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UEFI Human Interface Infrastructure (HII)

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LESSON OBJECTIVE

- What is the Infrastructure for HII
- How Does HII Work
- Lab for HII

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USER INTERFACE HII OVERVIEW

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WHY ?

Unified Look and Feel at Platform level

Single Interface

Localization

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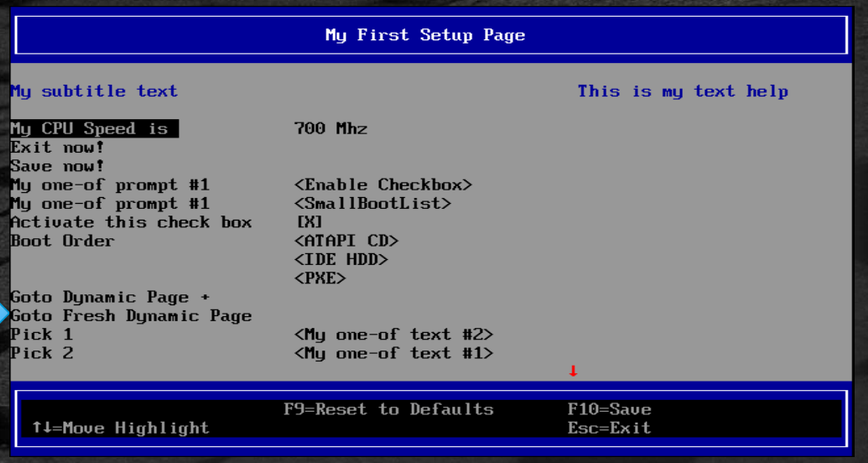

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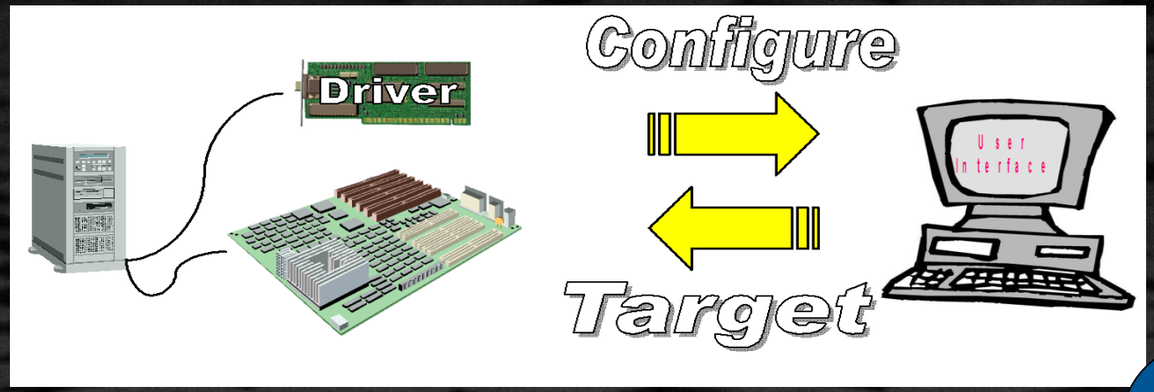

