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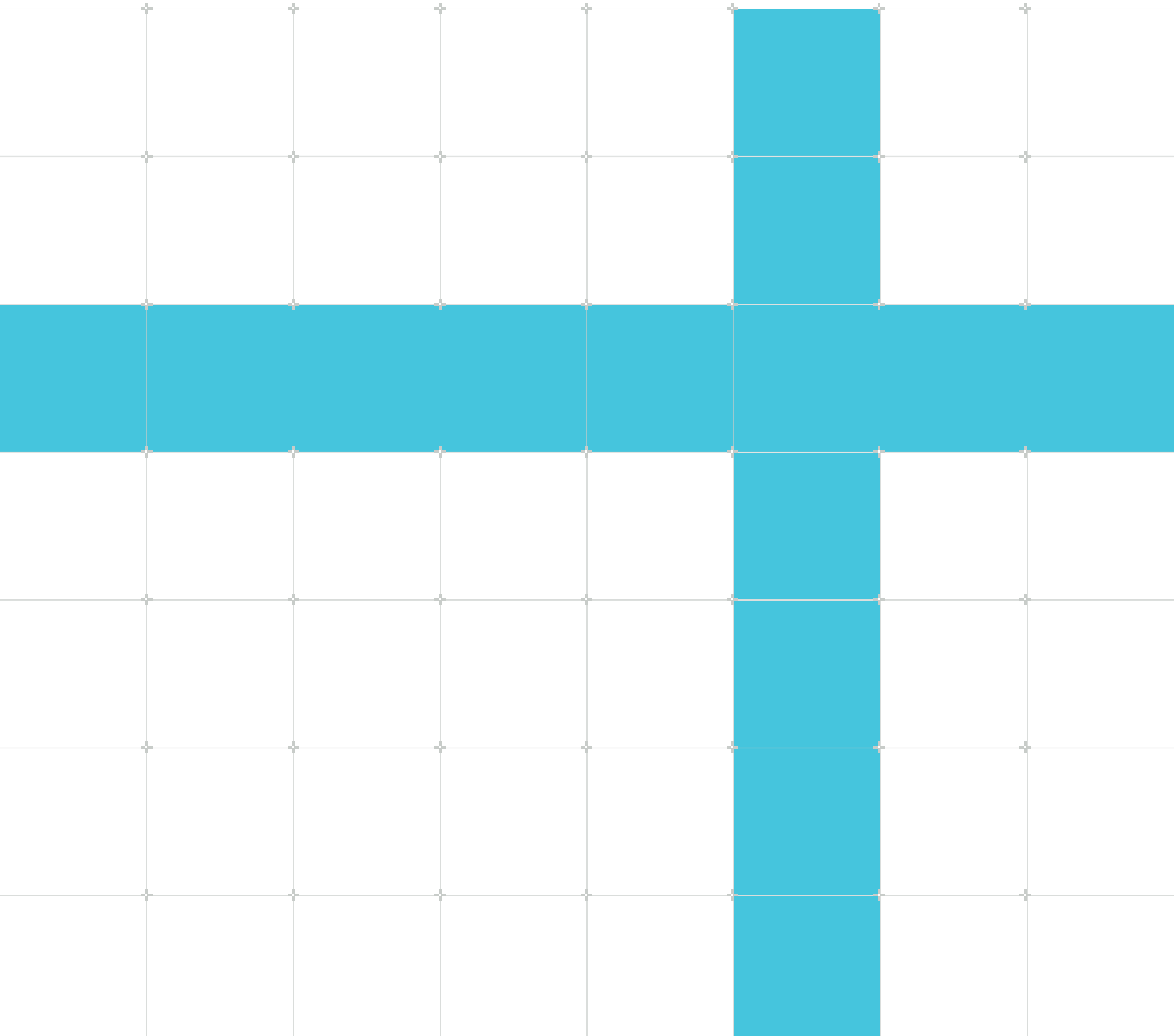
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1. Introduction to BSA

This chapter describes Base System Architecture (BSA) ACS and its components.

1.1 Abbreviations

The section lists the abbreviations used in this document.

Table 1-1: Abbreviations and expansions

Abbreviation	Expansion
ACS	Architecture Compliance Suite
ACPI	Advanced Configuration and Power Interface
AHCI	Advance Host Controller Interface
BDF	Bus Device Function
BSA	Base System Architecture
DT	Device Tree
ES	Embedded Server
FAR	Fault Address Register
GIC	Generic Interrupt Controller
IOMMU	Input Output Memory Management Unit
IRQ	Interrupt Request
ITS	Interrupt Translation Service
LPI	Locality-specific Peripheral Interrupt
MSI	Message-Signaled Interrupt
PAL	Platform Abstraction Layer
PASID	Process Address Space ID
PCIe	Peripheral Component Interconnect express
PE	Processing Element
PSCI	Power State Coordination Interface
RCIEP	Root Complex integrated EndPoint
RCEC	Root Complex Event Collector
SMC	Secure Monitor Call
SMMU	System Memory Management Unit
SoC	System on Chip
UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver and Transmitter
UEFI	Unified Extensible Firmware Interface
VAL	Validation Abstraction Layer

1.2 Introduction to BSA ACS

This section provides information on Base System Architecture (BSA) Architecture Compliance Suite (ACS) and its features.

BSA ACS specification specifies hardware system architecture that is based on Arm 64-bit architecture. Server system software such as operating systems, hypervisors, and firmware can rely on it. It addresses Processing Element (PE) features and key aspects of system architecture.

The primary goal is to ensure enough standard system architecture to enable a suitably built single OS image to run on all hardware that is compliant with the specification. It also specifies features that firmware can rely on, allowing for some commonality in firmware implementation across platforms.

The BSA architecture that is described in the *Arm® Base System Architecture Specification* defines the functionality of an abstract machine, referred to as a BSA system. Implementations compliant with the BSA architecture must conform to the functionalities described in the specification.

The ACS is a set of examples of the specified invariant behaviors. Use the SYSARCH ACS to verify whether the functionalities are compliant as per the specification.

1.3 Compliance test suites

This section provides information on SYSARCH compliance tests.

SYSARCH compliance test suites are self-checking and portable C-based tests with directed stimulus. The following table describes the compliance test suites.

Table 1-2: Compliance test suites

Test suites	Description
PE	Verifies PE compliance.
GIC	Verifies Generic Interrupt Controller (GIC) compliance.
Timer	Verifies PE timers and system timers compliance.
Watchdog	Verifies watchdog timer compliance.
PCIe	Verifies Peripheral Component Interconnect express (PCIe) subsystem compliance.
Peripherals	Verifies USB, SATA, and Universal Asynchronous Receiver and Transmitter (UART) compliance.
Power and Wakeup	Verifies system power states compliance.
SMMU	Verifies System Memory Management Unit (SMMU) subsystem compliance.
Exerciser	Verifies PCIe subsystem with a custom stimulus generator.

1.4 Layered software stack

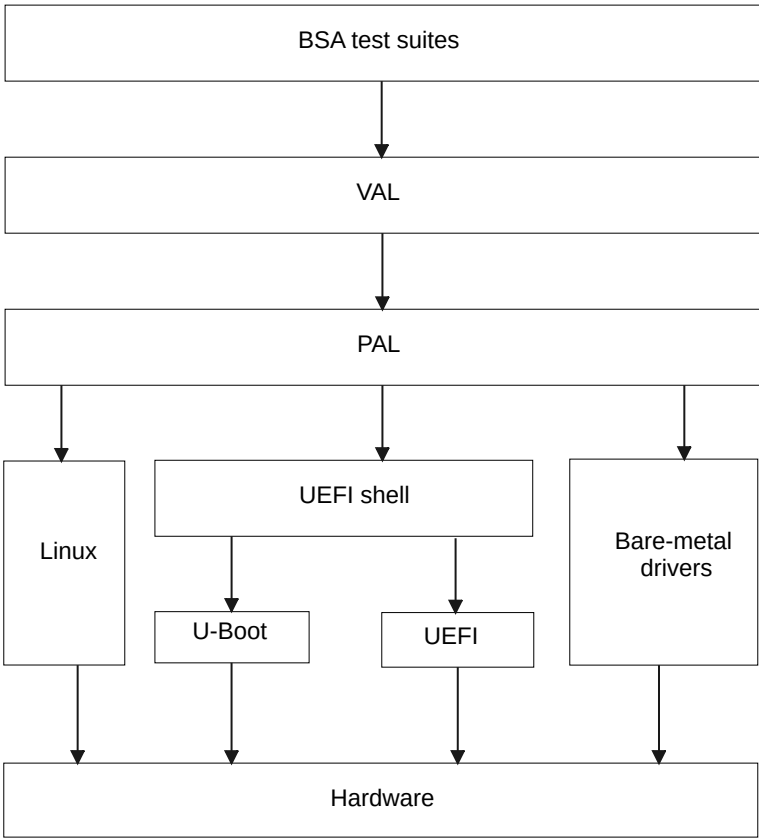
This section provides information on layered software stack that is used by ACS.

ACS uses the layered software stack approach to enable porting across the different test platforms. The layered stack contains:

- Test suites
- Validation Abstraction Layer (VAL)
- Platform Abstraction Layer (PAL)

The following figure shows the different layers in layered software stack.

Figure 1-1: Layered software stack



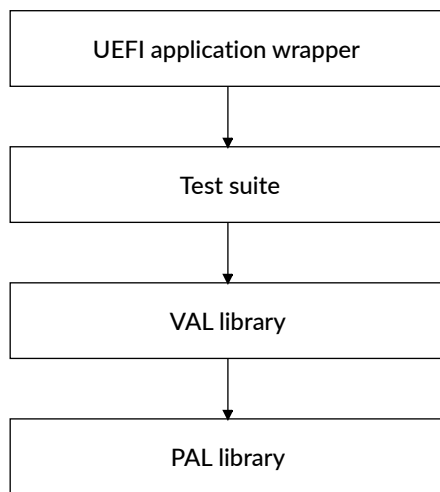
The following table describes the different layers in ACS.

Table 1-3: Compliance test layers

Layer	Description
Test suites	Collection of targeted tests that validate the compliance of the target system. These tests use interfaces that are provided by the VAL.
VAL	Provides a uniform view of all the underlying hardware and test infrastructure to the test suite.
PAL	Is a C-based, Arm-defined API that you can implement. It abstracts features whose implementation varies from one target system to another. Each test platform requires a PAL implementation of its own. PAL APIs are intended for the compliance test to reach or use other abstractions in the test platform such as the Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI) infrastructure or U-boot infrastructure or baremetal abstraction.

