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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this Document

This document describes methods used in Intel® Smart Sound Technology Audio DSP products for non-HD Audio endpoints configuration performed by FW via ACPI. This configuration is applicable to both Windows* and Linux* based operating systems used in Skylake products. The goal is to provide information for BIOS, FW and SW engineers to implement an NHLT audio configuration.

1.2 Document Scope

The Intel® Smart Sound Technology Audio DSP Non-HD Audio ACPI HLD explains the structure of ACPI tables used to configure non-HD Audio endpoints connected to Audio DSP. The endpoints are connected to Audio DSP subsystem via either I2S/TDM (SSP) or PDM (DMIC). The document also describes suggested configuration method for Non-HD Audio Codecs.

1.3 Terminology

Term	Description
A2DP	Advance Audio Distribution Profile
ACPI	Advanced Configuration and Programming Interface version 5.0
ALSA	Advanced Linux* Sound Architecture
ASoC	ALSA System on Chip layer
Blob	Binary information which contain configuration data and other properties for each HW end point of the SKL SoC. The HW endpoints connect to specific hardware. E.g. an entry that contains DMIC coefficients for the DMIC end point.
BT/Bluetooth	Bluetooth is a local connectivity wireless protocol. Bluetooth supports the transport of voice signals (i.e. wireless headsets). Bluetooth basebands typically have a PCM audio interface for the voice data and a UART or USB for control, data, and compressed audio (using Sub-Band Coding)
DFW	Dynamic Firmware also called topology binary. This can be seen as a collection of pipelines connecting the SOC with the endpoints through the ADSP for various use cases. E.g. it has pipeline for connecting playback path to SSP0 port which in turn connects to ADI speaker. It'll also have a playback and record path to SSP1 which connects to Nuvoton codec. The pipeline connection & selection is done through the exposed mixer controls.
DSP	The firmware which is loaded to the DSP IP. This contains all the algorithms and other modules (like wake on voice / speaker protection modules. Copier module for passing data, mixers and switches to route data). For our discussion below we can assume the DSP firmware to be a constant.



Term	Description
HDMI	High Definition Multimedia Interface
LPE	Low Power Engine (Audio)
NHLT	Non HD audio Link Table. This is an ACPI table containing pointers to Blobs which are read by Kernel using the _DSM ACPI method.
Sx	Wildcard for S3/S4/S5 – Platform specific ACPI Power Management states (described in ACPI spec)
Sinks	Audio outputs / speakers
Sources	Audio inputs / microphone
HW CODEC	Hardware component which supports audio sinks and sources.
PCM	Pulse Code Modulation. Standard technique of representing an audio stream using x bits sampled uniformly y times a second. Each sample captures the amplitude of the signal at that point in time. PCM samples are sent over serial buses between processors and audio codecs
PnP	Plug and Play
SAS	Software Architecture Specification
SSP	Synchronous Serial Port – the I2S/TDM port
SST	Smart Sound Technology
VoIP	Voice over Internet Protocol

1.4 Reference Documents

Document	Document No./Location		
Microphone array support in Windows – describes geometries and microphone type definitions	https://msdn.microsoft.com/en- us/library/windows/hardware/dn613960(v=vs.85).aspx		
Information on ACPI header	http://lxr.free- electrons.com/source/include/acpi/actbl.h#L101		

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2 Non-HD Audio Endpoint Description Table

Any Non-HD Audio endpoint that the platform needs to use must have a corresponding NHLT entry. If a particular non-HD Audio endpoint has been disabled, then that device or link will not be present in the ACPI configuration table.

The non-HD Audio endpoint information will be defined as an ACPI Data Table consisting of the standard ACPI Table Header followed by an endpoint descriptor for each non-HD Audio endpoint to be supported.

The platform driver retrieves ACPI configuration table by executing the following _DSM method:

```
// Interface ID: A69F886E-6CEB-4594-A41F-7B5DCE24C553
// Function 1: Query Non HD Audio Descriptor Table
// This function is used by SST driver to discover the
// non HD Audio devices supported by the audio DSP.
Arg0 — UUID: A69F886E-6CEB-4594-A41F-7B5DCE24C553 (Buffer)
Arg1 — Revision ID: 0x01 (Integer)
// When the data structure changes this will change. Not currently implemented
Arg2 — Function Index: 0x01 (Integer)
Arg3 — Unused
Return — ACPI Table describing the non HD Audio links and devices supported by the audio DSP. (Buffer)
```



The following diagram illustrates the layout of the table:

Figure 2-1. Table Layout

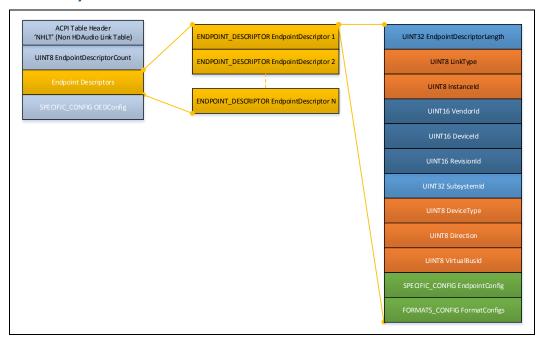


Table 2-1. NHLT Descriptor

Size (B)	Name	Description				
4	EndpointDescriptorLength	Size of entire endpoint descriptor. This includes the size of the "EndpointDescriptorLength" field.				
1 (4 bits only)	LinkType	Type of link: 0 - HD-Audio 1 - Reserved 2 - PDM 3 - SSP 4, 5, 6,7 - Reserved for future use				
1	Instance ID	Unique identification ID of connected device within Non-HD Audio Endpoint Description table (incremental number assigned to each new device). Unique to Link Type.				
2	Vendor ID	Virtual device Vendor ID used for building PnP address for matching SW driver to device				
2	Device ID	Virtual Device ID used for building PnP address for matching SW driver to device				
2	Revision ID	Virtual device Revision ID used for building PnP address for matching SW driver to device				
4	Subsystem ID	Virtual device Subsystem ID used for building PnP address for matching SW driver to device				



Size (B)	Name	Description
1	Device Type	Type of device (unique to link type):
		SSP Link:
		0 - BT Sideband
		1 – Modem
		2 – FM
		3 – reserved for future use
		4 – SSP Analog Codec
		5-7 – reserved for future use
		PDM Link:
		0 - PDM
		1-7 – reserved (always set to 0)
1	Direction	Endpoint direction:
		0 – Render
		1 – Capture
		2 - Bidirectional
1	Virtual Bus ID	Virtual Bus Line
		For SSP Link Type this is SSP port number.
		For DMIC this is always 0 because there is only one PDM link seen from SW/FW point of view.
		Note: VirtualBusID is to identify SoC side of the port while the InstanceID is to identify the device.

