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Preface

This preface introduces the *Arm® Cortex®-A78C Core Cryptographic Extension Technical Reference Manual*.

It contains the following:

- [About this book](#) on page 6.
- [Feedback](#) on page 8.

About this book

This document describes the optional cryptographic features of the core. It includes descriptions of the registers used by the Cryptographic Extension.

Product revision status

The `rxpy` identifier indicates the revision status of the product described in this book, for example, `r1p2`, where:

`rx` Identifies the major revision of the product, for example, `r1`.

`py` Identifies the minor revision or modification status of the product, for example, `p2`.

Intended audience

This manual is for system designers, system integrators, and programmers who are designing or programming a *System-on-Chip* (SoC) that uses the Cortex®-A78C core with the optional Cryptographic Extension.

Using this book

This book is organized into the following chapters:

Chapter 1 Functional description

This chapter describes the Cortex-A78C core Cryptographic Extension.

Chapter 2 Register descriptions

This chapter describes the Cryptographic Extension registers.

Appendix A Document revisions

Changes between released issues of this book are summarized in tables.

Glossary

The Arm® Glossary is a list of terms used in Arm documentation, together with definitions for those terms. The Arm Glossary does not contain terms that are industry standard unless the Arm meaning differs from the generally accepted meaning.

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italic

Introduces special terminology, denotes cross-references, and citations.

bold

Highlights interface elements, such as menu names. Denotes signal names. Also used for terms in descriptive lists, where appropriate.

`monospace`

Denotes text that you can enter at the keyboard, such as commands, file and program names, and source code.

monospace

Denotes a permitted abbreviation for a command or option. You can enter the underlined text instead of the full command or option name.

`monospace italic`

Denotes arguments to monospace text where the argument is to be replaced by a specific value.

`monospace bold`

Denotes language keywords when used outside example code.

<and>

Encloses replaceable terms for assembler syntax where they appear in code or code fragments.
For example:

```
MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, <CRn>, <CRm>, <Opcode_2>
```

SMALL CAPITALS

Used in body text for a few terms that have specific technical meanings, that are defined in the *Arm® Glossary*. For example, IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED, IMPLEMENTATION SPECIFIC, UNKNOWN, and UNPREDICTABLE.

Timing diagrams

The following figure explains the components used in timing diagrams. Variations, when they occur, have clear labels. You must not assume any timing information that is not explicit in the diagrams.

Shaded bus and signal areas are undefined, so the bus or signal can assume any value within the shaded area at that time. The actual level is unimportant and does not affect normal operation.

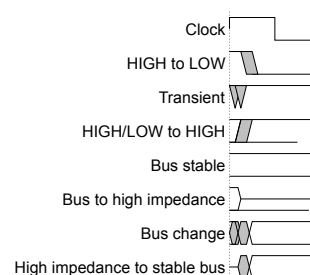


Figure 1 Key to timing diagram conventions

Signals

The signal conventions are:

Signal level

The level of an asserted signal depends on whether the signal is active-HIGH or active-LOW.
Asserted means:

- HIGH for active-HIGH signals.
- LOW for active-LOW signals.

Lowercase n

At the start or end of a signal name, n denotes an active-LOW signal.

Additional reading

This book contains information that is specific to this product. See the following documents for other relevant information:

Arm publications

- *Arm® Cortex®-A78C Core Technical Reference Manual* (102226)
- *Arm® Cortex®-A78C Core Configuration and Integration Manual* (102227)
- *Arm® Architecture Reference Manual Armv8, for A-profile architecture* (DDI 0487)

Other publications

- *Advanced Encryption Standard*. (FIPS 197, November 2001)
- *Secure Hash Standard (SHS)* (FIPS 180-4, March 2012)

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Chapter 1

Functional description

This chapter describes the Cortex-A78C core Cryptographic Extension.

It contains the following sections:

- [1.1 About the Cryptographic Extension on page 1-10.](#)
- [1.2 Revisions on page 1-11.](#)

1.1 About the Cryptographic Extension

The Cortex-A78C core Cryptographic Extension supports the Armv8-A Cryptographic Extension. Some parts of the Armv8-A Cryptographic Extension are optional.

For more information on the optional parts of the Armv8-A Cryptographic Extension, see the *AArch64 Instruction Set Attribute Register 0, EL1* register (ID_AA64ISAR0_EL1) in the *Arm® Cortex®-A78C Core Technical Reference Manual*.

The Cryptographic Extension adds new A64, A32, and T32 instructions to Advanced SIMD that accelerate *Advanced Encryption Standard* (AES) encryption and decryption. It also adds instructions to implement the *Secure Hash Algorithm* (SHA) functions SHA-1, SHA-224, and SHA-256.

