AN 706: Mapping HPS IP Peripheral Signals to the FPGA Interface

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The Altera SoC integrates an ARM® Cortex®-A9-based hard processor system (HPS) consisting of processor, peripherals, and memory interface with the FPGA fabric using a high-bandwidth interconnect backbone. The Cyclone V® HPS Interface provides up to 67 I/O pins to share with multiple peripherals through sets of configurable multiplexers. The Arria V Interface provides up to 71 I/O pins.

This application note describes the steps required to route an HPS peripheral through the FPGA interface using Qsys and Quartus II software. A simple design example is included to demonstrate exporting HPS EMAC0 and I2C0 peripheral signals to the FPGA interface using a Cyclone V SoC Development Kit.

HPS Peripherals That Support Routing to the FPGA

The types of peripherals in the HPS that are capable of routing to the FPGA fabric are:

- Ethernet Media Access Controller (EMAC)
- Quad Serial Peripheral Interface (QSPI)
- Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI)
- Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter (UART)
- Inter-Integrated Circuit (I²C)
- Controller Area Network (CAN)

In many cases, routing the HPS IP signals to the FPGA external interface allows more signals to be exposed.

Table 1: Peripherals that Support Signal Routing from the HPS Domain to FPGA Domain

The following table lists the interface type that is available depending on whether the IP interface is pinned out in the HPS domain or the FPGA domain.

Peripherals	Interface Description	
	HPS Domain	FPGA Domain
EMAC	RGMII Interface	GMII Interface
QSPI	Standard QSPI interface with four slave select signals	Standard QSPI interface with four slave select signals achieved by connecting exported signals to bidirectional buffers

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Peripherals	Interface Description	
	HPS Domain	FPGA Domain
SPI Master	MOSI/MISO SPI interface configurable to single or dual slaves	MOSI/MISO SPI interface with output enables that support up to four slaves; interface achieved by connecting exported signals to bidirectional buffers
SPI Slave	MOSI/MISO SPI interface configurable to single or dual slaves	MOSI/MISO SPI interface with output enables that support up to four slaves; interface achieved by connecting exported signals to bidirectional buffers
UART	Standard UART interface with flow control signals	Standard UART interface with flow control signals, including DTR and DSR; status and two user-defined output signals are also available
I ² C	Standard I ² C interface	Standard I ² C interface achieved by connecting exported signals to a bidirectional buffer
CAN ⁽¹⁾	Standard CAN interface	Standard CAN interface

Please refer to the following *Cyclone V Device Handbook* chapters for descriptions of each peripheral signal interface:

Related Information

- Ethernet Media Access Controller Chapter
- Quad SPI Flash Controller Chapter
- SPI Controller Chapter
- UART Controller Chapter
- I2C Controller Chapter
- CAN Controller Chapter



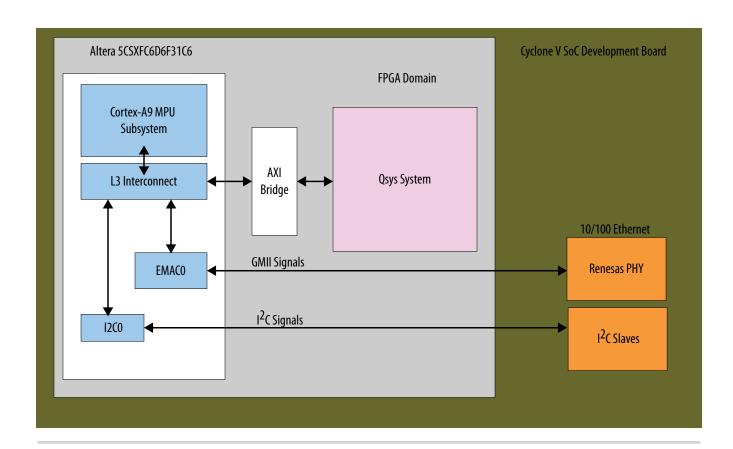
 $^{^{\}left(1\right)}\,$ The CAN interface is only available for Cyclone V devices.