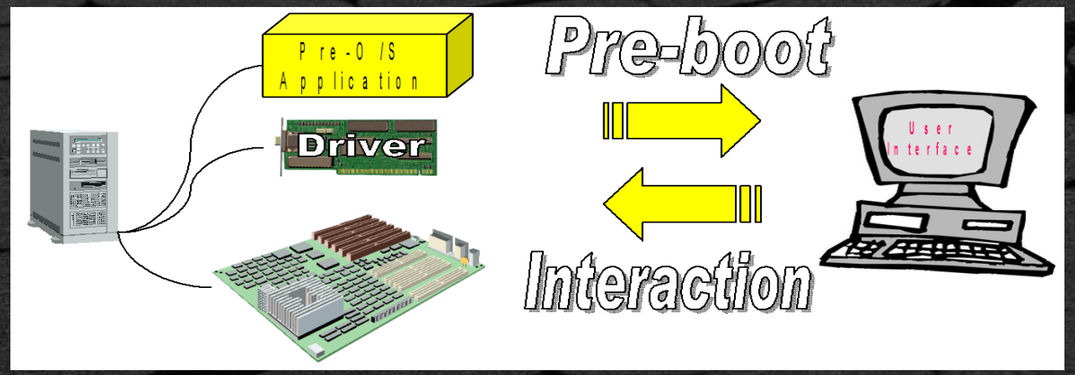

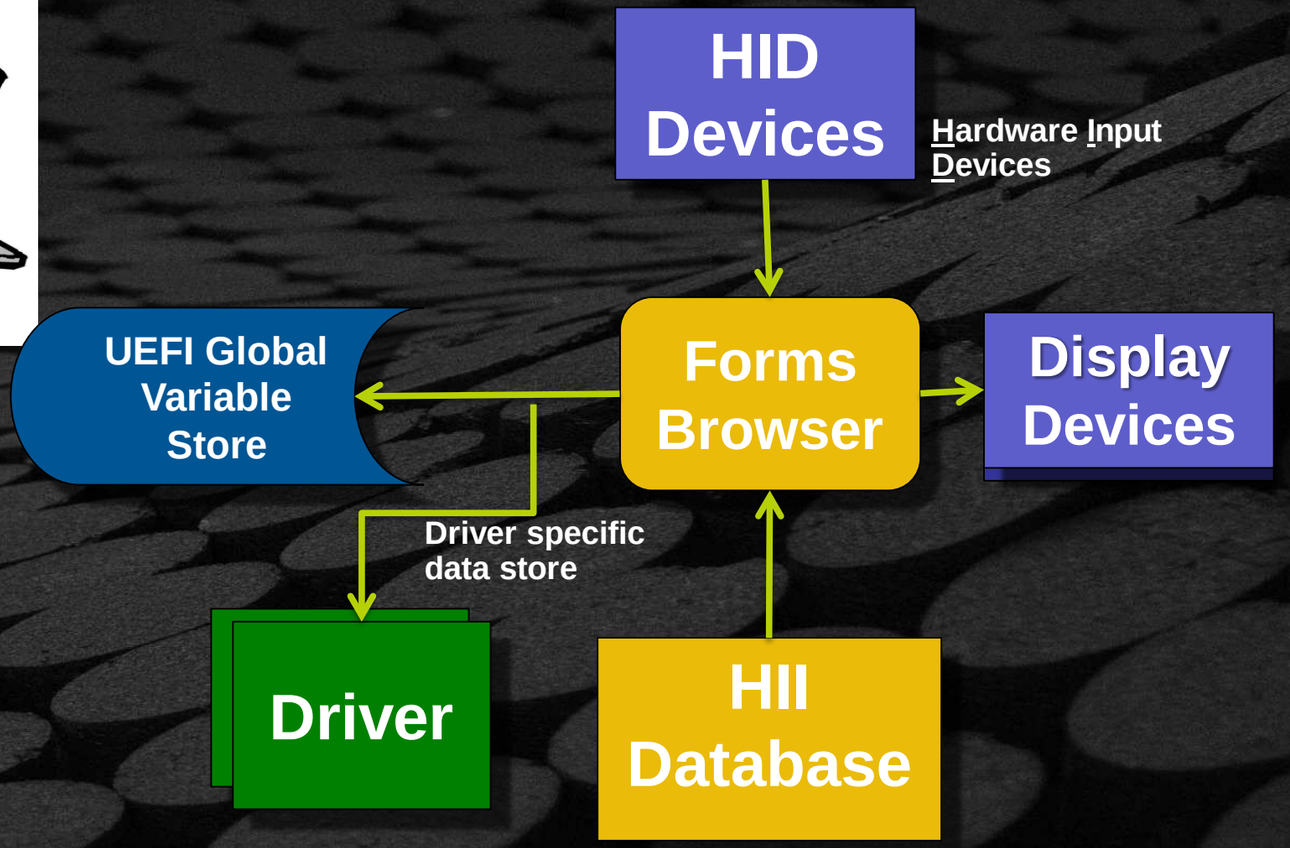

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HII COMPONENTS

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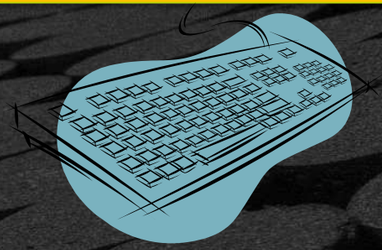

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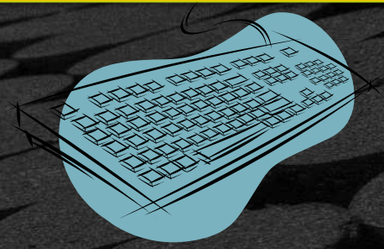

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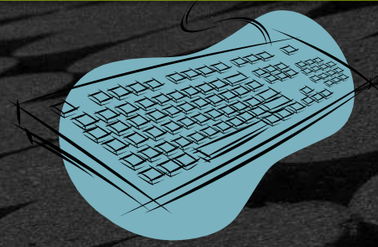


Forms

Packages

STRINGS

Strings stored in Unicode

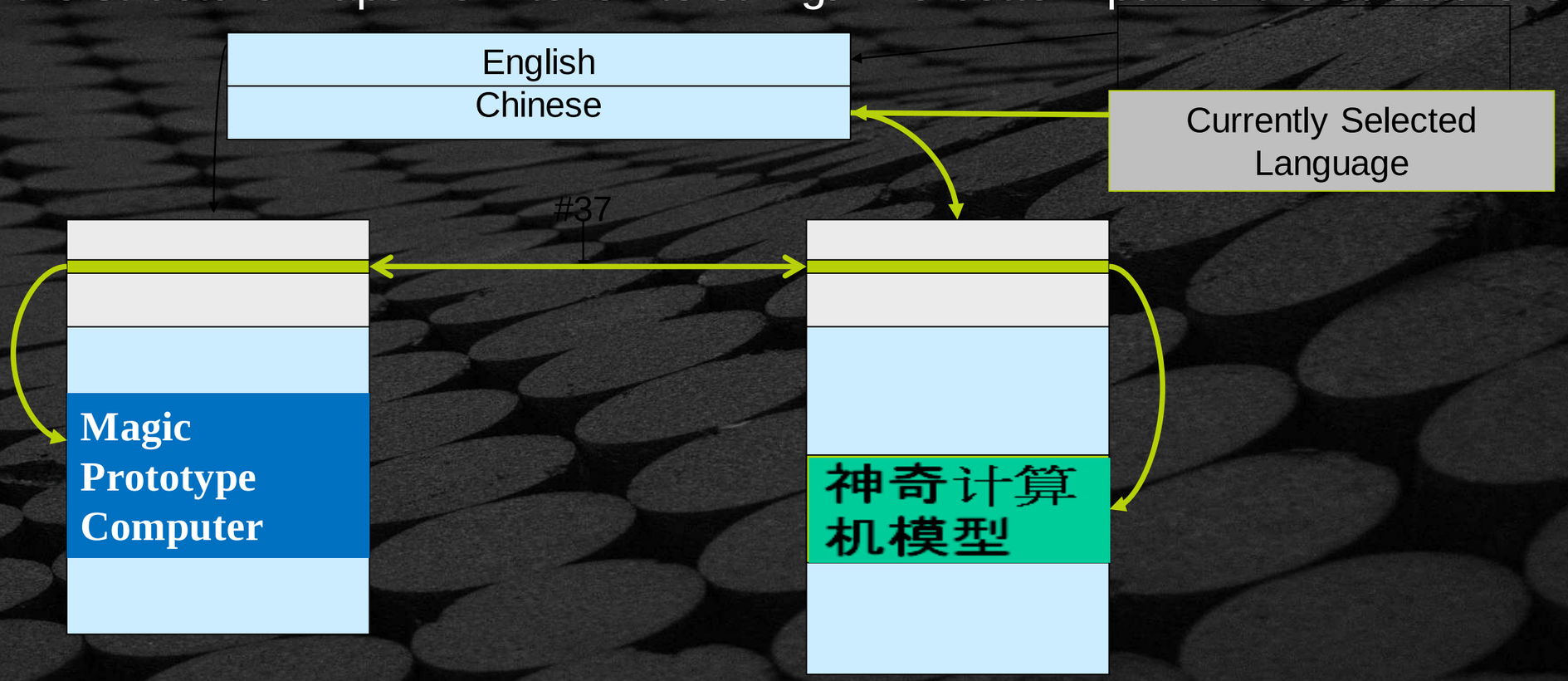
- Real string encodings required for e.g. VT100
- Already the text standard in UEFI today

Localization happens at the string level

- Caller externs and passes in language independent string token
- String support determines actual string from token and selected language
- Usage Model:
  - A string library supporting translations
    - Reduces translation costs and delays
  - Tools to extract strings depending on use by driver
  - Analysis of strings used to extract fonts
  - RFC 4646 Language codes (2-2)

