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Standard for Boot

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1. Overview

This document specifies the application of *IEEE Std 1275-1994 Standard for Boot (Initialization, Configuration) Firmware, Core Practices and Requirements* to PowerPC Reference Platform Compliant computer systems, including practices for client program interface and data formats. An implementation of Open Firmware for a PowerPC Reference Platform Compliant system *shall* implement the core requirements as defined in [1], the PowerPC Processor-specific extensions described in [2] and the PowerPC Reference Platform specific extensions described in this binding.

This document defines the binding to PowerPC platforms that use 32-bit addressing. Since the minimum cell size of Open Firmware is 32 bits, only one cell is necessary to represent addresses of processor bus devices; hence, the value of "#address-cells" for / *shall* be 1.

Note: 64-bit platforms can follow the specifications contained herein as long as all addresses relevant to Open Firmware are kept within the first 4GB; i.e., the upper 32 bits of 64-bit addresses are assumed to contain 0s.

2. References and Terms

2.1. References

This standard shall be used in conjunction with the following publications. When the following standards are superseded by an approved revision, the revision *shall* apply.

[1] *IEEE Std 1275-1994 Standard for Boot (Initialization, Configuration) Firmware, Core Practices and Requirements*.

[2] *PowerPC processor binding to: IEEE Std 1275-1994, Standard for Boot (Initialization, Configuration) Firmware*.

[3] *System V Application Binary Interface*, published by UNIX System Laboratories. This document describes the generic architecture of the ELF (Executable and Linking Format) object file format.

[4] *MS-DOS Programmer's Reference*, published by Microsoft. This document describes the MS-DOS partition, directory and FAT formats used by `disk-label` support package.

[5] *Peering Inside the PE: A Tour of the Win32 Portable Executable File Format*, found in the March, 1994 issue of *Microsoft Systems Journal*.

[6] *Bootstrap Protocol*, Internet RFC 951; see also RFC 1532.

[7] *ISO-9660, Information processing -- Volume and file structure of CD-ROM for information interchange*, published by International Organization for Standardization.

[8] *System V Application Binary Interface, PowerPC Processor Supplement*, Sunsoft. This document defines the PowerPC specific ABI for System V and also gives details on the PowerPC ELF format.

[9] *Device Support Extensions to IEEE 1275-1994 Standard for Boot (Initialization, Configuration) Firmware*.

[10] *Open Firmware Recommended Practice: 16-color Text Extension*.

[11] *Open Firmware Recommended Practice: Graphics Extension*.

[12] *Common Hardware Reference Platform Binding*.

2.2. Terms

This standard uses technical terms as they are defined in the documents cited in "References", plus the following terms:

1 **core, core specification:** refers to *IEEE Std 1275-1994 Standard for Boot (Initialization, Configuration)*
2 *Firmware, Core Practices and Requirements*

3 **ELF:** Executable and Linking Format. A binary object file format defined by [3][8] that is used to represent
4 *client programs* in Open Firmware for PowerPC.

5 **FDISK:** Refers to the boot-record and partition table format used by MS-DOS, as defined in [4].

6 **Open Firmware:** The firmware architecture defined by the core specification or, when used as an adjective, a
7 software component compliant with the core specification.

8 **PE:** Portable Executable. A binary object file format defined by [5]; this format is used by Microsoft's NT
9 operating system.

10 **Real-Mode:** The mode in which Open Firmware and its client are running with translation disabled; all
11 addresses passed between the client and Open Firmware are real (i.e., hardware) addresses.

12 **Suspend:** A form of Power Management characterized by a fast recovery to full operation. Typically, system
13 memory will not be powered off while in the suspend state.

14 **Virtual-Mode:** The mode in which Open Firmware and its client share a single virtual address space, and
15 address translation is enabled; all addresses passed between the client and Open Firmware are virtual (translated)
16 addresses.