2.1 Instance ID versus Virtual Bus ID

The Instance ID has meanings for specific endpoints

	Instance ID	Virtual Bus ID		
SSP	Zero based instance for devices connected to the SSP ports	SSP port number		
DMIC	Always 0	Always 0		

2.2 NHLT Element Descriptions

Note that the SPECIFIC_CONFIG and FORMATS_CONFIG structures are defined below.



SPECIFIC_CONFIG is used to differentiate between TDM and I2S mode for the SSP ports and is primarily used for DMIC specifics.

Additionally, the FORMAT_CONFIG structure included in the FORMATS_CONFIG structure is defined as:

Where standard datatypes are defined as follows (simplified format):

Table 2-2. WaveFormatExtensible

Size (B)	Name	Description			
2	wFormatTag	Format type of Waveform-audio, it is always 0xFFFE for WAVEFORMATEXTENSIBLE structure.			
2	wChannels	Number of channels in waveform audio data (1-mono, 2-stereo)			
4	dSamplesPerSec Waveformat audio data sample rate in samples per second				
4	dAvgBytesPerSec	Waveformat audio required average data transfer rate measured in bytes per second			
2	wBlockAlign	Block alignment in bytes, must be equal to value of nChannels and wBitsPerSample divided by 8 (as bits in byte)			
2	wBitsPerSample	Number of bits per each sample of waveformat audio data, it may be any integer multiple of 8. This represent the container size and may be larger or equal compared to sample size.			
2	cbSize	Size in bytes of extra format information appended after cbSize field, this field is set always to 22 bytes.			



Size (B)	Name	Description				
2	wValidBitsPerSample	Number of bits of precision in audio signal, may be equal to size of container as indicated in wBitsPerSample or smaller.				
4	dwChannelMask	Bitmask specifying assignment of channels in the stream to speaker positions in the following manner:				
		Speaker Position	Flag Bit			
		SPEAKER_FRONT_LEFT	0×1			
		SPEAKER_FRONT_RIGHT	0x2			
		SPEAKER_FRONT_CENTER	0x4			
		SPEAKER_LOW_FREQUENCY	0x8			
		SPEAKER_BACK_LEFT	0×10			
		SPEAKER_BACK_RIGHT	0x20			
		SPEAKER_FRONT_LEFT_OF_CENTER	0x40			
		SPEAKER_FRONT_RIGHT_OF_CENTER	0×80			
		SPEAKER_BACK_CENTER	0×100			
		SPEAKER_SIDE_LEFT	0x200			
		SPEAKER_SIDE_RIGHT	0x400			
		SPEAKER_TOP_CENTER	0×800			
		SPEAKER_TOP_FRONT_LEFT	0×1000			
		SPEAKER_TOP_FRONT_CENTER	0×2000			
		SPEAKER_TOP_FRONT_RIGHT	0x4000			
		SPEAKER_TOP_BACK_LEFT	0x8000			
		SPEAKER_TOP_BACK_CENTER	0x10000			
		SPEAKER_TOP_BACK_RIGHT	0×20000			
		NOTE: This field is applicable only for playbendpoints it would be provided in the data structures.				
16	gSubFormat	Subformat of the data indicated by GUID, it may be either PCM format {0x00000001, 0x0000, 0x0010, {0x80, 0x00, 0x00, 0xaa, 0x00, 0x38, 0x9b, 0x71}				
		Or Vendor defined subformat GUID for proprietary data subformat.				

Note: All the mentioned structures are 1-byte packed.



Format of UEFI FW ACPI Description header that describes NHLT:

```
typedef struct {
    UINT32    Signature;
    UINT32    Length;
    UINT8    Revision;
    UINT8    Checksum;
    UINT8    OemId[6];
    UINT64    OemTableId;
    UINT32    OemRevision;
    UINT32    CreatorId;
    UINT32    CreatorRevision;
} EFI ACPI DESCRIPTION HEADER
```

Note: For more information on ACPI header you can refer to Linux source at following location:

http://lxr.free-electrons.com/source/include/acpi/actbl.h#L101

Refer to ACPI specification, search for ACPI TABLE HEADER.

The following subsections describe low-level definitions used in ACPI Non-HD Audio Endpoint Description table for description of various endpoints connected to DSP subsystem for Intel® SST.

FORMAT_CONFIG structure follows by SPECIFIC_CONFIG structure and structure of SPECIFIC_CONFIG depends on the type DeviceType. In the subsequent section the SPECIFIC_CONFIG structure is explained for different Devices e.g. Microphones, Speakers etc.

2.3 Device Capabilities Structure

```
typedef struct _DEVICE_SPECIFIC_CONFIG
{
    BYTE     VirtualSlot; // timeslot for multichannel transmission
    BYTE     ConfigType; // 0 - basic, 1 - microphone array
} DEVICE_SPECIFIC_CONFIG;

enum eIntcConfigType
{
    eIntcConfigTypeGeneric = 0,
    eIntcConfigTypeMicArray = 1,
    eIntcConfigTypeRenderWithLoopback = 2,
    eIntcConfigTypeMultiMode = 4,

    eIntcConfigTypeMultiModeMicArray = eIntcConfigTypeMultiMode |
eIntcConfigTypeMicArray
}
```

Device specific configuration begins with the header _DEVICE_SPECIFIC_CONFIG as defined above. This is generic header which is present in all types of device specific configuration (SPECIFIC_CONFIG)



2.4 Multi-channel Transmission

Streams on multichannel buses (i.e.: TDM) are addressed by SW using virtual slots. FW maps link channels into virtual slots based on configuration passed by driver by reading the NHLT table.

