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- Passion for **hard research targets**, sprawling technological stacks, ultra narrow edge memory corruptions and non-trivial exploit engineering
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- My project: **Zero Day Engineering** {0days.engineer}
 - training and (soon) deep vulnerability research intelligence subscriptions

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About this talk

- Primary focus of this talk is on the modern state and system internals of **Qualcomm DIAG (QCDM)**, a proprietary baseband management and diagnostics protocol which is included in Qualcomm's baseband OS on all Snapdragon SoCs (SDxxx) and MDM/MSM/SDM cellular modem chips
- Modern Qualcomm cellular modems run on a custom silicone (QDSP6) with Qualcomm-proprietary ISA named **Hexagon**, in which all the Qurt RTOS code is written, including DIAG handlers and OTA vectors
- With a bit of generalized **overview of baseband vulnerability research** for those who actually read the slides

It started around 2 years ago...

During past 3 years I was working on **virtualization and hypervisor vulnerability research** and exploit dev. In early 2019 I just completed a little research project with Microsoft Hyper-V [HYPERVISORS], was getting bored with hypervisors and looking for something new and challenging to put my brain to for a short-term distraction.

Basebands are challenging for the same reasons as hypervisors, though to a larger extent: the technological stack is enormously extensive and varied; data flows traverse multiple privilege boundaries; lowest level operations stand on the brink of pure Physics; a combination of ultra-low-level access requirements with remote wireless attack vectors.

Basebands let **no trivial debugging introspection**, which an instantly fun challenge for low-level hacking lovers like myself. On most modern OTS implementations JTAG is fused and the baseband OS doesn't export any kernel debugging facilities (similar to iOS)

Also, I had an old **USRP** B100 (sic!) from my hackerspace foundation period, that needed some good usage

Let's get started
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Agenda

1, **2**: research directors,
C-level and everyone else

2, **3**: security researchers,
software engineers, hackers

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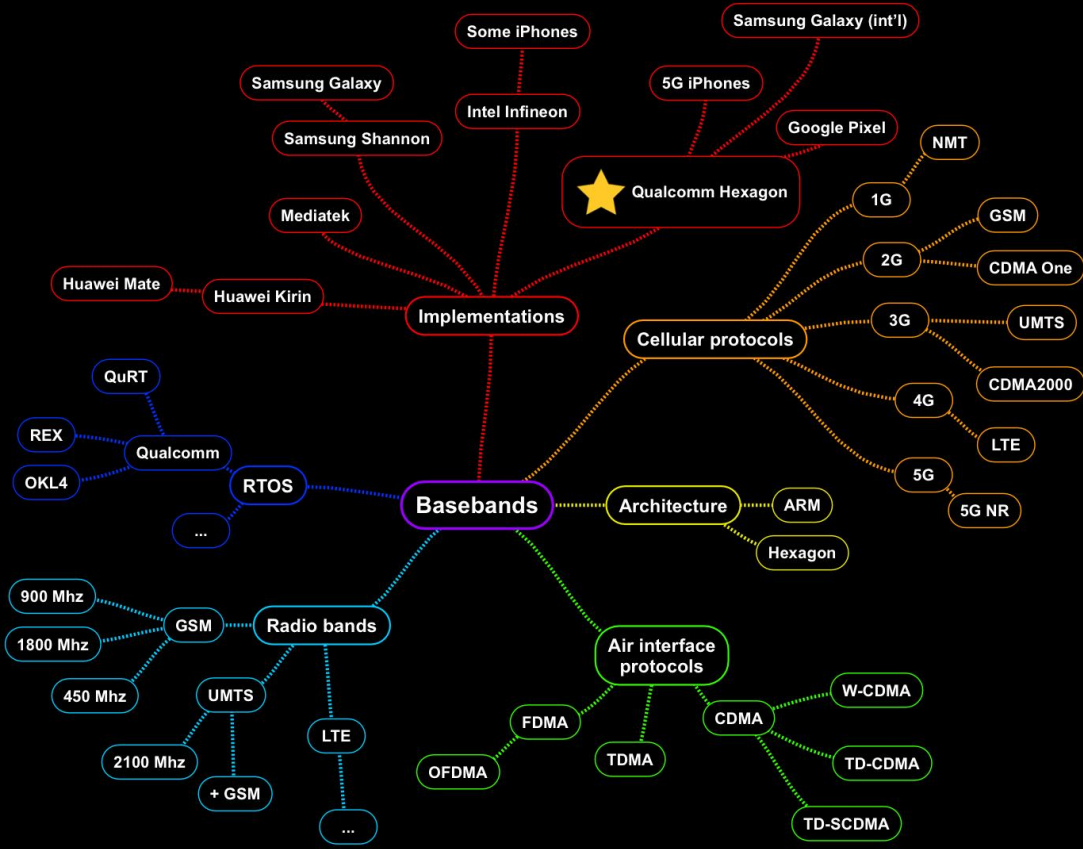
- The Big Picture **1**
 - Basebands technological landscape
 - Generalized architecture & threat models
 - Security research overview
- Hexagon baseband **2**
 - Architecture overview
 - Hardening observations
 - Reverse-engineering
- DIAG protocol **3**
 - Architecture & system internals
 - Diagchar driver & Qualcomm SMD/SMEM
 - New commands and capabilities
 - diagtalk

Part 1

The Big Picture

Cellular technologies 101

Cellular technology landscape (UE side)



Cellular protocols

Generation	Technology name	Air interface	Specifications	Comments
1G	NMT	FDMA		analog
2G	GSM	TDMA, FDMA	GSM 04.07, 04.08	
	CDMA One / IS-95	CDMA		Qualcomm
3G	UMTS	W-CDMA, TD-CDMA, TD-SCDMA	TS 24.007, TS 24.008, TS 44.018	
	CDMA2000 / IS-2000	CDMA		Qualcomm
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GSM+ layers and 3gpp / ETSI standards

- L0 (unofficial): RF driver and hardware boundary
- L1: Physical layer
- L2: Data Link layer
- L3: Network layer

6.1 Services expected from Layer 2

The services provided by layer 2 are described in [2], [15] and [16].

6.2 Services expected from Layer 1

The services provided by layer 1 are described in [2].

[2] 3GPP TS 25.301: "Radio Interface Protocol Architecture".

[15] 3GPP TS 25.321: "Medium Access Control (MAC) protocol specification".

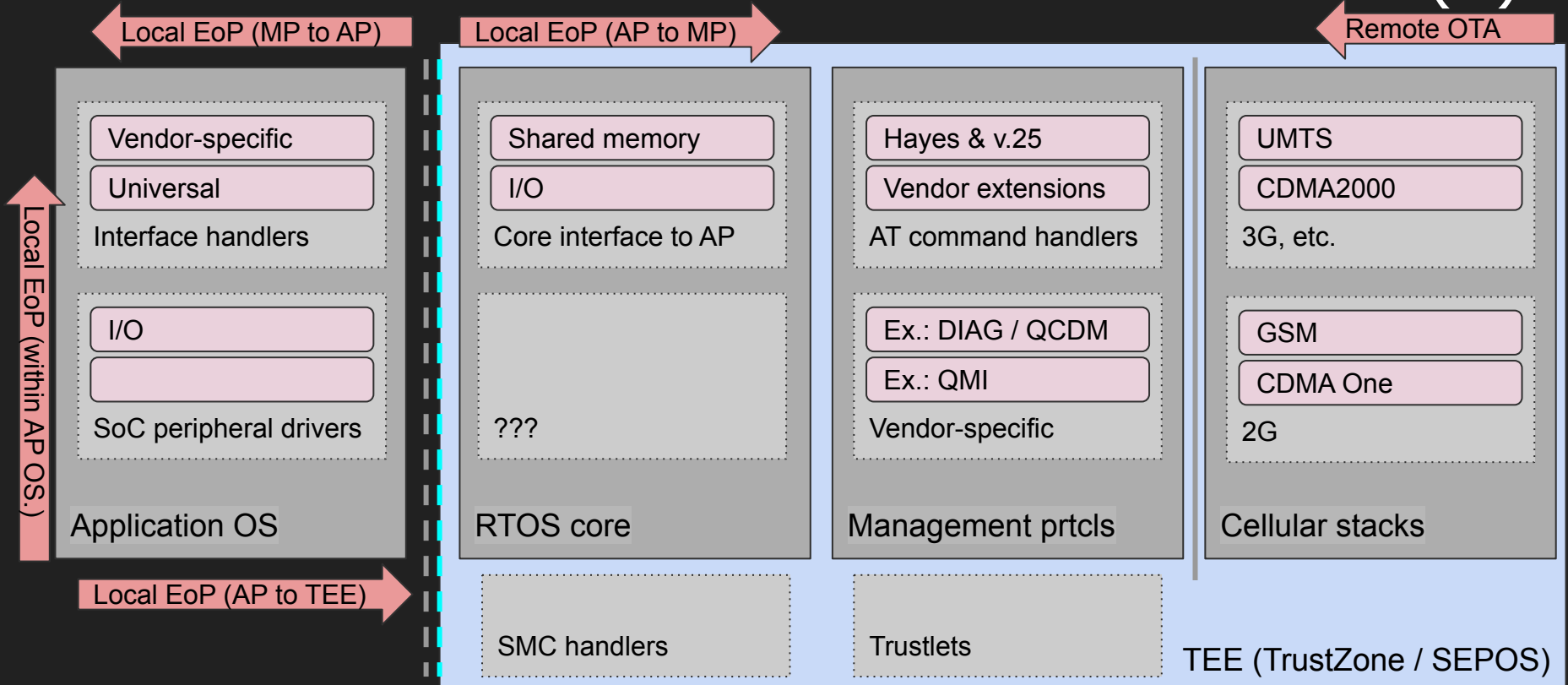
[16] 3GPP TS 25.322: "Radio Link Control (RLC) protocol specification".

-  L0_Access Stratum (TS123110_v11.0.0).pdf
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-  L1_Services provided by the physical layer (TS125302_v8.xx).pdf
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Generalized baseband architecture + threat model

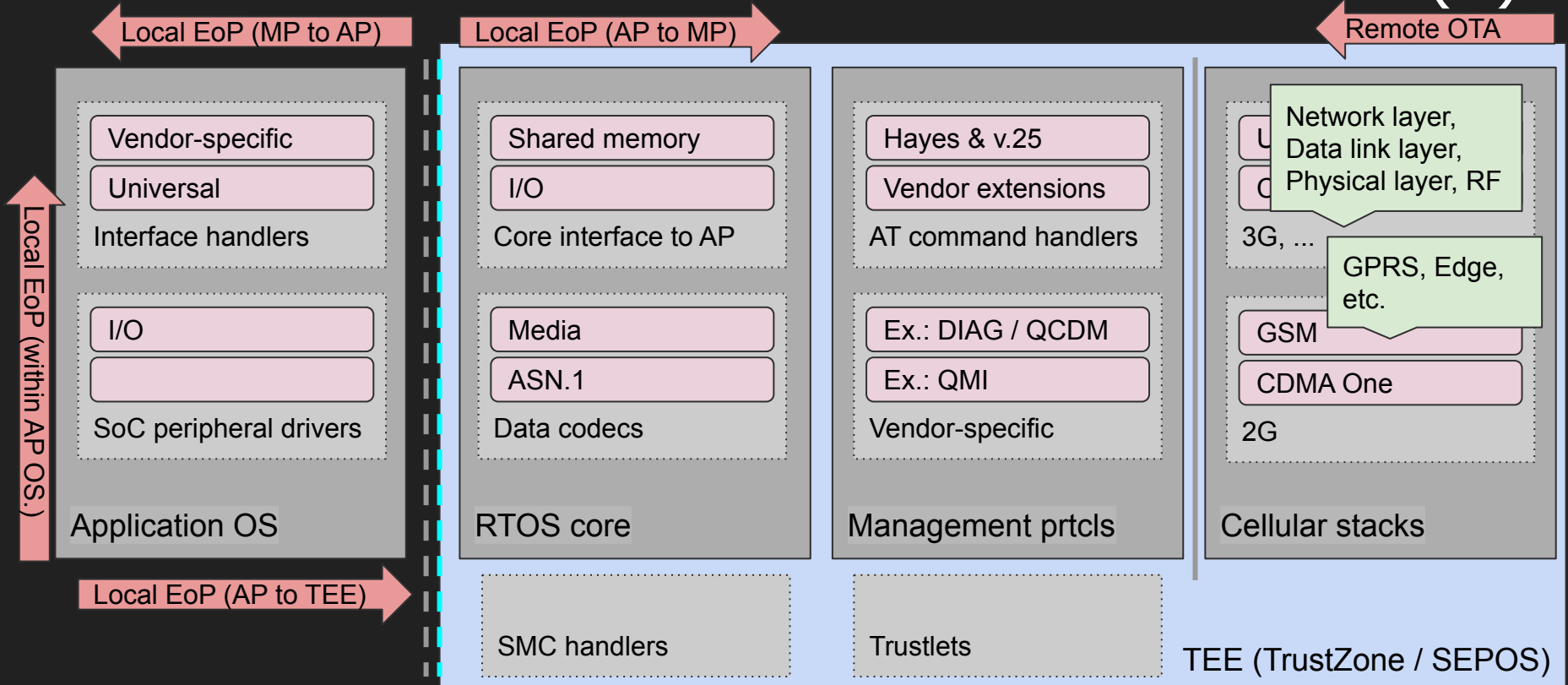
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Basebands: architecture + threat models (1)



