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Verification of the Realm Management Monitor ABI



### **OVERVIEW**

- → ARM CCA Overview
- + RMM Specification
- + RMM Verification
- + Conclusion



# **Confidential Computing**

#### Motivation

- Applications processing sensitive data increasingly run on cloud providers.
- Applications must trust supervisor software, e.g. OS kernels and hypervisors. Those components can contain vulnerabilities that risk data confidentiality and integrity.

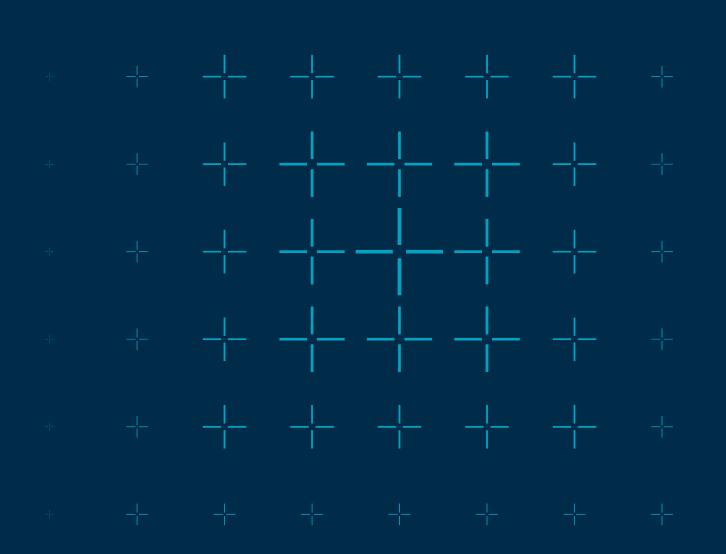
#### + Solution

• Confidential computing removes the supervisor's right to access (read/modify) the resources used by the application, while retaining the right to manage them.



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# **ARM CCA Overview**



### Arm CCA architecture overview

+ Arm CCA is Arm's new trusted execution environment (TEE) solution for confidential compute. It introduces a new kind of environment called Realm.

Hardware Component

RME

Comprises of four worlds of different security domains. (Secure, Non-secure, **Realm**, Root)

**Software Component** 



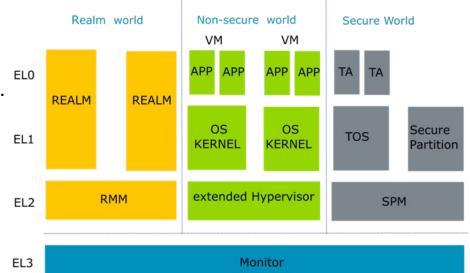
Constitutes the Realm world firmware of Arm CCA.



### Arm CCA architecture overview

#### The **architecture** comprises of **four** worlds:

- Non Secure world: Hosts feature rich operating systems and hypervisors.
- Realm World: Offer Realms, which host protected virtual machines.
  - Realms can be destroyed and created dynamically.
  - Are used and provided by software executing in the non-secure world.
  - Provide an environment for confidential computing.



Root world

- Realm owners need not trust the (non secure) software components that manage the Realm's resources.
- -- Root World: Hosts the monitor, which is responsible for transitioning between worlds.
- + **Secure World**: Hosts trusted applications that run under a trusted operating system.
  - Constrained and not dynamically-resized memory.
  - Configured and provisioned by the platform manufacturer.



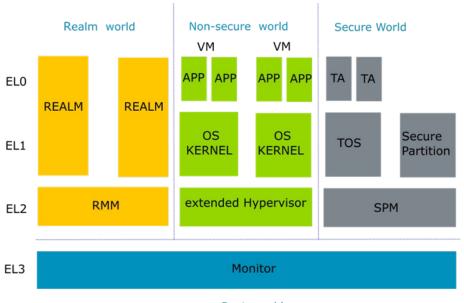
### Arm CCA trust model

#### + Realms trust

- Arm CCA hardware (RME)
- Own OS (R-EL0 trusts R-EL1)
- Firmware: RMM and monitor code (TF-A)

#### + Realms do not trust

- Non-secure host code (hypervisor and NS OS)
- Secure world

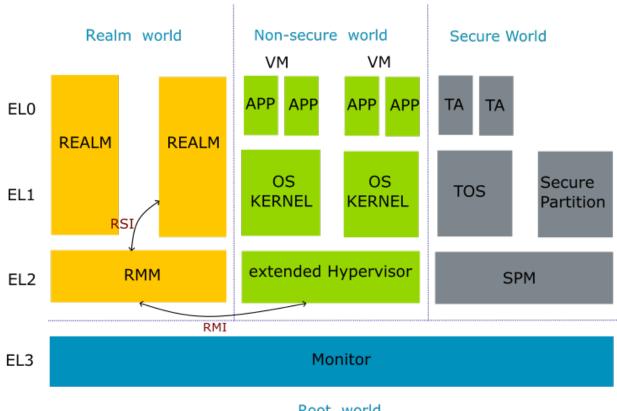


Root world



### RMM interface overview

- RMM is responsible for protecting the confidentiality and integrity of the Realm.
- + Provides cryptographic services that allow a Realm to protect assets which are associated with it.
- Provides a Realm Management Interface (RMI) which allows the host (extended hypervisor) to manage the life cycle of the realm indirectly.
- Provides Realm Services Interface (RSI) for attestation and other realm services.



