

# Intel<sup>®</sup> Trust Domain Extensions - SEAM Loader (SEAMLDR) Interface Specification

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# CHAPTER 1 SECURE ARBITRATION MODE (SEAM)

# 1.1 OVERVIEW

**Secure Arbitration Mode (SEAM)** is an extension to the Virtual Machines Extension (VMX) architecture to define a new, VMX root operation called SEAM VMX root and a new VMX non-root operation called SEAM VMX non-root. Collectively, the SEAM VMX root and SEAM VMX non-root execution modes are called operation in SEAM.

SEAM VMX root operation is designed to host a CPU-attested, software module called the Intel<sup>®</sup> Trust-Domain-Extensions (Intel<sup>®</sup> TDX) module to manage virtual machine (VM) guests called **Trust Domains (TD)**.

The Intel TDX module helps implement the functions to build, tear down, and start execution of TD VMs. The VMM is designed to provide the memory resources to build the TD and schedule the TD executions using the API provided by the Intel TDX module. SEAM VMX root operation is designed to additionally host a CPU-attested, software module called the Intel Persistent SEAMLDR (Intel P-SEAMLDR) to load and update Intel TDX modules.

Virtual machines launched/resumed from SEAM VMX root operation are TDs, and VMs launched/resumed from legacy VMX root operation are legacy VMs. Intel TDX modules use the SEAM instruction set extensions to help protect the confidentiality and integrity of TD memory contents and CPU state from all other software, including the hosting Virtual Machine Monitor (VMM), unless explicitly shared by the TD itself.



Figure 1-1. Intel® Trust Domain Extension Components

The Intel TDX module and the Intel P-SEAMLDR module, which execute in SEAM VMX-root operation, execute out of the memory range defined by the SEAM range registers (SEAMRR). The reserved range of memory specified using SEAM range registers (SEAM range) is configured by the platform owner and programmed by the BIOS.

The SEAM range is further partitioned into two sub-ranges by the processor:

- MODULE\_RANGE
- P\_SEAMLDR\_RANGE

The MODULE\_RANGE is used by the Intel TDX module, which provides functions to build and manage TD VMs. The P\_SEAMLDR\_RANGE is used by the Intel Persistent SEAM loader (P-SEAMLDR) module, which is used to measure, verify, and install Intel TDX modules into the MODULE\_RANGE. By design, access to the P-SEAMLDR range is restricted to the P-SEAMLDR module only.

Intel provides an authenticated code module (ACM) called the Non-Persistent SEAM Loader (NP-SEAMLDR) to install Intel P-SEAMLDR modules in the P\_SEAMLDR\_RANGE.

This is illustrated in Figure 1-2.



Figure 1-2. SEAM Range Register Details

As shown in Figure 1-2, the NP-SEAMLDR ACM contains an executable image of the Intel P-SEAMLDR module.

The NP-SEAMLDR ACM helps with the initialization of the SEAM range, establishes the P-SEAMLDR range, sets up the SEAM transfer VMCS structure for transfers to the Intel P-SEAMLDR module, and loads the embedded Intel P-SEAMLDR module's image into the P\_SEAMLDR\_RANGE.

The OS can launch the SEAMLDR ACM using the GETSEC[ENTERACCS] instruction if the SEAMRR range enable bit (bit 11) of the IA32\_SEAMRR\_PHYS\_MASK MSR is 1. The NP-SEAMLDR aims to aims to install the Intel P-SEAMLDR module in the P-SEAMLDR range of memory.

The Intel P-SEAMLDR module aims to provide an interface to the VMM, invoked using the SEAMCALL instruction, to measure and verify a given Intel TDX module against its signature structure, and record its security version number (SVN), measurements, and identity into CPU registers that are accessible only to the Intel P-SEAMLDR module.