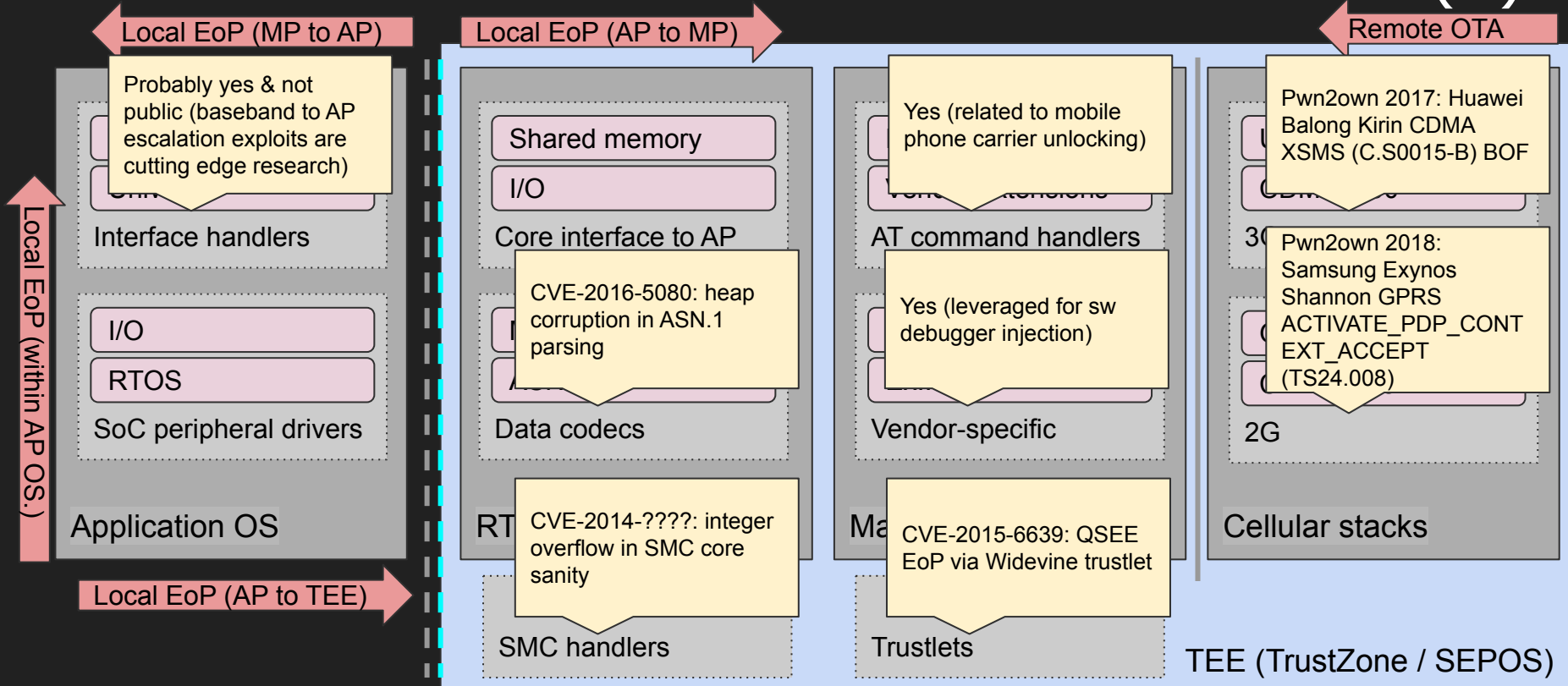
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Basebands: architecture + threat models (2)



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Basebands: architecture + threat models (3)



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Baseband offensive research

Baseband offensive research landscape: OTA

How to

- Fake base station based on SDR
 - Related: "IMSI catcher"
- Reverse-engineering modem fw
 - Medium to hard complexity
 - + static analysis
- Fuzzing
 - Live (in-memory or open device)
 - Emulated

Targets

- Implementations
 - Shannon, Kirin, Hexagon, Infineon
- Protocols, layers, specific functions

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Hardware

- SDR: Ettus Research USRP, Blade RF, etc.
- Advanced: Agilent 8960, CMU200, etc.
- Dev boards
- JTAG tools

Software

- GSM: OpenBTS, YateBTS
- UMTS: OpenBTS-UMTS
- LTE: srsLTE
- CDMA: **none**

Why Hexagon?

Initially Hexagon intrigued me due to the **esoteric architecture**. While majority of basebands are based on ARM, Qualcomm took the less-easy path of developing a novel MP architecture; unlike some other mobile vendors who take ARM specs, burn it to a slightly customized silicone and brand it as a novel chip (yes, we see it, and eagerly scoff at your marketing bullshit). So they developed a custom ISA, and then they built a custom DSP silicone from scratch for it.

This is a ***major* business investment** move that surely must be for good reasons. Qualcomm chips dominate the mobile market by a wide margin. This vendor cannot be expected to take such major risks based on a fancy whim.

Hexagon is a DSP, not a CPU. It's a different world vs x86/ARM/MIPS, and that world is the future. (More on this later)

Cursory reconnaissance indicated that Hexagon basebands are so **closed and hardened** [MODKIT] that it would require an advanced exploit to even begin building your own custom debugger for it

Should be fun enough!

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Part 2

QDSP6 Hexagon

One month

As soon as I decided to focus on QDSP6 Hexagon baseband, I set a rigid time box of **one month** to the reconnaissance project, and started research. It was my first exposure to basebands and cellular protocols.

As usual, I started my research with a **systematic review** of all available security publications (1.5 count in this case), analysis of vendor's security advisories, studying all available official documentation, SDKs and potentially related open source code bases. I then performed **deep technical analysis** of all publicly documented security bugs in basebands, set up a research platform with OpenBTS and USRP, and skimmed through 3gpp specifications.

Concurrently, I took out the modem binary from the firmware of my test device (Nexus 6P with angler Android and MSM kernel) and started **reverse-engineering** it.

Typically my goals in preliminary reconnaissance projects: 1) gear up and build a research platform, 2) map out attack surfaces, and 3) find at least one good zero-day bug. I quickly completed 1 and 2 and stumbled at 3, and realized that it was even harder than I expected.

Qualcomm, why so hard?

QDSP6 / Hexagon

- Unfamiliar arch
 - VLIW, closer to GPU than CPU
 - very different from x86/ARM/MIPS
- No decompiler
 - Only disasm
- No QEMU full system emulation
 - Want!
- No binary patch diffing

Vs.

- Samsung Shannon (for example)
 - On demand memdumps, downloader mode, familiar architecture, plenty of log strings, decompiler, binary diffing

Hardened

- Live introspection
 - Off-the-shelf devices are fused and hardened
 - Baseband RTOS runs on a separate chip, protected by QSEE TrustZone
 - No debugging, no crashdumps, can't read mDSP memory
- Reverse engineering
 - Huge binary
 - No debug symbols
 - Obscure RTOS
 - Parts of code are compressed / relocated
 - NO LOG STRINGS!!!

Hexagon 101

Snapdragon 820E

[SNAPDRAGON] Qualcomm Snapdragon™ 820E Processor (APQ8096SGE) <https://developer.qualcomm.com/download/sd820e/qualcomm-snapdragon-820e-processor-apq8096sge-device-specification.pdf>

- HTC 10, Galaxy S7
- 1st gen AI engine based on Hexagon

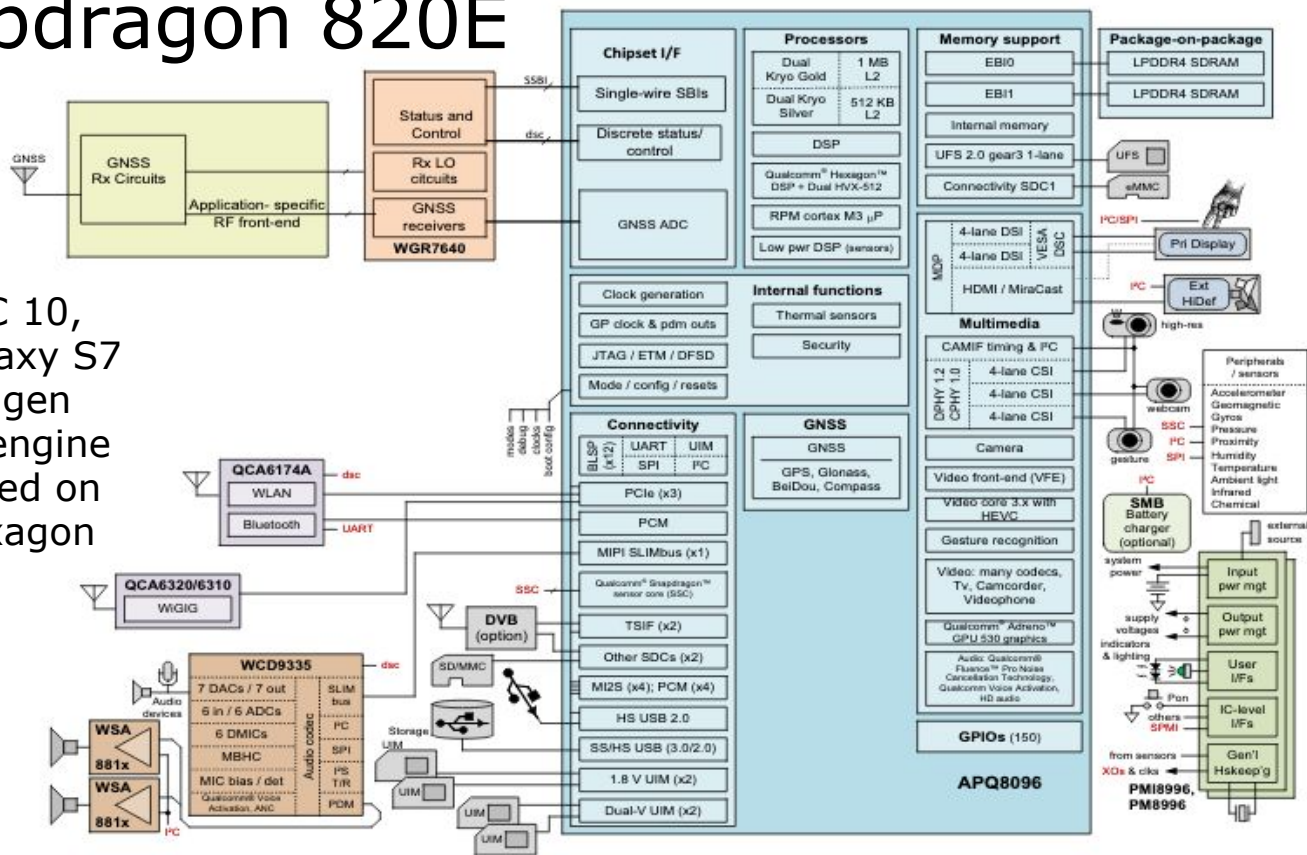
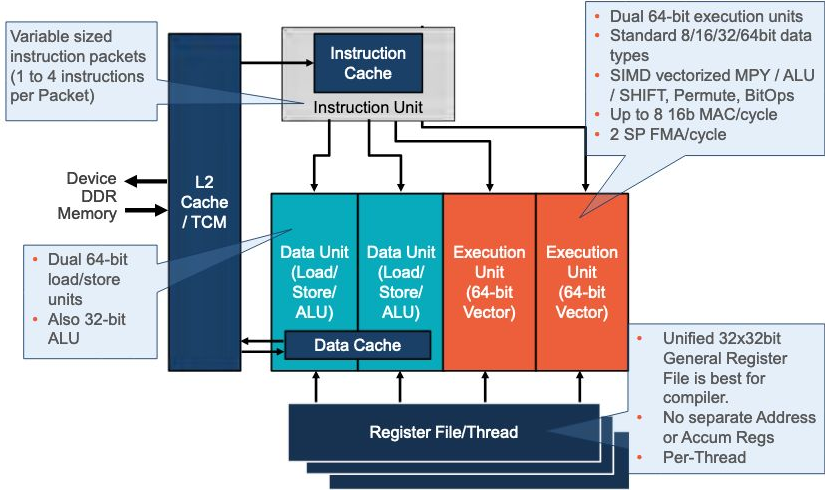