TOKEN TO STRING MAPPING

Request: Print string with token 37
Currently selected language is as in UEFI 2.X. This is used to select between language data structures. (The structures indicate which language(s) they support).
The top part of the structure maps from token to string. The bottom part of the structure is the strings



STRING EXAMPLE (.UNI FILE)


```
#langdef    en-US       "English"
#langdef    fr-FR       "Francais“
#langdef    sv-SE       “Svenska”

#string STR_FORM_SET_TITLE
#language en-US "Browser Testcase Engine"
#language fr-FR "Navigateur Testcase Moteur”
#language sv-SE "Webbläsare Testcase Motor”

#string STR_FORM_SET_TITLE_HELP
#language en-US "This is a sample UEFI driver which is used to test the browser op-code operations. "
#language fr-FR “Il s'agit d'une UEFI Driver échantillon qui est utilisé pour tester les navigateurs op-code opérations.“
#language sv-SE ”Detta är ett exempel på UEFI-drivrutin som används för att testa webbläsaren op-kod operationer”

#string STR_FORM1_TITLE
#language en-US "My First Setup Page"
#language fr-FR "Mi Primero Arreglo Página“
#language sv-SE "Min första inställningssidan”
```

RFC 4646 Language codes

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FONTS

One Standard Font for UEFI

- One font database accumulated during boot

Each Component Provides Its Fonts

- System provides ASCII and ISO Latin-1
- Fonts only required for characters in strings that may appear
  - If the firmware will never print “tractor” in Kanji, discard the bit image
- Result is a sparse array of characters indexed by the Unicode ‘weight’

Wide and Narrow glyphs supported

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KEYBOARDS

Support varying keyboards

- UK and US keyboard layout are not the same. Certainly that is the case for US and Arabic, etc.
- Adding support of other modifiers (e.g. Alt-GR, Dead-keys, etc)

Keyboard Layout

- Allow for a standardized mechanism to describe a keyboard layout and add to system database.
- Allow for switching keyboard layouts.

Spanish

English

French

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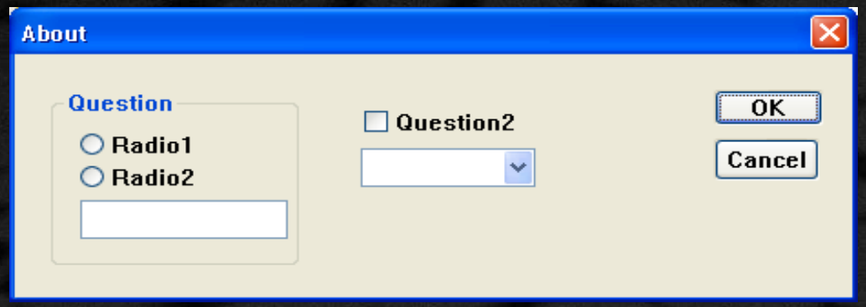

FORMS

- The forms are stored in the HII database, along with the strings, fonts & images
- Other applications may use the information within the forms to validate configuration setting values
- The Forms Browser provides a forms-based user interface which understands
  - how to read the contents of the forms
  - interact with the user
  - save the resulting values
- The Forms Browser uses forms data installed by an application or driver during initialization in the HII database.

VISUAL FORMS REPRESENTATION (VFR)

- Language used to describe what a page layout would be in a browser as well as the op-codes and string tokens to display
- Op-codes are defined for the following functions examples
  - **`formSet`** and **`form`** definitions
  - One of type questions with corresponding options (combo) fields

```
checkbox
numeric
oneof
String
```

  - Boolean expressions in support of errors, suppress, and gray outs

```
"disableif"
“suppressif“
“grayoutif"
```

FORM EXAMPLE (.VFR FILE)

```
formset
  guid     = FORMSET_GUID,
  title    = STRING_TOKEN(STR_FORM_SET_TITLE),
  help     = STRING_TOKEN(STR_FORM_SET_TITLE_HELP),
  classguid = EFI_HII_PLATFORM_SETUP_FORMSET_GUID,

 varstore   DRIVER_SAMPLE_CONFIGURATION,
     name = MyIfrNVData,
     guid = FORMSET_GUID;

 form formid = 1,
       title  = STRING_TOKEN(STR_FORM1_TITLE);

 oneof varid  = MyIfrNVData.MyVariableForOneofPrompt,
  prompt      = STRING_TOKEN(STR_ONE_OF_PROMPT),
   help       = STRING_TOKEN(STR_ONE_OF_HELP),
  option text = STRING_TOKEN(STR_ONE_OF_TEXT1), value = 0x0, flags = 0;
  option text = STRING_TOKEN(STR_ONE_OF_TEXT2), value = 0x1, flags = 0;
  option text = STRING_TOKEN(STR_ONE_OF_TEXT3), value = 0x2, flags = DEFAULT;
 endoneof;
                 ...
 endform;
endformset;
```

Source code

INTERNAL FORMS REPRESENTATION (IFR)

- IFR Code created by VFR to IFR compiler tool
- Byte encoded operations (much smaller)
- String references abstracted as tokens
- Improved validation, visibility primitives
- At better level of presentation control for firmware
  - Tension between configuration driver and presentation driver over control of presentation format

Easy to

- Interpret for small Setup engine in desktop firmware
- Translate into XHTML or JavaScript or …