The SVN of the NP-SEAMLDR ACM itself is reported in the IA32\_SGX\_SVN\_STATUS MSR in bits 63:56. OS/VMMs that launch an ACM such as SINIT or NP-SEAMLDR are expected to read the IA32\_SGX\_SVN\_STATUS MSR to determine whether the ACM can be launched or if a new ACM is needed. If either the Intel<sup>®</sup> Software-Guard-Extensions (Intel<sup>®</sup> SGX) SVN of the ACM value in the ACM's header is greater than the value reported by the IA32\_SGX\_SVN\_STATUS MSR or the lock bit in the IA32\_SGX\_SVN\_STATUS MSR is not set, then the OS/VMM can safely launch the NP-SEAMLDR ACM. If the Intel SGX SVN value reported in the corresponding component of the IA32\_SGX\_SVN\_STATUS MSR is greater than the Intel SGX SVN value in the ACM's header, and if bit 0 of the IA32\_SGX\_SVN\_STATUS MSR is 1, then the OS/VMM would not launch that version of the ACM. It would obtain an updated version of the ACM either from the BIOS or from an external resource.

The NP-SEAMLDR ACM is designed to follow the steps below to load or update the Intel P-SEAMLDR module into the Persistent SEAMLDR range in SEAMRR:

- 1. Perform basic checks on current state of platform.
- 2. Initialize the entire SEAM memory range.
- 3. Install the embedded Intel P-SEAMLDR module in the P-SEAMLDR memory range.
- 4. Set up data and stack regions for the Intel P-SEAMLDR module.

- 5. Set up a single SEAM transfer VMCS. This VMCS is used by SEAMCALL instructions when an Intel P-SEAMLDR module's API is called, and by the SEAMRET instruction when the Intel P-SEAMLDR module API returns.
- 6. Update the load status of the Intel P-SEAMLDR module.
- 7. Exit to OS using the GETSEC[EXITAC] instruction.

The Intel P-SEAMLDR module, invoked by VMM using the SEAMCALL instruction, is designed to follow the steps below to load or update an Intel TDX module into the MODULE\_RANGE:

- 1. Verify input parameters, including the Intel TDX module's signature structure (SEAM\_SIGSTRUCT).
- 2. Load the Intel TDX module image into the MODULE\_RANGE, measure it and verify the measurement matches with the signature structure.
- 3. Set up data and stack regions for all logical processors.
- 4. Set up SEAM transfer VMCSs for all logical processors. These VMCSs are used by SEAMCALL instructions when an Intel TDX module's API is called, and by the SEAMRET instruction when the Intel TDX module API returns.
- 5. Record the Intel TDX module identity into CPU measurement registers and update its load status.
- 6. Return to VMM using the SEAMRET instruction.

# CHAPTER 2 INTEL P-SEAMLDR MODULE LOAD AND UPDATE

The OS/VMM loader is designed to perform the following actions to load or update a previously loaded Intel P-SEAMLDR module:

- 1. Find the NP-SEAMLDR ACM image file and copy it to memory. The memory for the NP-SEAMLDR image must be contiguous, physical memory and must be below 4 GB.
- Ensure that the NP-SEAMLDR ACM is compatible with the platform using the same rules as other ACMs. However, NP- SEAMLDR does not have dependency on Intel® TXT-supported chipset and TPM. So, filtering by Chipset ID or TPM information tables is not required (the NP-SEAMLDR ACM will have empty Chipset ID and TPM information tables). The steps to be performed are as follows:
  - Step 1: Verify it is NP-SEAMLDR ACM by evaluating module type.
  - Step 2: Verify platform type match.
  - Step 3: Verify AC module and chipset production flags match.
  - Step 4: Match CPUID.FMS and PLATFORM\_ID.
- 3. The NP-SEAMLDR ACM must be launched on a logical processor marked BSP (i.e., where IA32\_APIC\_BASE.BSP is 1). All other logical processors in the socket on which NP-SEAMLDR will be launched must be in the WAIT-FOR-SIPI state. If they are not already in the WAIT-FOR-SIPI state (for example, coming out of reset), then the OS might need to send INIT IPIs to all other logical processors to place them in the WAIT-FOR-SIPI state.
- 4. The NP-SEAMLDR ACM also requires that the OS/VMM loader has invoked the shutdown function provided by the Intel P-SEAMLDR module (if it was previously installed), and VMXOFF has been executed on all logical processors in the platform.
- 5. The OS/VMM loader should prepare to launch NP-SEAMLDR ACM by setting up parameters for the NP-SEAMLDR in registers as follows:
  - a. R9 = GDT base to be established when returning to the OS.
  - b. R10 = RIP where control is transferred when returning to the OS.
  - c. R11 = CR3 value to be established when returning to the OS.
  - d. R12 = IDTR base value to be established when returning to the OS.
  - e. EBX = NP-SEAMLDR ACM physical address base.
  - f. ECX = NP-SEAMLDR ACM size.
  - g. EAX = 2, which is the leaf number for the ENTERACCS function of the GETSEC instruction.
- 6. The OS/VMM loader should launch NP-SEAMLDR ACM in IA32e mode with either 4-level or 5-level paging mode.
- 7. The OS/VMM loader invokes GETSEC[ENTERACCS] to launch the NP-SEAMLDR ACM.
- Before exiting, the NP-SEAMLDR ACM sets up CR3 with the OS/VMM page table as specified at launch by VMM through register R11. Certain processor states are not restored on EXITAC, and the OS/VMM loader must reestablish such states when control returns from the NP-SEAMLDR.
- The NP-SEAMLDR ACM returns completion status in register R9. A value of 0 indicates that the P-SEAMLDR module has been successfully installed into P\_SEAMLDR\_RANGE, and can be invoked by the VMM using SEAMCALL instructions.

A TXT MLE that launches the NP-SEAMLDR ACM using ENTERACCS should be aware of following:

- The NP-SEAMLDR ACM does not close the TPM locality 2 or the TXT private space if the platform is post-SENTER as indicated by LT.STS[0] == 0x01. An MLE that launches the NP-SEAMLDR ACM should be aware of this, and re-evaluate TPM locality 2 and TXT private space status following execution of the NP-SEAMLDR ACM.
- The GETSEC[ENTERACCS] function unconditionally unmasks SMI, INIT, and NMI signals. Such an MLE must launch NP-SEAMLDR ACM only after the MLE has enabled SMI (or there is no STM/PPAM, and so SMI are enabled by SINIT).

# 2.1 CPU STATE FOLLOWING NP-SEAMLDR ACM EXECUTION

Table 2-1 describes the intended CPU state after NP-SEAMLDR ACM execution.

Register	CPU State After EXITAC from NP-SEAMLDR
CRO	PE=1, PG=1, NE=1; other bits cleared.
CR3	As provided by OS in R11.
CR4	PAE=1, SMXE=1; PGE and LA57 are unchanged; other bits cleared.
RFLAGS	Reset value (0x2).
IA32_EFER	LME=1, LMA=1, NXE=1; other bits cleared.
IA32_PAT	Reset value (0x00070406_00070406).
RIP	As provided by OS in R10.
RAX	EXITAC leaf number (0x3).
RBX	As Provided by OS in R10.
R9	Load status returned by NP-SEAMLDR: success (0x0) or error code.
Other GPRs, including RSP	0x0
CS	Flat
DS	Flat
GDTR	Base = As provided by OS in R9; Limit unchanged.
IDTR	Base = As provided by OS in R12; Limit unchanged.
DR7	0x400
IA32_DEBUGCTL	0x0
IA32_PERF_GLOBAL_CTRL	0x0
IA32_PEBS_ENABLE	0x0
IA32_RTIT_CTRL	TraceEn = 0, other bits are unchanged.
IA32_LBR_CTRL	0x0
IA32_MISC_ENABLES	0x8 (only thermal throttling is enabled)
Other registers (including MSRs, XCR0, XSAVES-able registers, DRs)	Unchanged

### Table 2-1. CPU State After NP-SEAMLDR ACM Execution

# 2.2 ERROR HANDLING

The NP-SEAMLDR ACM returns error codes in the format 0x8000000\_ccccceeee, where the value cccc specifies the error class, and the value eeee specifies the error code within that class.

