

# NVMe Telemetry & Open Source Readiness

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# Agenda

- History of SSD Telemetry and Debug
- Improved Telemetry Methodology
- Specification Design & Validation
- Enablement of Open-Source Tools
- Concurrent Readiness of Telemetry Feature



# History of Telemetry and Debug

## ❖ Traditional Debug Methods:

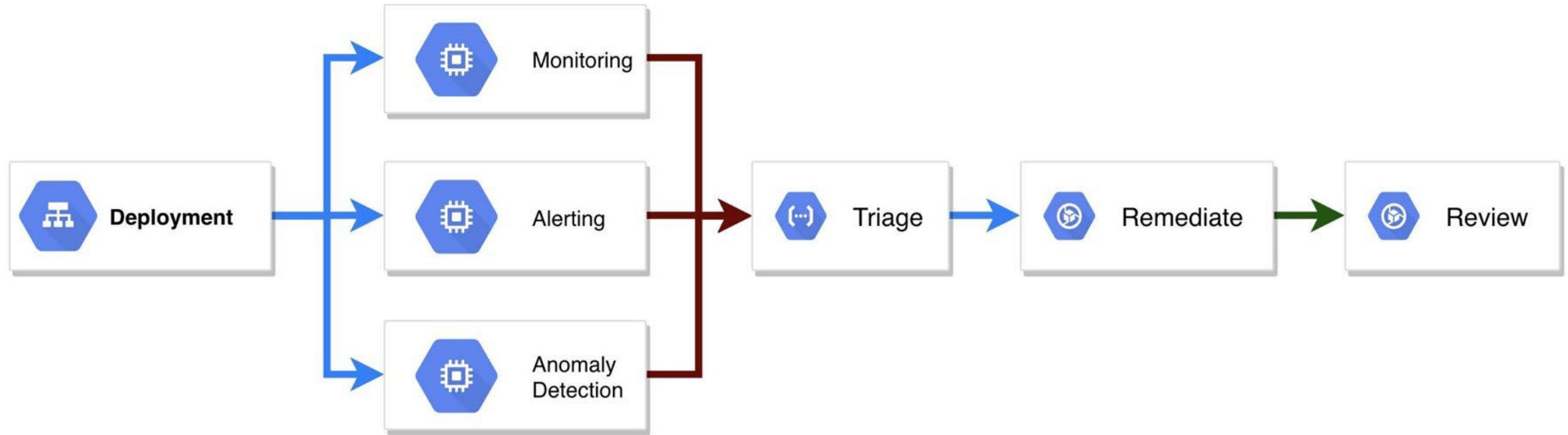
- SMART Logs or Vendor Unique Logs
- Send Encrypted Telemetry Logs to supplier
  - Note: Customers with security concerns do not allow this

## ❖ Improved Methods: (Defined in OCP Datacenter NVMe<sup>®</sup> Spec):

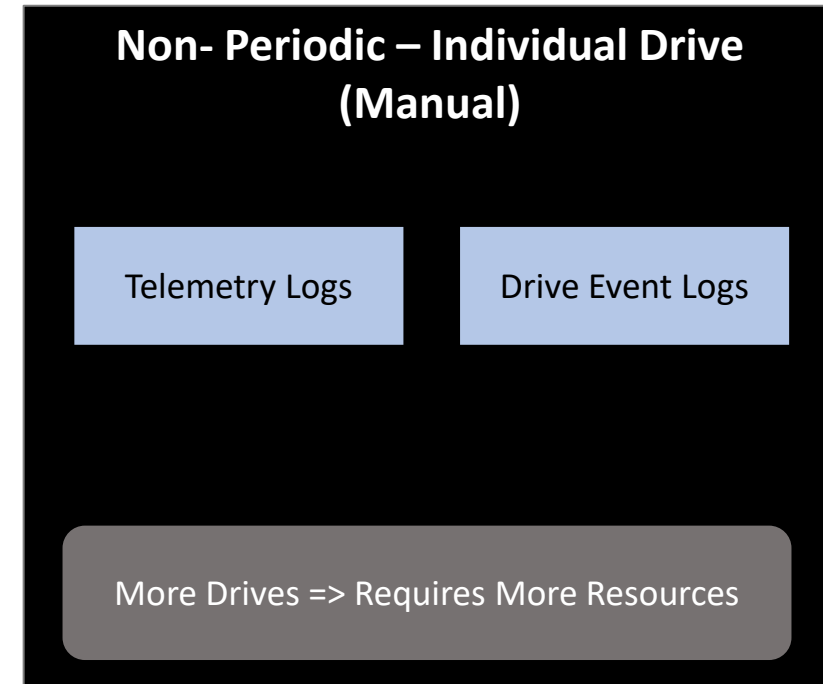
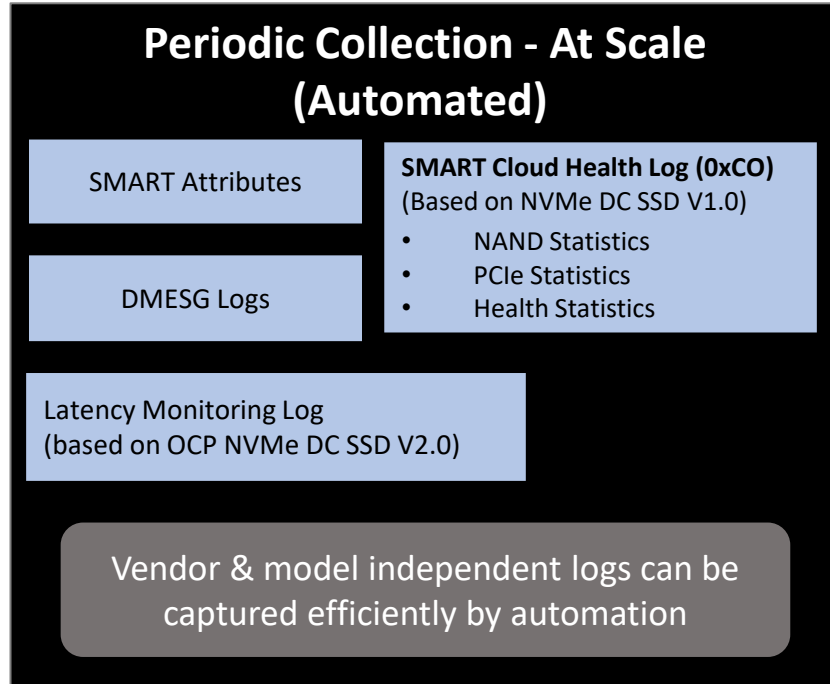
- Health Information Log (V1.0)
  - SSD Statistics for monitoring based on deployment at scale
- Latency Monitor (V2.0)
  - Isolates performance spikes and enables debug at scale with live traffic
- Formatted Telemetry (V2.5)
  - Enables Flexible Human Readable Telemetry at Scale