1.4.1 Compliance test software stack with UEFI shell application

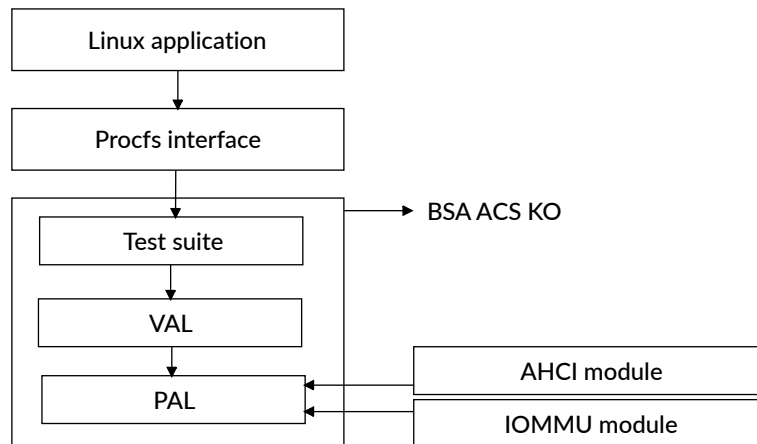
The following figure shows the compliance test software stack interplay with UEFI shell application as an example.

Figure 1-2: Software stack UEFI shell application

1.4.2 ACS software stack with Linux application

The stack is spread across user mode and kernel mode space. The Linux command-line application running in the user mode space and the kernel module communicate using a `procfs` interface. The test pool, VAL, and PAL layers are built as a kernel module.

The following figure shows the ACS software stack with Linux application as an example.

Figure 1-3: Software stack with Linux application

The BSA command-line application initiates the tests and queries for status of the test using the standard `procfs` interface of the Linux OS. To avoid multiple data transfers between the kernel and user modes, the test suite, VAL, and PAL are together built as a kernel module.

Further, the PAL layer might need information from modules such as Advance Host Controller Interface (AHCI) driver and the Input Output Memory Management Unit (IOMMU) driver which are outside the BSA ACS kernel module. A separate patch file is provided to patch the drivers appropriately to export the required information. For more information on patch, see the [README](#).

**Note**

Linux-based tests are available only to systems targeting Embedded Server (ES) certification.

1.4.3 Coding guidelines

The coding guidelines followed for the implementation of the test suite are described as follows.

- All the tests call VAL APIs.
- VAL APIs may call PAL APIs depending on the requested functionality.
- A test does not directly interface with PAL functions.
- The test layer does not need any code modifications when porting from one platform to another.
- All the platform porting changes are limited to PAL.

- The VAL might require changes if there are architectural changes impacting multiple platforms.

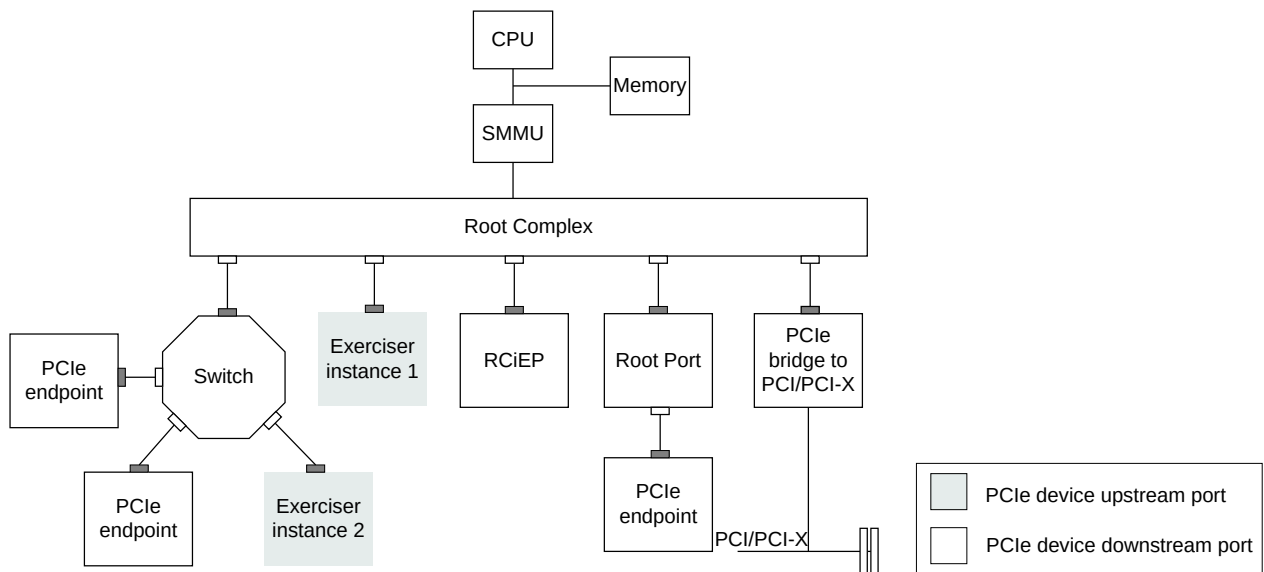
1.5 Exerciser

This section provides information on Exerciser and its functionality in System on Chip (SoC).

Exerciser is a PCIe endpoint device that can be programmed to generate custom stimuli for verifying the BSA compliance of PCIe IP integration into an Arm® SoC. The stimulus is used in verifying the compliance of PCIe functionality like I/O coherency, snoop behavior, address translation, Process Address Space ID (PASID) transactions, DMA transactions, Message-Signaled Interrupt (MSI), and legacy interrupt behavior.

The following figure shows the PCIe hierarchy consisting of various endpoints, switches, and bridges.

Figure 1-4: Exerciser in an SoC



Root Complex integrated EndPoint (RCiEP) and Root Complex Event Collector (RCEC) are endpoints connected directly to Root Complex. PCIe endpoints are connected either to the Root Port or downstream ports. Bridges are used to connect PCI devices into PCIe hierarchy while switches are used to connect multiple PCIe devices to a single downstream port. PCIe devices access GIC, memory, and PE through the Root Complex which is also known as the host bridge.

The figure illustrates two instances of the exerciser instantiated. Instance 1 is connected directly to the Root Complex as a RCiEP and instance 2 is connected to the downstream port of a switch as a PCIe endpoint device.

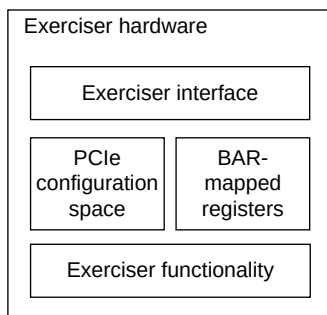
**Note**

The number of exercisers instantiated is platform-specific. To achieve higher coverage, Arm recommends that you present multiple exercisers to the ACS.

To generate custom stimuli, the exerciser must provide functionality to configure interrupt and DMA attributes, trigger them, and know the status of these operations, the details of which are **IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED**. This can be done by providing a set of BAR-mapped registers and writing specific values to them to trigger the necessary operations.

The following figure shows the reference implementation of exerciser hardware.

Figure 1-5: Reference implementation of exerciser hardware

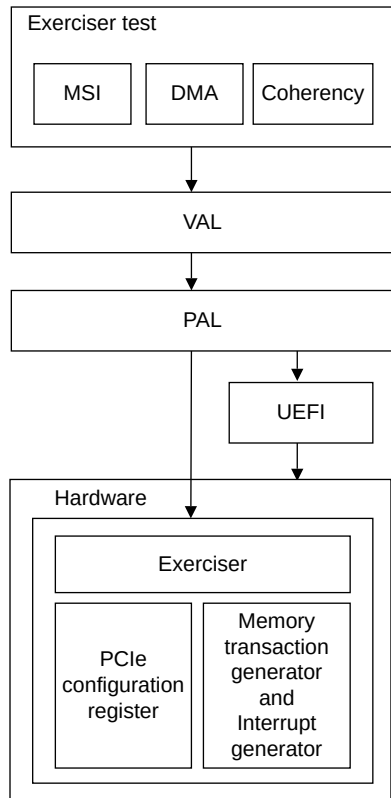


1.5.1 Compliance test software stack for exerciser with UEFI shell application

This section provides information on exerciser with UEFI shell application.

The exerciser tests validate device interrupts (legacy interrupt and MSI-X interrupt), DMA (address translation and memory access), and coherency behavior. The exerciser PCIe configuration space is accessed using UEFI or MMIO APIs and exerciser functionality like interrupt generation and DMA transactions can be accessed using exerciser APIs.

The following figure shows the compliance test software stack for exerciser with UEFI shell application.

Figure 1-6: Exerciser with UEFI shell application

1.6 GIC ITS

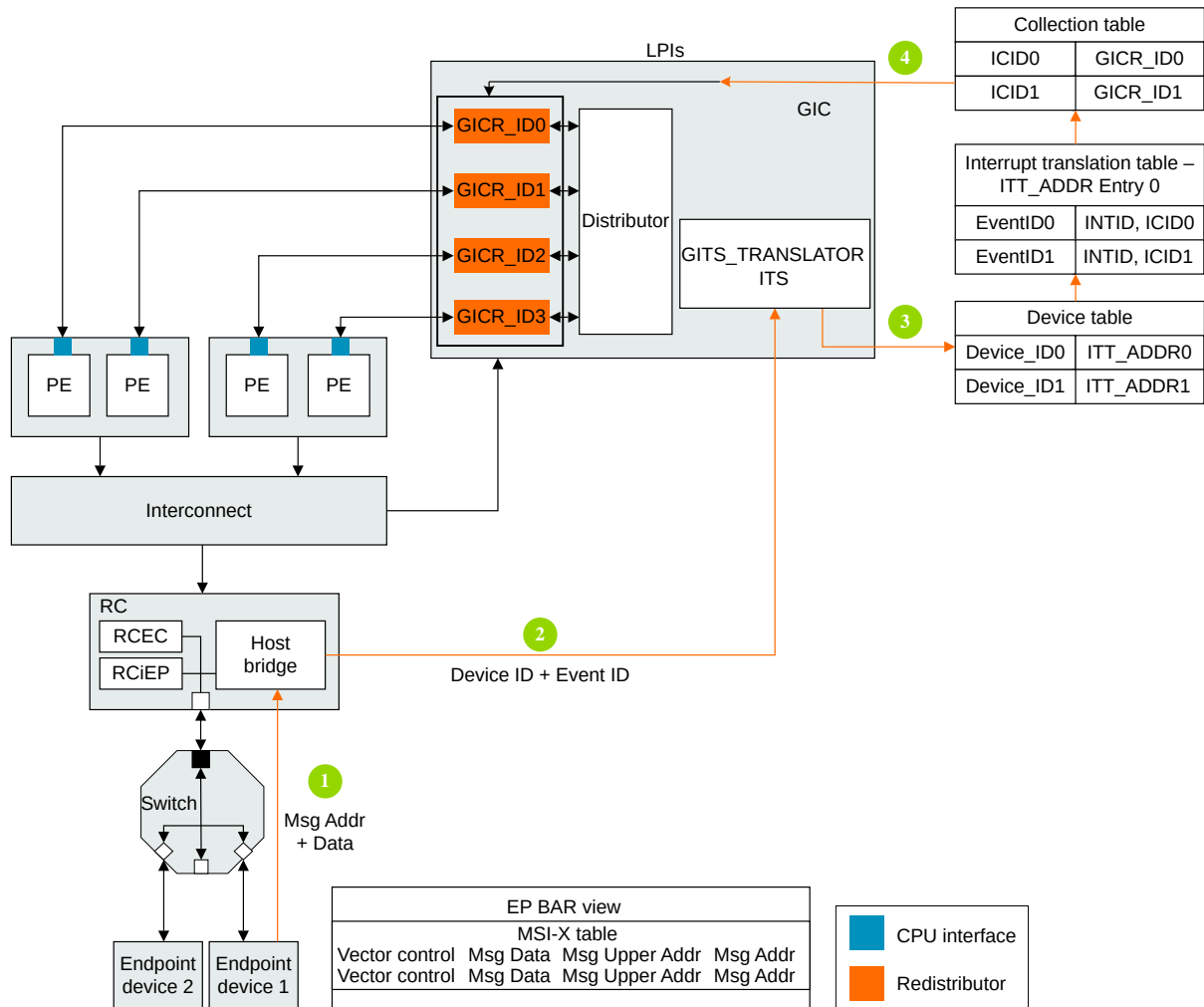
The Interrupt Translation Service (ITS) translates an input EventID from a device, identified by its DeviceID and determines:

- The corresponding INTID for the input.
- The target Redistributor and, through this, the target PE for the INTID.

Endpoint device 1 triggers a write on MSI address from the MSI table, which gets converted to a Locality-specific Peripheral Interrupt (LPI) using the ITS tables. To generate an MSI, ITS must be configured before running the ACS. The software must allocate memory for different ITS tables. ITS table mappings must be updated using the ITS commands, Device ID, LPI Interrupt ID, and Redistributor Base.

For more information on GIC ITS, see *Arm® GIC Architecture Specification* and *Arm® GICv3 Software Overview*.

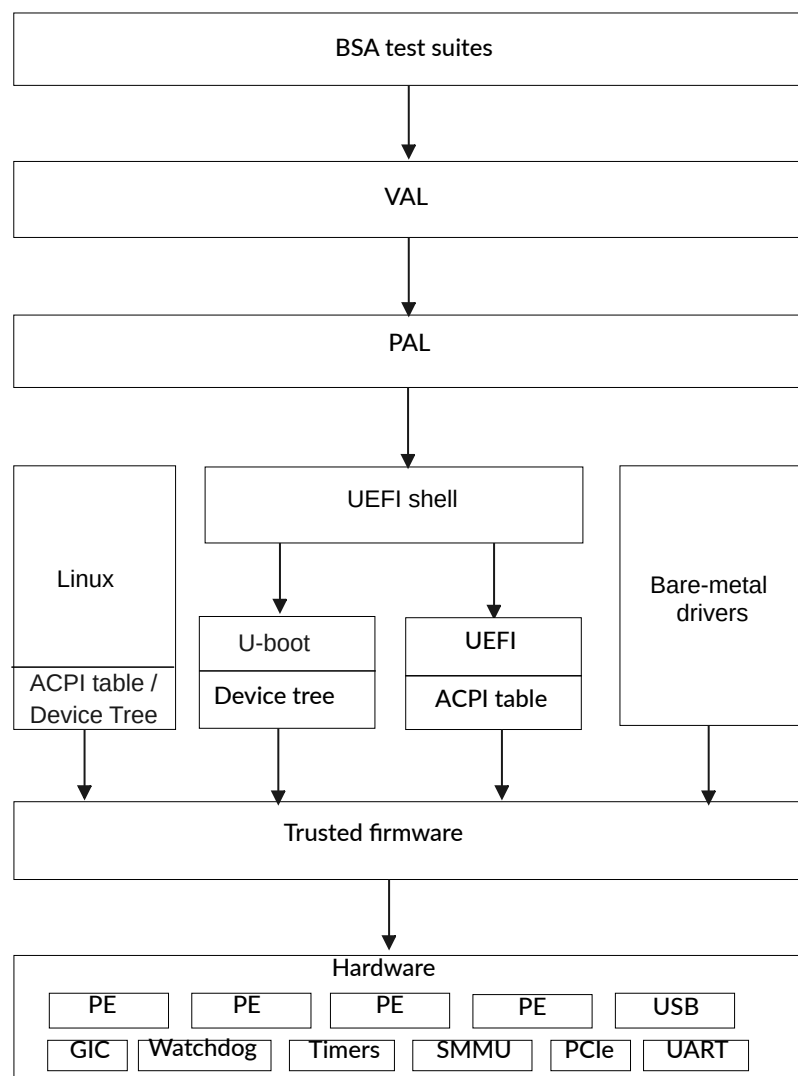
The following figure shows how an MSI is converted to an LPI using ITS.

Figure 1-7: Routing MSI-X from Endpoint to PE through GIC ITS

1.7 Test platform abstraction

This section provides information about the test platform abstraction.

The following figure shows the test platform abstraction that the compliance suite defines and uses.

Figure 1-8: Test platform abstraction

The following table describes the BSA abstraction terms.

Table 1-4: Abstraction terms and descriptions

Abstraction	Description
UEFI	UEFI Shell application provides infrastructure for console and memory management. This module runs at EL2.
Trusted firmware	Firmware which runs at EL3.
ACPI table	Interface layer which provides platform-specific information, removing the need for the test suite to be ported on a per platform basis.

Abstraction	Description
Hardware	PE and controllers that are specified as part of the BSA specification.
Device Tree (DT)	Provides platform-specific information of the EBBR systems and removes the need for test suite to be ported on per-platform basis.
Baremetal	Provides platform-specific reference code for integration into any Pre-silicon environment.

2. Execution flow control

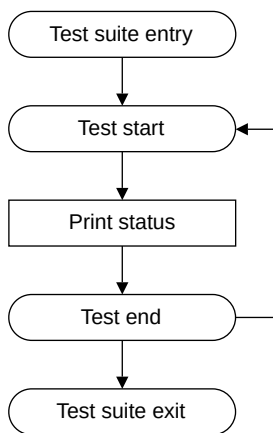
This chapter describes the execution flow control for BSA ACS.

2.1 Execution flow control

This section provides information on the execution flow control.

The following figure shows the execution model and flow control of the ACS.

Figure 2-1: Execution flow control



The following is the process that is followed for the flow control:

1. The execution environment, like the UEFI shell, invokes the test entry point.
2. Start the test iteration loop.
3. Print status during the test execution as required.
4. Reboot or put the system to sleep as required.
5. Loop until all the tests are completed.

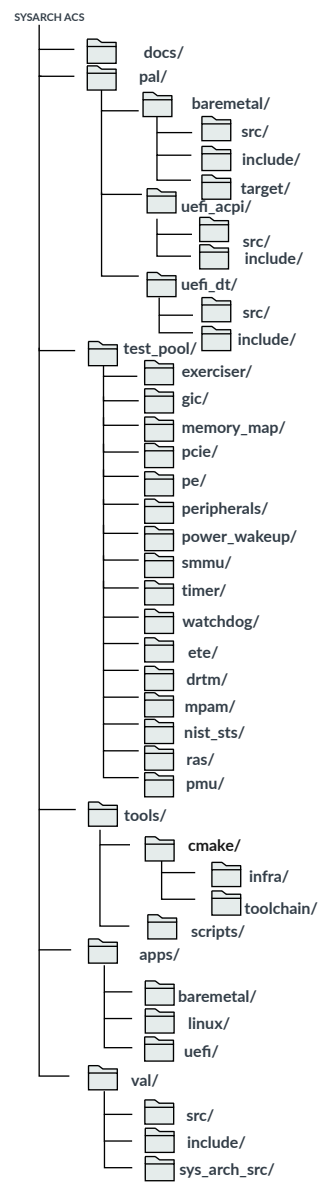
2.2 Test build and execution flow

This section describes the source code directory structure and provides references for building the tests.

2.2.1 Source code directory

The following figure shows the source code directory for the SYSARCH ACS.

Figure 2-2: SYSARCH ACS directory structure



The following table describes all the directories in the SYSARCH ACS.

Table 2-1: SYSARCH ACS directory structure description

Directory name	Description
uefi_acpi	Platform code targeting UEFI implementation.
uefi_dt	Platform code targeting U-boot and DT implementation.
baremetal	Example PAL bare-metal reference code.
val	Common code that is used by the tests. Makes calls to PAL as necessary.
uefi	UEFI application source to call into the tests entry point.
test_pool	Test case source files for the test suite.
linux	Linux command-line executable source code.
baremetal	Reference bare-metal application source to call into the test entry point.
docs	Documentation.
scripts	Scripts written for this suite.

2.2.2 Building the tests

This section provides reference information for building BSA ACS as a UEFI shell application and BSA ACS kernel module.

Prerequisites

- IR and ES platforms run ACS as UEFI shell application. To build BSA ACS as a UEFI Shell application, a UEFI EDK2 source tree is required.
- To build the BSA ACS kernel module, Linux kernel tree version 5.10 or above is required.



The latest version of BSA ACS is verified with v6.10 of the Linux kernel tree.

For more information on building BSA ACS, see the [README](#).

Test build for ES

The build steps for the compliance suite to be compiled as a UEFI shell application when the platform firmware is SBBR compliant, are available in the [README](#). The steps to port the reference implementation and build EL3 firmware are beyond the scope of this document.

Test build for IR

The build steps for the compliance suite to be compiled as a UEFI shell application when the platform firmware is EBBR compliant, are available in the [README](#). On U-boot platforms, ACS UEFI shell application runs on top of UEFI shell, which in turn runs on top of U-boot as EFI payload. The steps to build UEFI shell, port the reference implementation, and build EL3 firmware are beyond the scope of this document.

Test build for OS-based tests

The build steps for the Linux application-driven compliance suite and BSA ACS kernel module, which is a dependency for the BSA ACS Linux application, are available in the *Arm® BSA Architecture Compliance User Guide*.