The error classes are described in Table 2-2.

### Table 2-2. Error Classes

Error Class	Error Class Name	Description
0000	ECPARAM	Parameter validation errors. These errors are usually indicative of errors in the software that invokes the NP-SEAMLDR ACM.
0001	ECPLAT	Platform configuration errors. These are usually indicative of misconfiguration of the platform. This might be due to BIOS errors or unsupported hardware configurations.

The list of errors codes returned by the NP-SEAMLDR are described in Table 2-3.

Error Code	Error Name	Description
0x8000 0000 0000 0001	EMODBUSY	The P-SEAMLDR module has not been shut down.
0x8000 0000 0000 0002	ELDINPROG	Software attempted to invoke the NP-SEAMLDR ACM simultaneously on multiple logical processors.
0x8000 0000 0001 0000	EBADRANGE	The SEAM range is not valid.
0x8000 0000 0001 0001	EBADPLATF	Unsupported platform configuration.
0x8000 0000 0001 0002	ENOMEM	The P-SEAMLDR module does not fit within the P_SEAMLDR_RANGE constraints.
0x8000 0000 0001 0003	EUNSPECERR	Unspecified error.

### Table 2-3. NP-SEAMLDR Error Codes

If the class of error is ECPARAM or ECPLAT, these are usually indicative of BIOS or OS software errors. Retrying the load will likely not succeed, and thus these errors can be fatal to the load process.

# 3.1 SEAM\_SIGSTRUCT: INTEL® TDX MODULE SIGNATURE STRUCTURE

Each Intel TDX module is accompanied by a signature structure, which provides metadata information about the module and allows verification.

All fields in the SEAM\_SIGSTRUCT (e.g., MODULUS, SIGNATURE, etc.) are in little-endian form.

#### Table 3-1. SEAM\_SIGSTRUCT: Intel® TDX Module Signature Structure

Field Name	Offset	Size	Description	Signed?
SIGNATURE STRUCTURE HEADER				
HEADER_TYPE	0	4	Module type; must be 6. Generic FW.	Y
HEADER_LENGTH	4	4	Header Length; must be 0xE1 (900 bytes).	Y
			The length includes the following:	
			<ul> <li>Header: 128 B</li> <li>MODULUS: 384 B</li> <li>EXPONENT: 4 B</li> <li>SIGNATURE: 384 B</li> <li>The bytes following this Header (offset 900 onwards) are the body of the signed module.</li> </ul>	
HEADER_VERSION	8	4	Structure Version	Y
			Bits 31:16 - Major Version	
			Bits 15:0 - Minor Version	
			Must be 0x00010000.	
MODULE_TYPE	12	4	Module Type	Y
			Bits 30:0 must be 0.	
			Bit 31: Debug/Production Signed	
			<ul><li>O: Production</li><li>1: Debug</li></ul>	
MODULE_VENDOR	16	4	Module Vendor	Y
			Intel: 8086h, Non-Intel: 0000h	
DATE	20	4	Build date: yyyymmdd format	Y
			(yyyy: four-digit year, mm: 1 to 12, dd: 1 to 31)	
SIZE	24	4	Size of entire module (i.e., SEAM_SIGSTRUCT) in DWORDS; must be 0x200.	Y
KEY_SIZE	28	4	RSA public key size; must be 0x60.	Y
MODULUS_SIZE	32	4	RSA public key modulus size; must be 0x60.	Y
EXPONENT_SIZE	36	4	RSA public key exponent size; must be 1.	Y
RESERVED	40	88	Reserved; must be 0.	Y
MODULUS AND SIGNATURE				
MODULUS	128	384	Module public key (3072 bits) represented as a byte string of length 384, with the most significant byte at offset 511, i.e., in little-endian format.	N
EXPONENT	512	4	RSA exponent. Must be 2^16+1.	N