Figure 1-1 APQ8096SGE functional block diagram and example application

Hexagon: architecture properties



VLIW: Area & power efficient multi-issue

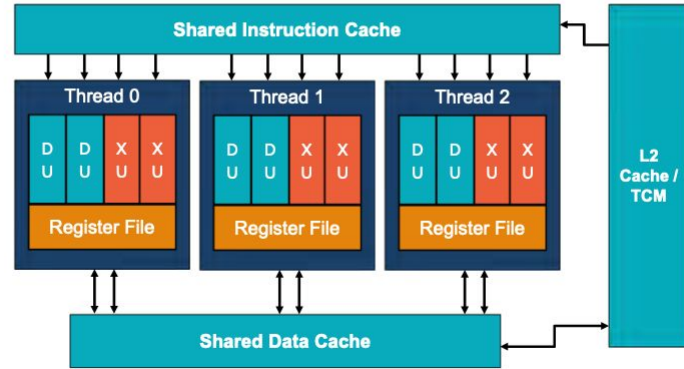


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Programmer's view of Hexagon DSP HW multi-threading

- Hexagon V5 includes three hardware threads
- Architected to look like a multi-core with communication through shared memory



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<https://developer.qualcomm.com/software/hexagon-dsp-sdk/dsp-processor>

[HEXAGONDSP] <https://developer.qualcomm.com/download/hexagon/hexagon-dsp-architecture.pdf>

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Hexagon: programmer's view

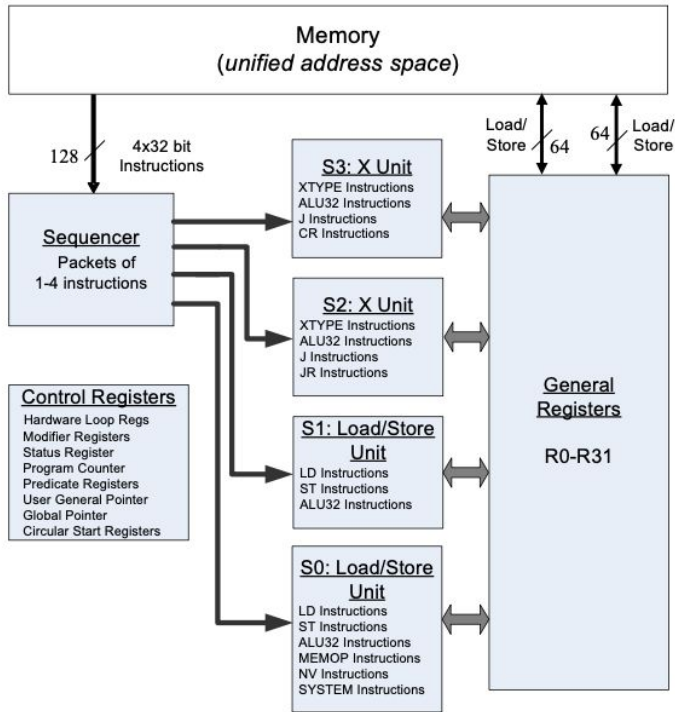


Figure 1-1 Hexagon V62 processor architecture

1.3.6 Instruction packets

Sequences of instructions can be explicitly grouped into packets for parallel execution. For example:

```
{
    R8 = memh(R3++#2)
    R12 = memw(R1++#4)
    R = mpy(R10, R6) :<<1:sat
    R7 = add(R9, #2)
}
```

1.3.7 Dot-new instructions

In many cases, a predicate or general register can be both generated and used in the same instruction packet. This feature is expressed in assembly language by appending the suffix “.new” to the specified register. For example:

```
{
    P0 = cmp.eq(R2, #4)
    if (P0.new) R3 = memw(R4)
    if (!P0.new) R5 = #5
}

{
    R2 = memh(R4+#8)
    memw(R5) = R2.new
}
```

Why did they roll their own architecture???

The future of technology is all about **optimized digital signal processing**. Growing requirements for graphics due to VR, ever increasing demands of media codecs due to online streaming, AI as in artificial neural network processing and deep learning.

Especially AI. It's the technology which is evolving at break-neck speed, with multiple trends developing concurrently. One of current trends is **offloading ANN processing to end user devices** as opposed to running it in the cloud. While the need for specialized AI hardware has been around for a while, and is high on the agenda of every major chips vendor on the planet; but with the offloading trend, it's further narrowed down to the **requirement of compact and cost-effective specialized chips** that be plugged into mobile devices.

Deep learning operates on huge matrices with rational numbers, at which **common CPU architectures are very bad**. SIMD couldn't solve this. Chipset vendors started working on specialized NPU architectures, meanwhile software vendors under the pressure of market demands were forced to run ANNs on GPU. But GPUs were not made for this. The need for specialized hardware for cost-effective ANN operations remains.

Result: Hexagon has virtually no competition as an all-in-one cost-effective and optimized DSP for cellular signal processing, hardware-accelerated audio and video, sensor processing, and AI

Hardening

“Production-fused” ?

2.5 Commercial release configurations

Some features are intended for use only during the development and debugging stages. These features must be disabled prior to commercial release to improve performance and user experience.

Disabling kernel debug feature to optimize HLOS performance

By default, the kernel configuration file includes many settings that are useful during the development and debugging phase but may affect performance.

To disable the default kernel debugging settings, use `LINUX/android/kernel/arch/arm/configs/msm8226-perf_defconfig` instead of `msm8226_defconfig`.

Enabling Subsystem Restart (SSR)

When a subsystem (mode, wifi, video core, etc.) crashes, the subsystem can be configured to automatically notify the AP. The AP then restarts the applicable subsystem. This provides a better user experience.

1. To enable subsystem restart prior to commercial release, open the `android/device/qcom/msmXXXX/system.prop` file.

2. Modify the `persist.sys.ssr.restart_level` property as follows:

```
persist.sys.ssr.restart_level=modem,wcns,adsp,venus or 1
```

This enables subsystem restart for modem, wifi, adsp, and video subsystems. This is the recommended setting for commercial release.

During engineering development, this property should be set to 1 as shown below. This enables subsystem panic which is useful for engineering releases.

```
persist.sys.ssr.restart_level=1
```

Subsystem panic means that when each subsystem encounters a problem which triggers a reset, the AP will catch this event and will call kernel panic. As a result, the device can enter download mode to capture ramdump.

Disabling Download Mode

During development and debugging, Download mode is used to get memory dump for crash analysis. For a production device, Download mode is not needed since the device should just reboot.

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[PRODFUSING]
<https://pastebin.com/DUEbnuTf>

Android kernel PIL, TrustZone, and the MBA

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```
1 Introduction
2 =====
3
4 The PIL (Peripheral Image Loader) driver loads peripheral images into memory
5 and interfaces with the Peripheral Authentication Service (PAS) to
6 authenticate and reset peripherals embedded in the SoC.
7
8 The PAS could either be running under secure mode in the application
9 processor (secure boot support) or be running as a non-secure kernel driver
10 (non-secure boot support).
11
12 The PIL driver also does housekeeping to handle cases where more than one
13 client driver is using the same peripheral.
14
15 Some examples of peripherals are modem, DSP and sensors.
16
```

```
30 Software description
31 =====
32
33 The PAS provides the following three APIs:
34
35 * Init image - Takes as input the peripheral id and firmware metadata and
36 returns a status indicating the authenticity of the firmware metadata. The
37 firmware metadata consists of a standard ELF32 header followed by a program
38 header table and an optional blob of data used to authenticate the metadata
39 and the rest of the firmware.
40
41 * Verify segment - Takes as input the firmware segment id and the length of
42 the segment. Authenticates whatever amount (specified by the "length"
43 parameter) of the firmware segment that has been loaded and removes
44 non-secure mode read/write permissions for the pages belonging to the
45 firmware segment. Allows multiple calls for the same firmware segment to
46 allow partial loading and authentication.
47
48 * Auth and Reset - Verifies all the necessary firmware segments have been
49 loaded and authenticated and then resets the peripheral.
50
```

Analysis

Qualcomm SoC software & dev ecosystem

Android MSM

- Android kernel with Qualcomm SoC -specific drivers
- CodeAurora and android/kernel/msm

Shared Memory Device

- Core interface to communicate Android with modem (maybe more)

QSEE

- Qualcomm's TrustZone implementation
- Modem runs as a trustlet

Hexagon SDK

- Tools and headers for developers on Hexagon architecture

Dragonboard

- Open development board for OEM prototyping

Hexagon runtime libs

- AP-side support for code that runs on Hexagon processors

Reverse-engineering the Hexagon firmware

Firmware extraction

- unify_trustlet
- pymdt

Disassembly

- Several IDA Pro plugins available
 - gsmk
- Primitive disassembly via Hexagon SDK
 - objdump
- mDSP: missing sections with critical OTA vectors code (decompressed & relocated in runtime)

Reverse-engineering analysis (mDSP)

- Start from some root points
 - RTOS task structs
 - Allocation primitives (a lot)
- IDA script to add the Qshrink'ed debug log strings
 - After that you can locate interesting code by grepping text

Debugging introspection

- None out of the box
 - JTAG – fused on production devices
 - Qcombdbg – for obsolete ARM impls with Diag R/W commands available
 - Possible via exploit

Where is my log strings???

