA NVIDIA TEGRA GPU AND DISPLAY DRIVER**

NVIDIA Tegra SoCs support a set of display, graphics and video functions via the host1x controller. host1x supplies command streams, gathered from a push buffer provided directly by the CPU, to its clients via channels. Software, or blocks amongst themselves, can use syncpoints for synchronization.

Up until, but not including, Tegra124 (aka Tegra K1) the drm/tegra driver supports the built-in GPU, comprised of the gr2d and gr3d engines. Starting with Tegra124 the GPU is based on the NVIDIA desktop GPU architecture and supported by the drm/nouveau driver.

The drm/tegra driver supports NVIDIA Tegra SoC generations since Tegra20. It has three parts:

- A host1x driver that provides infrastructure and access to the host1x services.
- A KMS driver that supports the display controllers as well as a number of outputs, such as RGB, HDMI, DSI, and DisplayPort.
- A set of custom userspace IOCTLs that can be used to submit jobs to the GPU and video engines via host1x.

### **Driver Infrastructure**

The various host1x clients need to be bound together into a logical device in order to expose their functionality to users. The infrastructure that supports this is implemented in the host1x driver. When a driver is registered with the infrastructure it provides a list of compatible strings specifying the devices that it needs. The infrastructure creates a logical device and scan the device tree for matching device nodes, adding the required clients to a list. Drivers for individual clients register with the infrastructure as well and are added to the logical host1x device.

Once all clients are available, the infrastructure will initialize the logical device using a driver-provided function which will set up the bits specific to the subsystem and in turn initialize each of its clients.

Similarly, when one of the clients is unregistered, the infrastructure will destroy the logical device by calling back into the driver, which ensures that the subsystem specific bits are torn down and the clients destroyed in turn.

### **Host1x Infrastructure Reference**

struct **host1x\_client\_ops**  
host1x client operations

#### **Definition**

```
struct host1x_client_ops {
    int (*init)(struct host1x_client *client);
    int (*exit)(struct host1x_client *client);
};
```

#### **Members**

**init** host1x client initialization code

**exit** host1x client tear down code

struct **host1x\_client**  
host1x client structure

### Definition

```
struct host1x_client {
    struct list_head list;
    struct device *parent;
    struct device *dev;
    const struct host1x_client_ops *ops;
    enum host1x_class class;
    struct host1x_channel *channel;
    struct host1x_syncpt **syncpts;
    unsigned int num_syncpts;
};
```

### Members

**list** list node for the host1x client

**parent** pointer to struct device representing the host1x controller

**dev** pointer to struct device backing this host1x client

**ops** host1x client operations

**class** host1x class represented by this client

**channel** host1x channel associated with this client

**syncpts** array of syncpoints requested for this client

**num\_syncpts** number of syncpoints requested for this client

struct **host1x\_driver**  
host1x logical device driver

### Definition

```
struct host1x_driver {
    struct device_driver driver;
    const struct of_device_id *subdevs;
    struct list_head list;
    int (*probe)(struct host1x_device *device);
    int (*remove)(struct host1x_device *device);
    void (*shutdown)(struct host1x_device *device);
};
```

### Members

**driver** core driver

**subdevs** table of OF device IDs matching subdevices for this driver

**list** list node for the driver

**probe** called when the host1x logical device is probed

**remove** called when the host1x logical device is removed

**shutdown** called when the host1x logical device is shut down

int **host1x\_device\_init**(struct host1x\_device \*device)  
initialize a host1x logical device

### Parameters

**struct host1x\_device \* device** host1x logical device

### Description

The driver for the host1x logical device can call this during execution of its *host1x\_driver.probe* implementation to initialize each of its clients. The client drivers access the subsystem specific driver data using the *host1x\_client.parent* field and driver data associated with it (usually by calling *dev\_get\_drvdata()*).

int **host1x\_device\_exit**(struct host1x\_device \* *device*)  
uninitialize host1x logical device

### Parameters

**struct host1x\_device \* device** host1x logical device

### Description

When the driver for a host1x logical device is unloaded, it can call this function to tear down each of its clients. Typically this is done after a subsystem-specific data structure is removed and the functionality can no longer be used.

int **host1x\_driver\_register\_full**(struct *host1x\_driver* \* *driver*, struct module \* *owner*)  
register a host1x driver

### Parameters

**struct host1x\_driver \* driver** host1x driver

**struct module \* owner** owner module

### Description

Drivers for host1x logical devices call this function to register a driver with the infrastructure. Note that since these drive logical devices, the registration of the driver actually triggers the logical device creation. A logical device will be created for each host1x instance.

void **host1x\_driver\_unregister**(struct *host1x\_driver* \* *driver*)  
unregister a host1x driver

### Parameters

**struct host1x\_driver \* driver** host1x driver

### Description

Unbinds the driver from each of the host1x logical devices that it is bound to, effectively removing the subsystem devices that they represent.

int **host1x\_client\_register**(struct *host1x\_client* \* *client*)  
register a host1x client

### Parameters

**struct host1x\_client \* client** host1x client

### Description

Registers a host1x client with each host1x controller instance. Note that each client will only match their parent host1x controller and will only be associated with that instance. Once all clients have been registered with their parent host1x controller, the infrastructure will set up the logical device and call *host1x\_device\_init()*, which will in turn call each client's *host1x\_client\_ops.init* implementation.

int **host1x\_client\_unregister**(struct *host1x\_client* \* *client*)  
unregister a host1x client

### Parameters

**struct host1x\_client \* client** host1x client

**Description**

Removes a host1x client from its host1x controller instance. If a logical device has already been initialized, it will be torn down.

**Host1x Syncpoint Reference**

u32 **host1x\_syncpt\_id**(struct host1x\_syncpt \* *sp*)  
retrieve syncpoint ID

**Parameters**

struct host1x\_syncpt \* **sp** host1x syncpoint

**Description**

Given a pointer to a struct host1x\_syncpt, retrieves its ID. This ID is often used as a value to program into registers that control how hardware blocks interact with syncpoints.

u32 **host1x\_syncpt\_incr\_max**(struct host1x\_syncpt \* *sp*, u32 *incrs*)  
update the value sent to hardware

**Parameters**

struct host1x\_syncpt \* **sp** host1x syncpoint

u32 **incrs** number of increments

int **host1x\_syncpt\_incr**(struct host1x\_syncpt \* *sp*)  
increment syncpoint value from CPU, updating cache

**Parameters**

struct host1x\_syncpt \* **sp** host1x syncpoint

int **host1x\_syncpt\_wait**(struct host1x\_syncpt \* *sp*, u32 *thresh*, long *timeout*, u32 \* *value*)  
wait for a syncpoint to reach a given value

**Parameters**

struct host1x\_syncpt \* **sp** host1x syncpoint

u32 **thresh** threshold

long **timeout** maximum time to wait for the syncpoint to reach the given value

u32 \* **value** return location for the syncpoint value

struct host1x\_syncpt \* **host1x\_syncpt\_request**(struct [host1x\\_client](#) \* *client*, unsigned long *flags*)  
request a syncpoint

**Parameters**

struct host1x\_client \* **client** client requesting the syncpoint

unsigned long **flags** flags

**Description**

host1x client drivers can use this function to allocate a syncpoint for subsequent use. A syncpoint returned by this function will be reserved for use by the client exclusively. When no longer using a syncpoint, a host1x client driver needs to release it using [host1x\\_syncpt\\_free\(\)](#).

void **host1x\_syncpt\_free**(struct host1x\_syncpt \* *sp*)  
free a requested syncpoint

**Parameters**

struct host1x\_syncpt \* **sp** host1x syncpoint



**Description**

Release a syncpoint previously allocated using `host1x_syncpt_request()`. A host1x client driver should call this when the syncpoint is no longer in use. Note that client drivers must ensure that the syncpoint doesn't remain under the control of hardware after calling this function, otherwise two clients may end up trying to access the same syncpoint concurrently.

u32 **host1x\_syncpt\_read\_max**(struct host1x\_syncpt \* *sp*)  
read maximum syncpoint value

**Parameters**

struct host1x\_syncpt \* **sp** host1x syncpoint

**Description**

The maximum syncpoint value indicates how many operations there are in queue, either in channel or in a software thread.

u32 **host1x\_syncpt\_read\_min**(struct host1x\_syncpt \* *sp*)  
read minimum syncpoint value

**Parameters**

struct host1x\_syncpt \* **sp** host1x syncpoint

**Description**

The minimum syncpoint value is a shadow of the current sync point value in hardware.

u32 **host1x\_syncpt\_read**(struct host1x\_syncpt \* *sp*)  
read the current syncpoint value

**Parameters**

struct host1x\_syncpt \* **sp** host1x syncpoint

struct host1x\_syncpt \* **host1x\_syncpt\_get**(struct host1x \* *host*, unsigned int *id*)  
obtain a syncpoint by ID

**Parameters**

struct host1x \* **host** host1x controller

unsigned int **id** syncpoint ID

struct host1x\_syncpt\_base \* **host1x\_syncpt\_get\_base**(struct host1x\_syncpt \* *sp*)  
obtain the wait base associated with a syncpoint

**Parameters**

struct host1x\_syncpt \* **sp** host1x syncpoint

u32 **host1x\_syncpt\_base\_id**(struct host1x\_syncpt\_base \* *base*)  
retrieve the ID of a syncpoint wait base

**Parameters**

struct host1x\_syncpt\_base \* **base** host1x syncpoint wait base

## KMS driver

The display hardware has remained mostly backwards compatible over the various Tegra SoC generations, up until Tegra186 which introduces several changes that make it difficult to support with a parameterized driver.

## Display Controllers

Tegra SoCs have two display controllers, each of which can be associated with zero or more outputs. Outputs can also share a single display controller, but only if they run with compatible display timings. Two display controllers can also share a single framebuffer, allowing cloned configurations even if modes on two outputs don't match. A display controller is modelled as a CRTC in KMS terms.

On Tegra186, the number of display controllers has been increased to three. A display controller can no longer drive all of the outputs. While two of these controllers can drive both DSI outputs and both SOR outputs, the third cannot drive any DSI.

## Windows

A display controller controls a set of windows that can be used to composite multiple buffers onto the screen. While it is possible to assign arbitrary Z ordering to individual windows (by programming the corresponding blending registers), this is currently not supported by the driver. Instead, it will assume a fixed Z ordering of the windows (window A is the root window, that is, the lowest, while windows B and C are overlaid on top of window A). The overlay windows support multiple pixel formats and can automatically convert from YUV to RGB at scanout time. This makes them useful for displaying video content. In KMS, each window is modelled as a plane. Each display controller has a hardware cursor that is exposed as a cursor plane.

## Outputs

The type and number of supported outputs varies between Tegra SoC generations. All generations support at least HDMI. While earlier generations supported the very simple RGB interfaces (one per display controller), recent generations no longer do and instead provide standard interfaces such as DSI and eDP/DP.

Outputs are modelled as a composite encoder/connector pair.

## RGB/LVDS

This interface is no longer available since Tegra124. It has been replaced by the more standard DSI and eDP interfaces.

## HDMI

HDMI is supported on all Tegra SoCs. Starting with Tegra210, HDMI is provided by the versatile SOR output, which supports eDP, DP and HDMI. The SOR is able to support HDMI 2.0, though support for this is currently not merged.

## DSI

Although Tegra has supported DSI since Tegra30, the controller has changed in several ways in Tegra114. Since none of the publicly available development boards prior to Dalmore (Tegra114) have made use of DSI, only Tegra114 and later are supported by the `drm/tegra` driver.

## eDP/DP

eDP was first introduced in Tegra124 where it was used to drive the display panel for notebook form factors. Tegra210 added support for full DisplayPort support, though this is currently not implemented in the `drm/tegra` driver.

## Userspace Interface

The userspace interface provided by `drm/tegra` allows applications to create GEM buffers, access and control syncpoints as well as submit command streams to `host1x`.

### GEM Buffers

The `DRM_IOCTL_TEGRA_GEM_CREATE` IOCTL is used to create a GEM buffer object with Tegra-specific flags. This is useful for buffers that should be tiled, or that are to be scanned out upside down (useful for 3D content).

After a GEM buffer object has been created, its memory can be mapped by an application using the `mmap` offset returned by the `DRM_IOCTL_TEGRA_GEM_MMAP` IOCTL.

