## Purpose

Convey dynamic "sensing" through all projects

- DIMM population information
- May not be just DRAM: NVDIMM, pure flash (Diablo technologies) and future accelerators

Convey static configuration from **authoritative** component to others

- Secure DRAM size for instance
- Beyond compile time
- Allows flexibility in the software supply chain (not all FW come from a single provider)

```
Chained list (pointed to by X?)
```



## An evaluation of metadata costs

Two DIMMs: 2 \* (sizeof(address) + sizeof(length) + sizeof(spd))

/ {

};

C structure without metadata for versioning...

• 4 + 4 + 288 = 296 bytes

DT

• 4 + 4 + 32 + 444 = 484 bytes

```
/dts-v1/;
node0 {
    channel0 {
        dimm0 {
            req = <0 0 0 0xFFFFFFFF;
            spd = <0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
           0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 >
        };
        dimm1 {
            reg = <0 0x8000000 0 0x3FFFFFFF
            spd = <0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
           0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 >
        };
    };
};
```

## ID tricks

If we say type is 32 bits and length 32 bits, we can assign:

- 0xd00dfeed for DT "ID" as the DT header is "Magic" + 32 bits length
  - DT header directly continues after length.
- 0xFFFF0000 for UUID, UUID would be directly following the length.

The red thing is a FDT format

next	
0xFFFF0000	
length	
UUID	
content	

	_
next	
n>0	
length	
aantant	
content	

**UUID based HOB** 

ID based HOB