HPS IP Interface to FPGA Design Example

This design example, based on the Golden System Reference Design (GSRD), uses the Cyclone V SoC development kit resources to demonstrate routing the HPS EMAC0 and I2C0 peripheral signals to the FPGA interface.

The HPS component provides up to two EMAC peripherals, which support 10/100/1000 Mbps operation. The Cyclone V SoC Development board is populated with a Micrel KSZ9021RN RGMII PHY that interfaces to the HPS domain and a Renesas uPD60620A MII Dual Port PHY that interfaces to the FPGA domain. The HPS and FPGA also share a common I²C bus to various on-board I²C slaves.

Figure 1: High-level Routing Layout of Cyclone V SoC Board Design Example



The following sections provide the necessary information to route the HPS peripherals to the FPGA interface, such as:

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Prerequisites

This design example is based on the Cyclone V GSRD and tested with Quartus II version 14.0. Refer to the links listed below and review the recommended material before starting with this design example.

Related Information

- Cyclone V SoC Development Kit
 Refer to this link for *Cyclone V SoC Development Kit* documentation and installation files.
- Golden System Reference Design User's Manual
 Refer to this document and step through the *Getting Started Guides*, *Prerequisites*, and the *GHRD Overview*. In addition, review the *Development Flow Overview*.

Hardware Requirements

The hardware required for this design example is:

- Cyclone V SoC Development Kit
- RJ45 Ethernet cable
- SD/MMC card preloaded with default GSRD image

Software Requirements

The software required for this design example is:

- Quartus II 14.0 and above
- SoC EDS 14.0 and above
- Factory default hardware template cv_soc_devkit_ghrd in SoC EDS 14.0

Design example files are provided in the AN 706 design example link and are listed in the table below.

Table 2: Required Software Files

File Name	Description
ghrd_top.v	Top level RTL file
soc_system_timing.sdc	Timing constraint file
an706_de_pin_assignment.tcl	Pin assignment script file
preloader-mkpimage.bin	Generated preloader binary targeted to this project
u-boot.img	Modified u-boot image for EMAC0
socfpga.dtb	Modified device tree for EMAC0 and I2C0



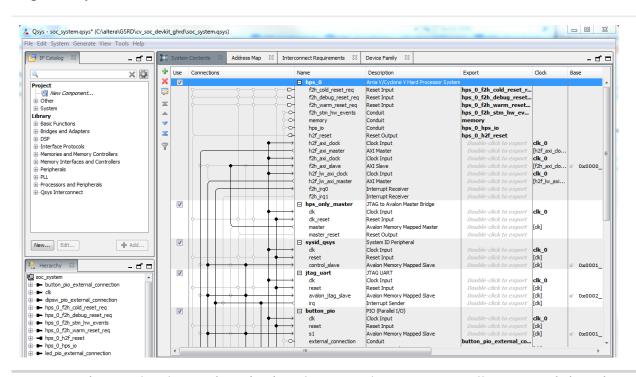
Getting Started

- 1. Make a copy of the Cyclone V Golden Hardware Reference Design (GHRD) from your Cyclone V SoC Development Kit installation location or download the latest Cyclone V GHRD design example from the Rocketboards website to your project location.
- 2. Download the AN 706 design files (an706-design-files.zip) provided.
- 3. Open the GHRD project within the Quartus II software.

Generating the Initial HDL in Qsys

- 1. In the Quartus II navigation bar, select **Tools** > **Qsys**.
- **2.** In the Qsys window, select **File** > **Open** > **soc_system.qsys**.
- 3. In the System Contents tab, double click on hps_0 to open the HPS Parameters window.

Figure 2: System Contents Window



4. On the **Peripheral Pins** tab, under the **Ethernet Media Access Controller** section, click on the **EMAC0 pin** pull-down and select **FPGA**. The **EMAC0 mode** pull-down automatically displays **Full** to indicate GMII mode. Select the **EMAC1 pin** pull-down as **Unused**.