### Syncpoints

The current value of a syncpoint can be obtained by executing the `DRM_IOCTL_TEGRA_SYNCPT_READ` IOCTL. Incrementing the syncpoint is achieved using the `DRM_IOCTL_TEGRA_SYNCPT_INCR` IOCTL.

Userspace can also request blocking on a syncpoint. To do so, it needs to execute the `DRM_IOCTL_TEGRA_SYNCPT_WAIT` IOCTL, specifying the value of the syncpoint to wait for. The kernel will release the application when the syncpoint reaches that value or after a specified timeout.

### Command Stream Submission

Before an application can submit command streams to `host1x` it needs to open a channel to an engine using the `DRM_IOCTL_TEGRA_OPEN_CHANNEL` IOCTL. Client IDs are used to identify the target of the channel. When a channel is no longer needed, it can be closed using the `DRM_IOCTL_TEGRA_CLOSE_CHANNEL` IOCTL. To retrieve the syncpoint associated with a channel, an application can use the `DRM_IOCTL_TEGRA_GET_SYNCPT`.

After opening a channel, submitting command streams is easy. The application writes commands into the memory backing a GEM buffer object and passes these to the `DRM_IOCTL_TEGRA_SUBMIT` IOCTL along with various other parameters, such as the syncpoints or relocations used in the job submission.



## DRM/TINYDRM DRIVER LIBRARY

This library provides driver helpers for very simple display hardware.

It is based on [drm\\_simple\\_display\\_pipe](#) coupled with a [drm\\_connector](#) which has only one fixed [drm\\_display\\_mode](#). The framebuffers are backed by the cma helper and have support for framebuffer flushing (dirty). fbdev support is also included.

### Core functionality

The driver allocates [tinydrm\\_device](#), initializes it using [devm\\_tinydrm\\_init\(\)](#), sets up the pipeline using [tinydrm\\_display\\_pipe\\_init\(\)](#) and registers the DRM device using [devm\\_tinydrm\\_register\(\)](#).

struct **tinydrm\_device**  
tinydrm device

#### Definition

```
struct tinydrm_device {
    struct drm_device *drm;
    struct drm_simple_display_pipe pipe;
    struct mutex dirty_lock;
    const struct drm_framebuffer_funcs *fb_funcs;
};
```

#### Members

**drm** DRM device

**pipe** Display pipe structure

**dirty\_lock** Serializes framebuffer flushing

**fb\_funcs** Framebuffer functions used when creating framebuffers

**TINYDRM\_GEM\_DRIVER\_OPS()**  
default tinydrm gem operations

#### Parameters

#### Description

This macro provides a shortcut for setting the tinydrm GEM operations in the [drm\\_driver](#) structure.

**TINYDRM\_MODE**(*hd*, *vd*, *hd\_mm*, *vd\_mm*)  
tinydrm display mode

#### Parameters

**hd** Horizontal resolution, width

**vd** Vertical resolution, height

**hd\_mm** Display width in millimeters

**vd\_mm** Display height in millimeters

### Description

This macro creates a *drm\_display\_mode* for use with tinydrm.

```
struct drm_gem_object * tinydrm_gem_cma_prime_import_sg_table(struct drm_device * drm,  
                                                             struct dma_buf_attachment  
                                                             * attach, struct sg_table  
                                                             * sgt)
```

Produce a CMA GEM object from another driver's scatter/gather table of pinned pages

### Parameters

**struct *drm\_device* \* *drm*** DRM device to import into

**struct *dma\_buf\_attachment* \* *attach*** DMA-BUF attachment

**struct *sg\_table* \* *sgt*** Scatter/gather table of pinned pages

### Description

This function imports a scatter/gather table exported via DMA-BUF by another driver using *drm\_gem\_cma\_prime\_import\_sg\_table()*. It sets the kernel virtual address on the CMA object. Drivers should use this as their *drm\_driver->gem\_prime\_import\_sg\_table* callback if they need the virtual address. *tinydrm\_gem\_cma\_free\_object()* should be used in combination with this function.

### Return

A pointer to a newly created GEM object or an ERR\_PTR-encoded negative error code on failure.

```
void tinydrm_gem_cma_free_object(struct drm_gem_object * gem_obj)  
    Free resources associated with a CMA GEM object
```

### Parameters

**struct *drm\_gem\_object* \* *gem\_obj*** GEM object to free

### Description

This function frees the backing memory of the CMA GEM object, cleans up the GEM object state and frees the memory used to store the object itself using *drm\_gem\_cma\_free\_object()*. It also handles PRIME buffers which has the kernel virtual address set by *tinydrm\_gem\_cma\_prime\_import\_sg\_table()*. Drivers can use this as their *drm\_driver->gem\_free\_object* callback.

```
int devm_tinydrm_init(struct device * parent, struct tinydrm_device * tdev, const struct  
                    drm_framebuffer_funcs * fb_funcs, struct drm_driver * driver)  
    Initialize tinydrm device
```

### Parameters

**struct *device* \* *parent*** Parent device object

**struct *tinydrm\_device* \* *tdev*** tinydrm device

**const struct *drm\_framebuffer\_funcs* \* *fb\_funcs*** Framebuffer functions

**struct *drm\_driver* \* *driver*** DRM driver

### Description

This function initializes **tdev**, the underlying DRM device and it's mode\_config. Resources will be automatically freed on driver detach (devres) using *drm\_mode\_config\_cleanup()* and *drm\_dev\_unref()*.

### Return

Zero on success, negative error code on failure.

```
int devm_tinydrm_register(struct tinydrm_device * tdev)  
    Register tinydrm device
```

### Parameters

**struct tinydrm\_device \* tdev** tinydrm device

### Description

This function registers the underlying DRM device and fbdev. These resources will be automatically un-registered on driver detach (devres) and the display pipeline will be disabled.

### Return

Zero on success, negative error code on failure.

void **tinydrm\_shutdown**(struct *tinydrm\_device* \* tdev)  
Shutdown tinydrm

### Parameters

**struct tinydrm\_device \* tdev** tinydrm device

### Description

This function makes sure that the display pipeline is disabled. Used by drivers in their shutdown callback to turn off the display on machine shutdown and reboot.

void **tinydrm\_display\_pipe\_update**(struct *drm\_simple\_display\_pipe* \* pipe, struct *drm\_plane\_state* \* old\_state)  
Display pipe update helper

### Parameters

**struct drm\_simple\_display\_pipe \* pipe** Simple display pipe

**struct drm\_plane\_state \* old\_state** Old plane state

### Description

This function does a full framebuffer flush if the plane framebuffer has changed. It also handles vblank events. Drivers can use this as their *drm\_simple\_display\_pipe\_funcs->update* callback.

int **tinydrm\_display\_pipe\_prepare\_fb**(struct *drm\_simple\_display\_pipe* \* pipe, struct *drm\_plane\_state* \* plane\_state)  
Display pipe prepare\_fb helper

### Parameters

**struct drm\_simple\_display\_pipe \* pipe** Simple display pipe

**struct drm\_plane\_state \* plane\_state** Plane state

### Description

This function uses *drm\_gem\_fb\_prepare\_fb()* to check if the plane FB has an dma-buf attached, extracts the exclusive fence and attaches it to plane state for the atomic helper to wait on. Drivers can use this as their *drm\_simple\_display\_pipe\_funcs->prepare\_fb* callback.

int **tinydrm\_display\_pipe\_init**(struct *tinydrm\_device* \* tdev, const struct *drm\_simple\_display\_pipe\_funcs* \* funcs, int connector\_type, const uint32\_t \* formats, unsigned int format\_count, const struct *drm\_display\_mode* \* mode, unsigned int rotation)  
Initialize display pipe

### Parameters

**struct tinydrm\_device \* tdev** tinydrm device

**const struct drm\_simple\_display\_pipe\_funcs \* funcs** Display pipe functions

**int connector\_type** Connector type

**const uint32\_t \* formats** Array of supported formats (DRM\_FORMAT\_\*)

**unsigned int format\_count** Number of elements in **formats**

**const struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode** Supported mode

**unsigned int rotation** Initial **mode** rotation in degrees Counter Clock Wise

### Description

This function sets up a *drm\_simple\_display\_pipe* with a *drm\_connector* that has one fixed *drm\_display\_mode* which is rotated according to **rotation**.

### Return

Zero on success, negative error code on failure.

## Additional helpers

bool **tinydrm\_machine\_little\_endian**(void)  
Machine is little endian

### Parameters

**void** no arguments

### Return

true if *defined(\_\_LITTLE\_ENDIAN)*, false otherwise

void **tinydrm\_dbg\_spi\_message**(struct spi\_device \* *spi*, struct spi\_message \* *m*)  
Dump SPI message

### Parameters

struct spi\_device \* **spi** SPI device

struct spi\_message \* **m** SPI message

### Description

Dumps info about the transfers in a SPI message including buffer content. **DEBUG** has to be defined for this function to be enabled alongside setting the **DRM\_UT\_DRIVER** bit of **drm\_debug**.

bool **tinydrm\_merge\_clips**(struct drm\_clip\_rect \* *dst*, struct drm\_clip\_rect \* *src*, unsigned int *num\_clips*, unsigned int *flags*, u32 *max\_width*, u32 *max\_height*)  
Merge clip rectangles

### Parameters

struct drm\_clip\_rect \* **dst** Destination clip rectangle

struct drm\_clip\_rect \* **src** Source clip rectangle(s)

unsigned int **num\_clips** Number of **src** clip rectangles

unsigned int **flags** Dirty fb ioctl flags

u32 **max\_width** Maximum width of **dst**

u32 **max\_height** Maximum height of **dst**

### Description

This function merges **src** clip rectangle(s) into **dst**. If **src** is NULL, **max\_width** and **min\_width** is used to set a full **dst** clip rectangle.

### Return

true if it's a full clip, false otherwise

void **tinydrm\_memcpy**(void \* *dst*, void \* *vaddr*, struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* *fb*, struct drm\_clip\_rect \* *clip*)  
Copy clip buffer

### Parameters



**void \* dst** Destination buffer

**void \* vaddr** Source buffer

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** DRM framebuffer

**struct drm\_clip\_rect \* clip** Clip rectangle area to copy

**void tinydrm\_swab16**(u16 \* dst, void \* vaddr, struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* fb, struct *drm\_clip\_rect* \* clip)  
Swap bytes into clip buffer

### Parameters

**u16 \* dst** RGB565 destination buffer

**void \* vaddr** RGB565 source buffer

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** DRM framebuffer

**struct drm\_clip\_rect \* clip** Clip rectangle area to copy

**void tinydrm\_xrgb8888\_to\_rgb565**(u16 \* dst, void \* vaddr, struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* fb, struct *drm\_clip\_rect* \* clip, bool swap)  
Convert XRGB8888 to RGB565 clip buffer

### Parameters

**u16 \* dst** RGB565 destination buffer

**void \* vaddr** XRGB8888 source buffer

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** DRM framebuffer

**struct drm\_clip\_rect \* clip** Clip rectangle area to copy

**bool swap** Swap bytes

### Description

Drivers can use this function for RGB565 devices that don't natively support XRGB8888.

**void tinydrm\_xrgb8888\_to\_gray8**(u8 \* dst, void \* vaddr, struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* fb, struct *drm\_clip\_rect* \* clip)  
Convert XRGB8888 to grayscale

### Parameters

**u8 \* dst** 8-bit grayscale destination buffer

**void \* vaddr** XRGB8888 source buffer

**struct drm\_framebuffer \* fb** DRM framebuffer

**struct drm\_clip\_rect \* clip** Clip rectangle area to copy

### Description

Drm doesn't have native monochrome or grayscale support. Such drivers can announce the commonly supported XR24 format to userspace and use this function to convert to the native format.

Monochrome drivers will use the most significant bit, where 1 means foreground color and 0 background color.

ITU BT.601 is used for the RGB -> luma (brightness) conversion.

**struct backlight\_device \* tinydrm\_of\_find\_backlight**(struct device \* dev)  
Find backlight device in device-tree

### Parameters

**struct device \* dev** Device

**Description**

This function looks for a DT node pointed to by a property named 'backlight' and uses `of_find_backlight_by_node()` to get the backlight device. Additionally if the brightness property is zero, it is set to `max_brightness`.