MINIMUM FILES FOR HII DRIVER

.c

.h

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EDK II HII


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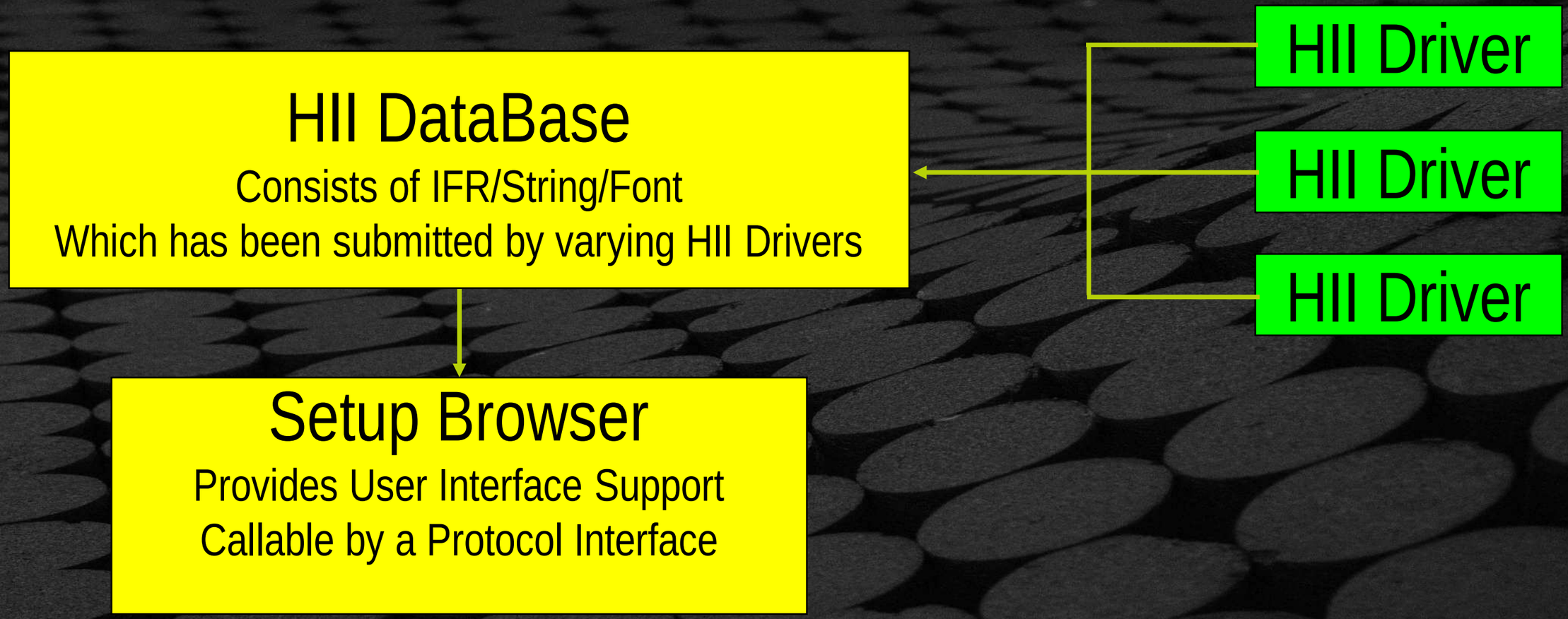