# How Debug is done today



# Data Collection at Scale



**Telemetry and Drive Event Logs do not Scale**

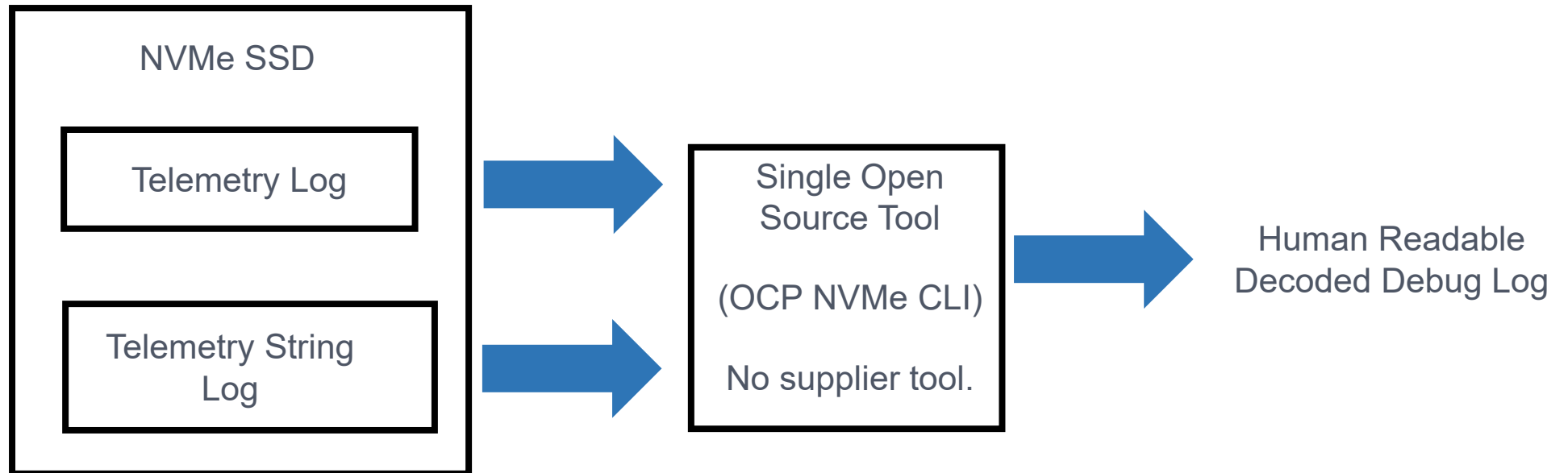
**More Drives Require More Resources**



# What is the solution?

## OCP Structured Telemetry/Debug Log

- ❖ Standardized Structured Telemetry/Debug Logs
- ❖ All suppliers use same format for telemetry/debug information
  - Enables Human Readable Logs
  - Enables Open-Source Tooling



# Problem

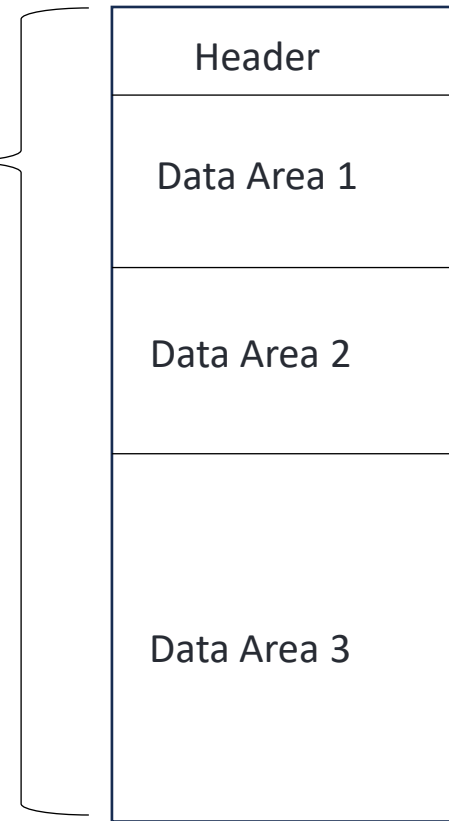
## ❖ Theory:

Specification Draft:

~38 pages of detailed data structures

Defined in  
NVM Express Based  
Specification 2.0

NVMe Telemetry Log



Defined by [OCP Datacenter NVMe SSD Specification V2.5](#)

Contains:

- FIFOs with Events
  - Specification Defined
  - Vendor Defined
- Counters
  - Specification Defined
  - Vendor Defined
- Overlaid Debug Logs
  - SMART / Health Log
  - SMART / Health Information Extended Log

Vendor Specific Telemetry String Log



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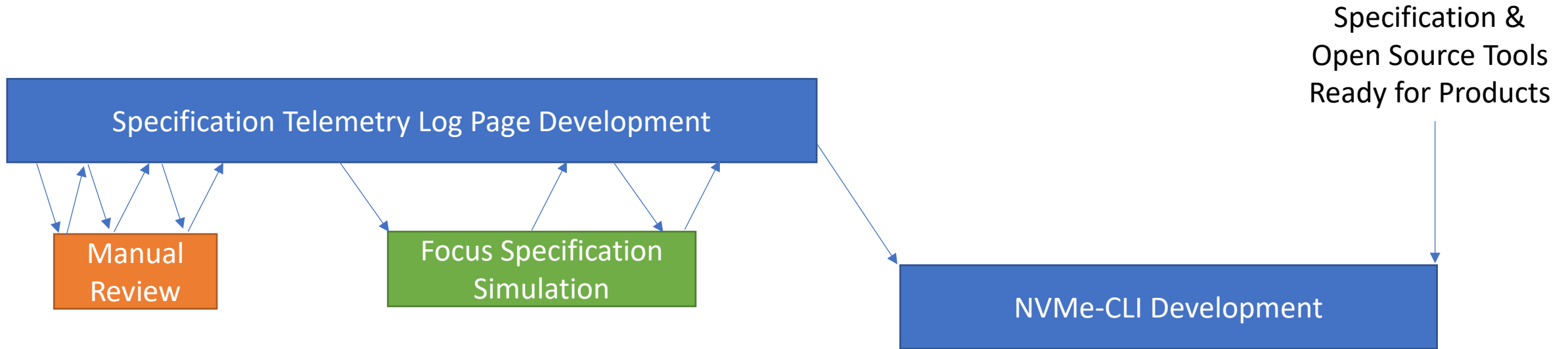
- Data Structures to map Data Area 1 and Data Area 2 to ASCII Strings