Field Name	Offset	Size	Description	Signed?
SIGNATURE	516	384	RSA signature represented as a byte string of length 384, with the most significant byte at offset 899, i.e., in little- endian format.	N
			Signature hash covers (Header (128B)    Body) in that order.	
Intel TDX MODULE CONFIGURATION	PARAMET	RS (Body)		
SEAMHASH	900	48	Intel TDX module SHA384 hash.	Y
SEAMSVN	948	2	Intel TDX module SVN.	Y
ATTRIBUTES	950	8	TDX module attributes (non-Intel).	Y
RIP_OFFSET	958	4	Offset of Intel TDX module entry point.	Y
NUM_STACK_PAGES	962	1	Stack size per thread in units of (# of 4K pages) - 1.	Y
NUM_TLS_PAGES	963	1	TLS size per thread in units of (# of 4K pages) - 1.	Y
NUM_KEYHOLE_PGS	964	2	Keyhole pages in units of (# of 4K pages) - 1.	
MIN_GLB_DATA_PAGES	966	2	Minimum number of global data pages needed by the module in units of (# of 4K pages) - 1.	
RESERVED	968	56	Reserved; must be 0.	Y
CPUID_TABLE_SIZE	1024	4	Number of entries in CPUID table. Valid values are 0 through 255. Setting to 0 matches all CPUs.	Y
CPUID_TABLE	1028	1020	Table of supported CPU version numbers as returned by CPUID.1.EAX. Stepping number is ignored for the match.	Y

### Table 3-1. SEAM\_SIGSTRUCT: Intel® TDX Module Signature Structure

# 3.2 SEAMLDR\_PARAMS

The SEAMLDR\_PARAMS structure is used by the VMM to provide the Intel P-SEAMLDR module with information about the Intel TDX module to load or update. The SEAMLDR\_PARAMS structure contains a pointer to the SEAM\_SIGSTRUCT structure that describes the Intel TDX module, a list of pointers to Intel TDX module image pages, and the requested update/load scenario.

A SEAMLDR\_PARAMS structure with version = 0 is 4K bytes in size and formatted as described in Table 3-2.

Field Name	Offset (Bytes)	Size (Bytes)	Description	
VERSION	0	4	Structure version; must be 0.	
SCENARIO	4	4	Scenario for which SEAMLDR was invoked:	
			<ul> <li>0: LOAD. Load Intel TDX module.</li> <li>1: UPDATE. Update previously loaded Intel TDX module to the same or another Intel TDX module.</li> </ul>	
SIGSTRUCT_PA	8	8	A 4-KByte aligned physical address of the Intel TDX module's SEAM_SIGSTRUCT.	
RESERVED	16	104	Reserved; must be 0.	
NUM_MODULE_PAGES	120	8	Intel TDX module size in number of 4-KByte pages. Valid range 1 to 496 for version 0.	
MOD_PAGES_PA_LIST	128	8 * 496	Array of 4-KByte aligned physical addresses to the Intel TDX module's executable pages.	

### Table 3-2. SEAMLDR\_PARAMS Structure

# 3.3 SEAMLDR\_INFO

This data structure is used to return SEAMLDR information to the VMM. Some of the SEAMLDR\_INFO fields describe the NP-SEAMLDR ACM that installed this P-SEAMDLR instance.

A SEAMLDR\_INFO structure with version = 0 is 256 bytes in size and formatted as described in Table 3-3.