**Return**

NULL if there's no backlight property. Error pointer `-EPROBE_DEFER` if the DT node is found, but no backlight device is found. If the backlight device is found, a pointer to the structure is returned.

int **tinydrm\_enable\_backlight**(struct backlight\_device \* *backlight*)  
Enable backlight helper

**Parameters**

struct backlight\_device \* **backlight** Backlight device

**Return**

Zero on success, negative error code on failure.

int **tinydrm\_disable\_backlight**(struct backlight\_device \* *backlight*)  
Disable backlight helper

**Parameters**

struct backlight\_device \* **backlight** Backlight device

**Return**

Zero on success, negative error code on failure.

size\_t **tinydrm\_spi\_max\_transfer\_size**(struct spi\_device \* *spi*, size\_t *max\_len*)  
Determine max SPI transfer size

**Parameters**

struct spi\_device \* **spi** SPI device

size\_t **max\_len** Maximum buffer size needed (optional)

**Description**

This function returns the maximum size to use for SPI transfers. It checks the SPI master, the optional **max\_len** and the module parameter `spi_max` and returns the smallest.

**Return**

Maximum size for SPI transfers

bool **tinydrm\_spi\_bpw\_supported**(struct spi\_device \* *spi*, u8 *bpw*)  
Check if bits per word is supported

**Parameters**

struct spi\_device \* **spi** SPI device

u8 **bpw** Bits per word

**Description**

This function checks to see if the SPI master driver supports **bpw**.

**Return**

True if **bpw** is supported, false otherwise.

int **tinydrm\_spi\_transfer**(struct spi\_device \* *spi*, u32 *speed\_hz*, struct spi\_transfer \* *header*,  
u8 *bpw*, const void \* *buf*, size\_t *len*)  
SPI transfer helper

**Parameters**

**struct spi\_device \* spi** SPI device  
**u32 speed\_hz** Override speed (optional)  
**struct spi\_transfer \* header** Optional header transfer  
**u8 bpw** Bits per word  
**const void \* buf** Buffer to transfer  
**size\_t len** Buffer length

### Description

This SPI transfer helper breaks up the transfer of **buf** into chunks which the SPI master driver can handle. If the machine is Little Endian and the SPI master driver doesn't support 16 bits per word, it swaps the bytes and does a 8-bit transfer. If **header** is set, it is prepended to each SPI message.

### Return

Zero on success, negative error code on failure.

## MIPI DBI Compatible Controllers

This library provides helpers for MIPI Display Bus Interface (DBI) compatible display controllers.

Many controllers for tiny lcd displays are MIPI compliant and can use this library. If a controller uses registers 0x2A and 0x2B to set the area to update and uses register 0x2C to write to frame memory, it is most likely MIPI compliant.

Only MIPI Type 1 displays are supported since a full frame memory is needed.

There are 3 MIPI DBI implementation types:

1. Motorola 6800 type parallel bus
2. Intel 8080 type parallel bus
3. SPI type with 3 options:
  - (a) 9-bit with the Data/Command signal as the ninth bit
  - (b) Same as above except it's sent as 16 bits
  - (c) 8-bit with the Data/Command signal as a separate D/CX pin

Currently `mipi_dbi` only supports Type C options 1 and 3 with `mipi_dbi_spi_init()`.

**struct mipi\_dbi**  
 MIPI DBI controller

### Definition

```
struct mipi_dbi {
    struct tinydrm_device tinydrm;
    struct spi_device *spi;
    bool enabled;
    struct mutex cmdlock;
    int (*command)(struct mipi_dbi *mipi, u8 cmd, u8 *param, size_t num);
    const u8 *read_commands;
    struct gpio_desc *dc;
    u16 *tx_buf;
    void *tx_buf9;
    size_t tx_buf9_len;
    bool swap_bytes;
    struct gpio_desc *reset;
    unsigned int rotation;
    struct backlight_device *backlight;
};
```

```
struct regulator *regulator;  
};
```

### Members

**tinydrm** tinydrm base

**spi** SPI device

**enabled** Pipeline is enabled

**cmdlock** Command lock

**command** Bus specific callback executing commands.

**read\_commands** Array of read commands terminated by a zero entry. Reading is disabled if this is NULL.

**dc** Optional D/C gpio.

**tx\_buf** Buffer used for transfer (copy clip rect area)

**tx\_buf9** Buffer used for Option 1 9-bit conversion

**tx\_buf9\_len** Size of tx\_buf9.

**swap\_bytes** Swap bytes in buffer before transfer

**reset** Optional reset gpio

**rotation** initial rotation in degrees Counter Clock Wise

**backlight** backlight device (optional)

**regulator** power regulator (optional)

**mipi\_dbi\_command**(*mipi, cmd, seq...*)  
MIPI DCS command with optional parameter(s)

### Parameters

**mipi** MIPI structure

**cmd** Command

**seq...** Optional parameter(s)

### Description

Send MIPI DCS command to the controller. Use *mipi\_dbi\_command\_read()* for get/read.

### Return

Zero on success, negative error code on failure.

int **mipi\_dbi\_command\_read**(struct *mipi\_dbi* \* *mipi*, u8 *cmd*, u8 \* *val*)  
MIPI DCS read command

### Parameters

**struct mipi\_dbi \* mipi** MIPI structure

**u8 cmd** Command

**u8 \* val** Value read

### Description

Send MIPI DCS read command to the controller.

### Return

Zero on success, negative error code on failure.

int **mipi\_dbi\_command\_buf**(struct *mipi\_dbi* \* *mipi*, u8 *cmd*, u8 \* *data*, size\_t *len*)  
MIPI DCS command with parameter(s) in an array

**Parameters****struct mipi\_dbi \* mipi** MIPI structure**u8 cmd** Command**u8 \* data** Parameter buffer**size\_t len** Buffer length**Return**

Zero on success, negative error code on failure.

```
int mipi_dbi_buf_copy(void *dst, struct drm_framebuffer *fb, struct drm_clip_rect *clip,
                    bool swap)
    Copy a framebuffer, transforming it if necessary
```

**Parameters****void \* dst** The destination buffer**struct *drm\_framebuffer* \* fb** The source framebuffer**struct *drm\_clip\_rect* \* clip** Clipping rectangle of the area to be copied**bool swap** When true, swap MSB/LSB of 16-bit values**Return**

Zero on success, negative error code on failure.

```
void mipi_dbi_pipe_enable(struct drm_simple_display_pipe *pipe, struct drm_crtc_state
                        *crtc_state)
    MIPI DBI pipe enable helper
```

**Parameters****struct *drm\_simple\_display\_pipe* \* pipe** Display pipe**struct *drm\_crtc\_state* \* crtc\_state** CRTC state**Description**

This function enables backlight. Drivers can use this as their *drm\_simple\_display\_pipe\_funcs->enable* callback.

```
void mipi_dbi_pipe_disable(struct drm_simple_display_pipe *pipe)
    MIPI DBI pipe disable helper
```

**Parameters****struct *drm\_simple\_display\_pipe* \* pipe** Display pipe**Description**

This function disables backlight if present or if not the display memory is blanked. Drivers can use this as their *drm\_simple\_display\_pipe\_funcs->disable* callback.

```
int mipi_dbi_init(struct device *dev, struct mipi_dbi *mipi, const struct
                drm_simple_display_pipe_funcs *pipe_funcs, struct drm_driver *driver, const
                struct drm_display_mode *mode, unsigned int rotation)
    MIPI DBI initialization
```

**Parameters****struct device \* dev** Parent device**struct *mipi\_dbi* \* mipi** *mipi\_dbi* structure to initialize**const struct *drm\_simple\_display\_pipe\_funcs* \* pipe\_funcs** Display pipe functions**struct *drm\_driver* \* driver** DRM driver

**const struct drm\_display\_mode \* mode** Display mode

**unsigned int rotation** Initial rotation in degrees Counter Clock Wise

### Description

This function initializes a *mipi\_dbi* structure and it's underlying **tinydrm\_device**. It also sets up the display pipeline.

Supported formats: Native RGB565 and emulated XRGB8888.

Objects created by this function will be automatically freed on driver detach (devres).

### Return

Zero on success, negative error code on failure.

void **mipi\_dbi\_hw\_reset**(struct *mipi\_dbi* \* *mipi*)  
Hardware reset of controller

### Parameters

**struct mipi\_dbi \* mipi** MIPI DBI structure

### Description

Reset controller if the *mipi\_dbi->reset* gpio is set.

bool **mipi\_dbi\_display\_is\_on**(struct *mipi\_dbi* \* *mipi*)  
Check if display is on

### Parameters

**struct mipi\_dbi \* mipi** MIPI DBI structure

### Description

This function checks the Power Mode register (if readable) to see if display output is turned on. This can be used to see if the bootloader has already turned on the display avoiding flicker when the pipeline is enabled.

### Return

true if the display can be verified to be on, false otherwise.

u32 **mipi\_dbi\_spi\_cmd\_max\_speed**(struct spi\_device \* *spi*, size\_t *len*)  
get the maximum SPI bus speed

### Parameters

**struct spi\_device \* spi** SPI device

**size\_t len** The transfer buffer length.

### Description

Many controllers have a max speed of 10MHz, but can be pushed way beyond that. Increase reliability by running pixel data at max speed and the rest at 10MHz, preventing transfer glitches from messing up the init settings.

int **mipi\_dbi\_spi\_init**(struct spi\_device \* *spi*, struct *mipi\_dbi* \* *mipi*, struct gpio\_desc \* *dc*)  
Initialize MIPI DBI SPI interfaced controller

### Parameters

**struct spi\_device \* spi** SPI device

**struct mipi\_dbi \* mipi** *mipi\_dbi* structure to initialize

**struct gpio\_desc \* dc** D/C gpio (optional)

**Description**

This function sets `mipi_dbi->command`, enables `mipi->read_commands` for the usual read commands. It should be followed by a call to `mipi_dbi_init()` or a driver-specific init.

If **dc** is set, a Type C Option 3 interface is assumed, if not Type C Option 1.

If the SPI master driver doesn't support the necessary bits per word, the following transformation is used:

- 9-bit: reorder buffer as 9x 8-bit words, padded with no-op command.
- 16-bit: if big endian send as 8-bit, if little endian swap bytes

**Return**

Zero on success, negative error code on failure.

```
int mipi_dbi_debugfs_init(struct drm_minor * minor)
```

Create debugfs entries

**Parameters**

**struct drm\_minor \* minor** DRM minor

**Description**

This function creates a 'command' debugfs file for sending commands to the controller or getting the read command values. Drivers can use this as their `drm_driver->debugfs_init` callback.

**Return**

Zero on success, negative error code on failure.





## DRM/TVE200 FARADAY TV ENCODER 200

The Faraday TV Encoder TVE200 is also known as the Gemini TV Interface Controller (TVC) and is found in the Gemini Chipset from Storlink Semiconductor (later Storm Semiconductor, later Cortina Systems) but also in the Grain Media GM8180 chipset. On the Gemini the module is connected to 8 data lines and a single clock line, comprising an 8-bit BT.656 interface.

This is a very basic YUV display driver. The datasheet specifies that it supports the ITU BT.656 standard. It requires a 27 MHz clock which is the hallmark of any TV encoder supporting both PAL and NTSC.

This driver exposes a standard KMS interface for this TV encoder.



## DRM/VC4 BROADCOM VC4 GRAPHICS DRIVER

The Broadcom VideoCore 4 (present in the Raspberry Pi) contains a OpenGL ES 2.0-compatible 3D engine called V3D, and a highly configurable display output pipeline that supports HDMI, DSI, DPI, and Composite TV output.

The 3D engine also has an interface for submitting arbitrary compute shader-style jobs using the same shader processor as is used for vertex and fragment shaders in GLES 2.0. However, given that the hardware isn't able to expose any standard interfaces like OpenGL compute shaders or OpenCL, it isn't supported by this driver.

### Display Hardware Handling

This section covers everything related to the display hardware including the mode setting infrastructure, plane, sprite and cursor handling and display, output probing and related topics.

#### Pixel Valve (DRM CRTC)

In VC4, the Pixel Valve is what most closely corresponds to the DRM's concept of a CRTC. The PV generates video timings from the encoder's clock plus its configuration. It pulls scaled pixels from the HVS at that timing, and feeds it to the encoder.