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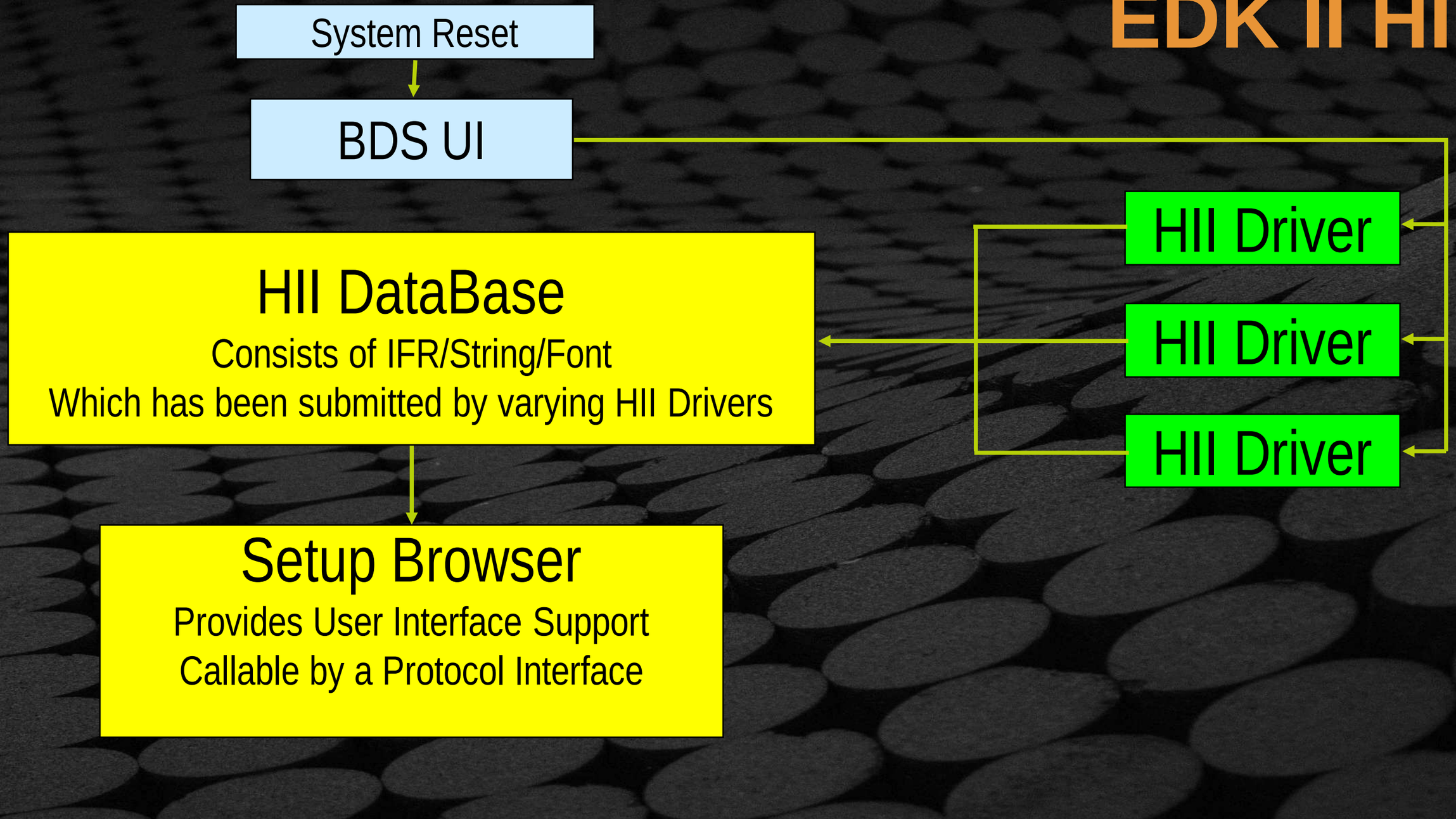
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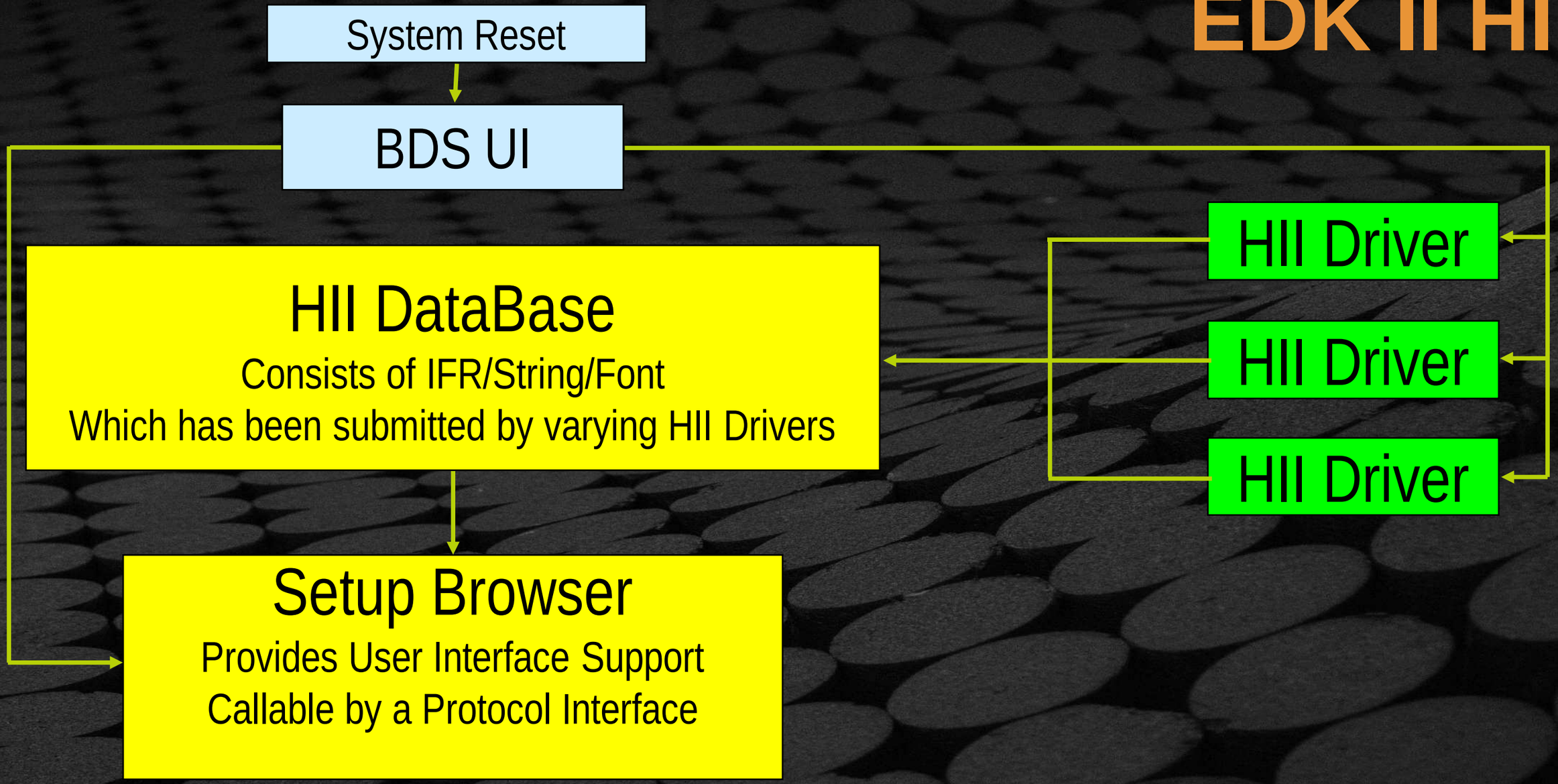
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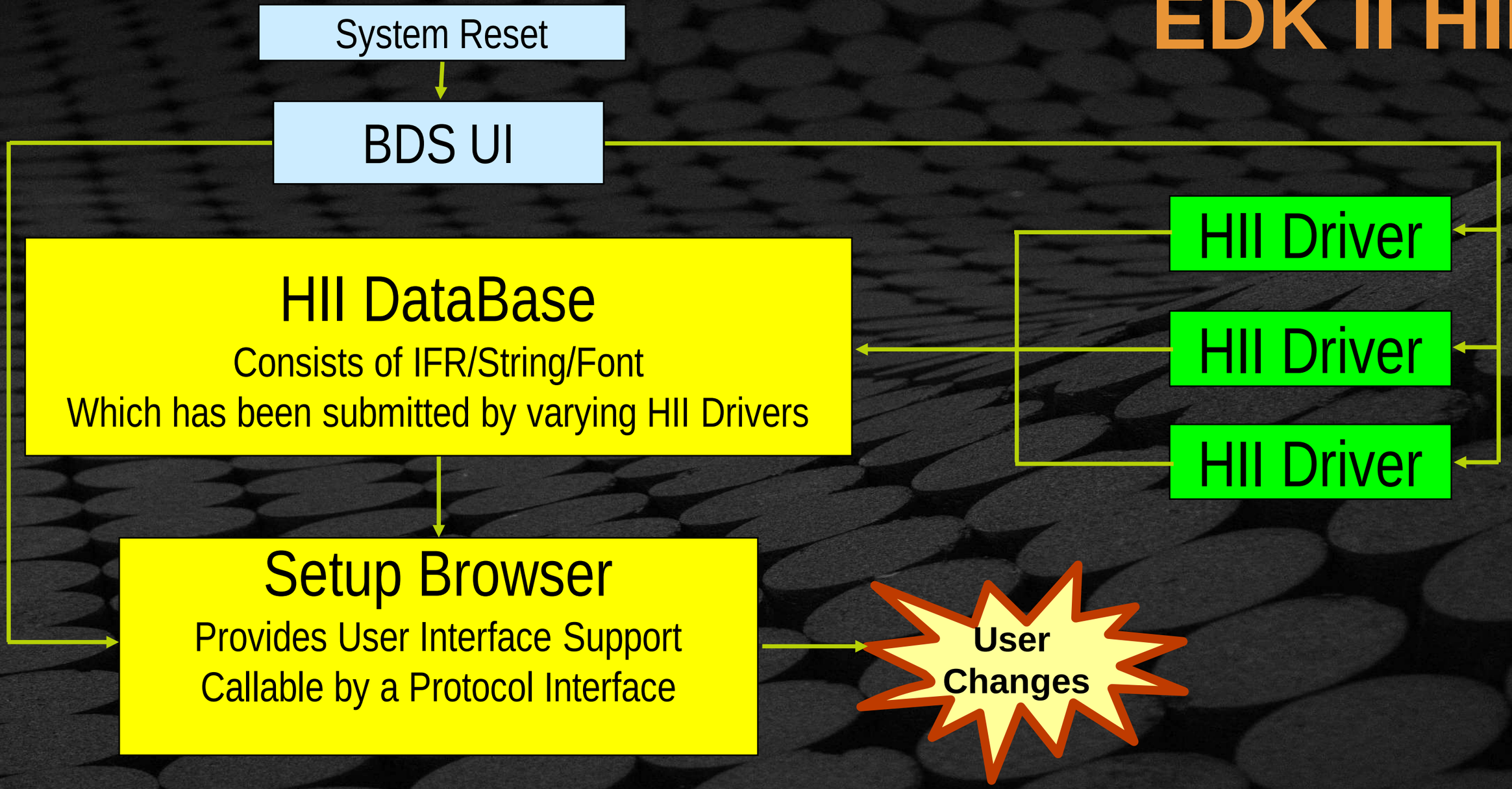
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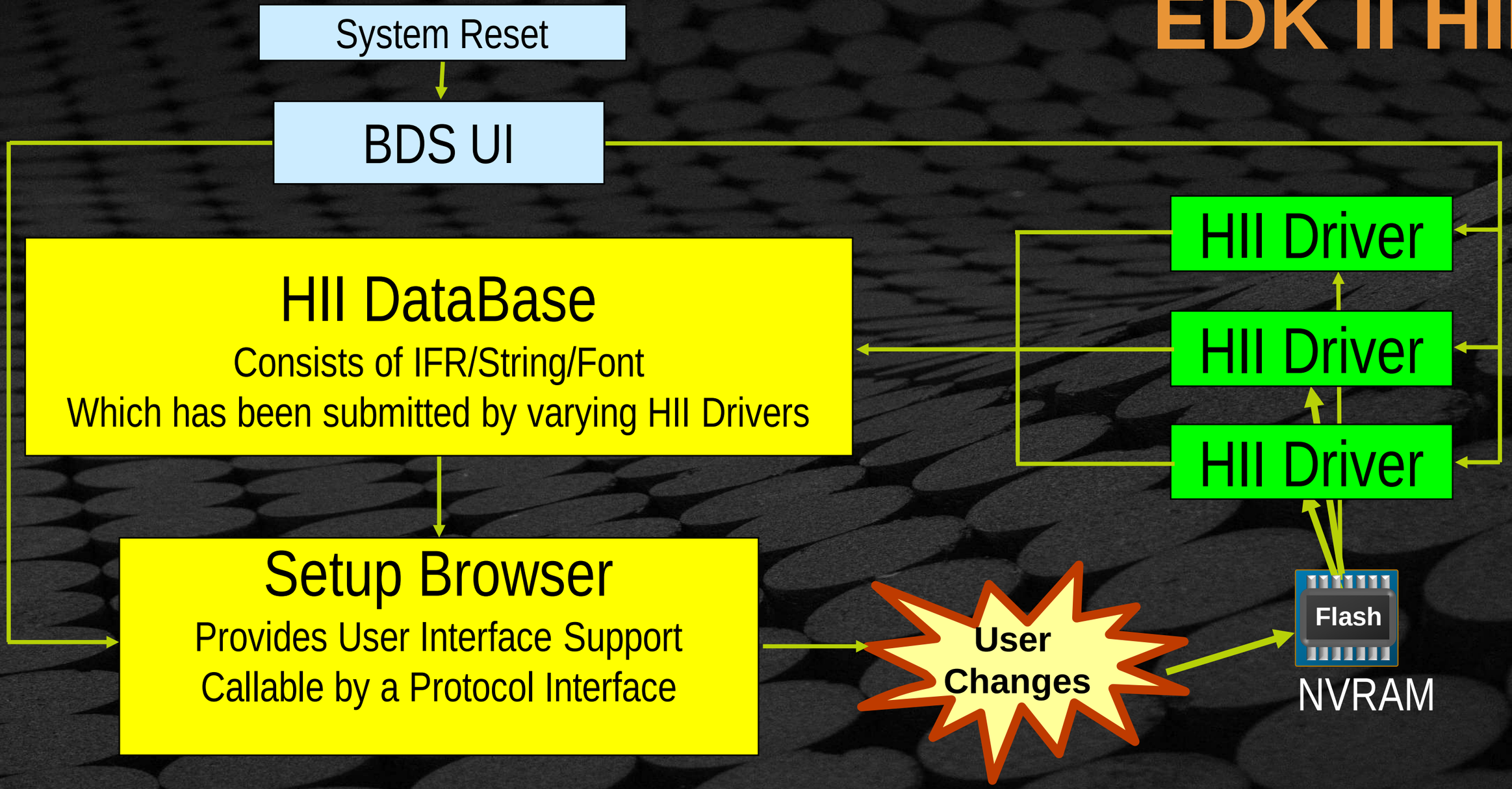

