06-378r1: SAT - Miscellaneous changes

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Revision history

Revision 0 (18 August 2006) - First revision Revision 1(29 August 2006) - Added clarification for handling unsupported parameter values. - Incorporated feedback from the August 21 SAT WG meeting in Seattle, WA.

Related documents

SAT-r08c - SCSI / ATA Translation revision 08c 06-121r1 SAT-r08_LB_Comment_Resolution.pdf

Overview

I recevied (by e-mail) a number of comments on SAT-r08c. Most of them were editorial, but some of them (with suggested resolutions herein) need concurrence of the WG for integration.

Suggested changes

3.5.7 Use of field names defined in ATA standards and specifications

This standard discusses fields and values defined in other standards and specifications, in particular the ATA8-APT, ATA8-ACS, ATA8-AAM, and SCT standards developed by T13, and the SATA 2.5 specification. Such fields and values discussed in this standard are shown using the same notation conventions used in the standards where those fields and values are defined.

When this standard uses terms defined in T13 ATA standards or the SATA-2.5 specification, the following conventions apply:

- a) The names of abbreviations, commands, and acronyms used as signal names are in all uppercase (e.g., IDENTIFY DEVICE). Fields containing only one bit are usually referred to as the "name" bit instead of the "name" field.
- b) Names of device registers, fields in data structures, and other defined terms begin with an upper-case letter (e.g., LBA Mid register) and may be represented in mixed-case (e.g. PhyRdy).
- c) The expression "word n" or "bit n" shall be interpreted as indicating the content of word n or bit n.
- d) Bit names are shown in all uppercase letters except where a lowercase n precedes a bit name. If there is no preceding n, then when BIT is set to one the meaning of the bit is true, and when BIT is cleared to zero the meaning of the bit is false. If there is a preceding n, then when nBIT is cleared to zero the meaning of the bit is true and when nBIT is set to one the meaning of the bit is false.
- e) Bit (n:m) denotes a set of bits, for example, bits (7:0).

4 General

This standard defines a translation layer (i.e., the SATL) that provides a method for a SCSI application layer (see SAM-3) to access Serial ATA or Parallel ATA devices by representing ATA devices as SCSI direct-access block devices.

Implementations of SCSI / ATA Translation may provide varying levels of SCSI functionality.

EXAMPLE 1 - The SATL may provide a level of SCSI emulation that is indistinguishable from native SCSI devices in terms of reported capabilities. Such SATL implementations need little guidance from this standard to effect interoperability since other SCSI protocol standards define all that is required to establish interoperability.

EXAMPLE 2 - A SCSI / ATA Translation implementation may implement a subset of SCSI, have limited or no capability to maintain persistent information about the characteristics or state of the emulated SCSI device, have limited capability to manage device state information that carries forward from one command to the next, and maintain little or no capability to coordinate between multiple commands outstanding at a time. The characteristics and behavior of the underlying ATA devices in these minimal implementations of the SATL are expected to be more visible to the SCSI application clients.

This standard provides a set of definitions, conventions, and guidelines for:

- a) the consistent reporting by the SATL of capabilities of emulated SCSI devices; and
- b) the consistent identification of the attached devices by the application clients.

These provisions allow application clients to observe consistent behavior whether or not the application clients recognize the presence of a SATL in a system.

By defining expected behavior in terms of the SCSI commands issued, corresponding activity in the ATA domain, and expected SCSI responses based on the results of activity in the ATA domain, this standard eliminates:

- a) incompatibility between legacy SCSI / ATA Translation implementations; and
- b) SCSI application client /device interdependence.

This standard refers to behaviors for SCSI devices defined in SBC-2 and SPC-3. Unless otherwise specified, any behaviors that are optional in SBC-2 or SPC-3 are optional for devices implementing SCSI / ATA Translation. Any optional behaviors referred to in this standard and implemented by the SATL shall be implemented as described in this standard.

If the SATL receives a SCSI request specifying any value in any field of the CDB that the SATL does not support, <u>unless otherwise specified in the description of the command</u>, the SATL shall terminate the command with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code set to INVALID FIELD IN CDB (see SPC-3).

If the SATL receives a SCSI request specifying any value in any field of the parameter data that the SATL does not support, <u>unless otherwise specified in the description of the parameter</u>, the SATL shall terminate the command with CHECK CONDITION status with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code set to INVALID FIELD IN PARAMETER LIST (see SPC-3).