Examples of multichannel mapping:

Capture Example.

Link Channels	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Virtual Slot Assignments	3	3	0	1	2	2	2	2
Stream Channel Assignments	0	1	0	0	3	0	2	1
Stream Description	Render (HP) Loopback		Voice	Speech	Raw Capture (4-ch)			

Maximum number of channels that can be transmitted or received is restricted to 8. This is defined as "link channels" in the above table. Link channels can be grouped together to form a "stream". This group of link channels are assigned a "virtual slot".

Consider the capture example given above. Let's say there is a codec connected onto I2S Port, which transmits four different streams.

- 1. Loopback stream.
- 2. Voice stream
- 3. Speech stream
- 4. Raw capture stream.

Loopback stream is transmitted in Link Slot 0 and Link Slot 1. In this example this has been given a virtual slot ID of 3. So virtual slot ID can also be looked as "Stream ID". The "Stream ID" 3 is transmitted by I2S device in Link Slot 0 and Link Slot 1.

Maximum there can be 8 virtual slot ID, considering 8 MONO channels. In that case each virtual slot will correspond to one Link slot.

The example capture mapping is translated into following virtual slots.

Virtual Slot	Description	StreamType	Link Channels (As Ordered In Stream)
0	Voice	Voice	2
1	Speech	Speech	3
2	Raw Capture		5,7,6,4
3	Render (HP) Loopback	Loopback	0,1



Render example:

Link Channels	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Virtual Slot Assignments	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
Stream Channel Assignment	1	1	0	0	3	2	4	5
Stream Description	Render (HP)	Render(Spk)	Render(HP)	Re	nder	(Sp	eake	rs)

Likewise consider Render case. In the above example there are two Virtual Slots or "Stream ID". Stream ID 0/Virtual Slot 0 corresponds to Link channel 0 and Link channel 2. So considering I2S link as example link, Device would receive Headphone stream in slot 0 and 2. This is bit weird but it's possible. That's why taken as example. Second Stream, Stream ID 1/Virtual Slot 1 is routed to Speakers and in this example there are 6 speakers assumed on the codec side which receives data via Link channels 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

The example render mapping is translated into following virtual slots.

Virtual Slot	Description	Stream Type	Link Channels (As Ordered in Stream)
0	HP	-	2,0
1	Speakers	-	3,1,5,4,6,7

Note: One endpoint is using only one virtual bus (link line).

2.5 Microphone Array Device Capabilities Structure

This section defines the SPECIFIC CONFIG structure for microphone arrays.

Table 2-3. ArrayType Description

ArrayType	Description
0xA	Linear 2-element, Small
0xB	Linear 2-element, Big
0xC	Linear 4-element, 1st geometry
0xD	Planar L-shaped 4-element
0xE	Linear 4-element, 2nd geometry
0xF	vendor defined



In many cases platform vendor would like to have its own microphone placement and in that case they can use the following structure.

```
typedef struct VENDOR MIC ARRAY DEVICE SPECIFIC CONFIG
   MIC_ARRAY_DEVICE_SPECIFIC_CONFIG DeviceConfig;
   BYTE
                                    NumberOfMicrophones;
   VENDOR MIC CONFIG
                                    MicConfig[NumberOfMicrophones];
} VENDOR_MIC_ARRAY_DEVICE_SPECIFIC_CONFIG;
typedef struct _VENDOR_MIC_CONFIG
   BYTE
              Type; //See Table 4
   BYTE
              Panel; //See Table 5
              SpeakerPositionDistance; // in mm
   WORD
             HorizontalOffset; // in mm
   WORD
             VerticalOffset; // in mm
   WORD
              FrequencyLowBad; // in 5Hz units
   BYTE
              FrequencyHighBad; // in 500Hz units
   BYTE
              DirectionAngle; // -180 - + 180
   SHORT
              ElevationAngle; // -180 - + 180
   SHORT
              WorkVerticalAngleBegin; // -180 - + 180 - with step=2 deg
   SHORT
              WorkVerticalAngleEnd; // -180 - + 180 - with step=2 deg
   SHORT
   SHORT
              WorkHorizontalAngleBegin; // -180 - + 180 - with step=2 deg
             WorkHorizontalAngleEnd; // -180 - + 180 - with step=2 deg
   SHORT
} VENDOR MIC CONFIG;
```

Table 2-4. Microphone Type Description

Value	Type of Microphone
0	KSMICARRAY_MICTYPE_OMNIDIRECTIONAL
1	KSMICARRAY_MICTYPE_SUBCARDIOID
2	KSMICARRAY_MICTYPE_CARDIOID
3	KSMICARRAY_MICTYPE_SUPERCARDIOID
4	KSMICARRAY_MICTYPE_HYPERCARDIOID
5	KSMICARRAY_MICTYPE_8SHAPED
6	Reserved
7	KSMICARRAY_MICTYPE_VENDORDEFINED

Table 2-5. Panel (Location of the Microphone)

Value	Panel (Location)	
0	Тор	
1	Bottom	
2	Left	
3	Right	
4	Front	



Value	Panel (Location)
5	Rear
6-7	Unknown

2.6 Microphone Array Coordinates

This section explains microphone positions.

2.6.1 Front (Main) Microphone Array Coordinates

Below pictures show coordinate system of front (or main) microphone array in case of laptop and tablet.

