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## **UEFI Forum Includes ACPI Specification in Portfolio, Unites Platform Interface Industry Standards**

*Unified Extensible Firmware Interface Forum's Inclusion of the Advanced Configuration and Power Interface Standard Helps Synchronize Interface Definitions*

**Beaverton, Ore. – Oct. 29, 2013** – The [Unified Extensible Firmware Interface \(UEFI\) Forum](#), a non-profit industry standards body that creates specifications to enable the evolution of platform technologies, today announced it is assuming stewardship of the Advanced Configuration Power Interface (ACPI) specification. The ACPI specification provides an open standard for flexible device configuration and power management by the operating system. This strategy will allow more spec contributors to participate in future developments, as well as help unite ACPI with existing UEFI platform standards. It will also aid in synchronizing interface definitions, lessening market fragmentation, and addressing current driver problems experienced by the open-source community.

“Transferring the ACPI specs to the UEFI Forum is favorable to the Linux community,” said Grant Likely, technical architect at Linaro and device tree subsystem maintainer. “In particular, we believe the participation of open-source developers is critical to bringing ACPI onto new classes of platforms and devices.”

The ACPI-SIG will publish v5.0a as its final version. Following this release, the UEFI Forum will pilot future ACPI expansions of platform-independent interfaces for hardware discovery, configuration, and power management.

“Increased industry unification has been one of the UEFI Forum’s key goals from its inception, and we are very pleased to see this development.” said Dong Wei, UEFI Forum vice president and ACPI Special Interest Group (SIG) secretary. “The addition of ACPI v5.0

in UEFI specs is a significant step forward in converging and streamlining firmware infrastructure.”

For more information, please visit the [UEFI website](#).

### **About UEFI Forum**

Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI) Forum is a world-class non-profit industry standards body that works in partnership to enable the evolution of platform technologies. The UEFI Forum champions firmware innovation through industry collaboration and the advocacy of a standardized interface that simplifies and secures platform initialization and firmware boot strap operations. Both developed and supported by representatives from industry-leading technology companies, UEFI specifications promote business and technological efficiency, improve performance and security, facilitate interoperability between devices, platforms and systems, and comply with next-generation technologies. To learn more about the UEFI Forum, visit [UEFI.org](#).

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