## Question:

*How do I know the specification functionality works as expected without POC Hardware?*



# Answer: Focused Simulation

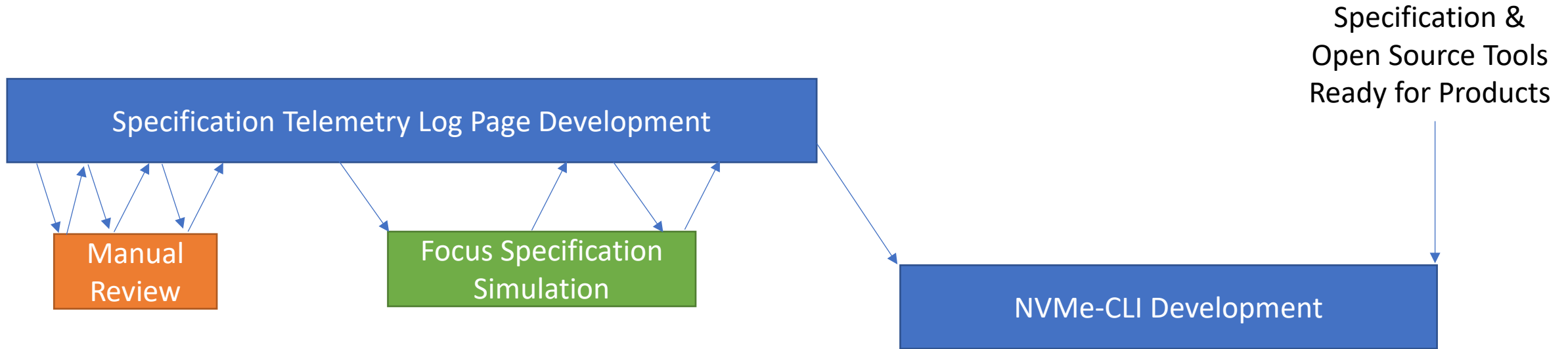


- Developed scripts dedicated to validate the OCP Datacenter NVMe™ SSD Specification Telemetry log page
  - 1<sup>st</sup> focus created a script to generate:
    - Telemetry log pages as defined by NVM Express® Base Specification
      - Controller-Initiated and Host-Initiated
      - Data Areas 1 & 2 as specified by the OCP Datacenter NVMe™ SSD Specification
        - Statistics
        - FIFOs
      - Data Areas 3 & 4
    - Create a Strings Log page with strings that identify itself





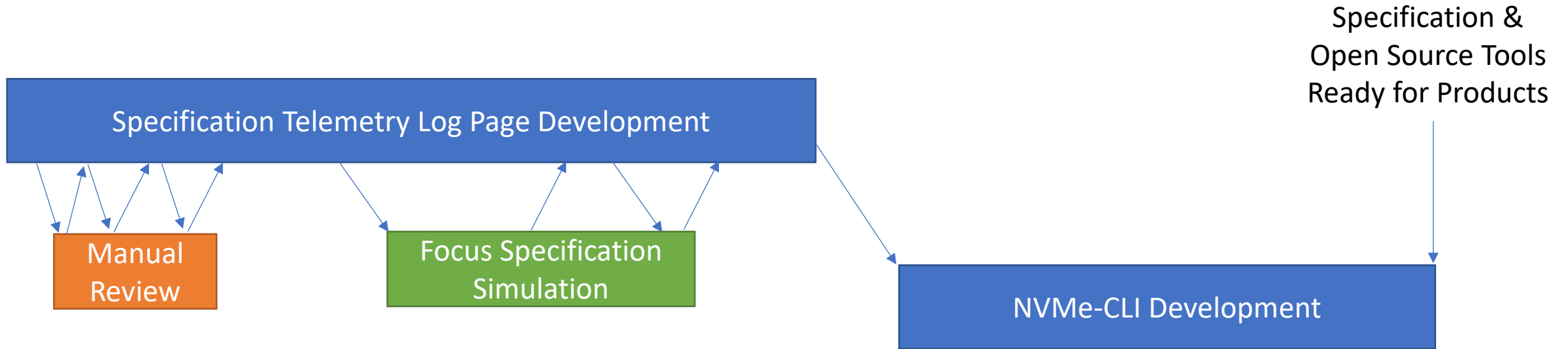
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    - Need to produce fix data
    - Needed to produce random data
    - Required to be repeatable
    - Needed to allow user to specify sizes, fixed data, types of random data