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HOW: UEFI HII PROTOCOLS

Sections 29-31 the UEFI 2.x Specification

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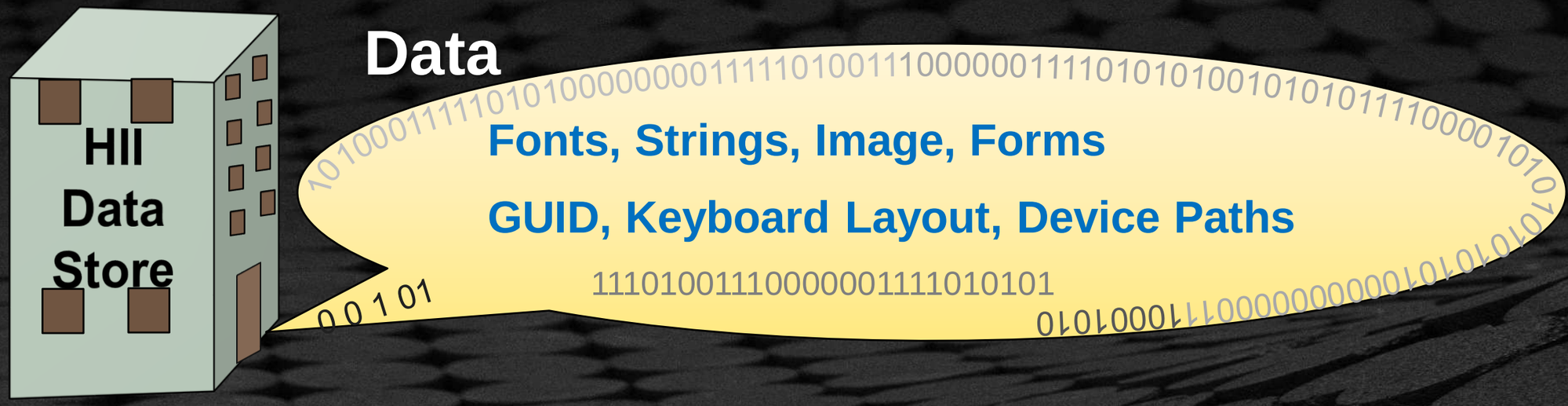