Field Name	Offset (Bytes)	Size (Bytes)	Description
VERSION	0	4	Structure Version; returns 0.
ATTRIBUTES	4	4	Bitmap of attributes:
			<ul> <li>Bit 31 - Production-worthy (0) or debug (1).</li> <li>Bits 30:0 - Reserved 0.</li> </ul>
VENDOR_ID	8	4	Vendor ID:
			Value is fixed to 0x8086 (Intel P-SEAMLDR module).
BUILD_DATE	12	4	Build date, in yyyy.mm.dd BCD format (from NP-SEAMLDR ACM header).
BUILD_NUM	16	2	Build number.
MINOR	18	2	Minor version number.
MAJOR	20	2	Major version number.
RESEREVED	22	2	Reserved 0.
ACM_X2APICID	24	4	The X2APICID of the logical processor on which NP-SEAMLDR ACM was launched.
RESEREVED	28	4	Reserved 0.
SEAMINFO	32	128	The SEAM information of the Intel TDX module currently loaded in MODULE_RANGE (0 if no Intel TDX module is currently loaded).
			See SEAM_INFO definition below.
SEAM_READY	160	1	A boolean flag that indicates, when set to 0x1, that the Intel TDX module is ready for SEAMCALL.
SEAM_DEBUG	161	1	A boolean flag that indicates, when set to 0x1, that a debuggable Intel TDX module (i.e., an Intel TDX module with SEAM_SIGSTRUCT.MODULE_TYPE[bit 31] = 1) can be loaded.
P_SEAMLDR_READY	162	1	A boolean flag that indicates, when set to 0x1, that the Intel P- SEAMLDR module is ready for SEAMCALLs (always 0x1).
RESEREVED	168	88	Reserved 0.

### Table 3-3. SEAMLDR\_INFO Structure

# 3.4 SEAM\_INFO

The SEAMINFO structure provides information about the currently loaded Intel TDX module. It's the lower 128 bytes of the TEE\_TCB\_INFO structure, as defined in the Intel<sup>®</sup> Trust Domain CPU Architectural Extensions Specification, Table 2-3.

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# CHAPTER 4 P-SEAMLDR FUNCTIONS

The Intel P-SEAMLDR module provides several APIs for the VMM. The ABI can be invoked after the Intel P-SEAMLDR module has been successfully loaded by the NP-SEAMDLR ACM into the P\_SEAMLDR\_RANGE within the SEAM range, and until the Intel P-SEAMLDR module's shutdown session ended, or a fatal SEAM shutdown event occurred.

The Intel P-SEAMLDR module's ABI is invoked by executing the SEAMCALL instruction with RAX bit 63 set to '1. A successful SEAMCALL invocation transitions to the Intel P-SEAMLDR module, unless another call to the Intel P-SEAMLDR module is already in progress.

The Intel P-SEAMLDR module's ABI supports the following functions:

- Leaf 0 = SEAMDLR.INFO: Retrieve information about the Intel P-SEAMLDR module and the current Intel TDX module.
- Leaf 1 = SEAMLDR.INSTALL: Load or update an Intel TDX module.
- Leaf 2 = SEAMLDR.SHUTDOWN: Shutdown the Intel P-SEAMLDR module in preparation for updating it.

If the input RAX contains an unsupported API index, then the P-SEAMLDR module returns an EBADPARAM error.

## 4.1 SEAMDLR.INFO

This function allows the VMM to query about the status of the Intel P-SEAMLDR and Intel TDX modules.

#### Usage:

• Can be invoked on any logical processor.

#### Inputs:

- RAX = 0x8000000.0000000
- RCX = A 64-bit physical address of an output buffer of type SEAMLDR\_INFO. This address must satisfy the following rules:
  - No reserved bits.
  - No TDX-private Key ID.
  - No overlap with SEAM range defined by SEAMRR.
  - Aligned to a 256-byte boundary.

### **Operation:**

- Check input RCX.
- Fill the given buffer with SEAMLDR\_INFO.

#### Outputs:

- RAX = Success (0), or one of the following error codes:
  - EBADPARAM
    - If the physical address in input RCX is illegal.

# 4.2 SEAMDLR.INSTALL

This function allows the VMM to install a new Intel TDX module into the MODULE\_RANGE within the SEAM range.

