

# **ZeBu<sup>®</sup> Server 4 Smart Z-ICE Interface User Guide**

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# Preface

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## About This Book

The *ZeBu<sup>®</sup> Server 4 Smart Z-ICE Interface User Guide* gives a physical description of the Smart Z-ICE interface and the steps to instantiate and use it on ZeBu Server 4.

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## Contents of This Book

The *ZeBu<sup>®</sup> Server 4 Smart Z-ICE Interface User Guide* has the following chapters:

| Chapter   | Describes...   |
|---|--|
| <a href="#">Physical Description</a>                | The physical construct of the Smart Z-ICE Interface of ZeBu Server 4 |
| <a href="#">Instantiating Smart Z-ICE</a>           | The steps to instantiate the Smart Z-ICE Interface                   |
| <a href="#">Remapping Smart Z-ICE For Emulation</a> | The steps to use the Smart Z-ICE Interface                           |

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## Related Documentation

| Document Name           | Description  |
|-------------------------|--|
| <i>ZeBu User Guide</i>  | Provides detailed information on using ZeBu.             |
| <i>ZeBu Debug Guide</i> | Provides information on tools you can use for debugging. |

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| Document Name  | Description  |
|--|--|
| <i>ZeBu Debug Methodology Guide</i>                            | Provides debug methodologies that you can use for debugging.   |
| <i>ZeBu Unified Command-Line User Guide</i>                    | Provides the usage of Unified Command-Line Interface (UCLI) for debugging your design.                                   |
| <i>ZeBu UTF Reference Guide</i>                                | Describes Unified Tcl Format (UTF) commands used with ZeBu.  |
| <i>ZeBu Power Aware Verification User Guide</i>                | Describes how to use Power Aware verification in ZeBu environment, from the source files to runtime.                     |
| <i>ZeBu Functional Coverage User Guide</i>                     | Describes collecting functional coverage in emulation.   |
| <i>Simulation Acceleration User Guide</i>                      | Provides information on how to use Simulation Acceleration to enable cosimulating SystemVerilog testbenches with the DUT |
| <i>ZeBu Verdi Integration Guide</i>                            | Provides Verdi features that you can use with ZeBu. This document is available in the Verdi documentation set.           |
| <i>ZeBu Runtime Performance Analysis With zTune User Guide</i> | Provides information about runtime emulation performance analysis with zTune.  |
| <i>ZeBu Custom DPI Based Transactors User Guide</i>            | Describes ZEMI-3 that enables writing transactors for functional testing of a design.                                    |
| <i>ZeBu LCA Features Guide</i>                                 | Provides a list of Limited Customer Availability (LCA) features available with ZeBu.                                     |
| <i>ZeBu Synthesis Verification User Guide</i>                  | Provides a description of zFmCheck.  |
| <i>ZeBu Transactors Compilation Application Note</i>           | Provides detailed steps to instantiate and compile a ZeBu transactor.  |
| <i>ZeBu zManualPartitioner Application Note</i>                | Describes the zManualPartitioner feature for ZeBu. It is a graphical interface to manually partition a design.           |
| <i>ZeBu Hybrid Emulation Application Note</i>                  | Provides an overview of the hybrid emulation solution and its components.  |

## Typographical Conventions

This document uses the following typographical conventions:

| To indicate  | Convention Used            |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| Program code | <code>OUT &lt;= IN;</code> |

| To indicate                           | Convention Used                                       |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Object names                          | OUT   |
| Variables representing objects names  | <sig-name>  |
| Message                               | Active low signal name '<sig-name>' must end with _X. |
| Message location                      | OUT <= IN;  |
| Reworked example with message removed | OUT_X <= IN;  |
| Important Information                 | NOTE: This rule...                                    |

The following table describes the syntax used in this document:

| Syntax                    | Description   |
|---------------------------|---|
| [ ] (Square brackets)     | An optional entry                                     |
| { } (Curly braces)        | An entry that can be specified once or multiple times |
| (Vertical bar)            | A list of choices out of which you can choose one     |
| ... (Horizontal ellipsis) | Other options that you can specify                    |

