Designing for Next Generation Best-In-Class Platform Responsiveness

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Responsiveness in BIOS?

- Traditionally Slow boot times
- Longer-than-wanted resume times
- ACPI S-State vs. Latency Trade-offs
- Limiting usage models
  - Stale Web content, Specific Target OS
- Potential for customization
  - Scaling the embedded point-solution up/out
  - Unmanageable code/source

Major Improvements Possible with UEFI
**The Human Factor**

**Our Brain’s Perception**
- **Immediate** < 200mS
- **Impatient** 2+ seconds
- **Lost** 4+ seconds

*Miller 1968*

**Hard to Detect Variations**
- 75% of people cannot detect change of +/- 8% between 2s and 4s
- From 0.6 to 0.8 seconds was 10% variation
- From 6 to 30 seconds, a 20-30% variation

**What does this mean to developers?**

- **Low Power Resume** <200-300mS
- **Splash Screen(s)** <2 seconds
- **S4/S5 Resume** <4 seconds

Excellent, Good, Fair
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**Achieve Responsiveness with UEFI**

**Commonality across Client Segments**
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Active Resume BIOS Update

Usage & Benefits

**System Sleep, S3**

![Image showing transition from System Sleep to System On]

*Was 2+ Seconds, Now <1 Second*

**Power Sequence**
- BIOS Resume
- OS Resume
- Panel Timing

**Benefits**
- Faster S3
- Shared SEC/PEI with S4/S5 boot
- Intel® Rapid Start Technology
- Intel® Smart Connect Technology

**Applies to**
- Any Intel® Core CPU, Intel® 7 Series CS
- CPU Core Integrated Graphics
- UEFI BIOS
## Intel 2010 Customer Reference Board - S3 Resume Experiments

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* - Certain SEC routines and PEI dispatcher and other overhead may not be accounted for in table above. Dozen+ steps took less than 1mS and registered 0mS.

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Total of ~200mS spent on CPU PEI init; 65% of the total BIOS S3 resume time.
S3 Optimization Prototype Results

### Preliminary savings 100mS

- Moved from 33MHz to 50MHz SPI
- House Keeping per latest BIOS specs
  - Manage APs in batch mode
  - Loading MUs in parallel
  - Enabling Caches in parallel
  - Any semaphores should be 128B aligned

### Final Results: <100mS

- Turn on Prefetching before uCode load
- Do not detect TPM presence more than once
- Remove unused code paths
- Shadow Setup menu variable in block read
- Use smarter AP initialization loops
- Cache CPU PEI in memory before execution

* - based on Intel CRB with specific configuration without a TPM

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Active Resume BIOS provides a starting point

- Work with your IBV to achieve optimized S3 path
- Request this feature from your motherboard vendor
- Talk to your Graphics Vendor about restart of drivers
- Talk to your OS vendor about Resume time, Panel Timing request
- Talk to your Panel Vendor about minimizing backlight timings
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Intel® Rapid Start Technology

Usage & Benefits

**Requirements**

- UEFI BIOS with Intel UEFI Ref Code
- Private SSD partition equal to memory size
- Special Partition Table entry into GPT
- Additional ACPI hooks and security precautions for SSD/SMRAM.

**Benefits**

- Replaces OS hibernate function with BIOS function
- HW Powers down to S5 state
- OS resumes back as if from S3

![Diagram showing System Sleep, S4/S5 and System On, S0 with a power sequence: Power Sequence, BIOS Resume / Memory Restore, OS Resume, Panel Timing.](image)

<5 Second
**Intel® Rapid Start Technology Overview**

**State Diagram**

- **HW S0**
  - **OS S0**
    - **OS Resume Flow**
    - **S3 Resume**
    - **“Waking”**
    - **Memory contents restored**
    - **Optimized BIOS Resume Flow**
    - **End user / resume event**
    - **Rapid Start Exit**

- **HW S3**
  - **OS S3**
    - **“Sleeping”**
    - **Configurable Timer Expires**
    - **Memory copy to SSD**
    - **Hardware powered down**
    - **Rapid Start Entry**

- **HW S4**
  - **OS S3**
    - **“OFF”**

- **OS S3**
  - **BIOS Resume Flow**
  - **S3 Wake Event**
  - **S3 Suspend**
  - **“Sleeping”**

- **“ON”**

**End user / resume event**

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**S0 Resume - Intel® Rapid Start Technology compared to Windows* 7 and MacBook* Air**

**Notes/Source:**
All data is based on SATA2 SSD. Performance may vary per device generation and current workload.

- **Windows* 7** - Intel reference platform, Windows*7 OS, Intel® Core™ i5 CPU, 4GB of memory, Intel® Series 6 Chipset. OS hibernate resume
- **MacBook* Air** - MC505LL/A 11”, 4 GB 1066 MHz DDR3, 1.4GHz Core™ 2 Duo, after sleeping for greater than 70 minutes
- **Rapid Start** - Win7 Hardware with Intel® Rapid Start Technology applied

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**Idle**

- 1.6 to 2.8 times Faster

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**Loaded**

- 1.3 to 2.1 times Faster
Intel® Rapid Start Technology Summary

- Improves Existing OS boot time experience
- Saves power and battery life over S3
- Performance can vary with:
  - SSD data-readiness time
  - SATA generation of drive/controller
  - OS Application Load
- Works with and Complements:
  - Active Resume BIOS Update
  - Intel® Smart Connect Technology
  - Intel® Smart Response Technology

Contact your BIOS vendor
UEFI Reference code available under NDA through Intel Field
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**Intel® Smart Response Technology**

- Combines capacity of HDD with speed of an SSD
- Two storage devices look like a single device to the OS and user
- Uses standard (SATA) ports for both drives.