However, the DRM CRTC also collects the configuration of all the DRM planes attached to it. As a result, the CRTC is also responsible for writing the display list for the HVS channel that the CRTC will use.

The 2835 has 3 different pixel valves. pv0 in the audio power domain feeds DSI0 or DPI, while pv1 feeds DSI1 or SMI. pv2 in the image domain can feed either HDMI or the SDTV controller. The pixel valve chooses from the CPRMAN clocks (HSM for HDMI, VEC for SDTV, etc.) according to which output type is chosen in the mux.

For power management, the pixel valve's registers are all clocked by the AXI clock, while the timings and FIFOs make use of the output-specific clock. Since the encoders also directly consume the CPRMAN clocks, and know what timings they need, they are the ones that set the clock.

#### HVS

The Hardware Video Scaler (HVS) is the piece of hardware that does translation, scaling, colorspace conversion, and compositing of pixels stored in framebuffers into a FIFO of pixels going out to the Pixel Valve (CRTC). It operates at the system clock rate (the system audio clock gate, specifically), which is much higher than the pixel clock rate.

There is a single global HVS, with multiple output FIFOs that can be consumed by the PVs. This file just manages the resources for the HVS, while the `vc4_crtc.c` code actually drives HVS setup for each CRTC.

## **HVS planes**

Each DRM plane is a layer of pixels being scanned out by the HVS.

At atomic modeset check time, we compute the HVS display element state that would be necessary for displaying the plane (giving us a chance to figure out if a plane configuration is invalid), then at atomic flush time the CRTC will ask us to write our element state into the region of the HVS that it has allocated for us.

## **HDMI encoder**

The HDMI core has a state machine and a PHY. On BCM2835, most of the unit operates off of the HSM clock from CPRMAN. It also internally uses the PLLH\_PIX clock for the PHY.

HDMI inframes are kept within a small packet ram, where each packet can be individually enabled for including in a frame.

HDMI audio is implemented entirely within the HDMI IP block. A register in the HDMI encoder takes SPDIF frames from the DMA engine and transfers them over an internal MAI (multi-channel audio interconnect) bus to the encoder side for insertion into the video blank regions.

The driver's HDMI encoder does not yet support power management. The HDMI encoder's power domain and the HSM/pixel clocks are kept continuously running, and only the HDMI logic and packet ram are powered off/on at disable/enable time.

The driver does not yet support CEC control, though the HDMI encoder block has CEC support.

## **DSI encoder**

BCM2835 contains two DSI modules, DSI0 and DSI1. DSI0 is a single-lane DSI controller, while DSI1 is a more modern 4-lane DSI controller.

Most Raspberry Pi boards expose DSI1 as their "DISPLAY" connector, while the compute module brings both DSI0 and DSI1 out.

This driver has been tested for DSI1 video-mode display only currently, with most of the information necessary for DSI0 hopefully present.

## **DPI encoder**

The VC4 DPI hardware supports MIPI DPI type 4 and Nokia ViSSI signals. On BCM2835, these can be routed out to GPIO0-27 with the ALT2 function.

## **VEC (Composite TV out) encoder**

The VEC encoder generates PAL or NTSC composite video output.

TV mode selection is done by an atomic property on the encoder, because a `drm_mode_modeinfo` is insufficient to distinguish between PAL and PAL-M or NTSC and NTSC-J.

## **Memory Management and 3D Command Submission**

This section covers the GEM implementation in the vc4 driver.

## GPU buffer object (BO) management

The VC4 GPU architecture (both scanout and rendering) has direct access to system memory with no MMU in between. To support it, we use the GEM CMA helper functions to allocate contiguous ranges of physical memory for our BOs.

Since the CMA allocator is very slow, we keep a cache of recently freed BOs around so that the kernel's allocation of objects for 3D rendering can return quickly.

## V3D binner command list (BCL) validation

Since the VC4 has no IOMMU between it and system memory, a user with access to execute command lists could escalate privilege by overwriting system memory (drawing to it as a framebuffer) or reading system memory it shouldn't (reading it as a vertex buffer or index buffer).

We validate binner command lists to ensure that all accesses are within the bounds of the GEM objects referenced by the submitted job. It explicitly whitelists packets, and looks at the offsets in any address fields to make sure they're contained within the BOs they reference.

Note that because CL validation is already reading the user-submitted CL and writing the validated copy out to the memory that the GPU will actually read, this is also where GEM relocation processing (turning BO references into actual addresses for the GPU to use) happens.

## V3D render command list (RCL) generation

In the V3D hardware, render command lists are what load and store tiles of a framebuffer and optionally call out to binner-generated command lists to do the 3D drawing for that tile.

In the VC4 driver, render command list generation is performed by the kernel instead of userspace. We do this because validating a user-submitted command list is hard to get right and has high CPU overhead, while the number of valid configurations for render command lists is actually fairly low.

## Shader validator for VC4

Since the VC4 has no IOMMU between it and system memory, a user with access to execute shaders could escalate privilege by overwriting system memory (using the VPM write address register in the general-purpose DMA mode) or reading system memory it shouldn't (reading it as a texture, uniform data, or direct-addressed TMU lookup).

The shader validator walks over a shader's BO, ensuring that its accesses are appropriately bounded, and recording where texture accesses are made so that we can do relocations for them in the uniform stream.

Shader BO are immutable for their lifetimes (enforced by not allowing mmaps, GEM prime export, or rendering to from a CL), so this validation is only performed at BO creation time.

## V3D Interrupts

We have an interrupt status register (V3D\_INTCTL) which reports interrupts, and where writing 1 bits clears those interrupts. There are also a pair of interrupt registers (V3D\_INTENA/V3D\_INTDIS) where writing a 1 to their bits enables or disables that specific interrupt, and 0s written are ignored (reading either one returns the set of enabled interrupts).

When we take a binning flush done interrupt, we need to submit the next frame for binning and move the finished frame to the render thread.

When we take a render frame interrupt, we need to wake the processes waiting for some frame to be done, and get the next frame submitted ASAP (so the hardware doesn't sit idle when there's work to do).

When we take the binner out of memory interrupt, we need to allocate some new memory and pass it to the binner so that the current job can make progress.

## VGA SWITCHEROO

vga\_switcheroo is the Linux subsystem for laptop hybrid graphics. These come in two flavors:

- **muxed:** Dual GPUs with a multiplexer chip to switch outputs between GPUs.
- **muxless:** Dual GPUs but only one of them is connected to outputs. The other one is merely used to offload rendering, its results are copied over PCIe into the framebuffer. On Linux this is supported with DRI PRIME.

Hybrid graphics started to appear in the late Naughties and were initially all muxed. Newer laptops moved to a muxless architecture for cost reasons. A notable exception is the MacBook Pro which continues to use a mux. Muxes come with varying capabilities: Some switch only the panel, others can also switch external displays. Some switch all display pins at once while others can switch just the DDC lines. (To allow EDID probing for the inactive GPU.) Also, muxes are often used to cut power to the discrete GPU while it is not used.

DRM drivers register GPUs with vga\_switcheroo, these are henceforth called clients. The mux is called the handler. Muxless machines also register a handler to control the power state of the discrete GPU, its `->switchto` callback is a no-op for obvious reasons. The discrete GPU is often equipped with an HDA controller for the HDMI/DP audio signal, this will also register as a client so that vga\_switcheroo can take care of the correct suspend/resume order when changing the discrete GPU's power state. In total there can thus be up to three clients: Two vga clients (GPUs) and one audio client (on the discrete GPU). The code is mostly prepared to support machines with more than two GPUs should they become available.

The GPU to which the outputs are currently switched is called the active client in vga\_switcheroo parlance. The GPU not in use is the inactive client. When the inactive client's DRM driver is loaded, it will be unable to probe the panel's EDID and hence depends on VBIOS to provide its display modes. If the VBIOS modes are bogus or if there is no VBIOS at all (which is common on the MacBook Pro), a client may alternatively request that the DDC lines are temporarily switched to it, provided that the handler supports this. Switching only the DDC lines and not the entire output avoids unnecessary flickering.

## Modes of Use

### Manual switching and manual power control

In this mode of use, the file `/sys/kernel/debug/vgaswitcheroo/switch` can be read to retrieve the current vga\_switcheroo state and commands can be written to it to change the state. The file appears as soon as two GPU drivers and one handler have registered with vga\_switcheroo. The following commands are understood:

- **OFF:** Power off the device not in use.
- **ON:** Power on the device not in use.
- **IGD:** Switch to the integrated graphics device. Power on the integrated GPU if necessary, power off the discrete GPU. Prerequisite is that no user space processes (e.g. Xorg, alsactl) have opened device files of the GPUs or the audio client. If the switch fails, the user may invoke `lsof(8)` or `fuser(1)` on `/dev/dri/` and `/dev/snd/controlC1` to identify processes blocking the switch.

- DIS: Switch to the discrete graphics device.
- DIGD: Delayed switch to the integrated graphics device. This will perform the switch once the last user space process has closed the device files of the GPUs and the audio client.
- DDIS: Delayed switch to the discrete graphics device.
- MIGD: Mux-only switch to the integrated graphics device. Does not remap console or change the power state of either gpu. If the integrated GPU is currently off, the screen will turn black. If it is on, the screen will show whatever happens to be in VRAM. Either way, the user has to blindly enter the command to switch back.
- MDIS: Mux-only switch to the discrete graphics device.

For GPUs whose power state is controlled by the driver's runtime pm, the ON and OFF commands are a no-op (see next section).

For muxless machines, the IGD/DIS, DIGD/DDIS and MIGD/MDIS commands should not be used.

## Driver power control

In this mode of use, the discrete GPU automatically powers up and down at the discretion of the driver's runtime pm. On muxed machines, the user may still influence the muxer state by way of the debugfs interface, however the ON and OFF commands become a no-op for the discrete GPU.

This mode is the default on Nvidia HybridPower/Optimus and ATI PowerXpress. Specifying `nouveau.runpm=0`, `radeon.runpm=0` or `amdgpu.runpm=0` on the kernel command line disables it.

When the driver decides to power up or down, it notifies `vga_switcheroo` thereof so that it can (a) power the audio device on the GPU up or down, and (b) update its internal power state representation for the device. This is achieved by `vga_switcheroo_set_dynamic_switch()`.

After the GPU has been suspended, the handler needs to be called to cut power to the GPU. Likewise it needs to reinstate power before the GPU can resume. This is achieved by `vga_switcheroo_init_domain_pm_ops()`, which augments the GPU's suspend/resume functions by the requisite calls to the handler.

When the audio device resumes, the GPU needs to be woken. This is achieved by `vga_switcheroo_init_domain_pm_optimus_hdmi_audio()`, which augments the audio device's resume function.

On muxed machines, if the mux is initially switched to the discrete GPU, the user ends up with a black screen when the GPU powers down after boot. As a workaround, the mux is forced to the integrated GPU on runtime suspend, cf. [https://bugs.freedesktop.org/show\\_bug.cgi?id=75917](https://bugs.freedesktop.org/show_bug.cgi?id=75917)

## API

### Public functions

```
int vga_switcheroo_register_handler(const struct vga_switcheroo_handler *handler, enum
                                vga_switcheroo_handler_flags_t handler_flags)
    register handler
```

#### Parameters

`const struct vga_switcheroo_handler * handler` handler callbacks

`enum vga_switcheroo_handler_flags_t handler_flags` handler flags

#### Description

Register handler. Enable `vga_switcheroo` if two vga clients have already registered.

#### Return



0 on success, -EINVAL if a handler was already registered.

```
void vga_switcheroo_unregister_handler(void)
    unregister handler
```

### Parameters

**void** no arguments

### Description

Unregister handler. Disable vga\_switcheroo.

```
enum vga_switcheroo_handler_flags_t vga_switcheroo_handler_flags(void)
    obtain handler flags
```

### Parameters

**void** no arguments

### Description

Helper for clients to obtain the handler flags bitmask.