Figure 2-2 Coordinate System of Front (Main) Laptop Microphone Array

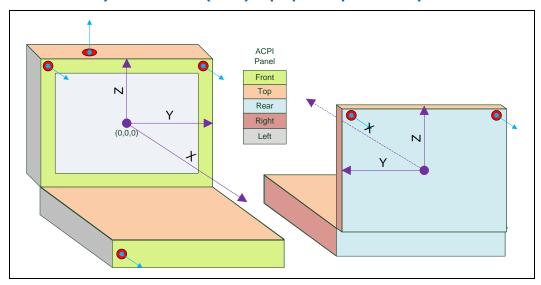
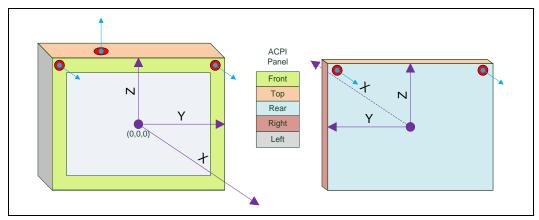


Figure 2-3 Coordinate System of Front (Main) Tablet Microphone Array





2.6.2 Rear (Additional) Microphone Array Coordinates

Below pictures show coordinate system of rear (additional to front) microphone array in case of laptop and tablet. Rear microphone array works with speaker in front of the rear panel.

Figure 2-4 Coordinate System Of Rear (Additional) Laptop Microphone Array

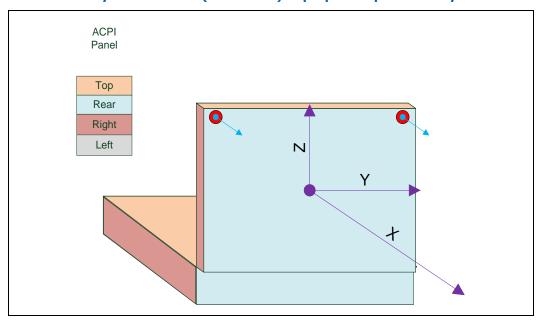
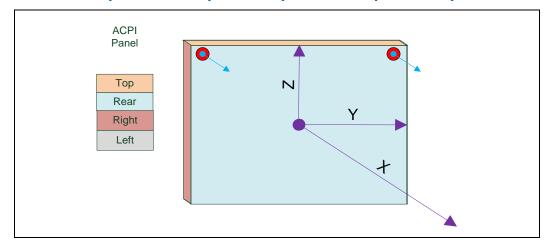


Figure 2-5 Coordinate System of Rear (Additional) Tablet Microphone Array





2.7 Render Device with Loopback

In case render endpoint have HW supported loopback stream (in the same stream format), capture virtual slot is provided. This can be a case where some speaker amplifier is sending the echo reference stream after doing some non-linear post processing.

2.8 Multi-mode Stream Types

Multimode stream types (depends on endpoint direction) are defined as follows:

```
/**
 * Enum defines supported OE Render stream types
 */
enum eIntcOERenderStreamType
{
    eIntcOERenderStreamTypeLoopback = 0, //loopback of render
    eIntcOERenderStreamTypeVoice, //render with voice processing
    eIntcOERenderStreamTypeMusic, //render - music
    eIntcOERenderStreamTypeMovie //render with movie processing
};

/**
 * Enum defines supported OE Capture stream types
 */
enum eIntcOECaptureStreamType
{
    eIntcOECaptureStreamTypeVoice = 0, //capture with voice processing
    eIntcOECaptureStreamTypeVoice = 0, //capture with speech processing
};
```

2.9 Multi-mode Endpoint

In case endpoint have HW accelerated multi-mode streams, additional HW accelerated streams (with HW accelerated processing) are defined as follows:

```
typedef struct _MULTIMODE_SPECIFIC_CONFIG
{
   BYTE    StreamType;
   BYTE    VirtualSlot;
   BYTE    NumChannels;
} MULTIMODE_SPECIFIC_CONFIG;
```

MULTIMODE_SPECIFIC_CONFIG structure defines mapping of host streams other than RAW (defined by StreamType) into TDM link virtual slot. (Virtual Slot of RAW stream is already defined in VirtualSlot field of DEVICE_SPECIFIC_CONFIG structure.)



Valid StreamType values for each endpoint direction (render/capture) are defined in section 2.8

StreamChannels define how many channels given stream has, as other streams parameters match RAW format definition (thus link format) also stored in the same ACPI NHLT table.

2.10 Multi-mode Capture Microphone Array

In case capture mic array endpoint have HW accelerated multi-mode streams, additional HW accelerated streams are defined as follows:

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3 Examples

3.1 DMIC Connected via PDM Interface

This example provides sample values for a platform with 2 PDM DMICs that needs to be used either in 16 KHz, 2 channels, 16 bit mode or 48 KHz, 2 channels, 24bit mode.

In this case there would be one ENDPOINT DESCRIPTOR as shown in the table below.

Table 3-1. ENDPOINT_DESCRIPTOR [0]

Fields	Value	Description
EndpointDescriptorLength	Х	Length of the endpoint descriptor
LinkType	2	PDM
InstanceId	0	InstanceId is given to the device. In this case the MIC array.
VendorId	0x8086	Vendor ID
DeviceId	0xAE20	Device ID
RevisionId	1	Revision ID
SubsystemId	1	Sub System ID
DeviceType	0	Type of the device connected on this link. For PDM this is always set to 0.
Direction	1	Capture
VirtualBusId	0	PDM 0 Port

ENDPOINT_DESCRIPTOR is followed by SPECIFIC_CONFIG, in this case it is MIC_ARRAY_DEVICE_SPECIFIC_CONFIG as shown in the table below.

Table 3-2. MIC ARRAY DEVICE SPECIFIC CONFIG (SPECIFIC CONFIG)

Fields	Value	Description	
CapabilitiesSize	3	Size of the capabilities in bytes	
VirtualSlot	0	Virtual slot ID as explained in section 2.3	
ConfigType	1	Microphone Array	
ArrayType	0xA	Microphone Array type is Linear 2-element, Small	

These microphone devices can be configured either in 16 KHz, 2 ch, 16bit or 48 KHz, 2ch, 24bit mode, so it requires two FORMAT_CONFIG which are defined in the following table.