```
LOAD:C15C4498 32 01 85 19 .long 0x19850132
LOAD:C15C449C 0D 00 88 16 diag_c_diag_set_current_preset_mask_id__Preset_d_not_supported_:.long 0x1688000D
LOAD:C15C44A0 81 93 A4 71 .long 0x71A49381 @ diag.c:diag_set_current_preset_mask_id - Preset %d not supported.
LOAD:C15C44A0 @
LOAD:C15C44A4 0D 00 32 17 diag_c_Event_mask_change_notification_was_unsuccessful_for_proc_id_d_:.long 0x1732000D
LOAD:C15C44A4 @ DATA XREF: f_diag_c_Msg_mask_change_notification_was_unsuccessful_for_proc_id_d+24;o
LOAD:C15C44A4 7D 6C E8 A2 .long 0xA2E86C7D @ diag.c:Event mask change notification was unsuccessful for proc id %d
LOAD:C15C44A8 @
LOAD:C15C44AC 0D 00 40 17 diag_c_Log_mask_change_notification_was_unsuccessful_for_proc_id_d_:.long 0x1740000D
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LOAD:C15C44B0 5D A0 5F 88 .long 0x885FA05D @ diag.c:Log mask change notification was unsuccessful for proc id %d
LOAD:C15C44B0 @
LOAD:C15C44B4 0D 00 4D 17 diag_c_Msg_mask_change_notification_was_unsuccessful_for_proc_id_d_:.long 0x174D000D
LOAD:C15C44B4 @ DATA XREF: f_diag_c_Msg_mask_change_notification_was_unsuccessful_for_proc_id_d+A8;o
LOAD:C15C44B8 01 53 EB 2F .long 0x2FEB5301 @ diag.c:Msg mask change notification was unsuccessful for proc id %d
LOAD:C15C44B8 @
LOAD:C15C44BC 0D 00 2B 13 diag_c_efs_close__failed_:.long 0x132B000D
LOAD:C15C44BC @ DATA XREF: f_diag_c_Input_file_delete_fail_Stat__d+24;o
LOAD:C15C44C0 D5 0B A6 7A .long 0x7AA60B05 @ diag.c:efs_close() failed
LOAD:C15C44C0 @
LOAD:C15C44C4 0B 00 6C 0C diag_c_Received_Diag_Req_Pkt_Size_is_d_Max_Size_For_Req_Pkt_is_d_n_:.long 0xC6C000B
LOAD:C15C44C4 @ DATA XREF: f_diag_c_Received_Diag_Req_Pkt_Size_is_d_Max_Size_For_Req_Pkt_is_d_n+40;o
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LOAD:C15C44D0 2F CE 73 22 .long 0x2273CE2F @ diag.c:Diag event mask SSM Initialization Failed %d
LOAD:C15C44D0 @
LOAD:C15C44D4 0B 00 35 07 diag_c_Diag_log_mask_SSM_Initialization_Failed_d_:.long 0x735000B
LOAD:C15C44D4 @ DATA XREF: f_diag_c_Diag_SSM_Initialization_Failed_d+C8;o
LOAD:C15C44D8 42 9D 61 DE .long 0xDE619D42 @ diag.c:Diag log mask SSM Initialization Failed %d
LOAD:C15C44D8 @
LOAD:C15C44DC 0B 00 09 07 diag_c_Diag_SSM_Initialization_Failed_d_:.long 0x709000B
LOAD:C15C44DC @ DATA XREF: f_diag_c_Diag_SSM_Initialization_Failed_d+5C;o
LOAD:C15C44E0 25 83 81 F6 .long 0xF6818325 @ diag.c:Diag SSM Initialization failed %d
LOAD:C15C44E0 @
LOAD:C15C44E4 0D 00 91 04 dword_C15C44E4: .long 0x491000D
LOAD:C15C44E8 71 B3 D3 B2 .long 0xB2D3B371 @ DATA XREF: sub_C0C17510+138;o
LOAD:C15C44EC 0D 00 31 13 diag_c_Input_file_delete_fail_Stat__d_:.long 0x1331000D
LOAD:C15C44EC @ DATA XREF: f_diag_c_Input_file_delete_fail_Stat__d+16;o
LOAD:C15C44F0 67 F3 9E 0B .long 0xB9EF367 @ diag.c:Input file delete fail! Stat: %d
LOAD:C15C44F0 @
LOAD:C15C44F4 85 53 B6 C1 .long aDiagC @ "diag.c"
LOAD:C15C44F8 0B 00 BC 03 diagbuf_c_Attempt_to_alloc_too_much__d_:.long 0x3BC000B
LOAD:C15C44F8 @ DATA XREF: f_diagbuf_c_Possible_Ring_buffer_corrupt__+338;o
LOAD:C15C44FC 79 BF 0B E1 .long 0xE10BBF79 @ diagbuf.c:Attempt to alloc too much: %d
LOAD:C15C44FC @
LOAD:C15C4500 0B 00 51 04 diagbuf_c_Possible_Ring_buffer_corrupt_:.long 0x451000B
LOAD:C15C4500 @ DATA XREF: f_diagbuf_c_Possible_Ring_buffer_corrupt__+264;o
LOAD:C15C4504 61 A2 20 DD .long 0xDD20A261 @ diagbuf.c:Possible Ring buffer corrupt!
LOAD:C15C4504 @
LOAD:C15C4508 0B 00 88 02 diagdiag_common_c_Out_of_memory__Cannot_send_the_response_:.long 0x288000B
LOAD:C15C4508 @ DATA XREF: LOAD:C0C1C818;o
LOAD:C15C4508 05 A3 86 60 .long 0x69B6A305 @ diagdiag_common.c:Out of memory- Cannot send the response
LOAD:C15C4510 0B 00 97 02 diagdiag_common_c_Out_of_memory__Cannot_send_the_delayed_response_:.long 0x297000B
LOAD:C15C4510 @ DATA XREF: LOAD:C0C1C840;o
```

Majority of log strings removed by linker-stage tool Qshrink4, replaced with an MD5 hash

- msg_hash.txt

Diag subsystem funcs

Function name	Segment
f_diag_c_Diag_SSM_Initialization_Failed_d_	LOAD
f_diag_c_Diag_timed_out_on_SIO_callback_	LOAD
f_diag_c_Input_file_delete_fail_Stat__d_	LOAD
f_diag_c_Msg_mask_change_notification_was_unsuccessful_for_proc_id...	LOAD
f_diag_c_Open_the_DCI_command_channel_	LOAD
f_diag_c_Received_Diag_Req_Pkt_Size_is_d_Max_Size_For_Req_Pkt_is...	LOAD
f_diag_c_Unable_to_allocate_memory_from_system_heap_	LOAD
f_diag_dci_auth_c_Diag_DCI_Override_Feature_Initialization_Failed_d_	LOAD
f_diagbuf_c_Possible_Ring_buffer_corrupt_	LOAD
f_diagcomm_cmd_c_diagcomm_cmd_open__Could_not_open_stream...	LOAD
f_diagcomm_sio_c_Ran_out_of_CTRL_SIO_Tx_Item_Pool_DSM_items_	LOAD
f_diagdiag_c_Cannot_allocate_memory_for_extended_listener_response...	LOAD
f_diagdiag_common_c_ERR_iter_d_uid_d_num_iter_d_n_	LOAD
f_diaglog_c_diag_ctrl_update_log_mask_Invalid_lengths_d__d_	LOAD
f_diaglog_c_diag_ctrl_update_log_preset_mask_Invalid_lengths_d__d_	LOAD
f_diagmm_c_Cannot_vote_against_sleep_diag_npa_handle_is_null_	LOAD
f_diagmm_c_Cannot_vote_for_sleep_diag_npa_handle_is_null_	LOAD

f_diagmm_c_Cannot_vote_for_sleep_diag_npa_handle_is_null_	LOAD
f_diagnv_c_Failed_to_read_MIN2_for_NAM_d_	LOAD
f_diagnv_c_MEID_READ_Failed_code__d_	LOAD
f_event_c_diag_ctrl_update_event_mask_Invalid_lengths_d__d_	LOAD
f_event_c_diag_ctrl_update_event_preset_mask_Invalid_lengths_d__d_	LOAD
f_fs_diag_c_Diagpkt_alloc_returned_NULL_in_fs_diag_disp_	LOAD
f_fs_diag_c_Diagpkt_alloc_returned_NULL_in_fs_diag_format_	LOAD
f_fs_diag_c_Diagpkt_alloc_returned_NULL_in_fs_diag_get_attr_	LOAD
f_fs_diag_c_Diagpkt_alloc_returned_NULL_in_fs_diag_iter_	LOAD
f_fs_diag_c_Diagpkt_alloc_returned_NULL_in_fs_diag_read_	LOAD
f_fs_diag_c_Diagpkt_alloc_returned_NULL_in_fs_diag_remove_file_	LOAD
f_fs_diag_c_Diagpkt_alloc_returned_NULL_in_fs_diag_rmdir_	LOAD
f_fs_diag_c_Diagpkt_alloc_returned_NULL_in_fs_diag_space_avail_	LOAD
f_fs_diag_c_Diagpkt_alloc_returned_NULL_in_fs_diag_write_	LOAD
f_fs_diag_c_Internal_error_in_ext_num_query_	LOAD
f_ftm_1x_control_c_CDMA_IQ_capture_configuration_Max_sample_size...	LOAD
f_ftm_tdscdma_ctl_c_TDSCDMA_IQ_capture_configuration_Max_samp...	LOAD

diag

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Mid-project reflections

Too hard for a 1-month project; serious vulndev is out of question

Can I still make something fun and useful within the time box allocated?

Maybe enable debug logging? With textual strings, not just protocol dumps. It should be fun to see what exactly the baseband is doing, and it's not trivial, since the log strings are stripped away

Also: ramdumps!

Trials & failures

Build & flash Android MSM kernel ✓

- Nothing special, just a regular cross-build

Firmware downgrades ✓

- Trivial

Build qcom fw ⚠

- Ran out of time, probably wrong sources
- Someone just confirmed in a private talk that it's possible, will try again

Ramdumps 🚫

- AP kernel callbacks are not there +
prod-fused?

Shady Q* diagnostic tools ✗

- QPST, QXDM, etc.
- Skipped this part

Dragonboard ✗

- Saved for later (maybe)
- For exploit dev you need debugging introspection on exactly the attacked device, not some abstract Qualcomm modem chip

Lauterbach debugger ⚠

- Useless for prod devices, skipped
- Will check again if I can bypass JTAG fusing

But still...

Debug logging is here in the binary code, surely it's used somehow?

Can it be enabled opt-in? Where will it log to? Is it exported to Android kernel?

DIAG protocol seems powerful for configuration, could it be the answer?

Part 3

QCDM DIAG

Qualcomm Diag / QCDM

Overview

- Qualcomm proprietary protocol for cellular modem RTOS management
- Alongside QMI and other Q protocols
- ~200 commands in theory

History

- Libqcdm / ModemManager
 - ~2010, partially reversed
- CCC2011, Guillaume Delugré
 - Diag message format + HDLC
 - Some interesting commands
 - Mostly irrelevant for modern production devices

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Applications

- High-level debugging for OEM devs
- Baseband firmware reconfiguration
- (Obsolete) powerful diagnostics tools such as downloader mode, live dumps, memory R/W

Offensive perspective

- Local EoP attack vector from AP kernel to baseband RTOS
- Common scenario: mobile carrier unlocking exploits
- Scenario #2: exploit to enable a custom software debugger injection

Diag, modern status (first order view)

Public info

- ARM-based
- RTOS REX
- Downloader mode*
- Memory R/W commands*
- Live snapshots*
- Directly accessible channel over USB*

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* may be still relevant for obscure OEM devices on Qualcomm MDM/MSM chips

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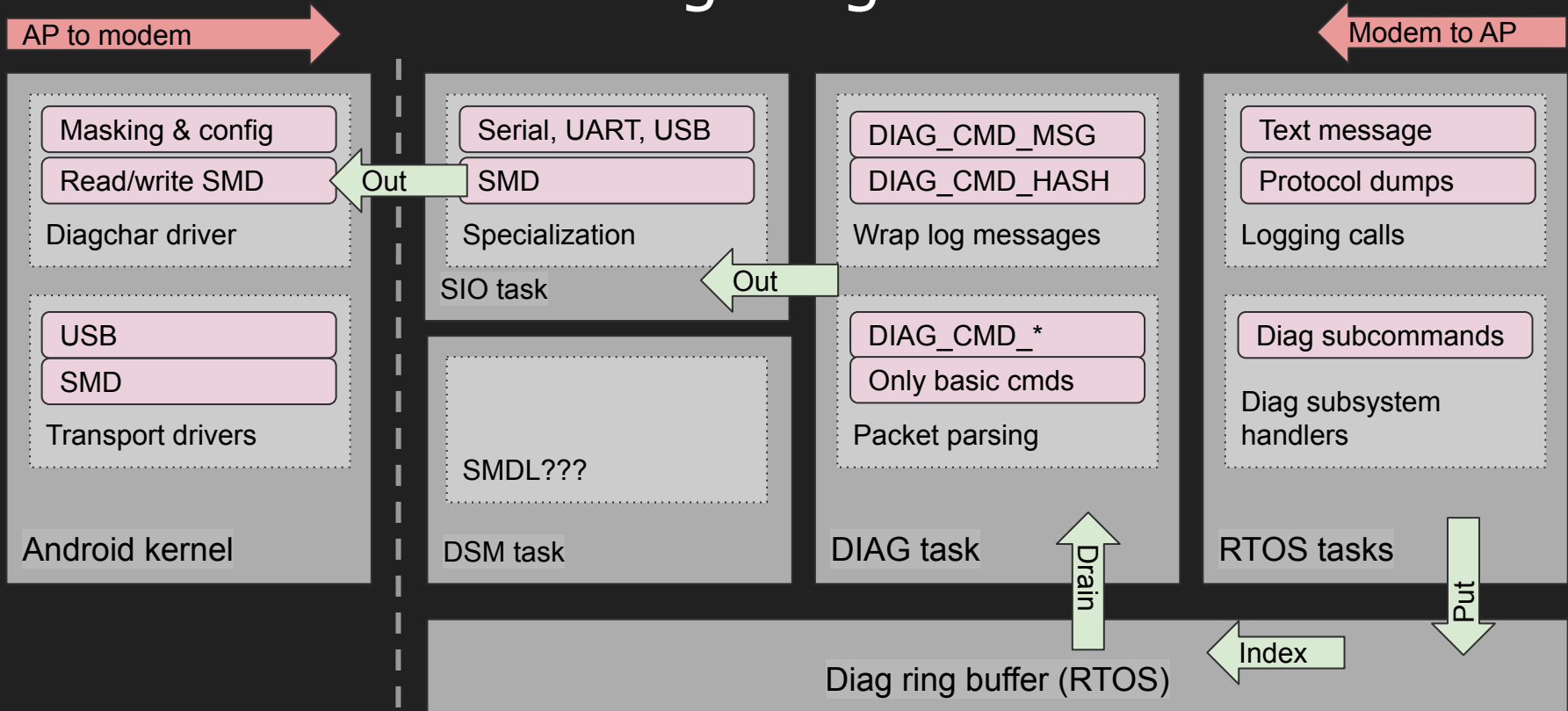
Current status

- QDSP6 / Hexagon -based
- RTOS QuRT
- No downloader mode*
- No memory RW*
- No live snapshots*
- No USB channel*
 - Possible to enable on some(?) devices via boot settings

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* relevant to modern production devices (tested on Nexus 6P, expected on Google Pixels and everything else)

Diag diagram



/dev/diag

/dev/diag

Overview

- diagchar + diagfwd kernel drivers on Qualcomm MSM Android kernel

Functions

- Support the Diag interface
- Multiplex Diag channel to USB or memory device
- IOCTL interface to userland
- Masking of unnecessary Diag commands

Implementation

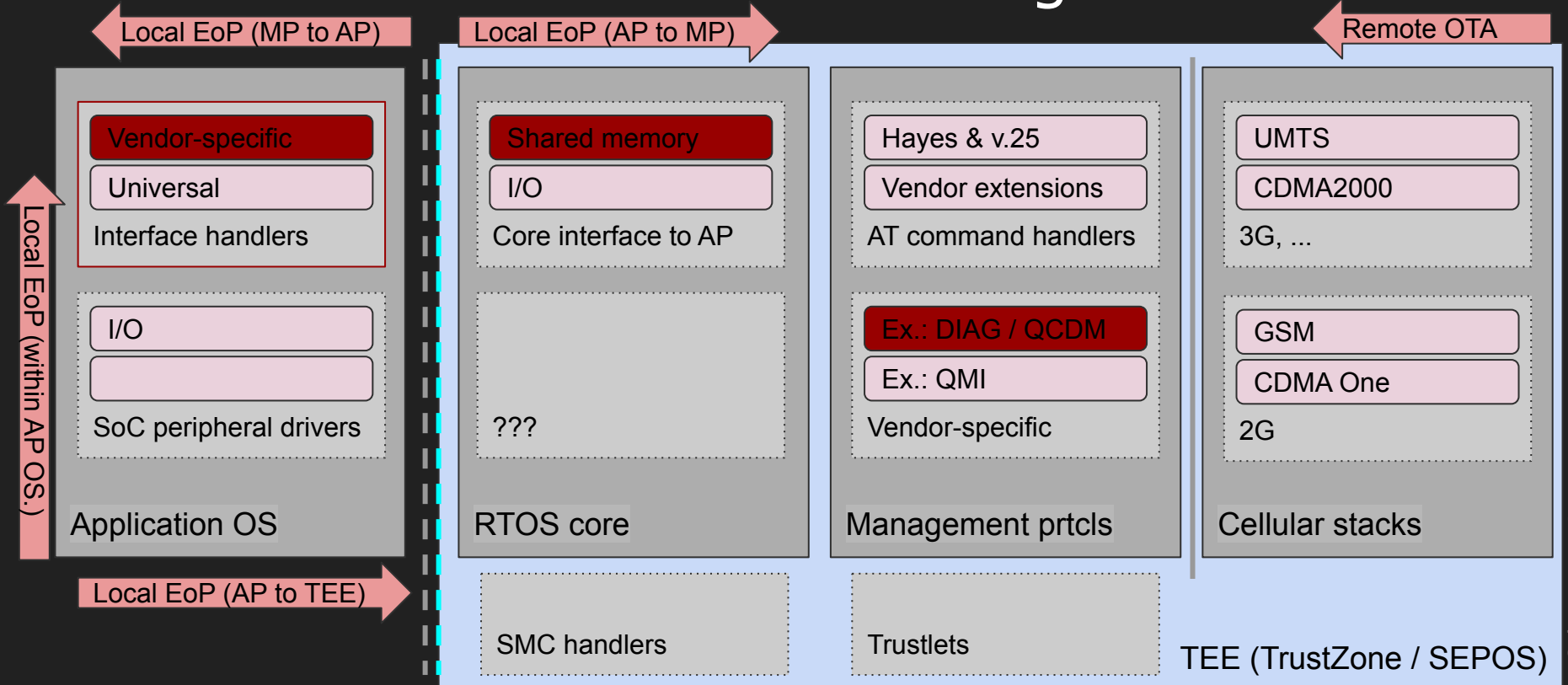
- Based on SMD/SMEM shared memory device (MSM specific)

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```
drivers > char > diag > ≡ Kconfig
1  menu "Diag Support"
2
3  config DIAG_CHAR
4      tristate "char driver interface and diag forwarding to/from modem"
5      default m
6      depends on USB_G_ANDROID || USB_FUNCTION_DIAG || USB_QCOM_MAEMO
7      depends on ARCH_MSM
8      select CRC_CCITT
9      help
10     Char driver interface for diag user space and diag-forwarding to modem ARM and back.
11     This enables diagchar for maemo usb gadget or android usb gadget based on config selected.
12 endmenu
13
14 menu "DIAG traffic over USB"
15
16 config DIAG_OVER_USB
17     bool "Enable DIAG traffic to go over USB"
18     depends on ARCH_MSM
19     default y
20     help
21     This feature helps segregate code required for DIAG traffic to go over USB.
22 endmenu
23
24 menu "HSIC/SMUX support for DIAG"
25
26 config DIAGFWD_BRIDGE_CODE
27     depends on USB_QCOM_DIAG_BRIDGE
28     default y
29     bool "Enable QSC/9K DIAG traffic over SMUX/HSIC"
30     help
31     SMUX/HSIC Transport Layer for DIAG Router
32 endmenu
33
```

