



Using Device Tree Overlays to Support Complex PCI Devices in Linux

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Use case

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- Microchip LAN966x PCle device
- ► AMD Alveo FPGA PCIe cards
 - Peripheral controllers exposed on PCIe BARs (DMA, UARTs, ...)
 - Peripherals have they own drivers available upstream
- ► The ASIX9100 multi purpose device (GPIO, I2C, SPI, ...) https://lore.kernel.org/lkml/bad63409-ed2b-4cef-988b-3c143636e9fa@alliedtelesis.co.nz/
- ► The RaspberryPI RP1 PCle device https://lore.kernel.org/lkml/cover.1748526284.git.andrea.porta@suse.com/
- **.**..
- ► Linux Plumbers 2023 'Non-discoverable devices in PCI devices' from Rob Herring https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVGE1nZW7BQ



Microchip LAN966x Chip

Microchip LAN966x chip: Two operating modes

- ► Traditional SoC
 - Already supported
- PCIe device
 - Our use case



Microchip LAN966x SoC

LAN9668



- Traditional SoC
 - Internal CPU cores
 - Set of peripherals (reset, clocks, GPIOs, I2C, ...)
 - Described by Device Tree arch/arm/boot/dts/microchip/lan966x.dtsi



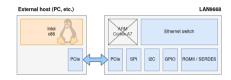
Microchip LAN966x SoC, lan966x.dtsi

Extracted and simplified from lan966x.dtsi

```
model = "Microchin LAN966 family SoC":
compatible = "microchip.lan966":
soc (
        compatible = "simple-bus":
        #address-cells = <1>;
        #size-cells # <1>-
        switch: switch@e00000000 (
                compatible = "microchip.lan966x-switch":
                reg = <0xe00000000 0x01000000>.
                     <0ve2000000 0v08000000>
                reg-names = "cpu", "gcb";
                interrupts = <GIC_SPI 12 IRQ_TYPE_LEVEL_HIGH>,
                interrupt-names = "xtr", "ana":
                ethernet-ports (
                        port0: port00 (
        reset: reset-controller@e200400c (
                compatible = "microchip.lan966x-switch-reset":
                reg = <0xe200400c 0x4>:
        gpio: pinctrl@e2004064 {
                compatible = "microchip,lan966x-pinctrl";
                reg = <0xe2004064 0xb4>.
                gpio-controller:
                #gpio-cells = <2>:
        mdio1: mdio@e200413c {
               compatible = "microchip.lan966x-miim";
               phy8: ethernet-phy81 (
```



Microchip LAN966x PCIe device



- PCIe device
 - Internal CPU cores replaced by a PCIe endpoint
 - Peripherals accessed by the PCle root complex
 - Memory-mapped I/O through PCIe BARs
 - Interrupts routed to PCIe INTx interrupt
 - Same set of peripherals
 - Drivers can be reused



LAN966x PCIe device → PCI driver

- ► Match LAN966x PCI Vendor/Device ID
 - Loaded only for the LAN966x PCI device
- ► How to instantiate other drivers from the LAN966x PCI driver?



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Drivers Instantiation





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 - Drivers used in SoC: Based on DT
 - Do not reinvent the wheel: Avoid drivers modifications
 - Avoid old board.c description: Avoid massive description in PCI driver C code

Driver reuse



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 - Drivers used in SoC: Based on DT
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 - Avoid old board.c description: Avoid massive description in PCI driver C code
- Use a Device Tree overlay



DT overlay

- ► Device Tree description
- ► Modify base Device Tree at runtime
 - Add DT nodes/properties when applied
 - Remove DT nodes/properties when removed
- Can be applied on a specific DT node



DT overlay for LAN966x

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```
model = "Microchip LAN966 family SoC":
compatible = "microchip.lan966":
        compatible = "simple-bus":
        #address-cells # <1>:
        #size-cells = <1>:
        ranges:
        switch: switchReddRaddRad (
                compatible = "microchip.lan966x-switch":
                reg = <0xe00000000 0x01000000>.
                reg-names = "cpu", "gcb";
                interrupts = <GIC SPI 12 IRO TYPE LEVEL HIGH>.
                interrupt-names = "xtr", "ana":
                ethernet-ports {
        reset: reset-controller@e200400c {
                compatible = "microchip,lan966x-switch-reset";
                reg = <0xe200400c 0x4>:
       gpio: pinctrl@e2884864 (
                compatible = "microchip.lan966x-pinctrl":
                reg = <0xe2004064 0xb4>,
                   <0xe2010024 0x138>:
        mdio1: mdio@e288413c (
                compatible = "microchip.lan966x-miim":
```

Extracted and simplified from LAN966x PCI device DT overlay