### Usage:

- The API should be called on all logical processors in the platform, serially. When invoked on the first logical processor, it starts the "installation session". When invoked on the last logical processor, it loads or updates the MODULE\_RANGE with the given Intel TDX module, and ends the installation session.
- During the installation session, the old Intel TDX module, if any, cannot be invoked (i.e. SEAMCALL instructions with RAX bit 63 set to '0, return VMFailInvalid flags).
- The update session may end with one of the following outcomes:
  - Success. This outcome is indicated by output RAX == 0. On success, the newly installed Intel TDX module can be invoked.
  - Recoverable Error. This outcome is indicated by output RAX != 0 and output RDX == 0. On a recoverable
    installation error, the old Intel TDX module can be invoked. This outcome is possible only in "update"
    scenarios.
  - Non-Recoverable Error. This outcome is indicated by output RAX != 0 and output RDX != 0. On a non-recoverable installation error, so the old Intel TDX module, if any, cannot be invoked.

#### Inputs:

- RAX = 0x8000000.00000001
- RCX = A 64-bit physical address of an input buffer of type SEAMLDR\_PARAMS. This address must satisfy the following rules:
  - No reserved bits.
  - No TDX-private Key ID.
  - No overlap with SEAM range.
  - Aligned on 4K-byte boundary.

#### **Operation:**

- Return unrecoverable error if a shutdown session is already in progress.
- Start an installation session if an installation session is not yet in progress.
- If this is not the last logical processor on which this API was called, return success.
- Else // last logical processor in the installation session.
  - Load or update the new Intel TDX module into the MODULE\_RANGE, according to the requested installation scenario (as specified in SEAMLDR\_PARAMS.SCENARIO). This is done in the following steps:
    - 1. Check input SEAMLDR\_PARAMS address (in RCX).
    - 2. Read and SEAMLDR\_PARAMS (pointed by RCX) and check the structure's contents.
    - 3. Read SEAM\_SIGSTRUCT (pointed by SEAMLDR\_PARAMS.SEAM\_SIGSTRUCT\_PA), check the structure's contents, and authenticate it.
    - 4. Check that the new Intel TDX module fits within the MODULE\_RANGE.
    - 5. Clear the MODULE\_RANGE.
    - 6. Copy the new Intel TDX module's image pages (from the SEAMLDR\_PARAMS.MOD\_PAGES\_PA\_LIST array) into the MODULE\_RANGE.
    - Measure the image and verify it's equal to the expected measurement (in SEAM\_SIG-STRUCT.MRSEAM).
    - 8. Create mapping for the new Intel TDX module's code, data and stacks.
    - 9. Create transfer VMCSs for the new Intel TDX module.
    - 10. Pass system information in a dedicated MODULE\_RANGE page to the new Intel TDX module.
    - 11. Record the SEAM\_INFO of the new Intel TDX module.
    - 12. End the installation session.
    - 13. Return success.

- If any error is detected during the above process, then
  - End the installation session
  - If the error was detected before memory cleanup (step 5) and the requested scenario is "update", then return a recoverable error indication
  - Else return an unrecoverable error indication

### **Outputs:**

- RAX = Success (0), or one of the following error codes:
  - EBADPARAM
    - The input RCX is illegal.
    - Any TMP\_PARAMS field is invalid.
    - An "update" scenario was requested but there's no Intel TDX module in MODULE\_RANGE.
  - EUNSPECERR
    - Unexpected error.
  - ENOENTROPY
    - Random number could not be generated.
  - EBADCALL
    - Shutdown session started.
    - This API already called on this logical processor.
  - EBADSIG
    - SEAM\_SIGSTRUCT field is invalid.
    - Unknown public key in SEAM\_SIGSTRUCT.
    - The SEAM\_SIGSTRUCT signature not authenticated.
    - SEAM\_SIGSTRUCT is debug-signed but SEAM\_UNDER\_DEBUG is 0.
    - Attempt to update to a different Intel TDX module vendor.
    - Attempt to update to a smaller SEAM SVN.
  - ENOMEM
    - Module range doesn't suffice for the new module's code and data.
  - EBADHASH
    - Module's hash in SEAM\_SIGSTRUCT doesn't match the actual hash of the new module's image.