Note: INCOMPLETE!

Where is DIAG + diagchar?



- char
- agp
- diag
 - diag_dci.c
 - diag_dci.h
 - diag_debugfs.c
 - diag_debugfs.h
 - diag_masks.c
 - diag_masks.h
 - diag_memorydevice.c
 - diag_memorydevice.h
 - diag_mux.c
 - diag_mux.h
 - diag_usb.c
 - diag_usb.h
 - diagchar_core.c
 - diagchar_hdlc.c
 - diagchar_hdlc.h
 - diagchar.h**
 - diagfwd_bridge.c
 - diagfwd_bridge.h
 - diagfwd_cntl.c
 - diagfwd_cntl.h
 - diagfwd_hsic.c
 - diagfwd_hsic.h
 - diagfwd_mhi.c
 - diagfwd_mhi.h
 - diagfwd_smux.c
 - diagfwd_smux.h
 - diagfwd.c

diagchar key points

```
diag_ws_init();
ret = diag_real_time_info_in
if (ret)
    goto fail;
ret = diag_debugfs_init();
if (ret)
    goto fail;
ret = diag_masks_init();
if (ret)
    goto fail;
ret = diag_mux_init();
if (ret)
    goto fail;
ret = diagfwd_init();
if (ret)
    goto fail;
ret = diag_remote_init();
if (ret)
    goto fail;
ret = diagfwd_bridge_init();
if (ret)
    goto fail;
ret = diagfwd_cntl_init();
if (ret)
    goto fail;
```

```
const struct file_operations diag_dbgfs_status_ops = {
    .read = diag_dbgfs_read_status,
};

const struct file_operations diag_dbgfs_table_ops = {
    .read = diag_dbgfs_read_table,
};

const struct file_operations diag_dbgfs_workpending_ops = {
    .read = diag_dbgfs_read_workpending,
};

const struct file_operations diag_dbgfs_mempool_ops = {
    .read = diag_dbgfs_read_mempool,
};

const struct file_operations diag_dbgfs_usbinfo_ops = {
    .read = diag_dbgfs_read_usbinfo,
};

const struct file
    .read = diag_
};

const struct file
    .read = diag_
};

int diag_debugfs_
{
```

```
/* Different IOCTL values */
#define DIAG_IOCTL_COMMAND_REG 0
#define DIAG_IOCTL_SWITCH_LOGGING 7
#define DIAG_IOCTL_GET_DELAYED_RSP_ID 8
#define DIAG_IOCTL_LSM_DEINIT 9
#define DIAG_IOCTL_DCI_INIT 20
#define DIAG_IOCTL_DCI_DEINIT 21
#define DIAG_IOCTL_DCI_SUPPORT 22
#define DIAG_IOCTL_DCI_REG 23
#define DIAG_IOCTL_DCI_STREAM_INIT 24
#define DIAG_IOCTL_DCI_HEALTH_STATS 25
#define DIAG_IOCTL_DCI_LOG_STATUS 26
#define DIAG_IOCTL_DCI_EVENT_STATUS 27
#define DIAG_IOCTL_DCI_CLEAR_LOGS 28
#define DIAG_IOCTL_DCI_CLEAR_EVENTS 29
#define DIAG_IOCTL_REMOTE_DEV 32
#define DIAG_IOCTL_VOTE_REAL_TIME 33
#define DIAG_IOCTL_GET_REAL_TIME 34
#define DIAG_IOCTL_PERIPHERAL_BUF_CONFIG 35
#define DIAG_IOCTL_PERIPHERAL_BUF_DRAIN 36
```

```
static const struct file_operations diagcharfops = {
    .owner = THIS_MODULE,
    .read = diagchar_read,
    .write = diagchar_write,
#ifdef CONFIG_COMPAT
    .compat_ioctl = diagchar_compat_ioctl,
#endif
    .unlocked_ioctl = diagchar_ioctl,
    .open = diagchar_open,
    .release = diagchar_close
};
```

