

NAME

xpt - CAM transport layer interface

SYNOPSIS

None.

DESCRIPTION

The **xpt** driver provides a way for userland applications to issue certain CAM CCBs to the kernel.

Since the **xpt** driver allows direct access to the CAM subsystem, system administrators should exercise caution when granting access to this driver. If used improperly, this driver can allow userland applications to crash a machine or cause data loss.

KERNEL CONFIGURATION

There is no kernel configuration required for the **xpt** driver. It is enabled when SCSI support is enabled in the kernel. There is one instance of the **xpt** driver per CAM transport layer instance. Since there is currently only one CAM transport layer, there will only be one instance of this driver.

IOCTLS**CAMIOCOMMAND**

This ioctl takes certain kinds of CAM CCBs and passes them through to the CAM transport layer for action. Only the following CCB types are supported:

XPT_SCAN_BUS
XPT_RESET_BUS
XPT_SCAN_LUN
XPT_ENG_INQ
XPT_ENG_EXEC
XPT_DEBUG
XPT_DEV_MATCH
XPT_PATH_INQ

The above CCBs are the only ones supported since it makes more sense to send them through a generic passthrough device rather than a passthrough device tied to a particular underlying SCSI device.

CAMGETPASSTHRU

This ioctl takes an XPT_GDEVLIST CCB, and returns the passthrough device corresponding to the device in question.

FILES

/dev/xpt0 Character device node for the **xpt** driver.

DIAGNOSTICS

None.

SEE ALSO

cam(3), cam_cdbparse(3), pass(4), camcontrol(8)

HISTORY

The CAM transport layer driver first appeared in FreeBSD 3.0.

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