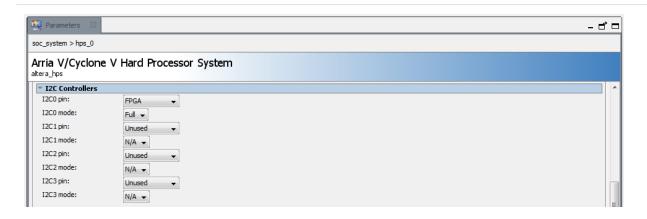


Figure 3: Selecting FPGA for EMACO Pin in the HPS Parameters Window



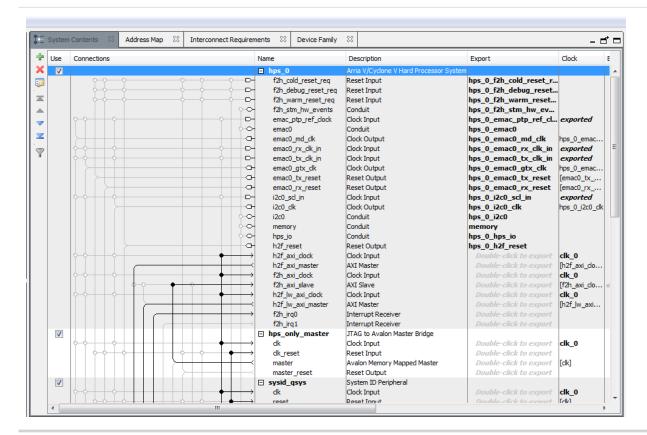
5. On the **Peripheral Pins** tab, scroll down to the **I2C Controllers** section, click on the **I2C0 pin** pulldown and select **FPGA**. The **I2C0 mode** pull-down automatically displays **Full**.

Figure 4: Selecting FPGA for I2C0 Pin in the HPS Parameters Window



6. Return to the **System Contents** tab and in the **Export** column, double-click on the EMAC0 and I2C0 signal pins to export them as conduits.

Figure 5: Exporting Pins in System Contents Window



7. Select Generate > Generate HDL from the Qsys menu bar. In the project directory, replace the top level RTL file, ghrd_top.v, with the generated Verilog file.
Qsys exposes the following EMAC0 and I2C0 interfaces in the file:

Table 3: EMACO Signals in the FPGA Domain

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Signal	Width	Direction	Description
emac0_phy_txd_o	8	Out	PHY Transmit Data
emac0_phy_txen_o	1	Out	PHY Transmit Data Enable
emac0_phy_txer_o	1	Out	PHY Transmit Error
emac0_phy_rxdv_i	1	In	PHY Receive Data Valid
emac0_phy_rxer_i	1	In	PHY Receive Error
emac0_phy_rxd_i	8	In	PHY Receive Data
emac0_phy_col_i	1	In	PHY Collision Detect

Signal	Width	Direction	Description
emac0_phy_crs_i	1	In	PHY Carrier Sense
emac0_gmii_mdo_ o	1	Out	MDIO signal data out
emac0_gmii_mdo_ o_e	1	Out	MDIO signal output enable
emac0_gmii_mdi_i	1	In	MDIO signal input
emac0_gmii_mdc_o	1	Out	Management Data Clock
emac0_clk_rx_i	1	In	PHY RX reference clock
emac0_clk_tx_i	1	In	PHY TX reference clock
emac0_phy_txclk_o	1	Out	Transmit clock output to the PHY
emac0_rst_clk_tx_ n_o	1	Out	Transmit clock reset output to the FPGA interface
emac0_rst_clk_rx_ n_o	1	Out	Receive clock reset output

Table 4: I2C0 Signals in the FPGA Domain

Signal	Width	Direction	Description
i2c0_out_data	1	Out	Outgoing I ² C data enable
i2c0_sda	1	In	Incoming I ² C data
i2c0_clk_clk	1	Out	Outgoing I ² C clock enable
i2c0_scl_in_clk	1	In	Incoming I ² C clock source

Related Information

• Ethernet Media Access Controller

Refer to the interface descriptions in the *Ethernet Media Access Controller* chapter of the *HPS Technical Reference Manual* for more detailed GMII interface signal descriptions



• I2C Controller

Refer to the interface descriptions in the I^2C Controller chapter of the HPS Technical Reference Manual for more detailed I^2C interface signal descriptions.