# 4.3 SEAMDLR.SHUTDOWN

This API allows the VMM to shut-down the P-SEAMLDR module, in order to update it (by launching another NP-SEAMLDR ACM).

#### Usage:

- The API should be called on all logical processors in the platform, serially, such that the last logical processor on which this API is called is the same logical processor on which the NP-SEAMLDR ACM that installed the P-SEAMLDR module had been launched.
- When invoked on the first logical processor, it starts the "shutdown session". When invoked on the last logical processor, the shutdown session ends and the P-SEAMLDR becomes non-executable.
- During the shutdown session, the old Intel TDX module, if any, cannot be invoked.

### Inputs:

• RAX = 0x8000000.0000002

### **Operation:**

- Start an installation session if an installation session is not yet in progress.
- If this is not the last logical processor on which this API was called, return success.
- Fail if this is not the logical processor on which the NP-SEAMLDR ACM that installed P-SEAMLDR was launched.
- End the shutdown session and return success.

### Outputs:

- RAX = Success (0), or one of the following error codes:
  - EUNSPECERR
    - Unspecified error.
  - EBADCALL
    - This logical processor is not the logical processor on which NP-SEAMLDR ACM was launched.

## 4.4 ERROR HANDLING

The Intel P-SEAMLDR module returns error codes in the format 0x80000000\_cccceeee, where the value cccc specifies the error class, and the value eeee specifies the error code within that class.

The error classes are described in Table 4-1.

Error Class	Error Class Name	Description
0000	ECPARAM	Parameter validation errors. These errors are usually indicative of errors in the software that invokes the NP-SEAMLDR ACM.
0001	ECPLAT	Platform configuration errors. These are usually indicative of misconfiguration of the platform. This might be due to BIOS errors or unsupported hardware configurations.
0002	ECIMG	Module image verification errors. These are usually indicative of corruptions in the module image leading to errors like signature verification error, etc.
0003	ECPROG	Progress status.

#### Table 4-1. Settings to Initialize Intel<sup>®</sup> TDX Module Signature Structure

The list of errors codes returned by the Intel P-SEAMLDR module ABI are described in Table 4-2.

#### Table 4-2. Error Codes

Error Code	Error Name	Description
0x8000 0000 0000 0000	EBADPARAM	Bad input parameter.
0x8000 0000 0000 0003	EBADCALL	P-SEAMLDR has already been called on the LP.
0x8000 0000 0001 0002	ENOMEM	The new SEAM module does not fit within the SEAM range constraints.
0x8000 0000 0001 0003	EUNSPECERR	Unspecified platform configuration error.
0x8000 0000 0001 0004	EUNSUPCPU	The new SEAM module cannot be loaded on one (or more) CPUs in the platform.
0x8000 0000 0002 0000	EBADSIG	Bad SEAM module signature (malformed, or signature verification failed).
0x8000 0000 0002 0001	EBADHASH	The Intel TDX module's image hash verification failed.
0x8000 0000 0003 0000	EINTERRUPT	The function was interrupted.
0x8000 0000 0003 0001	ENOENTROPY	Insufficient entropy for generating random numbers.

# 4.5 SOFTWARE CONSIDERATIONS

The Intel P-SEAMLDR module's functions preserve the CPU register state, except the RIP register, which is incremented to point at the instruction that follows SEAMCALL.

Upon return from an Intel P-SEAMLDR module's function, the VMX working pointer, if any, is invalidated. The VMM can restore its VMX working pointer using the VMPTRLD instruction.

The Intel P-SEAMLDR module's APIs are not interruptible by external events (NMI, SMI, INIT, interrupts). In particular, calls to the SEAMLDR.INSTALL API on the last logical processor in the Intel TDX module's installation session may be a lengthy operation.

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