5.1 Overview

Clause 5 defines SCSI / ATA translation elements that impact the representation of the storage domains defined in SAM-3 and ATA8-AAM. Figure 4 shows a SATL providing a communication path between a SCSI application client and an ATA device.



Figure 4 — Example of a SATL between a SCSI application client and an ATA or ATAPI device

Editor's Note 3: Replaced figure-4. This is more consistent with figures in SAM-3 and ATA8-AAM. Credit goes to Rob Elliott for creating this diagram.

The SATL provides the communication path between a SCSI application client and an ATA device or ATAPI device by:

- a) emulating a SCSI logical unit;
- b) integrating an ATA host; and
- c) providing the translation elements to link them together.

This standard defines SCSI / ATA translation using SCSI and ATA command sets. This standard does not define the mapping of transport capabilities as defined at the SCSI transport protocol layer and the ATA protocol interconnect layer.

An implementation utilizing a SATL may include a SCSI transport. A SATL may appear in different configurations:

EXAMPLE 1 - Figure 5 shows a SATL contained within a SCSI to ATA protocol bridge, where the ATA device is being accessed by an ATA host port, and the SATL is being accessed with a SCSI target port using a SCSI transport protocol (e.g, FCP-3 over Fibre Channel).



Figure 5 — SATL contained within a SCSI to ATA protocol bridge

EXAMPLE 2 - Figure 6 shows an ATA Host Bus Adapter (HBA) directly connected to an ATA device. The SATL provides SCSI transport protocol layer services to a SCSI application client in accordance with SAM-3.



Figure 6 — SATL contained within an ATA host

EXAMPLE 3 - Figure 7 shows an ATA device accessed by a SAS STP initiator port (see SAS-1.1) through a SAS interconnect. The SAS initiator device includes a SATL to provide the SCSI transport protocol layer services to the application client in accordance with SAM-3.



Figure 7 — SATL contained in a SAS initiator device

6.2.1 Comparison of SCSI and ATA queuing

Some differences between SCSI and ATA queuing methods are shown in table 5.

Table 5 —	- Comparison	of SCSI and	d ATA	queuing metho	ds
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Feature	SCSI	NCQ	TCQ
Ordering	Specified by task attributes (e.g. SIMPLE, ORDERED) associated with each command.	Always at the discretion of the device.	Always at the discretion of the device.
Queue depth	Indeterminate	Fixed at 1 to 32 commands as reported in the ATA IDENTIFY DEVICE data word 75.	Fixed at 1 to 32 commands as reported in the ATA IDENTIFY DEVICE data word 75.
Queue full reporting	TASK SET FULL status	n/a	n/a
Queue full management	Device manages and indicates via TASK SET FULL status.	ATA host managed.	ATA host managed.
Queued commands	Queuing is applicable to all commands.	Limited to READ FPDMA QUEUED and WRITE FPDMA QUEUED commands.	Limited to READ DMA QUEUED, READ DMA QUEUED EXT, WRITE DMA QUEUED, WRITE DMA QUEUED, WRITE DMA QUEUED EXT and WRITE DMA QUEUED FUA EXT commands, or a NOP command with a non-zero subcommand code.
Handling of non-queued commands received while one or more queued commands are being processed	n/a; all commands are queued commands.	Receipt of any command other than a READ FPDMA QUEUED command or a WRITE FPDMA QUEUED command is an error.	Receipt of any command other than a NOP command with a non-zero subcommand code, a SERVICE command, a READ DMA QUEUED command, a READ DMA QUEUED EXT command, a WRITE DMA QUEUED command, a WRITE DMA QUEUED EXT command, or a WRITE DMA QUEUED FUA EXT command is an error.
Error handling	Controlled with mode parameters.	Any error aborts all queued commands.	Any error aborts all queued commands.

6.2.2 Mapping of SCSI queued commands to ATA queued commands

A SATL that translates SCSI tagged commands to an ATA device using NCQ or TCQ, whether or not the SATL also queues commands internally, shall either:

- a) indicate support for the basic task management model in standard INQUIRY data (i.e., the BQUE bit is set to one and CMDQUE bit is set to zero), and follow the rules for the basic task management model (see SAM-3); or
- b) indicate support for the full task management model in standard INQUIRY data (i.e., the BQUE bit is set to zero and CMDQUE bit is set to one), and set the QERR (i.e., queue error management) field of the Control mode page (see 10.1.5) as follows:
 - A) a value of 01b if the SATL does not reissue ATA queued commands aborted by the ATA device due to an error condition on any one of the ATA queued commands; or
 - B) a value other than 01b if the SATL reissues all other ATA queued commands (i.e., except the one in error) aborted by the ATA device due to an error condition on any one of the ATA queued commands.