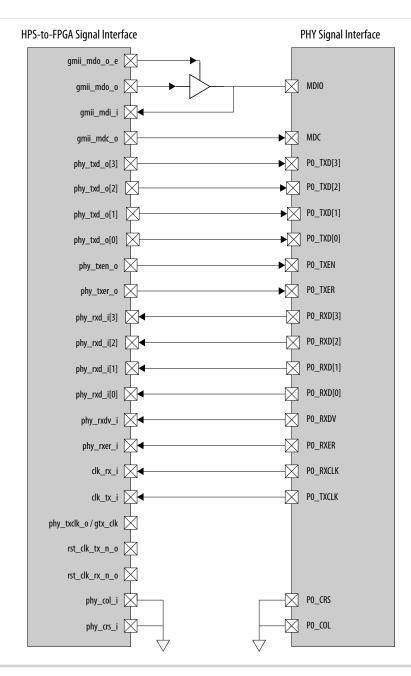
Top Level Routing

The top level RTL file defines the pin connections from the HPS EMAC0 to the Renesas MII PHY on the Cyclone V SoC development board.

Note: Because MII is a 4-bit data width protocol, connect only the lower 4-bits, emac0_phy_txd_o[3:0] and emac0_phy_rxd_i[3:0], of EMACO's RX and TX interface from the FPGA.



Figure 6: Routing of the EMACO FPGA Interface to the On-board MII PHY



HPS I2C0 is routed through the FPGA interface and acts as a master to various on-board I²C slaves:

- Two Octal Digital Power Supply Managers with EEPROM
- LCD
- RTC
- EEPROM

Note: A bi-directional buffer, alt_iobuff, must be added in the design to connect the I²C signals to an external open drain IO. The buffer can be included by instantiating alt_iobuff in ghrd_top.v.



The following Verilog code shows the alt_iobuff instantiation for an I²C interface implemented through the FPGA:

```
ALT_IOBUF scl_iobuf (.i(1'b0), .oe(scl_o_e), .o(scl_o), .io(fpga_i2c_scl)); // declared bi-directional buffer for scl ALT_IOBUF sda_iobuf (.i(1'b0), .oe(sda_o_e), .o(sda_o), .io(fpga_i2c_sda)); // declared bi-directional buffer for sda
```

Related Information

alt_iobuff Primitive

Refer to the alt_iobuff primitive information for more information.

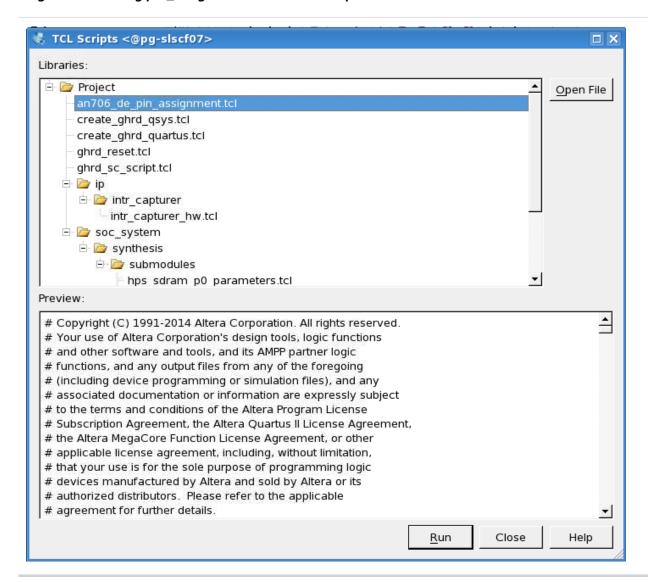
Timing Constraint Configuration

Replace the **soc_system_timing.sdc** file in your project directory with the **soc_system_timing.sdc** file provided in the project folder. This new file is customized for the EMAC0 and I2C0 interface being tested on the Cyclone V SoC development board.