21 **3. Endian-ness Support**

22 An implementation of PowerPC Reference Platform Open Firmware must support both Big- and Little-Endian
23 system implementations. This section describes added features to the core Open Firmware architecture features
24 to support bi-endian booting.

27 **3.1. Bi-Endian Booting**

28 The Configuration Variable `little-endian?` must be implemented. The basic concept of bi-endian support
29 is to keep in the `little-endian?` variable a "cached" indication of the desired endian-ness of client
30 programs (for example operating systems or their loaders). This variable indicates the expected endian-mode of
31 a boot target; `false` (0) indicates Big-Endian, `true` (-1) indicates Little-Endian; the default value of
32 `little-endian?` is implementation dependent.

33 The client program must describe its endian-mode in the header section of its image as described in section
34 section 7.1.1.. When Open Firmware is started, Open Firmware must use the value of `little-endian?` to
35 establish the endian-mode of a system. After Open Firmware locates and loads a client program, the correct
36 endian-mode must be verified with the description in the header section of the client program image. If the
37 cached value is correct, Open Firmware proceeds, with the system in its current endian-mode.

38 If, however, Open Firmware determines that the endian-mode of the client program is different from what it had
39 assumed, it must set `little-endian?` appropriately and reconfigure the system (hardware and firmware) for
40 the new endian-mode, possibly by resetting the system as with `reset-all`.

41 **Note:** the endian-mode applies to the entire hardware system, including the processor(s).
42 **Open Firmware shall perform whatever steps are required to enable the system to run in**
43 **the specified mode.**

44 *Client programs* can use `setprop` to alter the value of `little-endian?`; users can alter it via the `setenv`
45 command from the *user interface* (if present). The alteration of `little-endian?` *shall not* cause the system
46 to be reconfigured until the system is re-booted.

47 **Note:** this mechanism introduces an extra configuration pass. However, this occurs only
48 when switching the endian-mode from that which was last used. For most boots, Open
49 Firmware will be appropriately configured, so that no additional overhead will occur.

1 | **4. Packages**

2 | This section describes the PowerPC Reference Platform-specific requirements of Open Firmware packages.
3 |

4 | **4.1. "disk-label" Support Package**

5 | This section describes the partition formats and the formats of client program images that the `disk-label`
6 | support package for PowerPC *shall* support; an implementation *may* support additional mechanisms, in an
7 | implementation-specific manner.
8 |

9 | The process of loading and executing a client program is described in two stages. The first stage determines
10 | what file to read into memory. This is done by locating a file from the boot device, usually by means of a name
11 | lookup within a directory contained within a disk "partition". The second stage examines the front portion
12 | (header) of the image for "well-known" program formats. When the format of the image has been determined,
13 | the loading is completed in a manner determined by that format.
14 |

15 | The name of the file (and, the partition in which it is contained) can be explicitly specified by the user via the
16 | `load` or `boot` command, or can be implicitly specified by the value of the "boot-device" property of the
17 | `/options` node. The filename is the ARGUMENTS portion of the final COMPONENT of the PATH_NAME, as
18 | described in section 4.3.1 of [1].
19 |

20 | The syntax for explicit filename specification is as follows:

21 | `[n][,filename]`
22 |

23 | where `n` is the partition number to be used and `filename` is the name of a file within that partition. If `n` is
24 | omitted, the default partition (as determined by the partition format) is used. If `filename` is omitted, the
25 | default filename (i.e., the filename component of the "boot-device" path-name) is used. Partition number 0
26 | refers to the entire device; this definition is independent of the existence of the device partition information.
27 |

28 | **4.1.1. Partition formats**

29 | The "open" method of the "disk-label" support package shall implement a disk partition recognition
30 | algorithm that supports at least the set of disk formats that are supported by the following algorithm. The
31 | following algorithm is intended to support raw (uninterpreted) disks, raw partitions of disks beginning with an
32 | FDISK partition map, and files on FAT and ISO-9660 file systems both within FDISK partitions and by
33 | themselves on disks without a partition map.
34 |

35 | That "open" method shall accept an argument string (as returned by "my-args") with the following syntax
36 | (according to the algorithm below), where brackets denote an optional component:
37 |

38 | `[partition][,[filename]]`
39 |

40 | If the argument string contains a comma, or if the argument string begins with a decimal digit, the partition
41 | component is deemed to be present.

