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Abstract

The *System Management BIOS Reference Specification* addresses how motherboard and system vendors present management information about their products in a standard format by extending the BIOS interface on Intel architecture systems. The information is intended to allow generic instrumentation to deliver this data to management applications that use CIM (the WBEM data model) or direct access and eliminates the need for error prone operations like probing system hardware for presence detection.

Document Revision History

Version	Release Date	Description
2.0D	09/14/1995	Initial Release of DRAFT COPY
2.0M	12/12/1995	Final draft released, with the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specified that dmiStorageBase (Function 50h) and NVStorageBase (Function 55h) must be paragraph-aligned. Added Command value to change a string to function 52h; Command enumeration values modified. Removed redundant enumerations from Processor Family list Corrected Memory Subsystem Example Corrected/clarified Indexed I/O access-methods for event-log; Access Method enumeration values and Access Method Address union modified Added clarifications to some of the event log types
2.00	03/06/1996	Final release, with the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specified that all structures end with a terminating NULL, even if the formatted portion of the structure contains string-reference fields and all the string fields are set to 0. Corrected the Memory Subsystem Example, handles are now correctly created with a 'dw'. Fixed formatting of some bit definition fields and function examples.
2.00.1	07/18/1996	Minor updates for new technology and clarifications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added definitions for Pentium® Pro, Burst EDO, and SDRAM. Added clarifications to the Memory Controller Error Status.
2.1	06/16/1997	Added definition for static table interface, to allow the information to be accessed from new operating systems, see 2.1 Table Convention on page 11. In addition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changed references to DMI BIOS to SMBIOS throughout; these changes are unmarked. Added SubFunction DMI_CLEAR_EVENT_LOG2 to Function 54h - SMBIOS Control. For those structure entries that are string numbers, changed the Value field definition of the field from Varies to STRING throughout; these changes are unmarked. BIOS Information structure: Added support for 4-digit year and additional BIOS Characteristics via Characteristics Extension Byte 1. System Information structure: Added Wakeup Type and UUID fields. System Enclosure and Chassis structure: Added Bootup State, Power Supply State, Thermal State, and Security Status to allow the DMTF Physical Container Global Table to be populated. Processor Information structure: Voltage value can now be specified, rather than using bit-flags, and added enumeration values for Pentium® Pro, Pentium® II, and Slot 1. Also added notes to this section, indicating that the enumerated values for the structure are assigned by the DMTF. This structure was also updated to include the Cache Information handles identifying the L1, L2, and L3 caches associated with the processor. Memory Controller Information structure: Added Enabled Error Correcting field. Also added note that this structure can never be updated to add string values, to preserve backwards compatibility. Cache Information structure: Added Speed, Error Correction Type, Type, and Associativity fields. Port Connector Information structure: Added enumerated values to Connector Types and Port Types. System Slots structure: Added AGP enumeration values to Slot Type field. BIOS Language Information structure: Added abbreviated-format for language strings and corrected example. System Event Log structure: OEM-specific Access Methods can now be defined, added standard log header definitions, and a mechanism to allow the log entry's variable data formats to be described. Added note that this structure can never be updated to include string values, to preserve backwards compatibility. Added Physical Memory Array, Memory Device, Memory Error Information, Memory Array Mapped Address, and Memory Device Mapped Address structures to support the population of the DMTF Enhanced Physical Memory groups. Added Built-in Pointing Device structure to support the population of the DMTF Pointing Device group. Added Portable Battery structure to support the population of the DMTF Portable Battery group. Added appendices that contain a structure checklist and table-convention parsing pseudo-code.

2.2	03/16/1998	<p>The following changes were made to v2.1 of the document to produce this version:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted all changes introduced at Version 2.1 Added ACPI statement-of-direction for dynamic state and event notification <u>Table-convention is required for v2.2 and later compliance</u> Corrected Structure Table entry point length value. Added Command type 06h to the Plug-and-Play Set SMBIOS Structure function (52h). Added new processor enumerations from the updated DMTF MASTER.MIF System Enclosure: Added enumeration value for "Sealed-case PC", to support Net PC-type chassis'. Memory Controller Information: Corrected description of how the BIOS computes the structure Length. System Event Log: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added definition for end-of-log data, Event Log Type 0FFh. Added generic system-management event type; the handle of an associated probe or cooling device identifies the specific failing device. Memory Error Information: Corrected structure size and offsets. Portable Battery: Corrected the structure length and some of the offsets, added Smart Battery-formatted fields Memory Device: Added RIMM form factor Added the following new structures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> System Reset structure to support the population of the DMTF Automatic System Reset group. Hardware Security structure to support the population of the DMTF System Hardware Security group. System Power Control structure to support the population of the DMTF System Power Control group. Added Voltage Probe structure to support the population of the DMTF Voltage Probe group. Cooling Device structure to support the population of the DMTF Cooling Device group. Temperature Probe structure to support the population of the DMTF Temperature Probe group. Electrical Current Probe structure to support the population of the DMTF Electrical Current Probe group. Out-of-Band Remote Access structure to support the population of the DMTF Out-of-Band Remote Access group. Inactive structure type to support standard structure superset definitions. End-of-Table structure type to facilitate easier traversing of the structure data.
2.3	08/12/1998	<p>The following changes were made to v2.2 of the document to produce this version:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted all changes introduced at Version 2.2 Clarified and corrected referenced documents A minimum set of structures (and their data) is now required for SMBIOS compliance. Documented an additional structure usage guideline, to optional structure growth. BIOS Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-digit year format for BIOS Release Date required for SMBIOS 2.3 and later Added BIOS Characteristic Extension Byte 2 to include status that the BIOS supports the <u>BIOS Boot Specification</u>. System Information: Added enumeration for Wake-up Type System Enclosure or Chassis: Added OEM-defined field. Processor Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added enumerated values for new processors from the updated MASTER.MIF and identified that one structure is present for each processor instance. Modified interpretation of Lx Cache Handle fields for v2.3 and later implementations Memory Module Information: Corrected example, adding double-null to terminate the structure. System Slots: Added hot-plug characteristic definition and clarified usage of the PCI "Slot ID" field. Memory Device: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added enumerations for Form Factor and Device Type Added new field for memory Speed System Event Log: Added note describing how century portion of the 2-digit year within a log record is to be interpreted. Voltage Probe, Temperature Probe, Electrical Current Probe, Cooling Device: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added Nominal Value field Added the following new structures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boot Integrity Services (BIS) Entry Point System Boot Information 64-bit Memory Error Information Management Device Management Device Component Management Device Threshold Data

2.3.1	3/16/1999	<p>The following changes were made to v2.3 of the document to produce this version:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted all changes introduced at Version 2.3 Adopted a three-tier document numbering procedure, see 1.1 for more information. BIOS Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added BIOS Characteristic Extension Byte 2, bit 1, to identify that the BIOS supports F12=Network Boot functionality Processor Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added Processor Family enumeration for new Pentium processors, defined reserved values for future Pentium processors. Added fields: Asset Tag, Serial Number, and Part Number. System Slots <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added slot type enumeration for PCI-X Added slot characteristic to identify support for (to-be) standard SMBus interface for PCI slots Memory Device: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added enumerated values for Memory Type and Form Factor, required for RamBus implementations Added fields: Manufacturer, Asset Tag, Serial Number, and Part Number. Added the following new structures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memory Channel (to support RamBus and SyncLink memory implementations) IPMI Device, to abstract the IPMI hardware dependencies to management software System Power Supply
2.3.1	12/14/2000	Released as DMTF Preliminary Specification DSP0119.
2.3.2	12 October 2001	<p>The following changes were made to v2.3.1 of the document to produce this version:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted all changes introduced at v2.3.1 Released as DMTF Specification DSP0130 (Preliminary) Updated the Abstract and Overview sections to be more DMTF-general than DMI-specific. Change bars are present in the Overview section only. Deleted section 1.1 (future direction for ACPI interface specification). Any ACPI interface to provide these structures should be provided by a future version of the ACPI specification itself. Removed "References" that had broken links. Modified sections 2 and 2.2 to indicate that the PnP calling interface is being deprecated at this specification version. Noted in section 2.1 that the structure table data is boot-time static. For each enumerated list that indicated that the enumeration is controlled by the "DMTF, not this specification", identified which CIM class.property and DMI group.attribute are mapped to the enumerated value. Also added a note in the Overview section to indicate where change requests should be sent. Baseboard Information (Type 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added fields: Asset Tag, Feature Flags, Location in Chassis, Chassis Handle, Baseboard Type, and Contained Objects to support multi-system chassis like server blades. System Enclosure or Chassis (Type 3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added fields: Height, Number of Power Cords, Contained Element Count, and Contained Elements to support multi-system chassis like server blades. Processor Information (Type 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added new enumerations to Processor Family and Processor Upgrade Removed (SMBIOS-only) reserved ranges. These ranges are controlled by the DMTF, not the SMBIOS group. The DMTF Device MOF (starting with v2.3) has commentary around the Processor Family enumeration that suggests that enumerations below 256 be used only for those processor types that are going to be reported via SMBIOS (since this specification's Processor Family field is a 1-byte entity). Cache (Type 7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added new enumerations to Associativity Memory Device (Type 17) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added new enumerations to Memory Type Built-in Pointing Device (Type 21) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added new enumerations to Pointing Device Type <p>Removed out-of-date section Correlation to DMTF Groups, in favor of updated section 3.3.</p>
2.3.3	10 May 2002	<p>The following changes were made to v2.3.2 of the document to produce this version:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted all changes introduced at v2.3.2 Updated the Abstract to contain the updated DMTF copyright statement. Processor Information (Type 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added new enumerations to Processor Family and Processor Upgrade

2.3.4	06 December 2002	<p>The following changes were made to v2.3.3 of the document to produce this version:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System Enclosure Information (Type 3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided clarification regarding contained element types • Processor Information (Type 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added and corrected enumerations to Processor Family (CR00002) • Provided clarification for Max Speed and Current Speed. • Additions to Processor Upgrade (CR00002) • System Slots (Type 9) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added AGP8X enumeration to Slot Type
2.4	21 July 2004	<p>The following changes were made to v2.3.4 of the document to produce this version:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processor Information (Type 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added new enumerations to Processor Family (CR00951, CR01152) • System Slots (Type 9) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added PCI Express enumeration to Slot Type (CR01259) • Added new enumerations to Slot Data Bus Width (CR01324) • Memory Device (Type 17) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added DDR2 enumeration to Type (CR01263) • BIOS Information (Type 0) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added fields: System BIOS Major Release, System BIOS Minor Release, Embedded Controller Firmware Major Release, and Embedded Controller Firmware Minor Release (CR01270) • Added BIOS Characteristic Extension Byte 2, bit 2, to identify that the BIOS supports Targeted Content Distribution (CR01270) • System Information (Type 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added fields: SKU Number and Family (CR01270) • Updated Conformance Guidelines and added corrections.
2.5	TBD	<p>The following changes were made to v2.4 of the document to produce this version:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortened abstract • Removed obsolete references to DMI, which is no longer maintained by the DMTF. Added references to the Pre-OS and CIM Core Working Groups. (PreOSCR00017.001) • References: updated specification revisions and URLs (PreOSCR00019.001) • Table Convention: added EFI-specific information (PreOSCR00011.005) • SMBIOS Structure Table Entry Point: corrected typo, the SMBIOS BCD Revision is at offset 1Eh, not 1Dh (PreOSCR00020.000) • Required Structures and Data: added DIG64 information (PreOSCR00013.000) • System Enclosure or Chassis (Type 3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added new types for CompactPCI and AdvancedTCA (PreOSCR00012.001) • Processor Information (Type 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added AMD Sempron to Processor Family (DMTFCR01473) • Added AMD Turion to Processor Family (SysdevCR00708) • Added multi-core, multi-thread and 64-bit extension processor characteristics (PreOSCR00002) • Added new processor values (Celeron D, Pentium D, Pentium Extreme Edition) (PreOSCR00005) • Added new processor upgrade (socket 939) (DMI CR00005) • Added AMD dual-core Opteron and Athlon 64 X2 (PreOSCR00015.003) • Added new Processor Upgrade values (PreOSCR00016.001) • Cache Information (Type 7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added note on cache size for multi-core processors (PreOSCR00002) • Port connector Information (Type 8) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added SATA and SAS (PreOSCR00021.002) • System Slots (Type 9) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Slot ID description with ACPI and PCI Express (PreOSCR00018.000) • Onboard Devices Information (Type 10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added SATA and SAS (PreOSCR00021.002) • Memory Device (Type 17) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added values for FB-DIMM (PreOSCR00010.004) • Memory Device Mapped Address (Type 20) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved structure from 'required' to 'optional' (PreOSCR00009.002) • Moved 'Plug-and-Play Calling Convention' to Appendix C (PreOSCR00022.001)

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1 Overview

Continuing the DMTF's mission of leading the development of management standards for distributed desktop, network, enterprise and Internet environments, the *System Management BIOS Reference Specification* addresses how motherboard and system vendors present management information about their products in a standard format by extending the BIOS interface on Intel architecture systems. The information is intended to allow generic instrumentation to deliver this data to management applications that use CIM (the WBEM data model) or direct access and eliminates the need for error prone operations like probing system hardware for presence detection.

This specification is intended to provide enough information for BIOS developers to implement the necessary extensions to allow their product's hardware and other system-related information to be accurately determined by users of the defined interfaces.

This specification is also intended to provide enough information for developers of management instrumentation to develop generic routines for translating from SMBIOS format to the format used by their chosen management technology whether it is a DMTF technology like CIM, or another technology like SNMP. To support this translation for DMTF technologies, sections of this specification describe the CIM classes intended to convey the information retrieved from an SMBIOS-compatible system through the interfaces described in this document.

Note: The DMTF's Pre-OS working group controls changes to this document; change requests should be submitted to <mailto:wg-pos@dmtf.org>. Refer to <http://www.dmtf.org/standards/smbios> for the most recent version of this document.

1.1 Document Version Number Conventions

Beginning with version 2.3.1 of this document, the document's version number will be specified in a **major.minor[.docrev]** format. The addition of the *docrev* enables document updates to keep current with hardware technology without causing implementations to continually “chase” a specification version.

1. The **major** value of the document version increments by one (1) whenever a major interface change is introduced. Looking back, the value should have been incremented in the v2.0 to v2.1 transition since the table-based method was a major interface change. This value is also the major version of the SMBIOS specification.
2. The **minor** value of the document version either resets to zero (0) if the **major** value increments, or increments by one (1) if a change in implementation requirements is introduced within the same major version, e.g. the addition of a new *required* structure or structure field. This value is also the minor version of the SMBIOS specification.
3. The **docrev** value of the document version either resets to zero (0) if either the **major** or **minor** value increments, or increments by one (1) each time this document is updated. This value does not factor into the specification version; an implementation based on document version 2.3 complies with specification v2.3, as does an implementation based on document version 2.3.11.
4. A **docrev** value of 0 displays as blank, i.e. 2.4 instead of 2.4.0.

If these conventions were in place at v2.0 of the specification, here's how they would have been applied to specification versions 2.1 through 2.3:

Specification Version ...	Would have been ...	Because ...
2.1	3.0	... the addition of the table-based method constitutes a major interface change.
2.2	3.1	... the table-based method was made a requirement for compliance.
2.3	3.2	... a minimum set of structures was made a requirement for compliance.

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1.3 Conventions Used in this Document

1. All numbers specified in this document are in decimal format unless otherwise indicated. A number followed by the letter ‘h’ indicates hexadecimal format; a number followed by the letter ‘b’ indicates binary format.
For example, the values 10, 0Ah, and 1010b are equivalent.
2. Any value not listed in an enumerated list is reserved for future assignment by the DMTF, see section 3 for more information.
3. Most of the enumerated values defined in this specification simply track the like values specified by the DMTF within or CIM classes. Enumerated values that are controlled by the DMTF are identified within their respective subsection; additional values for these fields are assigned by the DMTF, see section 3.3 for more information.
4. Code samples use a **fixed font in dark red**.

2 Accessing SMBIOS Information

There are two access methods defined for the SMBIOS structures:

1. The first method, defined in v2.0 of this specification, provides the SMBIOS structures through a Plug-and-Play function interface, see 2.2 *Plug-and-Play Calling Convention* on page 12.
2. A table-based method, defined in v2.1 of this specification, provides the SMBIOS structures as a packed list of data referenced by a table entry point; see 2.1 *Table Convention* on page 11.

A BIOS compliant with v2.1 of this specification can provide one or both methods. A BIOS compliant with v2.2 and later of this specification must provide the table-based method and can optionally provide the Plug-and-Play function interface.

Important Note: As of version 2.3.2 of this specification, the Plug-and-Play function interface described in this section has been deprecated. Further use of the interface is discouraged and it will ultimately be removed from this specification. Future SMBIOS implementations and SMBIOS data consumers should migrate to using the table-based method described in Section 2.1 exclusively.

2.1 Table Convention

The table convention allows the SMBIOS structures to be accessed under 32-bit and 64-bit protected-mode operating systems such as Microsoft Windows XP*, Microsoft Windows Server*, or Linux*. This convention provides a searchable entry-point structure (queryable on EFI-based systems) that contains a pointer to the packed SMBIOS structures residing somewhere in 32-bit physical address space (i.e. below 4 GB).

Note 1: The table convention is required for SMBIOS v2.2 and later implementations.

Note 2: The information present in the table-based structures is boot-time static, and SMBIOS consumers should not expect the information to be updated during normal system operations.

2.1.1 SMBIOS Structure Table Entry Point

On non-EFI systems, the SMBIOS Entry Point structure, described below, can be located by application software by searching for the anchor-string on paragraph (16-byte) boundaries within the physical memory address range 000F0000h to 000FFFFFh. This entry point encapsulates an intermediate anchor string that is used by some existing DMI browsers.

On EFI-based systems, the SMBIOS Entry Point structure can be located by looking in the EFI Configuration Table for the SMBIOS GUID (SMBIOS_TABLE_GUID) and using the associated pointer. See section 4.6 of the EFI Specification for details. See section 4.6 of the EFI Specification for details. See section 2.3 and table 5-6 of the EFI Specification for how to report the underlying memory type.

Note: While the SMBIOS Major and Minor Versions (offsets 06h and 07h) currently duplicate the information present in the SMBIOS BCD Revision (offset 1Eh), they provide a path for future growth in this specification. The BCD Revision, for example, provides only a single digit for each of the major and minor version numbers.

Offset	Name	Length	Description
00h	Anchor String	4 BYTES	_SM_, specified as four ASCII characters (5F 53 4D 5F).
04h	Entry Point Structure Checksum	BYTE	Checksum of the Entry Point Structure (EPS). This value, when added to all other bytes in the EPS, will result in the value 00h (using 8-bit addition calculations). Values in the EPS are summed starting at offset 00h, for Entry Point Length bytes.

Offset	Name	Length	Description
05h	Entry Point Length	BYTE	Length of the Entry Point Structure, starting with the Anchor String field, in bytes, currently 1Fh. <i>Note:</i> This value was incorrectly stated in v2.1 of this specification as 1Eh. Because of this, there might be v2.1 implementations that use either the 1Eh or 1Fh value, but v2.2 or later implementations must use the 1Fh value.
06h	SMBIOS Major Version	BYTE	Identifies the major version of this specification implemented in the table structures, e.g. the value will be 0Ah for revision 10.22 and 02h for revision 2.1.
07h	SMBIOS Minor Version	BYTE	Identifies the minor version of this specification implemented in the table structures, e.g. the value will be 16h for revision 10.22 and 01h for revision 2.1.
08h	Maximum Structure Size	WORD	Size of the largest SMBIOS structure, in bytes, and encompasses the structure's formatted area and text strings. This is the value returned as StructureSize from the Plug-and-Play <i>Get SMBIOS Information</i> function.
0Ah	Entry Point Revision	BYTE	Identifies the EPS revision implemented in this structure and identifies the formatting of offsets 0Bh to 0Fh, one of: 00h Entry Point is based on SMBIOS 2.1 definition; formatted area is reserved and set to all 00h. 01h-FFh Reserved for assignment via this specification
0Bh - 0Fh	Formatted Area	5 BYTES	The value present in the Entry Point Revision field defines the interpretation to be placed upon these 5 bytes.
10h	Intermediate anchor string	5 BYTES	<code>_DMI_</code> , specified as five ASCII characters (5F 44 4D 49 5F). <i>Note:</i> This field is paragraph-aligned, to allow legacy DMI browsers to find this entry point within the SMBIOS Entry Point Structure.
15h	Intermediate Checksum	BYTE	Checksum of Intermediate Entry Point Structure (IEPS). This value, when added to all other bytes in the IEPS, will result in the value 00h (using 8-bit addition calculations). Values in the IEPS are summed starting at offset 10h, for 0Fh bytes.
16h	Structure Table Length	WORD	Total length of SMBIOS Structure Table, pointed to by the Structure Table Address, in bytes.
18h	Structure Table Address	DWORD	The 32-bit physical starting address of the read-only SMBIOS Structure Table, that can start at any 32-bit address. This area contains all of the SMBIOS structures fully packed together. These structures can then be parsed to produce exactly the same format as that returned from a Get SMBIOS Structure function call.
1Ch	Number of SMBIOS Structures	WORD	Total number of structures present in the SMBIOS Structure Table. This is the value returned as NumStructures from the Get SMBIOS Information function.
1Eh	SMBIOS BCD Revision	BYTE	Indicates compliance with a revision of this specification. It is a BCD value where the upper nibble indicates the major version and the lower nibble the minor version. For revision 2.1, the returned value is 21h. If the value is 00h, only the Major and Minor Versions in offsets 6 and 7 of the Entry Point Structure provide the version information.

2.2 Plug-and-Play Calling Convention

Important Note: As of version 2.3.2 of this specification, the Plug-and-Play function interface described in this section has been deprecated. Contents have been moved to Appendix C. Further use of the interface is discouraged and it will ultimately be removed from this specification. Future SMBIOS implementations and SMBIOS data consumers should migrate to using the table-based method described in Section 2.1 exclusively.

3 SMBIOS Structures

The total number of structures can be obtained from the SMBIOS Entry Point Structure (see 2.1 *Table Convention* on page 11). The System Information is presented to an application as a set of structures that are obtained by traversing the SMBIOS structure table referenced by the SMBIOS Entry Point Structure (see 2.1 *Table Convention* on page 11).

3.1 Structure Standards

Each SMBIOS structure has a formatted section and an optional unformatted section. The formatted section of each structure begins with a 4-byte header. Remaining data in the formatted section is determined by the structure type, as is the overall length of the formatted section.

3.1.1 Structure Evolution and Usage Guidelines

As the industry evolves, the structures defined in this specification will evolve. To ensure that the evolution occurs in a nondestructive fashion, the following guidelines must be followed:

1. If a new field is added to an existing structure, that field is added at the end of the formatted area of that structure and the structure's *Length* field is increased by the new field's size.
2. Any software which interprets a structure shall use the structure's *Length* field to determine the formatted area size for the structure rather than hard-coding or deriving the *Length* from a structure field.
3. Each structure shall be terminated by a double-null (0000h), either directly following the formatted area (if no strings are present) or directly following the last string. This includes system- and OEM-specific structures and allows upper-level software to easily traverse the structure table. See below for structure-termination examples.
4. The unformatted section of the structure is used for passing variable data such as text strings, see 3.1.3 *Text Strings* for more information.
5. When an enumerated field's values are controlled by the DMTF, new values can be used as soon as they are defined by the DMTF without requiring an update to this specification.
6. Starting with v2.3, each SMBIOS structure type has a minimum length — enabling the addition of new, but optional, fields to SMBIOS structures. In no case shall a structure's length result in a field being less than fully populated. For example, a Voltage Probe structure with *Length* of 15h is invalid since the *Nominal Value* field would not be fully specified.

Software that interprets a structure field must verify that the structure's length is sufficient to encompass the optional field; if the length is insufficient, the optional field's value as *Unknown*. For example, if a Voltage Probe structure has a *Length* field of 14h, the probe's *Nominal Value* is *Unknown*. A Voltage Probe structure with *Length* greater than 14h always includes a *Nominal Value* field.

Example: BIOS Information with strings

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BIOS_Info      LABEL BYTE
db            0                ; Indicates BIOS Structure Type
db            13h              ; Length of information in bytes
dw            ?                ; Reserved for handle
db            01h              ; String 1 is the Vendor Name
db            02h              ; String 2 is the BIOS version
dw            0E800h           ; BIOS Starting Address
db            03h              ; String 3 is the BIOS Build Date
db            1                ; Size of BIOS ROM is 128K (64K * (1 + 1))
dq            BIOS_Char        ; BIOS Characteristics
db            0                ; BIOS Characteristics Extension Byte 1
db            'System BIOS Vendor Name',0 ;
db            '4.04',0         ;
db            '00/00/0000',0   ;
db            0                ; End of strings

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Example: BIOS Information without strings (example-only)

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BIOS_Info      LABEL BYTE
db            0                ; Indicates BIOS Structure Type
db            13h              ; Length of information in bytes
dw            ?                ; Reserved for handle
db            00h              ; No Vendor Name provided
db            00h              ; No BIOS version provided
dw            0E800h           ; BIOS Starting Address
db            00h              ; No BIOS Build Date provided
db            1                ; Size of BIOS ROM is 128K (64K * (1 + 1))
dq            BIOS_Char        ; BIOS Characteristics
db            0                ; BIOS Characteristics Extension Byte 1
dw            0000h            ; Structure terminator

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3.1.2 Structure Header Format

Each SMBIOS structure begins with a 4-byte header, as follows:

Offset	Name	Length	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	Specifies the type of structure. Types 0 through 127 (7Fh) are reserved for and defined by this specification. Types 128 through 256 (80h to FFh) are available for system- and OEM-specific information.
01h	Length	BYTE	Specifies the length of the formatted area of the structure, starting at the Type field. The length of the structure's string-set is not included.
02h	Handle	WORD	Specifies the structure's handle, a unique 16-bit number in the range 0 to 0FFFFh (for version 2.0) or 0 to 0FEFFh (for version 2.1 and later). The handle can be used with the Get SMBIOS Structure function to retrieve a specific structure; the handle numbers are not required to be contiguous. For v2.1 and later, handle values in the range 0FF00h to 0FFFFh are reserved for use by this specification. If the system configuration changes, a previously assigned handle might no longer exist. However once a handle has been assigned by the BIOS, the BIOS cannot re-assign that handle number to another structure.