Quartus II Pin Assignments

- 1. Copy an706_de_pin_assignment.tcl from the AN 706 design files into your project directory.
- 2. In the Quartus II menu bar, select Tools > Tcl Scripts
- **3.** In the Tcl Scripts window, choose an706_de_pin_assignment.tcl and select Run.

Figure 7: Selecting pin_assigment.tcl in the Tcl Scripts Window



The an706_de_pin_assignment.tcl script automatically assigns EMAC0 and I2C0 signal pins to their related FPGA pin location.

Table 5: Quartus Pin Assignments for EMACO and I2CO

Signal	Direction	Pin Location
enet1_rx_clk	Input	PIN_Y24
enet1_rx_d[0]	Input	PIN_AB23
enet1_rx_d[1]	Input	PIN_AA24
enet1_rx_d[2]	Input	PIN_AB25

Signal	Direction	Pin Location
enet1_rx_d[3]	Input	PIN_AE27
enet1_rx_dv	Input	PIN_Y23
enet1_rx_error	Input	PIN_AE28
enet1_tx_clk_fb	Input	PIN_W25
enet1_tx_d[0]	Output	PIN_W20
enet1_tx_d[1]	Output	PIN_Y21
enet1_tx_d[2]	Output	PIN_AA25
enet1_tx_d[3]	Output	PIN_AB26
enet1_tx_en	Output	PIN_AB22
enet1_tx_error	Output	PIN_AG5
enet_dual_resetn	Output	PIN_AJ1
enet_fpga_mdc	Output	PIN_H12
enet_fpga_mdio	Bidirectional	PIN_H13
fpga_i2c_scl	Bidirectional	PIN_G7
fpga_i2c_sda	Bidirectional	PIN_F6

Hardware Programming File Compilation and Generation

After the Qsys system is set up, the top level RTL file updated, the related signal pin location assigned and timing constrained, the design can be compiled and the SOF programming file generated.

In Quartus II software navigation bar, select **Processing** > **Start Compilation** to generate the SOF programming file.

SD Card Image Updates

Update the default SD card image with the generated preloader binary, u-boot image file and DTB file following the steps described below:

- With your Linux machine, prepare the SD card by following the information in GSRD-Booting Linux Using Prebuilt SD Card Image. Untar the sd_image.bin.tar.gz file and program the image file, sd_image.bin into the SD card.
- 2. Replace the preloader-mkpimage.bin, u-boot.img and socfpga.dtb in the SD card.



Note: Information provided regarding SD card changes, preloader and Linux software file changes and preloader generation are applicable to this reference design only.

Preloader Generation

Because this design example modifies the default GHRD Qsys file, it is essential to re-generate the preloader with the preloader generator.

Related Information

GSRD - Generating and Compiling the Preloader

Refer to this location for information on how to generate and compile the preloader.

U-boot Setup

Go to file location **u-boot-socfpga/include/configs/socfpga_cyclone.h**. The EMAC0 parameters associated with the interface speed must be configured to MII in the **socfpga_cyclone.h** file in the u-boot source. Change the #define for CONFIG_EMAC_BASE and CONFIG_PHY_INTERFACE_MODE to the following:

```
#define CONFIG_EMAC_BASE CONFIG_EMACO_BASE #define CONFIG_PHY_INTERFACE_MODE SOCFPGA_PHYSEL_ENUM_MII
```

Related Information

Preloader and U-Boot Customization

Refer to this location for information on how to customize u-boot.

