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**Data Movement in Heterogeneous
Memories with Intel Data Streaming
Accelerator**

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1 Introduction

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1.1 A Section

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Name	Y	Z
<i>Foo</i>	20,614	23 %
<i>Bar</i>	9,914	11 %
<i>Foo + Bar</i>	30,528	34 %
<i>total</i>	88,215	100 %

Table 1.1: Various very important looking numbers and sums.

More text referencing Table 1.1.

1.2 Another Section

Citing [Bel05] other documents [Bel05; Boi06] and Figure 1.1.

Something with umlauts and a year/month date: [BD04].

And some online resources: [Gre04], [Hub89]

1.3 Yet Another Section

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1.4 Test commands

DROPS L⁴LinuxNOVA QEMU memcpy A sentence about BASIC. And a correctly formatted one about ECC.

1.5 Test Special Chars

Before you start writing your thesis please make sure that your build setup compiles the following special chars correctly into the PDF! If for example ß is printed as 'SS' then you should fix this! There are a few hints in the repository in `preamble/packages.txt`.

ö ä ü Ö Ä Ü ß < >



Figure 1.1: A long description of this squirrel figure. Image taken from http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Sciurus-vulgaris_hernandeangelis_stockholm_2008-06-04.jpg

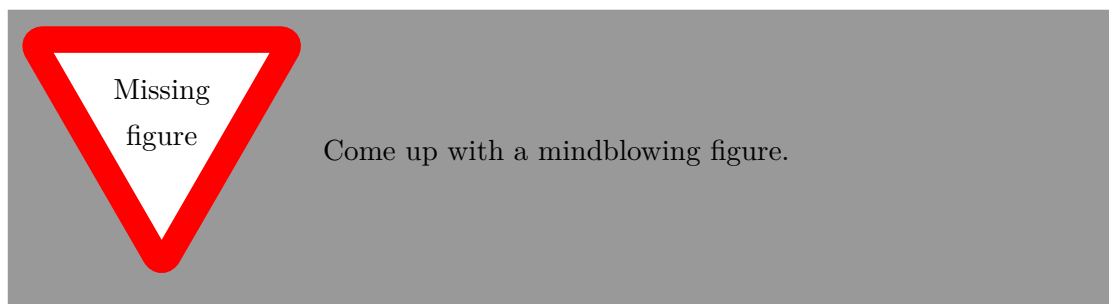


Figure 1.2: A mindblowing figure

2 Technical Background on Intel DSA

Intel DSA is a high-performance data copy and transformation accelerator that will be integrated in future Intel® processors, targeted for optimizing streaming data movement and transformation operations common with applications for high-performance storage, networking, persistent memory, and various data processing applications. [Int22a, p. 15]

Introduced with the 4th generation of Intel Xeon Scalable Processors [Int22b], the DSA promises to alleviate the CPU from ‘common storage functions and operations such as data integrity checks and deduplication’ [Int22b]. This chapter will give an overview of the architecture, software and the interaction of these two components. The reader will be familiarized with the setup and equipped with the knowledge to configure the system for a specific use case.

2.1 Architecture

To be able to optimally utilize the Hardware, knowledge of its workings is required to make educated decisions. Therefore, this section describes both the workings of the DSA engine itself (referred to as internal architecture) and the way it integrates with the rest of the processor (external architecture). All statements are based on Chapter 3 of the Architecture Specification by Intel [Int22a].

As the accelerator is directly integrated into the CPU, a system with multiple processors, as it is common in servers, will also have multiple DSAs. These engines are accessible via the CPUs IO-Fabric as a PCIe device, and submit memory requests through this BUS directly to the see Glossary on Input/Output Memory Management Unit (IOMMU). Configuration of the device on a low level is done through memory-mapped I/O registers that are set in the see Glossary on Base Address Register (BAR), which is also used to set the location of work submission portals. Through these portals, the so-called work descriptors are handed over to the device for processing.

- possibly more performance with multiple engines per group (and single WQ) to cover over high latency address translation [Int22a, p. 25]
- drain descriptor / drain command signals completion of preceding descriptors for fencing in non-batch submissions, in batches the “fence flag” can be used to ensure ordering, failures before a fence will lead to the following descriptors being aborted [Int22a, p. 30], `sfence` or `mfence` should be executed before pushing drain descriptor [Int22a, p. 32]

consider adding projected use cases as in the architecture specification here

- cache control flag in descriptor controls whether writes are directed to cache or to memory [Int22a, p. 31] effects on copy from DRAM > HBM unknown
- shared WQ receive work via 'PCIe deferrable memory write request' to the portal which removes the need for synchronization of submissions but can cost more due to the communication overhead of posting a write request and waiting for it to be signalled 'completed' [Int22a, p. 23]
- dedicated WQ are configured by the driver with a specified PASID for address translation and can not be shared by multiple clients [Int22a, p. 24]

2.2 HW/SW Setup

Give the reader the tools to replicate the setup. Also explain why the BIOS-configs are required.

Setup Requirements:

- VT-d enabled
- limit CPUPA to 46 Bits disabled
- IOMMU enabled
- kernel with iommu and DSA support
- kernel option "intel_iommu=on,sm_on"

Software Configuration: Describe intel accel-config and how it works with back reference to architecture.

Software Access: Explain how a piece of software may access the DSA/WQ, how the drivers and dsa libraries enable this and also how access policies are enforced.

2.3 Microbenchmarks

2.4 Evaluation

provide microbenchmarks with multiple configurations and for many use cases

evaluate the benchmarks and conclude with projected use cases - may use the cases from dsaspec/guide

3 Design

3.1 Introduction VAMPIR

- Hardware Overview with CPU/RAM/HBM/NUMA-Nodes in Graph
- Overview of Software with query-pipeline

3.2 Analysis of Applicability of DSA

- Benchmark the amount of time spent on memory operations in VAMPIR
- Back-reference to the Microbenchmarks and conclusion on possible gains

4 Implementation

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5 Evaluation

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6 Future Work

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7 Conclusion And Outlook

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Glossary

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BAR

see Glossary on Base Address Register

Base Address Register

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D

DSA

Intel Data Streaming Accelerator

I

Input/Output Memory Management Unit

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IOMMU

see Glossary on Input/Output Memory Management Unit

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