Note

The optional Cryptographic Extension is not included in the base product. Arm supplies the Cryptographic Extension only under an additional license to the Cortex-A78C core.

1.2 Revisions

This section describes the differences in functionality between product revisions.

r0p1	First release
r0p2	No functional changes

Chapter 2

Register descriptions

This chapter describes the Cryptographic Extension registers.

It contains the following sections:

- [2.1 Identifying the Cryptographic instructions implemented on page 2-13.](#)
- [2.2 Disabling the Cryptographic Extension on page 2-14.](#)
- [2.3 Register summary on page 2-15.](#)
- [2.4 ID_AA64ISAR0_EL1, AArch64 Instruction Set Attribute Register 0, EL1 on page 2-16.](#)
- [2.5 ID_ISAR5_EL1, AArch32 Instruction Set Attribute Register 5, EL1 on page 2-18.](#)

2.1 Identifying the Cryptographic instructions implemented

Software can identify the Cryptographic instructions that are implemented by reading two registers.

The two registers are:

- ID_AA64ISAR0_EL1 in the AArch64 Execution state
- ID_ISAR5_EL1 in the AArch64 Execution state

2.2 Disabling the Cryptographic Extension

To disable the Cryptographic Extension, assert the **CRYPTODISABLE** input signal, which applies to all the Cortex-A78C cores present in a cluster. This signal is sampled only during reset of the cores.

When **CRYPTODISABLE** is asserted:

- Executing a Cryptographic instruction results in an **UNDEFINED** exception.
- The ID registers described in [Table 2-1 Cryptographic Extension register summary on page 2-15](#) indicate that the Cryptographic Extension is not implemented.

2.3 Register summary

The core has two instruction identification registers. Each register has a specific purpose, usage constraints, configurations, and attributes.

The following table lists the instruction identification registers for the Cortex-A78C core Cryptographic Extension.

Table 2-1 Cryptographic Extension register summary

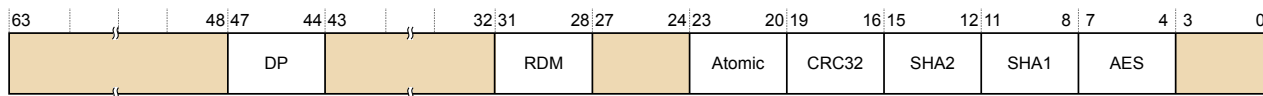
Name	Execution state	Description
ID_AA64ISAR0_EL1	AArch64	See 2.4 ID_AA64ISAR0_EL1 , <i>AArch64 Instruction Set Attribute Register 0, EL1</i> on page 2-16.
ID_ISAR5_EL1	AArch64	See 2.5 ID_ISAR5_EL1 , <i>AArch32 Instruction Set Attribute Register 5, EL1</i> on page 2-18.

2.4 ID_AA64ISAR0_EL1, AArch64 Instruction Set Attribute Register 0, EL1

The ID_AA64ISAR0_EL1 provides information about the instructions that are implemented in AArch64 state, including the instructions provided by the Cryptographic Extension.

Bit field descriptions

ID_AA64ISAR0_EL1 is a 64-bit register.



RES0

Figure 2-1 ID_AA64ISAR0_EL1 bit assignments

RES0, [63:48]

RES0 Reserved

DP, [47:44]

Indicates whether Dot Product support instructions are implemented.

0x1 UDOT, SDOT instructions are implemented.

RES0, [43:32]

RES0 Reserved

RDM, [31:28]

Indicates whether *Rounding Double Multiply* (RDM) instructions are implemented. The value is:

0x1 SQRDMLAH and SQRDMLSH instructions are implemented.

RES0, [27:24]

RES0 Reserved

Atomic, [23:20]

Indicates whether atomic instructions are implemented. The value is:

0x2 LDADD, LDCLR, LDEOR, LDSET, LDSMAX, LDSMIN, LDUMAX, LDUMIN, CAS, CASP, and SWP instructions are implemented.

CRC32, [19:16]

Indicates whether CRC32 instructions are implemented. The value is:

0x1 CRC32 instructions are implemented.

SHA2, [15:12]

Indicates whether SHA2 instructions are implemented. The possible values are:

0x0 No SHA2 instructions are implemented. This is the value if the core implementation does not include the Cryptographic Extension.

0x1 SHA256H, SHA256H2, SHA256U0, and SHA256U1 are implemented. This is the value if the core implementation includes the Cryptographic Extension.

SHA1, [11:8]

Indicates whether SHA1 instructions are implemented. The possible values are:

- 0x0 No SHA1 instructions are implemented. This is the value if the core implementation does not include the Cryptographic Extension.
- 0x1 SHA1C, SHA1P, SHA1M, SHA1SU0, and SHA1SU1 are implemented. This is the value if the core implementation includes the Cryptographic Extension.