```
fragment00 {
       target-path="":
        overlay
                Waddress-cells = <3>;
                #size-cells = <2>:
                pci-ep-bus00 (
                       compatible = "simple-bus":
                       #address-cells # <1>:
                       #size-cells = <1>:
                        * man 88ye2888888 (32MR) to BARR (CPU)
                        * map 00xe0000000 (16MB) to BAR1 (AMBA)
                       ranges = <0ve2000000 0v00 0v00 0v00 0v2000000
                       switch: switch@e00000000 (
                               compatible = "microchip,lan966x-switch";
                               reg = <0xe00000000 0x01000000>.
                               reg-names = "cpu", "gcb";
                               interrupt-parent = <&oic>;
                               interrupts = <12 IRO TYPE LEVEL HIGH>.
                                           <9 TRO TYPE LEVEL HIGHS:
                               interrupt-names = "xtr", "ana":
                       reset: reset@e200400c {
                               compatible = "microchip,lan966x-switch-reset":
                               reg = <8xe288488c 8x4>:
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                               gpio-controller:
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                       mdio1: mdio0e200413c {
                               compatible = "microchip.lan966x-miim":
    ):
```



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Attach DT overlay



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The overlay describes the PCI board (internal components)

► Attach to the DT node related to the PCI board



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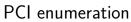
- ► Attach to the DT node related to the PCI board?
 - DT nodes for PCI devices not present in base DT
 - PCI devices discovered at runtime (PCI enumeration)
 - PCI topology (bridges, devices) are system specific
 - Only the PCI controller (PCI root bridge) is present in a base DT

Marvell Armada base DT



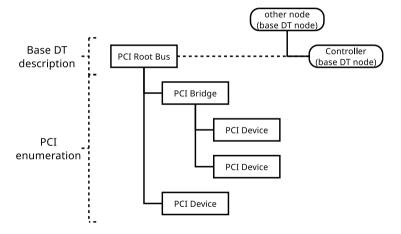
PCI enumeration

- From PCI root bridge, scan the PCI bus (heavily simplified)
 - 1. A PCI Device or Bridge is detected on the PCI bus
 - 2. Create a struct pci_dev for this device
 - 3. Compute and assign resources
 - 4. Bridge or Device?
 - if Bridge: Continue enumeration scanning busses behind the bridge
 - if Device: Ok, look at next component connected to the PCI bus





▶ No DT nodes for PCI bridges and devices





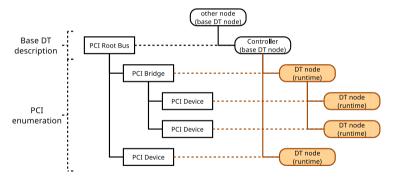
Create missing nodes

- Create missing PCI DT nodes at runtime
 - CONFIG_PCI_DYNAMIC_OF_NODES=y.
 - Creation done during the PCI enumeration.
- From PCI root bridge, scan the PCI bus (heavily simplified)
 - 1. A PCI Device or Bridge is detected on the PCI bus
 - 2. Create a struct pci_dev for this device
 - 3. Compute and assign resources
 - 4. Create a DT node for this device
 - Set DT properties to value based on computed and assigned resources
 - 5. Bridge or Device ?
 - if Bridge: Continue enumeration scanning busses behind the bridge
 - if Device: Ok, look at next component connected to the PCI bus



Create missing nodes

▶ DT nodes for PCI bridges and devices available





PCI device/bridge DT node creation

- CONFIG_PCI_DYNAMIC_OF_NODES=y
- Available since kernel v6.6
- of_pci_make_dev_node() (call from pci_bus_add_device()).
 - Direct call for PCI bridges
 - Using final fixup (DECLARE_PCI_FIXUP_FINAL() per PCI device)
 - Create node
 - Bridge node name: pci@<slot_number>,<function_number>
 - Device node name: dev@<slot_number>,<function_number>
 - Add node properties using of_pci_add_properties().
 - Attach node to parent DT node
 - Attach node to struct device (PCI device or bridge)
- of_pci_remove_node() (call from pci_stop_dev()).
 - Detach node from struct device
 - Detach node from the parent DT node
 - Destroy node



PCI device bridge DT node creation

Properties added by of_pci_add_properties()

- For bridges
 - compatible
 - reg
 - device_type = "pci"
 - #address-cells and #size-cells
 - ranges
 - ...
- For devices
 - compatible
 - reg
 - #address-cells and #size-cells
 - ranges
 - #interrupt-cells and interrup-controller.
 - ...



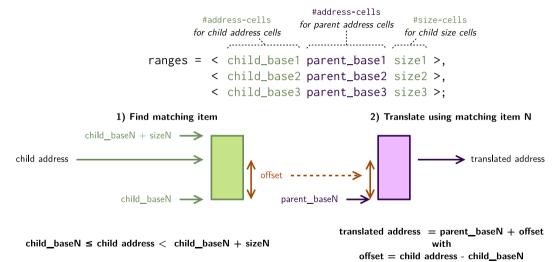
PCI device/bridge DT node creation

Interesting DT nodes properties

- Address translations:
 - ranges: Used at each PCI level in the PCI tree
- Interrupt translations:
 - interrupt-controller: Consider the PCI device as an interrupt controller



'ranges' property, simple translation



'ranges' property, pci translation