Root world



# Realm Memory Management

- + A key element of confidential compute is *memory management*
- → Physical memory split into 4K granules (pages)
- + A granule protection mechanism controls cross-world access to granules
  - Protection tables are managed by monitor at EL3
- + RMM maintains stage-2 page tables
  - Provides cross-Realm memory protection
  - Stage 1 tables map virtual addresses to intermediate physical addresses (IPAs)
  - Stage 2 tables map IPA to physical addresses (PAs)



# RMM Specification and Verification

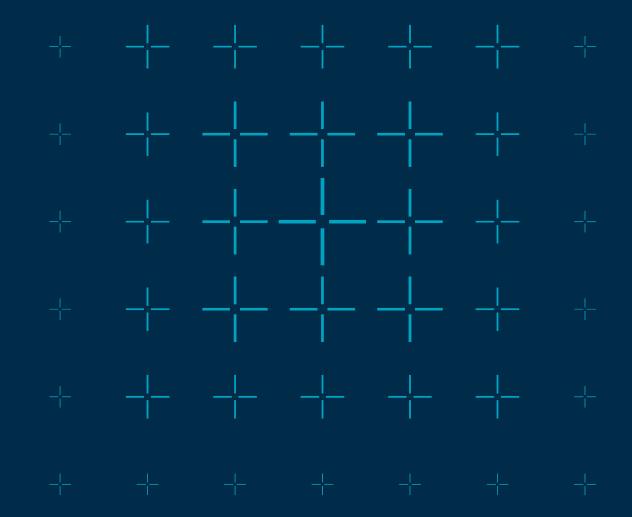
- → We have verified the RMM specification (using HOL4)
- → We have also verified a C code implementation (using CBMC)
- + The specification is presented in a PDF
- → We translate this into HOL4 code
  - We validate the model
  - We verify an invariant





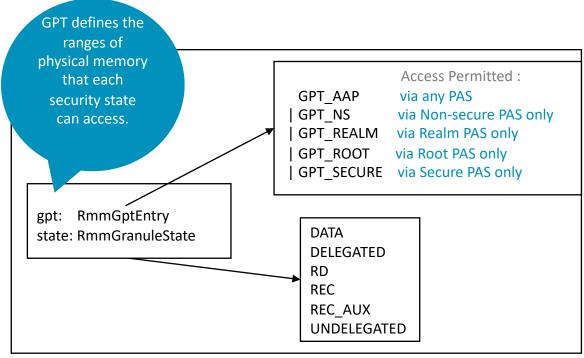
### RMM SPECIFICATIONION

The published version of RMM specification is v1.0 however many silicon vendors target v1.1 which is currently in alpha stage.



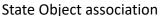
### RMM state

- The RMM ABI is described in the document (DEN0137\_1.0-EAC5)
- The specification presents several abstract types for representing RMM objects.
- + RMM objects are described by granules + metadata associated with them.



**Granule State** 

State	Granule Object			
UNDELEGATED	Not realm world granule			Non-Secure/Secure/Root PAS
DELEGATED	Realm world granule			
RD	Realm Descriptor			
DATA	Protected Data			Realm PAS
RTT	Realm Translation Table			
REC	Realm Execution Context			
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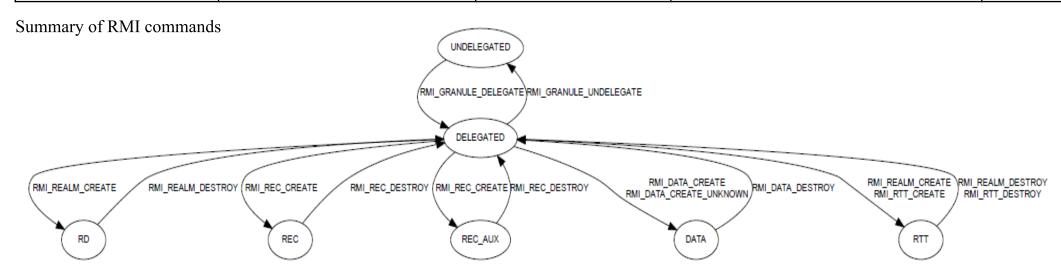




