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Introduction

Purpose

This document describes the mechanisms by which the Intel® Platform Innovation Framework for EFI (the “Framework”) manages user input. The major areas described include the following:

- String and font management.
- User input abstractions (for keyboards and mice), mainly those used during the Driver Execution Environment (DXE) and Boot Device Selection (BDS) phases.
- Internal representations of the *forms* (in the HTML sense) that are used for running a preboot setup.
- External representations, and the derivations of those representations, of the forms that are used to pass configuration information to runtime applications and the mechanisms to allow the results of those applications to be driven back into the firmware.

General goals include:

- Simplified *localization*, the process by which the interface is adapted to a particular language.
- A “forms” representation mechanism that is rich enough to support the complex configuration issues encountered by platform developers, including stock keeping unit (SKU) management and interrelationships between questions in the forms.
- Definition of a mechanism to allow most or all the configuration of the system to be performed during boot (DXE/BDS), at runtime, and remotely. Where possible, the forms describing the configuration should be expressed using existing standards such as XML.
- Ability for the different drivers (including those from add-in cards) and applications to contribute forms, strings, and fonts in a uniform manner while still allowing innovation in the look and feel for Setup.
- Encourage a “walk up and use” (WUU) user interface. Most applications are designed to be used repeatedly. User interface designers must trade off learnability for usability. The goal of WUU applications is to be instantly usable without a learning curve or other documentation.

Design characteristics include the following:

- A simplified interface.
- Continual display of both keys and context-sensitive help, rather than having the user ask for it.
- Minimal shortcuts (most people become confused by more than one method for doing things).
- An interface that is analogous to a common interface. At this time, a generic web browser is probably the most universal nonproprietary interface.
Overview

This document describes the following:

- General design rationale and concepts
- Data structures. They are described more or less bottom up, in the following order:
  - Fonts
  - Strings
  - Internal Form Representations (IFRs)
  - Mechanisms to map internal representations
  - Mechanisms to map to external representations (such as XHTML).
- Code interfaces

It is important to note which concepts are required by the architecture and which are considered possible implementations. In general, all of the definitions expressed in the Extensible Firmware Interface (EFI) standard protocol/member function format are architectural. Except where noted, database information and representations are architectural. The tools are not architectural, nor is, of course, the rationale. Variances from these general rules are noted.

Glossary

The following definitions, except where noted, are not EFI specific. See the master glossary in the Framework Interoperability and Component Specifications help system for additional terms; see “Typographic Conventions” later in this chapter for the URL.

**DBCS**

Double Byte Character Set.

**font**

A graphical representation corresponding to a character set, in this case Unicode. The following are the same Latin letter in three fonts using the same size (14):

```
A
A
A
```

**font glyph**

The individual elements of a font corresponding to single characters are called *font glyphs* or simply *glyphs*. The first character in each of the above three lines is a *glyph* for the letter “A” in three different fonts.

**form**

A description of a page or pages which describe fields for user input. See e.g. [HTML] Chapter 10.

**glyph**

The individual elements of a font corresponding to single characters. May also be called *font glyphs*. Also see *font glyph* above.
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HII
Human Interface Infrastructure.

HTML
Hypertext Markup Language. A particular implementation of SGML focused on hypertext applications. HTML is a fairly simple language that enables the description of pages (generally Internet pages) that include links to other pages and other data types (such as graphics). When applied to a larger world, HTML has many shortcomings, including localization (q.v.) and formatting issues. The HTML form concept is of particular interest to this application.

IFR
Internal Form Representation. Used to represent forms in EFI so that it can be interpreted as is or expanded easily into XHTML.

IME
Input Method Editor. A program or subprogram that is used to map keystrokes to logographic characters. For example, IMEs are used (possibly with user intervention) to map the Kana (Hirigana or Katakana) characters on Japanese keyboards to Kanji.

internationalization
In this context, is the process of making a system usable across languages and cultures by using universally understood symbols. Internationalization is difficult due to the differences in cultures and the difficulty of creating obvious symbols; for example, why does a red octagon mean “Stop”?

localization
The process of focusing a system in so that it works using the symbols of a language/culture. The following design is influenced in major part by the requirements of localization.

logographic
A character set that uses characters to represent words or parts of words rather than syllables or sounds. Kanji is logographic but Kana characters are not.

NV
Nonvolatile.

scan-code
A value representing the location of a key on a keyboard. Scan-codes may also encode make (key press) and break (key release) and auto-repeat information.

SGML
Standard Generalized Markup Language. A Markup Language for defining Markup Languages

SKU
Stock keeping unit.
string
A null-terminated ordered list of 16-bit Unicode characters.

UGA
Universal Graphics Adapter.

VFR
Visual Forms Representation.

WUU
Walk up and use. A user interface in which the goal is to be instantly usable without a
learning curve or other documentation.

XHTML
Extensible HTML. XHTML “will obey all of the grammar rules of XML (properly nested
elements, quoted attributes, and so on), while conforming to the vocabulary of HTML (the
elements and attributes that are available for use and their relationships to one another).”
[PXML, pg., 153]. Although not completely defined, XHTML is basically the intersection of
XML and HTML and does support forms.

XML
Extensible Markup Language. A subset of SGML. Addresses many of the problems with
HTML but does not currently (1.0) support forms in any specified way.

References
This section lists user-interface-related information that may be useful to you or that is referenced
in this specification. See the master references in the Framework Interoperability and Component
Specifications help system for additional references; see “Typographic Conventions” later in this
chapter for the URL.

• User Interface:
  — [PUI] Programming the User Interface: Principles and Examples, Judith R. Brown, Steve

• Localization:
  — [DBCS] Japanese Language DBCS (Double Byte Character Set): MS-DOS Version,
  — [DIS] Developing International Software For Windows 95* and Windows NT*, Nadine
Introduction

• Markup Languages:

• Other References:

Conventions Used in This Document

This document uses the typographic and illustrative conventions described below.

Data Structure Descriptions

Intel® processors based on 32-bit Intel® architecture (IA-32) are “little endian” machines. This distinction means that the low-order byte of a multibyte data item in memory is at the lowest address, while the high-order byte is at the highest address. Processors of the Intel® Itanium® processor family may be configured for both “little endian” and “big endian” operation. All implementations designed to conform to this specification will use “little endian” operation.

In some memory layout descriptions, certain fields are marked reserved. Software must initialize such fields to zero and ignore them when read. On an update operation, software must preserve any reserved field.

The data structures described in this document generally have the following format:

**STRUCTURE NAME:** The formal name of the data structure.

Summary: A brief description of the data structure.

Prototype: A “C-style” type declaration for the data structure.

Parameters: A brief description of each field in the data structure prototype.

Description: A description of the functionality provided by the data structure, including any limitations and caveats of which the caller should be aware.

Related Definitions: The type declarations and constants that are used only by this data structure.
In C structure definitions, the construct [...] indicates a variable length array, rather than a pointer to a variable length array. The number of elements can be discerned from other elements in the array. For example:

```c
UINT16 NumberOfNarrowGlyphs;
UINT16 NumberOfWideGlyphs;
NARROW_FONT NarrowGlyphs[...];
WIDE_FONT WideGlyphs[...]
```

The number of elements in `NarrowGlyphs` is defined by `NumberOfNarrowGlyphs`.

**Protocol Descriptions**

The protocols described in this document generally have the following format:

**Protocol Name:** The formal name of the protocol interface.

**Summary:** A brief description of the protocol interface.

**GUID:** The 128-bit Globally Unique Identifier (GUID) for the protocol interface.

**Protocol Interface Structure:** A “C-style” data structure definition containing the procedures and data fields produced by this protocol interface.

**Parameters:** A brief description of each field in the protocol interface structure.

**Related Definitions:** The type declarations and constants that are used in the protocol interface structure or any of its procedures.

**Description:** A description of the functionality provided by the interface including any limitations and caveats of which the caller should be aware.

**Procedure Descriptions**

The procedures described in this document generally have the following format:

**ProcedureName():** The formal name of the procedure.

**Summary:** A brief description of the procedure.

**Prototype:** A “C-style” procedure header defining the calling sequence.

**Parameters:** A brief description of each field in the procedure prototype.

**Description:** A description of the functionality provided by the interface including any limitations and caveats of which the caller should be aware.

**Related Definitions:** The type declarations and constants that are used only by this procedure.
Status Codes Returned: A description of any codes returned by the interface. The procedure is required to implement any status codes listed in this table. Additional error codes may be returned, but they will not be tested by standard compliance tests, and any software that uses the procedure cannot depend on any of the extended error codes that an implementation may provide.

Pseudo-Code Conventions

Pseudo code is presented to describe algorithms in a more concise form. None of the algorithms in this document are intended to be compiled directly. The code is presented at a level corresponding to the surrounding text.

In describing variables, a list is an unordered collection of homogeneous objects. A queue is an ordered list of homogeneous objects. Unless otherwise noted, the ordering is assumed to be First In First Out (FIFO).

Pseudo code is presented in a C-like format, using C conventions where appropriate. The coding style, particularly the indentation style, is used for readability and does not necessarily comply with an implementation of the Extensible Firmware Interface Specification.

Typographic Conventions

This document uses the typographic and illustrative conventions described below:

- **Plain text** The normal text typeface is used for the vast majority of the descriptive text in a specification.
- **Plain text (blue)** In the online help version of this specification, any plain text that is underlined and in blue indicates an active link to the cross-reference. Click on the word to follow the hyperlink. Note that these links are not active in the PDF of the specification.
- **Bold** In text, a Bold typeface identifies a processor register name. In other instances, a Bold typeface can be used as a running head within a paragraph.
- **Italic** In text, an Italic typeface can be used as emphasis to introduce a new term or to indicate a manual or specification name.
- **BOLD Monospace** Computer code, example code segments, and all prototype code segments use a monospace face with a dark red color. These code listings normally appear in one or more separate paragraphs, though words or segments can also be embedded in a normal text paragraph.
- **Bold Monospace** In the online help version of this specification, words in a Bold Monospace typeface that is underlined and in blue indicate an active hyperlink to the code definition for that function or type definition. Click on the word to follow the hyperlink. Note that these links are not active in the PDF of the specification. Also, these inactive links in the PDF may instead have a Bold Monospace appearance that is...
underlined but in dark red. Again, these links are not active in the PDF of the specification.

**Italic Monospace** In code or in text, words in *Italic Monospace* indicate placeholder names for variable information that must be supplied (i.e., arguments).

**Plain Monospace** In code, words in a *Plain Monospace* typeface that is a dark red color but is not bold or italicized indicate pseudo code or example code. These code segments typically occur in one or more separate paragraphs.

See the master Framework glossary in the Framework Interoperability and Component Specifications help system for definitions of terms and abbreviations that are used in this document or that might be useful in understanding the descriptions presented in this document.

See the master Framework references in the Interoperability and Component Specifications help system for a complete list of the additional documents and specifications that are required or suggested for interpreting the information presented in this document.

The Framework Interoperability and Component Specifications help system is available at the following URL:

Design Rationale

Introduction
This section explains the design decisions that are incorporated into the interfaces defined in chapter 3, “Code Definitions.”

String Management
The standard representation for string characters in the Framework environment is Unicode 16 (UTF-16). At first glance that statement would seem to be enough discussion on string and font representation. Unicode is a well-defined standard, so it would seem to be a simple job to display the characters. It is not, however, for a number of reasons:

• First, if the Framework were to require that all of Unicode’s 65,535 characters (zero is used as a terminator) to be carried, it would occupy around 2.5 MB (at 16x19 font noncompressed).
• Second, Unicode characters are usually presented in variable pitch fonts. If we simply decided that all characters were the same width, a “1” character and a complex logographic glyph would take the same width. This size would make it very hard to read the narrow characters and limit the number of narrow characters (Latin characters, for example) to about half of what normally fits on a row of text.
• Third, we need to avoid duplicating forms (internally) simply because we need to carry more than one language. Forms can require a fair amount of storage themselves. Further, consistency among forms for different languages should reduce errors.

Limiting Glyphs in Firmware Volumes
Strings in the Framework environment can be presented in differing environments with very different limitations. The most constrained environment is in the DXE and BDS spaces prior to discovery of a boot device with a system partition. The main limitation in this environment is storage space. If unexpected strings could be displayed before a system partition was available, the Framework would have to store glyphs for all characters in a Unicode font. Presumably, the system partition will have all glyphs available.

The benefit that a relatively closed environment such as DXE or BDS provides is that, with some careful user interface design, the number of unexpected characters that the system could be called on to display can be limited to a manageable number. By knowing what strings we are going to display, we can limit the number of glyphs we are required to carry.

It is also clear that, with careful design, we can support a system where a limited number of strings are displayed before a system partition is available, while still enabling the input and display of large numbers of characters/glyphs using a full font file stored on the system partition. In such a situation, the designer must be careful to ensure that enough information can be displayed and that the configuration can be changed using only the information found in firmware volumes (FVs) to obtain access to a satisfactory system partition.
Unicode

Unicode (as defined by UTF-16) has some interesting issues.

Unicode does not distinguish between characters of various widths, which is a reasonable concept if one has enough storage space to do font scaling but is a mess for the preboot environment. The solution here is to limit fonts to two widths and one height.

Unicode defines a private use area of 6500 characters that may be defined for local uses. Suggested uses include Egyptian Hieroglyphics; see Developing International Software For Windows 95* and Windows NT* for more information. Use of this area is prohibited for the Framework because a centralized font database that is accumulated from the various drivers (a valid implementation) would end up with collisions in the private use area and these characters generally could not be displayed in an XML browser.

UTF-16 defines surrogate areas (see page 56 in Professional XML) that allow for expanded character representations of the 16-bit Unicode. These character representations are very similar to Double Byte Character Set (DBCS)—2048 Unicode values split into two groups (D000–DBFF and DC00–DFFF). They are defined to have 16 additional bits of value to make up the character, for a total of about one million extra characters. Surrogate characters are not legal XML and are not supported in the Framework.

Unicode uses the concept of a nonspacing character. These glyphs are used to add accents, and so on, to other characters by what amounts to logically OR’ing the glyph over the previous glyph. There does not appear to be any predictable range in the Unicode encoding to determine nonspacing characters, yet these characters appear in many languages. Further, these characters enable spelling of several languages including many African languages and Vietnamese.
Localization Issues

Localization is the process by which the interface is adapted to a particular language. Table 2-1 discusses issues with localization and provides possible solutions.

**Table 2-1. Localization Issues**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Issue</th>
<th>Example</th>
<th>Solution</th>
<th>Comment</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Directional display</td>
<td>Right to left printing for Hebrew.</td>
<td>Printing direction is a function of the language.</td>
<td>The display engine may or may not support all display techniques. If a language supports a display mechanism that the display engine does not, the language that uses the font must be selected.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Punctuation</td>
<td>Punctuation is directional. A comma in a right-to-left language is different from a comma in a left-to-right language.</td>
<td>Character choice is the choice of the author or translator.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Line breakage</td>
<td>Rules vary from language to language.</td>
<td>Little or no formatting is performed by the Framework preboot GUI.</td>
<td>The runtime display is up to the runtime browser and is not defined here.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date and time</td>
<td>Most Europeans would write July 4, 1776, as 4/7/1776 while the United States would write it 7/4/1776 and others would write 1776/7/4. The separator characters between the parts of both date and time vary as well.</td>
<td>Generally left to the creator of the user interface.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Numbers</td>
<td>12,345.67 in one language is presented as 12,345,67 in another.</td>
<td>Print only integers and do not insert separator characters.</td>
<td>This solution is becoming accepted around the world as more people use computers.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
User Input

To limit the number of required glyphs, we must also limit the amount and type of user input. We can generally expect user input to come from the following two main types of devices:

- Keyboards
- Mouse-like pointing devices

Input from other devices, such as limited keys on a front panel, can be handled in two manners:

- Treat the limited keys as special-purpose devices with completely unique interfaces.
- Programmatically make the limited keys mimic a keyboard or mouse-like pointing device.

Pointing devices require no localization. They are universally understood by the subset of the world population we are addressing. For example, if someone does not know how to use a mouse or other pointing device, it is probably not a good idea to allow that person to change a system’s configuration.

Keyboards, on the other hand, are localized at the keycaps but not at the electronics. In other words, a French keyboard and a German keyboard might have very different keys but there is no way for the software inside the keyboard, let alone the software in the system at the other end of the wire, to know which set of keycaps are installed.