Table 3-3. FORMAT_CONFIG

Fields	Value	Description
FormatConfigCount	2	Two configurations, one for 16KHz, 2 ch and 16bit and second for 48Khz, 2 ch and 24 bit mode.
FORMAT_CONFIG[0]	Please refer to structure FORMAT_CONFIG and fill the	WAVEFORMATEXTENSIBLE for 16KHz, 2 channels, 16bit
	parameters as defined in the structure	This also contains SPECIFIC_CONFIG which contains firmware specific data structure and register settings.
FORMAT_CONFIG[1]	Please refer to structure FORMAT_CONFIG and fill the	WAVEFORMATEXTENSIBLE for 48KHz, 2 channels, 24bit
	parameters as defined in the structure	This also contains SPECIFIC_CONFIG which contains firmware specific data structure and register settings.

3.2 DMIC Connected via I2S Codec

This example provides sample configuration for a platform with 4 MICS which are connected to SoC via I2S based codec. In one use case OEM wants to use only 2 MICs in I2S Mode (16KHz, 2 channels, 16 bit) and in the second use case OEM wants to use all the 4 MICs (48KHz, 4 channels, 24bit) in TDM mode.

Table 3-4. ENDPOINT_DESCRIPTOR [0]

Fields	Value	Description	
EndpointDescriptorLength	Х	Length of the endpoint descriptor	
LinkType	3	I2S Link	
InstanceId	0	InstanceId is given to the device. In this case the MIC array.	
VendorId	0x8086	Vendor ID.	
DeviceId	0xAE34	Device ID.	
RevisionId	1	Revision ID	
SubsystemId	1	Sub System ID	
DeviceType	4	Type of the device connected on this link. In this case it is analog codec.	
Direction	1	Capture	
VirtualBusId	2	Port number on which the device is connected, I2S Port number 2.	

ENDPOINT_DESCRIPTOR is followed by SPECIFIC_CONFIG as shown in the following table.



Table 3-5. SPECIFIC_CONFIG

Fields	Value	Description
CapabilitiesSize	0	Size of the capabilities

In this case it is assumed that it is I2S mode and it has pre-defined slot for left channel and right channel and so there is no need of device specific configuration.

Table 3-6. FORMAT_CONFIG

Fields	Value	Description
FormatConfigCount	1	Only one format configuration
FORMAT_CONFIG[0]		WAVEFORMATEXTENSIBLE for 16KHz, 2 channels, 16bit This also contains SPECIFIC_CONFIG which contains firmware specific data structure and register settings.

For the second use case, where it is using all the 4 microphones in TDM mode with 48Khz, 24bit mode, we need to define new endpoint descriptor. This is because the geometric information for the placement of microphone in both the usecases are different.

Table 3-7. ENDPOINT_DESCRIPTOR[1]

Fields	Value	Description
EndpointDescriptorLength	Х	Length of the endpoint descriptor
LinkType	3	I2S Link
InstanceId	0	InstanceId is given to the device. In this case the MIC array.
VendorId	0x8086	Vendor ID of the device.
DeviceId	0xAE34	Device ID of the device.
RevisionId	1	Revision ID
SubsystemId	1	Sub System ID
DeviceType	4	Type of the device connected on this link. In this case it is analog codec.
Direction	1	Capture
VirtualBusId	2	Port number on which the device is connected, I2S Port number 2.

Table 3-8. VENDOR_MIC_ARRAY_DEVICE_SPECIFIC_CONFIG (SPECIFIC_CONFIG)

Fields	Value	Description
CapabilitiesSize	3	Size of the capabilities
VirtualSlot	0	Virtual slot ID as explained in section 2.3



Fields	Value	Description
ConfigType	1	Microphone Array
ArrayType	0xF	Microphone Array type is Vendor defined
VENDOR_MIC_CONFIG	Based on vendor preference	Vendor can fill in VENDOR_MIC_CONFIG structure based on the platform configuration

3.3 BT Sideband Device Connected via I2S Port

This example provides sample configuration for a BT device connected to SoC via I2S port. In this case there are two ENDPOINT_DESCRIPTOR created, one for Render and second for Capture. The reason for creating two separate ENDPOINT_DESCRIPTOR instances is to specify separate configuration for render and capture.

Table 3-9. ENDPOINT_DESCRIPTOR [0] (Render)

Fields	Value	Description
EndpointDescriptorLength	Х	Length of the endpoint descriptor
LinkType	3	I2S
InstanceId	0	InstanceId is given to the device. In this case example since there is only one I2S device this is 0.
VendorId	0x8086	Vendor ID
DeviceId	0xAE30	Device ID
RevisionId	1	Revision ID
SubsystemId	1	Sub System ID
DeviceType	0	Type of the device connected on this link. 0 for BT side band device.
Direction	0	Playback/Render
VirtualBusId	1	I2S 1 Port

ENDPOINT_DESCRIPTOR is followed by SPECIFIC_CONFIG. Since there is no real specific configuration required in this case the SPECIFIC_CONFIG is empty with zero size.

Table 3-10. SPECIFIC_CONFIG

Fields	Value	Description
CapabilitiesSize	0	Size of the capabilities

SPECIFIC_CONFIG is followed by FORMAT_CONFIG which basically contains the PCM configuration as 8 KHz, 1 channel, 16 bit for BT HFP profile.



Table 3-11. FORMAT_CONFIG

Fields	Value	Description
FormatConfigCount	1	Only one format configuration
FORMAT_CONFIG[0]		WAVEFORMATEXTENSIBLE for 8KHz, 1 channels, 16bit This also contains SPECIFIC_CONFIG which contains firmware specific data structure and register settings.

Table 3-12. ENDPOINT_CONFIGURATION [1] (Capture)

Fields	Value	Description
EndpointDescriptorLength	Х	Length of the endpoint descriptor
LinkType	3	I2S
InstanceId	0	InstanceId is given to the device. In this case example since there is only one I2S device this is 0.
VendorId	0x8086	Vendor ID
DeviceId	0xAE30	Device ID
RevisionId	1	Revision ID
SubsystemId	1	Sub System ID
DeviceType	0	Type of the device connected on this link. 0 for BT side band device.
Direction	1	Capture
VirtualBusId	1	I2S 1 Port

ENDPOINT_DESCRIPTOR is followed by SPECIFIC_CONFIG as shown in Table 3-14. FORMAT_CONFIG. Since there is no real specific configuration required in this case the SPECIFIC_CONFIG is empty with zero size.