diagchar and diag protocol

```
#define DIAG_CMD_VERSION    0
#define DIAG_CMD_DOWNLOAD  0x3A
#define DIAG_CMD_DIAG_SUBSYS 0x4B
#define DIAG_CMD_LOG_CONFIG 0x73
#define DIAG_CMD_LOG_ON_DMND 0x78
#define DIAG_CMD_EXT_BUILD  0x7c
#define DIAG_CMD_MSG_CONFIG 0x7D
#define DIAG_CMD_GET_EVTNT_MASK 0x81
#define DIAG_CMD_S
#define DIAG_CMD_E
```

```
static int diag_switch_logging(int requested_mode)
{
    int success = -EINVAL;
    int temp = 0, status = 0;
    int new_mode = DIAG_USB_MODE; /* set the mode from diag_mux.h */
    int old_logging_id;

    switch (requested_mode) {
        case USB_MODE:
        case MEMORY_DEVICE_MODE:
        case NO_LOGGING_MODE:
        case UART_MODE:
        case SOCKET_MODE:
        case CALLBACK_MODE:
            break;
        default:
            pr_err("diag: In %s, request to switch to invalid mode: %d\n",
                __func__, requested_mode);
            return -EINVAL;
    }
}
```

```
int mask_request_validate(unsigned char mask_buf[])
{
    uint8_t packet_id;
    uint8_t subsys_id;
    uint16_t ss_cmd;

    packet_id = mask_buf[0];

    if (packet_id == 0x4B) {
        subsys_id = mask_buf[1];
        ss_cmd = *(uint16_t *) (mask_buf + 2);
        /* Packets with SSID which are allowed */
        switch (subsys_id) {
            case 0x04: /* DIAG_SUBSYS_WCDMA */
                if ((ss_cmd == 0) || (ss_cmd == 0xF))
                    return 1;
                break;
            case 0x08: /* DIAG_SUBSYS_GSM */
                if ((ss_cmd == 0) || (ss_cmd == 0x1))
                    return 1;
                break;
            case 0x09: /* DIAG_SUBSYS_UMTS */
            case 0x0F: /* DIAG_SUBSYS_CM */
                if (ss_cmd == 0)
                    return 1;
                break;
            case 0x0C: /* DIAG_SUBSYS_OS */
                if ((ss_cmd == 2) || (ss_cmd == 0x100))
                    return 1; /* MPU and APU */
                break;
            case 0x12: /* DIAG_SUBSYS_DIAG_SERV */
                if ((ss_cmd == 0) || (ss_cmd == 0x6) || (ss_cmd == 0x7))
                    return 1;
                break;
            case 0x13: /* DIAG_SUBSYS_FS */
                if ((ss_cmd == 0) || (ss_cmd == 0x1))
                    return 1;
                break;
            default:
                return 0;
                break;
        }
    } else {
```

Diagchar and shared memory (SMD)

```
int diag_smd_constructor(struct diag_smd_info *smd_info, int peripheral,
                        int type)
{
    if (!smd_info)
        return -EIO;

    smd_info->peripheral = peripheral;
    smd_info->type = type;
    smd_info->encode_hdlc = 0;
    smd_info->inited = 0;
    mutex_init(&smd_info->smd_ch_mutex);
    spin_lock_init(&smd_info->in_busy_lock);

    switch (peripheral) {
    case MODEM_DATA:
        smd_info->peripheral_mask = DIAG_CON_MPSS;
        break;
    case LPASS_DATA:
        smd_info->peripheral_mask = DIAG_CON_LPASS;
        break;
    case WCNSS_DATA:
        smd_info->peripheral_mask = DIAG_CON_WCNSS;
        break;
    case SENSORS_DATA:
        smd_info->peripheral_mask = DIAG_CON_SENSORS;
        break;
    default:
        pr_err("Invalid peripheral: %d\n", peripheral);
        goto error;
    }
}
```

```
int smd_read(smd_channel_t *ch, void *data, int len)
{
    if (!ch) {
        pr_err("%s: Invalid channel specified\n", __func__);
        return -ENODEV;
    }

    return ch->read(ch, data, len);
}
EXPORT_SYMBOL(smd_read);
```

```
struct diag_smd_info {
    int peripheral; /* The peripheral this smd channel communicates with */
    int type; /* The type of smd channel (data, control, dci) */
    uint16_t peripheral_mask;
    int encode_hdlc; /* Whether data is raw and needs to be hdlc encoded */

    smd_channel_t *ch;
    smd_channel_t *ch_save;

    struct mutex smd_ch_mutex;

    int in_busy_1;
    int in_busy_2;
    spinlock_t in_busy_lock;

    unsigned char *buf_in_1;
    unsigned char *buf_in_2;

    unsigned char *buf_in_1_raw;
    unsigned char *buf_in_2_raw;

    unsigned int buf_in_1_size;
    unsigned int buf_in_2_size;

    unsigned int buf_in_1_raw_size;
    unsigned int buf_in_2_raw_size;

    int buf_in_1_ctxt;
    int buf_in_2_ctxt;

    struct workqueue_struct *wq;

    struct work_struct diag_read_smd_work;
    struct work_struct diag_notify_update_smd_work;
    struct work_struct diag_notify_ctxt;
    struct work_struct diag_general_smd_work;
    t_general_ctxt;
    nt8_t inited;

    Function ptr for function to call to process the data that
    was just read from the smd channel
    t (*process_smd_read_data)(struct diag_smd_info *smd_info,
                             void *buf, int num_bytes);
};
```

25 results in 19 files - [Open in editor](#)

- ✓ C adsprpc.c drivers/char 1
- ✓ C msm_smd_pkt.c drivers/char 1
- ✓ C diag_dci.c drivers/char/diag 2
- ✓ C diagfwd_cntl.c drivers/char/diag 1
- ✓ C diagfwd.c drivers/char/diag 2
- ✓ C radio-iris-transport.c drivers/media/radio 1
- ✓ C wcnss_wlan.c drivers/net/wireless/wcnss 1
- ✓ C ssm.c drivers/platform/msm 1
- ✓ C glink_smd_xprt.c drivers/soc/qcom 2
- ✓ C ...

SMD/SMEM

Qualcomm Shared Memory Device

```
drivers > soc > qcom > C smem.c > msm_smem_probe(platform_device *)
1279
1280 smem_targ_info_legacy:
1281     SMEM_INFO("%s: reading dt-specified SMEM address\n", __func__);
1282     r = platform_get_resource_byname(pdev, IORESOURCE_MEM, "smem");
1283     if (r) {
1284         smem_ram_size = resource_size(r);
1285         smem_ram_phys = r->start;
1286     }
1287
1288 smem_targ_info_done:
1289     if (!smem_ram_phys || !smem_ram_size) {
1290         LOG_ERR("%s: Missing SMEM TARGET INFO\n", __func__);
1291         return -ENODEV;
1292     }
1293
1294     smem_ram_base = ioremap_nocache(smem_ram_phys, smem_ram_size);
1295
1296     if (!smem_ram_base) {
1297         LOG_ERR("%s: ioremap_nocache() of addr:%pa size: %pa\n",
1298             __func__,
1299             &smem_ram_phys, &smem_ram_size);
1300         return -ENODEV;
1301     }
1302
1303     if (!smem_initialized_check())
1304         return -ENODEV;
```

```
struct smd_channel {
    volatile void __iomem *send; /* some variant of smd_half_channel */
    volatile void __iomem *recv; /* some variant of smd_half_channel */
    unsigned char *send_data;
    unsigned char *recv_data;
    unsigned fifo_size;
    struct list_head ch_list;

    unsigned current_packet;
    unsigned n;
    void *priv;
    void (*notify)(void *priv, unsigned flags);

    int (*read)(smd_channel_t *ch, void *data, int len);
    int (*write)(smd_channel_t *ch, const void *data, int len,
        bool int_ntfy);
    int (*read_avail)(smd_channel_t *ch);
    int (*write_avail)(smd_channel_t *ch);
    int (*read_from_cb)(smd_channel_t *ch, void *data, int len);

    void (*update_state)(smd_channel_t *ch);
    unsigned last_state;
    void (*notify_other_cpu)(smd_channel_t *ch);
    void * (*read_from_fifo)(void *dest, const void *src, size_t num_bytes);
    void * (*write_to_fifo)(void *dest, const void *src, size_t num_bytes);

    char name[20];
    struct platform_device pdev;
    unsigned type;

    int pending_pkt_sz;

    char is_pkt_ch;

    /*
     * private internal functions to access *send and *recv.
     * never to be exported outside of smd
     */
    struct smd_half_channel_access *half_ch;
};
```


Other stuff

Qualcomm SoC drivers

```
static int jtag_fuse_probe(struct platform_device *pdev)
{
    struct device *dev = &pdev->dev;
    struct fuse_drvdata *drvdata;
    struct resource *res;
    const struct of_device_id *match;

    drvdata = devm_kzalloc(dev, sizeof(*drvdata), GFP_KERNEL);
    if (!drvdata)
        return -ENOMEM;
    /* Store the driver data pointer for use in exported functions */
    fusedrvdata = drvdata;
    drvdata->dev = &pdev->dev;
    platform_set_drvdata(pdev, drvdata);

    match = of_match_device(jtag_fuse_match, dev);
    if (!match)
        return -EINVAL;

    if (strcmp(match->compatible, JTAG_FUSE_VERSION_V2))
        drvdata->fuse_v2 = true;
    else if (strcmp(match->compatible, JTAG_FUSE_VERSION_V3))
        drvdata->fuse_v3 = true;

    res = platform_get_resource_byname(pdev, IORESOURCE_MEM, "fuse-base");
    if (!res)
        return -ENODEV;

    drvdata->base = devm_ioremap(dev, res->start, resource_size(res));
    if (!drvdata->base)
        return -ENOMEM;

    dev_info(dev, "JTag Fuse initialized\n");
    return 0;
}
```

```
#define fuse_writel(drvdata, val, off) __raw_writel((val), drvdata->base + off)
#define fuse_readl(drvdata, off) __raw_readl(drvdata->base + off)

#define OEM_CONFIG0 (0x000)
#define OEM_CONFIG1 (0x004)
#define OEM_CONFIG2 (0x008)

/* JTAG FUSE V1 */
#define ALL_DEBUG_DISABLE BIT(21)
#define APPS_DBGGEN_DISABLE BIT(0)
#define APPS_NIDEN_DISABLE BIT(1)
#define APPS_SPIDEN_DISABLE BIT(2)
#define APPS_SPNIDEN_DISABLE BIT(3)
#define DAP_DEVICEEN_DISABLE BIT(8)


/* JTAG FUSE V2 */
#define ALL_DEBUG_DISABLE_V2 BIT(0)
#define APPS_DBGGEN_DISABLE_V2 BIT(10)
#define APPS_NIDEN_DISABLE_V2 BIT(11)
#define APPS_SPIDEN_DISABLE_V2 BIT(12)
#define APPS_SPNIDEN_DISABLE_V2 BIT(13)
#define DAP_DEVICEEN_DISABLE_V2 BIT(18)

/* JTAG FUSE V3 */
#define ALL_DEBUG_DISABLE_V3 BIT(29)
#define APPS_DBGGEN_DISABLE_V3 BIT(8)
#define APPS_NIDEN_DISABLE_V3 BIT(21)
#define APPS_SPIDEN_DISABLE_V3 BIT(5)
#define APPS_SPNIDEN_DISABLE_V3 BIT(31)
#define DAP_DEVICEEN_DISABLE_V3 BIT(7)

#define JTAG_FUSE_VERSION_V1 "qcom,jtag-fuse"
#define JTAG_FUSE_VERSION_V2 "qcom,jtag-fuse-v2"
#define JTAG_FUSE_VERSION_V3 "qcom,jtag-fuse-v3"
```

Diag protocol

Reverse-engineering the reverse-engineers

- SnoopSnitch (open source)
- Can enable protocol dumps on rooted devices
- Sends an obscure blob of QCDM commands through the harnessed /dev/diag interface 
- Changes baseband firmware configuration
- Can you explain what exactly this commands blob does to your mobile phone?
- I got curious


