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User Guide for the Avalon Streaming Interface

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Altera[®] Stratix V FPGAs include a configurable, hardened protocol stack for PCI Express that is compliant with *PCI Express[®] Base Specification 2.1 or 3.0*. The Hard IP for PCI Express PCIe IP core provides a choice of the following three interfaces:

- Avalon[®] Streaming (Avalon-ST)—This is the *native* interface to the PCIe Protocol stack's Transaction Layer. The Avalon-ST interface is the most flexible interface, but also requires a thorough understanding of the PCIe[®] Protocol.
- Avalon Memory-Mapped (Avalon-MM)—This interface is available as a bridge implemented soft logic in the FPGA. It removes some of the complexities associated with the PCIe protocol. For example, it handles all of the Transaction Layer Protocol (TLP) encoding and decoding. Consequently, you can complete your design more quickly. The Avalon-MM is available in Qsys. Qsys is easy to understand and use.
- Avalon-MM with DMA—This interface is available as a bridge implemented soft logic in the FPGA. This interface also handles TLP encoding and decoding. In addition, it includes DMA Read and DMA Write engines for the Avalon-MM interface. The Avalon-MM interface with DMA is currently only available for the 256-bit Gen3 configuration. The Quartus[®] II release 14.0 will include an Avalon-MM interface with DMA for the 128-bit configuration. If you have already architected your own DMA system with the Avalon-MM interface, you may want to continue to use it. However, you will probably benefit from the simplicity of having the DMA engines already implemented. For new users, Altera recommends starting with Avalon-MM interface with DMA. Avalon-MM interface with DMA is available in Qsys.

Refer to [Creating a System With Qsys](#) for more information about Qsys.

The following table shows the aggregate bandwidth of a PCI Express link for Gen1, Gen2, and Gen3 for 1, 2, 4, and 8 lanes. The protocol specifies 2.5 giga-transfers per second for Gen1, 5 giga-transfers per second for Gen2, and 8.0 giga-transfers per second for Gen3. The following table provides bandwidths for a single transmit (TX) or receive (RX) channel, so that the numbers double for duplex operation. Gen1 and Gen2 use 8B/10B encoding which introduces a 20% overhead. In contrast, Gen3 uses 128b/130b encoding which reduces the data throughput lost to encoding to less than 1%.

Table 1-1: PCI Express Data Throughput

	Link Width			
	×1	×2	×4	×8
PCI Express Gen1 (2.5 Gbps)	2	4	8	16

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	Link Width			
	×1	×2	×4	×8
PCI Express Gen2 (5.0 Gbps)	4	8	16	32
PCI Express Gen3 (8.0 Gbps)	7.87	15.75	31.51	63

Refer to the *PCI Express Reference Design for Stratix V Devices* for more information about calculating bandwidth for the hard IP implementation of PCI Express in many Altera FPGAs, including the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express IP core.

Related Information

- [PCI Express Base Specification 2.1 or 3.0](#)
- [PCI Express DMA Reference Design for Stratix V Devices](#)

Features

The Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express supports the following features:

- Complete protocol stack including the Transaction, Data Link, and Physical Layers implemented as hard IP.
- Feature rich:
 - Support for ×1, ×2, ×4, and ×8 configurations with Gen1, Gen2, or Gen3 lane rates for Root Ports and Endpoints.
 - Dedicated 16 KByte receive buffer.
 - Dedicated hard reset controller.
 - Support for 256-bit Avalon-MM interface to Application Layer with embedded DMA capable of Gen3 ×8 data rate.
 - Optional support for Configuration via Protocol (CvP) using the PCIe link allowing the I/O and core bitstreams to be stored separately.
 - Qsys support using the Avalon Streaming (Avalon-ST) or Avalon Memory-Mapped (Avalon-MM) interface.
 - Support for 32- or 64-bit addressing for the Avalon-MM interface to the Application Layer.
 - Qsys example designs demonstrating parameterization, design modules and connectivity.
 - Extended credit allocation settings to better optimize the RX buffer space based on application type.
 - Support for multiple packets per cycle with the 256-bit Avalon-ST interface.
 - Optional end-to-end cyclic redundancy code (ECRC) generation and checking and advanced error reporting (AER) for high reliability applications.
 - Support for Configuration Space Bypass Mode, allowing you to design a custom Configuration Space and support multiple functions.
 - Support for Gen3 PIPE simulation.

- Easy to use:
 - Easy parameterization.
 - Substantial on-chip resource savings and guaranteed timing closure.
 - Easy adoption with no license requirement.
 - Example designs to get started.
- New features in the 13.1 release:
 - Full support for Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express using the Avalon-MM Interface and DMA which includes embedded DMA for data transfers
 - Optional support for the hard IP reconfiguration interface when using the Avalon-MM interface. This interface allows you to change the value of configuration registers that are *read-only* at runtime. (This feature was already available for the Avalon-ST interface.)

Table 1-2: Hard IP for PCI Express Features

Feature	Avalon-ST Interface	Avalon-MM Interface	Avalon-MM with Embedded DMA
MegaCore License	Free	Free	Free
Native Endpoint	Supported	Supported	Supported
Legacy Endpoint ⁽²⁾	Supported	Not Supported	Not Supported
Root port	Supported	Supported	Not Supported
Gen1	×1, ×2, ×4, ×8	×1, ×2, ×4, ×8	Not Supported
Gen2	×1, ×2, ×4, ×8	×1, ×2, ×4, ×8	×4, ×8
Gen3	×1, ×2, ×4, ×8	×1, ×2, ×4	×4, ×8
MegaWizard Plug-In Manager design flow	Supported	Not supported	Not supported
Qsys design flow	Supported	Supported	Supported
64-bit Application Layer interface	Supported	Supported	Not supported
128-bit Application Layer interface	Supported	Supported	Not supported
256-bit Application Layer interface	Supported	Not Supported	Supported

Feature	Avalon-ST Interface	Avalon-MM Interface	Avalon-MM with Embedded DMA
Transaction Layer Packet type (TLP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memory Read Request Memory Read Request-Locked Memory Write Request I/O Read Request I/O Write Request Configuration Read Request (Root Port) Configuration Write Request (Root Port) Message Request Message Request with Data Payload Completion without Data Completion with Data Completion for Locked Read without Data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memory Read Request Memory Write Request I/O Read Request—Root Port only I/O Write Request—Root Port only Configuration Read Request (Root Port) Configuration Write Request (Root Port) Completion without Data Completion with Data Memory Read Request (single dword) Memory Write Request (single dword) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memory Read Request Memory Write Request Completion without Data Completion with Data
Payload size	128–2048 bytes	128–256 bytes	128, 256, 512 bytes
Number of tags supported for non-posted requests	32 or 64	8	16
62.5 MHz clock	Supported	Supported	Not Supported
Out-of-order completions (transparent to the Application Layer)	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Requests that cross 4 KByte address boundary (transparent to the Application Layer)	Not supported	Supported	Supported
Polarity Inversion of PIPE interface signals	Supported	Supported	Supported
ECRC forwarding on RX and TX	Supported	Not supported	Not supported
Number of MSI requests	16 or 32	1, 2, 4, 8, 16, or 32	1, 2, 4, 8, 16, or 32
MSI-X	Supported	Supported	Supported

Feature	Avalon-ST Interface	Avalon-MM Interface	Avalon-MM with Embedded DMA
Legacy interrupts	Supported	Supported	Supported
Expansion ROM	Supported	Not supported	Not supported

Notes:

1. Not recommended for new designs.

The purpose of the *Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express User Guide* is to explain how to use the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express and not to explain the PCI Express protocol. Although there is inevitable overlap between these two purposes, this document should be used in conjunction with an understanding of the *PCI Express Base Specification*.

Note: This release provides separate user guides for the three interfaces to the Application Layer. The *Related Information* provide links to all three versions.

Related Information

- [Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express User Guide for the Avalon Memory-Mapped Interface](#)
- [Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express User Guide for the Avalon Memory-Mapped Interface with DMA](#)
- [Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express User Guide for the Avalon Streaming Interface](#)

Release Information

The following tables provides information about this release of the Hard IP for PCI Express.

Table 1-3: Hard IP for PCI Express Release Information

Item	Description
Version	13.1
Release Date	November 2013
Ordering Codes	No ordering code is required
Product IDs	There are no encrypted files for the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express. The Product ID and Vendor ID are not required because this IP core does not require a license.
Vendor ID	

Device Family Support

The following table shows the level of support offered by the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express.

Table 1-4: Device Family Support

Device Family	Support
Stratix V	Final. The IP core is verified with final timing models. The IP core meets all functional and timing requirements for the device family and can be used in production designs.
Other device families	Refer to the <i>Related Information</i> below for other device families:

Related Information

- [Arria V Hard IP for PCI Express User Guide](#)
- [Arria V GZ Hard IP for PCI Express User Guide for the Avalon Memory-Mapped Interface](#)
- [Arria V GZ Hard IP for PCI Express User Guide for the Avalon Memory-Mapped Interface with DMA](#)
- [Arria V GZ Hard IP for PCI Express User Guide for the Avalon Streaming Interface](#)
- [Arria 10 Hard IP for PCI Express User Guide for the Avalon Memory-Mapped Interface](#)
- [Arria 10 Hard IP for PCI Express User Guide for the Avalon Memory-Mapped Interface with DMA](#)
- [Arria 10 Hard IP for PCI Express User Guide for the Avalon Streaming Interface](#)
- [Cyclone V Hard IP for PCI Express User Guide](#)
- [IP Compiler for PCI Express User Guide](#)

Configurations

The Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express includes a full hard IP implementation of the PCI Express stack including the following layers:

- Physical (PHY)
- Physical Media Attachment (PMA)
- Physical Coding Sublayer (PCS)
- Media Access Control (MAC)
- Data Link Layer (DL)
- Transaction Layer (TL)

Optimized for Altera devices, the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express supports all memory, I/O, configuration, and message transactions. It has a highly optimized Application Layer interface to achieve maximum effective throughput. You can customize the Hard IP to meet your design requirements using either the MegaWizard[®] Plug-In Manager or the Qsys design flow. When configured as an Endpoint, the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express using the Avalon-MM supports memory read and write requests and completions with or without data.

Figure 1-1: PCI Express Application with a Single Root Port and Endpoint

The following figure shows a PCI Express link between two Stratix V FPGAs. One is configured as a Root Port and the other as an Endpoint.

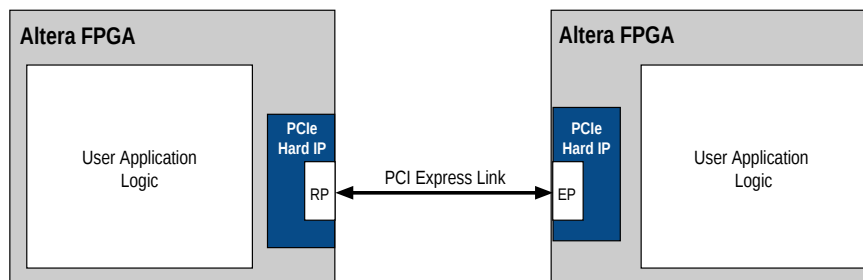
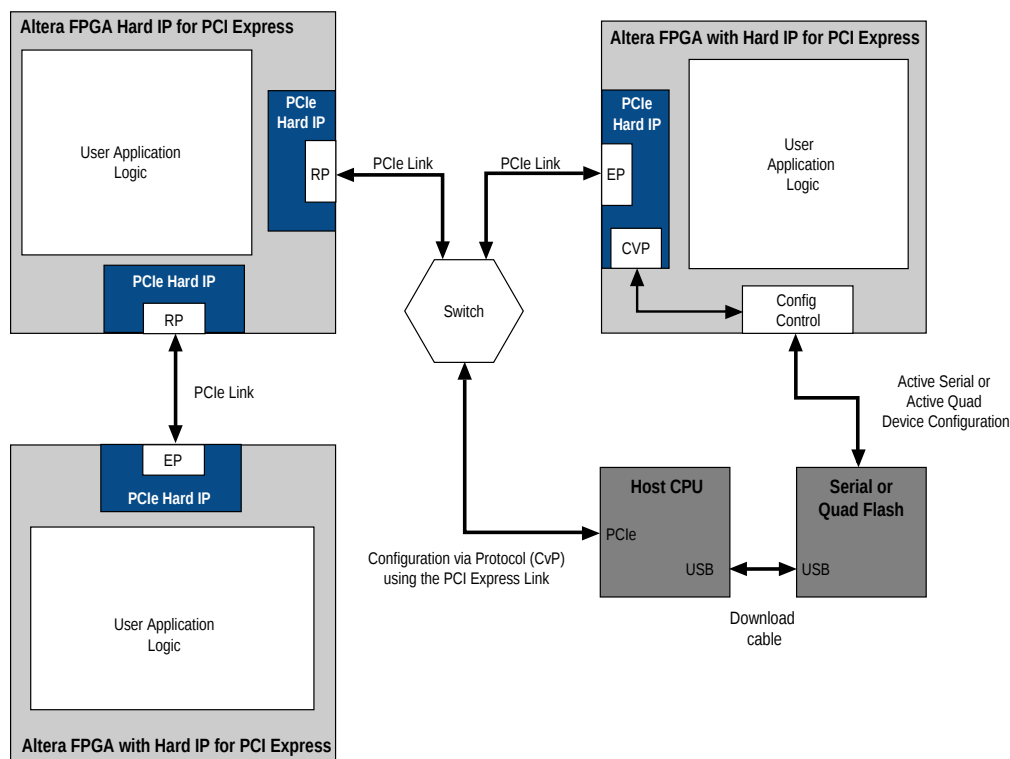


Figure 1-2:

The following figure illustrates a Stratix V design that includes the following components:

- A Root Port that connects directly to a second FPGA that includes an Endpoint.
- Two Endpoints that connect to a PCIe switch.
- A host CPU that implements CvP using the PCI Express link connects through the switch. For more information about configuration over a PCI Express link, refer to “Configuration via Protocol (CvP)” on page 12–1.



Debug Features

The Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express includes debug features that allow observation and control of the Hard IP for faster debugging of system-level problems.

IP Core Verification

To ensure compliance with the PCI Express specification, Altera performs extensive validation of the Stratix V Hard IP Core for PCI Express. The simulation environment uses multiple testbenches that consist of industry-standard bus functional models (BFMs) driving the PCI Express link interface. Altera performs the following tests in the simulation environment:

- Directed and pseudo random stimuli are applied to test the Application Layer interface, Configuration Space, and all types and sizes of TLPs.
- Error injection tests that inject errors in the link, TLPs, and Data Link Layer Packets (DLLPs), and check for the proper responses
- PCI-SIG[®] Compliance Checklist tests that specifically test the items in the checklist
- Random tests that test a wide range of traffic patterns

Compatibility Testing Environment

Altera has performed significant hardware testing of the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express to ensure a reliable solution. In addition, Altera internally tests every release with motherboards and PCI Express switches from a variety of manufacturers. All PCI-SIG compliance tests are also run with each IP core release.

Performance and Resource Utilization

Because the IP core is implemented in hardened logic, it uses less than 1% of Stratix V resources.

Both Avalon-MM variants include a bridge implemented in soft logic that functions as a front end to the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express IP core. The following table shows the typical device resource utilization for selected configurations of the Avalon-MM Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express using the current version of the Quartus II software targeting a Stratix V device. With the exception of M20K memory blocks, the numbers of ALMs and logic registers in the following tables are rounded up to the nearest 50. Resource utilization numbers reflect changes to the resource utilization reporting starting in the Quartus II software v12.1 release.

Note: Soft calibration of the transceiver module requires additional logic. The amount of logic required depends upon the configuration.

Related Information

[Fitter Resources Reports](#)

Recommended Speed Grades

The following tables list the recommended speed grades for the supported interface widths, link widths, and Application Layer clock frequencies. When the Application Layer clock frequency is 250 MHz, Altera recommends setting the Quartus II Analysis & Synthesis Settings **Optimization Technique** to **Speed**.

For information about optimizing synthesis, refer to “*Setting Up and Running Analysis and Synthesis*” in Quartus II Help. For more information about how to effect the **Optimization Technique** settings, refer to *Area and Timing Optimization* in volume 2 of the *Quartus II Handbook*.

Table 1-5: Stratix V Recommended Speed Grades for All Avalon-ST Widths and Frequencies

Link Rate	Link Width	Interface Width	Application Clock Frequency (MHz)	Recommended Speed Grades
Gen1	×1	64 bits	62.5 ⁽¹⁾ , 125	-1, -2, -3, -4
	×2	64 bits	125	-1, -2, -3, -4
	×4	64 bits	125	-1, -2, -3, -4
	×8	64 bits	250	-1, -2, -3 ⁽²⁾
	×8	128 Bits	125	-1, -2, -3, -4
Gen2	×1	64 bits	62.5 ⁽¹⁾ , 125	-1, -2, -3, -4
	×2	64 bits	125	-1, -2, -3, -4
	×4	64 bits	250	-1, -2, -3 ⁽²⁾
	×4	128 bits	125	-1, -2, -3, -4
	×8	128 bits	250	-1, -2, -3 ⁽²⁾
	×8	256 bits	125	-1, -2, -3, -4
Gen3	×1	64 bits	125	-1, -2, -3, -4
	×2	64 bits	250	-1, -2, -3, -4
	×2	128 bits	125	-1, -2, -3, -4
	×4	128 bits	250	-1, -2, -3 ⁽²⁾
	×4	256 bits	125	-1, -2, -3, -4
	×8	256 bits	250	-1, -2, -3 ⁽²⁾

Link Rate	Link Width	Interface Width	Application Clock Frequency (MHz)	Recommended Speed Grades
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Notes:

1. This is a power-saving mode of operation
2. The -4 speed grade is also possible for this configuration; however, it requires significant effort by the end user to close timing.

Related Information

- [Area and Timing Optimization](#)
- [Altera Software Installation and Licensing Manual](#)

Getting Started with the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express

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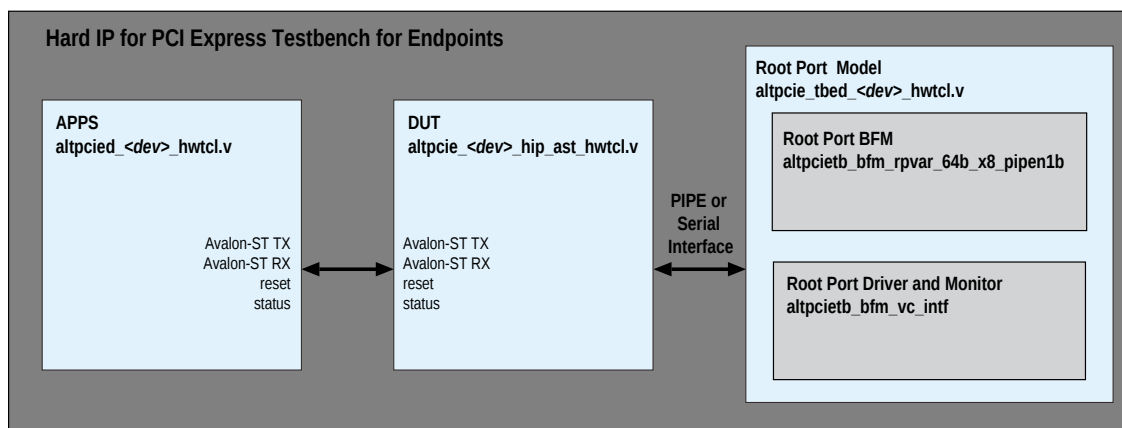
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This section provides step-by-step instructions to help you quickly customize, simulate, and compile the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express using either the MegaWizard Plug-In Manager or Qsys design flow. When you install the Quartus II software you also install the IP Library. This installation includes design examples for Hard IP for PCI Express under the `<install_dir>/ip/altera/altera_pcie/` directory.

Note: If you have an existing Stratix V 12.1 or older design, you must regenerate it in 13.1 before compiling with the 13.1 version of the Quartus II software.

After you install the Quartus II software for 13.1, you can copy the design examples from the `<install_dir>/ip/altera/altera_pcie/altera_pcie_<dev>/hip_avmm/example_designs/` directory. This walkthrough uses the Gen1 $\times 8$ Endpoint. The following figure illustrates the top-level modules of the testbench in which the DUT, a Gen1 Endpoint, connects to a chaining DMA engine, labeled APPS in the following figure, and a Root Port model. The simulation can use the parallel PHY Interface for PCI Express (PIPE) or serial interface.

Figure 2-1: Testbench for an Endpoint



Altera provides example designs to help you get started with the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core. You can use example designs as a starting point for your own design. The example designs include scripts to compile and simulate the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core. The Altera testbench, described in *Testbench and Design Example* provides a simple method to perform basic testing of the Application Layer logic that interfaces to the Hard IP for PCI Express.

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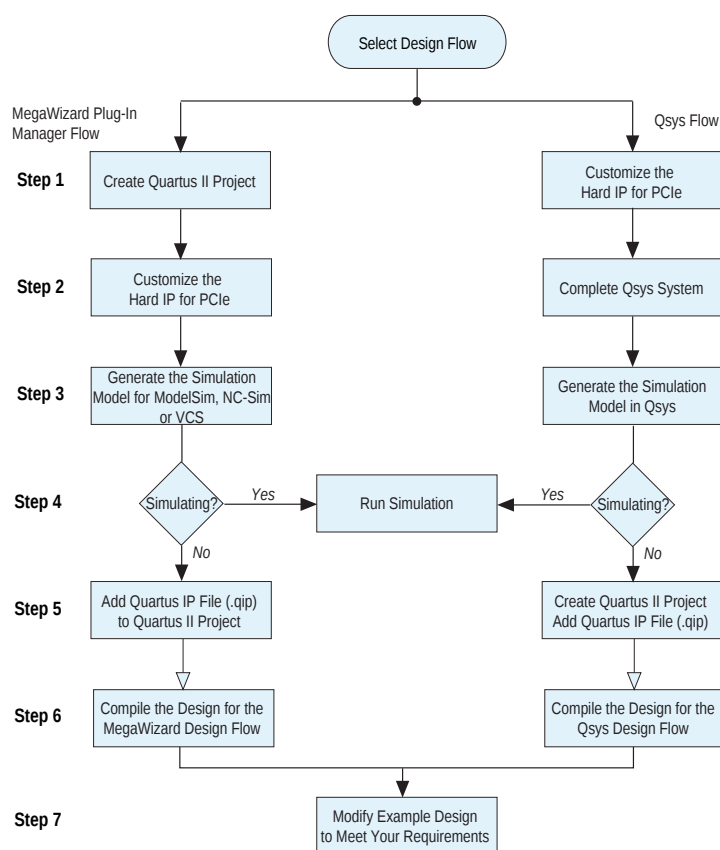
For a detailed explanation of this example design, refer to the *Testbench and Design Example* chapter. If you choose the parameters specified in this chapter, you can run all of the tests included in *Testbench and Design Example* chapter.

The Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express with the Avalon-ST interface offers exactly the same feature set in both the MegaWizard and Qsys design flows. Consequently, your choice of design flow depends on whether you want to integrate the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express using RTL instantiation or using Qsys, which is a system integration tool available in the Quartus II software.

For more information about Qsys, refer to *System Design with Qsys* in the *Quartus II Handbook*. For more information about the Qsys GUI, refer to *About Qsys* in Quartus II Help.

The following figure illustrates the steps necessary to customize the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express and run the example design.

Figure 2-2: MegaWizard Plug-In Manager and Qsys Design Flows



Related Information

[System Design with Qsys](#)

MegaWizard Plug-In Manager Design Flow

This section guides you through the steps necessary to customize the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express and run the example testbench, starting with the creation of a Quartus II project.

Follow these steps to copy the example design files and create a Quartus II project.

1. Choose **Programs > Altera > Quartus II <version>** (Windows Start menu) to run the Quartus II software.
2. On the Quartus II File menu, click **New**, then **New Quartus II Project**, then **OK**.
3. Click **Next** in the **New Project Wizard: Introduction** (The introduction does not display if you previously turned it off.)
4. On the **Directory, Name, Top-Level Entity** page, enter the following information:
 - a. The working directory for your project. This design example uses `<working_dir> / example_design`
 - b. The name of the project. This design example uses `pcie_de_gen1_x8_ast128`.

Note: The Quartus II software specifies a top-level design entity that has the same name as the project automatically. Do not change this name.
5. Click **Next** to display the **Add Files** page.
6. Click **Yes**, if prompted, to create a new directory.
7. Click **Next** to display the **Family & Device Settings** page.
8. On the **Family & Device Settings** page, choose the following target device family and options:
 - a. In the **Family** list, select **Stratix V** (GS/ST/GX/E)
 - b. In the **Devices** list, select **Stratix V GX PCIe**
 - c. In the **Available Devices** list, select **5SGXEA7K2F40C2**
9. Click **Next** to close this page and display the **EDA Tool Settings** page.
10. From the **Simulation** list, select **ModelSim**[®]. From the **Format** list, select the HDL language you intend to use for simulation.
11. Click **Next** to display the **Summary** page.
12. Check the **Summary** page to ensure that you have entered all the information correctly.
13. Click **Finish** to create the Quartus II project.

Customizing the Endpoint in the MegaWizard Plug-In Manager Design Flow

This section guides you through the process of customizing the Endpoint in the MegaWizard Plug-In Manager design flow. It specifies the same options that are chosen in the *Testbench and Design Example* chapter.

Follow these steps to customize your variant in the MegaWizard Plug-In Manager:

1. On the Tools menu, click **MegaWizard Plug-In Manager**.
2. The MegaWizard Plug-In Manager appears.
3. Select **Create a new custom megafunction variation** and click **Next**.
4. In **Which device family will you be using?** Select the **Stratix V** device family.
5. Expand the **Interfaces** directory under **Installed Plug-Ins** by clicking the + icon left of the directory name, expand **PCI Express**, then click **Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express <version_number>**
6. Select the output file type for your design. This walkthrough supports VHDL and Verilog HDL. For this example, select **Verilog HDL**.
7. Specify a variation name for output files `<working_dir>/example_design/ <variation name>`. For this walkthrough, specify `<working_dir>/example_design/gen1_x8`.

8. Click **Next** to open the parameter editor for the **Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express**.
9. Specify the **System Settings** values listed in the following tables.

Table 2-1: System Settings Parameters

Parameter	Value
Number of Lanes	x8
Lane Rate	Gen 1 (2.5 Gbps)
Port type	Native endpoint
PCI Express Base Specification version	2.1
Application interface	Avalon-ST 64-bit
RX buffer credit allocation - performance for received requests	Low
Reference clock frequency	100 MHz
Use 62.5 MHz Application Layer clock for ×1	Leave this option off
Use deprecated RX Avalon ST data byte enable port (rx_st_be)	Leave this option on
Enable byte parity ports on Avalon ST interface	Leave this option off
Enable Multiple packets per cycle	Leave this option off
Enable configuration via the PCIe link	Leave this option off
Use credit consumed selection port tx_cons_cred_sel	Leave this option off
Enable Configuration Bypass	Leave this option off
Enable Hard IP reconfiguration	Leave this option off

Table 2-2: Base Address Register and Expansion ROM Settings

BAR Number	TYPE	Size
0	64-bit Prefetchable Memory	256 MBytes- 28 bits
1	Disable this BAR	N/A
2	32-bit Non-Prefetchable Memory	1 KByte - 10 bits
3	Disable this BAR	N/A
4	Disable this BAR	N/A

BAR Number	TYPE	Size
5	Disable this BAR	N/A
Expansion ROM	Disabled	—

Table 2-3: Base and Limit Registers for Root Ports

Parameter	Value
Input/Output	Disabled
Prefetchable memory	Disabled

Table 2-4: Device Identification Registers

Specify the Device Identification Registers settings listed in the center column of the following table. The right-hand column of this table lists the value assigned to Altera devices. You must use the Altera values to run the reference design described in *AN 456: PCI Express High Performance Reference Design*. If you are using Altera's device driver for your final design you must use Altera's value for these registers.

Register Name	Value	Altera Value
Vendor ID	0x00000000	0x00001172
Device ID	0x00000001	0x0000E001
Revision ID	0x00000001	0x00000001
Class Code	0x00000000	0x00FF0000
Subsystem Vendor ID	0x00000000	0x00001172
Subsystem Device ID	0x00000000	0x0000E001

Table 2-5: PCI Express and PCI Capabilities

Parameter	Value
Device	
Maximum payload size	128 Bytes
Number of tags supported	32
Completion timeout range	ABCD
Implement completion timeout disable	Turn on this option
Error Reporting	
Advanced error reporting (AER)	Turn off this option

Parameter	Value
ECRC checking	Turn off this option
ECRC generation	Turn off this option
ECRC forwarding	Turn off this option
Track RX completion buffer overflow	Turn off this option
Link	
Link port number	1
Data Link Layer active reporting	Turn off this option
Surprise down reporting	Turn off this option
Slot clock configuration	Turn on this option
MSI	
Number of MSI messages requested	4
MSI-X	
Implement MSI-X	Turn this option off
Slot	
Use slot register	Turn this option off
Slot power scale:	0
Slot power limit:	0
Slot number:	0
Power Management	
Endpoint L0s acceptable latency	Maximum of 64 ns
Endpoint L1 acceptable latency	Maximum of 1 us

Table 2-6: PHY Characteristics

Parameter	Value
Gen2 transmit deemphasis	6dB
Use ATX PLL	Off
Use Enable Common Clock configuration (for lower latency)	Off

10. Click **Finish**. The Generation dialog box appears.
11. Turn on **Generate Example Design** to generate the Endpoint, testbench, and supporting files.
12. Click **Exit**.
13. Click **Yes** if you are prompted to add the Quartus II IP File (**.qip**) to the project. The **.qip** is a file generated by the parameter editor. It contains all of the necessary assignments and information required to process the IP core in the Quartus II compiler. Generally, a single **.qip** file is generated for each IP core.

Understanding the Files Generated

The following table provides an overview of directories and files generated.

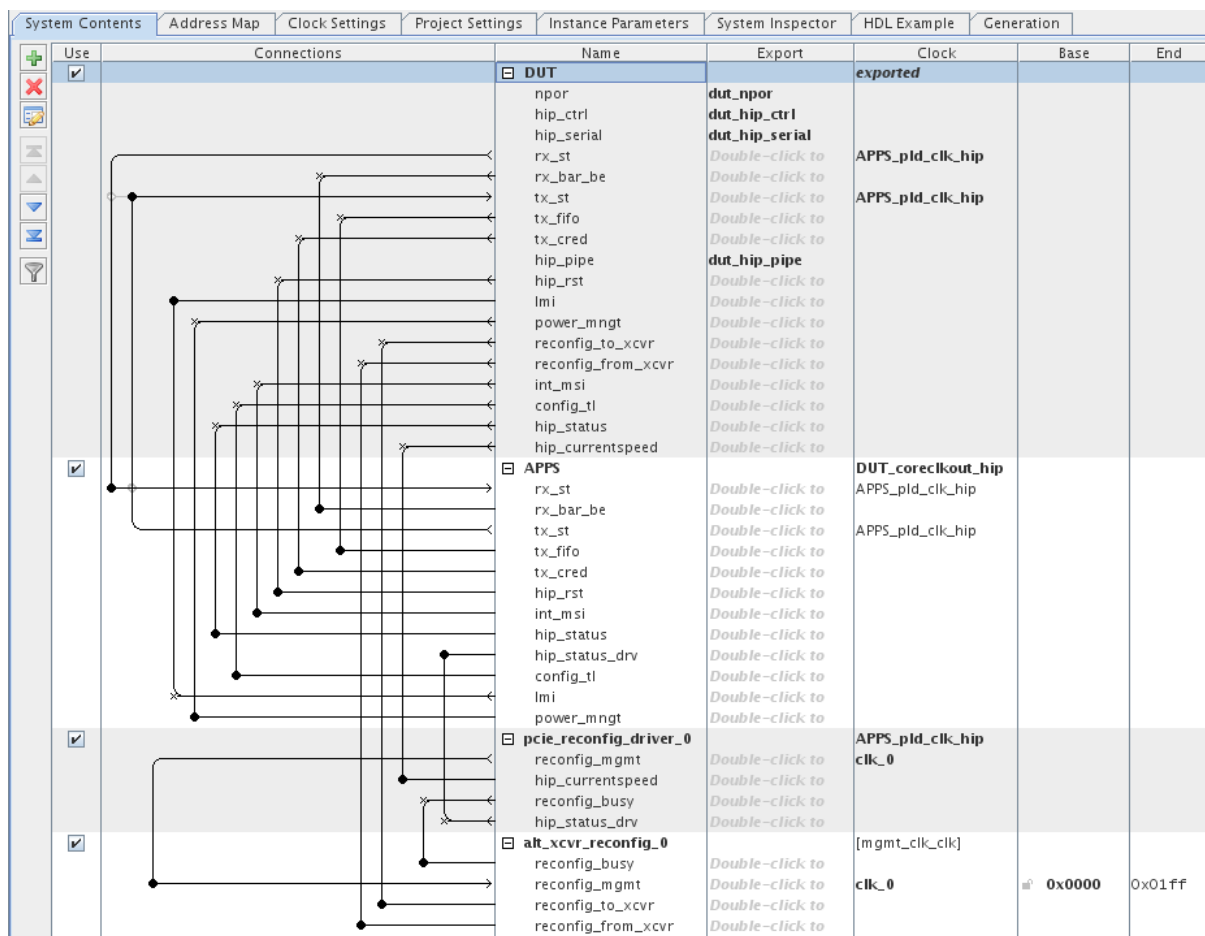
Table 2-7: Qsys Generation Output Files

Directory	Description
<code><working_dir>/<variant_name>/</code>	Includes the files for synthesis
<code><working_dir>/<variant_name>_sim/altera_pcie_ <device>_hip</code>	Includes the simulation files.
<code><working_dir>/<variant_name>_example_design/altera_ pcie_<device>_hip</code>	Includes a Qsys testbench.

Follow these steps to generate the chaining DMA testbench from the Qsys system design example.

1. On the Quartus II File menu, click **Open**.
2. Navigate to the Qsys system in the `altera_pcie_<device>_hip_ast` subdirectory.
3. Click `pcie_de_gen1_x8_ast128.qsys` to bring up the Qsys design.

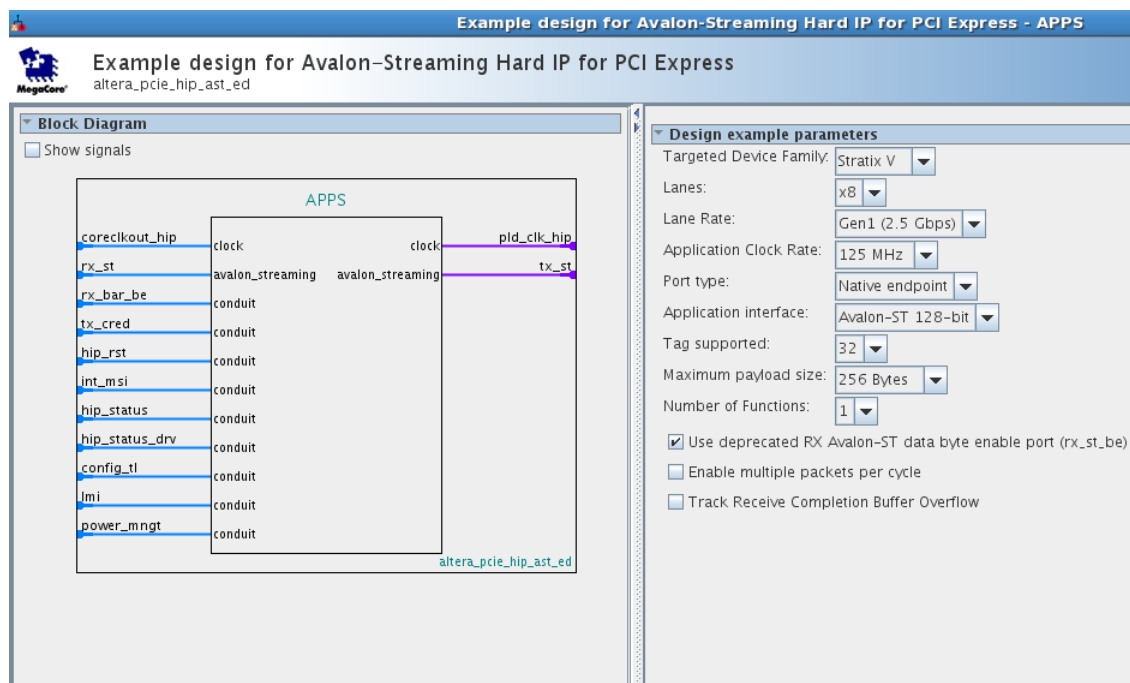
Figure 2-3: Qsys System Connecting the Endpoint Variant and Chaining DMA Testbench



- To display the parameters of the **APPS** component, click on it and then select **Edit** from the right-mouse menu. Note that the values for the following parameters match those set in the DUT component:

- Targeted Device Family
- Lanes
- Lane Rate
- Application Clock Rate
- Port Type
- Application interface
- Tags supported
- Maximum payload size
- Number of Functions

Figure 2-4: Qsys Component Representing the Chaining DMA Design Example



5. To close the APPS component, click the X in the upper right-hand corner of the parameter editor.

Go to [Simulating the Example Design](#) on page 2-13 for instructions on system simulation.

Compiling the Design in the MegaWizard Plug-In Manager Design Flow

Before compiling the complete example design in the Quartus II software, you must add the example design files that you generated in Qsys to your Quartus II project. The Quartus II IP File (.qip) lists all files necessary to compile the project.

Follow these steps to add the Quartus II IP File (.qip) to the project:

1. On the Project menu, select **Add/Remove Files in Project**.
2. Click the browse button next the **File name** box and browse to the **gen1_x8_example_design/altera_pcie_<dev>hip_ast/pcie_de_gen1_x8_ast128/synthesis/** directory.
3. In the **Files of type** list, **pcie_de_gen1_x8_ast128.qip** and then click **Open**.
4. On the **Add Files** page, click **Add**, then click **OK**.
5. Add the Synopsys Design Constraints (SDC) shown in the example below, to the top-level design file for your Quartus II project.
6. On the Processing menu, select **Start Compilation**.

Example 2-1: Synopsys Design Constraints

```
create_clock -period "100 MHz" -name
```

```

{refclk_pci_express}{*refclk_*}
derive_pll_clocks
derive_clock_uncertainty

# PHY IP reconfig controller constraints
# Set reconfig_xcvr clock
# Modify to match the actual clock pin name
# used for this clock, and also changed to have the correct period
set
create_clock -period "125 MHz" -name
{reconfig_xcvr_clk}{*reconfig_xcvr_clk*}

# HIP Soft reset controller SDC constraints
set_false_path -to [get_registers*
altpcie_rs_serdes|fifo_err_sync_r[0]]
set_false_path -from [get_registers *sv_xcvr_pipe_native*] -
to[get_registers *altpcie_rs_serdes|*]

# Hard IP testin pins SDC constraints
set_false_path -from [get_pins -compatibilitly_mode *hip_ctrl*]

```

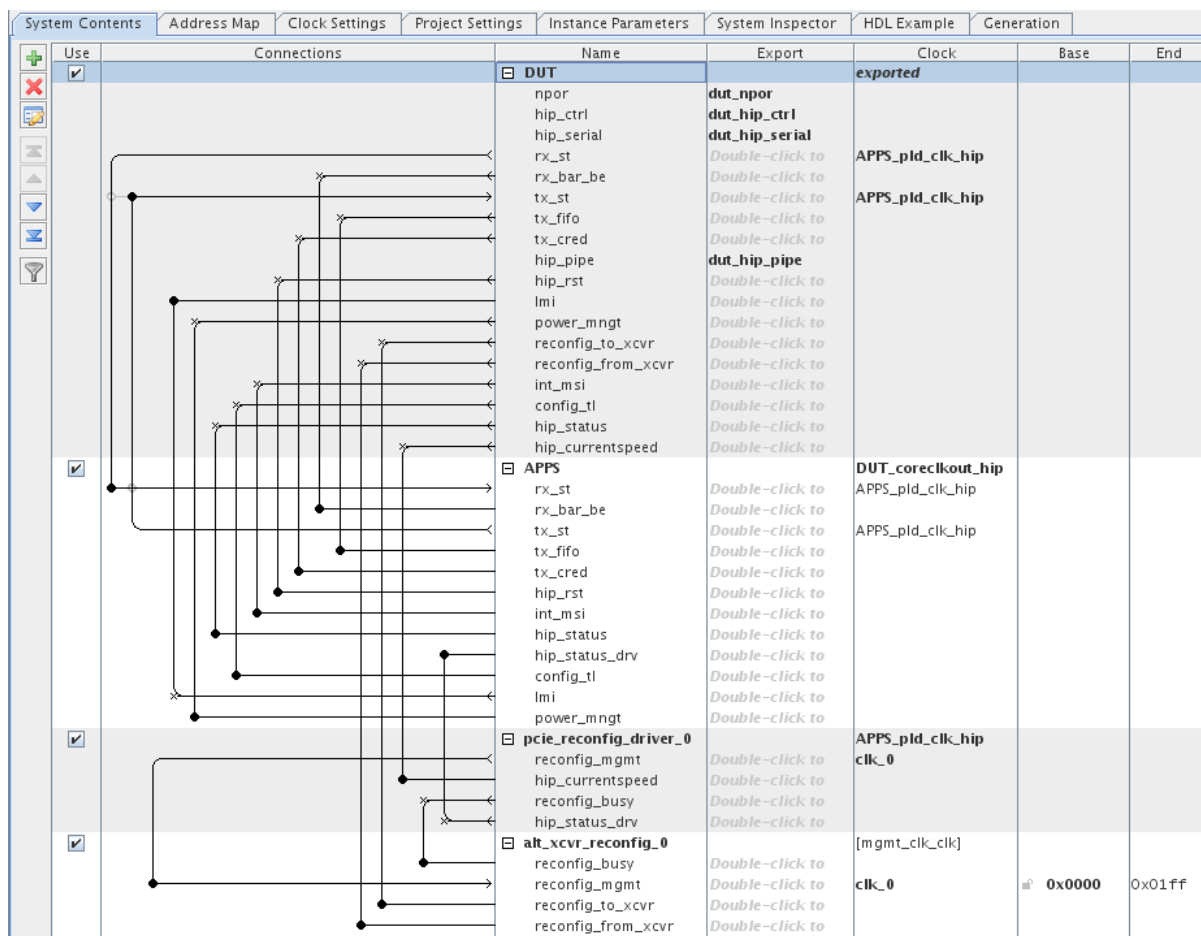
Qsys Design Flow

This section guides you through the steps necessary to customize the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express and run the example testbench in Qsys. Reviewing the Qsys Example Design for PCIe

For this example, copy the Gen1 x8 Endpoint example design from installation directory: **<install_dir>/ip/altera/altera_pcie/altera_pcie_hip_ast_ed/example_design/<device>** directory to a working directory.

The following figure illustrates this Qsys system.

Figure 2-5: Complete Gen1 x8 Endpoint (DUT) Connected to Example Design (APPS)



The example design includes the following components:

- **DUT**—This is Gen1 x8 Endpoint. For your own design, you can select the data rate, number of lanes, and either Endpoint or Root Port mode.
- **APPS**—This Root Port BFM configures the DUT and drives read and write TLPs to test DUT functionality. An Endpoint BFM is available if your PCI Express design implements a Root Port.
- **pcie_reconfig_driver_0**—This Avalon-MM master drives the Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller. The pcie_reconfig_driver_0 is implemented in clear text that you can modify if your design requires different reconfiguration functions. After you generate your Qsys system, the Verilog HDL for this component is available as: `<working_dir>/<variant_name>/testbench/<variant_name>_tb/simulation/submodules/altpcie_reconfig_driver.sv`. For the Gen3 data rate the Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller must perform adaptive equalization (AEQ).
- **Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller**—The Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller dynamically reconfigures analog settings to improve signal quality. For Gen1 and Gen2 data rates, the Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller must perform offset cancellation and PLL calibration. For the Gen3 data rate, the pcie_reconfig_driver_0 performs AEQ through the Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller.

Generating the Testbench

Follow these steps to generate the chaining DMA testbench:

1. On the **Generate** menu, specify the parameters listed in the following table.

Table 2-8: Parameters to Specify on the Generation Tab in Qsys

Parameter	Value
Simulation	
Create simulation model	None. (This option generates a simulation model you can include in your own custom testbench.)
Create testbench Qsys system	Standard, BFM for standard Avalon interfaces
Create testbench simulation model	Verilog
Allow mixed-language simulation	Turn this option off Allow mixed-language simulation
Synthesis	
Create HDL design files for synthesis	Turn this option on
Create block symbol file (. bsf)	Turn this option on
Output Directory	
Path	pcie_qsys/pcie_de_gen1_x8_ast128
Simulation	Leave this option blank
Testbench ⁽¹⁾	pcie_qsys/pcie_de_gen1_x8_ast128/ testbench
Synthesis ⁽²⁾	pcie_qsys/pcie_de_gen1_x8_ast128/synthesis

Notes:

1. Qsys automatically creates this path by appending **testbench** to the output directory/.
2. Qsys automatically creates this path by appending **synthesis** to the output directory/.

2. Click the **Generate** button at the bottom of the Generation tab to create the chaining DMA testbench.

Understanding the Files Generated

The following table provides an overview of the files and directories Qsys generates.

Table 2-9: Qsys Generation Output Files

Directory	Description
<code><testbench_dir>/<variant_name>/synthesis</code>	Includes the top-level HDL file for the Hard I for PCI Express and the .qip file that lists all of the necessary assignments and information required to process the IP core in the Quartus II compiler. Generally, a single .qip file is generated for each IP core.
<code><testbench_dir>/<variant_name>/synthesis/submodules</code>	Includes the HDL files necessary for Quartus II synthesis.
<code><testbench_dir>/<variant_name>/testbench</code>	Includes testbench subdirectories for the Aldec, Cadence and Mentor simulation tools with the required libraries and simulation scripts.
<code><testbench_dir>/<variant_name>/testbench<cad_vendor></code>	Includes the HDL source files and scripts for the simulation testbench.

Simulating the Example Design

Follow these steps to compile the testbench for simulation and run the chaining DMA testbench.

1. Start your simulation tool. This example uses the ModelSim[®] software.
2. From the ModelSim transcript window, in the testbench directory (`./example_design/altera_pcie_<device>_hip_ast/<variant>/testbench/mentor`) type the following commands:
 - a. `do msim_setup.tcl`
 - b. `h` (This is the ModelSim help command.)
 - c. `ld_debug` (This command compiles all design files and elaborates the top-level design without any optimization.)
 - d. `run -all`

The following example shows a partial transcript from a successful simulation. As this transcript illustrates, the simulation includes the following stages:

- Link training
- Configuration
- DMA reads and writes
- Root Port to Endpoint memory reads and writes

Excerpts from Transcript of Successful Simulation Run

```
# INFO: 464 ns Completed initial configuration of Root Port.
# INFO: 3661 ns RP LTSSM State: DETECT.ACTIVE
# INFO: 3693 ns RP LTSSM State: POLLING.ACTIVE
# INFO: 3905 ns EP LTSSM State: DETECT.ACTIVE
# INFO: 4065 ns EP LTSSM State: POLLING.ACTIVE
# INFO: 6369 ns EP LTSSM State: POLLING.CONFIG
# INFO: 6461 ns RP LTSSM State: POLLING.CONFIG
# INFO: 7741 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LINKWIDTH.START
# INFO: 7969 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LINKWIDTH.START
# INFO: 8353 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LINKWIDTH.ACCEPT
# INFO: 8781 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LINKWIDTH.ACCEPT
# INFO: 8781 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LINKWIDTH.ACCEPT
# INFO: 9537 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LANENUM.WAIT
# INFO: 9857 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LANENUM.ACCEPT
# INFO: 9933 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LANENUM.ACCEPT
# INFO: 10189 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.COMPLETE
# INFO: 10689 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.COMPLETE
# INFO: 12109 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.IDLE
# INFO: 13697 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.IDLE
# INFO: 13889 ns EP LTSSM State: L0
# INFO: 13981 ns RP LTSSM State: L0
# INFO: 17800 ns Configuring Bus 001, Device 001, Function 00
# INFO: 17800 ns EP Read Only Configuration Registers:
# INFO: 17800 ns Vendor ID: 1172
# INFO: 17800 ns Device ID: E001
# INFO: 17800 ns Revision ID: 01
# INFO: 17800 ns Class Code: FF0000
# INFO: 17800 ns Subsystem Vendor ID: 1172
# INFO: 17800 ns Subsystem ID: E001
# INFO: 17800 ns Interrupt Pin: INTA# used
# INFO: 20040 ns PCI MSI Capability Register:
# INFO: 20040 ns 64-Bit Address Capable: Supported
# INFO: 20040 ns Messages Requested: 4
# INFO: 31208 ns EP PCI Express Link Status Register (1081):
# INFO: 31208 ns Negotiated Link Width: x8
# INFO: 31208 ns Slot Clock Config: System Reference Clock Used
# INFO: 33481 ns RP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.RCVRLOCK
# INFO: 34321 ns EP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.RCVRLOCK
# INFO: 34961 ns EP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.RCVRCFG
# INFO: 35161 ns RP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.RCVRCFG
# INFO: 36377 ns RP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.IDLE
# INFO: 37457 ns EP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.IDLE
# INFO: 37649 ns EP LTSSM State: L0
# INFO: 37737 ns RP LTSSM State: L0
# INFO: 39944 ns Current Link Speed: 2.5GT/s
# INFO: 58904 ns Completed configuration of Endpoint BARs.
# INFO: 61288 ns TASK:chained_dma_test
```



```
# INFO: 8973 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LANENUM.WAIT
# INFO: 61288 ns TASK:dma_rd_test
# INFO: 61288 ns TASK:dma_set_rd_desc_data
# INFO: 61288 ns TASK:dma_set_msi READ
# INFO: 61288 ns Message Signaled Interrupt Configuration
# INFO: 61288 ns msi_address (RC memory)= 0x07F0
# INFO: 63512 ns msi_control_register = 0x0084
# INFO: 72440 ns msi_expected = 0xB0FC
# INFO: 72440 ns msi_capabilities address = 0x0050
# INFO: 72440 ns multi_message_enable = 0x0002
# INFO: 72440 ns msi_number = 0000
# INFO: 72440 ns msi_traffic_class = 0000
# INFO: 72440 ns TASK:dma_set_header READ
# INFO: 72440 ns Writing Descriptor header
# INFO: 72480 ns data content of the DT header
# INFO: 72480 ns Shared Memory Data Display:
# INFO: 72480 ns Address Data
# INFO: 72480 ns 00000900 00000003 00000000 00000900 CAFEFAD
# INFO: 72480 ns TASK:dma_set_rclast
# INFO: 72480 ns Start READ DMA : RC issues MWr (RCLast=0002)
# INFO: 72509 ns TASK:msi_poll Polling MSI Address:07F0---> Data:FADE
# INFO: 72693 ns TASK:rcmem_poll Polling RC Address0000090C
# INFO: 72693 ns current data (0000FADE) expected data (00000002)
# INFO: 80693 ns TASK:rcmem_poll Polling RC Address0000090C
# INFO: 80693 ns current data (00000000) expected data (00000002)
# INFO: 84749 ns TASK:msi_poll Received DMA Read MSI(0000) :B0FC
# INFO: 84893 ns TASK:rcmem_poll Polling RC Address0000090C
# INFO: 84893 ns TASK:rcmem_poll Received Expected Data (00000002)
# INFO: 84901 ns Completed DMA Read
# INFO: 84901 ns TASK:chained_dma_test
# INFO: 84901 ns DMA: Write
# INFO: 84901 ns TASK:dma_wr_test
# INFO: 84901 ns DMA: Write
# INFO: 84901 ns TASK:dma_set_wr_desc_data
# INFO: 84901 ns TASK:dma_set_msi WRITE
# INFO: 84901 ns Message Signaled Interrupt Configuration
# INFO: 84901 ns msi_address (RC memory)= 0x07F0
# INFO: 87109 ns msi_control_register = 0x00A5
# INFO: 96005 ns msi_expected = 0xB0FD
# INFO: 96005 ns msi_capabilities address = 0x0050
```

```
# INFO: 96005 ns multi_message_enable = 0x0002
# INFO: 96005 ns msi_number = 0001
# INFO: 96005 ns msi_traffic_class = 0000
# INFO: 96005 ns -----
# INFO: 96005 ns TASK:dma_set_header WRITE
# INFO: 96005 ns Writing Descriptor header
# INFO: 96045 ns data content of the DT header
# INFO: 96045 ns Shared Memory Data Display:
# INFO: 96045 ns Address Data
# INFO: 96045 ns 00000800 10100003 00000000 00000800 CAFEFADE
# INFO: 96045 ns TASK:dma_set_rclast
# INFO: 96045 ns Start WRITE DMA : RC issues MWr (RCLast=0002)
# INFO: 96073 ns TASK:msi_poll Polling MSI Address:07F0--->
Data:FADE.....
# INFO: 96257 ns TASK:rcmem_poll Polling RC Address0000080C current data
(0000FADE) expected data (00000002)
# INFO: 101457 ns TASK:rcmem_poll Polling RC Address0000080C
current data (00000000) expected data (00000002)
# INFO: 105177 ns TASK:msi_poll Received DMA Write MSI(0000): B0FD
# INFO: 105257 ns TASK:rcmem_poll Polling RC Address0000080C
current data (00000002) expected data (00000002)
# INFO: 105257 ns TASK:rcmem_poll ---> Received Expected Data (00000002)

# INFO: 105265 ns Completed DMA Write
# INFO: 105265 ns TASK:check_dma_data
# INFO: 105265 ns Passed : 0644 identical dwords.
# INFO: 105265 ns TASK:downstream_loop
# INFO: 107897 ns Passed: 0004 same bytes in BFM mem addr
0x00000040 and 0x00000840
# INFO: 110409 ns Passed: 0008 same bytes in BFM mem addr
0x00000040 and 0x00000840
# INFO: 113033 ns Passed: 0012 same bytes in BFM mem addr
0x00000040 and 0x00000840
# INFO: 115665 ns Passed: 0016 same bytes in BFM mem addr
0x00000040 and 0x00000840
# INFO: 118305 ns Passed: 0020 same bytes in BFM mem addr
0x00000040 and 0x00000840
# INFO: 120937 ns Passed: 0024 same bytes in BFM mem addr
0x00000040 and 0x00000840
# INFO: 123577 ns Passed: 0028 same bytes in BFM mem addr
0x00000040 and 0x00000840
# INFO: 126241 ns Passed: 0032 same bytes in BFM mem addr
0x00000040 and 0x00000840
# INFO: 128897 ns Passed: 0036 same bytes in BFM mem addr
0x00000040 and 0x00000840
# INFO: 131545 ns Passed: 0040 same bytes in BFM mem addr
0x00000040 and 0x00000840
# SUCCESS: Simulation stopped due to successful completion!
```

Interpreting TLPs at the PIPE Interface

To interpret the TLPs at the PIPE interface, disable data scrambling when compiling your design files. By default, data scrambling is enabled during compilation. Complete the following steps to disable scrambling:

1. Go to `<project_directory>/<variant>/testbench/<variant>_tb/simulation/submodules/`
2. Open `altpciethb_bfm_top_rp.v`.
3. Locate the declaration of `test_in[2:1]`. Set `test_in[2] = 1` and `test_in[1] = 0`. Changing `test_in[2] = 1` disables data scrambling on the PIPE interface.
4. Save `altpciethb_bfm_top_rp.v`.

Understanding Channel Placement Guidelines

For more information about transceiver clocking and channel placement refer to links below.

Related Information

[Channel Placement](#) on page 7-57

Compiling the Design in the Qsys Design Flow

To compile the Qsys design example in the Quartus II software, you must create a Quartus II project and add your Qsys files to that project.

Complete the following steps to create your Quartus II project:

1. From the Windows Start Menu, choose **Programs > Altera > Quartus II <rev>** to run the Quartus II software.
2. Click the browse button next to the **File Name** box and browse to the synthesis directory that includes your Qsys project, `<working_dir>/gen1_x8_example_design/altera_pcie_<dev>_hip_ast/pcie_de_gen1_x8_ast128/synthesis`
3. On the Quartus II File menu, click **New**, then **New Quartus II Project**, then **OK**.
4. Click **Next** in the **New Project Wizard: Introduction** (The introduction does not appear if you previously turned it off.)
5. On the **Directory, Name, Top-Level Entity** page, enter the following information:
 - a. The working directory shown is correct. You do not have to change it.
 - b. For the project name, click the browse buttons and select your variant name, `pcie_de_gen1_x8_ast128`, then click **Open**.
 - c. If the top-level design entity and Qsys system names are identical, the Quartus II software treats the Qsys system as the top-level design entity.
6. Click **Next** to display the **Add Files** page.
7. Complete the following steps to add the Quartus II IP File (**.qip**) to the project:
 - a. Click the **browse** button. The **Select File** dialog box appears.
 - b. In the **Files of type** list, select **IP Variation Files (*.qip)**.
 - c. Click `pcie_de_gen1_x8_ast128.qip` and then click **Open**.
 - d. On the **Add Files** page, click **Add**, then click **OK**.
8. Click **Next** to display the **Device** page.
9. On the **Family & Device Settings** page, choose the following target device family and options:

- a. In the **Family** list, select Stratix V (GS/ST/GX/E)
 - b. In the **Devices** list, select Stratix V **GX PCIe**
 - c. In the **Available Devices** list, select **5SGXEA7K2F40C2**
10. Click **Next** to close this page and display the **EDA Tool Settings** page.
 11. Click **Next** to display the **Summary** page.
 12. Check the **Summary** page to ensure that you have entered all the information correctly.
 13. Click **Finish** to create the Quartus II project.
 14. Add the Synopsys Design Constraint (SDC) shown in the following example below to the top-level design file for your Quartus II project.
 15. To compile your design using the Quartus II software, on the Processing menu, click **Start Compilation**. The Quartus II software then performs all the steps necessary to compile your design.

Example 2-2: Synopsys Design Constraints

```
create_clock -period "100 MHz" -name
{refclk_pci_express}{*refclk_*}
derive_pll_clocks
derive_clock_uncertainty

# PHY IP reconfig controller constraints
# Set reconfig_xcvr clock
# Modify to match the actual clock pin name
# used for this clock, and also changed to have the correct period
set
create_clock -period "125 MHz" -name
{reconfig_xcvr_clk}{*reconfig_xcvr_clk*}

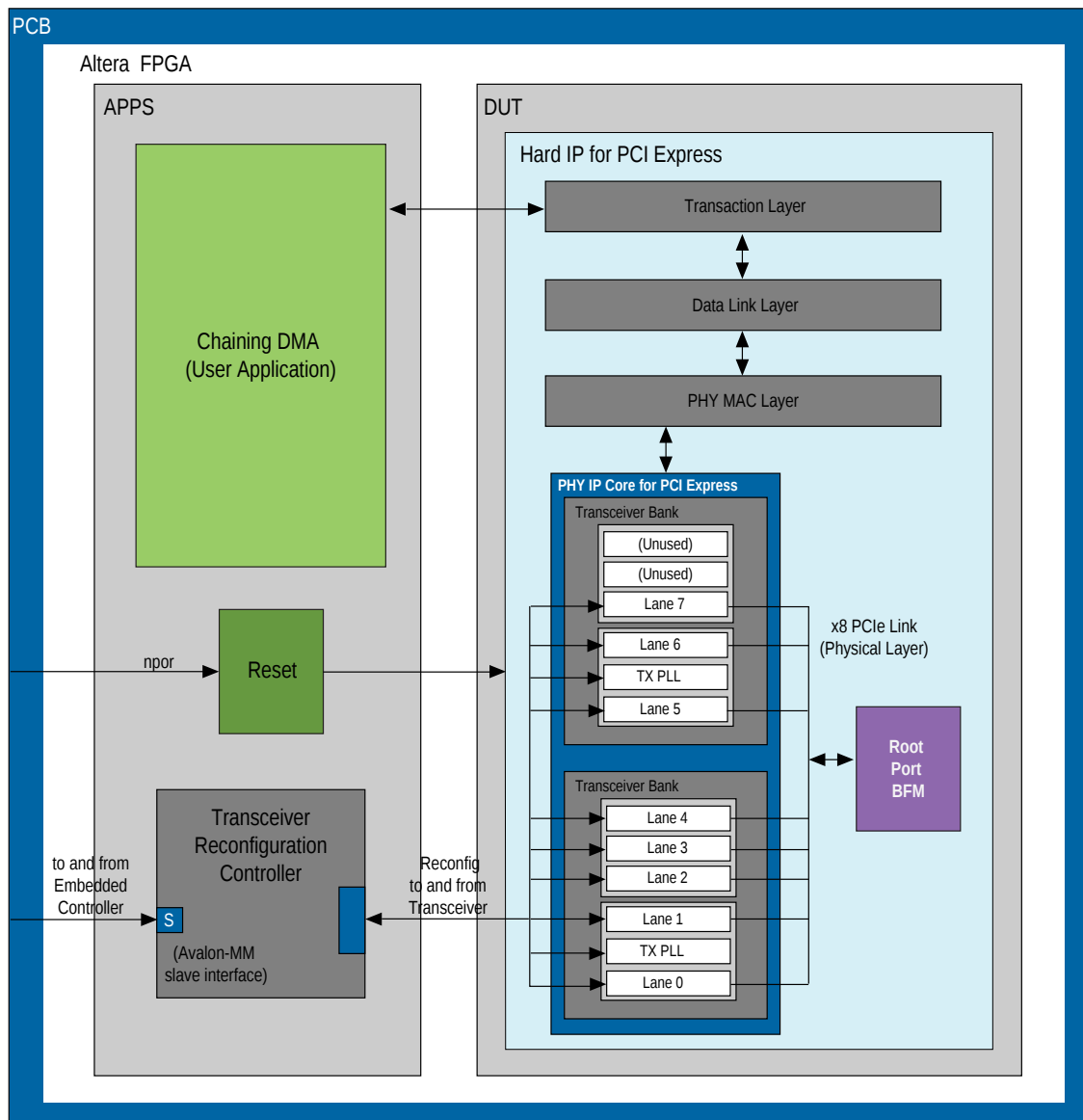
# HIP Soft reset controller SDC constraints
set_false_path -to [get_registers*
altpcie_rs_serdes|fifo_err_sync_r[0]]
set_false_path -from [get_registers *sv_xcvr_pipe_native*] -
to[get_registers *altpcie_rs_serdes|*]

# Hard IP testin pins SDC constraints
set_false_path -from [get_pins -compatibilitly_mode *hip_ctrl*]
```

Modifying the Example Design

To use this example design as the basis of your own design, replace the Chaining DMA Example shown in the following figure with your own Application Layer design. Then modify the Root Port BFM driver to generate the transactions needed to test your Application Layer.

Figure 2-6: Testbench for PCI Express



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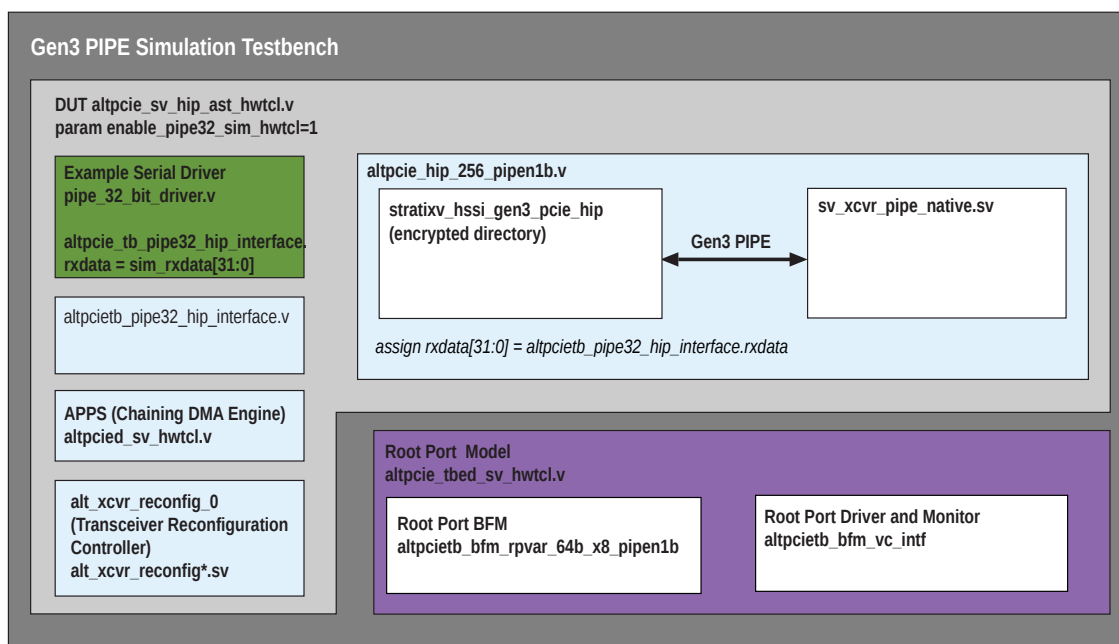
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This Quartus II software release introduces PIPE simulation for Gen3 Endpoints. Simulation using the PIPE interface is significantly faster than the previously available serial interface.

Altera provides Gen3 example designs in the `<install_dir>/ip/altera/altera_pcie/altera_pcie_hip_ast_ed/example_design/<device>` directory. After you install the Quartus II software, you can copy the design examples from the `<install_dir>/ip/altera/altera_pcie/altera_pcie_hip_ast_ed/example_design/<device>` directory.

The Gen3 example designs include a serial driver for the simulation testbench which is shown in green in the following figure. The example designs also include Altera's Root Port BFM, shown in purple. After running Altera's simulation testbench, you can replace these modules with your own driver and BFM to ensure full verification of your Gen3 Endpoint.

Figure 3-1: Gen3 Example Design



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Generating the Gen3 PIPE Simulation

You can generate and run the simulation testbench for the **pcie_de_gen3_x8_ast256.qsys** design available in the Quartus II 13.1 installation to become familiar with the Gen3 PIPE simulation.

Follow these steps to generate the Gen3 PIPE simulation:

1. Copy the Qsys design to a working directory. This example uses: **<working_dir>/gen3x8**.
2. By default, the top-level Qsys file, **pcie_de_gen3_x8_ast256.qsys**, does not enable the Example Serial Driver for Gen3 PIPE simulation. Complete the following steps to enable the Gen3 PIPE32 simulation:
 - a. Open **pcie_de_gen3_x8_ast256.qsys**.
 - b. Locate the parameter, **enable_pipe32_sim_hwycl**, and change its value to 1.
 - c. Save **pcie_de_gen3_x8_ast256.qsys**.
3. Open **pcie_de_gen3_x8_ast256.qsys** in Qsys.
4. On the **Generate** menu, specify the parameters for the **DUT** shown in the following table.

Table 3-1: Parameters to Specify on the Generation Tab in Qsys

Parameter	Value
Simulation	
Create simulation model	None. (This option generates a simulation model you can include in your own custom testbench.)
Allow mixed-language simulation	Turn this option off
Create testbench Qsys system	Standard, BFM for standard Avalon interfaces
Create testbench simulation model	Verilog
Allow mixed-language simulation	Turn this option off
Synthesis	
Create HDL design files for synthesis	None
Create block symbol file (.bsf)	Turn this option on
Output Directory	
Path	<working_dir>/gen3x8/pcie_de_gen3_x8_ast256
Simulation	Leave this option blank
Testbench	<working_dir>/gen3x8/pcie_de_gen3_x8_ast256/testbench
Synthesis	Leave this option blank

Enabling the Gen3 PIPE Simulation

By default the testbench does not enable the example driver for the Gen3 PIPE interface. After running the Gen3 PIPE simulation using Altera's example driver, you should create your own driver, testbench, and BFM for the Gen3 PIPE interface.

The parameter, `enable_pipe32_phyip_ser_driver_hwtcl`, in `pcie_de_gen3_x8_ast256_tb.v` enables Gen3 PIPE simulation. Complete the following steps to enable the Gen3 PIPE simulation:

1. Change to the testbench simulation directory by typing the following command:
`cd <working_dir>/gen3x8/pcie_de_gen3_x8_ast256/testbench/pcie_de_gen3_x8_ast256_tb/simulation/`
2. Open `pcie_de_gen3_x8_ast256_tb.v`.
3. Locate the parameter, `enable_pipe32_phyip_ser_driver_hwtcl = 0`, and change the 0 to a 1. Save `pcie_de_gen3_x8_ast256_tb.v`.

Simulating the Gen3 x8 Testbench

Follow these steps to compile the testbench for simulation and run the chaining DMA testbench.

