Aptio 4.x Status Codes

Checkpoints & Beep Codes for Debugging

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Document Information

Purpose

This document lists standard status codes generated by Aptio 4.x core firmware. The checkpoints defined in this document are inherent to the Aptio 4.x core generic core, and do not include any chipset or board specific checkpoint definitions.

Audience

The intended audiences are Generic Chipset Porting Engineers, OEM Porting Engineers, Technicians, and AMI Customers.

References

AMI Debug Rx product page

AMI Debug Rx User Manual

AMI Debug Rx Quick Start Guide

Change History

Date	Revision	Description
2009-03-12	1.00	First Public Version
2009-12-30	1.10	Updated with information on AMI Debug Rx. Corrected some of use of “status code” where the term “checkpoint” should be used. Added ‘References’ section with links to additional documentation. Updated checkpoint values based on latest core implementation. Resorted beep code tables (ascending).
2009-12-31	1.11	Updated properties.
2012-01-06	1.12	Updated information

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Concept & Design

Introduction

A status code is a data value used to indicate progress during the boot phase. A subset of these status codes, known commonly as checkpoints, indicate common phases of the BIOS boot process.

Checkpoints are typically output to I/O port 80h, but Aptio 4.x core can be configured to send status codes to a variety of sources. Aptio 4.x core outputs checkpoints throughout the boot process to indicate the task the system is currently executing. Checkpoints are very useful in aiding software developers or technicians in debugging problems that occur during the pre-boot process.

Aptio Boot Flow

While performing the functions of the traditional BIOS, Aptio 4.x core follows the firmware model described by the Intel Platform Innovation Framework for EFI ("the Framework"). The Framework refers the following "boot phases", which may apply to various status code & checkpoint descriptions:

- Security (SEC) – initial low-level initialization
- Pre-EFI Initialization (PEI) – memory initialization[1]
- Driver Execution Environment (DXE) – main hardware initialization[2]
- Boot Device Selection (BDS) – system setup, pre-OS user interface & selecting a bootable device (CD/DVD, HDD, USB, Network, Shell, …)

Viewing Checkpoints

Checkpoints generated by Aptio firmware can be viewed using a PCI checkpoint card, also referred to as a "POST Card" or "POST Diagnostic Card". These PCI add-in cards show the value of I/O port 80h on a LED display. Checkpoint cards are available through a variety of computer mail-order outlets.

Newer systems feature support for AMI Debug Rx, a USB connected alternative to the PCI POST Card. AMI Debug Rx is a low-cost debug tool built around the debug port feature common to today's USB 2.0 EHCI controllers.

AMI Debug Rx is designed as replacement for the PCI POST Checkpoint Card as newer systems omit PCI expansion slots. Along with checkpoints, AMI Debug Rx has a number of features specifically designed for BIOS developers.

[1] Analogous to "bootblock" functionality of legacy BIOS

[2] Analogous to "POST" functionality in legacy BIOS

Aptio Checkpoints

Checkpoint Ranges

Status Code Range	Description
0x01 – 0x0B	SEC execution
0x0C – 0x0F	SEC errors
0x10 – 0x2F	PEI execution up to and including memory detection
0x30 – 0x4F	PEI execution after memory detection
0x50 – 0x5F	PEI errors
0x60 – 0x8F	DXE execution up to BDS
0x90 – 0xCF	BDS execution
0xD0 – 0xDF	DXE errors
0xE0 – 0xE8	S3 Resume (PEI)
0xE9 – 0xEF	S3 Resume errors (PEI)
0xF0 – 0xF8	Recovery (PEI)
0xF9 – 0xFF	Recovery errors (PEI)

Standard Checkpoints

SEC Phase

Status Code	Description
0x00	Not used
Progress Codes	
0x01	Power on. Reset type detection (soft/hard).
0x02	AP initialization before microcode loading
0x03	North Bridge initialization before microcode loading
0x04	South Bridge initialization before microcode loading
0x05	OEM initialization before microcode loading
0x06	Microcode loading
0x07	AP initialization after microcode loading
0x08	North Bridge initialization after microcode loading
0x09	South Bridge initialization after microcode loading
0x0A	OEM initialization after microcode loading
0x0B	Cache initialization

SEC Error Codes	
0x0C – 0x0D	Reserved for future AMI SEC error codes
0x0E	Microcode not found
0x0F	Microcode not loaded