Device Tree Setup

Generate the device tree. EMAC0 is enabled in the device tree source, as shown below, and the I2C0 code source maintains its default settings.

```
aliases
                  ethernet0 = "/soc/ethernet@ff700000";
ethernet@ff700000 {
                     compatible = "altr,socfpga-stmmac", "snps,dwmac-3.70a",
"snps,dwmac";
                     reg = <0xff700000 0x2000>;
                     interrupts = <0x0 0x73 0x4>;
                     interrupt-names = "macirq";
                     mac-address = [00 00 00 00 00 00];
                     clocks = <0xd>;
                     clock-names = "stmmaceth";
                     status = "okay";
                     phy-mode = "mii";
                     phy-add r= <0xffffffff;
                     snsp,
                  };
```

Related Information

GSRD User Manual - Device Tree Generator

Refer to this location for information on device tree generation.



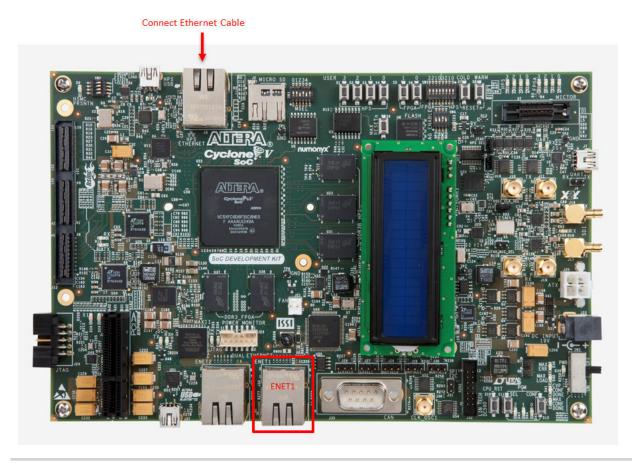
Board Setup and Booting Linux from the SD Card

Before you begin

Board setup is based on the GSRD Getting Started Guides.

1. Connect Ethernet Cable to the ENET1 Ethernet port.

Figure 8: Ethernet Connection on Cyclone V SoC Development Board



- **2.** Slot in the SD card and power on the board.
- **3.** Program the FPGA .sof file and perform a warm reset on the HPS component to reload the SD card image.
- **4.** The kernel automatically enables and initializes EMAC0 then executes the dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP) to obtain an IP address.
- **5.** When the boot process has completed, login as root at the kernel terminal.

Figure 9: Kernel Login Example

```
Configuring network interfaces... eth0: device MAC address c6:1d:a4:1a:a4:e8
udhcpc (v1.20.2) started
Sending discover...
libphy: stmmac-0:00 - Link is Up - 100/Full
Sending discover...
Sending select for 137.57.118.160...
Lease of 137.57.118.160 obtained, lease time 86400
/etc/udhcpc.d/50default: Adding DNS 137.57.116.2
/etc/udhcpc.d/50default: Adding DNS 137.57.137.2
/etc/udhcpc.d/50default: Adding DNS 137.57.64.1
done.
```

Related Information

- GSRD User's Manual Getting Started Guides
 Refer to this location for information on board setup in the GSRD User's Manual Getting Started Guides.
- GSRD SD Card
 Refer to this location for information on updating the SD Card.

Sample Application Example

The default kernel image contains many useful commands and built-in tools, such as ethtools and miitools. Some examples are illustrated in this section.

EMAC Test

Examples of commands that can be executed on EMAC0 are:

```
>udhcpc
```

Activate the dhcp server to request an IP address.



Figure 10: udhcpc Command Output

```
Configuring network interfaces... eth0: device MAC address c6:1d:a4:1a:a4:e8
udhcpc (v1.20.2) started
Sending discover...
libphy: stmmac-0:00 - Link is Up - 100/Full
Sending discover...
Sending select for 137.57.118.160...
Lease of 137.57.118.160 obtained, lease time 86400
/etc/udhcpc.d/50default: Adding DNS 137.57.116.2
/etc/udhcpc.d/50default: Adding DNS 137.57.137.2
/etc/udhcpc.d/50default: Adding DNS 137.57.64.1
done.
```

>ifconfig eth0

Initialize and enable or disable the network interface.