3.1.3 Text Strings

Text strings associated with a given SMBIOS structure are returned in the *dmiStrucBuffer*, appended directly after the formatted portion of the structure. This method of returning string information eliminates the need for application software to deal with pointers embedded in the SMBIOS structure. Each string is terminated with a null (00h) BYTE and the set of strings is terminated with an additional null (00h) BYTE. When the formatted portion of a SMBIOS structure references a string, it does so by specifying a non-zero string number within the structure's string-set. For example, if a string field contains 02h, it references the second string following the formatted portion of the SMBIOS structure. If a string field references no string, a null (0) is placed in that string field. If the formatted portion of the structure contains string-reference fields and all the string fields are set to 0 (no string

references), the formatted section of the structure is followed by two null (00h) BYTES. See 3.1.1 *Structure Evolution and Usage Guidelines* on page 13 for a string-containing example.

Note: Each text string is limited to 64 significant characters due to system MIF limitations.

3.2 Required Structures and Data

Beginning with SMBIOS v2.3, compliant SMBIOS implementations include the following base set of required structures and data within those structures. For a detailed list of conformance guidelines, refer to *Appendix A Conformance Guidelines* on page 73.

Note that DIG64-compliant systems are only required to provide a type 1 structure (which includes the UUID); see section 4.6.2 of DIG64 for details.

Note: as of version 2.5, structure type 20 is optional.

Structure Name and Type	Data Requirements
BIOS Information (Type 0)	One and only one structure is present in the structure-table. <i>BIOS Version</i> and <i>BIOS Release Date</i> strings are non-null; the date field uses a 4-digit year (e.g. 1999). All other fields reflect full BIOS support information.
System Information (Type 1)	<i>Manufacturer</i> and <i>Product Name</i> strings are non-null. <i>UUID</i> field identifies the system's non-zero UUID value. <i>Wake-up Type</i> field identifies the wake-up source and cannot be <u>Unknown</u> . One and only one structure is present in the structure-table.
System Enclosure (Type 3)	<i>Manufacturer</i> string is non-null; the <i>Type</i> field identifies the type of enclosure (<u>Unknown</u> is disallowed).
Processor Information (Type 4)	One structure is required for each system processor. The presence of two structures with the <i>Processor Type</i> field set to <i>Central Processor</i> , for instance, identifies that the system is capable of dual-processor operations. <i>Socket Designation</i> string is non-null. <i>Processor Type</i> , <i>Max Speed</i> , and <i>Processor Upgrade</i> fields are all set to "known" values — i.e. the <u>Unknown</u> value is disallowed for each field. If the associated processor is present (i.e. the <i>CPU Socket Populated</i> sub-field of the <i>Status</i> field indicates that the socket is populated), the <i>Processor Manufacturer</i> string is non-null and the <i>Processor Family</i> , <i>Current Speed</i> , and <i>CPU Status</i> sub-field of the <i>Status</i> field are all set to "known" values. Each of the <i>L_x Cache Handle</i> fields is either set to 0xFFFF (no further cache description) or references a valid <i>Cache Information</i> Structure.
Cache Information (Type 7)	One structure is required for each external-to-the-processor cache. <i>Socket Designation</i> string is non-null if the cache is external to the processor. If the cache is present (i.e. the <i>Installed Size</i> is non-zero), the <i>Cache Configuration</i> field is set to a "known" value — i.e. the <u>Unknown</u> value is disallowed.
System Slots (Type 9)	One structure is required for each upgradeable system slot. A structure is not required if the slot must be populated for proper system operation (e.g. the system contains a single memory-card slot). <i>Slot Designation</i> string is non-null. <i>Slot Type</i> , <i>Slot Data Bus Width</i> , <i>Slot ID</i> , and <i>Slot Characteristics 1 & 2</i> are all set to "known" values. If device presence is detectable within the slot (e.g. PCI), the <i>Current Usage</i> field must be set to either <i>Available</i> or <i>In-use</i> . Otherwise (e.g. ISA), the <u>Unknown</u> value for the field is also allowed.
Physical Memory Array (Type 16)	One structure is required for the system memory. <i>Location</i> , <i>Use</i> , <i>Memory Error Correction</i> , and <i>Maximum Capacity</i> are all set to "known" values. <i>Number of Memory Devices</i> is non-zero and identifies the number of <i>Memory Device</i> structures that are associated with this <i>Physical Memory Array</i> .

Memory Device (Type 17)	One structure is required for each socketed system-memory device, whether or not the socket is currently populated; if the system includes soldered system-memory, one additional structure is required to identify that memory device. <i>Device Locator</i> string is set to a non-null value. <i>Memory Array Handle</i> contains the handle associated with the <i>Physical Memory Array</i> structure to which this device belongs. <i>Data Width</i> , <i>Size</i> , <i>Form Factor</i> , and <i>Device Set</i> are all set to “known” values. If the device is present (i.e. <i>Size</i> is non-zero), the <i>Total Width</i> field is not set to 0xFFFF (<i>Unknown</i>).
Memory Array Mapped Address (Type 19)	One structure is required for each contiguous block of memory addresses mapped to a <i>Physical Memory Array</i> . <i>Ending Address</i> is larger than <i>Starting Address</i> . Each structure's address range is unique and non-overlapping. <i>Memory Array Handle</i> references a <i>Physical Memory Array</i> structure. <i>Partition Width</i> is non-zero.
System Boot Information (Type 32)	The structure's length is at least 0x0B, i.e. at least one byte of <i>System Boot Status</i> is provided

3.3 Structure Definitions

Many of the enumerated values are shared between SMBIOS fields and Common Information Model (CIM) MOF properties. The table that follows identifies the relationships; any additions to these enumerated lists should be reflected in both documents by submitting change requests to <mailto:wg-cimcore@dmtf.org> and <mailto:wg-pos@dmtf.org> for the CIM-related and SMBIOS-related updates, respectively. Any other enumerated value identified in this specification is controlled by this specification; change requests should be sent to <mailto:wg-pos@dmtf.org>.

See the *SMBIOS CR Guide* for details on change request submission.

Name	Section	MOF Class.Property
Baseboard	3.3.3.1	Originally, the base board feature flags mapped to CIM properties CIM_PhysicalPackage.HotSwappable, CIM_PhysicalPackage.Replaceable, CIM_PhysicalPackage.Removable. These properties are deprecated and replaced with CIM_PhysicalPackage.RemovalConditions. CIM_Card.RequiresDaughterCard CIM_Card.HostingBoard
Enclosure or Chassis Type	3.3.4.1	CIM_Chassis.ChassisPackageType
Processor Type	3.3.5.1	CIM defines a CIM_Processor.Role property, which is a free-form string.
Processor Family	3.3.5.2	CIM_Processor.Family CIM_ArchitectureCheck.ArchitectureType
Processor Upgrade	3.3.5.5	CIM_Processor.UpgradeMethod
System Cache Type	3.3.8.4	CIM_AssociatedCacheMemory.CacheType
Cache Associativity	3.3.8.5	CIM_AssociatedCacheMemory.Associativity
Slot Data Bus Width	3.3.10.2	CIM_Slot.MaxDataWidth
Slot Current Usage	3.3.10.3	CIM handles slot population more explicitly than SMBIOS or DMI, by using a CIM_CardInSlot class to associate the card (CIM_Card) with the slot (CIM_Slot) into which it is inserted.
Memory Array Location	3.3.17.1	CIM handles memory location more specifically than SMBIOS or DMI, by using a CIM_AssociatedMemory class to associate the memory (CIM_Memory) with the device on which it is installed.
Memory Array Use	3.3.17.2	CIM handles memory array use more specifically than SMBIOS or DMI, by defining classes that inherit from CIM_Memory to define the specific use — e.g. CIM_CacheMemory or CIM_NonVolatileStorage.
Memory Array Error Correction Types	3.3.17.3	CIM_Memory.ErrorMethodology CIM maps memory error correction types into string values rather than enumerations.
Memory Device Form Factor	3.3.18.1	CIM_PhysicalMemory.FormFactor is inherited from CIM_Chip.FormFactor, and uses a different enumeration than SMBIOS.
Memory Device Type	3.3.18.2	CIM_PhysicalMemory.MemoryType uses a different enumeration than SMBIOS.
Memory Error Type	3.3.19.1	CIM_MemoryError.ErrorInfo Values 0Ch-0Eh have no match in the CIM_MemoryError.ErrorInfo property, instead they are reported via CIM_MemoryError.CorrectableError (Boolean).

Name	Section	MOF Class.Property
Memory Error Operation	3.3.19.3	CIM_MemoryError.Access
Pointing Device Type	3.3.22.1	CIM_PointingDevice.PointingType
Portable Battery Device Chemistry	3.3.23.1	CIM_Battery.Chemistry
Power Supply Type	3.3.40.1	Linear/switching is reported via CIM_PowerSupply.IsSwitchingSupply (Boolean).
Power Supply Input Voltage Range Switching	3.3.40.1	CIM_PowerSupply.TypeOfRangeSwitching

3.3.1 BIOS Information (Type 0)

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	0	BIOS Information Indicator
01h	Length	BYTE	Varies	12h + number of <i>BIOS Characteristics Extension</i> Bytes. If no Extension Bytes are used the Length will be 12h. For v2.1 and v2.2 implementations, the length is 13h since one extension byte is defined. For v2.3 and later implementations, the length is at least 14h since two extension bytes are defined. For v2.4 and later implementations, the length is at least 18h since bytes 14-17h are defined.
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	
04h	Vendor	BYTE	STRING	String number of the BIOS Vendor's Name
05h	BIOS Version	BYTE	STRING	String number of the BIOS Version. This is a free form string that may contain Core and OEM version information.
06h	BIOS Starting Address Segment	WORD	Varies	Segment location of BIOS starting address, e.g. 0E800h. Note: The size of the runtime BIOS image can be computed by subtracting the Starting Address Segment from 10000h and multiplying the result by 16.
08h	BIOS Release Date	BYTE	STRING	String number of the BIOS release date. The date string, if supplied, is in either mm/dd/yy or mm/dd/yyyy format. If the year portion of the string is two digits, the year is assumed to be 19yy. Note: The mm/dd/yyyy format is <u>required</u> for SMBIOS version 2.3 and later.
09h	BIOS ROM Size	BYTE	Varies (n)	Size (n) where $64K * (n+1)$ is the size of the <u>physical</u> device containing the BIOS, in bytes
0Ah	BIOS Characteristics	QWORD	Bit Field	Defines which functions the BIOS supports. PCI, PCMCIA, Flash, etc. See 3.3.1.1.
12h	BIOS Characteristics Extension Bytes	Zero or more BYTES	Bit Field	Optional space reserved for future supported functions. The number of Extension Bytes that are present is indicated by the Length in offset 1 minus 12h. See 3.3.1.2 for extensions defined for v2.1 and later implementations. For version 2.4 and later implementations, two BIOS Characteristics Extension Bytes are defined (12-13h) and bytes 14-17h are also defined.
14h	System BIOS Major Release	BYTE	Varies	Identifies the major release of the System BIOS; for example, the value will be 0Ah for revision 10.22 and 02h for revision 2.1. This field and/or the System BIOS Minor Release field will be updated each time a System BIOS update for a given system is released. If the system does not support the use of this field, the value will be 0FFh for both this field and the System BIOS Minor Release field.
15h	System BIOS Minor Release	BYTE	Varies	Identifies the minor release of the System BIOS; for example, the value will be 16h for revision 10.22 and 01h for revision 2.1.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
16h	Embedded Controller Firmware Major Release	BYTE	Varies	Identifies the major release of the embedded controller firmware; for example, the value will be 0Ah for revision 10.22 and 02h for revision 2.1. This field and/or the Embedded Controller Firmware Minor Release field will be updated each time an embedded controller firmware update for a given system is released. If the system does not have field upgradeable embedded controller firmware, the value will be 0FFh.
17h	Embedded Controller Firmware Minor Release	BYTE	Varies	Identifies the minor release of the embedded controller firmware; for example, the value will be 16h for revision 10.22 and 01h for revision 2.1. If the system does not have field upgradeable embedded controller firmware, the value will be 0FFh.

3.3.1.1 BIOS Characteristics

QWORD Bit Position	Meaning if Set
Bit 0	Reserved
Bit 1	Reserved
Bit 2	Unknown
Bit 3	BIOS Characteristics Not Supported
Bit 4	ISA is supported
Bit 5	MCA is supported
Bit 6	EISA is supported
Bit 7	PCI is supported
Bit 8	PC Card (PCMCIA) is supported
Bit 9	Plug and Play is supported
Bit 10	APM is supported
Bit 11	BIOS is Upgradeable (Flash)
Bit 12	BIOS shadowing is allowed
Bit 13	VL-VESA is supported
Bit 14	ESCD support is available
Bit 15	Boot from CD is supported
Bit 16	Selectable Boot is supported
Bit 17	BIOS ROM is socketed
Bit 18	Boot From PC Card (PCMCIA) is supported
Bit 19	EDD (Enhanced Disk Drive) Specification is supported
Bit 20	Int 13h - Japanese Floppy for NEC 9800 1.2mb (3.5", 1k Bytes/Sector, 360 RPM) is supported
Bit 21	Int 13h - Japanese Floppy for Toshiba 1.2mb (3.5", 360 RPM) is supported
Bit 22	Int 13h - 5.25" / 360 KB Floppy Services are supported
Bit 23	Int 13h - 5.25" / 1.2MB Floppy Services are supported
Bit 24	Int 13h - 3.5" / 720 KB Floppy Services are supported
Bit 25	Int 13h - 3.5" / 2.88 MB Floppy Services are supported
Bit 26	Int 5h, Print Screen Service is supported
Bit 27	Int 9h, 8042 Keyboard services are supported
Bit 28	Int 14h, Serial Services are supported
Bit 29	Int 17h, Printer Services are supported
Bit 30	Int 10h, CGA/Mono Video Services are supported
Bit 31	NEC PC-98
Bits32:47	Reserved for BIOS Vendor
Bits 48:63	Reserved for System Vendor

3.3.1.2 BIOS Characteristics Extension Bytes

Note: All Characteristics Extension Bytes are reserved for assignment via this specification.

3.3.1.2.1 BIOS Characteristics Extension Byte 1

This information, available for SMBIOS version 2.1 and later, appears at offset 12h within the BIOS Information structure.

Byte Bit Position	Meaning if Set
Bit 0	ACPI supported
Bit 1	USB Legacy is supported
Bit 2	AGP is supported
Bit 3	I2O boot is supported
Bit 4	LS-120 boot is supported
Bit 5	ATAPI ZIP Drive boot is supported
Bit 6	1394 boot is supported
Bit 7	Smart Battery supported

3.3.1.2.2 BIOS Characteristics Extension Byte 2

This information, available for SMBIOS version 2.3 and later, appears at offset 13h within the BIOS Information structure.

Byte Bit Position	Meaning if Set
Bit 0	BIOS Boot Specification supported
Bit 1	Function key-initiated Network Service boot supported. When function key-uninitiated Network Service Boot is not supported, a network adapter option ROM may choose to offer this functionality on its own, thus offering this capability to legacy systems. When the function is supported, the network adapter option ROM shall not offer this capability.
Bit 2	Enable Targeted Content Distribution. The manufacturer has ensured that the SMBIOS data is useful in identifying the computer for targeted delivery of model-specific software and firmware content through third-party content distribution services.
Bits 3:7	Reserved for future assignment via this specification.

3.3.2 System Information (Type 1)

The information in this structure defines attributes of the overall system and is intended to be associated with the *Component ID* group of the system's MIF. An SMBIOS implementation is associated with a single system instance and contains one and only one System Information (Type 1) structure.

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	2.0+	Type	BYTE	1	System Information Indicator
01h	2.0+	Length	BYTE	08h or 19h	Length dependent on version supported, 08h for 2.0 or 19h for 2.1-2.3.4, 1Bh for 2.4 and later.
02h	2.0+	Handle	WORD	Varies	
04h	2.0+	Manufacturer	BYTE	STRING	Number of Null terminated string
05h	2.0+	Product Name	BYTE	STRING	Number of Null terminated string
06h	2.0+	Version	BYTE	STRING	Number of Null terminated string
07h	2.0+	Serial Number	BYTE	STRING	Number of Null terminated string
08h	2.1+	UUID	16 BYTES	Varies	Universal Unique ID number. If the value is all FFh, the ID is not currently present in the system, but is settable. If the value is all 00h, the ID is not present in the system.
18h	2.1+	Wake-up Type	BYTE	ENUM	Identifies the event that caused the system to power up. See 3.3.2.1.

19h	2.4+	SKU Number	BYTE	STRING	Number of Null terminated string. This text string is used to identify a particular computer configuration for sale. It is sometimes also called a product ID or purchase order number. This number is frequently found in existing fields, but there is no standard format. Typically for a given system board from a given OEM, there are tens of unique processor, memory, hard drive, and optical drive configurations.
1Ah	2.4+	Family	BYTE	STRING	Number of Null terminated string. This text string is used to identify the family a particular computer belongs to. A family refers to a set of computers that are similar but not identical from a hardware or software point of view. Typically, a family is composed of different computer models, which have different configurations and pricing points. Computers in the same family often have similar branding and cosmetic features.

3.3.2.1 System — Wake-up Type

Byte Value	Meaning
00h	Reserved
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	APM Timer
04h	Modem Ring
05h	LAN Remote
06h	Power Switch
07h	PCI PME#
08h	AC Power Restored

3.3.3 Base Board (or Module) Information (Type 2)

The information in this structure defines attributes of a system baseboard — for example a motherboard, planar, or server blade or other standard system module.

Note: If more than one Type 2 structure is provided by an SMBIOS implementation, each structure shall include the *Number of Contained Object Handles* and *Contained Object Handles* fields to specify which system elements are contained on which boards. If a single Type 2 structure is provided and the contained object information is not present¹, or if no Type 2 structure is provided then all system elements identified by the SMBIOS implementation are associated with a single motherboard.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	2	Base Board Information Indicator
01h	Length	BYTE	Varies	Length of the structure, at least 08h.
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	
04h	Manufacturer	BYTE	STRING	Number of Null terminated string
05h	Product	BYTE	STRING	Number of Null terminated string
06h	Version	BYTE	STRING	Number of Null terminated string
07h	Serial Number	BYTE	STRING	Number of Null terminated string
08h	Asset Tag	BYTE	STRING	Number of a null-terminated string.
09h	Feature Flags	BYTE	Bit Field	A collection of flags that identify features of this baseboard. See 3.3.3.1.

¹ This information is "not present" if either the *Length* of the Type 2 structure is less than 14 (0Eh) or if the *Number of Contained Object Handles* field at offset 0Dh is set to 0.

0Ah	Location in Chassis	BYTE	STRING	Number of a null-terminated string that describes this board's location within the chassis referenced by the Chassis Handle below. Note: This field supports a CIM_Container class mapping where: LocationWithinContainer is this field GroupComponent is the chassis referenced by <i>Chassis Handle</i> PartComponent is this baseboard
0Bh	Chassis Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the chassis in which this board resides (see System Enclosure or Chassis (Type 3) on page 21).
0Dh	Board Type	BYTE	ENUM	Identifies the type of board; see 3.3.3.2.
0Eh	Number of Contained Object Handles (<i>n</i>)	BYTE	Varies	Identifies the number (0 to 255) of Contained Object Handles that follow.
0Fh	Contained Object Handles	<i>n</i> WORDs	Varies	A list of handles of other structures (e.g. Base Board, Processor, Port, System Slots, Memory Device) that are contained by this baseboard.

3.3.3.1 Base Board — Feature Flags

Important Note: Refer to 3.3 for the CIM properties associated with these bit fields.

Bit Position(s)	Description
7:5	Reserved for future definition by this specification, set to 000b.
4	Set to 1 if the board is <u>hot swappable</u> ; it is possible to replace the board with a physically different but equivalent one while power is applied to the board. The board is inherently replaceable and removable.
3	Set to 1 if the board is <u>replaceable</u> ; it is possible to replace (either as a field repair or upgrade) the board with a physically different one. The board is inherently removable.
2	Set to 1 if the board is <u>removable</u> ; it is designed to be taken in and out of the chassis without impairing the function of the chassis
1	Set to 1 if the board <u>requires at least one daughter board</u> or auxiliary card to function properly.
0	Set to 1 if the board is a hosting board, e.g. a motherboard.

3.3.3.2 Base Board — Board Type

Note: These enumerations are also used within the System Enclosure or Chassis (Type 3) structure's Contained Element record.

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Unknown
02h	Other
03h	Server Blade
04h	Connectivity Switch
05h	System Management Module
06h	Processor Module
07h	I/O Module
08h	Memory Module
09h	Daughter board
0Ah	Motherboard (includes processor, memory, and I/O)
0Bh	Processor/Memory Module
0Ch	Processor/IO Module
0Dh	Interconnect Board

3.3.4 System Enclosure or Chassis (Type 3)

The information in this structure defines attributes of the system's mechanical enclosure(s). For example, if a system included a separate enclosure for its peripheral devices, two structures would be returned: one for the main, system enclosure and the second for the peripheral device enclosure. The additions to this structure in v2.1 of this specification support the population of the CIM_Chassis class.

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	2.0+	Type	BYTE	3	System Enclosure Indicator
01h	2.0+	Length	BYTE	Varies	09h for v2.0 implementations or a minimum of 0Dh for v2.1 and later implementations.
02h	2.0+	Handle	WORD	Varies	
04h	2.0+	Manufacturer	BYTE	STRING	Number of Null terminated string
05h	2.0+	Type	BYTE	Varies	Bit 7 Chassis lock present if 1. Otherwise, either a lock is not present or it is unknown if the enclosure has a lock. Bits 6:0 Enumeration value, see below.
06h	2.0+	Version	BYTE	STRING	Number of Null terminated string
07h	2.0+	Serial Number	BYTE	STRING	Number of Null terminated string
08h	2.0+	Asset Tag Number	BYTE	STRING	Number of Null terminated string
09h	2.1+	Boot-up State	BYTE	ENUM	Identifies the state of the enclosure when it was last booted. See 3.3.4.2 for definitions.
0Ah	2.1+	Power Supply State	BYTE	ENUM	Identifies the state of the enclosure's power supply (or supplies) when last booted. See 3.3.4.2 for definitions.
0Bh	2.1+	Thermal State	BYTE	ENUM	Identifies the enclosure's thermal state when last booted. See 3.3.4.2 for definitions.
0Ch	2.1+	Security Status	BYTE	ENUM	Identifies the enclosure's physical security status when last booted. See 3.3.4.3 for definitions.
0Dh	2.3+	OEM-defined	DWORD	Varies	Contains OEM- or BIOS vendor-specific information.
11h	2.3+	Height	BYTE	Varies	The height of the enclosure, in 'U's. A U is a standard unit of measure for the height of a rack or rack-mountable component and is equal to 1.75 inches or 4.445 cm. A value of 00h indicates that the enclosure height is unspecified.
12h	2.3+	Number of Power Cords	BYTE	Varies	Identifies the number of power cords associated with the enclosure or chassis. A value of 00h indicates that the number is unspecified.
13h	2.3+	Contained Element Count (<i>n</i>)	BYTE	Varies	Identifies the number of Contained Element records that follow, in the range 0 to 255. Each Contained Element group comprises <i>m</i> bytes, as specified by the Contained Element Record Length field that follows. If no Contained Elements are included, this field is set to 0.
14h	2.3+	Contained Element Record Length (<i>m</i>)	BYTE	Varies	Identifies the byte length of each Contained Element record that follow, in the range 0 to 255. If no Contained Elements are included, this field is set to 0. For v2.3.2 and later of this specification, this field is set to at least 03h when Contained Elements are specified.
15h	2.3+	Contained Elements	<i>n</i> * <i>m</i> BYTES	Varies	Identifies the elements, possibly defined by other SMBIOS structures, present in this chassis. See 3.3.4.4 for definitions.

3.3.4.1 System Enclosure or Chassis Types

Important Note: Refer to 3.3 for the CIM properties associated with this enumerated value.

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	Desktop
04h	Low Profile Desktop
05h	Pizza Box
06h	Mini Tower
07h	Tower
08h	Portable
09h	LapTop
0Ah	Notebook
0Bh	Hand Held

0Ch	Docking Station
0Dh	All in One
0Eh	Sub Notebook
0Fh	Space-saving
10h	Lunch Box
11h	Main Server Chassis
12h	Expansion Chassis
13h	SubChassis
14h	Bus Expansion Chassis
15h	Peripheral Chassis
16h	RAID Chassis
17h	Rack Mount Chassis
18h	Sealed-case PC
19h	Multi-system chassis. When this value is specified by an SMBIOS implementation, the physical chassis associated with this structure supports multiple, independently reporting <i>physical</i> systems — regardless of the chassis' current configuration. Systems in the same physical chassis are required to report the same value in this structure's <i>Serial Number</i> field. For a chassis that may also be configured as either a single system or multiple physical systems, the Multi-system chassis value is reported even if the chassis is currently configured as a single system. This allows management applications to recognize the multi-system potential of the chassis.
1Ah	CompactPCI
1Bh	AdvancedTCA

3.3.4.2 System Enclosure or Chassis States

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	Safe
04h	Warning
05h	Critical
06h	Non-recoverable

3.3.4.3 System Enclosure or Chassis Security Status

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	None
04h	External interface locked out
05h	External interface enabled

3.3.4.4 System Enclosure or Chassis: Contained Elements

Each *Contained Element* record consists of sub-fields that further describe elements contained by the chassis. Relative offset and size of fields within each record shall remain the same in future revisions to this specification, but new fields might be added to the end of the current definitions.