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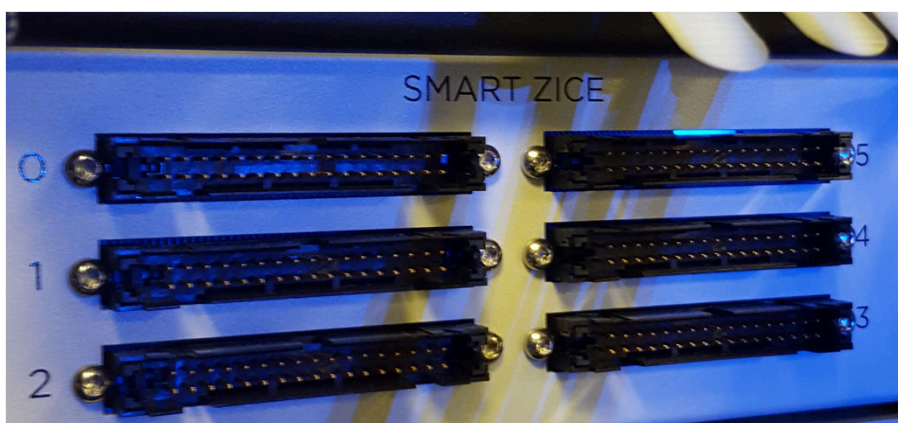
## 1

## Physical Description

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The Smart Z-ICE interface supported by ZeBu Server 4 is based on standard HE10 connectors. The interface consists of 6x34 pin connectors available on the front panel of the ZeBu Server 4 control interface. The following figure displays the port connectors on the ZeBu Server 4 control interface.

*Figure 1 Smart Z-ICE Port Connectors on the ZeBu Server 4 Control Interface*



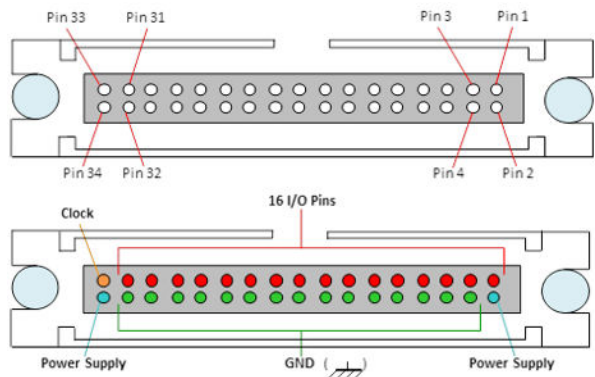
In ZeBu Server 4, Smart Z-ICE voltage level cannot be configured and is fixed at 1.8V.

The 34 pins of each Smart Z-ICE connector are allocated as follows:

- 16 pins are I/O pins for data
- 15 pins are connected to GND
- 2 pins are connected to power supply
- 1 pin for clock

The following figure displays the HE10 connector and the pin allocation.

Figure 2 Pin Allocation in the ZeBu Server 4 Smart Z-ICE HE10 Connector



The following table lists the pin allocation on ZeBu Server 4 Smart Z-ICE HE10 connector.

Table 1 ZeBu Server 4 Smart Z-ICE HE10 Connector Pins for Data

| HE10 Connector Pin# | Signal Name |
|---------------------|-------------|
| 1                   | Data        |
| 3                   | Data        |
| 5                   | Data        |
| 7                   | Data        |
| 9                   | Data        |
| 11                  | Data        |
| 13                  | Data        |
| 15                  | Data        |
| 17                  | Data        |
| 19                  | Data        |
| 21                  | Data        |
| 23                  | Data        |
| 25                  | Data        |
| 27                  | Data        |
| 29                  | Data        |



*Table 1      ZeBu Server 4 Smart Z-ICE HE10 Connector Pins for Data  
(Continued)*

| HE10 Connector Pin# | Signal Name |
|---------------------|-------------|
| 31                  | Data        |
| 33                  | Clock       |

# 2

## Instantiating Smart Z-ICE

In ZeBu Server 4, the Smart Z-ICE connection is established by instantiating a dedicated module named `SMART_ZICE_ZSE`. This module can be instantiated anywhere in the design hierarchy (DUT or transactor); it is supported only in **SystemVerilog** and **Verilog** languages.

The syntax of the module instantiated to use Smart Z-ICE is given below.

```
SMART_ZICE_ZSE (
    .sampling_clock (<sampling clock name>),
    .<port direction>_port<port number>_<pin number> (<wire name>),
    .<port direction>_port<port number>_<pin number> (<wire name>),
    .<port direction2>_port<port number2>_<pin number2> (<wire name2>),
    .clock_out_port<port number>_33 (clock wire name)
);
```

The following table describes each port of the `SMART_ZICE_ZSE` module.