Table 3-13. SPECIFIC_CONFIG

Fields	Value	Description
CapabilitiesSize	0	Size of the capabilities

SPECIFIC_CONFIG is followed by FORMAT_CONFIG which basically contains the PCM configuration as 8 KHz, 1 channel, 16 bit for BT HFP profile.



Table 3-14. FORMAT_CONFIG

Fields	Value	Description
FormatConfigCount	1	Only one format configuration
FORMAT_CONFIG[0]		WAVEFORMATEXTENSIBLE for 8KHz, 1 channels, 16bit
		This also contains SPECIFIC_CONFIG which contains firmware specific data structure and register settings.

3.4 SSP (TDM Mode) Device ACPI Configuration

This example provides sample configuration for an I2S based codec connected to SoC via I2S interface, communicating in multi slot TDM Mode.

Between codec and SoC there are basically two render streams, one for headset and one for speakers. In addition to that there are two capture streams. The first capture stream is receiving data from DMIC0 and DMIC1, and second capture stream is receiving data from DMIC2 and DMIC3.

Headset stream is getting transmitted on VirtualSlot0 and Speaker stream is getting transmitted on VirtualSlot1. This information is represented by ENDPOINT_CONFIGURATION[0] and [1] respectively.

Similarly DMIC(0,1) stream is getting received on VirtualSlot0 and DMIC(2,3) stream is getting received on VirtualSlot1. This information is represented by ENDPOINT_CONFIGURATION[2] and [3] respectively.

Table 3-15. ENDPOINT_CONFIGURATION[0] (Headset)

Fields	Value	Description
EndpointDescriptorLength	Х	Length of the endpoint descriptor
LinkType	3	I2S
InstanceId	0	InstanceId is given to the device. In this case example since there is only one I2S device this is 0.
VendorId	0x8086	Example Vendor ID
DeviceId	0xAE34	Example Device ID
RevisionId	1	Revision ID
SubsystemId	1	Sub System ID
DeviceType	4	Type of the device connected on this link. 4 for analog codec device.
Direction	0	Playback/Render
VirtualBusId	1	I2S 1 Port



Table 3-16. DEVICE_SPECIFIC_CONFIG (Headset)

Fields	Value	Description
CapabilitiesSize	2	Size of the capabilities
VirtualSlot	0	Virtual slot ID as explained in section 2.3 In this case the codec headset receives data from Virtual slot 0, which corresponds to Link Slot 0 and 1.
ConfigType	0	Basic configuration

Table 3-17. FORMAT_CONFIG (Headset)

Fields	Value	Description
FormatConfigCount	1	48Khz, 2 ch and 24 bit mode.
FORMAT_CONFIG[0]	Please refer to structure FORMAT_CONFIG and fill	WAVEFORMATEXTENSIBLE for 48Khz, 2 ch and 24 bit mode.
	the parameters as defined in the structure	This also contains SPECIFIC_CONFIG which contains firmware specific data structure and register settings.
		Virtual Slot 0 in the DEVICE_SPECIFIC_CONFIG would have a corresponding entry in the blob (SPECIFIC_CONFIG) of FORMAT_CONFIG which would indicate to transmit it in Slot 0 and Slot 1 of the Link.

Table 3-18. ENDPOINT_CONFIGURATION [1] (Speakers)

Fields	Value	Description
EndpointDescriptorLength	Х	Length of the endpoint descriptor
LinkType	3	I2S
InstanceId	0	InstanceId is given to the device. In this case example since there is only one I2S device this is 0.
VendorId	0x8086	Example Vendor ID
DeviceId	0xAE34	Example Device ID
RevisionId	1	Revision ID
SubsystemId	1	Sub System ID
DeviceType	4	Type of the device connected on this link. 4 for analog codec device.
Direction	0	Playback/Render
VirtualBusId	1	I2S 1 Port



Table 3-19. DEVICE_SPECIFIC_CONFIG (Speakers)

Fields	Value	Description
CapabilitiesSize	2	Size of the capabilities
VirtualSlot	1	Virtual slot ID as explained in section 2.3 In this case the codec speaker receives data from Virtual slot 1, which corresponds to Link Slot 2 and 3.
ConfigType	0	Basic configuration

Table 3-20. FORMAT_CONFIG (Speakers)

Fields	Value	Description
FormatConfigCount	1	48Khz, 2 ch and 24 bit mode.
FORMAT_CONFIG[0]	Please refer to structure FORMAT_CONFIG and fill	WAVEFORMATEXTENSIBLE for 48Khz, 2 ch and 24 bit mode.
	the parameters as defined in the structure	This also contains SPECIFIC_CONFIG which contains firmware specific data structure and register settings.
		Virtual Slot 1 in the DEVICE_SPECIFIC_CONFIG would have a corresponding entry in the blob (SPECIFIC_CONFIG) of FORMAT_CONFIG which would indicate to transmit it in Slot 2 and Slot 3 of the Link.

Next is to define the capture endpoint.

Table 3-21. ENDPOINT_CONFIGURATION [2] (DMIC0,1)

Fields	Value	Description
EndpointDescriptorLength	Х	Length of the endpoint descriptor
LinkType	3	I2S
InstanceId	0	InstanceId is given to the device. In this case example since there is only one I2S device this is 0.
VendorId	0x8086	Example Vendor ID
DeviceId	0xAE34	Example Device ID
RevisionId	1	Revision ID
SubsystemId	1	Sub System ID
DeviceType	4	Type of the device connected on this link. 4 for analog codec device.
Direction	1	Capture
VirtualBusId	1	I2S 1 Port



Table 3-22. DEVICE_SPECIFIC_CONFIG (DMIC0,1)

Fields	Value	Description
CapabilitiesSize	2	Size of the capabilities
VirtualSlot	0	Virtual slot ID as explained in section 2.1 In this case the codec sends DMIC(0,1) data on Virtual slot 0, which corresponds to Link Slot 0 and 1.
ConfigType	0	Basic configuration

In this particular example, the 2 microphones are not really treated as Microphone array and so the ConfigType is set as 0. Some OEM may want to treat it as microphone array and can change this field accordingly.