### RMM commands

#### RMI commands change the state and ownership of granules

Controlling realm life cycle	Transitioning between Realm and NS world	Controlling Realm Executions Context	Controlling page tables	Controlling data life cycle
RMI_REALM_CREATE RMI_REALM_ACTIVATE RMI_REALM_RUN RMI_REALM_DESTROY	RMI_GRANULE_DELEGATE RMI_GRANULE_UNDELEGATE	RMI_REC_CREATE RMI_REC_ENTER RMI_REC_AUX_COUNT RMI_REC_DESTROY	RMI_RTT_CREATE RMI_RTT_DESTROY RMI_RTT_FOLD RMI_RTT_INIT_RIPAS RMI_RTT_READ_ENTRY RMI_RTT_SET_RIPAS RMI_RTT_MAP_UNPROTECTED RMI_RTT_UNMAP_UNPROTECTED	RMI_DATA_CREATE RMI_DATA_CREATE_UNKNOWN RMI_DATA_DESTROY





## Commands in RMM specification

#### The RMM command definition consist of:

- + A function identifier (FID): A value which identifies a particular RMM command.
- + A set of input values: Values read by the RMM command from general-purpose registers.
- A set of output values: Values written by the RMM command to general-purpose registers.
- + Failure conditions: Pairs of pre (triggers the failure) and post (constrains post-state after failure) conditions.
- + A success condition: Constrains the post state after successful execution of the RMM command.
- + Footprint items: Lists of state attributes that can be updated on successful execution of the command.



# Example of RMM command: RMI.RTT.Destroy

#### B4.3.16.2 Failure conditions

ID	Condition
rd_align	<pre>pre: !AddrIsGranuleAligned(rd) post: ResultEqual(result, RMI_ERROR_INPUT)</pre>
rd_bound	<pre>pre: !PaIsDelegable(rd) post: ResultEqual(result, RMI_ERROR_INPUT)</pre>
rd_state	<pre>pre: Granule(rd).state != RD post: ResultEqual(result, RMI_ERROR_INPUT)</pre>
level_bound	<pre>pre: (!RttLevelIsValid(rd, level)</pre>
ipa_align	pre: !AddrIsRttLevelAligned(ipa, level - 1) post: ResultEqual(result, RMI_ERROR_INPUT)
ipa_bound	<pre>pre: UInt(ipa) &gt;= (2 ^ Realm(rd).ipa_width) post: ResultEqual(result, RMI_ERROR_INPUT)</pre>
rtt_walk	<pre>pre: walk.level &lt; level - 1 post: (ResultEqual(result, RMI_ERROR_RTT, walk.level)     &amp;&amp; (top == walk_top))</pre>
rtte_state	<pre>pre: walk.rtte.state != TABLE  post: (ResultEqual(result, RMI_ERROR_RTT, walk.level)     &amp;&amp; (top == walk_top))</pre>
rtt_live	<pre>pre: RttIsLive(Rtt(walk.rtte.addr)) post: (ResultEqual(result, RMI_ERROR_RTT, level)</pre>

B4.3.16.1.1 Input values

Name	Register	Bits	Туре	Description
fid	X0	63:0	UInt64	FID, value 0xC400015E
rd	X1	63:0	Address	PA of the RD for the target Realm
ipa	X2	63:0	Address	Base of the IPA range described by the RTT
level	X3	63:0	Int64	RTT level

B4.3.16.3 Success conditions

ID	Condition
rtte_state	walk.rtte.state == UNASSIGNED
ripas	<pre>walk.rtte.ripas == DESTROYED</pre>
rtt_state	<pre>Granule(walk.rtte.addr).state == DELEGATED</pre>
rtt	rtt == walk.rtte.addr
top	top == walk_top

#### B4.3.16.1.3 Output values

Name	Register	Bits	Туре	Description
result	X0	63:0	RmiCommandReturnCode	Command return status
rtt	X1	63:0	Address	PA of the RTT which was destroyed
top	X2	63:0	Address	Top IPA of non-live RTT entries, from entry at which the RTT walk terminated

#### B4.3.16.4 Footprint

ID	Value
rtt_state	Granule(walk.rtte.addr).state
rtte	<pre>RttEntry(walk.rtt_addr, entry_idx)</pre>