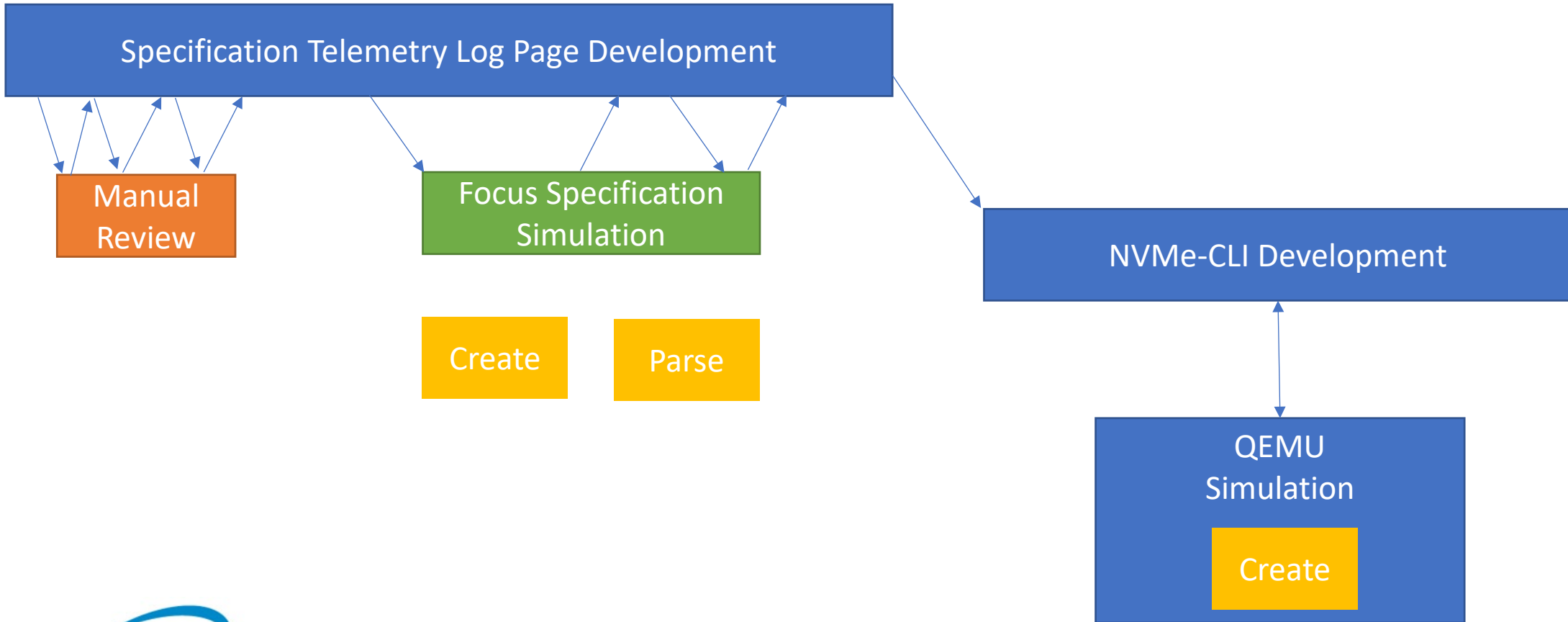
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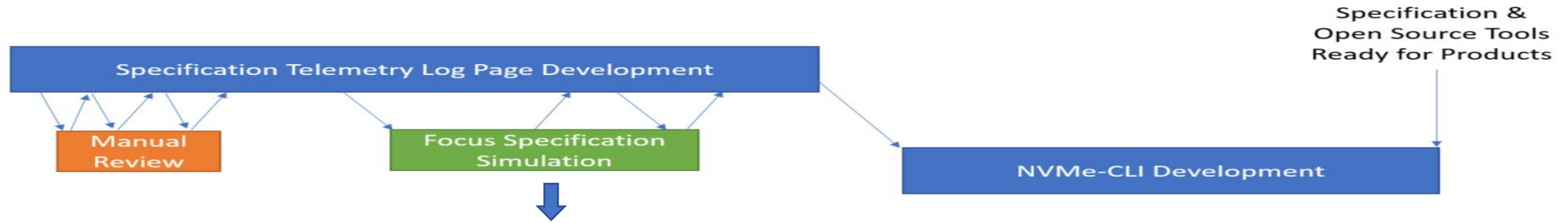
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# Enablement of Open Source Tools

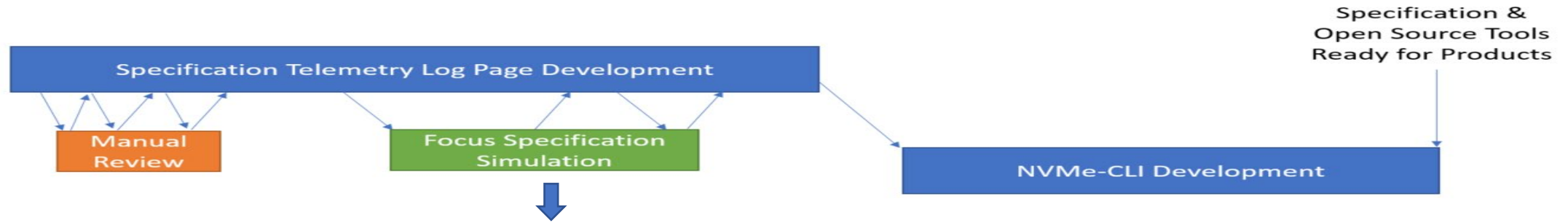


Samsung contributed to the OCP GitHub ([link](#))

1. The script: **ocp\_generate\_nvme\_telemetry\_log.py**
  - Generates a NVMe™ Telemetry log page and a OCP Strings log page
    - Data Area 1 and Data Area 2 conforming to the OCP definition
    - Formatted data field with randomly generated values
    - Vendor defined Strings



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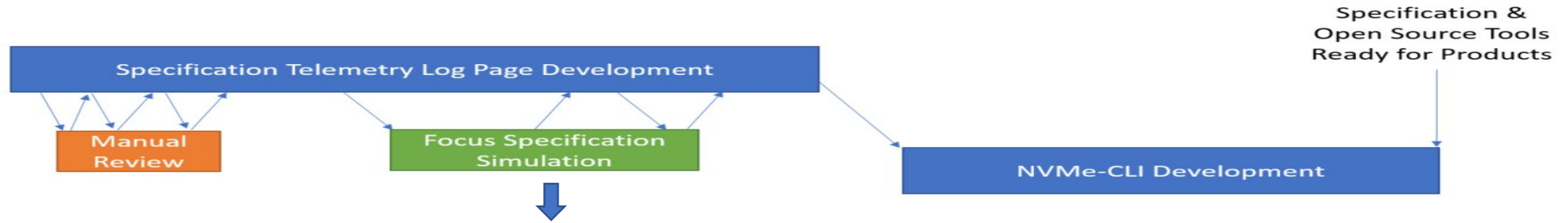


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2. The script: **ocp\_dump\_nvme\_telemetry\_log.py**
  - Prints an NVMe Telemetry log page with the vendor defined



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1. The script: `ocp_generate_nvme_telemetry_log.py`
2. The script: `ocp_dump_nvme_telemetry_log.py`

Samsung updated nvme-cli to support the OCP Telemetry log page formats and is validated using this contribution