Table 3-23. FORMAT_CONFIG (DMIC0,1)

Fields	Value	Description
FormatConfigCount	1	48Khz, 2 ch and 24 bit mode.
FORMAT_CONFIG[0]	Please refer to structure FORMAT_CONFIG and fill	WAVEFORMATEXTENSIBLE for 48Khz, 2 ch and 24 bit mode.
	the parameters as defined in the structure	This also contains SPECIFIC_CONFIG which contains firmware specific data structure and register settings.
		Virtual Slot 0 in the DEVICE_SPECIFIC_CONFIG would have a corresponding entry in the blob (SPECIFIC_CONFIG) of FORMAT_CONFIG which would indicate to receive it in Slot 0 and Slot 1 of the Link.

Endpoint configuration for the second capture stream.

Table 3-24. ENDPOINT_CONFIGURATION [3] (DMIC2,3)

Fields	Value	Description
EndpointDescriptorLength	Х	Length of the endpoint descriptor
LinkType	3	I2S
InstanceId	0	InstanceId is given to the device. In this case example since there is only one I2S device this is 0.
VendorId	0x8086	Example Vendor ID
DeviceId	0xAE34	Example Device ID
RevisionId	1	Revision ID
SubsystemId	1	Sub System ID
DeviceType	4	Type of the device connected on this link. 4 for analog codec device.
Direction	1	Capture
VirtualBusId	1	I2S 1 Port



Table 3-25. DEVICE_SPECIFIC_CONFIG (DMIC2,3)

Fields	Value	Description
CapabilitiesSize	2	Size of the capabilities
VirtualSlot	1	Virtual slot ID as explained in section 2.1 In this case the codec sends DMIC(2,3) data on Virtual slot 1, which corresponds to Link Slot 2 and 3.
ConfigType	0	Basic configuration

Table 3-26. FORMAT_CONFIG (DMIC2,3)

Fields	Value	Description
FormatConfigCount	1	48Khz, 2 ch and 24 bit mode.
FORMAT_CONFIG[0]	Please refer to structure FORMAT_CONFIG and fill	WAVEFORMATEXTENSIBLE for 48Khz, 2 ch and 24 bit mode.
	the parameters as defined in the structure	This also contains SPECIFIC_CONFIG which contains firmware specific data structure and register settings.
		Virtual Slot 1 in the DEVICE_SPECIFIC_CONFIG would have a corresponding entry in the blob (SPECIFIC_CONFIG) of FORMAT_CONFIG which would indicate to receive it in Slot 2 and Slot 3 of the Link.

Note: It is not compulsory to split the 4 microphones into two separate streams. Depending on the requirement some vendor can have just one single capture stream receiving data from all the 4 DMICs. In that case there can be only one ENDPOINT_CONFIGURATION entry required on the capture side. We can still have 2 separate streams on the playback side.

3.5 Sample NHLT Example

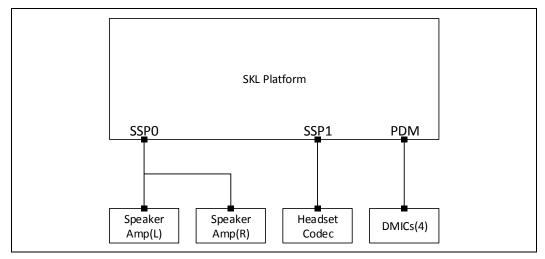
This section explains sample NHLT configuration by taking a hypothetical SKL reference platform. This section should be taken as example only and may not match with a direct platform.

3.5.1 Platform Connectivity

The figure below shows platform connectivity for the SKL reference platform.



Figure 3-1. SKL Reference Platform Connectivity



SSP0 is connected to speaker amplifiers and configured in TDM mode, 2 slots

SSP1 is connected to headset and is configured in I2S mode

3.5.2 NHLT Table

There are 4 Endpoint Descriptors are required for based on the above configuration. Endpoint configurations are given in Table 3-27.

Table 3-27. NHLT Table

Fields	Value	Description
ACPI Table Header	See description	Please fill the values as per structure EFI_ACPI_DESCRIPTION_HEADER.
EndpointDescriptorCount	4	Number of endpoints described in NHLT
EndpointDescriptor[0]	Refer Table 3-28. ENDPOINT_DESCRIPTOR [0] (DMICs)	Endpoint configuration for DMICs. Even though there are four DMICs they are exposed as a single endpoints because DMICs cannot be configured independently with different parameters.
EndpointDescriptor[1]	Refer Table 3-31.	Endpoint configuration for Speaker Amplifiers, even though there are two different speaker amplifiers it is exposed as a single endpoint because they are not expected to be two different endpoints.
EndpointDescriptor[2]	Refer Table 3-34.	Endpoint configuration for Headset codec. Playback Endpoint configuration.
EndpointDescriptor[3]	Refer Table 3-29	Endpoint configuration for Headset codec. Capture Endpoint configuration.
CapabilitiesSize	0	SPECIFIC_CONFIG OEDConfig field present should have size of 0.



Table 3-28. ENDPOINT_DESCRIPTOR [0] (DMICs)

Fields	Value	Description
EndpointDescriptorLength	Х	Size of entire endpoint descriptor, this includes the size of the "EndpointDescriptorLength" field.
LinkType	2	PDM
InstanceId	0	There is only PDM Link and all the microphones are seen as single endpoint and so only single InstanceId.
VendorId	0x8086	Virtual device Vendor ID used for building PnP address for matching Windows SW driver to device.
DeviceId	0xae20	Virtual device ID used for building PnP address for matching Windows SW driver to device.
RevisionId	1	Virtual device Revision ID used for building PnP address for matching SW driver to device.
SubsystemId	1	Virtual device Subsystem ID used for building PnP address for matching SW driver to device.
DeviceType	0	PDM device. This is unique to LinkType.
Direction	1	Capture
VirtualBusId	0	There is only 1 PDM link, even though there are 4 different microphones connected, they are seen as Single endpoint.

Table 3-29. SPECIFIC_CONFIG

Fields	Value	Description
CapabilitiesSize	0	No extra capabilities for the microphone.