# Page table entries within the RMM

### Host view (HIPAS value)

**ASSIGNED**: Address associated with **DATA** Granule.

**UNASSIGNED**: Address associated with any Granule.

### Realm view (RIPAS value)

**EMPTY**: Address where no Realm resources are mapped.

**RAM**: Address where private code or data owned by the Realm is mapped.

**DESTROYED**: Address which is inaccessible to the Realm due to an action taken by the Host.

Protected IPA

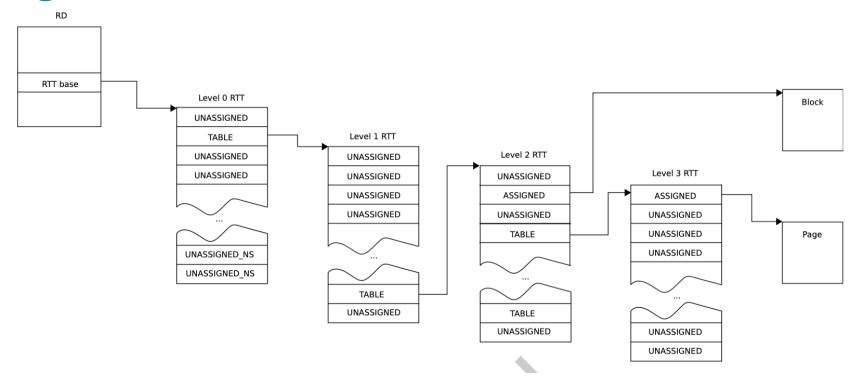
Unprotected IPA

ASSIGNED\_NS: Address associated with an NS granule.

**UNASSIGNED\_NS**: Address not associated with any Granule



## Page Table Walks



#### walk = RttWalk (rd, ipa, level)

Constrains the walk to be the result of attempting a page table walk under

- Realm = rd
- IPA (Intermediate Physical Address) = ipa
- Requested depth of walk = *level*

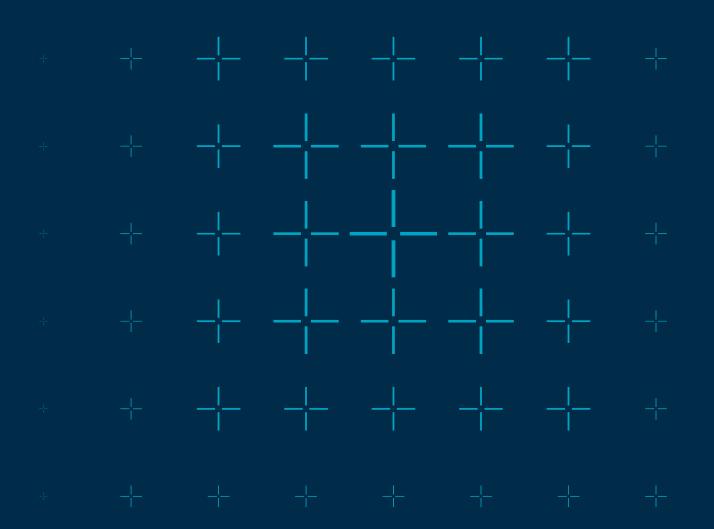
- HIPAS and RIPAS values are stored in Realm Translation Tables (RTTs).
- The RTT starting level (RTT level of the root of an RTT tree) is set when a Realm is created and the address of the first starting level RTT is stored in the rtt\_base attribute of the owning Realm.
- An RTT entry contains an output address which can point to one of the following:
  - Another RTT
  - A DATA Granule which is owned by the Realm
  - Non-Secure memory which is accessible to both the Realm and the Host





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### RMM VERIFICATION



### RMM verification

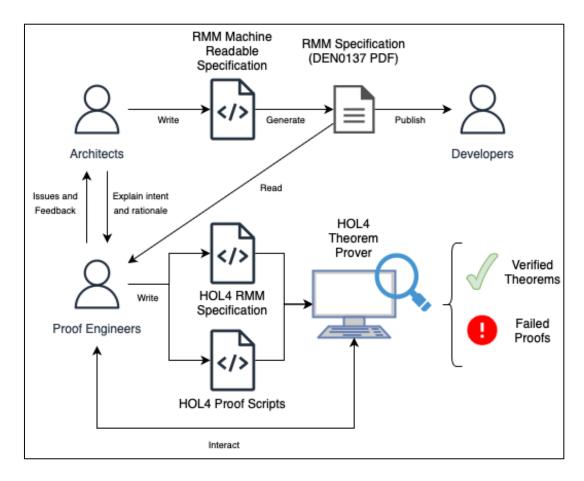
#### Verification efforts

- + CBMC Verification of RMM implementation: Verifies that the reference implementation satisfies the specification.
- + HOL4 Verification of RMM specification: Validates the coherence of the specification by proving invariants and properties.



### Objective

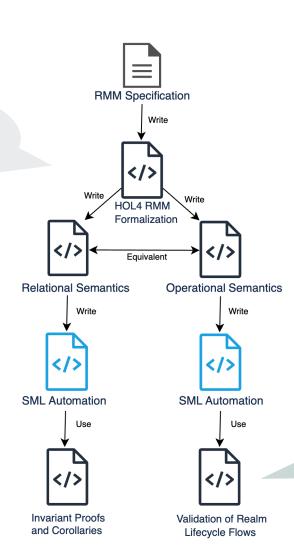
- Identify as early as possible parts of the source specification that are unclear or ambiguous.
- Prove that important invariants as well as desirable security properties for Realms are enforced by the specification.