For each SCSI tagged command that the SATL translates to an ATA <u>queued commands (see 3.1.20)</u> deviceusing NCQ or TCQ, the SATL shall allocate an available tag value (e.g., for NCQ, the value corresponding to the position of a bit set to zero in the SActive register). The SATL shall maintain a mapping between allocated NCQ or TCQ <u>ATA queued command</u> tags and the corresponding SCSI task tags.

The SATL shall use the maximum queue depth supported by the ATA device (i.e., indicated by IDENTIFY DEVICE data word 75), and may either:

- a) return a status of TASK SET FULL in response to a SCSI command issued to the corresponding emulated SCSI logical unit when the ATA device represented has the maximum number of ATA queued commands outstanding; or
- b) queue the command internally and return TASK SET FULL status when the SATL exhausts internal queueing resources.

6.2.3 Standard INQUIRY data

Table 10 describes the standard INQUIRY data fields supported by the SATL.

Field	Description or reference
P	arts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.
VERSION DESCRIPTOR 1 to VERSION DESCRIPTOR 8	 The SATL shall include version descriptors (see SPC-3) for: a) the SCSI Architecture Model standard (e.g., SAM-3); b) this standard; c) the SCSI Primary Commands standard (e.g., SPC-3); d) the SCSI Block Commands standard (e.g., SBC-2); e) if the SATL receives SCSI commands through a SCSI target port (see figure 5 in 5.1), the version of the transport protocol to which the SCSI target port was designed; f) if the SATL sends ATA commands through a SAS STP initiator port (see figure 7 in 5.1), the version of SAS (e.g., SAS-1.1) to which the SAS STP initiator port was designed; and g) the version(s) of ATA/ATAPI standards (e.g., ATA/ATAPI-7 ATA8-ACS and ATA8-AAM) or to which the ATA device claims compliance in the ATA IDENTIFY DEVICE data word 80 (i.e., Major version number) and ATA IDENTIFY DEVICE data word 81 (i.e., Minor version number), and words 222 and 223.^d
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 10 — Standard INQUIRY data fields

9.19 WRITE (10) command

The WRITE (10) command is used to request the SATL to transfer user data from the application client to the ATA device. Data may be written to the medium or to the cache of the ATA device.

Table 47 shows the translation of fields specified in the WRITE (10) CDB.

Field	Description or reference	
OPERATION CODE	9.17.1 and 9.17.2	
WRPROTECT	Unspecified (see 3.4.2)	
DPO	Unspecified (see 3.4.2)	
FUA	9.17.2	
FUA_NV	The SATL may ignore the FUA_NV bit, or the SATL may implement the FUA_NV bit as defined in SBC-2.	
LOGICAL BLOCK ADDRESS	The logical block address shall be used to set the ATA LBA (see 3.1.14), as defined by 9.1. If the SATL implements direct block mapping (see 3.1.33), then the SATL shall set the ATA LBA in the ATA write command (see 3.1.25) equal to the value specified in the LOGICAL BLOCK ADDRESS field. Otherwise, the mapping is unspecified (see 3.4.2).	
GROUP NUMBER	Unspecified (see 3.4.2)	
TRANSFER LENGTH ^a	The transfer length is used to set the ATA Sector Count (see 3.1.21), as defined by 9.1. If the SATL implements direct block mapping (see 3.1.33), then the SATL shall set the ATA Sector Count in the ATA write command (see 3.1.25) equal to the value specified in the TRANSFER LENGTH field. Otherwise, the mapping is unspecified (see 3.4.2). The SATL shall issue as many ATA write commands (see 3.1.25) as needed to satisfy the transfer length specified by the WRITE (10) command.	
CONTROL	6.4	
Note 1 -Some application clients may expect the device server to return CHECK CONDITION status if the FUA_NV bit is set to one and the Extended INQUIRY Data VPD page is not supported.		
Editor's Note 4: Add the same note for READ(10/12/16) and WRITE(12/16).		