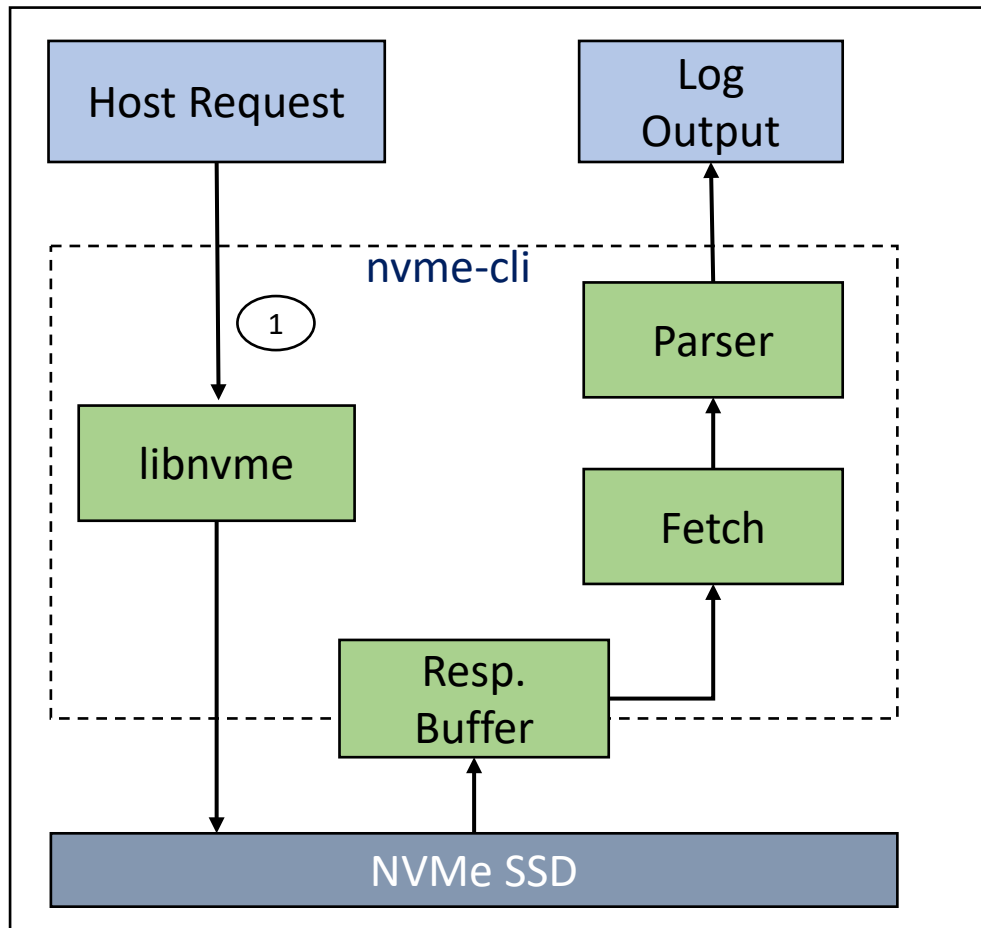


# OCP Feature List in NVMe-CLI

OCP Feature and Description	NVME-CLI Command Usage
SMART / Health Information Extended (Log Identifier C0h) • Retrieve extended SMART Information	'nvme ocp smart-add-log' <device> [--output-format=<fmt>   -o <fmt>]
Latency Monitor (Log Identifier C3h) • Get Latency Monitor Log Page	'nvme ocp latency-monitor-log' <device> [--output-format=<fmt>   -o <fmt>]
Latency Monitor (Feature Identifier C5h) • Set Latency Monitor feature	'nvme ocp set-latency-monitor-feature ' <device> [--active_threshold_a   -a][--save   -s]
Telemetry String Log (Log Identifier C9h) , Telemetry Log Page • Retrieve Telemetry string Log Page, telemetry log page	<b>Implemented by Samsung</b> and Command usage given in following slides
Clear Firmware Update History Feature (Feature Identifier C1h) • Clear firmware update history FID	'nvme ocp clear-fw-activate-history' <device> [--no-uuid   -n]
Unsupported Requirements (Log Identifier C5h) • Get Unsupported Requirements Log Page	'nvme ocp unsupported-reqs-log' <device> [--output-format=<fmt>   -o <fmt>]
DSSD Power State Requirements (Feature Identifier C7h) Get Device capabilities Requirements Log Page	'nvme ocp set-dssd-power-state-feature' <device> [--power-state=<fmt>   -p <fmt>] [--no-uuid   -n] [--save   -s]
PLP Health Check Interval (Feature Identifier C6) • Get/set PLP Health Check Interval	'nvme ocp get-plp-health-check-interval' <device> [--sel=<select>   -s <select>]
Device Capabilities (Log Identifier C4h) • Get Device capabilities Requirements Log Page	'nvme ocp device-capability-log' <device> [--output-format=<fmt>   -o <fmt>]
Error Recovery (Log Identifier C1h) • Get Device capabilities Requirements Log Page	'nvme ocp error-recovery-log' <device> [--output-format=<fmt>   -o <fmt>]
Clear PCIe Correctable Errors • Clear PCIe correctable error counters	'nvme ocp clear-pcie-correctable-error-counters' <device> [--no-uuid   -n]
EOL or PLP circuitry failure Mode • Define EOL or PLP circuitry failure mode.	'nvme ocp eol-plp-failure-mode' <device> [--mode=<mode>   -m <mode>] [--no-uuid   -n] [--save   -s] [--sel=<select>   -s <select>]



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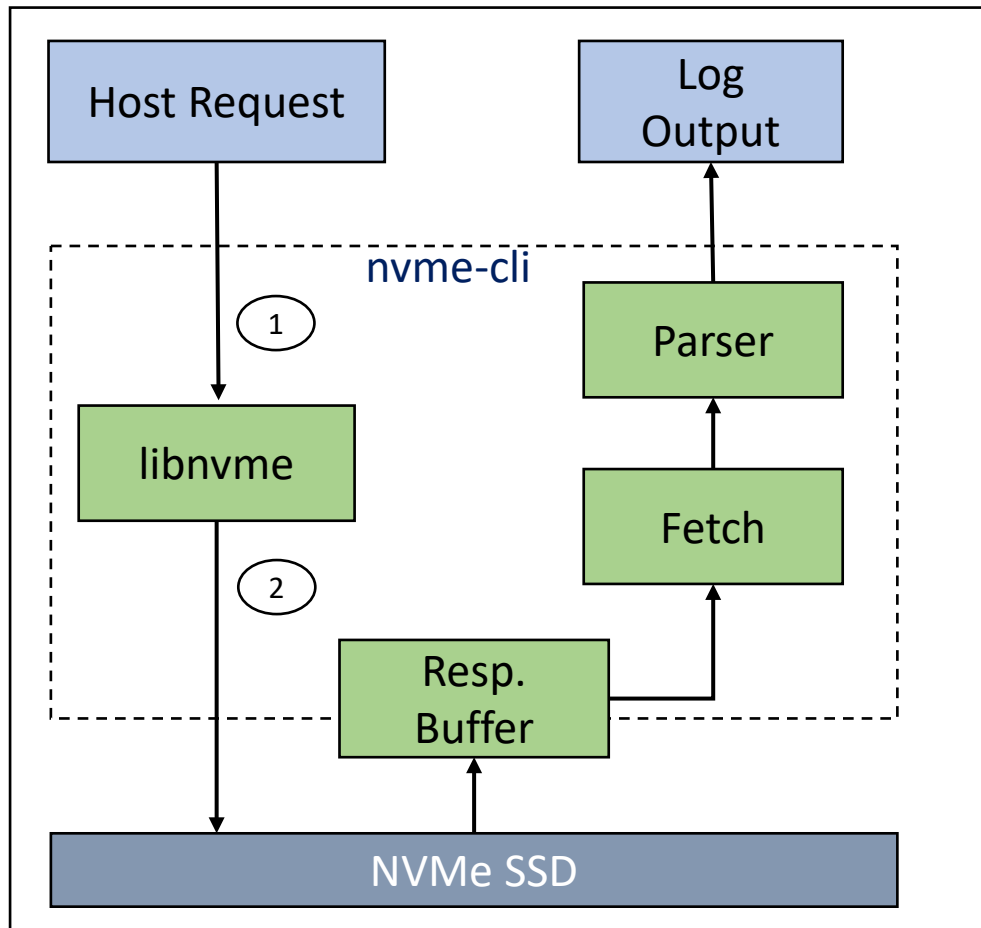