**HOL4** verification workflow



- Are the spec. definitions clear and accurate?
- Does the text describe the definitions, adequately convey their intended meaning?
- Are any definitions missing?
- Missing inputs/outputs?
- Are the commands sound?
- Missing pre/post conditions?
- Unsatisfiable pre/post conditions?
- What security properties must be maintained during execution?
- Does the spec. adhere to these properties?

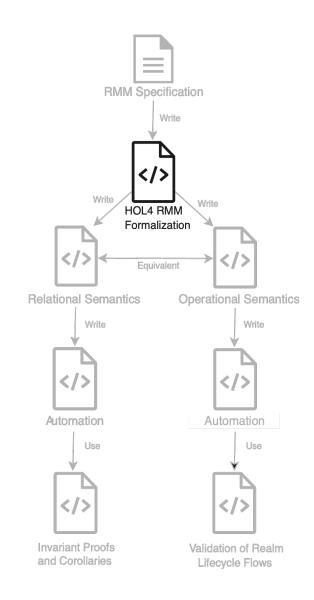


- Do RMM commands behave as expected?
- What is the set of reachable states?



#### **HOL4** state

- → We translate the RMI and RSI commands into a HOL4 relation manually.
- → We try to keep the formalization as close as possible to the specification.
- + The formalization process helps us identify parts of specification that are ambiguous.
- Manual translation allows as to handle new features selectively.





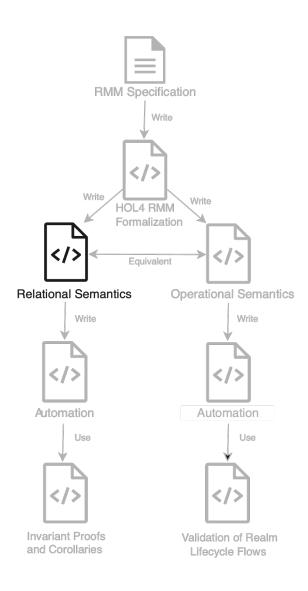
#### **HOL4** state

```
Datatype: RmmGptEntry =
  GPT_AAP
                                                                 Datatype: Object =
   GPT NS
                                                                     REC_object RmmRec
   GPT REALM
                                                                     Realm_object RmmRealm
   GPT ROOT
                                                                     RTT_object RmmRtt
   GPT_SECURE
                                                                                  NonSecureObject
                                                                     NS_object
End
                                                                     NULL
                                                                  End
Datatype: RmmGranuleState =
   DATA
   DELEGATED
   RD
                                                              Datatype: State = <|
   REC
                                                                          : word64[32];
   REC_AUX
                                                                  Granule Address |-> RmmGranule # Object
   RTT
   UNDELEGATED
                                                              End
End
Datatype: RmmGranule = <|</pre>
                                                              The HOL4 formalization of the state
   gpt : RmmGptEntry;
   state : RmmGranuleState
  |>
```



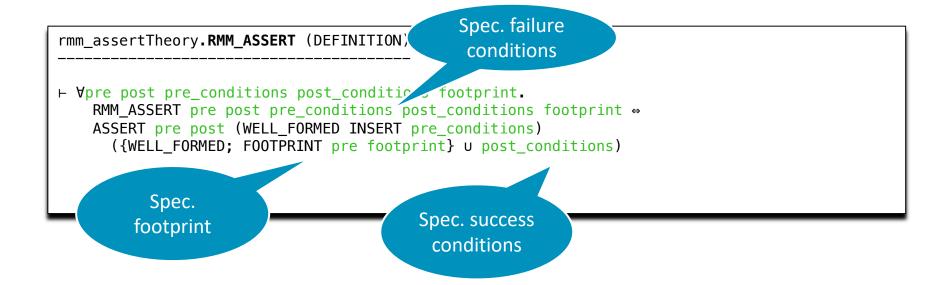
#### Relational Semantics

- The relational semantics for the RMI and RSI commands are modeled with the predicates "RMI\_COMMAND pre post" and "RSI\_COMMAND pre post" respectively.
- + "RMI\_COMMAND pre post": Is true if there is an RMI command that can transition from state "pre" to state "post".
- + "RSI\_COMMAND *pre post*" Is true if there is an RSI command that can transition from state "*pre*" to state "*post*".