42 | If the partition component is present, it selects the desired partition, where partition 0 refers to the entire disk,
43 | partition 1 refers to the first partition, partition 2 to the second, and so forth. If the partition component is
44 | absent and the disk has an FDISK partition map, the first "bootable" partition is used, otherwise the first non-
45 | null partition is used.

46 | If the filename component is present, it selects a particular file within the file system on the disk or partition
47 | thereof.
48 |

49 | OPEN algorithm

50 | Set D.SIZE to -1

51 | If the first character of ARGUMENT\$ is in the range '0'..'9'

52 | LEFT-PARSE (ARGUMENT\$) -> PARTITION\$, FILENAME\$
53 |
54 |

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```
1      Else
2          Set PARTITION$ to the null string
3          Set FILENAME$ to ARGUMENT$
4
5      If PARTITION$ is not the null string
6          If PARTITION$ cannot be parsed as a decimal number
7              Return FALSE
8          DECIMAL_STRING_TO_NUMBER( PARTITION$ ) -> PARTITION
9          If PARTITION is 0
10             Set OFFSET to 0
11             If the parent device has a "#blocks" method
12                 Execute the parent's "#blocks" and "block-size"
13                 methods, and set D.SIZE to the product of the
14                 two result values.
15             Else
16                 Read the first 512 bytes of the device into a buffer
17                 SELECT_EXPLICIT_PARTITION(PARTITION)
18                 If SELECT_EXPLICIT_PARTITION returned an error indication
19                     Return FALSE
20
21         Else \ PARTITION$ is NULL
22             Read the first 512 bytes of the device into a buffer
23             SELECT_ACTIVE_PARTITION
24             If SELECT_ACTIVE_PARTITION returned an error indication
25                 Return FALSE
26
27     \ At this point, D.OFFSET is set to the beginning of the selected partition
28     \ and D.SIZE is set to the size of that partition.  If the entire disk was
29     \ selected, D.OFFSET is 0 and D.SIZE is the size of the disk.
30
31     Call parent's "seek" method with an argument of 0 0.
32
33     If FILENAME$ is not NULL
34
35         If the partition contains an ISO 9660 file system
36
37             Interpose the ISO 9660 file system handler, with FILENAME$
38             as its argument
39
40         Else If the partition contains a FAT file system
41
42             Interpose the FAT file system handler, with FILENAME$
43             as its argument
44
45         Else If the implementation recognizes the file system type and
46         has a handler for that file system
47
48             Interpose the handler for that file system, with FILENAME$
49             as its argument
50
51         Else
52             Return FALSE
53
54     Return TRUE
55
56     CHECK_FOR_BPB procedure
57
58     If the 16-bit little-endian quantity beginning at buffer offset 510
```

1 is 0xaa55, and the 16-bit little-endian quantity beginning at buffer
2 offset 11 (which is the BPB "bytes per sector" field) is either 256,
3 512, or 1024, and the byte at offset 16 (the BPB "number of FATs"
4 field) is either 1 or 2, the sector is deemed to contain a BPB.
5 Otherwise, the sector does not contain a BPB.

6 CHECK_FOR_ISO_9660 procedure

7
8 Read 512-byte sector 64 (the beginning of logical 2048-byte sector 16)
9 into a buffer

10
11 If the byte at offset 0 contains the binary number "1", and the 5