1. Start your simulation tool. This example uses the Synopsys[®] software. Currently, the ModelSim simulator does not support all of the constructs necessary for this simulation.
2. In the Synopsys testbench directory, `<working_dir>/gen3x8/pcie_de_gen3_x8_ast256/testbench/synopsys/vcs`, you must change the `USER_DEFINED_SIM_OPTIONS` variable to run the simulation by completing the following steps:
 - a. Open `vcs_setup.sh`.
 - b. Change the value of `USER_DEFINED_SIM_OPTIONS` to `" +vcs"` by deleting the text `+finish+100`.
 - c. Save `vcs_setup.sh`.
3. Type the following command to run the simulation: `source vcs_setup.sh`

The following example shows a transcript from a successful simulation. As this transcript illustrates, the simulation includes the following stages:

- Link training
- Configuration
- DMA reads and writes

Example 3-1: Transcript from Simulation

```
#INFO: 1533 ns EP LTSSM State: DETECT.ACTIVE
#INFO: 2445 ns EP LTSSM State: POLLING.ACTIVE
#INFO: 4225 ns RP LTSSM State: DETECT.ACTIVE
#INFO: 5313 ns RP LTSSM State: POLLING.ACTIVE
#INFO: 8065 ns RP LTSSM State: POLLING.CONFIG
#INFO: 8173 ns EP LTSSM State: POLLING.CONFIG
#INFO: 9581 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LINKWIDTH.START
```



```
#INFO: 9665 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LINKWIDTH.START
#INFO: 10285 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LINKWIDTH.ACCEPT
#INFO: 10785 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LINKWIDTH.ACCEPT
#INFO: 11105 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LANENUM.WAIT
#INFO: 11629 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LANENUM.WAIT
#INFO: 11949 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LANENUM.ACCEPT
#INFO: 12941 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.COMPLETE
#INFO: 1533 ns EP LTSSM State: DETECT.ACTIVE
#INFO: 2445 ns EP LTSSM State: POLLING.ACTIVE
#INFO: 4225 ns RP LTSSM State: DETECT.ACTIVE
#INFO: 5313 ns RP LTSSM State: POLLING.ACTIVE
#INFO: 8065 ns RP LTSSM State: POLLING.CONFIG
#INFO: 8173 ns EP LTSSM State: POLLING.CONFIG
#INFO: 9581 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LINKWIDTH.START
#INFO: 9665 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LINKWIDTH.START
#INFO: 10285 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LINKWIDTH.ACCEPT
#INFO: 10785 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LINKWIDTH.ACCEPT
#INFO: 11105 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LANENUM.WAIT
#INFO: 11629 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LANENUM.WAIT
#INFO: 11949 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LANENUM.ACCEPT
#INFO: 12065 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LANENUM.ACCEPT
#INFO: 12385 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.COMPLETE
#INFO: 12941 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.COMPLETE
#INFO: 14433 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.IDLE
#INFO: 15821 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.IDLE
#INFO: 16013 ns EP LTSSM State: L0
#INFO: 16257 ns RP LTSSM State: L0
#INFO: 16520 ns Configuring Bus 000, Device 000, Function 00
#INFO: 16520 ns RP Read Only Configuration Registers:
#INFO: 16520 ns Vendor ID: 1172
#INFO: 16520 ns Device ID: E001
#INFO: 16520 ns Revision ID: 01
#INFO: 16520 ns Class Code: FF0000
#INFO: 16520 ns Interrupt Pin: INTA# used
#INFO: 17200 ns RP Base Address Registers:
#INFO: 17200 ns BAR Address Assignments:
#INFO: 17200 ns BAR Size Assigned Address Type
#INFO: 17200 ns BAR0 Disabled
#INFO: 17200 ns BAR1 Disabled
#INFO: 17200 ns ExpROM Disabled
#INFO: 17200 ns I/O Base and Limit Register: Disable
#INFO: 17200 ns Prefetchable Base and Limit Register: Disable
#INFO: 17272 ns PCI MSI Capability Register:
#INFO: 17272 ns 64-Bit Address Capable: Supported
#INFO: 17272 ns Messages Requested: 4
#INFO: 17416 ns RP PCIe Slot Capability Register (00040000):
#INFO: 17416 ns Attention Button: Not Present
#INFO: 17416 ns Power Controller: Not Present
#INFO: 17416 ns MRL Sensor: Not Present
#INFO: 17416 ns Attention Indicator: Not Present
#INFO: 17416 ns Power Indicator: Not Present
#INFO: 17416 ns Hot-Plug Surprise: Not Supported
#INFO: 17416 ns Hot-Plug Capable: Not Supported
```

```
#INFO: 17416 ns Slot Power Limit Value: 0
#INFO: 17416 ns Slot Power Limit Scale: 0
#INFO: 17560 ns RP PCI Express Link Status Register (1081):
#INFO: 17560 ns Negotiated Link Width: x8
#INFO: 17560 ns Slot Clock Config: System Reference Clock Used
#INFO: 18113 ns RP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.RCVRLOCK
#INFO: 18829 ns EP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.RCVRLOCK
#INFO: 19597 ns EP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.RCVRCFG
#INFO: 20513 ns RP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.RCVRCFG
#INFO: 22689 ns RP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.SPEED
#INFO: 23021 ns EP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.SPEED
#INFO: 29560 ns New Link Speed: 8.0GT/s
#INFO: 29632 ns RP PCIe Link Control Register (0040):
#INFO: 29632 ns Common Clock Config: System Reference Clock Used
#INFO: 30752 ns RP PCIe Capabilities Register (0042):
#INFO: 30752 ns Capability Version: 2
#INFO: 30752 ns Port Type: Root Port
#INFO: 30752 ns RP PCIe Device Capabilities Register (10008003):
#INFO: 30752 ns Max Payload Supported: 1KBytes
#INFO: 30752 ns Extended Tag: Not Supported
#INFO: 30752 ns Acceptable L0s Latency: Less Than 64 ns
#INFO: 30752 ns Acceptable L1 Latency: Less Than 1 us
#INFO: 30752 ns Attention Button: Not Present
#INFO: 30752 ns Attention Indicator: Not Present
#INFO: 30752 ns Power Indicator: Not Present
#INFO: 30752 ns RP PCIe Link Capabil
#INFO: 30752 ns Maximum Link Width: x8
#INFO: 30752 ns Supported Link Speeds:8.0GT/s,5.0GT/s,2.5GT/s
#INFO: 30752 ns L0s Entry: Supported
#INFO: 30752 ns L1 Entry: Not Supported
#INFO: 30752 ns L0s Exit Latency: 2 us to 4 us
#INFO: 30752 ns L1 Exit Latency: Less Than 1 us
#INFO: 30752 ns Port Number: 01
#INFO: 30752 ns Surprise Dwn Err Report: Not Supported
#INFO: 30752 ns DLL Link Active Report: Not Supported
#INFO: 30752 ns RP PCIe Device Capabilities 2 Register (0010001F):
#INFO: 30752 ns Completion Timeout Rnge: ABCD (50us to 64s)
#INFO: 30880 ns RP PCIe Device Control Register (5030):
#INFO: 30880 ns Error Reporting Enables: 0
#INFO: 30880 ns Relaxed Ordering: Enabled
#INFO: 30880 ns Max Payload: 256 Bytes
#INFO: 30880 ns Extended Tag: Disabled
#INFO: 30880 ns Max Read Request: 4KBytes
#INFO: 30880 ns RP PCIe Device Status Register (0000):
#INFO: 30952 ns RP PCIe Virtual Channel Capability:
#INFO: 30952 ns Virtual Channel: 1
#INFO: 30952 ns Low Priority VC: 0
#INFO: 34864 ns Completed configuration of Endpoint BARs.
#INFO: 35944 ns TASK:downstream_loop
#INFO: 36776 ns Passed: 0004 same bytes in BFM mem addr 0x00000040
and 0x00000840
#INFO: 37592 ns Passed: 0004 same bytes in BFM mem addr 0x00000040
and 0x00000840
```

```
#INFO: 38440 ns Passed: 0004 same bytes in BFM mem addr 0x00000040
and 0x00000840
#INFO: 39248 ns Passed: 0004 same bytes in BFM mem addr 0x00000040
and 0x00000840
#INFO: 40064 ns Passed: 0004 same bytes in BFM mem addr 0x00000040
and 0x00000840
#INFO: 40888 ns Passed: 0004 same bytes in BFM mem addr 0x00000040
and 0x00000840
#INFO: 41720 ns Passed: 0004 same bytes in BFM mem addr 0x00000040
and 0x00000840
#INFO: 42536 ns Passed: 0004 same bytes in BFM mem addr 0x00000040
and 0x00000840
#INFO: 43352 ns Passed: 0004 same bytes in BFM mem addr 0x00000040
and 0x00000840
```

Replacing the Example Serial Driver

The Verilog HDL code to enable the Example Serial Driver is included in `<working_dir>gen3x8/pcie_de_gen3_x8_ast256/testbench/pcie_de_gen3_x8_ast256_tb/simulation/submodules/altpcie_tbed_sv_hwtcl.v`. The parameter, `enable_pipe32_phyip_ser_driver_hwtcl`, enables the Example Serial Driver.

The following example shows the code that instantiates this driver when it is enabled. You can modify this Verilog HDL file to instantiate your own driver.

Example 3-2: Instantiating the Example Serial Driver

```
if (enable_pipe32_phyip_ser_driver_hwtcl==1) begin
assign serdes_rx_serial_data =
    {rx_in7,rx_in6,rx_in5,rx_in4,rx_in3,rx_in2,rx_in1,rx_in0
};

altpcietb_pipe32_driver #
(.LANES(LANES),.gen123_lane_rate_mode((gen123_lane_rate_mode_hwtcl=="Gen3
(8.0
Gbps)"?"gen1_gen2_gen3":(gen123_lane_rate_mode_hwtcl=="Gen2
(5.0
Gbps)"?"gen1_gen2":"gen1"),.pll_refclk_freq( "100 MHz")
)altpcietb_pipe32_driver (
.refclk(refclk),
.npor(npor),
.serdes_rx_serial_data(serdes_rx_serial_data[LANES-1:0]),
.serdes_tx_serial_data(serdes_tx_serial_data[LANES-1:0])
);
end
```

Getting Started with the Configuration Space Bypass Mode Qsys Example Design

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This Qsys design example demonstrates Configuration Space Bypass mode for the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core. A Root Port BFM provides stimulus to the Endpoint design. The Endpoint bypasses the standard Configuration Space to access the custom Configuration Space and memory of two functions. The Configuration Space Bypass Example Design performs the following functions:

- Accepts Configuration, Memory, and Message TLPs on the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express RX Avalon-ST interface
- Translates Type 0 Configuration Read and Configuration Write Requests to Avalon-MM read and write requests that target the Configuration Space of either Function 0 or Function 1.
- Responds to invalid Type 0 Configuration Requests with an Unsupported Request (UR) status in a Completion Message.
- Converts single dword Memory Read and Memory Write Requests to access 32-bit registers of the target function using the Avalon-MM interface.
- Maps two contiguous MBytes of memory for the two functions with the first MByte for Function 0 and the second MByte for Function 1.
- Sets up two registers for each function.
- Drops the following invalid Write Requests:
 - Memory Write Requests with a payload of more than one dword
 - Messages with data
- Returns Completer Abort (CA) status in Completion message for invalid Memory Read Requests such as Memory Read Requests with a payload greater than one dword.
- Returns a Completion Status of Successful Completion for valid Configuration Requests to Function 0 and Function 1.

The following figure illustrates, the components of the Configuration Space Bypass Mode Qsys Example Design. As this figure illustrates the example design includes the following components:

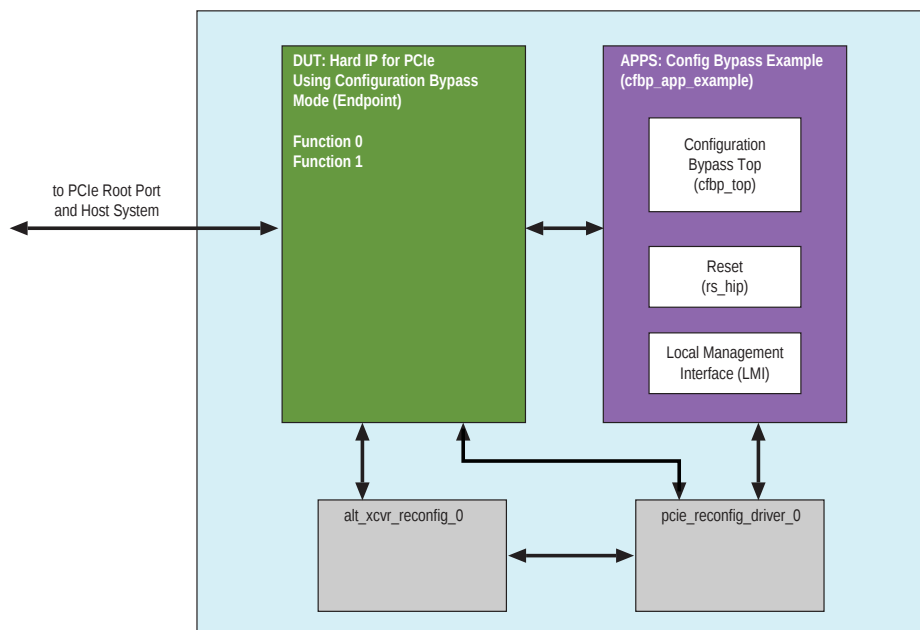
- **DUT:** The Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express. The example turns on the **Enable Configuration Space Bypass** parameter.
- **APPS:** The Configuration Space Bypass application demonstrates Configuration Space Bypass mode.
- **pcie_xcvr_reconfig_0:** The Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller performs offset cancellation to compensate for variations due to process, voltage, and temperature (PVT).
- **pcie_reconfig_driver_0:** The PCIe Reconfig Driver drives the Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller. This driver is a plain text Verilog HDL file that you can modify if necessary to meet your system requirements.

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Figure 4-1: Configuration Bypass Mode Qsys Example Design



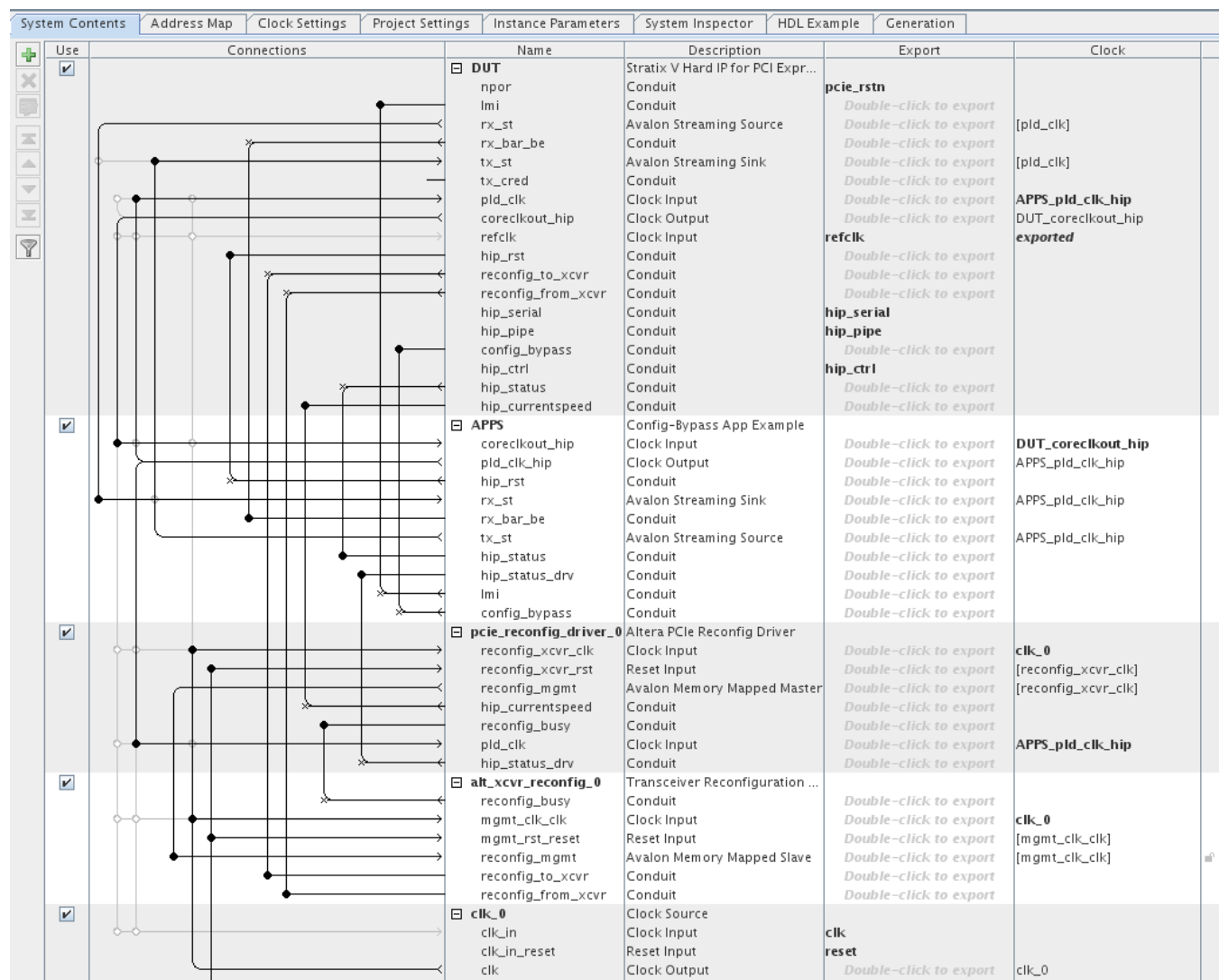
Copying the Configuration Space Bypass Mode Example Design

Follow these steps to copy the Configuration Space Bypass Mode Qsys Example Design to your working directory:

1. Copy the example design, **pcie_cfbp_g2x8_ast256.qsys**, from the installation directory: **<install_dir>/ip/altera/altera_pcie/altera_pcie_hip_ast_ed/altera_pcie_cfgbp_ed/qsys_example** to your working directory.
2. Copy the Qsys wrapper file for the Configuration Space Bypass application logic, **altera_pcie_cfgbp_ed_hw.tcl**, from the installation directory: **<install_dir>/ip/altera/altera_pcie/altera_pcie_hip_ast_ed/altera_pcie_cfgbp_ed/qsys_example** to your working directory.
3. Rename the **pcie_cfbp_g2x8_ast256.qsys** **top.qsys**. Renaming is necessary because the testbench defines **top.v** as the top-level wrapper. Qsys creates **top.v** from **top.qsys** when you generate the system.
4. Start Qsys by typing **qsys-edit** and open **top.qsys** when prompted by Qsys.

The following figure shows the complete system.

Figure 4-2: Configuration Bypass Qsys System



Note: The following walkthrough does not provide detailed step-by-step instructions to recreate the Qsys system. For step-by-step instructions illustrating how to create designs using Qsys, refer to the *Getting Started with the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express*.

1. Note the following key parameter settings for the Configuration Space Bypass Example Design:

- For the DUT, the **Enable Configuration Bypass** parameter is turned on under the **System Settings** banner.
- The **Base Address Registers** specify BAR0 as 1 MByte - 20 bits of 64-bit prefetchable memory for each function. In Configuration Space Bypass Mode, the BAR registers inside the Hard IP for PCI Express are not used because the Application Layer implements the Configuration Space for each function.
- For testbench compatibility, the **Config-Bypass App Example**, labeled APPs, must retain a Device ID of 0xE001 (57345₁₀) and a Vendor ID of 0x1172 (4466₁₀).

Generating the Qsys System

On the Qsys **Generate** menu, specify the parameters listed in the following table.

Table 4-1: Parameters to Specify on the Generation Tab in Qsys

Parameter	Value
Simulation	
Create simulation model	None. (This option generates a simulation model you can include in your own custom testbench and also allows you to review the HDL code.)
Create testbench Qsys system	Standard, BFM for standard Avalon interfaces
Create testbench simulation model	Verilog
Allow mixed-language simulation	Turn this option off
Synthesis	
Create HDL design files for synthesis	Turn this option on
Create block symbol file (. bsf)	Turn this option on
Output Directory	
Path	altera_pcie_cfgbp_ed/top
Simulation	—
Testbench	altera_pcie_cfgbp_ed/top/testbench
Synthesis	altera_pcie_cfgbp_ed/top/ synthesis

1. Click **Generate** to generate the simulation and testbench files.
2. On the **File** menu, click **Save**.

Understanding the Generated Files

The following table describes the files and directories Qsys generates.

Table 4-2: Qsys Generation Output Files

Directory	Description
<code><testbench_dir>/<variant_name>/synthesis</code>	Includes the top-level HDL file for the Hard IP for PCI Express and the .qip file that lists all of the necessary assignments and information required to process the IP core in the Quartus II compiler. Generally, a single .qip file is generated for each IP core. These files are used for Quartus II synthesis.
<code><testbench_dir>/<variant_name>/synthesis/submodules</code>	Includes the HDL files necessary for Quartus II synthesis.
<code><testbench_dir>/<variant_name>/testbench/top_tb/simulation/submodules</code>	Includes the HDL files necessary for simulation testbench.
<code><testbench_dir>/<variant_name>/testbench/<cad_vendor></code>	Includes the HDL source files and scripts for the simulation testbench.

Simulating the Example Design

Follow these steps to simulate the Qsys system using ModelSim:

1. In a terminal window, change to the `altera_pcie_cfgbp_ed/top/testbench/mentor` directory.
2. Start the ModelSim simulator by typing `vsim`.
3. To compile the simulation, type the following commands in the terminal window:
 - `source msim_setup.tcl` (The `msim_setup.tcl` file defines aliases.
 - `ld_debug` (The `ld_debug` command argument stops optimizations, improving visibility in the ModelSim waveforms.)

The following figure shows the design hierarchy for the Configuration Space Bypass Example Design after compilation.

Figure 4-3: Design Hierarchy for the Configuration Space Bypass Example Design for 256-Bit Avalon-ST Interface

Instance	Design unit	Design unit type
top_tb	top_tb	Module
top_inst	top	Module
dut	altpcie_sv_hip_ast_hw1	Module
apps	altpcied_cfgbp_app_example	Module
addr_width_delta	altpcied_cfgbp_app_example	Function
clogb2	altpcied_cfgbp_app_example	Function
rs_hip	altpcierd_hip_rs	Module
g_lmi_addr	altpcied_cfgbp_app_example	VIGenerateBlock
g_lmi_blk	altpcied_cfgbp_app_example	VIGenerateBlock
altpcierd_cfgbp_top	altpcied_cfgbp_top	Module
cfgbp_app_ctrl	altpcied_cfgbp_top	VIGenerateBlock
genblk1	altpcied_cfgbp_top	VIGenerateBlock
altpcied_cfgbp_256b_control	altpcied_cfgbp_256b_control	Module
altpcied_cfgbp_target	altpcied_cfgbp_target	Module
altpcied_cfgbp_multifunc	altpcied_cfgbp_multifunc	Module

1. To observe the simulation, on the ModelSim View menu, select **wave**. Then add some key interfaces to the wave window. The following four interfaces under the `/top_tb/top_inst/apps/altpcierd_cfbp_top/cfgbp_app_ctrl/genblk1` illustrate the TX and RX interfaces, the current state, and configuration.

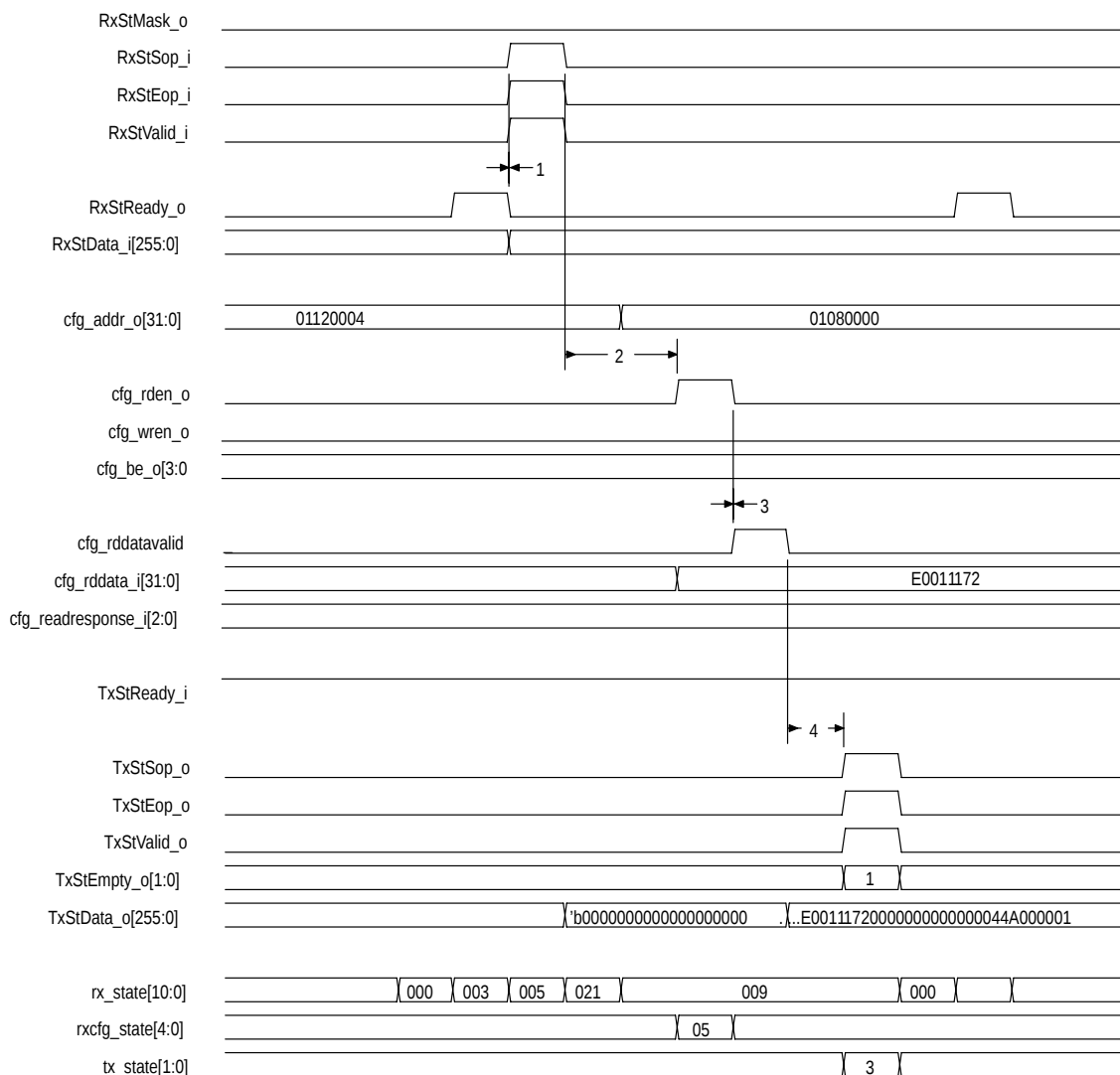
- `*RxSt*`
- `*TxSt*`
- `*Rxm*`
- `*_state*`
- `cfg_*`

1. To run the simulation, type the following command: `run -all`

Note: By default, the simulation is serial, to simulate using the parallel PIPE interface, you can change the default value of the `serial_sim_hwttl` parameter from 1 to 0 in `altera_pcie_cfgbp_ed/top/testbench/top_tb/simulation/top_tb.v`. After changing that value, you must recompile the simulation to pick up the new value of the `serial_sim_hwttl` parameter before running the simulation.

Timing for Configuration Read to Function 0 for the 256-Bit Avalon-ST Interface

The following timing diagram illustrates a Configuration Read to Function 0 starting at time 60568 ns in the simulation.

Figure 4-4: Configuration Read to Function 0

The preceding timing diagram illustrates the following sequence of events:

1. The Application Layer indicates it is ready to receive requests by asserting `RxStReady_o`. The RX Avalon-ST interface initiates a Configuration Read, asserting its `RxStSop_i` and `RxStValid_i` signals.
2. At the falling edge of `RxStSop_i`, the Avalon-MM master interface asserts `cfg_rden_o` and specifies the address on `cfg_addr_o[31:0]`.
3. The Function 0 Avalon-MM slave interface asserts `cfg_rddatavalid` and drives the data on `cfg_rddata_i[31:0]`.
4. On the falling edge of `cfg_rddatavalid`, the TX interface asserts `TxStSop_o` and `TxStValid_o` and drives the data of `TxStData_o[255:0]`. This is the Completion Request to the host corresponding to its Configuration Read Request.

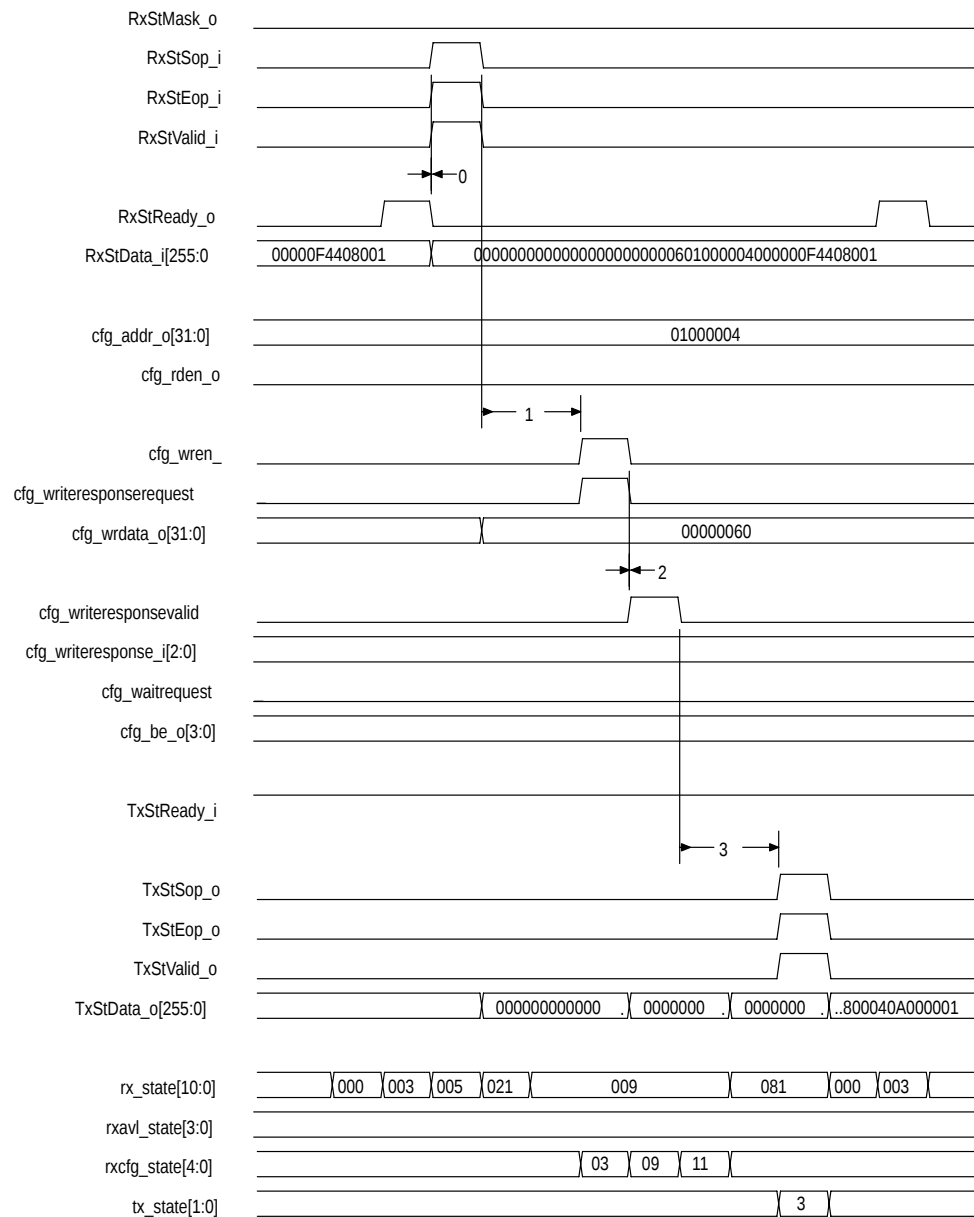
Timing for Configuration Write to Function 0 for the 256-Bit Avalon-ST Interface

The following timing diagram illustrates a configuration write to Function 0 starting at time 61859 ns in the simulation.

The timing diagram illustrates the following sequence of events:

1. The Application Layer indicates it is ready to receive requests by asserting `RxSTReady_o`. The RX Avalon-ST interface initiates a Configuration Write, asserting its `RxStSop_i` and `RxStValid_i` signals.
2. At the falling edge of `RxStSop_i`, the Avalon-MM master interface asserts `cfg_wren_o` and specifies the data on `cfg_wrdata_o[31:0]`. The Master interface also asserts `cfg_writeresponserequest_o`, to request completion status from Function 0.
3. On the falling edge of `cfg_writeresponserequest_o`, Function 0 asserts `cfg_writeresponsevalid_i`.
4. On the falling edge of `cfg_writeresponsevalid_i`, the TX interface asserts `TxStSop_o` and `TxStValid_o` and drives the completion data on `TxStData_o[255:0]`.

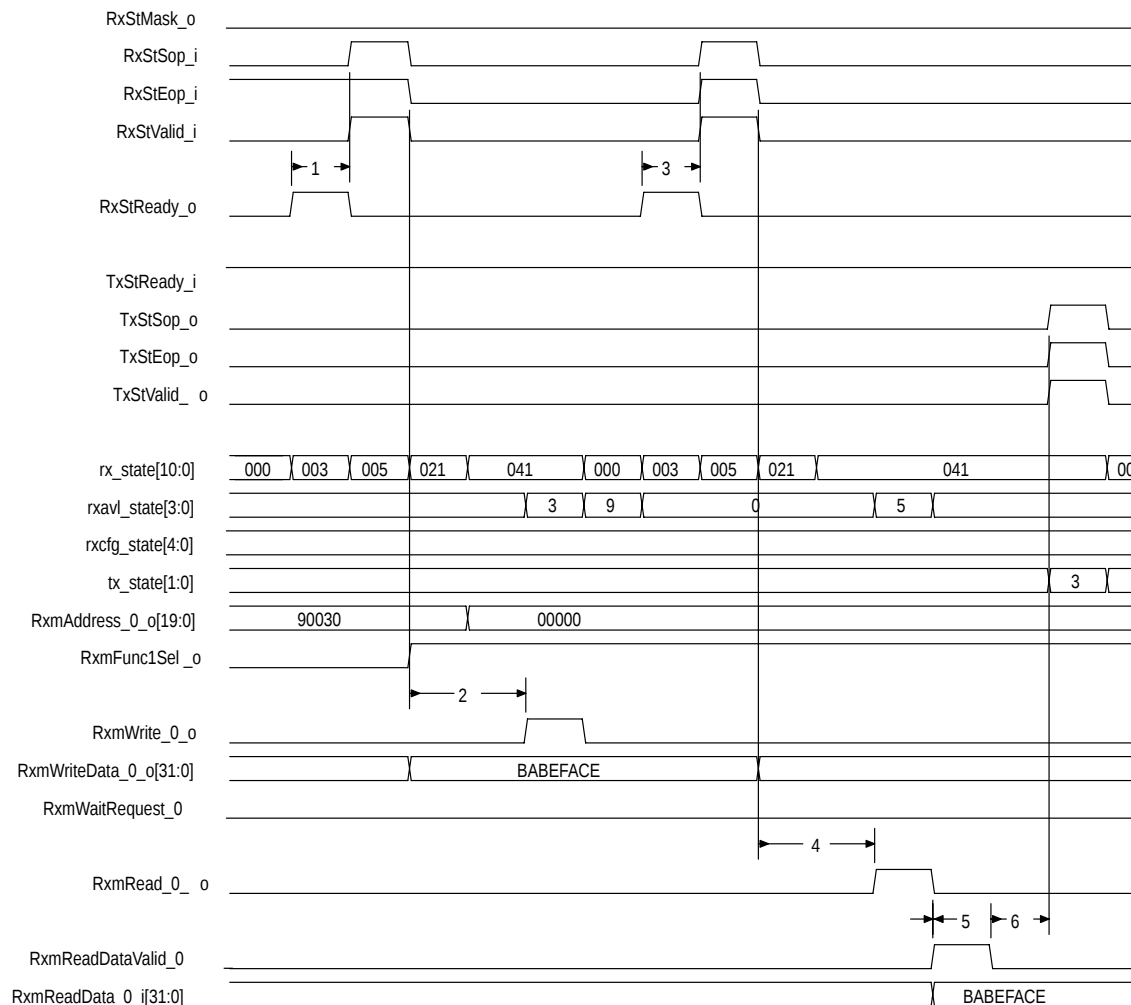
Figure 4-5: Configuration Write to Function 0



Timing for Memory Write and Read of Function 1 256-Bit Avalon-ST Interface

The following timing diagram illustrates memory to Function 1 which occurs in the simulation starting at time 99102 ns.

Figure 4-6: Timing for Memory Write and Read of Function 1



The timing diagram illustrates the following sequence of events:

1. The Application Layer indicates it is ready to receive requests by asserting `RxSTReady_o`. The RX Avalon-ST interface initiates a Memory Write to Function 1, asserting its `RxStSop_i` and `RxStValid_i` signals.
2. At the falling edge of `RxStSop_i`, `RxmFunc1Sel_o` is asserted and the write data is driven on `RxmWriteData_o_o[31:0]`. The Memory Write to Function 1 completes when the data is written.
3. The Application Layer indicates it is ready to receive requests by asserting `RxSTReady_o`. The RX Avalon-ST interface initiates a Memory Read to Function 1, asserting its `RxStSop_i` and `RxStValid_i` signals.
4. After the falling edge of `RxStSop_i`, the RX Avalon-MM master interface asserts `RxmRead_o_o` to Function 1.
5. At the falling edge of `RxmRead_o_o`, Function 1 asserts `RxmReadDataValid_o` and drives the data on `RxmReadData_o_i[31:0]`.
6. The host receives the completion data when `TxStValid_o`, `TxStSop_o`, and `TxStEop_o` are asserted.

Partial Transcript for Configuration Space Bypass Simulation

The driver performs the following transactions with status of the transactions displayed in the ModelSim simulation message window:

- Various configuration reads and writes to the Avalon-MM Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express in your system after the link is initialized
- Register writes, reads and compares to both functions
- Burst memory writes, reads, and compares to both functions

The following example shows the transcript from a successful simulation run.

Example 4-1: Transcript from ModelSim Simulation of Gen1 x4 Endpoint

```
# INFO: 464 ns Completed initial configuration of Root Port.
# 495000: INFO: top_tb.top_inst_reset_bfm.reset_deassert: Reset
deasserted
# INFO: 3657 ns RP LTSSM State: DETECT.ACTIVE
# INFO: 4425 ns RP LTSSM State: POLLING.ACTIVE
# INFO: 17257 ns RP LTSSM State: DETECT.QUIET
# INFO: 20473 ns RP LTSSM State: DETECT.ACTIVE
# INFO: 21193 ns RP LTSSM State: POLLING.ACTIVE
# INFO: 29909 ns EP LTSSM State: DETECT.ACTIVE
# INFO: 30949 ns EP LTSSM State: POLLING.ACTIVE
# INFO: 33957 ns EP LTSSM State: POLLING.CONFIG
# INFO: 34025 ns RP LTSSM State: DETECT.QUIET
# INFO: 37241 ns RP LTSSM State: DETECT.ACTIVE
# INFO: 37961 ns RP LTSSM State: POLLING.ACTIVE
# INFO: 39945 ns RP LTSSM State: POLLING.CONFIG
# INFO: 41033 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LINKWIDTH.START
# INFO: 41445 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LINKWIDTH.START
# INFO: 41765 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LINKWIDTH.ACCEPT
# INFO: 42057 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LINKWIDTH.ACCEPT
# INFO: 42249 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LANENUM.WAIT
# INFO: 42789 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LANENUM.WAIT
# INFO: 43033 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LANENUM.ACCEPT
# INFO: 43109 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.LANENUM.ACCEPT
# INFO: 43225 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.COMPLETE
# INFO: 43685 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.COMPLETE
# INFO: 44953 ns RP LTSSM State: CONFIG.IDLE
# INFO: 47941 ns EP LTSSM State: CONFIG.IDLE
# INFO: 48089 ns RP LTSSM State: L0
# INFO: 48133 ns EP LTSSM State: L0
# INFO: 48226 ns Configuring Bus 000, Device 000, Function 00
# INFO: 48226 ns RP Read Only Configuration Registers:
# INFO: 48226 ns Vendor ID: 1556
# INFO: 48226 ns Device ID: 5555
# INFO: 48226 ns Revision ID: 00
# INFO: 48226 ns Class Code: 040000
# INFO: 48706 ns ECRC Check Capable: Supported
# INFO: 48706 ns ECRC Generation Capable: Supported
# INFO: 48738 ns RP PCI Express Slot Capability
```

```
# INFO: 48738 ns Power Controller: Not Present
# INFO: 48738 ns MRL Sensor: Not Present
# INFO: 48738 ns Attention Indicator: Not Present
# INFO: 48738 ns Power Indicator: Not Present
# INFO: 48738 ns Hot-Plug Surprise: Not Supported
# INFO: 48738 ns Hot-Plug Capable: Not Supported
# INFO: 48738 ns Slot Power Limit Value: 0
# INFO: 48738 ns Slot Power Limit Scale: 0
# INFO: 48738 ns Physical Slot Number: 0
# INFO: 48738 ns Activity_toggle flag is set
# INFO: 48802 ns RP PCI Express Link Status Register (0081):
# INFO: 48802 ns RP PCI Express Max Link Speed (0002):
# INFO: 48802 ns RP PCI Express Current Link Speed (0001):
# INFO: 48802 ns Negotiated Link Width: x8
# INFO: 48802 ns Slot Clock Config: Local Clock Used
# INFO: 48834 ns Current Link Speed: 2.5GT/s
# INFO: 48889 ns RP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.RCVRLOCK
# INFO: 49669 ns EP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.RCVRLOCK
# INFO: 50501 ns EP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.RCVRCFG
# INFO: 51209 ns RP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.RCVRCFG
# INFO: 48889 ns RP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.RCVRLOCK
# INFO: 53669 ns EP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.SPEED
# INFO: 54721 ns RP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.RCVRLOCK
# INFO: 54746 ns Wait for Link to enter L0 after negotiated to
# the expected speed of EP Target Link Speed 0002):
# INFO: 53337 ns RP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.SPEED
# INFO: 55235 ns EP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.RCVRLOCK
# INFO: 56299 ns EP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.RCVRCFG
# INFO: 57163 ns RP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.RCVRCFG
# INFO: 57707 ns RP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.IDLE
# INFO: 57979 ns EP LTSSM State: RECOVERY.IDLE
# INFO: 58035 ns RP LTSSM State: L0
# INFO: 58075 ns EP LTSSM State: L0
# INFO: 58090 ns New Link Speed: 5.0GT/s
# INFO: 58106 ns RP PCI Express Link Control Register (0000):
# INFO: 58106 ns Common Clock Config: Local Clock
# INFO: 70602 ns Completed configuration of Endpoint BARs.
# INFO: 70602 ns TASK:my_test Setup
# INFO: 70602 ns TASK:my_test Write to 32bit register at
# addr = 0x0 with wdata=0xBABEFACE
# INFO: 70610 ns TASK:my_test Read from 32bit register at
# addr 0x00000000
# INFO: 71298 ns TASK:my_test Register compare matches!
# INFO: 71298 ns TASK:my_test Write to 32bit register at
# 0x00000004 Actual 0x12345678
# INFO: 71306 ns TASK:my_test => 1.22 Read from 32bit register
# at addr = 0x00000004
# INFO: 71994 ns TASK:my_test => 1.23 Register compare matches!
# INFO: 71994 ns TASK:my_test => 2.11 Fill write memory with
# QWORD_INC pattern
# INFO: 71994 ns TASK:my_test Memory write burst at addr=0x00
# with wdata=0x10203040
# INFO: 72002 ns TASK:my_test => 2.21 Memory Read burst
```

```
# INFO: 72690 ns TASK:my_test Memory write burst at addr=0x04
#   with wdata=0x10203040
# INFO: 72698 ns TASK:my_test Memory Read burst
# INFO: 73354 ns TASK:my_test Memory write burst at addr=0x08
#   with wdata=0x10203040
# INFO: 73362 ns TASK:my_test => 2.21 Memory Read burst
# INFO: 74178 ns TASK:my_test Memory write burst at addr=0x0C
#   with wdata=0x10203040
# INFO: 88154 ns Enumerate EP function = 0x01
# INFO: 88154 ns cfgbp_enum_config_space Setup config space
#   for func = 00000001
# INFO: 88154 ns Config Read # INFO: 88946 ns CfgRD at
#   addr =0x00000000 returns data = 0xE0011172
# INFO: 88946 ns Set Bus_Master and Memory_Space_Enable
#   bit in Command register00000001
# INFO: 88946 ns Read Modified WRite to config register
#   = 0x00000004 in func = 0x00000001
# INFO: 115370 ns TASK:my_test; 2.21 Memory Read burst
# SUCCESS: Simulation stopped due to successful completion!
# Break in Function ebfm_log_stop_sim at
#   ../../top_tb/simulation/submodules//altpcieth_bfm_log.v line
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# INFO: 88946 ns Set Bus_Master and Memory_Space_Enable bit
#   in Command register00000001
# INFO: 88946 ns Read Modified WRite to config register =
#   0x00000004 in func = 0x00000001
# INFO: 88946 ns Set Bus_Master and Memory_Space_Enable bit
#   in Command register00000001
# INFO: 88946 ns Read config reg
# INFO: 89738 ns Original config read data = 00000000
# INFO: 89738 ns Config write with data = 00000006
# INFO: 91338 ns After cfg_rd_modified_wr, config_data
#   = 0x00000006
# INFO: 92938 ns CfgRD at BAR0 (addr =0x00000010) returns
#   data = 0xFFF0000C
# INFO: 94530 ns CfgRD at addr =0x00000010 returns data
#   = 0x8000000C
# INFO: 97658 ns BAR Address Assignments:
# INFO: 97658 ns BAR Size Assigned Address Type
# INFO: 97658 ns BAR1:0 1 MBytes 00000001 00000000 Prefetchable
# INFO: 97658 ns BAR2 Disabled
# INFO: 97658 ns BAR3 Disabled
# INFO: 97658 ns BAR4 Disabled
# INFO: 97658 ns BAR5 Disabled
# INFO: 97658 ns ExpROM Disabled
# INFO: 98794 ns Completed configuration of Endpoint BARs.
# INFO: 98794 ns TASK:my_test Setup
# INFO: 98794 ns TASK:my_test Write to 32bit register at 0x000000
#   with wdata=0xBABEFACE
# INFO: 98802 ns TASK:my_test 1.12 Read from 32bit register
#   at addr = 0x00000000
# INFO: 9490 ns TASK:my_test 1.13 Register compare matches!
# INFO: 115370 ns TASK:my_test 2.21 Memory Read burst
```



```
# SUCCESS: Simulation stopped due to successful completion!  
# Break in Function ebfm_log_stop_sim at  
#   ../../top_tb/simulation/submodules//altpcieth_bfm_log.v  
# line 78
```

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System Settings

The first group of settings defines the overall system.

Table 5-1: System Settings for PCI Express

Parameter	Value	Description
Lane Rate	Gen1 (2.5 Gbps) Gen2 (2.5/5.0 Gbps) Gen3 (2.5/5.0/8.0 Gbps)	Specifies the maximum data rate at which the link can operate.
Number of Lanes	×1, ×2, ×4, ×8	Specifies the maximum number of lanes supported.
Port type	Native Endpoint Root Port Legacy Endpoint	Specifies the port type. Altera recommends Native Endpoint for all new Endpoint designs. Select Legacy Endpoint only when you require I/O transaction support for compatibility. The Legacy Endpoint is not available for the Avalon-MM Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express. The Endpoint stores parameters in the Type 0 Configuration Space. The Root Port stores parameters in the Type 1 Configuration Space.
PCI Express Base Specification version	2.1 3.0	Select either the 2.1 or 3.0 specification.
Application interface	64-bit Avalon-ST 128-bit Avalon-ST 256-bit Avalon-ST	Specifies the interface between the PCI Express Transaction Layer and the Application Layer. Refer to coreclkout_hip on page 9-6 <i>coreclkout_hip Values for All Parameterizations</i> for a comprehensive list of available link width, interface width, and frequency combinations. This parameter does not apply to the Avalon-MM IP Cores.

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Parameter	Value	Description
RX Buffer credit allocation - performance for received requests	Minimum	<p>Determines the allocation of posted header credits, posted data credits, non-posted header credits, completion header credits, and completion data credits in the 16 KByte RX buffer. The 5 settings allow you to adjust the credit allocation to optimize your system. The credit allocation for the selected setting displays in the message pane.</p> <p>Refer to the <i>Flow Control</i> chapter for more information about optimizing performance. The Flow Control chapter explains how the RX credit allocation and the Maximum payload RX Buffer credit allocation and the Maximum payload size that you choose affect the allocation of flow control credits. You can set the Maximum payload size parameter on the Device tab.</p> <p>The Message window of the GUI dynamically updates the number of credits for Posted, Non-Posted Headers and Data, and Completion Headers and Data as you change this selection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum RX Buffer credit allocation - performance for received requests)–This setting configures the minimum PCIe specification allowed for non-posted and posted request credits, leaving most of the RX Buffer space for received completion header and data. Select this option for variations where application logic generates many read requests and only infrequently receives single requests from the PCIe link. • Low–This setting configures a slightly larger amount of RX Buffer space for non-posted and posted request credits, but still dedicates most of the space for received completion header and data. Select this option for variations where application logic generates many read requests and infrequently receives small bursts of requests from the PCIe link. This option is recommended for typical endpoint applications where most of the PCIe traffic is generated by a DMA engine that is located in the endpoint application layer logic. • Balanced–This setting allocates approximately half the RX Buffer space to received requests and the other half of the RX Buffer space to received completions. Select this option for variations where the received requests and received completions are roughly equal.
	Low	
	Medium	
	High	
	Maximum	

Parameter	Value	Description
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High—This setting configures most of the RX Buffer space for received requests and allocates a slightly larger than minimum amount of space for received completions. Select this option where most of the PCIe requests are generated by the other end of the PCIe link and the local application layer logic only infrequently generates a small burst of read requests. This option is recommended for typical root port applications where most of the PCIe traffic is generated by DMA engines located in the endpoints.• Maximum—This setting configures the minimum PCIe specification allowed amount of completion space, leaving most of the RX Buffer space for received requests. Select this option when most of the PCIe requests are generated by the other end of the PCIe link and the local application layer logic never or only infrequently generates single read requests. This option is recommended for control and status endpoint applications that don't generate any PCIe requests of their own and only are the target of write and read requests from the root complex.
Reference clock frequency	100 MHz 125 MHz	<p>The <i>PCI Express Base Specification 3.0</i> requires a 100 MHz ± 300 ppm reference clock. The 125 MHz reference clock is provided as a convenience for systems that include a 125 MHz clock source. For more information about Gen3 operation, refer to <i>4.3.8 Refclk Specifications for 8.0 GT/sin</i> the specification.</p> <p>For Gen3, Altera recommends using a common reference clock (0 ppm) because when using separate reference clocks (non 0 ppm), the PCS occasionally must insert SKP symbols, potentially causes the PCIe link to go to recovery. Stratix V PCIe Hard IP in Gen1 or Gen2 modes are not affected by this issue. Systems using the common reference clock (0 ppm) are not affected by this issue. The primary repercussion of this is a slight decrease in bandwidth. On Gen3 x8 systems, this bandwidth impact is negligible. If non 0 ppm mode is required, so that separate reference clocks are being used, please contact Altera for further information and guidance.</p>
Use 62.5 MHz application clock	On/Off	This mode is only available only for Gen1 $\times 1$.
Use deprecated RX Avalon-ST data byte enable port (rx_st_be)	On/Off	This parameter is only available for the Avalon-ST Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express.

Parameter	Value	Description
Enable byte parity ports on Avalon ST interface	On/Off	When On , the RX and TX datapaths are parity protected. Parity is odd.
Enable multiple packets per cycle	On/Off	When On , the 256-bit Avalon-ST interface supports the transmission of TLPs starting at any 128-bit address boundary, allowing support for multiple packets in a single cycle. To support multiple packets per cycle, the Avalon-ST interface includes 2 start of packet and end of packet signals for the 256-bit Avalon-ST interfaces. This feature is only supported for Gen3 ×8. For more information refer to “Multiple Packets per Cycle” on page 8–27.
Enable configuration via PCI Express (CvP)	On/Off	When On , the Quartus II software places the Endpoint in the location required for configuration via protocol (CvP). For more information about CvP, click the <i>Configuration via Protocol (CvP)</i> link below. CvP is not supported for Gen3 variants.
Enable credit consumed selection port	On/Off	When you turn on this option, the core includes the tx_cons_cred_sel port.
Enable Configuration bypass	On/Off	When On , the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express bypasses the Transaction Layer Configuration Space registers included as part of the Hard IP, allowing you to substitute a custom Configuration Space implemented in soft logic. This parameter is not available for the Avalon-MM IP Cores.
Enable Hard IP Reconfiguration	On/Off	When On , you can use the Hard IP reconfiguration bus to dynamically reconfigure Hard IP read-only registers. For more information refer to <i>Hard IP Reconfiguration Interface</i> .
Enable Hard IP Reconfiguration	On/Off	When On , you can use the Hard IP reconfiguration bus to dynamically reconfigure Hard IP read-only registers. For more information refer to <i>Hard IP Reconfiguration Interface</i> . This parameter is not available for the Avalon-MM IP Cores.

Related Information

- [Type 0 Configuration Space Registers](#) on page 8-6
- [Type 1 Configuration Space Registers](#) on page 8-7
- [coreclkout_hip](#) on page 9-6
- [Throughput Optimization](#) on page 12-1
- [PCI Express Base Specification 2.1 or 3.0](#)

- [Configuration via Protocol \(CvP\)](#) on page 15-1

Avalon Memory-Mapped System Settings

Base Address Register (BAR) and Expansion ROM Settings

The following table lists the PCI BAR and Expansion ROM register settings. As this table indicates, the type and size of BARs available depend on port type.

For more information about how the Avalon-MM Bridge uses the BARs, refer to [PCI Express-to-Avalon-MM Address Translation for 32-Bit Bridge](#).

Table 5-2: BAR Registers

Parameter	Value	Description
Type	Disabled 64-bit prefetchable memory 32-bit non-prefetchable memory 32-bit prefetchable memory I/O address space	If you select 64-bit prefetchable memory, 2 contiguous BARs are combined to form a 64-bit prefetchable BAR; you must set the higher numbered BAR to Disabled . A non-prefetchable 64-bit BAR is not supported because in a typical system, the Root Port Type 1 Configuration Space sets the maximum non-prefetchable memory window to 32 bits. The BARs can also be configured as separate 32-bit memories. The I/O address space BAR is only available for the Legacy Endpoint .
Size	16 Bytes–8 EBytes	Supports the following memory sizes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 128 bytes–2 GBytes or 8 EBytes: Endpoint and Root Port variants• 6 bytes–4 KBytes: Legacy Endpoint variants
Expansion ROM	Disabled–16 MBytes	Specifies the size of the optional ROM. The expansion ROM is not available for the Avalon-MM Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express.

Base and Limit Registers for Root Ports

The following table describes the `Base` and `Limit` registers which are available in the Type 1 Configuration Space for Root Ports. These registers are used for TLP routing and specify the address ranges assigned to components that are downstream of the Root Port or bridge.

Note: The Avalon-MM Hard IP for PCI Express Root Port does not filter addresses; consequently, it does not provide the `Base` and `Limit` register parameters.

Table 5-3: Base and Limit Registers

Parameter	Value	Description
Input/Output	Disable 16-bit I/O addressing 32-bit I/O addressing	Specifies the address widths for the IO base and IO limit registers.
Prefetchable memory	Disable 32-bit I/O addressing 64-bit I/O addressing	Specifies the address widths for the Prefetchable Memory Base register and Prefetchable Memory Limit register.

Related Information

[PCI to PCI Bridge Architecture Specification](#)

Device Identification Registers

The following table lists the default values of the read-only Device ID registers. You can use the parameter editor to change the values of these registers. At run time, you can change the values of these registers using the optional reconfiguration block signals.

Table 5-4: Device ID Registers

Register Name	Range	Default Value	Description
Vendor ID	16 bits	0x00000000	Sets the read-only value of the Vendor ID register. This parameter can not be set to 0xFFFF per the PCI Express Specification. Address offset: 0x000.
Device ID	16 bits	0x00000001	Sets the read-only value of the Device ID register. Address offset: 0x000.
Revision ID	8 bits	0x00000001	Sets the read-only value of the Revision ID register. Address offset: 0x008.
Class code	24 bits	0x00000000	Sets the read-only value of the Class Code register. Address offset: 0x008.
Subsystem Vendor ID	16 bits	0x00000000	Sets the read-only value of the Subsystem Vendor ID register in the PCI Type 0 Configuration Space. This parameter cannot be set to 0xFFFF per the <i>PCI Express Base Specification</i> . Address offset: 0x02C.

Register Name	Range	Default Value	Description
Subsystem Device ID	16 bits	0x00000000	Sets the read-only value of the Subsystem Device ID register in the PCI Type 0 Configuration Space. Address offset: 0x02C

Related Information

- [Hard IP Reconfiguration](#) on page 16-1
- [PCI Express Base Specification 2.1 or 3.0](#)

PCI Express and PCI Capabilities Parameters

This group of parameters defines various capability properties of the IP core. Some of these parameters are stored in the PCI Configuration Space - PCI Compatible Configuration Space. The byte offset within the PCI Configuration Space - PCI Compatible Configuration Space indicates the parameter address.

Device Capabilities

Table 5-5: Capabilities Registers

Parameter	Possible Values	Default Value	Description
Maximum payload size	128 bytes 256 bytes 512 bytes 1024 bytes 2048 bytes	128 bytes	Specifies the maximum payload size supported. This parameter sets the read-only value of the max payload size supported field of the Device Capabilities register (0x084[2:0]). Address: 0x084.

Parameter	Possible Values	Default Value	Description
Tags supported	32 64	32 - Avalon-ST	<p>Indicates the number of tags supported for non-posted requests transmitted by the Application Layer. This parameter sets the values in the Device Control register (0x088) of the PCI Express capability structure described in Table 9–9 on page 9–5.</p> <p>The Transaction Layer tracks all outstanding completions for non-posted requests made by the Application Layer. This parameter configureTags supporteddes the Transaction Layer for the maximum number to track. The Application Layer must set the tag values in all non-posted PCI Express headers to be less than this value. Values greater than 32 also set the extended tag field supported bit in the Configuration Space Device Capabilities register. The Application Layer can only use tag numbers greater than 31 if configuration software sets the Extended Tag Field Enable bit of the Device Control register. This bit is available to the Application Layer on the <code>tl_cfg_ctl</code> output signal as <code>cfg_devcsr[8]</code>.</p>
Completion timeout range	ABCD BCD ABC AB B A None	ABCD	<p>Indicates device function support for the optional completion timeout programmability mechanism. This mechanism allows system software to modify the completion timeout value. This field is applicable only to Root Ports and Endpoints that issue requests on their own behalf. Completion timeouts are specified and enabled in the Device Control 2 register (0x0A8) of the <i>PCI Express Capability Structure Version</i> . For all other functions this field is reserved and must be hardwired to 0x0000b. Four time value ranges are defined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range A: 50 us to 10 ms • Range B: 10 ms to 250 ms • Range C: 250 ms to 4 s • Range D: 4 s to 64 s <p>Bits are set to show timeout value ranges supported. The function must implement a timeout value in the range 50 s to 50 ms. The following values are used to specify the range:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None – Completion timeout programming is not supported • 0001 Range A • 0010 Range B • 0011 Ranges A and B • 0110 Ranges B and C • 0111 Ranges A, B, and C

Parameter	Possible Values	Default Value	Description
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1110 Ranges B, C and D 1111 Ranges A, B, C, and D <p>All other values are reserved. Altera recommends that the completion timeout mechanism expire in no less than 10 ms.</p>
Implement completion timeout disable	On/Off	On	For Endpoints using PCI Express version 2.1 or 3.0, this option must be On . The timeout range is selectable. When On , the core supports the completion timeout disable mechanism via the PCI Express Device Control Register 2. The Application Layer logic must implement the actual completion timeout mechanism for the required ranges.

Error Reporting

Table 5-6: Error Reporting

Parameter	Value	Default Value	Description
Advanced error reporting (AER)	On/Off	Off	When On , enables the Advanced Error Reporting (AER) capability.
ECRC check	On/Off	Off	When On , enables ECRC checking. Sets the read-only value of the ECRC check capable bit in the Advanced Error Capabilities and Control Register. This parameter requires you to enable the AER capability.
ECRC generation	On/Off	Off	When On , enables ECRC generation capability. Sets the read-only value of the ECRC generation capable bit in the Advanced Error Capabilities and Control Register. This parameter requires you to enable the AER capability. Not applicable for Avalon-MM DMA.
ECRC forwarding	On/Off	Off	When On , enables ECRC forwarding to the Application Layer. On the Avalon-ST RX path, the incoming TLP contains the ECRC dword ⁽¹⁾ and the TD bit is set if an ECRC exists. On the transmit the TLP from the Application Layer must contain the ECRC dword and have the TD bit set. Not applicable for Avalon-MM DMA.

Parameter	Value	Default Value	Description
Track Receive Completion Buffer Overflow	On/Off	Off	When On , the core includes the <code>rxfx_cplbuf_ovf</code> output status signal to track the RX posted completion buffer overflow status. Not applicable for Avalon-MM DMA.

Note :

1. Throughout this user guide, the terms word, dword and qword have the same meaning that they have in the *PCI Express Base Specification*. A word is 16 bits, a dword is 32 bits, and a qword is 64 bits.

Related Information

[PCI Express Base Specification Revision 2.1 or 3.0](#)

Link Capabilities

Table 5-7: Link Capabilities

Parameter	Value	Description
Link port number	0x01	Sets the read-only value of the port number field in the Link Capabilities Register.
Data link layer active reporting	On/Off	Turn On this parameter for a downstream port, if the component supports the optional capability of reporting the DL_Active state of the Data Link Control and Management State Machine. For a hot-plug capable downstream port (as indicated by the Hot Plug Capable field of the Slot Capabilities register), this parameter must be turned On . For upstream ports and components that do not support this optional capability, turn Off this option. This parameter is only supported for the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express in Root Port mode. Not applicable for Avalon-MM DMA.
Surprise down reporting	On/Off	When this option is On , a downstream port supports the optional capability of detecting and reporting the surprise down error condition. This parameter is only supported for the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express in Root Port mode. Not applicable for Avalon-MM DMA.
Slot clock configuration	On/Off	When On , indicates that the Endpoint or Root Port uses the same physical reference clock that the system provides on the connector. When Off , the IP core uses an independent clock regardless of the presence of a reference clock on the connector.

MSI and MSI-X Capabilities

Table 5-8: MSI and MSI-X Capabilities

Parameter	Value	Description
MSI messages requested	1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32	Specifies the number of messages the Application Layer can request. Sets the value of the Multiple Message Capable field of the Message Control register, 0x050[31:16].
MSI-X Capabilities		
Implement MSI-X	On/Off	When On , enables the MSI-X functionality.
Bit Range		
MSI-X Table size	[10:0]	System software reads this field to determine the MSI-X Table size $\langle n \rangle$, which is encoded as $\langle n-1 \rangle$. For example, a returned value of 2047 indicates a table size of 2048. This field is read-only. Legal range is 0–2047 (2^{11}). Address offset: 0x068[26:16]
MSI-X Table Offset	[31:0]	Points to the base of the MSI-X Table. The lower 3 bits of the table BAR indicator (BIR) are set to zero by software to form a 32-bit qword-aligned offset ⁽¹⁾ . This field is read-only.
MSI-X Table BAR Indicator	[2:0]	Specifies which one of a function's BARs, located beginning at 0x10 in Configuration Space, is used to map the MSI-X table into memory space. This field is read-only. Legal range is 0–5.
MSI-X Pending Bit Array (PBA) Offset	[31:0]	Used as an offset from the address contained in one of the function's Base Address registers to point to the base of the MSI-X PBA. The lower 3 bits of the PBA BIR are set to zero by software to form a 32-bit qword-aligned offset. This field is read-only.
MSI-X Pending Bit Array (PBA) Offset-BAR Indicator	[2:0]	Specifies the function Base Address registers, located beginning at 0x10 in Configuration Space, that maps the MSI-X PBA into memory space. This field is read-only. Legal range is 0–5.
Note:		
1. Throughout this user guide, the terms word, dword and qword have the same meaning that they have in the <i>PCI Express Base Specification</i> . A word is 16 bits, a dword is 32 bits, and a qword is 64 bits.		

Related Information

[PCI Express Base Specification Revision 2.1 or 3.0](#)

Slot Capabilities

Table 5-9: Slot Capabilities

Parameter	Value	Description
Use Slot register	On/Off	<p>The slot capability is required for Root Ports if a slot is implemented on the port. Slot status is recorded in the PCI Express Capabilities register. This parameter is only supported in Root Port mode.</p> <p>Not applicable for Avalon-MM DMA.</p>
Slot capability register	—	<p>Defines the characteristics of the slot. You turn on this option by selecting Enable slot capability. The various bits are defined as follows:</p> <p>31 19 18 17 16 15 14 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0</p> <p>Physical Slot Number</p> <p>No Command Completed Support Electromechanical Interlock Present Slot Power Limit Scale Slot Power Limit Value Hot-Plug Capable Hot-Plug Surprise Power Indicator Present Attention Indicator Present MRL Sensor Present Power Controller Present Attention Button Present</p>
Slot power scale	0–3	<p>Specifies the scale used for the Slot power limit. The following coefficients are defined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = 1.0x 1 = 0.1x 2 = 0.01x 3 = 0.001x <p>The default value prior to hardware and firmware initialization is b'00. Writes to this register also cause the port to send the Set_Slot_Power_Limit Message.</p> <p>Refer to Section 6.9 of the <i>PCI Express Base Specification Revision</i> for more information.</p>
Slot power limit	0–255	<p>In combination with the Slot power scale value, specifies the upper limit in watts on power supplied by the slot. Refer to Section 7.8.9 of the <i>PCI Express Base Specification</i> for more information.</p>
Slot number	0–8191	Specifies the slot number.

Related Information

[PCI Express Base Specification Revision 2.1 or 3.0](#)

Power Management

Table 5-10: Power Management Parameters

Parameter	Value	Description
Endpoint L0s acceptable latency	Maximum of 64 ns	This design parameter specifies the maximum acceptable latency that the device can tolerate to exit the L0s state for any links between the device and the root complex. It sets the read-only value of the Endpoint L0s acceptable latency field of the Device Capabilities Register (0x084).
	Maximum of 128 ns	
	Maximum of 256 ns	
	Maximum of 512 ns	
	Maximum of 1 us	This Endpoint does not support the L0s or L1 states. However, in a switched system there may be links connected to switches that have L0s and L1 enabled. This parameter is set to allow system configuration software to read the acceptable latencies for all devices in the system and the exit latencies for each link to determine which links can enable Active State Power Management (ASPM). This setting is disabled for Root Ports.
	Maximum of 2 us	
	Maximum of 4 us	
	No limit	
		The default value of this parameter is 64 ns. This is the safest setting for most designs.
Endpoint L1 acceptable latency	Maximum of 1 us	This value indicates the acceptable latency that an Endpoint can withstand in the transition from the L1 to L0 state. It is an indirect measure of the Endpoint's internal buffering. It sets the read-only value of the Endpoint L1 acceptable latency field of the Device Capabilities Register.
	Maximum of 2 us	
	Maximum of 4 us	
	Maximum of 8 us	
	Maximum of 16 us	This Endpoint does not support the L0s or L1 states. However, in a switched system there may be links connected to switches that have L0s and L1 enabled. This parameter is set to allow system configuration software to read the acceptable latencies for all devices in the system and the exit latencies for each link to determine which links can enable Active State Power Management (ASPM). This setting is disabled for Root Ports.
	Maximum of 32 us	
	No limit	
		The default value of this parameter is 1 μ s. This is the safest setting for most designs.

PHY Characteristics

Table 5-11: PHY Characteristics

Parameter	Value	Description
Gen2 transmit deemphasis	3.5dB 6dB	Specifies the transmit deemphasis for Gen2. Altera recommends the following settings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.5dB: Short PCB traces 6.0dB: Long PCB traces.
Use ATX PLL	On/Off	When enabled, the Hard IP for PCI Express uses the ATX PLL instead of the CMU PLL. For other configurations, using the ATX PLL instead of the CMU PLL reduces the number of transceiver channels that are necessary. This option requires the use of the soft reset controller and does not support the CvP flow. For more information about channel placement, refer to “R**Serial Interface Signals” on page 8–60.
Enable Common Clock Configuration (for lower latenc)	On/Off	When you turn this option on, the Application Layer and Transaction Layer use a common clock. Using a common clock reduces datapath latency because synchronizers are not necessary.