### Return

Handler flags. A value of 0 means that no handler is registered or that the handler has no special capabilities.

```
int vga_switcheroo_register_client(struct pci_dev *pdev, const struct
                                vga_switcheroo_client_ops *ops,
                                bool driver_power_control)
    register vga client
```

### Parameters

**struct pci\_dev \* pdev** client pci device

**const struct vga\_switcheroo\_client\_ops \* ops** client callbacks

**bool driver\_power\_control** whether power state is controlled by the driver's runtime pm

### Description

Register vga client (GPU). Enable vga\_switcheroo if another GPU and a handler have already registered. The power state of the client is assumed to be ON. Beforehand, [vga\\_switcheroo\\_client\\_probe\\_defer\(\)](#) shall be called to ensure that all prerequisites are met.

### Return

0 on success, -ENOMEM on memory allocation error.

```
int vga_switcheroo_register_audio_client(struct pci_dev *pdev, const struct
                                       vga_switcheroo_client_ops *ops,
                                       enum vga_switcheroo_client_id id)
    register audio client
```

### Parameters

**struct pci\_dev \* pdev** client pci device

**const struct vga\_switcheroo\_client\_ops \* ops** client callbacks

**enum vga\_switcheroo\_client\_id id** client identifier

### Description

Register audio client (audio device on a GPU). The power state of the client is assumed to be ON. Beforehand, [vga\\_switcheroo\\_client\\_probe\\_defer\(\)](#) shall be called to ensure that all prerequisites are met.

### Return

0 on success, -ENOMEM on memory allocation error.

bool **vga\_switcheroo\_client\_probe\_defer**(struct pci\_dev \* *pdev*)  
whether to defer probing a given client

#### Parameters

**struct pci\_dev \* pdev** client pci device

#### Description

Determine whether any prerequisites are not fulfilled to probe a given client. Drivers shall invoke this early on in their ->probe callback and return -EPROBE\_DEFER if it evaluates to true. Thou shalt not register the client ere thou hast called this.

#### Return

true if probing should be deferred, otherwise false.

enum *vga\_switcheroo\_state* **vga\_switcheroo\_get\_client\_state**(struct pci\_dev \* *pdev*)  
obtain power state of a given client

#### Parameters

**struct pci\_dev \* pdev** client pci device

#### Description

Obtain power state of a given client as seen from vga\_switcheroo. The function is only called from hda\_intel.c.

#### Return

Power state.

void **vga\_switcheroo\_unregister\_client**(struct pci\_dev \* *pdev*)  
unregister client

#### Parameters

**struct pci\_dev \* pdev** client pci device

#### Description

Unregister client. Disable vga\_switcheroo if this is a vga client (GPU).

void **vga\_switcheroo\_client\_fb\_set**(struct pci\_dev \* *pdev*, struct fb\_info \* *info*)  
set framebuffer of a given client

#### Parameters

**struct pci\_dev \* pdev** client pci device

**struct fb\_info \* info** framebuffer

#### Description

Set framebuffer of a given client. The console will be remapped to this on switching.

int **vga\_switcheroo\_lock\_ddc**(struct pci\_dev \* *pdev*)  
temporarily switch DDC lines to a given client

#### Parameters

**struct pci\_dev \* pdev** client pci device

#### Description

Temporarily switch DDC lines to the client identified by **pdev** (but leave the outputs otherwise switched to where they are). This allows the inactive client to probe EDID. The DDC lines must afterwards be switched back by calling *vga\_switcheroo\_unlock\_ddc()*, even if this function returns an error.

#### Return

Previous DDC owner on success or a negative int on error. Specifically, -ENODEV if no handler has registered or if the handler does not support switching the DDC lines. Also, a negative value returned by the handler is propagated back to the caller. The return value has merely an informational purpose for any caller which might be interested in it. It is acceptable to ignore the return value and simply rely on the result of the subsequent EDID probe, which will be NULL if DDC switching failed.

```
int vga_switcheroo_unlock_ddc(struct pci_dev * pdev)
    switch DDC lines back to previous owner
```

#### Parameters

**struct pci\_dev \* pdev** client pci device

#### Description

Switch DDC lines back to the previous owner after calling `vga_switcheroo_lock_ddc()`. This must be called even if `vga_switcheroo_lock_ddc()` returned an error.

#### Return

Previous DDC owner on success (i.e. the client identifier of **pdev**) or a negative int on error. Specifically, -ENODEV if no handler has registered or if the handler does not support switching the DDC lines. Also, a negative value returned by the handler is propagated back to the caller. Finally, invoking this function without calling `vga_switcheroo_lock_ddc()` first is not allowed and will result in -EINVAL.

```
int vga_switcheroo_process_delayed_switch(void)
    helper for delayed switching
```

#### Parameters

**void** no arguments

#### Description

Process a delayed switch if one is pending. DRM drivers should call this from their `->lastclose` callback.

#### Return

0 on success. -EINVAL if no delayed switch is pending, if the client has unregistered in the meantime or if there are other clients blocking the switch. If the actual switch fails, an error is reported and 0 is returned.

```
void vga_switcheroo_set_dynamic_switch(struct pci_dev * pdev, enum
    vga_switcheroo_state dynamic)
    helper for driver power control
```

#### Parameters

**struct pci\_dev \* pdev** client pci device

**enum vga\_switcheroo\_state dynamic** new power state

#### Description

Helper for GPUs whose power state is controlled by the driver's runtime pm. When the driver decides to power up or down, it notifies vga\_switcheroo thereof using this helper so that it can (a) power the audio device on the GPU up or down, and (b) update its internal power state representation for the device.

```
int vga_switcheroo_init_domain_pm_ops(struct device * dev, struct dev_pm_domain * domain)
    helper for driver power control
```

#### Parameters

**struct device \* dev** vga client device

**struct dev\_pm\_domain \* domain** power domain

#### Description

Helper for GPUs whose power state is controlled by the driver's runtime pm. After the GPU has been suspended, the handler needs to be called to cut power to the GPU. Likewise it needs to reinstate power

before the GPU can resume. To this end, this helper augments the suspend/resume functions by the requisite calls to the handler. It needs only be called on platforms where the power switch is separate to the device being powered down.

```
int vga_switcheroo_init_domain_pm_optimus_hdmi_audio(struct device *dev, struct dev_pm_domain *domain)
    helper for driver power control
```

### Parameters

**struct device \* dev** audio client device

**struct dev\_pm\_domain \* domain** power domain

### Description

Helper for GPUs whose power state is controlled by the driver's runtime pm. When the audio device resumes, the GPU needs to be woken. This helper augments the audio device's resume function to do that.

### Return

0 on success, -EINVAL if no power management operations are defined for this device.

## Public structures

**struct vga\_switcheroo\_handler**  
handler callbacks

### Definition

```
struct vga_switcheroo_handler {
    int (*init)(void);
    int (*switchto)(enum vga_switcheroo_client_id id);
    int (*switch_ddc)(enum vga_switcheroo_client_id id);
    int (*power_state)(enum vga_switcheroo_client_id id, enum vga_switcheroo_state state);
    enum vga_switcheroo_client_id (*get_client_id)(struct pci_dev *pdev);
};
```

### Members

**init** initialize handler. Optional. This gets called when vga\_switcheroo is enabled, i.e. when two vga clients have registered. It allows the handler to perform some delayed initialization that depends on the existence of the vga clients. Currently only the radeon and amdgpu drivers use this. The return value is ignored

**switchto** switch outputs to given client. Mandatory. For muxless machines this should be a no-op. Returning 0 denotes success, anything else failure (in which case the switch is aborted)

**switch\_ddc** switch DDC lines to given client. Optional. Should return the previous DDC owner on success or a negative int on failure

**power\_state** cut or reinstate power of given client. Optional. The return value is ignored

**get\_client\_id** determine if given pci device is integrated or discrete GPU. Mandatory

### Description

Handler callbacks. The multiplexer itself. The **switchto** and **get\_client\_id** methods are mandatory, all others may be set to NULL.

**struct vga\_switcheroo\_client\_ops**  
client callbacks

### Definition

```
struct vga_switcheroo_client_ops {
    void (*set_gpu_state)(struct pci_dev *dev, enum vga_switcheroo_state);
    void (*reprobe)(struct pci_dev *dev);
    bool (*can_switch)(struct pci_dev *dev);
};
```

### Members

**set\_gpu\_state** do the equivalent of suspend/resume for the card. Mandatory. This should not cut power to the discrete GPU, which is the job of the handler

**reprobe** poll outputs. Optional. This gets called after waking the GPU and switching the outputs to it

**can\_switch** check if the device is in a position to switch now. Mandatory. The client should return false if a user space process has one of its device files open

### Description

Client callbacks. A client can be either a GPU or an audio device on a GPU. The **set\_gpu\_state** and **can\_switch** methods are mandatory, **reprobe** may be set to NULL. For audio clients, the **reprobe** member is bogus.

## Public constants

enum **vga\_switcheroo\_handler\_flags\_t**  
handler flags bitmask

### Constants

**VGA\_SWITCHEROO\_CAN\_SWITCH\_DDC** whether the handler is able to switch the DDC lines separately. This signals to clients that they should call [drm\\_get\\_edid\\_switcheroo\(\)](#) to probe the EDID

**VGA\_SWITCHEROO\_NEEDS\_EDP\_CONFIG** whether the handler is unable to switch the AUX channel separately. This signals to clients that the active GPU needs to train the link and communicate the link parameters to the inactive GPU (mediated by vga\_switcheroo). The inactive GPU may then skip the AUX handshake and set up its output with these pre-calibrated values (DisplayPort specification v1.1a, section 2.5.3.3)

### Description

Handler flags bitmask. Used by handlers to declare their capabilities upon registering with vga\_switcheroo.

enum **vga\_switcheroo\_client\_id**  
client identifier

### Constants

**VGA\_SWITCHEROO\_UNKNOWN\_ID** initial identifier assigned to vga clients. Determining the id requires the handler, so GPUs are given their true id in a delayed fashion in vga\_switcheroo\_enable()

**VGA\_SWITCHEROO\_IGD** integrated graphics device

**VGA\_SWITCHEROO\_DIS** discrete graphics device

**VGA\_SWITCHEROO\_MAX\_CLIENTS** currently no more than two GPUs are supported

### Description

Client identifier. Audio clients use the same identifier & 0x100.

enum **vga\_switcheroo\_state**  
client power state

### Constants

**VGA\_SWITCHEROO\_OFF** off

**VGA\_SWITCHEROO\_ON** on

**VGA\_SWITCHEROO\_NOT\_FOUND** client has not registered with `vga_switcheroo`. Only used in `vga_switcheroo_get_client_state()` which in turn is only called from `hda_intel.c`

### Description

Client power state.

## Private structures

struct **vgasr\_priv**  
vga\_switcheroo private data

### Definition

```
struct vgasr_priv {
    bool active;
    bool delayed_switch_active;
    enum vga_switcheroo_client_id delayed_client_id;
    struct dentry *debugfs_root;
    struct dentry *switch_file;
    int registered_clients;
    struct list_head clients;
    const struct vga_switcheroo_handler *handler;
    enum vga_switcheroo_handler_flags_t handler_flags;
    struct mutex mux_hw_lock;
    int old_ddc_owner;
};
```

### Members

**active** whether `vga_switcheroo` is enabled. Prerequisite is the registration of two GPUs and a handler

**delayed\_switch\_active** whether a delayed switch is pending

**delayed\_client\_id** client to which a delayed switch is pending

**debugfs\_root** directory for `vga_switcheroo` debugfs interface

**switch\_file** file for `vga_switcheroo` debugfs interface

**registered\_clients** number of registered GPUs (counting only vga clients, not audio clients)

**clients** list of registered clients

**handler** registered handler

**handler\_flags** flags of registered handler

**mux\_hw\_lock** protects mux state (in particular while DDC lines are temporarily switched)

**old\_ddc\_owner** client to which DDC lines will be switched back on unlock

### Description

`vga_switcheroo` private data. Currently only one `vga_switcheroo` instance per system is supported.

struct **vga\_switcheroo\_client**  
registered client

### Definition

```
struct vga_switcheroo_client {
    struct pci_dev *pdev;
    struct fb_info *fb_info;
    enum vga_switcheroo_state pwr_state;
    const struct vga_switcheroo_client_ops *ops;
    enum vga_switcheroo_client_id id;
};
```

```
bool active;
bool driver_power_control;
struct list_head list;
};
```

## Members

**pdev** client pci device

**fb\_info** framebuffer to which console is remapped on switching

**pwr\_state** current power state

**ops** client callbacks

**id** client identifier. Determining the id requires the handler, so gpus are initially assigned VGA\_SWITCHEROO\_UNKNOWN\_ID and later given their true id in `vga_switcheroo_enable()`

**active** whether the outputs are currently switched to this client

**driver\_power\_control** whether power state is controlled by the driver's runtime pm. If true, writing ON and OFF to the `vga_switcheroo debugfs` interface is a no-op so as not to interfere with runtime pm

**list** client list

## Description

Registered client. A client can be either a GPU or an audio device on a GPU. For audio clients, the **fb\_info**, **active** and **driver\_power\_control** members are bogus.