12 bytes beginning at offset 1 contains the text string "CD001", the
13 partition or raw disk is deemed to contain an ISO 9660 file system.
14 Otherwise, the partition or raw disk is deemed not to contain an
15 ISO 9660 file system.

16 17 GET_DISK_SIZE procedure

18
19 If the parent device has a "#blocks" method

20
21 Execute the parent's "#blocks" and "block-size"
22 methods, and set D.SIZE to the product of the
23 two result values.

24 25 CHECK_FOR_FDISK procedure

26
27 If the buffer does not contain an FDISK partition map signature of
28 "aa55" as a 16-bit little-endian number beginning at buffer offset
29 510, the buffer is deemed not to contain an FDISK partition map.

30
31 If the partition map area (the bytes of the buffer between offsets
32 0x1ae and 0x1fd inclusive) contains all zero bytes, the buffer is
33 deemed not to contain an FDISK partition map.

34
35 If none of the partition type codes (the bytes at buffer offsets
36 0x1b2, 0x1c2, 0x1d2, and 0x1e2) contains a recognizable partition
37 type code (4, 5, 6, 0x41, 0x96, or other types that may be
38 recognized by the implementation), the buffer is deemed not to
39 contain an FDISK partition map.

40
41 Otherwise, the buffer is deemed to contain an FDISK partition map.

42
43 The implementation may, at its option, apply additional tests to
44 determine whether or not the buffer contains a valid partition map.

45 INTERPOSE_BY_TYPE procedure

46
47 If FILENAME\$ is not the null string

48
49 If PARTITION-TYPE is 0x96
50 INTERPOSE (ISO-9660 File System package, FILENAME\$)

51
52 Else
53 INTERPOSE (FAT File System package, FILENAME\$)

54 SELECT_ACTIVE_PARTITION procedure

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```
1      CHECK_FOR_BPFB
2      If the buffer contains a BPB
3          Set OFFSET to 0
4
5          Set D.SIZE to the maximum size of the disk in bytes, as
6          indicated by the information in the BIOS Parameter Block
7
8          If FILENAME$ is not the null string
9              INTERPOSE (FAT File System package, FILENAME$)
10
11          Return OKAY
12
13      CHECK_FOR_FDISEK
14      If the buffer does not contain an FDISK partition map
15
16          CHECK_FOR_ISO_9660
17          If it is an ISO 9660 disk
18
19              Set OFFSET to 0
20
21              GET_DISK_SIZE
22
23              If FILENAME$ is not the null string
24                  INTERPOSE (ISO-9660 File System package, FILENAME$)
25
26              Return OKAY
27
28          Return ERROR
29
30      Search the FDisk partition map, reading new 512-byte sectors
31      into the buffer if necessary to "chain" to extended partition
32      entries (i.e. ones whose type byte at offset 4 contain "5")
33      for the first partition entry whose "bootable" field (at
34      offset 0 in the partition entry) contains 0x80.
35      If one is found:
36          Set PARTITION-TYPE to that entry's "type" field
37          (the byte at offset 4)
38
39          Set D.OFFSET to the byte offset from the beginning
40          of the disk of the beginning of the partition
41          denoted by that entry.
42
43          Set D.SIZE to the size of the partition denoted by
44          that entry.
45
46          INTERPOSE_BY_TYPE
47
48          Return OKAY
49
50      Note: An implementation is required to support only the "logical sector number" format
51      of FDISK partition map entries. It may, but is not required to, support the "head/
52      cylinder/sector" format.
53
54      \ No partition was marked "bootable"
```