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The Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express implements the complete PCI Express protocol stack as defined in the *PCI Express Base Specification*. The protocol stack includes the following layers:

- *Transaction Layer*—The Transaction Layer contains the Configuration Space, which manages communication with the Application Layer, the RX and TX channels, the RX buffer, and flow control credits.
- *Data Link Layer*—The Data Link Layer, located between the Physical Layer and the Transaction Layer, manages packet transmission and maintains data integrity at the link level. Specifically, the Data Link Layer performs the following tasks:
 - Manages transmission and reception of Data Link Layer Packets (DLLPs)
 - Generates all transmission cyclical redundancy code (CRC) values and checks all CRCs during reception
 - Manages the retry buffer and retry mechanism according to received ACK/NAK Data Link Layer packets
 - Initializes the flow control mechanism for DLLPs and routes flow control credits to and from the Transaction Layer
- *Physical Layer*—The Physical Layer initializes the speed, lane numbering, and lane width of the PCI Express link according to packets received from the link and directives received from higher layers.

The following figure provides a high-level block diagram of the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express.

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Figure 6-1: Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express Using the Avalon-ST Interface

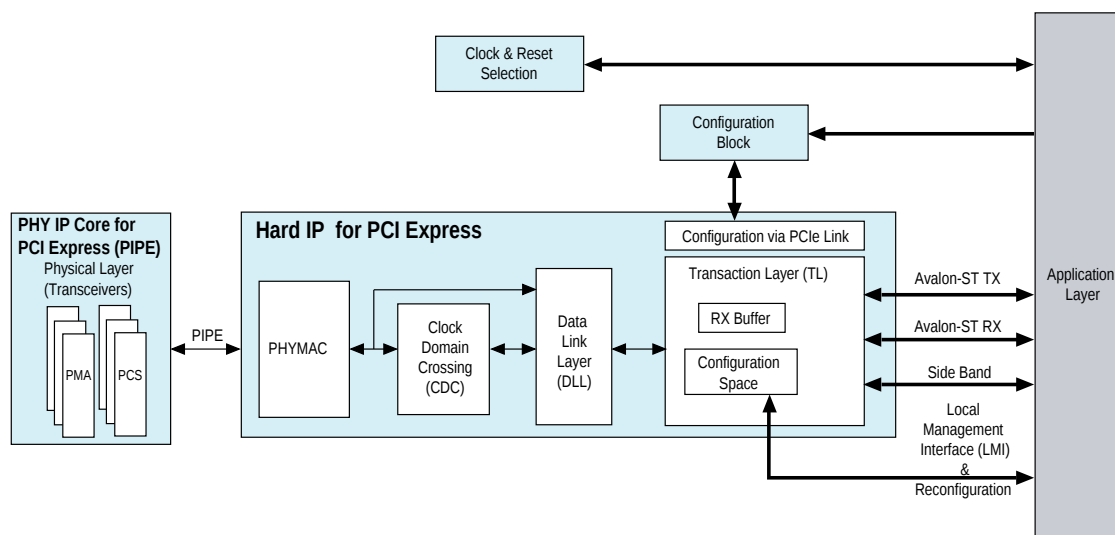


Table 6-1: Application Layer Clock Frequencies

Lanes	Gen1	Gen2	Gen3
×1	125 MHz @ 64 bits or 62.5 MHz @ 64 bits	125 MHz @ 64 bits 62.5 MHz @ 64 bits	125 MHz @ 64 bits
×2	125 MHz @ 64 bits	125 MHz @ 128 bits	250 MHz @ 64 bits or 125 MHz @ 128 bits
×4	125 MHz @ 64 bits	250 MHz @ 64 bits or 125 MHz @ 128 bits	250 MHz @ 128 bits or 125 MHz @ 256 bits
×8	250 MHz @ 64 bits or 125 MHz @ 128 bits	250 MHz @ 128 bits or 125 MHz @ 256 bits	250 MHz @ 256 bits

The following interfaces provide access to the Application Layer's Configuration Space Registers:

- The LMI interface
- The Avalon-MM PCIe reconfiguration interface, which can access any read-only Configuration Space Register
- In Root Port mode, you can also access the Configuration Space Registers with a Configuration TLP using the Avalon-ST interface. A Type 0 Configuration TLP is used to access the Root Port configuration Space Registers, and a Type 1 Configuration TLP is used to access the Configuration Space Registers of downstream components, typically Endpoints on the other side of the link.

The Hard IP includes dedicated clock domain crossing logic (CDC) between the PHYMAC and Data Link Layers.

Related Information[PCI Express Base Specification 2.1 or 3.0](#)

Top-Level Interfaces

Avalon-ST Interface

An Avalon-ST interface connects the Application Layer and the Transaction Layer. This is a point-to-point, streaming interface designed for high throughput applications. The Avalon-ST interface includes the RX and TX datapaths.

For more information about the Avalon-ST interface, including timing diagrams, refer to the *Avalon Interface Specifications*.

RX Datapath

The RX datapath transports data from the Transaction Layer to the Application Layer's Avalon-ST interface. Masking of non-posted requests is partially supported. Refer to the description of the `rx_st_mask` signal for further information about masking. For more information about the RX datapath, refer to "R**Avalon-ST RX Interface" on page 8–4.

TX Datapath

The TX datapath transports data from the Application Layer's Avalon-ST interface to the Transaction Layer. The Hard IP provides credit information to the Application Layer for posted headers, posted data, non-posted headers, non-posted data, completion headers and completion data.

The Application Layer may track credits consumed and use the credit limit information to calculate the number of credits available. However, to enforce the PCI Express Flow Control (FC) protocol, the Hard IP also checks the available credits before sending a request to the link, and if the Application Layer violates the available credits for a TLP it transmits, the Hard IP blocks that TLP and all future TLPs until credits become available. By tracking the credit consumed information and calculating the credits available, the Application Layer can optimize performance by selecting for transmission only the TLPs that have credits available.

Related Information

- [Avalon-ST RX Interface](#) on page 7-3
- [Avalon-ST TX Interface](#) on page 7-16
- [Avalon Interface Specifications](#)

Clocks and Reset

The *PCI Express Base Specification* requires an input reference clock, which is called `refclk` in this design. Although the *PCI Express Base Specification* stipulates that the frequency of this clock be 100 MHz, the Hard IP also accepts a 125 MHz reference clock as a convenience. You can specify the frequency of your input reference clock using the parameter editor under the **System Settings** heading.

The *PCI Express Base Specification* also requires a system configuration time of 100 ms. To meet this specification, the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express includes an embedded hard reset controller. This reset controller exits the reset state after the I/O ring of the device is initialized.

Related Information

- [Reset and Clocks](#) on page 9-1
- [Clock Signals](#) on page 7-29
- [Reset Signals, Status, and Link Training Signals](#) on page 7-29

Local Management Interface (LMI Interface)

The LMI bus provides access to the PCI Express Configuration Space in the Transaction Layer.

Related Information

[LMI Signals](#) on page 7-38

Hard IP Reconfiguration

The PCI Express reconfiguration bus allows you to dynamically change the read-only values stored in the Configuration Registers.

Related Information

[Hard IP Reconfiguration Interface](#) on page 7-48

Transceiver Reconfiguration

The transceiver reconfiguration interface allows you to dynamically reconfigure the values of analog settings in the PMA block of the transceiver. Dynamic reconfiguration is necessary to compensate for process variations. The Altera Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller IP core provides access to these analog settings.

Related Information

[Transceiver PHY IP Reconfiguration](#) on page 16-9

Interrupts

The Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express offers the following interrupt mechanisms:

- Message Signaled Interrupts (MSI)— MSI uses the Transaction Layer's request-acknowledge handshaking protocol to implement interrupts. The MSI Capability structure is stored in the Configuration Space and is programmable using Configuration Space accesses.
- MSI-X—The Transaction Layer generates MSI-X messages which are single dword memory writes. In contrast to the MSI capability structure, which contains all of the control and status information for the interrupt vectors, the MSI-X Capability structure points to an MSI-X table structure and MSI-X PBA structure which are stored in memory.
- Legacy interrupts—The `app_int_sts` input port controls legacy interrupt generation. When `app_int_sts` is asserted, the Hard IP generates an `Assert_INT<n>` message TLP.

Related Information

- [Interrupts for Endpoints](#) on page 7-40
- [Interrupts for Endpoints when Multiple MSI/MSI-X Support Is Enabled](#)
- [Interrupts for Root Ports](#) on page 7-34

PIPE

The PIPE interface implements the Intel-designed PIPE interface specification. You can use this parallel interface to speed simulation; however, you cannot use the PIPE interface in actual hardware.

- The Gen1, Gen2, and Gen3 simulation models support pipe and serial simulation.
- For Gen3 simulation, the Altera testbench bypasses Phase 2 and Phase 3 equalization.

Related Information

[PIPE Interface Signals](#) on page 7-58

Transaction Layer

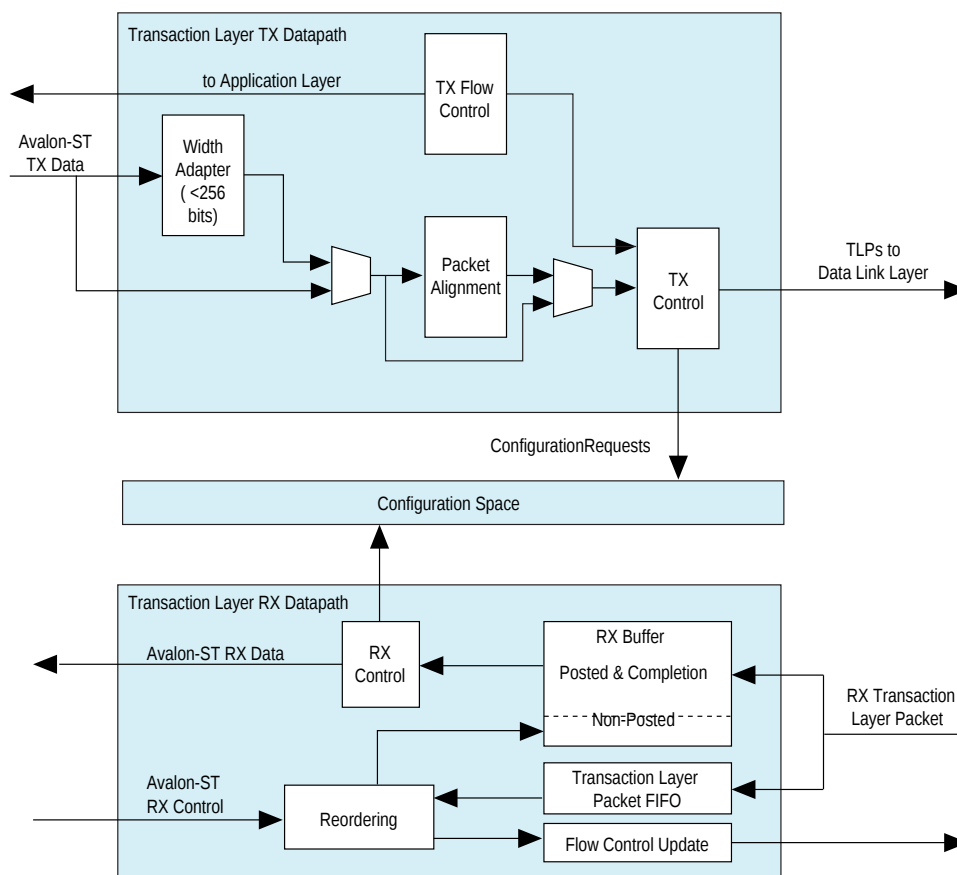
The Transaction Layer is located between the Application Layer and the Data Link Layer. It generates and receives Transaction Layer Packets. The following illustrates the Transaction Layer. The Transaction Layer includes three sub-blocks: the TX datapath, the Configuration Space, and the RX datapath.

Tracing a transaction through the RX datapath includes the following steps:

1. The Transaction Layer receives a TLP from the Data Link Layer.
2. The Configuration Space determines whether the TLP is well formed and directs the packet based on traffic class (TC).
3. TLPs are stored in a specific part of the RX buffer depending on the type of transaction (posted, non-posted, and completion).
4. The TLP FIFO block stores the address of the buffered TLP.
5. The receive reordering block reorders the queue of TLPs as needed, fetches the address of the highest priority TLP from the TLP FIFO block, and initiates the transfer of the TLP to the Application Layer.
6. When ECRC generation and forwarding are enabled, the Transaction Layer forwards the ECRC dword to the Application Layer.

Tracing a transaction through the TX datapath involves the following steps:

1. The Transaction Layer informs the Application Layer that sufficient flow control credits exist for a particular type of transaction using the TX credit signals. The Application Layer may choose to ignore this information.
2. The Application Layer requests permission to transmit a TLP. The Application Layer must provide the transaction and must be prepared to provide the entire data payload in consecutive cycles.
3. The Transaction Layer verifies that sufficient flow control credits exist and acknowledges or postpones the request.
4. The Transaction Layer forwards the TLP to the Data Link Layer.

Figure 6-2: Architecture of the Transaction Layer: Dedicated Receive Buffer

Configuration Space

The Configuration Space implements the following configuration registers and associated functions:

- Header Type 0 Configuration Space for Endpoints
- Header Type 1 Configuration Space for Root Ports
- PCI Power Management Capability Structure
- Virtual Channel Capability Structure
- Message Signaled Interrupt (MSI) Capability Structure
- Message Signaled Interrupt-X (MSI-X) Capability Structure
- PCI Express Capability Structure
- Advanced Error Reporting (AER) Capability Structure
- Vendor Specific Extended Capability (VSEC)

The Configuration Space also generates all messages (PME#, INT, error, slot power limit), MSI requests, and completion packets from configuration requests that flow in the direction of the root complex, except slot power limit messages, which are generated by a downstream port. All such transactions are dependent upon the content of the PCI Express Configuration Space as described in the *PCI Express Base Specification*.

Related Information

- [Configuration Space Register Content](#) on page 8-4
- [PCI Express Base Specification Revision 2.1 or 3.0](#)

Configuration Space Bypass Mode

When you select **Enable Configuration Space Bypass** under the **System Settings** heading of the parameter editor, the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express bypasses the Transaction Layer Configuration Space registers included as part of the hard IP, allowing you to substitute a custom Configuration Space implemented in soft logic. If you implement Configuration Space Bypass mode, the Configuration Shadow Extension Bus is not available. In Configuration Space Bypass mode, all received Type 0 configuration writes and reads are forwarded to the Avalon-ST interface.

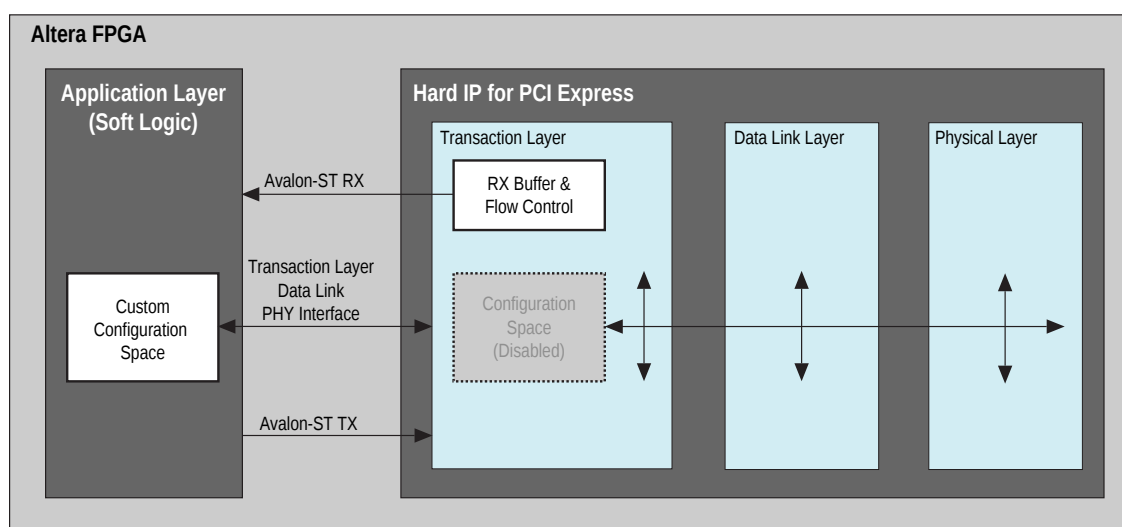
In Configuration Space Bypass mode, you must also implement all of the TLP BAR matching and completion tag checking in soft logic.

If you enable Configuration Space Bypass mode, you can implement the following features in soft logic:

- Resizable BARs
- Latency Tolerance Reporting
- Multicast
- Dynamic Power Allocation
- Alternative Routing-ID Interpretation (ARI)
- Single Root I/O Virtualization (SR-IOV)
- Multi-functions

The RX Buffer, Flow Control, DL and PHY layers from the Arria 10 Hard IP for PCI Express are retained in the Hard IP.

Figure 6-3: Configuration Space Bypass Mode



In Configuration Space Bypass Mode, the hard IP passes all well-formed TLPs to the Application Layer using the Avalon-ST RX interface. The hard IP detects and drops malformed TLPs. Application Layer logic must

detect and handle Unsupported Requests and Unexpected Completions. Application Layer logic must also generate all completions and messages and transmit them using the Avalon-ST TX interface. Refer to “Configuration Space Bypass Mode Input Signals” on page 8–42 and “Configuration Space Bypass Mode Output Signals” on page 8–44 for descriptions of these signals.

In Configuration Space Bypass Mode, the Power Management, MSI and legacy interrupts, Completion Errors, and Configuration Interfaces are disabled inside the hard IP. You must implement these features in the Application Layer. You can use the LMI bus in Configuration Space Bypass mode to log the TLP header of the first error in the AER registers.

Error Checking and Handling in Configuration Space Bypass Mode

In Configuration Space Bypass mode, the Application Layer receives all TLPs that are not malformed. The Transaction Layer detects and drops malformed TLPs. Refer to “Errors Detected by the Transaction Layer” on page 15–3 for the malformed TLPs the Transaction Layer detects. The Transaction Layer also detects Internal Errors and Corrected Errors. Real-time error status signals report Internal Errors and Correctable Errors to the Application Layer. The Transaction Layer also records these errors in the AER registers. You can access the AER registers using the LMI interface.

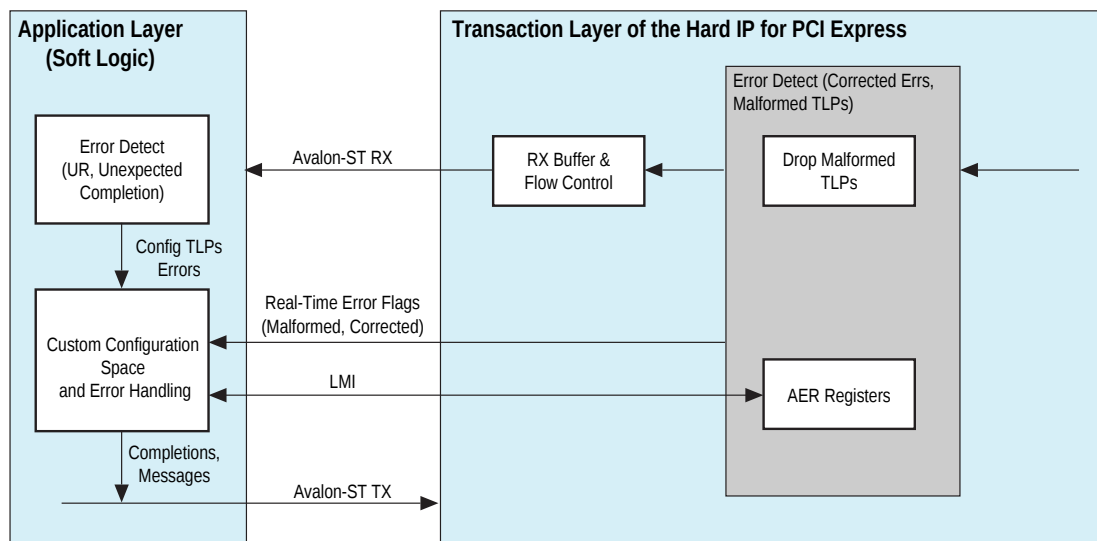
Because the AER header log is not available in Configuration Space Bypass Mode, the Application Layer must implement logic to read the AER header log using the LMI interface. You may need to arbitrate between Configuration Space Requests to the AER registers of the Hard IP for PCI Express and Configuration Space Requests to your own Configuration Space. Or, you can avoid arbitration logic by deasserting the `ready` signal until each LMI access completes.

Note: Altera does not support the use of the LMI interface to read and write the other registers in function0 of the Hard IP for PCI Express Configuration Space. You must create your own function0 in your application logic.

In Configuration Space Bypass mode, the Transaction Layer disables checks for Unsupported Requests and Unexpected Completions. The Application Layer must implement these checks. The Transaction Layer also disables error Messages and completion generation, which the Application Layer must implement.

Note: The following figure shows the division of error checking between the Transaction Layer of the hard IP for PCI Express and the Application Layer. The real-time error flags assert for one `pld_clk` as the errors are detected by the Transaction Layer.

Figure 6-4: Error Handling in Configuration Space Bypass Mode



The following list summarizes the behavior of the Transaction Layer error handling in Configuration Space Bypass Mode:

- The Translation Layer discards malformed TLPs. The `err_tlmalf` output signal is asserted to indicate this error. The Transaction Layer also logs this error in the `Uncorrectable Error Status`, `AER Header Log`, and `First Error Pointer Registers`. The Transaction Layer's definition of malformed TLPs is same in normal and Configuration Space Bypass modes.
- Unsupported Requests are not recognized by the Transaction Layer. The Application Layer must identify unsupported requests.
- Unexpected completions are not recognized by the Transaction Layer. The Application Layer must identify unexpected completions.
- You can use the Transaction Layer's ECRC checker in Configuration Space Bypass mode. If you enable ECRC checking with the `rx_ecrcchk_pld` input signal and the Transaction Layer detects an ECRC error, the Transaction Layer asserts the `rx_st_ecrcerr` output signal with the TLP on the Avalon-ST RX interface. The Application Layer must handle the error. If ECRC generation is enabled, the core generates ECRC and appends it to the end of the TX TLP from the Application Layer. Refer to Table 12-1 on page 12-2 and Table 12-2 on page 12-3 for additional information.
- The Transaction Layer sends poisoned TLPs on the Avalon-ST RX interface for completions and error handling by the Application Layer. These errors are not logged in the Configuration Space error registers.
- The Transaction Layer discards TLPs that violate RX credit limits. The Transaction Layer signals this error by asserting the `err_tlrvcvof` output signal and logging it in the `Uncorrectable Error Status`, `AER Header Log`, and `First Error Pointer Registers`.
- The Transaction Layer indicates Data Link and internal errors with the real-time error output signals `cfgbp_err_*`. These errors are also logged in the `Uncorrectable Error Status`, `AER Header Log`, and `First Error Pointer Registers`.

The Transaction Layer uses error flags to signal the Application Layer with real-time error status output signals. The Application Layer can monitor these flags to determine when the Transaction Layer has detected a Malformed TLP, Corrected Error, or internal error. In addition, the Application Layer can read the

Transaction Layer's AER information such as AER Header Log and First Error Pointer Registers using the LMI bus.

- Real-time error signals are routed to the Application Layer using the error status output signals listed in the “Configuration Space Bypass Mode Output Signals” on page 8–44.
- Two sideband signals `uncorr_err_reg_sts` and `corr_err_reg_sts` indicate that an error has been logged in the Uncorrectable Error Status or Correctable Error Status Register. The Application Layer can read these Uncorrectable or Correctable Error Status Registers, AER Header Log, and First Error Pointers using the LMI bus to retrieve information. The `uncorr_err_reg_sts` and `corr_err_reg_sts` signals remain asserted until the Application Layer clears the corresponding status register. Proper logging requires that the Application Layer set the appropriate Configuration Space registers in the Transaction Layer using the LMI bus. The Application Layer must set the Uncorrectable and Correctable Error Mask and Uncorrectable Error Severity error reporting bits appropriately so that the errors are logged appropriately internal to the Arria 10 hard IP for PCI Express. The settings of the Uncorrectable and Correctable Error Mask, and Uncorrectable Error Severity error reporting bits do not affect the real-time error output signals. The Application Layer must also log these errors in the soft Configuration Space and send error Messages.
- For more information about error handling, refer to the *PCI Express Base Specification*, Revision 2.0 or 3.0.
- The sideband signal `root_err_reg_sts` indicates that an error is logged in the Root Error Status Register. The Application Layer can read the Root Error Status Register and the Error Source Identification Register using the LMI bus to retrieve information about the errors. The `root_err_reg_sts` signal remains asserted until the Application Layer clears the corresponding status register using the LMI bus. The Application Layer must set the Uncorrectable and Correctable Error Mask, Uncorrectable Error Severity, and Device Control Register error reporting bits appropriately so that the errors are logged appropriately in the Arria 10 Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core. The settings of the Uncorrectable and Correctable Error Mask, Uncorrectable Error Severity, and Device Control Register error reporting bits do not affect the real-time error output signals. The Application Layer must also log these errors in the soft Configuration Space and send error Messages.

Related Information

[PCI Express Base Specification 2.1 or 3.0](#)

Protocol Extensions Supported

The Transaction Layer supports the following protocol extensions:

- TLP Processing Hints (TPH)—Supports both a Requester and Completer. The Application Layer should implement the TPH Requester Capabilities Structure using the soft logic in the Application Layer Extended Configuration Space. The Transaction Layer supports both Protocol Hint (PH) bits and Steering Tags (ST). The Transaction Layer does not support the optional Extended TPH TLP prefix.
- Atomic Operations—Supports both Requester and Completer. The RX buffer supports two, four, or eight non-posted data credits depending on the performance level you selected for the **RX buffer credit allocation – performance for received requests** under the **System Settings** heading of the parameter editor. The Transaction Layer also supports Atomic Operation Egress Blocking to prevent forwarding of AtomicOp Requests to components that should not receive them.

- ID-Based Ordering (IDO)—The Transaction Layer supports ID-Based Ordering to permit certain ordering restrictions to be relaxed to improve performance. However, the Transaction Layer does reorder the TLPs. On the RX side, ID-Based reordering should be implemented in soft logic. On the TX side, the Application Layer should set the IDO bit, which is bit 8 the Device Control Register 2, in the TLPs that it generates.

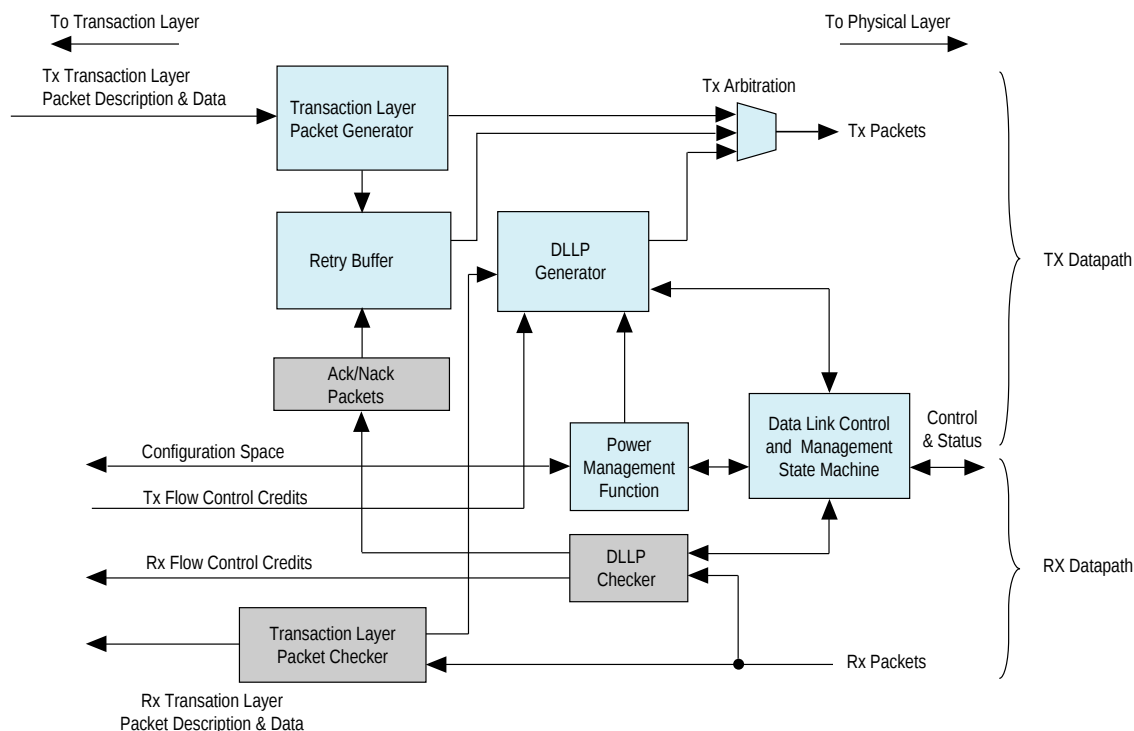
Data Link Layer

The Data Link Layer is located between the Transaction Layer and the Physical Layer. It maintains packet integrity and communicates (by DLL packet transmission) at the PCI Express link level (as opposed to component communication by TLP transmission in the interconnect fabric).

The DLL implements the following functions:

- Link management through the reception and transmission of DLL packets (DLLP), which are used for the following functions:
 - For power management of DLLP reception and transmission
 - To transmit and receive ACK/NACK packets
 - Data integrity through generation and checking of CRCs for TLPs and DLLPs
 - TLP retransmission in case of NAK DLLP reception using the retry buffer
 - Management of the retry buffer
- Link retraining requests in case of error through the Link Training and Status State Machine (LTSSM) of the Physical Layer

Figure 6-5: Data Link Layer



The DLL has the following sub-blocks:

- **Data Link Control and Management State Machine**—This state machine is synchronized with the Physical Layer's LTSSM state machine and is also connected to the Configuration Space Registers. It initializes the link and flow control credits and reports status to the Configuration Space.
- **Power Management**—This function handles the handshake to enter low power mode. Such a transition is based on register values in the Configuration Space and received Power Management (PM) DLLPs.
- **Data Link Layer Packet Generator and Checker**—This block is associated with the DLLP's 16-bit CRC and maintains the integrity of transmitted packets.
- **Transaction Layer Packet Generator**—This block generates transmit packets, generating a sequence number and a 32-bit CRC (LCRC). The packets are also sent to the retry buffer for internal storage. In retry mode, the TLP generator receives the packets from the retry buffer and generates the CRC for the transmit packet.
- **Retry Buffer**—The retry buffer stores TLPs and retransmits all unacknowledged packets in the case of NAK DLLP reception. For ACK DLLP reception, the retry buffer discards all acknowledged packets.
- **ACK/NAK Packets**—The ACK/NAK block handles ACK/NAK DLLPs and generates the sequence number of transmitted packets.
- **Transaction Layer Packet Checker**—This block checks the integrity of the received TLP and generates a request for transmission of an ACK/NAK DLLP.
- **TX Arbitration**—This block arbitrates transactions, prioritizing in the following order:
 - Initialize FC Data Link Layer packet
 - ACK/NAK DLLP (high priority)
 - Update FC DLLP (high priority)
 - PM DLLP
 - Retry buffer TLP
 - TLP
 - Update FC DLLP (low priority)
 - ACK/NAK FC DLLP (low priority)

Physical Layer

The Physical Layer is the lowest level of the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express. It is the layer closest to the serial link. It encodes and transmits packets across a link and accepts and decodes received packets. The Physical Layer connects to the link through a high-speed SERDES interface running at 2.5 Gbps for Gen1 implementations, at 2.5 or 5.0 Gbps for Gen2 implementations, and at 2.5, 5.0 or 8.0 Gbps for Gen 3 implementations.

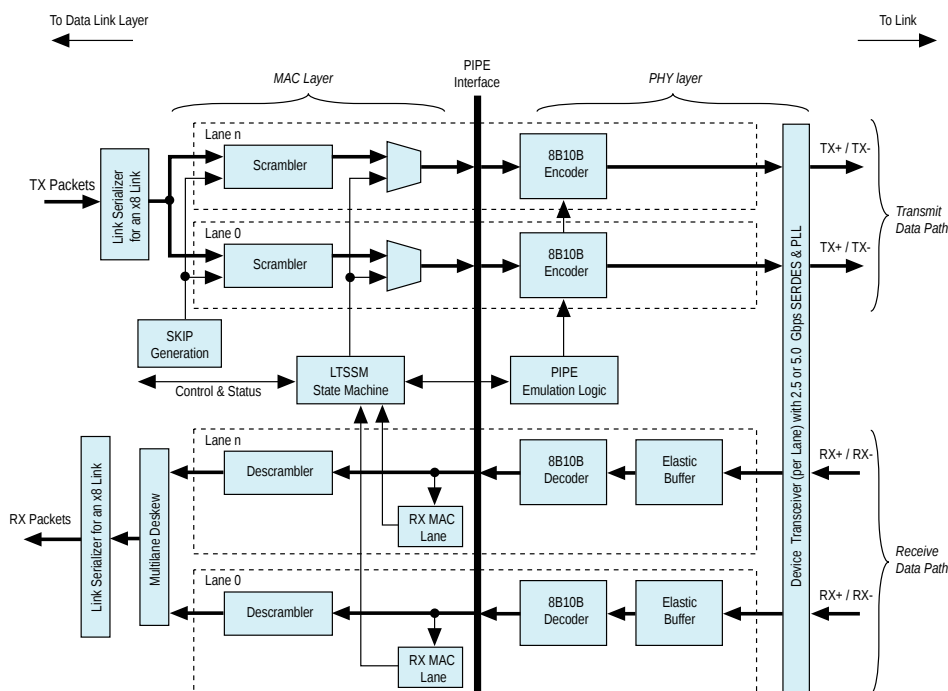
The Physical Layer is responsible for the following actions:

- Initializing the link
- Scrambling/descrambling and 8B/10B encoding/decoding of 2.5 Gbps (Gen1), 5.0 Gbps (Gen2), or 128b/130b encoding/decoding of 8.0 Gbps (Gen3) per lane
- Serializing and deserializing data
- Operating the PIPE 3.0 Interface
- Implementing auto speed negotiation (Gen2 and Gen3)
- Transmitting and decoding the training sequence
- Providing hardware autonomous speed control

- Implementing auto lane reversal

The following figure illustrates the Physical Layer architecture.

Figure 6-6: Physical Layer



The Physical Layer is subdivided by the PIPE Interface Specification into two layers (bracketed horizontally in above figure):

- Media Access Controller (MAC) Layer—The MAC layer includes the LTSSM and the scrambling/descrambling and multilane deskew functions.
- PHY Layer—The PHY layer includes the 8B/10B and 128b/130b encode/decode functions, elastic buffering, and serialization/deserialization functions.

The Physical Layer integrates both digital and analog elements. Intel designed the PIPE interface to separate the MAC from the PHY. The Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express compiles with the PIPE interface specification.

The PHYMAC block is divided in four main sub-blocks:

- MAC Lane—Both the RX and the TX path use this block.
- On the RX side, the block decodes the Physical Layer Packet and reports to the LTSSM the type and number of TS1/TS2 ordered sets received.
- On the TX side, the block multiplexes data from the DLL and the LTSTX sub-block. It also adds lane specific information, including the lane number and the force PAD value when the LTSSM disables the lane during initialization.
- LTSSM—This block implements the LTSSM and logic that tracks what is received and transmitted on each lane.
- For transmission, it interacts with each MAC lane sub-block and with the LTSTX sub-block by asserting both global and per-lane control bits to generate specific Physical Layer packets.

- On the receive path, it receives the Physical Layer Packets reported by each MAC lane sub-block. It also enables the multilane deskew block. This block reports the Physical Layer status to higher layers.
- LTSTX (Ordered Set and SKP Generation)—This sub-block generates the Physical Layer Packet. It receives control signals from the LTSSM block and generates Physical Layer Packet for each lane. It generates the same Physical Layer Packet for all lanes and PAD symbols for the link or lane number in the corresponding TS1/TS2 fields.

The block also handles the receiver detection operation to the PCS sub-layer by asserting predefined PIPE signals and waiting for the result. It also generates a SKP Ordered Set at every predefined timeslot and interacts with the TX alignment block to prevent the insertion of a SKP Ordered Set in the middle of packet.

- Deskew—This sub-block performs the multilane deskew function and the RX alignment between the number of initialized lanes and the 64-bit data path.

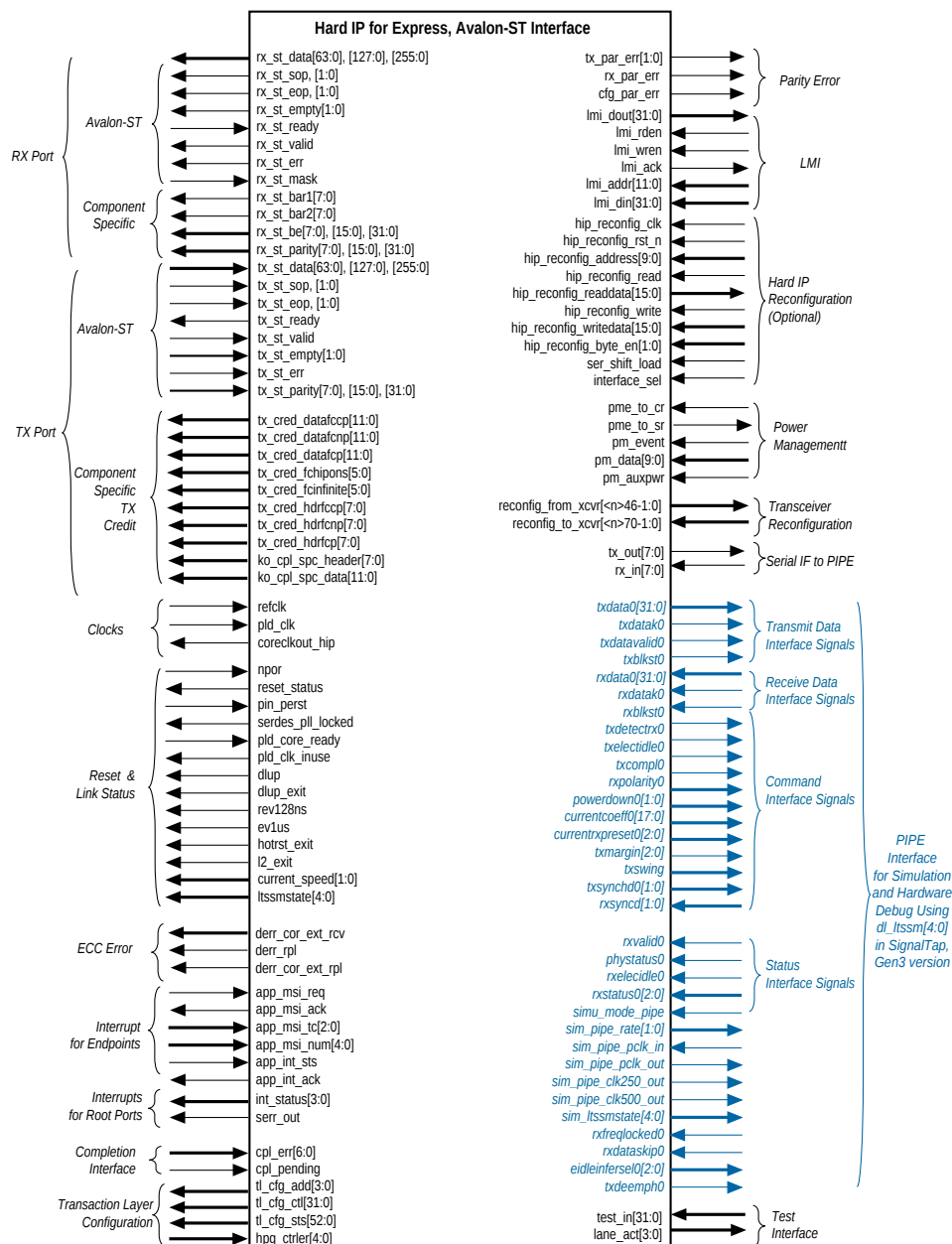
The multilane deskew implements an eight-word FIFO for each lane to store symbols. Each symbol includes eight data bits, one disparity bit, and one control bit. The FIFO discards the FTS, COM, and SKP symbols and replaces PAD and IDL with D0.0 data. When all eight FIFOs contain data, a read can occur.

When the multilane lane deskew block is first enabled, each FIFO begins writing after the first COM is detected. If all lanes have not detected a COM symbol after seven clock cycles, they are reset and the resynchronization process restarts, or else the RX alignment function recreates a 64-bit data word which is sent to the DLL.

This chapter describes the top-level signals of the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express using the Avalon-ST interface. Variants using the Avalon-ST interface are available in both the MegaWizard Plug-In Manager and the Qsys design flows. The Application Layer Avalon-ST interface connects directly to the PCIe Transaction Layer.

The Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express using the Avalon-ST interface offers exactly the same features in the MegaWizard and Qsys design flows. Your decision about which design flow to use depends on whether you want to integrate using RTL instantiation or Qsys. The Qsys system integration tool automatically generates the interconnect logic between the IP components in your system, saving time and effort. Refer to *MegaWizard Plug-In Manager Design Flow* and *Qsys Design Flow* for a description of the steps involved in the two design flows.

Figure 7-1: Avalon-ST Hard IP for PCI Express Top-Level Signals



Related Information

- [Features](#) on page 1-2
- [MegaWizard Plug-In Manager Design Flow](#) on page 2-2
- [Qsys Design Flow](#) on page 2-10

Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express with Avalon-ST Interface to the Application Layer

Avalon-ST RX Interface

The following table describes the signals that comprise the Avalon-ST RX Datapath. The RX data signal can be 64, 128, or 256 bits.

Table 7-1: 64-, 128-, or 256-Bit Avalon-ST RX Datapath

Signal	Width	Dir	Avalon-ST Type	Description
rx_st_data	64,128, 256	O	data	Receive data bus. Refer to figures following this table for the mapping of the Transaction Layer's TLP information to rx_st_data and examples of the timing of this interface. Note that the position of the first payload dword depends on whether the TLP address is qword aligned. The mapping of message TLPs is the same as the mapping of TLPs with 4-dword headers. When using a 64-bit Avalon-ST bus, the width of rx_st_data is 64. When using a 128-bit Avalon-ST bus, the width of rx_st_data is 128. When using a 256-bit Avalon-ST bus, the width of rx_st_data is 256 bits.
rx_st_sop	1, 2	O	start of packet	Indicates that this is the first cycle of the TLP when rx_st_valid is asserted. When using a 256-bit Avalon-ST bus the following correspondences apply: When you turn on Enable multiple packets per cycle , <ul style="list-style-type: none"> bit 0 indicates that a TLP begins in rx_st_data[127:0] bit 1 indicates that a TLP begins in rx_st_data[255:128] In single packet per cycle mode, this signal is a single bit which indicates that a TLP begins in this cycle.
rx_st_eop	1, 2	O	end of packet	Indicates that this is the last cycle of the TLP when rx_st_valid is asserted. When using a 256-bit Avalon-ST bus the following correspondences apply: When you turn on Enable multiple packets per cycle , <ul style="list-style-type: none"> bit 0 indicates that a TLP ends in rx_st_data[127:0] bit 1 indicates that a TLP ends in rx_st_data[255:128] In single packet per cycle mode, this signal is a single bit which indicates that a TLP ends in this cycle.

Signal	Width	Dir	Avalon-ST Type	Description
rx_st_empty[1:0]	1, 2	O	empty	<p>Indicates the number of empty qwords in rx_st_data. Not used when rx_st_data is 64 bits. Valid only when rx_st_eop is asserted in 128-bit and 256-bit modes.</p> <p>For 128-bit data, only bit 0 applies; this bit indicates whether the upper qword contains data. For 256-bit data single packet per cycle mode, both bits are used to indicate whether 0-3 upper qwords contain data, resulting in the following encodings for the 128-and 256-bit interfaces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 128-Bit interface: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> rx_st_empty = 0, rx_st_data[127:0] contains valid data rx_st_empty = 1, rx_st_data[63:0] contains valid data 256-bit interface: single packet per cycle mode <ul style="list-style-type: none"> rx_st_empty = 0, rx_st_data[255:0] contains valid data rx_st_empty = 1, rx_st_data[191:0] contains valid data rx_st_empty = 2, rx_st_data[127:0] contains valid data rx_st_empty = 3, rx_st_data[63:0] contains valid data For 256-bit data, when you turn on Enable multiple packets per cycle, the following correspondences apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> bit 1 applies to the eop occurring in rx_st_data[255:128] bit 0 applies to the eop occurring in rx_st_data[127:0] When the TLP ends in the lower 128 bits, the following equations apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> rx_st_eop[0]=1 & rx_st_empty[0]=0, rx_st_data[127:0] contains valid data rx_st_eop[0]=1 & rx_st_empty[0]=1, rx_st_data[63:0] contains valid data, rx_st_data[127:64] is empty

Signal	Width	Dir	Avalon-ST Type	Description
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When TLP ends in the upper 128bits, the following equations apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> $rx_st_eop[1]=1$ & $rx_st_empty[1]=0$, $rx_st_data[255:128]$ contains valid data $rx_st_eop[1]=1$ & $rx_st_empty[1]=1$, $rx_st_data[191:128]$ contains valid data, $rx_st_data[255:192]$ is empty
<code>rx_st_ready</code>	1	I	ready	<p>Indicates that the Application Layer is ready to accept data. The Application Layer deasserts this signal to throttle the data stream.</p> <p>If <code>rx_st_ready</code> is asserted by the Application Layer on cycle $\langle n \rangle$, then $\langle n \rangle + readyLatency$ is a ready cycle, during which the Transaction Layer may assert <code>valid</code> and transfer data.</p> <p>The RX interface supports a <code>readyLatency</code> of 2 cycles.</p>
<code>rx_st_valid</code>	1, 2	O	valid	<p>Clocks <code>rx_st_data</code> into the Application Layer. Deasserts within 2 clocks of <code>rx_st_ready</code> deassertion and reasserts within 2 clocks of <code>rx_st_ready</code> assertion if more data is available to send.</p> <p>For 256-bit data, when you turn on Enable multiple packets per cycle, bit 0 applies to the entire bus <code>rx_st_data[255:0]</code>. Bit 1 is not used.</p>
<code>rx_st_err</code>	1, 2	O	error	<p>Indicates that there is an uncorrectable error correction coding (ECC) error in the internal RX buffer. Active when ECC is enabled. ECC is automatically enabled by the Quartus II assembler. ECC corrects single-bit errors and detects double-bit errors on a per byte basis.</p> <p>When an uncorrectable ECC error is detected, <code>rx_st_err</code> is asserted for at least 1 cycle while <code>rx_st_valid</code> is asserted.</p> <p>For 256-bit data, when you turn on Enable multiple packets per cycle, bit 0 applies to the entire bus <code>rx_st_data[255:0]</code>. Bit 1 is not used.</p> <p>Altera recommends resetting the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express when an uncorrectable double-bit ECC error is detected.</p>
Component Specific Signals				

Signal	Width	Dir	Avalon-ST Type	Description
rx_st_mask	1	I	component specific	The Application Layer asserts this signal to tell the Hard IP to stop sending non-posted requests. This signal can be asserted at any time. The total number of non-posted requests that can be transferred to the Application Layer after rx_st_mask is asserted is not more than 10.
rx_st_bardec1 rx_st_bardec2	8	O	component specific	<p>The decoded BAR bits for the TLP. Valid for MRd, MWr, IOWr, and IORD TLPs; ignored for the completion or message TLPs. rx_st_bardec1 is valid on the first cycle of rx_st_data for TLPs that begin in the lower 2 qwords of rx_st_data([127:0]). When using a 256-bit Avalon-ST bus with Multiple packets per cycle, rx_st_bardec2 is valid on the first cycle of rx_st_data for TLPs that begin in the upper 2 qwords of rx_st_data([255:128]). Refer to <i>64-Bit Avalon-ST rx_st_data<n> Cycle Definitions for 4-Dword Header TLPs with Non-Qword Addresses</i> and <i>128-Bit Avalon-ST rx_st_data<n> Cycle Definition for 3-Dword Header TLPs with Qword Aligned Addresses</i> for the timing of this signal for 64- and 128-bit data, respectively.</p> <p>The following encodings are defined for Endpoints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bit 0: BAR 0 • Bit 1: BAR 1 • Bit 2: Bar 2 • Bit 3: Bar 3 • Bit 4: Bar 4 • Bit 5: Bar 5 • Bit 6: Expansion ROM <p>Bit 7: Reserved</p>

Signal	Width	Dir	Avalon-ST Type	Description
rx_st_be (deprecated)	8, 16, 32	O	component specific	<p>Byte enables corresponding to the rx_st_data. The byte enable signals only apply to PCI Express Memory Write and I/O Write TLP payload fields. When using 64-bit Avalon-ST bus, the width of rx_st_be is 8 bits. When using 128-bit Avalon-ST bus, the width of rx_st_be is 16 bits. When using a 256-bit Avalon-ST bus, the width of rx_st_be is 32 bits. This signal is optional. You can derive the same information by decoding the FBE and LBE fields in the TLP header. The byte enable bits correspond to data bytes as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> rx_st_data[63:56] = rx_st_be[7] rx_st_data[55:48] = rx_st_be[6] rx_st_data[47:40] = rx_st_be[5] rx_st_data[39:32] = rx_st_be[4] rx_st_data[31:24] = rx_st_be[3] rx_st_data[23:16] = rx_st_be[2] rx_st_data[15:8] = rx_st_be[1] rx_st_data[7:0] = rx_st_be[0] <p>This signal is deprecated.</p>
rx_st_parity	8,16, 32	O	component specific	<p>Byte parity is generated when you turn on Enable byte parity ports on Avalon ST interface on the System Settings tab of the GUI. Each bit represents odd parity of the associated byte of the rx_st_data bus. For example, bit[0] corresponds to rx_st_data[7:0], bit[1] corresponds to rx_st_data[15:8], and so on.</p>
rxfc_cplbuf_ovf	1	O	component specific	When asserted indicates that the RX buffer has overflowed.

For more information about the Avalon-ST protocol, refer to the *Avalon Interface Specifications*.

Related Information

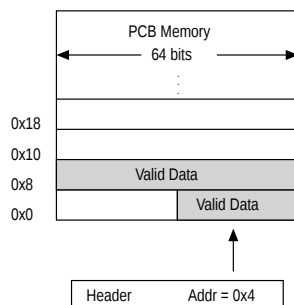
[Avalon Interface Specifications.](#)

Data Alignment and Timing for the 64-Bit Avalon-ST RX Interface

To facilitate the interface to 64-bit memories, the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express aligns data to the qword or 64 bits by default; consequently, if the header presents an address that is not qword aligned, the Hard IP block shifts the data within the qword to achieve the correct alignment. The following figure shows how an address that is not qword aligned, 0x4, is stored in memory. The byte enables only qualify data that is being written. This means that the byte enables are undefined for 0x0–0x3. This example corresponds to *64-Bit Avalon-ST rx_st_data<n> Cycle Definition for 3-Dword Header TLPs with Non-Qword Aligned Address*. Qword alignment applies to all types of request TLPs with data, including memory writes, configuration writes, and I/O writes. The alignment of the request TLP depends on bit 2 of the request address. For completion TLPs with data, alignment depends on bit 2 of the lower address field. This bit is always 0

(aligned to qword boundary) for completion with data TLPs that are for configuration read or I/O read requests.

Figure 7-2: Qword Alignment



The following table shows the byte ordering for header and data packets.

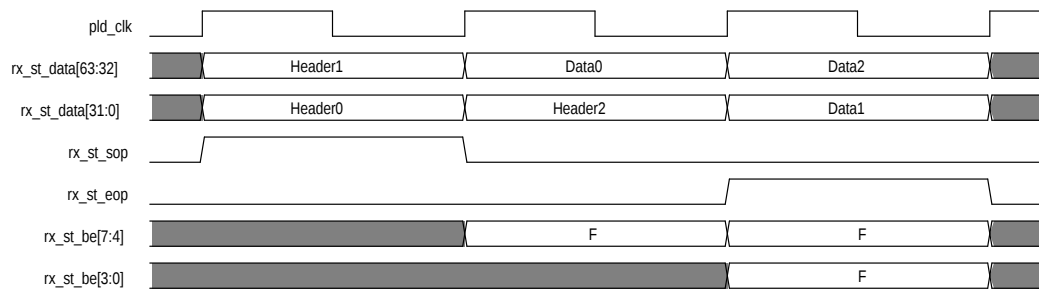
Table 7-2: Mapping Avalon-ST Packets to PCI Express TLPs

Packet	TLP
Header0	pcie_hdr_byte0, pcie_hdr_byte1, pcie_hdr_byte2, pcie_hdr_byte3
Header1	pcie_hdr_byte4, pcie_hdr_byte5, pcie_hdr_byte6, pcie_hdr_byte7
Header2	pcie_hdr_byte8, pcie_hdr_byte9, pcie_hdr_byte10, pcie_hdr_byte11
Header3	pcie_hdr_byte12, pcie_hdr_byte13, pcie_hdr_byte14, pcie_hdr_byte15
Data0	pcie_data_byte3, pcie_data_byte2, pcie_data_byte1, pcie_data_byte0
Data1	pcie_data_byte7, pcie_data_byte6, pcie_data_byte5, pcie_data_byte4
Data2	pcie_data_byte11, pcie_data_byte10, pcie_data_byte9, pcie_data_byte8
Data<n>	pcie_data_byte<4n+3>, pcie_data_byte<4n+2>, pcie_data_byte<4n+1>, pcie_data_byte<n>

The following figure illustrates the mapping of Avalon-ST RX packets to PCI Express TLPs for a three dword header with non-qword aligned addresses with a 64-bit bus. In this example, the byte address is unaligned and ends with 0x4, causing the first data to correspond to `rx_st_data[63:32]`.

Note: The Avalon-ST protocol, as defined in *Avalon Interface Specifications*, is big endian, while the Hard IP for PCI Express packs symbols into words in little endian format. Consequently, you cannot use the standard data format adapters available in Qsys.

Figure 7-3: 64-Bit Avalon-ST rx_st_data<n> Cycle Definition for 3-Dword Header TLPs with Non-Qword Aligned Address



The following figure illustrates the mapping of Avalon-ST RX packets to PCI Express TLPs for a three dword header with qword aligned addresses. Note that the byte enables indicate the first byte of data is not valid and the last dword of data has a single valid byte.

Figure 7-4: 64-Bit Avalon-ST rx_st_data<n> Cycle Definition for 3-Dword Header TLPs with Qword Aligned Address

In the following figure, rx_st_be[7:4] corresponds to rx_st_data[63:32]. rx_st_be[3:0] corresponds to rx_st_data[31:0].

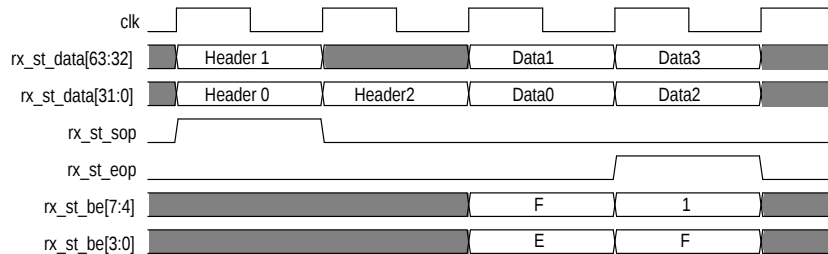


Figure 7-5: 64-Bit Avalon-ST rx_st_data<n> Cycle Definitions for 4-Dword Header TLPs with Qword Aligned Addresses

The following figure shows the mapping of Avalon-ST RX packets to PCI Express TLPs for TLPs for a four dword header with qword aligned addresses with a 64-bit bus.

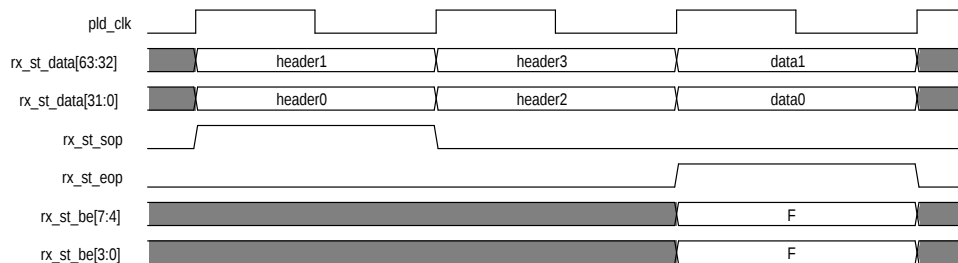


Figure 7-6: 64-Bit Avalon-ST rx_st_data<n> Cycle Definitions for 4-Dword Header TLPs with Non-Qword Addresses

The following figure shows the mapping of Avalon-ST RX packet to PCI Express TLPs for TLPs for a four dword header with non-qword addresses with a 64-bit bus. Note that the address of the first dword is 0x4. The address of the first enabled byte is 0xC. This example shows one valid word in the first dword, as indicated by the rx_st_be signal. rx_st_be[7:4] corresponds to rx_st_data[63:32]. rx_st_be[3:0] corresponds to rx_st_data[31:0].

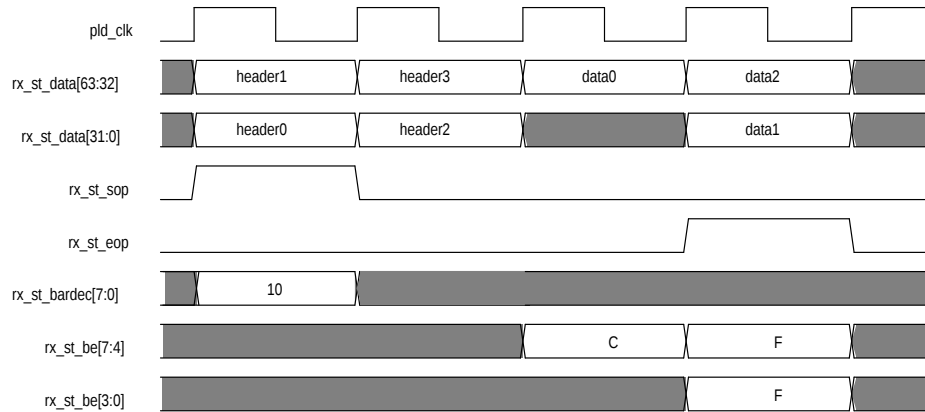


Figure 7-7: 64-Bit Application Layer Backpressures Transaction Layer

The following figure illustrates the timing of the RX interface when the Application Layer backpressures the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express by deasserting rx_st_ready. The rx_st_valid signal deasserts within three cycles after rx_st_ready is deasserted. In this example, rx_st_valid is deasserted in the next cycle. rx_st_data is held until the Application Layer is able to accept it.

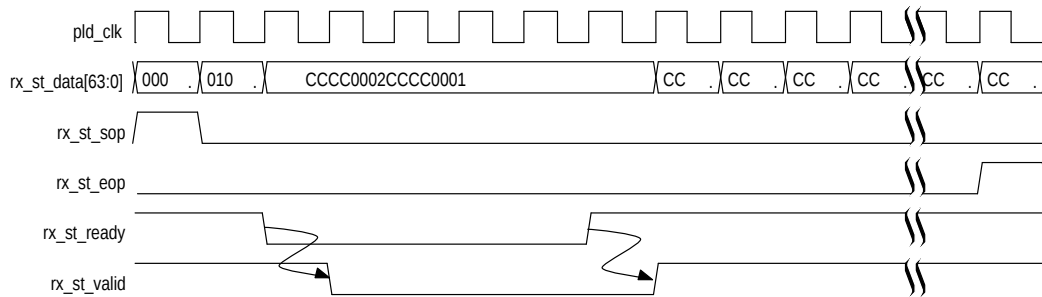
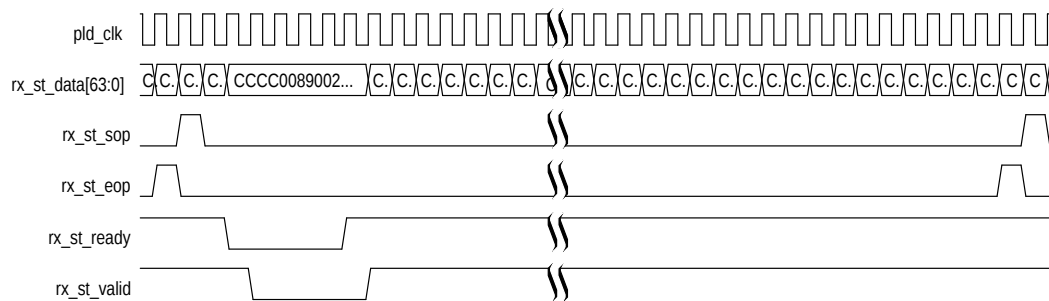


Figure 7-8: 4-Bit Avalon-ST Interface Back-to-Back Transmission

The following figure illustrates back-to-back transmission on the 64-bit Avalon-ST RX interface with no idle cycles between the assertion of `rx_st_eop` and `rx_st_sop`.



Related Information

- [Transaction Layer Packet \(TLP\) Header Formats](#) on page 20-1
- [Avalon Interface Specifications](#)

Data Alignment and Timing for the 128-Bit Avalon-ST RX Interface

Figure 7-9: 128-Bit Avalon-ST `rx_st_data<n>` Cycle Definition for 3-Dword Header TLPs with Qword Aligned Addresses

The following figure shows the mapping of 128-bit Avalon-ST RX packets to PCI Express TLPs for TLPs with a three dword header and qword aligned addresses. The assertion of `rx_st_empty` in a `rx_st_eop` cycle, indicates valid data on the lower 64 bits of `rx_st_data`.

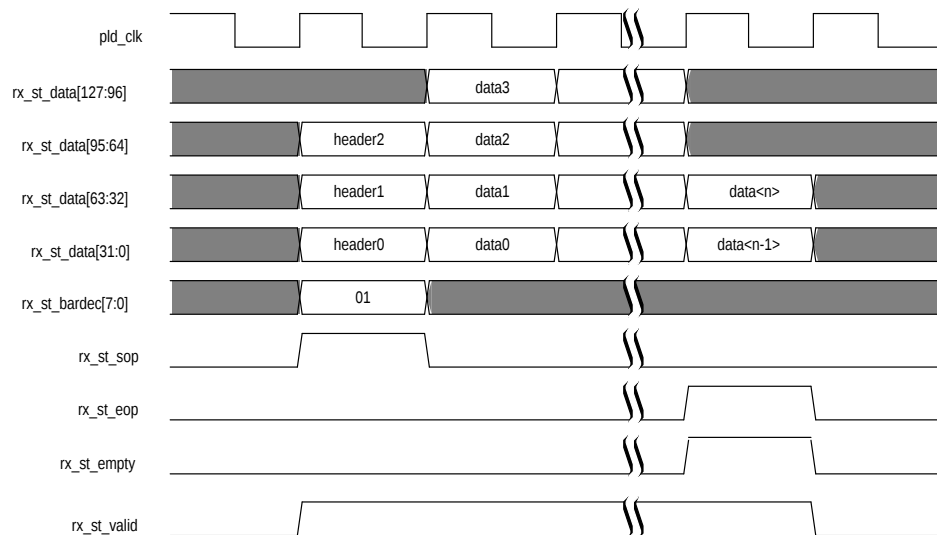


Figure 7-10: 128-Bit Avalon-ST rx_st_data<n> Cycle Definition for 3-Dword Header TLPs with non-Qword Aligned Addresses

The following figure shows the mapping of 128-bit Avalon-ST RX packets to PCI Express TLPs for TLPs with a 3 dword header and non-qword aligned addresses. In this case, bits[127:96] represent Data0 because address[2] in the TLP header is set. The assertion of rx_st_empty in a rx_st_eop cycle indicates valid data on the lower 64 bits of rx_st_data.

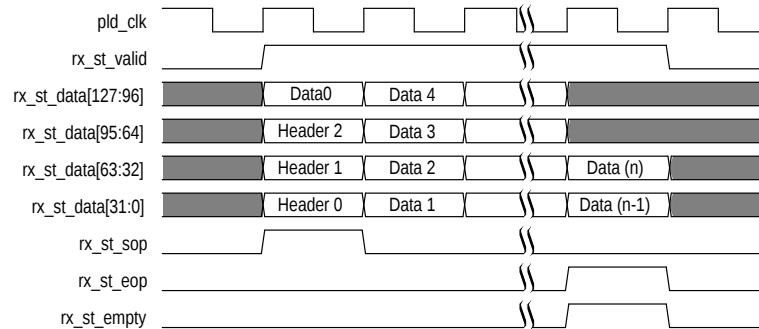


Figure 7-11: 128-Bit Avalon-ST rx_st_data Cycle Definition for 4-Dword Header TLPs with non-Qword Aligned Addresses

The following figure shows the mapping of 128-bit Avalon-ST RX packets to PCI Express TLPs for a four dword header with non-qword aligned addresses. In this example, rx_st_empty is low because the data is valid for all 128 bits in the rx_st_eop cycle.

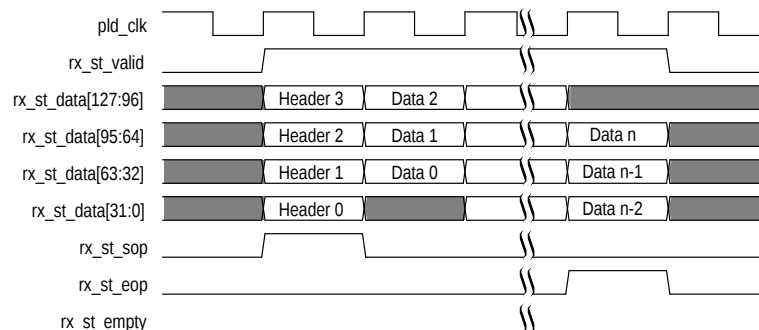


Figure 7-12: 128-Bit Avalon-ST rx_st_data Cycle Definition for 4-Dword Header TLPs with Qword Aligned Addresses

The following figure shows the mapping of 128-bit Avalon-ST RX packets to PCI Express TLPs for a four dword header with qword aligned addresses. In this example, rx_st_empty is low because data is valid for all 128-bits in the rx_st_eop cycle.

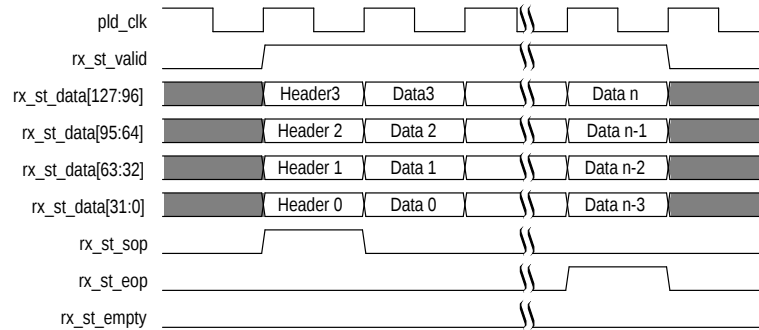
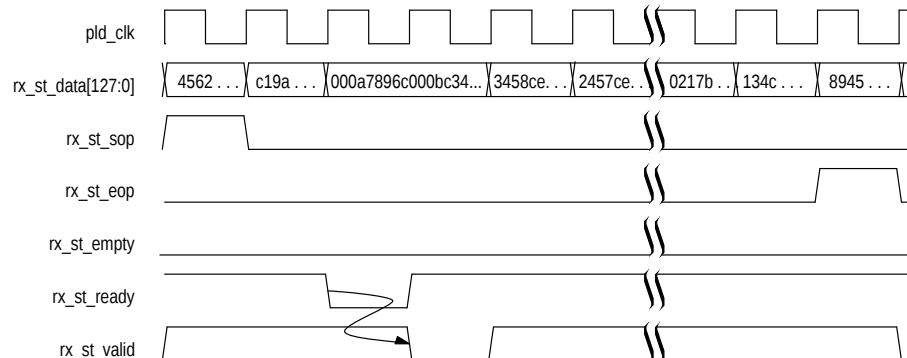


Figure 7-13: 128-Bit Application Layer Backpressures Hard IP Transaction Layer for RX Transactions

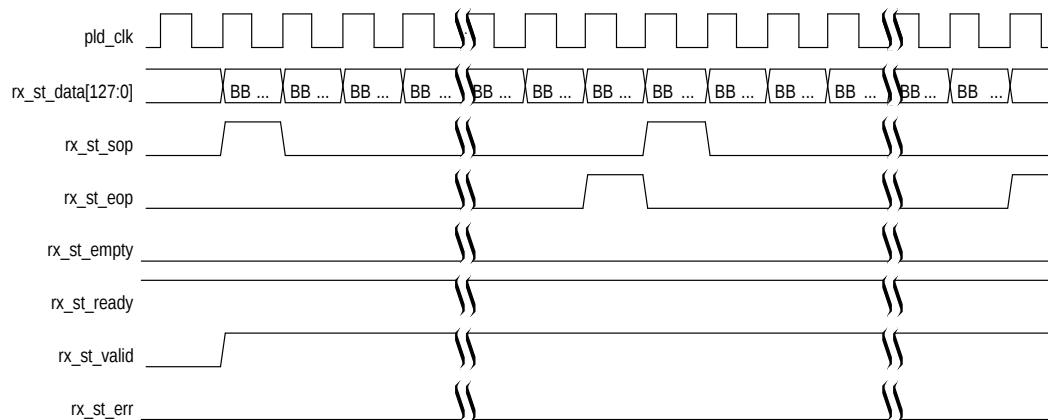
The following figure illustrates the timing of the RX interface when the Application Layer backpressures the Hard IP by deasserting rx_st_ready. The rx_st_valid signal deasserts within three cycles after rx_st_ready is deasserted. In this example, rx_st_valid is deasserted in the next cycle. rx_st_data is held until the Application Layer is able to accept it.