The general solution proposed here is to use the keys that are common between keyboards and to ignore the language-specific keys. Keys that are available on USB keyboards in preboot mode include the following:

- Function keys (F1 – F12)
- Number keys (0-9)
- “Upside down T” cursor keys (the arrows, home, end, page up, page down)
- Numeric keypad keys
- The Enter, Space, Tab, and Esc keys
- Modifier keys (shifts, alts, controls, Windows’)
- Number lock

The scan-codes for these keys do not vary from language to language. These keys are the standard keys used for browser navigation although most end-users are unaware of this fact. Help for form-entry-specific keys must be provided to enable a useful keys-only interface. The one case where other, language-specific keys may be used is to enter passwords. Because passwords are never displayed, there is no requirement to translate scan-code to Unicode (keyboard localization) or scan-code to font.

Additional data can be provided to enable a richer set of input characters. This input is necessary to support features such as arbitrary text input and passwords.
Forms

HTML and IFR

The Framework forms, or Internal Form Representation (IFR), are data structures that are used to describe models of menus of input. The data structures define a language that is used to describe the allowed user input.

IFR is loosely based on HTML and its more recent equivalent, XHTML. IFR differs from HTML in several important ways, as listed in Table 2-2.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>HTML</th>
<th>IFR</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Text is interspersed with meta-commands.</td>
<td>Supports text as a separate command.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>This support makes IFR easier to localize</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>because IFR refers to strings by token</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>to use the rest of the localization</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>support.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Meta-commands are textual (&quot;&lt;input type=radio...&quot;).</td>
<td>Commands are binary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Supports a rich set of commands.</td>
<td>Set of commands is mainly a subset.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>For most semantic checking and visibility control, requires the designer to resort to a scripting language such as Java* or JavaScript*.</td>
<td>Uses internal commands for the specialized semantic checking that it supports.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

One of the design goals of IFR is that it be fairly easily translated into HTML.

Results Routing

IFR and HTML share many features. A major feature that both share is the transportation of routing information that describes how to process the results. Because the target environments for HTML and IFR are very different, the pieces of routing information that are carried are also very different.

IFR carries its routing information in the form of GUIDs. These GUIDs are not normally displayed to the user but are included in the (very HTML-like) output, which is then processed using a protocol described in this document.
Human Interface Overview

Introduction

Figure 2-1 depicts the model that is used inside the Framework to manage human interface components.

Human interface data is divided into the following:

- Input
- Fonts
- Strings
- Forms

Each of these is represented by a variable length data structure known as a package or simply a pack. Each package starts with a header, which is described in Section 0.

The definition of package-specific protocols is left for later in this section, after the packs that make up a package are introduced. Each of the various packs supports the separate registration of the pack type. The pack also has a package registration mechanism that allows for bulk registration.

See chapter 3, “Code Definitions,” for the definitions of all human interface–related code that is referenced in this chapter.
Package Header

The package header starts the variable-length data structure that contains each of the human interface data components. The package header is defined in “Package Header” in chapter 3, “Code Definitions.”

Package Manipulation

Package lists are expected to be separate sections that are stored in the same files as driver executables, although this implementation is not required.

Package lists are submitted to the EFI Human Interface Infrastructure (HII) Protocol to be stored in a database. Different packages inside the list are handled differently. Font packages are integrated into existing font data, expanding the available font characters. String and form information is handled by assigning a handle to the “subdatabase.” These handles are then used to refer to the strings by the drivers themselves, as well as other drivers that make use of the database information.

Packages Definition

The packages that are passed to the HII database are self-describing and their definition is intended to be extensible so that future types of packages can be added seamlessly. Type EFI_HII_PACKAGES is defined in “Packages Definition” in chapter 3, “Code Definitions.”

Human Interface Infrastructure (HII) Protocol

The Human Interface Infrastructure Protocol (EFI_HII_PROTOCOL) manages the structures in the HII database. A number of functions are defined under EFI_HII_PROTOCOL to manipulate the data in the HII database. Type EFI_HII_PROTOCOL is defined in “Human Interface Infrastructure (HII) Protocol” in chapter 3, “Code Definitions.”

Font Package

Introduction

This section describes the general format for the storage of fonts. A font package consists of a header and two types of glyph structures—standard-width (narrow) glyphs and wide glyphs.

Glyph Sizes

There are a number of factors to consider when choosing a standard glyph size:

- The glyphs must be readable by a large percent of the population in a standard screen format. Currently this format is expected to be 800x600 pixels.
- The glyphs should not be too squat or elongated.
- The maximum glyph width must be large enough to accommodate logographic characters. This width is around 15 or 16 pixels in either dimension.
- The glyphs must not be so large that they use a large amount of space in the firmware device.
- It would be nice if one of the dimensions were a multiple of 8 so that the characters would fit in the byte-wide storage of the target architecture.
Given these factors, the preferred dimensions are 8x19 for narrow glyphs and 16x19 for wide glyphs. These dimensions yield about 31 lines of 100 narrow characters on an 800x600 screen. The representation is designed to be extensible to other formats as needed in the future.

**Glyph Representation**

There are two sizes of glyphs. There is one structure (EFI_NARROW_GLYPH, EFI_WIDE_GLYPH) for each glyph size. See “Glyph Representation” in chapter 3, “Code Definitions,” for the definitions of these two structures.

**Strings**

**Introduction**

A string package defines a list of strings in a particular language or related set of languages. Numerous string packages may exist in a single package to implement support for multiple language sets.

A string is generally a C-style Unicode string, although it may contain special EFI-specific formatting characters as well.

A string is referred to by a STRING_TOKEN, which is a constant usually assigned during the build process. A STRING_TOKEN is contained in a variable of type STRING_REF. The difference in the two makes it simpler to determine if an element is referring to a string or a container for a reference to a string, which makes implementing the build tools easier.

**Internal String Representation**

This section examines the internal storage format of strings and indicates how this format is used for the functions that enable programs to extract strings and parts of strings once a string package has been handed off to be managed. It uses the following text (from Alice in Wonderland) in its examples:

```
Twinkle, twinkle, little bat!
How I wonder what you’re at!
Up above the world you fly,
Like a tea-tray in the sky.
```

Internal storage would look like:

```
Twinkle,<cr>twinkle,<cr>little<cr>bat!<cr><lf>How<cr>I<sp>wonder<sp>what<cr>you’re<cr>…
```

where <cr> indicates carriage return and <lf> indicates line feed. English text can be broken at any space. Text in other languages may or may not be broken at spaces. Assume that English had a rule that spaces before words starting with w are nonbreaking. The representation would then be:

```
… <cr>bat!<cr>How<cr>I<sp>wonder<sp>what<cr>you’re<cr>…
```

The partial string interface treats nonspacing, separated words as single words.

As noted above, some languages support narrow or wide characters and have commonly used stylistic guidelines for how narrow and wide glyphs are intermixed. In particular, most languages have adopted the rule that characters should be the same width. For example, an / would typically
be a narrow character but would be printed as a wide character if the characters surrounding it were wide. Unicode does not have the concept of narrow or wide characters, so it is generally left up to sophisticated operating system (OS)–present drivers to determine the applicability of the width of characters. Due to the limited size available to many of the target environments, the EFI environment cannot rely on such a rich heuristic mechanism. Instead, it supports the use of special <narrow> and <wide> characters (defined later in chapter 3) that indicate the preference for character widths. In essence they define the search pattern—if in the default <narrow> mode, the narrow characters are searched first; if in <wide> mode, the wide characters are searched first.

Consider the case of a firmware-based, 80x25-line, character-oriented presentation driver that has split the screen into three roughly equal columns of 26 characters each. The first column is for prompts, the second is for the currently selected option, and the third column is for help text. Assume the top and bottom two lines are used for other purposes. This setup means that the help text can occupy 26x21 lines. The parameters to the extract functions would then indicate a StartWordIndex of 0 (first word), a NumberOfLines of 21, and a LineWidth of 26. The GetLine() function fills each line with as many space-separated, nonsplitting “words” as can be fit on each line before moving to the next line, adding spaces between each. “Words” that cannot fit on a line alone are split so that the line width will align most closely to the maximum line width but not expand over.

GetString() has options to extract the raw string (as described above) or with spaces in the normal <cr> locations and with having special overrides removed.

In the case of translating the text to HTML, it is assumed that the browser can handle its own line breaks. In this case, the StartWordIndex would be 0, the NumberOfLines would be 0 (all lines), and the LineWidth would be 0 (infinite), thus generating lines as long as the text allows.

Form Packages

Goals

During the boot of a Framework-based system, the following types of data might be displayed and, hence, must be supported by the user interface:

- Graphical displays—in particular, logos that are displayed during boot to provide a pleasant end-user experience and advertising.
- Text, such as a copyright, on a power-on screen.
- A query and response dialog during boot. These queries usually take the form, “This error was found. Press a key to continue.” It is typical to switch to a text screen from the logo screen to display such information.
- Setup, which provides several interface types itself:
  - Columnar data, such as
    - “Processor Speed 2.4 GHz”
    - “Memory Size 512 MB”
  - Subtitles, such as “Ports,” “Power Management,” and so on
Questions, including the following:

- A prompt, such as “Parallel port address”
- Question-specific help text
- Some mechanism for actual input, including the following:
  - “One-of” selection (like a radio button): The most common input mechanism, where the user must select one item from a menu of options.
  - Check box: The user can select or clear an option individually. It is commonly used to enable or disable a mode. When grouped, check boxes support multiple option sets where more than one option can be selected simultaneously.
  - Decimal number within a range.
  - Password.
  - Generalized character strings (“text boxes”). Passwords are, in fact, generally treated as a subset of strings in HTML.

This list does not actually define user-interface issues. For example, help text is generally necessary whether it is displayed along with the question or only in response to a keystroke. Keys help (the functions associated with individual keys) are not defined because they are user-interface specific.

It is important to define the boundary between what is provided internally and what is a part of a user interface. For example, are radio buttons required with “one-of” choices, or are drop-down combo boxes also legal? Are the number of choices limited for a “one-of” question? A developer might want a “one-of” button to input the day of the month. Thirty-one radio buttons is excessive but a drop-down combo box with a slider (as used in Font Selection in Microsoft Word) is not.

The effort becomes more complex if one attempts to handle interrelated questions. It is common for one question to be meaningful only if a particular option is selected on a different question. Forms languages such as HTML are not rich enough to express this relation and, as such, do not provide sufficient hints for the browser to “gray-out” the secondary question if a different option is chosen in the primary question. Typical HTML Web forms are primitive enough that this issue rarely arises. Unfortunately, the questions in Setup tend to reflect the underlying interrelationship of the hardware and, as such, tend to create interrelated questions.

IFR supports mechanisms to describe the default values for questions. As in HTML, it is up to the presentation engine (“browser”) to provide an interface to allow these values to be set.

Different browser environments have different facilities and mechanisms for causing the form to be submitted. A mechanism to perform this task is required by each IFR browser but left up to the browser for implementation.

The syntax of the output in XHTML is a sequence of UNICODE name=value pairs separated by the “&” character. IFR supports a subset of this easily parsed standard mechanism to encode its results as well. The mechanism encodes identifier, offset, and width information in the name part. The value part is typically decimal integers, except for fonts and strings.
Forms and Form Sets

An IFR is used to represent forms in the Framework. This representation is designed so that it can be interpreted as is or expanded easily into XHTML.

In most markup languages, a form is submitted to a server for processing when the user completes it. In many of the “use” cases that IFR targets, the equivalent of the server is not available. For this reason, the forms package can contain one or more forms.

Semantics and Tag Structures

Form Packages and Scoping

The form is the basic encapsulation of configuration data. A form package consists of one or more forms. The form package provides scoping for identifiers in the forms, including \texttt{<name-id>} and string tokens in particular. The intent is for the driver or drivers creating a form set to be cooperative and to avoid the definition of these identifiers from being duplicated unexpectedly. Different form packages are in essence invisible to each other. For example, one form set cannot go to another form set.

The first form in the form set is known as the parent form. All other forms are child forms. When interpreting forms, it is up to the interpreter to create a “main page” through which all parent forms from all form sets are accessible. Child forms are accessed using hypertext references (using the “go-to” operation defined in chapter 3) from the parent page or other child pages. The interpreter is responsible for creating references from the parent page back to the main page and for retaining a “back” list of previously visited pages. Other exits from child pages must be through explicit IFR hypertext references.

Note that it is legal for a form package to contain forms that cannot be reached from the parent form. These forms may be used in more dynamic cases by drivers to take advantage of the user interface capabilities that are already useful for configuration in the system.

Forms

Forms must be position independent because they can be copied from place to place. Further, position independence of the parts of the forms (operations) enables insertion of new data between precompiled form text.

Device Descriptions

A device description operation allows a form or forms to be associated with its corresponding firmware. The format of the contents of the \texttt{<dev-desc-data>} are defined in the \textit{Intel® Platform Innovation Framework for EFI Device Description Specification}. 
Titles, Subtitles, and Text: <subtitle>, <text>

Each form must have a title. Subtitles can be placed throughout the forms to provide visual separation of the elements. Text may be inserted as well.

The exact use of the title, subtitle, and text elements is defined by individual presentation drivers (the “browsers” for the language) as is the presentation to the user. It is suggested that subtitle be translated into HTML <h3>.

NOTE

Note that, unlike HTML, text has its own opcode (tag). The Text Tag exists in IFR (but not in HTML) to facilitate localization of text for different languages.

Questions

The intent of a question, from a driver’s perspective, is to associate an ID with a value.

Experience has shown that very few types of questions are required to obtain the information that is necessary to configure a system. The parameters for question operations follow a standard form.

The first byte is the opcode. This byte is followed by an ID that serves as an internal mechanism to refer to the question and as a part of the results generation. String tokens to provide a prompt (a short description of the question) and context-sensitive help text are then provided. Note that there is no way to provide “keys” help as that is the responsibility of the presentation driver.

The following subsections describe the different types of question tags. The different types of question tags are as follows:

- One-of
- Checkbox: <checkbox>
- Numeric: <numeric>
- Password: <password>
- Hidden: <hidden>
- Ordering: <list>
- Hypertext: <goto>

See “Internal Form Representation (IFR) Language Syntax Definition” in chapter 3, “Code Definitions,” for definitions if these tags.

One-Of

HTML has several one-of types of tags, including <input type=radio…> and <select…>.

The most commonly used type is equivalent to an HTML radio button where the user is asked to pick one item from a series of items. In IFR, this model is known as a one-of selection. Flags that are associated with each option are split between standard definitions and user definitions. The two standard definitions are “default” and “current selection.”
Checkbox: `<checkbox>`

The HTML tag for the checkbox type is `<input type=checkbox…>`.
The checkbox type is used in two ways. The first is as an equivalent to an “on/off” radio button. The second is as a series of checkboxes to present the equivalent of a radio button except that more than one item may be checked at a time.

Numeric: `<numeric>`

The numeric type has no exact analogy in HTML. The closest type is `<input type=text…>`.
Numeric questions allow for the input of bounded positive (or 0) decimal numbers. The minimum and maximum values are specified, as well as a step value. The step value is used to allow the browser to do more complete validation in cases where legal input values are not monotonically increasing. For example, consider a case where only odd values were required (between 1 and 15, for example). The minimum value would be 1, maximum of 15, and the step would be 2. A number n is valid if:

\[
\text{minimum} \leq n \&\& n \leq \text{maximum}
\]

and

\[
\text{int } ((n-\text{minimum}) / \text{step}) = (n-\text{minimum})/\text{step}
\]

Password: `<password>`

Password questions allow for the input of passwords. Many browsers (mainly remote and OS-present) will not be secure enough for passwords. It is up to the presentation driver to edit out password operations in these cases. The encoding mechanisms are TBD.

Hidden: `<hidden>`

Hidden questions are questions that have no options and are the equivalent of constants. The browser must hand the ID and value back as with a normal question. The hidden construct is from HTML and allows the generating driver to send a message to the driver responsible for processing the output of the browser.