```
#address-cells
for child address cells
for child address cells
for child address cells
for parent address cells
for child size cel
```



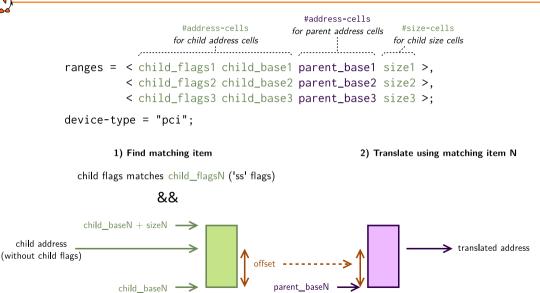
'ranges' property, PCI Flags

- Flags are defined only for device_type = "pci".
- ▶ 32bit word: npt000ss bbbbbbbb dddddfff rrrrrrrr
 - n: Relocatable region
 - p: Prefetchable region
 - t: Aliased address flag
 - ss: Space code
 - 00: Configuration space
 - 01: I/O space
 - 10: 32bit memory space
 - 11: 64bit memory space

 - ddddd: Device number
 - fff: Function number
 - rrrrrrr: Register number



'ranges' property, pci translation



'ranges' property

- PCI host bridge:
 - PCI translation
 - Translate from PCI addresses to host bus addresses
- PCI bridges:
 - PCI translation
 - Translate from PCI secondary busses addresses to PCI primary busses addresses
- PCI devices:
 - Simple translation
 - Translate from PCI BARs to PCI addresses
- Device-tree overlay
 - Simple translation
 - Translate from chip addresses to BARs addresses



'ranges' property, Example