SEC Beep Codes

None

PEI Phase

Status Code	Description
Progress Codes	
0x10	PEI Core is started
0x11	Pre-memory CPU initialization is started
0x12	Pre-memory CPU initialization (CPU module specific)
0x13	Pre-memory CPU initialization (CPU module specific)
0x14	Pre-memory CPU initialization (CPU module specific)
0x15	Pre-memory North Bridge initialization is started
0x16	Pre-Memory North Bridge initialization (North Bridge module specific)
0x17	Pre-Memory North Bridge initialization (North Bridge module specific)
0x18	Pre-Memory North Bridge initialization (North Bridge module specific)
0x19	Pre-memory South Bridge initialization is started
0x1A	Pre-memory South Bridge initialization (South Bridge module specific)
0x1B	Pre-memory South Bridge initialization (South Bridge module specific)
0x1C	Pre-memory South Bridge initialization (South Bridge module specific)
0x1D – 0x2A	OEM pre-memory initialization codes
0x2B	Memory initialization. Serial Presence Detect (SPD) data reading
0x2C	Memory initialization. Memory presence detection
0x2D	Memory initialization. Programming memory timing information
0x2E	Memory initialization. Configuring memory
0x2F	Memory initialization (other).
0x30	Reserved for ASL (see ASL Status Codes section below)
0x31	Memory Installed
0x32	CPU post-memory initialization is started
0x33	CPU post-memory initialization. Cache initialization
0x34	CPU post-memory initialization. Application Processor(s) (AP) initialization
0x35	CPU post-memory initialization. Boot Strap Processor (BSP) selection
0x36	CPU post-memory initialization. System Management Mode (SMM) initialization
0x37	Post-Memory North Bridge initialization is started

0x38	Post-Memory North Bridge initialization (North Bridge module specific)
0x39	Post-Memory North Bridge initialization (North Bridge module specific)
0x3A	Post-Memory North Bridge initialization (North Bridge module specific)
0x3B	Post-Memory South Bridge initialization is started
0x3C	Post-Memory South Bridge initialization (South Bridge module specific)
0x3D	Post-Memory South Bridge initialization (South Bridge module specific)
0x3E	Post-Memory South Bridge initialization (South Bridge module specific)
0x3F-0x4E	OEM post memory initialization codes
0x4F	DXE IPL is started
PEI Error Codes	
0x50	Memory initialization error. Invalid memory type or incompatible memory speed
0x51	Memory initialization error. SPD reading has failed
0x52	Memory initialization error. Invalid memory size or memory modules do not match.
0x53	Memory initialization error. No usable memory detected
0x54	Unspecified memory initialization error.
0x55	Memory not installed
0x56	Invalid CPU type or Speed
0x57	CPU mismatch
0x58	CPU self test failed or possible CPU cache error
0x59	CPU micro-code is not found or micro-code update is failed
0x5A	Internal CPU error
0x5B	reset PPI is not available
0x5C-0x5F	Reserved for future AMI error codes
S3 Resume Progress Codes	
0xE0	S3 Resume is stared (S3 Resume PPI is called by the DXE IPL)
0xE1	S3 Boot Script execution
0xE2	Video repost
0xE3	OS S3 wake vector call
0xE4-0xE7	Reserved for future AMI progress codes
S3 Resume Error Codes	
0xE8	S3 Resume Failed
0xE9	S3 Resume PPI not Found
0xEA	S3 Resume Boot Script Error
0xEB	S3 OS Wake Error
0xEC-0xEF	Reserved for future AMI error codes

Recovery Progress Codes	
0xF0	Recovery condition triggered by firmware (Auto recovery)
0xF1	Recovery condition triggered by user (Forced recovery)
0xF2	Recovery process started
0xF3	Recovery firmware image is found
0xF4	Recovery firmware image is loaded
0xF5-0xF7	Reserved for future AMI progress codes
Recovery Error Codes	
0xF8	Recovery PPI is not available
0xF9	Recovery capsule is not found
0xFA	Invalid recovery capsule
0xFB – 0xFF	Reserved for future AMI error codes

PEI Beep Codes

# of Beeps	Description
1	Memory not Installed
1	Memory was installed twice (InstallPeiMemory routine in PEI Core called twice)
2	Recovery started
3	DXEIPL was not found
3	DXE Core Firmware Volume was not found
4	Recovery failed
4	S3 Resume failed
7	Reset PPI is not available

DXE Phase

Status Code	Description
0x60	DXE Core is started
0x61	NVRAM initialization
0x62	Installation of the South Bridge Runtime Services
0x63	CPU DXE initialization is started
0x64	CPU DXE initialization (CPU module specific)
0x65	CPU DXE initialization (CPU module specific)
0x66	CPU DXE initialization (CPU module specific)
0x67	CPU DXE initialization (CPU module specific)
0x68	PCI host bridge initialization
0x69	North Bridge DXE initialization is started
0x6A	North Bridge DXE SMM initialization is started
0x6B	North Bridge DXE initialization (North Bridge module specific)