Note

The OS-based tests are available only for the systems targeting ES certification.

3. Platform Abstraction Layer

This chapter provides an overview of PAL API and its categories.

3.1 Overview of PAL API

This section provides an overview of PAL API.

The PAL is a C-based, Arm-defined API that you can implement. Each test platform requires a PAL implementation of its own. The PAL APIs are meant for the compliance test to reach or use other abstractions in the test platform such as the UEFI infrastructure and Linux OS modules.

The reference PAL implementations are available in the following locations:

- [UEFI](#)
- [Linux](#)
- [DT](#)
- [Baremetal](#)

3.2 PAL API definitions

The PAL API contains APIs that:

- Are called by the VAL and implemented by the platform.
- Begin with the prefix `pal`.
- Have a second word on the API name that indicates the module which implements this API.
- Have the mapping of the module as per the table below.
- Create and fill structures needed as prerequisites for the test suite, named as `pal_<module>_create_info_table`.

3.2.1 PAL API naming convention

The following table shows the mapped PAL API with the `<module>` names.

Table 3-1: PAL modules and corresponding API names

Module	API name
PE	<code>pe</code>
GIC	<code>gic</code>
Timer	<code>timer</code>
Watchdog	<code>wd</code>

Module	API name
PCIe	pcie
IOVirt	iovirt
SMMU	smmu
Peripheral	per
DMA	dma
Memory	memory
Exerciser	exerciser
Miscellaneous	print, mem, mmio

3.2.2 PE APIs

The following table of APIs provides information and functionality required by the test suites that accesses features of a PE.

Table 3-2: PE APIs and their descriptions

API name	Function prototype	Description
get_num	uint32_t pal_pe_get_num();	Returns the number of PEs in the system.
create_info_table	void pal_pe_create_info_table(PE_INFO_TABLE *PeTable);	Gathers information about the PEs in the system and fills the info_table with the relevant data. For related definitions, see the <i>Note</i> .
call_smc	void pal_pe_call_smc(ARM_SMC_ARGS *ArmSmcArgs, int32_t Conduit)	Abstracts the smc instruction. The input arguments to this function are x0 to x7 registers filled in with the appropriate parameters.
execute_payload	void pal_pe_execute_payload(ARM_SMC_ARGS *args);	Abstracts the PE wakeup and execute functionality. Ideally, this function calls the PSCI_ON_SMC command.
update_elr	void pal_pe_update_elr(void *context, uint64_t offset);	Updates the ELR to return from exception handler to a required address.
get_esr	uint64_t pal_pe_get_esr(void *context);	Returns the exception syndrome from exception handler.
data_cache_ops_by_va	void pal_pe_data_cache_ops_by_va(uint64_t addr, uint32_t type);	Performs cache maintenance operation on an address.
get_far	uint64_t pal_pe_get_far(void *context);	Returns the Fault Address Register (FAR) from exception handler.
install_esr	uint32_t pal_pe_install_esr(uint32_t exception_type, void (*esr)(uint64_t, void *));	Abstracts the exception handler installation steps. The input arguments are exception type and function pointer of the handler that must be called when the exception of the given type occurs. It returns 0 on success and nonzero on failure.

API name	Function prototype	Description
psci_get_conduit	uint32_t pal_psci_get_conduit(void)	Checks whether PSCI is implemented. If yes, which conduit is used (HVC or SMC). Returns: CONDUIT_NONE: PSCI is not implemented CONDUIT_SMC: PSCI is implemented and uses SMC as the conduit. CONDUIT_HVC: PSCI is implemented and uses HVC as the conduit.
create_info_table	void pal_smbios_create_info_table(PE_SMBIOS_PROCESSOR_INFO_TABLE *SmbiosTable)	Gathers information about the processor info in the system and fills the information table with the relevant data.

Each PE information entry structure can hold information for a PE in the system. The types of information are:



Note

```
typedef struct {
    uint32_t    pe_num;                /* PE Index */
    uint32_t    attr;                 /* PE attributes */
    uint64_t    mpidr;               /* PE MPIDR */
    uint32_t    pmu_gsic;            /* PMU Interrupt */
    uint32_t    gmain_gsic;          /* GIC Maintenance
    Interrupt */
    uint32_t    acpi_proc_uid;        /* ACPI Processor UID */
    uint32_t    level_1_res[MAX_L1_CACHE_RES]; /* index of level 1
    cache(s) in cache_info_table */
    uint32_t    trbe_interrupt;      /* TRBE Interrupt */
} PE_INFO_ENTRY;
```

3.2.3 GIC APIs

The following table of APIs provides the information and functionality required by the test suites that accesses features of a GIC.

Table 3-3: GIC APIs and their descriptions

API name	Function prototype	Description
create_info_table	void pal_gic_create_info_table(GIC_INFO_TABLE *gic_info_table);	Gathers information about the GIC subsystem and fills the gic_info_table with the relevant data.
install_isr	uint32_t pal_gic_install_isr(uint32_t int_id, void (*isr)(void));	Abstracts the steps required to register an interrupt handler to an IRQ number. It also enables the interrupt in the GIC CPU interface and Distributor. It returns 0 on success and -1 on failure. int_id: Interrupt ID to install the ISR. isr: Function pointer of the ISR.

API name	Function prototype	Description
end_of_interrupt	uint32_t pal_gic_end_of_interrupt(uint32_t int_id);	Indicates completion of interrupt processing by writing to the end of interrupt register in the GIC CPU interface. It returns 0 on success and -1 on failure. <i>int_id</i> : Interrupt id for which interrupt must be disabled.
request_irq	uint32_t pal_gic_request_irq(unsigned int irq_num, unsigned int mapped_irq_num, void *isr);	Registers the interrupt handler for a given IRQ. <i>irq_num</i> : Hardware IRQ number <i>mapped_irq_num</i> : mapped IRQ number. <i>isr</i> : Interrupt Service Routine that returns the status.
free_irq	void pal_gic_free_irq(unsigned int irq_num, unsigned int mapped_irq_num);	Frees the registered interrupt handler for a given IRQ. <i>irq_num</i> : hardware IRQ number <i>mapped_irq_num</i> : mapped IRQ number
set_intr_trigger	uint32_t pal_gic_set_intr_trigger (uint32_t int_id, INTR_TRIGGER_INFO_TYPE_e trigger_type);	Sets the trigger type to edge or level. <i>int_id</i> : interrupt ID which must be enabled and the service routine installed. <i>trigger_type</i> : interrupt trigger type edge or level
get_num_nongic_ctrl	uint32_t pal_get_num_nongic_ctrl(void);	Returns the count of Non GIC Interrupt Controller.

Each GIC information entry structure can hold information for the following types of GIC components. The types of entries are:

```
typedef enum {
    ENTRY_TYPE_CPUIF = 0x1000,
    ENTRY_TYPE_GICD,
    ENTRY_TYPE_GICC_GICRD,
    ENTRY_TYPE_GICR_GICRD,
    ENTRY_TYPE_GIC_ITS,
    ENTRY_TYPE_GIC_MSI_FRAME,
    ENTRY_TYPE_GICH
} GIC_INFO_TYPE_e;
```



Note

In addition to the type, each entry contains the base address of the component.

```
typedef struct {
    uint32_t type;
    uint64_t base;
    uint32_t entry_id; /* This entry_id is used to tell component ID */
    /*
    uint64_t length; /* This length is only used in case of Re-
    Distributor Range Address length */
    uint32_t flags;
    uint32_t spi_count;
    uint32_t spi_base;
} GIC_INFO_ENTRY;
```

3.2.4 Timer APIs

The following table of APIs provides the information and functionality required by the test suites that accesses features of a local and system timer.

Table 3-4: Timer API and its description

API name	Function prototype	Description
create_info_table	void pal_timer_create_info_table(TIMER_INFO_TABLE *timer_info_table);	Abstracts the steps to discover and fill in the <code>timer_info_table</code> with information about the available local and system timers in the system. <code>timer_info_table</code> : Address where the timer information must be filled.
get_counter_frequency	uint64_t pal_timer_get_counter_frequency(void);	This API gets the counter frequency value from user. param: None return: Counter frequency value

1. The following data structure contains the timer-related information of the system.



Note

```
typedef struct {
    uint32_t s_el1_timer_flag;
    uint32_t ns_el1_timer_flag;
    uint32_t el2_timer_flag;
    uint32_t el2_virt_timer_flag;
    uint32_t s_el1_timer_gsic;
    uint32_t ns_el1_timer_gsic;
    uint32_t el2_timer_gsic;
    uint32_t virtual_timer_flag;
    uint32_t virtual_timer_gsic;
    uint32_t el2_virt_timer_gsic;
    uint32_t num_platform_timer;
    uint32_t num_watchdog;
    uint32_t sys_timer_status;
}TIMER_INFO_HDR;
```

2. The following data structure contains information that is specific to system timer.

```
typedef struct {
    uint32_t type;
    uint32_t timer_count;
    uint64_t block_cntl_base;
    uint8_t frame_num[8];
    uint64_t GtCntBase[8];
    uint64_t GtCntEl0Base[8];
    uint32_t gsiv[8];
    uint32_t virt_gsic[8];
    uint32_t flags[8];
}TIMER_INFO_GTBLOCK;
```

3.2.5 Watchdog APIs

The following table of APIs provides the information and functionality required by the test suites that accesses features of a watchdog timer.

Table 3-5: Watchdog API and its description

API name	Function prototype	Description
wd_create_info_table	void pal_wd_create_info_table(WD_INFO_TABLE *wd_table);	Abstracts the steps to gather information about watchdogs in the platform and fills the wd_table. wd_table: Address where the watchdog information must be filled.

The following data structure holds the watchdog-related information of the system.



Note

```
typedef struct {
    uint64_t wd_ctrl_base;    ///< Watchdog Control Register Frame
    uint64_t wd_refresh_base; ///< Watchdog Refresh Register Frame
    uint32_t wd_gsid;         ///< Watchdog Interrupt ID
    uint32_t wd_flags;
}WD_INFO_BLOCK;
```

3.2.6 PCIe APIs

The following table of APIs provides the information and functionality required by the test suites that accesses features of a PCIe subsystem.

Table 3-6: PCIe APIs and their descriptions

API name	Function prototype	Description
create_info_table	void pal_pcie_create_info_table(PCIE_INFO_TABLE *PcieTable);	Abstracts the steps to gather PCIe information in the system and fills the PCIe info_table. This function reads the Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) MCFG table to retrieve the ECAM base address. PcieTable: Address where the PCIe information must be filled.