^a A transfer length of zero specifies that a data transfer shall not take place.

Editor's Note 5: The argument for this is that since SBC-2 defines the behavior for the case FUA=0, FUA_NV = 1 in terms of the NV_SUP bit, that a device server cannot "support" the combination FUA=0, FUA_NV=1 unless the Extended INQUIRY Data VPD page is supported. Then, since the bit combination (FUA, FUA_NV) = (0,1) represents a non-zero reserved code value in the field comprising the pair of bits, the device server must return a CHECK CONDITION status for that combination if the Extended INQUIRY Data VPD page is not supported.

10.3 Vital product data parameters

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10.3.1 Vital product data parameters overview

Table 72 provides a summary of the VPD page translations defined in this standard.

Table 72 — Summary	of SCSI / ATA	VPD page	mapping
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SCSI VPD page	Reference
Supported VPD Pages VPD page (i.e., 00h)	10.3.2
Unit Serial Number VPD page (i.e., 80h)	10.3.3
Device Identification VPD page (i.e., 83h)	10.3.4
Mode Page Policy VPD page (i.e., 87h)	10.3.5
ATA Information VPD page (i.e., 89h)	12.4.2
<u>All others</u>	See SPC-3 and SBC-2 Unspecified (see 3.4.2)

Modify the operation code field descriptions for all commands to include both the code value and a brief description.

Table 9 — INQUIRY CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	Set to 12h. The SATL shall issue an ATA IDENTIFY DEVICE command to the ATA device.
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 11 — LOG SENSE CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	Set to 4Dh. The SATL shall implement support for this field by returning the log page data for the particular page requested.
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 14 — MODE SELECT (6) CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	Set to 15h. The SATL shall modify logical unit, or peripheral device parameters for supported mode pages and parameters as specified in mode pages received from the application client. Some operational parameters in individual pages are provided via ATA. See clause 10 for specific requirements.
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	Set to 1Ah. The SATL shall return the requested mode pages to the application <u>client</u> Some operational parameters in individual pages are gathered by issuing ATA commands (see 10.1).
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 15 — MODE SENSE (6) CDB field translations

Table 16 — READ BUFFER CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	Set to 3Ch. The SATL shall issue the ATA READ BUFFER command to the ATA device.
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 19 — REQUEST SENSE CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	Set to 03h. The SATL shall return any available sense data to the application client.
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 20 — SEND DIAGNOSTIC CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	Set to 1Dh. See 8.9.2. This field value is specific to the SEND DIAGNOSTIC command.
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 23 — TEST UNIT READY CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	<u>Set to 00h. See</u> 8.10.2 <u>.</u>
CONTROL	6.4

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	Set to 3Bh. The SATL shall: a) issue an ATA WRITE BUFFER command to the ATA device; b) issue an ATA DOWNLOAD MICROCODE command to the ATA device; or c) emulate the specified function (i.e., if supported); depending on the values in the BUFFER ID field and MODE field (see 8.11.2.1).
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 24 — WRITE BUFFER CDB field translations

Table 27 — FORMAT UNIT CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	<u>Set to 04h.</u> If no defect list header is provided or a defect list header is provided with the DCRT bit set to one, then the SATL shall return GOOD status without issuing any commands to the ATA device. If the SATL supports certification of media and a defect list header is provided with the DCRT bit set to zero, then the SATL shall certify the media as described in 9.2.5
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 30 — READ (6) CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	<u>Set to 08h. See 9.3.1.</u>
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 31 — READ (10) CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	<u>Set to 28h. See 9.3.1 and 9.3.2.</u>
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 32 — READ (12) CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	<u>Set to A8h. See 9.3.1 and 9.3.2.</u>
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 33 — READ (16) CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	<u>Set to 88h. See 9.3.1 and 9.3.2.</u>
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 34 — READ CAPACITY (10) CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	Set to 25h. The SATL shall use ATA IDENTIFY DEVICE data to compute the ATA device's maximum user addressable medium capacity of the ATA device.
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 36 — READ CAPACITY(16) CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	Shall be set <u>Set</u> to 9E/10h. The SATL shall use ATA IDENTIFY DEVICE data to compute the maximum user addressable medium capacity of the ATA device.
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 38 — REASSIGN BLOCKS CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	<u>Set to 07h. See 9.10.2.</u>
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Modify the description of the START STOP UNIT command as shown below:

10.4 START STOP UNIT command

10.4.1 START STOP UNIT command overview

The START STOP UNIT command provides a method for controlling the power state of a logical unit.