Relational Semantics





#### **Relational Semantics**

```
Inductive RMI GRANULE COMMAND:
  (* RMI GRANULE DELEGATE failure case *)
  (!pre post.
    RMM ASSERT pre post
       { X 0 RMI_GRANULE_DELEGATE;
        X 1 addr;
        Granule addr granule_addr;
        GranuleDelegateError (addr, granule addr) result }
       { X 0 result }
      { GPR 0 } ==>
    RMI GRANULE COMMAND pre post)
  (* RMI_GRANULE_DELEGATE success case *)
  (!pre post.
    RMM ASSERT pre post
       { X 0 RMI_GRANULE_DELEGATE;
        X 1 addr;
        Granule addr granule addr:
        NoGranuleDelegateError (addr, granule_addr) result }
       { X 0 result;
         Granule addr granule_addr';
         K (granule addr' = granule addr with
                                <| state := DELEGATED;
                                   gpt := GPT_REALM |>) }
      { GPR 0; GRAN addr; OBJ addr } ==>
    RMI GRANULE COMMAND pre post)
  (* RMI_GRANULE_UNDELEGATE failure case *)
  (* RMI_GRANULE_UNDELEGATE succes case *)
End
```

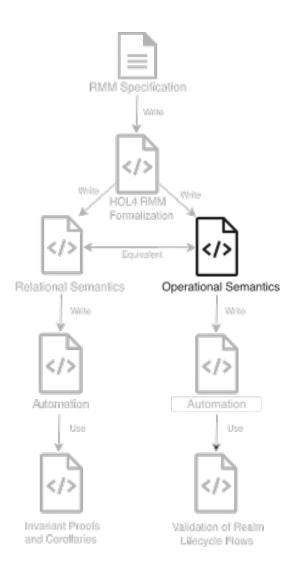
```
Definition RMI_COMMAND:
    RMI_COMMAND pre post <=>
    RMI_DATA_COMMAND pre post \/
    RMI_GRANULE_COMMAND pre post \/
    RMI_REALM_COMMAND pre post \/
    RMI_REC_COMMAND pre post \/
    RMI_RTT_COMMAND pre post \/
    RMI_OTHER_COMMAND pre post \/
    RMI_DA_COMMAND pre post
End
```

Definition of RMI\_COMMAND predicate



### **Operational Semantics**

- The operational semantics is defined as HOL4 functions that implement RMM commands.
- We prove that the HOL4 function that model each RMI/RSI command satisfy its corresponding axiomatic specification.
- → The operational semantics is executable and can be used to run the model.





### **Operational Semantics**

```
Definition RmiNext:
  RmiNext state =
  let fid = state.GPR ' 0 in
    if fid = RMI FEATURES then
     RmiFeaturesNext state
    else if fid = RMI GRANULE DELEGATE then
      RmiGranuleDelegateNext state
    else if fid = RMI_GRANULE_UNDELEGATE then
     RmiGranuleUndelegateNext state
    else if fid = RMI REALM ACTIVATE then
     RmiRealmActivateNext state
    else if fid = RMI REALM CREATE then
      RmiRealmCreateNext state
    else if fid = RMI_REALM_DESTROY then
     RmiRealmDestroyNext state
    else if fid = RMI REC AUX COUNT then
    . . .
  End
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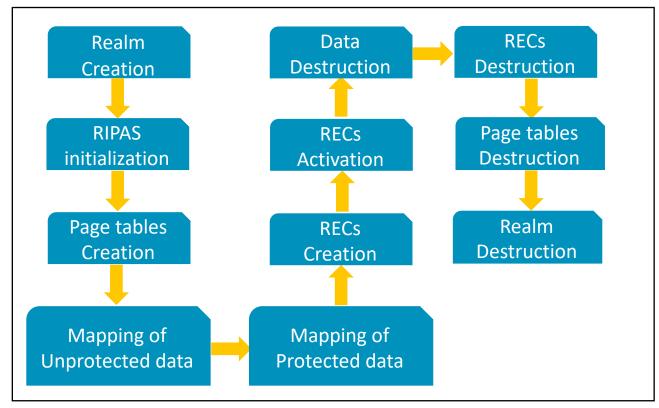
**RmiNext definition** 

Theorem for soundness of operational semantics

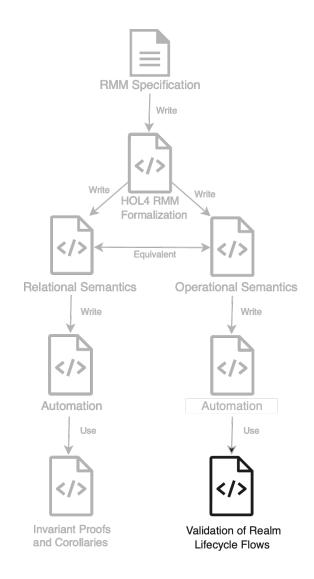


Exploring and validating realm lifecycle flows

+ We use the verified operational semantics and HOL4 automation to to run the specification.



Main realm lifecycle flow





Exploring and validating realm lifecycle flows

#### Command Datatype