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```
1      Search the FDisk partition map beginning in 512-byte sector 0,
2      reading new 512-byte sectors into the buffer if necessary to
3      "chain" to extended partition entries, for the first partition
4      entry whose "type" byte is neither 0 nor 5 (5 is the type code
5      that indicates a "chained" extended partition entry).
6      If one is found:
7
8          Set PARTITION-TYPE to that entry's "type" field
9          (the byte at offset 4)
10
11         Set D.OFFSET to the byte offset from the beginning
12         of the disk of the beginning of the partition
13         denoted by that entry.
14
15         Set D.SIZE to the size of the partition in bytes denoted
16         by that entry.
17
18         INTERPOSE_BY_TYPE
19
20         Return OKAY
21
22     \ The partition map did not contain any valid partition entries
23
24     Return ERROR
25
26 GET-DISK-SIZE procedure
27
28     If the parent has a "#blocks" method
29         Execute the parent's "#blocks" and "block-size" methods
30         Set D.SIZE to the product of the numbers they returned
31     Else
32         Set D.SIZE to -1
33
34 SELECT_EXPLICIT_PARTITION(PARTITION) procedure
35
36     If the buffer contains a BPB
37
38         If PARTITION is 1
39
40             Set OFFSET to 0
41
42             GET-DISK-SIZE
43
44             If FILENAME$ is not the null string
45
46                 INTERPOSE (FAT File System package, FILENAME$)
47
48                 Return OKAY
49
50             Else
51                 Return ERROR
52
53     Else
54         Search the FDisk partition map beginning in 512-byte sector 0,
55         reading new 512-byte sectors into the buffer if necessary to
56         "chain" to extended partition entries, for the Nth, where
57         N is the value of PARTITION, partition entry whose "type"
58         byte is neither 0 nor 5 (5 is the type code that indicates
59         a "chained" extended partition entry).
60         If one is found:
```



```
1
2         Set PARTITION-TYPE to that entry's "type" field
3         (the byte at offset 4)
4
5         Set D.OFFSET to the byte offset from the beginning
6         of the disk of the beginning of the partition
7         denoted by that entry.
8
9         Set D.SIZE to the size of the partition in bytes
10        denoted by that entry.
11
12        INTERPOSE_BY_TYPE
13
14        Return OKAY
15
16    Else
17
18        Return ERROR
19
```

20 **Note:** Some vendors wish to supply a CD-ROM that contains both an ISO-9660 file
21 system, and also a separate boot image in another format. One way to do so, that will work
22 with the algorithm described above, is as follows:

23 Put the ISO-9660 file system on the CD-ROM in its usual location (i.e. beginning at 2048-
24 byte sector number 16).

25 Put the boot image, in one of the defined partition formats (e.g. as a FAT file system or a
26 "41" partition) on the CD-ROM in some area beyond that which is used by the ISO-9660
27 file system.

28 Put an FDISK partition map in the first 512 bytes of the CD-ROM (i.e. in the first
29 quarter of the first 2048-byte sector). That partition map should contain:

30 a) An entry describing the boot image partition. The logical sector numbers in that entry
31 should be in units of 512 bytes. That entry should be marked "bootable" (i.e. the first
32 byte of the entry should be 0x80).

33 and

34 b) An entry describing the ISO-9660 file system. The logical sector numbers in that entry
35 should be in units of 512 bytes. The beginning sector number field in that entry should
36 contain 0, thus "including" the FDISK partition map within the ISO-9660 partition.

37 Although the above algorithm works independent of the device type, the following formats are strongly
38 recommended for devices for portability.

39 Floppy Disk

40 1.44/2.88 MB, MFM floppy disks should be in FAT-12 format, as described in [4].

41 Hard Disk

42 Hard Disks should have an FDISK partition map, as described in [4].

43 **Note:** since the bootsector is used to contain boot program for floppies and the FDISK
44 partition map for hard disks, the "disk-label" package must use the value of the
45 bsMedia byte (located at offset 15h) to determine whether a partition map is present. If
46 the value is 0F8h, it indicates a hard disk and a partition map should be present in the
47 bootsector; any other value indicates a floppy disk.

48 CD-ROM

49 CD-ROMs should be formatted according to ISO-9660, as described in [7].
50
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52
53
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4.1.2. Program-image formats.

Open Firmware must recognize a client program that is formatted as either ELF [3][8] or PE [5]. PE format support is provided only for booting NT; all other clients *shall* use ELF. Other formats *may* be handled in an implementation-specific manner.

After locating the file, Open Firmware reads the image into memory at the location specified by the **load-base** Configuration Variable. Then, Open Firmware must perform the following procedure to prepare the image for execution.

init-program.