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description						
00h	2.3+	Contained Element Type	BYTE	Bit Field	<p>Specifies the type of element associated with this record.</p> <table><tr><th>Bit(s)</th><th>Meaning</th></tr><tr><td>7</td><td><u>Type Select</u>. Identifies whether the Type contains an SMBIOS structure type enumeration (1) or an SMBIOS Base Board Type enumeration (0).</td></tr><tr><td>6:0</td><td><u>Type</u>. The value specifies either an SMBIOS Board Type enumeration (see 3.3.3.2 for definitions) or an SMBIOS structure type, dependent on the setting of the Type Select.</td></tr></table> <p>For example, a contained Power Supply is specified as A7h (1 0100111b) — the MSB is 1, so the remaining seven bits (27h = 39) represent an SMBIOS structure type; structure type 39 represents a System Power Supply. A contained Server Blade is specified as 03h — the MSB is 0, so the remaining seven bits represent an SMBIOS Board Type; board type 03h represents a Server Blade.</p>	Bit(s)	Meaning	7	<u>Type Select</u> . Identifies whether the Type contains an SMBIOS structure type enumeration (1) or an SMBIOS Base Board Type enumeration (0).	6:0	<u>Type</u> . The value specifies either an SMBIOS Board Type enumeration (see 3.3.3.2 for definitions) or an SMBIOS structure type, dependent on the setting of the Type Select.
Bit(s)	Meaning										
7	<u>Type Select</u> . Identifies whether the Type contains an SMBIOS structure type enumeration (1) or an SMBIOS Base Board Type enumeration (0).										
6:0	<u>Type</u> . The value specifies either an SMBIOS Board Type enumeration (see 3.3.3.2 for definitions) or an SMBIOS structure type, dependent on the setting of the Type Select.										
01h	2.3+	Contained Element Minimum	BYTE	Varies	<p>Specifies the minimum number of the element type that can be installed in the chassis for the chassis to properly operate, in the range 0 to 254. The value 255 (0FFh) is reserved for future definition by this specification.</p>						
02h	2.3+	Contained Element Maximum	BYTE	Varies	<p>Specifies the maximum number of the element type that can be installed in the chassis, in the range 1 to 255. The value 0 is reserved for future definition by this specification.</p>						

3.3.5 Processor Information (Type 4)

The information in this structure defines the attributes of a single processor; a separate structure instance is provided for each system processor socket/slot. For example, a system with an IntelDX2™ processor would have a single structure instance while a system with an IntelSX2™ processor would have a structure to describe the main CPU and a second structure to describe the 80487 co-processor.

Note: One structure is provided for each processor instance in a system. For example, a system that supports up to two processors includes two *Processor Information* structures — even if only one processor is currently installed. Software that interprets the SMBIOS information can count the *Processor Information* structures to determine the maximum possible configuration of the system.

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	2.0+	Type	BYTE	4	Processor Information Indicator
01h	2.0+	Length	BYTE	Varies	The Length is 1Ah for v2.0 implementations or a minimum of 20h for v2.1 and later implementations.
02h	2.0+	Handle	WORD	Varies	
04h	2.0+	Socket Designation	BYTE	STRING	String number for Reference Designation. Example string 'J202',0
05h	2.0+	Processor Type	BYTE	ENUM	See 3.3.5.1 on page 26
06h	2.0+	Processor Family	BYTE	ENUM	See 3.3.5.2 on page 26
07h	2.0+	Processor Manufacturer	BYTE	STRING	String number of Processor Manufacturer
08h	2.0+	Processor ID	QWORD	Varies	Raw processor identification data. See 3.3.5.3 for details.
10h	2.0+	Processor Version	BYTE	STRING	String number describing the Processor
11h	2.0+	Voltage	BYTE	Varies	See 3.3.5.4.
12h	2.0+	External Clock	WORD	Varies	External Clock Frequency, in MHz. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0.
14h	2.0+	Max Speed	WORD	Varies	<p>Maximum processor speed (in MHz) supported by the system for this processor socket. 0E9h for a 233MHz processor. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0.</p> <p>Note: This field identifies a capability for the <u>system</u>, not the processor itself.</p>

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description
16h	2.0+	Current Speed	WORD	Varies	Same format as Max Speed. Note: This field identifies the processor's speed at system boot and the <i>Processor ID</i> field implies the processor's additional speed characteristics (i.e. single speed or multiple speed).
18h	2.0+	Status	BYTE	Varies	Bit 7 Reserved, must be 0 Bit 6 CPU Socket Populated 1 - CPU Socket Populated 0 - CPU Socket Unpopulated Bits 5:3 Reserved, must be zero Bits 2:0 CPU Status 0h - Unknown 1h - CPU Enabled 2h - CPU Disabled by User via BIOS Setup 3h - CPU Disabled By BIOS (POST Error) 4h - CPU is Idle, waiting to be enabled. 5-6h - Reserved 7h - Other
19h	2.0+	Processor Upgrade	BYTE	ENUM	See 3.3.5.5
1Ah	2.1+	L1 Cache Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle of a Cache Information structure that defines the attributes of the primary (Level 1) cache for this processor. For v2.1 and v2.2 implementations, the value is 0FFFFh if the processor has no L1 cache. For v2.3 and later implementations, the value is 0FFFFh if the Cache Information structure is not provided. ²
1Ch	2.1+	L2 Cache Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle of a Cache Information structure that defines the attributes of the secondary (Level 2) cache for this processor. For v2.1 and v2.2 implementations, the value is 0FFFFh if the processor has no L2 cache. For v2.3 and later implementations, the value is 0FFFFh if the Cache Information structure is not provided. ²
1Eh	2.1+	L3 Cache Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle of a Cache Information structure that defines the attributes of the tertiary (Level 3) cache for this processor. For v2.1 and v2.2 implementations, the value is 0FFFFh if the processor has no L3 cache. For v2.3 and later implementations, the value is 0FFFFh if the Cache Information structure is not provided. ²
20h	2.3+	Serial Number	BYTE	STRING	String number for the serial number of this processor. This value is set by the manufacturer and normally not changeable.
21h	2.3+	Asset Tag	BYTE	STRING	String number for the asset tag of this processor.
22h	2.3+	Part Number	BYTE	STRING	String number for the part number of this processor. This value is set by the manufacturer and normally not changeable.
23h	2.5+	Core Count	BYTE	Varies	Number of cores per processor socket. See 3.3.5.6 on page 29. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0.
24h	2.5+	Core Enabled	BYTE	Varies	Number of enabled cores per processor socket. See 3.3.5.7 on page 29. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0.
25h	2.5+	Thread Count	BYTE	Varies	Number of threads per processor socket. See 3.3.5.8 on page 29. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0.
26h	2.5+	Processor Characteristics	WORD	Bit Field	Defines which functions the processor supports. See 3.3.5.9 on page 29.

² Beginning with v2.3 implementations, if the *Cache Handle* is 0FFFFh, management software must make no assumptions about the cache's attributes and should report all cache-related attributes as unknown. The definitive absence of a specific cache is identified by referencing a *Cache Information* structure and setting that structure's *Installed Size* field to 0.

3.3.5.1 Processor Information - Processor Type

Important Note: Refer to 3.3 for the CIM properties associated with this enumerated value.

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	Central Processor
04h	Math Processor
05h	DSP Processor
06h	Video Processor

3.3.5.2 Processor Information - Processor Family

Important Note: Refer to 3.3 for the CIM properties associated with this enumerated value.

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	8086
04h	80286
05h	Intel386™ processor
06h	Intel486™ processor
07h	8087
08h	80287
09h	80387
0Ah	80487
0Bh	Pentium® processor Family
0Ch	Pentium® Pro processor
0Dh	Pentium® II processor
0Eh	Pentium® processor with MMX™ technology
0Fh	Celeron™ processor
10h	Pentium® II Xeon™ processor
11h	Pentium® III processor
12h	M1 Family
13h	M2 Family
14h-17h	Available for assignment
18h	AMD Duron™ Processor Family
19h	K5 Family
1Ah	K6 Family
1Bh	K6-2
1Ch	K6-3
1Dh	AMD Athlon™ Processor Family
1Eh	AMD2900 Family
1Fh	K6-2+
20h	Power PC Family
21h	Power PC 601
22h	Power PC 603
23h	Power PC 603+
24h	Power PC 604
25h	Power PC 620
26h	Power PC x704
27h	Power PC 750
28h-2Fh	Available for assignment
30h	Alpha Family ³
31h	Alpha 21064
32h	Alpha 21066

³ Some v2.0 specification implementations used *Processor Family* type value 30h to represent a Pentium ® Pro processor.

Byte Value	Meaning
33h	Alpha 21164
34h	Alpha 21164PC
35h	Alpha 21164a
36h	Alpha 21264
37h	Alpha 21364
38h-3Fh	Available for assignment
40h	MIPS Family
41h	MIPS R4000
42h	MIPS R4200
43h	MIPS R4400
44h	MIPS R4600
45h	MIPS R10000
46h-4Fh	Available for assignment
50h	SPARC Family
51h	SuperSPARC
52h	microSPARC II
53h	microSPARC IIep
54h	UltraSPARC
55h	UltraSPARC II
56h	UltraSPARC Ili
57h	UltraSPARC III
58h	UltraSPARC Ilii
59h-5Fh	Available for assignment
60h	68040 Family
61h	68xxx
62h	68000
63h	68010
64h	68020
65h	68030
66h-6Fh	Available for assignment
70h	Hobbit Family
71h-77h	Available for assignment
78h	Crusoe™ TM5000 Family
79h	Crusoe™ TM3000 Family
7Ah	Efficeon™ TM8000 Family
7Bh-7Fh	Available for assignment
80h	Weitek
81h	Available for assignment
82h	Itanium™ processor
83h	AMD Athlon™ 64 Processor Family
84h	AMD Opteron™ Processor Family
85h	AMD Sempron™ Processor Family
86h	AMD Turion™ 64 Mobile Technology
87h	Dual-Core AMD Opteron™ Processor Family
88h	AMD Athlon™ 64 X2 Dual-Core Processor Family
89h-8Fh	Available for assignment
90h	PA-RISC Family
91h	PA-RISC 8500
92h	PA-RISC 8000
93h	PA-RISC 7300LC
94h	PA-RISC 7200
95h	PA-RISC 7100LC
96h	PA-RISC 7100
97h-9Fh	Available for assignment
A0h	V30 Family
A1h-AFh	Available for assignment
B0h	Pentium® III Xeon™ processor
B1h	Pentium® III Processor with Intel® SpeedStep™ Technology
B2h	Pentium® 4 Processor
B3h	Intel® Xeon™
B4h	AS400 Family
B5h	Intel® Xeon™ processor MP
B6h	AMD Athlon™ XP Processor Family
B7h	AMD Athlon™ MP Processor Family

Byte Value	Meaning
B8h	Intel® Itanium® 2 processor
B9h	Intel® Pentium® M processor
BAh	Intel® Celeron® D processor
BBh	Intel® Pentium® D processor
BCh	Intel® Pentium® Processor Extreme Edition
BDh-C7h	Available for assignment
C8h	IBM390 Family
C9h	G4
CAh	G5
CBh-F9h	Available for assignment
FAh	i860
FBh	i960
FCh-FFh	Available for assignment

3.3.5.3 Processor ID Field Format

The Processor ID field contains processor-specific information that describes the processor's features.

3.3.5.3.1 X86-Class CPUs

For x86 class CPUs, the field's format depends on the processor's support of the CPUID instruction. If the instruction is supported, the *Processor ID* field contains two DWORD-formatted values. The first (offsets 08h-0Bh) is the EAX value returned by a CPUID instruction with input EAX set to 1; the second (offsets 0Ch-0Fh) is the EDX value returned by that instruction.

Otherwise, only the first two bytes of the *Processor ID* field are significant (all others are set to 0) and contain (in WORD-format) the contents of the DX register at CPU reset.

3.3.5.4 Processor Information – Voltage

Two forms of information can be specified by the SMBIOS in this field, dependent on the value present in bit 7 (the most-significant bit). If bit 7 is 0 (legacy mode), the remaining bits of the field represent the specific voltages that the processor socket can accept, as follows:

Byte Bit Range	Meaning
Bit 7	Set to 0, indicating 'legacy' mode for processor voltage
Bits 6:4	Reserved, must be zero
Bits 3:0	<i>Voltage Capability</i> . A Set bit indicates that the voltage is supported. Bit 0 - 5V Bit 1 - 3.3V Bit 2 - 2.9V Bit 3 - Reserved, must be zero. Note: Setting of multiple bits indicates the socket is configurable

If bit 7 is set to 1, the remaining seven bits of the field are set to contain the processor's current *voltage times 10*. For example, the field value for a processor voltage of 1.8 volts would be 92h = 80h + (1.8 * 10) = 80h + 18 = 80h + 12h.

3.3.5.5 Processor Information - Processor Upgrade

Important Note: Refer to 3.3 for the CIM properties associated with this enumerated value.

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	Daughter Board
04h	ZIF Socket
05h	Replaceable Piggy Back
06h	None
07h	LIF Socket
08h	Slot 1
09h	Slot 2
0Ah	370-pin socket
0Bh	Slot A
0Ch	Slot M
0Dh	Socket 423
0Eh	Socket A (Socket 462)
0Fh	Socket 478
10h	Socket 754
11h	Socket 940
12h	Socket 939
13h	Socket mPGA604
14h	Socket LGA771
15h	Socket LGA775

3.3.5.6 Processor Information – Core Count

Core Count is the number of cores detected by the BIOS for this processor socket. It does not necessarily indicate the full capability of the processor. For example, platform hardware may have the capability to limit the number of cores reported by the processor without BIOS intervention or knowledge. For a dual-core processor installed in a platform where the hardware is set to limit it to one core, the BIOS will report a value of 1 in *Core Count*. For a dual-core processor with multi-core support disabled by BIOS, the BIOS will report a value of 2 in *Core Count*.

3.3.5.7 Processor Information – Core Enabled

Core Enabled is the number of cores that are enabled by the BIOS and available for Operating System use. For example, if the BIOS detects a dual-core processor, it would report a value of 2 if it leaves both cores enabled, and 1 if it disables multi-core support.

3.3.5.8 Processor Information – Thread Count

Thread Count is the total number of threads detected by the BIOS for this processor socket. It is a processor-wide count, not a thread-per-core count. It does not necessarily indicate the full capability of the processor. For example, platform hardware may have the capability to limit the number of threads reported by the processor without BIOS intervention or knowledge. For a dual-thread processor installed in a platform where the hardware is set to limit it one thread, the BIOS will report a value of 1 in *Thread Count*. For a dual-thread processor with multi-threading disabled by BIOS, the BIOS will report a value of 2 in *Thread Count*. For a dual-core, dual-thread-per-core processor, the BIOS will report a value of 4 in *Thread Count*.

3.3.5.9 Processor Characteristics

WORD Bit Position	Meaning if Set
Bit 0	Reserved
Bit 1	Unknown
Bit 2	64-bit Capable
Bits 3:15	Reserved

64-bit Capable indicates the maximum data width capability of the processor. For example, this bit is set for Intel Itanium, AMD Opteron, and Intel Xeon (with EM64T) processors; this bit is cleared for Intel Xeon processors that do not have EM64T. This bit indicates the maximum capability of the processor and does not indicate the current enabled state.

3.3.6 Memory Controller Information (Type 5, Obsolete)

The information in this structure defines the attributes of the system's memory controller(s) and the supported attributes of any memory-modules present in the sockets controlled by this controller.

Note: This structure, and its companion Memory Module Information (Type 6, Obsolete), are *obsolete* starting with version 2.1 of this specification; the Physical Memory Array (Type 16) and Memory Device (Type 17) structures should be used instead. BIOS providers might choose to implement both memory description types to allow existing DMI browsers to properly display the system's memory attributes.

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	2.0+	Type	BYTE	5	Memory Controller Indicator
01h	2.0+	Length	BYTE	Varies	Computed by the BIOS as either $15 + (2 * x)$ for v2.0 implementations or $16 + (2 * x)$ for v2.1 and later implementations, where x is the value present in offset 0Eh.
02h	2.0+	Handle	WORD	Varies	
04h	2.0+	Error Detecting Method	BYTE	ENUM	See 3.3.6.1
05h	2.0+	Error Correcting Capability	BYTE	Bit Field	See 3.3.6.2
06h	2.0+	Supported Interleave	BYTE	ENUM	See 3.3.6.3
07h	2.0+	Current Interleave	BYTE	ENUM	See 3.3.6.3
08h	2.0+	Maximum Memory Module Size	BYTE	Varies (n)	The size of the largest memory module supported (per slot), specified as n , where $2^{**}n$ is the maximum size in MB. The maximum amount of memory supported by this controller is that value times the number of slots, as specified in offset 0Eh of this structure.
09h	2.0+	Supported Speeds	WORD	Bit Field	See 3.3.6.4 for bit-wise descriptions.
0Bh	2.0+	Supported Memory Types	WORD	Bit Field	See 3.3.7.1 on page 32 for bit-wise descriptions.
0Dh	2.0+	Memory Module Voltage	BYTE	Bit Field	This field describes the required voltages for each of the memory module sockets controlled by this controller: Bits 7:3 Reserved, must be zero Bit 2 2.9V Bit 1 3.3V Bit 0 5V Note: Setting of multiple bits indicates the sockets are configurable
0Eh	2.0+	Number of Associated Memory Slots (x)	BYTE	Varies	Defines how many of the <i>Memory Module Information</i> blocks are controlled by this controller.
0Fh to 0Fh + (2*x) - 1	2.0+	Memory Module Configuration Handles	x WORDs	Varies	A list of memory information structure handles controlled by this controller. Value in offset 0Eh (x) defines the count.
0Fh + (2*x)	2.1+	Enabled Error Correcting Capabilities	BYTE	Bit Field	Identifies the error-correcting capabilities that were enabled when the structure was built. See 3.3.6.2 for bit-wise definitions.

3.3.6.1 Memory Controller Error Detecting Method

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	None
04h	8-bit Parity
05h	32-bit ECC
06h	64-bit ECC
07h	128-bit ECC
08h	CRC

3.3.6.2 Memory Controller Error Correcting Capability

Byte Bit Position	Meaning
Bit 0	Other
Bit 1	Unknown
Bit 2	None
Bit 3	Single Bit Error Correcting
Bit 4	Double Bit Error Correcting
Bit 5	Error Scrubbing

3.3.6.3 Memory Controller Information - Interleave Support

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	One Way Interleave
04h	Two Way Interleave
05h	Four Way Interleave
06h	Eight Way Interleave
07h	Sixteen Way Interleave

3.3.6.4 Memory Controller Information - Memory Speeds

This bit-field describes the speed of the memory modules supported by the system.

Word Bit Position	Meaning
Bit 0	Other
Bit 1	Unknown
Bit 2	70ns
Bit 3	60ns
Bit 4	50ns
Bits 5:15	Reserved, must be zero

3.3.7 Memory Module Information (Type 6, Obsolete)

One *Memory Module Information* structure is included for each memory-module socket in the system. The structure describes the speed, type, size, and error status of each system memory module. The supported attributes of each module are described by the “owning” *Memory Controller Information* structure.

Note: This structure, and its companion Memory Controller Information (Type 5, Obsolete), are *obsolete* starting with version 2.1 of this specification; the Physical Memory Array (Type 16) and Memory Device (Type 17) structures should be used instead. BIOS providers might choose to implement both memory description types to allow existing DMI browsers to properly display the system’s memory attributes.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	6	Memory Module Configuration Indicator
01h	Length	BYTE	0Ch	
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	
04h	Socket Designation	BYTE	STRING	String Number for Reference Designation. Example 'J202',0
05h	Bank Connections	BYTE	Varies	Each nibble indicates a bank (RAS#) connection, 0xF means no connection. Example: If banks 1 & 3 (RAS# 1 & 3) were connected to a SIMM socket the byte for that socket would be 13h. If only bank 2 (RAS 2) were connected the byte for that socket would be 2Fh.
06h	Current Speed	BYTE	Varies	The speed of the memory module, in ns (e.g. 70d for a 70ns module). If the speed is unknown, the field is set to 0.
07h	Current Memory Type	WORD	Bit Field	See 3.3.7.1
09h	Installed Size	BYTE	Varies	See 3.3.7.2
0Ah	Enabled Size	BYTE	Varies	See 3.3.7.2
0Bh	Error Status	BYTE	Varies	Bits 7:3 Reserved, set to 0's Bit 2 If set, the Error Status information should be obtained from the event log; bits 1 and 0 are reserved. Bit 1 Correctable errors received for the module, if set. This bit will only be reset during a system reset. Bit 0 Uncorrectable errors received for the module, if set. All or a portion of the module has been disabled. This bit is only reset on power-on.

3.3.7.1 Memory Module Information - Memory Types

This bit-field describes the physical characteristics of the memory modules that are supported by (and currently installed in) the system.

Word Bit Position	Meaning
Bit 0	Other
Bit 1	Unknown
Bit 2	Standard
Bit 3	Fast Page Mode
Bit 4	EDO
Bit 5	Parity
Bit 6	ECC
Bit 7	SIMM
Bit 8	DIMM
Bit 9	Burst EDO
Bit 10	SDRAM
Bits 11:15	Reserved, must be zero

3.3.7.2 Memory Module Information - Memory Size

The Size fields of the Memory Module Configuration Information structure define the amount of memory currently installed (and enabled) in a memory-module connector.

The *Installed Size* fields identify the size of the memory module that is installed in the socket, as determined by reading and correlating the module's presence-detect information. If the system does not support presence-detect mechanisms, the *Installed Size* field is set to 7Dh to indicate that the installed size is not determinable. The *Enabled Size* field identifies the amount of memory currently enabled for the system's use from the module. If a module is known to be installed in a connector, but all memory in the module has been disabled due to error, the *Enabled Size* field is set to 7Eh.

Byte Bit Range	Meaning
Bits 0:6	Size (n), where 2**n is the size in MB with three special-case values: 7Dh Not determinable (Installed Size only) 7Eh Module is installed, but no memory has been enabled 7Fh Not installed
Bit 7	Defines whether the memory module has a single- (0) or double-bank (1) connection.

3.3.7.3 Memory Subsystem Example

A system utilizes a memory controller that supports up to 4-32MB 5V 70ns parity SIMMs. The memory module sockets are used in pairs A1/A2 and B1/B2 to provide a 64-bit data path to the CPU. No mechanism is provided by the system to read the SIMM IDs. RAS-0 and -1 are connected to the front- and back-size banks of the SIMMs in the A1/A2 sockets and RAS-2 and -3 are similarly connected to the B1/B2 sockets. The current installation is an 8MB SIMM in sockets A1 and A2, 16MB total.

db	5	; Memory Controller Information
db	23	; Length = 15 + 2*4
dw	14	; Memory Controller Handle
db	4	; 8-bit parity error detection
db	00000100b	; No error correction provided
db	03h	; 1-way interleave supported
db	03h	; 1-way interleave currently used
db	5	; Maximum memory-module size supported is 32MB (2**5)
dw	00000100b	; Only 70ns SIMMs supported
dw	00A4h	; Standard, parity SIMMs supported
db	00000001b	; 5V provided to each socket
db	4	; 4 memory-module sockets supported
dw	15	; 1st Memory Module Handle
dw	16	
dw	17	
dw	18	; 4th ...
dw	0000h	; End-of-structure termination
db	6	; Memory Module Information
db	0Ch	
dw	15	; Handle
db	1	; Reference Designation string #1
db	01h	; Socket connected to RAS-0 and RAS-1
db	00000010b	; Current speed is Unknown, since can't read SIMM IDs
db	00000100b	; Upgrade speed is 70ns, since that's all that's
		; supported
dw	00A4h	; Current SIMM must be standard parity
db	7Dh	; Installed size indeterminable (no SIMM IDs)
db	83h	; Enabled size is double-bank 8MB (2**3)
db	0	; No errors
db	"A1",0	; String#1: Reference Designator
db	0	; End-of-strings
db	6	; Memory Module Information
db	0Ch	
dw	16	; Handle
db	1	; Reference Designation string #1
db	01h	; Socket connected to RAS-0 and RAS-1
db	0	; Current speed is Unknown, since can't read SIMM IDs
dw	00A4h	; Current SIMM must be standard parity
db	7Dh	; Installed size indeterminable (no SIMM IDs)
db	83h	; Enabled size is double-bank 8MB (2**3)
db	0	; No errors
db	"A2",0	; String#1: Reference Designator
db	0	; End-of-strings
db	6	; Memory Module Information
db	0Ch	
dw	17	; Handle
db	1	; Reference Designation string #1
db	23h	; Socket connected to RAS-2 and RAS-3
db	0	; Current speed is Unknown, since can't read SIMM IDs
dw	0001h	; Nothing appears to be installed (Other)
db	7Dh	; Installed size indeterminable (no SIMM IDs)
db	7Fh	; Enabled size is 0 (nothing installed)
db	0	; No errors
db	"B1",0	; String#1: Reference Designator
db	0	; End-of-strings

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db      6           ; Memory Module Information
db      0Ch
dw      18         ; Handle
db      1           ; Reference Designation string #1
db      23h        ; Socket connected to RAS-2 and RAS-3
db      0           ; Current speed is Unknown, since can't read SIMM IDs
dw      0001h      ; Nothing appears to be installed (Other)
db      7Dh        ; Installed size indeterminable (no SIMM IDs)
db      7Fh        ; Enabled size is 0 (nothing installed)
db      0           ; No errors
db      "B2",0     ; String#1: Reference Designator
db      0           ; End-of-strings

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3.3.8 Cache Information (Type 7)

The information in this structure defines the attributes of CPU cache device in the system. One structure is specified for each such device, whether the device is internal to or external to the CPU module. Cache modules can be associated with a processor structure in one or two ways depending on the SMBIOS version, see 3.3.5 *Processor Information (Type 4)* on page 24 and 3.3.15 *Group Associations (Type 14)* on page 42 for more information.

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	2.0+	Type	BYTE	7	Cache Information Indicator
01h	2.0+	Length	BYTE	Varies	The value is 0Fh for v2.0 implementations, or 13h for v2.1 implementations.
02h	2.0+	Handle	WORD	Varies	
04h	2.0+	Socket Designation	BYTE	STRING	String Number for Reference Designation Example: "CACHE1", 0
05h	2.0+	Cache Configuration	WORD	Varies	Bits 15:10 Reserved, must be zero Bits 9:8 Operational Mode 00b Write Through 01b Write Back 10b Varies with Memory Address 11b Unknown Bit 7 Enabled/Disabled (at boot time) 1b Enabled 0b Disabled Bits 6:5 Location, relative to the CPU module: 00b Internal 01b External 10b Reserved 11b Unknown Bit 4 Reserved, must be zero Bit 3 Cache Socketed 1b Socketed 0b Not Socketed Bits 2:0 Cache Level - 1 through 8, e.g. an L1 cache would use value 000b and an L3 cache would use 010b.
07h	2.0+	Maximum Cache Size	WORD	Varies	Maximum size that can be installed Bit 15 Granularity 0 - 1K granularity 1 - 64K granularity Bits 14:0 Max size in given granularity See 3.3.8.1.
09h	2.0+	Installed Size	WORD	Varies	Same format as Max Cache Size field, set to 0 if no cache is installed. See 3.3.8.1.
0Bh	2.0+	Supported SRAM Type	WORD	Bit Field	See 3.3.8.1
0Dh	2.0+	Current SRAM Type	WORD	Bit Field	See 3.3.8.1
0Fh	2.1+	Cache Speed	BYTE	Varies	The cache module speed, in nanoseconds. The value is 0 if the speed is unknown.
10h	2.1+	Error Correction Type	BYTE	ENUM	The error-correction scheme supported by this cache component, see 3.3.8.3.
11h	2.1+	System Cache Type	BYTE	ENUM	The logical type of cache, see 3.3.8.4.