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```
SnoopSnitch > app > src > main > java > de > srlabs > snoopsnitch > qdmon > SetupLoggingCmds.java
1 package de.srlabs.snoopsnitch.qdmon;
2
3 class SetupLoggingCmds {
4     static final byte[][] cmds = {
5         {(byte) 0x1D},
6         {(byte) 0x00},
7         {(byte) 0x7C},
8         {(byte) 0x0C},
9         {(byte) 0x63},
10        {(byte) 0x60, (byte) 0x00},
11        {(byte) 0x73, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x03, (byte)
12        {(byte) 0x73, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x03, (byte)
13        {(byte) 0x73, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x03, (byte)
14        {(byte) 0x73, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x03, (byte)
15        {(byte) 0x73, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x03, (byte)
16        {(byte) 0x73, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x03, (byte)
17        {(byte) 0x73, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x03, (byte)
18        {(byte) 0x7D, (byte) 0x04, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x61, (byte)
19        {(byte) 0x7D, (byte) 0x04, (byte) 0xF4, (byte) 0x01, (byte) 0xFA, (byte)
20        {(byte) 0x7D, (byte) 0x04, (byte) 0xE8, (byte) 0x03, (byte) 0xEF, (byte)
21        {(byte) 0x7D, (byte) 0x04, (byte) 0xD0, (byte) 0x07, (byte) 0xD8, (byte)
22        {(byte) 0x7D, (byte) 0x04, (byte) 0xB8, (byte) 0x0B, (byte) 0xC6, (byte)
23        {(byte) 0x7D, (byte) 0x04, (byte) 0xA0, (byte) 0x0F, (byte) 0xAA, (byte)
24        {(byte) 0x7D, (byte) 0x04, (byte) 0x94, (byte) 0x11, (byte) 0xAE, (byte)
25        {(byte) 0x7D, (byte) 0x04, (byte) 0xF8, (byte) 0x11, (byte) 0x05, (byte)
26        {(byte) 0x7D, (byte) 0x04, (byte) 0x88, (byte) 0x13, (byte) 0xA5, (byte)
27        {(byte) 0x7D, (byte) 0x04, (byte) 0x7C, (byte) 0x15, (byte) 0x8C, (byte)
28        {(byte) 0x7D, (byte) 0x04, (byte) 0x70, (byte) 0x17, (byte) 0xC0, (byte)
29        {(byte) 0x7D, (byte) 0x04, (byte) 0x64, (byte) 0x19, (byte) 0x79, (byte)
30        {(byte) 0x7D, (byte) 0x04, (byte) 0x58, (byte) 0x1B, (byte) 0x5B, (byte)
31        {(byte) 0x7D, (byte) 0x04, (byte) 0xBC, (byte) 0x1B, (byte) 0xC7, (byte)
32        {(byte) 0x7D, (byte) 0x04, (byte) 0x20, (byte) 0x1C, (byte) 0x21, (byte)
```

Diag commands: known and unknown

```
18 #ifndef LIBQCDM_DM_COMMANDS_H
19 #define LIBQCDM_DM_COMMANDS_H
20
21 enum {
22     DIAG_CMD_VERSION_INFO = 0, /* Version info */
23     DIAG_CMD_ESN          = 1, /* ESN */
24     DIAG_CMD_PEEKB       = 2, /* Peek byte */
25     DIAG_CMD_PEEKW       = 3, /* Peek word */
26     DIAG_CMD_PEEKD       = 4, /* Peek dword */
27     DIAG_CMD_POKEB       = 5, /* Poke byte */
28     DIAG_CMD_POKEW       = 6, /* Poke word */
29     DIAG_CMD_POKED       = 7, /* Poke dword */
30     DIAG_CMD_OUTP        = 8, /* Byte output */
31     DIAG_CMD_OUTPW       = 9, /* Word output */
32     DIAG_CMD_INP         = 10, /* Byte input */
33     DIAG_CMD_INPW        = 11, /* Word input */
34     DIAG_CMD_STATUS      = 12, /* Station status */
35     DIAG_CMD_LOGMASK     = 15, /* Set logging mask */
36     DIAG_CMD_LOG         = 16, /* Log packet */
37     DIAG_CMD_NV_PEEK     = 17, /* Peek NV memory */
38     DIAG_CMD_NV_POKE     = 18, /* Poke NV memory */
```

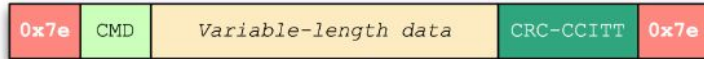
```
99     DIAG_CMD_RPC          = 100, /* Used for RPC */
100     DIAG_CMD_GET_PROPERTY = 101,
101     DIAG_CMD_PUT_PROPERTY = 102,
102     DIAG_CMD_GET_GUID     = 103, /* GUID requests */
103     DIAG_CMD_USER_CMD     = 104, /* User callbacks */
104     DIAG_CMD_GET_PERM_PROPERTY = 105,
105     DIAG_CMD_PUT_PERM_PROPERTY = 106,
106     DIAG_CMD_PERM_USER_CMD = 107, /* Permanent user callbacks */
107     DIAG_CMD_GPS_SESS_CTRL = 108, /* GPS session control */
108     DIAG_CMD_GPS_GRID     = 109, /* GPS search grid */
109     DIAG_CMD_GPS_STATISTICS = 110,
110     DIAG_CMD_TUNNEL       = 111, /* Tunneling command code */
111     DIAG_CMD_RAM_RW       = 112, /* Calibration RAM control using DM */
112     DIAG_CMD_CPU_RW       = 113, /* Calibration CPU control using DM */
113     DIAG_CMD_SET_FTM_TEST_MODE = 114, /* Field (or Factory?) Test Mode */
114     DIAG_CMD_LOG_CONFIG   = 115, /* New logging config command */
115     DIAG_CMD_EXT_BUILD_ID = 124,
116     DIAG_CMD_EXT_MESSAGE_CONFIG = 125,
117     DIAG_CMD_EVENT_GET_MASK = 129,
118     DIAG_CMD_EVENT_SET_MASK = 130,
119     DIAG_CMD_SAMSUNG_IND   = 217, /* Unsolicited message seen on Samsung Z810 */
120 };
121
```



Diag command format

Analysis of a 3G USB stick
REX, the Qualcomm real-time kernel
Live debugging on the baseband

DIAG task protocol



Diagnostic protocol

- Undocumented but simple protocol
- Partly reversed in ModemManager (libqcdm)
- Begin-end markers (0x7e)
- One byte for command type
- Variable parameters (with escaped 0x7e and 0x7d bytes)
- 16-bits CRC-CCITT

0x7e (126) is another
DIAG token, not a
delimiter

```
def crc16( self, data ):
    crc = 0xffff
    for byte in data:
        crc = (crc >> 8) ^ CRC16_CCITT_TABLE[ (crc ^ ord(byte)) & 0xff ]
    return crc ^ 0xffff

def escape( self, data ):
    data = data.replace("\x7d", "\x7d\x5d")
    data = data.replace("\x7e", "\x7d\x5e")
    return data;

def unescape( self ):
    self.data = self.data.replace("\x7d\x5d", "\x7d")
    self.data = self.data.replace("\x7d\x5e", "\x7e")
```

Diag subsystems

- Diagnostic system extensions for baseband subsystems
 - ~100 subsystems + OEM reserved
 - Subsystems may register their custom handlers with DIAG task
 - Packet is opaque
- DIAG_CMD_SUBSYS = 75
- struct {
 - u8 subsys_id;
 - u16 subsys_cmd;
 - payload (variable len) }

```
/* WCDMA subsystem command codes */
enum {
    DIAG_SUBSYS_WCDMA_CALL_START = 12, /* Starts a call */
    DIAG_SUBSYS_WCDMA_CALL_END   = 13, /* Ends an ongoing call */
    DIAG_SUBSYS_WCDMA_STATE_INFO = 15, /* Gets WCDMA state */
};

/* HDR subsystem command codes */
enum {
    DIAG_SUBSYS_HDR_STATE_INFO = 8, /* Gets EVDO state */
};

/* GSM subsystem command codes */
enum {
    DIAG_SUBSYS_GSM_STATE_INFO = 1, /* Gets GSM state */
};
```

Diag subsystems (2)

```
122  /* Subsystem IDs used with DIAG_CMD_SUBSYS; these often obsolete many of
123  * the original DM commands.
124  */
125  enum {
126      DIAG_SUBSYS_WCDMA           = 4,
127      DIAG_SUBSYS_HDR             = 5, /* High Data Rate (ie, EVDO) */
128      DIAG_SUBSYS_GSM             = 8,
129      DIAG_SUBSYS_UMTS            = 9,
130      DIAG_SUBSYS_OS              = 12,
131      DIAG_SUBSYS_GPS             = 13,
132      DIAG_SUBSYS_SMS             = 14, /* Wireless Messaging Service */
133      DIAG_SUBSYS_CM              = 15, /* Call manager */
134      DIAG_SUBSYS_FS              = 19, /* File System (EFS2) */
135      DIAG_SUBSYS_NOVATEL_6500    = 50, /* for Novatel Wireless MSM6500-based devices */
136      DIAG_SUBSYS_LTE             = 68,
137      DIAG_SUBSYS_ZTE             = 101, /* for ZTE EVDO devices */
138      DIAG_SUBSYS_NOVATEL_6800    = 250 /* for Novatel Wireless MSM6800-based devices */
139  };
```

libqcdm

More:

18 = DIAG subsystem
subsystem

37 = DEBUG

250+ = OEMs

DEBUG subsystem?

```
LOAD:C0B9E350 @ ----- SUBROUTINE -----
LOAD:C0B9E350
LOAD:C0B9E350
LOAD:C0B9E350 err_inject_crash_diag: @ DATA XREF: err_inject_crash_devcfg_check+F4;0
LOAD:C0B9E350 20 1C F4 EB { memd (sp + #0xFFFFFFF0) = r17:16 ; allocframe (#0x10) }
LOAD:C0B9E354 10 40 01 F5 { r17:16 = combine (r1, r0) }
LOAD:C0B9E358 90 6F 32 0C immext (#0xC32BE400)
LOAD:C0B9E35C 03 59 02 9B r3 = memb (r2 = #unk_C32BE424)
LOAD:C0B9E360 00 D2 DD A1 memd (r29 + #0) = r19:18 }
LOAD:C0B9E364 00 40 43 85 { p0 = r3
LOAD:C0B9E368 0C D8 20 5C if !p0.new jump:t loc_C0B9E37C }
LOAD:C0B9E36C D2 7B 0E 5A { call f0__MSG_ERROR
LOAD:C0B9E370 4D 70 15 0C immext (#0xC15C1340)
LOAD:C0B9E374 80 C5 00 78 r0 = #err_inject_crash_c_err_inject_crash__crash_pending__ignoring_subsequent_request_ }
LOAD:C0B9E378 1A C0 00 58 { jump loc_C0B9E3AC }
LOAD:C0B9E37C @ -----
LOAD:C0B9E37C
LOAD:C0B9E37C loc_C0B9E37C: @ CODE XREF: err_inject_crash_diag+18;j
LOAD:C0B9E37C 32 40 00 78 { r18 = #1
LOAD:C0B9E380 00 40 70 70 r0 = r16
LOAD:C0B9E384 B3 40 00 78 r19 = #5
LOAD:C0B9E388 00 C6 A2 A1 memb (r2 + #0) = r18.new }
LOAD:C0B9E38C 02 F8 00 5A { call sub_C0BA5390 }
LOAD:C0B9E390 0A 69 0B 15 { p0 = cmp.gtu (r19, r17) ; if (p0.new) jump:t loc_C0B9E3A4
LOAD:C0B9E394 00 C0 00 78 r0 = #0 }
LOAD:C0B9E398 80 34 61 48 { r1 = #6 ; r0 = memb (r16 + #4) }
LOAD:C0B9E39C 00 51 61 F2 { p0 = cmp.gtu (r1, r17)
LOAD:C0B9E3A0 B2 C0 10 47 if !p0.new r18 = memb (r16 + #5) }
LOAD:C0B9E3A4
LOAD:C0B9E3A4 loc_C0B9E3A4: @ CODE XREF: err_inject_crash_diag+40;j
LOAD:C0B9E3A4 5E 40 00 5A { call err_inject_crash_initiate
LOAD:C0B9E3A8 A1 37 00 37 r0 = and (r0, #0xFF) ; r1 = and (r18, #0xFF) }
LOAD:C0B9E3AC
LOAD:C0B9E3AC loc_C0B9E3AC: @ CODE XREF: err_inject_crash_diag+28;j
LOAD:C0B9E3AC 00 40 00 78 { r0 = #0
LOAD:C0B9E3B0 05 1E 0C 3E r17:16 = memd (sp + #8) ; r19:18 = memd (sp + #0) }
LOAD:C0B9E3B4 1E C0 1E 90 { deallocframe }
LOAD:C0B9E3B8 00 C0 9F 52 { jumpr r31 }
LOAD:C0B9E3B8 @ End of function err_inject_crash_diag
LOAD:C0B9E3B8
LOAD:C0B9E3B8 @ -----
LOAD:C0B9E3BC
LOAD:C0B9E3BC 00 C0 20 6C { brkpt }
LOAD:C0B9E3C0
```

Crash injection via Diag