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HII DATABASE OVERVIEW

Data

Fonts, Strings, Image, Forms

GUID, Keyboard Layout, Device Paths

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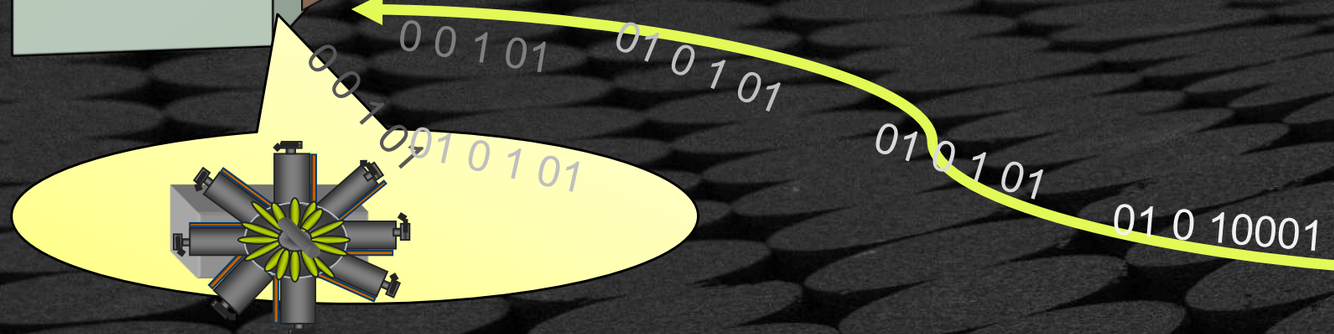

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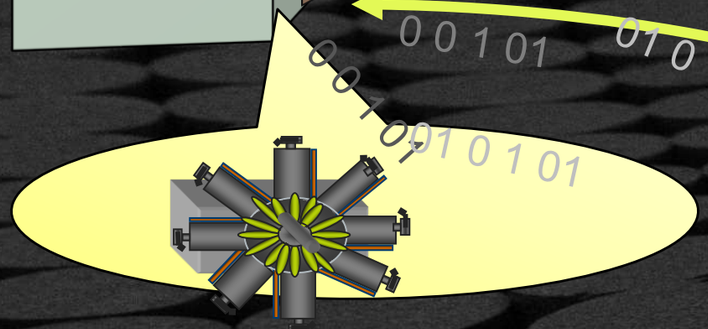

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UEFI HII PROTOCOLS

Font Protocol	• String to Image, Sting ID to Image, Get Glyph, Get Font Info
String Protocol	• New – Get – Set – String • Get Language & 2nd Language
Image Protocol	• New – Get – Set Image • Draw Image, Draw Image ID
Database Protocol	• New – Remove- Update – List – Export Lists – Get Handle Package • Register, Unregister Package Notify • Find- Get- Set Keyboard layout

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    . . .

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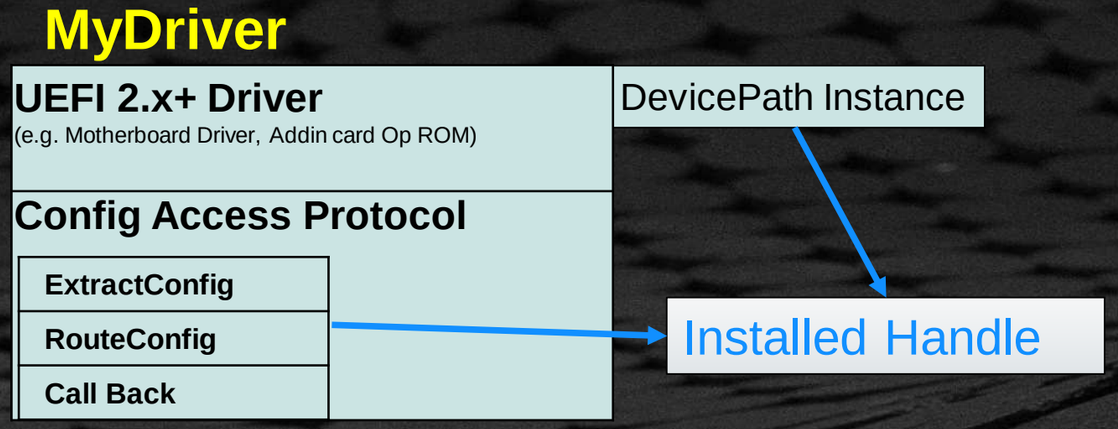

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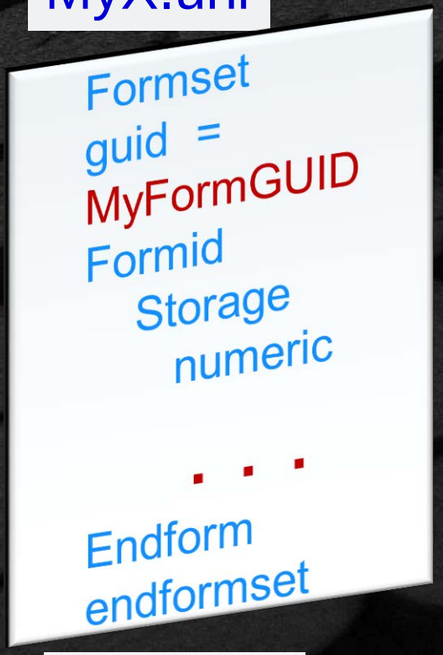