Ordering: `<list>`

HTML has no analogous `<list>` tag.
This input type enables ordered input from a list of choices. The construct is intended to support unique lists where a choice may appear in the list only once (e.g. a list of boot devices), or lists where a choice may appear several times. The syntax is designed to enable a number of different visual representations.
The question format consists of the following:
- A header
- A list of choices
- A list of containers
Each container has a reference to a choice.
Header
The header contains the usual header information—ID, prompt, and help text. The ID does not end up being output. The flags that are defined include the following:
- Unique: Each choice may be used at most once.
- NoNull: All containers must be filled with a selection.
- A “null choice” value rounds out the header. This value is legal input for a container if the NoNull flag is off.

List of Choices
Each choice consists of a string reference and a value. The string reference is used to describe the choice and the value is the value to put in the container if the choice is selected. A null string ends the choice list.

List of Containers
Each container consists of the following:
- String reference: Describes the container (usually like “third boot option”)
- Id-offset-width: Defines a resulting name that corresponds to the order
- Default value: The initial value for the choice

The presentation driver should not evaluate uniqueness while the user is still changing the configuration of a particular question.

Examples
Following is an example of a text display (character oriented):

Names for Kings (0 = None)
1. Harold
2. Andrew
3. Mark
4. Alfred
5. George
6. Ethelred
7. Wilhelm

First Name: [ 6 ]
Second Name: [ 2 ]
Third Name: [ 3 ]
Fourth Name: [ ]

This text display might be represented with the following syntax (with syntactic sugar and with actual strings substituted for string references to improve readability):
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**List id, “Names for Kings”, “Help”, 0, Unique choices**

“Harold”, 1  
“Andrew”, 2  
“Mark”, 3  
“Alfred”, 4  
“George”, 5  
“Ethelred”, 6  
“Wilhelm”, 7

**containers**

id1, “First Name:”, 1  
id2, “Second Name:”, 0  
id3, “Third Name:”, 0  
id4, “Fourth Name:”, 0

**EndList**

Given the above example, the results would be ...&id1=6&id2=2&id3=3&id4=0&...

**Hypertext: <goto>**

The HTML tag for the go-to type is `<a href...>`.  
The go-to command implements the ability to refer to a form from another form. The parameter is a form identifier, meaning that the go-to may only reference another form and not a place inside the form. In particular, the go-to reference may not be a label. If nothing else, this design eliminates confusion with jumping into the middle of nesting constructs inside IFR forms.  

**Image**

The HTML tag for the image type is `<image align=left src=...>`.  
This type inserts an image into the form. If the form cannot display graphics, it may substitute the `<text-only-string-ref>` tag instead. Text is not wrapped around the image.  

**Background**

The HTML tag for the image type is : `<body background=...>`.

As in HTML, the background is tiled across the full screen. Text scrolls over the background.
Visibility Control: `<grayout>`, `<suppress>`

There is no HTML analogy for visibility control.

HTML does not support the ability to control whether a particular part of a form should be made visible to the user or “grayed out” (printed in a muted tone or made invisible).

Visibility control is implemented via the `grayout` construct. This construct is block structured and analogous to an “if” statement in C. The hide construct has an opcode and a Boolean expression. These are followed by a series of other operators and finally a termination opcode. If the Boolean expression is true, the encompassed operations should be grayed out. If it is false, they should be made visible.

```
grayoutif serport == 0
    oneof id=serport2 prompt=sp2str help=sp2helpstr
    ...
```

The `suppress` operation is similar to the hide construct except that the enclosed items must not be displayed.

Neither `suppress` nor `grayout` affect the output of the results.

**Boolean Expressions**

The Boolean expressions (involving only true and false) are presented internally in Reverse Polish Notation (RPN [postfix]) form. The Boolean operators are limited to “and,” “or,” and “not.” The following three primitives are used to query the current state of the configuration:

- **ID/Value compare**: The current configuration (“value” in HTML) of the question corresponding to the ID is compared to the value operand. The primitive results in `TRUE` if they are the same and `FALSE` otherwise. In the case of a “many-of” instance, if the value is selected (even if other values are also selected), the primitive returns `TRUE`. (By “returns,” we mean “evaluates to” or, from the common implementation method, “pushes on the stack.”)

- **ID/List compare**: The current value of the question corresponding to the ID is compared to a list of values. If the value is in the list, `TRUE` is returned. If not, `FALSE` is returned. This operation is valid only on “one-of” and numeric questions. The list itself consists of a `UINT16` count followed by that many `UINT16` values.

- **ID/ID compare**: The current values of the questions corresponding to the two IDs are compared. If the questions are of different type, `FALSE` is returned. This value actually is not really valid, but it is a clean way to recover. If the values are identical, `TRUE` is returned. Otherwise `FALSE` is returned. In the case of a “many-of” instance, all values must correspond. Those values selected in one must be selected in the other and those not selected in one must also be not selected in the other.
Using Grayed-Out Parts of a Form

There are two main reasons that an area might be grayed out:

- The driver might support a subset of the options available on a particular system.
- The value of one question has a role in determining if another question should be grayed out.

In the first reason, the driver might sense which subset a particular system has and need to display only those options. This action can be accomplished by editing the form dynamically or by simply modifying a hidden question value and using a hide operation to do an ID/value comparison on the hidden question.

The second reason, when the value of one question has a role in determining if another question should be grayed out, is more familiar to the user. This issues is common in OS-present applications as well. Unfortunately, HTML punts on grayed-out control, relying on JavaScript or a similar tool for assistance. Consider two “one-of” questions. The first asks if the onboard USB should be enabled or disabled. The second asks if the onboard USB should be searched for boot devices at power up. If the onboard USB is disabled, the second question does not make sense. This case could be resolved using the provided primitives (assuming some syntactic sugar), as shown in the following example:

```plaintext
OneOf USB_EN_DIS EnDisString, EnDisHelpString
    EnabledString, 1, Default+Selected
    DisabledString, 0, 0
EndOneOf
GrayOutIf USB_EN_DIS == 1
    OneOf id=USB_FIND_BOOT prompt=
        FindBootString help=FindBootHelpString
            EnabledString, 1, Default+Selected
            DisabledString, 0, 0
    EndOneOf
EndGrayout
```

Consistency Checking

As well as controlling visibility, questions have other effects on each other. Consider three numeric questions: year, month, day. The range for month is 1 to 12 and the range for day is 1 to 31. The problem is that June 31 is not valid, nor is February 29, 2003, although February 29, 2004, is acceptable.

IFR addresses such issues with consistency expressions. Consistency expressions are Boolean expressions with associated strings. If the expression becomes `TRUE`, it indicates that an inconsistency has occurred. The associated string is a useful example of a pop-up indicating the issue.

Using the date as an example (and again with syntactic sugar):
Numeric id=YEAR prompt=YearString help=YearHelpString start=2000 end=2039 step=1 default=2001
Numeric id=MONTH prompt=MonthString help=MonthHelpString start=1 end=12 step=1 default=1
Numeric id=DAY prompt=DayString help=DayHelpString start=1 end=31 step=1 default=1
Inconsistent If=(DAY == 31 && MONTH == [2, 4, 6, 9, 11]) text=BadDayString
Inconsistent If=(DAY == 30 && MONTH == 2) text=Feb30String

The year ranges from 2000 to 2039, the month from 1 to 12, and the day from 1 to 31. Some months have only 30 days and February (MONTH == 2) has only 28 or 29. The Var/List operation (syntactically cleansed here using the example “MONTH == [2, 4,...”) is particularly useful here.

Dynamic Data

Labels

Most of the contents of forms can be created at build time. Some, however, cannot be defined statically. For example, the list of boot devices cannot be known ahead of time.

The mechanism that is defined for inserting new form operations into an existing form is to use the label operation. The driver must create IFR operations on the fly. A function allows this dynamic data to be inserted into the driver’s IFR before a given label.

Advanced Operations (Optional)

The operations described thus far define the minimum level of IFR to be supported on all compliant systems. The following operations are optional. Implementations of IFR browsers that do not support these operations should ignore them (skip over them using the length field).

String Input

<string-input> ::= <string-op> <question-header> <min-length> <max-length>

String input is optional as it is difficult to support localized general-purpose keyboard input. Strings up to <byte-width> (255 characters) are supported so <min-length> and <max-length> are bytes.

No inconsistency checking operations are supported on strings.
Dynamic Processing of NV/IFR Data

Form Callback Protocol

The Form Callback Protocol provides an interface to hardware-specific drivers that control access to non-system nonvolatile storage (NVS) and support callbacks from the browser or Human Interface Infrastructure (HII). Type EFI_FORM_CALLBACK_PROTOCOL is defined in “Dynamic Processing of NV/IFR Data” in chapter 3, “Code Definitions.”

Browser Interface

Form Browser Protocol

The Form Browser Protocol is the interface to call for drivers to leverage the EFI Configuration Driver interface. Type EFI_FORM_BROWSER_PROTOCOL is defined in “Browser Interface” in chapter 3, “Code Definitions.”

Runtime Representations

Using IFR at Runtime

How should a presentation driver use the semantics provided by the IFR and its subordinates? The only real answer is, “as well as it can.” The intent of the design of IFR in particular was to provide a rich enough language to address the requirements of the pre-OS space while enabling a large number of types of presentation drivers to address different configuration mechanisms.

The following are examples of configuration mechanisms:

- Standard system setup
- Remote setup over a serial connection to e.g. VT100 terminal emulation
- Remote configuration over a modem to a technical support center (via shared voice data).
- Remote setup over a network card
- OS-present setup
- Automatic system configuration during board-level manufacturing
- Automatic system configuration during system integration
These alternative mechanisms vary widely in such areas as the following:

- The bandwidth of the communication media between the user and the system. A remote system cannot necessarily handle the bandwidth of data that a game machine with a graphics accelerator can.
- The time delay between when the IFR was created and when the user sees it. If the IFR is turned into HTML, it may be hours or days between the time the forms package was created and the time it is used.
- The capabilities for display and input of the communication media (VT-100 has limited graphics capabilities).
- The limited semantics of the representation into which IFR is translated. IFR was designed to be easily translated into (X)HTML but, as noted above, a simple translation (one that does not include JavaScript generation, for example) would not be able to perform consistency checks and gray-out options.

**Limitations of Presentation Mechanisms**

Both developers of forms and developers of presentation drivers must understand the limitations that the existing presentation mechanisms impose in order to create forms that are useful in a wide variety of settings.

The driver writer, for example, can use help text to insulate the customer against confusion when inconsistency checking is dropped by an HTML presentation driver.
Packages

Package Header

EFI_HII_PACK_HEADER

Summary
The header found at the start of each package.

Prototype
typedef struct {
    UINT32 Length;
    UINT16 Type;
} EFI_HII_PACK_HEADER;

Parameters
Length
The size of the package in bytes.

Type
See “Related Definitions” below.

Description
Each package starts with a header, as defined above, that indicates the size and type of the package. When added to a pointer pointing to the start of the header, Length points at the next package. When concatenated together and terminated with an EFI_HII PACK HEADER with a Length of zero, the package lists form a localization package list.
Related Definitions

******************************************************
// Defined Type values
******************************************************
#define EFI_HII_FONT 1
#define EFI_HII_STRING 2
#define EFI_HII_IFR 3
#define EFI_HII_KEYBOARD 4
#define EFI_HII_HANDLE_PACK 5

Packages Definition

EFI_HII_PACKAGES

Summary

Definition of the packages structure that will be used to pass contents into the HII database. There are a variable number of packages that can be defined in the EFI_HII_PACKAGES structure. Each package will have a header that will identify the type of package that is being sent to the database.

Prototype

typedef struct {
    UINT32 NumberOfPackages;
    EFI_GUID *GuidId;
    EFI_HII_HANDLE_PACK *HandlePack;
} EFI_HII_PACKAGES;

Parameters

NumberOfPackages

The number of packages being defined in EFI_HII_PACKAGES.

GuidId

The GUID to be used to identify this set of packages that are being exported to the HII database.

HandlePack

The package that is intended to enable the passing in of pertinent driver model data so that the package contents can be associated with other system data and also provides a simple means by which a Callback handle can be passed into the database.

Description

Because the packages that are defined in the above definition are the only required definitions, each optional entry is defined in its own section. See “Related Definitions” below.
Related Definitions

```c
//********************************************************
// EFI_HII_HANDLE_PACK
//********************************************************
typedef struct {
    EFI_HII_PACK_HEADER Header;       // Must be filled in
    EFI_HANDLE ImageHandle;           // Must be filled in
    EFI_HANDLE DeviceHandle;          // Optional
    EFI_HANDLE ControllerHandle;      // Optional
    EFI_HANDLE CallbackHandler;       // Optional
} EFI_HII_HANDLE_PACK;
```

- **Header**
  - The structure that defines the type of package being described, as well as the length of the overall package.

- **ImageHandle**
  - The image handle of the driver to which the package is referring.

- **DeviceHandle**
  - The handle of the device that is being described by this package.

- **ControllerHandle**
  - The handle of the parent of the device that is being described by this package.

- **CallbackHandle**
  - The handle that was registered to receive `EFI_FORM_CALLBACK_PROTOCOL` calls from other drivers. A callback would commonly occur from a browser to provide user-input data back to the driver that registered the callback handle.
Human Interface Infrastructure (HII) Protocol

EFI_HII_PROTOCOL

Summary

The HII Protocol manages the HII database, which is a repository for data having to do with fonts, strings, forms, keyboards, and other future human interface items.

GUID

// {B5F16136-1144-4d6a-BBBB-41F2FF1E1D04}
#define EFI_HII_PROTOCOL_GUID
   { 0xb5f16136, 0x1144, 0x4d6a, 0xbb, 0xbb, 0x41, 0xf2, 
     0xff, 0x1e, 0x1d, 0x4 }

Protocol Interface Structure

typedef struct _EFI_HII_PROTOCOL {
    EFI_HII_NEW_PACK NewPack;
    EFI_HII_REMOVE_PACK RemovePack;
    EFI_HII_FIND_HANDLES FindHandles;
    EFI_HII_EXPORT ExportDatabase;
    EFI_HII_TEST_STRING TestString;
    EFI_HII_GET_GLYPH GetGlyph;
    EFI_HII_GLYPH_TO_BLT GlyphToBlt;
    EFI_HII_NEW_STRING NewString;
    EFI_HII_GET_PRI_LANGUAGES GetPrimaryLanguages;
    EFI_HII_GET_SEC_LANGUAGES GetSecondaryLanguages;
    EFI_HII_GET_STRING GetString;
    EFI_HII_GET_LINE GetLine;
    EFI_HII_GET_FORMS GetForms;
    EFI_HII_GET_DEFAULT_IMAGE GetDefaultImage;
    EFI_HII_UPDATE_FORM UpdateForm;
    EFI_HII_GET_KEYBOARD_LAYOUT GetKeyboardLayout;
} EFI_HII_PROTOCOL;

Parameters

NewPack

Extracts the various packs from a package list. See the NewPack() function description.

RemovePack

Removes a package from the HII database. See the RemovePack() function description.
FindHandles
Determines the handles that are currently active in the database. See the FindHandles() function description.

ExportDatabase
Export the entire contents of the database to a buffer. See the ExportDatabase() function description.

TestString
Tests if all of the characters in a string have corresponding font characters. See the TestString() function description.

GetGlyph
Translates a Unicode character into the corresponding font glyph. See the GetGlyph() function description.

GlyphToBlt
Converts a glyph value into a format that is ready for a UGA BLT command. See the GlyphToBlt() function description.

NewString
Allows a new string to be added to an already existing string package. See the NewString() function description.

GetPrimaryLanguages
Allows a program to determine the primary languages that are supported on a given handle. See the GetPrimaryLanguages() function description.

GetSecondaryLanguages
Allows a program to determine which secondary languages are supported on a given handle for a given primary language. See the GetSecondaryLanguages() function description.

GetString
Extracts a string from a package that is already registered with the EFI HII database. See the GetString() function description.

GetLine
Allows a program to extract a part of a string of not more than a given width. See the GetLine() function description.

GetForms
Allows a program to extract a form or form package that has been previously registered. See the GetForms() function description.

GetDefaultImage
Allows a program to extract the nonvolatile image that represents the default storage image. See the GetDefaultImage() function description.
**UpdateForm**

Allows a program to update a previously registered form. See the `UpdateForm()` function description.

**GetKeyboardLayout**

Allows a program to extract the current keyboard layout. See the `GetKeyboardLayout()` function description.

**Description**

The HII Protocol is used as a repository of content that is both provided by built-in firmware content as well as option ROMs.