**Table 2**      *Description of SMART\_ZICE\_ZSE Module Ports*

| Port   | Description   |
|--|---|
| .<port direction>_port<port number>_<pin number> (<wire name>) | <p>Specifies the connection between a specific Smart Z-ICE port, which is defined with a direction (&lt;port direction&gt;), a port number (&lt;port number&gt;), a pin number (&lt;pin number&gt;), and a wire (&lt;wire name&gt;). Note that the code must be written in Verilog or SystemVerilog.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt;port direction&gt; accepts the following values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-input: Data is transferred from Smart Z-ICE.</li> <li>-output: Data is transferred to Smart Z-ICE.</li> </ul> </li> <li>wire &lt; wire name&gt; drives value on Smart Z-ICE. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-inout: It means that the wire &lt;wire name&gt; is a bi-directional wire.</li> </ul> </li> <li>&lt;port number&gt; is an integer between 0 and 5. This is linked to the Smart Z-ICE port number expected to be used (see <a href="#">Figure 1</a>)</li> <li>&lt;pin number&gt;: Represents the specific pin to be used on the Smart Z-ICE port. <a href="#">Table 1</a> in the Physical Description of Smart Z-ICE chapter summarizes the allocation for each pin available on each Smart Z-ICE connector.</li> </ul> |
| .clock_out_port<port number>_33 (clock wire name)              | <p>Specifies the Smart Z-ICE port dedicated to the clock. In contrast to ZeBu Server 3, only clock going from design to Smart Z-ICE is supported.</p>   |

**Table 2**      *Description of SMART\_ZICE\_ZSE Module Ports (Continued)*

| Port   | Description   |
|--|---|
| <code>.sampling_clock</code><br>( <code>&lt;sampling clock name&gt;</code> ) | <p>Specifies <code>&lt;sampling clock name&gt;</code> as the sampling clock for data coming from Smart Z-ICE. The main purpose is to synchronize the input data of Smart Z-ICE.</p> <p><code>&lt;sampling clock name&gt;</code> can be one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a primary (derived) clock signal (output of a <code>zceiClockPort</code> instance)</li><li>• a design signal</li></ul> |

# 3

## Remapping Smart Z-ICE For Emulation

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During emulation, you can remap an entire Smart Z-ICE port to another one. There are two possible ways to remap Smart Z-ICE given below. For details, see the following sections:

- [By Using the Environment Variable](#)
- [By Using the `designFeatures` Command](#)

In addition, this chapter covers how to disable ports at runtime. For detailed steps, see [Disabling Smart Z-ICE ports at Runtime](#)

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### By Using the Environment Variable

To remap a Smart Z-ICE port to another one for emulation runtime, you can use the following environment variable: `ZEBU_SMARTZICE_<PORT>_PHYSICAL_LOCATION`

where, `<PORT>` is the identifier of the Smart Z-ICE port instantiated in the design (`P0` to `P5`).

This variable must be set to the value of the port targeted for emulation (`P0` to `P5`).

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#### Example

```
setenv ZEBU_SMARTZICE_P0_PHYSICAL_LOCATION P1
```

In this example, the Smart Z-ICE port `P0` is allocated to physical port `P1` for emulation runtime.

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### By Using the *designFeatures* Command

To remap a Smart Z-ICE port to another one for emulation runtime, you can use the following `designFeatures` command: `$smartZICE.connectorRemap_<PORT NB>`

where, `<PORT NB>` is the number of the instantiated Smart Z-ICE port (`0` to `5`).

This command sets the number of the port targeted for emulation (`0` to `5`).

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## Example

```
$smartZICE.connectorRemap_0 = 2;
```

In this example, the Smart Z-ICE port `P0` is allocated to physical port `P2` for emulation runtime.

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## Disabling Smart Z-ICE ports at Runtime

To disable all the Smart Z-ICE ports at runtime (that have been enabled during compilation), set the environment variable `ZEBU_SMARTZICE_DISABLE` to `TRUE`.

A warning message appears as follows:

### Warning:

You've compiled for using SmartZice but you've decided not to use it by setting the variable, `ZEBU_SMARTZICE_DISABLE` as `OK|YES|TRUE|ON`.