```
pcie@d0070000 {
 compatible = "marvell.armada-3700-pcie":
 #address-cells = <0x03>:
 #size-cells = <0x02>:
 device_type = "pci";
                   <- Child flags and addr -> <-parent addr-> <--- size ---> */
 pci@0.0 {
   compatible = "pcillab.100". "pciclass.060400". "pciclass.0604":
   #address-cells = <0\times03>:
   \#size-cells = <0\times02>:
   device_type = "pci";
                    <- Child flags and addr -> <-parent flags and addr -> <--- size ---> */
   ranges = /*MEM32*/ <0x82000000 0x00 0xe8000000 0x82000000 0x00 0xe8000000 0x00 0x4400000>:
   dev@0.0 {
     compatible = "pci1055,9660", "pciclass,020000", "pciclass,0200";
     #address-cells = <0\times03>:
     #size-cells = <0\times02>:
                     <-child addr -> <-parent flags and addr -> <--- size ---> */
     ranges = /*BAR0*/ <0x00 0x00 0x00 0x82010000 0x00 0xe8000000 0x00 0x2000000>.
             /*BAR1*/ <0x01 0x00 0x00 0x82010000 0x00 0xea000000 0x00 0x1000000>
             /*BAR2*/ <0x02 0x00 0x00 0x82010000 0x00 0xeb000000 0x00 0x08000000>:
     nci-en-bus@0 {
       compatible = "simple-bus":
       #address-cells = <0x01>:
       #size-cells = <0\times01>:
               <child addr> <-parent addr-> <- size -> */
       ranges = <0xe2000000 0x00 0x00 0x00 0x2000000>, /* 0xe2000000 translated using BAR 0 */
               <0xe0000000 0x01 0x00 0x00 0x1000000>: /* 0xe0000000 translated using BAR 1 */
       reset@e200400c {
         compatible = "microchip,lan966x-switch-reset";
         reg = <0 \times e200400c 0 \times 04>:
```

reset controller: reg = 0xe200400c

- translated at pci-ep-bus
 chip addr → BAR addr
 addr = 0x00 0x00 0x400c
- ► translated at dev@0,0
 BAR addr → PCI addr
 addr = 0x82010000 0x00 0xe800400c
- ► translated at pci@0,0
 PCI addr → PCI addr
 addr = 0x82010000 0x00 0xe800400c
- ► translated at pcie@d0070000
 PCI addr → host addr
 addr = 0x00 0xe800400c

From CPU: 0x0000000e800400c



'interrupt-map' property

The interrupt-map property is used to re-map interrupts.

► A phandle for the parent interrupt controller is needed



'interrupt-map' property, phandle issue

- ► A phandle for the parent interrupt controller is needed
- Not always available (ACPI)
- Do not use interrupt-map
 - ightarrow Consider the **PCI device as an interrupt controller** (available since kernel v6.11)



PCI device as an interrupt controller

```
dev@0.0 {
                                                                                 /* <---- PCT device DT node */
                     compatible = "pci1055.9660". "pciclass.020000". "pciclass.0200":
                     /* PCI device as an interrupt controller */
                     #interrupt-cells = <0x01>:
                     interrupt-controller:
                     pci-ep-bus@0 {
                                          compatible = "simple-bus":
                                          switch: switch@e00000000 {
                                                                compatible = "microchip,lan966x-switch";
                                                                reg = <0xe0000000 0x0100000>,
                                                                                                 <0xe2000000 0x08000000>:
                                                                reg-names = "cpu", "gcb";
                                                                interrupt-parent = <&oic>;
                                                                interrupts = <12 IRO_TYPE_LEVEL_HIGH>,
                                                                                                                                     <9 IRQ_TYPE_LEVEL_HIGH>;
                                                                  interrupt-names = "xtr". "ana":
                                          oic@e00c0120 {
                                                                /* Interrupt controller available in the LAN966x Chip */
                                                                compatible = "microchip.lan966x-oic":
                                                                reg = <0 \times e00 \times e00 \times e00 \times e000 \times
                                                                /* No interrupt-parent property */
                                                                interrupts = <0x00>: /* <---- Connected to PCI INTx */
                                                                #interrupt-cells = <0x02>:
                                                                interrupt-controller:
```

- switch needs interrupts 9 and 12 from oic
 - Classical interrupt description with interrupts, interrupts-parents
- oic needs interrupts 0 (PCI INTx)
 - No interrupts-parents
 - Walk parent nodes until an interrupt controller is found
 - Found the LAN966x PCI device node
 - Handled by the LAN966x PCI driver
 - Create an interrupt domain
 - Route interrupt 0 to the PCI INTx



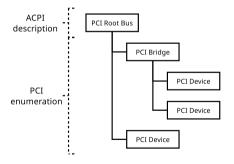
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ACPI





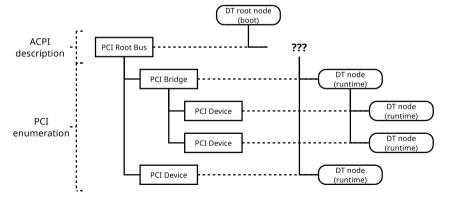
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ACPI and DT

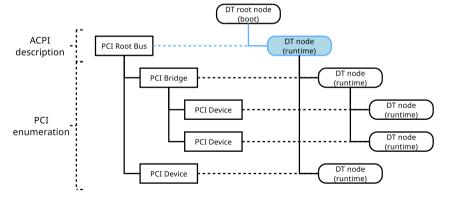
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 - No PCI root bus DT node





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 - ullet No PCI root bus DT node o Create a DT node when the host bridge registers





PCI host bridge DT node creation

- CONFIG_PCI_DYNAMIC_OF_NODES=y
- Available since kernel v6.15
- of_pci_make_host_bridge_node() (call from pci_register_host_bridge()).
 - Create node
 - node name: pci@<domain_number>,<bus_number>
 - Add node properties using of_pci_add_host_bridge_properties().
 - Avoid platform bus to handle this device (node attached to root node)
 - Attach created node to root DT node
 - Attach created node to struct device (PCI host bridge, PCI root bus)
- of_pci_remove_host_bridge_node() (call from pci_stop_root_bus()).
 - Detach node from struct device
 - Detach node from the parent DT node (root DT node)
 - Destroy the node



PCI host bridge DT node creation

Properties added by of_pci_add_host_bridge_properties()

- device_type = "pci"
- ▶ #address-cells, #size-cells
- ranges
- **.**..



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LAN966x PCI driver



LAN966x PCI driver, PCI device as an interrupt controller