**Related Definitions**

```c
typedef UINT16 EFI_HII_HANDLE;
```

```c
typedef UINT16 EFI_FORM_LABEL;
```
EFI_HII_PROTOCOL.NewPack()

Summary
Registers the various packs which are passed in via the Package parameter.

Prototype
```c
typedef EFI_STATUS (EFIAPI *EFI_HII_NEW_PACK) (
    IN EFI_HII_PROTOCOL *This,
    IN EFI_HII_PACKAGES *Packages,
    OUT EFI_HII_HANDLE *Handle
);
```

Parameters
- **This**
  A pointer to the **EFI_HII_PROTOCOL** instance.
- **Packages**
  A pointer to an **EFI_HII_PACKAGES** package instance.
- **Handle**
  A pointer to the **EFI_HII_HANDLE** instance.

Description
With the exception of font and keyboard data, this function adds the contents of the package list to the database and returns a handle back to the data. Font and keyboard data is kept in a common pool and will have a **NULL** handle associated with them. In the case where **Packages** contains both pooled data and database data, a valid handle will be returned upon the addition of the appropriate data into the database.

Status Codes Returned

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<td>EFI_SUCCESS</td>
<td>Data was extracted from <strong>Packages</strong>, the database was updated with the data, and <strong>Handle</strong> returned successfully.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFI_INVALID_PARAMETER</td>
<td>The content of <strong>Packages</strong> was invalid.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**EFI_HII_PROTOCOL.RemovePack()**

**Summary**
Removes a package from the HII database.

**Prototype**
```c
typedef EFI_STATUS (EFIAPIC *EFI_HII_REMOVE_PACK) (
    IN EFI_HII_PROTOCOL *This,
    IN EFI_HII_HANDLE Handle
);
```

**Parameters**
- **This**
  A pointer to the **EFI_HII_PROTOCOL** instance.
- **Handle**
  The handle that was registered to the data that is requested for removal.

**Description**
This function removes the string and/or form data that is associated with a handle from the HII database. This function has no effect on keyboard or font data that may have been registered with the `NewPack()` function.

**Status Codes Returned**

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<td>The data associated with the <strong>Handle</strong> was removed from the HII database.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFI_INVALID_PARAMETER</td>
<td>The <strong>Handle</strong> was not valid.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**EFI_HII_PROTOCOL.FindHandles()**

**Summary**

Determines the handles that are currently active in the database.

**Prototype**

```c
typedef EFI_STATUS
(EFIAPI *EFI_HII_FIND_HANDLES) (  
    IN    EFI_HII_PROTOCOL    *This,  
    IN OUT UINT16            *HandleBufferLength,  
    OUT   EFI_HII_HANDLE     *Handle
);
```

**Parameters**

- **This**
  A pointer to the **EFI_HII_PROTOCOL** instance.

- **HandleBufferLength**
  On input, a pointer to the length of the handle buffer. On output, the length of the handle buffer that is required for the handles found.

- **Handle**
  An array of **EFI_HII_HANDLE** instances returned.

**Description**

This function determines the handles that are currently active in the database. For example, a program wishing to create a Setup-like configuration utility would use this call to determine the handles that are available. It would then use calls defined in the forms section below to extract forms and then interpret them.

**Status Codes Returned**

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<td>Handle was updated successfully.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFI_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL</td>
<td>The <strong>HandleBufferLength</strong> parameter indicates that <strong>Handle</strong> is too small to support the number of handles. <strong>HandleBufferLength</strong> is updated with a value that will enable the data to fit.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**EFI_HII_PROTOCOL.ExportDatabase()**

**Summary**
Exports the contents of the database into a buffer.

**Prototype**
```c
typedef
EFI_STATUS
(EFIAPI *EFI_HII_EXPORT) (  
    IN EFI_HII_PROTOCOL      *This,  
    IN EFI_HII_HANDLE        *Handle,  
    IN OUT UINTN             *BufferSize,  
    OUT VOID                 *Buffer
);
```

**Parameters**

*This*
A pointer to the `EFI_HII_PROTOCOL` instance.

*Handle*
An `EFI_HII_HANDLE` that corresponds to the desired handle to export. If the value is 0, the entire database will be exported. In either case, the data will be exported in a format described by the structure definition of `EFI_HII_DATA_TABLE`.

*BufferSize*
On input, a pointer to the length of the buffer. On output, the length of the buffer that is required for the export data.

*Buffer*
A pointer to a buffer that will contain the results of the export function.

**Description**
This function will retrieve the contents of the HII database and export it in a well-defined format. This format encompasses a means by which the data is well described and provides for seamless integration of additional export data as content evolves.
Related Definitions

//********************************************************
// EXPORT_TABLE
//********************************************************
typedef struct {
    UINTN NumberOfHiiDataTables;
    //EFI_HII_DATA_TABLE HiiDataTable[];
} EXPORT_TABLE

NumberOfHiiDataTables
    Number of EFI_HII_DATA_TABLE entries defined in the EXPORT_TABLE structure.

HiiDataTable
    Variable count of EFI_HII_DATA_TABLE entries. The amount in the table corresponds to the value in NumberOfHiiDataTables.

//********************************************************
// EFI_HII_DATA_TABLE
//********************************************************
typedef struct {
    //EFI_HII_HANDLE HiiHandle;
    UINTN IfrDataOffset;
    UINTN StringDataOffset;
    UINTN NumberOfVariableData;
    UINTN NumberOfLanguages;
    EFI_DEVICE_PATH DevicePath;
    //EFI_VARIABLE_CONTENTS VariableData[];
    //EFI_IFR_CONTENTS IfrData;
    //EFI_STRING_CONTENTS StringData[];
} EFI_HII_DATA_TABLE;

HiiHandle
    Unique value that correlates to the original HII handle.

IfrDataOffset
    Byte offset from the start of this structure to the IFR data.

StringDataOffset
    Byte offset from the start of this structure to the string data.

NumberOfVariableData
    Number of VariableData[] elements in the array.

NumberOfLanguages
    The number of language string packages.
**DevicePath**
- Describes a logical path to a device from a known starting point

**VariableData**
- Contents of the variable information for this entry—GUID/name/data.

**IfrData**
- Contents of the IFR data for this entry.

**StringData**
- Contents of the string data. There may be multiple instances of the `EFI_STRING_CONTENTS` structure, defining multiple languages

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```c
//********************************************************
// EFI_VARIABLE_CONTENTS
//********************************************************
typedef struct {
    EFI_GUID    VariableGuid;
    UINT32     VariableNameLength;
    UINT32     VariableDataLength;
    UINT16     VariableId;
    CHAR16     VariableName[40];
} EFI_VARIABLE_CONTENTS;
```

**VariableGuid**
- GUID of the EFI variable.

**VariableNameLength**
- Length in bytes of the EFI variable.

**VariableDataLength**
- Length of data that follows the `EFI_VARIABLE_CONTENTS` structure. Because this data is variable length, it is not included in the structure definition, but the `VariableDataLength` amount of bytes needs to be assumed to immediately follow this header.

**VariableId**
- The unique value for this variable, which will be later referenced by other IFR content to determine which variable is actively being referenced.

**VariableName**
- The name of the variable, which will have a maximum size of 40 Unicode characters. Data starts after the `VariableName` parameter.
//*********************************************************
// EFI_IFR_CONTENTS
//*********************************************************
typedef struct {
    UINT32     IfrDataLength;
} EFI_IFR_CONTENTS;

IfrDataLength
Length of the data that follows. Each opcode is self describing and the first opcode
definition that should be encountered is an EFI_IFR_Form_Set. The last opcode
definition should be EFI_IFR_END_FORM_SET.

//*********************************************************
// EFI_STRING_CONTENTS
//*********************************************************
typedef struct {
    CHAR16   Language[3];
    CHAR16   Pad;
    UINT32   NumberOfStrings;
} EFI_STRING_CONTENTS;

NOTE
This structure will have HII_DATA_TABLE->NumberOfStringData occurrences.

Language
Language definition for the strings immediately after EFI_STRING_CONTENTS.

Pad
A pad value to ensure that access to member contents is aligned.

NumberOfStrings
Number of NULL-terminated strings that are contained immediately following after
the EFI_STRING_CONTENTS definition.
Font Package

Glyph Representation

**EFI_NARROW_GLYPH**

**Summary**

The **EFI_NARROW_GLYPH** has a preferred dimension (w x h) of 8 x 19 pixels.

**Prototype**

```c
typedef struct {
    CHAR16 UnicodeWeight;
    UINT8 Attributes;
    UINT8 GlyphCol1[19];
} EFI_NARROW_GLYPH;
```

**Parameters**

*UnicodeWeight*

The Unicode representation of the glyph. The term *weight* is the technical term for a character value.

*Attributes*

The data element containing the glyph definitions; see “Related Definitions” below.

*GlyphCol1*

The column major glyph representation of the character. Bits with values of one indicate that the corresponding pixel is to be on when normally displayed; those with zero are off.

**Description**

Glyphs are represented by two structures, one each for the two sizes of glyphs. The narrow glyph (**EFI_NARROW_GLYPH**) is the normal glyph used for text display.

**Related Definitions**

```c
// Contents of EFI_NARROW_GLYPH.Attributes
#define GLYPH_NON_SPACING 0x01
#define GLYPH_WIDE 0x02
```

Following is a description of the fields in the above definition:

<table>
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<th>GLYPH_NON_SPACING</th>
<th>This symbol is to be printed “on top of” (OR’d with) the previous glyph before display.</th>
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<tr>
<td>GLYPH_WIDE</td>
<td>This symbol uses 16x19 formats rather than 8x19.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
EFI_WIDE_GLYPH

Summary
The EFI_WIDE_GLYPH has a preferred dimension (w x h) of 16 x 19 pixels which is large enough to accommodate logographic characters.

Prototype

typedef struct {
    CHAR16 UnicodeWeight;
    UINT8 Attributes;
    UINT8 GlyphCol1[GLYPH_HEIGHT];
    UINT8 GlyphCol2[GLYPH_HEIGHT];
    UINT8 Pad[3];
} EFI_WIDE_GLYPH;

Parameters

UnicodeWeight
The Unicode representation of the glyph. The term weight is the technical term for a character value.

Attributes
The data element containing the glyph definitions; see “Related Definitions” in EFI_NARROW_GLYPH for attribute values.

GlyphCol2 and GlyphCol1
The column major glyph representation of the character. Bits with values of one indicate that the corresponding pixel is to be on when normally displayed; those with zero are off.

Pad
Ensures that sizeof(EFI_WIDE_GLYPH) is twice the sizeof(EFI_NARROW_GLYPH). The contents of Pad must be zero.

Description
Glyphs are represented via the two structures, one each for the two sizes of glyphs. The wide glyph (EFI_WIDE_GLYPH) is large enough to display logographic characters.
** EFI_HII_FONT_PACK **

** Summary **

A font list consists of a font header followed by a series of glyph structures. Note that fonts are not language specific.

** Prototype **

```c
typedef struct {
    EFI_HII_PACK_HEADER   Header;
    UINT16                NumberOfNarrowGlyphs;
    UINT16                NumberOfWideGlyphs;
    //NARROW_GLYPH         NarrowGlyphs[];
    //WIDE_GLYPH           WideGlyphs[];
} EFI_HII_FONT_PACK;

Header.Type = EFI_HII_FONT;
```

** Parameters **

** Header **

The header contains a Length and Type field. In the case of a font package, the type will be EFI_HII_FONT and the length will be the total size of the font package including the size of the narrow and wide glyphs.

** NumberOfNarrowGlyphs **

The number of NarrowGlyphs that are included in the font package.

** NumberOfWideGlyphs **

The number of WideGlyphs that are included in the font package.

** NarrowGlyphs **

An array of EFI_NARROW_GLYPH entries. The number of entries is specified by NumberOfNarrowGlyphs.

** WideGlyphs **

An array of EFI_WIDE_GLYPH entries. The number of entries is specified by NumberOfWideGlyphs. To calculate the offset of WideGlyphs, use the offset of NarrowGlyphs and add the size of EFI_NARROW_GLYPH multiplied by the NumberOfNarrowGlyphs.

** Description **

The fonts must be presented in Unicode sort order. That is, the primary sort key is the UnicodeWeight and the secondary sort key is the SurrogateWeight.

It is up to developers who manage fonts to choose efficient mechanisms for accessing fonts. The contiguous presentation can easily be used because narrow and wide glyphs are not intermixed, so a binary search is possible (hence the requirement that the glyphs be sorted by weight);
HII Protocol Font-Related Entries

The functions described in this section are a part of the larger EFI_HII_PROTOCOL. This section describes the font-related entries.

EFI_HII_PROTOCOL (Font-Related Entries)

Summary

A common font database is maintained via the EFI HII protocol. The font-related entries in the protocol allow new font glyphs to be added to the database and the database to be queried.

Protocol Interface Structure

```c
typedef struct _EFI_HII_PROTOCOL {
    EFI_HII_NEW_PACK NewPack;
    EFI_HII_TEST_STRING TestString;
    EFI_HII_GET_GLYPH GetGlyph;
    EFI_HII_GLYPH_TO_BLT GlyphToBlt;
    ...
} EFI_HII_PROTOCOL;
```

Parameters

- **NewPack** ([MAR2])
  Adds new glyphs to the database.

- **TestString**
  Checks to see if all of the Unicode characters to actualize a string are available.

- **GetGlyph**
  Translates a Unicode character into the corresponding font glyph.

- **GetGlyph**
  Translates a glyph into the format required for input to the Universal Graphics Adapter (UGA) Block Transfer (BLT) routines.

Description

The EFI_HII_PROTOCOL is also used as a central repository for all fonts within the environment. Glyphs may be added to the database. Two extraction mechanisms are provided, with the following differences:

- In one, a buffer is simply filled and formatting is performed externally to the mechanism.
- In the second, a buffer is filled and expanded with data.

The buffer is filled differently depending on language directionality.
EFI_HII_PROTOCOL.NewPack()

Summary
Extracts the various packs from a package list.

Prototype

typedef
EFI_STATUS
(EFIAPI *EFI_HII_NEW_PACK) ( 
    IN  EFI_HII_PROTOCOL   *This,
    IN  EFI_HII_PACK_LIST  *Package,
    OUT EFI_HII_HANDLE     *Handle
);

Parameters

This
A pointer to the EFI_HII_PROTOCOL instance.

Package
A pointer to an EFI_HII_PACK_LIST package instance.

Handle
A pointer to the EFI_HII_HANDLE instance.

Description
With the exception of font and keyboard data, this function adds the contents of the package list to the database and returns a handle back to the data. Font and keyboard data is kept in a common pool and will have a NULL handle associated with them. In the case where a Package contains both pooled data and database data, a valid handle will be returned upon the addition of the appropriate data into the database.

Status Codes Returned

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<th>EFI_SUCCESS</th>
<th>Data was extracted from the Package, the database was updated with the data, and Handle returned successfully.</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>EFI_INVALID_PARAMETER</td>
<td>The content of the Package was invalid.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

EFI_HII_PROTOCOL.TestString()

Summary
Tests if all of the characters in a string have corresponding font characters.

Prototype

typedef
EFI_STATUS
(EIFIAPI *EFI_HII_TEST_STRING) (  
    IN EFI_HII_PROTOCOL *This,
    IN CHAR16 *StringToTest,
    IN OUT UINT32 *FirstMissing,
    OUT UINT32 *GlyphBufferSize
);

Parameters

This
A pointer to the EFI_HII_PROTOCOL instance.

StringToTest
A pointer to a Unicode string.

FirstMissing
A pointer to an index into the string. On input, the index of the first character in the StringToTest to examine. On exit, the index of the first character encountered for which a glyph is unavailable. If all glyphs in the string are available, the index is the index of the terminator of the string.

GlyphBufferSize
A pointer to a value. On output, if the function returns EFI_SUCCESS, it contains the amount of memory that is required to store the string’s glyph equivalent.

Description
This function may be called repeatedly to determine subsequent missing characters. Note that the index pointed to by FirstMissing must be incremented between calls. Line separator characters are ignored.

Status Codes Returned

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<td>EFI_SUCCESS</td>
<td>All glyphs are available. Note that an empty string always returns this value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFI_NOT_FOUND</td>
<td>A glyph was not found for a character.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**EFI_HII_PROTOCOL.GetGlyph()**

**Summary**

Translates a Unicode character into the corresponding font glyph.

**Prototype**