Figure 11: ifconfig eth0 Command Output

```
root@socfpga:~# ifconfig eth0
eth0    Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr c6:1d:a4:1a:a4:e8
    inet addr:137.57.118.54    Bcast:0.0.0.0    Mask:255.255.255.0
    UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500    Metric:1
    RX packets:1628 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
    TX packets:7 errors:4 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:4
    collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
    RX bytes:158838 (155.1 KiB) TX bytes:2030 (1.9 KiB)
    Interrupt:147
```

>ethtool eth0

Display and allow edits to the EMAC device parameters.



Figure 12: ethtool eth0 Command Output

```
root@socfpga:~# ethtool eth0
Settings for eth0:
        Supported ports: [ TP AUI BNC MII FIBRE ]
        Supported link modes:
                               10baseT/Half 10baseT/Full
                                100baseT/Half 100baseT/Full
        Supported pause frame use: No
        Supports auto-negotiation: Yes
        Advertised link modes: 10baseT/Half 10baseT/Full
                                100baseT/Half 100baseT/Full
        Advertised pause frame use: No
        Advertised auto-negotiation: Yes
        Speed: 100Mb/s
        Duplex: Full
        Port: MII
        PHYAD: 0
        Transceiver: external
        Auto-negotiation: on
        Supports Wake-on: d
        Wake-on: d
        Current message level: 0x0000003f (63)
                               drv probe link timer ifdown ifup
        Link detected: yes
```

I²C Test

The I²C interface can be tested using the following commands:

```
>i2cdetect -l
```

List the detected HPS I²C ports.

```
>i2cdetect -r 0
```

List the I²C slave devices connected to the HPS. "UU" is defined as device busy.



Figure 13: i2cdetect Command Outputs

```
>i2cset -y 0 0x66 0x10 0x55
```

I2C0 writes the data value 0x55 to the data address 0x10 of slave device at 0x66. The command is written in the order: device address, data address, data value.

```
>i2cget -y 0 0x66 0x10
```

Return data value at address 0x10 of the device slave at address 0x66.

Figure 14: i2cset and i2cget Commands

```
root@socfpga_cyclone5:~# i2cset -y 0 0x66 0x10 0x55
root@socfpga_cyclone5:~# i2cget -y 0 0x66 0x10
0x55
```

```
>i2cdump -y 0 0x66
```

Register data dump from 0x00 to 0xFF. "XX" is defined as a non-valid address.



Figure 15: i2cdump Command Output

```
root@socfpga cyclone5:~# i2cdump -y 0 0x66
No size specified (using byte-data access)
   0 1 2 3 4 5
                6
                    8
                      9
                           b
                                       0123456789abcdef
                               đ
00: 47 02 32 al 4d ad f8 22 42 bc 52 14 39 22 42 bc
                                       G?2?M??"B?R?9"B?
10: 55 14 39 00 c2 c0 00 00 00 07
                        c2 c0 00 00 00 0c
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Reference Documents

A summary list of the reference documents and sites mentioned in this application note follows:

Related Information

- HPS-to-FPGA Application Note (AN 706) Design Example
- Cyclone V SoC Development Kit
- Golden System Reference Design User's Manual
- Compiling Golden Hardware Reference Design
- Ethernet Media Access Controller
- I2C Controller
- alt iobuff Primitive
- GSRD-Booting Linux Using Prebuilt SD Card Image
- GSRD Generating and Compiling the Preloader
- Preloader and U-Boot Customization
- GSRD User Manual Device Tree Generator
- GSRD User's Manual Getting Started Guides
- GSRD SD Card
- RocketBoard website



Revision History

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July 2014	2014.07.17	 Modified URLs of RocketBoards pages to versioned links. Correctd AN 706 design example URL. Added steps to the <i>Board Setup and Booting Linux from the SD Card</i> section.
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