## 1. Host Request via nvme-cli

- Telemetry Controller Initiated Log Page ( LID : 08h)
- Telemetry Host Initiated Log Page ( LID : 07h)
- Telemetry String log page ( LID : C9h)

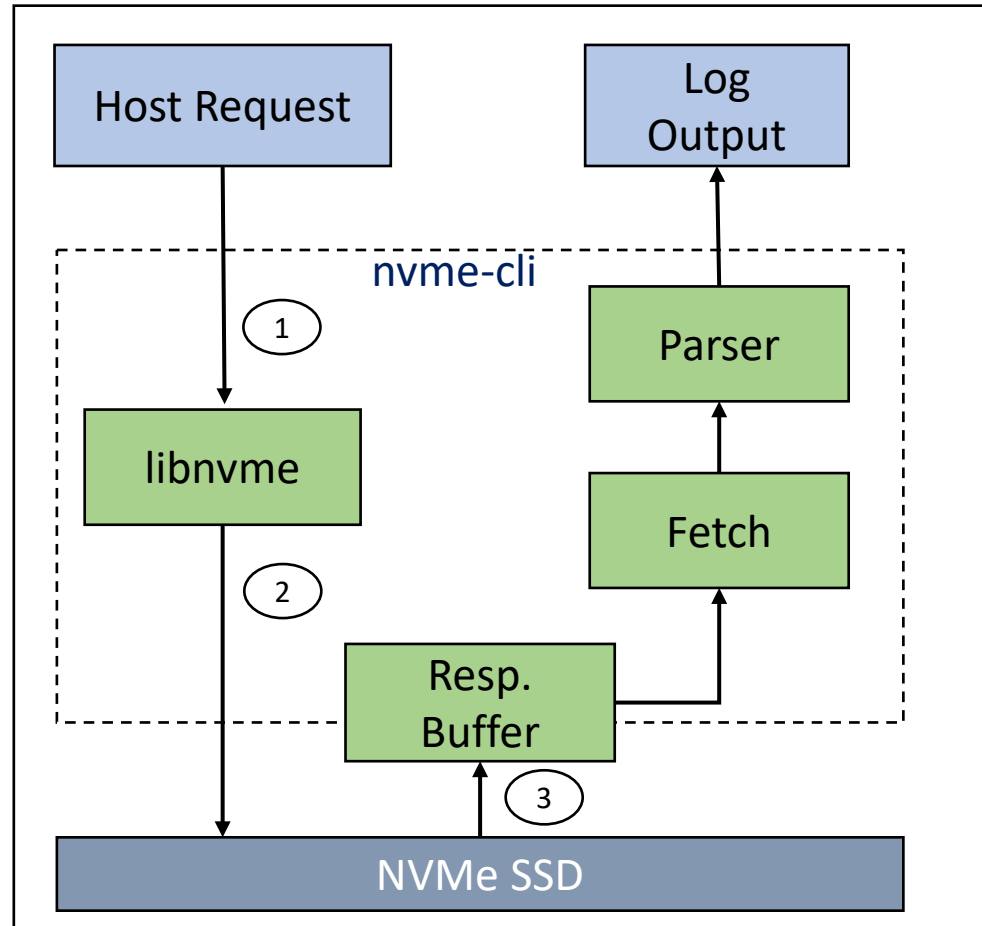


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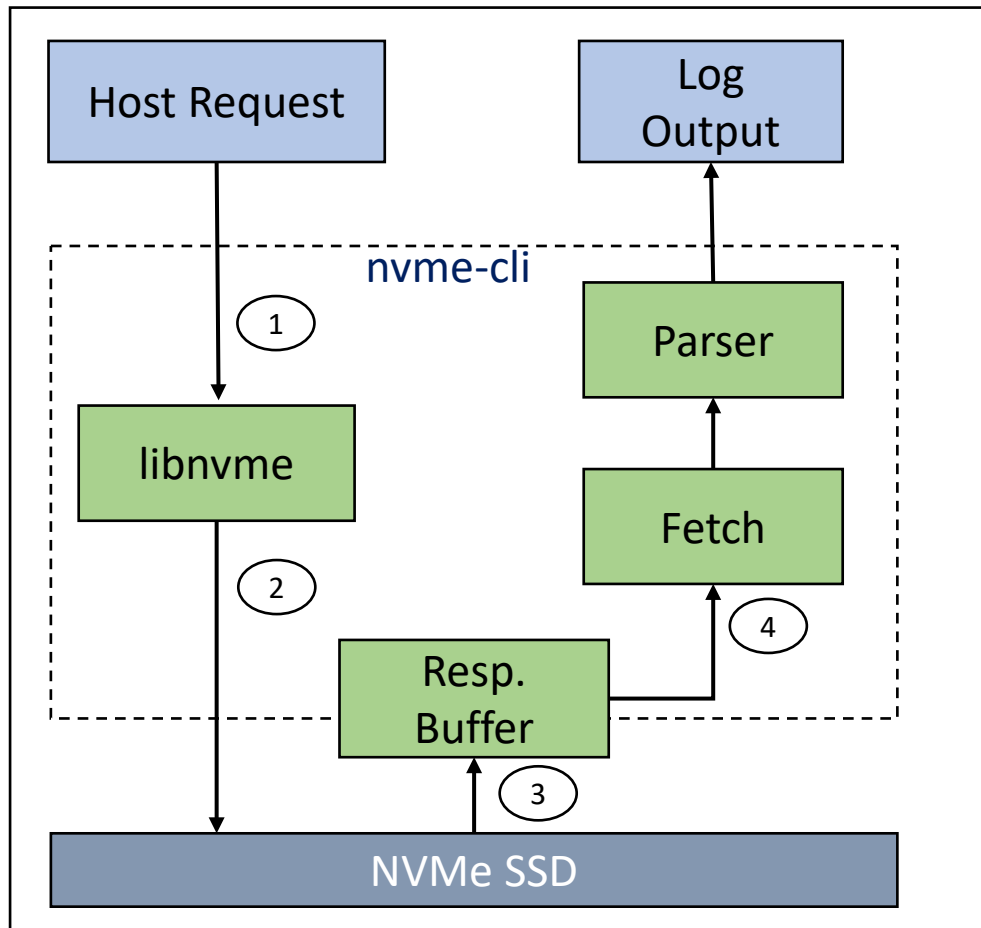
1. Host Request via nvme-cli
2. **libnvme module to communicate to SSD**
  - Get Log Page Command formation
  - Dispatch to SSD