```c
typedef EFI_STATUS
  (EFIAPI *EFI_HII_GET_GLYPH) (
    IN EFI_HII_PROTOCOL *This,
    IN CHAR16 *Source,
    IN OUT UINT16 *Index,
    OUT UINT8 **GlyphBuffer,
    OUT UINT16 *BitWidth,
    IN OUT UINT32 *InternalStatus
  );
```

**Parameters**

- **This**
  A pointer to the **EFI_HII_PROTOCOL** instance.

- **Source**
  A pointer to a Unicode string.

- **Index**
  On input, the offset into the string from which to fetch the character. On successful completion, the index is updated to the first character past the character(s) making up the just extracted glyph.

- **GlyphBuffer**
  Pointer to an array where the glyphs corresponding to the characters in the source may be stored. **GlyphBuffer** is assumed to be wide enough to accept a wide glyph character.

- **BitWidth**
  If **EFI_SUCCESS** was returned, the **UINT16** pointed to by this value is filled with the length of the glyph in pixels. It is unchanged if the call was unsuccessful.

- **InternalStatus**
  To save the time required to read the string from the beginning on each glyph extraction (for example, to ensure that the narrow versus wide glyph mode is correct), this value is updated each time the function is called with the status that is local to the call. The cell pointed to by this parameter must be initialized to zero prior to invoking the call the first time for any string.
Description
This function translates a Unicode character into the corresponding font glyph. The data
returned is the format required for input to the Universal Graphics Adapter (UGA) Block
Transfer (BLT) routines.

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<td>It worked.</td>
</tr>
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<td>A glyph for a character was not found.</td>
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** EFI_HII_PROTOCOL.GlyphToBlt()**

**Summary**

Translates a glyph into the format required for input to the Universal Graphics Adapter (UGA) Block Transfer (BLT) routines.

**Prototype**

```c
typedef
EFI_STATUS
(EFI_API *EFI_HII_GLYPH_TO_BLT) (
    IN EFI_HII_PROTOCOL *This,
    IN UINT8 *GlyphBuffer,
    IN EFI_UGA_PIXEL Foreground,
    IN EFI_UGA_PIXEL Background,
    IN UINTN Count,
    IN UINTN Width,
    IN UINTN Height,
    IN OUT EFI_UGA_PIXEL *BltBuffer
);```

**Parameters**

- **This**
  A pointer to the **EFI_HII_PROTOCOL** instance.

- **GlyphBuffer**
  A pointer to the buffer that contains glyph data.

- **Foreground**
  The foreground setting requested to be used for the generated **BltBuffer** data.

- **Background**
  The background setting requested to be used for the generated **BltBuffer** data.

- **Count**
  The entry in the **BltBuffer** upon which to act.

- **Width**
  The width in bits of the glyph being converted.

- **Height**
  The height in bits of the glyph being converted

- **BltBuffer**
  A pointer to the buffer that contains the data that is ready to be used by the UGA Block Transfer (BLT) routines.
Description

This function translates a glyph into the format required for input to the Universal Graphics Adapter (UGA) Block Transfer (BLT) routines.

Related Definitions

```c
typedef struct {
    UINT8 Blue;
    UINT8 Green;
    UINT8 Red;
    UINT8 Reserved;
} EFI_UGA_PIXEL
```

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Strings

String

EFI_STRING

Summary
A string is a zero-terminated array of Unicode characters.

Prototype

```c
typedef CHAR16 * EFI_STRING;
```

Description

`STRING` is the basis of localization.
String Package Structure

EFI_HII_STRING_PACK

Summary

A string package is used to localize strings to a particular language. The package is associated with a particular driver or set of drivers. Tools are used to associate tokens with string references in forms and in programs. These tokens are language agnostic. When paired directly or indirectly with a language pack, the string token resolves into an actual Unicode string. When passing this package as a component of the EFI_HII_PACKAGES structure, multiple EFI_HII_STRING_PACK entries are allowed.

Prototype

typedef struct {
    EFI_HII_PACK_HEADER Header;
    RELOFST LanguageNameString;
    RELOFST PrintableLanguageName;
    UINT32 NumStringPointers;
    UINT32 Attributes;
    //RELOFST StringPointers[];
    //EFI_STRING Strings[];
} EFI_HII_STRING_PACK;

Parameters

Header

The header contains a Length and Type field. In the case of a font package, the type will be EFI_HII_STRING and the length will be the total size of the string package, including the size of the strings.

LanguageNameString

The string containing one or more ISO 639-2 three-character designator(s) of the language or languages whose translations are contained in this language pack. The first designator indicates the primary language while the others are secondary languages.

PrintableLanguageName

Contains the offset into this structure of a printable name of the language for use when prompting the user. The language printed is to be the primary language.

NumStringPointers

The number of Strings and StringPointers contained within the string package.

Attributes

Indicates the direction the language is to be printed. See “Related Definitions” below.
**StringPointers**

An array of strings that is indexed using string indexes that are **UINT16** tokens resolved to the various strings in the package. Each array entry is an offset from the beginning of the string package and points to the start of a Unicode string. The number of **StringPointers** in the array is defined by **NumStringPointers**.

**Strings**

The **NULL**-terminated Unicode strings themselves.

**Description**

The key element of this structure is the **StringPointer** array. This array provides the level of abstraction between the language-independent string token and the translation of that string in a particular language. The string tokens are used as indexes (0, 1, …) and not as offsets.

The actual organization of the **EFI_HII_STRING_PACK** structure may not be apparent from the structure definition. In fact, it consists of a fairly small header, an *n* entry array of string offsets, and *n* strings. Note that the only meaning associated to the strings is through the string offsets using the **STRING_TOKEN** values.

A string reference (**STRING_REF**) is a **UINT16** value defining a string to be manipulated. The string handle does not define a particular representation. Only the union of a string handle and a language name targets a particular representation (either Unicode or pixels).

**Related Definitions**

```
//****************************************************************************
// RELOFST
//****************************************************************************
#define RELOFST UINT32

//****************************************************************************
// STRING_REF
//****************************************************************************
#define STRING_REF UINT16

// contents of EFI_HII_STRING_PACK.Attributes
//****************************************************************************
#define LANG_RIGHT_TO_LEFT 0x00000001
```
Following are descriptions of the fields in the above definitions.

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<tr>
<td>RELOFST</td>
<td>A 32-bit offset relative to the start of the encompassing string pack structure, thus providing position independence for the entire structure.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STRING_REF</td>
<td>A variable that can contain a STRING_TOKEN. When used in programs, string tokens are fundamentally constants.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LANG_RIGHT_TO_LEFT</td>
<td>If on, the language is intended to be printed right to left. The default (off) is to print left to right.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
HII Protocol String Functions

EFI_HII_PROTOCOL (String Functions)

Summary
The HII Protocol maintains a database of strings. Strings are referred to by a triple consisting of a handle that is unique to the string pack, a STRING_REF, and a language.

Protocol Interface Structure

typedef struct _EFI_HII_PROTOCOL {
    ...
    EFI_HII_NEW_PACK NewPack;
    EFI_HII_NEW_STRING NewString;
    EFI_HII_GET_PRI_LANGUAGES GetPrimaryLanguages;
    EFI_HII_GET_SEC_LANGUAGES GetSecondaryLanguages;
    EFI_HII_GET_STRING GetString;
    EFI_HII_GET_LINE GetLine;
    ...
} EFI_HII_PROTOCOL;

Parameters

NewPack
Adds a new language pack to the database. See the NewPack() function description.

NewString
Adds a new string to an existing string pack in the database. See the NewString() function description.

GetPrimaryLanguages
Determines the primary languages supported by this package. See the GetPrimaryLanguages() function description.

GetSecondaryLanguages
Determines the secondary languages supported by a primary language in this package. See the GetSecondaryLanguages() function description.

GetString
Extracts a string from the string database. See the GetString() function description.

GetLine
Extracts enough of a string to fill a defined width. See the GetLine() function description.
Description

A common database is provided for the management of strings. Unlike fonts, strings are specific to specific applications or drivers. The string database performs two basic functions:

- Provides generalized extraction routines for managing and using string packs.
- Provides mechanisms for strings to be registered by one driver (via `NewPack()`, for example) and accessed by other drivers (particularly when used in conjunction with forms).
EFI_HII_PROTOCOL.NewPack()

Summary
Extracts the various packs from a package list.

Prototype

typedef
EFI_STATUS
(EIFIAPI *EFI_HII_NEW_PACK) (  
  IN EFI_HII_PROTOCOL *This,
  IN EFI_HII_PACK_LIST *Package,
  OUT EFI_HII_HANDLE *Handle
);

Parameters

This
A pointer to the EFI_HII_PROTOCOL instance.

Package
A pointer to an EFI_HII_PACK_LIST package instance.

Handle
A pointer to the EFI_HII_HANDLE instance.

Description
With the exception of font and keyboard data, this function adds the contents of the package list to the database and returns a handle back to the data. Font and keyboard data is kept in a common pool and will have a NULL handle associated with them. In the case where a Package contains both pooled data and database data, a valid handle will be returned upon the addition of the appropriate data into the database.

Status Codes Returned

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<tr>
<td>EFI_SUCCESS</td>
<td>Data was extracted from the Package, the database was updated with the data, and Handle returned successfully.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFI_INVALID_PARAMETER</td>
<td>The content of the Package was invalid.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
EFI_HII_PROTOCOL.NewString()

Summary
Allows a new string to be added to an already existing string package.

Prototype

typedef EFI_STATUS (EFIAPIC *EFI_HII_NEW_STRING) (  
    IN EFI_HII_PROTOCOL *This,  
    IN CHAR16 *Language,  
    IN EFI_HII_HANDLE Handle,  
    IN STRING_REF *Reference,  
    IN CHAR16 *NewString  
);

Parameters

This
A pointer to the EFI_HII_PROTOCOL instance.

Language
Pointer to a NULL-terminated string containing a single ISO-639-2 language identifier, indicating the language in which the string is translated in. A string consisting of all spaces indicates that the string is applicable to all languages.

Handle
The handle of the language pack to which the string is to be added.

Reference
The identifier of the string to be added. If the reference value is zero, then the string will be assigned a new identifier on that handle for the language specified. Otherwise, the string will be updated with the NewString Value.

NewString
The string to be added.

Description
This routine adds a new string to a string package already submitted using NewPack(). This string effectively overwrites existing strings.

Status Codes Returned

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<th>Code Definition</th>
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<tr>
<td>EFI_SUCCESS</td>
<td>The string effectively registered.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFI_INVALID_PARAMETER</td>
<td>The Handle was unknown.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
EFI_HII_PROTOCOL.GetPrimaryLanguages()

Summary
Allows a program to determine the primary languages that are supported on a given handle.

Prototype
```
typedef
EFI_STATUS
(EIFIAPI *EFI_HII_GET_PRI_LANGUAGES) (  
    IN EFI_HII_PROTOCOL     *This,
    IN EFI_HII_HANDLE       Handle,
    OUT EFI_STRING          *LanguageString
);
```

Parameters
- **This**
  A pointer to the EFI_HII_PROTOCOL instance.
- **Handle**
  The handle on which the strings reside.
- **LanguageString**
  A string allocated by GetPrimaryLanguages() that contains a list of all primary languages registered on the handle. The routine will not return the three-spaces language identifier used in other functions to indicate non-language-specific strings.

Description
This routine is intended to be used by drivers to query the interface database for supported languages. This routine returns a string of concatenated 3-byte language identifiers, one per string package associated with the handle.

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<td>EFI_SUCCESS</td>
<td>*LanguageString was correctly returned.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFI_INVALID_PARAMETER</td>
<td>The *Handle was unknown.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
EFI_HII_PROTOCOL.GetSecondaryLanguages()

Summary
Allows a program to determine which secondary languages are supported on a given handle for a given primary language.

Prototype

typedef EFI_STATUS (EFI_WAIT *EFI_HII_GET_SEC_LANGUAGES) (
    IN EFI_HII_PROTOCOL *This,
    IN EFI_HII_HANDLE Handle,
    IN CHAR16 *PrimaryLanguage,
    OUT EFI_STRING *LanguageString
);

Parameters

This
A pointer to the EFI_HII_PROTOCOL instance.

Handle
The handle on which the strings reside.

PrimaryLanguage
Pointer to a NULL-terminated string containing a single ISO-639-2 language identifier, indicating the primary language.

LanguageString
A string allocated by GetSecondaryLanguages() containing a list of all secondary languages registered on the handle. The routine will not return the three-spaces language identifier used in other functions to indicate non-language-specific strings, nor will it return the primary language. This function succeeds but returns a NULL LanguageString if there are no secondary languages associated with the input Handle and PrimaryLanguage pair.

Description
Each string package has associated with it a single primary language and zero or more secondary languages. This routine returns the secondary languages associated with a string package. The string package is identified by the package list handle and the (currently three-character ISO-639-2 primary language identifier.

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<td>EFI_INVALID_PARAMETER</td>
<td>The Handle was unknown.</td>
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</table>
 EFI_HII_PROTOCOL.GetString()

Summary
Extracts a string from a package already registered with the EFI HII database.

Prototype

typedef
EFI_STATUS
(EIFIAPI *EFI_HII_GET_STRING) ( 
    IN   EFI_HII_PROTOCOL        *This, 
    IN   EFI_HII_HANDLE          Handle, 
    IN   STRING_REF             Token, 
    IN   BOOLEAN                Raw, 
    IN   CHAR16                 *LanguageString, 
    IN   OUT UINT16             *BufferLength, 
    OUT  EFI_STRING             *StringBuffer 
); 

Parameters

This
A pointer to the EFI_HII_PROTOCOL instance.

Handle
The handle on which the string resides.

Token
The string token assigned to the string.

Raw
If TRUE, the string is returned unedited in the internal storage format described above. If false, the string returned is edited by replacing <cr> with <space> and by removing special characters such as the <wide> prefix.

LanguageString
Pointer to a NULL-terminated string containing a single ISO-639-2 language identifier, indicating the language to print. If the LanguageString is empty (starts with a NULL), the default system language will be used to determine the language.

BufferLength
Length of the StringBuffer. If the status reports that the buffer width is too small, this parameter is filled with the length of the buffer needed.

StringBuffer
The buffer designed to receive the characters in the string.
Description

This routine extracts a string from the package database. The string may be extracted in internal or external formats.

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<td>EFI_SUCCESS</td>
<td><em>StringBuffer</em> is filled with a <strong>NULL</strong>-terminated string.</td>
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<tr>
<td>EFI_INVALID_PARAMETER</td>
<td>The handle or string token is unknown.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFI_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL</td>
<td>The buffer provided was not large enough to allow the entire string to be stored.</td>
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</table>
EI_HII_PROTOCOL.GetLine()

Summary

Allows a program to extract a part of a string of not more than a given width.

Prototype

define
    EFI_STATUS
    EFI_HII_PROTOCOL *EFI_HII_GET_LINE
    (EFIAPI *EFI_HII_GET_LINE) (    
        IN EFI_HII_PROTOCOL *This,
        IN EFI_HII_HANDLE Handle,
        IN STRING_REF Token,
        IN OUT UINT16 *Index,
        IN UINT16 LineWidth,
        IN CHAR16 *LanguageString,
        IN OUT UINT16 *BufferLength,
        OUT EFI_STRING *StringBuffer
    );

Parameters

   This
        A pointer to the EFI_HII_PROTOCOL instance.

   Handle
        The handle on which the string resides.

   Token
        The string token assigned to the string.

   Index
        On input, the offset into the string where the line is to start. On output, the index is updated to point to beyond the last character returned in the call. The interface is designed so that repeated calls will fill the buffer with subsequent parameters.

   LineWidth
        The maximum width of the line in units of narrow glyphs. Specific line breaks (as in the case of two carriage returns) are still honored resulting in separate lines. The buffer is padded to the length in narrow spaces.

   LanguageString
        Pointer to a NULL-terminated string containing a single ISO-639-2 language identifier, indicating the language to print. If the LanguageString is empty (starts with a NULL) the default system language will be used to determine the language.
**BufferLength**

Pointer to the length of the *StringBuffer*. If the status reports that the buffer width is too small, this parameter is filled with the length of the buffer needed.