```
Simplified (error check and error path removed)
struct pci dev intr ctrl {
        struct pci dev *pci dev:
        struct irg domain *irg domain:
        int ira:
static int noi dev ing domain man(struct ing domain *d. unsigned int ving. ing hw number t hw)
        irg set chip and handler(virg. &dummy irg chip, handle simple irg):
        return 0:
static const struct irg_domain_ops pci_dev_irg_domain_ops = {
         man = nci dev ira domain man.
         .xlate = irg domain xlate onecell.
static irgreturn_t pci_dev_irg_handler(int irg, void *data)
        struct pci dev intr ctrl *intr ctrl = data:
        int ret:
        ret = generic handle domain irg(intr ctrl->irg domain, 0):
        return ret ? TRO NONE : TRO HANDLED:
static struct noi dev intr ctrl *poi dev create intr ctrl(struct noi dev *pdev)
        struct pci_dev_intr_ctrl *intr_ctrl;
        struct fwnode handle *fwnode:
        int ret:
        fwnode = dev fwnode(&pdev->dev):
        if (!fwnode)
                return ERR PTR(-ENODEV):
        intr ctrl = kmalloc(sizeof(*intr ctrl), GEP KERNEL):
        intr_ctrl->pci_dev = pdev:
        intr_ctrl->irq_domain = irq_domain_create_linear(fwnode, 1, &pci_dev_irq_domain_ops,
        pci_alloc_irq_vectors(pdev, 1, 1, PCI_IRQ_INTX);
        intr ctrl->ira = pci ira vector(pdev. 0):
        request irg(intr ctrl->irg, pci dev irg handler, IROF SHARED,
                    nci name(ndev), intr ctrl):
        return intr ctrl:
```

- Handle a dedicated IRQ domain
- 1 interrupt in the domain
- ► Forward the INTx interrupt to the interrupt in the domain

```
static void pci_dev_remove_intr_ctrl(struct pci_dev_intr_ctrl *intr_ctrl)
{
    free_irq(intr_ctrl->irq, intr_ctrl);
    pci_free_irq_vectors(intr_ctrl->pci_dev);
    irq_dimpose_mmpping(irq_frind_mmpping(intr_ctrl->irq_domain, 0));
    irq_dimpose_mmpping(irq_frind_mmpping(intr_ctrl->irq_domain, 0));
    irq_dimpose_mmpping(intr_ctrl);
    kfree(intr_ctrl);
}

static void devm_pci_dev_remove_intr_ctrl(void *intr_ctrl)
{
    pci_dev_remove_intr_ctrl(intr_ctrl);
    static int devm_pci_dev_create_intr_ctrl);
    struct pci_dev_intr_ctrl *intr_ctrl;
    intr_ctrl = pci_dev_create_intr_ctrl(pdev);
    if (IS_ERR(intr_ctrl))
        return devm_add_action_or_reset(&pdev->dev, devm_pci_dev_remove_intr_ctrl, intr_ctrl);
}
```



LAN966x PCI driver, Load/Unload the DT overlay

- ► DT overlay (dtbo file) embedded in the driver module
- Load the overlay at the the device DT node (dev->of_node)