API name	Function prototype	Description
io_read_cfg	uint32_t pal_pcie_io_read_cfg(uint32_t bdf, uint32_t offset, uint32_t *data);	<p>Abstracts the configuration space read of a device identified by BDF (Bus, Device, and Function). This is used only in peripheral tests and need not be implemented in Linux. It returns success or failure.</p> <p>bdf: PCI bus device and function.</p> <p>offset: Register offset within the device PCIe configuration space.</p> <p>data: 32-bit value at offset from ECAM base specified by BDF.</p>
io_write_cfg	void pal_pcie_io_write_cfg(uint32_t Bdf, uint32_t offset, uint32_t data);	<p>Abstracts the configuration space write of a device identified by BDF. Writes 32-bit data to the configuration space of the device at an offset.</p> <p>bdf: PCI bus device and function.</p> <p>offset: Register offset within the device PCIe configuration space.</p> <p>data: 32-bit value at offset from ECAM base specified by BDF.</p>
get_mcfg_ecam	uint64_t pal_pcie_get_mcfg_ecam(uint32_t bdf);	<p>Returns the PCI ECAM address from the ACPI MCFG table address.</p> <p>bdf: PCI bus device and function.</p>
get_msi_vectors	uint32_t pal_get_msi_vectors(uint32_t seg, uint32_t bus, uint32_t dev, uint32_t fn, PERIPHERAL_VECTOR_LIST **mvector);	<p>Creates a list of MSI(X) vectors for a device. It returns the number of MSI(X) vectors.</p>
get_pcie_type	uint32_t pal_pcie_get_pcie_type(uint32_t seg, uint32_t bus, uint32_t dev, uint32_t fn);	<p>Gets the PCIe device or port type.</p> <p>bus: PCI bus address</p> <p>dev: PCI device address</p> <p>fn: PCI function number</p>

API name	Function prototype	Description
p2p_support	uint32_t pal_pcie_p2p_support();	Checks P2P support in the PCIe hierarchy. Returns 1 if P2P feature is not supported, else 0.
dev_p2p_support	uint32_t pal_pcie_dev_p2p_support(uint32_t seg, uint32_t bus, uint32_t dev, uint32_t fn);	Checks the PCIe device P2P support. seg : PCI segment number bdf : PCI Bus, Device, and Function Returns 1 if P2P feature is not supported, else 0.
is_cache_present	uint32_t pal_pcie_is_cache_present (uint32_t seg, uint32_t bus, uint32_t dev, uint32_t fn);	Checks whether the PCIe device has an Address Translation Cache (ATC). seg : PCI segment number bus : PCI bus address dev : PCI device address fn : PCI function number Returns 1 if ATC is not supported, else 0.
read_ext_cap_word	void pal_pcie_read_ext_cap_word(uint32_t seg, uint32_t bus, uint32_t dev, uint32_t fn, uint32_t ext_cap_id, uint8_t offset, uint16_t *val);	Reads the extended PCIe configuration space at an offset for a capability. seg : PCI segment number bus : PCI bus number dev : PCI device number fn : PCI function number ext_cap_id : PCI capability ID offset : Offset of the word in the capability configuration space val : Return value

API name	Function prototype	Description
multifunction_support	uint32_t pal_pcie_multifunction_support(uint32_t seg, uint32_t bus, uint32_t dev, uint32_t fn);	Checks the PCIe multifunction support. bdf: PCIe Bus, Device, and Function Returns 1 if multifunction feature is not supported and 0 if multifunction feature is supported.
get_bdf_wrapper	uint32 pal_pcie_get_bdf_wrapper (uint32_t ClassCode, uint32_t StartBdf);	Returns the Bus, Device, and Function for a matching class code. ClassCode: 32-bit value of format ClassCode << 16 sub_class_code StartBdf: 0: start enumeration from host bridge. 1: start enumeration from the input segment, Bus, Device. This is needed since multiple controllers with the same class code are present in a system.
bdf_to_dev	void *pal_pci_bdf_to_dev(uint32_t bdf);	Returns the PCI device structure for the given bdf. bdf: PCI Bus, Device, and Function.
read_config_byte	void pal_pci_read_config_byte(uint32_t bdf, uint8_t offset, uint8_t *val);	Reads 1 byte from the PCI configuration space for the current BDF at given offset. bdf: PCI Bus, Device, and Function offset: offset in the PCI configuration space for that BDF val: return value

API name	Function prototype	Description
write_config_byte	void pal_pci_write_config_byte(uint32_t bdf, uint8_t offset, uint8_t val);	Writes 1 byte from the PCI configuration space for the current BDF at a given offset. bdf : PCI Bus, Device, and Function offset : offset in the PCI configuration space for that BDF val : return value
read_msi_vector	void pal_pci_read_msi_vector (struct pci_dev *dev, struct msi_desc *entry, PERIPHERAL_VECTOR_BLOCK *vector);	Reads the MSI capability structure in PCIe configuration space. dev : PCI device structure entry : MSI description table vector : MSI controllers information structure
device_driver_present	uint32_t pal_pcie_device_driver_present(uint32_t seg, uint32_t bus, uint32_t dev, uint32_t fn)	Return if driver present for pcie device bus : PCI bus number dev : PCI device number fn : PCI function number Return 0 if Driver present else 1
get_rp_transaction_frwd_support	uint32_t pal_pcie_get_rp_transaction_frwd_support(uint32_t seg, uint32_t bus, uint32_t dev, uint32_t fn)	Gets RP support of transaction forwarding. bus : PCI bus number dev : PCI device number fn : PCI function number seg : PCI segment number Return 0 if rp not involved in transaction forwarding else 1

API name	Function prototype	Description
is_onchip_peripheral	uint32_t pal_pcie_is_onchip_peripheral(uint32_t bdf)	<p>Returns whether a PCIe Function is an on-chip peripheral or not</p> <p>bdf: Segment/Bus/Dev/Func in the format of PCIE_CREATE_BDF</p> <p>Returns TRUE if the Function is on-chip peripheral else FALSE</p>
ecam_base	uint64_t pal_pcie_ecam_base(uint32_t seg, uint32_t bus, uint32_t dev, uint32_t func)	<p>Returns the ECAM address of the input PCIe device.</p> <p>bus: PCI bus number</p> <p>dev: PCI device number</p> <p>fn: PCI function number</p> <p>seg: PCI segment number</p> <p>Returns ECAM address if it is success, else NULL address</p>
check_device_list	uint32_t pal_pcie_check_device_list(void)	<p>Checks the discovered PCIe hierarchy is matching with the topology described in info table.</p> <p>Returns 0 if device entries matches , 1 if there is mismatch.</p>
mem_get_offset	uint32_t pal_pcie_mem_get_offset(uint32_t bdf, PCIE_MEM_TYPE_INFO_e mem_type);	<p>Returns the memory offset that can be accessed safely. This offset is platform-specific. It needs to be modified according to the requirement.</p> <p>bdf: BUS/Device/Function</p> <p>mem_type: If the memory is Pre-fetchable or Non-prefetchable memory.</p> <p>Return memory offset.</p>

API name	Function prototype	Description
bar_mem_read	uint32_t pal_pcie_bar_mem_read(uint32_t Bdf, uint64_t address, uint32_t *data);	<p>Reads 32-bit data from BAR space pointed by Bus, Device, Function and register offset.</p> <p>Bdf : BDF value for the device.</p> <p>address : BAR memory address.</p> <p>*data : 32 bit value at BAR address.</p> <p>Return success or failure.</p>
bar_mem_write	uint32_t pal_pcie_bar_mem_write(uint32_t Bdf, uint64_t address, uint32_t data);	<p>Write 32-bit data to BAR space pointed by Bus, Device, Function and register offset.</p> <p>Bdf : BDF value for the device.</p> <p>address : BAR memory address.</p> <p>*data : 32 bit value at BAR address.</p> <p>Return success or failure.</p>

The following data structure contains the PCIe subsystem information.



Note

```
/**
@brief PCI Express Info Table
**/
typedef struct {
    addr_t ecam_base;        ///< ECAM Base address
    uint32_t segment_num;    ///< Segment number of this ECAM
    uint32_t start_bus_num;  ///< Start Bus number for this ecam space
    uint32_t end_bus_num;    ///< Last Bus number
}PCIE_INFO_BLOCK;
```

The data structure is repeated for the number of ECAM ranges in the system.

```
typedef struct {
    uint32_t num_entries;
    PCIE_INFO_BLOCK block[];
}PCIE_INFO_TABLE;
```

3.2.7 IO-Virt APIs

The following table of APIs provides the information and functionality required by the test suites that accesses features of IO virtualization system.

Table 3-7: IO-Virt APIs and their descriptions

API name	Function prototype	Description
create_info_table	void pal_iovirt_create_info_table(IOVIRT_INFO_TABLE *iovirt);	Abstracts the steps to fill in the <code>iovirt</code> table with the details of the virtualization subsystem in the system. <code>iovirt</code> : Address where the IOVIRT information must be filled.
unique_rid_strid_map	uint32_t pal_iovirt_unique_rid_strid_map(uint64_t rc_block);	Abstracts the mechanism to check if a Root Complex node has unique requestor ID to Stream ID mapping. 0 indicates a fail since the mapping is not unique. 1 indicates a pass since the mapping is unique. <code>rc_block</code> : Root complex IOVIRT block base address.
check_unique_ctx_initd	uint32_t pal_iovirt_check_unique_ctx_initd(uint64_t smmu_block);	Abstracts the mechanism to check if a given SMMU node has unique context bank interrupt IDs. 0 indicates fail and 1 indicates pass. <code>smmu_block</code> : SMMU IOVIRT block base address.
get_rc_smmu_base	uint64_t pal_iovirt_get_rc_smmu_base (IOVIRT_INFO_TABLE *iovirt, uint32_t rc_seg_num, uint32_t rid);	Returns the base address of SMMU if a Root Complex is behind an SMMU, otherwise returns NULL. <code>rc_seg_num</code> : Root complex segment number. <code>rid</code> : requestor ID

The following data structure is filled in by the above function. This data structure captures all the information related to SMMUs, PCIe root complex, GIC-ITS, and any other named components involved in the virtualization subsystem of the SoC.

The information captured includes interrupt routing tables, memory maps, and the base addresses of the various components.



```
typedef struct {
    uint32_t num_blocks;
    uint32_t num_smmus;
    uint32_t num_pci_rcs;
    uint32_t num_named_components;
    uint32_t num_its_groups;
    uint32_t num_pmcgs;
    IOVIRT_BLOCK blocks[];
} IOVIRT_INFO_TABLE;
```

3.2.8 SMMU APIs

The following table of APIs provides information that is specific to the operations of the SMMUs in the system.