**StringBuffer**

The buffer designed to receive the characters in the string.

**Description**

This function is used to extract parts of a string so that those parts of strings fit inside a column of a defined width. With repeated calls, this design allows a calling program to extract “lines” of text that fit inside columns. The effort of measuring the fit of strings inside columns is localized to this call. This functionality is commonly used in menuing applications.

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<td>EFI_SUCCESS</td>
<td><em>StringBuffer</em> filled with characters that will fit on the line.</td>
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<tr>
<td>EFI_NOT_FOUND</td>
<td>The font glyph for at least one of the characters in the string is not in the font database.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFI_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL</td>
<td>The buffer provided was not large enough to allow the entire string to be stored. Note that the <em>BufferWidth</em> may need to be larger than the <em>LineWidth</em> due to, for example, nonspacing characters.</td>
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Form Packages

Form Language Syntax

The language described here is the “machine language” of the form set. Syntactic sugar to hide the complexities of the language (for example, use of infix rather than postfix notation for the expressions) is beyond the scope of this document.

Meta-Syntax

The description of the syntax uses Backus-Naur Form (BNF) with the following extensions:

- \[ \text{ to } \] * indicates zero or more repetitions of the contents.
- \[ \text{ to } \] + indicates one or more repetitions of the contents.
- \[ \text{ to } \] n...m (n and m are integers) indicates n through m repetitions.
- \[ \text{ to } \] n... (n is an integer) indicates at least n repetitions (so \[ \text{x} \] + is equivalent to \[ \text{x} \] 1...).
- \[ \text{ to } \] indicates that the contents are optional.
Internal Form Representation (IFR) Language Syntax Definition

EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER

Summary
Defines the form tag header.

Prototype

typedef struct _EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER {
    UINT8 OpCode;
    UINT8 Length;
} EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER;

Parameters

OpCode
Defines which type of operation is being described by this header. See “Related Definitions” below for the defined IFR opcodes, which are then defined in the following sections.

Length
Defines the number of bytes in the tag, including the opcode.

Description

Forms are represented in a binary format roughly similar to processor instructions. Each IFR instruction is interchangeably called a tag or an operation. Tag is preferred because the functionality is analogous to tags in higher-level markup languages.

Each tag starts with an opcode followed by a UINT8 constant and then a UINT8 length. The length defines the number of bytes in the tag, including the opcode. The length is used so that new opcodes can be added. An IFR browser is responsible for skipping over tags that it does not understand.

Question tags are those that allow user input that is visible in the results when a browser processes a form. Question tags use a triple containing the following information to describe the tag:

- An ID assigned to the question that is unique inside the form package.
- An offset into some sort of NVRAM storage (in bytes).
- A storage width (in bytes).

Although not required, it is expected that a tool will assign these values. Note that the utility of the offset and width values, in particular, varies with how the results are to be processed.
Related Definitions

//
// IFR Opcodes
//
#define EFI_IFR_FORM_OP 0x01
#define EFI_IFR_SUBTITLE_OP 0x02
#define EFI_IFR_TEXT_OP 0x03
#define EFI_IFR_GRAPHIC_OP 0x04
#define EFI_IFR_ONE_OF_OP 0x05
#define EFI_IFR_CHECKBOX_OP 0x06
#define EFI_IFR_NUMERIC_OP 0x07
#define EFI_IFR_PASSWORD_OP 0x08
#define EFI_IFR_ONE_OF_OPTION_OP 0x09 // ONEOF OPTION field
#define EFI_IFR_SUPPRESS_IF_OP 0x0A
#define EFI_IFR_END_FORM_OP 0x0B
#define EFI_IFR_HIDDEN_OP 0x0C
#define EFI_IFR_END_FORM_SET_OP 0x0D
#define EFI_IFR_FORM_SET_OP 0x0E
#define EFI_IFR_REF_OP 0x0F
#define EFI_IFR_END_ONE_OF_OP 0x10
#define EFI_IFR_INCONSISTENT_IF_OP 0x11
#define EFI_IFR_EQ_ID_VAL_OP 0x12
#define EFI_IFR_EQ_ID_ID_OP 0x13
#define EFI_IFR_EQ_ID_LIST_OP 0x14
#define EFI_IFR_AND_OP 0x15
#define EFI_IFR_OR_OP 0x16
#define EFI_IFR_NOT_OP 0x17
#define EFI_IFR_END_IF_OP 0x18
#define EFI_IFR_GRAYOUT_IF_OP 0x19
#define EFI_IFR_DATE_OP 0x1A
#define EFI_IFR_TIME_OP 0x1B
#define EFI_IFR_STRING_OP 0x1C
#define EFI_IFR_LABEL_OP 0x1D
#define EFI_IFR_SAVE_DEFAULTS_OP 0x1E
#define EFI_IFR_RESTORE_DEFAULTS_OP 0x1F
#define EFI_IFR_BANNER_OP 0x20
#define EFI_IFR_INVENTORY_OP 0x21
Form Package Syntax

Prototype

\[
\text{<form-package> ::= <form-package-header> [<form>]* <end-form-package-op>}
\]
\[
\text{<form-package-header> ::= <form-package-op> <length> <form-id>}
\]
\[
\text{<form-package-op> ::= UINT8-constant}
\]
\[
\text{<end-form-package-op> ::= UINT8-constant <length>}
\]

Description

The form package consists of a header, a set of forms, and an end-of-form operation. The \text{form-id} parameter defines the form package’s initial form when used by a browser.
Form Tag

Prototype

\[
\text{<form> ::= <form header> <form-body> <end-form>}
\]
\[
\text{<form-body> ::= [<form-stmt>]}
\]

 typedef struct {
    EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER Header;
    UINT16 FormId;
    STRING_REF FormTitle;
 } EFI_IFR_FORM;

 typedef struct {
    EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER Header;
 } EFI_IFR_END_FORM;

 <form-stmt> ::= <subtitle> | <text> | <one-of> | <many-of> | <numeric> |
 <password> | <consistency> | <list> | <grayout> | <hidden> | <label> | <ref> |
 <suppress> | <img>

Parameters

Header

The sequence that defines the type of opcode as well as the length of the opcode being defined.

FormId

The unique identification for this particular form.

FormTitle

The string token reference to the title of this particular form.

Description

A form is the encapsulation of what amounts to a browser page. The header defines a FormId, which is referenced by the form package, among others. It also defines a FormTitle, which is a string to be used as the title for the form.
**EFI_IFR_SUBTITLE**

**Summary**

Defines the subtitle tag.

**Prototype**

```c
typedef struct {
    EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER      Header;
    STRING_REF             SubTitle;
} EFI_IFR_SUBTITLE;
```

**Parameters**

- **Header**
  
  The sequence that defines the type of opcode as well as the length of the opcode being defined.
  
- **SubTitle**
  
  The string token reference to a subtitle opcode.

**Description**

Subtitle strings are intended to be used by authors to separate sections of questions into semantic groups.
EFL_IFR_TEXT

Summary
Defines the text tag.

Prototype

typedef struct {
    EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER Header;
    STRING_REF Help;
    STRING_REF Text;
    STRING_REF TextTwo;
    UINT8 Flags;
    UINT16 Key;
} EFI_IFR_TEXT;

Parameters

Header
The sequence that defines the type of opcode as well as the length of the opcode being defined.

FormTitle
The string token reference to the title of this particular form.

Help
The string token reference to the help string for this opcode

Text
The string token reference to the primary string for this opcode.

TextTwo
The string token reference to the secondary string for this opcode

Flags
This parameter is included solely for dynamic support.

Key
The value to be passed to the caller to identify this particular opcode.

Description
Unlike HTML, text is simply another tag. This tag type enables IFR to be more easily localized.
Code Definitions

EFI_IFR_ONE_OF

Summary
Defines the one-of tag.

Prototype
<one-of> ::= <one-of-tag> [<one-of-body-tags>] 2... <one-of-end-tag>

typedef struct {
    EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER Header;
    UINT16 QuestionId;
    UINT8 Width;
    STRING_REF Prompt;
    STRING_REF Help;
} EFI_IFR_ONE_OF;

typedef struct {
    EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER Header;
    STRING_REF Option;
    UINT16 Value;
    UINT8 Flags;
    UINT16 Key;
} EFI_IFR_ONE_OF_OPTION;

typedef struct {
    EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER Header;
} EFI_IFR_END_ONE_OF;

Parameters

Header
The byte sequence that defines the type of opcode as well as the length of the opcode being defined.

QuestionId
The unique value that identifies the particular question being defined by the opcode. This value will correspond to the starting offset in nonvolatile RAM (NVRAM) from which the settings for this question are being read and written to.

Width
Identifies the size of NVRAM.

Prompt
The string token reference to the prompt string for this particular opcode.

Help
The string token reference to the help string for this particular opcode.
Option
The string token reference to the option description string for this particular opcode.

Value
The value associated with the EFI_IFR_ONE_OF_OPTION that was chosen. This value is what is used to determine which option is currently active.

Flags
A bit-mask that determines which unique settings are active for this opcode. See “Related Definitions” below.

Key
A unique value that the browser passes back to a consumer by the browser if the EFI_IFR_FLAG_INTERACTIVE flag is set and a user selects this opcode. Type EFI_IFR_FLAG_INTERACTIVE is defined in “Related Definitions” below.

Description
The one-of tag is a nested question type. It consists of a one-of header operation, several one-of-body operations, and an end tag.

Related Definitions
#define EFI_IFR_FLAG_DEFAULT 0x01
#define EFI_IFR_FLAG_MANUFACTURING 0x02
#define EFI_IFR_FLAG_INTERACTIVE 0x04
#define EFI_IFR_FLAG_NV_ACCESS 0x08
#define EFI_IFR_FLAG_RESET_REQUIRED 0x10
#define EFI_IFR_FLAG_LATE_CHECK 0x20
EFI_IFR_CHECKBOX

Summary
Defines the checkbox tag.

Prototype

typedef struct {
    struct _EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER Header;
    UINT16 QuestionId;
    UINT8 Width;
    STRING_REF Prompt;
    STRING_REF Help;
    UINT8 Flags;
    UINT16 Key;
} EFI_IFR_CHECKBOX;

Parameters

Header
The byte sequence that defines the type of opcode as well as the length of the opcode being defined.

QuestionId
The unique value that identifies the particular question being defined by the opcode. This value will correspond to the starting offset in NVRAM from which the settings for this question are being read and written to.

Width
Identifies the size of nonvolatile RAM.

Prompt
The string token reference to the prompt string for this particular opcode.

Help
The string token reference to the help string for this particular opcode.

Flags
A bit-mask that determines which unique settings are active for this opcode. See “Related Definitions” below for defined flags for this opcode.

Key
A unique value that the browser passes back to a consumer if the EFI_IFR_FLAG_INTERACTIVE flag is set and a user selects this opcode. Type EFI_IFR_FLAG_INTERACTIVE is defined in EFI_IFR_ONE_OF.
Description

The checkbox tag returns zero if the box is not checked and one if it is. The default is stored in bit position zero of the flag.

Related Definitions

```
#define EFI_IFR_CHECKBOX_DEFAULT 1
```
EFI_IFR_NUMERIC

Summary
Defines the numeric tag.

Prototype

typedef struct {
    struct _EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER Header;
    UINT16 QuestionId;
    UINT8 Width;
    STRING_REF Prompt;
    STRING_REF Help;
    UINT8 Flags;
    UINT16 Key;
    UINT16 MinValue;
    UINT16 MaxValue;
    UINT16 Step;
    UINT16 Default;
} EFI_IFR_NUMERIC;

Parameters

Header
The byte sequence that defines the type of opcode as well as the length of the opcode being defined.

QuestionId
The unique value that identifies the particular question being defined by the opcode. This value will correspond to the starting offset in NVRAM from which the settings for this question are being read and written to.

Width
Identifies the size of nonvolatile RAM.

Prompt
The string token reference to the prompt string for this particular opcode.

Help
The string token reference to the help string for this particular opcode.

Flags
A bit-mask that determines which unique settings are active for this opcode.

Key
A unique value which is passed back to a consumer by the browser if the EFI_IFR_FLAG_INTERACTIVE flag is set and a user selects this opcode. Type EFI_IFR_FLAG_INTERACTIVE is defined in EFI_IFR_ONE_OF.
**MinValue**

The minimum value to be accepted by the browser for this opcode.

**MaxValue**

The maximum value to be accepted by the browser for this opcode.

**Step**

Defines the amount to increment or decrement the value each time a user requests a value change. If the step value is 0, then the input mechanism for the numeric value is to be free-form and require the user to type in the actual value.

**Default**

The default value for this opcode.

**Description**

The parameters allow for expression of a rich variety of numeric inputs that may be validated by the browser prior to submission. Valid input \((n)\) is:

\[
\text{MinValue} \leq n \leq \text{MaxValue} \\
\text{int}\left(\frac{n-\text{MinValue}}{\text{Step}}\right) = \frac{n-\text{MinValue}}{\text{Step}}
\]

The range data may be used to provide better keys help for the user as well as for internal validation. HTML has no equivalent of a numeric tag, so a string tag is used along with scripting to provide limit checking.
**EFI_IFR_PASSWORD**

**Summary**

Defines the password tag.

**Prototype**

```c
typedef struct {
    struct _EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER Header;
    UINT16 QuestionId;
    UINT8 Width;
    STRING_REF Prompt;
    STRING_REF Help;
    UINT8 Flags;
    UINT16 Key;
    UINT8 MinSize;
    UINT8 MaxSize;
    UINT16 Encoding;
} EFI_IFR_PASSWORD;
```

**Parameters**

- **Header**
  
  The byte sequence that defines the type of opcode as well as the length of the opcode being defined.

- **QuestionId**
  
  The unique value that identifies the particular question being defined by the opcode. This value will correspond to the starting offset in NVRAM from which the settings for this question are being read and written to.

- **Width**
  
  Identifies the size of nonvolatile RAM.

- **Prompt**
  
  The string token reference to the prompt string for this particular opcode.

- **Help**
  
  The string token reference to the help string for this particular opcode.

- **Flags**
  
  A bit-mask that determines which unique settings are active for this opcode.

- **Key**
  
  A unique value that is passed back to a consumer by the browser if the `EFI_IFR_FLAG_INTERACTIVE` flag is set and a user selects this opcode. Type `EFI_IFR_FLAG_INTERACTIVE` is defined in `EFI_IFR_ONE_OF`.
MinSize

The minimum number of characters that can be accepted for this opcode.

MaxSize

The maximum number of characters that can be accepted for this opcode.

Encoding[ceu5]

A value to determine if password encoding is required. If **TRUE**, then the processing of the password by the browser will be run through a built-in encoding mechanism. Otherwise, the data will be processed in its raw form.

**Description**

This opcode provides the ability to define password capability and its associated storage offsets. In addition, this opcode provides the ability to have the contents that are being read and written to either be encoded or not.
EFI_IFR_ORDERED_LIST

Summary
Defines the ordered list tag.

Prototype
<ordered-list> ::= <one-of-tag> [<one-of-body-tags>]2… <one-of-end-tag>

typedef struct {
    EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER Header;
    UINT16 QuestionId;
    UINT8 MaxEntries;
    STRING_REF Prompt;
    STRING_REF Help;
} EFI_IFR_ORDERED_LIST;

typedef struct {
    EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER Header;
    STRING_REF Option;
    UINT16 Value;
    UINT8 Flags;
    UINT16 Key;
} EFI_IFR_ONE_OF_OPTION;

typedef struct {
    EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER Header;
} EFI_IFR_END_ONE_OF;

Parameters

Header
The byte sequence that defines the type of opcode as well as the length of the opcode being defined.

QuestionId
The unique value which identifies the particular question being defined by the opcode. This value will correspond to the starting offset in non-volatile RAM that the settings for this question are being read from and written to.

MaxEntries
The maximum number of entries for which this tag will maintain an order. This value also identifies the size of the storage associated with this tag’s ordering array.

Prompt
The string token reference to the prompt string for this particular opcode.

Help
The string token reference to the help string for this particular opcode.
Option

The string token reference to the option description string for this particular opcode.

Value

The value associated with the EFI_IFR_ONE_OF_OPTION that was chosen. This value is what is used to determine which option is currently active. For ordered lists, the value of 0 is reserved and should not be used.