AES, [7:4]

Indicates whether AES instructions are implemented. The possible values are:

- 0x0 No AES instructions implemented. This is the value if the core implementation does not include the Cryptographic Extension.
- 0x2 AESE, AESD, AESMC, and AESIMC are implemented, plus PMULL and PMULL2 instructions operating on 64-bit data. This is the value if the core implementation includes the Cryptographic Extension.

RES0, [3:0]

- RES0 Reserved

Configurations

ID_AA64ISAR0_EL1 is architecturally mapped to external register ID_AA64ISAR0.

Usage constraints

Accessing the ID_AA64ISAR0_EL1

To access the ID_AA64ISAR0_EL1:

```
MRS <Xt>, ID_AA64ISAR0_EL1 ; Read ID_AA64ISAR0_EL1 into Xt
```

Register access is encoded as follows:

Table 2-2 ID_AA64ISAR0_EL1 access encoding

op0	op1	CRn	CRm	op2
11	000	0000	0110	000

Accessibility

This register is accessible as follows:

EL0	EL1 (NS)	EL1 (S)	EL2	EL3 (SCR.NS = 1)	EL3 (SCR.NS = 0)
-	RO	RO	RO	RO	RO

2.5 ID_ISAR5_EL1, AArch32 Instruction Set Attribute Register 5, EL1

The AArch64 register ID_ISAR5_EL1 provides information about the instructions that are implemented in AArch32 state, including the instructions provided by the optional Cryptographic Extension.

Bit-field descriptions

ID_ISAR5_EL1 is a 32-bit register.

31	28	27	24	23	20	19	16	15	12	11	8	7	4	3	0		
				RDM				CRC32		SHA2		SHA1		AES		SEVL	

RES0

Figure 2-2 ID_ISAR5_EL1 bit assignments

RES0, [31:28]

RES0 Reserved

RDM, [27:24]

Indicates whether RDM instructions are implemented. The value is:

0x1 SQRDMLAH and SQRDMLSH instructions are implemented.

RES0, [23:20]

RES0 Reserved

CRC32, [19:16]

Indicates whether CRC32 instructions are implemented in AArch32 state. The value is:

0x1 CRC32 instructions are implemented.

SHA2, [15:12]

Indicates whether SHA2 instructions are implemented in AArch32 state. The possible values are:

0x0 Cryptographic Extension is not implemented or is disabled.

0x1 SHA256H, SHA256H2, SHA256SU0, and SHA256SU1 instructions are implemented.

SHA1, [11:8]

Indicates whether SHA1 instructions are implemented in AArch32 state. The possible values are:

0x0 Cryptographic Extension is not implemented or is disabled.

0x1 SHA1C, SHA1P, SHA1M, SHA1H, SHA1SU0, and SHA1SU1 instructions are implemented.

AES, [7:4]

Indicates whether AES instructions are implemented in AArch32 state. The possible values are:

0x0 Cryptographic Extension is not implemented or is disabled.

0x2 AESE, AESD, AESMC, and AESIMC are implemented, plus PMULL and PMULL2 instructions operating on 64-bit data.

SEVL, [3:0]

Indicates whether the SEVL instruction is implemented. The value is:

0x1 SEVL implemented to send event local.

Configurations

This register has no configuration options.

Usage constraints

Accessing the ID_ISAR5_EL1

To access the ID_ISAR5_EL1:

```
MRS <Xt>, ID_ISAR5_EL1 ; Read ID_ISAR5_EL1 into Xt
```

Register access is encoded as follows:

Table 2-3 ID_ISAR5_EL1 access encoding

op0	op1	CRn	CRm	op2
11	000	0000	0010	101

Accessibility

This register is accessible as follows:

EL0	EL1 (NS)	EL1 (S)	EL2	EL3 (SCR.NS = 1)	EL3 (SCR.NS = 0)
-	RO	RO	RO	RO	RO

Appendix A

Document revisions

Changes between released issues of this book are summarized in tables.

It contains the following section:

- [A.1 Revisions on page Appx-A-21.](#)

A.1 Revisions

This appendix describes the technical changes between released issues of this document.

Table A-1 Issue 0001-01

Change	Location
First Non-Confidential early access release for r0p1	-

Table A-2 Differences between Issue 0001-01 and Issue 0002-02

Change	Location
First Non-Confidential release for r0p2	-
No technical changes	-

Table A-3 Differences between Issue 0002-02 and Issue 0002-03

Change	Location
Second Non-Confidential release for r0p2	-
No technical changes	-