12h	2.1+	Associativity	BYTE	ENUM	The associativity of the cache, see 3.3.8.5.
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3.3.8.1 Cache Information – Maximum Cache Size and Installed Size

Note on cache size for multi-core processors: The cache size for the different levels of the cache (L1, L2, L3) is the total amount of cache per level per processor socket. The cache size is independent of the core count. For example, the cache size is 2M for both (a) a dual core processor with a 2M L3 cache shared between the cores, and (b) a dual core processor with 1M L3 cache (non-shared) per core.

3.3.8.2 Cache Information - SRAM Type

Word Bit Position	Meaning
Bit 0	Other
Bit 1	Unknown
Bit 2	Non-Burst
Bit 3	Burst
Bit 4	Pipeline Burst
Bit 5	Synchronous
Bit 6	Asynchronous
Bits 7:15	Reserved, must be zero

3.3.8.3 Cache Information — Error Correction Type

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	None
04h	Parity
05h	Single-bit ECC
06h	Multi-bit ECC

3.3.8.4 Cache Information — System Cache Type

Important Note: Refer to 3.3 for the CIM properties associated with this enumerated value.

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	Instruction
04h	Data
05h	Unified

3.3.8.5 Cache Information — Associativity

Important Note: Refer to 3.3 for the CIM properties associated with this enumerated value.

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	Direct Mapped
04h	2-way Set-Associative
05h	4-way Set-Associative
06h	Fully Associative
07h	8-way Set-Associative
08h	16-way Set-Associative

3.3.9 Port Connector Information (Type 8)

The information in this structure defines the attributes of a system port connector, e.g. parallel, serial, keyboard, or mouse ports. The port's type and connector information are provided. One structure is present for each port provided by the system.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	8	Connector Information Indicator
01h	Length	BYTE	9h	
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	
04h	Internal Reference Designator	BYTE	STRING	String number for Internal Reference Designator, i.e. internal to the system enclosure, e.g. 'J101', 0
05h	Internal Connector Type	BYTE	ENUM	Internal Connector type. See 3.3.9.2
06h	External Reference Designator	BYTE	STRING	String number for the External Reference Designation external to the system enclosure, e.g. 'COM A', 0
07h	External Connector Type	BYTE	ENUM	External Connector type. See 3.3.9.2
08h	Port Type	BYTE	ENUM	Describes the function of the port. See 3.3.9.3

3.3.9.1 Port Information Example

The following structure shows an example where a DB-9 Pin Male connector on the System Backpanel (COM A) is connected to the System Board via a 9 Pin Dual Inline connector (J101).

```

db      8          ; Indicates Connector Type
db      9h         ; Length
dw      ?          ; Reserved for handle
db      01h        ; String 1 - Internal Reference Designation
db      18h        ; 9 Pin Dual Inline
db      02h        ; String 2 - External Reference Designation
db      08h        ; DB-9 Pin Male
db      09h        ; 16550A Compatible
db      'J101',0    ; Internal reference
db      'COM A',0   ; External reference
db      0

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If an External Connector is not used (as in the case of a CD-ROM Sound connector), then the External Reference Designator and the External Connector type should be set to zero. If an Internal Connector is not used (as in the case of a soldered on Parallel Port connector which extends outside of the chassis), then the Internal Reference Designation and Connector Type should be set to zero.

3.3.9.2 Port Information - Connector Types

Byte Value	Meaning
00h	None
01h	Centronics
02h	Mini Centronics
03h	Proprietary
04h	DB-25 pin male
05h	DB-25 pin female
06h	DB-15 pin male
07h	DB-15 pin female
08h	DB-9 pin male
09h	DB-9 pin female
0Ah	RJ-11
0Bh	RJ-45
0Ch	50 Pin MiniSCSI
0Dh	Mini-DIN
0Eh	Micro-DIN
0Fh	PS/2
10h	Infrared

Byte Value	Meaning
11h	HP-HIL
12h	Access Bus (USB)
13h	SSA SCSI
14h	Circular DIN-8 male
15h	Circular DIN-8 female
16h	On Board IDE
17h	On Board Floppy
18h	9 Pin Dual Inline (pin 10 cut)
19h	25 Pin Dual Inline (pin 26 cut)
1Ah	50 Pin Dual Inline
1Bh	68 Pin Dual Inline
1Ch	On Board Sound Input from CD-ROM
1Dh	Mini-Centronics Type-14
1Eh	Mini-Centronics Type-26
1Fh	Mini-jack (headphones)
20h	BNC
21h	1394
22h	SAS/SATA Plug Receptacle
A0h	PC-98
A1h	PC-98Hireso
A2h	PC-H98
A3h	PC-98Note
A4h	PC-98Full
FFh	Other - Use Reference Designator Strings to supply information.

3.3.9.3 Port Types

Byte Value	Meaning
00h	None
01h	Parallel Port XT/AT Compatible
02h	Parallel Port PS/2
03h	Parallel Port ECP
04h	Parallel Port EPP
05h	Parallel Port ECP/EPP
06h	Serial Port XT/AT Compatible
07h	Serial Port 16450 Compatible
08h	Serial Port 16550 Compatible
09h	Serial Port 16550A Compatible
0Ah	SCSI Port
0Bh	MIDI Port
0Ch	Joy Stick Port
0Dh	Keyboard Port
0Eh	Mouse Port
0Fh	SSA SCSI
10h	USB
11h	FireWire (IEEE P1394)
12h	PCMCIA Type II
13h	PCMCIA Type II
14h	PCMCIA Type III
15h	Cardbus
16h	Access Bus Port
17h	SCSI II
18h	SCSI Wide
19h	PC-98
1Ah	PC-98-Hireso
1Bh	PC-H98
1Ch	Video Port
1Dh	Audio Port
1Eh	Modem Port
1Fh	Network Port
20h	SATA
21h	SAS

A0h	8251 Compatible
A1h	8251 FIFO Compatible
0FFh	Other

3.3.10 System Slots (Type 9)

The information in this structure defines the attributes of a system slot. One structure is provided for each slot in the system.

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	2.0+	Type	BYTE	9	System Slot Structure Indicator
01h	2.0+	Length	BYTE	Varies	0Ch for v2.0 implementations; 0Dh for v2.1 and later.
02h	2.0+	Handle	WORD	Varies	
04h	2.0+	Slot Designation	BYTE	STRING	String number for reference designation e.g. 'PCI-1',0
05h	2.0+	Slot Type	BYTE	ENUM	See 3.3.10.1
06h	2.0+	Slot Data Bus Width	BYTE	ENUM	See 3.3.10.2
07h	2.0+	Current Usage	BYTE	ENUM	See 3.3.10.3
08h	2.0+	Slot Length	BYTE	ENUM	See 3.3.10.4
09h	2.0+	Slot ID	WORD	Varies	See 3.3.10.5
0Bh	2.0+	Slot Characteristics 1	BYTE	Bit Field	See 3.3.10.6
0Ch	2.1+	Slot Characteristics 2	BYTE	Bit Field	See 3.3.10.7

3.3.10.1 System Slots - Slot Type

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	ISA
04h	MCA
05h	EISA
06h	PCI
07h	PC Card (PCMCIA)
08h	VL-VESA
09h	Proprietary
0Ah	Processor Card Slot
0Bh	Proprietary Memory Card Slot
0Ch	I/O Riser Card Slot
0Dh	NuBus
0Eh	PCI - 66MHz Capable
0Fh	AGP
10h	AGP 2X
11h	AGP 4X
12h	PCI-X
13h	AGP 8X
A0h	PC-98/C20
A1h	PC-98/C24
A2h	PC-98/E
A3h	PC-98/Local Bus
A4h	PC-98/Card
A5h	PCI Express

3.3.10.2 System Slots - Slot Data Bus Width

Important Note: Refer to 3.3 for the CIM properties associated with this enumerated value.

Slot Data Bus Width meanings of type “n bit” are for parallel bus such as PCI. Slot Data Bus Width meanings of type “nx or xn” are for serial buses such as PCI Express.

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	8 bit
04h	16 bit
05h	32 bit
06h	64 bit
07h	128 bit
08h	1x or x1
09h	2x or x2
0Ah	4x or x4
0Bh	8x or x8
0Ch	12x or x12
0Dh	16x or x16
0Eh	32x or x32

3.3.10.3 System Slots - Current Usage

Important Note: Refer to 3.3 for the CIM properties associated with this enumerated value.

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	Available
04h	In use

3.3.10.4 System Slots - Slot Length

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	Short Length
04h	Long Length

3.3.10.5 System Slots — Slot ID

The *Slot ID* field of the System Slot structure provides a mechanism to correlate the physical attributes of the slot to its logical access method (which varies based on the *Slot Type* field). The Slot ID field has meaning only for the slot types described below:

Slot Type	Slot ID Field Meaning
MCA	Identifies the logical Micro Channel slot number, in the range 1 to 15, in offset 09h. Offset 0Ah is set to 0.
EISA	Identifies the logical EISA slot number, in the range 1 to 15, in offset 09h. Offset 0Ah is set to 0.
PCI, AGP, PCI-X, PCI Express	On a system that supports ACPI, identifies the value returned in the <code>_SUN</code> object for this slot. On a system that supports the PCI IRQ Routing Table Specification, identifies the value present in the Slot Number field of the PCI Interrupt Routing table entry that is associated with this slot, in offset 09h — offset 0Ah is set to 0. The table is returned by the "Get PCI Interrupt Routing Options" PCI BIOS function call and provided directly in the <i>PCI IRQ Routing Table Specification</i> (\$PIRQ). Software can determine the PCI bus number and device associated with the slot by matching the "Slot ID" to an entry in the routing-table ... and ultimately determine what device is present in that slot.
PCMCIA	<u>Note:</u> This definition also applies to the 66MHz-capable PCI slots. Identifies the Adapter Number (offset 09h) and Socket Number (offset 0Ah) to be passed to PCMCIA Socket Services to identify this slot.

3.3.10.6 Slot Characteristics 1

BYTEBit Position	Meaning if Set
Bit 0	Characteristics Unknown
Bit 1	Provides 5.0 Volts
Bit 2	Provides 3.3 Volts
Bit 3	Slot's opening is shared with another slot, e.g. PCI/EISA shared slot.
Bit 4	PC Card slot supports PC Card-16
Bit 5	PC Card slot supports CardBus
Bit 6	PC Card slot supports Zoom Video
Bit 7	PC Card slot supports Modem Ring Resume

3.3.10.7 Slot Characteristics 2

BYTEBit Position	Meaning if Set
Bit 0	PCI slot supports Power Management Enable (PME#) signal
Bit 1	Slot supports hot-plug devices
Bit 2	PCI slot supports SMBus signal
Bits 3:7	Reserved, set to 0

3.3.11 On Board Devices Information (Type 10)

The information in this structure defines the attributes of devices that are onboard (soldered onto) a system element, usually the baseboard. In general, an entry in this table implies that the BIOS has some level of control over the enabling of the associated device for use by the system.

Important Note: Since this structure was originally defined with the *Length* implicitly defining the number of devices present, no further fields can be added to this structure without adversely affecting existing software's ability to properly parse the data. Thus, if additional fields are required for this structure type a brand new structure must be defined to add a device count field, carry over the existing fields, and add the new information.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	10	On Board Devices Information Indicator
01h	Length	BYTE	Varies	Computed by the BIOS as $4 + 2 * (\text{Number of Devices})$. The user of this structure determines the number of devices as $(\text{Length} - 4) / 2$.
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	
4+2*(n-1)	Device _n Type, n ranges from 1 to Number of Devices	BYTE	Varies	Bit 7 Device _n Status 1 - Device Enabled 0 - Device Disabled Bits 6:0 Type of Device (See 3.3.11.1)
5+2*(n-1)	Description String	BYTE	STRING	String number of device description

Note: There may be a single structure instance containing the information for all onboard devices or there may be a unique structure instance for each onboard device.

3.3.11.1 Onboard Device Types

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	Video
04h	SCSI Controller
05h	Ethernet
06h	Token Ring

Byte Value	Meaning
07h	Sound
08h	PATA Controller
09h	SATA Controller
0Ah	SAS Controller

3.3.12 OEM Strings (Type 11)

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	11	OEM Strings Indicator
01h	Length	BYTE	5h	
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	
04h	Count	BYTE	Varies	Number of strings

This structure contains free form strings defined by the OEM. Examples of this are: Part Numbers for Reference Documents for the system, contact information for the manufacturer, etc.

3.3.13 System Configuration Options (Type 12)

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	12	Configuration Information Indicator
01h	Length	BYTE	5h	
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	
04h	Count	BYTE	Varies	Number of strings

This structure contains information required to configure the base board's Jumpers and Switches. Examples of this are:

"JP2: 1-2 Cache Size is 256K, 2-3 Cache Size is 512K"
 "SW1-1: Close to Disable On Board Video"

3.3.14 BIOS Language Information (Type 13)

The information in this structure defines the installable language attributes of the BIOS.

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	2.0+	Type	BYTE	13	Language Information Indicator
01h	2.0+	Length	BYTE	16h	
02h	2.0+	Handle	WORD	Varies	
04h	2.0+	Installable Languages	BYTE	Varies	Number of languages available. Each available language will have a description string. This field contains the number of strings that follow the formatted area of the structure.
05h	2.1+	Flags	BYTE	Bit Field	Bits 7:1 Reserved Bit 0 If set to 1, the Current Language strings use the abbreviated format. Otherwise, the strings use the long format. See below for details.
06h	2.0+	Reserved	15 BYTES	0	Reserved for future use
015h	2.0+	Current Language	BYTE	STRING	String number (one-based) of the currently installed language.

The strings describing the languages follow the *Current Language* byte. The format of the strings depends on the value present in bit 0 of the byte at offset 05h in the structure.

If the bit is 0, each language string is in the form "ISO 639 Language Name | ISO 3166 Territory Name | Encoding Method". See the Example 1 below.

If the bit is 1, each language string consists of the 2-character ISO 639 Language Name directly followed by the 2-character ISO 3166 Territory Name. See Example 2 below.

Note: Refer to the Desktop Management Interface Specification, V1.0, Appendix A (ISO 639) and Appendix B (ISO 3166) for additional information.

Example 1: BIOS Language Information (Long Format)

```

db      13                      ; language information
db      16h                    ; length
dw      ??                     ; handle
db      3                      ; three languages available
db      0                      ; use long-format for language strings
db      15 dup (0)             ; reserved
db      2                      ; current language is French Canadian
db      'en|US|iso8859-1',0     ; language 1 is US English
db      'fr|CA|iso8859-1',0     ; language 2 is French Canadian
db      'ja|JP|unicode',0      ; language 3 is Japanese
db      0                      ; Structure termination

```

Example 2: BIOS Language Information (Abbreviated Format)

```

db      13                      ; language information
db      16h                    ; length
dw      ??                     ; handle
db      3                      ; three languages available
db      01h                   ; use abbreviated format for language strings
db      15 dup (0)             ; reserved
db      2                      ; current language is French Canadian
db      'enUS',0               ; language 1 is US English
db      'frCA',0               ; language 2 is French Canadian
db      'jaJP',0               ; language 3 is Japanese
db      0                      ; Structure termination

```

3.3.15 Group Associations (Type 14)

Important Note: Since this structure was originally defined with the Length implicitly defining the number of items present, no further fields can be added to this structure without adversely affecting existing software's ability to properly parse the data. Thus, if additional fields are required for this structure type a brand new structure must be defined to add an item count field, carry over the existing fields, and add the new information.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	14	Group Associations Indicator
01h	Length	BYTE	Varies	Computed by the BIOS as 5 + (3 bytes for each item in the group). The user of this structure determines the number of items as $(Length - 5) / 3$.
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	
04h	Group Name	BYTE	STRING	String number of string describing the group
05h	Item Type	BYTE	Varies	Item (Structure) Type of this member
06h	Item Handle	WORD	Varies	Handle corresponding to this structure

The Group Associations structure is provided for OEMs who want to specify the arrangement or hierarchy of certain components (including other Group Associations) within the system. For example, you can use the Group Associations structure to indicate that two CPU's share a common external cache system. These structures might look as follows:

First Group Association Structure:

```

db      14      ; Group Association structure
db      11      ; Length
dw      28h     ; Handle
db      01h     ; String Number (First String)
db      04      ; CPU Structure
dw      08h     ; CPU Structure's Handle
db      07      ; Cache Structure
dw      09h     ; Cache Structure's Handle
db      'Primary CPU Module', 0
db      0

```

Second Group Association Structure:

```

db      14      ; Group Association structure
db      11      ; Length
dw      29h     ; Handle
db      01h     ; String Number (First String)
db      04      ; CPU Structure
dw      0Ah     ; CPU Structure's Handle
db      07      ; Cache Structure
dw      09h     ; Cache Structure's Handle
db      'Secondary CPU Module', 0
db      0

```

In the examples above, CPU structures 08h and 0Ah are associated with the same cache, 09h. This relationship could also be specified as a single group:

```

db      14      ; Group Association structure
db      14      ; Length (5 + 3 * 3)
dw      28h     ; Structure handle for Group Association
db      1       ; String Number (First string)
db      4       ; 1st CPU
dw      08h     ; CPU structure handle
db      4       ; 2nd CPU
dw      0Ah     ; CPU structure handle
db      7       ; Shared cache
dw      09h     ; Cache structure handle
db      'Dual-Processor CPU Complex', 0
db      0

```

3.3.16 System Event Log (Type 15)

The presence of this structure within the SMBIOS data returned for a system indicates that the system supports an event log. An event log is a fixed-length area within a non-volatile storage element, starting with a fixed-length (and vendor-specific) header record, followed by one or more variable-length log records. See 3.3.16.4 *Event Log Organization* on page 46 for more information. Refer also to Function 54h – SMBIOS Control **Error! Reference source not found.** on page 85 for interfaces that can be used to control the event-log.

An application can implement event-log change notification by periodically reading the System Event Log structure (via its assigned handle) looking for a change in the *Log Change Token*. This token uniquely identifies the last time the event log was updated. When it sees the token changed, the application can retrieve the entire event log and determine the changes since the last time it read the event log.

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	2.0+	Type	BYTE	15	Event Log Type Indicator
01h	2.0+	Length	BYTE	Var	Length of the structure, including the Type and Length fields. The Length is 14h for v2.0 implementations or computed by the BIOS as 17h+(x*y) for v2.1 and higher implementations — where x is the value present at offset 15h and y is the value present at offset 16h.
02h	2.0+	Handle	WORD	Var	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.
04h	2.0+	Log Area Length	WORD	Var	The length, in bytes, of the overall event log area, from the first byte of header to the last byte of data.

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description
06h	2.0+	Log Header Start Offset	WORD	Var	Defines the starting offset (or index) within the nonvolatile storage of the event-log's header, from the Access Method Address. For single-byte indexed I/O accesses, the most-significant byte of the start offset is set to 00h.
08h	2.0+	Log Data Start Offset	WORD	Var	<p>Defines the starting offset (or index) within the nonvolatile storage of the event-log's first data byte, from the Access Method Address. For single-byte indexed I/O accesses, the most-significant byte of the start offset is set to 00h.</p> <p>Note: The data directly follows any header information. Therefore, the header length can be determined by subtracting the <i>Header Start Offset</i> from the <i>Data Start Offset</i>.</p>
0Ah	2.0+	Access Method	BYTE	Var	<p>Defines the Location and Method used by higher-level software to access the log area, one of:</p> <p>00h Indexed I/O: 1 8-bit index port, 1 8-bit data port. The Access Method Address field contains the 16-bit I/O addresses for the index and data ports. See 3.3.16.2.1 for usage details.</p> <p>01h Indexed I/O: 2 8-bit index ports, 1 8-bit data port. The Access Method Address field contains the 16-bit I/O address for the index and data ports. See 3.3.16.2.2 for usage details.</p> <p>02h Indexed I/O: 1 16-bit index port, 1 8-bit data port. The Access Method Address field contains the 16-bit I/O address for the index and data ports. See 3.3.16.2.3 for usage details.</p> <p>03h Memory-mapped physical 32-bit address. The Access Method Address field contains the 4-byte (Intel DWORD format) starting physical address.</p> <p>04h Available via General-Purpose NonVolatile Data functions, see Error! Reference source not found. on page Error! Bookmark not defined. for more information. The Access Method Address field contains the 2-byte (Intel WORD format) GPNV handle.</p> <p>05h-7Fh Available for future assignment via this specification</p> <p>80h-FFh BIOS Vendor/OEM-specific</p>
0Bh	2.0+	Log Status ⁴	BYTE	Var	<p>This bit-field describes the current status of the system event-log:</p> <p>Bits 7:2 Reserved, set to 0's</p> <p>Bit 1 Log area full, if 1</p> <p>Bit 0 Log area valid, if 1</p>
0Ch	2.0+	Log Change ⁴ Token	DWORD	Var	Unique token that is reassigned every time the event log changes. Can be used to determine if additional events have occurred since the last time the log was read.

⁴ The *Log Status* and *Log Change Token* fields might not be up-to-date (dynamic) when the structure is accessed using the table interface.

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description
10h	2.0+	Access Method Address	DWORD	Var	The address associated with the access method; the data present depends on the Access Method field value. The area's format can be described by the following 1-byte-packed 'C' union: <pre> union { struct { short IndexAddr; short DataAddr; } IO; long PhysicalAddr32; short GPNVHandle; } AccessMethodAddress; </pre>
14h	2.1+	Log Header Format	BYTE	ENUM	Identifies the format of the log header area, see 3.3.16.5 for details.
15h	2.1+	Number of Supported Log Type Descriptors (x)	BYTE	Varies	Number of supported event log type descriptors that follow. If the value is 0, the list that starts at offset 17h is not present.
16h	2.1+	Length of each Log Type Descriptor (y)	BYTE	2	Identifies the number of bytes associated with each type entry in the list below. The value is currently "hard-coded" as 2, since each entry consists of two bytes. This field's presence allows future additions to the type list. Software that interprets the following list should not assume a list entry's length.
17h to 17h+(x*y)-1	2.1+	List of Supported Event Log Type Descriptors	Varies	Var	Contains a list of Event Log Type Descriptors (see 3.3.16.1), so long as the value specified in offset 15h is non-zero.

3.3.16.1 Supported Event Log Type Descriptors

Each entry consists of a 1-byte type field and a 1-byte data-format descriptor, as defined by the following table. The presence of an entry identifies that the Log Type is supported by the system and the format of any variable data that accompanies the first bytes of the log's variable data — a specific log record might have more variable data than specified by its Variable Data Format Type.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Log Type	BYTE	ENUM	See 3.3.16.6.1 on page 48 for list.
01h	Variable Data Format Type	BYTE	ENUM	See 3.3.16.6.2 on page 49 for list

3.3.16.2 Indexed I/O Access Method

This section contains examples (in x86 assembly language) which detail the code required to access the "indexed I/O" event-log information.

3.3.16.2.1 1 8-bit Index, 1 8-bit Data (00h)

To access the event-log, the caller selects 1 of 256 unique data bytes by

- 1) Writing the byte data-selection value (index) to the *IndexAddr* I/O address
- 2) Reading or writing the byte data value to (or from) the *DataAddr* I/O address

```

mov    dx, IndexAddr    ;Value from event-log structure
mov    al, WhichLoc      ;Identify offset to be accessed
out    dx, al
mov    dx, DataAddr      ;Value from event-log structure
in     al, dx            ; Read current value

```

3.3.16.2.22 8-bit Index, 1 8-bit Data (01h)

To access the event-log, the caller selects 1 of 65536 unique data bytes by

- 1) Writing the least-significant byte data-selection value (index) to the *IndexAddr* I/O address
- 2) Writing the most-significant byte data-selection value (index) to the (*IndexAddr+1*) I/O address
- 3) Reading or writing the byte data value to (or from) the *DataAddr* I/O address

```

mov    dx, IndexAddr    ;Value from event-log structure
mov    ax, WhichLoc      ;Identify offset to be accessed
out    dx, al            ;Select LSB offset
inc    dx
xchg   ah, al
out    dx, al            ;Select MSB offset
mov    dx, DataAddr      ;Value from event-log structure
in     al, dx            ;Read current value

```

3.3.16.2.31 16-bit Index, 1 8-bit Data (02h)

To access the event-log, the caller selects 1 of 65536 unique data bytes by

- 1) Writing the word data-selection value (index) to the *IndexAddr* I/O address
- 2) Reading or writing the byte data value to (or from) the *DataAddr* I/O address

