



DTPM SIG

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Agenda

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- Charter - recap
- TG Status
 - Debug, Nexus
- Maintenance
 - eTrace clarification on push/pop and data trace
- Gap Analysis
- Discussion
- Future meetings
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Charter

Full verbiage is [here](#). Key points:

The goal for the DTPM SIG shall be to define a strategy to establish specifications and guidelines for the interfaces, transports, and other pieces of the SoC infrastructure

The DTPM SIG shall focus on the following areas:

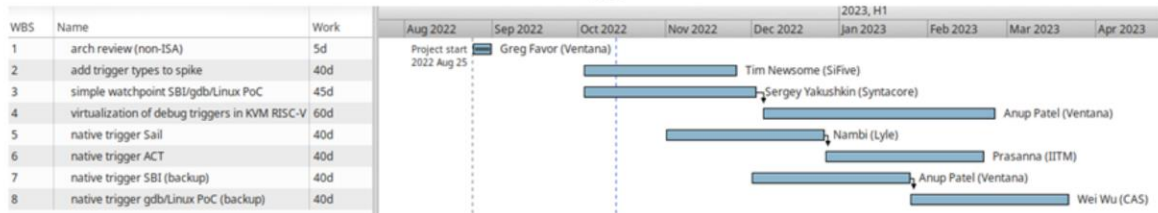
- Standard programming interface
- Standard transports
- Unified security architecture
- Cables and connectors
- Debug, Trace, and SoC performance monitoring features

The DTPM SIG shall work on a gap analysis by starting with a lay of the land review on RVI debug, trace, SoC performance-monitoring capabilities



- Greg: need to clarify "transports"
 - Iain: scope is around Trace Transports and we can clarify. Update: the full charter wording already makes this clear
- Greg: What is Unified Security Architecture?
 - Ved: Various debug levels End-User, Expert or OEM, etc.
 - How do we authorize different levels?
 - Root of trust being established to debug and identify if debug is enabled on a platform
 - What can be part of debug vs what cannot be part of debug?
 - Charter needs to expand further

TG Status - Debug



- Should be ready to ratify v1.0 March 2023
- Several minor follow-on items deferred to v1.1:
 - #562, let the debugger flush caches when there is no program buffer
 - #390, optionally don't reset debug CSRs during reset



- Greg: Debug spec did not comprehend vector loads and stores
 - **lain**: need to be considered for future
 - Needs to be considered as a new ask and not block existing work

TG Status - Nexus

- Connectors
 - Most extensions agreed with MIPI
- Common control
 - Reworking to provide dedicated 4k blocks per component
 - Discussion ongoing regarding access from non-system bus
- Nexus Messages
 - Some clarifications
- Reference encoder/decoder
 - Changed to match messages
- Need clarity on what remains to be done



- Mark: there is Performance Analysis SIG for applications run by Beeman
 - Iain: will reach out to Beeman
- Greg: Are we to merge Nexus proposals or drive them separately
 - Iain: Need to come up with way to handle all the changes
- Greg: Whats the definition of completing the tasks?
 - Iain: Need to have Robert and have a comprehensive discussion
- Greg: Do we expect all Trace information in ADOC?
 - Iain: need to come up with a document and consolidation process

Maintenance

- eTrace: Seagate requested some further clarification on push/pop support for data trace
 - Examples added to section 4.3 and pull request made
 - No functional change
 - Need to determine approval process for updating the spec given that it is ratified.



- Mark: Maybe have a Update TG to handle new request and TSC will approve it
 - Iain: Versioning rules??
 - Jeff: please reach out to help@riscv.org for the versioning rules
- Greg: Vector support?
 - Iain: not supported right now

Gap Analysis

- Trace
 - Common Control
 - Ongoing, under Nexus TG (for historic reasons). Progress very slow
 - Connectors
 - Ongoing, under Nexus
 - eTrace packet encapsulation for transport
 - High priority, should be a small task – spin up a TG?
 - eTrace cycle accurate and vector extension support
 - Lower priority?
- Performance counting
 - Define standardised architecture, metrics and access for performance counting.
 - Useful starting point [here](#) and [here](#).
 - Any interest in starting a TG?
- Debug Authorisation framework
- Remote Telemetry
- Alternatives to GDB with multi-core support



- Mark: If members are not pushing the features and working on it, we wont do it.
- Ved: eTrace and Nexus are defined to a trace port, need trace to memory?
 - Iain: potentially captured in encapsulation item; it is important and need to spin up TG
 - Ved: may need to consider virtualization
 - Greg: may not be one encapsulation standard needed?
 - Iain: there are examples in eTrace, but not complete or normative
 - Greg: need to have a complete standard for control of trace to memory
 - Iain: there is a register map in the common control doc, though this may not be sufficient. Need to complete but maybe should not be part of Nexus TG
- Xiahoan Ma: What is Trace information? More than instructions?
 - Iain: Instruction and Data Trace spec have been defined; Maybe there is scope for more?
 - Ved: Branch tracing is of more interest for SW debug
- Greg: Performance SIG from Beeman has started this topic
 - Maybe need to be coordinated
- Ved: remote telemetry - for large machines to be monitored remotely
- Ved: Self hosted debug as a gap? Debug to be delegated to lower modes like Supervisor mode
- Mark: Competitive analysis of all features from different architectures
 - Iain/ Niranjan: we do need to analyze

Future Meetings / AOB

- Meeting frequency?
- In-person meeting at RISC-V summit?
 - No slots remaining on member day but a slot during the conference days is possible
- AOB



Thank You