```
Definition COMMANDS:
  (COMMANDS pre [] post = (pre = post)) /\
  (COMMANDS pre (command::commands) post =
      ?next. COMMAND pre command next /\ COMMANDS next commands
post)
End
```

**COMMANDS** Definition

The automation takes a theorem

⊢ COMMANDS pre c post anda sequence of commands s and returns

 $\vdash$  COMMANDS pre (c + + s) post'



### Exploring and validating realm lifecycle flows

```
val rd = ``0w: Address``
val rtt base = ``0x4000w: Address``
val params ptr = ``0x1000w: Address``
val params =
 ``RealmParams object
   <| s2sz := 48w;
      rtt level start := 0;
      rtt num start := 1;
      rtt base := ^rtt base;
      hash algo := RMI HASH SHA 256;
      rpv := 0w:
      vmid := 0w
val RealmCreate = commands0 ``initial state`` |> commands`
 Move 0 RMI GRANULE DELEGATE,
 Move 1 ^rd,
 RMI,
 Move 0 RMI GRANULE DELEGATE,
 Move 1 ^rtt base,
 RMI,
 Store ^params ptr (SOME ^params1),
 Move 0 RMI_REALM_CREATE,
 Move 1 ^rd,
 Move 2 ^params ptr,
 RMI,
 Store ^params ptr NONE`
```

#### Realm Creation example

#### **B4.3.9 RMI REALM CREATE command**

Creates a Realm.

See also:

- A2.1 Realm
- · A2.1.6 Realm parameters
- . B4.3.10 RMI\_REALM\_DESTROY command
- . D1.2.1 Realm creation flow

#### B4.3.9.1 Interface

#### B4.3.9.1.1 Input values

Name	Register	Bits	Туре	Description
fid	X0	63:0	UInt64	FID, value 0xC4000158
rd	X1	63:0	Address	PA of the RD
params_ptr	X2	63:0	Address	PA of Realm parameters

#### B4.3.9.1.2 Context

The RMI\_REALM\_CREATE command operates on the following context.

Name	Type	Value	Before	Description
params	RmiRealmParams	RealmParams(params_ptr)	false	Realm parameters

#### B4.3.9.1.3 Output values

Name	Register	Bits	Туре	Description
result	X0	63:0	RmiCommandReturnCode	Command return status

#### B4.3.9.2 Failure conditions

ID	Condition		
params_align	<pre>pre: !AddrIsGranuleAligned(params_ptr) post: ResultEqual(result, RMI_ERROR_INPUT)</pre>		
params_bound	<pre>pre: !PaIsDelegable(params_ptr) post: ResultEqual(result, RMI_ERROR_INPUT)</pre>		
params_pas	<pre>pre: !GranuleAccessPermitted(params_ptr, PAS_NS) post: ResultEqual(result, RMI_ERROR_INPUT)</pre>		
params_valid	<pre>pre: !RmiRealmParamsIsValid(params_ptr) post: ResultEqual(result, RMI_ERROR_INPUT)</pre>		
params_supp	<pre>pre: !RealmParamsSupported(params) post: ResultEqual(result, RMI_ERROR_INPUT)</pre>		



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 RMI,
 Store ^params_ptr (SOME ^params1),
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 Move 1 ^rd,
 Move 2 ^params_ptr,
 RMI,
 Store ^params_ptr NONE`
```

Realm Creation example

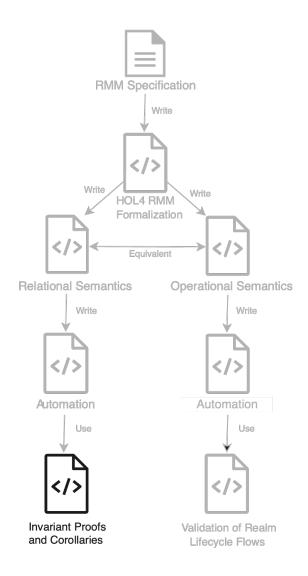
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val RealmCreate =
   [..]
  ⊢ COMMANDS initial state
                                                            Pre-state
        Move 0 RMI_GRANULE_DELEGATE;
        Move 1 0x0w;
                                                          Commands
        RMI;
        Move 0 RMI_GRANULE_DELEGATE;
        Move 1 0x4000w;
        RMI;
        Store 0x1000w
          (SOME
             (RealmParams_object
                 <|s2sz := 0x30w; hash_algo := RMI_HASH_SHA_256; rpv := 0x0w;
                  vmid := 0x0w; rtt_base := 0x4000w; rtt_level_start := 0;
                  rtt_num_start := 1|>));
        Move 0 RMI_REALM_CREATE;
        Move 1 0x0w;
        Move 2 0x1000w;
        RMI;
        Store 0x1000w NONE
      <|GPR := (0 :+ 0x0w) ((1 :+ 0x0w) ((2 :+ 0x1000w) ARB.GPR));
        Granule :=
          all_undelegated (
                                                            Post-state
            0x0w >
               (<|gpt := GPT_REALM; state := RD|>,
               Realm object
                 <|ipa_width := 48;
                   measurements :=
                     FCP i.
                       if i = 0 then
                         RimInit RMI HASH SHA 256
                           <|s2sz := 0x30w; hash_algo := RMI_HASH_SHA_256;
                             rpv := 0x0w; vmid := 0x0w; rtt base := 0x4000w;
                             rtt_level_start := 0; rtt_num_start := 1|>
                       else 0x0w; hash algo := RMI HASH SHA 256;
                    rec_index := 0; rtt_base := 0x4000w;
                   rtt_level_start := 0; rtt_num_start := 1; state := NEW;
                    vmid := 0x0w; rpv := 0x0w|>);
            0x1000w >> (<|gpt := GPT_NS; state := UNDELEGATED|>, NULL);
            0x4000w →
               (<|gpt := GPT_REALM; state := RTT|>,
               RTT_object
                 (Aindex.
                      if w2n index < 256 then UNASSIGNED EMPTY_
                      else UNASSIGNED_NS))
             l>: thm
```



#### **RMM** Invariant

- + The invariant expresses important security properties about the components of the state.
- It splits in four main parts