Table 3-8: SMMU APIs and their descriptions

API name	Function prototype	Description
check_device_iova	uint32_t pal_smmu_check_device_iova(void *port, uint64_t dma_addr);	<p>Checks if the input DMA address belongs to the input device. This can be done by tracking the DMA addresses generated by the device using the start and stop monitor calls defined below or by reading the IOVA table of the device and looking for the input address.</p> <p>0 is returned if address belongs to the device. Nonzero is returned if there are IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED error values.</p> <p>port: Device port whose domain IOVA table is checked.</p> <p>dma_addr: DMA address which is checked.</p>
device_start_monitor_iova	void pal_smmu_device_start_monitor_iova(void *port);	A hook to start the process of saving DMA addresses being used by the input device. It is used by the test to indicate the upcoming DMA transfers to be recorded and the test queries for the address through the check_device_iova call.
device_stop_monitor_iova	void pal_smmu_device_stop_monitor_iova(void *port);	Stops the recording of the DMA addresses being used by the input port.
pa2iova	uint64_t pal_smmu_pa2iova(uint64_t SmmuBase, uint64_t Pa);	<p>Converts physical address to I/O virtual address.</p> <p>SmmuBase: physical address of the SMMU for conversion to virtual address.</p> <p>Pa: physical address to use in conversion.</p> <p>Returns 0 on success and 1 on failure.</p>
smmu_disable	uint32_t pal_smmu_disable(uint64_t SmmuBase);	<p>Globally disables the SMMU based on input base address.</p> <p>SmmuBase: physical address of the SMMU that must be globally disabled.</p> <p>Returns 0 for success and 1 for failure.</p>
create_info_table	void pal_smmu_create_info_table(SMMU_INFO_TABLE *smmu_info_table);	Abstracts the steps to gather information about SMMUs in the system and fills the info_table.

API name	Function prototype	Description
create_pasid_entry	uint32_t pal_smmu_create_pasid_entry(uint64_t smmu_base, uint32_t pasid);	<p>Prepares the SMMU page tables to support input PASID.</p> <p>smmu_base: physical address of the SMMU for which PASID support is needed.</p> <p>pasid: Process Address Space Identifier.</p> <p>Returns 0 for success and 1 for failure.</p>

3.2.9 Peripheral APIs

The following table of APIs provides information that is specific to the peripherals in the system.

Table 3-9: Peripheral APIs and their descriptions

API name	Function prototype	Description
create_info_table	void pal_peripheral_create_info_table(PERIPHERAL_INFO_TABLE *per_info_table);	Abstracts the steps to gather information on all the peripherals present in the system and fills the information in the per_info_table .
get_legacy_irq_map	uint32_t pal_pcie_get_legacy_irq_map(uint32_t bus, uint32_t dev, uint32_t fn, PERIPHERAL_IRQ_MAP *irq_map);	<p>Returns the IRQ-mapping list for the legacy interrupts of a PCIe endpoint device. A possible way of returning this information is to query the _PRT method of the device ACPI namespace. The following are the return values:</p> <p>0: success. irq_map successfully retrieved in irq_map buffer.</p> <p>1: unable to access the PCI bridge device of the input PCI device</p> <p>2: unable to fetch the ACPI _PRT handle</p> <p>3: unable to access the ACPI _PRT object</p> <p>5: legacy interrupt out of range</p>
is_device_behind_smmu	uint32_t pal_pcie_is_device_behind_smmu(uint32_t seg, uint32_t bus, uint32_t dev, uint32_t fn);	<p>Checks if a device with the input BDF is behind an SMMU. One way of checking this in Linux is to check if the iommu_group value of this device is nonzero.</p> <p>1: device is behind SMMU</p> <p>0: device is not behind SMMU or SMMU is in bypass mode</p>

API name	Function prototype	Description
get_root_port	uint32_t pal_pcie_get_root_port_bdf(uint32_t *seg, uint32_t *bus, uint32_t *dev, uint32_t *func);	Returns the Bus, Device, and Function values of the Root Port of the device. The same function arguments are used to pass the input address of the device and also the output address of the Root Port. 0: success 1: input BDF device cannot be found 2: Root Port for the input device cannot be determined.
get_snoop_bit	uint32_t pal_pcie_get_snoop_bit(uint32_t seg, uint32_t bus, uint32_t dev, uint32_t fn);	Returns if the snoop capability is enabled for the input device. 0: snoop capability disabled 1: snoop capability enabled 2: PCIe device not found
get_dma_support	uint32_t pal_pcie_get_dma_support(uint32_t bus, uint32_t dev, uint32_t fn);	Returns if the PCIe device supports DMA capability or not. 0: DMA capability not supported 1: DMA capability supported 2: PCIe device not found
is_devicedma_64bit	uint32_t pal_pcie_is_devicedma_64bit(uint32_t seg, uint32_t bus, uint32_t dev, uint32_t fn);	Returns the DMA addressability of the device. 0: does not support 64-bit transfers 1: supports 64-bit transfers
get_dma_coherent	uint32_t pal_pcie_get_dma_coherent(uint32_t bus, uint32_t dev, uint32_t fn);	Returns if the PCIe device supports coherent DMA. 0: DMA coherence not supported 1: DMA coherence supported 2: PCIe device not found
memory_ioremap	uint64_t pal_memory_ioremap(void *addr, uint32_t size, uint32_t attr);	Maps the memory region into the virtual address space. 64-bit address in virtual address space.
memory_unmap	void pal_memory_unmap(void *addr);	Unmaps the memory region which was mapped to the virtual address space.

API name	Function prototype	Description
memory_get_unpopulated_addr	uint64_t pal_memory_get_unpopulated_addr(uint64_t *addr, uint32_t instance);	Returns the address of unpopulated memory of the requested instance from Grand Central Dispatch (GCD) memory map. addr : Address of the unpopulated memory. instance : Instance of memory. Returns 0 for success.
is_pcie	uint32_t pal_peripheral_is_pcie(uint32_t seg, uint32_t bus, uint32_t dev, uint32_t fn);	Checks if PCI device is PCI Express capable. 0: Not PCIe capable 1: PCIe capable
memory_create_info_table	void pal_memory_create_info_table(MEMORY_INFO_TABLE *memoryInfoTable);	Fills in the MEMORY_INFO_TABLE with information about memory in the system. This is achieved by parsing the UEFI memory map. peripheralInfoTable : Address where the peripheral information must be filled. Returns none.

The following data structure captures the information about USB, SATA, and UART controllers. Information on all the PCIe devices present in the system is saved. This includes information on PCIe bus, device, function, the BAR addresses, the IRQ map, and the MSI vector list if MSI is enabled.

- The following data structure contains the peripherals-related information in the system.



Note

```
/**
@brief Summary of Peripherals in the system
**/
typedef struct {
    uint32_t num_usb;    ///< Number of USB Controllers
    uint32_t num_sata;   ///< Number of SATA Controllers
    uint32_t num_uart;   ///< Number of UART Controllers
    uint32_t num_all;    ///< Number of all PCI Controllers
    PERIPHERAL_INFO_HDR;
}/**

@brief Instance of peripheral info
**/
typedef struct {
    PER_INFO_TYPE_e type; ///< PER INFO TYPE
    uint32_t bdf;         ///< Bus Device Function
    uint64_t base0;       ///< Base Address of the controller
    uint64_t base1;       ///< Base Address of the controller
    uint32_t width;       ///< Access width
    uint32_t irq;         ///< IRQ to install an ISR
    uint32_t flags;
    uint32_t msi;         ///< MSI Enabled
    uint32_t msix;        ///< MSIX Enabled
    uint32_t max_pasids;
    uint32_t baud_rate;
```

```
uint32_t interface_type;
uint32_t platform_type;
}PERIPHERAL_INFO_BLOCK;
```

- The following data structure contains the memory-related information in the system.

```
typedef struct {
MEM_INFO_TYPE_e type;
uint64_t phy_addr;
uint64_t virt_addr;
uint64_t size;
uint64_t flags; //To Indicate Cacheablility etc..
}MEM_INFO_BLOCK;

typedef struct {
uint64_t dram_base;
uint64_t dram_size;
MEM_INFO_BLOCK info[];
}MEMORY_INFO_TABLE;
```

3.2.10 DMA APIs

The following table of APIs provides information that is specific to DMA operations in the system.

Table 3-10: DMA APIs and their descriptions

API name	Function prototype	Description
create_info_table	void pal_dma_create_info_table(DMA_INFO_TABLE *dma_info_table);	Abstracts the steps to gather information on all the DMA-enabled controllers present in the system and fill the information in the dma_info_table.
start_from_device	uint32_t pal_dma_start_from_device(void *dma_target_buf, uint32_t length, void *host, void *dev);	<p>Abstracts the functionality of performing a DMA operation from the device to DDR memory.</p> <p>dma_target_buf is the target physical address in the memory where the DMA data is to be written.</p> <p>0: success.</p> <p>IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED: on error, the status is a nonzero value which is IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED.</p>
start_to_device	uint32_t pal_dma_start_to_device(void *dma_source_buf, uint32_t length, void *host, void *target, uint32_t timeout);	<p>Abstracts the functionality of performing a DMA operation to the device from DDR memory.</p> <p>dma_source_buf: physical address in the memory where the DMA data is read from and has to be written to the device.</p> <p>0: success</p> <p>IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED: on error, the status is a nonzero value which is IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED.</p>

API name	Function prototype	Description
mem_alloc	uint64_t pal_dma_mem_alloc(void **buffer, uint32_t length, void *dev, uint32_t flags);	<p>Allocates contiguous memory for DMA operations.</p> <p>Supported values for flags are:</p> <p>1: DMA_COHERENT</p> <p>2: DMA_NOT_COHERENT</p> <p>dev is a void pointer which can be used by the PAL layer to get the context of the request. This is same value that is returned by PAL during info table creation.</p> <p>0: success.</p> <p>IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED: on error, the status is a nonzero value which is IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED.</p>
scsi_get_dma_addr	void pal_dma_scsi_get_dma_addr(void *port, void *dma_addr, uint32_t *dma_len);	This is a hook provided to extract the physical DMA address used by the DMA Requester for the last transaction. It is used by the test to verify if the address used by the DMA Requester was the same as what was allocated by the test.
mem_get_attrs	int pal_dma_mem_get_attrs(void *buf, uint32_t *attr, uint32_t *sh)	<p>Returns the memory and Shareability attributes of the input address. The attributes are returned as per the MAIR definition in the Arm ARM VMSA section.</p> <p>0: success.</p> <p>Nonzero: error, ignore the attribute and Shareability parameters.</p>
dma_mem_free	void pal_dma_mem_free(void *buffer, addr_t mem_dma, unsigned int length, void *port, unsigned int flags);	<p>Free the memory allocated by pal_dma_mem_alloc.</p> <p>buffer: memory mapped to the DMA that is to be freed</p> <p>mem_dma: DMA address with respect to device</p> <p>length: size of the memory</p> <p>port: ATA port structure</p> <p>flags: Value can be DMA_COHERENT or DMA_NOT_COHERENT</p>

The following data structure captures the information on SATA or USB controllers which are DMA-enabled.