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**Benefits**

- High Performance - System Boots and Applications load with SSD-like performance
- Less Cost – than large capacity SSD
- Large Capacity - equal traditional HDD
- Lower Power - avoids spinning up HDD as often

**Requirements**

- Intel® 6 & 7 Series Chipset supporting RAID (i.e. H77, Z77, Q77, Z68)
- Both SSD and HDD installed and active
- SATA-connected SSD of at least 20GB
- mSATA port is optional but provides small space for SSD upgrade option
- Requires the RAID Legacy Option ROM or UEFI driver to be supported in BIOS
Intel® Smart Response Technology

Demo
Intel® Smart Response Technology Summary

- Improves Existing OS boot time and runtime experience
- Saves power by using primarily SSD and leaving HDD spun down
- Performance can vary with:
  - SATA generation of drive/controller
- Works with and Complements:
  - Intel® Smart Connect Technology
  - Intel® Rapid Start Technology

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USB2 Enumeration Timing*

- Based on Intel reference platform, Intel® Core™ i5 processor with Intel® Series 6 chipset.
- Performance varies per number or type of USB devices
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<td>RMH ports are powered from the motherboard. No power on delay needed. 100mS per RMH saved.</td>
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<td>Optimal RMH Ports Reset handling</td>
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<td>Only perform reset if device connected.</td>
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<td>EHCI driving shorter reset to RMH. Instead of driving the reset signal for 50ms, do so for 3ms</td>
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<td>But continue to drive 50ms reset signal in warm reset path. Possible to have 2 RMH reset at parallel</td>
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- Based on Intel customer reference platform Intel® Core i5 processor with Intel® Series 6 chipset
- Above applies for EHCI, XHCI will be optimized as the technology and products mature.
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Factors Effecting Boot Speed

• Hardware Power Planes and Power Sequencing
  – Provide Separate Power Plane for ME
  – Specify tighter than 100mS PCI Spec delay for Power Supplies
  – Shorten Power Button De-bounce in Embedded Controllers
  – Specify Display Panel timing to what the HW is capable of, not specification

• Storage Solution Selection
  – SSD > 2x faster than HDD
  – SSD Data Readiness timing
  – SATA2 vs. SATA3

• SPI
  – Higher Frequency is better
  – Number of Bytes per Read

Build the motherboards for speed
Talk with your Suppliers
Select the right parts
Factors Effecting Boot Speed

• Processor
  – Higher Frequency is better
  – Less No. of Cores/Threads is faster boot, but slower runtime performance

• Main Memory
  – Higher Frequency is better
  – Less No of Banks is faster boot, but slower runtime performance

• Video & Graphics
  – Controller & Panel Timings important
  – UEFI Graphic Output Protocol driver is faster
  – Single Graphics solution is faster

• Security
  – Trusted Platform Module will add time
  – Secure & Measured Boots will add time

• Platform Features
  – More Complex the solution, the longer it may take to boot (RAID example)
  – Remote Boot enabled and checked will affect boot

Work with your IHVs
Be aware of trade offs
Factors Effecting Boot Speed

- **OS Needs/Requirements**
  - Reduce OS Image Size
  - Enable User Interface sooner
  - Needing Keyboard as a boot device

- **Enable Class 3 UEFI Solution**
  - No CSM support

- **Tool used to measure speed**
  - Injects delays if not done properly
  - Methods may vary per tool used

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- **Work with your IHVs**
- Be aware of trade offs
Factors Effecting Boot Speed

- A Pessimistic Mentality in System Developers
  - “It’s only a few Milliseconds”
  - “S3 is fast enough”
  - “It’s a systemic problem”
  - “Even if the BIOS disappears, the OS is still slow”

Don’t Ignore YOUR role in Responsiveness
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Intel 2012 Responsiveness Technologies: Improves User Experience

**Off**
- Intel® Rapid Start Technology

**Active**
- Intel® Smart Response Technology
  - Snappy performance
  - PC Saves Power

**Idle/Suspend**
- Intel® Smart Connect Technology
- Active Resume BIOS Update
- Intel® Rapid Start Technology
  - PC Conserves energy by entering low and lower power system states
  - PC content remains ‘fresh’ and receives cloud notifications
  - PC resumes to active state Quickly