```
Definition OWNERSHIP_INVARIANT:
   OWNERSHIP_INVARIANT =
   BIGINTER { REALM_INVARIANT; REC_INVARIANT; REC_AUX_INVARIANT;
WALK_INVARIANT }
End
```





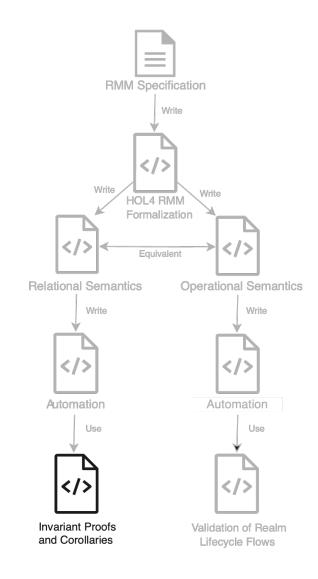
#### **RMM** Invariant

#### + Realm invariant

- The attributes realm.ipa\_width,realm.rtt\_level\_start and realm.rtt\_num\_start are consistent and valid according to the VMSA.
- realm. ipa\_width is less than or equal to RMM\_MAX\_S2SZ.
- Each of the root page table granules are delegable and are in state RTT. There are  $realm.rtt\_num\_start$  such granules, starting at address  $realm.rtt\_base$ .

#### → REC invariant

- There is no aliasing of the identifier rec. mpidr.
- There exists a Realm object realm, located at rec. owner, which is the REC's owner.
- rec.mpidr is lower than realm.rec\_index.
- There exists a collection of REC\_AUX objects associated with the REC that can be uniquely located via the array rec.aux. [The number of REC\_AUX objects is Realm dependent. ...





### Walk entry invariant

```
Definition WALK ENTRY INVARIANT:
 WALK ENTRY INVARIANT state rd (realm: RmmRealm) ipa walk =
  case walk.rtte of
  | TABLE a => walk.level < RMM RTT PAGE LEVEL /\ WALK OWNED RTT state rd a
  | ASSIGNED rtte =>
      RttLevelIsBlockOrPage state rd walk.level /\
      AddrIsRttLevelAligned rtte.addr walk.level /\
      (!a. a IN LevelAddresses walk.level ipa ==> AddrIsProtected a realm) /\
      let addresses = LevelAddresses walk.level rtte.addr in
       WALK OWNED DATA state rd addresses /\
       DATA NO ALIAS state rd realm ipa walk.level addresses
  | ASSIGNED NS rtte =>
      RttLevelIsBlockOrPage state rd walk.level /\
     AddrIsRttLevelAligned rtte.addr walk.level /\
      (!a. a IN LevelAddresses walk.level ipa ==> ~AddrIsProtected a realm)
  | => walk.level <= RMM RTT PAGE LEVEL
End
```

walk.level is strictly lower than
RMM\_RTT\_PAGE\_LEVEL

- walk.level = 1,2,3
- PA is aligned in accordance with the page table level.
- IPA for the walk is a Protected address.
- For every aligned PA at this level there is a granule in state DATA. Data is only mapped once in the Protected IPA space and it can only be reached by its owner.

- walk.level = 1,2,3
- PA is aligned in accordance with the page table level.
- IPA for the walk is a not Protected address.



### Current and future work

- Device assignment: RMM is updated to allow a device to be assigned to a Realm (19 new commands)
- + Planes: A realm can be divided into mutually isolated execution environments (9 new commands)





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