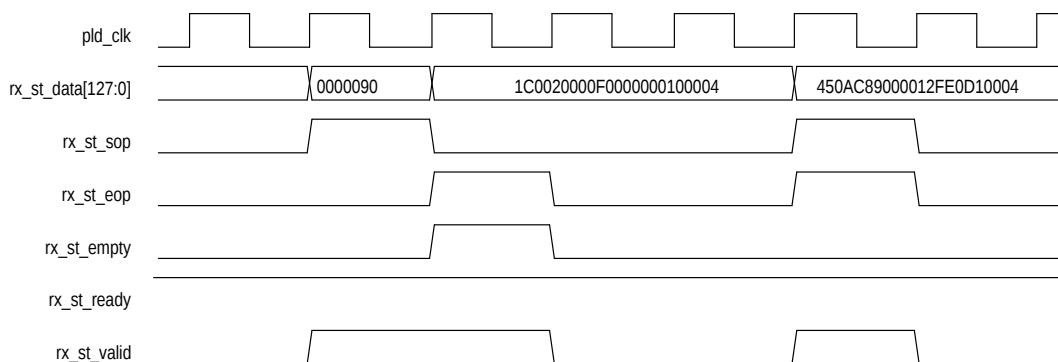
The following figure illustrates back-to-back transmission on the 128-bit Avalon-ST RX interface with no idle cycles between the assertion of rx_st_eop and rx_st_sop.

Figure 7-14: 128-Bit Avalon-ST Interface Back-to-Back Transmission

The following figure illustrates back-to-back transmission on the 128-bit Avalon-ST RX interface with no idle cycles between the assertion of rx_st_eop and rx_st_sop.

**Figure 7-15: 128-Bit Packet Examples of rx_st_empty and Single-Cycle Packet**

The following figure illustrates a two-cycle packet with valid data in the lower qword (rx_st_data[63:0]) and a one-cycle packet where the rx_st_sop and rx_st_eop occur in the same cycle.



For a complete description of the TLP packet header formats, refer to Appendix A, Transaction Layer Packet (TLP) Header Formats.

Single Packet Per Cycle

In single packet per cycle mode, all received TLPs start at the lower 128-bit boundary on a 256-bit Avalon-ST interface. Turn on **Enable Multiple Packets per Cycle** on the System Settings tab of the parameter editor to change multiple packets per cycle.

Single packet per cycle mode requires simpler Application Layer packet decode logic on the TX and RX paths because packets always start in the lower 128-bits of the Avalon-ST interface. However, the Application Layer must still track Completion Credits to avoid RX buffer overflow. To track Completion Credits, use the following signals to monitor the completion space available and to ensure enough space is available before transmitting Non-Posted requests.

- ko_cpl_spc_header
- ko_cpl_spc_data

Data Alignment and Timing for 256-Bit Avalon-ST RX Interface

Figure 7-16: Location of Headers and Data for Avalon-ST 256-Bit Interface

The following figure shows the location of headers and data for the 256-bit Avalon-ST packets. This layout of data applies to both the TX and RX buses.

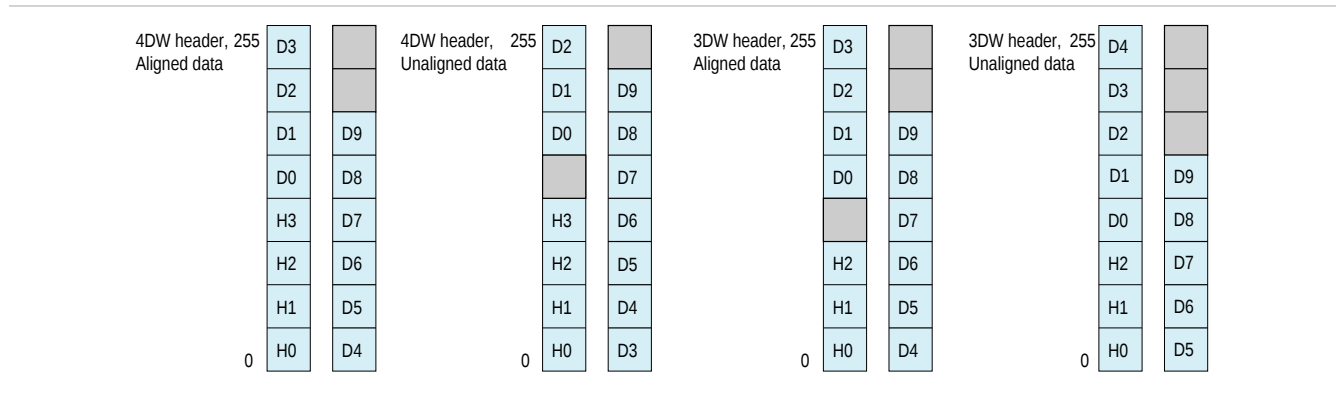
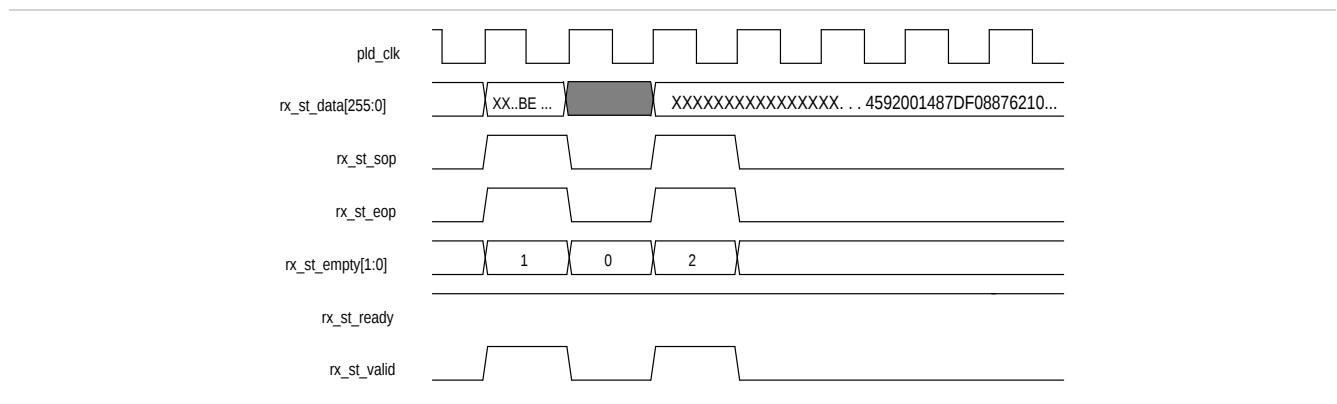


Figure 7-17: 256-Bit Avalon-ST RX Packets Use of rx_st_empty and Single-Cycle Packets

The following figure illustrates two single-cycle 256-bit packets. The first packet has two empty qword, `rx_st_data[191:0]` is valid. The second packet has two empty dwords; `rx_st_data[127:0]` is valid.

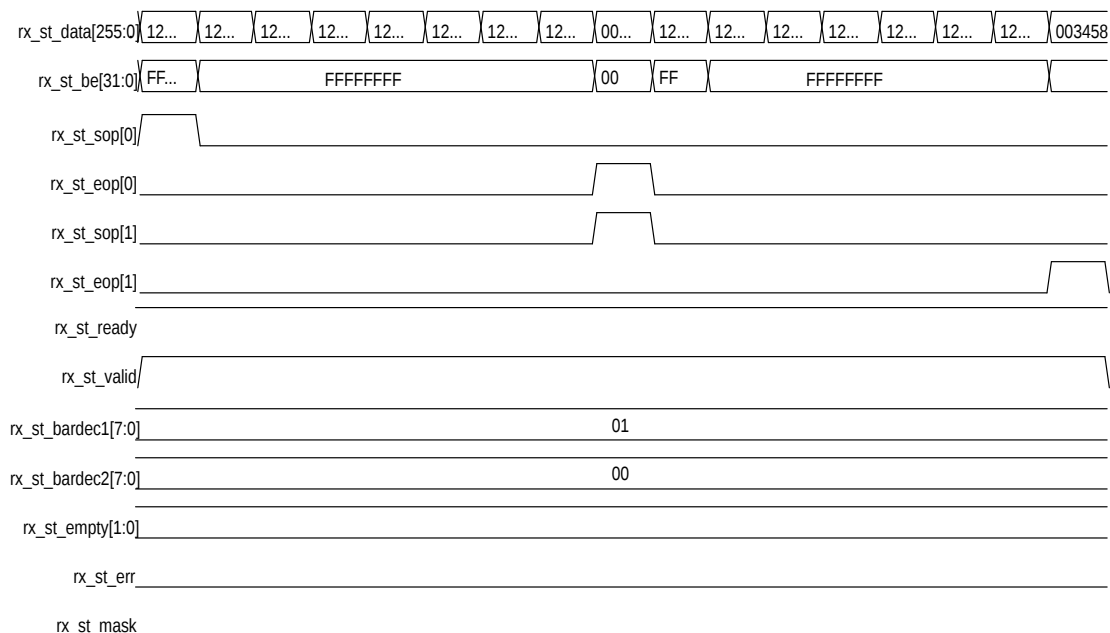


Multiple Packets per Cycle (256-Bit Interface Only)

If you enable **Multiple Packets Per Cycle** under the **Systems Settings** heading, a TLP can start on a 128-bit boundary. This mode supports multiple start of packet and end of packet signals in a single cycle when the Avalon-ST interface is 256 bits wide. It reduces the wasted bandwidth when a TLP ends in the upper 128-bits of the Avalon-ST interface because a new TLP can start in the lower 128-bit Avalon-ST interface. This mode adds complexity to the Application Layer user decode logic. However, it could result in higher throughput.

Figure 7-18: 256-Bit Avalon-ST RX Interface with Multiple Packets Per Cycle

The following figure illustrates this mode for a 256-bit Avalon-ST RX interface. In this figure `rx_st_eop[0]` and `rx_st_sop[1]` are asserted in the same cycle.



Avalon-ST TX Interface

The following table describes the signals that comprise the Avalon-ST TX Datapath. The TX data signal can be 64, 128, or 256 bits.

Table 7-3: 64-, 128-, or 256-Bit Avalon-ST TX Datapath

Signal	Width	Dir	Avalon-ST Type	Description
<code>tx_st_data</code>	64, 128, 256	I	data	Data for transmission. Transmit data bus. Refer to the following sections on data alignment for the 64-, 128-, and 256-bit interfaces for the mapping of TLP packets to <code>tx_st_data</code> and examples of the timing of this interface. When using a 64-bit Avalon-ST bus, the width of <code>tx_st_data</code> is 64. When using a 128-bit Avalon-ST bus, the width of <code>tx_st_data</code> is 128 bits. When using a 256-bit Avalon-ST bus, the width of <code>tx_st_data</code> is 256 bits. The Application Layer must provide a properly formatted TLP on the TX interface. The mapping of message TLPs is the same as the mapping of Transaction Layer TLPs with 4 dword headers. The number of data cycles must be correct for the length and address fields in the header. Issuing a packet with an incorrect number of data cycles results in the TX interface hanging and becoming unable to accept further requests.

Signal	Width	Dir	Avalon-ST Type	Description
tx_st_sop	1, 2	I	start of packet	<p>Indicates first cycle of a TLP when asserted together with tx_st_valid.</p> <p>When using a 256-bit Avalon-ST bus with Multiple packets per cycle, bit 0 indicates that a TLP begins in tx_st_data[127:0], bit 1 indicates that a TLP begins in tx_st_data[255:128].</p>
tx_st_eop	1, 2	I	end of packet	<p>Indicates last cycle of a TLP when asserted together with tx_st_valid.</p> <p>When using a 256-bit Avalon-ST bus with Multiple packets per cycle, bit 0 indicates that a TLP ends with tx_st_data[127:0], bit 1 indicates that a TLP ends with tx_st_data[255:128].</p>
tx_st_ready ⁽¹⁾	1	O	ready	<p>Indicates that the Transaction Layer is ready to accept data for transmission. The core deasserts this signal to throttle the data stream. tx_st_ready may be asserted during reset. The Application Layer should wait at least 2 clock cycles after the reset is released before issuing packets on the Avalon-ST TX interface. The reset_status signal can also be used to monitor when the IP core has come out of reset.</p> <p>If tx_st_ready is asserted by the Transaction Layer on cycle $\langle n \rangle$, then $\langle n + \text{readyLatency} \rangle$ is a ready cycle, during which the Application Layer may assert valid and transfer data.</p> <p>When tx_st_ready, tx_st_valid and tx_st_data are registered (the typical case), Altera recommends a readyLatency of 2 cycles to facilitate timing closure; however, a readyLatency of 1 cycle is possible. If no other delays are added to the read-valid latency, the resulting delay corresponds to a readyLatency of 2.</p>

Signal	Width	Dir	Avalon-ST Type	Description
tx_st_valid ⁽¹⁾	1	I	valid	<p>Clocks tx_st_data to the core when tx_st_ready is also asserted. Between tx_st_sop and tx_st_eop, tx_st_valid must not be deasserted in the middle of a TLP except in response to tx_st_ready deassertion. When tx_st_ready deasserts, this signal must deassert within 1 or 2 clock cycles. When tx_st_ready reasserts, and tx_st_data is in mid-TLP, this signal must reassert within 2 cycles. The figure entitled <i>64-Bit Transaction Layer Backpressures the Application Layer</i> illustrates the timing of this signal.</p> <p>For 256-bit data, when you turn on Enable multiple packets per cycle, the bit 0 applies to the entire bus tx_st_data[255:0]. Bit 1 is not used.</p> <p>To facilitate timing closure, Altera recommends that you register both the tx_st_ready and tx_st_valid signals. If no other delays are added to the ready-valid latency, the resulting delay corresponds to a readyLatency of 2.</p>
tx_st_empty[1:0]	2	I	empty	<p>Indicates the number of qwords that are empty during cycles that contain the end of a packet. When asserted, the empty dwords are in the high-order bits. Valid only when tx_st_eop is asserted.</p> <p>Not used when tx_st_data is 64 bits. For 128-bit data, only bit 0 applies and indicates whether the upper qword contains data. For 256-bit data, both bits are used to indicate the number of upper words that contain data, resulting in the following encodings for the 128-and 256-bit interfaces:</p> <p>128-Bit interface: tx_st_empty = 0, tx_st_data[127:0] contains valid data tx_st_empty = 1, tx_st_data[63:0] contains valid data</p> <p>256-bit interface: tx_st_empty = 0, tx_st_data[255:0] contains valid data tx_st_empty = 1, tx_st_data[191:0] contains valid data tx_st_empty = 2, tx_st_data[127:0] contains valid data tx_st_empty = 3, tx_st_data[63:0] contains valid data</p> <p>For 256-bit data, when you turn on Enable multiple packets per cycle, the following correspondences apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> bit 1 applies to the eop occurring in rx_st_data[255:128] bit 0 applies to the eop occurring in rx_st_data[127:0]

Signal	Width	Dir	Avalon-ST Type	Description
				<p>When the TLP ends in the lower 128bits, the following equations apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>tx_st_eop[0]=1 & tx_st_empty[0]=0,tx_st_data[127:0]</code> contains valid data • <code>tx_st_eop[0]=1 & tx_st_empty[0]=1,tx_st_data[63:0]</code> contains valid data, <code>tx_st_data[127:64]</code> is empty <p>When TLP ends in the upper 128bits, the following equations apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>tx_st_eop[1]=1 & tx_st_empty[1]=0,tx_st_data[255:128]</code> contains valid data • <code>tx_st_eop[1]=1 & tx_st_empty[1]=1,tx_st_data[191:128]</code> contains valid data, <code>tx_st_data[255:192]</code> is empty
<code>tx_st_err</code>	1	I	error	<p>Indicates an error on transmitted TLP. This signal is used to nullify a packet. It should only be applied to posted and completion TLPs with payload. To nullify a packet, assert this signal for 1 cycle after the SOP and before the EOP. When a packet is nullified, the following packet should not be transmitted until the next clock cycle. <code>tx_st_err</code> is not available for packets that are 1 or 2 cycles long.</p> <p>For 256-bit data, when you turn on Enable multiple packets per cycle, bit 0 applies to the entire bus <code>tx_st_data[255:0]</code>. Bit 1 is not used.</p> <p>Refer to the figure entitled <i>128-Bit Avalon-ST tx_st_data Cycle Definition for 3-Dword Header TLP with non-Qword Aligned Address</i> for a timing diagram that illustrates the use of the error signal. Note that it must be asserted while the valid signal is asserted.</p>
<code>tx_st_parity</code>	8, 16, 32	O	component specific	<p>Byte parity is generated when you turn on Enable byte parity ports on Avalon ST interface on the System Settings tab of the GUI. Each bit represents odd parity of the associated byte of the <code>tx_st_data</code> bus. For example, bit[0] corresponds to <code>tx_st_data[7:0]</code>, bit[1] corresponds to <code>tx_st_data[15:8]</code>, and so on.</p>

Component Specific Signals

<code>tx_cred_datafcip</code>	12	O	component specific	Data credit limit for the received FC completions. Each credit is 16 bytes.
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Signal	Width	Dir	Avalon-ST Type	Description
tx_cred_datafcnp	12	O	component specific	Data credit limit for the non-posted requests. Each credit is 16 bytes.
tx_cred_datafcfcp	12	O	component specific	Data credit limit for the FC posted writes. Each credit is 16 bytes.
tx_cred_fchipcons	6	O	component specific	<p>Asserted for 1 cycle each time the Hard IP consumes an internally-generated credit. Credits consumed by Application Layer TLPs do not cause signal assertion. The 6 bits of this vector correspond to the following 6 types of credit types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [5]: posted headers • [4]: posted data • [3]: non-posted header • [2]: non-posted data • [1]: completion header • [0]: completion data <p>During a single cycle, the IP core can consume either a single header credit or both a header and a data credit. The Application Layer must keep track of credits consumed by the Application Layer logic.</p>
tx_cred_fc_infinite	6	O	component specific	<p>When asserted, indicates that the corresponding credit type has infinite credits available and does not need to calculate credit limits. The 6 bits of this vector correspond to the following 6 types of credit types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [5]: posted headers • [4]: posted data • [3]: non-posted header • [2]: non-posted data • [1]: completion header • [0]: completion data
tx_cred_hdrfcp	8	O	component specific	Header credit limit for the FC completions. Each credit is 20 bytes.
tx_cred_hdrfcnp	8	O	component specific	Header limit for the non-posted requests. Each credit is 20 bytes.
tx_cred_hdrfcfcp	8	O	component specific	Header credit limit for the FC posted writes. Each credit is 20 bytes.

Signal	Width	Dir	Avalon-ST Type	Description
ko_cpl_spc_header	8	O	component specific	The Application Layer can use this signal to build circuitry to prevent RX buffer overflow for completion headers. Endpoints must advertise infinite space for completion headers; however, RX buffer space is finite. ko_cpl_spc_header is a static signal that indicates the total number of completion headers that can be stored in the RX buffer.
ko_cpl_spc_data	12	O	component specific	The Application Layer can use this signal to build circuitry to prevent RX buffer overflow for completion data. Endpoints must advertise infinite space for completion data; however, RX buffer space is finite. ko_cpl_spc_data is a static signal that reflects the total number of 16 byte completion data units that can be stored in the completion RX buffer.

Note:

1. To be Avalon-ST compliant, your Application Layer must have a readyLatency of 1 or 2 cycles.

Related Information

- [Data Alignment and Timing for the 64-Bit Avalon-ST TX Interface](#) on page 7-22
- [Data Alignment and Timing for the 128-Bit Avalon-ST TX Interface](#) on page 7-24
- [Data Alignment and Timing for the 256-Bit Avalon-ST TX Interface](#) on page 7-26

Avalon-ST Packets to PCI Express TLPs

The following figures illustrate the mappings between Avalon-ST packets and PCI Express TLPs. These mappings apply to all types of TLPs, including posted, non-posted, and completion TLPs. Message TLPs use the mappings shown for four dword headers. TLP data is always address-aligned on the Avalon-ST interface whether or not the lower dwords of the header contains a valid address, as may be the case with TLP type (message request with data payload).

For additional information about TLP packet headers, refer to Appendix A, Transaction Layer Packet (TLP) Header Formats and *Section 2.2.1 Common Packet Header Fields* in the *PCI Express Base Specification*.

Related Information

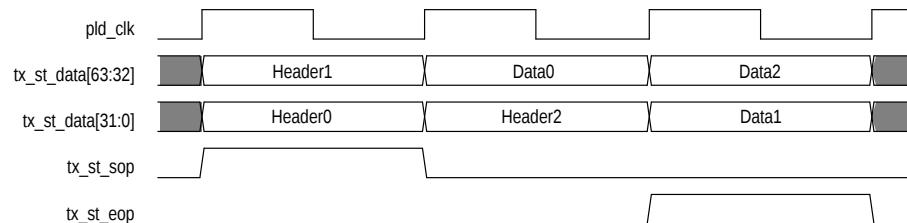
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Data Alignment and Timing for the 64-Bit Avalon-ST TX Interface

Figure 7-19:

The following figure illustrates the mapping between Avalon-ST TX packets and PCI Express TLPs for three dword header TLPs with non-qword aligned addresses on a 64-bit bus.

Figure 7-20: 64-Bit Avalon-ST tx_st_data Cycle Definition for 3-Dword Header TLP with Non-Qword Aligned Address

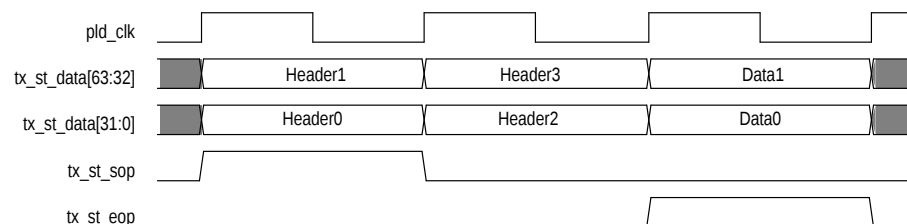


This figure illustrates the storage of non-qword aligned data.) Non-qword aligned address occur when address[2] is set. When address[2] is set, tx_st_data[63:32] contains Data0 and tx_st_data[31:0] contains dword header2. In this figure, the headers are formed by the following bytes:

```
H0 = {pcie_hdr_byte0, pcie_hdr_byte1, pcie_hdr_byte2, pcie_hdr_byte3}
H1 = {pcie_hdr_byte4, pcie_hdr_byte5, header pcie_hdr byte6, pcie_hdr_byte7}
H2 = {pcie_hdr_byte8, pcie_hdr_byte9, pcie_hdr_byte10, pcie_hdr_byte11}
Data0 = {pcie_data_byte3, pcie_data_byte2, pcie_data_byte1, pcie_data_byte0}
Data1 = {pcie_data_byte7, pcie_data_byte6, pcie_data_byte5, pcie_data_byte4}
Data2 = {pcie_data_byte11, pcie_data_byte10, pcie_data_byte9, pcie_data_byte8}
```

The following figure illustrates the mapping between Avalon-ST TX packets and PCI Express TLPs for a four dword header with qword aligned addresses on a 64-bit bus

Figure 7-21: 64-Bit Avalon-ST tx_st_data Cycle Definition for 4-Dword TLP with Qword Aligned Address