0x6C	North Bridge DXE initialization (North Bridge module specific)
0x6D	North Bridge DXE initialization (North Bridge module specific)
0x6E	North Bridge DXE initialization (North Bridge module specific)
0x6F	North Bridge DXE initialization (North Bridge module specific)
0x70	South Bridge DXE initialization is started
0x71	South Bridge DXE SMM initialization is started
0x72	South Bridge devices initialization
0x73	South Bridge DXE Initialization (South Bridge module specific)
0x74	South Bridge DXE Initialization (South Bridge module specific)
0x75	South Bridge DXE Initialization (South Bridge module specific)
0x76	South Bridge DXE Initialization (South Bridge module specific)
0x77	South Bridge DXE Initialization (South Bridge module specific)
0x78	ACPI module initialization
0x79	CSM initialization
0x7A – 0x7F	Reserved for future AMI DXE codes
0x80 – 0x8F	OEM DXE initialization codes
0x90	Boot Device Selection (BDS) phase is started
0x91	Driver connecting is started
0x92	PCI Bus initialization is started
0x93	PCI Bus Hot Plug Controller Initialization
0x94	PCI Bus Enumeration
0x95	PCI Bus Request Resources
0x96	PCI Bus Assign Resources
0x97	Console Output devices connect
0x98	Console input devices connect
0x99	Super IO Initialization
0x9A	USB initialization is started
0x9B	USB Reset
0x9C	USB Detect
0x9D	USB Enable
0x9E – 0x9F	Reserved for future AMI codes
0xA0	IDE initialization is started
0xA1	IDE Reset
0xA2	IDE Detect
0xA3	IDE Enable
0xA4	SCSI initialization is started
0xA5	SCSI Reset
0xA6	SCSI Detect

0xA7	SCSI Enable
0xA8	Setup Verifying Password
0xA9	Start of Setup
0xAA	Reserved for ASL (see ASL Status Codes section below)
0xAB	Setup Input Wait
0xAC	Reserved for ASL (see ASL Status Codes section below)
0xAD	Ready To Boot event
0xAE	Legacy Boot event
0xAF	Exit Boot Services event
0xB0	Runtime Set Virtual Address MAP Begin
0xB1	Runtime Set Virtual Address MAP End
0xB2	Legacy Option ROM Initialization
0xB3	System Reset
0xB4	USB hot plug
0xB5	PCI bus hot plug
0xB6	Clean-up of NVRAM
0xB7	Configuration Reset (reset of NVRAM settings)
0xB8 – 0xBF	Reserved for future AMI codes
0xC0 – 0xCF	OEM BDS initialization codes
DXE Error Codes	
0xD0	CPU initialization error
0xD1	North Bridge initialization error
0xD2	South Bridge initialization error
0xD3	Some of the Architectural Protocols are not available
0xD4	PCI resource allocation error. Out of Resources
0xD5	No Space for Legacy Option ROM
0xD6	No Console Output Devices are found
0xD7	No Console Input Devices are found
0xD8	Invalid password
0xD9	Error loading Boot Option (LoadImage returned error)
0xDA	Boot Option is failed (StartImage returned error)
0xDB	Flash update is failed
0xDC	Reset protocol is not available

DXE Beep Codes

# of Beeps	Description
1	Invalid password
4	Some of the Architectural Protocols are not available
5	No Console Output Devices are found
5	No Console Input Devices are found
6	Flash update is failed
7	Reset protocol is not available
8	Platform PCI resource requirements cannot be met

ACPI/ASL Checkpoints

Status Code	Description
0x01	System is entering S1 sleep state
0x02	System is entering S2 sleep state
0x03	System is entering S3 sleep state
0x04	System is entering S4 sleep state
0x05	System is entering S5 sleep state
0x10	System is waking up from the S1 sleep state
0x20	System is waking up from the S2 sleep state
0x30	System is waking up from the S3 sleep state
0x40	System is waking up from the S4 sleep state
0xAC	System has transitioned into ACPI mode. Interrupt controller is in PIC mode.
0xAA	System has transitioned into ACPI mode. Interrupt controller is in APIC mode.

OEM-Reserved Checkpoint Ranges

Status Code	Description
0x05	OEM SEC initialization before microcode loading
0x0A	OEM SEC initialization after microcode loading
0x1D – 0x2A	OEM pre-memory initialization codes
0x3F – 0x4E	OEM PEI post memory initialization codes
0x80 – 0x8F	OEM DXE initialization codes
0xC0 – 0xCF	OEM BDS initialization codes