## Handlers

### apple-gmux Handler

gmux is a microcontroller built into the MacBook Pro to support dual GPUs: A [Lattice XP2](#) on pre-retinas, a [Renesas R4F2113](#) on retinas.

(The MacPro6,1 2013 also has a gmux, however it is unclear why since it has dual GPUs but no built-in display.)

gmux is connected to the LPC bus of the southbridge. Its I/O ports are accessed differently depending on the microcontroller: Driver functions to access a pre-retina gmux are infixed `_pio_`, those for a retina gmux are infixed `_index_`.

gmux is also connected to a GPIO pin of the southbridge and thereby is able to trigger an ACPI GPE. On the MBP5 2008/09 it's GPIO pin 22 of the Nvidia MCP79, on all following generations it's GPIO pin 6 of the Intel PCH. The GPE merely signals that an interrupt occurred, the actual type of event is identified by reading a gmux register.

### Graphics mux

On pre-retinas, the LVDS outputs of both GPUs feed into gmux which muxes either of them to the panel. One of the tricks gmux has up its sleeve is to lengthen the blanking interval of its output during a switch to synchronize it with the GPU switched to. This allows for a flicker-free switch that is imperceptible by the user ([US 8,687,007 B2](#)).

On retinas, muxing is no longer done by gmux itself, but by a separate chip which is controlled by gmux. The chip is triple sourced, it is either an [NXP CCTL06142](#), [TI HD3SS212](#) or [Pericom PI3VDP12412](#). The panel is driven with eDP instead of LVDS since the pixel clock required for retina resolution exceeds LVDS' limits.

Pre-retinas are able to switch the panel's DDC pins separately. This is handled by a [TI SN74LV4066A](#) which is controlled by gmux. The inactive GPU can thus probe the panel's EDID without switching over the entire

panel. Retinas lack this functionality as the chips used for eDP muxing are incapable of switching the AUX channel separately (see the linked data sheets, Pericom would be capable but this is unused). However the retina panel has the `NO_AUX_HANDSHAKE_LINK_TRAINING` bit set in its DPCD, allowing the inactive GPU to skip the AUX handshake and set up the output with link parameters pre-calibrated by the active GPU.

The external DP port is only fully switchable on the first two unibody MacBook Pro generations, MBP5 2008/09 and MBP6 2010. This is done by an [NXP CBT06141](#) which is controlled by gmux. It's the predecessor of the eDP mux on retinas, the difference being support for 2.7 versus 5.4 Gbit/s.

The following MacBook Pro generations replaced the external DP port with a combined DP/Thunderbolt port and lost the ability to switch it between GPUs, connecting it either to the discrete GPU or the Thunderbolt controller. Oddly enough, while the full port is no longer switchable, AUX and HPD are still switchable by way of an [NXP CBT03062](#) (on pre-retinas MBP8 2011 and MBP9 2012) or two [TI TS3DS10224](#) (on retinas) under the control of gmux. Since the integrated GPU is missing the main link, external displays appear to it as phantoms which fail to link-train.

gmux receives the HPD signal of all display connectors and sends an interrupt on hotplug. On generations which cannot switch external ports, the discrete GPU can then be woken to drive the newly connected display. The ability to switch AUX on these generations could be used to improve reliability of hotplug detection by having the integrated GPU poll the ports while the discrete GPU is asleep, but currently we do not make use of this feature.

Our switching policy for the external port is that on those generations which are able to switch it fully, the port is switched together with the panel when IGD / DIS commands are issued to `vga_switcheroo`. It is thus possible to drive e.g. a beamer on battery power with the integrated GPU. The user may manually switch to the discrete GPU if more performance is needed.

On all newer generations, the external port can only be driven by the discrete GPU. If a display is plugged in while the panel is switched to the integrated GPU, *both* GPUs will be in use for maximum performance. To decrease power consumption, the user may manually switch to the discrete GPU, thereby suspending the integrated GPU.

gmux' initial switch state on bootup is user configurable via the EFI variable `gpu-power-prefs-fa4ce28d-b62f-4c99-9cc3-6815686e30f9` (5th byte, 1 = IGD, 0 = DIS). Based on this setting, the EFI firmware tells gmux to switch the panel and the external DP connector and allocates a framebuffer for the selected GPU.

### Power control

gmux is able to cut power to the discrete GPU. It automatically takes care of the correct sequence to tear down and bring up the power rails for core voltage, VRAM and PCIe.

### Backlight control

On single GPU MacBooks, the PWM signal for the backlight is generated by the GPU. On dual GPU MacBook Pros by contrast, either GPU may be suspended to conserve energy. Hence the PWM signal needs to be generated by a separate backlight driver which is controlled by gmux. The earliest generation MBP5 2008/09 uses a [TI LP8543](#) backlight driver. All newer models use a [TI LP8545](#).

### Public functions

`bool apple_gmux_present(void)`  
detect if gmux is built into the machine

#### Parameters

`void` no arguments

#### Description



Drivers may use this to activate quirks specific to dual GPU MacBook Pros and Mac Pros, e.g. for deferred probing, runtime pm and backlight.

**Return**

true if gmux is present and the kernel was configured with CONFIG\_APPLE\_GMUX, false otherwise.



## VGA ARBITER

Graphic devices are accessed through ranges in I/O or memory space. While most modern devices allow relocation of such ranges, some “Legacy” VGA devices implemented on PCI will typically have the same “hard-decoded” addresses as they did on ISA. For more details see “PCI Bus Binding to IEEE Std 1275-1994 Standard for Boot (Initialization Configuration) Firmware Revision 2.1” Section 7, Legacy Devices.

The Resource Access Control (RAC) module inside the X server [0] existed for the legacy VGA arbitration task (besides other bus management tasks) when more than one legacy device co-exists on the same machine. But the problem happens when these devices are trying to be accessed by different userspace clients (e.g. two server in parallel). Their address assignments conflict. Moreover, ideally, being a userspace application, it is not the role of the X server to control bus resources. Therefore an arbitration scheme outside of the X server is needed to control the sharing of these resources. This document introduces the operation of the VGA arbiter implemented for the Linux kernel.

### vgaarb kernel/userspace ABI

The vgaarb is a module of the Linux Kernel. When it is initially loaded, it scans all PCI devices and adds the VGA ones inside the arbitration. The arbiter then enables/disables the decoding on different devices of the VGA legacy instructions. Devices which do not want/need to use the arbiter may explicitly tell it by calling `vga_set_legacy_decoding()`.

The kernel exports a char device interface (`/dev/vga_arbiter`) to the clients, which has the following semantics:

**open** Opens a user instance of the arbiter. By default, it’s attached to the default VGA device of the system.

**close** Close a user instance. Release locks made by the user

**read** Return a string indicating the status of the target like:

“<card\_ID>,decodes=<io\_state>,owns=<io\_state>,locks=<io\_state> (ic,mc)”

An IO state string is of the form {io,mem,io+mem,none}, mc and ic are respectively mem and io lock counts (for debugging/ diagnostic only). “decodes” indicate what the card currently decodes, “owns” indicates what is currently enabled on it, and “locks” indicates what is locked by this card. If the card is unplugged, we get “invalid” then for card\_ID and an -ENODEV error is returned for any command until a new card is targeted.

**write** Write a command to the arbiter. List of commands:

**target <card\_ID>** switch target to card <card\_ID> (see below)

**lock <io\_state>** acquires locks on target (“none” is an invalid io\_state)

**trylock <io\_state>** non-blocking acquire locks on target (returns EBUSY if unsuccessful)

**unlock <io\_state>** release locks on target

**unlock all** release all locks on target held by this user (not implemented yet)

**decodes <io\_state>** set the legacy decoding attributes for the card

**poll** event if something changes on any card (not just the target)

card\_ID is of the form "PCI:domain:bus:dev.fn". It can be set to "default" to go back to the system default card (TODO: not implemented yet). Currently, only PCI is supported as a prefix, but the userland API may support other bus types in the future, even if the current kernel implementation doesn't.

Note about locks:

The driver keeps track of which user has which locks on which card. It supports stacking, like the kernel one. This complexifies the implementation a bit, but makes the arbiter more tolerant to user space problems and able to properly cleanup in all cases when a process dies. Currently, a max of 16 cards can have locks simultaneously issued from user space for a given user (file descriptor instance) of the arbiter.

In the case of devices hot-{un,}plugged, there is a hook - pci\_notify() - to notify them being added/removed in the system and automatically added/removed in the arbiter.

There is also an in-kernel API of the arbiter in case DRM, vgacon, or other drivers want to use it.

## In-kernel interface

void **vga\_set\_legacy\_decoding**(struct pci\_dev \* pdev, unsigned int decodes)

### Parameters

**struct pci\_dev \* pdev** pci device of the VGA card

**unsigned int decodes** bit mask of what legacy regions the card decodes

### Description

Indicates to the arbiter if the card decodes legacy VGA IOs, legacy VGA Memory, both, or none. All cards default to both, the card driver (fbdev for example) should tell the arbiter if it has disabled legacy decoding, so the card can be left out of the arbitration process (and can be safe to take interrupts at any time).

int **vga\_get\_interruptible**(struct pci\_dev \* pdev, unsigned int rsrc)

### Parameters

**struct pci\_dev \* pdev** pci device of the VGA card or NULL for the system default

**unsigned int rsrc** bit mask of resources to acquire and lock

### Description

Shortcut to vga\_get with interruptible set to true.

On success, release the VGA resource again with [vga\\_put\(\)](#).

int **vga\_get\_uninterruptible**(struct pci\_dev \* pdev, unsigned int rsrc)  
shortcut to [vga\\_get\(\)](#)

### Parameters

**struct pci\_dev \* pdev** pci device of the VGA card or NULL for the system default

**unsigned int rsrc** bit mask of resources to acquire and lock

### Description

Shortcut to vga\_get with interruptible set to false.

On success, release the VGA resource again with [vga\\_put\(\)](#).

struct pci\_dev \* **vga\_default\_device**(void)  
return the default VGA device, for vgacon

## Parameters

**void** no arguments

## Description

This can be defined by the platform. The default implementation is rather dumb and will probably only work properly on single vga card setups and/or x86 platforms.

If your VGA default device is not PCI, you'll have to return NULL here. In this case, I assume it will not conflict with any PCI card. If this is not true, I'll have to define two archs hooks for enabling/disabling the VGA default device if that is possible. This may be a problem with real `_ISA_` VGA cards, in addition to a PCI one. I don't know at this point how to deal with that card. Can their IOs be disabled at all ? If not, then I suppose it's a matter of having the proper arch hook telling us about it, so we basically never allow anybody to succeed a `vga_get()`...

int **vga\_get**(struct pci\_dev \* *pdev*, unsigned int *rsrc*, int *interruptible*)  
acquire & locks VGA resources

## Parameters

**struct pci\_dev \* pdev** pci device of the VGA card or NULL for the system default

**unsigned int rsrc** bit mask of resources to acquire and lock

**int interruptible** blocking should be interruptible by signals ?

## Description

This function acquires VGA resources for the given card and mark those resources locked. If the resource requested are "normal" (and not legacy) resources, the arbiter will first check whether the card is doing legacy decoding for that type of resource. If yes, the lock is "converted" into a legacy resource lock.

The arbiter will first look for all VGA cards that might conflict and disable their IOs and/or Memory access, including VGA forwarding on P2P bridges if necessary, so that the requested resources can be used. Then, the card is marked as locking these resources and the IO and/or Memory accesses are enabled on the card (including VGA forwarding on parent P2P bridges if any).