Table 3-30. FORMATS_CONFIG

Fields	Value	Description
FormatConfigCount	2	Two types configurations for DMIC endpoints.
FORMAT_CONFIG[0]	Please refer to structure FORMAT_CONFIG and fill the parameters as defined in the structure	16Khz, 24bit, 2 channels
FORMAT_CONFIG[1]	Please refer to structure FORMAT_CONFIG and fill the parameters as defined in the structure	48Khz, 24bit, 4 channels

Note: There are two Format Configuration required based on the SKL reference use cases.

FORMAT_CONFIG[0] – This would be used in the capture use case where firmware would be doing the 24 bit to 16bit conversion. However the blob would configure the PDM blocks into 24bit mode.

FORMAT_CONFIG [1] – This would be used in two scenarios. One for the regular capture use case with 4 channel, 24bit, 4 channel mode and second for alternate capture use case simultaneously. The blob is same for the PDM blocks for 16KHz and



24KHz configuration. In all cases whenever required the 24bit to 16bit conversion is done by firmware and that's why the blob configures the PDM interface always in 24bit mode.

When the LinkType is PDM, Driver ignores the "frequency" field to search the table. The PDM interface always have same blob settings for 16 and 48KHz. This reduces the number of configurations and the size of the table.

Table 3-31. ENDPOINT_DESCRIPTOR [1] (Speaker Amplifiers - Playback)

Fields	Value	Description	
EndpointDescriptorLength	Х	Size of entire endpoint descriptor, this includes the size of the "EndpointDescriptorLength" field.	
LinkType	3	SSP Link	
InstanceId	0	This is first instance of the device connected to SSP Link so it is set to 0. InstanceId is unique per LinkType.	
VendorId	0x8086	Virtual device Vendor ID used for building PnP address for matching Windows SW driver to device.	
DeviceId	0xae34	Virtual device ID used for building PnP address for matching Windows SW driver to device.	
RevisionId	1	Virtual device Revision ID used for building PnP address for matching SW driver to device.	
SubsystemId	1	Virtual device Subsystem ID used for building PnP address for matching SW driver to device.	
DeviceType	4	Device type is Analog Codec	
Direction	0	Playback / Render	
VirtualBusId	0	SSP0. Codec is connected to SSP0	

Table 3-32. DEVICE_SPECIFIC_CONFIG (Speaker Amplifiers - Playback)

Fields	Value	Description
CapabilitiesSize	2	2 bytes for the capabilities.
VirtualSlot	0	There is only one virtual slot in the TDM mode. There are two Link slots in the TDM mode but it is seen as a single stream.
ConfigType 0		Basic

Table 3-33. FORMATS_CONFIG (Speaker Amplifiers - Playback)

Fields	Value	Description
FormatConfigCount	1	Only one configuration for the Speaker Amplifiers.
FORMAT_CONFIG[0]	Please refer to structure FORMAT_CONFIG and fill the parameters as defined in the structure	48Khz, 24bit, 2 channels in TDM mode.



Table 3-34. ENDPOINT_DESCRIPTOR [2] (Headset - Playback)

Fields	Value	Description
EndpointDescriptorLength	Х	Size of entire endpoint descriptor, this includes the size of the "EndpointDescriptorLength" field.
LinkType	3	SSP
InstanceId	1	This is new device connected to SSP Link so it InstanceId is incremented from 0 to 1. InstanceId is unique per LinkType.
VendorId	0x8086	Virtual device Vendor ID used for building PnP address for matching SW driver to device. This is mainly used for loading Windows MINI port drivers.
DeviceId	0xae34	Virtual device Device ID used for building PnP address for matching Windows SW driver to device.
RevisionId	1	Virtual device Revision ID used for building PnP address for matching SW driver to device.
SubsystemId	1	Virtual device Subsystem ID used for building PnP address for matching SW driver to device.
DeviceType	4	Device type is Analog Codec
Direction	0	Playback / Render
VirtualBusId	1	SSP1, Headset Codec is connected to SSP1

Table 3-35. SPECIFIC_CONFIG (Headset - Playback)

Fields	Value	Description
CapabilitiesSize	0	No extra capabilities for the headset codec configured in I2S mode.

Table 3-36. FORMATS_CONFIG (Headset - Playback)

Fields	Value	Description
FormatConfigCount 1		Only one configuration for the codec.
FORMAT_CONFIG[0]	Please refer to structure FORMAT_CONFIG and fill the parameters as defined in the structure	48Khz, 24bit, 2 channels in I2S mode.

Table 3-37. ENDPOINT_DESCRIPTOR [3] (Headset - Capture)

Fields	Value	Description
EndpointDescriptorLength	gth X Size of entire endpoint descriptor, this includes the of the "EndpointDescriptorLength" field.	
LinkType	3	SSP
InstanceId	1	InstanceId is already incremented in the Endpoint Descriptor[2] – Headset Playback and it's for the same device so the value remains 1 here.
VendorId	0x8086	Virtual device Vendor ID used for building PnP address for matching SW driver to device. This is mainly used for



Fields	Value	Description	
		loading Windows MINI port drivers.	
DeviceId	0xae34	Virtual device Device ID used for building PnP address for matching Windows SW driver to device.	
RevisionId	1	Virtual device Revision ID used for building PnP address for matching SW driver to device.	
SubsystemId	1	Virtual device Subsystem ID used for building PnP address for matching SW driver to device.	
DeviceType	4	Device type is Analog Codec	
Direction	1	Capture	
VirtualBusId	1	SSP1, headset Codec is connected to SSP1	

Table 3-38. SPECIFIC_CONFIG (Headset - Capture)

Fields	Value	Description
CapabilitiesSize	0	No extra capabilities for the headset codec configured in I2S mode.

Table 3-39: FORMATS_CONFIG (Headset - Capture)

Fields	Value	Description
FormatConfigCount	1	Only one configuration for the codec.
FORMAT_CONFIG[0]	Please refer to structure FORMAT_CONFIG and fill the parameters as defined in the structure.	48Khz, 24bit, 2 channels in I2S mode.