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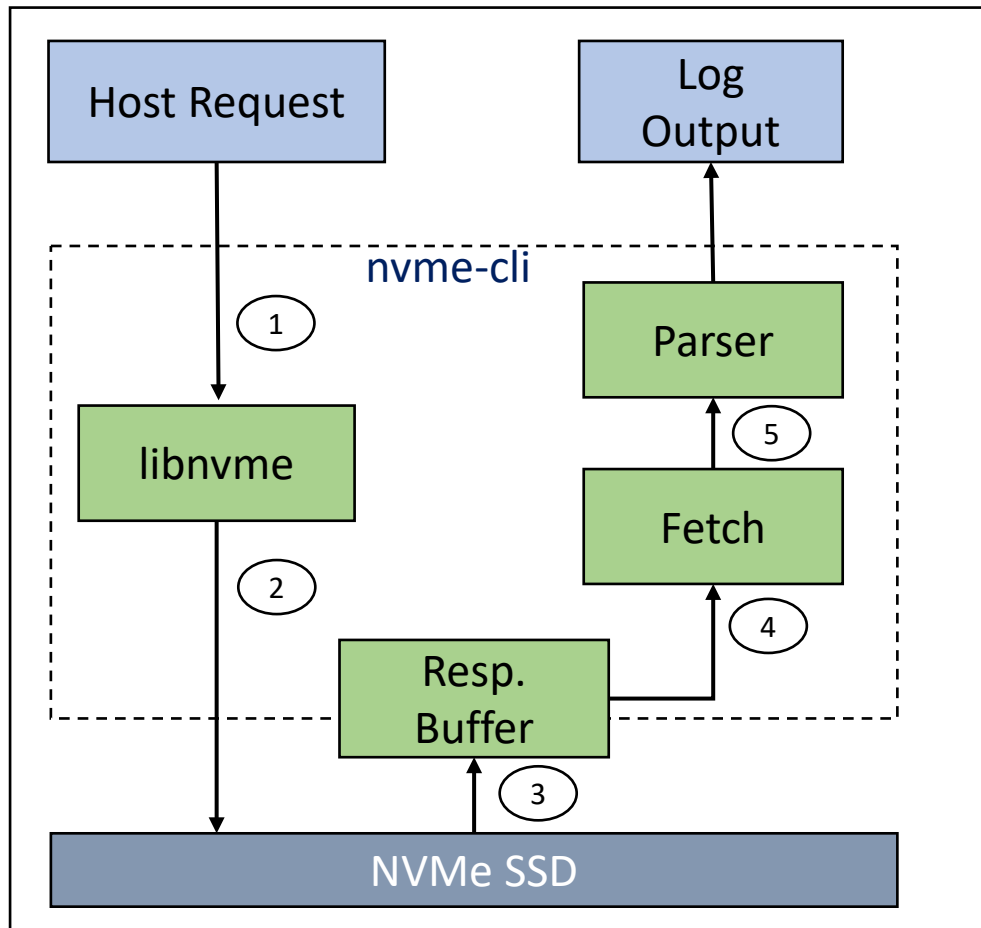
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3. **SSD DMA data to resp. buffer based on host request type**
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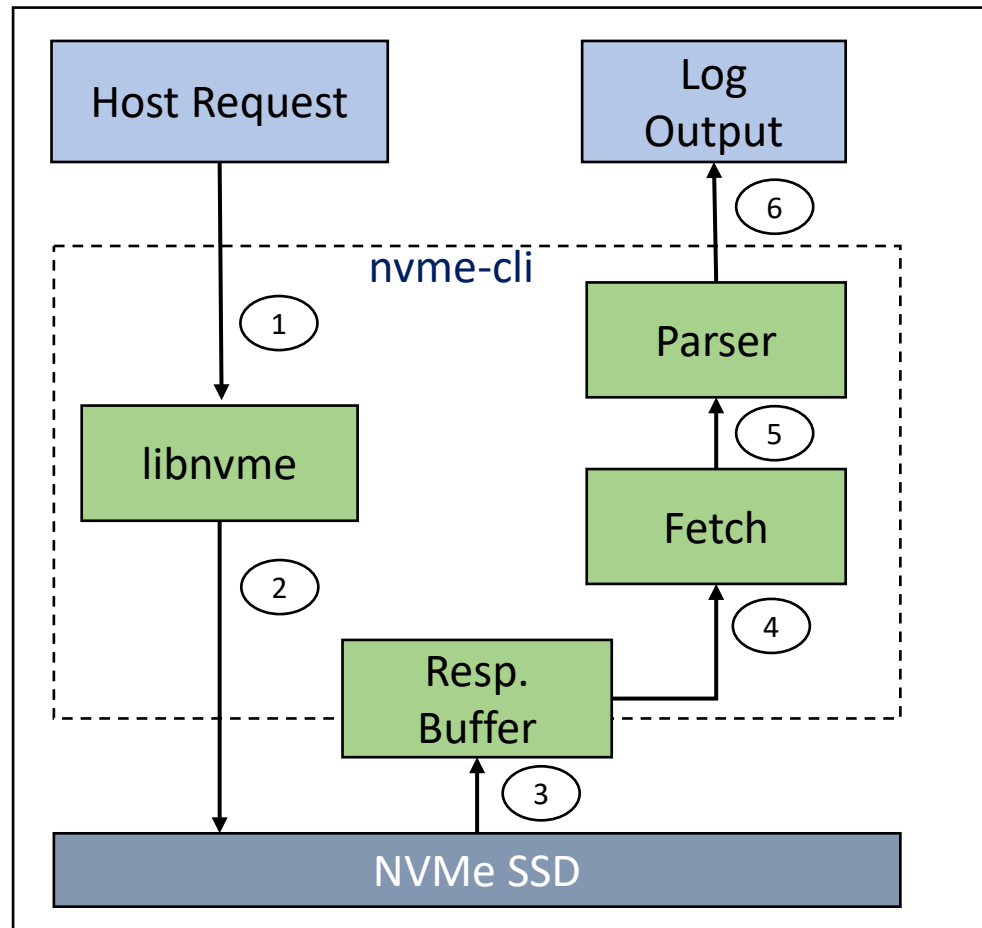
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5. **Parse the response buffer and generate output**
  - Parsing of Telemetry data and mapping to Spec Structures



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6. **Output Log File Generation**
  - User desired output
    - Human Readable
    - RAW Buffer
    - JSON



# nvme-cli: telemetry command usage

- Telemetry Sting Log page Command usage with arguments

## Usage:

nvme ocp **telemetry-str-log** <device> [--output-format=<fmt> | -o <fmt>]

Define Parsing the telemetry string log format

## Options:

-o <fmt>::

--output-format=<fmt>::

This option will set the reporting format to normal, json, or binary.