```
examine the header of the image.
set restart? false
if the image is in ELF format
    if the EI_DATA field does not match little-endian?
        set little-endian? appropriately.
        set restart? true
    locate the PowerPC Note Section
    if the Note Section's descriptor is not correct
        set Configuration Variables appropriately
        set restart? true
    if restart?
        restart the system, possibly by executing reset-all
    else
        move and/or relocate the ELF image.
else
if the file is in PE format
    if little-endian? is false
        set little-endian? to true.
        restart the system, possibly by executing reset-all
    else
        move and/or relocate the PE image.
else
    FAIL, in an implementation -specific manner.
```

4.2. "obp-tftp" Support Package

The "obp-tftp" Support Package of an Open Firmware implementation (used to **load** from "network" devices) *shall* support the BOOTP protocol, as described in [6] and *shall* not require the server to support any vendor extensions.

5. Properties

This section describes the standard properties of PowerPC Reference Platform Open Firmware implementation.

5.1. Root node properties

The following properties of the root node ("/") shall be created by an Open Firmware implementation.

Note: The root node typically corresponds to the common processor bus in a PowerPC system

"#address-cells"

Standard property, encoded as with **encode-int**, that specifies the number of cells required to represent physical addresses on the processor bus; the value of **"#address-cells"** for the processor bus *shall* be 1.

"clock-frequency"

Standard property, encoded as with **encode-int**, that represents the primary system bus speed (in hertz).

"system-id"

Standard property, encoded as with **encode-string**, that contains the identification of the computer system. This string shall be unique across all systems and all manufacturers. If the system-id begins with "0", it shall be of the form "0nnnnnnmmmmmm" where nnnnnn is a sequence of 6 uppercase hexadecimal digits representing a 24-bit Organizationally Unique Identifier (OUI) assigned by the IEEE Registration Authority Committee, and mmmmmm is a sequence of 6 uppercase hexadecimal digits representing a 24-bit binary number assigned by the manufacturer to assure uniqueness.

Note: For systems with built-in ethernet or other IEEE 802-style interfaces, the 6-byte MAC address assigned to that interface meets the requirements and should be used as the system-id.

6. Halt/Reboot

The "halt procedure" feature defined in earlier versions of this binding has been deleted in this version in favor of a similar service provided by the "RTAS" services defined by the CHRP binding[12]. PR*P firmware that wishes to provide a reboot service that will work after an operating system has rendered the Open Firmware client interface inoperable should implement the RTAS "reboot" service.

7. Client Program Requirements

7.1. Client Program Format

The data format of a client program compliant with this specification *shall* be either ELF (Executable and Linkage Format) as defined by [3][8], and extended by section 7.1.1., or PE (Portable Executable) as defined by [5]. The standard ELF format contains explicit indication as to the program's execution modes (e.g., 32- or 64-bit, Big- or Little-Endian); this version of the specification only deals with the 32-bit version (i.e., ELFCLASS32).

Note: other client program formats may be supported, in an implementation specific manner, by an Open Firmware implementation.

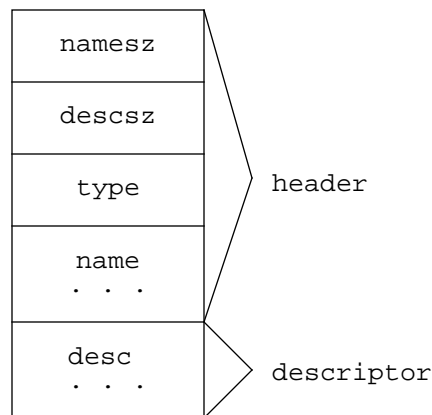
A standard *client program* shall be statically linked, requiring no relocation of the image. The program's entry point (`e_entry`) *shall* contain the address of the first PowerPC instruction of the client program. It is the responsibility of the client program to establish the appropriate value of the TOC (%r2), if necessary.

Note: the entry point is the address of the first instruction of the client program, not that of a procedure descriptor.

7.1.1. ELF Note Section

Part of the process of loading a client program involves verifying its environmental requirements (e.g., endianness and address translation mode) against the current firmware configuration. The client's endianness can be directly determined by examining the ELF EI-DATA value; ELFDATA2LSB (1) implies Little-Endian while ELFDATA2MSB (2) implies Big-Endian. However, the other client requirements (e.g., address translation mode) are defined by means of an ELF Note Section (SHT_NOTE). The following describes the format of the Note Section for a client program file.

As defined by [3], an ELF file can be "annotated" by means of Note Sections within the executable file. A Note Section contains a "header" followed by a (possibly null) "descriptor", as follows:



Note: the endian format of the values corresponds to the endian-ness specified by the EI-DATA field of the file.

The format of a Note Section header can be described by an Open Firmware struct as:

```

struct \ Note Section header for Open Firmware
/L field ns.namesz \ length of ns.name, including NULL
/L field ns.descrsz
/L field ns.type
0 field ns.name \ NULL-terminated, /L padded
  
```

The ns.name field of the PowerPC Open Firmware Note Section shall be "PowerPC"; the ns.type field shall be 0x1275.

Following the Note Section header is a descriptor (desc); the length (in bytes) of the descriptor is specified by a word in the Note Section's header (descsz). The interpretation of the descriptor depends upon the kind of Note Section in which it is contained. For Open Firmware, the format of the Note Section's descriptor can be described by an Open Firmware struct, as follows:

```

struct \ Note Section descriptor
/L field ns.real-mode
/L field ns.real-base
/L field ns.real-size
/L field ns.virt-base
/L field ns.virt-size
  
```

7.1.2. Handling ELF-format Client Programs

7.1.2.1. Recognizing ELF-format Programs

"Init-program" shall recognize client program images that conform to all the requirements listed below as "ELF-format" programs.

In the description below, field names refer to fields within the ELF "file header" structure, which is assumed to begin at load-base, and offsets are relative to the beginning of that structure. Multi-byte numerical fields are interpreted according to the endianness specified by the "data" field at offset 5.

- a) The "ident" field (at offset 0) contains the string "\7fELF", where '\7f' is a byte whose value is (hex) 7f. This indicates the beginning of an ELF file header.
- b) The "class" field (at offset 4) contains the value 1. This indicates the 32-bit variant of the ELF format.
- c) The "type" field (at offset 16) contains the value 2. This indicates that the ELF image is executable.

- 1 d) The "machine" field (at offset 18) contains the value 20. This indicates that the ELF image is
2 for the PowerPC instruction set.

7.1.2.2. Preparing ELF-format programs for execution

5 Upon recognition of the client program image at load-base as an ELF-format program, "init-program" shall
6 prepare the program for execution by performing the following sequence of steps. In the description below, the
7 fields mentioned by name are within ELF "program header" structures, unless specified otherwise.

- 9 a) Search for an ELF "note" section of type "1275" as defined in Section 7.1.1. on page 11. If one is
10 found, and the values specified by its descriptor do not match the firmware's current operating
11 mode, set the appropriate configuration variables to the values specified in the note section
12 descriptor, and restart the firmware so that it will re-execute the "boot" command that resulted in
13 the execution of **init-program**
- 14 b) Allocate and map sufficient physical memory for all the program sections of type "PT_LOAD"
15 (i.e. whose "p_type" field contains the value 1) listed in the ELF image's program headers.
- 16 c) Copy the program headers to a "safe" location to guard against the possibility of them being over-
17 written by the following steps.
- 18 d) For each program section of type "PT_LOAD":
- 19 1. Copy the initialized portion of the program section from its current location in the loaded
20 image to the location given by the section's "p_vaddr" field.
- 21 2. Fill the rest of the copied section with zero bytes (i.e. fill "p_filesz - p_memsz" bytes
22 beginning at the address "p_vaddr + p_filesz").
- 23 e) Set the saved program state so that subsequent execution of "go" will begin execution at the vir-
24 tual address given by the "e_entry" field in the ELF file header.

25 The implementation need not take precautions to ensure that the process of copying and zeroing program
26 sections does not overwrite the portions of the load image that have not yet been copied. In order to guarantee
27 correct copying, the value of the "load-base" configuration variable and the destination addresses of the various
28 sections must be such that such overwriting does not occur. One sufficient condition is that the region of