Flags

A bit-mask that determines which unique settings are active for this opcode. See “Related Definitions” below.

Key

A unique value that is passed back to a consumer by the browser if the EFI_IFR_FLAG_INTERACTIVE flag is set and a user selects this opcode. Type EFI_IFR_FLAG_INTERACTIVE is defined in EFI_IFR_ONE_OF.

Description

The ordered list does not have a direct analogy in HTML. It is intended to be used for cases such as defining the boot order. This opcode’s use is very similar to the EFI_IFR_ONE_OF opcode where there are corresponding options contained within this particular opcode. The values of each option are what is recorded in the nonvolatile variable that is associated with this opcode. For example, if this opcode has 3 options associated with it, and the values were 3, 4, and 5, one might expect the storage destination to look like “345.” If the order of these opcodes is changed, the settings would potentially be something such as “534.” One thing to note is that valid values for the options in ordered lists should never be a 0. The value of 0 is used to determine if a particular “slot” in the array is empty. Therefore, if in the previous example 3 was followed by a 4 and then followed by a 0, the valid options to be displayed would be 3 and 4 only.
EFL_IFR_REF

Summary
Defines the ref tag.

Prototype

```
<ref> ::= <ref-op> <length> <form-id> <string>
<ref-op> ::= UINT8-constant
```

type def struct {
    struct _EFL_IFR_OP_HEADER Header;
    UINT16 FormId;
    STRING_REF Prompt;
    STRING_REF Help;
    UINT8 Flags;
    UINT16 Key;
} EFL_IFR_REF;

Parameters

Header
The byte sequence that defines the type of opcode as well as the length of the opcode being defined.

FormId
The unique value which identifies the form this opcode is referring to.

Prompt
The string token reference to the prompt string for this particular opcode.

Help
The string token reference to the help string for this particular opcode.

Flags
A bit-mask that determines which unique settings are active for this opcode.

Key
A unique value which is passed back to a consumer by the browser if the
EFL_IFR_FLAG_INTERACTIVE flag is set and a user selects this opcode. Type
EFL_IFR_FLAG_INTERACTIVE is defined in EFL_IFR_ONE_OF.

Description
The ref tag is the equivalent of an HTML hypertext link. IFR limits links to the start of other forms whereas HTML supports arbitrary hypertext links.
EFL_IFR_HIDDEN

Summary
Defines the hidden tag.

Prototype

typedef struct {
    struct _EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER Header;
    UINT16 Value;
    UINT16 Key;
} EFI_IFR_HIDDEN;

Parameters

Header
The byte sequence that defines the type of opcode as well as the length of the opcode being defined.

Value
A value to associate with this particular opcode. This value is typically used for revision information and will not affect the user interface.

Key
A unique value that can be used to identify a particular hidden opcode and determine its Value. This uniqueness is essential when multiple hidden opcodes exist each with a different intention.

Description
Hidden input allows for communication of revision data between the creator of the tags and the consumer, for example. The user generally should not see hidden tags. Hidden tags can be used inside IFR along with the <grayout> and <suppress> tags to control display of optional data.
EFL_IFR_GRAY_OUT

Summary
Defines the grayout tag.

Prototype
<grayout> ::= <grayout-op> <length> <RPN expression>

typedef struct {
    struct _EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER       Header;
} EFI_IFR_GRAY_OUT;

Parameters
Header
The byte sequence that defines the type of opcode as well as the length of the opcode being defined.

Description
The <grayout> tag causes the following tag to be displayed in a special display form that is used for inaccessible options if the Boolean expression evaluates to TRUE. Developers writing IFR should realize that different browsers will support this option to varying degrees. In particular, HTML has no similar construct so it may not support this facility.
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EFL_IFR_SUPPRESS

Summary
Defines the suppress numeric tag.

Prototype

```c
<suppress> ::= supress-op <length> <rpn-bool-expr> \n    <form-stmts> end-suppress-op
```

typedef struct {
    struct _EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER Header;
    UINT16 QuestionId;
    UINT16 Value;
} EFI_IFR_SUPPRESS;

Parameters

- **Header**
  The byte sequence that defines the type of opcode as well as the length of the opcode being defined

- **QuestionId**
  The unique value that identifies the particular question being defined by the opcode. This value will correspond to the starting offset in NVRAM for which the settings for this question are being read and written to.

- **Value**
  The value against which the contents of the QuestionId will be compared.

Description

The suppress tag causes the following tag to be hidden from the user if the Boolean expression evaluates to **TRUE**. As with `<grayout>`, the quality of support may vary from browser to browser. HTML itself does not have a mechanism to provide this functionality.
**EFL_IFR_INCONSISTENT**

**Summary**
Defines the inconsistency tag.

**Prototype**
```
<inconsistency> ::= inconsistency-op <length> <Popup> <rpn-bool-expr>

typedef struct {
    struct _EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER Header;
    STRING_REF Popup;
} EFI_IFR_INCONSISTENT;
```

**Parameters**
- **Header**
  The byte sequence that defines the type of opcode as well as the length of the opcode being defined.
- **Popup**
  The string token reference to the string that will be used for the consistency check message.

**Description**
This tag uses a Boolean expression to allow the IFR creator to check options in a richer manner than provided by the question tags themselves. For example, this tag might be used to validate that two options are not using the same address or that the numbers that were entered align to some pattern (such as leap years and February in a date input field). The tag provides a string to be used in a “pop-up” display to alert the user to the issue. Inconsistency tags might be evaluated when the user traverses from tag to tag or only upon submission. The user should not be allowed to submit the results of a form inconsistency.
**EFI_IFR_LABEL**

**Summary**
Defines the label tag.

**Prototype**
```c
typedef struct {
    struct _EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER     Header;
    EFI_FORM_LABEL                LabelId;
} EFI_IFR_LABEL;
```

**Parameters**
- **Header**
  The byte sequence that defines the type of opcode as well as the length of the opcode being defined.
- **Label**
  A unique value that does not affect the user interface but provides a location to which IFR can be added or removed via the `EFI_HII_PROTOCOL.UpdateForm()` function.

**Description**
This tag is used to provide a base for possible runtime additions to the form. The label must be unique to the form package in which it resides.
EFI_IFR_VARSTORE

Summary
Defines the variable store tag.

Prototype
typedef struct {
    EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER Header;
    EFI_GUID Guid;
    UINT16 VarId;
    UINT16 Size;
    //UINT8 Name[];
} EFI_IFR_VARSTORE;

Parameters
Header
The byte sequence that defines the type of opcode as well as the length of the opcode being defined.

Guid
The variable’s GUID definition. This field comprises one half of the variable name, with the other half being the human-readable aspect of the name, which is represented by the string immediately following the Size field.

VarId
The variable storage ID. This field is the value that is used to uniquely identify this EFI_IFR_VARSTORE definition instance from others. Opcodes such as EFI_IFR_VARSTORE_SELECT, which is the variable store selection opcode, will refer to this field to designate which is the active variable that is being used.

Size
The size of the variable storage repository.

Name
This field is actually not defined in the structure but is included here to illustrate the content of the encoding for this opcode. Because this field is variable in length, the string is a NULL-terminated string and the overall size will be reflected in the opcode’s Header field. Additionally, there is an expectation that this field will not exceed 40 characters in length.

Description
This tag is used to provide a definition of a variable that can be used for purposes of establishing custom nonvolatile storage destinations. These opcodes will generally be used once in a given form set and will apply globally across the form set.
**EFI_IFR_VARSTORE_SELECT**

**Summary**
Defines the variable store select tag.

**Prototype**
```c
typedef struct {
    EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER Header;
    UINT16 VarId;
} EFI_IFR_VARSTORE_SELECT;
```

**Parameters**
- **Header**
  The byte sequence that defines the type of opcode as well as the length of the opcode being defined.
- **VarId**
  The variable storage ID. This field is the value that is used to uniquely identify the `EFI_IFR_VARSTORE` definition instance that opcodes are to use until a time such as another variable storage select opcode appearing.

**Description**
This tag is used to define what the active variable storage definition is to use for the opcodes that follow this tag. All opcodes that refer to configuration settings that are stored in variables will be affected by this tag. To avoid having each and every opcode be burdened with a field that specifies which variable storage the opcode uses, this tag is intended as a means by which the IFR compiler can set the “active” variable storage to use for a given opcode. When the context of an opcode’s storage must change, this tag will again be embedded with the appropriate `VarId` information for the opcodes that follow.
**EFI_IFR_VARSTORE_SELECT_PAIR**

**Summary**
Defines the variable store select pair tag.

**Prototype**
```
typedef struct {
   EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER    Header;
   UINT16               VarId;
   UINT16               SecondaryVarId;
} EFI_IFR_VARSTORE_SELECT_PAIR;
```

**Parameters**
- **Header**
   The byte sequence that defines the type of opcode as well as the length of the opcode being defined.
- **VarId**
   The variable storage ID. This field is the value that is used to uniquely identify the EFI_IFR_VARSTORE definition instance that is to be used by opcodes until such a time as another variable storage select opcode appears.
- **SecondaryVarId**
   The variable storage ID. This field is the value that is used to uniquely identify the EFI_IFR_VARSTORE definition instance that is to be used by opcodes until such a time as another variable storage select opcode appears.

**Description**
This tag is used primarily in the case where a Boolean expression needs to be interpreted where the value of two opcode settings need to be compared and each of the opcodes reside in a different variable storage. This opcode does not affect the “active” variable setting and will only apply to the following opcode, which is a Boolean expression that compares the settings of two different variable IDs.
Boolean Expressions

Summary
Defines Boolean expressions.

Prototype

```c
<bool-primitive> ::= <id-val> | <id-val-list> | <id-id>
<id-val> ::= <id-val-op> <name-id> <value>
<id-val-list> ::= <id-val-list-op> <name-id> <value-list-length>
<value-list> ::= <length> [<value>n..n
<id-id> ::= <id-id-op> <name-id> <name-id> <id-val-op>,
         <id-val-list-op>,
<length> ::= UINT-8-value

typedef struct {
    struct _EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER  Header;
    UINT16                      QuestionId;
    UINT16                      Value;
} EFI_IFR_EQ_ID_VAL;

typedef struct {
    struct _EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER  Header;
    UINT16                      QuestionId;
    UINT16                      ListLength;
    UINT16                      ValueList[1];
} EFI_IFR_EQ_ID_LIST;

typedef struct {
    struct _EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER  Header;
    UINT16                      QuestionId1;
    UINT16                      QuestionId2;
} EFI_IFR_EQ_ID_ID;

typedef struct {
    struct _EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER  Header;
} EFI_IFR_AND;
```
typedef struct {
    struct _EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER Header;
} EFI_IFR_OR;

typedef struct {
    struct _EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER Header;
} EFI_IFR_NOT;

typedef struct {
    struct _EFI_IFR_OP_HEADER Header;
} EFI_IFR_END_EXPR;

Parameters

Header
    The byte sequence that defines the type of opcode as well as the length of the opcode being defined.

QuestionId
    The unique value that identifies the particular question being referenced by the opcode.

QuestionId2
    The unique value that identifies the particular question being referenced by the opcode.

Value
    The value to which the question being referenced will be compared.

ListLength
    The length of the list of values against which to be compared.

ValueList
    The list of values against which a particular question will be compared.

Description

A Boolean expression is a postfix (Reverse Polish Notation) equation that evaluates to true or false. The terminal entries allow for assertions that two questions contain the same data values, that a question’s value equals a constant, and that a question’s value is in a list of constant values. Higher-level operations are AND, OR, and NOT.

The value of <length> is the number of bytes from and including the opcode to the end of the operation. The “end of the operation” is defined to be the byte preceding an operation with its opcode and length field.
EFI HII Protocol Forms Entries

EFI_HII_PROTOCOL (Forms Entries)

Summary
The EFI HII protocol maintains a database of forms. Forms packages are referred to by a handle while forms are referred to by a handle and the form id.

Protocol Interface Structure
typedef struct _EFI_HII_PROTOCOL {
    ...
    EFI_HII_NEW_PACK NewPack;
    EFI_HII_GET_FORMS GetForms;
    EFI_HII_UPDATE_FORM UpdateForm;
    ...
} EFI_HII_PROTOCOL;

Parameters
NewPack
Adds a new pack to the database. See the NewPack() function description.

GetForms
Extracts one or more forms from the database. See the GetForms() function description.

UpdateForm
Adds new elements to the form. See the UpdateForm() function description.

Description
The forms functions allow for the addition of forms to the HII database, for extraction of those forms, and for update.

Related Definitions
//**************************************************************************
// EFI_FORM_ID
//**************************************************************************
typedef UINT16 EFI_FORM_ID;
typedef struct {
  BOOLEAN FormSetUpdate;
  EFI_PHYSICAL_ADDRESS FormCallbackHandle;
  BOOLEAN FormUpdate;
  UINT16 FormValue;
  STRING_REF FormTitle;
  UINT16 DataCount;
  UINT8 *Data;
} EFI_HII_UPDATE_DATA;

FormSetUpdate
If TRUE, indicates that the FormCallbackHandle value will be used to update the contents of the CallBackHandle entry in the form set.

FormCallbackHandle
This parameter is valid only when FormSetUpdate is TRUE. The value in this parameter will be used to update the contents of the CallbackHandle entry in the form set.

FormUpdate
If TRUE, indicates that the FormTitle contents will be used to update the FormValue’s title.

FormValue
Specifies which form is to be updated if the FormUpdate value is TRUE.

FormTitle
This parameter is valid only when the FormUpdate parameter is TRUE. The value in this parameter will be used to update the contents of the form title.

DataCount
The number of Data entries in this structure.

Data
An array of 1+ opcodes, specified by DataCount.
**Summary**

`NewPack()` is the common method for submitting new packages to the HII Protocol for addition to the database. For forms, the form package is registered with the protocol.

No additional status returns are defined due to forms.
EFI_HII_PROTOCOL.GetForms()

Summary

This function allows a program to extract a form or form package that has previously been registered with the HII database.

Prototype

typedef
EFI_STATUS
(EIFIAPI *EFI_HII_GET_FORMS) (
    IN  EFI_HII_PROTOCOL   *This,
    IN  EFI_HII_HANDLE     Handle,
    IN  EFI_FORM_ID        FormId,
    IN OUT UINT16          *BufferLength,
    OUT UINT8               *Buffer
);

Parameters

This
A pointer to the EFI_HII_PROTOCOL instance.

Handle
Handle on which the form resides.

FormId
The ID of the form to return. If the ID is zero, the entire form package is returned.

BufferLength
On input, the length of the Buffer. On output, the length of the returned buffer, if the length was sufficient and, if it was not, the length that is required to fit the requested form(s).

Buffer
The buffer designed to receive the form(s).
Description
This function is used to extract a form or forms.

Status Codes Returned

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<td>Buffer filled with the requested forms.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>BufferLength updated.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFI_INVALID_PARAMETER</td>
<td>Unknown handle.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFI_NOT_FOUND</td>
<td>A form on the requested handle cannot be found with the requested FormId.</td>
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<tr>
<td>EFI_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL</td>
<td>The buffer provided was not large enough to allow the form to be stored.</td>
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</table>
EFI_HII_PROTOCOL.UpdateForm()

Summary
This function allows the caller to update a form or form package that has previously been registered with the EFI HII database.

Prototype

typedef
EFI_STATUS
(EIFIAPI *EFI_HII_UPDATE_FORM) {
    IN EFI_HII_PROTOCOL *This,
    IN EFI_HII_HANDLE Handle,
    IN EFI_FORM_LABEL Label,
    IN BOOLEAN AddData,
    IN EFI_HII_UPDATE_DATA *Data
};

Parameters

This
A pointer to the EFI_HII_PROTOCOL instance.

Handle
Handle of the package where the form to be updated resides.

Label
The label inside the form package where the update is to take place.

AddData
If TRUE, adding data at a given Label; otherwise, if FALSE, removing data at a given Label. If FALSE, it will not allow the removal of the end of a form.

Data
The buffer containing the new tags to insert after the Label.

Description
This function allows a program to update a form at runtime. The form must have been built expecting the update, because a label tag is required. The tags in Buffer are inserted into the form just after the label tag.

