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NVMe[®] 2.0 Specification Preview

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NVM Express[®] Technology Specification SD@ Roadmap



NVMe[®] Specification- Cleaning Up and Bug Fixes

- NVMe[®] 1.4 Specification
 - TP 4042a Further Events for the Persistent Event Log

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- TP 4004b ANA Based protocol
- TP 4005c Namespace Write Protect
- NVMe Next
 - TP 4052a Endurance Group Management
 - TP 4059a CMB Write Elasticity Status
 - TP 4065a Simply Copy Command

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NVMe[®] Specification - Enhancements

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- NVMe[®] 1.4 Specification
 - TP 4054 CMB/PMR DMA Enhancements
- NVMe Next
 - TP 4059 CMB Write Elasticity Status
 - TP 4063 Telemetry Enhancements
 - TP 4078 Namespace Attachment Limit
 - TP 4040 Non-Data-Transfer (non-MDTS) Command Size Limits
 - TP 4047 Security Commands During Format NVM Commands
 - TP 4064 SGL Optimization
 - TP 4071 Commands and Effect Log Enhancements
 - TP 4079 Telemetry Log Size Change

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NVMe[®] Specification - Innovations

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- NVMe[®] Next
 - TP 4009 ANA Domains and Partitioning
 - TP 4052 Endurance Group Management
 - TP 4065 Simple Copy Command
 - TP 4046 Command Group Control
 - TP 4055 Key per I/O
 - TP 4056 Namespace Types
 - TP 4053 Zoned Namespaces
 - TP 4015 NVMe Key Value

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Simple Copy Command (TP 4065)



- New NVM I/O command that copies logical blocks from one or more logical block ranges to a single contiguous destination logical block range
 - Source logical block ranges described by Source Range Entries transferred from host

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Supports protection information

Command Group Control (TP 4046)

- Defines new Lockdown admin command
 - May be used to prohibit execution of a command or modification of a feature in an NVM subsystem
 - Admin command
 - Set Feature for a specified Feature Identifier
 - Management Interface Command Set command
 - PCIe Command Set command
 - Provides interface level granularity
 - Ability to lockdown in-band, out-of-band, or both
- Once a command or feature is locked down, then it remains locked down until re-enabled by the Lockdown command or NVM subsystem power cycle





Refactoring NVMe® Specification

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New Specifications Command Sets & Transports

NVMe [®] I/O Command Set Specs	Transport Command Set Specs
 NVM Command Set Source: NVMe 1.4 Base Specification 	 PCIe Transport Source: NVMe 1.4 Base Specification
 Zoned Namespace Command Set Source: TP4053 	 RDMA Transport Source: NVMe-oF[™] 1.1 Specification
 Key Value Command Set Source: TP4015 	 TCP Transport Source: NVMe-oF 1.1 Specification

Key Changes within the Base Specification

- Fabrics Specification integrated into the Base Spec
- Theory of Operation section enhanced with two main concepts
 - Include content for Domains, Endurance Groups, NVM Sets & Namespaces
 - Memory Based Theory (PCIe) & Message Based Theory (Fabrics)
- Created an NVM Express[®] Architecture section
- PCIe Registers and concepts moved to Transports Spec
- Improved organization of Controller
- Architecture, Data Structures & Features
- Data Structures section re-organized
- to only cover data and not concepts



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NVM Express[®] Architecture Section Early in the document to set context for the reader...

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NVM Controller Architecture

- Includes Controller Model, Controller Types & Controller Properties sections
- NVM Subsystem Entities
 - Includes Namespaces, NVM Sets & Endurance Groups
- NVM Queue Models Status of Overall Execution Plan
 - Includes sections on Memory- & Message-based Queue Models & Queueing Data Structures
- Command Architecture
 - Includes Command Ordering Req's, Fused Operations, Atomic Operations & Command Arbitration
- Controller Initialization & Shutdown
 - Includes Memory- & Message-based Shutdown & Initialization

Sections for Reset Types, Keep Alive, Privileged Actions & Firmware Updates

Status of Overall Execution Plan

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- Preparation Create a new Outline
- ✓ Integrate the Fabrics Spec into the Base Spec
- Reorganize the Merged Spec for better readability & flow
- ✓ Add coverage of missing topics in the Theory of Operations section
- Create separate Fabrics Transport Template & Specs (PCIe, RDMA, & TCP)
- Generate the Command Set Specifications
 - ✓ Create a separated Command Set Specification Template
 - Create the NVM Command Set Specification
 - Create the initial ZNS & KV Command Set Specs based on TPs and Command Set Template
- ✓ Integrate TP4056 Namespace Types
- Generate a "Final" set of NVMe[®] Specifications including:
 - Base Spec: NVMe 1.4 Base Spec, NVMe-oF[™] 1.1, TP4056 & updated Theory of Operations
 - □ Final Transport Specs (PCIe, RDMA, TCP)
 - □ Final Command Set Specs (NVM, ZNS & KV)
 - Integration of all Ratified TPs into appropriate specifications
 - □ Aligned release of the NVMe-MI[™] 1.2 Specification



I/O Command Interpretation

Common Command Format



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Zoned Namespaces Command Set





- Logical blocks are grouped into zones
 - Logical blocks are written sequentially within a zone
- State machine associated with each zone

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- Controls operational characteristics of each zone
- State transitions may be explicitly controlled by the host or implicitly by host actions

Benefits

- Reduced write amplification
- Reduced overprovisioning
- Reduced memory on Storage Device (DRAM)

Key Value Command Set



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Domains and Partitions (TP 4009)



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- An NVM subsystem may represent a warehouse-scale storage system
- A warehouse-scale storage system may be constructed from multiple Domains
 - Capacity, controllers, and ports, may be partitioned among Domains
 - Domains may be added, removed, reconfigured, partitioned, or fail
- NVMe[®] technology now defines Domains as an architectural element

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Key Per I/O (TP 4055)

- Allows a unique key to be used on a per I/O basis to encryption/decrypt logical blocks stored in a Namespace
 - Key Tag in command specifies encryption key to use
 - NVM Subsystem supports up to 64K keys
 - Configuring keys and management of Key Tags will be defined in the TCG



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Endurance Groups (TP 4052)

- Defines new Capacity Management admin command
 - Creation/deletion of NVM Sets
 - Creation/deletion of Endurance Groups
 - Allocation of Media Units to Endurance Groups
 - Allocation of Media Units to NVM Sets





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