29 memory beginning at load-base, of size equal to the size of the loaded image, be disjoint from the regions of
30 memory to which the program sections are copied and zero-filled. There are other less-stringent sufficient
31 conditions, especially for simple ELF images with a small number of program sections that are to be copied to
32 contiguous regions.

33 An example of another sufficient condition would be as follows:

34 An ELF client program consists of two segments: a text segment (read/execute) and a data segment (read/write/
35 execute). Only the data segment may have a memory size greater than the file size (implied "bss"). Further, to
36 ease the problem of mapping the image for Virtual mode, the page offsets within memory must equal the page
37 offsets within the file. The definition of "page offset" is those bits of an address which are below the
38 granularity of memory allocation or mapping. (i.e. page size of 4K implies page offset mask of 4K - 1)

39 An implementation shall permit the ELF image to contain other sections in addition to those described above,
40 but need not take any action beyond that defined above as a result of the presence of such other sections.

8. Extensions for PowerPC Reference Platform systems

41 This section describes the properties, methods, and device subtrees that are applicable to devices required by the
42 PowerPC Reference Platform architecture. It is strongly recommended that other platforms follow these
43 definitions for the corresponding devices.

8.1. Display devices

Display device packages (i.e., `device_type = "display"`) for PowerPC Reference Platform systems should include in their implementation all the properties and methods called for in [10] and [11].

8.2. Device support

Open Firmware implementations for PowerPC Reference Platform systems must implement those device types from the IEEE 1275 Device Support Extensions document [9] that are appropriate to the hardware present.

8.3. Conventions for devices on ISA and SCSI buses

This section defines the naming and device type conventions for typical devices on ISA and SCSI buses. The following lists are the values of the "name" and "device-type" properties of the devices on an ISA bus:

name	device_type
8042	
kbd	"keyboard"
mouse	"mouse"
fdc	"fdc"
disk	"block"
tape	"byte"
com	"serial"
timer	"timer"
lpt	"parallel"
ide	"ide"
disk	"block"
cdrom	"block"
nvrnm	"nvrnm"
rtc	"rtc"

Note: The "kbd" and "mouse" names are indented to show that they are the child nodes of the 8042 node.

Some systems use an I/O controller, often called a super I/O chip, which provides control functions of multiple I/O devices. When a system uses a super I/O chip, a device node representing the super I/O chip itself need not exist. Instead, the device nodes of the devices attached to the super I/O chip may be direct children of the bus node representing the bus to which the super I/O chip is attached.

The following are the values of the name and device-type properties of the devices on SCSI bus:

name	device_type
scsi	"scsi-2"
disk	"block"
tape	"byte"

Note: SCSI controller is considered a bus device in the device tree for PowerPC Open Firmware. The "disk" and "tape" names are indented to show that they are the child nodes of the scsi node.

It is strongly recommended that the "compatible" property be implemented for ISA and SCSI bus devices to help operating systems find appropriate device drivers for these devices.

8.4. /aliases node properties

An implementation of Open Firmware for the PowerPC Reference Platform shall provide the following aliases under "/aliases" node if an applicable device exists:

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disk
tape
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1 cdrom
2 keyboard
3 screen
4 scsi
5 com1 The serial port at I/O address 0x3f8
6 com2 The serial port at I/O address 0x2f8
7 floppy The primary floppy drive
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