```

mov    dx, IndexAddr    ;Value from event-log structure
mov    ax, WhichLoc      ;Identify offset to be accessed
out    dx, ax
mov    dx, DataAddr      ;Value from event-log structure
in     al, dx            ;Read current value

```

3.3.16.3 Access Method Address — DWORD Layout

Access Type	BYTE 3	BYTE 2	BYTE 1	BYTE 0
00:02 — Indexed I/O	Data MSB	Data LSB	Index MSB	Index LSB
03- Absolute Address	Byte 3	Byte 2	Byte 1	Byte 0
04 - Use GPNV	0	0	Handle MSB	Handle LSB

3.3.16.4 Event Log Organization

The event log is organized as an optional (and implementation-specific) fixed-length header, followed by one or more variable-length event records, as illustrated below. From one implementation to the next, the format of the log header and the size of the overall log area might change; all other required fields of the event log area will be consistent across all systems.

Log Header (Optional)								
Type	Length	Year	Month	Day	Hour	Minute	Second	Log Variable Data
Reqd	Reqd	Reqd	Reqd	Reqd	Reqd	Reqd	Reqd	Optional

3.3.16.5 Log Header Format

The following table contains the byte enumeration values (available for SMBIOS v2.1 and later) that identify the standard formats of the event log headers.

Byte Value	Meaning	See ...
00h	No header, e.g. the header is 0 bytes in length.	
01h	Type 1 log header	3.3.16.5.1
02h-7Fh	Available for future assignment via this specification	
80h-FFh	BIOS Vendor or OEM-specific format	

3.3.16.5.1 Log Header Type 1 Format

The type 1 event log header consists of the following fields:

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	OEM Reserved	5 BYTES	Varies	Reserved area for OEM customization, not assignable by this specification.
05h	Multiple Event Time Window	BYTE	Varies	The number of minutes which must pass between duplicate log entries which utilize a multiple-event counter, specified in BCD. The value ranges from 00h to 99h to represent 0 to 99 minutes. See 3.3.16.6.3 Multiple-Event Counter on page 49 for usage details.
06h	Multiple Event Count Increment	BYTE	Varies	The number of occurrences of a duplicate event that must pass before the multiple-event counter associated with the log entry is updated, specified as a numeric value in the range 1 to 255 (the value 0 is reserved). See 3.3.16.6.3 Multiple-Event Counter on page 49 for usage details.
07h	Pre-boot Event Log Reset — CMOS Address	BYTE	Varies	Identifies the CMOS RAM address (in the range 10h - FFh) associated with the Pre-boot Event Log Reset; the value is 00h if the feature is not supported. See below for usage details.
08h	Pre-boot Event Log Reset — CMOS Bit Index	BYTE	Varies	Identifies the bit within the above CMOS RAM location that is set to indicate that the log should be cleared. The value is specified in the range 0 to 7, where 0 specifies the LSB and 7 specified the MSB. See below for usage details.
09h	CMOS Checksum — Starting Offset	BYTE	Varies	Identifies the CMOS RAM address associated with the start of the area that is to be checksummed, if the value is non-0. If the value is 0, the CMOS Address field lies outside of a checksummed region in CMOS. See below for usage details.
0Ah	CMOS Checksum — Byte Count	BYTE	Varies	Identifies the number of consecutive CMOS RAM addresses, starting at the Starting Offset, that participate in the CMOS Checksum region associated with the pre-boot event log reset. See below for usage details.
0Bh	CMOS Checksum — Checksum Offset	BYTE	Varies	Identifies the CMOS RAM address associated with the start of two consecutive bytes into which the calculated checksum value is stored. See below for usage details.
0Ch - 0Eh	Reserved	3 BYTES	000000h	Available for future assignment via this specification.
0Fh	Header Revision	BYTE	01h	Identifies the version of Type 1 header implemented.

The Type 1 Log Header also provides pre-boot event log reset support. Application software can set a system-specific location of CMOS RAM memory (accessible via I/O ports 70h and 71h) to cause the event log to be cleared by the BIOS on the next reboot of the system.

To perform the field setting, application software follows these steps, so long as the *Pre-boot Event Log Reset — CMOS Address* field of the header is non-zero:

- Read the address specified from CMOS RAM set the bit specified by the *CMOS Bit Index* field to 1. Rewrite the CMOS RAM address with the updated data.
- If the *CMOS Checksum — Starting Offset* field is non-zero, recalculate the CMOS RAM checksum value for the range starting at the *Starting Offset* field for *Byte Count* bytes into a 2-byte value. Subtract that value from 0 to create the checksum value for the range and store that 2-byte value into the CMOS RAM; the least-significant byte of the value is stored at the CMOS RAM *Checksum Offset* and the most-significant byte of the value is stored at $(Checksum\ Offset)+1$.

3.3.16.6 Log Record Format

Each log record consists of a *required* fixed-length record header, followed by (optional) additional data which is defined by the event type. The fixed-length log record header is present as the first 8-bytes of each log record, regardless of event type, and consists of:

Offset	Name	Format	Description
00h	Event Type	BYTE	Specifies the “Type” of event noted in an event-log entry as defined in 3.3.16.6.1
01h	Length	BYTE	Specifies the byte length of the event record, including the record’s Type and Length fields. The most-significant bit of the field specifies whether (0) or not (1) the record has been read. The implication of the record having been <u>read</u> is that the information in the log record has been processed by a higher software layer.
02h-07h	Date/Time Fields	BYTE	These fields contain the BCD representation of the date and time (as read from CMOS) of the occurrence of the event. The information is present in year, month, day, hour, minute, and second order. Note: The century portion of the two-digit year is implied as ‘19’ for year values in the range 80h to 99h and ‘20’ for year values in the range 00h to 79h.
08h+	Log Variable Data	Var	This field contains the (optional) event-specific additional status information.

3.3.16.6.1 Event Log Types

Value	Description
00h	Reserved.
01h	Single-bit ECC memory error
02h	Multi-bit ECC memory error
03h	Parity memory error
04h	Bus time-out
05h	I/O Channel Check
06h	Software NMI
07h	POST Memory Resize
08h	POST Error
09h	PCI Parity Error
0Ah	PCI System Error
0Bh	CPU Failure
0Ch	EISA FailSafe Timer time-out
0Dh	Correctable memory log disabled
0Eh	Logging disabled for a specific Event Type – too many errors of the same type received in a short amount of time.
0Fh	Reserved
10h	System Limit Exceeded (e.g. voltage or temperature threshold exceeded).
11h	Asynchronous hardware timer expired and issued a system reset.
12h	System configuration information
13h	Hard-disk information
14h	System reconfigured
15h	Uncorrectable CPU-complex error
16h	Log Area Reset/Cleared
17h	System boot. If implemented, this log entry is guaranteed to be the first one written on any system boot.
18h-7Fh	Unused, available for assignment by this specification.
80h-FEh	Available for system- and OEM-specific assignments.

Value	Description
FFh	End-of-log. When an application searches through the event-log records, the end of the log is identified when a log record with this type is found.

3.3.16.6.2 Event Log Variable Data Format Types

The Variable Data Format Type, specified in the Event Log structure's Supported Event Type fields, identifies the standard-format that application software can apply to the first n bytes of the associated Log Type's variable data. Additional, OEM-specific, data might follow in the log's variable data field.

Value	Name	Description
00h	None	No standard format data is available; the first byte of the variable data (if present) contains OEM-specific unformatted information.
01h	Handle	The first WORD of the variable data contains the handle of the SMBIOS structure associated with the hardware element that failed.
02h	Multiple-Event	The first DWORD of the variable data contains a multiple-event counter (see 3.3.16.6.3 for details).
03h	Multiple-Event Handle	The first WORD of the variable data contains the handle of the SMBIOS structure associated with the hardware element that failed; it is followed by a DWORD containing a multiple-event counter (see 3.3.16.6.3 for details).
04h	POST Results Bitmap	The first 2 DWORDs of the variable data contain the POST Results Bitmap, as described in 0 on page 50.
05h	System Management Type	The first DWORD of the variable data contains a value that identifies a system-management condition. See 0 on page 50 for the enumerated values.
06h	Multiple-Event System Management Type	The first DWORD of the variable data contains a value that identifies a system-management condition (see 0 on page 50 for the enumerated values). This DWORD is directly followed by a DWORD that contains a multiple-event counter (see 3.3.16.6.3 for details).
07h-7Fh	Unused	Unused, available for assignment by this specification.
80h-FFh	OEM assigned	Available for system- and OEM-specific assignments.

3.3.16.6.3 Multiple-Event Counter

Some system events can be persistent; once they occur, it is possible to quickly fill the log with redundant multiple logs. The Multiple Event Count Increment (*MECI*) and Multiple Event Time Window (*METW*) values can be used to reduce the occurrence of these multiple logs while providing multiple event counts.

Note: These values are normally specified within the event log header, see 3.3.16.5.1 *Log Header Type 1 Format* on page 47 for an example; if the values aren't specified in the header, the application software can assume that the *MECI* value is 1 and the *METW* value is 60 (minutes).

The multiple-event counter is a DWORD (32-bit) value that tracks the number of logs of the same type that have occurred within *METW* minutes. The counter value is initialized (in the log entry) to FFFFFFFFh, implying that only a single event of that type has been detected, and the internal BIOS counter⁵ specific to that log type is reset to 0. When the BIOS receives the next event of that type, it increments its internal counter and checks to see what recording of the error is to be performed:

1. *A new log entry is written ...* and the internal BIOS counter reset to 0, if the date/time of the original log entry is outside of *METW* minutes.
2. *No recording ...* (other than the internal counter increment) if the log's current multiple-event counter is 00000000h or if the internal BIOS counter is less than *MECI*.
3. *The next non-zero bit of the multiple-event counter is set to 0 ...* otherwise.

⁵ All BIOS counters that support the Multiple-Event Counters are reset to zero each time the system boots.

POST Results Bitmap

This variable data type, when present, is expected to be associated with the POST Error (08h) event log type and identifies that one or more error types have occurred. The bitmap consists of two DWORD values, described in the table below. Any bit within the DWORD pair that is specified as Reserved is set to 0 within the log data and is available for assignment via this specification. A set bit ('1'b) at a DWORD bit position implies that the error associated with that position has occurred.

Bit Position	First DWORD	Second DWORD
0	Channel 2 Timer error	Normally 0; available for OEM assignment
1	Master PIC (8259 #1) error	Normally 0; available for OEM assignment
2	Slave PIC (8259 #2) error	Normally 0; available for OEM assignment
3	CMOS Battery Failure	Normally 0; available for OEM assignment
4	CMOS System Options Not Set	Normally 0; available for OEM assignment
5	CMOS Checksum Error	Normally 0; available for OEM assignment
6	CMOS Configuration Error	Normally 0; available for OEM assignment
7	Mouse and Keyboard Swapped	PCI Memory Conflict
8	Keyboard Locked	PCI I/O Conflict
9	Keyboard Not Functional	PCI IRQ Conflict
10	Keyboard Controller Not Functional	PNP Memory Conflict
11	CMOS Memory Size Different	PNP 32 bit Memory Conflict
12	Memory Decreased in Size	PNP I/O Conflict
13	Cache Memory Error	PNP IRQ Conflict
14	Floppy Drive 0 Error	PNP DMA Conflict
15	Floppy Drive 1 Error	Bad PNP Serial ID Checksum
16	Floppy Controller Failure	Bad PNP Resource Data Checksum
17	Number of ATA Drives Reduced Error	Static Resource Conflict
18	CMOS Time Not Set	NVRAM Checksum Error, NVRAM Cleared
19	DDC Monitor Configuration Change	System Board Device Resource Conflict
20	Reserved, set to 0	Primary Output Device Not Found
21	Reserved, set to 0	Primary Input Device Not Found
22	Reserved, set to 0	Primary Boot Device Not Found
23	Reserved, set to 0	NVRAM Cleared By Jumper
24	Second DWORD has valid data	NVRAM Data Invalid, NVRAM Cleared
25	Reserved, set to 0	FDC Resource Conflict
26	Reserved, set to 0	Primary ATA Controller Resource Conflict
27	Reserved, set to 0	Secondary ATA Controller Resource Conflict
28	Normally 0; available for OEM assignment	Parallel Port Resource Conflict
29	Normally 0; available for OEM assignment	Serial Port 1 Resource Conflict
30	Normally 0; available for OEM assignment	Serial Port 2 Resource Conflict
31	Normally 0; available for OEM assignment	Audio Resource Conflict

System Management Types

The following table defines the system management types present in event log record's variable data. In general, each type is associated with a management event that occurred within the system.

Value	Name
00000000h	+2.5V Out of range, #1
00000001h	+2.5V Out of range, #2
00000002h	+3.3V Out of range
00000003h	+5V Out of range
00000004h	-5V Out of range
00000005h	+12V Out of range
00000006h	-12V Out of range
00000007h - 0000000Fh	Reserved for future out-of-range voltage levels, assigned via this specification
00000010h	System board temperature out of range
00000011h	Processor #1 temperature out of range
00000012h	Processor #2 temperature out of range
00000013h	Processor #3 temperature out of range
00000014h	Processor #4 temperature out of range
00000015h - 0000001Fh	Reserved for future out-of-range temperatures, assigned via this specification

Value	Name
00000020h - 00000027h	Fan n (n = 0 to 7) Out of range
00000028h - 0000002Fh	Reserved for future assignment via this specification
00000030h	Chassis secure switch activated
00000031h - 0000FFFFh	Reserved for future assignment via this specification
0001xxxxh	A system-management probe or cooling device is out-of-range. The xxxx portion of the value contains the handle of the SMBIOS structure associated with the errant device.
00020000h - 7FFFFFFFh	Reserved for future assignment via this specification
80000000h - FFFFFFFFh	OEM assigned

3.3.17 Physical Memory Array (Type 16)

This structure describes a collection of memory devices that operate together to form a memory address space.

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	2.1+	Type	BYTE	16	Physical Memory Array type
01h	2.1+	Length	BYTE	0Fh	Length of the structure.
02h	2.1+	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.
04h	2.1+	Location	BYTE	ENUM	The physical location of the Memory Array, whether on the system board or an add-in board. See 3.3.17.1 for definitions.
05h	2.1+	Use	BYTE	ENUM	Identifies the function for which the array is used. See 3.3.17.2 for definitions.
06h	2.1+	Memory Error Correction	BYTE	ENUM	The primary hardware error correction or detection method supported by this memory array. See 3.3.17.3 for definitions.
07h	2.1+	Maximum Capacity	DWORD	Varies	The maximum memory capacity, in kilobytes, for this array. If the capacity is unknown, this field contains 8000 0000h.
0Bh	2.1+	Memory Error Information Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with any error that was previously detected for the array. If the system does not provide the error information structure, the field contains FFFEh; otherwise, the field contains either FFFFh (if no error was detected) or the handle of the error-information structure. See also 3.3.19 32-bit Memory Error Information (Type 18) on page 55 and 3.3.34 64-bit Memory Error Information (Type 33) on page 66.
0Dh	2.1+	Number of Memory Devices	WORD	Varies	The number of slots or sockets available for Memory Devices in this array. This value represents the number of Memory Device structures that comprise this Memory Array. Each Memory Device has a reference to the 'owning' Memory Array.

3.3.17.1 Memory Array — Location

Important Note: Refer to 3.3 for the CIM properties associated with this enumerated value.

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	System board or motherboard
04h	ISA add-on card
05h	EISA add-on card
06h	PCI add-on card
07h	MCA add-on card
08h	PCMCIA add-on card
09h	Proprietary add-on card

Byte Value	Meaning
0Ah	NuBus
A0h	PC-98/C20 add-on card
A1h	PC-98/C24 add-on card
A2h	PC-98/E add-on card
A3h	PC-98/Local bus add-on card

3.3.17.2 Memory Array — Use

Important Note: Refer to 3.3 for the CIM properties associated with this enumerated value.

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	System memory
04h	Video memory
05h	Flash memory
06h	Non-volatile RAM
07h	Cache memory

3.3.17.3 Memory Array — Error Correction Types

Important Note: Refer to 3.3 for the CIM properties associated with this enumerated value.

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	None
04h	Parity
05h	Single-bit ECC
06h	Multi-bit ECC
07h	CRC

3.3.18 Memory Device (Type 17)

This structure describes a single memory device that is part of a larger Physical Memory Array (Type 16).

Note: If a system includes memory-device sockets, the SMBIOS implementation includes a *Memory Device* structure instance for each slot whether or not the socket is currently populated.

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	2.1+	Type	BYTE	17	Memory Device type
01h	2.1+	Length	BYTE	Varies	Length of the structure, a minimum of 15h.
02h	2.1+	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.
04h	2.1+	Physical Memory Array Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the Physical Memory Array to which this device belongs.
06h	2.1+	Memory Error Information Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with any error that was previously detected for the device. If the system does not provide the error information structure, the field contains FFFEh; otherwise, the field contains either FFFFh (if no error was detected) or the handle of the error-information structure. See 3.3.19 32-bit Memory Error Information (Type 18) on page 55 and 3.3.34 64-bit Memory Error Information (Type 33) on page 66.

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description
08h	2.1+	Total Width	WORD	Varies	The total width, in bits, of this memory device, including any check or error-correction bits. If there are no error-correction bits, this value should be equal to Data Width. If the width is unknown, the field is set to FFFFh.
0Ah	2.1+	Data Width	WORD	Varies	The data width, in bits, of this memory device. A Data Width of 0 and a Total Width of 8 indicates that the device is being used solely to provide 8 error-correction bits. If the width is unknown, the field is set to FFFFh.
0Ch	2.1+	Size	WORD	Varies	The size of the memory device. If the value is 0, no memory device is installed in the socket; if the size is unknown, the field value is FFFFh. The granularity in which the value is specified depends on the setting of the most-significant bit (bit 15). If the bit is 0, the value is specified in megabyte units; if the bit is 1, the value is specified in kilobyte units. For example, the value 8100h identifies a 256KB memory device and 0100h identifies a 256MB memory device.
0Eh	2.1+	Form Factor	BYTE	ENUM	The implementation form factor for this memory device. See 3.3.18.1 for definitions.
0Fh	2.1+	Device Set	BYTE	Varies	Identifies when the Memory Device is one of a set of Memory Devices that must be populated with all devices of the same type and size, and the set to which this device belongs. A value of 0 indicates that the device is not part of a set; a value of FFh indicates that the attribute is unknown. Note: A Device Set number must be unique within the context of the Memory Array containing this Memory Device.
10h	2.1+	Device Locator	BYTE	STRING	The string number of the string that identifies the physically-labeled socket or board position where the memory device is located, e.g. "SIMM 3".
11h	2.1+	Bank Locator	BYTE	STRING	The string number of the string that identifies the physically-labeled bank where the memory device is located, e.g. "Bank 0" or "A".
12h	2.1+	Memory Type	BYTE	ENUM	The type of memory used in this device; see 3.3.18.2 for definitions.
13h	2.1+	Type Detail	WORD	Bit Field	Additional detail on the memory device type, see 3.3.18.3 for definitions.
15h	2.3+	Speed	WORD	Varies	Identifies the speed of the device, in megahertz (MHz). If the value is 0, the speed is unknown. Note: $n \text{ MHz} = (1000 / n) \text{ nanoseconds (ns)}$
17h	2.3+	Manufacturer	BYTE	STRING	String number for the manufacturer of this memory device.
18h	2.3+	Serial Number	BYTE	STRING	String number for the serial number of this memory device. This value is set by the manufacturer and normally not changeable.
19h	2.3+	Asset Tag	BYTE	STRING	String number for the asset tag of this memory device.
1Ah	2.3+	Part Number	BYTE	STRING	String number for the part number of this memory device. This value is set by the manufacturer and normally not changeable.

3.3.18.1 Memory Device — Form Factor

Important Note: Refer to 3.3 for the CIM properties associated with this enumerated value.

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	SIMM
04h	SIP
05h	Chip
06h	DIP
07h	ZIP

Byte Value	Meaning
08h	Proprietary Card
09h	DIMM
0Ah	TSOP
0Bh	Row of chips
0Ch	RIMM
0Dh	SODIMM
0Eh	SRIMM
0Fh	FB-DIMM

3.3.18.2 Memory Device — Type

Important Note: Refer to 3.3 for the CIM properties associated with this enumerated value.

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	DRAM
04h	EDRAM
05h	VRAM
06h	SRAM
07h	RAM
08h	ROM
09h	FLASH
0Ah	EEPROM
0Bh	FEPROM
0Ch	EPROM
0Dh	CDRAM
0Eh	3DRAM
0Fh	SDRAM
10h	SGRAM
11h	RDRAM
12h	DDR
13h	DDR2
14h	DDR2 FB-DIMM

3.3.18.3 Memory Device — Type Detail

Note: Multiple bits are set if more than one attribute applies.

Word Bit Position	Meaning
Bit 0	Reserved, set to 0.
Bit 1	Other
Bit 2	Unknown
Bit 3	Fast-paged
Bit 4	Static column
Bit 5	Pseudo-static
Bit 6	RAMBUS
Bit 7	Synchronous
Bit 8	CMOS
Bit 9	EDO
Bit 10	Window DRAM
Bit 11	Cache DRAM
Bit 12	Non-volatile
Bits 13:15	Reserved, set to 0.

3.3.19 32-bit Memory Error Information (Type 18)

This structure identifies the specifics of an error that might be detected within a Physical Memory Array.

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	2.1+	Type	BYTE	18	32-bit Memory Error Information type
01h	2.1+	Length	BYTE	17h	Length of the structure.
02h	2.1+	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.
04h	2.1+	Error Type	BYTE	ENUM	The type of error that is associated with the current status reported for the memory array or device. See 3.3.19.1 for definitions..
05h	2.1+	Error Granularity	BYTE	ENUM	Identifies the granularity, e.g. device vs. Partition, to which the error can be resolved. See 3.3.19.2 for definitions.
06h	2.1+	Error Operation	BYTE	ENUM	The memory access operation that caused the error. See 3.3.19.3 for definitions.
07h	2.1+	Vendor Syndrome	DWORD	Varies	The vendor-specific ECC syndrome or CRC data associated with the erroneous access. If the value is unknown, this field contains 0000 0000h.
0Bh	2.1+	Memory Array Error Address	DWORD	Varies	The 32-bit physical address of the error based on the addressing of the bus to which the memory array is connected. If the address is unknown, this field contains 8000 0000h.
0Fh	2.1+	Device Error Address	DWORD	Varies	The 32-bit physical address of the error relative to the start of the failing memory device, in bytes. If the address is unknown, this field contains 8000 0000h.
13h	2.1+	Error Resolution	DWORD	Varies	The range, in bytes, within which the error can be determined, when an error address is given. If the range is unknown, this field contains 8000 0000h.

3.3.19.1 Memory Error — Error Type

Important Note: Refer to 3.3 for the CIM properties associated with this enumerated value.

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	OK
04h	Bad read
05h	Parity error
06h	Single-bit error
07h	Double-bit error
08h	Multi-bit error
09h	Nibble error
0Ah	Checksum error
0Bh	CRC error
0Ch	Corrected single-bit error
0Dh	Corrected error
0Eh	Uncorrectable error

3.3.19.2 Memory Error — Error Granularity

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	Device level
04h	Memory partition level

3.3.19.3 Memory Error — Error Operation

Important Note: Refer to 3.3 for the CIM properties associated with this enumerated value.

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	Read
04h	Write
05h	Partial write

3.3.20 Memory Array Mapped Address (Type 19)

This structure provides the address mapping for a Physical Memory Array. One structure is present for each contiguous address range described.

See also 3.3.17 *Physical Memory Array (Type 16)* on page 51, 3.3.18 *Memory Device (Type 17)* on page 52, and 3.3.21 *Memory Device Mapped Address (Type 20)* on page 56.

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	2.1+	Type	BYTE	19	Memory Array Mapped Address indicator
01h	2.1+	Length	BYTE	0Fh	Length of the structure.
02h	2.1+	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.
04h	2.1+	Starting Address	DWORD	Varies	The physical address, in kilobytes, of a range of memory mapped to the specified <i>Physical Memory Array</i> .
08h	2.1+	Ending Address	DWORD	Varies	The physical ending address of the last kilobyte of a range of addresses mapped to the specified <i>Physical Memory Array</i> .
0Ch	2.1+	Memory Array Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the <i>Physical Memory Array</i> to which this address range is mapped. Multiple address ranges can be mapped to a single <i>Physical Memory Array</i> .
0Eh	2.1+	Partition Width	BYTE	Varies	Identifies the number of <i>Memory Devices</i> that form a single row of memory for the address partition defined by this structure.

3.3.21 Memory Device Mapped Address (Type 20)

This structure maps memory address space usually to a device-level granularity. One structure is present for each contiguous address range described.

Note: A Memory Device Mapped Address structure is provided only if a Memory Device has a mapped address — there is no provision within this structure to map a zero-length address space.

See also 3.3.17 *Physical Memory Array (Type 16)* on page 51, 3.3.18 *Memory Device (Type 17)* on page 52, and 3.3.20 *Memory Array Mapped Address (Type 19)* on page 56.

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	2.1+	Type	BYTE	20	Memory Device Mapped Address indicator
01h	2.1+	Length	BYTE	13h	Length of the structure.
02h	2.1+	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.
04h	2.1+	Starting Address	DWORD	Varies	The physical address, in kilobytes, of a range of memory mapped to the referenced <i>Memory Device</i> .
08h	2.1+	Ending Address	DWORD	Varies	The physical ending address of the last kilobyte of a range of addresses mapped to the referenced <i>Memory Device</i> .

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description
0Ch	2.1+	Memory Device Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the <i>Memory Device</i> structure to which this address range is mapped. Multiple address ranges can be mapped to a single <i>Memory Device</i> .
0Eh	2.1+	Memory Array Mapped Address Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the <i>Memory Array Mapped Address</i> structure to which this device address range is mapped. Multiple address ranges can be mapped to a single <i>Memory Array Mapped Address</i> .
10h	2.1+	Partition Row Position	BYTE	Varies	Identifies the position of the referenced <i>Memory Device</i> in a row of the address partition. For example, if two 8-bit devices form a 16-bit row, this field's value will be either 1 or 2. The value 0 is reserved; if the position is unknown, the field contains FFh.
11h	2.1+	Interleave Position	BYTE	Varies	The position of the referenced <i>Memory Device</i> in an interleave. The value 0 indicates non-interleaved, 1 indicates first interleave position, 2 the second, and so on. If the position is unknown, the field contains FFh. For example: in a 2:1 interleave, the value 1 indicates the device in the 'even' position; in a 4:1 interleave, the value 1 indicates the first of four possible positions.
12h	2.1+	Interleaved Data Depth	BYTE	Varies	The maximum number of consecutive rows from the referenced <i>Memory Device</i> that are accessed in a single interleaved transfer. If the device is not part of an interleave, the field contains 0; if the interleave configuration is unknown, the value is FFh. For example, if a device transfers two rows each time it is read, its <i>Interleaved Data Depth</i> is set to 2. If that device is 2:1 interleaved and in Interleave Position 1, the rows mapped to that device are 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, etc.

3.3.22 Built-in Pointing Device (Type 21)

This structure describes the attributes of the built-in pointing device for the system — the presence of this structure does not imply that the built-in pointing device is active for the system's use!

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	2.1+	Type	BYTE	21	Built-in Pointing Device indicator
01h	2.1+	Length	BYTE	07h	Length of the structure.
02h	2.1+	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.
04h	2.1+	Type	BYTE	ENUM	The type of pointing device, see 3.3.22.1.
05h	2.1+	Interface	BYTE	ENUM	The interface type for the pointing device, see 3.3.22.2.
06h	2.1+	Number of Buttons	BYTE	Varies	The number of buttons on the pointing device. If the device has three buttons, the field value is 03h.

3.3.22.1 Pointing Device — Type

Important Note: Refer to 3.3 for the CIM properties associated with this enumerated value.

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	Mouse
04h	Track Ball
05h	Track Point

Byte Value	Meaning
06h	Glide Point
07h	Touch Pad
08h	Touch Screen
09h	Optical Sensor

3.3.22.2 Pointing Device — Interface

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	Serial
04h	PS/2
05h	Infrared
06h	HP-HIL
07h	Bus mouse
08h	ADB (Apple Desktop Bus)
A0h	Bus mouse DB-9
A1h	Bus mouse micro-DIN
A2h	USB

3.3.23 Portable Battery (Type 22)

This structure describes the attributes of the portable battery(s) for the system. The structure contains the static attributes for the group. Each structure describes a single battery pack's attributes.

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	2.1+	Type	BYTE	22	Portable Battery indicator
01h	2.1+	Length	BYTE	1Ah	Length of the structure.
02h	2.1+	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.
04h	2.1+	Location	BYTE	STRING	The number of the string that identifies the location of the battery, e.g. "in the back, on the left-hand side."
05h	2.1+	Manufacturer	BYTE	STRING	The number of the string that names the company that manufactured the battery.
06h	2.1+	Manufacture Date	BYTE	STRING	The number of the string that identifies the date on which the battery was manufactured. V2.2+ implementations that use a Smart Battery will set this field to 0 (no string) to indicate that the <i>SBDS Manufacture Date</i> field contains the information.
07h	2.1+	Serial Number	BYTE	STRING	The number of the string that contains the serial number for the battery. V2.2+ implementations that use a Smart Battery will set this field to 0 (no string) to indicate that the <i>SBDS Serial Number</i> field contains the information.
08h	2.1+	Device Name	BYTE	STRING	The number of the string that names the battery device, e.g. "DR-36".
09h	2.1+	Device Chemistry	BYTE	ENUM	Identifies the battery chemistry, see 3.3.23.1. V2.2+ implementations that use a Smart Battery will set this field to 02h (<i>Unknown</i>) to indicate that the <i>SBDS Device Chemistry</i> field contains the information.
0Ah	2.1+	Design Capacity	WORD	Varies	The design capacity of the battery in mWatt-hours. If the value is unknown, the field contains 0. For v2.2+ implementations, this value is multiplied by the <i>Design Capacity Multiplier</i> to produce the actual value.
0Ch	2.1+	Design Voltage	WORD	Varies	The design voltage of the battery, in mVolts. If the value is unknown, the field contains 0.
0Eh	2.1+	SBDS Version Number	BYTE	STRING	The number of the string that contains the <i>Smart Battery Data Specification</i> version number supported by this battery. If the battery does not support the function, no string is supplied.

Offset	Spec Version	Name	Length	Value	Description
0Fh	2.1+	Maximum Error in Battery Data	BYTE	Varies	The maximum error (as a percentage in the range 0 to 100) in the Watt-hour data reported by the battery, indicating an upper bound on how much additional energy the battery might have above the energy it reports having. If the value is unknown, the field contains FFh.
10h	2.2+	SBDS Serial Number	WORD	Varies	The 16-bit value that identifies the battery's serial number. This value, when combined with the Manufacturer, Device Name, and Manufacture Date will uniquely identify the battery. The <i>Serial Number</i> field must be set to 0 (no string) for this field to be valid.
12h	2.2+	SBDS Manufacture Date	WORD	Varies	The date the cell pack was manufactured, in packed format: Bits 15:9 Year, biased by 1980, in the range 0 to 127. Bits 8:5 Month, in the range 1 to 12. Bits 4:0 Date, in the range 1 to 31. For example, 01 February 2000 would be identified as 0010 1000 0100 0001b (0x2841). The <i>Manufacture Date</i> field must be set to 0 (no string) to for this field to be valid.
14h	2.2+	SBDS Device Chemistry	BYTE	STRING	The number of the string that identifies the battery chemistry, e.g. "PbAc". The <i>Device Chemistry</i> field must be set to 02h (<i>Unknown</i>) for this field to be valid.
15h	2.2+	Design Capacity Multiplier	BYTE	Varies	The multiplication factor of the <i>Design Capacity</i> value and assures that the mWatt hours value does not overflow for SBDS implementations. The multiplier default is 1, SBDS implementations use the value 10 to correspond to the data as returned from the SBDS Function 18h.
16h	2.2+	OEM-specific	DWORD	Varies	Contains OEM- or BIOS vendor-specific information.

3.3.23.1 Portable Battery — Device Chemistry

Important Note: Refer to 3.3 for the CIM properties associated with this enumerated value.

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	Lead Acid
04h	Nickel Cadmium
05h	Nickel metal hydride
06h	Lithium-ion
07h	Zinc air
08h	Lithium Polymer

3.3.24 System Reset (Type 23)

This structure describes whether Automatic System Reset functions enabled (*Status*). If the system has a watchdog Timer and the timer is not reset (*Timer Reset*) before the *Interval* elapses, an automatic system reset will occur. The system will re-boot according to the *Boot Option*. This function may repeat until the *Limit* is reached, at which time the system will re-boot according to the *Boot Option at Limit*.

Note: This structure type was added for specification v2.2.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	23	System Reset indicator
01h	Length	BYTE	0Dh	Length of the structure.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.
04h	Capabilities	BYTE	Bit-field	<p>Identifies the system-reset capabilities for the system.</p> <p>Bits 7:6 Reserved for future assignment via this specification, set to 00b.</p> <p>Bit 5 System contains a watchdog timer, either True (1) or False (0).</p> <p>Bits 4:3 <i>Boot Option on Limit</i>. Identifies the system action to be taken when the Reset Limit is reached, one of:</p> <p>00b Reserved, do not use.</p> <p>01b Operating system</p> <p>10b System utilities</p> <p>11b Do not reboot</p> <p>Bits 2:1 <i>Boot Option</i>. Indicates the action to be taken following a watchdog reset, one of:</p> <p>00b Reserved, do not use.</p> <p>01b Operating system</p> <p>10b System utilities</p> <p>11b Do not reboot</p> <p>Bit 0 <i>Status</i>. Identifies whether (1) or not (0) the system reset is enabled by the user.</p>
05h	Reset Count	WORD	Varies	The number of automatic system resets since the last intentional reset. A value of 0FFFFh indicates unknown.
07h	Reset Limit	WORD	Varies	The number of consecutive times the system reset will be attempted. A value of 0FFFFh indicates unknown.
09h	Timer Interval	WORD	Varies	The number of minutes to use for the watchdog timer. If the timer is not reset within this interval, the system reset timeout will begin. A value of 0FFFFh indicates unknown.
0Bh	Timeout	WORD	Varies	Identifies the number of minutes before the reboot is initiated. It is used after a system power cycle, system reset (local or remote), and automatic system reset. A value of 0FFFFh indicates unknown.

3.3.25 Hardware Security (Type 24)

This structure describes the system-wide hardware security settings.

Note: This structure type was added for specification v2.2.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	24	Hardware Security indicator
01h	Length	BYTE	05h	Length of the structure.
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.
04h	Hardware Security Settings	BYTE	Bit-field	<p>Identifies the password and reset status for the system:</p> <p>Bits 7:6 <i>Power-on Password Status</i>, one of:</p> <p>00b Disabled</p> <p>01b Enabled</p> <p>10b Not Implemented</p> <p>11b Unknown</p> <p>Bits 5:4 <i>Keyboard Password Status</i>, one of:</p> <p>00b Disabled</p> <p>01b Enabled</p> <p>10b Not Implemented</p> <p>11b Unknown</p> <p>Bits 3:2 <i>Administrator Password Status</i>, one of:</p> <p>00b Disabled</p> <p>01b Enabled</p> <p>10b Not Implemented</p> <p>11b Unknown</p> <p>Bits 1:0 <i>Front Panel Reset Status</i>, one of:</p> <p>00b Disabled</p> <p>01b Enabled</p> <p>10b Not Implemented</p> <p>11b Unknown</p>

3.3.26 System Power Controls (Type 25)