UEFI Intelligent Infrastructure makes these technologies happen
Summary

• Rethink your PC-AT based assumptions about Responsiveness

• Build in Complementary Responsiveness Technologies
  - Active BIOS Resume Update
  - Intel® Rapid Start technology
  - Intel® Smart Response Technology
  - Intel® Smart Connect Technology

• Drive Responsiveness from your HW & UEFI Layers up

• Achieve a more responsiveness with UEFI

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Q&A
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tomk@hdnw.com, (425) 943-5515 ext 42234. Use product name “Tunnel Mountain” when ordering

Comes with class 2 CSM and UEFI enabled firmware
Download site has Class 3 UEFI only firmware(nocsm)

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Backup
Typical Power on Flow Button to Browse

- Power Button Wake Event
- CPU RESET
- TSC Start
- PLT RESET#
- Memory Init Complete
- Shadow Complete
- Drivers Loaded
- Load Image()
- Drivers Execute
- 2nd stage Boot Loader
- OS Kernel
- OS Apps

BIOS Time:
- Power Sequencing
- SEC
- PEI
- DXE
- BDS

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**Intel® Smart Connect Technology**

**Usage Model**

- User closes lid and system enters sleep
- System finds matching access point or timer expires
- System enters low power-on state
- Enabled applications sync with cloud
- System resumes sleep mode and resets timer

**Benefits**

- Desired content is already updated on the system when user wants it
- Content on the system synchronizes with the cloud service, no manual interaction
- Quicker access to internet, data and applications
**Intel® Smart Connect Technology BIOS Requirements**

- New Intel Smart Connect Technology ACPI pseudo device object:
  - Toggle Feature On/Off
  - Toggle Notification (LED alerts, etc)
  - Indication of active periodic wakes
  - Toggle Power to WLAN (or WWAN) Module in Sleep, Hibernate, or Intel® Rapid Start Technology
  - Set RTC upon entrance to S3
  - Enables proper Platform Wake Events (EC, Power Button, RTC)

- Enable system to wake via WLAN

- Disable RTC wakes from S4 (OS Hibernate)
  - RTC wakes only to be cleared when BIOS is requested by OS to enter S4
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State Change Example

- **S0 Normal - User actively using system**
- **User initiates Standby. Wakeup timer or NetDetect to process ISCT actions**
- **System Resumes in S0-ISCT mode and ISCT performs its actions and initiates S3 entry**
- **S0 Normal - User Resumes the system to S0 and performs regular S0 activity. ISCT waits for next user initiated S3 for restarting AOAC actions.**

**System Activity vs Time**

- S0 Normal
- S3
- S0-iSCT Activity
- S0-iSCT Activity
- System Resumes in S0-ISCT mode and ISCT performs its actions and initiates S3 entry
Intel® Smart Connect Technology is a new Usage Model

• A new Usage model that improves runtime experience with fresh data on resume

• Performance/Feature benefits enhanced with:
  – SSD installed vs. an HDD
  – Intel® Smart Response Technology
  – Intel® Rapid Start Technology
  – Active Resume BIOS Update
  – Better OS & Application resume and suspend time

• Ask your BIOS vendor and Software Vendor about support

Contact your Intel Field Sales representative for more information
Platform Architecture Overview

Intel® Smart Connect Technology (SCT)

Complete solution stack delivering seamless connectivity experience

Supplier Key

Intel | OS | OEM/SP | IHV | ISV/IBV

Motherboard (power rail support)

CPU | PCH | WLAN: Intel® WiFi with NetDetect

BIOS: SCT ACPI

3G NIC with QuickConnect

WLAN/WWAN Drivers

Windows* Connection Manager

SCT UI + Service

HotSpot Support – click-thru & credential caching

HotSpot Billing – managing paid Hot Spots

SCT Enabled Apps – optimized S0 time

UI/Daemon
Manage Config and Update triggers

VPN

OS Comms Ifc

Software Stack (Windows* Based Example)
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## ACPI Extensions

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UEFI BIOS Start & Finish Line
Time Measurement at “Finish Line”

- Starting line is CPU RESET exit

- Finish Line is “start of call to LoadImage() on the successful boot target”
  - Same for built-in EFI shell or EFI Boot Manager (x64 Windows)
    - Keep logging all LoadImage() for multiple boot targets
    - Report the LoadImage() call of the 1st successful boot target image as BDS end-point
  - INT19 is equivalent to “connect to device with the image to load”
    - Close to LoadImage() of the successful OS load

- TSL (Transient System Load) phase overlaps with OS Loader
  - TSL phase is described in the Framework as the time before the final OS environment
  - TSL phase starts when BDS phase ends
  - TSL phase ends when ExitBootServices() is called (regardless if INT19 legacy interface is used or not)

- DP64.efi will show BIOS boot time as SEC+PEI+DXE+BDS
  - TSL time will be shown but not counted towards BIOS Boot Time
  - TSL time + BIOS Boot time will give us closer number compared to Xperf (Windows) tool view of BIOS POST time.