This function will block if some conflicting card is already locking one of the required resources (or any resource on a different bus segment, since P2P bridges don't differentiate VGA memory and IO afaik). You can indicate whether this blocking should be interruptible by a signal (for userland interface) or not.

Must not be called at interrupt time or in atomic context. If the card already owns the resources, the function succeeds. Nested calls are supported (a per-resource counter is maintained)

On success, release the VGA resource again with `vga_put()`.

## Return

0 on success, negative error code on failure.

int **vga\_tryget**(struct pci\_dev \* *pdev*, unsigned int *rsrc*)  
try to acquire & lock legacy VGA resources

## Parameters

**struct pci\_dev \* pdev** pci devivce of VGA card or NULL for system default

**unsigned int rsrc** bit mask of resources to acquire and lock

## Description

This function performs the same operation as `vga_get()`, but will return an error (-EBUSY) instead of blocking if the resources are already locked by another card. It can be called in any context

On success, release the VGA resource again with `vga_put()`.

## Return

0 on success, negative error code on failure.

void **vga\_put**(struct pci\_dev \* *pdev*, unsigned int *rsrc*)  
release lock on legacy VGA resources

### Parameters

**struct pci\_dev \* pdev** pci device of VGA card or NULL for system default

**unsigned int rsrc** but mask of resource to release

### Description

This function releases resources previously locked by [vga\\_get\(\)](#) or [vga\\_tryget\(\)](#). The resources aren't disabled right away, so that a subsequent [vga\\_get\(\)](#) on the same card will succeed immediately. Resources have a counter, so locks are only released if the counter reaches 0.

int **vga\_client\_register**(struct pci\_dev \* *pdev*, void \* *cookie*, void (\**irq\_set\_state*) (void \**cookie*, bool *state*, unsigned int (\**set\_vga\_decode*) (void \**cookie*, bool *decode*))  
register or unregister a VGA arbitration client

### Parameters

**struct pci\_dev \* pdev** pci device of the VGA client

**void \* cookie** client cookie to be used in callbacks

**void (\*)(void \**cookie*, bool *state*) irq\_set\_state** irq state change callback

**unsigned int (\*)(void \**cookie*, bool *decode*) set\_vga\_decode** vga decode change callback

### Description

Clients have two callback mechanisms they can use.

**irq\_set\_state** callback: If a client can't disable its GPU's VGA resources, then we need to be able to ask it to turn off its irqs when we turn off its mem and io decoding.

**set\_vga\_decode** callback: If a client can disable its GPU VGA resource, it will get a callback from this to set the encode/decode state.

Rationale: we cannot disable VGA decode resources unconditionally some single GPU laptops seem to require ACPI or BIOS access to the VGA registers to control things like backlights etc. Hopefully newer multi-GPU laptops do something saner, and desktops won't have any special ACPI for this. The driver will get a callback when VGA arbitration is first used by userspace since some older X servers have issues.

This function does not check whether a client for **pdev** has been registered already.

To unregister just call this function with **irq\_set\_state** and **set\_vga\_decode** both set to NULL for the same **pdev** as originally used to register them.

### Return

0 on success, -1 on failure

## libpciaccess

To use the vga arbiter char device it was implemented an API inside the libpciaccess library. One field was added to struct pci\_device (each device on the system):

```
/* the type of resource decoded by the device */
int vgaarb_rsrc;
```

Besides it, in pci\_system were added:

```
int vgaarb_fd;
int vga_count;
struct pci_device *vga_target;
struct pci_device *vga_default_dev;
```

The `vga_count` is used to track how many cards are being arbitrated, so for instance, if there is only one card, then it can completely escape arbitration.

These functions below acquire VGA resources for the given card and mark those resources as locked. If the resources requested are “normal” (and not legacy) resources, the arbiter will first check whether the card is doing legacy decoding for that type of resource. If yes, the lock is “converted” into a legacy resource lock. The arbiter will first look for all VGA cards that might conflict and disable their IOs and/or Memory access, including VGA forwarding on P2P bridges if necessary, so that the requested resources can be used. Then, the card is marked as locking these resources and the IO and/or Memory access is enabled on the card (including VGA forwarding on parent P2P bridges if any). In the case of `vga_arb_lock()`, the function will block if some conflicting card is already locking one of the required resources (or any resource on a different bus segment, since P2P bridges don't differentiate VGA memory and IO afaik). If the card already owns the resources, the function succeeds. `vga_arb_trylock()` will return (-EBUSY) instead of blocking. Nested calls are supported (a per-resource counter is maintained).

Set the target device of this client.

```
int pci_device_vgaarb_set_target (struct pci_device *dev);
```

For instance, in x86 if two devices on the same bus want to lock different resources, both will succeed (lock). If devices are in different buses and trying to lock different resources, only the first who tried succeeds.

```
int pci_device_vgaarb_lock      (void);
int pci_device_vgaarb_trylock   (void);
```

Unlock resources of device.

```
int pci_device_vgaarb_unlock    (void);
```

Indicates to the arbiter if the card decodes legacy VGA IOs, legacy VGA Memory, both, or none. All cards default to both, the card driver (fbdev for example) should tell the arbiter if it has disabled legacy decoding, so the card can be left out of the arbitration process (and can be safe to take interrupts at any time).

```
int pci_device_vgaarb_decodes   (int new_vgaarb_rsrc);
```

Connects to the arbiter device, allocates the struct

```
int pci_device_vgaarb_init      (void);
```

Close the connection

```
void pci_device_vgaarb_fini     (void);
```

## xf86VGAArbiter (X server implementation)

X server basically wraps all the functions that touch VGA registers somehow.

## References

Benjamin Herrenschmidt (IBM?) started this work when he discussed such design with the Xorg community in 2005 [1, 2]. In the end of 2007, Paulo Zandoni and Tiago Vignatti (both of C3SL/Federal University of Paraná) proceeded his work enhancing the kernel code to adapt as a kernel module and also did the implementation of the user space side [3]. Now (2009) Tiago Vignatti and Dave Airlie finally put this work in shape and queued to Jesse Barnes' PCI tree.

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## **DRM/BRIDGE/DW-HDMI SYNOPSYS DESIGNWARE HDMI CONTROLLER**

### **Synopsys DesignWare HDMI Controller**

This section covers everything related to the Synopsys DesignWare HDMI Controller implemented as a DRM bridge.

#### **Supported Input Formats and Encodings**

Depending on the Hardware configuration of the Controller IP, it supports a subset of the following input formats and encodings on its internal 48bit bus.

Format Name	Format Code	Encodings
RGB 4:4:4 8bit	ME - DIA_BUS_FMT_RGB888_1X24	V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_DEFAULT
RGB 4:4:4 10bits	ME - DIA_BUS_FMT_RGB101010_1X30	V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_DEFAULT
RGB 4:4:4 12bits	ME - DIA_BUS_FMT_RGB121212_1X36	V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_DEFAULT
RGB 4:4:4 16bits	ME - DIA_BUS_FMT_RGB161616_1X48	V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_DEFAULT
YCbCr 4:4:4 8bit	ME - DIA_BUS_FMT_YUV8_1X24	V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_601 or V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_709 or V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_XV601 or V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_XV709
YCbCr 4:4:4 10bits	ME - DIA_BUS_FMT_YUV10_1X30	V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_601 or V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_709 or V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_XV601 or V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_XV709
YCbCr 4:4:4 12bits	ME - DIA_BUS_FMT_YUV12_1X36	V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_601 or V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_709 or V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_XV601 or V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_XV709
YCbCr 4:4:4 16bits	ME - DIA_BUS_FMT_YUV16_1X48	V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_601 or V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_709 or V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_XV601 or V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_XV709
YCbCr 4:2:2 8bit	ME - DIA_BUS_FMT_UYVY8_1X16	V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_601 or V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_709
YCbCr 4:2:2 10bits	ME - DIA_BUS_FMT_UYVY10_1X20	V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_601 or V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_709
YCbCr 4:2:2 12bits	ME - DIA_BUS_FMT_UYVY12_1X24	V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_601 or V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_709
YCbCr 4:2:0 8bit	ME - DIA_BUS_FMT_UYVY8_0_5X24	V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_601 or V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_709
YCbCr 4:2:0 10bits	ME - DIA_BUS_FMT_UYVY10_0_5X30	V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_601 or V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_709
YCbCr 4:2:0 12bits	ME - DIA_BUS_FMT_UYVY12_0_5X36	V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_601 or V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_709
YCbCr 4:2:0 16bits	ME - DIA_BUS_FMT_UYVY16_0_5X48	V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_601 or V4L2_YCBCR_ENC_709



## **TODO LIST**

This section contains a list of smaller janitorial tasks in the kernel DRM graphics subsystem useful as newbie projects. Or for slow rainy days.

### **Subsystem-wide refactorings**

#### **De-midlayer drivers**

With the recent `drm_bus` cleanup patches for 3.17 it is no longer required to have a `drm_bus` structure set up. Drivers can directly set up the `drm_device` structure instead of relying on bus methods in `drm_usb.c` and `drm_pci.c`. The goal is to get rid of the driver's `->load / ->unload` callbacks and open-code the load/unload sequence properly, using the new two-stage `drm_device` setup/teardown.

Once all existing drivers are converted we can also remove those bus support files for USB and platform devices.

All you need is a GPU for a non-converted driver (currently almost all of them, but also all the virtual ones used by KVM, so everyone qualifies).

Contact: Daniel Vetter, Thierry Reding, respective driver maintainers

#### **Switch from reference/unreference to get/put**

For some reason DRM core uses reference/unreference suffixes for refcounting functions, but kernel uses get/put (e.g. `kref_get/put()`). It would be good to switch over for consistency, and it's shorter. Needs to be done in 3 steps for each pair of functions:

- Create new get/put functions, define the old names as compatibility wrappers
- Switch over each file/driver using a cocci-generated spatch.
- Once all users of the old names are gone, remove them.

This way drivers/patches in the progress of getting merged won't break.

Contact: Daniel Vetter

#### **Convert existing KMS drivers to atomic modesetting**

3.19 has the atomic modeset interfaces and helpers, so drivers can now be converted over. Modern compositors like Wayland or Surfaceflinger on Android really want an atomic modeset interface, so this is all about the bright future.

There is a conversion guide for atomic and all you need is a GPU for a non-converted driver (again virtual HW drivers for KVM are still all suitable).

As part of this drivers also need to convert to universal plane (which means exposing primary & cursor as proper plane objects). But that's much easier to do by directly using the new atomic helper driver callbacks.

Contact: Daniel Vetter, respective driver maintainers

## **Clean up the clipped coordination confusion around planes**

We have a helper to get this right with `drm_plane_helper_check_update()`, but it's not consistently used. This should be fixed, preferably in the atomic helpers (and drivers then moved over to clipped coordinates). Probably the helper should also be moved from `drm_plane_helper.c` to the atomic helpers, to avoid confusion - the other helpers in that file are all deprecated legacy helpers.

Contact: Ville Syrjälä, Daniel Vetter, driver maintainers

## **Convert early atomic drivers to async commit helpers**

For the first year the atomic modeset helpers didn't support asynchronous / nonblocking commits, and every driver had to hand-roll them. This is fixed now, but there's still a pile of existing drivers that easily could be converted over to the new infrastructure.

One issue with the helpers is that they require that drivers handle completion events for atomic commits correctly. But fixing these bugs is good anyway.

Contact: Daniel Vetter, respective driver maintainers

## **Better manual-upload support for atomic**

This would be especially useful for `tinydrm`:

- Add a struct `drm_rect dirty_clip` to `drm_crtc_state`. When duplicating the `crtc` state, clear that to the max values, `x/y = 0` and `w/h = MAX_INT`, in `__drm_atomic_helper_crtc_duplicate_state()`.
- Move `tinydrm_merge_clips` into `drm_framebuffer.c`, dropping the `tinydrm_` prefix ofc and using `drm_fb_`. `drm_framebuffer.c` makes sense since this is a function useful to implement the `fb->dirty` function.
- Create a new `drm_fb_dirty` function which does essentially what e.g. `mipi_dbi_fb_dirty` does. You can use e.g. `drm_atomic_helper_update_plane` as the template. But instead of doing a simple full-screen plane update, this new helper also sets `crtc_state->dirty_clip` to the right coordinates. And of course it needs to check whether the fb is actually active (and maybe where), so there's some book-keeping involved. There's also some good fun involved in scaling things appropriately. For that case we might simply give up and declare the entire area covered by the plane as dirty.