```
/* Embedded dtbo symbols created by cmd_wrap_S_dtb in scripts/Makefile.lib */
extern char dtbo lan966x pci begin[]:
extern char __dtbo_lan966x_pci_end[];
struct lan966x pci {
        struct device *dev:
        struct pci_dev *pci_dev;
        int ovcs id:
static int lan966x pci load overlav(struct lan966x pci *data)
        u32 dtbo_size = __dtbo_lan966x_pci_end - __dtbo_lan966x_pci_begin;
        void *dtbo_start = __dtbo_lan966x_pci_begin;
        int ret:
       ret = of overlay fdt apply(dtbo start, dtbo size, &data->ovcs id.
                                   data->dev->of node):
        if (ret)
                return ret:
        return 0:
static void lan966x pci unload overlav(struct lan966x pci *data)
       of_overlav_remove(&data->ovcs_id):
```



LAN966x PCI driver, Probe/Remove

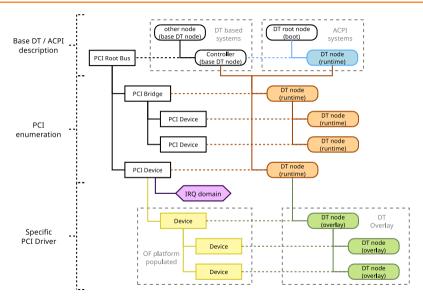
```
static int lan966x_pci_probe(struct pci_dev *pdev, const struct pci_device_id *id)
        struct device *dev = &pdev->dev:
        struct lan966x pci *data:
        int ret;
        if (Idey->of node) {
                dev err(dev. "Missing of node for device\n"):
                return -EINVAL:
        ret = pcim_enable_device(pdev);
        if (ret)
                return ret:
        ret = devm pci dev create intr ctrl(pdev):
        if (ret)
                return ret:
        data = devm kzalloc(dev. sizeof(*data), GFP KERNEL):
        if (!data)
                return - FNOMEM:
        dev set drydata(dev. data):
        data->dev = dev:
        data->pci_dev = pdev:
        ret = lan966x_pci_load_overlay(data);
        if (ret)
                return ret:
        pci_set_master(pdev):
        ret = of platform default populate(dev->of_node, NULL, dev);
        if (ret)
                goto err_unload_overlav:
        return 0:
err unload overlay:
        lan966x pci unload overlav(data):
        return ret;
```

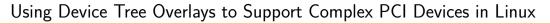
- Create the interrupt controler
- Load the overlay
- Populate platform devices from device-tree overlay loaded at dev->of_node
- Driver available since kernel v6.13

```
static void lan966x_pci_remove(struct pci_dev *pdev)
        struct device *dev = &ndev->dev:
        struct lan966x nci *data = dev get drydata(dev):
        of_platform_depopulate(dev);
        lan966x_pci_unload_overlay(data);
        pci_clear_master(pdev):
static struct pci_device_id lan966x_pci_ids[] = {
        { PCI_DEVICE(0x1055, 0x9660) }.
        { 0. }
MODULE DEVICE TABLE(pci, lan966x pci ids):
static struct pci driver lan966x pci driver = {
        .name = "mchp lan966x pci".
        .id table = lan966x pci ids.
        .probe = lan966x pci probe.
        .remove = lan966x_pci_remove,
module pci driver(lan966x pci driver):
```



Big picture hierarchy









- ► SoC designed components, SoC use case:
 - Builtin
 - Boot time instantiation



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 - Race condition issues
 - ..
- Components impacted (sub-sytems and/or specific drivers), no blame:
 - syscon

fw_devlink

reset

• i2c muxes

clocks

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interrupts

Thanks

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Questions? Suggestions? Comments?

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