Note

```
typedef struct {
    uint32_t num_dma_ctrls;
    DMA_INFO_BLOCK info[]; ///< Array of information blocks - per DMA
                             controller
}DMA_INFO_TABLE;
```

This includes pointers to information such as port information and targets connected to the port. The present structures are defined only for SATA and USB. If other peripherals are to be supported, these structures must be enhanced.

```
/**
@brief DMA controllers info structure
**/
typedef enum {
    DMA_TYPE_USB = 0x2000,
    DMA_TYPE_SATA,
    DMA_TYPE_OTHER,
}DMA_INFO_TYPE_e;

typedef struct {
    DMA_INFO_TYPE_e type;
    void *target;    ///< The actual info stored in these pointers is
                    implementation specific.
    void *port;
    void *host;      ///< It will be used only by PAL. hence void.
    uint32_t flags;
}DMA_INFO_BLOCK;
```

3.2.11 Exerciser

The following table of APIs provides information that is specific to the Exerciser operations in the system.

Table 3-11: Exerciser APIs and descriptions

API name	Function prototype	Description
set_param	uint32_t pal_exerciser_set_param(EXERCISER_PARAM_TYPE type, uint64_t value1, uint64_t value2, uint32_t instance, uint64_t ecam)	<p>Writes the configuration parameters to the PCIe stimulus generation hardware indicated by the instance number. The supported configuration parameters include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 – Snoop attributes 2 – Legacy IRQ parameters 3 – MSI(x) attributes 4 – DMA attributes 5 – Peer-to-Peer attributes 6 – PASID attributes 7 – P2P_ATTRIBUTES 8 – PASID_ATTRIBUTES 9 – CFG_TXN_ATTRIBUTES 10 – ATS_RES_ATTRIBUTES 11 – TRANSACTION_TYPE 12 – NUM_TRANSACTIONS <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • value2 is an optional argument and must be ignored for configuration parameters. • instance is exerciser Bus Device Function (BDF). • ecam is ecam base for exerciser under test.
get_param	uint32_t pal_exerciser_get_param(EXERCISER_PARAM_TYPE type, uint64_t *value1, uint64_t *value2, uint32_t instance, uint64_t ecam)	<p>Returns the requested configuration parameter values through 64-bit input arguments value1 and value2. The function returns a value of 1 to indicate read success and 0 to indicate read failure.</p> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • instance is exerciser bdf. • ecam is ecam base for exerciser under test.

API name	Function prototype	Description
set_state	uint32_t pal_exerciser_set_state(EXERCISER_STATE state, uint64_t *value, uint32_t instance)	<p>Sets the state of the PCIe stimulus generation hardware. The supported states include:</p> <p>1 – RESET, hardware in reset state.</p> <p>2 – ON, this state is set after hardware is initialized and is ready to generate stimulus.</p> <p>3 – OFF, this state is set to indicate that hardware can no longer generate stimulus.</p> <p>4 – ERROR, this state is set to signal an error with hardware.</p>
get_state	uint32_t pal_exerciser_get_state(EXERCISER_STATE state, uint64_t *value, uint32_t instance)	Returns the state of the PCIe stimulus generation hardware of the requested instance.
ops	uint32_t pal_exerciser_ops(EXERCISER_OPS ops, uint64_t param, uint32_t instance, uint64_t ecam)	<p>Abstracts the steps to implement the requested operation on the PCIe stimulus generation hardware. Following are the supported operations:</p> <p>1 – START_DMA,</p> <p>2 – GENERATE_MSI</p> <p>3 – GENERATE_L_INTR</p> <p>4 – MEM_READ</p> <p>5 – MEM_WRITE</p> <p>6 – CLEAR_INTR</p> <p>7 – PASID_TLP_START</p> <p>8 – PASID_TLP_STOP</p> <p>9 – TXN_NO_SNOOP_ENABLE</p> <p>10 – TXN_NO_SNOOP_DISABLE</p> <p>11 – START_TXN_MONITOR</p> <p>12 – STOP_TXN_MONITOR</p> <p>13 – ATS_TXN_REQ</p> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> instance is exerciser bdf. ecam is ecam base for exerciser under test.

API name	Function prototype	Description
get_data	uint32_t pal_exerciser_get_data(EXERCISER_DATA_TYPE type, exerciser_data_t *data, uint32_t instance, uint64_t ecam)	Returns either the configuration space or the BAR space information depending on the input argument type. The argument type can take one of the following two values: 1 - EXERCISER_DATA_CFG_SPACE 2 - EXERCISER_DATA_BARO_SPACE Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none">instance is exerciser bdf.ecam is ecam base for exerciser under test.
get_ecam	uint64_t pal_exerciser_get_ecam(uint32_t Bdf);	Returns the ECAM address of the input PCIe device. bdf: Segment/Bus/Dev/Func in the format of PCIE_CREATE_BDF Returns ECAM address if success, else NULL address.
get_ecsr_base	uint64_t pal_exerciser_get_ecsr_base(uint32_t Bdf, uint32_t BarIndex);	Returns the ECSR base address of particular BAR Index. bdf: Segment/Bus/Dev/Func in the format of PCIE_CREATE_BDF BarIndex: Bar Index
find_pcie_capability	uint32_t pal_exerciser_find_pcie_capability (uint32_t ID, uint32_t Bdf, uint32_t Value, uint32_t *Offset);	This function finds the PCI capability and return 0 if it finds.
is_bdf_exerciser	uint32_t pal_is_bdf_exerciser(uint32_t bdf)	Returns if the device is a exerciser. bdf: Bus/Device/Function Returns 1 - true 0 - false
start_dma_direction	uint32_t pal_exerciser_start_dma_direction (uint64_t Base, EXERCISER_DMA_ATTR Direction)	This function triggers the DMA operation.

3.2.12 Miscellaneous APIs

The following table describes the Miscellaneous APIs of print, mem, mmio, and others.

Table 3-12: Miscellaneous APIs and their descriptions

API name	Function prototype	Description
print	void pal_print(char *string, uint64_t data);	Sends a formatted string to the output console. string: An ASCII string. data: Data for the formatted output.

API name	Function prototype	Description
print_raw	<code>void pal_print_raw(uint64_t addr, char *string, uint64_t data);</code>	<p>Sends a string to the output console without using the platform print function. This function gets COMM port address and directly writes to the address character by character.</p> <p>addr: Address to be written.</p> <p>string: An ASCII string.</p> <p>data: Data for the formatted output.</p>
strncmp	<code>uint32_t pal_strncmp(char *FirstString, char *SecondString, uint32_t Length);</code>	<p>Compares two strings. Returns zero if strings are identical, or else a nonzero value.</p> <p>FirstString: The pointer to the first null-terminated ASCII string.</p> <p>SecondString: The pointer to the second null-terminated ASCII string.</p> <p>Length: The maximum number of ASCII characters for comparison.</p>
mmio_read	<code>uint32 pal_mmio_read(uint64 addr);</code>	<p>Provides a single point of abstraction to read from all memory-mapped I/O addresses.</p> <p>addr: 64-bit input address</p> <p>return: 32-bit data read from the input address</p>
mmio_read8	<code>pal_mmio_read8(uint64 addr);</code>	<p>Provides a single point of abstraction to read 8-bit data from all memory-mapped I/O addresses.</p> <p>addr: 64-bit input address</p> <p>return: 8-bit data read from the input address</p>
mmio_read16	<code>pal_mmio_read16(uint64 addr);</code>	<p>Provides a single point of abstraction to read 16-bit data from all memory-mapped I/O addresses.</p> <p>addr: 64-bit input address</p> <p>return: 16-bit data read from the input address</p>
mmio_read64	<code>pal_mmio_read64(uint64 addr);</code>	<p>Provides a single point of abstraction to read 64-bit data from all memory-mapped I/O addresses.</p> <p>addr: 64-bit input address</p> <p>return: 64-bit data read from the input address</p>
mmio_write	<code>void pal_mmio_write(uint64 addr, uint32 data);</code>	<p>Provides a single point of abstraction to write to all memory-mapped I/O addresses.</p> <p>addr: 64-bit input address</p> <p>data: 32-bit data to write to address</p>

API name	Function prototype	Description
mmio_write8	pal_mmio_write8(unit64 addr,uint8 data);	Provides a single point of abstraction to write 8-bit data to all memory-mapped I/O addresses. addr: 64-bit input address data: 8-bit data to write to address
mmio_write16	pal_mmio_write16(unit64 addr,uint16 data);	Provides a single point of abstraction to write 16-bit data to all memory-mapped I/O addresses. addr: 64-bit input address data: 16-bit data to write to address
mmio_write64	pal_mmio_write(unit64 addr,uint64 data);	Provides a single point of abstraction to write 64-bit data to all memory-mapped I/O addresses. addr: 64-bit input address data: 64-bit data to write to address
mem_free_shared	pal_mem_free_shared(void);	Frees the shared memory region allocated.
mem_get_shared_addr	pal_mem_get_shared_addr(void);	Returns the base address of the shared memory region to the VAL layer.
mem_alloc	void pal_mem_alloc(unsigned int size);	Allocates memory of the requested size. size: size of the memory region to be allocated Returns virtual address on success and null on failure.
mem_allocate_shared	pal_mem_allocate_shared (uint32_t num_pe, uint32_t sizeofentry);	Allocates memory which is to be used to share data across PEs. num_pe: number of PEs in the system sizeofentry: size of memory region allocated to each PE Returns none.
mem_free	void pal_mem_free(void *buffer);	Frees the memory allocated by UEFI framework APIs. buffer: base address of the memory range to be freed Returns none.
mem_cpy	void *pal_memcpy(void *dest_buffer, void *src_buffer, uint32_t len);	Copies a source buffer to a destination buffer and returns the destination buffer. dest_buffer: pointer to the destination buffer of the memory copy src_buffer: pointer to the source buffer of the memory copy len: number of bytes to copy from source buffer to destination buffer Returns the destination buffer.