```
LOAD:C0B9E3C0
LOAD:C0B9E3C0
LOAD:C0B9E3C0
LOAD:C0B9E3C0 10 1C 01 D1
LOAD:C0B9E3C4 0C 60 41 10
LOAD:C0B9E3C8 00 D0 DD A1
LOAD:C0B9E3C8 32 C0 20 5C
LOAD:C0B9E3D0 70 42 00 5A
LOAD:C0B9E3D4 F1 6A 45 0C
LOAD:C0B9E3D8 00 C0 00 78
LOAD:C0B9E3DC
LOAD:C0B9E3DC
LOAD:C0B9E3DC 1C C1 01 10
LOAD:C0B9E3E0 1E 62 01 10
LOAD:C0B9E3E4 90 6F 32 0C
LOAD:C0B9E3E8 10 C5 00 78
LOAD:C0B9E3EC 22 E3 41 10
LOAD:C0B9E3F0 98 60 16 5B
LOAD:C0B9E3F4 81 00 70 48
LOAD:C0B9E3F8 00 40 40 8B
LOAD:C0B9E3FC 01 C0 90 91
LOAD:C0B9E400 22 40 60 8B
LOAD:C0B9E404 08 42 18 5B
LOAD:C0B9E408 4E 70 15 0C
LOAD:C0B9E40C 80 C4 00 78
LOAD:C0B9E410 16 C0 00 58
LOAD:C0B9E414
LOAD:C0B9E414
LOAD:C0B9E414
LOAD:C0B9E414 FE FC FF 5B
LOAD:C0B9E418 12 C0 00 58
LOAD:C0B9E41C
LOAD:C0B9E41C
LOAD:C0B9E41C
LOAD:C0B9E41C 4E 70 15 0C
LOAD:C0B9E420 81 00 C0 49
LOAD:C0B9E424 C6 42 18 5B
LOAD:C0B9E428 81 00 12 00
LOAD:C0B9E42C 08 C0 00 58
LOAD:C0B9E430
LOAD:C0B9E430
LOAD:C0B9E430
LOAD:C0B9E430 10 58 17 5B
LOAD:C0B9E434 4E 70 15 0C
LOAD:C0B9E438 80 C2 00 78
LOAD:C0B9E43C
LOAD:C0B9E43C
LOAD:C0B9E43C
LOAD:C0B9E43C 00 40 00 78
LOAD:C0B9E440 10 40 DD 91
LOAD:C0B9E444 90 6F 32 0C
LOAD:C0B9E448 24 C4 A0 48
LOAD:C0B9E44C 1E C0 1E 90
LOAD:C0B9E450 00 C0 9F 52
LOAD:C0B9E450
LOAD:C0B9E450

err_inject_crash_execute:
@ CODE XREF: err_inject_crash_initiate:loc_C0B9E4AC;p
@ DATA XREF: err_inject_crash_devcfg_check+130;o
{ r1 = memub (r0 + #1) ; allocframe (#8) }
{ p0 = cmp.eq (r1, #0) ; if (!p0.new) jump:t loc_C0B9E3DC
  memd (r29 + #0) = r17:16 }
{ if !p0 jump default }
{ call sub_C0B9E8B0
  immext (#0xC45ABC40)
  r0 = ##dword_C45ABC40 }

loc_C0B9E3DC:
@ CODE XREF: err_inject_crash_execute+4;j
{ p0 = cmp.eq (r1, #1) ; if (p0.new) jump:nt ERR_INJECT_WDOG_TIMEOUT }
{ p0 = cmp.eq (r1, #2) ; if (p0.new) jump:t ERR_INJECT_NULLPTR
  immext (#0xC32BE400)
  r16 = ##unk_C32BE428 }
{ p0 = cmp.eq (r1, #3) ; if (!p0.new) jump:t default }
{ call sub_C0452520
  r0 = #7 ; r1 = memw (r16 + #0) }
{ r0 = convert_w2sf (r0)
  r1 = memw (r16 + #0) }
{ r2 = convert_sf2uw (r0):chop
  call log_0
  immext (#0xC15C1380)
  r0 = ##err_inject_crash_c_Should_have_crashed_due_to_div0_7_u_d_ }
{ jump loc_C0B9E43C }

@ -----
ERR_INJECT_WDOG_TIMEOUT:
@ CODE XREF: err_inject_crash_execute:loc_C0B9E3DC;j
{ call sub_C0B9DE10 }
{ jump loc_C0B9E43C }

@ -----
ERR_INJECT_NULLPTR:
@ CODE XREF: err_inject_crash_execute+20;j
{ immext (#0xC15C1380)
  r0 = ##err_inject_crash_c_Should_have_crashed_due_to_null_access__x__x_ ; r1 = memw (r16 + #0) }
{ call log_0
  r2 = memw (r1 + #0) ; r1 = memw (r16 + #0) }
{ jump loc_C0B9E43C }

@ -----
default:
@ CODE XREF: err_inject_crash_execute+C;j
@ err_inject_crash_execute+2C;j
{ call log_md5
  immext (#0xC15C1380)
  r0 = ##err_inject_crash_c_err_inject_crash_unhandled_crash_ID__x_ }

loc_C0B9E43C:
@ CODE XREF: err_inject_crash_execute+50;j
@ err_inject_crash_execute+58;j ...
{ r0 = #0
  r17:16 = memd (r29 + #0)
  immext (#0xC32BE400)
  memb (##unk_C32BE424) = r0.new }
{ deallocframe }
{ jumpr r31 }

@ End of function err_inject_crash_execute
```

Examples

SetupLoggingCmds.jar

```
class SetupLoggingCmds {
    static final byte[][] cmds = {
        {(byte) 0x1D}, // DIAG_CMD_TIMESTAMP
        {(byte) 0x00}, // DIAG_CMD_VERSION_INFO
        {(byte) 0x7C}, // DIAG_CMD_EXT_BUILD_ID
        {(byte) 0x0C}, // DIAG_CMD_STATUS
        {(byte) 0x63}, // DIAG_CMD_STATUS_SNAPSHOT
        {(byte) 0x60, (byte) 0x00}, // DIAG_CMD_EVENT_REPORT
        {(byte) 0x73, (byte) 0x00, ... , (byte) 0x00}, // DIAG_CMD_LOG_CONFIG
        // more entries of DIAG_CMD_LOG_CONFIG
        {(byte) 0x7D, (byte) 0x04, ... , (byte) 0x00}, // DIAG_CMD_EXT_MESSAGE_CONFIG
        // more entries of DIAG_CMD_EXT_MESSAGE_CONFIG
        {(byte) 0x60, (byte) 0x00} // DIAG_CMD_EVENT_REPORT
    };
}
```


What about message logs?

Example decode of command packet (SnoopSnitch)

DIAG_CMD_EXT_MESSAGE_CONFIG (0x7D)

- Enable/disable and configure textual message logging
- Command format is **undocumented**
- Operates on subcommands
 - Set logging mask
- Logging mask
 - Applied bitwise& against reported loglevel of message
 - Mask 0x0 disables all logging, 0xFFFFFFFF enables all
- SSID
 - Filter by subsystem ID
 - Not same as DIAG subsystems

```
{(byte) 0x7D, // DIAG_CMD_EXT_MESSAGE_CONFIG
(byte) 0x04, // subcommand: set mask
(byte) 0x40, (byte) 0x1F, // ssid start
(byte) 0x40, (byte) 0x1F, // ssid end
(byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x00, // pad
(byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x00, (byte) 0x00}, // mask
```

Enable all text message logging on all SSIDs (my code)

```
def logging_enable_all():
    config = []
    ssid = 0
    while ( ssid < 0x2888 ):
        cmd = '\x7d\x04'
        cmd += struct.pack('<H', ssid);
        cmd += struct.pack('<H', ssid);
        cmd += struct.pack('<H', 0);
        cmd += '\xff\xff\xff\xff'
        ssid += 1
        config.append(cmd);
    return config
```

Parsing incoming log messages

DIAG_CMD_LOG_MESSAGE (0x79/121)

- u8 cmd = 0x79
- u8 type
- u8 n_args
- u8 dropcount
- u64 timestamp
- u16 ssid
- u16 line
- u32 unknown
- ... args: n_args-1 * u32
- **ASCII log message string**

DIAG_CMD_LOG_HASH (0x92/146)

- u8 cmd = 0x92
- u8 type
- u8 n_args
- u8 dropcount
- u64 timestamp
- u16 ssid
- u16 line
- u32 unknown
- **u32 md5 hash of log message**
- ...args

```
# DIAG_CMD_LOG_MESSAGE:
# 79000300 - 009c41af 7f3de700 - 6c00 - 0000 - 04000000 - 4c010000 00000000 00000000
646566696e65645f6666561747572653a2066756e6374696f6e20656e747279207769746820666656174757265202564006e765f746f5f676c6f62616c2e6300eb317e
# 79000000 - 0030bf4f 933de700 - 9d02 - 5100 - 04000000 - - 5450433a204c61743a3130312e3033303030302c204c6f6e3a3130312e3438393939382c20416c743a30 ...

# DIAG_CMD_LOG_HASH:
# 92000300 - 0058ae52 1531e700 - 900f - 0000 - 04000000 - 4a067d5d - 0f050000 00120000 00010000 00 0fe5 7e
```

Crash injection

```
4B // DIAG_CMD_SUBSYS
25 // subsystem ID: DEBUG
03 00 // subcommand: core dump
00 // crash type
00 // crash delay
```

Crash types:

0 = halt/panic,
1 = watchdog timeout,
2 = nullptr access,
3 = divide by 0
exception

- Didn't work on my Nexus
- On production devices this is expected to reboot the phone, no dumps left
- Might (and probably should) work on very old or obscure Qualcomm modems

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Conclusions

Future work

Qualcomm Hexagon

- Other Qualcomm-proprietary diagnostic protocols
- QEMU Hexagon (modern!) full system emulation
- Software-based debugger for prod-fused devices
- JTAG fusing bypass
- OTA vectors
- MP -> AP escalation
- Decompiler
- Binary patch diffing

Basebands: community research

- CDMA BTS software implementation
- Update osmocommBB a little bit
- **Open-source cellular ecosystem for the open spectrum**
 - Technically, nothing prevents cellular protocols from operating on unlicensed radio bands
 - But basebands are locked to radio bands via hardware capabilities + firmware programming
 - Some mobile phones seem to support 2.4Ghz/5Ghz (bb) on paper
 - So it should be possible to reconfigure the baseband radio layer
 - BTS on SDR makes no assumptions

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