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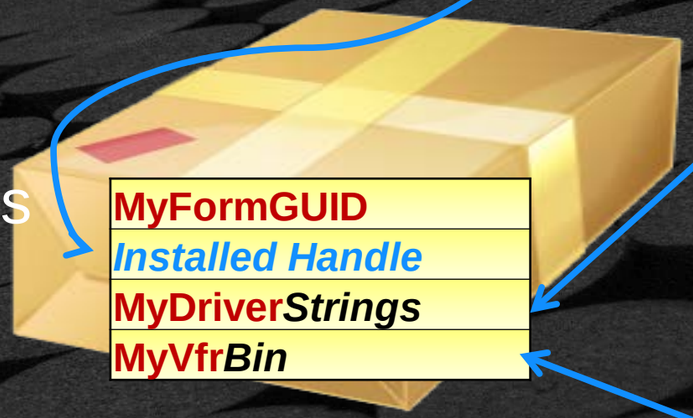

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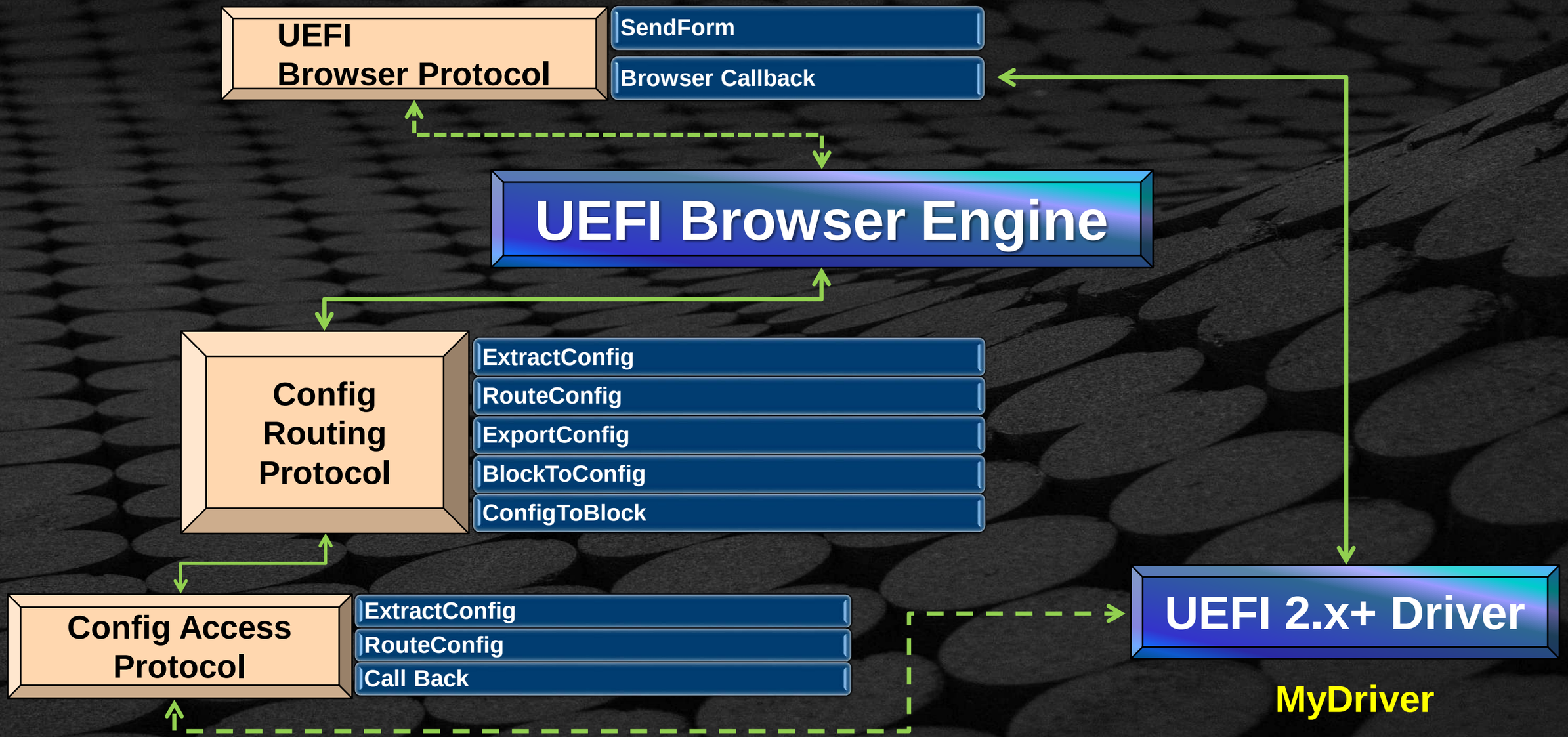
FORM BROWSER PROTOCOLS



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LAB FOR HII

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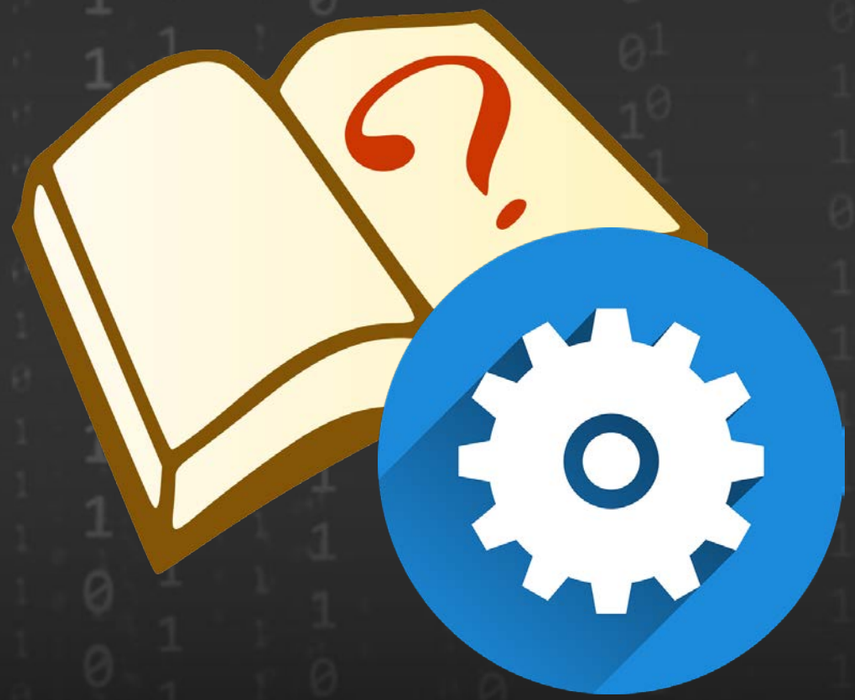
Use the Lab guide to follow the steps Adding HII to a UEFI Driver from the UEFI Driver Wizard Lab

- link to pdf Linux
- link to pdf Windows

Perquisite UEFI Driver Porting Lab



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