If a SATL receives a command that requires medium access while the device is in the Stopped state (see SBC-2), then the SATL shall return CHECK CONDITION status, with the sense key set to NOT READY and the additional sense code set to LOGICAL UNIT NOT READY, INITIALIZING COMMAND REQUIRED.

Table 39 shows the translation for fields specified in the START STOP UNIT CDB.

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	Set to 1Bh. See 9.11.2 and 9.11.3. Commands issued to the ATA device dependupon the other values in the CDB as described in 9.11.3.
IMMED	The SATL shall implement this field as defined in 9.11.2 and 9.11.3.
POWER CONDITION	If the POWER CONDITION field is not set to zero, the SATL shall terminate the command with CHECK CONDITION status, with the sense key set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code set to INVALID FIELD IN CDB.
LOEJ	The SATL shall implement this field as defined in 9.11.3.
START	The SATL shall implement this field as defined in 9.11.3.
CONTROL	6.4

Table 39 — START/STOP UNIT CDB field translations

If a SATL receives a command that requires medium access while the device is in the Stopped state (see SBC-2), then the SATL shall return CHECK CONDITION status, with the sense key set to NOT READY and the additional sense code set to LOGICAL UNIT NOT READY, INITIALIZING COMMAND REQUIRED.

Modify the operation code field descriptions for the remaining commands to include both the code value and a brief description.

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	Set to 35h. The SATL shall issue an ATA flush command (see 3.1.11) in accordance with the constraints described in 9.1.
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 41 — SYNCHRONIZE CACHE (10) CDB field translations

Table 42 — SYNCHRONIZE CACHE (16) CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	Set to 91h. The SATL shall issue an ATA flush command (see 3.1.11) in accordance with the constraints described in 9.1.
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	Set to 2Fh. The SATL shall issue an ATA verify command (see 3.1.23) in accordance with the constraints defined in 9.1.
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 43 — VERIFY (10) CDB field translations

Table 44 — VERIFY (12) CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	Set to AFh. The SATL shall issue an ATA verify command (see 3.1.23) in accordance with the constraints defined in 9.1.
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 45 — VERIFY (16) CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	Set to 8Fh. The SATL shall issue an ATA verify command (see 3.1.23) in accordance with the constraints defined in 9.1.
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 46 — WRITE (6) CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	<u>Set to 0Ah. See 9.17.1.</u>
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 47 — WRITE (10) CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	<u>Set to2Ah. See 9.17.1 and 9.17.2.</u>
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 48 — WRITE (12) CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	Set to AAh. See 9.17.1 and 9.17.2.
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 49 — WRITE (16) CDB field translations	
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Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	Set to 8Ah. See 9.17.1 and 9.17.2.
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 50 — WRITE AND VERIFY (10) CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	Set to 2Eh. See 9.22.
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 51 — WRITE AND VERIFY (12) CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference
OPERATION CODE	Set to AEh. See 9.22.
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.	

Table 52 — WRITE AND VERIFY (16) CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference	
OPERATION CODE	<u>Set to 8Eh. See 9.22.</u>	
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.		

Table 53 — WRITE SAME (10) CDB field translations

Field	Description or reference	
OPERATION CODE	<u>Set to 41h.</u> If the ATA device supports the ATA <u>SCD SCT</u> Write Same command (see ATA8-ACS), the SATL should issue the ATA SCT Write Same command to repeatedly write the data block transferred from the application client to the ATA device. If the ATA device does not implement ATA <u>SCD SCT</u> Write Same command then the SATL shall issue ATA write commands as defined in 9.17.1.	
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.		

Field	Description or reference	
OPERATION CODE	<u>Set to 93h.</u> If the ATA device supports the ATA <u>SCD SCT</u> Write Same command (see ATA8-ACS), the SATL should issue the ATA SCT Write Same command to repeatedly write the data block transferred from the application client to the ATA device. If the ATA device does not implement ATA <u>SCD SCT</u> Write Same command then the SATL shall issue ATA write commands as defined in 9.17.1.	
Parts of table not affected are not shown here, but remain unchanged.		

Table 55 — WRITE SAME (16) CDB field translations