Only one output format can be used at a time.

**e.g:** nvme ocp telemetry-string-log /dev/nvme0n1



# Output Snippet

- Telemetry String Log Page Snippet
- Human Readable format of Statistics data

```
=====TELEMETRY STRING LOG FORMAT 0xc9=====
[0] Log Page Version                : 0x1
[15:01] Reserved                    : 000000000000000068
[31:16] Log page GUID               : 0xb13a83691a8f408b9ea49594057aa44
[39:32] Telemetry String Log Size   : 0x1628
[63:40] Reserved                    : 000000000000000000000000
[71:64] Statistics Identifier String Table Start : 0x6c
[79:72] Statistics Identifier String Table Size : 0x19c
[87:80] Event String Table Start    : 0x208
[95:88] Event String Table Size     : 0x114
[103:96] VU Event String Table Start : 0x31c
[111:104] VU Event String Table Size : 0x3c8
[119:112] ASCII Table Start         : 0x6e4
[127:120] ASCII Table Size          : 0xf44
[143:128] FIFO 1 ASCII String
```

String Log's Start & Size for various Statistics, Events, etc





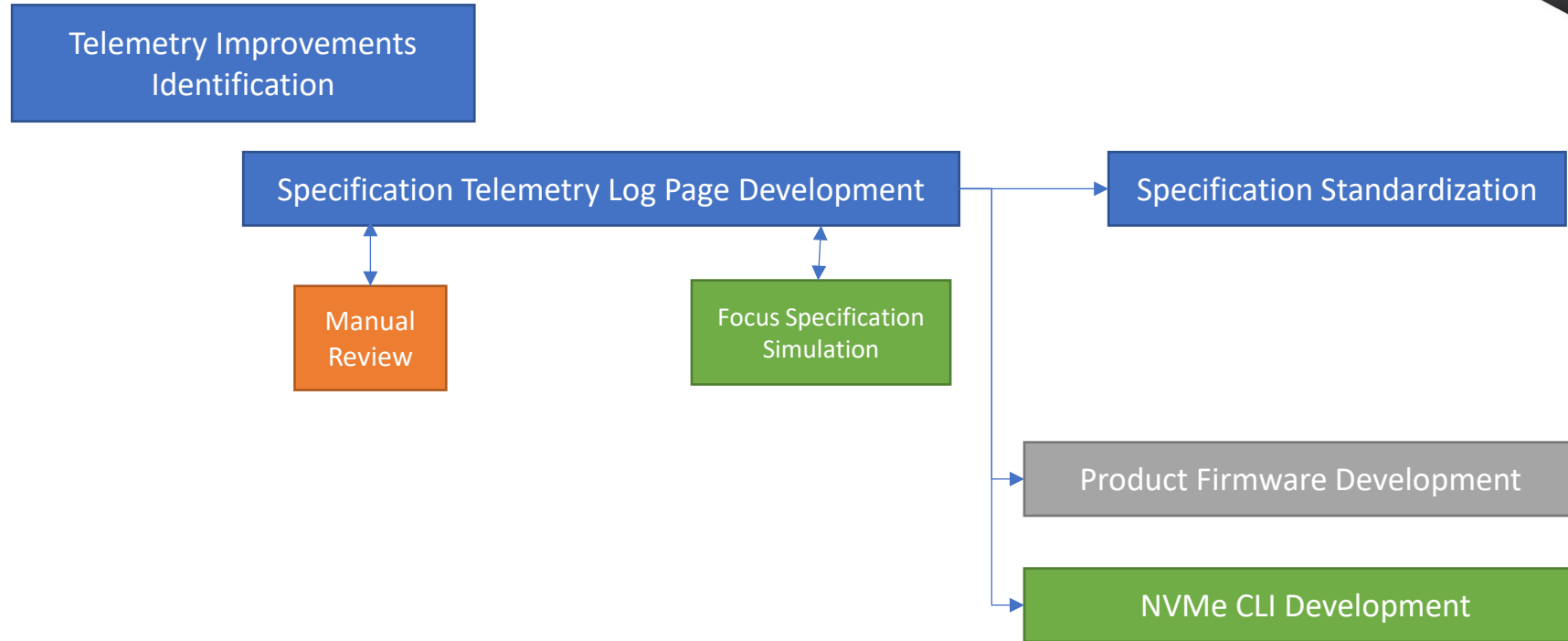


# Concurrent Readiness of Telemetry Feature

NVMe SSD Development Cycle



Customer Deployment



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Telemetry Improvements Identification

Specification Telemetry Log Page Development

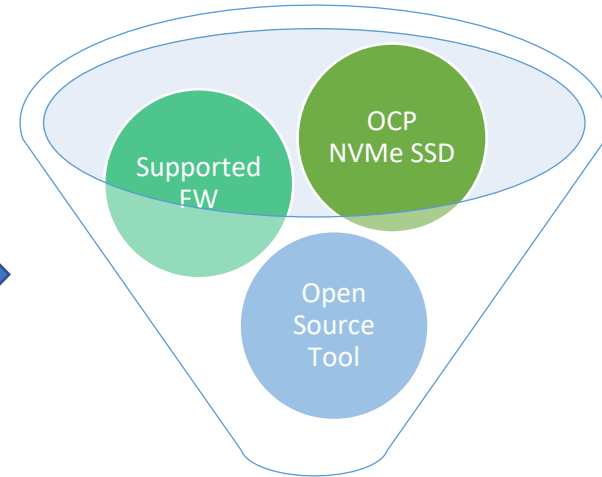
Manual Review

Focus Specification Simulation

Specification Standardization

Product Firmware Development

NVMe CLI Development



Faster Deployment & Better Debugging



Thank You