API name	Function prototype	Description
mem_compare	uint32 pal_mem_compare(void *src, void *dest, uint32 len);	Compares the contents of the source and destination buffers. src : source buffer to be compared dest : destination buffer to be compared with len : length of the comparison to be performed
mem_alloc_cacheable	void pal_mem_alloc_cacheable(uint32_t bdf, uint32_t size, void *pa);	Allocates cacheable memory of the requested size. bdf : BDF of the requesting PCIe device size : size of the memory region to be allocated pa : physical address of the allocated memory
mem_free_cacheable	void pal_mem_free_cacheable(uint32_t bdf, uint32_t size, void *va, void *pa);	Frees the cacheable memory allocated by Linux DMA Framework APIs. bdf : Bus, Device, and Function of the requesting PCIe device size : size of memory region to be freed va : virtual address of the memory to be freed pa : physical address of the memory to be freed
aligned_alloc	void *pal_aligned_alloc(uint32_t alignment, uint32_t size)	Allocates memory with given alignment. alignment : Specifies the alignment. size : Requested memory allocation size. Returns the pointer to allocated memory with requested alignment.
mem_free_aligned	void pal_mem_free_aligned (void *buffer)	Free the aligned memory allocated by aligned_alloc. buffer : The base address of the aligned memory range.
mem_virt_to_phys	void pal_mem_virt_to_phys(void *va);	Returns the physical address of the input virtual address. va : virtual address of the memory to be converted Returns the physical address.
time_delay_ms	uint64 pal_time_delay_ms (uint64 MicroSeconds);	Stalls the CPU for the specified number of microseconds. MicroSeconds : the minimum number of microseconds to be delayed Returns the value of the microseconds given as input.
mem_set	void pal_mem_set (void *buf, uint32 size, uint8 value);	A buffer with a known specified input value. buf : pointer to the buffer to fill size : number of bytes in the buffer to fill value : value to fill the buffer with
page_size	uint32_t pal_mem_page_size();	Returns the memory page size (in bytes) used by the platform.

API name	Function prototype	Description
alloc_pages	void* pal_mem_alloc_pages (uint32 NumPages);	Allocates the requested number of memory pages.
free_pages	void pal_mem_free_pages (void *PageBase, uint32_t NumPages);	Frees pages as requested.
mem_calloc	void *pal_mem_calloc(uint32_t num, uint32_t Size)	Allocates requested buffer size in bytes with zeros in a contiguous memory and returns the base address of the range. param size: allocation size in bytes retval: if SUCCESS pointer to allocated memory retval: if FAILURE NULL
target_is_bm	uint32_t pal_target_is_bm()	Checks if system information is passed using Baremetal. This API is also used to check if GIC/Interrupt INIT ACS Code is used or not. In case of BM, ACS Code is used for INIT.

3.2.13 Device Tree APIs

The following table of APIs provides information that is specific to DT operations in the system.

For IR systems, the platform depends on DT. The following APIs are for parsing the DT and extract the necessary information.

Table 3-13: Device Tree APIs and their descriptions

Module name	Function prototype	Description
PE	VOID pal_pe_info_table_pmu_gsv_dt (PE_INFO_TABLE *PeTable)	This API fills in the PE_INFO_TABLE with information about PMU in the system. This is achieved by parsing the DT. PeTable: Address where the PMU information must be filled.
PE	VOID pal_pe_create_info_table_dt (PE_INFO_TABLE *PeTable)	This API fills in the PE_INFO_Table with information about the PEs in the system. This is achieved by parsing the DT blob. PeTable: Address where the PE information must be filled.
PE	VOID pal_pe_info_table_gmaint_gsv_dt (PE_INFO_TABLE *PeTable)	This API fills in the PE_INFO_TABLE with information about GIC maintenance interrupt in the system. This is achieved by parsing the DT. PeTable: Address where the information must be filled.
GIC	VOID pal_gic_create_info_table_dt (GIC_INFO_TABLE *GicTable)	This API fills in the GIC_INFO Table with information about the GIC in the system. This is achieved by parsing the DT blob. PeTable: Address where the GIC information must be filled.
Timer	VOID pal_timer_create_info_table_dt (TIMER_INFO_TABLE *TimerTable)	This API fills in the TIMER_INFO_Table with information about the timer in the system. This is achieved by parsing the DT blob. TimerTable: Address where the timer information must be filled.

Module name	Function prototype	Description
Watchdog	<code>VOID pal_wd_create_info_table_dt(WD_INFO_TABLE *WdTable)</code>	This API fills in the <code>WD_INFO_Table</code> with information about the WDs in the system. This is achieved by parsing the DT blob. <code>WdTable</code> : Address where the WD information must be filled.
Peripheral	<code>VOID pal_peripheral_usb_create_info_table_dt(PERIPHERAL_INFO_TABLE *peripheralInfoTable)</code>	This API fills in the <code>PERIPHERAL_INFO_TABLE</code> with information about USB in the system. This is achieved by parsing the DT. <code>peripheralInfoTable</code> : Address where the peripheral information must be filled.
Peripheral	<code>VOID pal_peripheral_sata_create_info_table_dt(PERIPHERAL_INFO_TABLE *peripheralInfoTable)</code>	This API fills in the <code>PERIPHERAL_INFO_TABLE</code> with information about SATA in the system. This is achieved by parsing the DT. <code>peripheralInfoTable</code> : Address where the peripheral information must be filled.
Peripheral	<code>VOID pal_peripheral_uart_create_info_table_dt(PERIPHERAL_INFO_TABLE *peripheralInfoTable)</code>	This API fills in the <code>PERIPHERAL_INFO_TABLE</code> with information about UART in the system. This is achieved by parsing the DT. <code>peripheralInfoTable</code> : Address where the peripheral information must be filled.
IOVIRT	<code>VOID pal_iovirt_create_info_table_dt(IOVIRT_INFO_TABLE *IoVirtTable)</code>	Parses <code>DT_SMMU_Table</code> and populates the local IOVIRT table. <code>IoVirtTable</code> : Address where the IOVIRT information must be filled
PCle	<code>VOID pal_pcie_create_info_table_dt(PCIE_INFO_TABLE *PcieTable)</code>	This API fills in the <code>PCIE_INFO_Table</code> with information about the PCle's in the system. This is achieved by parsing the DT blob. <code>PcieTable</code> : Address where the PcieTable information must be filled.
Misc	<code>VOID pal_dtb_dump(void)</code>	API is used to dump dtb for EBBR systems.

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Table 2: Issue 0005-01

Change	Location
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Table 3: Differences between Issue 0005-01 to 0009-02

Change	Location
Added the abbreviation for SMMU in the list.	See, 1.1 Abbreviations on page 5.
Added information on GIC ITS.	See, 1.6 GIC ITS on page 12.
Added Device Tree description for BSA abstraction terms.	See, 1.7 Test platform abstraction on page 13.
Renamed <code>pal_uefi/</code> to <code>pal_uefi_acpi/</code> in BSA ACS directory structure.	See, 2.2.1 Source code directory on page 16.
Removed <code>request_msi</code> , <code>free_msi</code> , <code>its_configure</code> , and <code>get_max_lpi_id</code> from GIC APIs list and updated the GIC information entry structure.	See, 3.2.3 GIC APIs on page 22.
Added <code>uint64_t ecam</code> parameter and its description in <code>set_param</code> , <code>get_param</code> , <code>ops</code> , and <code>get_data</code> .	See, 3.2.11 Exerciser on page 39.
Added Misc API in Device Tree APIs.	See, 3.2.13 Device Tree APIs on page 46.

Table 4: Differences between Issue 0009-02 to 0100-01

Change	Location
Added <code>rid</code> parameter for <code>get_rc_smmu_base</code> API.	See, 3.2.7 IO-Virt APIs on page 31.
Renamed ACPI to ACPI table in the UEFI shell, and added Device Tree along with the ACPI table in the Linux application block in the test platform abstraction image.	See, 1.7 Test platform abstraction on page 13.

Table 5: Differences between Issue 0100-01 to 0100-02

Change	Location
Added a figure for Layered software stack.	See, 1.4 Layered software stack on page 6.
Updated the Compliance test layers table.	See, 1.4 Layered software stack on page 6.
Updated the figure Test platform abstraction.	See, 1.7 Test platform abstraction on page 13
Added PAL APIs for various modules.	See, 3.2 PAL API definitions on page 20
Updated the source code directory.	See, 2.2.1 Source code directory on page 16

Table 6: Differences between Issue 0100-02 to 0100-03

Change	Location
Added the note.	See, 2.2.2 Building the tests on page 18
Updated Function prototype for the APIs <code>io_write_cfg</code> and <code>get_bdf_wrapper</code> . Removed the API <code>scan_bridge_devices_and_check_memtype</code> from PCIe APIs table.	See, 3.2.6 PCIe APIs on page 25
Added APIs <code>bar_mem_read</code> and <code>bar_mem_write</code> in PCIe APIs table.	See, 3.2.6 PCIe APIs on page 25

Change	Location
Removed the API <code>max_pasids</code> from SMMU APIs table.	See, 3.2.8 SMMU APIs on page 32
Removed the API <code>get_device_type</code> from Peripheral APIs table.	See, 3.2.9 Peripheral APIs on page 34

Table 7: Differences between Issue 0100-03 to 0100-04

Change	Location
Updated the Source code directory structure figure.	See, 2.2.1 Source code directory on page 16
Updated PCIe APIs and their descriptions table.	See, 3.2.6 PCIe APIs on page 25
Removed the API <code>get_legacy_irq_map</code> from the Exerciser APIs and their details table.	See, 3.2.11 Exerciser on page 39

Table 8: Differences between Issue 0100-04 to 0100-05

Change	Location
Updated BSA ACS directory structure figure.	See, 2.2.1 Source code directory on page 16

Table 9: Differences between Issue 0100-05 to 0100-06

Change	Location
Updated Function prototype for the API <code>get_mcfg_ecam</code> in the PCIe APIs table.	See, 3.2.6 PCIe APIs on page 25
Added API <code>get_num_nongic_ctrl</code> in the GIC APIs table.	See, 3.2.3 GIC APIs on page 22
Added API <code>create_info_table</code> in the PE APIs table.	See, 3.2.2 PE APIs on page 21

Table 10: Differences between Issue 0100-06 to 0100-07

Change	Location
Updated BSA ACS to SYSARCH ACS in multiple sections.	-
Updated the directory name in the SYSARCH ACS directory structure description table and updated the SYSARCH ACS directory structure figure.	See, 2.2.1 Source code directory on page 16
Updated the Linux kernel tree version to v6.10, it is used to verify the BSA ACS.	See, 2.2.2 Building the tests on page 18

Table 11: Differences between Issue 0100-07 to 0102-01

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