In this figure, the headers are formed by the following bytes.

```
H0 = {pcie_hdr_byte0, pcie_hdr_byte1, pcie_hdr_byte2, pcie_hdr_byte3}
H1 = {pcie_hdr_byte4, pcie_hdr_byte5, pcie_hdr_byte6, pcie_hdr_byte7}
H2 = {pcie_hdr_byte8, pcie_hdr_byte9, pcie_hdr_byte10, pcie_hdr_byte11}
H3 = {pcie_hdr_byte12, pcie_hdr_byte13, pcie_hdr_byte14, pcie_hdr_byte15}, 4 dword header only
Data0 = {pcie_data_byte3, pcie_data_byte2, pcie_data_byte1, pcie_data_byte0}
Data1 = {pcie_data_byte7, pcie_data_byte6, pcie_data_byte5, pcie_data_byte4}
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Figure 7-22: 64-Bit Avalon-ST tx_st_data Cycle Definition for TLP 4-Dword Header with Non-Qword Aligned Address

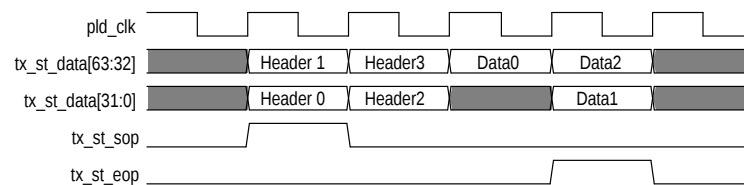


Figure 7-23: 64-Bit Transaction Layer Backpressures the Application Layer

The following figure illustrates the timing of the TX interface when the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express pauses transmission by the Application Layer by deasserting tx_st_ready. Because the readyLatency is two cycles, the Application Layer deasserts tx_st_valid after two cycles and holds tx_st_data until two cycles after tx_st_ready is asserted.

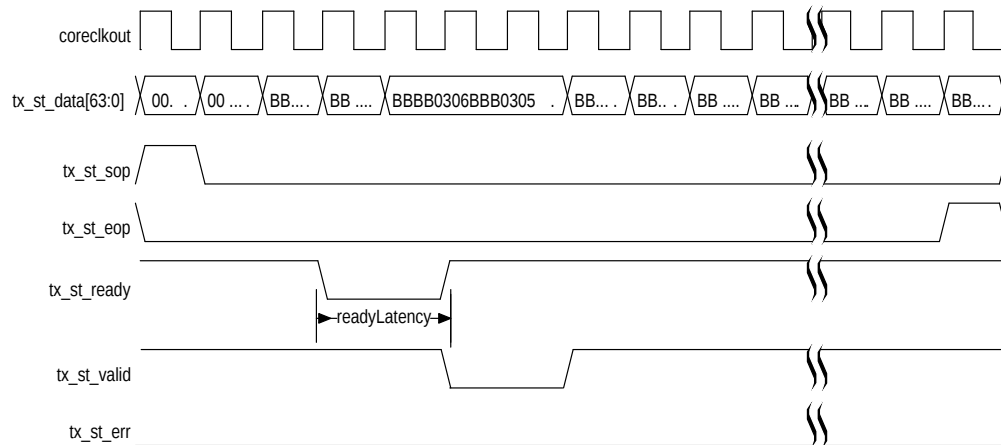
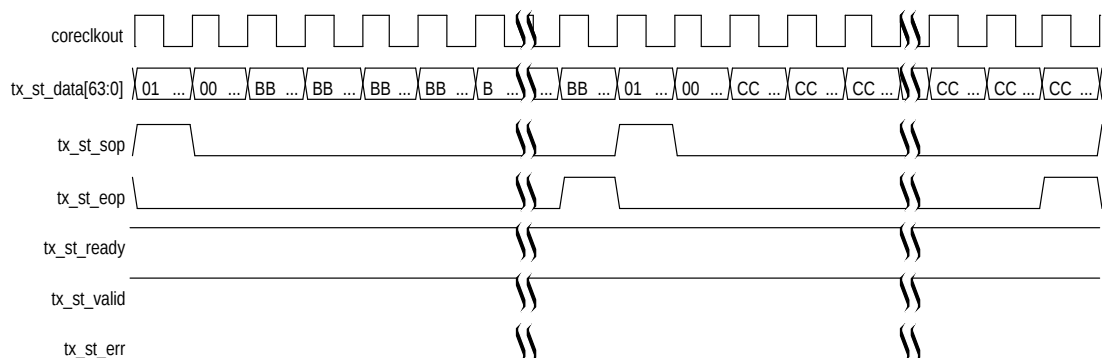


Figure 7-24: 64-Bit Back-to-Back Transmission on the TX Interface

The following figure illustrates back-to-back transmission of 64-bit packets with no idle cycles between the assertion of `tx_st_eop` and `tx_st_sop`.



Data Alignment and Timing for the 128-Bit Avalon-ST TX Interface

Figure 7-25: 128-Bit Avalon-ST `tx_st_data` Cycle Definition for 3-Dword Header TLP with Qword Aligned Address

The following figure shows the mapping of 128-bit Avalon-ST TX packets to PCI Express TLPs for a three dword header with qword aligned addresses. Assertion of `tx_st_empty` in an `rx_st_eop` cycle indicates valid data in the lower 64 bits of `tx_st_data`.

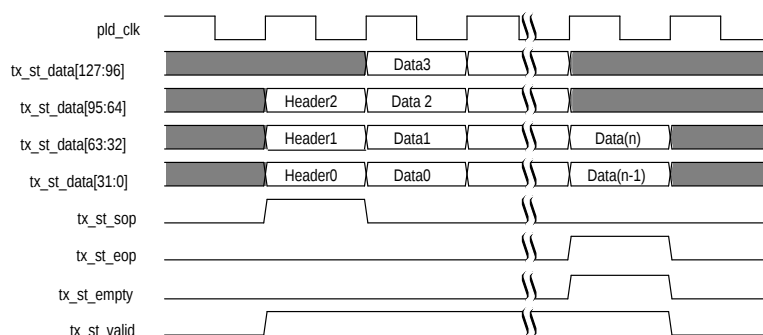


Figure 7-26: 128-Bit Avalon-ST tx_st_data Cycle Definition for 3-Dword Header TLP with non-Qword Aligned Address

The following figure shows the mapping of 128-bit Avalon-ST TX packets to PCI Express TLPs for a 3 dword header with non-qword aligned addresses. It also shows tx_st_err assertion.

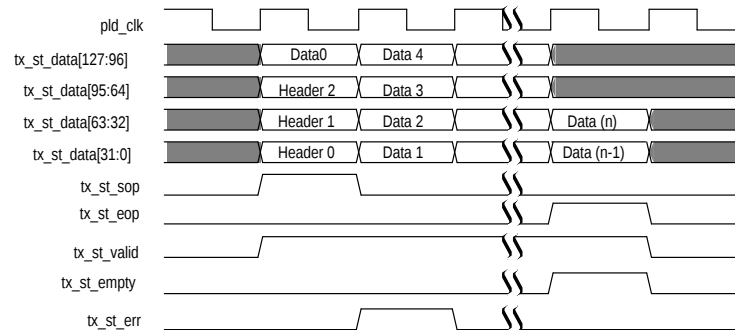


Figure 7-27: 128-Bit Avalon-ST tx_st_data Cycle Definition for 4-Dword Header TLP with Qword Aligned Address

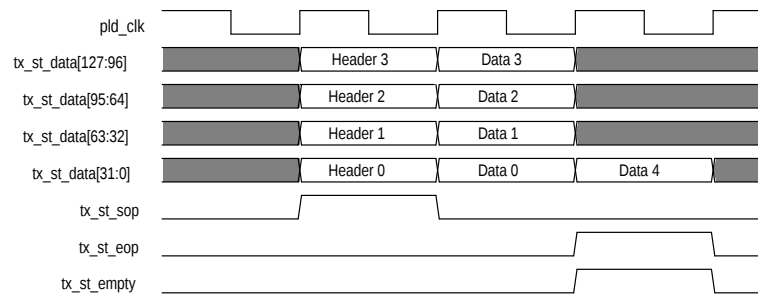


Figure 7-28: 128-Bit Avalon-ST tx_st_data Cycle Definition for 4-Dword Header TLP with non-Qword Aligned Address

The following figure shows the mapping of 128-bit Avalon-ST TX packets to PCI Express TLPs for a four dword header TLP with non-qword aligned addresses. In this example, tx_st_empty is low because the data ends in the upper 64 bits of tx_st_data.

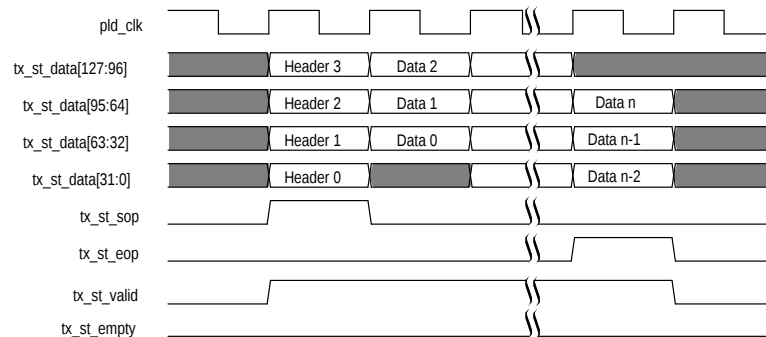
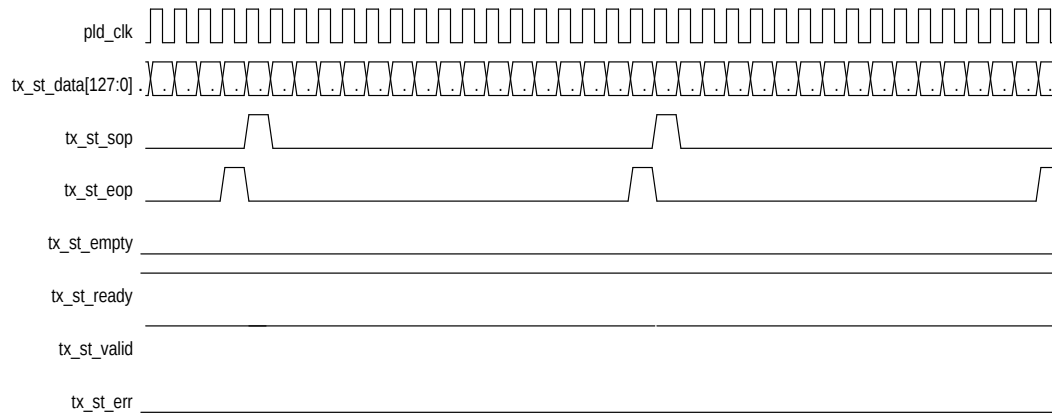
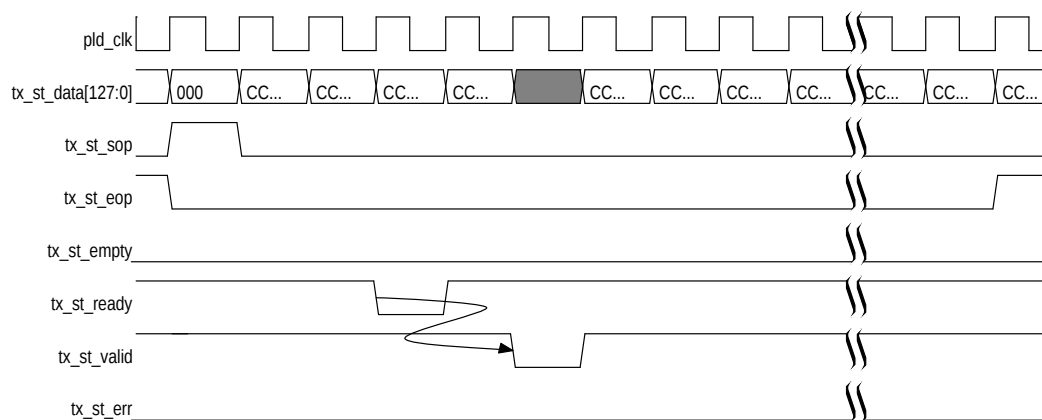


Figure 7-29: 128-Bit Back-to-Back Transmission on the Avalon-ST TX Interface

The following figure illustrates back-to-back transmission of 128-bit packets with idle dead cycles between the assertion of tx_st_eop and tx_st_sop.

**Figure 7-30: 128-Bit Hard IP Backpressures the Application Layer for TX Transactions**

The following figure illustrates the timing of the TX interface when the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express pauses the Application Layer by deasserting tx_st_ready. Because the readyLatency is two cycles, the Application Layer deasserts tx_st_valid after two cycles and holds tx_st_data until two cycles after tx_st_ready is reasserted.



Data Alignment and Timing for the 256-Bit Avalon-ST TX Interface

Refer to Figure 8–16 on page 8–15 layout of headers and data for the 256-bit Avalon-ST packets with qword aligned and qword unaligned addresses.

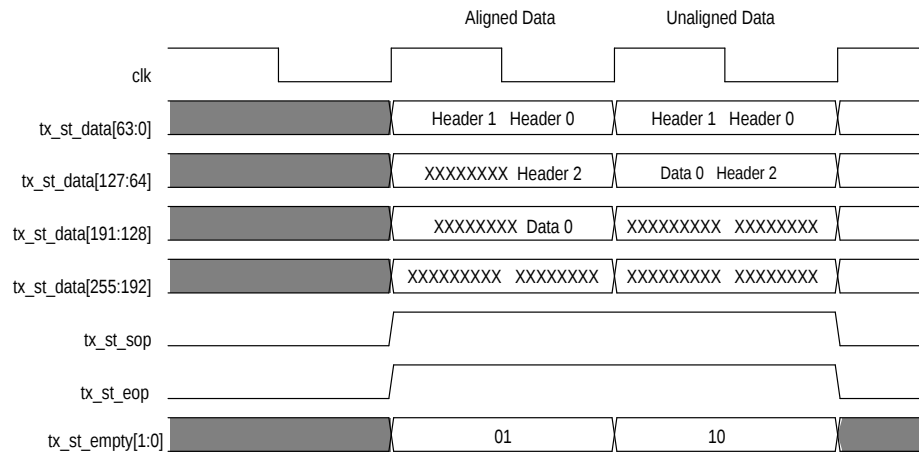
Single Packet Per Cycle

In single packer per cycle mode, all received TLPs start at the lower 128-bit boundary on a 256-bit Avalon-ST interface. Turn on **Enable Multiple Packets per Cycle** on the System Settings tab of the parameter editor to change multiple packets per cycle.

Single packet per cycle mode requires simpler Application Layer packet decode logic on the TX and RX paths because packets always start in the lower 128-bits of the Avalon-ST interface. Although this mode simplifies the Application Layer logic, failure to use the full 256-bit Avalon-ST may slightly reduce the throughput of a design.

Figure 7-31: 256-Bit Avalon-ST tx_st_data Cycle Definition for 3-Dword Header TLP with Qword Addresses

The following figure illustrates the layout of header and data for a three dword header on a 256-bit bus with aligned and unaligned data.



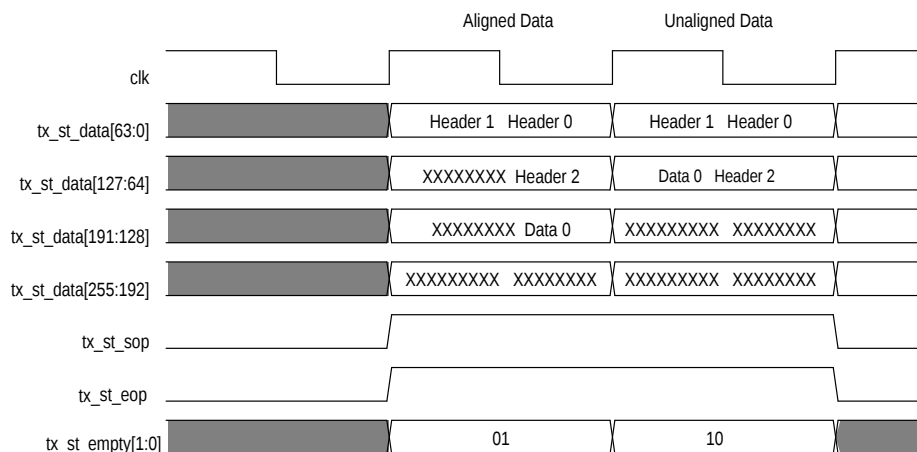
Single Packet Per Cycle

In single packer per cycle mode, all received TLPs start at the lower 128-bit boundary on a 256-bit Avalon-ST interface. Turn on **Enable Multiple Packets per Cycle** on the System Settings tab of the parameter editor to change multiple packets per cycle.

Single packet per cycle mode requires simpler Application Layer packet decode logic on the TX and RX paths because packets always start in the lower 128-bits of the Avalon-ST interface. Although this mode simplifies the Application Layer logic, failure to use the full 256-bit Avalon-ST may slightly reduce the throughput of a design.

The following figure illustrates the layout of header and data for a three dword header on a 256-bit bus with aligned and unaligned data.

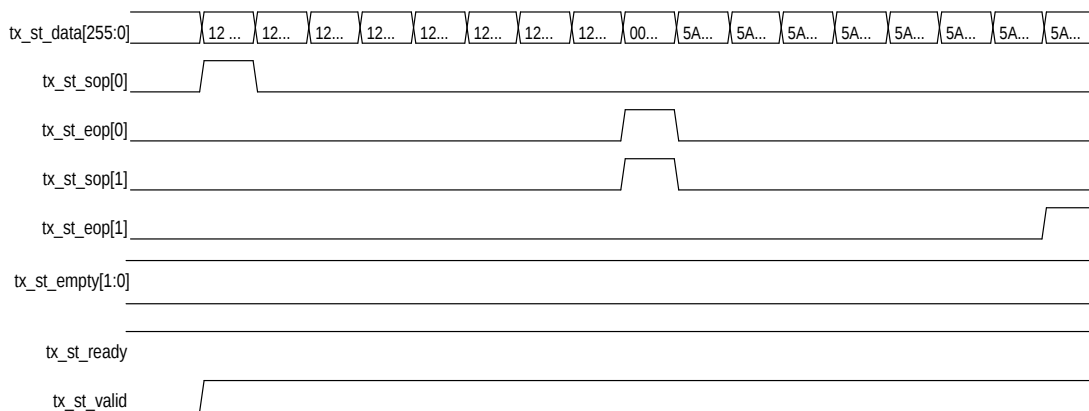
Figure 7-32: 256-Bit Avalon-ST tx_st_data Cycle Definition for 3-Dword Header TLP with Qword Addresses



Multiple Packets per Cycle

If you enable **Multiple Packets Per Cycle** under the **Systems Settings** heading, a TLP can start on a 128-bit boundary. This mode supports multiple start of packet and end of packet signals in a single cycle when the Avalon-ST interface is 256 bits wide. The following figure illustrates this mode for a 256-bit Avalon-ST TX interface. In this figure tx_st_eop[0] and tx_st_sop[1] are asserted in the same cycle. Using this mode increases the complexity of the Application Layer logic but results in higher throughput, depending on the TX traffic.

Figure 7-33: 256-Bit Avalon-ST TX Interface with Multiple Packets Per Cycle



Root Port Mode Configuration Requests

If your Application Layer implements ECRC forwarding, it should not apply ECRC forwarding to Configuration Type 0 packets that it issues on the Avalon-ST interface. There should be no ECRC appended to the TLP, and the TD bit in the TLP header should be set to 0. These packets are processed internally by the Hard IP block and are not transmitted on the PCI Express link.

Clock Signals

Table 7-4: Clock Signals Hard IP Implementation

Signal	I/O	Description
refclk	I	<p>Reference clock for the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express. It must have the frequency specified under the System Settings heading in the parameter editor.</p> <p>If your design meets the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It enables CvP Includes an additional transceiver PHY connected to the same Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller <p>then you must connect <code>refclk</code> to the <code>mgmt_clk_clk</code> signal of the Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller and the additional transceiver PHY. In addition, if your design includes more than one Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller on the same side of the FPGA, they all must share the <code>mgmt_clk_clk</code> signal.</p>
pld_clk	I	<p>Clocks the Application Layer. You can drive this clock with <code>coreclkout_hip</code>. If you drive <code>pld_clk</code> with another clock source, it must be equal to or faster than <code>coreclkout</code>.</p>
coreclkout	O	<p>This is a fixed frequency clock used by the Data Link and Transaction Layers. To meet PCI Express link bandwidth constraints, this clock has minimum frequency requirements as listed in <i>coreclkout_hip Values for All Parameterizations</i> in the <i>Reset and Clocks</i> chapter.</p>

Refer to *Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express Clock Domains* in the *Reset and Clocks* chapter for more information about clocks.

Related Information

[Clocks](#) on page 9-4

Reset Signals, Status, and Link Training Signals

The following table describes the reset signals. Refer to *Chapter 10, Reset and Clocks* for more information about the reset sequence and a block diagram of the reset logic. The following table describes reset signals used in all IP Cores for PCI Express.

Table 7-5: Reset Signals

Signal	I/O	Description
<code>npor</code>	I	<p>Active low reset signal. In the Altera hardware example designs, <code>npor</code> is the OR of <code>pin_perst</code> and <code>local_rstn</code> coming from the software Application Layer. If you do not drive a soft reset signal from the Application Layer, this signal must be derived from <code>pin_perst</code>. You cannot disable this signal. Asynchronous. Resets the entire Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core and transceiver.</p> <p>In systems that use the hard reset controller, this signal is <i>edge, not level</i> sensitive; consequently, you cannot use a low value on this signal to hold custom logic in reset. For more information about the hard and soft reset controllers, refer to Reset.</p>
<code>reset_status</code>	O	<p>Active high reset status signal. When asserted, this signal indicates that the Hard IP clock is in reset. The <code>reset_status</code> signal is synchronous to the <code>p1d_clk</code> clock and is deasserted only when the <code>npor</code> is deasserted and the Hard IP for PCI Express is not in reset (<code>reset_status_hip = 0</code>). You should use <code>reset_status</code> to drive the reset of your application. This reset is used for the Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core with the Avalon-ST interface.</p>
<code>pin_perst</code>	I	<p>Active low reset from the PCIe reset pin of the device. It resets the datapath and control registers. This signal is required for Configuration via Protocol (CvP). For more information about CvP refer to <i>Configuration via Protocol (CvP)</i>.</p> <p>Stratix V devices have up to 4 instances of the Hard IP for PCI Express. Each instance has its own <code>pin_perst</code> signal.</p> <p>Every Stratix V device has 4 <code>nPE_RST</code> pins, even devices with fewer than 4 instances of the Hard IP for PCI Express. <i>You must connect the <code>pin_perst</code> of each Hard IP instance to the corresponding <code>nPERST * pin</code> of the device.</i> These pins have the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>nPERSTL0</code>: bottom left Hard IP and CvP blocks • <code>nPERSTL1</code>: top left Hard IP block • <code>nPERSTR0</code>: bottom right Hard IP block • <code>nPERSTR1</code>: top right Hard IP block <p>For example, if you are using the Hard IP instance in the bottom left corner of the device, you must connect <code>pin_perst</code> to <code>nPERSL0</code>.</p> <p>For maximum use of the Stratix V device, Altera recommends that you use the bottom left Hard IP first. This is the only location that supports CvP over a PCIe link.</p>

Signal	I/O	Description
		<p>Refer to the appropriate Stratix V device pinout for correct pin assignment for more detailed information about these pins. The <i>PCI Express Card Electromechanical Specification 2.0</i> specifies this pin to require 3.3 V. You can drive this 3.3V signal to the <code>nPERST*</code> even if the <code>V_{CCIO}</code> of the bank is not 3.3V if the following 2 conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The input signal meets the V_{IH} and V_{IL} specification for LVTTL. • The input signal meets the overshoot specification for 100°C operation as specified by the “Maximum Allowed Overshoot and Undershoot Voltage” section in volume 3 of the <i>Stratix V Device Handbook</i>.

The following table describes additional signals related to the reset function for the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core that uses the Avalon-ST interface, including the `ltssm_state[4:0]` bus that indicates the current link training state.

Table 7-6: Status and Link Training Signals

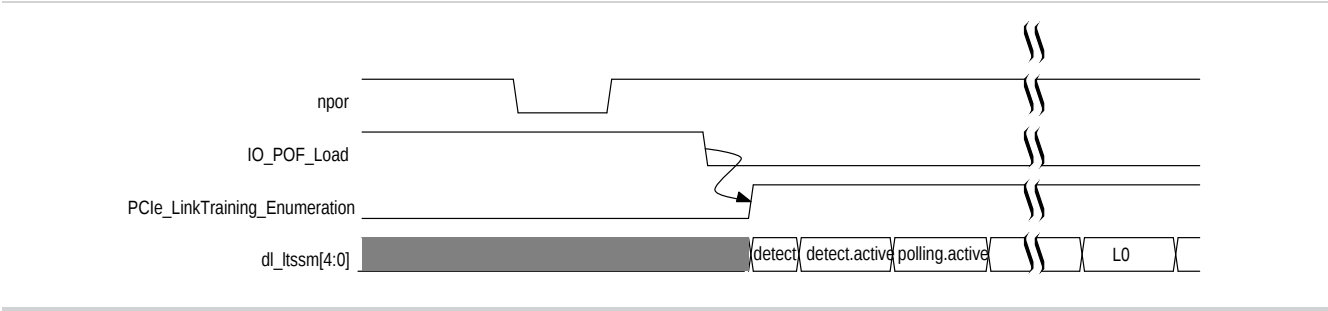
Signal	I/O	Description
<code>serdes_pll_locked</code>	O	When asserted, indicates that the PLL that generates the <code>coreclkout_hip</code> clock signal is locked. In pipe simulation mode this signal is always asserted.
<code>pld_core_ready</code>	I	When asserted, indicates that the Application Layer is ready for operation and is providing a stable clock to the <code>pld_clk</code> input. If the <code>coreclkout_hip</code> Hard IP output clock is sourcing the <code>pld_clk</code> Hard IP input, this input can be connected to the <code>serdes_pll_locked</code> output.
<code>pld_clk_inuse</code>	O	When asserted, indicates that the Hard IP Transaction Layer is using the <code>pld_clk</code> as its clock and is ready for operation with the Application Layer. For reliable operation, hold the Application Layer in reset until <code>pld_clk_inuse</code> is asserted.
<code>dlup</code>	O	When asserted, indicates that the Hard IP block is in the Data Link Control and Management State Machine (DLCMSM) <code>DL_Up</code> state.
<code>dlup_exit</code>	O	This signal is asserted low for one <code>pld_clk</code> cycle when the IP core exits the DLCMSM <code>DL_Up</code> state, indicating that the Data Link Layer has lost communication with the other end of the PCIe link and left the Up state. When this pulse is asserted, the Application Layer should generate an internal reset signal that is asserted for at least 32 cycles.

Signal	I/O	Description
ev128ns	O	Asserted every 128 ns to create a time base aligned activity.
ev1us	O	Asserted every 1µs to create a time base aligned activity.
hotrst_exit	O	Hot reset exit. This signal is asserted for 1 clock cycle when the LTSSM exits the hot reset state. This signal should cause the Application Layer to be reset. This signal is active low. When this pulse is asserted, the Application Layer should generate an internal reset signal that is asserted for at least 32 cycles.
l2_exit	O	L2 exit. This signal is active low and otherwise remains high. It is asserted for one cycle (changing value from 1 to 0 and back to 1) after the LTSSM transitions from l2.idle to detect. When this pulse is asserted, the Application Layer should generate an internal reset signal that is asserted for at least 32 cycles.
currentspeed[1:0]	O	Indicates the current speed of the PCIe link. The following encodings are defined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2b'00: Undefined • 2b'01: Gen1 • 2b'10: Gen2 • 2b'11: Gen3
ltssmstate[4:0]	O	LTSSM state: The LTSSM state machine encoding defines the following states: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 00000: Detect.Quiet • 00001: Detect.Active • 00010: Polling.Active • 00011: Polling.Compliance • 00100: Polling.Configuration • 00101: Polling.Speed • 00110: config.Linkwidthstart • 00111: Config.Linkaccept • 01000: Config.Lanenumaccept • 01001: Config.Lanenumwait • 01010: Config.Complete • 01011: Config.Idle • 01100: Recovery.Rcvlock • 01101: Recovery.Rcvconfig • 01110: Recovery.Idle • 01111: L0 • 10000: Disable • 10001: Loopback.Entry • 10010: Loopback.Active

Signal	I/O	Description
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10011: Loopback.Exit• 10100: Hot.Reset• 10101: LOs• 11001: L2.transmit.Wake• 11010: Speed.Recovery• 11011: Recovery.Equalization, Phase 0• 11100: Recovery.Equalization, Phase 1• 11101: Recovery.Equalization, Phase 2• 11110: recovery.Equalization, Phase 3

Figure 7-34: Reset and Link Training Timing Relationships

The following figure illustrates the timing relationship between `npor` and the LTSSM L0 state.



Note: To meet the 100 ms system configuration time, you must use the fast passive parallel configuration scheme with and a 32-bit data width (FPP x32).

Related Information

- [Reset](#) on page 9-1
- [Clocks](#) on page 9-4
- [PCI Express Card Electromechanical Specification 2.0](#)

Error Signals

The following table describes the ECC error signals. These signals are all valid for one clock cycle. They are synchronous to `coreclkout_hip`.

ECC for the RX and retry buffers is implemented with MRAM. These error signals are flags. If a specific location of MRAM has errors, as long as that data is in the ECC decoder, the flag indicates the error.

When a correctable ECC error occurs, the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express recovers without any loss of information. No Application Layer intervention is required. In the case of uncorrectable ECC error, Altera recommend that you reset the core.

Table 7-7: Error Signals for Hard IP Implementation ⁽¹⁾

Signal	I/O	Description
derr_cor_ext_rcv	O	Indicates a corrected error in the RX buffer. This signal is for debug only. It is not valid until the RX buffer is filled with data. This is a pulse, not a level, signal. Internally, the pulse is generated with the 500 MHz clock. A pulse extender extends the signal so that the FPGA fabric running at 250 MHz can capture it. Because the error was corrected by the IP core, no Application Layer intervention is required. ⁽²⁾
derr_rpl	O	Indicates an uncorrectable error in the retry buffer. This signal is for debug only. ⁽²⁾
derr_cor_ext_rpl	O	Indicates a corrected ECC error in the retry buffer. This signal is for debug only. Because the error was corrected by the IP core, no Application Layer intervention is required. ⁽²⁾
rxfc_cplbuf_ovf	O	The optional status signal is available when you turn on Track Receive Completion Buffer Overflow in the GUI. Because the RX buffer completion space advertises infinite credits for Endpoints, you can use this status bit as an additional check to complement the soft logic that tracks space in the completion buffer.

Notes:

1. The Avalon-ST `rx_st_err` indicates an uncorrectable error in the RX buffer. This signal is described in *64-, 128-, or 256-Bit Avalon-ST RX Datapath* in the *Avalon-ST RX Interface* description.
2. Debug signals are not rigorously verified and should only be used to observe behavior. Debug signals should not be used to drive logic custom logic.

Related Information

[Avalon-ST RX Interface](#) on page 7-3

ECRC Forwarding

On the Avalon-ST interface, the ECRC field follows the same alignment rules as payload data. For packets with payload, the ECRC is appended to the data as an extra dword of payload. For packets without payload, the ECRC field follows the address alignment as if it were a one dword payload. The position of the ECRC data for data depends on the address alignment. For packets with no payload data, the ECRC position corresponds to the position of `Data0`.

Interrupts for Root Ports

The following table describes the signals available to a Root Port to handle interrupts.

Table 7-8: Interrupt Signals for Root Ports

Signal	I/O	Description
int_status[3:0]	O	<p>These signals drive legacy interrupts to the Application Layer as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> int_status[0]: interrupt signal A int_status[1]: interrupt signal B int_status[2]: interrupt signal C int_status[3]: interrupt signal D
serr_out	O	<p>System Error: This signal only applies to Root Port designs that report each system error detected, assuming the proper enabling bits are asserted in the Root Control and Device Control registers. If enabled, serr_out is asserted for a single clock cycle when a system error occurs. System errors are described in the <i>PCI Express Base Specification 2.1 or 3.0</i> in the Root Control register.</p>

Related Information

[PCI Express Base Specification 2.1 or 3.0](#)

Completion Side Band Signals

The following table describes the signals that comprise the completion side band signals for the Avalon-ST interface. The Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express provides a completion error interface that the Application Layer can use to report errors, such as programming model errors. When the Application Layer detects an error, it can assert the appropriate cpl_err bit to indicate what kind of error to log. If separate requests result in two errors, both are logged. The Hard IP sets the appropriate status bits for the errors in the Configuration Space, and automatically sends error messages in accordance with the *PCI Express Base Specification*. Note that the Application Layer is responsible for sending the completion with the appropriate completion status value for non-posted requests. Refer to Chapter 15, Error Handling for information on errors that are automatically detected and handled by the Hard IP.

For a description of the completion rules, the completion header format, and completion status field values, refer to Section 2.2.9 of the *PCI Express Base Specification*.

Table 7-9: Completion Signals for the Avalon-ST Interface

Signal	I/O	Description
cpl_err[6:0]	I	<p>Completion error. This signal reports completion errors to the Configuration Space. When an error occurs, the appropriate signal is asserted for one cycle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cpl_err[0]: Completion timeout error with recovery. This signal should be asserted when a master-like interface has performed a non-posted request that never receives a corresponding completion transaction after the 50 ms timeout period when the error is correctable. The Hard IP automatically generates an advisory error message that is sent to the Root Complex.

Signal	I/O	Description
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>cpl_err[1]</code>: Completion timeout error without recovery. This signal should be asserted when a master-like interface has performed a non-posted request that never receives a corresponding completion transaction after the 50 ms time-out period when the error is not correctable. The Hard IP automatically generates a non-advisory error message that is sent to the Root Complex. • <code>cpl_err[2]</code>: Completer abort error. The Application Layer asserts this signal to respond to a non-posted request with a Completer Abort (CA) completion. The Application Layer generates and sends a completion packet with Completer Abort (CA) status to the requestor and then asserts this error signal to the Hard IP. The Hard IP automatically sets the error status bits in the Configuration Space register and sends error messages in accordance with the <i>PCI Express Base Specification</i>. • <code>cpl_err[3]</code>: Unexpected completion error. This signal must be asserted when an Application Layer master block detects an unexpected completion transaction. Many cases of unexpected completions are detected and reported internally by the Transaction Layer. For a list of these cases, refer to <i>Transaction Layer Errors</i>. • <code>cpl_err[4]</code>: Unsupported Request (UR) error for posted TLP. The Application Layer asserts this signal to treat a posted request as an Unsupported Request. The Hard IP automatically sets the error status bits in the Configuration Space register and sends error messages in accordance with the <i>PCI Express Base Specification</i>. Many cases of Unsupported Requests are detected and reported internally by the Transaction Layer. For a list of these cases, refer to <i>Transaction Layer Errors</i>. • <code>cpl_err[5]</code>: Unsupported Request error for non-posted TLP. The Application Layer asserts this signal to respond to a non-posted request with an Request (UR) completion. In this case, the Application Layer sends a completion packet with the Unsupported Request status back to the requestor, and asserts this error signal. The Hard IP automatically sets the error status bits in the Configuration Space Register and sends error messages in accordance with the <i>PCI Express Base Specification</i>. Many cases of Unsupported Requests are detected and reported internally by the Transaction Layer. For a list of these cases, refer to <i>Transaction Layer Errors</i>. • <code>cpl_err[6]</code>: Log header. If header logging is required, this bit must be set in the every cycle in which any of <code>cpl_err[2]</code>, <code>cpl_err[3]</code>, <code>cpl_err[4]</code>, or <code>cpl_err[5]</code> is set. The Application Layer presents the header to the Hard IP by writing the following values to the following 4 registers using LMI before asserting <code>cpl_err[6]</code>: The Application Layer presents the header to the Hard IP by writing the following values to the following 4 registers using LMI before asserting <code>cpl_err[6]</code>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lmi_addr: 12'h81C, lmi_din: err_desc_func0[127:96] • lmi_addr: 12'h820, lmi_din: err_desc_func0[95:64] • lmi_addr: 12'h824, lmi_din: err_desc_func0[63:32] • lmi_addr: 12'h828, lmi_din: err_desc_func0[31:0]

Signal	I/O	Description
cpl_pending	I	Completion pending. The Application Layer must assert this signal when a master block is waiting for completion, for example, when a transaction is pending.

Related Information

- [Transaction Layer Errors](#) on page 13-3
- [PCI Express Base Specification Rev. 2.1 or 3.0](#)

Parity Signals

You enable parity checking by selecting **Enable byte parity ports on the Avalon-ST interface** under the **System Settings** heading of the parameter editor. Parity is odd. This option is not available for the Avalon-MM Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express. Parity protection provides some data protection in systems that do not use ECRC checking.

On the RX datapath, parity is computed on the incoming TLP prior to the LCRC check in the Data Link Layer. Up to 32 parity bits are propagated to the Application Layer along with the RX Avalon-ST data. The RX datapath also propagates up to 32 parity bits to the Transaction Layer for Configuration TLPs. On the TX datapath, parity generated in the Application Layer is checked in Transaction Layer and the Data Link Layer.

The following table lists the signals that indicate parity errors. When an error is detected, parity error signals are asserted for one cycle.

Table 7-10: Parity Signals

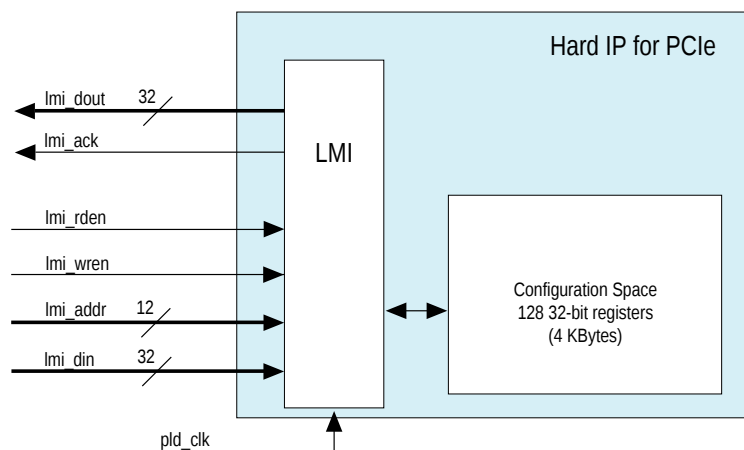
Signal Name	Direction	Description
tx_par_err[1:0]	O	<p>When asserted for a single cycle, indicates a parity error during TX TLP transmission. These errors are logged in the VSEC register. The following encodings are defined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2'b10: A parity error was detected by the TX Transaction Layer. The TLP is nullified and logged as an uncorrectable internal error in the VSEC registers. For more information, refer to “Uncorrectable Internal Error Status Register” on page 9–10. • 2'b01: Some time later, the parity error is detected by the TX Data Link Layer, which drives 2'b01 to indicate the error. Altera recommends resetting the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express when this error is detected. Contact Altera if resetting becomes unworkable. <p>Note that not all simulation models assert the Transaction Layer error bit in conjunction with the Data Link Layer error bit.</p>

Signal Name	Direction	Description
rx_par_err	O	When asserted for a single cycle, indicates that a parity error was detected in a TLP at the input of the RX buffer. This error is logged as an uncorrectable internal error in the VSEC registers. For more information, refer to “Uncorrectable Internal Error Status Register” on page 9–10. If this error occurs, you must reset the Hard IP if this error occurs because parity errors can leave the Hard IP in an unknown state.
cfg_par_err	O	When asserted for a single cycle, indicates that a parity error was detected in a TLP that was routed to internal Configuration Space or to the Configuration Space Shadow Extension Bus. This error is logged as an uncorrectable internal error in the VSEC registers. For more information, refer to “Uncorrectable Internal Error Status Register” on page 9–10. If this error occurs, you must reset the core because parity errors can put the Hard IP in an unknown state.
cfg_par_err	O	Indicates that a parity error in a TLP routed to the internal Configuration Space or to the Configuration Space Shadow Extension Bus. This error is also logged in the Vendor Specific Extended Capability internal error register. You must reset the Hard IP if this event occurs.

LMI Signals

LMI interface is used to write log error descriptor information in the TLP header log registers. The LMI access to other registers is intended for debugging, not normal operation.

Figure 7-35: Local Management Interface



The LMI interface is synchronized to `pld_clk` and runs at frequencies up to 250 MHz. The LMI address is the same as the Configuration Space address. The read and write data are always 32 bits. The LMI interface provides the same access to Configuration Space registers as Configuration TLP requests. Register bits have

the same attributes, (read only, read/write, and so on) for accesses from the LMI interface and from Configuration TLP requests.

Note: You can also use the Configuration Space signals to read Configuration Space registers. For more information, refer to *Transaction Layer Configuration Space Signals*.

When a LMI write has a timing conflict with configuration TLP access, the configuration TLP accesses have higher priority. LMI writes are held and executed when configuration TLP accesses are no longer pending. An acknowledge signal is sent back to the Application Layer when the execution is complete.

All LMI reads are also held and executed when no configuration TLP requests are pending. The LMI interface supports two operations: local read and local write. The timing for these operations complies with the Avalon-MM protocol described in the *Avalon Interface Specifications*. LMI reads can be issued at any time to obtain the contents of any Configuration Space register. LMI write operations are not recommended for use during normal operation. The Configuration Space registers are written by requests received from the PCI Express link and there may be unintended consequences of conflicting updates from the link and the LMI interface. LMI Write operations are provided for AER header logging, and debugging purposes only.

- In Root Port mode, do not access the Configuration Space using TLPs and the LMI bus simultaneously.

The following table describes the signals that comprise the LMI interface.

Table 7-11: LMI Interface

Signal	Width	Dir	Description
lmi_dout	32	O	Data outputs.
lmi_rden	1	I	Read enable input.
lmi_wren	1	I	Write enable input.
lmi_ack	1	O	Write execution done/read data valid.
lmi_addr	12	I	Address inputs, [1:0] not used.
lmi_din	32	I	Data inputs.

Figure 7-36: LMI Read

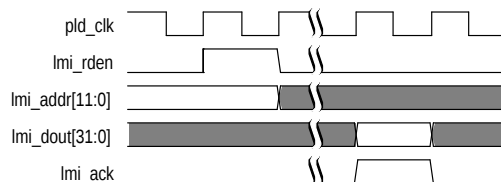
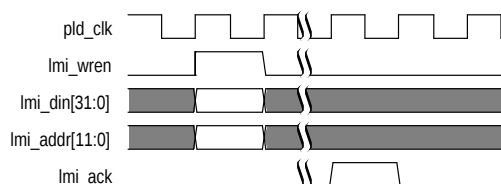


Figure 7-37: LMI Write

The following figure illustrates the LMI write. Only writeable configuration bits are overwritten by this operation. Read-only bits are not affected. LMI write operations are not recommended for use during normal operation with the exception of AER header logging.



Related Information

[Avalon Interface Specifications](#)

Interrupts for Endpoints

The following table describes the IP core's interrupt signals for Endpoints. Refer to *Interrupts* for detailed information about all interrupt mechanisms.

Table 7-12: Interrupt Signals for Endpoints

Signal	I/O	Description
<code>app_msi_req</code>	I	Application Layer MSI request. Assertion causes an MSI posted write TLP to be generated based on the MSI configuration register values and the <code>app_msi_tc</code> and <code>app_msi_num</code> input ports.
<code>app_msi_ack</code>	O	Application Layer MSI acknowledge. This signal acknowledges the Application Layer's request for an MSI interrupt.
<code>app_msi_tc[2:0]</code>	I	Application Layer MSI traffic class. This signal indicates the traffic class used to send the MSI (unlike INTX interrupts, any traffic class can be used to send MSIs).
<code>app_msi_num[4:0]</code>	I	MSI number of the Application Layer. This signal provides the low order message data bits to be sent in the message data field of MSI messages requested by <code>app_msi_req</code> . Only bits that are enabled by the MSI Message Control register apply.
<code>app_int_sts</code>	I	Controls legacy interrupts. Assertion of <code>app_int_sts</code> causes an Assert_INTA message TLP to be generated and sent upstream. Deassertion of <code>app_int_sts</code> causes a Deassert_INTA message TLP to be generated and sent upstream.

Signal	I/O	Description
app_int_ack	O	This signal is the acknowledge for app_int_sts. This signal is asserted for at least one cycle either when the Assert_INTA message TLP has been transmitted in response to the assertion of the app_int_sts signal or when the Deassert_INTA message TLP has been transmitted in response to the deassertion of the app_int_sts signal. Refer to <i>Legacy Interrupts</i> for timing diagrams.

Related Information

- [Interrupts](#) on page 11-1
- [Interrupts for Endpoints Using the Avalon-ST Application Interface](#) on page 11-1
- [MSI Interrupts](#) on page 11-1
- [MSI-X](#) on page 11-4
- [Legacy Interrupts](#) on page 11-4
- [Interrupts for Root Ports Using the Avalon-ST Interface to the Application Layer](#) on page 11-5
- [Legacy Interrupts](#) on page 11-4

Transaction Layer Configuration Space Signals

The following table describes the Transaction Layer Configuration Space signals.

Note: These signals are not available if Configuration Space Bypass mode is enabled.

Table 7-13: Configuration Space Signals

Signal	Dir	Description
tl_cfg_add[3:0]	0	Address of the register that has been updated. This signal is an index indicating which Configuration Space register information is being driven onto tl_cfg_ctl. The indexing is defined in <i>Multiplexed Configuration Register Information Available on tl_cfg_ctl</i> . The index increments on every pld_clk.
tl_cfg_ctl[31:0]	0	The tl_cfg_ctl signal is multiplexed and contains the contents of the Configuration Space registers. tl_cfg_ctl. The indexing is defined in <i>Multiplexed Configuration Register Information Available on tl_cfg_ctl</i> .
tl_cfg_sts[52:0]	0	Configuration status bits. This information updates every pld_clk cycle. The following table provides detailed descriptions of the status bits.

Signal	Dir	Description
hpg_ctrler[4:0]	I	The hpg_ctrler signals are only available in Root Port mode and when the Slot capability register is enabled. Refer to the Slot register and Slot capability register parameters in Table 6–9 on page 6–10. For Endpoint variations the hpg_ctrler input should be hardwired to 0s. The bits have the following meanings:
	I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [0]: Attention button pressed. This signal should be asserted when the attention button is pressed. If no attention button exists for the slot, this bit should be hardwired to 0, and the Attention Button Present bit (bit[0]) in the Slot capability register parameter is set to 0.
	I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [1]: Presence detect. This signal should be asserted when a presence detect circuit detects a presence detect change in the slot.
	I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [2]: Manually-operated retention latch (MRL) sensor changed. This signal should be asserted when an MRL sensor indicates that the MRL is Open. If an MRL Sensor does not exist for the slot, this bit should be hardwired to 0, and the MRL Sensor Present bit (bit[2]) in the Slot capability register parameter is set to 0.
	I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [3]: Power fault detected. This signal should be asserted when the power controller detects a power fault for this slot. If this slot has no power controller, this bit should be hardwired to 0, and the Power Controller Present bit (bit[1]) in the Slot capability register parameter is set to 0.
	I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [4]: Power controller status. This signal is used to set the command completed bit of the Slot Status register. Power controller status is equal to the power controller control signal. If this slot has no power controller, this bit should be hardwired to 0 and the Power Controller Present bit (bit[1]) in the Slot capability register is set to 0.

The following table describes the bits of the bits of the tl_cfg_sts bus.

Table 7-14: Mapping Between tl_cfg_sts and Configuration Space Registers

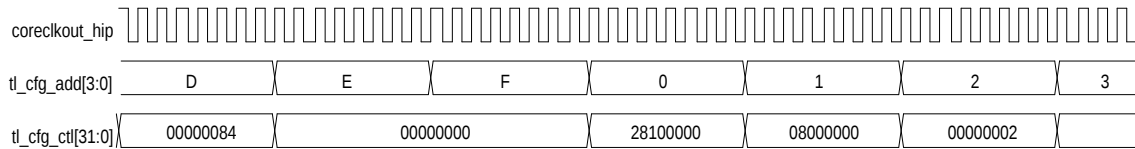
tl_cfg_sts	Configuration Space Register	Description
[52:49]	Device Status Register[3:0]	Records the following errors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bit 3: unsupported request detected Bit 2: fatal error detected Bit 1: non-fatal error detected Bit 0: correctable error detected

tl_cfg_sts	Configuration Space Register	Description
[48]	Slot Status Register[8]	Data Link Layer state changed
[47]	Slot Status Register[4]	Command completed. (The hot plug controller completed a command.)
[46:31]	Link Status Register[15:0]	Records the following link status information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bit 15: link autonomous bandwidth status • Bit 14: link bandwidth management status • Bit 13: Data Link Layer link active • Bit 12: Slot clock configuration • Bit 11: Link Training • Bit 10: Undefined • Bits[9:4]: Negotiated Link Width • Bits[3:0] Link Speed
[30]	Link Status 2 Register[0]	Current de-emphasis level.
[29:25]	Status Register[15:11]	Records the following 5 primary command status errors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bit 15: detected parity error • Bit 14: signaled system error • Bit 13: received master abort • Bit 12: received target abort • Bit 11: signalled target abort
[24]	Secondary Status Register[8]	Master data parity error
[23:6]	Root Status Register[17:0]	Records the following PME status information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bit 17: PME pending • Bit 16: PME status • Bits[15:0]: PME request ID[15:0]
[5:1]	Secondary Status Register[15:11]	Records the following 5 secondary command status errors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bit 15: detected parity error • Bit 14: received system error • Bit 13: received master abort • Bit 12: received target abort • Bit 11: signalled target abort
[0]	Secondary Status Register[8]	Master Data Parity Error

Configuration Space Register Access Timing

The following figure shows typical traffic on the `tl_cfg_ctl` bus. The `tl_cfg_add` index increments on the rising edge of `pld_clk` specifying which Configuration Space register information is being driven onto `tl_cfg_ctl`.

Figure 7-38: `tl_cfg_ctl` Timing



Configuration Space Register Access

The `tl_cfg_ctl` signal is a multiplexed bus that contains the contents of Configuration Space registers as shown in the figure below. Information stored in the Configuration Space is accessed in round robin order where `tl_cfg_add` indicates which register is being accessed. The following table shows the layout of configuration information that is multiplexed on `tl_cfg_ctl`.

Figure 7-39: Multiplexed Configuration Register Information Available on `tl_cfg_ctl`

Address	31:24	23:16	15:8	7:0
0	cfg_dev_ctrl[15:0]		cfg_dev_ctrl2[15:0]	
	cfg_dev_ctrl[14:12]= Max Read Req Size	cfg_dev_ctrl[7:5]= Max Payload		
1	16'h0000		cfg_slot_ctrl[15:0]	
2	cfg_link_ctrl[15:0]		cfg_link_ctrl2[15:0]	
3	8'h00	cfg_prm_cmd[15:0]		cfg_root_ctrl[7:0]
4	cfg_sec_ctrl[15:0]		cfg_secbus[7:0]	cfg_subbus[7:0]
5	cfg_msi_addr[11:0]		cfg_io_bas[19:0]	
6	cfg_msi_addr[43:32]		cfg_io_lim[19:0]	
7	8h'00	cfg_np_bas[11:0]		cfg_np_lim[11:0]
8	cfg_pr_bas[31:0]			
9	cfg_msi_addr[31:12]		cfg_pr_bas[43:32]	
A	cfg_pr_lim[31:0]			
B	cfg_msi_addr[63:44]		cfg_pr_lim[43:32]	
C	cfg_pmcsr[31:0]			
D	cfg_msixcsr[15:0]		cfg_msicsr[15:0]	
E	6'h00, tx_ecrcgen[25], rx_ecrccheck[24]	cfg_tcvcmmap[23:0]		
F	cfg_msi_data[15:0]		3'b00 0	cfg_busdev[12:0]

Notes:

- (1) Items in blue are only available for Root Ports.
- (2) This field is encoded as specified in Section 7.8.4 of the *PCI Express Base Specification*. (3'b000–3'b101 correspond to 128–4096 bytes).
- (3) `rx_ecrccheck` and `tx_ecrcgen` are bits 24 and 25 of `tl_cfg_ctl`, respectively. (Other bit specifications in this table indicate the bit location within the Configuration Space register.)

Table 7-15: Configuration Space Register Descriptions

Register	Width	Dir	Description
<code>cfg_dev_ctrl</code>	16	O	<code>cfg_devctrl[15:0]</code> is Device Control for the PCI Express capability structure.
<code>cfg_dev_ctrl2</code>	16	O	<code>cfg_dev2ctrl[15:0]</code> is device control 2 for the PCI Express capability structure.
<code>cfg_slot_ctrl</code>	16	O	<code>cfg_slot_ctrl[15:0]</code> is the Slot Status of the PCI Express capability structure. This register is only available in Root Port mode.
<code>cfg_link_ctrl</code>	16	O	<p><code>cfg_link_ctrl[15:0]</code> is the primary Link Control of the PCI Express capability structure.</p> <p>For Gen2 or Gen3 operation, you must write a 1'b1 to Retrain Link bit (Bit[5] of the <code>cfg_link_ctrl</code>) of the Root Port to initiate retraining to a higher data rate after the initial link training to Gen1 L0 state. Retraining directs the LTSSM to the Recovery state. Retraining to a higher data rate is not automatic for the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core even if both devices on the link are capable of a higher data rate.</p>
<code>cfg_link_ctrl2</code>	16	O	<p><code>cfg_link_ctrl2[31:16]</code> is the secondary Link Control register of the PCI Express capability structure for Gen2 operation.</p> <p>When <code>tl_cfg_addr=2</code>, <code>tl_cfg_ctl</code> returns the primary and secondary Link Control registers, {<code>cfg_link_ctrl[15:0]</code>, <code>cfg_link_ctrl2[15:0]</code>}, the primary Link Status register contents is available on <code>tl_cfg_sts[46:31]</code>.</p> <p>For Gen1 variants, the link bandwidth notification bit is always set to 0. For Gen2 variants, this bit is set to 1.</p>
<code>cfg_prm_cmd</code>	16	O	Base/Primary Command register for the PCI Configuration Space.
<code>cfg_root_ctrl</code>	8	O	Root control and status register of the PCI-Express capability. This register is only available in Root Port mode.
<code>cfg_sec_ctrl</code>	16	O	Secondary bus Control and Status register of the PCI-Express capability. This register is only available in Root Port mode.

Register	Width	Dir	Description
cfg_secbus	8	O	Secondary bus number. Available in Root Port mode.
cfg_subbus	8	O	Subordinate bus number. Available in Root Port mode.
cfg_msi_addr	64	O	cfg_msi_addr[63:32] is the MSI upper message address. cfg_msi_addr[31:0] is the MSI message address.
cfg_io_bas	20	O	The upper 20 bits of the IO limit registers of the Type1 Configuration Space. This register is only available in Root Port mode.
cfg_io_lim	20	O	The upper 20 bits of the IO limit registers of the Type1 Configuration Space. This register is only available in Root Port mode.
cfg_np_bas	12	O	The upper 12 bits of the memory base register of the Type1 Configuration Space. This register is only available in Root Port mode.
cfg_np_lim	12	O	The upper 12 bits of the memory limit register of the Type1 Configuration Space. This register is only available in Root Port mode.
cfg_pr_bas	44	O	The upper 44 bits of the prefetchable base registers of the Type1 Configuration Space. This register is only available in Root Port mode.
cfg_pr_lim	44	O	The upper 44 bits of the prefetchable limit registers of the Type1 Configuration Space. Available in Root Port mode.
cfg_pmcsr	32	O	cfg_pmcsr[31:16] is Power Management Control and cfg_pmcsr[15:0] is the Power Management Status register.
cfg_msixcsr	16	O	MSI-X message control.
cfg_msicsr	16	O	MSI message control. Refer to the following table for the fields of this register.

Register	Width	Dir	Description
cfg_tcvcmap	24	O	<p>Configuration traffic class (TC)/virtual channel (VC) mapping. The Application Layer uses this signal to generate a TLP mapped to the appropriate channel based on the traffic class of the packet.</p> <p>cfg_tcvcmap[2:0]: Mapping for TC0 (always 0) cfg_tcvcmap[5:3]: Mapping for TC1. cfg_tcvcmap[8:6]: Mapping for TC2. cfg_tcvcmap[11:9]: Mapping for TC3. cfg_tcvcmap[14:12]: Mapping for TC4. cfg_tcvcmap[17:15]: Mapping for TC5. cfg_tcvcmap[20:18]: Mapping for TC6. cfg_tcvcmap[23:21]: Mapping for TC7.</p>
cfg_msi_data	16	O	cfg_msi_data[15:0] is message data for MSI.
cfg_busdev	13	O	Bus/Device Number captured by or programmed in the Hard IP.

Table 7-16: Configuration MSI Control Status Register Field Descriptions

Bit(s)	Field	Description
[15:9]	reserved	—
[8]	mask capability	Per vector masking capable. This bit is hardwired to 0 because the function does not support the optional MSI per vector masking using the Mask_Bits and Pending_Bits registers defined in the <i>PCI Local Bus Specification</i> . Per vector masking can be implemented using Application Layer registers.
[7]	64-bit address capability	<p>64-bit address capable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1: function capable of sending a 64-bit message address 0: function not capable of sending a 64-bit message address
[6:4]	multiple message enable	<p>Multiple message enable: This field indicates permitted values for MSI signals. For example, if “100” is written to this field 16 MSI signals are allocated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3'b000: 1 MSI allocated 3'b001: 2 MSI allocated 3'b010: 4 MSI allocated 3'b011: 8 MSI allocated 3'b100: 16 MSI allocated 3'b101: 32 MSI allocated 3'b110: Reserved 3'b111: Reserved

Bit(s)	Field	Description
[3:1]	multiple message capable	<p>Multiple message capable: This field is read by system software to determine the number of requested MSI messages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3'b000: 1 MSI requested 3'b001: 2 MSI requested 3'b010: 4 MSI requested 3'b011: 8 MSI requested 3'b100: 16 MSI requested 3'b101: 32 MSI requested 3'b110: Reserved
[0]	MSI Enable	If set to 0, this component is not permitted to use MSI.

Figure 7-40: Configuration MSI Control Status Register

Field and Bit Map								
15	9	8	7	6	4	3	1	0
reserved		mask capability	64-bit address capability	multiple message enable		multiple message capable		MSI enable

Related Information

- [PCI Express Base Specification 2.1 or 3.0](#)
- [PCI Local Bus Specification, Rev. 3.0](#)

Hard IP Reconfiguration Interface

The Hard IP reconfiguration interface consists of an Avalon-MM slave interface with a 10-bit address and 16-bit data. You can use this bus dynamically modify the value of configuration registers that are read-only at run time. To ensure proper system operation, Altera recommends that you reset or repeat device enumeration of the PCI Express link after changing the value of read-only configuration registers of the Hard IP. For a description of the registers available via this interface refer to *Hard IP Reconfiguration and Transceiver Reconfiguration*.

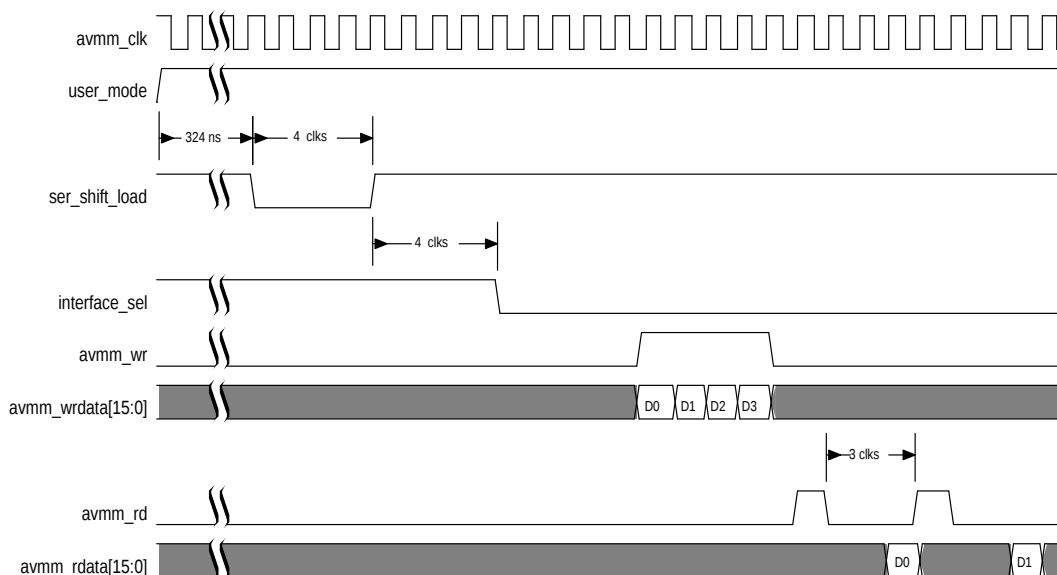
Table 7-17: Hard IP Reconfiguration Signals

Signal	I/O	Description
hip_reconfig_clk	I	Reconfiguration clock. The frequency range for this clock is 50–125 MHz.
hip_reconfig_rst_n	I	Active-low Avalon-MM reset. Resets all of the dynamic reconfiguration registers to their default values as described in <i>Hard IP Reconfiguration Registers</i> .

Signal	I/O	Description
hip_reconfig_address[9:0]	I	The 10-bit reconfiguration address.
hip_reconfig_read	I	Read signal. This interface is not pipelined. You must wait for the return of the hip_reconfig_readdata[15:0] from the current read before starting another read operation.
hip_reconfig_readdata[15:0]	O	16-bit read data. hip_reconfig_readdata[15:0] is valid on the third cycle after the assertion of hip_reconfig_read.
hip_reconfig_write	I	Write signal.
hip_reconfig_writedata[15:0]	I	16-bit write model.
hip_reconfig_byte_en[1:0]	I	Byte enables, currently unused.
ser_shift_load	I	You must toggle this signal once after changing to user mode before the first access to read-only registers. This signal should remain asserted for a minimum of 324 ns after switching to user mode.
interface_sel	I	A selector which must be asserted when performing dynamic reconfiguration. Drive this signal low 4 clock cycles after the release of ser_shift_load.

Figure 7-41: Hard IP Reconfiguration Bus Timing of Read-Only Registers

The following figure shows the timing of writes and reads on the Hard IP reconfiguration bus.



For a detailed description of the Avalon-MM protocol, refer to the *Avalon Memory Mapped Interfaces* chapter in the *Avalon Interface Specifications*.

Table 7-18: Reconfiguration Block Signals

Signal	I/O	Description
hip_reconfig_clk	I	Reconfiguration clock for the Hard IP implementation. This clock should not exceed 70MHz.
hip_reconfig_rst_n	I	Active-low Avalon-MM reset. Resets all of the dynamic reconfiguration registers to their default values as described in Table 17-1 on page 17-2.
hip_reconfig_address[9:0]	I	A 10-bit address.
hip_reconfig_read	I	Read signal.
hip_reconfig_readdata[15:0]	O	16-bit read data bus.
hip_reconfig_write	I	Write signal.
hip_reconfig_writedata[15:0]	I	16-bit write data bus.
hip_reconfig_byte_en[1:0]	I	Byte enables.
ser_shift_load	O	A pulse on this signal duplicates the global configuration registers to a space the you can update using the Hard IP reconfiguration signals.
interface_sel	I	Chipselect.

Related Information

- [Reconfigurable Read-Only Registers in the Hard IP for PCI Express](#) on page 16-1
- [Avalon Interface Specifications](#)

Power Management Signals

Table 7-19: Power Management Signals

Signal	I/O	Description
pme_to_cr	I	<p>Power management turn off control register.</p> <p>Root Port—When this signal is asserted, the Root Port sends the PME_turn_off message.</p> <p>Endpoint—This signal is asserted to acknowledge the PME_turn_off message by sending pme_to_ack to the Root Port.</p>
pme_to_sr	O	<p>Power management turn off status register.</p> <p>Root Port—This signal is asserted for 1 clock cycle when the Root Port receives the pme_turn_off acknowledge message.</p> <p>Endpoint—This signal is asserted for 1 cycle when the Endpoint receives the PME_turn_off message from the Root Port.</p>
pm_event	I	<p>Power Management Event. This signal is only available for Endpoints.</p> <p>The Endpoint initiates a power_management_event message (PM_PME) that is sent to the Root Port. If the Hard IP is in a low power state, the link exits from the low-power state to send the message. This signal is positive edge-sensitive.</p>

Signal	I/O	Description
pm_data[9:0]	I	<p>Power Management Data.</p> <p>This bus indicates power consumption of the component. This bus can only be implemented if all three bits of AUX_power (part of the Power Management Capabilities structure) are set to 0. This bus includes the following bits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pm_data[9:2]: Data Register: This register maintains a value associated with the power consumed by the component. (Refer to the example below) pm_data[1:0]: Data Scale: This register maintains the scale used to find the power consumed by a particular component and can include the following values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2b'00: unknown 2b'01: $0.1 \times$ 2b'10: $0.01 \times$ 2b'11: $0.001 \times$ <p>For example, the two registers might have the following values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pm_data[9:2]: b'1110010 = 114 pm_data[1:0]: b'10, which encodes a factor of 0.01 <p>To find the maximum power consumed by this component, multiply the data value by the data Scale ($114 \times .01 = 1.14$). 1.14 watts is the maximum power allocated to this component in the power state selected by the data_select field.</p>
pm_auxpwr	I	Power Management Auxiliary Power: This signal can be tied to 0 because the L2 power state is not supported.

The following table shows the layout of the Power Management Capabilities register.

Figure 7-42: Power Management Capabilities Register

31	24	22	16	15	14	13	12	9	8	7	2	1	0
data register		rsvd		PME_status	data_scale		data_select		PME_EN	rsvd		PM_state	

The following table describes the use of the various fields of the Power Management Capabilities register.

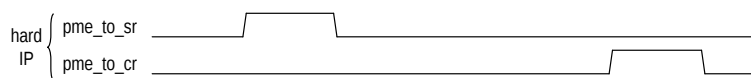
Table 7-20: Power Management Capabilities Register Field Descriptions

Bits	Field	Description
[31:24]	Data register	This field indicates in which power states a function can assert the PME# message.

Bits	Field	Description
[22:16]	reserved	—
[15]	PME_status	When set to 1, indicates that the function would normally assert the PME# message independently of the state of the PME_en bit.
[14:13]	data_scale	This field indicates the scaling factor when interpreting the value retrieved from the data register. This field is read-only.
[12:9]	data_select	This field indicates which data should be reported through the data register and the data_scale field.
[8]	PME_EN	1: indicates that the function can assert PME#0: indicates that the function cannot assert PME#
[7:2]	reserved	—
[1:0]	PM_state	Specifies the power management state of the operating condition being described. The following encodings are defined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2b'00 D0 • 2b'01 D1 • 2b'10 D2 • 2b'11 D3 A device returns 2b'11 in this field and Aux or PME Aux in the type register to specify the <i>D3-Cold PM</i> state. An encoding of 2b'11 along with any other type register value specifies the <i>D3-Hot</i> state.

Figure 7-43: pme_to_sr and pme_to_cr in an Endpoint IP core

The following figure illustrates the behavior of pme_to_sr and pme_to_cr in an Endpoint. First, the Hard IP receives the PME_turn_off message which causes pme_to_sr to assert. Then, the Application Layer sends the PME_to_ack message to the Root Port by asserting pme_to_cr.



Physical Layer Interface Signals

Altera provides an integrated solution with the Transaction, Data Link and Physical Layers. The MegaWizard Plug-In Manager generates a SERDES variation file, *<variation>_serdes.v* or *.vhd*, in addition of the Hard IP variation file, *<variation>.v* or *.vhd*. For Stratix V devices the SERDES entity is included in the library files for PCI Express.

Transceiver Reconfiguration

Dynamic reconfiguration compensates for variations due to process, voltage and temperature (PVT). Among the analog settings that you can reconfigure are: V_{OD} , pre-emphasis, and equalization.

You can use the Altera Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller to dynamically reconfigure analog settings in Stratix V devices. For more information about instantiating the Altera Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller IP core refer to Chapter 17, Hard IP Reconfiguration and Transceiver Reconfiguration.

The following table describes the transceiver support signals. In this table, $\langle n \rangle$ is the number of interfaces required.

Table 7-21: Transceiver Control Signals

Signal Name	I/O	Description
reconfig_from_xcvr[$(\langle n \rangle - 1) : 0$]	O	Reconfiguration signals to the Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller.
reconfig_to_xcvr[$(\langle n \rangle - 1) : 0$]	I	Reconfiguration signals from the Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller.

The following table shows the number of logical reconfiguration and physical interfaces required for various configurations. The Quartus II fitter merges logical interfaces so that there are fewer physical interfaces in the hardware. Typically, one logical interface is required for each channel and one for each PLL. The $\times 8$ variants require an extra channel for PCS clock routing and control.

Table 7-22: Number of Logical and Physical Reconfiguration Interfaces

Variant	Logical Interfaces
Gen1 and Gen2 $\times 1$	2
Gen1 and Gen2 $\times 2$	3
Gen1 and Gen2 $\times 4$	5
Gen1 and Gen2 $\times 8$	10
Gen3 $\times 1$	3
Gen3 $\times 2$	4
Gen3 $\times 4$	6
Gen3 $\times 8$	11

For more information about the refer to the *Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller* chapter in the *Altera Transceiver PHY IP Core User Guide*.

The following sections describe signals for the serial or parallel PIPE interlaces. The PIPE interface is only available for simulation.

Related Information[Altera Transceiver PHY IP Core User Guide](#)

Serial Interface Signals

The following table describes the serial interface signals.

Table 7-23: 1-Bit Interface Signals

Signal	I/O	Description
tx_out[7:0] ⁽¹⁾	O	Transmit input. These signals are the serial outputs of lanes 7–0.
rx_in[7:0] ⁽¹⁾	I	Receive input. These signals are the serial inputs of lanes 7–0.

Note to :

1. The ×1 IP core only has lane 0. The ×2 IP core only has lanes 1–0. The ×4 IP core only has lanes 3–0.

Refer to Pin-out Files for Altera Devices for pin-out tables for all Altera devices in **.pdf**, **.txt**, and **.xls** formats.

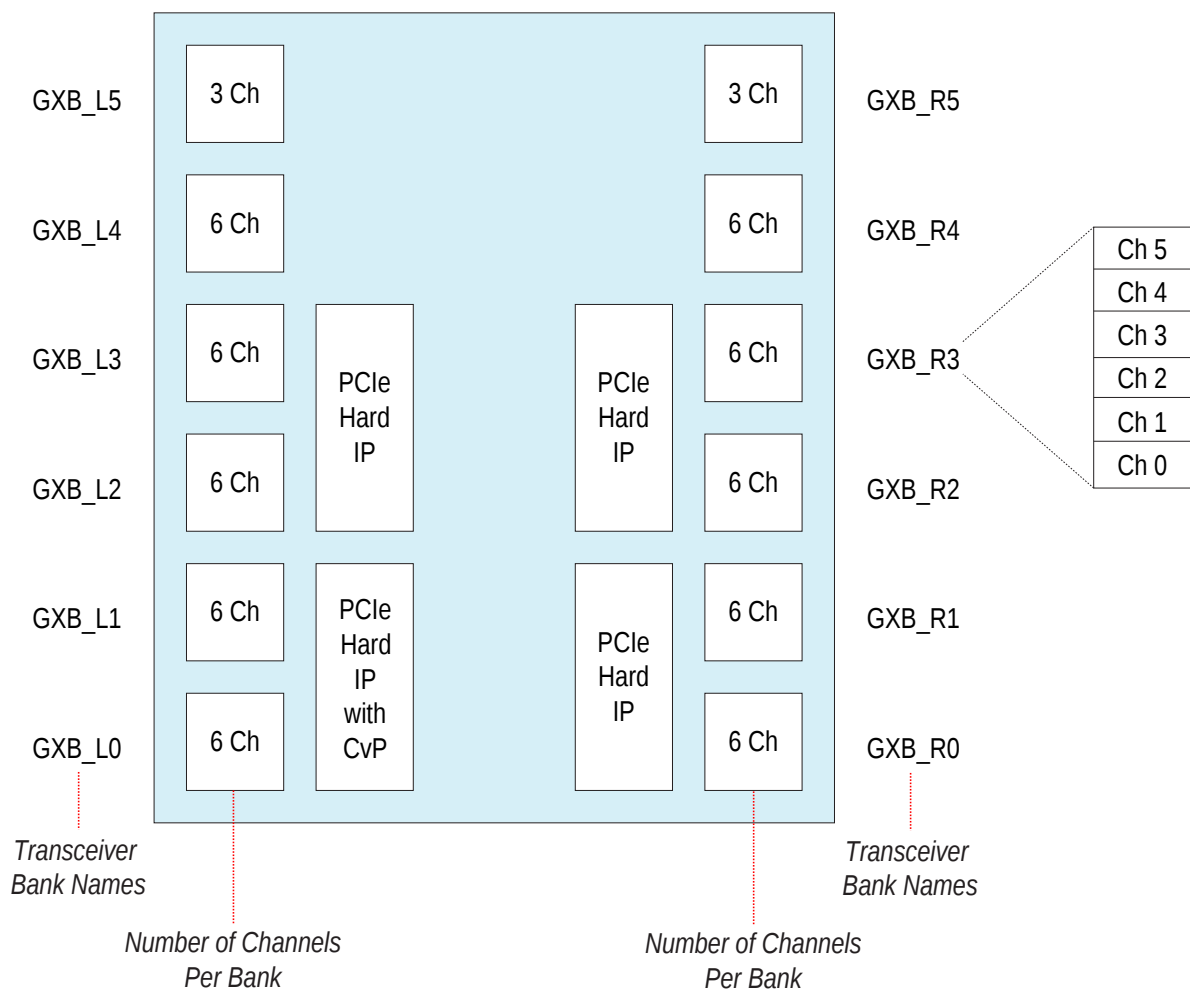
Transceiver channels are arranged in groups of six. For GX devices, the lowest six channels on the left side of the device are labeled GXB_L0, the next group is GXB_L1, and so on. Channels on the right side of the device are labeled GXB_R0, GXB_R1, and so on. Be sure to connect the Hard IP for PCI Express on the left side of the device to appropriate channels on the left side of the device, as specified in the *Pin-out Files for Altera Devices*.

Related Information[Pin-out Files for Altera Devices](#)

Physical Layout of Hard IP In Stratix V Devices

Stratix V devices include one, two or four Hard IP for PCI Express IP Cores. The following figures illustrate the placement of the PCIe IP cores, transceiver banks and channels for the largest Stratix V devices. Note that the bottom left IP core includes the CvP functionality.

Figure 7-44: Stratix V Devices with Four PCIe Hard IP Blocks



Smaller devices include the following PCIe Hard IP Cores:

- One Hard IP for PCIe IP core - bottom left IP core with CvP, located at GX banks L0 and L1
- Two Hard IP for PCIe IP cores - bottom left IP core with CvP and bottom right IP Core, located at banks L0 and L1, and banks R0 and R1

Refer to *Stratix V GX/GT Channel and PCIe Hard IP (HIP) Layout* for comprehensive information on the number of Hard IP for PCIe IP cores available in various Stratix V packages.

Related Information

[Transceiver Architecture in Stratix V Devices](#)

Channel Placement

Figure 7-45: Gen1 and Gen2 Channel Placement Using the CMU PLL

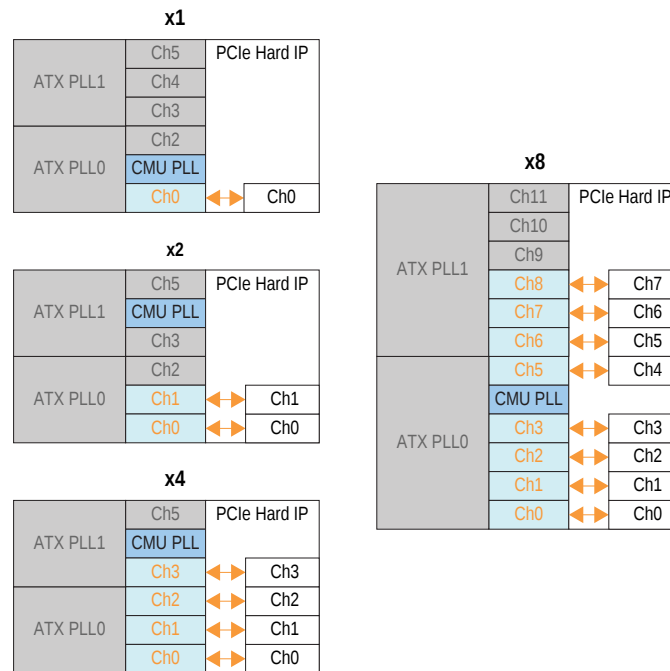


Figure 7-46: Gen3 Channel Placement Using the CMU and ATX PLLs

Gen3 requires two PLLs to facilitate rate switching between the Gen1, Gen2, and Gen3 data rates.

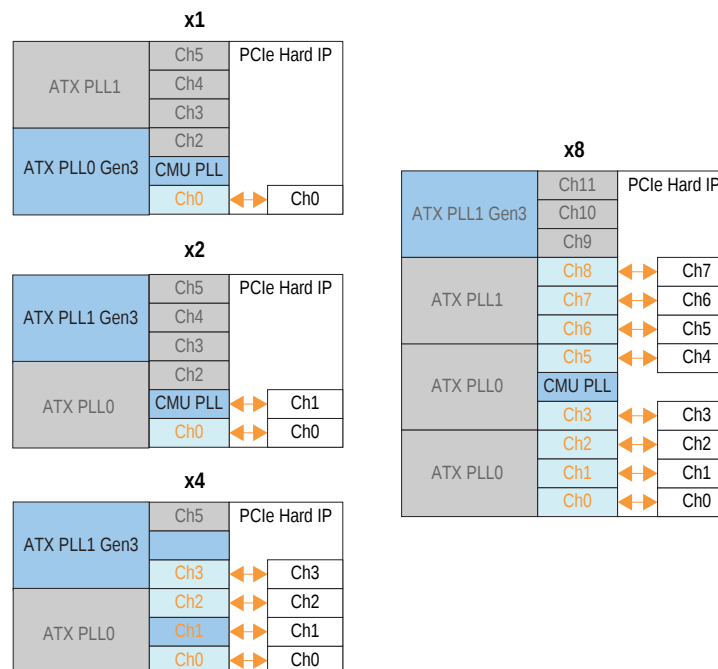
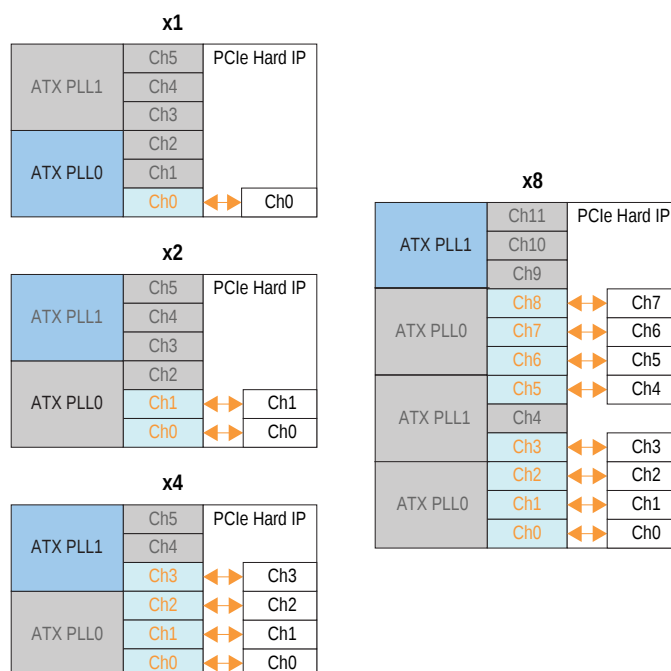


Figure 7-47: Gen1 and Gen2 Channel Placement Using the ATX PLL

Selecting the ATX PLL has the following advantages over the CMU PLL:

- The ATX PLL saves one channel in Gen1 and Gen2 $\times 1$, $\times 2$, and $\times 4$ configurations.
- The ATX PLL has better jitter performance than the CMU PLL.

Note: You must use the soft reset controller when you select the ATX PLL and you cannot use CvP.



PIPE Interface Signals

These PIPE signals are available for Gen1, Gen2, and Gen3 variants so that you can simulate using either the serial or the PIPE interface. Simulation is much faster using the PIPE interface because the PIPE simulation bypasses the serdes model. For Gen1 and Gen2 variants, the PIPE interface is 8 bits. For Gen3 variants, the PIPE interface is 32 bits. You can use the PIPE interface for simulation even though your actual design includes a serial interface to the internal transceivers. However, it is not possible to use the Hard IP PIPE interface in hardware, including probing these signals using SignalTap[®] II Embedded Logic Analyzer.

Note: The Root Port BFM bypasses Gen3 Phase 2 and Phase 3 Equalization. You must adjust your third-party Root Port BFM to terminate Equalization after Phase 0 and Phase 1 complete.

In the following table, signals that include lane number 0 also exist for lanes 1-7. In Qsys, the signals that are part of the PIPE interface have the prefix, *hip_pipe*. The signals which are included to simulate the PIPE interface have the prefix, *hip_pipe_sim_pipe*.

Table 7-24: PIPE Interface Signals

Signal	I/O	Description
txdata0[7:0]	O	Transmit data <n> (2 symbols on lane <n>). This bus transmits data on lane <n>.
txdatak0	O	Transmit data control <n>. This signal serves as the control bit for txdata <n>.
txdatavalid0	O	When asserted, the txdata0[7:0] is valid.
txblkst0	O	For Gen3 operation, indicates the start of a block.
rxdata0[7:0] ⁽²⁾	I	Receive data <n> (2 symbols on lane <n>). This bus receives data on lane <n>.
rxdatak0 ⁽²⁾	I	Receive data >n>. This bus receives data on lane <n>.
rxblkst0	I	For Gen3 operation, indicates the start of a block.
txdetectrx0	O	Transmit detect receive <n>. This signal tells the PHY layer to start a receive detection operation or to begin loopback.
txelecidle	O	Transmit electrical idle <n>. This signal forces the TX output to electrical idle.
txcompl0	O	Transmit compliance <n>. This signal forces the running disparity to negative in compliance mode (negative COM character).
rxpolarity0	O	Receive polarity <n>. This signal instructs the PHY layer to invert the polarity of the 8B/10B receiver decoding block.
powerdown0[1:0]	O	Power down <n>. This signal requests the PHY to change its power state to the specified state (P0, P0s, P1, or P2).
current-coeff0[17:0]	O	<p>For Gen3, selects the transmitter de-emphasis. The 18 bits specify the following coefficients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [5:0]: C₋₁ [11:6]: C₀ [17:12]: C₊₁ <p>In Gen3 capable designs, the TX de-emphasis for Gen2 data rates is always -6 dB. The TX de-emphasis for Gen1 data rate is always -3.5 dB.</p>
currenttxp-reset0[2:0]	O	For Gen3 designs, specifies the current preset.
tx_margin[2:0]	O	Transmit V _{OD} margin selection. The value for this signal is based on the value from the Link Control 2 Register. Available for simulation only.

Signal	I/O	Description
txswing	O	When asserted, indicates full swing for the transmitter voltage. When deasserted indicates half swing.
txsynchd0[1:0]	O	For Gen3 operation, specifies the block type. The following encodings are defined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2'b01: Ordered Set Block 2'b10: Data Block
rxsynchd0[1:0]	I	For Gen3 operation, specifies the block type. The following encodings are defined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2'b01: Ordered Set Block 2'b10: Data Block
rxvalid0 ^{(1) (2)}	I	Receive valid <n>. This symbol indicates symbol lock and valid data on rxdata<n> and rxdata[n].
phystatus0 ⁽²⁾	I	PHY status <n>. This signal communicates completion of several PHY requests.
rxelecidle0 ⁽²⁾	I	Receive electrical idle <n>. When asserted, indicates detection of an electrical idle.
rxstatus0[2:0] ⁽²⁾	I	Receive status <n>. This signal encodes receive status and error codes for the receive data stream and receiver detection.
simu_mode_pipe	I	When set to 1, the PIPE interface is in simulation mode.
sim_pipe_rate[1:0]	O	The 2-bit encodings have the following meanings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2'b00: Gen1 rate (2.5 Gbps) 2'b01: Gen2 rate (5.0 Gbps) 2'b1X: Gen3 rate (8.0 Gbps)
sim_pipe_pclk_in	I	This clock is used for PIPE simulation only, and is derived from the refclk. It is the PIPE interface clock used for PIPE mode simulation.
sim_pipe_pclk_out	O	TX datapath clock to the BFM PHY. pclk_out is derived from refclk and provides the source synchronous clock for TX data from the PHY.
sim_pipe_clk250_out	O	Used to generate pclk.
sim_pipe_clk500_out	O	Used to generate pclk.

Signal	I/O	Description
sim_pipe_ ltssmstate0[4:0]	I and O	<p>LTSSM state: The LTSSM state machine encoding defines the following states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5'b00000: Detect.Quiet • 5'b 00001: Detect.Active • 5'b00010: Polling.Active • 5'b 00011: Polling.Compliance • 5'b 00100: Polling.Configuration • 5'b00101: Polling.Speed • 5'b00110: config.LinkwidthsStart • 5'b 00111: Config.Linkaccept • 5'b 01000: Config.Lanenumaccept • 5'b01001: Config.Lanenumwait • 5'b01010: Config.Complete • 5'b 01011: Config.Idle • 5'b01100: Recovery.Rcvlock • 5'b01101: Recovery.Rcvconfig • 5'b01110: Recovery.Idle • 5'b 01111: L0 • 5'b10000: Disable • 5'b10001: Loopback.Entry • 5'b10010: Loopback.Active • 5'b10011: Loopback.Exit • 5'b10100: Hot.Reset • 5'b10101: LOs • 5'b11001: L2.transmit.Wake • 5'b11010: Speed.Recovery • 5'b11011: Recovery.Equalization, Phase 0 • 5'b11100: Recovery.Equalization, Phase 1 • 5'b11101: Recovery.Equalization, Phase 2 • 5'b11110: Recovery.Equalization, Phase 3 • 5'b11111: Recovery.Equalization, Done
rxfreqlocked0 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾	I	When asserted indicates that the pclk_in used for PIPE simulation is valid.
rxdataskip0	O	<p>For Gen3 operation. Allows the MAC to instruct the TX interface to ignore the TX data interface for one clock cycle. The following encodings are defined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1'b0: TX data is invalid • 1'b1: TX data is valid

Signal	I/O	Description
<code>eidlein-ferse10[2:0]</code>	O	Electrical idle entry inference mechanism selection. The following encodings are defined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3'b0xx: Electrical Idle Inference not required in current LTSSM state 3'b100: Absence of COM/SKP Ordered Set the in 128 us window for Gen1 or Gen2 3'b101: Absence of TS1/TS2 Ordered Set in a 1280 UI interval for Gen1 or Gen2 3'b110: Absence of Electrical Idle Exit in 2000 UI interval for Gen1 and 16000 UI interval for Gen2 3'b111: Absence of Electrical idle exit in 128 us window for Gen1
<code>tx_deemph0</code>	O	Transmit de-emphasis selection. The Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express sets the value for this signal based on the indication received from the other end of the link during the Training Sequences (TS). You do not need to change this value.
<code>testin_zero</code>	O	When asserted, indicates accelerated initialization for simulation is active.

Notes:

1. These signals are for simulation only. For Quartus II software compilation, these pipe signals can be left floating.

Test Signals

The `test_in` buses provides run-time control and monitoring of the internal state of the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express.

- Altera recommends that you use the `test_out` signals for debug or non-critical status monitoring purposes such as LED displays of PCIe link status. They should not be used for design function purposes. Use of these signals will make it more difficult to close timing on the design. The test signals have not been rigorously verified and will not function as documented in some corner cases.

Table 7-25: Decoding of `test_in[11:8]`

<code>test_in[11:8]</code> Value	Signal Group
4'b0011	PIPE Interface Signals
All other values	Reserved

The following table describes the `test_in` bus signals. In Qsys these signals have the prefix, *hip_ctrl_*.

Table 7-26: Test Interface Signals⁽¹⁾, ⁽²⁾

Signal	I/O	Description
test_in[31:0]	I	<p>The bits of the test_in bus have the following definitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [0]: Simulation mode. This signal can be set to 1 to accelerate initialization by reducing the value of many initialization counters. [4:1]: Reserved. Must be set to 4'b0100. [5]: Compliance test mode. Disable/force compliance mode. When set, prevents the LTSSM from entering compliance mode. Toggling this bit controls the entry and exit from the compliance state, enabling the transmission of Gen1, Gen2 and Gen3 compliance patterns. [31:6]–Reserved. Must be set to 26'h2.
lane_act[3:0]	O	<p>Lane Active Mode: This signal indicates the number of lanes that configured during link training. The following encodings are defined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4'b0001: 1 lane 4'b0010: 2 lanes 4'b0100: 4 lanes 4'b1000: 8 lanes

Notes::

1. All signals are per lane.
2. Refer to *PIPE Interface Signals* for definitions of the PIPE interface signals.

Related Information

[PIPE Interface Signals](#) on page 7-58

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Correspondence between Configuration Space Registers and the PCIe Specification

The following table provides a comprehensive correspondence between the Configuration Space Capability Structures and their descriptions in the *PCI Express Base Specification 2.1 and 3.0*.

Table 8-1: Correspondence Configuration Space Capability Structures and PCIe Base Specification Description

Byte Address	Hard IP Configuration Space Register	Corresponding Section in PCIe Specification
0x000:0x03C	PCI Header Type 0 Configuration Registers	Type 0 Configuration Space Header
0x000:0x03C	PCI Header Type 1 Configuration Registers	Type 1 Configuration Space Header
0x040:0x04C	Reserved	—
0x050:0x05C	MSI Capability Structure	MSI and MSI-X Capability Structures
0x068:0x070	MSI Capability Structure	MSI and MSI-X Capability Structures
0x070:0x074	Reserved	—
0x078:0x07C	Power Management Capability Structure	PCI Power Management Capability Structure
0x080:0x0B8	PCI Express Capability Structure	PCI Express Capability Structure
0x0B8:0x0FC	Reserved	—
0x094:0x0FF	Root Port	—
0x100:0x16C	Virtual Channel Capability Structure (Reserved)	Virtual Channel Capability
0x170:0x17C	Reserved	—
0x180:0x1FC	Virtual channel arbitration table (Reserved)	VC Arbitration Table

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Byte Address	Hard IP Configuration Space Register	Corresponding Section in PCIe Specification
0x200:0x23C	Port VC0 arbitration table (Reserved)	Port Arbitration Table
0x240:0x27C	Port VC1 arbitration table (Reserved)	Port Arbitration Table
0x280:0x2BC	Port VC2 arbitration table (Reserved)	Port Arbitration Table
0x2C0:0x2FC	Port VC3 arbitration table (Reserved)	Port Arbitration Table
0x300:0x33C	Port VC4 arbitration table (Reserved)	Port Arbitration Table
0x340:0x37C	Port VC5 arbitration table (Reserved)	Port Arbitration Table
0x380:0x3BC	Port VC6 arbitration table (Reserved)	Port Arbitration Table
0x3C0:0x3FC	Port VC7 arbitration table (Reserved)	Port Arbitration Table
0x400:0x7FC	Reserved	PCIe spec corresponding section name
0x800:0x834	Advanced Error Reporting AER (optional)	Advanced Error Reporting Capability
0x838:0xFFF	Reserved	—
0x000	Device ID Vendor ID	Type 0 Configuration Space Header
0x004	Status Command	Type 0 Configuration Space Header
0x008	Class Code Revision ID	Type 0 Configuration Space Header
0x00C	0x00 Header Type 0x00 Cache Line Size	Type 0 Configuration Space Header
0x010	Base Address 0	Base Address Registers (Offset 10h - 24h)
0x014	Base Address 1	Base Address Registers (Offset 10h - 24h)
0x018	Base Address 2	Base Address Registers (Offset 10h - 24h)
0x01C	Base Address 3	Base Address Registers (Offset 10h - 24h)
0x020	Base Address 4	Base Address Registers (Offset 10h - 24h)
0x024	Base Address 5	Base Address Registers (Offset 10h - 24h)
0x028	Reserved	Type 0 Configuration Space Header
0x02C	Subsystem Device ID Subsystem Vendor ID	Type 0 Configuration Space Header
0x030	Expansion ROM base address	Type 0 Configuration Space Header
0x034	Reserved Capabilities PTR	Type 0 Configuration Space Header
0x038	Reserved	Type 0 Configuration Space Header
0x03C	0x00 0x00 Interrupt Pin Interrupt Line	Type 0 Configuration Space Header

Byte Address	Hard IP Configuration Space Register	Corresponding Section in PCIe Specification
0x000	Device ID Vendor ID	Type 1 Configuration Space Header
0x004	Status Command	Type 1 Configuration Space Header
0x008	Class Code Revision ID	Type 1 Configuration Space Header
0x00C	BIST Header Type Primary Latency Timer Cache Line Size	Type 1 Configuration Space Header
0x010	Base Address 0	Base Address Registers (Offset 10h/14h)
0x014	Base Address 1	Base Address Registers (Offset 10h/14h)
0x018	Secondary Latency Timer Subordinate Bus Number Secondary Bus Number Primary Bus Number	Secondary Latency Timer (Offset 1Bh)/ Type 1 Configuration Space Header/ / Primary Bus Number (Offset 18h)
0x01C	Secondary Status I/O Limit I/O Base	Secondary Status Register (Offset 1Eh) / Type 1 Configuration Space Header
0x020	Memory Limit Memory Base	Type 1 Configuration Space Header
0x024	Prefetchable Memory Limit Prefetchable Memory Base	Prefetchable Memory Base/Limit (Offset 24h)
0x028	Prefetchable Base Upper 32 Bits	Type 1 Configuration Space Header
0x02C	Prefetchable Limit Upper 32 Bits	Type 1 Configuration Space Header
0x030	I/O Limit Upper 16 Bits I/O Base Upper 16 Bits	Type 1 Configuration Space Header
0x034	Reserved Capabilities PTR	Type 1 Configuration Space Header
0x038	Expansion ROM Base Address	Type 1 Configuration Space Header
0x03C	Bridge Control Interrupt Pin Interrupt Line	Bridge Control Register (Offset 3Eh)
0x050	Message Control Next Cap Ptr Capability ID	MSI and MSI-X Capability Structures
0x054	Message Address	MSI and MSI-X Capability Structures
0x058	Message Upper Address	MSI and MSI-X Capability Structures
0x05C	Reserved Message Data	MSI and MSI-X Capability Structures
0x068	Message Control Next Cap Ptr Capability ID	MSI and MSI-X Capability Structures
0x06C	MSI-X Table Offset BIR	MSI and MSI-X Capability Structures
0x070	Pending Bit Array (PBA) Offset BIR	MSI and MSI-X Capability Structures

Byte Address	Hard IP Configuration Space Register	Corresponding Section in PCIe Specification
0x078	Capabilities Register Next Cap PTR Cap ID	PCI Power Management Capability Structure
0x07C	Data PM Control/Status Bridge Extensions Power Management Status & Control	PCI Power Management Capability Structure
0x800	PCI Express Enhanced Capability Header	Advanced Error Reporting Enhanced Capability Header
0x804	Uncorrectable Error Status Register	Uncorrectable Error Status Register
0x808	Uncorrectable Error Mask Register	Uncorrectable Error Mask Register
0x80C	Uncorrectable Error Severity Register	Uncorrectable Error Severity Register
0x810	Correctable Error Status Register	Correctable Error Status Register
0x814	Correctable Error Mask Register	Correctable Error Mask Register
0x818	Advanced Error Capabilities and Control Register	Advanced Error Capabilities and Control Register
0x81C	Header Log Register	Header Log Register
0x82C	Root Error Command	Root Error Command Register
0x830	Root Error Status	Root Error Status Register
0x834	Error Source Identification Register Correctable Error Source ID Register	Error Source Identification Register

Related Information[PCI Express Base Specification 2.1 or 3.0](#)

Configuration Space Register Content

Table 8-2: PCI Configuration Space - PCI Compatible Configuration Space Address Map

Byte Offset	Register Set
0x000:0x03C	PCI Type 0 Compatible Configuration Space Header
0x000:0x03C	PCI Type 1 Compatible Configuration Space Header
0x040:0x04C	Reserved
0x050:0x05C	MSI Capability Structure
0x060:0x064	Reserved

Byte Offset	Register Set
0x068:0x070	MSI-X Capability Structure
0x070:0x074	Reserved
0x078:0x07C	Power Management Capability Structure
0x080:0x0BC	PCI Express Capability Structure
0x0C0:0x0C4	Reserved

Table 8-3: PCI Express Extended Configuration Space

Byte Offset	Register Set
0x100:0x16C	Virtual Channel Capability Structure
0x170:0x1FC	Reserved
0x200:0x240	Vendor Specific Extended Capability Structure
0x300:0x318	Secondary PCI Express Extended Capability Structure (for Gen3 operation)
0x31C:0x7FC	Reserved
0x800:0x834	Advanced Error Reporting (AER))
0x838:0x8FF	Reserved

For comprehensive information about these registers, refer to Chapter 7 of the *PCI Express Base Specification Revision 3.0*.

Related Information

[PCI Express Base Specification Revision 3.0.](#)



Type 0 Configuration Space Registers

Endpoints store configuration data in the Type 0 Configuration Space.

Byte Offset	31:24	23:16	15:8	7:0
0x0000	Device ID		Vendor ID	
0x004	Status		Command	
0x008	Class code			Revision ID
0x00C	0x00	Header Type	0x00	Cache Line Size
0x010	BAR Registers			
0x014	BAR Registers			
0x018	BAR Registers			
0x01C	BAR Registers			
0x020	BAR Registers			
0x024	BAR Registers			
0x028	Reserved			
0x02C	Subsystem Device ID		Subsystem Vendor ID	
0x030	Expansion ROM Base Address			
0x034	Reserved			Capabilities Pointer
0x038	Reserved			
0x03C	0x00		Interrupt Pin	Interrupt Line

Type 1 Configuration Space Registers

Rootports store configuration information in the Type 1 Configuration Space.

Byte Offset	31:24	23:16	15:8	7:0
0x0000	Device ID		Vendor ID	
0x004	Status		Command	
0x008	Class code			Revision ID
0x00C	BIST	Header Type	Primary Latency Timer	Cache Line Size
0x010	BAR Registers			
0x014	BAR Registers			
0x018	Secondary Latency Timer	Subordinate Bus Number	Secondary Bus Number	Primary Bus Number
0x01C	Secondary Status		I/O Limit	I/O Base
0x020	Memory Limit		Memory Base	
0x024	Prefetchable Memory Limit		Prefetchable Memory Base	
0x028	Prefetchable Base Upper 32 Bits			
0x02C	Prefetchable Limit Upper 32 Bits			
0x030	I/O Limit Upper 16 Bits		I/O Base Upper 16 Bits	
0x034	Reserved			Capabilities Pointer
0x038	Expansion ROM Base Address			
0x03C	Bridge Control		Interrupt Pin	Interrupt Line

MSI Capability Structure

Byte Offset (1)	31:24	23:16	15:8	7:0
0x050	Message Control Configuration MSI Control Status Register Field Descriptions		Next Cap Ptr	Capability ID
0x054	Message Address			
0x058	Message Upper Address			
0x05C	Reserved		Message Data	

MSI-X Capability Structure

Byte Offset	31:24	23:16	15:8	7:3	2:0
0x068	Message Control		Next Cap Ptr	Capability ID	
0x06C	MSI-X Table Offset				MSI-X Table BAR Indicator
0x070	MSI-X Pending Bit Array (PBA) Offset				MSI-X Pending Bit Array – BAR Indicator

Power Management Capability Structure

Byte Offset	31:24	23:16	15:8	7:0
0x078	Capabilities Register		Next Cap PTR	Cap ID
0x07C	Data	PM Control/Status Bridge Extensions	Power Management Status & Control	

PCI Express AER Extended Capability Structure

Byte Offset	31:24	23:16	15:8	7:0
0x800	PCI Express Enhanced Capability Header			
0x804	Uncorrectable Error Status Register			
0x808	Uncorrectable Error Mask Register			
0x80C	Uncorrectable Error Severity Register			
0x810	Correctable Error Status Register			
0x814	Correctable Error Mask Register			
0x818	Advanced Error Capabilities and Control Register			
0x81C	Header Log Register			
0x82C	Root Error Command			
0x830	Root Error Status			
0x834	Error Source Identification Register		Correctable Error Source ID Register	

PCI Express Capability Structure

In the following table showing the PCI Express Capability Structure, registers that are not applicable to a device are reserved.

Byte Offset	31:16	15:8	7:0
0x080	PCI Express Capabilities Register	Next Cap Pointer	PCI Express Cap ID
0x084	Device Capabilities		
0x088	Device Status	Device Control	
0x08C	Link Capabilities		
0x090	Link Status	Link Control	
0x094	Slot Capabilities		
0x098	Slot Status	Slot Control	
0x09C	Root Capabilities	Root Control	
0x0A0	Root Status		
0x0A4	Device Capabilities 2		
0x0A8	Device Status 2	Device Control 2	
0x0AC	Link Capabilities 2		
0x0B0	Link Status 2	Link Control 2	
0x0B4	Slot Capabilities 2		
0x0B8	Slot Status 2	Slot Control 2	

Altera-Defined Vendor Specific Extended Capability (VSEC)

The Altera-Defined Vendor Specific Extended Capability. This extended capability structure supports Configuration via Protocol (CvP) programming and detailed internal error reporting.

Byte Offset	Register Name			
	31:20	19:16	15:8	7:0
0x200	Next Capability Offset	Version	Altera-Defined VSEC Capability Header	
0x204	VSEC Length	VSEC Rev	VSEC ID Altera-Defined Vendor Specific Header	
0x208	Altera Marker			
0x20C	JTAG Silicon ID DW0 JTAG Silicon ID			
0x210	JTAG Silicon ID DW1 JTAG Silicon ID			
0x214	JTAG Silicon ID DW2 JTAG Silicon ID			
0x218	JTAG Silicon ID DW3 JTAG Silicon ID			
0x21C	CvP Status		User Device or Board Type ID	
0x220	CvP Mode Control			
0x224	CvP Data2 Register			
0x228	CvP Data Register			
0x22C	CvP Programming Control Register			
0x230	Reserved			
0x234	Uncorrectable Internal Error Status Register			
0x238	Uncorrectable Internal Error Mask Register			
0x23C	Correctable Internal Error Status Register			
0x240	Correctable Internal Error Mask Register			

Altera-Defined VSEC Capability Register

Bits	Register Description	Value	Access
[15:0]	PCI Express Extended Capability ID. PCIe specification defined value for VSEC Capability ID.	0x000B	RO
[19:16]	Version. PCIe specification defined value for VSEC version.	0x1	RO
[31:20]	Next Capability Offset. Starting address of the next Capability Structure implemented, if any.	Variable	RO

Altera-Defined VSEC Header Register

The following table defines the fields of the Altera Defined Vendor Specific register. You can specify these fields when you instantiate the Hard IP. These registers are read-only at run-time.

Table 8-4: Altera-Defined Vendor Specific Header

Bits	Register Description	Value	Access
[15:0]	VSEC ID. A user configurable VSEC ID.	User entered	RO
[19:16]	VSEC Revision. A user configurable VSEC revision.	Variable	RO
[31:20]	VSEC Length. Total length of this structure in bytes.	0x044	RO

Altera Marker Register

Bits	Register Description	Value	Access
[31:0]	Altera Marker. This read only register is an additional marker. If you use the standard Altera Programmer software to configure the device with CvP, this marker provides a value that the programming software reads to ensure that it is operating with the correct VSEC.	A Device Value	RO

JTAG Silicon ID Register

Bits	Register Description	Value	Access
[127:96]	JTAG Silicon ID DW3	TBD	RO
[95:64]	JTAG Silicon ID DW2	TBD	RO
[63:32]	JTAG Silicon ID DW1	TBD	RO
[31:0]	JTAG Silicon ID DW0 - This is the JTAG Silicon ID that CvP programming software reads to determine to that the correct SRAM object file (.sof) is being used.	TBD	RO

User Device or Board Type ID Register

Bits	Register Description	Value	Access
[15:0]	Configurable device or board type ID to specify to CvP the correct .sof.	Variable	RO

CvP Status Register

The CvP Status register allows software to monitor the CvP status signals.

Table 8-5: CvP Status

Bits	Register Description	Reset Value	Access
[15:10]	Reserved.	0x00	RO
[9]	PLD_CORE_READY. From FPGA fabric. This status bit is provided for debug.	Variable	RO
[8]	PLD_CLK_IN_USE. From clock switch module to fabric. This status bit is provided for debug.	Variable	RO
[7]	CVP_CONFIG_DONE. Indicates that the FPGA control block has completed the device configuration via CvP and there were no errors.	Variable	RO
[6]	CVP_HF_RATE_SEL. Indicates if the FPGA control block interface to the Stratix V hard IP for PCI Express is operating half the normal frequency—62.5MHz, instead of full rate of 125MHz	Variable	RO
[5]	USERMODE. Indicates if the configurable FPGA fabric is in user mode.	Variable	RO
[4]	CVP_EN. Indicates if the FPGA control block has enabled CvP mode.	Variable	RO
[3]	CVP_CONFIG_ERROR. Reflects the value of this signal from the FPGA control block, checked by software to determine if there was an error during configuration	Variable	RO
[2]	CVP_CONFIG_READY – reflects the value of this signal from the FPGA control block, checked by software during programming algorithm	Variable	RO
[1]	Reserved.	—	—
[0]	Reserved.	—	—

CvP Mode Control Register

The CvP Mode Control register provides global control of the CvP operation.

Table 8-6: CvP Mode Control

Bits	Register Description	Reset Value	Access
[31:16]	Reserved.	0x0000	RO

Bits	Register Description	Reset Value	Access
[15:8]	CVP_NUMCLKS. Specifies the number of CvP clock cycles required for every CvP data register write. Valid values are 0x00–0x3F, where 0x00 corresponds to 64 cycles, and 0x01–0x3F corresponds to 1 to 63 clock cycles. The upper bits are not used, but are included in this field because they belong to the same byte enable.	0x00	RW
[7:4]	Reserved.	0x0	RO
[2]	CVP_FULLCONFIG. Request that the FPGA control block reconfigure the entire FPGA including the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express, bring the PCIe link down.	1'b0	RW
[1]	HIP_CLK_SEL. Selects between PMA and fabric clock when USER_MODE = 1 and PLD_CORE_READY = 1. The following encodings are defined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1: Selects internal clock from PMA which is required for CVP_MODE 0: Selects the clock from soft logic fabric. This setting should only be used when the fabric is configured in USER_MODE with a configuration file that connects the correct clock. <p>To ensure that there is no clock switching during CvP, you should only change this value when the Hard IP for PCI Express has been idle for 10 µs and wait 10 µs after changing this value before resuming activity.</p>	1'b0	RW
[0]	CVP_MODE. Controls whether the HIP is in CVP_MODE or normal mode. The following encodings are defined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1: CVP_MODE is active. Signals to the FPGA control block active and all TLPs are routed to the Configuration Space. This CVP_MODE cannot be enabled if CVP_EN = 0. 0: The IP core is in normal mode and TLPs are route to the FPGA fabric. 	1'b0	RW

Related Information

[Configuration via Protocol \(CvP\) Implementation in Altera FPGAs User Guide](#)

CvP Data and Data2 Registers

The following table defines the CvP Data registers. For 64-bit data, the optional CvP Data2 stores the upper 32 bits of data. Programming software should write the configuration data to these registers. If you Every write to these register sets the data output to the FPGA control block and generates $\langle n \rangle$ clock cycles to the FPGA control block as specified by the CVP_NUM_CLKS field in the CvP Mode Control register.

Software must ensure that all bytes in the memory write dword are enabled. You can access this register using configuration writes, alternatively, when in CvP mode, these registers can also be written by a memory write to any address defined by a memory space BAR for this device. Using memory writes should allow for higher throughput than configuration writes.

Table 8-7: CvP Data Register

Bits	Register Description	Reset Value	Access
[31:0]	Upper 32 bits of configuration data to be transferred to the FPGA control block to configure the device. You can choose 32- or 64-bit data.	0x00000000	RW
[31:0]	Lower 32 bits of configuration data to be transferred to the FPGA control block to configure the device.	0x00000000	RW

CvP Programming Control Register

This register is written by the programming software to control CvP programming.

Table 8-8: CvP Programming Control Register

Bits	Register Description	Reset Value	Access
[31:2]	Reserved.	0x0000	RO
[1]	START_XFER. Sets the CvP output to the FPGA control block indicating the start of a transfer.	1'b0	RW
[0]	CVP_CONFIG. When asserted, instructs that the FPGA control block begin a transfer via CvP.	1'b0	RW

Related Information

[Configuration via Protocol \(CvP\) Implementation in Altera FPGAs User Guide](#)

Uncorrectable Internal Error Mask Register

The following table defines the Uncorrectable Internal Error Mask register. This register controls which errors are forwarded as internal uncorrectable errors. With the exception of the configuration error detected in CvP mode, all of the errors are severe and may place the device or PCIe link in an inconsistent state. The configuration error detected in CvP mode may be correctable depending on the design of the programming software.

Table 8-9: Uncorrectable Internal Error Mask Register

Bits	Register Description	Reset Value	Access
[31:12]	Reserved.	1b'0	RO

Bits	Register Description	Reset Value	Access
[11]	Mask for RX buffer posted and completion overflow error.	1b'1	RWS
[10]	Reserved	1b'0	RO
[9]	Mask for parity error detected on Configuration Space to TX bus interface.	1b'1	RWS
[8]	Mask for parity error detected on the TX to Configuration Space bus interface.	1b'1	RWS
[7]	Mask for parity error detected at TX Transaction Layer error.	1b'1	RWS
[6]	Reserved	1b'0	RO
[5]	Mask for configuration errors detected in CvP mode.	1b'0	RWS
[4]	Mask for data parity errors detected during TX Data Link LCRC generation.	1b'1	RWS
[3]	Mask for data parity errors detected on the RX to Configuration Space Bus interface.	1b'1	RWS
[2]	Mask for data parity error detected at the input to the RX Buffer.	1b'1	RWS
[1]	Mask for the retry buffer uncorrectable ECC error.	1b'1	RWS
[0]	Mask for the RX buffer uncorrectable ECC error.	1b'1	RWS

Uncorrectable Internal Error Status Register

This register reports the status of the internally checked errors that are uncorrectable. When specific errors are enabled by the `Uncorrectable Internal Error Mask` register, they are handled as Uncorrectable Internal Errors as defined in the *PCI Express Base Specification 3.0*. This register is for debug only. It should only be used to observe behavior, not to drive logic custom logic.

Table 8-10: Uncorrectable Internal Error Status Register

Bits	Register Description	Access
[31:12]	Reserved.	RO
[11]	When set, indicates an RX buffer overflow condition in a posted request or Completion	RW1CS
[10]	Reserved.	RO

Bits	Register Description	Access
[9]	When set, indicates a parity error was detected on the Configuration Space to TX bus interface	RW1CS
[8]	When set, indicates a parity error was detected on the TX to Configuration Space bus interface	RW1CS
[7]	When set, indicates a parity error was detected in a TX TLP and the TLP is not sent.	RW1CS
[6]	When set, indicates that the Application Layer has detected an uncorrectable internal error.	RW1CS
[5]	When set, indicates a configuration error has been detected in CvP mode which is reported as uncorrectable. This bit is set whenever a CVP_CONFIG_ERROR rises while in CVP_MODE.	RW1CS
[4]	When set, indicates a parity error was detected by the TX Data Link Layer.	RW1CS
[3]	When set, indicates a parity error has been detected on the RX to Configuration Space bus interface.	RW1CS
[2]	When set, indicates a parity error was detected at input to the RX Buffer.	RW1CS
[1]	When set, indicates a retry buffer uncorrectable ECC error.	RW1CS
[0]	When set, indicates a RX buffer uncorrectable ECC error.	RW1CS

Related Information

[PCI Express Base Specification 2.1 or 3.0](#)

Correctable Internal Error Mask Register

The `Correctable Internal Error Mask` register controls which errors are forwarded as Internal Correctable Errors. This register is for debug only.

Table 8-11: Correctable Internal Error Mask Register

Bits	Register Description	Reset Value	Access
[31:7]	Reserved.	0	RO
[6]	Mask for Corrected Internal Error reported by the Application Layer.	1	RWS
[5]	Mask for configuration error detected in CvP mode.	0	RWS
[4:2]	Reserved.	0	RO

Bits	Register Description	Reset Value	Access
[1]	Mask for retry buffer correctable ECC error.	1	RWS
[0]	Mask for RX Buffer correctable ECC error.	1	RWS

Correctable Internal Error Status Register

The Correctable Internal Error Status register reports the status of the internally checked errors that are correctable. When these specific errors are enabled by the Correctable Internal Error Mask register, they are forwarded as Correctable Internal Errors as defined in the *PCI Express Base Specification 3.0*. This register is for debug only. It should only be used to observe behavior, not to drive logic custom logic.

Table 8-12: Correctable Internal Error Status Register

Bits	Register Description	Reset Value	Access
[31:6]	Reserved.	0	RO
[5]	When set, indicates a configuration error has been detected in CvP mode which is reported as correctable. This bit is set whenever a CVP_CONFIG_ERROR occurs while in CVP_MODE.	0	RW1CS
[4:2]	Reserved.	0	RO
[1]	When set, the retry buffer correctable ECC error status indicates an error.	0	RW1CS
[0]	When set, the RX buffer correctable ECC error status indicates an error.	0	RW1CS

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Reset

Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core includes two reset controllers. One reset controller is implemented in soft logic. A second reset controller is implemented in hard logic. Software selects the appropriate reset controller depending on the configuration you specify. Both reset controllers reset the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core and provide sample reset logic in the example design. The figure below provides a simplified view of the logic that implements both reset controllers. The following table summarizes their functionality.

Table 9-1: Use of Hard and Soft Reset Controllers

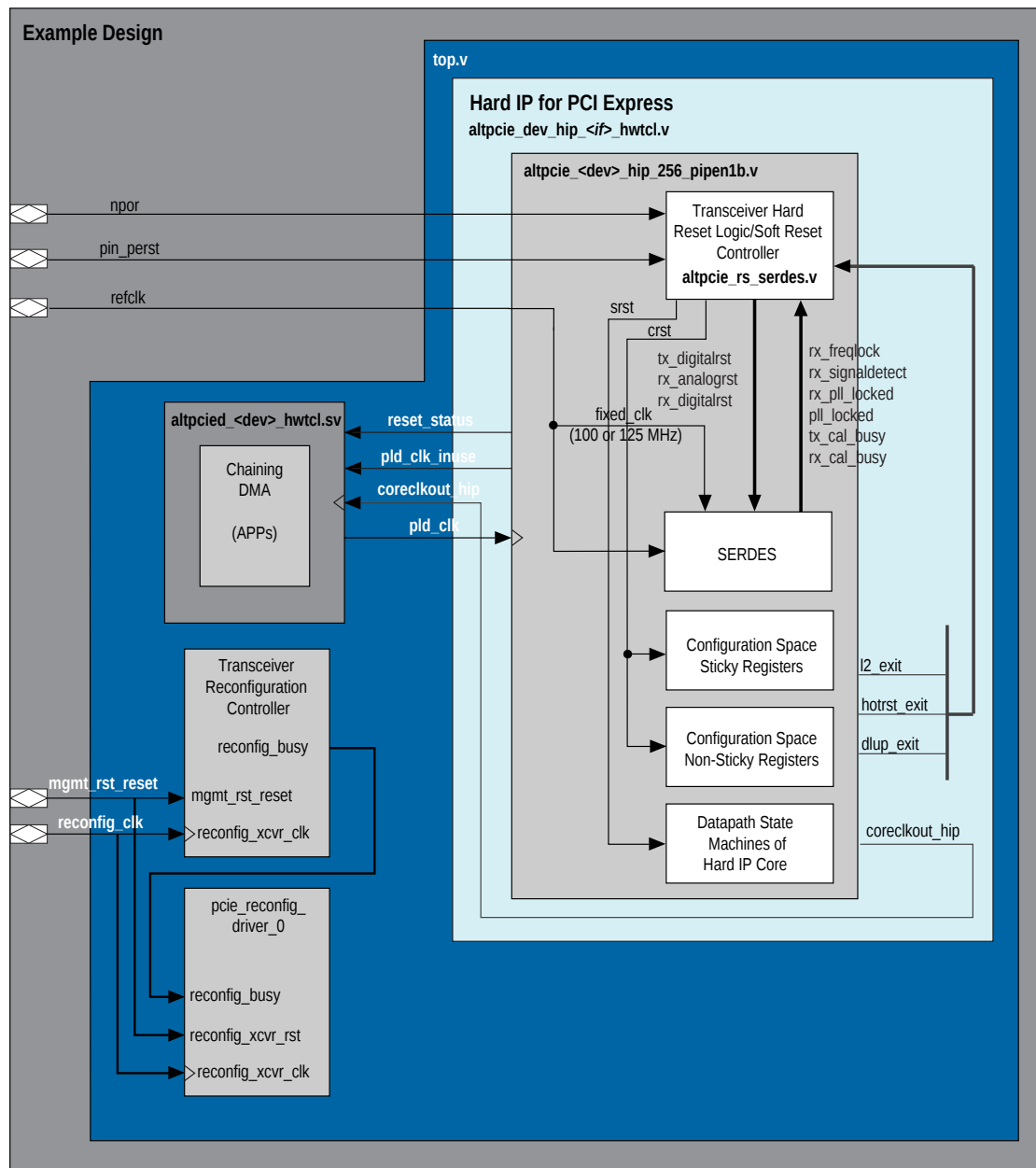
Reset Controller Used	Description
Hard Reset Controller	<code>pin_perst</code> from the input pin of the FPGA resets the Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core. <code>app_rstn</code> which resets the Application Layer logic is derived from <code>reset_status</code> and <code>p1d_clk_inuse</code> , which are outputs of the core. This reset controller is supported for Gen 1 production devices.
Soft Reset Controller	Either <code>pin_perst</code> from the input pin of the FPGA or <code>npwr</code> which is derived from <code>pin_perst</code> or <code>local_rstn</code> can reset the Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core. Application Layer logic generates the optional <code>local_rstn</code> signal. <code>app_rstn</code> which resets the Application Layer logic is derived from <code>npwr</code> . This reset controller is supported for Gen2 and Gen3 production devices.

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Figure 9-1: Reset Controller in Stratix V Devices



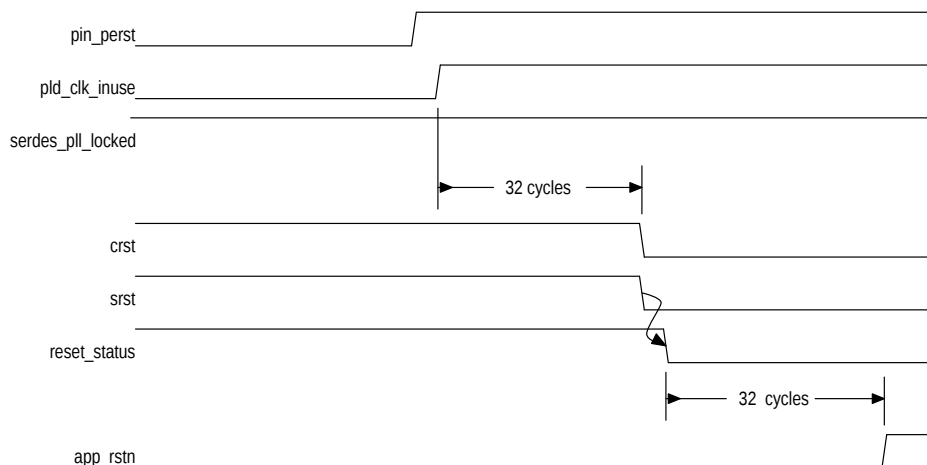
The following figure provides an overview of the hard reset controller included in the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express IP core.

Note: Your Application Layer could instantiate a module similar to `altpcie_rs_hip.v` as shown in the following figure to generate `app_rstn` which resets the Application Layer logic.

Reset Sequence for Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core and Application Layer

The following illustrates the reset sequence for the Hard IP for PCI Express IP core and the Application Layer logic.

Figure 9-2: Hard IP for PCI Express and Application Logic Reset Sequence



As this figure illustrates, this reset sequence includes the following steps:

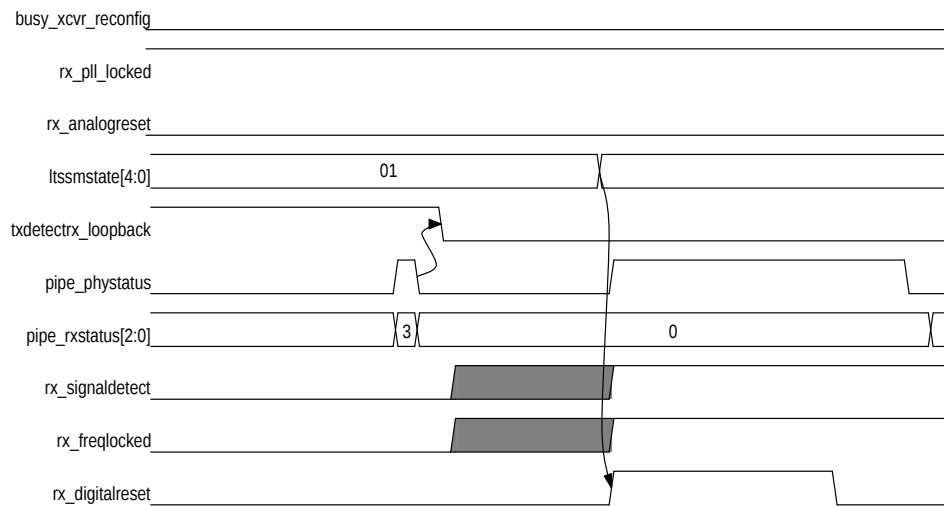
1. After `pin_perst` or `npwr` is released, the Hard IP reset controller waits for `pld_clk_inuse` to be asserted.
2. `crst` and `srst` are released 32 cycles after `pld_clk_inuse` is asserted.
3. The Hard IP for PCI Express deasserts the `reset_status` output to the Application Layer.
4. The `altpciied_<device>v_hwtcl.sv` deasserts `app_rstn` 32 cycles after `reset_status` is released.

Reset Sequence for RX Transceiver

The following figure illustrates the RX transceiver reset sequence. It includes the following steps:

1. After `rx_pll_locked` is asserted, the LTSSM state machine transitions from the Detect.Quiet to the Detect.Active state.
2. When the `pipe_phystatus` pulse is asserted and `pipe_rxstatus[2:0] = 3`, the receiver detect operation has completed.
3. The LTSSM state machine transitions from the Detect.Active state to the Polling.Active state.
4. The Hard IP for PCI Express asserts `rx_digitalreset`. The `rx_digitalreset` signal is deasserted after `rx_signaldetect` is stable for a minimum of 3 ms.

Figure 9-3: RX Transceiver Reset Sequence

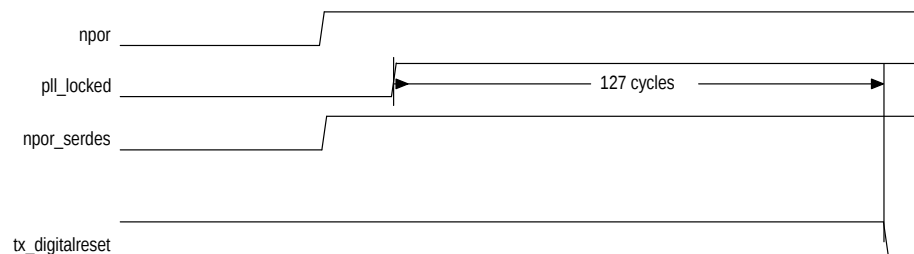


Reset Sequence for TX Transceiver

The following figure illustrates the TX transceiver reset sequence. As this figure illustrates, the RX transceiver reset includes the following steps:

1. After `npor` is deasserted, the core deasserts the `npor_serdes` input to the TX transceiver.
2. The SERDES reset controller waits for `pll_locked` to be stable for a minimum of 127 cycles before deasserting `tx_digitalreset`.

Figure 9-4: TX Transceiver Reset Sequence



For descriptions of the available reset *signals* refer to *Reset Signals, Status, and Link Training Signals*.

Related Information

[Reset Signals, Status, and Link Training Signals](#) on page 7-29

Clocks

The Hard IP contains a clock domain crossing (CDC) synchronizer at the interface between the PHY/MAC and the DLL layers which allows the Data Link and Transaction Layers to run at frequencies independent of the PHY/MAC. The CDC synchronizer provides more flexibility for the user clock interface. Depending on parameters you specify, the core selects the appropriate `coreclkout_hip`. You can use these parameters

to enhance performance by running at a higher frequency for latency optimization or at a lower frequency to save power.

In accordance with the *PCI Express Base Specification*, you must provide a 100 MHz reference clock that is connected directly to the transceiver.

As a convenience, you may also use a 125 MHz input reference clock as input to the TX PLL.

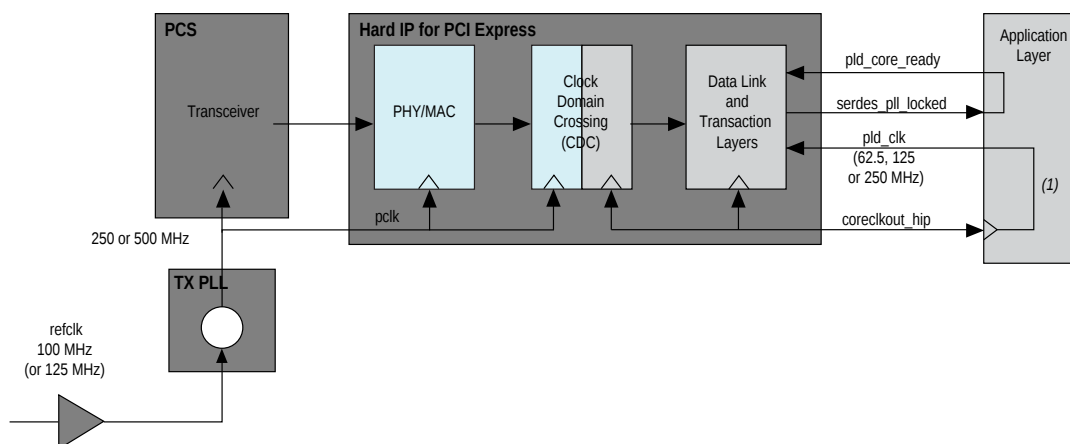
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[PCI Express Base Specification 2.1 or 3.0](#)

Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express Clock Domains

The following illustrates the clock domains when using `coreclkout_hip` to drive the Application Layer and the `p1d_clk` of the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core. The Altera-provided example design connects `coreclkout_hip` to the `p1d_clk`. However, this connection is not mandatory.

Figure 9-5: Clock Domains and Clock Generation for the Application Layer



As this figure indicates, the IP core includes the following three clock domains:

pclk

The transceiver derives `pclk` from the 100 MHz `refclk` signal that you must provide to the device.

The *PCI Express Base Specification* requires that the `refclk` signal frequency be 100 MHz \pm 300 PPM; however, as a convenience, you can also use a reference clock that is 125 MHz \pm 300 PPM.

The transitions between Gen1, Gen2, and Gen3 should be glitchless. `pclk` can be turned off for most of the 1 ms timeout assigned for the PHY to change the clock rate; however, `pclk` should be stable before the 1 ms timeout expires.

The following table shows the frequency of `pclk` for Gen1, Gen2, and Gen3 variants.

Table 9-2: pclk Clock Frequency

Data Rate	Frequency
Gen1	62.5 MHz

Data Rate	Frequency
Gen2	125 MHz
Gen3	250 MHz

The CDC module implements the asynchronous clock domain crossing between the PHY/MAC `pclk` domain and the Data Link Layer `coreclk` domain. The transceiver `pclk` clock is connected directly to the Hard IP for PCI Express and does not connect to the FPGA fabric.

Related Information

[PCI Express Base Specification 2.1 or 3.0](#)

coreclkout_hip

The `coreclkout_hip` signal is derived from `pclk`. The following table lists frequencies for `coreclkout_hip`, which are a function of the link width, data rate, and the width of the Avalon-ST bus.

The frequencies and widths specified in this table are maintained throughout operation. If the link downtrains to a lesser link width or changes to a different maximum link rate, it maintains the frequencies it was originally configured for as specified in this table. (The Hard IP throttles the interface to achieve a lower throughput.)

Table 9-3: coreclkout_hip Values for All Parameterizations

Link Width	Max Link Rate	Avalon Interface Width ⁽¹⁾	coreclkout_hip
×1	Gen1	64	125 MHz
×1	Gen1	64	62.5 MHz ⁽²⁾
×2	Gen1	64	125 MHz
×4	Gen1	64	125 MHz
×8	Gen1	64	250 MHz
×8	Gen1	128	125 MHz
×1	Gen2	64	125 MHz
×2	Gen2	64	125 MHz
×4	Gen2	64	250 MHz
×4	Gen2	128	125 MHz
×8	Gen2	128	250 MHz
×8	Gen2	256	125 MHz
×1	Gen3	64	125 MHz
×2	Gen3	64	250 MHz

Link Width	Max Link Rate	Avalon Interface Width ⁽¹⁾	coreclkout_hip
×2	Gen3	128	125 MHz
×4	Gen3	128	250 MHz
×4	Gen3	256	125 MHz
×8	Gen3	256	250 MHz

pld_clk

coreclkout_hip can drive the Application Layer clock along with the pld_clk input to the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core. The pld_clk can optionally be sourced by a different clock than coreclkout_hip. The pld_clk minimum frequency cannot be lower than the coreclkout_hip frequency. Based on specific Application Layer constraints, a PLL can be used to derive the desired frequency.

Note: For Gen3, Altera recommends using a common reference clock (0 ppm) because when using separate reference clocks (non 0 ppm), the PCS occasionally must insert SKP symbols, potentially causing the PCIe link to go to recovery. Stratix V PCIe Hard IP in Gen1 or Gen2 modes are not affected by this issue. Systems using the common reference clock (0 ppm) are not affected by this issue. The primary repercussion of this issue is a slight decrease in bandwidth. On Gen3 x8 systems, this bandwidth impact is negligible. If non 0 ppm mode is required, so that separate reference clocks are used, please contact Altera for further information and guidance.

Stratix V Clock Summary

The following table summarizes the clocks for designs that include the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core.

Table 9-4: Required Clocks

Name	Frequency	Clock Domain
Clock Used by the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core		
coreclkout_hip	125 or 250 MHz	Avalon-ST interface between the Transaction and Application Layers.
pld_clk	62.5, 125 MHz, or 250 MHz	Application and Transaction Layers.
refclk	100 or 125 MHz	SERDES (transceiver). Dedicated free running input clock to the SERDES block.
reconfig_xcvr_clk	100 –125 MHz	Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller.
hip_reconfig_clk	50–125 MHz	Avalon-MM interface for Hard IP dynamic reconfiguration interface which you can use to change the value of read-only configuration registers at run-time. This interface is optional.

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Supported Message Types

INTX Messages

The following table describes the message INTX messages. For Endpoints, only INTA messages are generated.

Table 10-1: INTX Messages

Message	Root Port	Endpoint	Generated by			Comments
			App Layer	Core	Core (with App Layer input)	
INTX Mechanism						For Endpoints, only INTA messages are generated.
Assert_INTA	Receive	Transmit	No	Yes	No	For Root Port, legacy interrupts are translated into message interrupt TLPs which triggers the <code>int_status[3:0]</code> signals to the Application Layer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><code>int_status[0]</code>: Interrupt signal A<code>int_status[1]</code>: Interrupt signal B<code>int_status[2]</code>: Interrupt signal C<code>int_status[3]</code>: Interrupt signal D
Assert_INTB	Receive	Transmit	No	No	No	
Assert_INTC	Receive	Transmit	No	No	No	
Assert_INTD	Receive	Transmit	No	No	No	
Deassert_INTA	Receive	Transmit	No	Yes	No	
Deassert_INTB	Receive	Transmit	No	No	No	

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Message	Root Port	Endpoint	Generated by			Comments
			App Layer	Core	Core (with App Layer input)	
Deassert_INTC	Receive	Transmit	No	No	No	
Deassert_INTD	Receive	Transmit	No	No	No	

Power Management Messages

Table 10-2: Power Management Messages

Message	Root Port	Endpoint	Generated by			Comments
			App Layer	Core	Core (with App Layer input)	
PM_Active_State_Nak	TX	RX	No	Yes	No	—
PM_PME	RX	TX	No	No	Yes	—
PME_Turn_Off	TX	RX	No	No	Yes	<p>The pme_to_cr signal sends and acknowledges this message:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Root Port: When pme_to_cr is asserted, the Root Port sends the PME_turn_off message. Endpoint: When pme_to_cr is asserted, the Endpoint acknowledges the PME_turn_off message by sending a pme_to_ack message to the Root Port.
PME_TO_Ack	RX	TX	No	No	Yes	—

Error Signaling Messages

Table 10-3: Error Signaling Messages

Message	Root Port	Endpoint	Generated by			Comments
			App Layer	Core	Core (with App Layer input)	
ERR_COR	RX	TX	No	Yes	No	<p>In addition to detecting errors, a Root Port also gathers and manages errors sent by downstream components through the ERR_COR, ERR_NONFATAL, AND ERR_FATAL Error Messages. In Root Port mode, there are two mechanisms to report an error event to the Application Layer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> serr_out output signal. When set, indicates to the Application Layer that an error has been logged in the AER capability structure aer_msi_num input signal. When the Implement advanced error reporting option is turned on, you can set aer_msi_num to indicate which MSI is being sent to the root complex when an error is logged in the AER Capability structure.
ERR_NONFATAL	RX	TX	No	Yes	No	—
ERR_FATAL	RX	TX	No	Yes	No	—

Locked Transaction Message

Table 10-4: Locked Transaction Message

Message	Root Port	Endpoint	Generated by			Comments
			App Layer	Core	Core (with App Layer input)	
Unlock Message	Transmit	Receive	Yes	No	No	

Slot Power Limit Message

The *PCI Express Base Specification Revision* states that this message is not mandatory after link training.

Table 10-5: Slot Power Message

Message	Root Port	Endpoint	Generated by			Comments
			App Layer	Core	Core (with App Layer input)	
Set Slot Power Limit	Transmit	Receive	No	Yes	No	In Root Port mode, through software.

Related Information

[PCI Express Base Specification Revision 2.1 or 3.0](#)

Vendor-Defined Messages

Table 10-6: Vendor-Defined Message

Message	Root Port	Endpoint	Generated by			Comments
			App Layer	Core	Core (with App Layer input)	
Vendor Defined Type 0	Transmit Receive	Transmit Receive	Yes	No	No	
Vendor Defined Type 1	Transmit Receive	Transmit Receive	Yes	No	No	

Hot Plug Messages

Table 10-7: Locked Transaction Message

Message	Root Port	Endpoint	Generated by			Comments
			App Layer	Core	Core (with App Layer input)	
Attention_ indicator On	Transmit	Receive	No	Yes	No	As per the recommendations in the <i>PCI Express Base Specification Revision</i> , these messages are not transmitted to the Application Layer.
Attention_ Indicator Blink	Transmit	Receive	No	Yes	No	
Attention_ indicator_ Off	Transmit	Receive	No	Yes	No	
Power_ Indicator On	Transmit	Receive	No	Yes	No	
Power_ Indicator Blink	Transmit	Receive	No	Yes	No	
Power_ Indicator Off	Transmit	Receive	No	Yes	No	
Attention Button_ Pressed (Endpoint only)	Receive	Transmit	No	No	Yes	—

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[PCI Express Base Specification Revision 2.1 or 3.0](#)

Transaction Layer Routing Rules

Transactions adhere to the following routing rules:

- In the receive direction (from the PCI Express link), memory and I/O requests that match the defined base address register (BAR) contents and vendor-defined messages with or without data route to the receive interface. The Application Layer logic processes the requests and generates the read completions, if needed.
- In Endpoint mode, received Type 0 Configuration requests from the PCI Express upstream port route to the internal Configuration Space and the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express generates and transmits the completion.
- The Hard IP handles supported received message transactions (Power Management and Slot Power Limit) internally. The Endpoint also supports the Unlock and Type 1 Messages. The Root Port supports Interrupt, Type 1 and error Messages.
- Vendor-defined Type 0 Message TLPs are passed to the Application Layer.
- The Transaction Layer treats all other received transactions (including memory or I/O requests that do not match a defined BAR) as Unsupported Requests. The Transaction Layer sets the appropriate error bits and transmits a completion, if needed. These Unsupported Requests are not made visible to the Application Layer; the header and data is dropped.
- For memory read and write request with addresses below 4 GBytes, requestors must use the 32-bit format. The Transaction Layer interprets requests using the 64-bit format for addresses below 4 GBytes as an Unsupported Request and does not send them to the Application Layer. If Error Messaging is enabled, an error Message TLP is sent to the Root Port. Refer to “Errors Detected by the Transaction Layer” on page 15–3 for a comprehensive list of TLPs the Hard IP does not forward to the Application Layer.
- The Transaction Layer sends all memory and I/O requests, as well as completions generated by the Application Layer and passed to the transmit interface, to the PCI Express link.
- The Hard IP can generate and transmit power management, interrupt, and error signaling messages automatically under the control of dedicated signals. Additionally, it can generate MSI requests under the control of the dedicated signals.
- In Root Port mode, the Application Layer can issue Type 0 or Type 1 Configuration TLPs on the Avalon-ST TX bus.
- The Type 0 Configuration TLPs are only routed to the Configuration Space of the Hard IP and are not sent downstream on the PCI Express link.
- The Type 1 Configuration TLPs are sent downstream on the PCI Express link. If the bus number of the Type 1 Configuration TLP matches the Secondary Bus Number register value in the Root Port Configuration Space, the TLP is converted to a Type 0 TLP.
- For more information on routing rules in Root Port mode, refer to *Section 7.3.3 Configuration Request Routing Rules* in the *PCI Express Base Specification*.

Related Information

[PCI Express Base Specification Revision 2.1 or 3.0](#)

Receive Buffer Reordering

The PCI, PCI-X and PCI Express protocols include ordering rules for concurrent TLPs. Ordering rules are necessary for the following reasons:

- To guarantee that TLP complete in the intended order
- To avoid deadlock
- To maintain computability with ordering used on legacy buses
- To maximize performance and throughput by minimizing read latencies and managing read/write ordering
- To avoid race conditions in systems that include legacy PCI buses by guaranteeing that reads to an address do not complete before an earlier write to the same address

PCI uses a strongly-ordered model with some exceptions to avoid potential deadlock conditions. PCI-X added a relaxed ordering (RO) bit in the TLP header. It is bit 5 of byte 2 in the TLP header, or the high-order bit of the `attributes` field in the TLP formats shown in Chapter A, Transaction Layer Packet (TLP) Header Formats. If this bit is set, relaxed ordering is permitted. If software can guarantee that no dependencies exist between pending transactions, it is safe to set the relaxed ordering bit.

The following table summarizes the ordering rules from the PCI specification. In this table, the entries have the following meanings:

- Columns represent the first transaction issued.
- Rows represent the next transaction.
- At each intersection, the implicit question is: should this row packet be allowed to pass the column packet? The following three answers are possible:
 - Yes: the second transaction must be allowed to pass the first to avoid deadlock.
 - Y/N: There are no requirements. A device may allow the second transaction to pass the first.
 - No: The second transaction must not be allowed to pass the first.

The following table lists the transaction ordering rules. A Memory Write or Message Request with the Relaxed Ordering Attribute bit clear (b'0) must not pass any other Memory Write or Message Request. A Memory Write or Message Request with the Relaxed Ordering Attribute bit set (b'1) is permitted to pass any other Memory Write or Message Request. Endpoints, Switches, and Root Complex may allow Memory Write and Message Requests to pass Completions or be blocked by Completions. Memory Write and Message Requests can pass Completions traveling in the PCI Express to PCI directions to avoid deadlock. If the Relaxed Ordering attribute is not set, then a Read Completion cannot pass a previously enqueued Memory Write or Message Request. If the Relaxed Ordering attribute is set, then a Read Completion is permitted to pass a previously enqueued Memory Write or Message Request. Read Completion associated with different Read Requests are allowed to be blocked by or to pass each other. Read Completions for Request (same Transaction ID) must return in address order. Non-posted requests cannot pass other non-posted requests.

Table 10-8: Transaction Ordering Rules

Can the Row Pass the Column?	Posted Req		Non Posted Req				Completion	
	Memory Write or Message Req		Read Request		I/O or Cfg Write Req			
	Spec	Hard IP	Spec	Hard IP	Spec	Hard IP	Spec	Hard IP

Can the Row Pass the Column?		Posted Req		Non Posted Req				Completion	
		Memory Write or Message Req		Read Request		I/O or Cfg Write Req			
P	Posted Req	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y/N	No
		Y/N	No					Yes	No
	Read Req	No	No	Y/N	No	Y/N	No	Y/N	No
	Non-Posted Req with data	No	No	Y/N	No	Y/N	No	Y/N	No
	Completion	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y/N	No
		Y/N	No					No	No
	I/O or Configuration Write Cmpl	Y/N	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Y/N	No

The following are footnotes for the previous table:

1. Refers to the PCI Express Base Specification 3.0.
2. CfgRd0 can pass IORd or MRd.
3. CfgWr0 can IORd or MRd.
4. CfgRd0 can pass IORd or MRd
5. CfrWr0 can pass IOWr.

As the table above indicates, the RX datapath implements an RX buffer reordering function that allows Posted and Completion transactions to pass Non-Posted transactions (as allowed by PCI Express ordering rules) when the Application Layer is unable to accept additional Non-Posted transactions.

The Application Layer dynamically enables the RX buffer reordering by asserting the `rx_mask` signal. The `rx_mask` signal blocks non-posted Req transactions made to the Application Layer interface so that only posted and completion transactions are presented to the Application Layer.

Note: MSI requests are conveyed in exactly the same manner as PCI Express memory write requests and are indistinguishable from them in terms of flow control, ordering, and data integrity.

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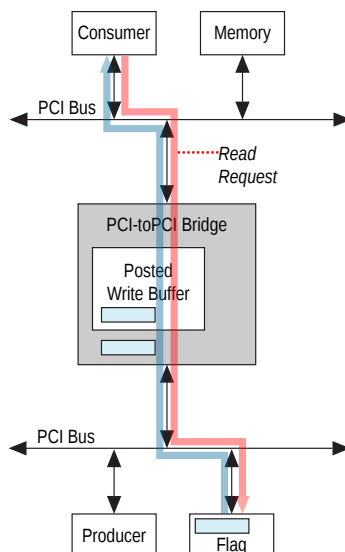
Using Relaxed Ordering

Transactions from unrelated threads are unlikely to have data dependencies. Consequently, you may be able to use relaxed ordering to improve system performance. The drawback is that only some transactions can

be optimized for performance. Complete the following steps to decide whether to enable relaxed ordering in your design:

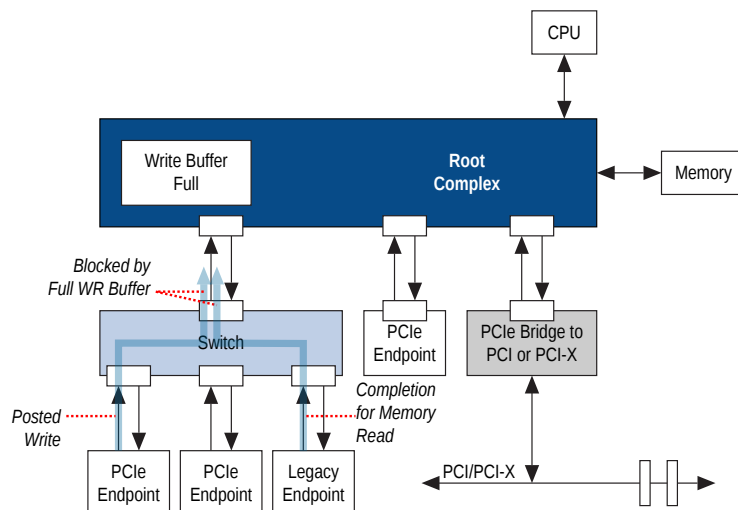
1. Create a system diagram showing all PCI Express and legacy devices.
2. Analyze the relationships between the components in your design to identify the following hazards:
 - a. Race conditions: A race condition exists if a read to a location can occur before a previous write to that location completes. The following figure shows a data producer and data consumer on opposite sides of a PCI-to-PCI bridge. The producer writes data to the memory through a PCI-to-PCI bridge. The consumer must read a flag to confirm the producer has written the new data into the memory before reading the data. However, because the PCI-to-PCI bridge includes a write buffer, the flag may indicate that it is safe to read data while the actual data remains in the PCI-to-PCI bridge posted write buffer.

Figure 10-1: Design Including Legacy PCI Buses Requiring Strong Ordering



- b. A shared memory architecture where more than one thread accesses the same locations in memory.
- If either of these conditions exists, relaxed ordering will lead to incorrect results.
3. If your analysis determines that relaxed ordering does not lead to possible race conditions or read or write hazards, you can enable relaxed ordering by setting the RO bit in the TLP header. The following figure shows two PCIe Endpoints and Legacy Endpoint connected to a switch. The three PCIe Endpoints are not likely to have data dependencies. Consequently, it would be safe to set the relaxed ordering bit for devices connected to the switch. In this system, failing to enable relaxed ordering blocks a memory read to the Legacy Endpoint because an earlier posted write cannot complete because a write buffer is full.

Figure 10-2: PCI Express Design Using Relaxed Ordering



4. If your analysis indicates that you can enable relaxed ordering, simulate your system with and without relaxed ordering enabled. Compare the results and performance.
5. If relaxed ordering improves performance without introducing errors, you can enable it in your system.

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Interrupts for Endpoints Using the Avalon-ST Application Interface

The Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express provides support for PCI Express MSI, MSI-X, and legacy interrupts when configured in Endpoint mode. The MSI, MSI-X, and legacy interrupts are *mutually exclusive*. After power up, the Hard IP block starts in legacy interrupt mode, after which time software decides whether to switch to MSI mode by programming the `msi_enable` bit of the MSI Message Control Register, (bit[16] of 0x050) to 1, or to MSI-X mode if you turn on **Implement MSI-X** under the **PCI Express/PCI Capabilities** tab using the parameter editor. If you turn on the **Implement MSI-X** option, you should implement the MSI-X table structures at the memory space pointed to by the BARs.

Refer to section 6.1 of *PCI Express Base Specification* for a general description of PCI Express interrupt support for Endpoints.

Related Information

[PCI Express Base Specification 2.1 or 3.0](#)

MSI Interrupts

MSI interrupts are signaled on the PCI Express link using a single dword memory write TLP generated internally by the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express. The `app_msi_req` input port controls MSI interrupt generation. When the input port asserts `app_msi_req`, it causes a MSI posted write TLP to be generated based on the MSI configuration register values and the `app_msi_tc` (traffic class) and `app_msi_num` (number) input ports. To enable MSI interrupts, software must first set the `MSI_enable` bit and then disable legacy interrupts by setting the `Interrupt_Disable` which is bit 10 of the Command register.

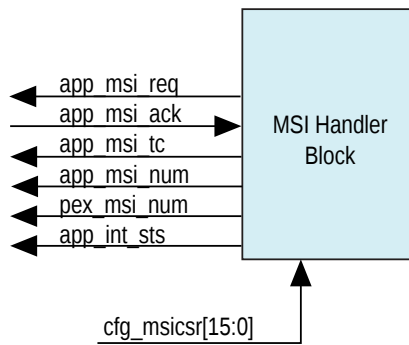
The following figure illustrates the architecture of the MSI handler block.

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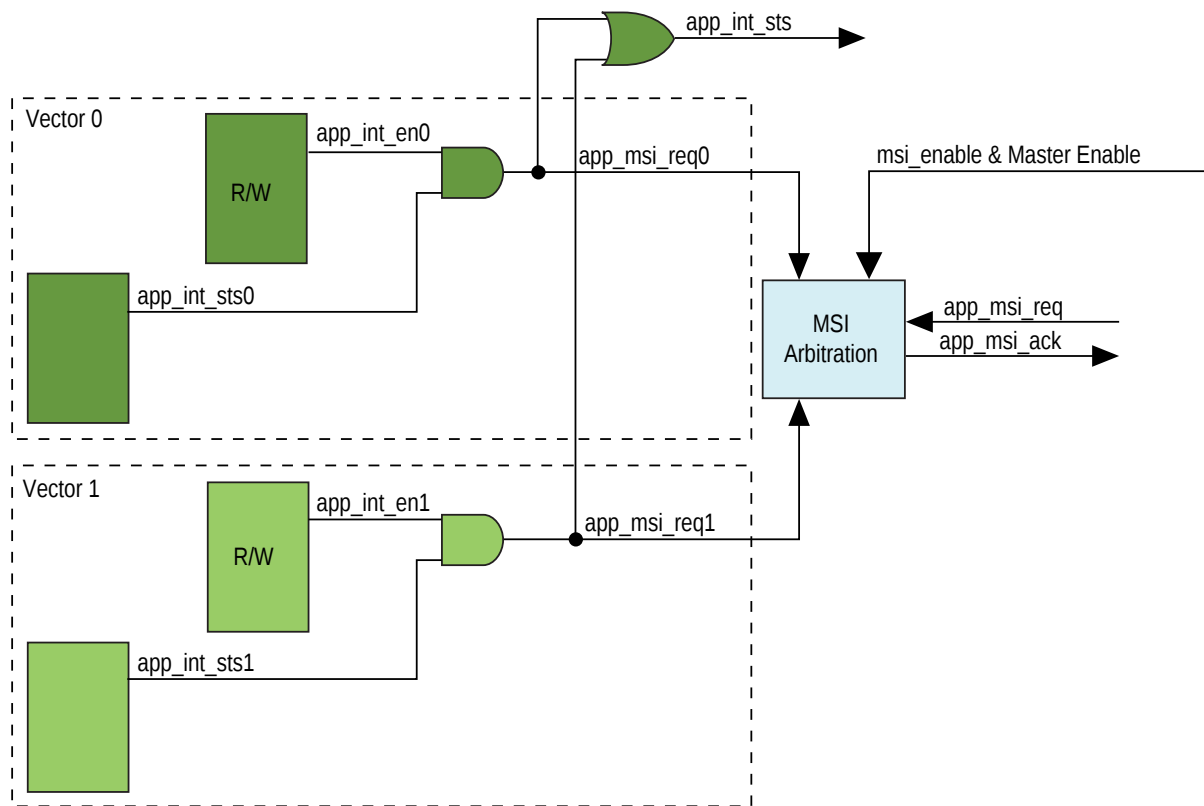


Figure 11-1: MSI Handler Block



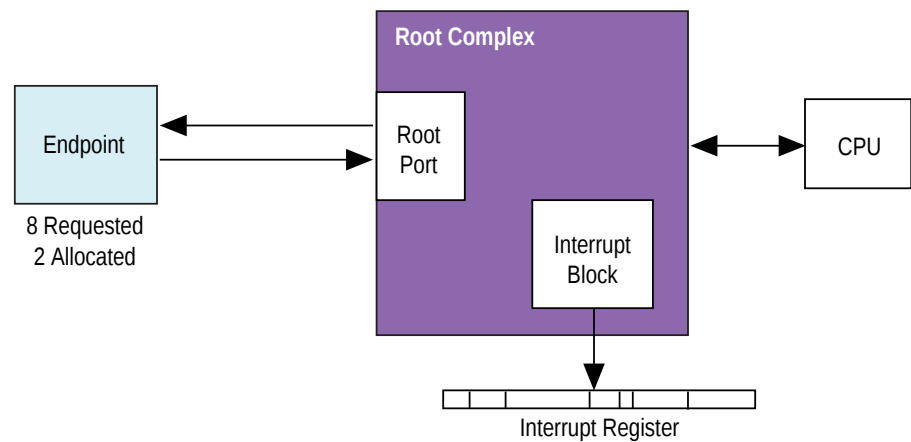
The following figure illustrates a possible implementation of the MSI handler block with a per vector enable bit. A global Application Layer interrupt enable can also be implemented instead of this per vector MSI.

Figure 11-2: Example Implementation of the MSI Handler Block



There are 32 possible MSI messages. The number of messages requested by a particular component does not necessarily correspond to the number of messages allocated. For example, in the following figure, the Endpoint requests eight MSIs but is only allocated two. In this case, you must design the Application Layer to use only two allocated messages.

Figure 11-3: MSI Request Example



The following table describes three example implementations. The first example allocates all 32 MSI messages. The second and third examples only allocate 4 interrupts.

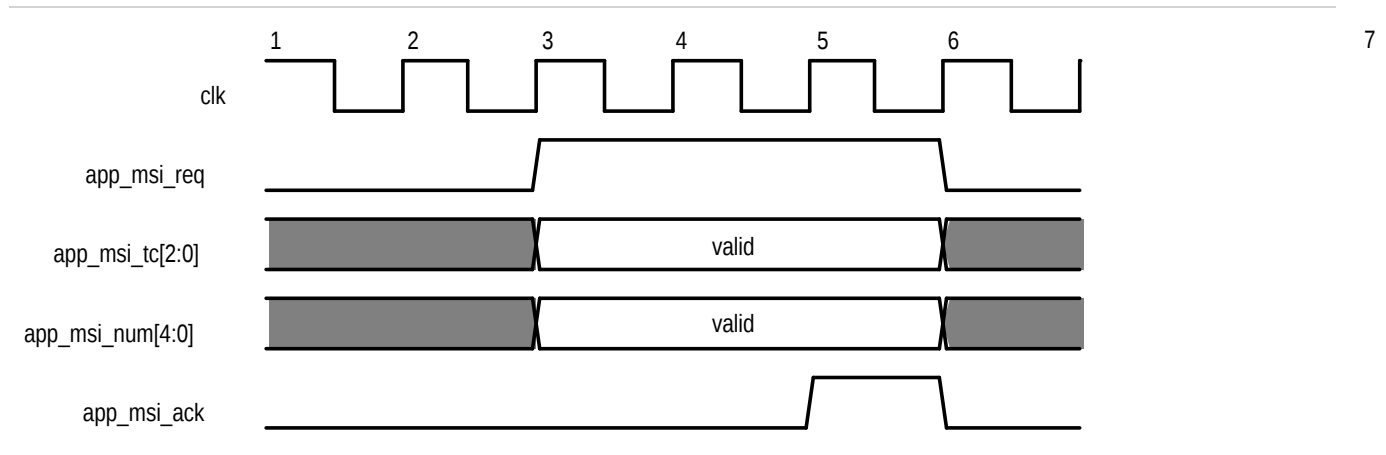
Table 11-1: MSI Messages Requested, Allocated, and Mapped

MSI	Allocated		
	32	4	4
System Error	31	3	3
Hot Plug and Power Management Event	30	2	3
Application Layer	29:0	1:0	2:0

MSI interrupts generated for Hot Plug, Power Management Events, and System Errors always use Traffic Class 0. MSI interrupts generated by the Application Layer can use any Traffic Class. For example, a DMA that generates an MSI at the end of a transmission can use the same traffic control as was used to transfer data.

The following figure illustrates the interactions among MSI interrupt signals for the Root Port. The minimum latency possible between `app_msi_req` and `app_msi_ack` is one clock cycle. In this timing diagram `app_msi_req` can extend beyond `app_msi_ack` before deasserting. However, `app_msi_req` must be deasserted before or within the same clock as `app_msi_ack` is deasserted to avoid inferring a new interrupt.

Figure 11-4: MSI Interrupt Signals Timing

**Related Information**

[Correspondence between Configuration Space Registers and the PCIe Specification](#) on page 8-1

MSI-X

You can enable MSI-X interrupts by turning on **Implement MSI-X** under the **PCI Express/PCI Capabilities** heading using the parameter editor. If you turn on the **Implement MSI-X** option, you should implement the MSI-X table structures at the memory space pointed to by the BARs as part of your Application Layer.

MSI-X TLPs are generated by the Application Layer and sent through the TX interface. They are single dword memory writes so that **Last DW Byte Enable** in the TLP header must be set to 4b'0000. MSI-X TLPs should be sent only when enabled by the MSI-X enable and the function mask bits in the message control for MSI-X Configuration register. These bits are available on the `tl_cfg_ctl` output bus.

For more information about implementing the MSI-X capability structure, refer Section 6.8.2. of the *PCI Local Bus Specification*.

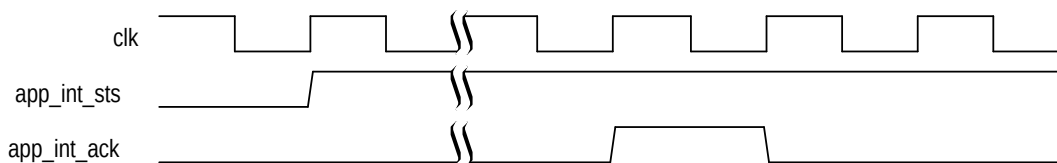
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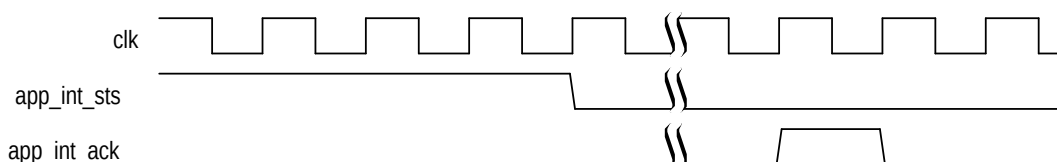
Legacy Interrupts

Legacy interrupts are signaled on the PCI Express link using message TLPs that are generated internally by the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express. The `app_int_sts` input port controls interrupt generation. When the input port asserts `app_int_sts`, it causes an `Assert_INTA` message TLP to be generated and sent upstream. Deassertion of the `app_int_sts` input port causes a `Deassert_INTA` message TLP to be generated and sent upstream. To use legacy interrupts, you must clear the `Interrupt Disable` bit, which is bit 10 of the `Command` register. Then, turn off the `MSI Enable` bit.

The following figure illustrates interrupt timing for the legacy interface. In this figure the assertion of `app_int_sts` instructs the Hard IP for PCI Express to send a `Assert_INTA` message TLP.

Figure 11-5: Legacy Interrupt Assertion

The following figure illustrates the timing for deassertion of legacy interrupts. The assertion of `app_int_sts` instructs the Hard IP for PCI Express to send a `Deassert_INTA` message.

Figure 11-6: Legacy Interrupt Deassertion

Related Information

- [MSI Capability Structure](#) on page 8-7
- [Correspondence between Configuration Space Registers and the PCIe Specification](#) on page 8-1

Interrupts for Root Ports Using the Avalon-ST Interface to the Application Layer

In Root Port mode, the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express receives interrupts through two different mechanisms:

- **MSI**—Root Ports receive MSI interrupts through the Avalon-ST RX TLP of type `MWr`. This is a memory mapped mechanism.
- **Legacy**—Legacy interrupts are translated into TLPs of type `Message Interrupt` which is sent to the Application Layer using the `int_status[3:0]` pins.

Normally, the Root Port services rather than sends interrupts; however, in two circumstances the Root Port can send an interrupt to itself to record error conditions:

- When the AER option is enabled, the `aer_msi_num[4:0]` signal indicates which MSI is being sent to the root complex when an error is logged in the AER Capability structure. This mechanism is an alternative to using the `serr_out` signal. The `aer_msi_num[4:0]` is only used for Root Ports and you must set it to a constant value. It cannot toggle during operation.
- If the Root Port detects a Power Management Event, the `pex_msi_num[4:0]` signal is used by Power Management or Hot Plug to determine the offset between the base message interrupt number and the message interrupt number to send through MSI. The user must set `pex_msi_num[4:0]` to a fixed value.

The `Root Error Status` register reports the status of error messages. The `Root Error Status` register is part of the PCI Express AER Extended Capability structure. It is located at offset 0x830 of the Configuration Space registers.

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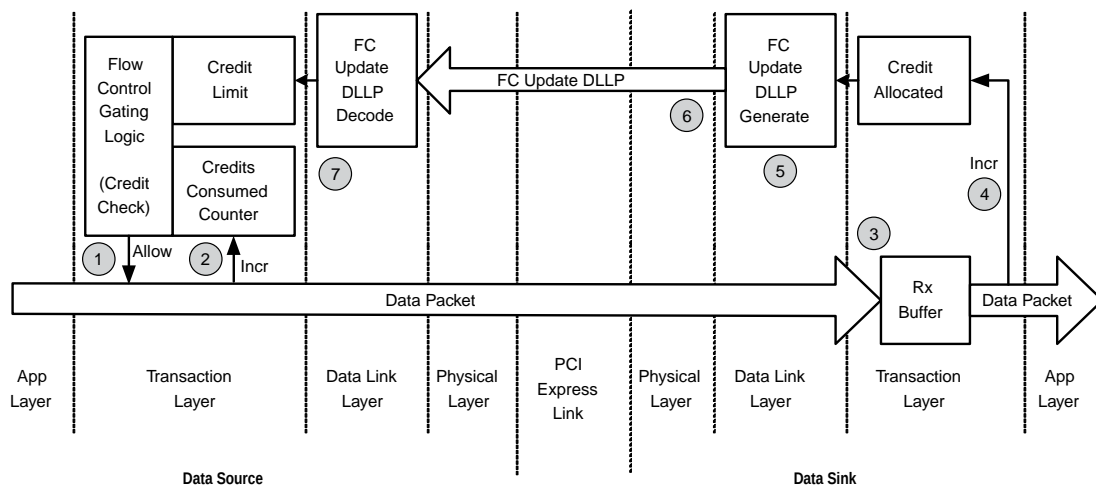
The *PCI Express Base Specification* defines a flow control mechanism to ensure efficient transfer of TLPs.

Each transmitter, the write requester in this case, maintains a `credit limit` register and a `credits consumed` register. The `credit limit` register is the sum of all credits received by the receiver, the write completer in this case. The `credit limit` register is initialized during the flow control initialization phase of link initialization and then updated during operation by Flow Control (FC) Update DLLPs. The `credits consumed` register is the sum of all credits consumed by packets transmitted. Separate `credit limit` and `credits consumed` registers exist for each of the six types of Flow Control:

- Posted Headers
- Posted Data
- Non-Posted Headers
- Non-Posted Data
- Completion Headers
- Completion Data

Each receiver also maintains a `credit allocated` counter which is initialized to the total available space in the RX buffer (for the specific Flow Control class) and then incremented as packets are pulled out of the RX buffer by the Application Layer. The value of this register is sent as the FC Update DLLP value.

Figure 12-1: Flow Control Update Loop



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The following numbered steps describe each step in the Flow Control Update loop. The corresponding numbers in the figure show the general area to which they correspond.

1. When the Application Layer has a packet to transmit, the number of credits required is calculated. If the current value of the credit limit minus credits consumed is greater than or equal to the required credits, then the packet can be transmitted immediately. However, if the credit limit minus credits consumed is less than the required credits, then the packet must be held until the credit limit is increased to a sufficient value by an FC Update DLLP. This check is performed separately for the header and data credits; a single packet consumes only a single header credit.
2. After the packet is selected for transmission the `credits consumed` register is incremented by the number of credits consumed by this packet. This increment happens for both the header and data `credit consumed` registers.
3. The packet is received at the other end of the link and placed in the RX buffer.
4. At some point the packet is read out of the RX buffer by the Application Layer. After the entire packet is read out of the RX buffer, the `credit allocated` register can be incremented by the number of credits the packet has used. There are separate `credit allocated` registers for the header and data credits.
5. The value in the `credit allocated` register is used to create an FC Update DLLP.
6. After an FC Update DLLP is created, it arbitrates for access to the PCI Express link. The FC Update DLLPs are typically scheduled with a low priority; consequently, a continuous stream of Application Layer TLPs or other DLLPs (such as ACKs) can delay the FC Update DLLP for a long time. To prevent starving the attached transmitter, FC Update DLLPs are raised to a high priority under the following three circumstances:
 - a. When the last sent `credit allocated` counter minus the amount of received data is less than `MAX_PAYLOAD` and the current `credit allocated` counter is greater than the last sent `credit allocated` counter. Essentially, this means the data sink knows the data source has less than a full `MAX_PAYLOAD` worth of credits, and therefore is starving.
 - b. When an internal timer expires from the time the last FC Update DLLP was sent, which is configured to 30 μ s to meet the *PCI Express Base Specification* for resending FC Update DLLPs.
 - c. When the `credit allocated` counter minus the last sent `credit allocated` counter is greater than or equal to 25% of the total credits available in the RX buffer, then the FC Update DLLP request is raised to high priority.

After arbitrating, the FC Update DLLP that won the arbitration to be the next item is transmitted. In the worst case, the FC Update DLLP may need to wait for a maximum sized TLP that is currently being transmitted to complete before it can be sent.

7. The FC Update DLLP is received back at the original write requester and the `credit limit` value is updated. If packets are stalled waiting for credits, they can now be transmitted.

Note: You must keep track of the credits consumed by the Application Layer.

Throughput of Posted Writes

The throughput of posted writes is limited primarily by the Flow Control Update loop shown in the previous figure. If the write requester sources the data as quickly as possible, and the completer consumes the data as

quickly as possible, then the Flow Control Update loop may be the biggest determining factor in write throughput, after the actual bandwidth of the link.

The figure below shows the main components of the Flow Control Update loop with two communicating PCI Express ports:

- Write Requester
- Write Completer

To allow the write requester to transmit packets continuously, the `credit allocated` and the `credit limit` counters must be initialized with sufficient credits to allow multiple TLPs to be transmitted while waiting for the FC Update DLLP that corresponds to the freeing of credits from the very first TLP transmitted.

You can use the **RX Buffer space allocation - Desired performance for received requests** to configure the RX buffer with enough space to meet the credit requirements of your system.

Related Information

[PCI Express Base Specification 2.1 or 3.0](#)

Throughput of Non-Posted Reads

To support a high throughput for read data, you must analyze the overall delay from the time the Application Layer issues the read request until all of the completion data is returned. The Application Layer must be able to issue enough read requests, and the read completer must be capable of processing these read requests quickly enough (or at least offering enough non-posted header credits) to cover this delay.

However, much of the delay encountered in this loop is well outside the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express and is very difficult to estimate. PCI Express switches can be inserted in this loop, which makes determining a bound on the delay more difficult.

Nevertheless, maintaining maximum throughput of completion data packets is important. Endpoints must offer an infinite number of completion credits. Endpoints must buffer this data in the RX buffer until the Application Layer can process it. Because the Endpoint is no longer managing the RX buffer for Completions through the flow control mechanism, the Application Layer must manage the RX buffer by the rate at which it issues read requests.

To determine the appropriate settings for the amount of space to reserve for completions in the RX buffer, you must make an assumption about the length of time until read completions are returned. This assumption can be estimated in terms of an additional delay, beyond the FC Update Loop Delay, as discussed in the section *Throughput of Posted Writes*. The paths for the read requests and the completions are not exactly the same as those for the posted writes and FC Updates in the PCI Express logic. However, the delay differences are probably small compared with the inaccuracy in the estimate of the external read to completion delays.

With multiple completions, the number of available credits for completion headers must be larger than the completion data space divided by the maximum packet size. Instead, the credit space for headers must be the completion data space (in bytes) divided by 64, because this is the smallest possible read completion boundary. Setting the **RX Buffer space allocation - Desired performance for received completions** to **High** under the **System Settings** heading when specifying parameter settings configures the RX buffer with enough space to meet this requirement. You can adjust this setting up or down from the **High** setting to tailor the RX buffer size to your delays and required performance.

You can also control the maximum amount of outstanding read request data. This amount is limited by the number of header tag values that can be issued by the Application Layer and by the maximum read request size that can be issued. The number of header tag values that can be in use is also limited by the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express. You can specify 32 or 64 tags through configuration software to restrict the Application Layer to use only 32 tags. In commercial PC systems, 32 tags are usually sufficient to maintain optimal read throughput.

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Each PCI Express compliant device must implement a basic level of error management and can optionally implement advanced error management. The Stratix VHard IP for PCI Express implements both basic and advanced error reporting. Given its position and role within the fabric, error handling for a Root Port is more complex than that of an Endpoint.

The *PCI Express Base Specification* defines three types of errors, outlined in the following table.

Table 13-1: Error Classification

Type	Responsible Agent	Description
Correctable	Hardware	While correctable errors may affect system performance, data integrity is maintained.
Uncorrectable, non-fatal	Device software	Uncorrectable, non-fatal errors are defined as errors in which data is lost, but system integrity is maintained. For example, the fabric may lose a particular TLP, but it still works without problems.
Uncorrectable, fatal	System software	Errors generated by a loss of data and system failure are considered uncorrectable and fatal. Software must determine how to handle such errors: whether to reset the link or implement other means to minimize the problem.

Related Information

- [PCI Express Base Specification 2.1 and 3.0](#)
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Physical Layer Errors

The following table describes errors detected by the Physical Layer. Physical Layer error reporting is optional in the *PCI Express Base Specification Revision* .

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Table 13-2: Errors Detected by the Physical Layer

Error	Type	Description
Receive port error	Correctable	<p>This error has the following 3 potential causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical coding sublayer error when a lane is in L0 state. These errors are reported to the Hard IP block via the per lane PIPE interface input receive status signals, <code>rxstatus <lane_number> [2 : 0]</code> using the following encodings: 100: 8B/10B Decode Error 101: Elastic Buffer Overflow 110: Elastic Buffer Underflow 111: Disparity Error Deskew error caused by overflow of the multilane deskew FIFO. Control symbol received in wrong lane.

Data Link Layer Errors

Table 13-3: Errors Detected by the Data Link Layer

Error	Type	Description
Bad TLP	Correctable	This error occurs when a LCRC verification fails or when a sequence number error occurs.
Bad DLLP	Correctable	This error occurs when a CRC verification fails.
Replay timer	Correctable	This error occurs when the replay timer times out.
Replay num rollover	Correctable	This error occurs when the replay number rolls over.
Data Link Layer protocol	Uncorrectable(fatal)	This error occurs when a sequence number specified by the Ack/Nak block in the Data Link Layer (<code>AckNak_Seq_Num</code>) does not correspond to an unacknowledged TLP.

Related Information

[Data Link Layer Errors](#) on page 13-2

Transaction Layer Errors

Table 13-4: Errors Detected by the Transaction Layer

Error	Type	Description
Poisoned TLP received	Uncorrectable (non-fatal)	<p>This error occurs if a received Transaction Layer packet has the EP poison bit set.</p> <p>The received TLP is passed to the Application Layer and the Application Layer logic must take appropriate action in response to the poisoned TLP. Refer to “2.7.2.2 Rules for Use of Data Poisoning” in the <i>PCI Express Base Specification</i> for more information about poisoned TLPs.</p>
ECRC check failed ⁽¹⁾	Uncorrectable (non-fatal)	<p>This error is caused by an ECRC check failing despite the fact that the TLP is not malformed and the LCRC check is valid.</p> <p>The Hard IP block handles this TLP automatically. If the TLP is a non-posted request, the Hard IP block generates a completion with completer abort status. In all cases the TLP is deleted in the Hard IP block and not presented to the Application Layer.</p>
Unsupported Request for Endpoints	Uncorrectable (non-fatal)	<p>This error occurs whenever a component receives any of the following Unsupported Requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Type 0 Configuration Requests for a non-existing function.• Completion transaction for which the Requester ID does not match the bus, device and function number.• Unsupported message.• A Type 1 Configuration Request TLP for the TLP from the PCIe link.• A locked memory read (MEMRDLK) on native Endpoint.• A locked completion transaction.• A 64-bit memory transaction in which the 32 MSBs of an address are set to 0.• A memory or I/O transaction for which there is no BAR match.• A memory transaction when the Memory Space Enable bit (bit [1] of the PCI Command register at Configuration Space offset 0x4) is set to 0.• A poisoned configuration write request (CfgWr0) <p>In all cases the TLP is deleted in the Hard IP block and not presented to the Application Layer. If the TLP is a</p>

Error	Type	Description
		non-posted request, the Hard IP block generates a completion with Unsupported Request status.
Unsupported Requests for Root Port	Uncorrectable fatal	<p>This error occurs whenever a component receives an Unsupported Request including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unsupported message • A Type 0 Configuration Request TLP • A 64-bit memory transaction which the 32 MSBs of an address are set to 0. • A memory transaction that does not match a Windows address
Completion timeout	Uncorrectable (non-fatal)	This error occurs when a request originating from the Application Layer does not generate a corresponding completion TLP within the established time. It is the responsibility of the Application Layer logic to provide the completion timeout mechanism. The completion timeout should be reported from the Transaction Layer using the <code>cpl_err[0]</code> signal.
Completer abort ⁽¹⁾	Uncorrectable (non-fatal)	The Application Layer reports this error using the <code>cpl_err[2]</code> signal when it aborts receipt of a TLP.

Error	Type	Description
Unexpected completion	Uncorrectable (non-fatal)	<p>This error is caused by an unexpected completion transaction. The Hard IP block handles the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Requester ID in the completion packet does not match the Configured ID of the Endpoint.• The completion packet has an invalid tag number. (Typically, the tag used in the completion packet exceeds the number of tags specified.)• The completion packet has a tag that does not match an outstanding request.• The completion packet for a request that was to I/O or Configuration Space has a length greater than 1 dword.• The completion status is Configuration Retry Status (CRS) in response to a request that was not to Configuration Space. <p>In all of the above cases, the TLP is not presented to the Application Layer; the Hard IP block deletes it.</p> <p>The Application Layer can detect and report other unexpected completion conditions using the <code>cpl_err[2]</code> signal. For example, the Application Layer can report cases where the total length of the received successful completions do not match the original read request length.</p>
Receiver overflow ⁽¹⁾	Uncorrectable (fatal)	<p>This error occurs when a component receives a TLP that violates the FC credits allocated for this type of TLP. In all cases the hard IP block deletes the TLP and it is not presented to the Application Layer.</p>
Flow control protocol error (FCPE) ⁽¹⁾	Uncorrectable (fatal)	<p>This error occurs when a component does not receive update flow control credits with the 200 μs limit.</p>

Error	Type	Description
Malformed TLP	Uncorrectable (fatal)	<p>This error is caused by any of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The data payload of a received TLP exceeds the maximum payload size. • The TD field is asserted but no TLP digest exists, or a TLP digest exists but the TD bit of the PCI Express request header packet is not asserted. • A TLP violates a byte enable rule. The Hard IP block checks for this violation, which is considered optional by the PCI Express specifications. • A TLP in which the <code>type</code> and <code>length</code> fields do not correspond with the total length of the TLP. • A TLP in which the combination of format and type is not specified by the PCI Express specification. • A request specifies an address/length combination that causes a memory space access to exceed a 4 KByte boundary. The Hard IP block checks for this violation, which is considered optional by the PCI Express specification. • Messages, such as <code>Assert_INTX</code>, <code>Power Management</code>, <code>Error Signaling</code>, <code>Unlock</code>, and <code>Set Power Slot Limit</code>, must be transmitted across the default traffic class. <p>The Hard IP block deletes the malformed TLP; it is not presented to the Application Layer.</p>

Note:

1. Considered optional by the *PCI Express Base Specification Revision* .

Error Reporting and Data Poisoning

How the Endpoint handles a particular error depends on the configuration registers of the device.

Refer to the *PCI Express Base Specification 3.0* for a description of the device signaling and logging for an Endpoint.

The Hard IP block implements data poisoning, a mechanism for indicating that the data associated with a transaction is corrupted. Poisoned TLPs have the error/poisoned bit of the header set to 1 and observe the following rules:

- Received poisoned TLPs are sent to the Application Layer and status bits are automatically updated in the Configuration Space.
- Received poisoned Configuration Write TLPs are not written in the Configuration Space.
- The Configuration Space never generates a poisoned TLP; the error/poisoned bit of the header is always set to 0.

Poisoned TLPs can also set the parity error bits in the PCI Configuration Space Status register. The following table lists the conditions that cause parity errors.

Table 13-5: Parity Error Conditions

Status Bit	Conditions
Detected parity error (status register bit 15)	Set when any received TLP is poisoned.
Master data parity error (status register bit 8)	<p>This bit is set when the command register parity enable bit is set and one of the following conditions is true:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The poisoned bit is set during the transmission of a Write Request TLP.• The poisoned bit is set on a received completion TLP.

Poisoned packets received by the Hard IP block are passed to the Application Layer. Poisoned transmit TLPs are similarly sent to the link.

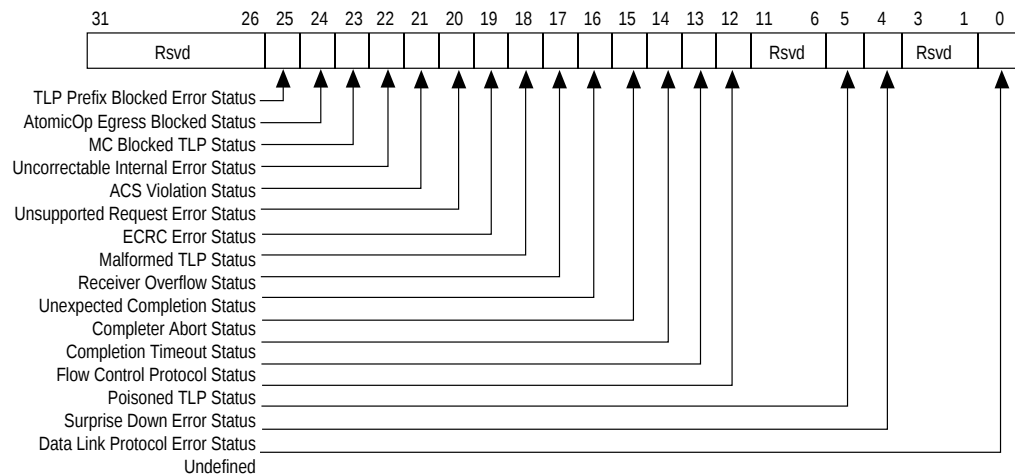
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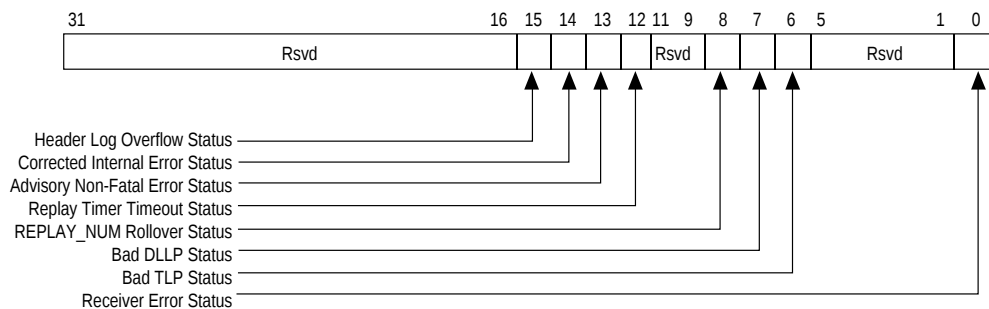
Uncorrectable and Correctable Error Status Bits

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The following figure illustrates the Uncorrectable Error Status register. The default value of all the bits of this register is 0. An error status bit that is set indicates that the error condition it represents has been detected. Software may clear the error status by writing a 1 to the appropriate bit.

Figure 13-1: Uncorrectable Error Status Register

The following figure illustrates the Correctable Error Status register. The default value of all the bits of this register is 0. An error status bit that is set indicates that the error condition it represents has been detected. Software may clear the error status by writing a 1 to the appropriate bit.0

Figure 13-2: Correctable Error Status Register

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Completing your design includes additional steps to specify analog properties, pin assignments, and timing constraints.

Making Analog QSF Assignments Using the Assignment Editor

You specify the analog parameters using the Quartus II Assignment Editor, the Pin Planner, or through the Quartus II Settings File **.(qsf)**.

For the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express, the required PCB voltages depend on the PLL type and data rate. The following table shows the required voltages.

Table 14-1: Power Supply Voltage Requirements for Gen1-Gen3

Data Rate	PLL Type	V_{CCR_GXB} and V_{CCT_GXB}	V_{CCA_GXB}
Gen1 or Gen1	ATX	1.0 V	3.0 V
Gen1 or Gen2	CMU	0.85 V	2.5 V
Gen3	ATX	1.0 V	3.0 V
Gen3	CMU	1.0 V	3.0 V

The Quartus II software provides default values for analog parameters. You can change the defaults using Assignment Editor or the Pin Planner. You can also edit your **.qsf** directly or by typing commands in the Quartus II Tcl Console.

The following example shows how to change the value of the voltages required:

- On the Assignments menu, select **Assignment Editor**. The Assignment Editor appears.
- Complete the following steps for each pin requiring the V_{CCR_GXB} and V_{CCT_GXB} voltage:
 - Double-click in the **Assignment Name** column and scroll to the bottom of the available assignments.
 - Select **VCCR_GXB/VCCT_GXB Voltage**.
 - In the **Value** column, select **1_0V** from the list.
- Complete the following steps for each pin requiring the V_{CCA_GXB} voltage:

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- a. Double-click in the **Assignment Name** column and scroll to the bottom of the available assignments.
 - b. Select **VCCA_GXB Voltage**.
 - c. In the **Value** column, select **3_0V** from the list.
1. On the Assignments menu, select **Assignment Editor**. The Assignment Editor appears.
 2. Complete the following steps for each pin requiring the V_{CCR_GXB} and V_{CCT_GXB} voltage:
 - a. Double-click in the **Assignment Name** column and scroll to the bottom of the available assignments.
 - b. Select **VCCR_GXB/VCCT_GXB Voltage**.
 - c. In the **Value** column, select **.0V** from the list.

The Quartus II software adds these instance assignments commands to the **.qsf** file for your project.

You can also enter these commands at the Quartus II Tcl Console. For example, the following command sets the `XCVR_VCCR_VCCT_VOLTAGE` to 1.0 V for the pin specified:

```
set_instance_assignment -name XCVR_VCCR_VCCT_VOLTAGE 1_0V to "pin"
```

Making Pin Assignments

Before running Quartus II compilation, use the **Pin Planner** to assign I/O standards to the pins of the device. Complete the following steps to bring up the **Pin Planner** and assign the 1.5-V pseudo-current mode logic (PCML) I/O standard to the serial data input and output pins:

1. On the Quartus II **Assignments** menu, select **Pin Planner**. The **Pin Planner** appears.
2. In the **Node Name** column, locate the PCIe serial data pins.
3. In the **I/O Standard** column, double-click the right-hand corner of the box to bring up a list of available I/O standards.
4. Select **1.5 V PCML I/O** standard.

Note: The Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core automatically assigns other required PMA analog settings, including 100 ohm internal termination.

SDC Timing Constraints

You must include component-level Synopsys Design Constraints (SDC) timing constraints for the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core and system-level constraints for your complete design. The example design that Altera describes in the Testbench and Design Example chapter includes the constraints required for the for Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core and example design. A single file, `<install_dir>/ip/altera/altera_pcie/altera_pcie_hip_ast_ed/altpcied_sdc<dev>.sdc` includes both the component-level and system-level constraints. In this example, you should only apply the first two constraints, to derive PLL clocks and clock uncertainty, once across all of the SDC files in your project. Differences between Fitter timing analysis and TimeQuest timing analysis arise if these constraints are applied more than once.

This example shows constraints for three components:

- Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core
- Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller IP Core

- Transceiver PHY Reset Controller IP Core

The **.sdc** file also specifies some false timing paths for Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller and Transceiver PHY Reset Controller IP Cores. Be sure to include these constraints in your **.sdc** file.

Example 14-1: SDC Timing Constraints Required for the Stratix V Hard IP for PCIe and Design Example