Status Codes Returned

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<td>EFI_SUCCESS</td>
<td>The form was updated with the new tags.</td>
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<tr>
<td>EFI_INVALID_PARAMETER</td>
<td>The buffer for the buffer length does not contain an integral number of tags.</td>
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<tr>
<td>EFI_NOT_FOUND</td>
<td>The Handle, Label, or FormId was not found.</td>
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Dynamic Processing of NV/IFR Data

Form Callback Protocol

EFI_FORM_CALLBACK_PROTOCOL

Summary

The EFI_FORM_CALLBACK_PROTOCOL is the defined interface for access to custom NVS devices as well as communication of user selections in a more interactive environment. This protocol should be published by hardware-specific drivers that want to export access to custom hardware storage or publish IFR that has a requirement to call back the original driver.

GUID

#define EFI_FORM_CALLBACK_PROTOCOL_GUID
{ 0xf3e4543d, 0xcf35, 0x6cef, 0x35, 0xc4, 0x4f, 0xe6, 
  0x34, 0x4d, 0xfc, 0x54 }

Protocol Interface Structure

typedef struct _EFI_FORM_CALLBACK_PROTOCOL {
  EFI_NV_READ       NvRead;
  EFI_NV_WRITE      NvWrite;
  EFI_FORM_CALLBACK Callback;
} EFI_FORM_CALLBACK_PROTOCOL;

Parameters

NvRead
The read operation to access the NV data serviced by a hardware-specific driver. See the NvRead() function description.

NvWrite
The write operation to access the NV data serviced by a hardware-specific driver. See the NvWrite() function description.

Callback
The function that is called from the configuration browser to communicate key value pairs. See the Callback() function description.

Description

This interface is provided by hardware-specific drivers that control access to nonsystem NVS and support callbacks from the browser or HII.
Related Definitions

ypiedef union {
    EFI_IFR_DATA_ARRAY DataArray;
    EFI_IFR_PACKET DataPacket;
    CHAR16 *String;
} EFI_HII_CALLBACK_PACKET;

DataArray

Refers to an array of entries that describes the current configuration settings as well as directives that are communicated back to the browser.

DataPacket

Describes string and IFR content that is being passed back to the browser to display. This content is used mainly by drivers that need to interact directly with the browser without using the HII repository as an intermediary.

String

If a callback will return with an error and the driver wants the browser to display if returning an error, it fills the string with null-terminated contents.

ypiedef struct {
    VOID *NvRamMap;
    UINT32 EntryCount;
} EFI_IFR_DATA_ARRAY;

NvRamMap

If the flag of the opcode specified to retrieve a copy of the NVRAM map, this parameter is a pointer to a buffer copy.

EntryCount

The number of EFI_IFR_DATA_ENTRY entries. Note that immediately following the EntryCount is an array of EFI_IFR_DATA_ENTRY structures. The number of iterations is defined by the EntryCount value.
typedef struct {
    UINT8 OpCode;
    UINT8 Length;
    UINT16 Flags;
    VOID *Data;
} EFI_IFR_DATA_ENTRY;

OpCode
The type of opcode. The opcode type is likely string, numeric, or one-of.

Length
Length of the EFI_IFR_DATA_ENTRY packet.

Flags
Flags settings to determine what behavior is desired from the browser after the callback.

Data
The data in the form based on the opcode type. This parameter is not a pointer to the data; the data follows immediately.
If the OpCode is a one-of or numeric type, Data is a UINT16 value.
If the OpCode is a string type, Data is a CHAR16[x] type.
If the OpCode is a checkbox type, Data is a UINT8 value.
If the OpCode is an NV access type, Data is a EFI_IFR_NV_DATA structure.
EFI_FORM_CALLBACK_PROTOCOL.NvRead()

Summary
Returns the value of a variable.

Prototype

```c
typedef EFI_STATUS (EFIAPI *EFI_NV_READ) (
    IN EFI_FORM_CALLBACK_PROTOCOL *This,
    IN CHAR16 *VariableName,
    IN EFI_GUID *VendorGuid,
    OUT UINT32 *Attributes OPTIONAL,
    IN OUT UINTN *DataSize,
    OUT VOID *Buffer
);
```

Parameters

- **This**
  A pointer to the EFI_FORM_CALLBACK_PROTOCOL instance.

- **VariableName**
  A NULL-terminated Unicode string that is the name of the vendor’s variable.

- **VendorGuid**
  A unique identifier for the vendor.

- **Attributes**
  If not NULL, a pointer to the memory location to return the attributes bit-mask for the variable. See “Related Definitions.”

- **DataSize**
  The size in bytes of the Buffer. A size of zero causes the variable to be deleted.

- **Buffer**
  The buffer to return the contents of the variable.

Description

Each vendor may create and manage its own variables without the risk of name conflicts by using a unique VendorGuid. When a variable is set, its Attributes are supplied to indicate how the data variable should be stored and maintained by the system. Any attempts to access a variable that does not have the attribute set for runtime access will yield the EFI_NOT_FOUND error.

Related Definitions
// Variable Attributes
#
#define EFI_VARIABLE_NON_VOLATILE 0x0000000000000001
#define EFI_VARIABLE_BOOTSERVICE_ACCESS 0x0000000000000002
#define EFI_VARIABLE_RUNTIME_ACCESS 0x0000000000000004

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<td>The variable was not found.</td>
</tr>
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<td>EFI_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL</td>
<td>The DataSize is too small for the result. DataSize has been updated with the size needed to complete the request.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFI_INVALID_PARAMETER</td>
<td>One of the parameters has an invalid value.</td>
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<tr>
<td>EFI_DEVICE_ERROR</td>
<td>The variable could not be saved due to a hardware failure.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**EFI_FORM_CALLBACK_PROTOCOL.NvWrite()**

**Summary**
Sets the value of a variable.

**Prototype**
```c
typedef
EFI_STATUS
(EIFIAPI *EFI_NV_WRITE) (  
    IN EFI_FORM_CALLBACK_PROTOCOL *This,  
    IN CHAR16 *VariableName,  
    IN EFI_GUID *VendorGuid,  
    IN UINT32 *Attributes,  
    IN UINTN DataSize,  
    IN VOID *Buffer,  
    OUT BOOLEAN *ResetRequired
);
```

**Parameters**
- **This**  
  A pointer to the **EFI_FORM_CALLBACK_PROTOCOL** instance.

- **VariableName**  
  A NULL-terminated Unicode string that is the name of the vendor’s variable. Each *VariableName* is unique for each *VendorGuid*.

- **VendorGuid**  
  A unique identifier for the vendor.

- **Attributes**  
  Attributes bit-mask to set for the variable. See **EFI_FORM_CALLBACK_PROTOCOL.NvRead()**.

- **DataSize**  
  The size in bytes of the *Buffer*. A size of zero causes the variable to be deleted.

- **Buffer**  
  The buffer containing the contents of the variable.

- **ResetRequired**  
  Returns a value from the driver that abstracts this information and will enable a system to know if a system reset is required to achieve the configuration changes being enabled through this function.
Description
Variables are stored by the firmware and may maintain their values across power cycles. Each vendor may create and manage its own variables without the risk of name conflicts by using a unique VendorGuid.

Status Codes Returned

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<th>Code</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>EFI_SUCCESS</td>
<td>The firmware has successfully stored the variable and its data as defined by the Attributes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFI_INVALID_PARAMETER</td>
<td>An invalid combination of Attribute bits was supplied, or the DataSize exceeds the maximum allowed.</td>
</tr>
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<td>Not enough storage is available to hold the variable and its data.</td>
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EFI_FORM_CALLBACK_PROTOCOL.CallBack()

Summary
The function that is called to provide results data to the driver. This data consists of a unique key which is used to identify what data is either being passed back or being asked for.

Prototype

typedef
EFI_STATUS
(EIFIAPI *EFI_FORM_CALLBACK) (  
    IN EFI_FORM_CALLBACK_PROTOCOL *This,
    IN UINT16 KeyValue,
    IN EFI_IFR_DATA_ARRAY *Data,
    OUT EFI_HII_CALLBACK_PACKET **Packet
);

Parameters

This
A pointer to the EFI_NV_ACCESS_PROTOCOL instance.

KeyValue
A unique value which is sent to the original exporting driver so that it can identify the type of data to expect. The format of the data tends to vary based on the opcode that generated the callback.

Data
A pointer to the data being sent to the original exporting driver. Type EFI_IFR_DATA_ARRAY is defined in EFI_FORM_CALLBACK_PROTOCOL.

Packet
A pointer to a packet of information which a driver passes back to the browser.
Related Definitions

The Data format will be based on the opcode type that the KeyValue references. Table 3-1 lists the value passed in the Data pointer for each opcode type.

Table 3-1. Value Passed in the Data Pointer

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>If the opcode is…</th>
<th>The following is being passed in the Data pointer…</th>
<th>Comment</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>OneOf</td>
<td>UINT16 Value</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text</td>
<td>NULL</td>
<td>There is no user initiated data to be sent other than the KeyValue. There should be a reasonable expectation that a response to this callback will be that a message gets posted with a particular key value and string. This posting would be done in the EFI_FORM_BROWSER_PROTOCOL.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>String</td>
<td>CHAR16 *String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Numeric</td>
<td>UINT16 Value</td>
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Browser Interface

Form Browser Protocol

The **EFI_FORM_BROWSER_PROTOCOL** is the interface to call for drivers to leverage the EFI Configuration Driver interface.

**EFI_FORM_BROWSER_PROTOCOL**

**Summary**

The **EFI_FORM_BROWSER_PROTOCOL** is the interface to the EFI Configuration Driver. This will allow the caller to direct the configuration driver to use either the HII database or use the passed-in packet of data.

**GUID**

```c
#define EFI_FORM_BROWSER_PROTOCOL_GUID \ 
{ 0xe5a1333e, 0xe1b4, 0x4d55, 0xce, 0xeb, 0x35, 0xc3, \ 
  0xef, 0xl3, 0x34, 0x43 }
```

**Protocol Interface Structure**

```c
typedef struct _EFI_FORM_BROWSER_PROTOCOL {
  EFI_SEND_FORM SendForm;
  EFI_CREATE_POP_UP CreatePopUp;
} EFI_FORM_BROWSER_PROTOCOL;
```

**Parameters**

- **SendForm**
  
  Provides direction to the configuration driver whether to use the HII database or to use a passed-in set of data. This function also establishes a pointer to the calling driver’s callback interface. See the **SendForm()** function description.

- **CreatePopUp**
  
  Routine used to abstract a generic dialog interface and return the selected key or string. See the **CreatePopUp()** function description.

**Description**

This protocol is the interface to call for drivers to leverage the EFI Configuration Driver interface.
Related Definitions

    //*************************************************************
    // SCREEN_DESCRIPTOR
    //*************************************************************
    typedef struct {
        UINTN    LeftColumn;
        UINTN    RightColumn;
        UINTN    TopRow;
        UINTN    BottomRow;
    } SCREEN_DESCRIPTOR;
**EFI_FORM_BROWSER_PROTOCOL.SendForm()**

**Summary**

Provides direction to the configuration driver whether to use the HII database or a passed-in set of data. This function also establishes a pointer to the calling driver’s callback interface.

**Prototype**

```c
typedef EFI_STATUS (EFIAPI *EFI_SEND_FORM) (
    IN EFI_FORM_BROWSER_PROTOCOL *This,
    IN BOOLEAN UseDatabase,
    IN EFI_HII_HANDLE *Handle,
    IN UINTN HandleCount,
    IN EFI_IFR_PACKET *Packet,
    OPTIONAL IN EFI_HANDLE CallbackHandle,
    OPTIONAL IN UINT8 *NvMapOverride,
    OPTIONAL IN SCREEN_DESCRIPTOR *ScreenDimensions,
    OPTIONAL OUT BOOLEAN *ResetRequired
);```

**Parameters**

- **This**: A pointer to the `EFI_FORM_BROWSER_PROTOCOL` instance.
- **UseDatabase**: Determines whether the HII database is to be used to gather information. If the value is `FALSE`, the configuration driver will get the information provided in the passed-in `Packet` parameters.
- **Handle**: A pointer to an array of HII handles to display. This value should correspond to the value of the HII form package that is required to be displayed.
- **HandleCount**: The number of handles in the array specified by `Handle`.
- **Packet**: A pointer to a set of data containing pointers to IFR and/or string data. This parameter is used only when the `UseDatabase` parameter is `FALSE` and an application is trying to pass information directly back and forth to the browser.
- **CallbackHandle**: The handle to the driver’s callback interface. This parameter is used only when the `UseDatabase` parameter is `FALSE` and an application wants to register a callback with the browser.
**NvMapOverride**

This buffer is used only when there is no NV variable to define the current settings and the caller needs to provide to the browser the current settings for the “fake” NV variable. If used, no saving of an NV variable will be possible. This parameter is also ignored if Handle is zero.

**ScreenDimensions**

Allows the browser to be called so that it occupies a portion of the physical screen instead of dynamically determining the screen dimensions.

**ResetRequired**

This **BOOLEAN** value will tell the caller if a reset is required based on the data that might have been changed. The **ResetRequired** parameter is primarily applicable for configuration applications, and is an optional parameter.

**Related Definitions**

```c
typedef struct {
    EFI_HII_IFR_PACK *IFRData;
    EFI_HII_STRING_PACK *StringData;
} EFI_IFR_PACKET;
```

**Status Codes Returned**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>EFI_SUCCESS</td>
<td>The function completed successfully</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFI_NOT_FOUND</td>
<td>The variable was not found.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFI_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL</td>
<td>The <strong>DataSize</strong> is too small for the result. <strong>DataSize</strong> has been updated with the size needed to complete the request.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFI_INVALID_PARAMETER</td>
<td>One of the parameters has an invalid value.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFI_DEVICE_ERROR</td>
<td>The variable could not be saved due to a hardware failure.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
EFI_FORM_BROWSER_PROTOCOL.CreatePopUp()

Summary
Routine used to abstract a generic dialog interface and return the selected key or string.

Prototype

typedef
EFI_STATUS
(EIFIAPI *EFI_CREATE_POP_UP) (
    IN UINTN NumberOfLines,  
    IN BOOLEAN HotKey,       
    IN UINTN MaximumStringSize,  
    OUT CHAR16 *StringBuffer,  
    OUT EFI_INPUT_KEY KeyValue,  
    IN CHAR16 *String,  
    ...
);

Parameters

NumberOfLines
The number of lines for the dialog box.

HotKey
Defines whether a single character is parsed (TRUE) and returned in KeyValue or if a string is returned in StringBuffer. Two special characters are considered when entering a string—a SCAN_ESC and a CHAR_CARRIAGE_RETURN. SCAN_ESC terminates string input and returns while CHAR_CARRIAGE_RETURN commits the entered string.

MaximumStringLength
The maximum size in bytes of a typed-in string. Because each character is a CHAR16, the minimum string returned is two bytes.

StringBuffer
The passed-in pointer to the buffer that will hold the typed in string if HotKey is FALSE.

KeyValue
The EFI_KEY value returned if HotKey is TRUE.

String
The pointer to the first string in the list of strings that comprise the dialog box.

...  
A series of NumberOfLines text strings that will be used to construct the dialog box.
Description

This function is intended for use by applications that might have a need for the creation of a simple dialog box but may not need to complete services of a form-based browser and all the inputs that are required for the form-based browser such as IFR and localization.

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<td>EFI_SUCCESS</td>
<td>Displayed dialog and received user interaction</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFI_DEVICE_ERROR</td>
<td>User typed in an ESC character to exit the routine.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EFI_INVALID_PARAMETER</td>
<td>One of the parameters was invalid (e.g., (StringBuffer == NULL) &amp;&amp; (HotKey == FALSE)).</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Table A-2 defines suggested translations between IFR and HTML.

**Table A-2. Suggested Translations between IFR and HTML**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>IFR</th>
<th>HTML</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>String in form operand</td>
<td>Both <code>&lt;title&gt;</code> and <code>&lt;h1&gt;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Subtitle</td>
<td><code>&lt;h3&gt;</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text</td>
<td>Standard text</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>One-of</td>
<td>Either radio button or drop down</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Checkbox</td>
<td>Single selection check box</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Numeric</td>
<td>Text input sized to fit the maximum number of digits in the number along with JavaScript or equivalent validation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Password</td>
<td>No recommendation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Go-to</td>
<td><code>&lt;a href...&gt;</code></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>