Contact: Noralf Trønnes, Daniel Vetter

## **Fallout from atomic KMS**

`drm_atomic_helper.c` provides a batch of functions which implement legacy IOCTLs on top of the new atomic driver interface. Which is really nice for gradual conversion of drivers, but unfortunately the semantic mismatches are a bit too severe. So there's some follow-up work to adjust the function interfaces to fix these issues:

- `atomic` needs the lock acquire context. At the moment that's passed around implicitly with some horrible hacks, and it's also allocated with `GFP_NOFAIL` behind the scenes. All legacy paths need to start allocating the acquire context explicitly on stack and then also pass it down into drivers explicitly so that the legacy-on-atomic functions can use them.

Except for some driver code this is done.

- A bunch of the vtable hooks are now in the wrong place: DRM has a split between core vfunc tables (named `drm_foo_funcs`), which are used to implement the userspace ABI. And then there's the optional hooks for the helper libraries (name `drm_foo_helper_funcs`), which are purely for internal use. Some of these hooks should be move from `_funcs` to `_helper_funcs` since they are not part of the core ABI. There's a FIXME comment in the kerneldoc for each such case in `drm_crtc.h`.
- There's a new helper `drm_atomic_helper_best_encoder()` which could be used by all atomic drivers which don't select the encoder for a given connector at runtime. That's almost all of them, and would allow us to get rid of a lot of `best_encoder` boilerplate in drivers.

This was almost done, but new drivers added a few more cases again.

Contact: Daniel Vetter

## Get rid of `dev->struct_mutex` from GEM drivers

`dev->struct_mutex` is the Big DRM Lock from legacy days and infested everything. Nowadays in modern drivers the only bit where it's mandatory is serializing GEM buffer object destruction. Which unfortunately means drivers have to keep track of that lock and either call `unreference` or `unreference_locked` depending upon context.

Core GEM doesn't have a need for `struct_mutex` any more since kernel 4.8, and there's a `gem_free_object_unlocked` callback for any drivers which are entirely `struct_mutex` free.

For drivers that need `struct_mutex` it should be replaced with a driver- private lock. The tricky part is the BO free functions, since those can't reliably take that lock any more. Instead state needs to be protected with suitable subordinate locks or some cleanup work pushed to a worker thread. For performance-critical drivers it might also be better to go with a more fine-grained per-buffer object and per-context lockings scheme. Currently the following drivers still use `struct_mutex`: `msm`, `omapdrm` and `udl`.

Contact: Daniel Vetter, respective driver maintainers

## Convert instances of `dev_info/dev_err/dev_warn` to their `DRM_DEV_*` equivalent

For drivers which could have multiple instances, it is necessary to differentiate between which is which in the logs. Since `DRM_INFO/WARN/ERROR` don't do this, drivers used `dev_info/warn/err` to make this differentiation. We now have `DRM_DEV_*` variants of the `drm` print macros, so we can start to convert those drivers back to using `drm`-formatted specific log messages.

Before you start this conversion please contact the relevant maintainers to make sure your work will be merged - not everyone agrees that the `DRM` `dmesg` macros are better.

Contact: Sean Paul, Maintainer of the driver you plan to convert

## Convert drivers to use simple `modeset` `suspend/resume`

Most drivers (except `i915` and `nouveau`) that use `drm_atomic_helper_suspend/resume()` can probably be converted to use `drm_mode_config_helper_suspend/resume()`.

Contact: Maintainer of the driver you plan to convert

## Convert drivers to use `drm_fb_helper_fbdev_setup/teardown()`

Most drivers can use `drm_fb_helper_fbdev_setup()` except maybe:

- `amdgpu` which has special logic to decide whether to call `drm_helper_disable_unused_functions()`
- `armada` which isn't atomic and doesn't call `drm_helper_disable_unused_functions()`
- `i915` which calls `drm_fb_helper_initial_config()` in a worker

Drivers that use `drm_framebuffer_remove()` to clean up the fbdev framebuffer can probably use `drm_fb_helper_fbdev_teardown()`.

Contact: Maintainer of the driver you plan to convert

## Core refactorings

### Clean up the DRM header mess

Currently the DRM subsystem has only one global header, `drmP.h`. This is used both for functions exported to helper libraries and drivers and functions only used internally in the `drm.ko` module. The goal would be to move all header declarations not needed outside of `drm.ko` into `drivers/gpu/drm/drm_*_internal.h` header files. `EXPORT_SYMBOL` also needs to be dropped for these functions.

This would nicely tie in with the below task to create kerneldoc after the API is cleaned up. Or with the “hide legacy cruft better” task.

Note that this is well in progress, but `drmP.h` is still huge. The updated plan is to switch to per-file driver API headers, which will also structure the kerneldoc better. This should also allow more fine-grained `#include` directives.

In the end no `.c` file should need to include `drmP.h` anymore.

Contact: Daniel Vetter

### Add missing kerneldoc for exported functions

The DRM reference documentation is still lacking kerneldoc in a few areas. The task would be to clean up interfaces like moving functions around between files to better group them and improving the interfaces like dropping return values for functions that never fail. Then write kerneldoc for all exported functions and an overview section and integrate it all into the `drm` book.

See <https://dri.freedesktop.org/docs/drm/> for what's there already.

Contact: Daniel Vetter

### Hide legacy cruft better

Way back DRM supported only drivers which shadow-attached to PCI devices with userspace or fbdev drivers setting up outputs. Modern DRM drivers take charge of the entire device, you can spot them with the `DRIVER_MODESET` flag.

Unfortunately there's still large piles of legacy code around which needs to be hidden so that driver writers don't accidentally end up using it. And to prevent security issues in those legacy IOCTLs from being exploited on modern drivers. This has multiple possible subtasks:

- Extract support code for legacy features into a `drm-legacy.ko` kernel module and compile it only when one of the legacy drivers is enabled.

This is mostly done, the only thing left is to split up `drm_irq.c` into legacy cruft and the parts needed by modern KMS drivers.

Contact: Daniel Vetter

### Make panic handling work

This is a really varied tasks with lots of little bits and pieces:

- The panic path can't be tested currently, leading to constant breaking. The main issue here is that panics can be triggered from hardirq contexts and hence all panic related callback can run in hardirq context. It would be awesome if we could test at least the fbdev helper code and driver code by e.g. trigger calls through drm debugfs files. hardirq context could be achieved by using an IPI to the local processor.
- There's a massive confusion of different panic handlers. DRM fbdev emulation helpers have one, but on top of that the fbcon code itself also has one. We need to make sure that they stop fighting over each another.
- `drm_can_sleep()` is a mess. It hides real bugs in normal operations and isn't a full solution for panic paths. We need to make sure that it only returns true if there's a panic going on for real, and fix up all the fallout.
- The panic handler must never sleep, which also means it can't ever `mutex_lock()`. Also it can't grab any other lock unconditionally, not even spinlocks (because NMI and hardirq can panic too). We need to either make sure to not call such paths, or trylock everything. Really tricky.
- For the above locking troubles reasons it's pretty much impossible to attempt a synchronous modeset from panic handlers. The only thing we could try to achieve is an atomic `set_base` of the primary plane, and hope that it shows up. Everything else probably needs to be delayed to some worker or something else which happens later on. Otherwise it just kills the box harder, prevent the panic from going out on e.g. netconsole.
- There's also proposal for a simplified DRM console instead of the full-blown fbcon and DRM fbdev emulation. Any kind of panic handling tricks should obviously work for both console, in case we ever get kmslog merged.

Contact: Daniel Vetter

## Clean up the debugfs support

There's a bunch of issues with it:

- The `drm_info_list ->show()` function doesn't even bother to cast to the `drm` structure for you. This is lazy.
- We probably want to have some support for debugfs files on `crtc/connectors` and maybe other kms objects directly in core. There's even `drm_print` support in the funcs for these objects to dump kms state, so it's all there. And then the `->show()` functions should obviously give you a pointer to the right object.
- The `drm_info_list` stuff is centered on `drm_minor` instead of `drm_device`. For anything we want to print `drm_device` (or maybe `drm_file`) is the right thing.
- The `drm_driver->debugfs_init` hooks we have is just an artifact of the old midlayered load sequence. DRM debugfs should work more like sysfs, where you can create properties/files for an object any-time you want, and the core takes care of publishing/unpublishing all the files at register/unregister time. Drivers shouldn't need to worry about these technicalities, and fixing this (together with the `drm_minor->drm_device` move) would allow us to remove `debugfs_init`.

Contact: Daniel Vetter

## KMS cleanups

Some of these date from the very introduction of KMS in 2008 ...

- `drm_mode_config.crtc_idr` is misnamed, since it contains all KMS object. Should be renamed to `drm_mode_config.object_idr`.
- `drm_display_mode` doesn't need to be derived from `drm_mode_object`. That's leftovers from older (never merged into upstream) KMS designs where modes were set using their ID, including support to add/remove modes.

## Better Testing

### Enable trinity for DRM

And fix up the fallout. Should be really interesting ...

### Make KMS tests in i-g-t generic

The i915 driver team maintains an extensive testsuite for the i915 DRM driver, including tons of testcases for corner-cases in the modesetting API. It would be awesome if those tests (at least the ones not relying on Intel-specific GEM features) could be made to run on any KMS driver.

Basic work to run i-g-t tests on non-i915 is done, what's now missing is mass- converting things over. For modeset tests we also first need a bit of infrastructure to use dumb buffers for untiled buffers, to be able to run all the non-i915 specific modeset tests.

Contact: Daniel Vetter

### Create a virtual KMS driver for testing (vkms)

With all the latest helpers it should be fairly simple to create a virtual KMS driver useful for testing, or for running X or similar on headless machines (to be able to still use the GPU). This would be similar to vgem, but aimed at the modeset side.

Once the basics are there there's tons of possibilities to extend it.

Contact: Daniel Vetter

## Driver Specific

### tinydrm

Tinydrm is the helper driver for really simple fb drivers. The goal is to make those drivers as simple as possible, so lots of room for refactoring:

- backlight helpers, probably best to put them into a new `drm_backlight.c`. This is because `drivers/video` is de-facto unmaintained. We could also move `drivers/video/backlight` to `drivers/gpu/backlight` and take it all over within `drm-misc`, but that's more work. Backlight helpers require a fair bit of reworking and refactoring. A simple example is the enabling of a backlight. Tinydrm has helpers for this. It would be good if other drivers can also use the helper. However, there are various cases we need to consider i.e different drivers seem to have different ways of enabling/disabling a backlight. We also need to consider the backlight drivers (like `gpio_backlight`). The situation is further complicated by the fact that the backlight is tied to fbdev via `fb_notifier_callback()` which has complicated logic. For further details, refer to the following discussion thread: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!topic/outreachy-kernel/8rBe30lwtdA>
- spi helpers, probably best put into spi core/helper code. Thierry said the spi maintainer is fast&reactive, so shouldn't be a big issue.
- extract the mipi-dbi helper (well, the non-tinydrm specific parts at least) into a separate helper, like we have for mipi-dsi already. Or follow one of the ideas for having a shared dsi/dbi helper, abstracting away the transport details more.
- `tinydrm_gem_cma_prime_import_sg_table` should probably go into the cma helpers, as a `_vmapped` variant (since not every driver needs the vmap). And `tinydrm_gem_cma_free_object` could be merged into `drm_gem_cma_free_object()`.



- `tinydrm_fb_create` we could move into `drm_simple_pipe`, only need to add the `fb_create` hook to `drm_simple_pipe_funcs`, which would again simplify a bunch of things (since it gives you a one-stop vfunc for simple drivers).
- Quick aside: The `unregister_devm` stuff is kinda getting the lifetimes of a `drm_device` wrong. Doesn't matter, since everyone else gets it wrong too :-)
- also rework the `drm_framebuffer_funcs->dirty` hook wire-up, see above.

Contact: Noralf Trønnes, Daniel Vetter

## AMD DC Display Driver

AMD DC is the display driver for AMD devices starting with Vega. There has been a bunch of progress cleaning it up but there's still plenty of work to be done.

See `drivers/gpu/drm/amd/display/TODO` for tasks.

Contact: Harry Wentland, Alex Deucher

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