```
# Constraints required for the Hard IP for PCI Express
# derive_pll_clock is used to calculate all clock derived from
# PCIe refclk. It must be applied once across all of the SDC
# files used in a project
derive_pll_clocks -create_base_clocks
derive_clock_uncertainty
#####
# PHY IP Reconfig Controller constraints
# Set reconfig_xcvr clock:
# this line will likely need to be modified to match the actual
# clock pin name used for this clock, and also changed to have
# the correct period set for the clock actually used
create_clock -period "125 MHz" -name {reconfig_xcvr_clk}
    {reconfig_xcvr_clk}

#####

# Hard IP Soft reset controller SDC constraints
set_false_path -to [get_registers
    *altpcie_rs_serdes|fifo_err_sync_r[0]]
set_false_path -from [get_registers *sv_xcvr_pipe_native*] -to
    [get_registers *altpcie_rs_serdes|*]
# Hard IP testin pins SDC constraints
set_false_path -from [get_pins -compatibility_mode *hip_ctrl*]
```



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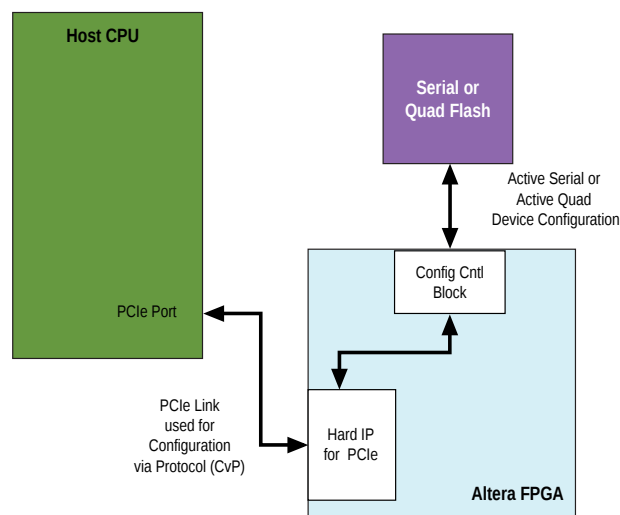
Configuration via Protocol (CvP)

The Hard IP for PCI Express architecture introduces has an option for sequencing the processes that configure the FPGA and initializes the PCI Express link. In prior devices, a single Program Object File (.pof) programmed the I/O ring and FPGA fabric before the PCIe link training and enumeration began. In Stratix V, the .pof file is divided into two parts:

- The I/O bitstream contains the data to program the I/O ring, the Hard IP for PCI Express, and other elements that are considered part of the periphery image.
- The core bitstream contains the data to program the FPGA fabric.

In Stratix V devices, when you select the CvP design flow, the I/O ring and PCI Express link are programmed first, allowing the PCI Express link to reach the L0 state and begin operation independently, before the rest of the core is programmed. After the PCI Express link is established, it can be used to program the rest of the device. The following figure shows the blocks that implement CvP.

Figure 15-1: CvP in Stratix V Devices



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CvP has the following advantages:

- Provides a simpler software model for configuration. A smart host can use the PCIe protocol and the application topology to initialize and update the FPGA fabric.
- Enables dynamic core updates without requiring a system power down.
- Improves security for the proprietary core bitstream.
- Reduces system costs by reducing the size of the flash device to store the **.pof**.
- Facilitates hardware acceleration.
- May reduce system size because a single CvP link can be used to configure multiple FPGAs.

CvP is available for Gen1 and Gen2 configurations.

Note: You cannot use dynamic transceiver reconfiguration for the transceiver channels in the CvP-enabled Hard IP when CvP is enabled.

ECRC

ECRC ensures end-to-end data integrity for systems that require high reliability. You can specify this option under the **Error Reporting** heading. The ECRC function includes the ability to check and generate ECRC. In addition, the ECRC function can forward the TLP with ECRC to the RX port of the Application Layer. When using ECRC forwarding mode, the ECRC check and generation are performed in the Application Layer.

You must turn on **Advanced error reporting (AER)**, **ECRC checking**, **ECRC generation**, and **ECRC forwarding** under the **PCI Express/PCI Capabilities** heading using the GUI to enable this functionality.

For more information about error handling, refer to the *Error Signaling and Logging* which is Section 6.2 of the *PCI Express Base Specification*.

Related Information

[PCI Express Base Specification 2.1 or 3.0](#)

ECRC on the RX Path

When the **ECRC generation** option is turned on, errors are detected when receiving TLPs with a bad ECRC. If the **ECRC generation** option is turned off, no error detection occurs. If the **ECRC forwarding** option is turned on, the ECRC value is forwarded to the Application Layer with the TLP. If the **ECRC forwarding** option is turned off, the ECRC value is not forwarded.

The following table summarizes the RX ECRC functionality for all possible conditions.

Table 15-1: ECRC Operation on RX Path

ECRC Forwarding	ECRC Check Enable ⁽¹⁾	ECRC Status	Error	TLP Forward to Application Layer
No	No	none	No	Forwarded
		good	No	Forwarded without its ECRC
		bad	No	Forwarded without its ECRC
	Yes	none	No	Forwarded
		good	No	Forwarded without its ECRC
		bad	Yes	Not forwarded
Yes	No	none	No	Forwarded
		good	No	Forwarded with its ECRC
		bad	No	Forwarded with its ECRC
	Yes	none	No	Forwarded
		good	No	Forwarded with its ECRC
		bad	Yes	Not forwarded

ECRC on the TX Path

When the **ECRC generation** option is on, the TX path generates ECRC. If you turn on **ECRC forwarding**, the ECRC value is forwarded with the TLP. The following table summarizes the TX ECRC generation and forwarding. All unspecified cases are unsupported and the behavior of the Hard IP is unknown. In this table, if TD is 1, the TLP includes an ECRC. TD is the TL digest bit of the TL packet described in Appendix A, Transaction Layer Packet (TLP) Header Formats. [Create related link](#)

⁽¹⁾ The ECRC Check Enable field is in the Configuration Space Advanced Error Capabilities and Control Register.

Table 15-2: ECRC Generation and Forwarding on TX Path

All unspecified cases are unsupported and the behavior of the Hard IP is unknown.

ECRC Forwarding	ECRC Generation Enable ⁽²⁾	TLP on Application	TLP on Link	Comments
No	No	TD=0, without ECRC	TD=0, without ECRC	ECRC is generated
		TD=1, without ECRC	TD=0, without ECRC	
	Yes	TD=0, without ECRC	TD=1, with ECRC	
		TD=1, without ECRC	TD=1, with ECRC	
Yes	No	TD=0, without ECRC	TD=0, without ECRC	Core forwards the ECRC
		TD=1, with ECRC	TD=1, with ECRC	
	Yes	TD=0, without ECRC	TD=0, without ECRC	
		TD=1, with ECRC	TD=1, with ECRC	

⁽²⁾ The ECRC Generation Enable field is in the Configuration Space Advanced Error Capabilities and Control Register.

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The Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express reconfiguration block allows you to dynamically change the value of configuration registers that are *read-only*. You access this block using its Avalon-MM slave interface. You must enable this optional functionality by turning on **Enable Hard IP Reconfiguration** in the GUI. For a complete description of the signals in this interface, refer to *Hard IP Reconfiguration Interface*.

The Hard IP reconfiguration block provides access to *read-only* configuration registers, including Configuration Space, Link Configuration, MSI and MSI-X capabilities, Power Management, and Advanced Error Reporting (AER). This interface does not support simulation.

The procedure to dynamically reprogram these registers includes the following three steps:

1. Bring down the PCI Express link by asserting the `hip_reconfig_rst_n` reset signal, if the link is already up. (Reconfiguration can occur before the link has been established.)
2. Reprogram configuration registers using the Avalon-MM slave Hard IP reconfiguration interface.
3. Release the `npor` reset signal.

Note: You can use the LMI interface to change the values of configuration registers that are *read/write* at run time. For more information about the LMI interface, refer to *LMI Signals*.

Related Information

[LMI Signals](#) on page 7-38

Reconfigurable Read-Only Registers in the Hard IP for PCI Express

The following table lists all of the registers that you can update using the PCI Express reconfiguration block interface.

Address	Bits	Description	Default Value
0x00	0	When 0, PCIe reconfig mode is enabled. When 1, PCIe reconfig mode is disabled and the original read only register values set in the programming file used to configure the device are restored.	b'1
0x01-0x88	—	Reserved.	—
0x89	15:0	Vendor ID.	0x1172

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Address	Bits	Description	Default Value
0x8A	15:0	Device ID.	0x0001
0x8B	7:0	Revision ID.	0x01
0x8C	15:0	Class code[23:8].	—
0x8D	15:0	Subsystem vendor ID.	0x1172
0x8E	15:0	Subsystem device ID.	0x0001
0x8F	—	Reserved.	—
0x90	0	Advanced Error Reporting.	b'0
	3:1	Low Priority VC (LPVC).	b'000
	7:4	VC arbitration capabilities.	b'00001
	15:8	Reject Snoop Transaction.	b'00000000
0x91	2:0	Max payload size supported. The following are the defined encodings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 000: 128 bytes max payload size • 001: 256 bytes max payload size • 010: 512 bytes max payload size • 011: 1024 bytes max payload size • 100: 2048 bytes max payload size • 101: 4096 bytes max payload size • 110: Reserved, • 111: Reserved 	b'010
	3	Surprise Down error reporting capabilities. (Available in <i>PCI Express Base Specification Revision 1.1</i> compliant Cores, only.) Downstream Port. This bit must be set to 1 if the component supports the optional capability of detecting and reporting a Surprise Down error condition. Upstream Port. For upstream ports and components that do not support this optional capability, this bit must be hardwired to 0. (Available in <i>PCI Express Base Specification Revision 1.1</i> compliant Cores, only.) Downstream Port: This bit must be set to 1 if the component supports the optional capability of reporting the DL_Active state of the Data Link Control and Management state machine. Upstream Port: For upstream ports and components that do not support this optional capability, this bit must be hardwired to 0. Extended TAG field supported.	b'0

Address	Bits	Description	Default Value
	4	(Available in <i>PCI Express Base Specification Revision 1.1</i> compliant Cores, only.) Downstream Port: This bit must be set to 1 if the component supports the optional capability of reporting the DL_Active state of the Data Link Control and Management state machine. Upstream Port: For upstream ports and components that do not support this optional capability, this bit must be hardwired to 0.	b'0
	5	Extended TAG field supported	b'0
	8:6	Endpoint L0s acceptable latency. The following encodings are defined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • b'000 - Maximum of 64 ns • b'001 - Maximum of 128 ns • b'010 - Maximum of 256 ns • b'011 - Maximum of 512 ns • b'100 - Maximum of 1 μs • b'101 - Maximum of 2 μs • b'110 - Maximum of 4 μs • b'111 - No limit. 	b'000
	11:9	Endpoint L1 acceptable latency. The following encodings are defined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • b'000 - Maximum of 1 μs • b'001 - Maximum of 2 μs • b'010 - Maximum of 4 μs • b'011 - Maximum of 8 μs • b'100 - Maximum of 16 μs • b'101 - Maximum of 32 μs • b'110 - Maximum of 64 μs • b'111 - No limit. 	b'000
	14:12	These bits record the presence or absence of the attention and power indicators. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [0]: Attention button present on the device. • [1]: Attention indicator present for an endpoint. • [2]: Power indicator present for an endpoint. 	b'1
	15	Role-Based error reporting. (Available in <i>PCI Express Base Specification Revision 1.1</i> compliant Cores only.)	—

Address	Bits	Description	Default Value
0x92	1:0	Slot Power Limit Scale.	b'00
	7:2	Max Link width.	b'000100
	9:8	L0s Active State power management support. L1 Active State power management support.	b'01
	15:10	L1 exit latency common clock. L1 exit latency separated clock. The following encodings are defined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • b'000 - Less than 1 μs. • b'001 - 1 μs to less than 2 μs • b'010 - 2 μs to less than 4 μs • b'011 - 4 μs to less than 8 μs • b'100 - 8 μs to less than 16 μs • b'101 - 16 μs to less than 32 μs • b'110 - 32 μs to 64 μs • b'111 - More than 64 μs 	b'000000
0x93	0	Attention button implemented on the chassis.	b'0000000
	1	Power controller present.	
	2	Manually Operated Retention Latch (MRL) sensor present.	
	3	Attention indicator present for a root port, switch, or bridge.	
	4	Power indicator present for a root port, switch, or bridge.	
	5	Hot-plug surprise: When this bit set to 1, a device can be removed from this slot without prior notification.	
	6	Hot-plug capable.	b'000
	9:7	Reserved.	
	15:10	Slot Power Limit Value.	
0x94	1:0	Reserved.	---
	2	Electromechanical Interlock present (Available in <i>PCI Express Base Specification Revision 1.1</i> compliant IP cores only.)	b'0
	15:3	Physical Slot Number (if slot implemented). This signal indicates the physical slot number associated with this port. It must be unique within the fabric.	b'0
0x95	7:0	NFTS_SEPCLK. The number of fast training sequences for the separate clock.	b'10000000
	15:8	NFTS_COMCLK. The number of fast training sequences for the common clock.	b'10000000
0x96	3:0	Completion timeout ranges. The following encodings are defined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • b'0001: range A 	b'0000

Address	Bits	Description	Default Value
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • b'0010: range B • b'0011: range A&B • b'0110: range B&C • b'0111: range A,B&C • b'1110: range B,C&D • b'1111: range A,B,C&D All other values are reserved.	
	4	Completion Timeout supported. 0: completion timeout disable not supported 1: completion timeout disable supported	b'0
	7:5	Reserved.	b'0
	8	ECRC generate.	b'0
	9	ECRC check.	b'0
	10	No command completed support. (available only in <i>PCI Express Base Specification Revision 1.1</i> compliant Cores)	b'0
	13:11	Number of functions MSI capable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • b'000: 1 MSI capable • b'001: 2 MSI capable • b'010: 4 MSI capable • b'011: 8 MSI capable • b'100: 16 MSI capable • b'101: 32 MSI capable 	b'010
	14	MSI 32/64-bit addressing mode. b'0: 32 bits only. b'1: 32 or 64 bits	b'1
	15	MSI per-bit vector masking (read-only field).	b'0
0x97	0	Function supports MSI.	b'1
	3:1	Interrupt pin.	b'001
	5:4	Reserved.	b'00
	6	Function supports MSI-X.	b'0
	15:7	MSI-X table size	b'0
0x98	1:0	Reserved.	—
	4:2	MSI-X Table BIR.	b'0
	15:5	MIS-X Table Offset.	b'0
0x99	15:10	MSI-X PBA Offset.	b'0
0x9A	15:0	Reserved.	b'0
0x9B	15:0	Reserved.	b'0
0x9C	15:0	Reserved.	b'0

Address	Bits	Description	Default Value
0x9D	15:0	Reserved.	b'0
0x9E	3:0	Reserved.	—
	7:4	Number of EIE symbols before NFTS.	b'0100
	15:8	Number of NFTS for separate clock in Gen2 rate.	b'11111111
0x9F	7:0	Number of NFTS for common clock in Gen2 rate.	b'11111111
	8	Selectable de-emphasis.	b'0
	12:9	PCIe Capability Version. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b'0000: Core is compliant to PCIe Specification 1.0a or 1.1 b'0001: Core is compliant to PCIe Specification 1.0a or 1.1 b'0010: Core is compliant to PCIe Specification 2.0 b'0010: Core is compliant to PCIe Specification 3.0 	b'0010
	15:13	L0s exit latency for common clock. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gen1: $(N_FTS \text{ (of separate clock)} + 1 \text{ (for the SKIPOS)}) * 4 * 10 * UI$ ($UI = 0.4 \text{ ns}$). Gen2: $[(N_FTS2 \text{ (of separate clock)} + 1 \text{ (for the SKIPOS)}) * 4 + 8 \text{ (max number of received EIE)}] * 10 * UI$ ($UI = 0.2 \text{ ns}$). 	b'110
0xA0	2:0	L0s exit latency for separate clock. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gen1: $(N_FTS \text{ (of separate clock)} + 1 \text{ (for the SKIPOS)}) * 4 * 10 * UI$ ($UI = 0.4 \text{ ns}$). Gen2: $[(N_FTS2 \text{ (of separate clock)} + 1 \text{ (for the SKIPOS)}) * 4 + 8 \text{ (max number of received EIE)}] * 10 * UI$ ($UI = 0.2 \text{ ns}$). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b'000 - Less than 64 ns. b'001 - 64 ns to less than 128 ns b'010 - 128 ns to less than 256 ns b'011 - 256 ns to less than 512 ns b'100 - 512 ns to less than 1 μs b'101 - 1 μs to less than 2 μs b'110 - 2 μs to 4 μs b'111 - More than 4 μs 	b'110
	15:3	Reserved.	0x0000

Address	Bits	Description	Default Value
0xA1		BAR0[31:0]	
	0	BAR0[0]: I/O Space.	b'0
	2:1	BAR0[2:1]: Memory Space. The following encodings are defined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2'b10: 64-bit address 2'b00: 32-bit address 	b'10
	3	BAR0[3]: Prefetchable.	b'1
		BAR0[31:4]: Bar size mask.	0xFFFFFFFF
	15:4	BAR0[15:4].	b'0
0xA2	15:0	BAR0[31:16].	b'0
0xA3		BAR1[63:32]	b'0
	0	BAR1[32]: I/O Space.	b'0
	2:1	BAR1[34:33]: Memory Space (see bit settings for BAR0).	b'0
	3	BAR1[35]: Prefetchable.	b'0
		BAR1[63:36]: Bar size mask.	b'0
	15:4	BAR1[47:36].	b'0
0xA4	15:0	BAR1[63:48].	b'0
0xA5		BAR2[95:64]:	b'0
	0	BAR2[64]: I/O Space.	b'0
	2:1	BAR2[66:65]: Memory Space (see bit settings for BAR0).	b'0
	3	BAR2[67]: Prefetchable.	b'0
		BAR2[95:68]: Bar size mask.	b'0
	15:4	BAR2[79:68].	b'0
0xA6	15:0	BAR2[95:80].	b'0
0xA7		BAR3[127:96].	b'0
	0	BAR3[96]: I/O Space.	b'0
	2:1	BAR3[98:97]: Memory Space (see bit settings for BAR0).	b'0
	3	BAR3[99]: Prefetchable.	b'0
		BAR3[127:100]: Bar size mask.	b'0
	15:4	BAR3[111:100].	b'0
0xA8	15:0	BAR3[127:112].	b'0

Address	Bits	Description	Default Value
0xA9		BAR4[159:128].	b'0
	0	BAR4[128]: I/O Space.	b'0
	2:1	BAR4[130:129]: Memory Space (see bit settings for BAR0).	b'0
	3	BAR4[131]: Prefetchable.	b'0
		BAR4[159:132]: Bar size mask.	b'0
	15:4	BAR4[143:132].	b'0
0xAA	15:0	BAR4[159:144].	b'0
0xAB		BAR5[191:160].	b'0
	0	BAR5[160]: I/O Space.	b'0
	2:1	BAR5[162:161]: Memory Space (see bit settings for BAR0).	b'0
	3	BAR5[163]: Prefetchable.	b'0
		BAR5[191:164]: Bar size mask.	b'0
	15:4	BAR5[175:164].	b'0
0xAC	15:0	BAR5[191:176].	b'0
0xAD	15:0	Expansion BAR[223:192]: Bar size mask. Expansion BAR[207:192].	b'0
0xAE	15:0	Expansion BAR[223:208].	b'0
0xAF	1:0	IO. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 00: no IO windows. • 01: IO 16 bit. • 11: prefetchable 64. • 11: IO 32-bit. 	b'0
	3:2	Prefetchable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 00: not implemented. • 01: prefetchable 32 • 11: prefetchable 64 • b'101: 32 MSI capable. 	b'0
	15:4	Reserved.	—

Address	Bits	Description	Default Value
0xB0	5:0	Reserved	—
	6	Selectable de-emphasis, operates as specified in the <i>PCI Express Base Specification</i> when operating at the 5.0GT/s rate: <ul style="list-style-type: none">1: 3.5 dB0: -6 dB This setting has no effect when operating at the 2.5GT/s rate.	
	9:7	Transmit Margin. Directly drives the transceiver tx_pipemargin bits.	
0xB1-FF	—	Reserved.	

Related Information

- [Hard IP Reconfiguration Interface](#) on page 7-48
- [PCI Express Base Specification 2.1 or 3.0](#)

Transceiver PHY IP Reconfiguration

As silicon progresses towards smaller process nodes, circuit performance is affected by variations due to process, voltage, and temperature (PVT). Consequently, Gen3 design require offset cancellation and adaptive equalization (AEQ) to ensure correct operation. Altera's Qsys example designs all include Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller and Altera PCIe Reconfig Driver IP Cores that automatically perform these functions during the LTSSM equalization states.

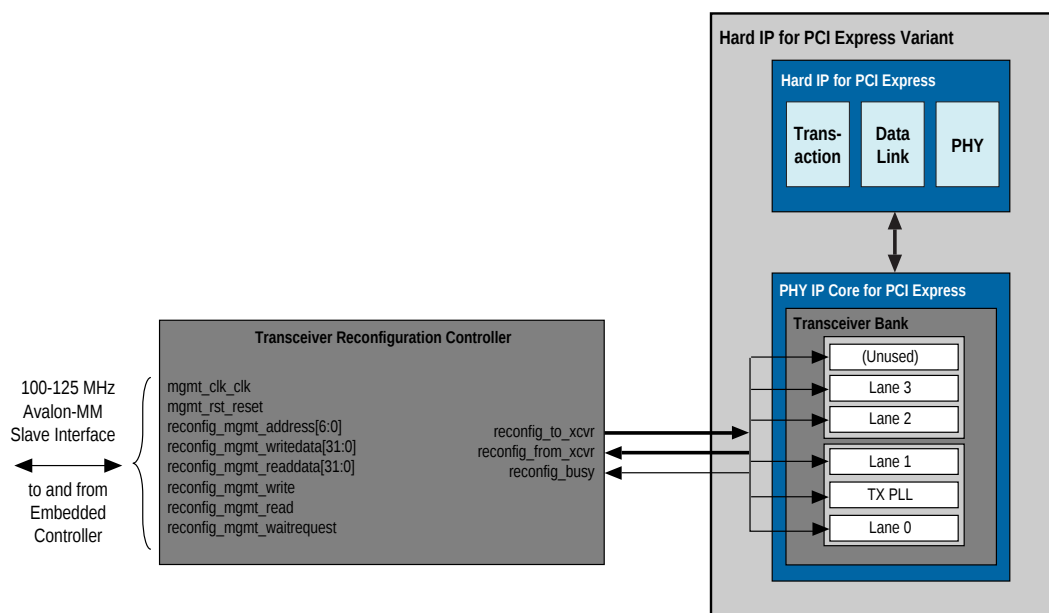
Gen1 and Gen2 do not require any signal integrity functions to operate correctly. However, the Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller IP Core is required to perform channel merging.

Connecting the Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller IP Core

You can instantiate this component using the MegaWizard Plug-In Manager or Qsys. It is available for Stratix V devices and can be found in the **Interfaces/Transceiver PHY** category for the MegaWizard design flow. In Qsys, you can find the Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller in the Interface Protocols/Transceiver PHY category. When you instantiate your Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller IP core the **Enable offset cancellation block** option is **On** by default. For Gen3 variants, you should also turn on adaptive equalization.

The following figure shows the connections between the Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller instance and the PHY IP Core for PCI Express instance for a x4 variant.

Figure 16-1: Altera Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller Connectivity



As this figure illustrates, the `reconfig_to_xcvr[<n> 70-1:0]` and `reconfig_from_xcvr[<n> 46-1:0]` buses, and the `busy_xcvr_reconfig` connect the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express and Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller IP Cores. You must provide a 100–125 MHz free-running clock to the `mgmt_clk_clk` clock input of the Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller IP Core.

Initially, the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express requires a separate reconfiguration interface for each lane and each TX PLL. It reports this number in the message pane of its GUI. You must take note of this number so that you can enter it as a parameter value in the Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller parameter editor. The following figure illustrates the messages reported for a Gen2 ×4 variant. The variant requires five interfaces: one for each lane and one for the TX PLL.

Figure 16-2: Number of External Reconfiguration Controller Interfaces

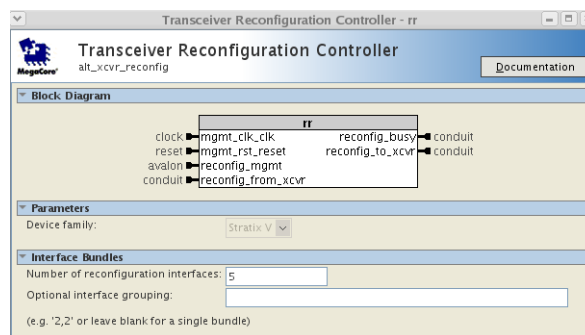
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Info: gen2_x4: The application clock frequency (pid_clk) is 250 MHz
Info: gen2_x4: 5 reconfiguration interfaces are required for connection to the external reconfiguration controller
Info: gen2_x4: Credit allocation in the 16K bytes receive buffer:
Info: gen2_x4: Posted: header=100 data=800
Info: gen2_x4: Non posted: header=92 data=0
Info: gen2_x4: Completion: header=16 data=16

```

When you instantiate the Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller, you must specify the required **Number of reconfiguration interfaces** as the following figure illustrates.

Figure 16-3: Specifying the Number of Transceiver Interfaces



The Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller includes an **Optional interface grouping** parameter. Stratix V devices include six channels in a transceiver bank. For a $\times 4$ variant, no special interface grouping is required because all 4 lanes and the TX PLL fit in one bank.

Note: Although you must initially create a separate logical reconfiguration interface for each lane and TX PLL in your design, when the Quartus II software compiles your design, it reduces the original number of logical interfaces by merging them. Allowing the Quartus II software to merge reconfiguration interfaces gives the Fitter more flexibility in placing transceiver channels.

Note: You cannot use SignalTap to observe the reconfiguration interfaces.

Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller Connectivity for Designs Using CvP

If your design meets the following criteria:

- It enables CvP
- Includes an additional transceiver PHY that is connected to the same Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller as the PCIe Hard IP

then you must connect the PCIe `refclk` signal to the `mgmt_clk_clk` signal of the Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller and the additional transceiver PHY. In addition, if your design includes more than one Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller on the same side of the FPGA, they all must share the `mgmt_clk_clk` signal.

For more information about using the Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller, refer to the *Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller* chapter in the *Altera Transceiver PHY IP Core User Guide* and to *Application Note 645: Dynamic Reconfiguration of PMA Controls in Stratix V Devices*.

Related Information

- [Altera Transceiver PHY IPCore User Guide](#)
- [Application Note 645: Dynamic Reconfiguration of PMA Controls in Stratix V Devices](#)

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This chapter introduces the Root Port or Endpoint design example including a testbench, BFM, and a test driver module. You can create this design example for using design flows described in *Getting Started with the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express*.

When configured as an Endpoint variation, the testbench instantiates a design example and a Root Port BFM, which provides the following functions:

- A configuration routine that sets up all the basic configuration registers in the Endpoint. This configuration allows the Endpoint application to be the target and initiator of PCI Express transactions.
- A Verilog HDL procedure interface to initiate PCI Express transactions to the Endpoint.

The testbench uses a test driver module, **altpcieth_bfm_driver_chaining** to exercise the chaining DMA of the design example. The test driver module displays information from the Endpoint Configuration Space registers, so that you can correlate to the parameters you specified using the parameter editor.

When configured as a Root Port, the testbench instantiates a Root Port design example and an Endpoint model, which provides the following functions:

- A configuration routine that sets up all the basic configuration registers in the Root Port and the Endpoint BFM. This configuration allows the Endpoint application to be the target and initiator of PCI Express transactions.
- A Verilog HDL procedure interface to initiate PCI Express transactions to the Endpoint BFM.

The testbench uses a test driver module, **altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp**, to exercise the target memory and DMA channel in the Endpoint BFM. The test driver module displays information from the Root Port Configuration Space registers, so that you can correlate to the parameters you specified using the parameter editor. The Endpoint model consists of an Endpoint variation combined with the chaining DMA application described above.

Note: The Altera testbench and Root Port or Endpoint BFM provide a simple method to do basic testing of the Application Layer logic that interfaces to the variation. However, the testbench and Root Port BFM are not intended to be a substitute for a full verification environment. To thoroughly test your application, Altera suggests that you obtain commercially available PCI Express verification IP and tools, or do your own extensive hardware testing or both.

The Gen3 PIPE simulation model is supported using the VCS simulator.

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Your Application Layer design may need to handle at least the following scenarios that are not possible to create with the Altera testbench and the Root Port BFM:

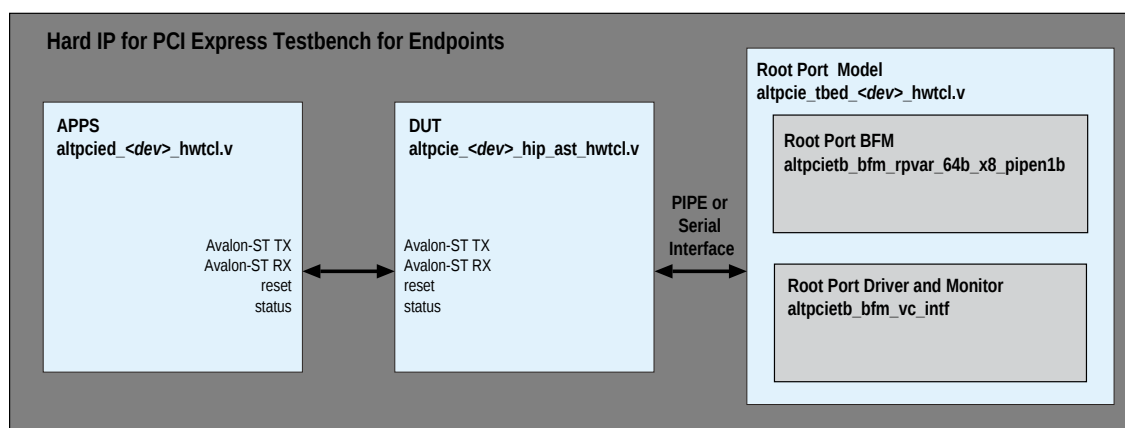
- It is unable to generate or receive Vendor Defined Messages. Some systems generate Vendor Defined Messages and the Application Layer must be designed to process them. The Hard IP block passes these messages on to the Application Layer which, in most cases should ignore them.
- It can only handle received read requests that are less than or equal to the currently set **Maximum payload size** option specified under **PCI Express/PCI Capabilities** heading under the **Device** tab using the parameter editor. Many systems are capable of handling larger read requests that are then returned in multiple completions.
- It always returns a single completion for every read request. Some systems split completions on every 64-byte address boundary.
- It always returns completions in the same order the read requests were issued. Some systems generate the completions out-of-order.
- It is unable to generate zero-length read requests that some systems generate as flush requests following some write transactions. The Application Layer must be capable of generating the completions to the zero length read requests.
- It uses fixed credit allocation.
- It does not support parity.
- It does not support multi-function designs which are available when using Configuration Space Bypass mode or Single Root I/O Virtualization (SR-IOV).

Endpoint Testbench

After you install the Quartus II software, you can copy any of the example designs from the `<install_dir>/ip/altera/altera_pcie/altera_pcie_hip_ast_ed/example_design` directory. You can generate the testbench from the example design as was shown in *Getting Started with the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express*.

This testbench simulates up to an $\times 8$ PCI Express link using either the PIPE interfaces of the Root Port and Endpoints or the serial PCI Express interface. The testbench design does not allow more than one PCI Express link to be simulated at a time. The following figure presents a high level view of the design example.

Figure 17-1: Design Example for Endpoint Designs



The top-level of the testbench instantiates four main modules:

- `<qsys_systemname>`— This is the example Endpoint design. For more information about this module, refer to *Chaining DMA Design Examples*.
- `altpcieth_bfm_top_rp.v`—This is the Root Port PCI Express BFM. For more information about this module, refer to *Root Port BFM*.
- `altpcieth_pipe_phy`—There are eight instances of this module, one per lane. These modules interconnect the PIPE MAC layer interfaces of the Root Port and the Endpoint. The module mimics the behavior of the PIPE PHY layer to both MAC interfaces.
- `altpcieth_bfm_driver_chaining`—This module drives transactions to the Root Port BFM. This is the module that you modify to vary the transactions sent to the example Endpoint design or your own design. For more information about this module, refer to *Root Port Design Example*.

In addition, the testbench has routines that perform the following tasks:

- Generates the reference clock for the Endpoint at the required frequency.
- Provides a PCI Express reset at start up.

Note: Before running the testbench, you should set the following parameters:

- `serial_sim_hwctl`: Set this parameter in `<instantiation name>_tb.v`. This parameter controls whether the testbench simulates in PIPE mode or serial mode. When is set to 0, the simulation runs in PIPE mode; when set to 1, it runs in serial mode. Although the `serial_sim_hwctl` parameter is available in other files, if you set this parameter at the lower level, then it will get overwritten by the `tb.v` level.
- `serial_sim_hwctl`: Set to 1 for serial simulation and 0 for PIPE simulation.
- `enable_pipe32_sim_hwctl`: Set to 0 for serial simulation and 1 for PIPE simulation.

Related Information

- [Getting Started with the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express](#) on page 2-1
- [Chaining DMA Design Examples](#) on page 17-4
- [Root Port Testbench](#) on page 17-3
- [Root Port Design Example](#) on page 17-18

Root Port Testbench

This testbench simulates up to an ×8 PCI Express link using either the PIPE interfaces of the Root Port and Endpoints or the serial PCI Express interface. The testbench design does not allow more than one PCI Express link to be simulated at a time. The top-level of the testbench instantiates four main modules:

- `<qsys_systemname>`— Name of Root Port This is the example Root Port design. For more information about this module, refer to *Root Port Design Example*.
- `altpcieth_bfm_ep_example_chaining_pipe1b`—This is the Endpoint PCI Express mode described in the section *Chaining DMA Design Examples*.
- `altpcieth_pipe_phy`—There are eight instances of this module, one per lane. These modules connect the PIPE MAC layer interfaces of the Root Port and the Endpoint. The module mimics the behavior of the PIPE PHY layer to both MAC interfaces.

- **altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp**—This module drives transactions to the Root Port BFM. This is the module that you modify to vary the transactions sent to the example Endpoint design or your own design. For more information about this module, see *Test Driver Module*.

The testbench has routines that perform the following tasks:

- Generates the reference clock for the Endpoint at the required frequency.
- Provides a reset at start up.

Note: Before running the testbench, you should set the following parameters:

- **serial_sim_hwtcl**: Set this parameter in **<instantiation name>_tb.v**. This parameter controls whether the testbench simulates in PIPE mode or serial mode. When is set to 0, the simulation runs in PIPE mode; when set to 1, it runs in serial mode. Although the **serial_sim_hwtcl** parameter is available in other files, if you set this parameter at the lower level, then it will get overwritten by the **tb.v** level.
- **serial_sim_hwtcl**: Set to 1 for serial simulation and 0 for PIPE simulation.
- **enable_pipe32_sim_hwtcl**: Set to 0 for serial simulation and 1 for PIPE simulation.

Chaining DMA Design Examples

This design examples shows how to create a chaining DMA native Endpoint which supports simultaneous DMA read and write transactions. The write DMA module implements write operations from the Endpoint memory to the root complex (RC) memory. The read DMA implements read operations from the RC memory to the Endpoint memory.

When operating on a hardware platform, the DMA is typically controlled by a software application running on the root complex processor. In simulation, the generated testbench, along with this design example, provides a BFM driver module in Verilog HDL that controls the DMA operations. Because the example relies on no other hardware interface than the PCI Express link, you can use the design example for the initial hardware validation of your system.

The design example includes the following two main components:

- The Root Port variation
- An Application Layer design example

The end point or Root Port variant is generated in the language (Verilog HDL or VHDL) that you selected for the variation file. The testbench files are only generated in Verilog HDL in the current release. If you choose to use VHDL for your variant, you must have a mixed-language simulator to run this testbench.

Note: The chaining DMA design example requires setting BAR 2 or BAR 3 to a minimum of 256 bytes. To run the DMA tests using MSI, you must set the **Number of MSI messages requested** parameter under the **PCI Express/PCI Capabilities** page to at least 2.

The chaining DMA design example uses an architecture capable of transferring a large amount of fragmented memory without accessing the DMA registers for every memory block. For each block of memory to be transferred, the chaining DMA design example uses a descriptor table containing the following information:

- Length of the transfer
- Address of the source
- Address of the destination

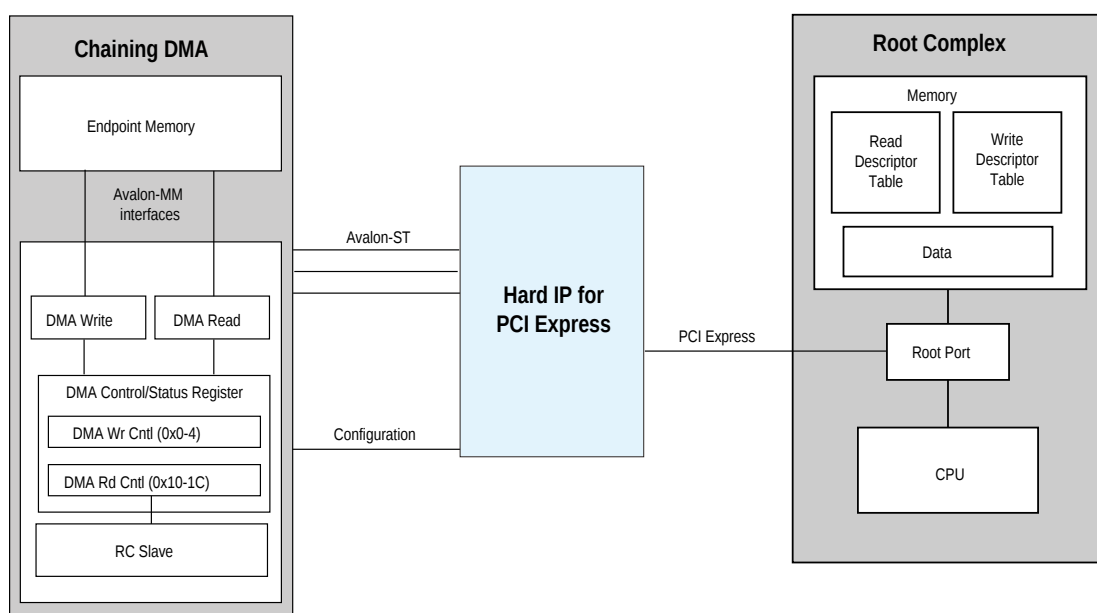
- Control bits to set the handshaking behavior between the software application or BFM driver and the chaining DMA module

Note: The chaining DMA design example only supports dword-aligned accesses. The chaining DMA design example does not support ECRC forwarding.

The BFM driver writes the descriptor tables into BFM shared memory, from which the chaining DMA design engine continuously collects the descriptor tables for DMA read, DMA write, or both. At the beginning of the transfer, the BFM programs the Endpoint chaining DMA control register. The chaining DMA control register indicates the total number of descriptor tables and the BFM shared memory address of the first descriptor table. After programming the chaining DMA control register, the chaining DMA engine continuously fetches descriptors from the BFM shared memory for both DMA reads and DMA writes, and then performs the data transfer for each descriptor.

The following figure shows a block diagram of the design example connected to an external RC CPU. For a description of the DMA write and read registers, *Chaining DMA Control and Status Registers*.

Figure 17-2: Top-Level Chaining DMA Example for Simulation



The block diagram contains the following elements:

- Endpoint DMA write and read requester modules.
- The chaining DMA design example connects to the Avalon-ST interface of the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express. The connections consist of the following interfaces:
 - The Avalon-ST RX receives TLP header and data information from the Hard IP block
 - The Avalon-ST TX transmits TLP header and data information to the Hard IP block
 - The Avalon-ST MSI port requests MSI interrupts from the Hard IP block
 - The sideband signal bus carries static information such as configuration information
- The descriptor tables of the DMA read and the DMA write are located in the BFM shared memory.

- A RC CPU and associated PCI Express PHY link to the Endpoint design example, using a Root Port and a north/south bridge.

The example Endpoint design Application Layer accomplishes the following objectives:

- Shows you how to interface to the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express using the Avalon-ST protocol.
- Provides a chaining DMA channel that initiates memory read and write transactions on the PCI Express link.
- If the ECRC forwarding functionality is enabled, provides a CRC Compiler IP core to check the ECRC dword from the Avalon-ST RX path and to generate the ECRC for the Avalon-ST TX path.

The following modules are included in the design example and located in the subdirectory `<qsys_systemname>/testbench/<qsys_system_name>_tb//simulation/submodules` :

- `s`
- `<qsys_systemname>` —This module is the top level of the example Endpoint design that you use for simulation.

This module provides both PIPE and serial interfaces for the simulation environment. This module has a `test_in` debug ports. Refer to *Test Signals* which allow you to monitor and control internal states of the Hard IP.

For synthesis, the top level module is `<qsys_systemname>_synthesis/submodules`. This module instantiates the top-level module and propagates only a small sub-set of the test ports to the external I/Os. These test ports can be used in your design.

- `<variation name>.v` or `<variation name>.vhd` — Because Altera provides five sample parameterizations, you may have to edit one of the provided examples to create a simulation that matches your requirements.
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The chaining DMA design example hierarchy consists of these components:

- A DMA read and a DMA write module
- An on-chip Endpoint memory (Avalon-MM slave) which uses two Avalon-MM interfaces for each engine

The RC slave module is used primarily for downstream transactions which target the Endpoint on-chip buffer memory. These target memory transactions bypass the DMA engines. In addition, the RC slave module monitors performance and acknowledges incoming message TLPs. Each DMA module consists of these components:

- Control register module—The RC programs the control register (four dwords) to start the DMA.
- Descriptor module—The DMA engine fetches four dword descriptors from BFM shared memory which hosts the chaining DMA descriptor table.
- Requester module—For a given descriptor, the DMA engine performs the memory transfer between Endpoint memory and the BFM shared memory.

The following modules are provided in both Verilog HDL:

- **altpcierrd_example_app_chaining**—This top level module contains the logic related to the Avalon-ST interfaces as well as the logic related to the sideband bus. This module is fully register bounded and can be used as an incremental re-compile partition in the Quartus II compilation flow.

- **altpcierrd_cdma_ast_rx, altpcierrd_cdma_ast_rx_64, altpcierrd_cdma_ast_rx_128**—These modules implement the Avalon-ST receive port for the chaining DMA. The Avalon-ST receive port converts the Avalon-ST interface of the IP core to the descriptor/data interface used by the chaining DMA submodules. **altpcierrd_cdma_ast_rx** is used with the descriptor/data IP core (through the ICM). **altpcierrd_cdma_ast_rx_64** is used with the 64-bit Avalon-ST IP core. **altpcierrd_cdma_ast_rx_128** is used with the 128-bit Avalon-ST IP core.
- **altpcierrd_cdma_ast_tx, altpcierrd_cdma_ast_tx_64, altpcierrd_cdma_ast_tx_128**—These modules implement the Avalon-ST transmit port for the chaining DMA. The Avalon-ST transmit port converts the descriptor/data interface of the chaining DMA submodules to the Avalon-ST interface of the IP core. **altpcierrd_cdma_ast_tx** is used with the descriptor/data IP core (through the ICM). **altpcierrd_cdma_ast_tx_64** is used with the 64-bit Avalon-ST IP core. **altpcierrd_cdma_ast_tx_128** is used with the 128-bit Avalon-ST IP core.
- **altpcierrd_cdma_ast_msi**—This module converts MSI requests from the chaining DMA submodules into Avalon-ST streaming data.
- **altpcierrd_cdma_app_icm**—This module arbitrates PCI Express packets for the modules **altpcierrd_dma_dt** (read or write) and **altpcierrd_rc_slave**. **altpcierrd_cdma_app_icm** instantiates the Endpoint memory used for the DMA read and write transfer.
- **altpcierrd_compliance_test.v**—This module provides the logic to perform CBB via a push button.
- **altpcierrd_rc_slave**—This module provides the completer function for all downstream accesses. It instantiates the **altpcierrd_rxtx_downstream_intf** and **altpcierrd_reg_access** modules. Downstream requests include programming of chaining DMA control registers, reading of DMA status registers, and direct read and write access to the Endpoint target memory, bypassing the DMA.
- **altpcierrd_rx_tx_downstream_intf**—This module processes all downstream read and write requests and handles transmission of completions. Requests addressed to BARs 0, 1, 4, and 5 access the chaining DMA target memory space. Requests addressed to BARs 2 and 3 access the chaining DMA control and status register space using the **altpcierrd_reg_access** module.
- **altpcierrd_reg_access**—This module provides access to all of the chaining DMA control and status registers (BAR 2 and 3 address space). It provides address decoding for all requests and multiplexing for completion data. All registers are 32-bits wide. Control and status registers include the control registers in the **altpcierrd_dma_prg_reg** module, status registers in the **altpcierrd_read_dma_requester** and **altpcierrd_write_dma_requester** modules, as well as other miscellaneous status registers.
- **altpcierrd_dma_dt**—This module arbitrates PCI Express packets issued by the submodules **altpcierrd_dma_prg_reg**, **altpcierrd_read_dma_requester**, **altpcierrd_write_dma_requester** and **altpcierrd_dma_descriptor**.
- **altpcierrd_dma_prg_reg**—This module contains the chaining DMA control registers which get programmed by the software application or BFM driver.
- **altpcierrd_dma_descriptor**—This module retrieves the DMA read or write descriptor from the BFM shared memory, and stores it in a descriptor FIFO. This module issues upstream PCI Express TLPs of type Mrd.
- **altpcierrd_read_dma_requester, altpcierrd_read_dma_requester_128**—For each descriptor located in the **altpcierrd_descriptor FIFO**, this module transfers data from the BFM shared memory to the Endpoint memory by issuing MRd PCI Express transaction layer packets. **altpcierrd_read_dma_requester** is used with the 64-bit Avalon-ST IP core. **altpcierrd_read_dma_requester_128** is used with the 128-bit Avalon-ST IP core.

- **altpci rd_write_dma_requester, altpci rd_write_dma_requester_128**—For each descriptor located in the **altpci rd_descriptor FIFO**, this module transfers data from the Endpoint memory to the BFM shared memory by issuing MWr PCI Express transaction layer packets. **altpci rd_write_dma_requester** is used with the 64-bit Avalon-ST IP core. **altpci rd_write_dma_requester_128** is used with the 128-bit Avalon-ST IP core.
- **altpci rd_cpld_rx_buffer**—This module monitors the available space of the RX Buffer; It prevents RX Buffer overflow by arbitrating memory read request issued by the application.
- **altpci rd_cplerr_lmi**—This module transfers the err_desc_func0 from the application to the Hard IP block using the LMI interface. It also retimes the cpl_err bits from the application to the Hard IP block.
- **altpci rd_tl_cfg_sample**—This module demultiplexes the Configuration Space signals from the tl_cfg_ctl bus from the Hard IP block and synchronizes this information, along with the tl_cfg_sts bus to the user clock (pld_clk) domain.

Related Information

- [Test Signals](#) on page 7-62
- [Chaining DMA Control and Status Registers](#) on page 17-9

Design Example BAR/Address Map

The design example maps received memory transactions to either the target memory block or the control register block based on which BAR the transaction matches. There are multiple BARs that map to each of these blocks to maximize interoperability with different variation files. The following table shows the mapping.

Table 17-1: Design Example BAR Map

Memory BAR	Mapping
32-bit BAR0 32-bit BAR1 64-bit BAR1:0	Maps to 32 KByte target memory block. Use the rc_slave module to bypass the chaining DMA.
32-bit BAR2 32-bit BAR3 64-bit BAR3:2	Maps to DMA Read and DMA write control and status registers, a minimum of 256 bytes.
32-bit BAR4 32-bit BAR5 64-bit BAR5:4	Maps to 32 KByte target memory block. Use the rc_slave module to bypass the chaining DMA.
Expansion ROM BAR	Not implemented by design example; behavior is unpredictable.
I/O Space BAR (any)	Not implemented by design example; behavior is unpredictable.

Chaining DMA Control and Status Registers

The software application programs the chaining DMA control register located in the Endpoint application. The following table describes the control registers which consists of four dwords for the DMA write and four dwords for the DMA read. The DMA control registers are read/write.

In this table, Addr specifies the Endpoint byte address offset from BAR2 or BAR3.

Table 17-2: Chaining DMA Control Register Definitions

Addr	Register Name	Bits[31:24]	Bit[23:16]	Bit[15:0]
0x0	DMA Wr Cntl DW0	Control Field		Number of descriptors in descriptor table
0x4	DMA Wr Cntl DW1	Base Address of the Write Descriptor Table (BDT) in the RC Memory—Upper DWORD		
0x8	DMA Wr Cntl DW2	Base Address of the Write Descriptor Table (BDT) in the RC Memory—Lower DWORD		
0xC	DMA Wr Cntl DW3	Reserved	Reserved	RCLAST—Idx of last descriptor to process
0x10	DMA Rd Cntl DW0	Control Field (described in the next table)		Number of descriptors in descriptor table
0x14	DMA Rd Cntl DW1	Base Address of the Read Descriptor Table (BDT) in the RC Memory—Upper DWORD		
0x18	DMA Rd Cntl DW2	Base Address of the Read Descriptor Table (BDT) in the RC Memory—Lower DWORD		
0x1C	DMA Rd Cntl DW3	Reserved	Reserved	RCLAST—Idx of the last descriptor to process

The following table describes the control fields of the of the DMA read and DMA write control registers.

Table 17-3: Bit Definitions for the Control Field in the DMA Write Control Register and DMA Read Control Register

Bit	Field	Description
16	Reserved	—
17	MSI_ENA	Enables interrupts of all descriptors. When 1, the Endpoint DMA module issues an interrupt using MSI to the RC when each descriptor is completed. Your software application or BFM driver can use this interrupt to monitor the DMA transfer status.
18	EPLAST_ENA	Enables the Endpoint DMA module to write the number of each descriptor back to the EPLAST field in the descriptor table.

Bit	Field	Description
[24:20]	MSI Number	When your RC reads the MSI capabilities of the Endpoint, these register bits map to the back-end MSI signals <code>app_msi_num</code> [4:0]. If there is more than one MSI, the default mapping if all the MSIs are available, is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSI 0 = Read MSI 1 = Write
[30:28]	MSI Traffic Class	When the RC application software reads the MSI capabilities of the Endpoint, this value is assigned by default to MSI traffic class 0. These register bits map to the back-end signal <code>app_msi_tc</code> [2:0].
31	DT RC Last Sync	When 0, the DMA engine stops transfers when the last descriptor has been executed. When 1, the DMA engine loops infinitely restarting with the first descriptor when the last descriptor is completed. To stop the infinite loop, set this bit to 0.

The following table defines the DMA status registers. These registers are read only. In this table, Addr specifies the Endpoint byte address offset from BAR2 or BAR3.

Table 17-4: Chaining DMA Status Register Definitions

Addr	Register Name	Bits[31:24]	Bits[23:16]	Bits[15:0]
0x20	DMA Wr Status Hi	For field definitions refer to <i>Fields in the DMA Write Status High Register</i> below.		
0x24	DMA Wr Status Lo	Target Mem Address Width	Write DMA Performance Counter. (Clock cycles from time DMA header programmed until last descriptor completes, including time to fetch descriptors.)	
0x28	DMA Rd Status Hi	For field definitions refer to <i>Fields in the DMA Read Status High Register</i> below.		
0x2C	DMA Rd Status Lo	Max No. of Tags	Read DMA Performance Counter. The number of clocks from the time the DMA header is programmed until the last descriptor completes, including the time to fetch descriptors.	
0x30	Error Status	Reserved		Error Counter. Number of bad ECRCs detected by the Application Layer. Valid only when ECRC forwarding is enabled.

The following table describes the fields of the DMA write status register. All of these fields are read only.

Table 17-5: Fields in the DMA Write Status High Register

Bit	Field	Description
[31:28]	CDMA version	Identifies the version of the chaining DMA example design.
[27:24]	Reserved	—
[23:21]	Max payload size	The following encodings are defined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 001 128 bytes • 001 256 bytes • 010 512 bytes • 011 1024 bytes • 100 2048 bytes
[20:17]	Reserved	—
16	Write DMA descriptor FIFO empty	Indicates that there are no more descriptors pending in the write DMA.
[15:0]	Write DMA EPLAS	Indicates the number of the last descriptor completed by the write DMA. For simultaneous DMA read and write transfers, EPLAST is only supported for the final descriptor in the descriptor table.

The following table describes the fields in the DMA read status high register. All of these fields are read only.

Table 17-6: Fields in the DMA Read Status High Register

Bit	Field	Description
[31:24]	Reserved	—
[23:21]	Max Read Request Size	The following encodings are defined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 001 128 bytes • 001 256 bytes • 010 512 bytes • 011 1024 bytes • 100 2048 bytes
[20:17]	Negotiated Link Width	The following encodings are defined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4'b0001 ×1 • 4'b0010 ×2 • 4'b0100 ×4 • 4'b1000 ×8
16	Read DMA Descriptor FIFO Empty	Indicates that there are no more descriptors pending in the read DMA.

Bit	Field	Description
[15:0]	Read DMA EPLAST	Indicates the number of the last descriptor completed by the read DMA. For simultaneous DMA read and write transfers, EPLAST is only supported for the final descriptor in the descriptor table.

Chaining DMA Descriptor Tables

The following table describes the Chaining DMA descriptor table. This table is stored in the BFM shared memory. It consists of a four-dword descriptor header and a contiguous list of $<n>$ four-dword descriptors. The Endpoint chaining DMA application accesses the Chaining DMA descriptor table for two reasons:

- To iteratively retrieve four-dword descriptors to start a DMA
- To send update status to the RP, for example to record the number of descriptors completed to the descriptor header

Each subsequent descriptor consists of a minimum of four dwords of data and corresponds to one DMA transfer. (A dword equals 32 bits.)

Note: The chaining DMA descriptor table should not cross a 4 KByte boundary.

Table 17-7: Chaining DMA Descriptor Table

Byte Address Offset to Base Source	Descriptor Type	Description
0x0	Descriptor Header	Reserved
0x4		Reserved
0x8		Reserved
0xC		EPLAST - when enabled by the EPLAST_ENA bit in the control register or descriptor, this location records the number of the last descriptor completed by the chaining DMA module.
0x10	Descriptor 0	Control fields, DMA length
0x14		Endpoint address
0x18		RC address upper dword
0x1C		RC address lower dword
0x20	Descriptor 1	Control fields, DMA length
0x24		Endpoint address
0x28		RC address upper dword
0x2C		RC address lower dword

Byte Address Offset to Base Source	Descriptor Type	Description
...		
0x ..0	Descriptor <n>	Control fields, DMA length
0x ..4		Endpoint address
0x ..8		RC address upper dword
0x ..C		RC address lower dword

The following table shows the layout of the descriptor fields following the descriptor header.

Table 17-8: Chaining DMA Descriptor Format Map

Bits[31:22]	Bits[21:16]	Bits[15:0]
Reserved	Control Fields (refer to Table 18–9)	DMA Length
Endpoint Address		
RC Address Upper DWORD		
RC Address Lower DWORD		

The following table shows the layout of the control fields of the chaining DMA descriptor.

Table 17-9: Chaining DMA Descriptor Format Map (Control Fields)

Bits[21:18]	Bit[17]	Bit[16]
Reserved	EPLAST_ENA	MSI

Each descriptor provides the hardware information on one DMA transfer. The following table describes each descriptor field.

Table 17-10: Chaining DMA Descriptor Fields

Descriptor Field	Endpoint Access	RC Access	Description
Endpoint Address	R	R/W	A 32-bit field that specifies the base address of the memory transfer on the Endpoint site.
RC Address Upper DWORD	R	R/W	Specifies the upper base address of the memory transfer on the RC site.
RC Address Lower DWORD	R	R/W	Specifies the lower base address of the memory transfer on the RC site.

Descriptor Field	Endpoint Access	RC Access	Description
DMA Length	R	R/W	Specifies the number of DMA DWORDs to transfer.
EPLAST_ENA	R	R/W	This bit is OR'd with the EPLAST_ENA bit of the control register. When EPLAST_ENA is set, the Endpoint DMA module updates the EPLAST field of the descriptor table with the number of the last completed descriptor, in the form $\langle 0 - n \rangle$. Refer to Chaining DMA Descriptor Tables on page 17-12 for more information.
MSI_ENA	R	R/W	This bit is OR'd with the MSI bit of the descriptor header. When this bit is set the Endpoint DMA module sends an interrupt when the descriptor is completed.

Test Driver Module

The BFM driver module, **altpcieth_bfm_driver_chaining.v** is configured to test the chaining DMA example Endpoint design. The BFM driver module configures the Endpoint Configuration Space registers and then tests the example Endpoint chaining DMA channel. This file is stored in the **<working_dir>/testbench/<variation_name>/simulation/submodules** directory.

The BFM test driver module performs the following steps in sequence:

1. Configures the Root Port and Endpoint Configuration Spaces, which the BFM test driver module does by calling the procedure `ebfm_cfg_rp_ep`, which is part of **altpcieth_bfm_configure**.
2. Finds a suitable BAR to access the example Endpoint design Control Register space. Either BARs 2 or 3 must be at least a 256-byte memory BAR to perform the DMA channel test. The `find_mem_bar` procedure in the **altpcieth_bfm_driver_chaining** does this.
3. If a suitable BAR is found in the previous step, the driver performs the following tasks:
 - a. DMA read—The driver programs the chaining DMA to read data from the BFM shared memory into the Endpoint memory. The descriptor control fields are specified so that the chaining DMA completes the following steps to indicate transfer completion:
 - The chaining DMA writes the EPLAST bit of the *Chaining DMA Descriptor Table* after finishing the data transfer for the first and last descriptors.
 - The chaining DMA issues an MSI when the last descriptor has completed.
 - a. DMA write—The driver programs the chaining DMA to write the data from its Endpoint memory back to the BFM shared memory. The descriptor control fields are specified so that the chaining DMA completes the following steps to indicate transfer completion:
 - The chaining DMA writes the EPLAST bit of the *Chaining DMA Descriptor Table* after completing the data transfer for the first and last descriptors.
 - The chaining DMA issues an MSI when the last descriptor has completed.
 - The data written back to BFM is checked against the data that was read from the BFM.
 - The driver programs the chaining DMA to perform a test that demonstrates downstream access of the chaining DMA Endpoint memory.

Note: Edit this file if you want to add your own custom PCIe transactions. Insert your own custom function after the `find_mem_bar` function. You can use the functions in the *BFM Procedures and Functions* section.

Related Information

- [Chaining DMA Descriptor Tables](#) on page 17-12
- [BFM Procedures and Functions](#) on page 17-28

DMA Write Cycles

The procedure `dma_wr_test` used for DMA writes uses the following steps:

1. Configures the BFM shared memory. Configuration is accomplished with three descriptor tables described below.

Table 17-11: Write Descriptor 0

	Offset in BFM in Shared Memory	Value	Description
DW0	0x810	82	Transfer length in dwords and control bits as described in <i>Bit Definitions for the Control Field in the DMA Write Control Register and DMA Read Control Register</i> .
DW1	0x814	3	Endpoint address
DW2	0x818	0	BFM shared memory data buffer 0 upper address value
DW3	0x81c	0x1800	BFM shared memory data buffer 1 lower address value
Data Buffer 0	0x1800	Increment by 1 from 0x1515_0001	Data content in the BFM shared memory from address: 0x01800–0x1840

Table 17-12: Write Descriptor 1

	Offset in BFM Shared Memory	Value	Description
DW0	0x820	1,024	Transfer length in dwords and control bits as described in <i>Bit Definitions for the Control Field in the DMA Write Control Register and DMA Read Control Register</i> .
DW1	0x824	0	Endpoint address
DW2	0x828	0	BFM shared memory data buffer 1 upper address value
DW3	0x82c	0x2800	BFM shared memory data buffer 1 lower address value

	Offset in BFM Shared Memory	Value	Description
Data Buffer 1	0x02800	Increment by 1 from 0x2525_0001	Data content in the BFM shared memory from address: 0x02800

Table 17-13: Write Descriptor 2

	Offset in BFM Shared Memory	Value	Description
DW0	0x830	644	Transfer length in dwords and control bits as described in <i>Bit Definitions for the Control Field in the DMA Write Control Register and DMA Read Control Register</i> .
DW1	0x834	0	Endpoint address
DW2	0x838	0	BFM shared memory data buffer 2 upper address value
DW3	0x83c	0x057A0	BFM shared memory data buffer 2 lower address value
Data Buffer 2	0x057A0	Increment by 1 from 0x3535_0001	Data content in the BFM shared memory from address: 0x057A0

2. Sets up the chaining DMA descriptor header and starts the transfer data from the Endpoint memory to the BFM shared memory. The transfer calls the procedure `dma_set_header` which writes four dwords, DW0:DW3, into the DMA write register module.

Table 17-14: DMA Control Register Setup for DMA Write

	Offset in DMA Control Register (BAR2)	Value	Description
DW0	0x0	3	Number of descriptors and control bits as described in <i>Chaining DMA Control Register Definitions</i> .
DW1	0x4	0	BFM shared memory descriptor table upper address value
DW2	0x8	0x800	BFM shared memory descriptor table lower address value
DW3	0xc	2	Last valid descriptor

After writing the last dword, DW3, of the descriptor header, the DMA write starts the three subsequent data transfers.

3. Waits for the DMA write completion by polling the BFM share memory location 0x80c, where the DMA write engine is updating the value of the number of completed descriptor. Calls the procedures `rcmem_poll` and `msi_poll` to determine when the DMA write transfers have completed.

Related Information

[Chaining DMA Control and Status Registers](#) on page 17-9

DMA Read Cycles

The procedure `dma_rd_test` used for DMA read uses the following three steps:

1. Configures the BFM shared memory with a call to the procedure `dma_set_rd_desc_data` which sets the following three descriptor tables. .

Table 17-15: Read Descriptor 0

	Offset in BFM Shared Memory	Value	Description
DW0	0x910	82	Transfer length in dwords and control bits as described in on page 18–15
DW1	0x914	3	Endpoint address value
DW2	0x918	0	BFM shared memory data buffer 0 upper address value
DW3	0x91c	0x8DF0	BFM shared memory data buffer 0 lower address value
Data Buffer 0	0x8DF0	Increment by 1 from 0xAAA0_0001	Data content in the BFM shared memory from address: 0x89F0

Table 17-16: Read Descriptor 1

	Offset in BFM Shared Memory	Value	Description
DW0	0x920	1,024	Transfer length in dwords and control bits as described in on page 18–15
DW1	0x924	0	Endpoint address value
DW2	0x928	10	BFM shared memory data buffer 1 upper address value
DW3	0x92c	0x10900	BFM shared memory data buffer 1 lower address value
Data Buffer 1	0x10900	Increment by 1 from 0xB BBBB_0001	Data content in the BFM shared memory from address: 0x10900

Table 17-17: Read Descriptor 2

	Offset in BFM Shared Memory	Value	Description
DW0	0x930	644	Transfer length in dwords and control bits as described in on page 18–15
DW1	0x934	0	Endpoint address value
DW2	0x938	0	BFM shared memory upper address value
DW3	0x93c	0x20EF0	BFM shared memory lower address value
Data Buffer 2	0x20EF0	Increment by 1 from 0xCCCC_0001	Data content in the BFM shared memory from address: 0x20EF0

2. Sets up the chaining DMA descriptor header and starts the transfer data from the BFM shared memory to the Endpoint memory by calling the procedure `dma_set_header` which writes four dwords, DW0:DW3 into the DMA read register module.

Table 17-18: DMA Control Register Setup for DMA Read

	Offset in DMA Control Registers (BAR2)	Value	Description
DW0	0x0	3	Number of descriptors and control bits as described in <i>Chaining DMA Control Register Definitions</i> .
DW1	0x14	0	BFM shared memory upper address value
DW2	0x18	0x900	BFM shared memory lower address value
DW3	0x1c	2	Last descriptor written

After writing the last dword of the Descriptor header (DW3), the DMA read starts the three subsequent data transfers.

3. Waits for the DMA read completion by polling the BFM shared memory location 0x90c, where the DMA read engine is updating the value of the number of completed descriptors. Calls the procedures `rcmem_poll` and `msi_poll` to determine when the DMA read transfers have completed.

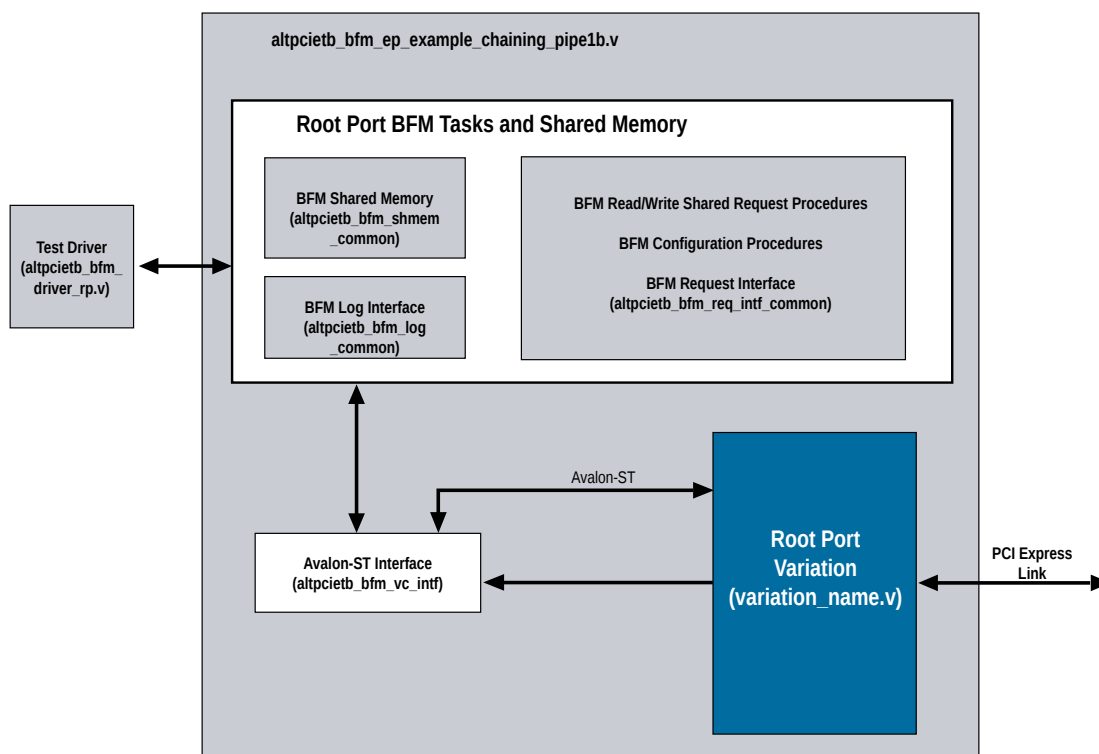
Root Port Design Example

The design example includes the following primary components:

- Root Port variation (<*qsys_systemname*>).

- Avalon-ST Interfaces (**altpcieth_bfm_vc_intf_ast**)—handles the transfer of TLP requests and completions to and from the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express variation using the Avalon-ST interface.
- Root Port BFM tasks—contains the high-level tasks called by the test driver, low-level tasks that request PCI Express transfers from **altpcieth_bfm_vc_intf_ast**, the Root Port memory space, and simulation functions such as displaying messages and stopping simulation.
- Test Driver (**altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v**)—the chaining DMA Endpoint test driver which configures the Root Port and Endpoint for DMA transfer and checks for the successful transfer of data. Refer to the *Test Driver Module* for a detailed description.

Figure 17-3: Root Port Design Example



You can use the example Root Port design for Verilog HDL simulation. All of the modules necessary to implement the example design with the variation file are contained in **altpcieth_bfm_ep_example_chaining_pipe1b.v**.

The top-level of the testbench instantiates the following key files:

- **altpcieth_bfm_top_ep.v**— this is the Endpoint BFM. This file also instantiates the SERDES and PIPE interface.
- **altpcieth_pipe_phy.v**—used to simulate the PIPE interface.
- **altpcieth_bfm_ep_example_chaining_pipe1b.v**—the top-level of the Root Port design example that you use for simulation. This module instantiates the Root Port variation, **<variation_name>.v**, and the Root Port application **altpcieth_bfm_vc_intf_<application_width>**. This module provides both PIPE and serial interfaces for the simulation environment. This module has two debug ports named **test_out_icm** (which is the **test_out** signal from the Hard IP) and **test_in** which allows you to monitor and control internal states of the Hard IP variation.