This structure describes the attributes for controlling the main power supply to the system. Software that interprets this structure uses the month, day, hour, minute, and second values to determine the number of seconds until the next power-on of the system. The presence of this structure implies that a timed power-on facility is available for the system.

Note: This structure type was added for specification v2.2.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	25	System Power Controls indicator
01h	Length	BYTE	09h	Length of the structure.
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.
04h	Next Scheduled Power-on Month	BYTE	Varies	Contains the BCD value of the month on which the next scheduled power-on is to occur, in the range 01h to 12h. See 3.3.26.1.
05h	Next Scheduled Power-on Day-of-month	BYTE	Varies	Contains the BCD value of the day-of-month on which the next scheduled power-on is to occur, in the range 01h to 31h. See 3.3.26.1.
06h	Next Scheduled Power-on Hour	BYTE	Varies	Contains the BCD value of the hour on which the next scheduled power-on is to occur, in the range 00h to 23h. See 3.3.26.1.
07h	Next Scheduled Power-on Minute	BYTE	Varies	Contains the BCD value of the minute on which the next scheduled power-on is to occur, in the range 00h to 59h. See 3.3.26.1.
08h	Next Scheduled Power-on Second	BYTE	Varies	Contains the BCD value of the second on which the next scheduled power-on is to occur, in the range 00h to 59h. See 3.3.26.1.

3.3.26.1 System Power Controls — Calculating the Next Scheduled Power-on Time

The DMTF *System Power Controls* group contains a *Next Scheduled Power-on Time*, specified as the number of seconds until the next scheduled power-on of the system. Management software uses the date and time information specified in the associated SMBIOS structure to calculate the total number of seconds.

Any date or time field in the structure whose value is outside of the field's specified range does not contribute to the total-seconds count. For example, if the Month field contains the value 0xFF the next power-on is scheduled to fall within the next month, perhaps on a specific day-of-month and time.

3.3.27 Voltage Probe (Type 26)

This describes the attributes for a voltage probe in the system. Each structure describes a single voltage probe.

Note: This structure type was added for specification v2.2.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	26	Voltage Probe indicator
01h	Length	BYTE	Varies	Length of the structure, at least 14h.
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.
04h	Description	BYTE	STRING	The number of the string that contains additional descriptive information about the probe or its location.
05h	Location and Status	BYTE	Bit-field	Defines the probe's physical location and status of the voltage monitored by this voltage probe. See 3.3.27.1.
06h	Maximum Value	WORD	Varies	The maximum voltage level readable by this probe, in millivolts. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0x8000.
08h	Minimum Value	WORD	Varies	The minimum voltage level readable by this probe, in millivolts. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0x8000.
0Ah	Resolution	WORD	Varies	The resolution for the probe's reading, in tenths of millivolts. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0x8000.
0Ch	Tolerance	WORD	Varies	The tolerance for reading from this probe, in plus/minus millivolts. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0x8000.
0Eh	Accuracy	WORD	Varies	The accuracy for reading from this probe, in plus/minus 1/100 th of a percent. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0x8000.
10h	OEM-defined	DWORD	Varies	Contains OEM- or BIOS vendor-specific information.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
14h	Nominal Value	WORD	Varies	The nominal value for the probe's reading in millivolts. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0x8000. This field is present in the structure only if the structure's <i>Length</i> is larger than 14h.

3.3.27.1 Voltage Probe — Location and Status

Bit Range	Field Name	Value	Meaning
7:5	Status	001.....	Other
		010.....	Unknown
		011.....	OK
		100.....	Non-critical
		101.....	Critical
		110.....	Non-recoverable
4:0	Location	...00001	Other
		...00010	Unknown
		...00011	Processor
		...00100	Disk
		...00101	Peripheral Bay
		...00110	System Management Module
		...00111	Motherboard
		...01000	Memory Module
		...01001	Processor Module
		...01010	Power Unit
		...01011	Add-in Card

3.3.28 Cooling Device (Type 27)

This structure describes the attributes for a cooling device in the system. Each structure describes a single cooling device.

Note: This structure type was added for specification v2.2.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	27	Cooling Device indicator
01h	Length	BYTE	Varies	Length of the structure, at least 0Ch.
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.
04h	Temperature Probe Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, of the temperature probe (see 3.3.29 Temperature Probe (Type 28) on page 63) monitoring this cooling device. A value of 0xFFFF indicates that no probe is provided.
06h	Device Type and Status	BYTE	Bit-field	Identifies the cooling device type and the status of this cooling device, see 3.3.28.1.
07h	Cooling Unit Group	BYTE	Varies	Identifies the cooling unit group to which this cooling device is associated. Multiple cooling devices in the same cooling unit implies a redundant configuration. The value is 00h if the cooling device is not a member of a redundant cooling unit, non-zero values imply redundancy and that at least one other cooling device will be enumerated with the same value.
08h	OEM-defined	DWORD	Varies	Contains OEM- or BIOS vendor-specific information.
0Ch	Nominal Speed	WORD	Varies	The nominal value for the cooling device's rotational speed, in revolutions-per-minute (rpm). If the value is unknown or the cooling device is non-rotating, the field is set to 0x8000. This field is present in the structure only if the structure's <i>Length</i> is larger than 0Ch.

3.3.28.1 Cooling Device —Device Type and Status

Bit Range	Field Name	Value	Meaning
7:5	Status	001	Other
		010	Unknown
		011	OK
		100	Non-critical
		101	Critical
		110	Non-recoverable
4:0	Device Type	. . . 00001	Other
		. . . 00010	Unknown
		. . . 00011	Fan
		. . . 00100	Centrifugal Blower
		. . . 00101	Chip Fan
		. . . 00110	Cabinet Fan
		. . . 00111	Power Supply Fan
		. . . 01000	Heat Pipe
		. . . 01001	Integrated Refrigeration
		. . . 10000	Active Cooling
		. . . 10001	Passive Cooling

3.3.29 Temperature Probe (Type 28)

This structure describes the attributes for a temperature probe in the system. Each structure describes a single temperature probe.

Note: This structure type was added for specification v2.2.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	28	Temperature Probe indicator
01h	Length	BYTE	Varies	Length of the structure, at least 14h.
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.
04h	Description	BYTE	STRING	The number of the string that contains additional descriptive information about the probe or its location.
05h	Location and Status	BYTE	Bit-field	Defines the probe's physical location and the status of the temperature monitored by this temperature probe. See 3.3.29.1.
06h	Maximum Value	WORD	Varies	The maximum temperature readable by this probe, in 1/10 th degrees C. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0x8000.
08h	Minimum Value	WORD	Varies	The minimum temperature readable by this probe, in 1/10 th degrees C. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0x8000.
0Ah	Resolution	WORD	Varies	The resolution for the probe's reading, in 1/1000 th degrees C. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0x8000.
0Ch	Tolerance	WORD	Varies	The tolerance for reading from this probe, in plus/minus 1/10 th degrees C. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0x8000.
0Eh	Accuracy	WORD	Varies	The accuracy for reading from this probe, in plus/minus 1/100 th of a percent. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0x8000.
10h	OEM-defined	DWORD	Varies	Contains OEM- or BIOS vendor-specific information.
14h	Nominal Value	WORD	Varies	The nominal value for the probe's reading in 1/10 th degrees C. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0x8000. This field is present in the structure only if the structure's <i>Length</i> is larger than 14h.

3.3.29.1 Temperature Probe — Location and Status

Important Note: Refer to 3.3 for the CIM properties associated with these enumerated values.

Bit Range	Field Name	Value	Meaning
7:5	Status	001	Other
		010	Unknown

4:0	Location	011.....	OK
		100.....	Non-critical
		101.....	Critical
		110.....	Non-recoverable
		...00001	Other
		...00010	Unknown
		...00011	Processor
		...00100	Disk
		...00101	Peripheral Bay
		...00110	System Management Module
		...00111	Motherboard
		...01000	Memory Module
		...01001	Processor Module
		...01010	Power Unit
		...01011	Add-in Card
		...01100	Front Panel Board
		...01101	Back Panel Board
		...01110	Power System Board
		...01111	Drive Back Plane

3.3.30 Electrical Current Probe (Type 29)

This structure describes the attributes for an electrical current probe in the system. Each structure describes a single electrical current probe.

Note: This structure type was added for specification v2.2.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	29	Electrical Current Probe indicator
01h	Length	BYTE	Varies	Length of the structure, at least 14h.
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.
04h	Description	BYTE	STRING	The number of the string that contains additional descriptive information about the probe or its location.
05h	Location and Status	BYTE	ENUM	Defines the probe's physical location and the status of the current monitored by this current probe. See 3.3.30.1.
06h	Maximum Value	WORD	Varies	The maximum current readable by this probe, in milliamps. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0x8000.
08h	Minimum Value	WORD	Varies	The minimum current readable by this probe, in milliamps. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0x8000.
0Ah	Resolution	WORD	Varies	The resolution for the probe's reading, in tenths of milliamps. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0x8000.
0Ch	Tolerance	WORD	Varies	The tolerance for reading from this probe, in plus/minus milliamps. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0x8000.
0Eh	Accuracy	WORD	Varies	The accuracy for reading from this probe, in plus/minus 1/100 th of a percent. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0x8000.
10h	OEM-defined	DWORD	Varies	Contains OEM- or BIOS vendor-specific information.
14h	Nominal Value	WORD	Varies	The nominal value for the probe's reading in milliamps. If the value is unknown, the field is set to 0x8000. This field is present in the structure only if the structure's <i>Length</i> is larger than 14h.

3.3.30.1 Current Probe — Location and Status

Important Note: Refer to 3.3 for the CIM properties associated with these enumerated values.

Bit Range	Field Name	Value	Meaning
7:5	Status	001.....	Other
		010.....	Unknown
		011.....	OK
		100.....	Non-critical
		101.....	Critical
		110.....	Non-recoverable

4:0	Location	...00001	Other
		...00010	Unknown
		...00011	Processor
		...00100	Disk
		...00101	Peripheral Bay
		...00110	System Management Module
		...00111	Motherboard
		...01000	Memory Module
		...01001	Processor Module
		...01010	Power Unit
		...01011	Add-in Card

3.3.31 Out-of-Band Remote Access (Type 30)

This structure describes the attributes and policy settings of a hardware facility that may be used to gain remote access to a hardware system when the operating system is not available due to power-down status, hardware failures, or boot failures.

Note: This structure type was added for specification v2.2.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	30	Out-of-Band Remote Access indicator
01h	Length	BYTE	06h	Length of the structure.
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.
04h	Manufacturer Name	BYTE	STRING	The number of the string that contains the manufacturer of the out-of-band access facility.
05h	Connections	BYTE	Bit-field	Identifies the current remote-access connections: Bits 7:2 Reserved for future definition by this specification, set to all zeros. Bit 1 <i>Outbound Connection Enabled</i> . Identifies whether (1) or not (0) the facility is allowed to initiate outbound connections to contact an alert management facility when critical conditions occur. Bit 0 <i>Inbound Connection Enabled</i> . Identifies whether (1) or not (0) the facility is allowed to initiate outbound connections to receive incoming connections for the purpose of remote operations or problem management

3.3.32 Boot Integrity Services (BIS) Entry Point (Type 31)

Structure type 31 (decimal) is reserved for use by the Boot Integrity Services (BIS). Refer to the [Boot Integrity Services API Specification](#) for content details.

Note: This structure type was added for specification v2.3.

3.3.33 System Boot Information (Type 32)

The client system firmware, e.g. BIOS, communicates the *System Boot Status* to the client's Pre-boot Execution Environment (PXE) boot image or OS-present management application via this structure. When used in the PXE environment, for example, this code identifies the reason the PXE was initiated and can be used by boot-image software to further automate an enterprise's PXE sessions. For example, an enterprise could choose to automatically download a hardware-diagnostic image to a client whose reason code indicated either a firmware- or operating system-detected hardware failure.

Note: This structure type was added for specification v2.3.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	32	System Boot Information structure identifier
01h	Length	BYTE	Varies	Length of the structure, in bytes; at least 0Bh.
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	
04h	Reserved	6 BYTES	00h	Reserved for future assignment via this specification, all bytes are set to 00h.
0Ah	Boot Status	Length-10 Bytes	Varies	The Status and Additional Data fields that identify the boot status. See 3.3.33.1 for additional information.

3.3.33.1 System Boot Status

Description	Status	Additional Data
No errors detected	0	None
No bootable media	1	none
The “normal” operating system failed to load.	2	none
Firmware-detected hardware failure, including “unknown” failure types.	3	none
Operating system-detected hardware failure. For ACPI OS's, the system firmware might set this reason code when the OS reports a boot failure via interfaces defined in the Simple Boot Flag Specification .	4	none
User-requested boot, usually via a keystroke	5	none
System security violation	6	none
Previously-requested image. This reason code allows coordination between OS-present software and the OS-absent environment. For example, an OS-present application might enable (via a platform-specific interface) the system to boot to the PXE and request a specific boot-image.	7	varies
A system watchdog timer expired, causing the system to reboot.	8	none
Reserved for future assignment via this specification.	9-127	Varies
Vendor/OEM-specific implementations. The Vendor/OEM identifier is the “Manufacturer” string found in the <i>System Identification</i> structure.	128-191	Varies
Product-specific implementations. The product identifier is formed by the concatenation of the “Manufacturer” and “Product Name” strings found in the <i>System Information</i> structure.	192-255	Varies

3.3.34 64-bit Memory Error Information (Type 33)

This structure describes an error within a Physical Memory Array, when the error address is above 4G (0xFFFFFFFF).

Note: This structure type was added for specification v2.3.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	33	64-bit Memory Error Information type
01h	Length	BYTE	1Fh	Length of the structure.
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.
04h	Error Type	BYTE	ENUM	The type of error that is associated with the current status reported for the memory array or device. See 3.3.19.1 for definitions..
05h	Error Granularity	BYTE	ENUM	Identifies the granularity, e.g. device vs. Partition, to which the error can be resolved. See 3.3.19.2 for definitions.
06h	Error Operation	BYTE	ENUM	The memory access operation that caused the error. See 3.3.19.3 for definitions.
07h	Vendor Syndrome	DWORD	Varies	The vendor-specific ECC syndrome or CRC data associated with the erroneous access. If the value is unknown, this field contains 0000 0000h.
0Bh	Memory Array Error Address	QWORD	Varies	The 64-bit physical address of the error based on the addressing of the bus to which the memory array is connected. If the address is unknown, this field contains 8000 0000 0000 0000h.
13h	Device Error Address	QWORD	Varies	The 64-bit physical address of the error relative to the start of the failing memory device, in bytes. If the address is unknown, this field contains 8000 0000 0000 0000h.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
1Bh	Error Resolution	DWORD	Varies	The range, in bytes, within which the error can be determined, when an error address is given. If the range is unknown, this field contains 8000 0000h.

3.3.35 Management Device (Type 34)

The information in this structure defines the attributes of a *Management Device*. A *Management Device* might control one or more fans or voltage, current, or temperature probes as defined by one or more *Management Device Component* structures — see 3.3.36 *Management Device Component (Type 35)* on page 67.

Note: This structure type was added for specification v2.3.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	34	Management Device indicator
01h	Length	BYTE	0Bh	Length of the structure.
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.
04h	Description	BYTE	STRING	The number of the string that contains additional descriptive information about the device or its location.
05h	Type	BYTE	Varies	Defines the device's type, see 3.3.35.1
06h	Address	DWORD	Varies	Defines the device's address
0Ah	Address Type	BYTE	Varies	Defines the type of addressing used to access the device, see 3.3.35.2.

3.3.35.1 Management Device — Type

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	National Semiconductor LM75
04h	National Semiconductor LM78
05h	National Semiconductor LM79
06h	National Semiconductor LM80
07h	National Semiconductor LM81
08h	Analog Devices ADM9240
09h	Dallas Semiconductor DS1780
0Ah	Maxim 1617
0Bh	Genesys GL518SM
0Ch	Winbond W83781D
0Dh	Holtek HT82H791

3.3.35.2 Management Device — Address Type

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	I/O Port
04h	Memory
05h	SM Bus

3.3.36 Management Device Component (Type 35)

This structure associates a cooling device or environmental probe with structures that define the controlling hardware device and (optionally) the component's thresholds.

Note: This structure type was added for specification v2.3.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	35	Management Device Component indicator
01h	Length	BYTE	0Bh	Length of the structure.
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.
04h	Description	BYTE	STRING	The number of the string that contains additional descriptive information about the component.
05h	Management Device Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, of the Management Device — see 3.3.35 Management Device (Type 34) on page 67 — that contains this component.
07h	Component Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, of the probe or cooling device that defines this component. See 3.3.27 Voltage Probe (Type 26) on page 61, 3.3.28 Cooling Device (Type 27) on page 62, 3.3.29 Temperature Probe (Type 28) on page 63, and 3.3.30 Electrical Current Probe (Type 29) on page 64.
09h	Threshold Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the device thresholds — see 3.3.37 Management Device Threshold Data (Type 36) on page 68. A value of 0FFFFh indicates that no <i>Threshold Data</i> structure is associated with this component.

3.3.37 Management Device Threshold Data (Type 36)

The information in this structure defines threshold information for a component (probe or cooling-unit) contained within a *Management Device*.

For each threshold field present in the structure:

- The threshold units (millivolts, milliamps, 1/10th degrees C, or RPMs) are as defined by the associated probe or cooling-unit component structure
- If the value is unavailable, the field is set to 0x8000.

Note: This structure type was added for specification v2.3.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	36	Management Device Threshold Data structure indicator
01h	Length	BYTE	10h	Length of the structure.
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.
04h	Lower Threshold – Non-critical	WORD	Varies	The lower non-critical threshold for this component
06h	Upper Threshold – Non-critical	WORD	Varies	The upper non-critical threshold for this component
08h	Lower Threshold – Critical	WORD	Varies	The lower critical threshold for this component
0Ah	Upper Threshold – Critical	WORD	Varies	The upper critical threshold for this component
0ch	Lower Threshold – Non-recoverable	WORD	Varies	The lower non-recoverable threshold for this component
0eh	Upper Threshold – Non-recoverable	WORD	Varies	The upper non-recoverable threshold for this component

3.3.38 Memory Channel (Type 37)

The information in this structure provides the correlation between a Memory Channel and its associated Memory Devices. Each device presents one or more loads to the channel; the sum of all device loads cannot exceed the channel's defined maximum.

Note: This structure type was added for specification v2.3.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	37	Management Device Threshold Data structure indicator

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
01h	Length	BYTE		Length of the structure, computed by the BIOS as 7 + 3 * (Memory Device Count). Note: This field must not be used to determine the number of memory devices specified within the structure, to allow future structure growth by appending information after the Load/Handle list.
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.
04h	Channel Type	BYTE	Varies	Identifies the type of memory associated with the channel, see 3.3.38.
05h	Maximum Channel Load	BYTE	Varies	The maximum load supported by the channel; the sum of all device loads cannot exceed this value.
06h	Memory Device Count (n)	BYTE	Varies	Identifies the number of Memory Devices (Type 11h) that are associated with this channel. This value also defines the number of Load/Handle pairs that follow.
07h	Memory ₁ Device Load	BYTE	Varies	The channel load provided by the 1 st Memory Device associated with this channel.
08h	Memory Device ₁ Handle	WORD	Varies	The structure handle that identifies the 1 st Memory Device associated with this channel.
7 + 3*(n-1)	Memory Device _n Load	BYTE	Varies	The channel load provided by the nth Memory Device associated with this channel.
8 + 3*(n-1)	Memory Device _n Handle	WORD	Varies	The structure handle that identifies the nth Memory Device associated with this channel.

3.3.38.1 Memory Channel — Channel Type

Important Note: Enumerated values are controlled by the DMTF, not this specification.

Byte Value	Meaning
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	RamBus
04h	SyncLink

3.3.39 IPMI Device Information (Type 38)

The information in this structure defines the attributes of an Intelligent Platform Management Interface (IPMI) Baseboard Management Controller (BMC). Refer to the documents available at <http://developer.intel.com/design/servers/ipmi/spec.htm> for full documentation of IPMI.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	38	IPMI Device Information structure indicator
01h	Length	BYTE		Length of the structure, a minimum of 10h.
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	
04h	Interface Type	BYTE	ENUM	Baseboard Management Controller (BMC) interface type, see 3.3.39.1.
05h	IPMI Specification Revision	BYTE	Varies	Identifies the IPMI Specification Revision, in BCD format, to which the BMC was designed. Bits 7:4 hold the most significant digit of the revision, while bits 3:0 hold the least significant bits, e.g. a value of 10h indicates revision 1.0.
06h	I ² C Slave Address	BYTE	Varies	The slave address on the I ² C bus of this BMC.
07h	NV Storage Device Address	BYTE	Varies	Bus id of the NV storage device. If no storage device exists for this BMC, the field is set to 0FFh.
08h	Base Address	QWORD	Varies	Identifies the base address (either memory-mapped or I/O) of the BMC. If the least-significant bit of the field is a 1, the address is in I/O space; otherwise, the address is memory-mapped. Refer to the IPMI Interface Specification for usage details.

3.3.39.1 IPMI Device Information — BMC Interface Type

Byte Value	Meaning
00h	Unknown
01h	KCS: Keyboard Controller Style
02h	SMIC: Server Management Interface Chip
03h	BT: Block Transfer
04h to 0FFh	Reserved for future assignment by this specification

3.3.40 System Power Supply (Type 39)

This structure identifies attributes of a system power supply. One instance of this record is present for each possible power supply in a system.

Note: This structure was added for specification v2.3.1.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	39	Power Supply Record indicator
01h	Length	BYTE	Varies	Length of the structure, a minimum of 10h.
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the power supply structure.
04h	Power Unit Group	BYTE	Varies	Identifies the power unit group to which this power supply is associated. Specifying the same <i>Power Unit Group</i> value for more than one <i>System Power Supply</i> structure indicates a redundant power supply configuration. The field's value is 00h if the power supply is not a member of a redundant power unit, non-zero values imply redundancy and that at least one other power supply will be enumerated with the same value.
05h	Location	BYTE	STRING	The number of the string that identifies the location of the power supply, e.g. "in the back, on the left-hand side" or "Left Supply Bay."
06h	Device Name	BYTE	STRING	The number of the string that names the power supply device, e.g. "DR-36".
07h	Manufacturer	BYTE	STRING	The number of the string that names the company that manufactured the supply.
08h	Serial Number	BYTE	STRING	The number of the string that contains the serial number for the power supply.
09h	Asset Tag Number	BYTE	STRING	The number of the string that contains the Asset Tag Number.
0Ah	Model Part Number	BYTE	STRING	The number of the string that contains the OEM Part Order Number.
0Bh	Revision Level	BYTE	STRING	Power supply Revision String, e.g. "2.30"
0Ch	Max Power Capacity	WORD	Varies	Maximum sustained power output in Watts. Set to 0x8000 if unknown. Note that the units specified by the DMTF for this field are milliWatts.
0Eh	Power Supply Characteristics	WORD	Varies	See 3.3.40.1.
10h	Input Voltage Probe Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, of a <i>Voltage Probe (Type 26)</i> monitoring this power supply's input voltage. A value of 0xFFFF indicates that no probe is provided.
12h	Cooling Device Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, of a <i>Cooling Device (Type 27)</i> associated with this power supply. A value of 0xFFFF indicates that no cooling device is provided.
14h	Input Current Probe Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, of the <i>Electrical Current Probe (Type 29)</i> monitoring this power supply's input current. A value of 0xFFFF indicates that no current probe is provided.

3.3.40.1 Power Supply Characteristics

Important Note: Refer to 3.3 for the CIM properties associated with these enumerated values.

Bit Range	Meaning
15 to 14	Reserved, set to 00b
13 to 10	DMTF Power Supply Type 0001b Other 0010b Unknown 0011b Linear 0100b Switching 0101b Battery 0110b UPS 0111b Converter 1000b Regulator 1001b to 1111b — Reserved for future assignment
9 to 7	Status 001b Other 010b Unknown 011b OK 100b Non-critical 101b Critical, power supply has failed and has been taken off-line
6 to 3	DMTF Input Voltage Range Switching 0001b Other 0010b Unknown 0011b Manual 0100b Auto-switch 0101b Wide range 0110b Not applicable 0111b to 1111b — Reserved for future assignment
2	Power supply is unplugged from the wall, if 1
1	Power supply is present, if 1
0	Power supply is hot replaceable, if 1.

3.3.41 Inactive (Type 126)

This structure definition supports a system implementation where the SMBIOS structure-table is a superset of all supported system attributes and provides a standard mechanism for the system BIOS to signal that a structure is currently inactive and should not be interpreted by the upper-level software.

For example, a portable system might include *System Slot* structures that are reported only when the portable has docked. An undocked system would report those structures as *Inactive*. When the system was docked, the structure Type would be changed from *Inactive* to the *System Slot* equivalent by the system-specific software.

Upper-level software that interprets the SMBIOS structure-table should bypass an *Inactive* structure just like a structure type that the software does not recognize.

Note: This structure type was added for specification v2.2.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	126	Inactive structure indicator
01h	Length	BYTE	Varies	Length of the structure.
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.

3.3.42 End-of-Table (Type 127)

This structure type identifies the end of the structure table that might be earlier than the last byte within the buffer specified by the structure. To ensure backward compatibility with management software written to previous versions of this specification, a system implementation should use the end-of-table indicator in a manner similar to the *Inactive (Type 126)* structure type — the structure table is still reported as a fixed-length and the entire length of the table is still indexable. If the end-of-table indicator is used in the last physical structure in a table, the field's length is encoded as 4.

Note: This structure type was added for specification v2.2.

Offset	Name	Length	Value	Description
00h	Type	BYTE	127	End-of-table indicator.
01h	Length	BYTE	Varies	Length of the structure.
02h	Handle	WORD	Varies	The handle, or instance number, associated with the structure.

Appendices

Appendix A Conformance Guidelines

The following describes the conformance requirements for an SMBIOS v2.5 or later implementation.

1. The table anchor string "_SM_" is present in the address range 0xF0000 to 0xFFFFF on a 16-byte boundary.
2. Table entry-point verification:
 - 2.1. The Entry Point Length field value is at least 0x1F.
 - 2.2. The entry-point checksum evaluates to 0.
 - 2.3. The SMBIOS Version (Major.Minor) is at least 2.4.
 - 2.4. The Intermediate Anchor String is "_DMI_".
 - 2.5. The intermediate checksum evaluates to 0.
3. The structure-table is traversable and conforms to the entry-point specifications:
 - 3.1. The structure-table's linked-list is traversable within the length and structure-count bounds specified by the entry-point structure.
 - 3.2. The overall size of the structure table is less than or equal to the Structure Table Length specified by the entry-point structure.
 - 3.3. Each structure's length must be at least 4 (the size of a structure header).
 - 3.4. No structure handle number is repeated.
 - 3.5. The last structure is the end-of-table (0x7F).
 - 3.6. The number of structures found within the table equals the Number of SMBIOS Structures field present in the entry-point.
 - 3.7. The maximum structure size (formatted area plus its string-pool) is less than or equal to the Maximum Structure Size specified by the entry-point.
4. Required structures and corresponding data are present, see *3.2 Required Structures and Data* on page 15:
 - 4.1. BIOS Information (Type 0)
 - 4.1.1. One and only one structure of this type is present.
 - 4.1.2. The structure Length field is at least 18h.
 - 4.1.3. BIOS Version string is present and non-null
 - 4.1.4. BIOS Release Date string is present, non-null, and includes a 4-digit year.
 - 4.1.5. BIOS Characteristics: bits 3:0 are all 0, at least one of bits 31:4 is set to 1.
 - 4.2. System Information (Type 1)
 - 4.2.1. One and only one structure of this type is present.
 - 4.2.2. The structure Length field is at least 1Bh.
 - 4.2.3. Manufacturer string is present and non-null
 - 4.2.4. Product Name string is present and non-null
 - 4.2.5. UUID field is neither 00000000 00000000 nor FFFFFFFF FFFFFFFF.
 - 4.2.6. Wake-up Type field is neither 00h (Reserved) nor 02h (Unknown).
 - 4.3. System Enclosure (Type 3)

- 4.3.1. One or more structure of this type is present.
- 4.3.2. The structure length is at least 0Dh.
- 4.3.3. Manufacturer string is present and non-null in each structure.
- 4.3.4. Type field is neither 00h (Reserved) nor 02h (Unknown)
- 4.4. Processor Information (Type 4)
 - 4.4.1. The number of structures defines the maximum number of processors supported by the system; at least one structure with a Processor Type field of "Central Processor" must be present.
 - 4.4.2. Each structure's length is at least 20h.
 - 4.4.3. Socket Designation string is present and non-null
 - 4.4.4. Processor Type field is neither 00h (Reserved) nor 02h (Unknown)
 - 4.4.5. (*)Processor Family field is neither 00h (Reserved) nor 02h (Unknown)
 - 4.4.6. (*)Processor Manufacturer string is present and non-null
 - 4.4.7. Max Speed field is non-0.
 - 4.4.8. (*)CPU Status sub-field of the Status field is not 0 (Unknown)
 - 4.4.9. Processor Upgrade field is neither 00h (Reserved) nor 02h (Unknown)
 - 4.4.10. Lx (x=1,2,3) Cache Handle fields, if not set to 0xFFFF, reference Cache Information (Type 7) structures.
- Note:* Fields preceded by (*) are only checked if the CPU Socket Populated sub-field of the Status field is set to "CPU Populated".
- 4.5. Cache Information (Type 7)
 - 4.5.1. One structure is present for each external-to-the-processor cache.
 - 4.5.2. Each structure's Length is at least 13h.
 - 4.5.3. Socket Designation string is present and non-null if the cache is external to the processor (Location sub-field of Cache Configuration field is 01b).
 - 4.5.4. Operational Mode and Location sub-fields of the Cache Configuration field are not 11b (Unknown)
- 4.6. System Slots (Type 9)
 - 4.6.1. One structure is present for each upgradeable system slot.
 - 4.6.2. Each structure's Length is at least 0Dh.
 - 4.6.3. Slot Designation string is present and non-null.
 - 4.6.4. Slot Type is neither 00h (Reserved) nor 02h (Unknown).
 - 4.6.5. Slot Data Bus Width is neither 00h (Reserved) or 02h (Unknown)
 - 4.6.6. Current Usage is not set to 00h (Reserved). If the "Slot Type" provides device presence-detect capabilities, e.g. PCI or AGP, Current Usage is not set to 02h (Unknown).
 - 4.6.7. Slot ID is set to a meaningful value.
 - 4.6.8. Slot Characteristics 1, bit 0, is not set to 1.
- 4.7. Physical Memory Array (Type 16)
 - 4.7.1. At least one structure is present with "Use" set to 03h (System memory)
 - 4.7.2. Each structure's length is at least 0Fh.
 - 4.7.3. Location is neither 00h (Reserved) nor 02h (Unknown)
 - 4.7.4. Use is neither 00h (Reserved) nor 02h (Unknown).
 - 4.7.5. Memory Error Correction is neither 00h (Reserved) nor 02h (Unknown)

- 4.7.6. Maximum Capacity is not set to 80000000h (Unknown)
- 4.7.7. Number of Memory Devices is not 0 and equals the number of Memory Device (Type 17) structures that reference the handle of the Physical Memory Array structure.
- 4.8. Memory Device (Type 17)
 - 4.8.1. For each Physical Memory Array, there must be "Number of Memory Devices" Memory Device structures that map back (via Handle) to the referencing memory array. One structure is required for each socketed system-memory device, whether or not the socket is currently populated. If the system includes soldered-on system-memory, one additional structure is required to identify that memory device.
 - 4.8.2. Each structure's length is at least 15h.
 - 4.8.3. Memory Array Handle references a Physical Memory Array (Type 16) structure.
 - 4.8.4. Total Width is not 0FFFFh (Unknown) if the memory device is installed (Size is not 0).
 - 4.8.5. Data Width is not 0FFFFh (Unknown)
 - 4.8.6. Size is not 0FFFFh (Unknown)
 - 4.8.7. Form Factor is not 00h (Reserved) or 02h (Unknown)
 - 4.8.8. Device Set is not 0FFh (Unknown)
 - 4.8.9. Device Locator string is present and non-null.
- 4.9. Memory Array Mapped Address (Type 19)
 - 4.9.1. One structure is provided for each contiguous block of memory addresses mapped to a Physical Memory Array.
 - 4.9.2. Each structure's length is at least 0Fh.
 - 4.9.3. Ending Address value is higher in magnitude than the Starting Address value.
 - 4.9.4. Memory Array Handle references a Physical Memory Array (Type 16)
 - 4.9.5. Each structure's address range (Starting Address to Ending Address) is unique and non-overlapping.
 - 4.9.6. Partition Width is not 0.
- 4.10. Boot Integrity Services (BIS) Entry Point (Type 31). This structure is optional, but if it is present the following checks are performed:
 - 4.10.1. The structure's length is at least 1Ch.
 - 4.10.2. The structure-level checksum evaluates to 00h.
 - 4.10.3. 16-bit Entry Point is not 0.
 - 4.10.4. 32-bit Entry Point is not 0.
- 4.11. System Boot Information (Type 32)
 - 4.11.1. One and only one structure of this type is present.
 - 4.11.2. The structure's length is at least 0Bh.

Appendix B Using the Table Convention

This section contains pseudo-code that describes the method that application software can use to parse the table-based SMBIOS structures. The example searches for the first structure of the type specified, returning the handle of the structure found or 0xFFFF if no structure of the type was found in the list. *TableAddress* and *StructureCount* values are those previously found by locating the Table Entry Point structure in low memory.

```
typedef unsigned short ushort;
typedef unsigned char  uchar;
typedef struct
{
    uchar  Type;
    uchar  Length;
    ushort Handle;

}  HEADER;

ushort FindStructure( char *TableAddress, ushort StructureCount, uchar Type )
{
    ushort i, handle;
    uchar  lasttype;

    i      = 0;
    handle = 0xFFFF;

    while( i < StructureCount && handle == 0xFFFF )
    {
        i++;
        lasttype = ((HEADER *)TableAddress)->Type;
        if( lasttype == Type )
        {
            handle = ((HEADER *)TableAddress)->Handle;

        } /* Found first structure of the requested type */
    }
    else
    {
        TableAddress += ((HEADER *)TableAddress)->Length;
        while( *((int *)TableAddress) != 0 )
        {
            TableAddress++;

        } /* Get past trailing string-list */

        TableAddress += 2;

    } /* Increment address to start of next structure */

    } /* END while-loop looking for structure type */

    return handle;

} /* END FindStructure */
```

Appendix C Plug-and-Play Calling Convention

Important Note: As of version 2.3.2 of this specification, the Plug-and-Play function interface described in this section has been deprecated. Further use of the interface is discouraged; it is provided here for reference only and it will ultimately be removed from this specification. Future SMBIOS implementations and SMBIOS data consumers should migrate to using the table-based method described in Section 2.1 exclusively.

To prevent the proliferation of interfaces for accessing information embedded in the System BIOS, the *System Management BIOS Reference Specification* will follow the System Device Node model used by Plug and Play, and use Plug and Play BIOS functions to access DMI information. Plug and Play functions 50h-5Fh have been assigned to the SMBIOS BIOS Interface.

Each of the SMBIOS BIOS Plug-and-Play functions is available both in real-mode and 16-bit protected-mode. A function called in 16-bit protected-mode supports both 16-bit and 32-bit stack segments.

C.1 SMBIOS Functions

This table defines the current SMBIOS Functions.

SMBIOS Function	Function Number	Description	Required/Optional
GET_DMI_INFORMATION	50h	Returns the Number of Structures, the Size of the Largest Structure, and the SMBIOS Revision.	Required for calling interface
GET_DMI_STRUCTURE	51h	Copies the information for the specified Structure into the buffer specified by the caller.	Required for calling interface
SET_DMI_STRUCTURE	52h	Copies the information for the specified SMBIOS structure from the buffer specified by the caller.	Optional
GET_DMI_STRUCTURE_CHANGE_INFO	53h	Returns the SMBIOS Structure Change Information into a 16-byte buffer specified by the caller.	Required for Dynamic Structure-change Notification Support
DMI_CONTROL	54h	Controls a system action	Optional
GET_GPNV_INFORMATION	55h	Returns information about the General Purpose Non-Volatile Storage Area	Required for GPNV Support
READ_GPNV_DATA	56h	Reads the entire specified GPNV contents into a buffer specified by the caller.	Required for GPNV Support
WRITE_GPNV_DATA	57h	Copies the contents of the user specified buffer into the GPNV. The function causes the entire specified GPNV to be updated.	Required for GPNV Support
Reserved for Future Use	58h-5Fh	Reserved, will return DMI_FUNCTION_NOT_SUPPORTED.	Reserved

C.2 Error Return Codes

After the call has been made, the following return codes are available in the AX Register.

Return Code	Value	Description
DMI_SUCCESS	00h	Function Completed Successfully
DMI_UNKNOWN_FUNCTION	81h	Unknown, or invalid, function number passed
DMI_FUNCTION_NOT_SUPPORTED	82h	The function is not supported on this system
DMI_INVALID_HANDLE	83h	SMBIOS Structure number/handle passed is invalid or out of range.
DMI_BAD_PARAMETER	84h	The function detected invalid parameter or, in the case of a "Set SMBIOS Structure" request, detected an invalid value for a to-be-changed structure field.

Return Code	Value	Description
DMI_INVALID_SUBFUNCTION	85h	The SubFunction parameter supplied on a SMBIOS Control function is not supported by the system BIOS.
DMI_NO_CHANGE	86h	There are no changed SMBIOS structures pending notification.
DMI_ADD_STRUCTURE_FAILED	87h	Returned when there was insufficient storage space to add the desired structure.
DMI_READ_ONLY	8Dh	A “Set SMBIOS Structure” request failed because one or more of the to-be-changed structure fields are read-only.
DMI_LOCK_NOT_SUPPORTED	90h	The GPNV functions do not support locking for the specified GPNV handle.
DMI_CURRENTLY_LOCKED	91h	The GPNV lock request failed - the GPNV is already locked.
DMI_INVALID_LOCK	92h	The caller has failed to present the predefined GPNVLock value which is expected by the BIOS for access of the GPNV area.

C.3 SMBIOS Structure Access Interface

C.3.1 Function 50h – Get SMBIOS Information

Synopsis:

```
short FAR (*entryPoint)(
    short Function,                /* PnP BIOS Function 50h */
    unsigned char FAR *dmiBIOSRevision, /* Revision of the SMBIOS Extensions */
    unsigned short FAR *NumStructures,    /* Max. Number of Structures the BIOS will
                                         /* return */
    unsigned short FAR *StructureSize,    /* Size of largest SMBIOS Structure */
    unsigned long FAR *dmiStorageBase,    /* 32-bit physical base address for memory-
                                         /* mapped SMBIOS data */
    unsigned short FAR *dmiStorageSize,   /* Size of the memory-mapped SMBIOS data */
    unsigned short BiosSelector );       /* PnP BIOS readable/writable selector */
```

Description:

Required for SMBIOS Calling Interface Support. This function will return the revision of the SMBIOS Extensions and the maximum number of SMBIOS structures that the system BIOS will return information for in *NumStructures*. These structures represent the SMBIOS information that is embedded in the System BIOS. In addition to the number of structures, the system BIOS will return the size, in bytes, of the largest SMBIOS structure (and all of its supporting data) in *StructureSize*. This information can be utilized by the system software to determine the amount of memory required to get all of the SMBIOS structures. **Note:** The system BIOS may return a value that is larger than the actual largest SMBIOS structure to facilitate hot docking or other dynamic SMBIOS information. The BIOS may also return fewer than *NumStructures* when the structures are retrieved using Function 51h. If the BIOS does not support SMBIOS calling interface capability, DMI_FUNCTION_NOT_SUPPORTED (82h) will be returned.

The *dmiBIOSRevision* parameter indicates compliance with a revision of this specification. It is a BCD value where the upper nibble indicates the major version and the lower nibble the minor version. For revision 2.0 the returned value will be 20h.

dmiStorageBase is updated by the BIOS call with the paragraph-aligned, 32-bit absolute physical base address of any memory-mapped SMBIOS structure information. If non-zero, this value allows the caller to construct a 16-bit data segment descriptor with a limit of *dmiStorageSize* and read/write access for subsequent input to functions 51h to 54h. If *dmiStorageBase* is 0, protected-mode mapping is not required.

In addition, *dmiStorageSize* identifies the *dmiWorkBuffer* size for input to function 52h and the *Data* buffer size for function 54h's DMI_CLEAR_EVENT_LOG2 sub-function. **Note:** This feature is SMBIOS version-specific; for v2.0 implementations, the value of *dmiStorageSize* has no meaning if *dmiStorageBase* is 0. In this case, the buffer-sizing is provided by (*NumStructures* * *StructureSize*).

The *BiosSelector* parameter enables the system BIOS, if necessary, to update system variables that are contained in the system BIOS memory space. If this function is called from protected mode, the caller must create a data segment descriptor using the 16-bit Protected Mode data segment base address specified in the Plug and Play Installation Check data structure, a limit of 64KB, and the descriptor must be read/write capable. If this function is called from real mode, *BiosSelector* should be set to the Real mode 16-bit data segment address as specified in the Plug and Play Installation Check Structure. Refer to section 4.4 of the [Plug and Play BIOS Specification](#) revision 1.0a for more information on the Plug and Play Installation Check Structure and the elements that make up the structure.

This function is available in real mode and 16-bit protected mode.

Returns:

If successful - DMI_SUCCESS

If an Error (Bit 7 set) or a Warning occurred the Error Code will be returned in AX, the FLAGS and all other registers will be preserved.

Example:

The following example illustrates how the ‘C’ style call interface could be made from an assembly language module:

```

push    BiosSelector
push    segment/selector of dmiStorageSize      ; Pointer to DMISStorageSize
push    offset of dmiStorageSize
push    segment/selector of dmiStorageBase      ; Pointer to DMISStorageBase
push    offset of dmiStorageBase
push    segment/selector of StructureSize       ; Pointer to StructureSize
push    offset of StructureSize
push    segment/selector of NumStructures       ; Pointer to NumStructures
push    offset NumStructures
push    segment/selector of dmiBIOSRevision    ; Pointer to DMIBIOSRevision
push    offset dmiBIOSRevision
push    GET_DMI_INFORMATION                    ; Function number, 50h
call    FAR PTR entryPoint
add     sp, 24                                ; Clean up stack
cmp     ax, DMI_SUCCESS                        ; Function completed successfully?
jne     error

```

C.3.2 Function 51h – Get SMBIOS Structure

Synopsis:

```

short FAR (*entryPoint)(
    short Function,                                /* PnP BIOS Function 51h */
    unsigned short FAR *Structure,                 /* Structure number/handle to retrieve*/
    unsigned char FAR *dmiStrucBuffer,             /* Pointer to buffer to copy structure data */
    unsigned short dmiSelector,                   /* SMBIOS data read/write selector */
    unsigned short BiosSelector );                /* PnP BIOS readable/writable selector */

```

Description:

Required for SMBIOS Calling Interface Support. This function will copy the information for the specified SMBIOS Structure into the buffer specified by the caller. The *Structure* argument is a pointer to the unique SMBIOS Structure number (handle). If *Structure* contains zero, the system BIOS will return the first SMBIOS Structure. The *dmiStrucBuffer* argument contains the pointer to the caller’s memory buffer. If the function returns either DMI_SUCCESS or DMI_INVALID_HANDLE, *Structure* is updated with either the next sequential structure handle or the end-of-list indicator 0FFFFh.

The protected-mode read/write selector *dmiSelector* has base equal to *dmiStorageBase* and limit of at least *dmiStorageSize* — so long as the *dmiStorageBase* value returned from Function 50h was non-zero.

The *BiosSelector* parameter enables the system BIOS, if necessary, to update system variables that are contained in the system BIOS memory space. If this function is called from protected mode, the caller must create a data segment descriptor using the 16-bit Protected Mode data segment base address specified in the Plug and Play

Installation Check data structure, a limit of 64KB, and the descriptor must be read/write capable. If this function is called from real mode, *BiosSelector* should be set to the Real mode 16-bit data segment address as specified in the Plug and Play Installation Check Structure. Refer to section 4.4 of the [Plug and Play BIOS Specification](#) revision 1.0a for more information on the Plug and Play Installation Check Structure and the elements that make up the structure.

This function is available in real mode and 16-bit protected mode.

Returns:

If successful - DMI_SUCCESS

If an Error (Bit 7 set) or a Warning occurred, the Error Code will be returned in AX, the FLAGS and all other registers will be preserved

Example:

The following example illustrates how the ‘C’ style call interface could be made from an assembly language module:

```

push        BiosSelector
push        dmiSelector
push        segment/selector of dmiStrucBuffer    ; Pointer to dmiStrucBuffer
push        offset of dmiStrucBuffer
push        segment/selector of Structure ; Pointer to Structure
push        offset of Structure
push        GET_DMI_STRUCTURE                    ; Function number, 51h
call        FAR PTR entryPoint
add         sp, 14                               ; Clean up stack
cmp         ax, DMI_SUCCESS                       ; Function completed successfully?
jne         error

```

C.3.3 Function 52h – Set SMBIOS Structure

Synopsis:

```

short FAR (*entryPoint)(
    short Function,                               /* PnP BIOS Function 52h */
    unsigned char FAR *dmiDataBuffer,             /* Pointer to buffer with new/change data */
    unsigned char FAR *dmiWorkBuffer,             /* Pointer to work buffer area for the BIOS */
    unsigned char Control,                        /* Conditions for performing operation */
    unsigned short dmiSelector,                   /* SMBIOS data read/write selector */
    unsigned short BiosSelector );                /* PnP BIOS readable/writeable selector */

```

Description:

Optional. This function will set the SMBIOS structure identified by the type (and possibly handle) found in the SMBIOS structure header in the buffer pointed to by *dmiDataBuffer*. Values that the BIOS allows to be set in the supplied structure will either be updated by the call, or will cause the BIOS to perform some defined action (such as enabling a hardware option, etc.).

Unless otherwise specified, all structures and structure values defined in Section 3, *SMBIOS Structures*, are read-only and cannot be set. Attempts to set these structures will return a DMI_READ_ONLY error. A structure field that is composed of read/write and read-only subfields can still be set -- so long as the read-only portion of the field is unmodified. Attempting to write to a read-only subfield will also cause a DMI_READ_ONLY to be returned.

The *dmiDataBuffer* parameter references a structure of the following format:

Offset	Field	Length	Description
00h	<i>Command</i>	BYTE	Identifies the structure-setting operation to be performed, one of: 00h A single byte of information is to be changed in the structure identified by StructureHeader 01h A word (two bytes) of information is to be changed in the structure identified by StructureHeader 02h A double-word (four bytes) of information is to be changed in the structure identified by StructureHeader 03h The structure identified by StructureHeader is to be added to the SMBIOS structure pool 04h The structure identified by StructureHeader is to be deleted from the SMBIOS structure pool 05h A string's value is to be changed in the structure identified by StructureHeader. 06h A block of information (other than byte, word, or dword in size) is to be changed in the structure identified by StructureHeader. 07h-0FFh Reserved for future assignment by this specification.
01h	<i>FieldOffset</i>	BYTE	For a structure change Command, identifies the starting offset within the changed structure's fixed data of the to-be-changed item. For a string-value change Command, identifies the offset within the structure's fixed data associated with the string's "number". This field is ignored for all other Commands.
02h	<i>ChangeMask</i>	DWORD	For a fixed-length structure-change Command, identifies the ANDing mask to be applied to the existing structure data prior to applying the ChangeValue. The number of significant bytes within this area is defined by the Command. This field is ignored for all other Commands.
06h	<i>ChangeValue</i>	DWORD	For a fixed-length structure-change Command, identifies the data value to be ORed with the existing structure data – after applying the ChangeMask. The number of significant bytes within this area is defined by the Command. This field is ignored for all other Commands.
0Ah	<i>DataLength</i>	WORD	For a structure-add Command, identifies the full length of the to-be-added structure. The length includes the structure header, the fixed-length portion of the structure, and any string data that accompanies the added structure – including all null-terminators. For a string-value change Command, identifies the length of the string data (including the null-terminator); if the length is 1 (indicating that only the null-terminator is provided), the current string's data is deleted so long as the string's data-access rights are met. For a variable-length block change Command, identifies the length of the contiguous data block to be changed. This field is ignored for all other Commands.
0Ch	<i>StructureHeader</i>	4 BYTES	Contains the structure header (see <i>Structure Header Format</i> on page 14) of the structure to be added, changed, or deleted.
10h	<i>StructureData</i>	Var	For a structure-add Command, contains the data to be associated with the SMBIOS Structure identified by the StructureHeader. For a string-value change Command, contains the string's data (the number of characters is identified by DataLength). For a variable-length block change Command, contains the block's data (the number of bytes is identified by DataLength). This field is ignored for all other Commands.

The *dmiWorkBuffer* parameter references a work buffer for use by the BIOS in performing the request; the contents of the buffer are destroyed by the BIOS' processing. This work buffer must be read/write and sized to hold the entire SMBIOS structure pool, based on the information returned by **Error! Reference source not found.** (see page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**) plus the size of any structure to be added by the request. For SMBIOS v2.0

implementations, the pool size is specified by the maximum of (*StructureSize* * *NumStructures*) and (when *dmiStorageBase* is non-zero) *dmiStorageSize*; for v2.1 and later implementations, the pool size is specified by *dmiStorageSize*.

The *Control* flag provides a mechanism for indicating to the BIOS whether the set request is to take effect immediately, or if this is a check to validate the to-be-updated data.

Control is defined as:

Bit 0	0 = Do not set the specified structure, but validate its parameters.
	1 = Set the structure immediately.
Bits 1:7	Reserved, must be 0.

If bit 0 of *Control* is 0, then the *dmiDataBuffer* values are checked for validity. If any are not valid, then the function returns DMI_BAD_PARAMETER; if any read-only field is modified, the function returns DMI_READ_ONLY. Validity checking is useful to determine if the BIOS supports setting a structure field to a particular value – or whether the BIOS supports writing to a specific structure field. For example, it may be useful for an OEM to determine beforehand whether the OEM's BIOS supports a "Reboot to Diagnostics Now" setting in an OEM-defined structure.

The protected-mode read/write selector *dmiSelector* has base equal to *dmiStorageBase* and a limit of at least *dmiStorageSize*, so long as the *dmiStorageBase* returned from **Error! Reference source not found.** was non-zero.

The *BiosSelector* parameter enables the system BIOS, if necessary, to update system variables that are contained in the system BIOS memory space. If this function is called from protected mode, the caller must create a data segment descriptor using the 16-bit Protected Mode data segment base address specified in the Plug and Play Installation Check data structure, a limit of 64KB, and the descriptor must be read/write capable. If this function is called from real mode, *BiosSelector* should be set to the Real mode 16-bit data segment address as specified in the Plug and Play Installation Check Structure. Refer to section 4.4 of the [Plug and Play BIOS Specification](#) revision 1.0a for more information on the Plug and Play Installation Check Structure and the elements that make up the structure.

This function is available in real mode and 16-bit protected mode.

Note: If the system BIOS supports structure-change notification, a structure-change event will be issued by the BIOS upon its successful completion of a structure-setting (rather than validation) function call. See **Error! Reference source not found.** on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.** for more information.

Returns:

If successful - DMI_SUCCESS

If an error occurred, the Error Code will be returned in AX. The FLAGS and all other registers will be preserved.

Errors:

DMI_BAD_PARAMETER	A parameter contains an invalid or unsupported value.
DMI_READ_ONLY	A parameter is read-only and differs from the present value – an attempt was made to modify a read-only value.
DMI_ADD_STRUCTURE_FAILED	The desired structure could not be added due to insufficient storage space.
DMI_INVALID_HANDLE	For an add (03h) <i>Command</i> , the structure handle present in the <i>StructureHeader</i> already exists or, for a change (00h to 02h and 05h) or delete (04h) <i>Command</i> , the structure handle does not exist.

Example:

The following example illustrates how the 'C' style call interface could be made from an assembly language module:

```

push        BiosSelector
push        dmiSelector
push        Control
push        segment/selector of dmiWorkBuffer      ;pointer to BIOS temporary buffer
push        offset of dmiWorkBuffer
push        segment/selector of dmiDataBuffer      ; pointer to structure
push        offset of dmiDataBuffer
push        SET_DMI_STRUCTURE                      ; Function number, 52h
call        FAR PTR entryPoint
add         sp, 16                                ; clean stack
cmp         ax, DMI_SUCCESS                        ; Successful?
jne         error                                  ; No, go handle error

```

C.3.4 Structure Change Notification Interface

Certain classes of systems may provide the capability for the addition or removal of system devices while the system unit is powered on, such as inserting a Notebook unit into a Docking Station. System BIOS support is necessary for providing SMBIOS Structure Change Notification accessible to system software so that when devices are added or removed the system software will comprehend any changes in the SMBIOS Structures. Structure Change Notification can be implemented as either a polled method or as asynchronous Plug-and-Play events. For information on how Plug-and-Play event notification is accessed, see section 4.6 of the [Plug and Play BIOS Specification](#) revision 1.0a.

When system software is notified on an event by either mechanism, it can then call the BIOS runtime function (Plug and Play BIOS Function 3 - Get Event) to get the type of event. In addition to the events defined in the [Plug and Play BIOS Specification](#), the following event has been defined.

Note: Some DMI structure values might be inherently changing (e.g. an OEM-specific structure which returns system temperature and voltage values). Due to the frequency of the values' change, the BIOS might not return Structure Change status for this type of structure.

DMI_STRUCTURE_CHANGE_EVENT 7FFFh

This message indicates that there has been a change in the DMI Information being maintained by the System BIOS. Upon receiving a DMI_STRUCTURE_CHANGE_EVENT, system software can call the BIOS runtime function 53h (Get Structure Change Information) to determine the exact cause of the SMBIOS structure-change event.

C.3.5 Function 53h – Get Structure Change Information**Synopsis:**

```

short FAR (*entryPoint)(
    short Function,                                /* PnP BIOS Function 53h */
    unsigned char FAR *dmiChangeStructure,         /* Pointer to SMBIOS Change structure */
    unsigned short dmiSelector,                    /* SMBIOS data read/write selector */
    unsigned short BiosSelector );                 /* PnP BIOS readable/writable selector */

```

Description:

Required for SMBIOS Dynamic Structure Change Notification Support. This function will allow system software to get information about what type of SMBIOS structure-change occurred. The SMBIOS structure-change information will be returned in the 16-byte memory buffer pointed to by *dmiChangeStructure* in the following format:

Field	Offset	Length	Value
SMBIOS Change Status	00h	BYTE	ENUM
SMBIOS Change Type	01h	BYTE	Bit Field

Field	Offset	Length	Value
SMBIOS Structure Handle	02h	WORD	Varies
Reserved	04h-0Fh	12 BYTES	00h

SMBIOS Change Status:

00h	No Change
01h	Other
02h	Unknown
03h	Single SMBIOS Structure Affected
04h	Multiple SMBIOS Structures Affected
05h - 0FFh	Reserved

SMBIOS Change Type:

Bit 0	One or more structures was changed, when 1.
Bit 1	One or more structures was added, when 1. See “ <i>Function 52h – Set DMI Structure</i> ” for information about adding SMBIOS structures.

Byte 2:7 Reserved, must be 0

If DMI Change Status 03h (Single Structure Affected) is returned, the number (or handle) of the affected structure is present in the "DMI Structure Handle" field; DMI Change Type identifies whether the structure was changed (01h) or added (02h).

If DMI Change Status 04h (Multiple DMI Structures Affected) is returned, the caller must enumerate all the structures to determine what was changed and/or added. DMI Change Type identifies whether multiple structures were changed (01h), multiple structures were added (02h), or structures were both changed and added (03h).

The DMI Change Status Byte remains valid until Function 53h is called. The calling of Function 53h will reset the DMI Change Status Byte to zero. If the call is issued in the absence of a DMI event, the function returns error code 86h (DMI_NO_CHANGE).

The protected-mode read/write selector *dmiSelector* has base equal to *dmiStorageBase* and limit of at least *dmiStorageSize* — so long as the *dmiStorageBase* value returned from Function 50h was non-zero.

The *BiosSelector* parameter enables the system BIOS, if necessary, to update system variables that are contained in the system BIOS memory space. If this function is called from protected mode, the caller must create a data segment descriptor using the 16-bit Protected Mode data segment base address specified in the Plug and Play Installation Check data structure, a limit of 64KB, and the descriptor must be read/write capable. If this function is called from real mode, *BiosSelector* should be set to the Real mode 16-bit data segment address as specified in the Plug and Play Installation Check Structure. Refer to section 4.4 of the Plug and Play BIOS Specification revision 1.0a for more information on the Plug and Play Installation Check Structure and the elements that make up the structure.

This function is available in real mode and 16-bit protected mode.

Returns:

If successful - DMI_SUCCESS

If an Error (Bit 7 set) or a Warning occurred the Error Code will be returned in AX, the FLAGS and all other registers will be preserved

Example:

The following example illustrates how the ‘C’ style call interface could be made from an assembly language module:

```

push        BiosSelector
push        dmiSelector
push        segment/selector of dmiChangeStructure
push        offset of dmiChangeStructure
push        GET_DMI_STRUCTURE_CHANGE_INFO      ; Function number, 53h
call        FAR PTR entryPoint
add         sp, 10                          ; Clean up stack
cmp         ax, DMI_SUCCESS                  ; Function completed successfully?
jne         error

```

C.4 Control Interface

C.4.1 Function 54h – SMBIOS Control

Synopsis:

```

short FAR (*entryPoint)(
    short Function,                /* PnP BIOS Function 54h */
    short SubFunction,            /* Defines the specific control operation */
    void FAR *Data,               /* Input/output data buffer, SubFunction specific */
    unsigned char Control,        /* Conditions for setting the structure */
    unsigned short dmiSelector, /* SMBIOS data read/write selector */
    unsigned short BiosSelector); /* PnP BIOS readable/writeable selector */

```

Description:

Optional. This function provides the interface to perform implementation-specific functions for the system, as defined by the *SubFunction* parameter and its (optional) *Data* values.

SubFunction	Name	Description
0000h	DMI_CLEAR_EVENT_LOG	Clears the event log as described in <i>System Event Log (Type 15)</i> on page 43. The <i>Data</i> parameter is reserved and must be set to 0.
0001h	DMI_CONTROL_LOGGING	Data points to a 2-word (4-byte) buffer that describes how to control event logging – see Error! Reference source not found. for bit-wise definitions. The first word (offset 0:1) identifies the ANDing mask to be applied to the existing log-control value prior to ORing the second word (offset 2:3). The second word is modified by the BIOS to contain the log-control value on entry to this function.
0002h	DMI_CLEAR_EVENT_LOG2	Clears the event log as described in <i>System Event Log (Type 15)</i> on page 43. The <i>Data</i> parameter is the 32-bit physical address of a work buffer needed to perform this operation. The buffer must be read/write and sized to hold <i>dmiStorageSize</i> bytes. The contents of the buffer are destroyed by the BIOS’ processing. This sub-function is defined for v2.1 and later implementations of this specification and is preferred over the DMI_CLEAR_EVENT_LOG (0000h) sub-function.
0003h-3FFFh	Reserved	Reserved for future definition by this specification.
4000h-7FFFh	Reserved for BIOS vendor	Available for use by the BIOS vendor.
8000h-FFFFh	Reserved for system vendor	Available for use by the system vendor.

Note: A BIOS might support the Log Control function but not support all the *SubFunction* values.

The *Control* flag provides a mechanism for indicating to the BIOS whether the operation is to be performed immediately, or if this is a check to validate the operation's availability and/or data.

Control is defined as:

Bit 0 0 = Do not perform the operation, but validate its parameters.
 1 = Perform the operation immediately.
 Bits 1:7 Reserved, must be 0.

If bit 0 of *Control* is 0, then the *SubFunction* and contents of *Data* are checked for validity. If any are not valid, then the function returns DMI_BAD_PARAMETER. Validity checking is useful to determine if the BIOS supports a specific DMI Control *SubFunction*.

The protected-mode read/write selector *dmiSelector* has base equal to *dmiStorageBase* and limit of at least *dmiStorageSize* — so long as the *dmiStorageBase* value returned from Function 50h was non-zero.

The *BiosSelector* parameter enables the system BIOS, if necessary, to update system variables that are contained in the system BIOS memory space. If this function is called from protected mode, the caller must create a data segment descriptor using the 16-bit Protected Mode data segment base address specified in the Plug and Play Installation Check data structure, a limit of 64KB, and the descriptor must be read/write capable. If this function is called from real mode, *BiosSelector* should be set to the Real mode 16-bit data segment address as specified in the Plug and Play Installation Check Structure. Refer to section 4.4 of the Plug and Play BIOS Specification revision 1.0a for more information on the Plug and Play Installation Check Structure and the elements that make up the structure.

This function is available in real mode and 16-bit protected mode.

Returns:

If successful - DMI_SUCCESS

If an error occurred, the Error Code will be returned in AX. The FLAGS and all other registers will be preserved.

Errors:

DMI_BAD_PARAMETER The *Data* contents were not valid for the requested SubFunction.

DMI_INVALID_SUBFUNCTION The *SubFunction* requested is not supported by the system BIOS.

Example:

The following example illustrates how the 'C' style call interface could be made from an assembly language module:

```
push     BiosSelector
push     dmiSelector
push     Control
push     segment/selector of Data      ; pointer to SubFunction data
push     offset of Data
push     SubFunction
push     DMI_CONTROL                  ; Function number, 54h
call     FAR PTR entryPoint
add     sp, 14                        ; clean stack
cmp     ax, DMI_SUCCESS               ; Successful?
jne     error                          ; No, go handle error
```

DMI_CONTROL_LOGGING Control Word

Word Bit Position	Meaning if Set
0	Enable Event Logging (overall)
1	Enable Correctable Memory Error Events' Logging
2	Disable the logging of POST errors
3 - 15	Reserved for future assignment by this specification, set to 0.

C.5 General Purpose Nonvolatile Storage Interface

A General-Purpose NonVolatile (GPNV) area is a persistent general-purpose storage area managed by the System Management BIOS. Multiple GPNV areas can be supported by a particular BIOS implementation. The size, format and location of a GPNV are not defined by this specification nor is the number of GPNV areas — these attributes are OEM-specific.

A GPNV storage area is not a requirement for a System Management BIOS. It is one method that might be used to store the System Event Log (see section 3.3.16, page 43). A GPNV storage area is not necessarily dedicated to the System Management functions of the BIOS, it can also be used by other services which require non-volatile storage.

A *Handle* parameter is passed into the GPNV function calls to specify which GPNV area is to be accessed. The *Handle* for the first GPNV area is 0, with remaining GPNV areas identified by *Handle* values 1, 2, 3... *n*, where (*n*+1) is the total number of GPNV areas supported by a particular BIOS implementation.

A *GPNVLock* parameter provides a mechanism for cooperative use of the GPNV. The *GPNVLock* value is set on a Read GPNV request (function 56h) and cleared on a Write GPNV request (function 57h). The BIOS compares the value of the *GPNVLock* which is set on a Read GPNV request with the value of the *GPNVLock* passed as a parameter into the GPNV Write request — if they match, the GPNV Write request succeeds and the GPNV data area will be updated on completion of the GPNV Write; if the lock values do not match, the BIOS does not update the GPNV area and DMI_CURRENTLY_LOCKED is returned. *Note*: GPNV locks are held until unlocked, even through system power and reboot cycles. The method used to preserve the GPNV Locks through boot cycles is left up to the system designer.

A BIOS might choose to “hide” a GPNV area by defining a special lock value which is required to access the area. In this case, the special *GPNVLock* value must be supplied with the GPNV read and write requests or the function is failed by the BIOS with DMI_INVALID_LOCK.

A lock set request *succeeds* when there is no outstanding lock set at the time that the Read GPNV request (Function 56h) is made. A lock set request *fails* when there is already a lock set as the result of a previous Read GPNV request (which has not yet been cleared with a Function 57h Write GPNV request) or when a predefined lock value is required in order to access a particular GPNV area and the *GPNVLock* value provided by the caller does not match the required value.

The BIOS makes no attempt to enforce mutually-exclusive access to the GPNV — it is up to callers of GPNV Read to ensure unique *GPNVLock* values (e.g. process ID).

C.5.1 Function 55H – Get General-Purpose NonVolatile Information

Synopsis:

```
short FAR (*entryPoint)(
    short Function,                /* PnP BIOS Function 55h */
    unsigned short FAR *Handle,    /* Identifies which GPNV to access */
    unsigned short FAR *MinGPNVRWSize, /* Minimum buffer size in bytes for GPNV access */
    unsigned short FAR *GPNVSize,    /* Size allocated for GPNV within the R/W Block */
    unsigned long FAR *NVStorageBase, /* 32-bit physical base address for... */
                                    /* ... mem. mapped nonvolatile storage media */
    unsigned short BiosSelector );  /* PnP BIOS readable/writable selector */
```

Description: *Required for GPNV support.* This function returns information about a General Purpose NonVolatile (GPNV) area. The *Handle* argument is a pointer to a number that identifies which GPNV's information is requested, a value of 0 accesses the first (or only) area.

On return:

**Handle* is updated either with the handle of the next GPNV area or, if there are no more areas, 0FFFFh. GPNV handles are assigned sequentially by the system, from 0 to the total number of areas (minus 1).

- **MinGPNVRW Size* is updated with the minimum size, in bytes, of any buffer used to access this GPNV area. For a Flash based GPNV area, this would be the size of the Flash block containing the actual GPNV.
- **GPNVSize* is updated with the size, in bytes, of this GPNV area (which is less than or equal to the *MinGPNVRWSize* value).
- **NVStorageBase* is updated with the paragraph-aligned, 32-bit absolute physical base address of this GPNV. If non-zero, this value allows the caller to construct a 16-bit data segment descriptor with a limit of *MinGPNVRWSize* and read/write access. If the value is 0, protected-mode mapping is not required for this GPNV.

Returns:

If successful - DMI_SUCCESS

If an Error (Bit 7 set) or a Warning occurred the Error Code will be returned in AX, the FLAGS and all other registers will be preserved

Example:

The following example illustrates how the ‘C’ style call interface could be made from an assembly language module:

```

push        BiosSelector
push        segment/selector of NVStorageBase
push        offset of NVStorageBase
push        segment/selector of GPNVSize
push        offset of GPNVSize
push        segment/selector of MinGPNVRWSize
push        offset of MinGPNVRWSize
push        segment/selector of Handle
push        offset of Handle
push        GET_GPNV_INFORMATION           ; Function number, 55h
call        FAR PTR entryPoint
add         sp, 20                         ; Clean up stack
cmp         ax, DMI_SUCCESS                ; Function completed successfully?
jne         error

```

C.5.2 Function 56H – Read General-Purpose NonVolatile Data**Synopsis:**

```

short FAR (*entryPoint)(
    short Function,                /* PnP BIOS Function 56h */
    unsigned short Handle,         /* Identifies which GPNV is to be read */
    unsigned char FAR *GPNVBuffer, /* Address of buffer in which to return GPNV */
    short FAR *GPNVLock,          /* Lock value */
    unsigned short GPNVSelector,   /* Selector for GPNV Storage */
    unsigned short BiosSelector ); /* PnP BIOS readable/writable selector */

```

Description: *Required for GPNV support.* This function is used to read an entire GPNV area into the buffer specified by *GPNVBuffer*. It is the responsibility of the caller to ensure that *GPNVBuffer* is large enough to store the entire GPNV storage block - this buffer must be at least the *MinGPNVRWSize* returned by Function 55h - Get GPNV Information. The *Handle* argument identifies the specific GPNV to be read. On a successful read of a GPNV area, that GPNV area will be placed in the *GPNVBuffer* beginning at offset 0. The protected-mode selector *GPNVSelector* has base equal to *NVStorageBase* and limit of at least *MinGPNVRWSize* — so long as the *NVStorageBase* value returned from Function 55h was non-zero.

Passing a *GPNVLock* value of -1 to the GPNV Read causes the *GPNVLock* value to be ignored — in this case the underlying logic makes no attempt to store a lock value for comparison with lock values passed into GPNV Write. Any value provided for *GPNVLock* besides -1 is accepted as a valid value for a lock request.

Returns:

If the GPNV lock is supported and the lock set request succeeds, the caller's *GPNVLock* is set to the value of the current lock and the function returns *DMI_SUCCESS*.

If the GPNV request fails, one of the following values is returned:

- *DMI_LOCK_NOT_SUPPORTED*
- *DMI_INVALID_LOCK*
- *DMI_CURRENTLY_LOCKED*

For return status codes *DMI_SUCCESS*, *DMI_LOCK_NOT_SUPPORTED* and *DMI_CURRENTLY_LOCKED*, the GPNV Read function returns the current contents of the GPNV associated with *Handle* as the first *GPNVSize* bytes within *GPNVBuffer*, starting at offset 0. If a lock request fails with *DMI_CURRENTLY_LOCKED* status, the caller's *GPNVLock* will be set to the value of the current lock.

Example:

The following example illustrates how the 'C' style call interface could be made from an assembly language module:

```

push      BiosSelector
push      GPNVSelector
push      segment/selector of  GPNVLock
push      offset of GPNVLock
push      segment/selector of GPNVBuffer
push      offset of GPNVBuffer
push      Handle
push      READ_GPNV_DATA          ; Function number, 56h
call      FAR PTR entryPoint
add       sp, 16                  ; Clean up stack
cmp       ax, DMI_SUCCESS         ; Function completed successfully?
jne       error

```

C.5.3 Function 57H – Write General-Purpose NonVolatile Data

Synopsis:

```

short FAR (*entryPoint)(
    short Function,                /* PnP BIOS Function 57h */
    unsigned short Handle,         /* Identifies which GPNV is to be written */
    unsigned char FAR *GPNVBuffer, /* Address of buffer containing complete GPNV to write*/
    short GPNVLock,               /* Lock value */
    unsigned short GPNVSelector,   /* Selector for GPNV Storage */
    unsigned short BiosSelector ); /* PnP BIOS readable/writable selector */

```

Description: *Required for GPNV support.* This function is used to write an entire GPNV from the *GPNVBuffer* into the nonvolatile storage area. The *Handle* argument identifies the specific GPNV to be written. The protected-mode selector *GPNVSelector* has base equal to *NVStorageBase* and limit of at least *MinGPNVRWSize* — so long as the *NVStorageBase* value returned from *Get GPNV Information* was non-zero. The caller should first call *Read GPNV Data* (with a lock) to get the current area contents, modify the data, and pass it into this function — this ensures that the *GPNVBuffer* which is written contains a complete definition for the entire GPNV area. If the BIOS uses some form of block erase device, the caller must also allocate enough buffer space for the BIOS to store all data from the part during the reprogramming operation, not just the data of interest.

The data to be written to the GPNV selected by *Handle* must reside as the first *GPNVSize* bytes of the *GPNVBuffer*. *Note:* The remaining (*MinGPNVRWSize*-*GPNVSize*) bytes of the *GPNVBuffer* area are used as a scratch-area by the BIOS call in processing the write request; the contents of that area of the buffer are destroyed by this function call.

The *GPNVLock* provides a mechanism for cooperative use of the GPNV, and is set during a GPNV Read (Function 56h). If the input *GPNVLock* value is -1 the caller requests a forced write to the GPNV area, ignoring any outstanding *GPNVLock*. If the caller is not doing a forced write, the value passed in *GPNVLock* to the GPNV Write must be the same value as that (set and) returned by a previous GPNV Read (Function 56h).

Returns:

The GPNV Write function returns a value of DMI_LOCK_NOT_SUPPORTED when a *GPNVLock* value other than -1 is specified and locking is not supported. A return status of DMI_CURRENTLY_LOCKED indicates that the call has failed due to an outstanding lock on the GPNV area which does not match the caller's *GPNVLock* value. Any outstanding *GPNVLock* value (which was set by a previous **Error! Reference source not found.**) gets cleared on a successful write of the GPNV.

Example:

The following example illustrates how the 'C' style call interface could be made from an assembly language module:

```
push        BiosSelector
push        GPNVSelector
push        GPNVLock
push        segment/selector of GPNVBuffer
push        offset of GPNVBuffer
push        Handle
push        WRITE_GPNV_DATA                ; Function number, 57h
call        FAR PTR entryPoint
add         sp, 14                        ; Clean up stack
cmp         ax, DMI_SUCCESS                ; Function completed successfully?
jne         error
```

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