- **altpcieth_bfm_vc_intf_ast.v**—a wrapper module which instantiates either **altpcieth_vc_intf_64** or **altpcieth_vc_intf_<application_width>** based on the type of Avalon-ST interface that is generated.
- **altpcieth_vc_intf_<application_width>.v**—provide the interface between the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express variant and the Root Port BFM tasks. They provide the same function as the **altpcieth_bfm_vc_intf.v** module, transmitting requests and handling completions. Refer to the *Root Port BFM* for a full description of this function. This version uses Avalon-ST signalling with either a 64- or 128-bit data bus interface.
- **altpcieth_tl_cfg_sample.v**—accesses Configuration Space signals from the variant. Refer to the *Chaining DMA Design Examples* for a description of this module.

Files in subdirectory *<qsys_systemname>/testbench/simulation/submodules*:

- **altpcieth_bfm_ep_example_chaining_pipen1b.v**—the simulation model for the chaining DMA Endpoint.
- **altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v**—this file contains the functions to implement the shared memory space, PCI Express reads and writes, initialize the Configuration Space registers, log and display simulation messages, and define global constants.

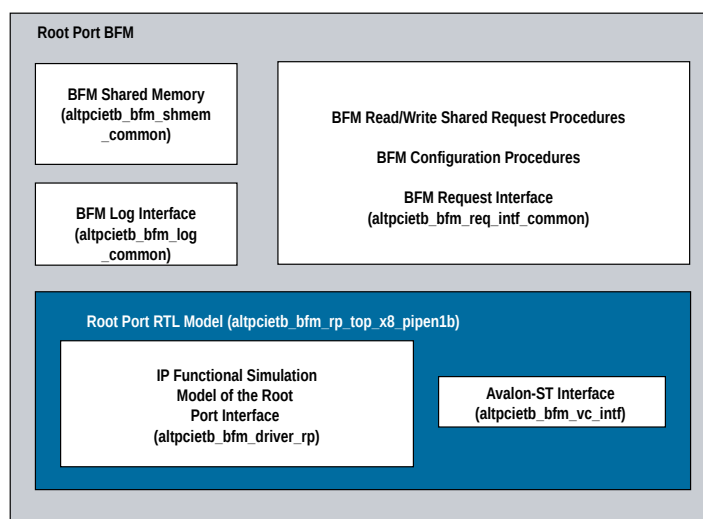
Related Information

- [Test Driver Module](#) on page 17-14
- [Chaining DMA Design Examples](#) on page 17-4

Root Port BFM

The basic Root Port BFM provides Verilog HDL task-based interface for requesting transactions that are issued to the PCI Express link. The Root Port BFM also handles requests received from the PCI Express link. The following figure provides an overview of the Root Port BFM.

Figure 17-4: Root Port BFM



The functionality of each of the modules included is explained below.

- BFM shared memory (**altpcieth_bfm_shmem_common** Verilog HDL include file)—The Root Port BFM is based on the BFM memory that is used for the following purposes:
- Storing data received with all completions from the PCI Express link.
- Storing data received with all write transactions received from the PCI Express link.
- Sourcing data for all completions in response to read transactions received from the PCI Express link.
- Sourcing data for most write transactions issued to the PCI Express link. The only exception is certain BFM write procedures that have a four-byte field of write data passed in the call.
- Storing a data structure that contains the sizes of and the values programmed in the BARs of the Endpoint.

A set of procedures is provided to read, write, fill, and check the shared memory from the BFM driver. For details on these procedures, see *BFM Shared Memory Access Procedures*.

- BFM Read/Write Request Functions(**altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v**)—These functions provide the basic BFM calls for PCI Express read and write requests. For details on these procedures, see “BFM Read and Write Procedures” on page 18–28.
- BFM Configuration Functions(**altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v**)—These functions provide the BFM calls to request configuration of the PCI Express link and the Endpoint Configuration Space registers. For details on these procedures and functions, see “BFM Configuration Procedures” on page 18–34.
- BFM Log Interface(**altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v**)—The BFM log functions provides routines for writing commonly formatted messages to the simulator standard output and optionally to a log file. It also provides controls that stop simulation on errors. For details on these procedures, see “BFM Log and Message Procedures” on page 18–37.
- BFM Request Interface(**altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v**)—This interface provides the low-level interface between the **altpcieth_bfm_rdwr** and **altpcieth_bfm_configure** procedures or functions and the Root Port RTL Model. This interface stores a write-protected data structure containing the sizes and the values programmed in the BAR registers of the Endpoint, as well as, other critical data used for internal BFM management. You do not need to access these files directly to adapt the testbench to test your Endpoint application.
- Avalon-ST Interfaces (**altpcieth_bfm_vc_intf.v**)—These interface modules handle the Root Port interface model. They take requests from the BFM request interface and generate the required PCI Express transactions. They handle completions received from the PCI Express link and notify the BFM request interface when requests are complete. Additionally, they handle any requests received from the PCI Express link, and store or fetch data from the shared memory before generating the required completions.

Related Information

- [Test Signals](#) on page 7-62
- [BFM Shared Memory Access Procedures](#) on page 17-37

BFM Memory Map

The BFM shared memory is configured to be two MBytes. The BFM shared memory is mapped into the first two MBytes of I/O space and also the first two MBytes of memory space. When the Endpoint application generates an I/O or memory transaction in this range, the BFM reads or writes the shared memory.

Configuration Space Bus and Device Numbering

The Root Port interface is assigned to be device number 0 on internal bus number 0. The Endpoint can be assigned to be any device number on any bus number (greater than 0) through the call to procedure

`ebfm_cfg_rp_ep`. The specified bus number is assigned to be the secondary bus in the Root Port Configuration Space.

Configuration of Root Port and Endpoint

Before you issue transactions to the Endpoint, you must configure the Root Port and Endpoint Configuration Space registers. To configure these registers, call the procedure `ebfm_cfg_rp_ep`, which is included in `altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v`.

The `ebfm_cfg_rp_ep` executes the following steps to initialize the Configuration Space:

1. Sets the Root Port Configuration Space to enable the Root Port to send transactions on the PCI Express link.
2. Sets the Root Port and Endpoint PCI Express Capability Device Control registers as follows:
 - a. Disables `Error Reporting` in both the Root Port and Endpoint. BFM does not have error handling capability.
 - b. Enables `Relaxed Ordering` in both Root Port and Endpoint.
 - c. Enables `Extended Tags` for the Endpoint, if the Endpoint has that capability.
 - d. Disables `Phantom Functions`, `Aux Power PM`, and `No Snoop` in both the Root Port and Endpoint.
 - e. Sets the `Max Payload Size` to what the Endpoint supports because the Root Port supports the maximum payload size.
 - f. Sets the `Root Port Max Read Request Size` to 4 KBytes because the example Endpoint design supports breaking the read into as many completions as necessary.
 - g. Sets the `Endpoint Max Read Request Size` equal to the `Max Payload Size` because the Root Port does not support breaking the read request into multiple completions.
3. Assigns values to all the Endpoint BAR registers. The BAR addresses are assigned by the algorithm outlined below.
 - a. I/O BARs are assigned smallest to largest starting just above the ending address of BFM shared memory in I/O space and continuing as needed throughout a full 32-bit I/O space.
 - b. The 32-bit non-prefetchable memory BARs are assigned smallest to largest, starting just above the ending address of BFM shared memory in memory space and continuing as needed throughout a full 32-bit memory space.
 - c. Assignment of the 32-bit prefetchable and 64-bit prefetchable memory BARs are based on the value of the `addr_map_4GB_limit` input to the `ebfm_cfg_rp_ep`. The default value of the `addr_map_4GB_limit` is 0.

If the `addr_map_4GB_limit` input to the `ebfm_cfg_rp_ep` is set to 0, then the 32-bit prefetchable memory BARs are assigned largest to smallest, starting at the top of 32-bit memory space and continuing as needed down to the ending address of the last 32-bit non-prefetchable BAR.

However, if the `addr_map_4GB_limit` input is set to 1, the address map is limited to 4 GByte, the 32-bit and 64-bit prefetchable memory BARs are assigned largest to smallest, starting at the top of the 32-bit memory space and continuing as needed down to the ending address of the last 32-bit non-prefetchable BAR.

- d. If the `addr_map_4GB_limit` input to the `ebfm_cfg_rp_ep` is set to 0, then the 64-bit prefetchable memory BARs are assigned smallest to largest starting at the 4 GByte address assigning memory ascending above the 4 GByte limit throughout the full 64-bit memory space.

If the `addr_map_4 GB_limit` input to the `ebfm_cfg_rp_ep` is set to 1, then the 32-bit and the 64-bit prefetchable memory BARs are assigned largest to smallest starting at the 4 GByte address and assigning memory by descending below the 4 GByte address to addresses memory as needed down to the ending address of the last 32-bit non-prefetchable BAR.

The above algorithm cannot always assign values to all BARs when there are a few very large (1 GByte or greater) 32-bit BARs. Although assigning addresses to all BARs may be possible, a more complex algorithm would be required to effectively assign these addresses. However, such a configuration is unlikely to be useful in real systems. If the procedure is unable to assign the BARs, it displays an error message and stops the simulation.

4. Based on the above BAR assignments, the Root Port Configuration Space address windows are assigned to encompass the valid BAR address ranges.
5. The Endpoint PCI control register is set to enable master transactions, memory address decoding, and I/O address decoding.

The `ebfm_cfg_rp_ep` procedure also sets up a `bar_table` data structure in BFM shared memory that lists the sizes and assigned addresses of all Endpoint BARs. This area of BFM shared memory is write-protected, which means any user write accesses to this area cause a fatal simulation error. This data structure is then used by subsequent BFM procedure calls to generate the full PCI Express addresses for read and write requests to particular offsets from a BAR. This procedure allows the testbench code that accesses the Endpoint Application Layer to be written to use offsets from a BAR and not have to keep track of the specific addresses assigned to the BAR. The following table shows how those offsets are used.

Table 17-19: BAR Table Structure

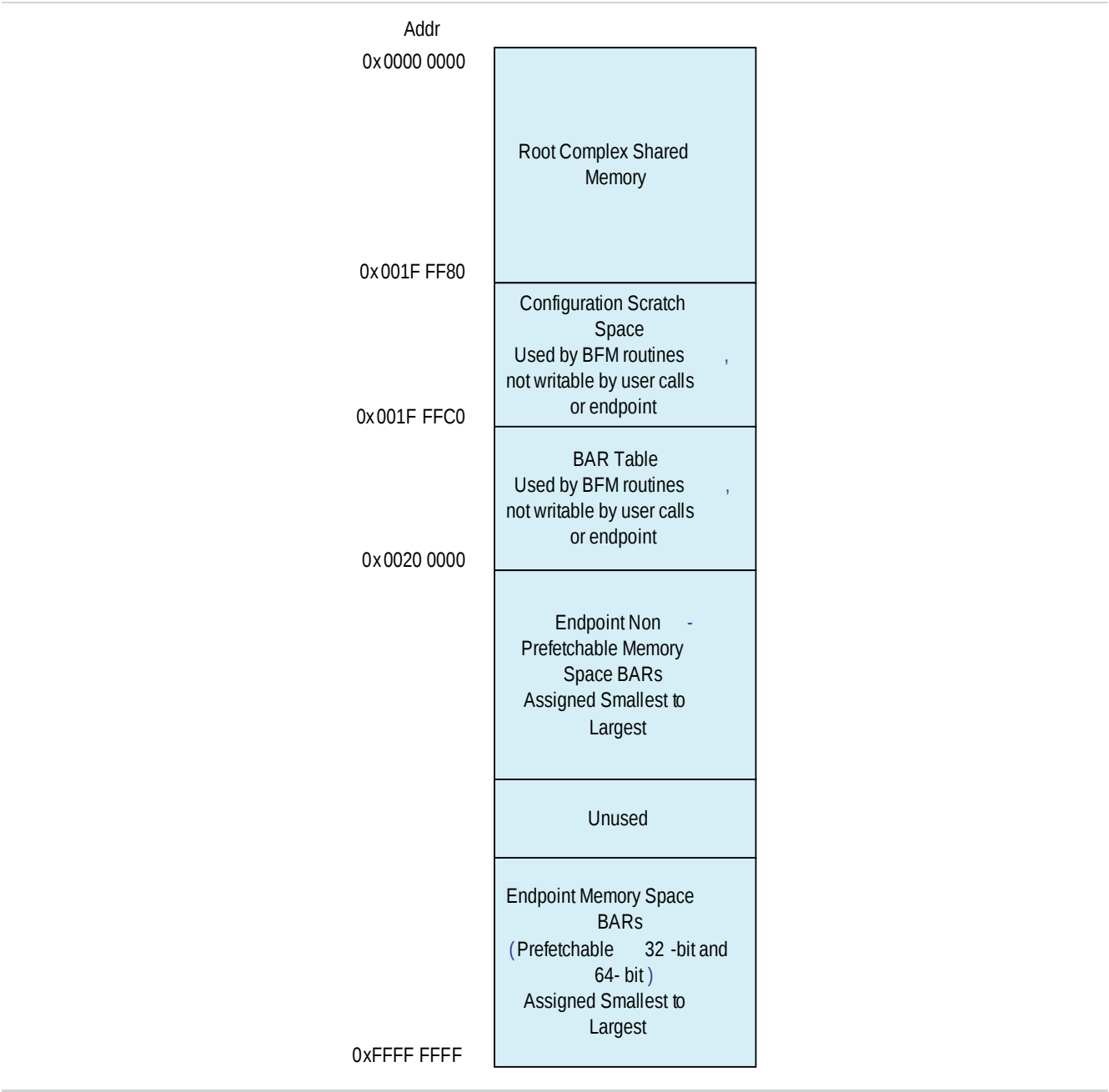
Offset (Bytes)	Description
+0	PCI Express address in BAR0
+4	PCI Express address in BAR1
+8	PCI Express address in BAR2
+12	PCI Express address in BAR3
+16	PCI Express address in BAR4
+20	PCI Express address in BAR5
+24	PCI Express address in Expansion ROM BAR
+28	Reserved
+32	BAR0 read back value after being written with all 1's (used to compute size)
+36	BAR1 read back value after being written with all 1's
+40	BAR2 read back value after being written with all 1's
+44	BAR3 read back value after being written with all 1's
+48	BAR4 read back value after being written with all 1's

Offset (Bytes)	Description
+52	BAR5 read back value after being written with all 1's
+56	Expansion ROM BAR read back value after being written with all 1's
+60	Reserved

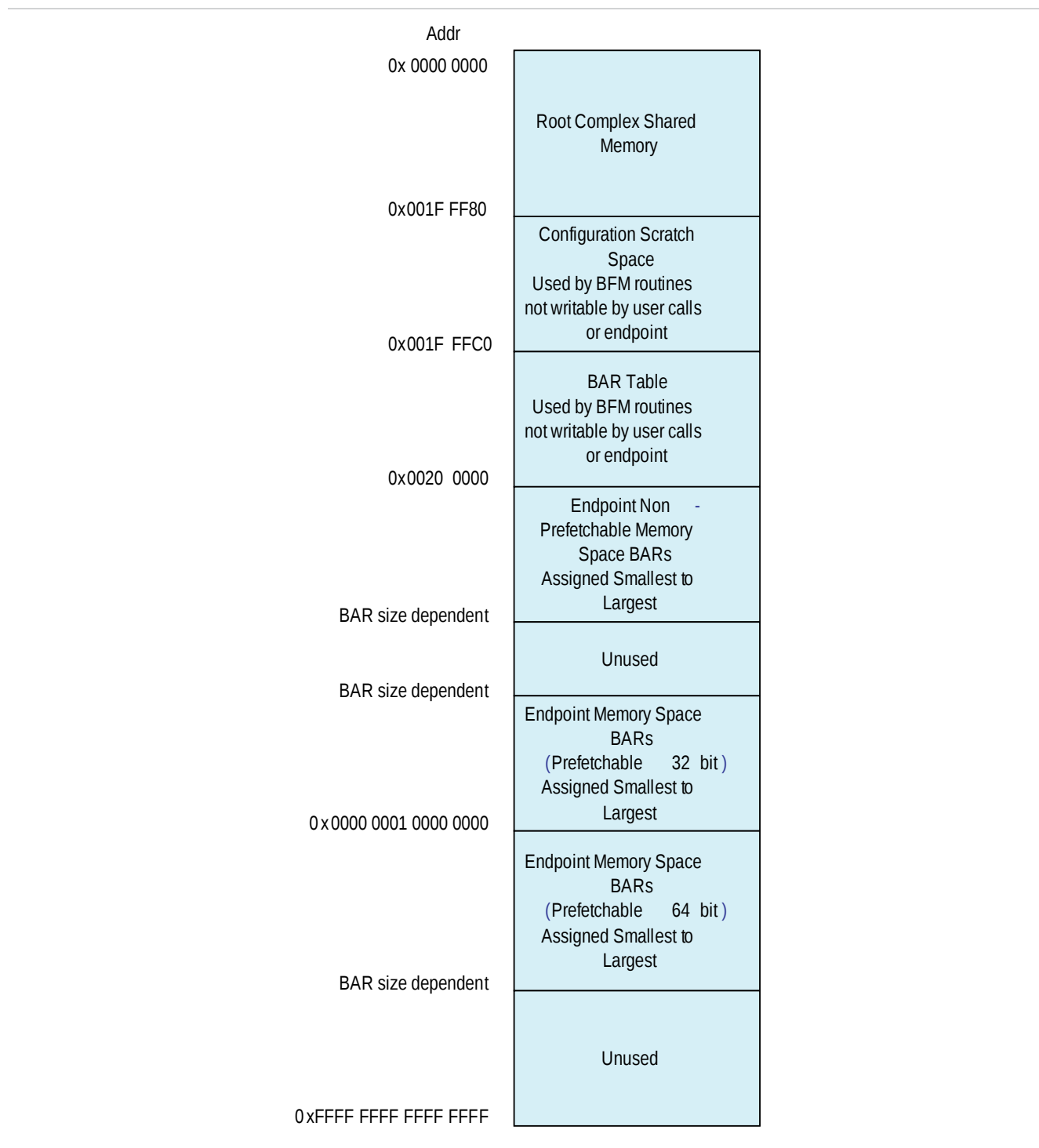
The configuration routine does not configure any advanced PCI Express capabilities such as the AER capability.

Besides the `ebfm_cfg_rp_ep` procedure in `altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v`, routines to read and write Endpoint Configuration Space registers directly are available in the Verilog HDL include file. After the `ebfm_cfg_rp_ep` procedure is run the PCI Express I/O and Memory Spaces have the layout as described in the following three figures. The memory space layout is dependent on the value of the **addr_map_4GB_limit** input parameter. If **addr_map_4GB_limit** is 1 the resulting memory space map is shown in the following figure.

Figure 17-5: Memory Space Layout—4 GByte Limit

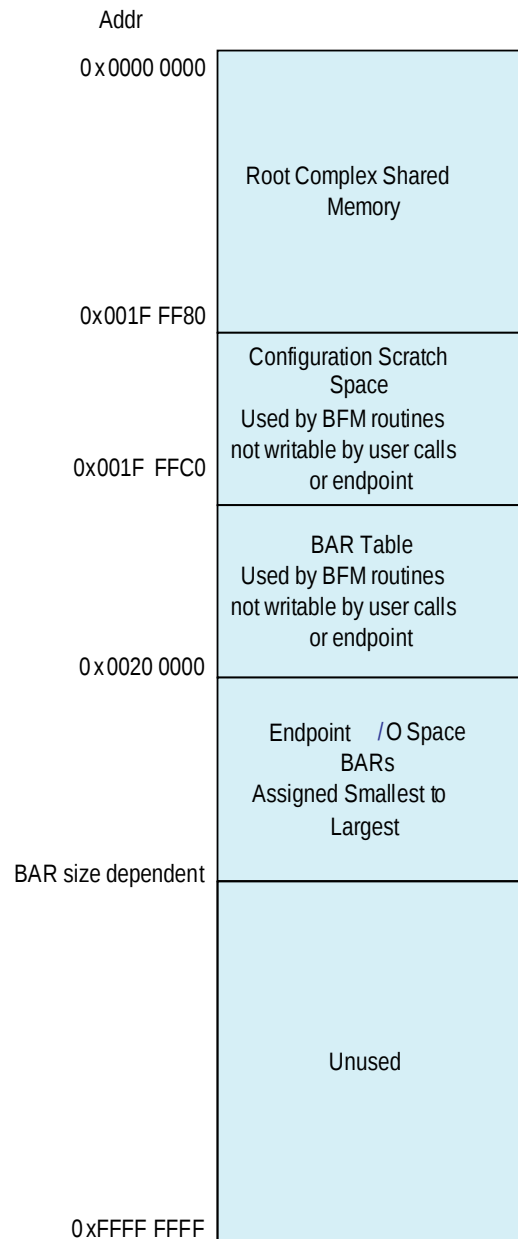


If `addr_map_4GB_limit` is 0, the resulting memory space map is shown in the following figure.

Figure 17-6: Memory Space Layout—No Limit

The following figure shows the I/O address space.

Figure 17-7: I/O Address Space



Issuing Read and Write Transactions to the Application Layer

Read and write transactions are issued to the Endpoint Application Layer by calling one of the `ebfm_bar` procedures in `altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v`. The procedures and functions listed below are available in the Verilog HDL include file `altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v`. The complete list of available procedures and functions is as follows:

- `ebfm_barwr`—writes data from BFM shared memory to an offset from a specific Endpoint BAR. This procedure returns as soon as the request has been passed to the VC interface module for transmission.

- `ebfm_barwr_imm`—writes a maximum of four bytes of immediate data (passed in a procedure call) to an offset from a specific Endpoint BAR. This procedure returns as soon as the request has been passed to the VC interface module for transmission.
- `ebfm_barrd_wait`—reads data from an offset of a specific Endpoint BAR and stores it in BFM shared memory. This procedure blocks waiting for the completion data to be returned before returning control to the caller.
- `ebfm_barrd_nowt`—reads data from an offset of a specific Endpoint BAR and stores it in the BFM shared memory. This procedure returns as soon as the request has been passed to the VC interface module for transmission, allowing subsequent reads to be issued in the interim.

These routines take as parameters a BAR number to access the memory space and the BFM shared memory address of the `bar_table` data structure that was set up by the `ebfm_cfg_rp_ep` procedure. (Refer to *Configuration of Root Port and Endpoint*.) Using these parameters simplifies the BFM test driver routines that access an offset from a specific BAR and eliminates calculating the addresses assigned to the specified BAR.

The Root Port BFM does not support accesses to Endpoint I/O space BARs.

Related Information

[Configuration of Root Port and Endpoint](#) on page 17-22

BFM Procedures and Functions

The BFM includes procedures, functions, and tasks to drive Endpoint application testing. It also includes procedures to run the chaining DMA design example.

The BFM read and write procedures read and write data among BFM shared memory, Endpoint BARs, and specified configuration registers. The procedures and functions are available in the Verilog HDL. They are in the include file `altpcietb_bfm_driver.v`. These procedures and functions support issuing memory and configuration transactions on the PCI Express link.

ebfm_barwr Procedure

The `ebfm_barwr` procedure writes a block of data from BFM shared memory to an offset from the specified Endpoint BAR. The length can be longer than the configured `MAXIMUM_PAYLOAD_SIZE`; the procedure breaks the request up into multiple transactions as needed. This routine returns as soon as the last transaction has been accepted by the VC interface module.

Location	altpcietb_bfm_rdwr.v
Syntax	<code>ebfm_barwr(bar_table, bar_num, pcie_offset, lcladdr, byte_len, tclass)</code>

Location	altpcieth_bfm_rdw.v	
Arguments	bar_table	Address of the Endpoint bar_table structure in BFM shared memory. The bar_table structure stores the address assigned to each BAR so that the driver code does not need to be aware of the actual assigned addresses only the application specific offsets from the BAR.
	bar_num	Number of the BAR used with pcie_offset to determine PCI Express address.
	pcie_offset	Address offset from the BAR base.
	lcladdr	BFM shared memory address of the data to be written.
	byte_len	Length, in bytes, of the data written. Can be 1 to the minimum of the bytes remaining in the BAR space or BFM shared memory.
	tclass	Traffic class used for the PCI Express transaction.

ebfm_barwr_imm Procedure

The `ebfm_barwr_imm` procedure writes up to four bytes of data to an offset from the specified Endpoint BAR.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v
Syntax	<code>ebfm_barwr_imm(bar_table, bar_num, pcie_offset, imm_data, byte_len, tclass)</code>

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Arguments	bar_table	Address of the Endpoint bar_table structure in BFM shared memory. The bar_table structure stores the address assigned to each BAR so that the driver code does not need to be aware of the actual assigned addresses only the application specific offsets from the BAR.
	bar_num	Number of the BAR used with pcie_offset to determine PCI Express address.
	pcie_offset	Address offset from the BAR base.
	imm_data	Data to be written. In Verilog HDL, this argument is reg [31 : 0]. In both languages, the bits written depend on the length as follows: Length Bits Written <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4: 31 downto 0 • 3: 23 downto 0 • 2: 15 downto 0 • 1: 7 downto 0
	byte_len	Length of the data to be written in bytes. Maximum length is 4 bytes.
	tclass	Traffic class to be used for the PCI Express transaction.

ebfm_barrrd_wait Procedure

The ebfm_barrrd_wait procedure reads a block of data from the offset of the specified Endpoint BAR and stores it in BFM shared memory. The length can be longer than the configured maximum read request size; the procedure breaks the request up into multiple transactions as needed. This procedure waits until all of the completion data is returned and places it in shared memory.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v
Syntax	ebfm_barrrd_wait(bar_table, bar_num, pcie_offset, lcladdr, byte_len, tclass)

Arguments	bar_table	Address of the Endpoint bar_table structure in BFM shared memory. The bar_table structure stores the address assigned to each BAR so that the driver code does not need to be aware of the actual assigned addresses only the application specific offsets from the BAR.
	bar_num	Number of the BAR used with pcie_offset to determine PCI Express address.
	pcie_offset	Address offset from the BAR base.
	lcladdr	BFM shared memory address where the read data is stored.
	byte_len	Length, in bytes, of the data to be read. Can be 1 to the minimum of the bytes remaining in the BAR space or BFM shared memory.
	tclass	Traffic class used for the PCI Express transaction.

ebfm_barrrd_nowt Procedure

The ebfm_barrrd_nowt procedure reads a block of data from the offset of the specified Endpoint BAR and stores the data in BFM shared memory. The length can be longer than the configured maximum read request size; the procedure breaks the request up into multiple transactions as needed. This routine returns as soon as the last read transaction has been accepted by the VC interface module, allowing subsequent reads to be issued immediately.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	ebfm_barrrd_nowt(bar_table, bar_num, pcie_offset, lcladdr, byte_len, tclass)	
Arguments	bar_table	Address of the Endpoint bar_table structure in BFM shared memory.
	bar_num	Number of the BAR used with pcie_offset to determine PCI Express address.
	pcie_offset	Address offset from the BAR base.
	lcladdr	BFM shared memory address where the read data is stored.
	byte_len	Length, in bytes, of the data to be read. Can be 1 to the minimum of the bytes remaining in the BAR space or BFM shared memory.
	tclass	Traffic Class to be used for the PCI Express transaction.

ebfm_cfgwr_imm_wait Procedure

The ebfm_cfgwr_imm_wait procedure writes up to four bytes of data to the specified configuration register. This procedure waits until the write completion has been returned.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	ebfm_cfgwr_imm_wait(bus_num, dev_num, fnc_num, imm_regb_ad, regb_ln, imm_data, compl_status)	
Arguments	bus_num	PCI Express bus number of the target device.
	dev_num	PCI Express device number of the target device.
	fnc_num	Function number in the target device to be accessed.
	regb_ad	Byte-specific address of the register to be written.
	regb_ln	Length, in bytes, of the data written. Maximum length is four bytes. The regb_ln and the regb_ad arguments cannot cross a DWORD boundary.
	imm_data	Data to be written. This argument is reg [31:0]. The bits written depend on the length: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4: 31 downto 0 • 3: 23 downto 0 • 2: 15 downto 0 • 1: 7 downto 0
	compl_status	This argument is reg [2:0]. This argument is the completion status as specified in the PCI Express specification. The following encodings are defined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3'b000: SC— Successful completion • 3'b001: UR— Unsupported Request • 3'b010: CRS — Configuration Request Retry Status • 3'b100: CA — Completer Abort

ebfm_cfgwr_imm_nowt Procedure

The ebfm_cfgwr_imm_nowt procedure writes up to four bytes of data to the specified configuration register. This procedure returns as soon as the VC interface module accepts the transaction, allowing other writes to be issued in the interim. Use this procedure only when successful completion status is expected.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v
Syntax	ebfm_cfgwr_imm_nowt(bus_num, dev_num, fnc_num, imm_regb_adr, regb_len, imm_data)

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Arguments	bus_num	PCI Express bus number of the target device.
	dev_num	PCI Express device number of the target device.
	fnc_num	Function number in the target device to be accessed.
	regb_ad	Byte-specific address of the register to be written.
	regb_ln	Length, in bytes, of the data written. Maximum length is four bytes. The regb_ln the regb_ad arguments cannot cross a DWORD boundary.
	imm_data	Data to be written This argument is <code>reg [31:0]</code> . In both languages, the bits written depend on the length. The following encodes are defined. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4: [31:0]• 3: [23:0]• 2: [15:0]• 1: [7:0]

ebfm_cfgrd_wait Procedure

The `ebfm_cfgrd_wait` procedure reads up to four bytes of data from the specified configuration register and stores the data in BFM shared memory. This procedure waits until the read completion has been returned.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v
Syntax	<code>ebfm_cfgrd_wait(bus_num, dev_num, fnc_num, regb_ad, regb_ln, lcladdr, compl_status)</code>

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Arguments	bus_num	PCI Express bus number of the target device.
	dev_num	PCI Express device number of the target device.
	fnc_num	Function number in the target device to be accessed.
	regb_ad	Byte-specific address of the register to be written.
	regb_ln	Length, in bytes, of the data read. Maximum length is four bytes. The regb_ln and the regb_ad arguments cannot cross a DWORD boundary.
	lcladdr	BFM shared memory address of where the read data should be placed.
	compl_status	<p>Completion status for the configuration transaction.</p> <p>This argument is reg [2:0].</p> <p>In both languages, this is the completion status as specified in the PCI Express specification. The following encodings are defined.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3'b000: SC— Successful completion • 3'b001: UR— Unsupported Request • 3'b010: CRS — Configuration Request Retry Status • 3'b100: CA — Completer Abort

ebfm_cfgrd_nowt Procedure

The `ebfm_cfgrd_nowt` procedure reads up to four bytes of data from the specified configuration register and stores the data in the BFM shared memory. This procedure returns as soon as the VC interface module has accepted the transaction, allowing other reads to be issued in the interim. Use this procedure only when successful completion status is expected and a subsequent read or write with a wait can be used to guarantee the completion of this operation.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v
Syntax	<code>ebfm_cfgrd_nowt(bus_num, dev_num, fnc_num, regb_ad, regb_ln, lcladdr)</code>

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Arguments	bus_num	PCI Express bus number of the target device.
	dev_num	PCI Express device number of the target device.
	fnc_num	Function number in the target device to be accessed.
	regb_ad	Byte-specific address of the register to be written.
	regb_ln	Length, in bytes, of the data written. Maximum length is four bytes. The regb_ln and regb_ad arguments cannot cross a DWORD boundary.
	lcladdr	BFM shared memory address where the read data should be placed.

BFM Configuration Procedures

The BFM configuration procedures are available in **altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v**. These procedures support configuration of the Root Port and Endpoint Configuration Space registers.

All Verilog HDL arguments are type `integer` and are input-only unless specified otherwise.

ebfm_cfg_rp_ep Procedure

The `ebfm_cfg_rp_ep` procedure configures the Root Port and Endpoint Configuration Space registers for operation.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v
Syntax	<code>ebfm_cfg_rp_ep(bar_table, ep_bus_num, ep_dev_num, rp_max_rd_req_size, display_ep_config, addr_map_4GB_limit)</code>

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Arguments	bar_table	Address of the Endpoint bar_table structure in BFM shared memory. This routine populates the bar_table structure. The bar_table structure stores the size of each BAR and the address values assigned to each BAR. The address of the bar_table structure is passed to all subsequent read and write procedure calls that access an offset from a particular BAR.
	ep_bus_num	PCI Express bus number of the target device. This number can be any value greater than 0. The Root Port uses this as its secondary bus number.
	ep_dev_num	PCI Express device number of the target device. This number can be any value. The Endpoint is automatically assigned this value when it receives its first configuration transaction.
	rp_max_rd_req_size	Maximum read request size in bytes for reads issued by the Root Port. This parameter must be set to the maximum value supported by the Endpoint Application Layer. If the Application Layer only supports reads of the MAXIMUM_PAYLOAD_SIZE, then this can be set to 0 and the read request size will be set to the maximum payload size. Valid values for this argument are 0, 128, 256, 512, 1,024, 2,048 and 4,096.
	display_ep_config	When set to 1 many of the Endpoint Configuration Space registers are displayed after they have been initialized, causing some additional reads of registers that are not normally accessed during the configuration process such as the Device ID and Vendor ID.
	addr_map_4GB_limit	When set to 1 the address map of the simulation system will be limited to 4 GBytes. Any 64-bit BARs will be assigned below the 4 GByte limit.

ebfm_cfg_decode_bar Procedure

The `ebfm_cfg_decode_bar` procedure analyzes the information in the BAR table for the specified BAR and returns details about the BAR attributes.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v
Syntax	<code>ebfm_cfg_decode_bar(bar_table, bar_num, log2_size, is_mem, is_pref, is_64b)</code>

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Arguments	bar_table	Address of the Endpoint bar_table structure in BFM shared memory.
	bar_num	BAR number to analyze.
	log2_size	This argument is set by the procedure to the log base 2 of the size of the BAR. If the BAR is not enabled, this argument will be set to 0.
	is_mem	The procedure sets this argument to indicate if the BAR is a memory space BAR (1) or I/O Space BAR (0).
	is_pref	The procedure sets this argument to indicate if the BAR is a prefetchable BAR (1) or non-prefetchable BAR (0).
	is_64b	The procedure sets this argument to indicate if the BAR is a 64-bit BAR (1) or 32-bit BAR (0). This is set to 1 only for the lower numbered BAR of the pair.

BFM Shared Memory Access Procedures

The BFM shared memory access procedures and functions in the Verilog HDL include file **altpcieth_bfm_driver.v**. These procedures and functions support accessing the BFM shared memory.

Shared Memory Constants

The following constants are defined in **altpcieth_bfm_driver.v**. They select a data pattern in the `shmem_fill` and `shmem_chk_ok` routines. These shared memory constants are all Verilog HDL type `integer`.

Table 17-20: Constants: Verilog HDL Type INTEGER

Constant	Description
SHMEM_FILL_ZEROS	Specifies a data pattern of all zeros
SHMEM_FILL_BYTE_INC	Specifies a data pattern of incrementing 8-bit bytes (0x00, 0x01, 0x02, etc.)
SHMEM_FILL_WORD_INC	Specifies a data pattern of incrementing 16-bit words (0x0000, 0x0001, 0x0002, etc.)
SHMEM_FILL_DWORD_INC	Specifies a data pattern of incrementing 32-bit dwords (0x00000000, 0x00000001, 0x00000002, etc.)
SHMEM_FILL_QWORD_INC	Specifies a data pattern of incrementing 64-bit qwords (0x0000000000000000, 0x0000000000000001, 0x0000000000000002, etc.)
SHMEM_FILL_ONE	Specifies a data pattern of all ones

shmem_write

The `shmem_write` procedure writes data to the BFM shared memory.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	<code>shmem_write(addr, data, leng)</code>	
Arguments	<code>addr</code>	BFM shared memory starting address for writing data
	<code>data</code>	Data to write to BFM shared memory. This parameter is implemented as a 64-bit vector. <code>leng</code> is 1–8 bytes. Bits 7 downto 0 are written to the location specified by <code>addr</code> ; bits 15 downto 8 are written to the <code>addr+1</code> location, etc.
	<code>length</code>	Length, in bytes, of data written

shmem_read Function

The `shmem_read` function reads data to the BFM shared memory.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	<code>data := shmem_read(addr, leng)</code>	
Arguments	<code>addr</code>	BFM shared memory starting address for reading data
	<code>leng</code>	Length, in bytes, of data read
Return	<code>data</code>	Data read from BFM shared memory. This parameter is implemented as a 64-bit vector. <code>leng</code> is 1–8 bytes. If <code>leng</code> is less than 8 bytes, only the corresponding least significant bits of the returned data are valid. Bits 7 downto 0 are read from the location specified by <code>addr</code> ; bits 15 downto 8 are read from the <code>addr+1</code> location, etc.

shmem_display Verilog HDL Function

The `shmem_display` Verilog HDL function displays a block of data from the BFM shared memory.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v
Syntax	Verilog HDL: <code>dummy_return := shmem_display(addr, leng, word_size, flag_addr, msg_type);</code>

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Arguments	addr	BFM shared memory starting address for displaying data.
	leng	Length, in bytes, of data to display.
	word_size	Size of the words to display. Groups individual bytes into words. Valid values are 1, 2, 4, and 8.
	flag_addr	Adds a <== flag to the end of the display line containing this address. Useful for marking specific data. Set to a value greater than 2^{21} (size of BFM shared memory) to suppress the flag.
	msg_type	Specifies the message type to be displayed at the beginning of each line. See “BFM Log and Message Procedures” on page 18–37 for more information about message types. Set to one of the constants defined in Table 18–36 on page 18–41.

shmem_fill Procedure

The `shmem_fill` procedure fills a block of BFM shared memory with a specified data pattern.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	<code>shmem_fill(addr, mode, leng, init)</code>	
Arguments	addr	BFM shared memory starting address for filling data.
	mode	Data pattern used for filling the data. Should be one of the constants defined in section <i>Shared Memory Constants</i> .
	leng	Length, in bytes, of data to fill. If the length is not a multiple of the incrementing data pattern width, then the last data pattern is truncated to fit.
	init	Initial data value used for incrementing data pattern modes. This argument is <code>reg [63:0]</code> . The necessary least significant bits are used for the data patterns that are smaller than 64 bits.

Related Information

[Shared Memory Constants](#) on page 17-37

shmem_chk_ok Function

The `shmem_chk_ok` function checks a block of BFM shared memory against a specified data pattern.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_shmem.v
Syntax	<code>result := shmem_chk_ok(addr, mode, leng, init, display_error)</code>

Location	altpcieth_bfm_shmem.v	
Arguments	addr	BFM shared memory starting address for checking data.
	mode	Data pattern used for checking the data. Should be one of the constants defined in section “Shared Memory Constants” on page 18–35.
	leng	Length, in bytes, of data to check.
	init	This argument is <code>reg [63:0]</code> . The necessary least significant bits are used for the data patterns that are smaller than 64-bits.
	display_error	When set to 1, this argument displays the mis-comparing data on the simulator standard output.
Return	Result	Result is 1-bit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1'b1 — Data patterns compared successfully 1'b0 — Data patterns did not compare successfully

BFM Log and Message Procedures

The following procedures and functions are available in the Verilog HDL include file `altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v`.

These procedures provide support for displaying messages in a common format, suppressing informational messages, and stopping simulation on specific message types.

The following constants define the type of message and their values determine whether a message is displayed or simulation is stopped after a specific message. Each displayed message has a specific prefix, based on the message type in the following table.

You can suppress the display of certain message types. The default values determining whether a message type is displayed are defined in the following table. To change the default message display, modify the display default value with a procedure call to `ebfm_log_set_suppressed_msg_mask`.

Certain message types also stop simulation after the message is displayed. The following table shows the default value determining whether a message type stops simulation. You can specify whether simulation stops for particular messages with the procedure `ebfm_log_set_stop_on_msg_mask`.

All of these log message constants type integer.

Table 17-21: Log Messages

Constant (Message Type)	Description	Mask Bit No	Display by Default	Simulation Stops by Default	Message Prefix
EBFM_MSG_DEBUG	Specifies debug messages.	0	No	No	DEBUG:

Constant (Message Type)	Description	Mask Bit No	Display by Default	Simulation Stops by Default	Message Prefix
EBFM_ MSG_ INFO	Specifies informational messages, such as configuration register values, starting and ending of tests.	1	Yes	No	INFO :
EBFM_ MSG_ WARNING	Specifies warning messages, such as tests being skipped due to the specific configuration.	2	Yes	No	WARNING :
EBFM_ MSG_ ERROR_ INFO	Specifies additional information for an error. Use this message to display preliminary information before an error message that stops simulation.	3	Yes	No	ERROR :
EBFM_ MSG_ ERROR_ CONTINUE	Specifies a recoverable error that allows simulation to continue. Use this error for data mismatches.	4	Yes	No	ERROR :
EBFM_ MSG_ ERROR_ FATAL	Specifies an error that stops simulation because the error leaves the testbench in a state where further simulation is not possible.	N/A	Yes Cannot suppress	Yes Cannot suppress	FATAL :
EBFM_ MSG_ ERROR_ FATAL_ TB_ ERR	Used for BFM test driver or Root Port BFM fatal errors. Specifies an error that stops simulation because the error leaves the testbench in a state where further simulation is not possible. Use this error message for errors that occur due to a problem in the BFM test driver module or the Root Port BFM, that are not caused by the Endpoint Application Layer being tested.	N/A	Y Cannot suppress	Y Cannot suppress	FATAL :

ebfm_display Verilog HDL Function

The `ebfm_display` procedure or function displays a message of the specified type to the simulation standard output and also the log file if `ebfm_log_open` is called.

A message can be suppressed, simulation can be stopped or both based on the default settings of the message type and the value of the bit mask when each of the procedures listed below is called. You can call one or both of these procedures based on what messages you want displayed and whether or not you want simulation to stop for specific messages.

- When `ebfm_log_set_suppressed_msg_mask` is called, the display of the message might be suppressed based on the value of the bit mask.
- When `ebfm_log_set_stop_on_msg_mask` is called, the simulation can be stopped after the message is displayed, based on the value of the bit mask.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	Verilog HDL: <code>dummy_return:=ebfm_display(msg_type, message);</code>	
Argument	<code>msg_type</code>	Message type for the message. Should be one of the constants defined in Table 18–36 on page 18–41.
	<code>message</code>	The message string is limited to a maximum of 100 characters. Also, because Verilog HDL does not allow variable length strings, this routine strips off leading characters of 8'h00 before displaying the message.
Return	<code>always 0</code>	Applies only to the Verilog HDL routine.

ebfm_log_stop_sim Verilog HDL Function

The `ebfm_log_stop_sim` procedure stops the simulation.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	Verilog VHDL: <code>return:=ebfm_log_stop_sim(success);</code>	
Argument	<code>success</code>	When set to a 1, this process stops the simulation with a message indicating successful completion. The message is prefixed with SUCCESS:.
		Otherwise, this process stops the simulation with a message indicating unsuccessful completion. The message is prefixed with FAILURE:.
Return	<code>Always 0</code>	This value applies only to the Verilog HDL function.

ebfm_log_set_suppressed_msg_mask #Verilog HDL Function

The `ebfm_log_set_suppressed_msg_mask` procedure controls which message types are suppressed.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	<code>bfm_log_set_suppressed_msg_mask (msg_mask)</code>	

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Argument	msg_mask	This argument is reg [EBFM_MSG_ERROR_CONTINUE : EBFM_MSG_DEBUG] . A 1 in a specific bit position of the msg_mask causes messages of the type corresponding to the bit position to be suppressed.

ebfm_log_set_stop_on_msg_mask Verilog HDL Function

The ebfm_log_set_stop_on_msg_mask procedure controls which message types stop simulation. This procedure alters the default behavior of the simulation when errors occur as described in the *BFM Log and Message Procedures*.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	ebfm_log_set_stop_on_msg_mask (msg_mask)	
Argument	msg_mask	This argument is reg [EBFM_MSG_ERROR_CONTINUE : EBFM_MSG_DEBUG] . A 1 in a specific bit position of the msg_mask causes messages of the type corresponding to the bit position to stop the simulation after the message is displayed.

Related Information

[BFM Log and Message Procedures](#) on page 17-40

ebfm_log_open Verilog HDL Function

The ebfm_log_open procedure opens a log file of the specified name. All displayed messages are called by ebfm_display and are written to this log file as simulator standard output.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	ebfm_log_open (fn)	
Argument	fn	This argument is type string and provides the file name of log file to be opened.

ebfm_log_close Verilog HDL Function

The ebfm_log_close procedure closes the log file opened by a previous call to ebfm_log_open.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v
Syntax	ebfm_log_close
Argument	NONE

Verilog HDL Formatting Functions

The Verilog HDL Formatting procedures and functions are available in the **altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v**. The formatting functions are only used by Verilog HDL. All these functions take one argument of a specified length and return a vector of a specified length.

himage1

This function creates a one-digit hexadecimal string representation of the input argument that can be concatenated into a larger message string and passed to `ebfm_display`.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	<code>string:= himage(vec)</code>	
Argument	<code>vec</code>	Input data type <code>reg</code> with a range of 3:0.
Return range	<code>string</code>	Returns a 1-digit hexadecimal representation of the input argument. Return data is type <code>reg</code> with a range of 8:1

himage2

This function creates a two-digit hexadecimal string representation of the input argument that can be concatenated into a larger message string and passed to `ebfm_display`.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	<code>string:= himage(vec)</code>	
Argument range	<code>vec</code>	Input data type <code>reg</code> with a range of 7:0.
Return range	<code>string</code>	Returns a 2-digit hexadecimal presentation of the input argument, padded with leading 0s, if they are needed. Return data is type <code>reg</code> with a range of 16:1

himage4

This function creates a four-digit hexadecimal string representation of the input argument can be concatenated into a larger message string and passed to `ebfm_display`.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	<code>string:= himage(vec)</code>	
Argument range	<code>vec</code>	Input data type <code>reg</code> with a range of 15:0.
Return range	Returns a four-digit hexadecimal representation of the input argument, padded with leading 0s, if they are needed. Return data is type <code>reg</code> with a range of 32:1.	

himage8

This function creates an 8-digit hexadecimal string representation of the input argument that can be concatenated into a larger message string and passed to `ebfm_display`.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	<code>string:= himage(vec)</code>	
Argument range	<code>vec</code>	Input data type <code>reg</code> with a range of 31:0.
Return range	<code>string</code>	Returns an 8-digit hexadecimal representation of the input argument, padded with leading 0s, if they are needed. Return data is type <code>reg</code> with a range of 64:1.

himage16

This function creates a 16-digit hexadecimal string representation of the input argument that can be concatenated into a larger message string and passed to `ebfm_display`.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	<code>string:= himage(vec)</code>	
Argument range	<code>vec</code>	Input data type <code>reg</code> with a range of 63:0.
Return range	<code>string</code>	Returns a 16-digit hexadecimal representation of the input argument, padded with leading 0s, if they are needed. Return data is type <code>reg</code> with a range of 128:1.

dimage1

This function creates a one-digit decimal string representation of the input argument that can be concatenated into a larger message string and passed to `ebfm_display`.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	<code>string:= dimage(vec)</code>	
Argument range	<code>vec</code>	Input data type <code>reg</code> with a range of 31:0.
Return range	<code>string</code>	Returns a 1-digit decimal representation of the input argument that is padded with leading 0s if necessary. Return data is type <code>reg</code> with a range of 8:1. Returns the letter <i>U</i> if the value cannot be represented.

dimage2

This function creates a two-digit decimal string representation of the input argument that can be concatenated into a larger message string and passed to `ebfm_display`.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	<code>string:= dimage(vec)</code>	
Argument range	vec	Input data type <code>reg</code> with a range of 31:0.
Return range	string	Returns a 2-digit decimal representation of the input argument that is padded with leading 0s if necessary. Return data is type <code>reg</code> with a range of 16:1. Returns the letter <i>U</i> if the value cannot be represented.

dimage3

This function creates a three-digit decimal string representation of the input argument that can be concatenated into a larger message string and passed to `ebfm_display`.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	<code>string:= dimage(vec)</code>	
Argument range	vec	Input data type <code>reg</code> with a range of 31:0.
Return range	string	Returns a 3-digit decimal representation of the input argument that is padded with leading 0s if necessary. Return data is type <code>reg</code> with a range of 24:1. Returns the letter <i>U</i> if the value cannot be represented.

dimage4

This function creates a four-digit decimal string representation of the input argument that can be concatenated into a larger message string and passed to `ebfm_display`.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	<code>string:= dimage(vec)</code>	
Argument range	vec	Input data type <code>reg</code> with a range of 31:0.
Return range	string	Returns a 4-digit decimal representation of the input argument that is padded with leading 0s if necessary. Return data is type <code>reg</code> with a range of 32:1. Returns the letter <i>U</i> if the value cannot be represented.

dimage5

This function creates a five-digit decimal string representation of the input argument that can be concatenated into a larger message string and passed to `ebfm_display`.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	string:= dimage(vec)	
Argument range	vec	Input data type reg with a range of 31:0.
Return range	string	Returns a 5-digit decimal representation of the input argument that is padded with leading 0s if necessary. Return data is type reg with a range of 40:1. Returns the letter <i>U</i> if the value cannot be represented.

dimage6

This function creates a six-digit decimal string representation of the input argument that can be concatenated into a larger message string and passed to `ebfm_display`.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_log.v	
Syntax	string:= dimage(vec)	
Argument range	vec	Input data type reg with a range of 31:0.
Return range	string	Returns a 6-digit decimal representation of the input argument that is padded with leading 0s if necessary. Return data is type reg with a range of 48:1. Returns the letter <i>U</i> if the value cannot be represented.

dimage7

This function creates a seven-digit decimal string representation of the input argument that can be concatenated into a larger message string and passed to `ebfm_display`.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_log.v	
Syntax	string:= dimage(vec)	
Argument range	vec	Input data type reg with a range of 31:0.
Return range	string	Returns a 7-digit decimal representation of the input argument that is padded with leading 0s if necessary. Return data is type reg with a range of 56:1. Returns the letter <i><U></i> if the value cannot be represented.

Procedures and Functions Specific to the Chaining DMA Design Example

The procedures specific to the chaining DMA design example are in the Verilog HDL module file `altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v`.

chained_dma_test Procedure

The `chained_dma_test` procedure is the top-level procedure that runs the chaining DMA read and the chaining DMA write

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	<code>chained_dma_test (bar_table, bar_num, direction, use_msi, use_eplast)</code>	
Arguments	<code>bar_table</code>	Address of the Endpoint <code>bar_table</code> structure in BFM shared memory.
	<code>bar_num</code>	BAR number to analyze.
	<code>direction</code>	When 0 the direction is read. When 1 the direction is write.
	<code>Use_msi</code>	When set, the Root Port uses native PCI Express MSI to detect the DMA completion.
	<code>Use_eplast</code>	When set, the Root Port uses BFM shared memory polling to detect the DMA completion.

dma_rd_test Procedure

Use the `dma_rd_test` procedure for DMA reads from the Endpoint memory to the BFM shared memory.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	<code>dma_rd_test (bar_table, bar_num, use_msi, use_eplast)</code>	
Arguments	<code>bar_table</code>	Address of the Endpoint <code>bar_table</code> structure in BFM shared memory.
	<code>bar_num</code>	BAR number to analyze.
	<code>Use_msi</code>	When set, the Root Port uses native PCI express MSI to detect the DMA completion.
	<code>Use_eplast</code>	When set, the Root Port uses BFM shared memory polling to detect the DMA completion.

dma_wr_test Procedure

Use the `dma_wr_test` procedure for DMA writes from the BFM shared memory to the Endpoint memory.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	dma_wr_test (bar_table, bar_num, use_msi, use_eplast)	
Arguments	bar_table	Address of the Endpoint bar_table structure in BFM shared memory.
	bar_num	BAR number to analyze.
	Use_msi	When set, the Root Port uses native PCI Express MSI to detect the DMA completion.
	Use_eplast	When set, the Root Port uses BFM shared memory polling to detect the DMA completion.

dma_set_rd_desc_data Procedure

Use the dma_set_rd_desc_data procedure to configure the BFM shared memory for the DMA read.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	dma_set_rd_desc_data (bar_table, bar_num)	
Arguments	bar_table	Address of the Endpoint bar_table structure in BFM shared memory.
	bar_num	BAR number to analyze.

dma_set_wr_desc_data Procedure

Use the dma_set_wr_desc_data procedure to configure the BFM shared memory for the DMA write.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	dma_set_wr_desc_data_header (bar_table, bar_num)	
Arguments	bar_table	Address of the Endpoint bar_table structure in BFM shared memory.
	bar_num	BAR number to analyze.

dma_set_header Procedure

Use the dma_set_header procedure to configure the DMA descriptor table for DMA read or DMA write.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	dma_set_header (bar_table, bar_num, Descriptor_size, direction, Use_msi, Use_eplast, Bdt_msb, Bdt_lab, Msi_number, Msi_traffic_class, Multi_message_enable)	

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Arguments	bar_table	Address of the Endpoint bar_table structure in BFM shared memory.
	bar_num	BAR number to analyze.
	Descriptor_size	Number of descriptor.
	direction	When 0 the direction is read. When 1 the direction is write.
	Use_msi	When set, the Root Port uses native PCI Express MSI to detect the DMA completion.
	Use_eplast	When set, the Root Port uses BFM shared memory polling to detect the DMA completion.
	Bdt_msb	BFM shared memory upper address value.
	Bdt_lsb	BFM shared memory lower address value.
	Msi_number	When use_msi is set, specifies the number of the MSI which is set by the dma_set_msi procedure.
	Msi_traffic_class	When use_msi is set, specifies the MSI traffic class which is set by the dma_set_msi procedure.
	Multi_message_enable	When use_msi is set, specifies the MSI traffic class which is set by the dma_set_msi procedure.

rc_mempoll Procedure

Use the `rc_mempoll` procedure to poll a given dword in a given BFM shared memory location.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	<code>rc_mempoll (rc_addr, rc_data, rc_mask)</code>	
Arguments	rc_addr	Address of the BFM shared memory that is being polled.
	rc_data	Expected data value of the that is being polled.
	rc_mask	Mask that is logically ANDed with the shared memory data before it is compared with <code>rc_data</code> .

msi_poll Procedure

The `msi_poll` procedure tracks MSI completion from the Endpoint.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	msi_poll(max_number_of_msi, msi_address, msi_expected_dmawr, msi_expected_dmard, dma_write, dma_read)	
Arguments	max_number_of_msi	Specifies the number of MSI interrupts to wait for.
	msi_address	The shared memory location to which the MSI messages will be written.
	msi_expected_dmawr	When dma_write is set, this specifies the expected MSI data value for the write DMA interrupts which is set by the dma_set_msi procedure.
	msi_expected_dmard	When the dma_read is set, this specifies the expected MSI data value for the read DMA interrupts which is set by the dma_set_msi procedure.
	Dma_write	When set, poll for MSI from the DMA write module.
	Dma_read	When set, poll for MSI from the DMA read module.

dma_set_msi Procedure

The dma_set_msi procedure sets PCI Express native MSI for the DMA read or the DMA write.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v
Syntax	dma_set_msi(bar_table, bar_num, bus_num, dev_num, fun_num, direction, msi_address, msi_data, msi_number, msi_traffic_class, multi_message_enable, msi_expected)



Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Arguments	bar_table	Address of the Endpoint bar_table structure in BFM shared memory.
	bar_num	BAR number to analyze.
	Bus_num	Set configuration bus number.
	dev_num	Set configuration device number.
	Fun_num	Set configuration function number.
	Direction	When 0 the direction is read. When 1 the direction is write.
	msi_address	Specifies the location in shared memory where the MSI message data will be stored.
	msi_data	The 16-bit message data that will be stored when an MSI message is sent. The lower bits of the message data will be modified with the message number as per the PCI specifications.
	Msi_number	Returns the MSI number to be used for these interrupts.
	Msi_traffic_class	Returns the MSI traffic class value.
	Multi_message_enable	Returns the MSI multi message enable status.
	msi_expected	Returns the expected MSI data value, which is msi_data modified by the msi_number chosen.

find_mem_bar Procedure

The find_mem_bar procedure locates a BAR which satisfies a given memory space requirement.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	Find_mem_bar(bar_table,allowedBars,min_log2_size, sel_bar)	
Arguments	bar_table	Address of the Endpoint bar_table structure in BFM shared memory
	allowedBars	One hot 6 bits BAR selection
	min_log2_size	Number of bit required for the specified address space
	sel_bar	BAR number to use

dma_set_rclast Procedure

The `dma_set_rclast` procedure starts the DMA operation by writing to the Endpoint DMA register the value of the last descriptor to process (RCLast).

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_rp.v	
Syntax	<code>Dma_set_rclast(bar_table, setup_bar, dt_direction, dt_rclast)</code>	
Arguments	<code>bar_table</code>	Address of the Endpoint <code>bar_table</code> structure in BFM shared memory
	<code>setup_bar</code>	BAR number to use
	<code>dt_direction</code>	When 0 read, When 1 write
	<code>dt_rclast</code>	Last descriptor number

ebfm_display_verb Procedure

The `ebfm_display_verb` procedure calls the procedure `ebfm_display` when the global variable `DISPLAY_ALL` is set to 1.

Location	altpcieth_bfm_driver_chaining.v	
Syntax	<code>ebfm_display_verb(msg_type, message)</code>	
Arguments	<code>msg_type</code>	Message type for the message. Should be one of the constants defined in <i>BFM Log and Message Procedures</i> .
	<code>message</code>	The message string is limited to a maximum of 100 characters. Also, because Verilog HDL does not allow variable length strings, this routine strips off leading characters of 8'h00 before displaying the message.

Related Information

[BFM Log and Message Procedures](#) on page 17-40

Debugging Simulations

You can modify the following default testbench parameter settings to facilitate debugging.

- For Gen1 and Gen2 variants, you can disable 8B/10B encoding and decoding by setting `test_in[2] = 1` in `altpcieth_bfm_top_rp.v`.
- You can view the most important PIPE interface signals, `txdata`, `txdata_k`, `rxdata`, and `txdata_kat` at the following level of the design hierarchy:
`altpcie_<dev>_hip_pipen1b|twentynm_hssi_gen3_x8_pcie_hip_rbc`.

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As you bring up your PCI Express system, you may face a number of issues related to FPGA configuration, link training, BIOS enumeration, data transfer, and so on. This chapter suggests some strategies to resolve the common issues that occur during hardware bring-up.

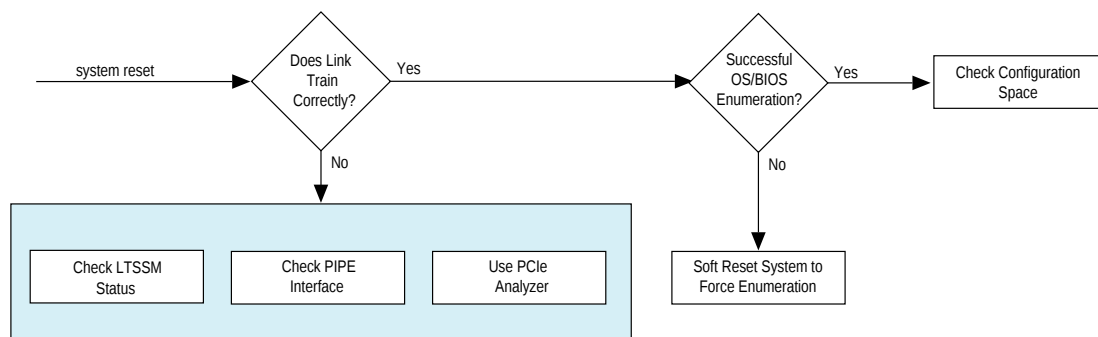
Hardware Bring-Up Issues

Typically, PCI Express hardware bring-up involves the following steps:

1. System reset
2. Link training
3. BIOS enumeration

The following sections, describe how to debug the hardware bring-up flow. Altera recommends a systematic approach to diagnosing bring-up issues as illustrated in the following figure.

Figure 18-1: Debugging Link Training Issues



Link Training

The Physical Layer automatically performs link training and initialization without software intervention. This is a well-defined process to configure and initialize the device's Physical Layer and link so that PCIe

packets can be transmitted. If you encounter link training issues, viewing the actual data in hardware should help you determine the root cause. You can use the following tools to provide hardware visibility:

- SignalTap[®] II Embedded Logic Analyzer
- Third-party PCIe analyzer

You can use SignalTap II Embedded Logic Analyzer to diagnose the LTSSM state transitions that are occurring and the PIPE interface. The `ltssmstate[4:0]` bus encodes the status of LTSSM. The LTSSM state machine reflects the Physical Layer's progress through the link training process. For a complete description of the states these signals encode, refer to *Reset Signals, Status, and Link Training Signals*. When link training completes successfully and the link is up, the LTSSM should remain stable in the L0 state. When link issues occur, you can monitor `ltssmstate[4:0]` to determine the cause.

Related Information

[Reset Signals, Status, and Link Training Signals](#) on page 7-29

Debugging Link that Fails To Reach L0

The following table describes possible causes of the failure to reach L0.

Table 18-1: Link Training Fails to Reach L0

Possible Causes	Symptoms and Root Causes	Workarounds and Solutions
Link fails the Receiver Detect sequence.	LTSSM toggles between Detect.Quiet(0) and Detect.Active(1) states	<p>Check the following termination settings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Gen1 and Gen2, the <i>PCI Express Base Specification, Rev 3.0</i> states a range of 0.075 μF–0.265 μF for on-chip termination (OCT). • For Gen3, the <i>PCI Express Base Specification, Rev 3.0</i> states a range of 0.176 μF–0.265 μF for OCT. • Altera uses 0.22 μF terminations to ensure compliance across all data rates. • Link partner RX pins must also have appropriate values for terminations.

Possible Causes	Symptoms and Root Causes	Workarounds and Solutions
Link fails with LTSSM stuck in Detect.Active state (1)	This behavior may be caused by a PMA issue if the host interrupts the Electrical Idle state as indicated by high to low transitions on the RxElecIdle (rxelecidle) signal when TxDetectRx=0 (txdetectrx0) at PIPE interface. Check if OCT is turned off by a Quartus Settings File (.qsf) command. PCIe requires that OCT must be used for proper Receiver Detect with a value of 100 Ohm. You can debug this issue using SignalTap II and oscilloscope.	For Stratix V devices, a workaround is implemented in the reset sequence.
Link fails with the LTSSM toggling between: Detect.Quiet (0), Detect.Active (1), and Polling.Active (2) , or: Detect.Quiet (0), Detect.Active (1), and Polling.Configuration (4)	On the PIPE interface extracted from the test_out bus, confirm that the Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core is transmitting valid TS1 in the Polling.Active(2) state or TS1 and TS2 in the Polling.Configuration (4) state on txdata0. The Root Port should be sending either the TS1 Ordered Set or a compliance pattern as seen on rxdata0. These symptoms indicate that the Root Port did not receive the valid training Ordered Set from Endpoint because the Endpoint transmitted corrupted data on the link. You can debug this issue using SignalTap II. Refer to <i>PIPE Interface Signals</i> for a list of the test_out bus signals.	The following are some of the reasons the Endpoint might send corrupted data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signal integrity issues. Measure the TX eye and check it against the eye opening requirements in the PCI Express Base Specification, Rev 3.0. Adjust the transceiver pre-emphasis and equalization settings to open the eye. Bypass the Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller IP Core to see if the link comes up at the expected data rate without this component. If it does, make sure the connection to Transceiver Reconfig Controller IP Core is correct.



Possible Causes	Symptoms and Root Causes	Workarounds and Solutions
Link fails due to unstable rx_signaldetect	Confirm that rx_signaldetect bus of the active lanes is all 1's. If all active lanes are driving all 1's, the LTSSM state machine toggles between Detect.Quiet(0), Detect.Active(1), and Polling.Active(2) states.	<p>This issue may be caused by mismatches between the expected power supply to RX side of the receiver and the actual voltage supplied to the FPGA from your boards. If your PCB drives VCCT/VCCR with 1.0 V, you must apply the following command to both P and N pins of each active channel to override the default setting of 0.85 V.</p> <pre>set_instance_assignment -name XCVR_VCCR_VCCT_VOLTAGE 1_0V -to "pin"</pre> <p>Substitute the pin names from your design for "pin".</p>
Link fails because the LTSSM state machine enters Compliance	Confirm that the LTSSM state machine is in Polling.Compliance(3) using SignalTap II.	<p>Possible causes include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting <code>test_in[6]=1</code> forces entry to Compliance mode when a timeout is reached in the Polling.Active state. Differential pairs are incorrectly connected to the pins of the device. For example, the Endpoint's TX signals are connected to the RX pins and the Endpoint's RX signals are to the TX pins.
Link fails because LTSSM state machine unexpectedly transitions to Recovery	A framing error is detected on the link causing LTSSM to enter the Recovery state.	In simulation, set <code>test_in[1]=1</code> to speed up simulation. This solution only solves this problem for simulation. For hardware, customer must set <code>test_in[1]=0</code> .

Debugging Link Failure in L0 Due To Deassertion of tx_st_ready

There are many reasons that link may stop transmitting data. The following table lists some possible causes.

Table 18-2: Link Hangs in L0

Possible Causes	Symptoms and Root Causes	Workarounds and Solutions
Avalon-ST signaling violates Avalon-ST protocol	<p>Avalon-ST protocol violations include the following errors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than one tx_st_sop per tx_st_eop. • Two or more tx_st_eop's without a corresponding tx_st_sop. • rx_st_valid is not asserted with tx_st_sop or tx_st_eop. <p>These errors are applicable to both simulation and hardware.</p>	Add logic to detect situations where tx_st_ready remains deasserted for more than 100 cycles. Set post-triggering conditions to check for the Avalon-ST signalling of last two TLPs to verify correct tx_st_sop and tx_st_eop signalling.
Incorrect payload size	Determine if the length field of the last TLP transmitted by End Point is greater than the InitFC credit advertised by the link partner. For simulation, refer to the log file and simulation dump. For hardware, use a third-party logic analyzer trace to capture PCIe transactions.	If the payload is greater than the initFC credit advertised, you must either increase the InitFC of the posted request to be greater than the max payload size or reduce the payload size of the requested TLP to be less than the InitFC value.
Flow control credit overflows	Determine if the credit field associated with the current TLP type in the tx_cred bus is less than the requested credit value. When insufficient credits are available, the core waits for the link partner to release the correct credit type. Sufficient credits may be unavailable if the link partner increments credits more than expected, creating a situation where the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core credit calculation is out-of-sink with its link partner.	Add logic to detect conditions where the tx_st_ready signal remains deasserted for more than 100 cycles. Set post-triggering conditions to check the value of the tx_cred* and tx_st_* interfaces. Add a FIFO status signal to determine if the TXFIFO is full.

Possible Causes	Symptoms and Root Causes	Workarounds and Solutions
Malformed TLP is transmitted	<p>Refer to the log file to find the last good packet transmitted on the link. Correlate this packet with TLP sent on Avalon-ST interface. Determine if the last TLP sent has any of the following errors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The actual payload sent does not match the length field. • The byte enable signals violate rules for byte enables as specified in the <i>Avalon Interface Specifications</i>. • The format and type fields are incorrectly specified. • TD field is asserted, indicating the presence of a TLP digest (ECRC), but the ECRC dword is not present at the end of TLP. • The payload crosses a 4KByte boundary. 	Revise the Application Layer logic to correct the error condition.
Insufficient Posted credits released by Root Port	If a Memory Write TLP is transmitted with a payload greater than the maximum payload size , the Root Port may release an incorrect posted data credit to the End Point in simulation. As a result, the End Point does not have enough credits to send additional Memory Write Requests.	Make sure Application Layer sends Memory Write Requests with a payload less than or equal the value specified by the maximum payload size .
Missing completion packets or dropped packets	The RX Completion TLP might cause the RX FIFO to overflow. Make sure that the total outstanding read data of all pending Memory Read Requests is smaller than the allocated completion credits in RX buffer.	You must ensure that the data for all outstanding read requests does not exceed the completion credits in the RX buffer.

For more information about link training, refer to the *Link Training and Status State Machine (LTSSM) Descriptions* section of *PCI Express Base Specification 3.0*.

For more information about SignalTap, refer to the *Design Debugging Using the SignalTap II Embedded Logic Analyzer* chapter in volume 3 of the *Quartus II Handbook*.

Related Information

- [PIPE Interface Signals](#) on page 7-58
- [Avalon Interface Specifications](#)

- [PCI Express Base Specification 3.0](#)
- [Design Debugging Using the SignalTap II Embedded Logic Analyzer](#)

Recommended Reset Sequence to Avoid Link Training Issues

Successful link training can only occur after the FPGA is configured and the Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller IP Core has dynamically reconfigured SERDES analog settings to optimize signal quality. For designs using CvP, link training occurs after configuration of the I/O ring and Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core. Refer to *Reset Sequence for Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core and Application Layer* for a description of the key signals that reset, control dynamic reconfiguration, and link training. Successful reset sequence includes the following steps:

1. Wait until the FPGA is configured as indicated by the assertion of CONF IG_DONE from the FPGA block controller.
2. Deassert the mgmt_rst_reset input to the Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller IP Core.
3. Wait for tx_cal_busy and rx_cal_busy SERDES outputs to be deasserted.
4. Deassert pin_perst to take the Hard IP for PCIe out of reset. For plug-in cards, the minimum assertion time for pin_perst is 100 ms. Embedded systems do not have a minimum assertion time for pin_perst.
5. Wait for the reset_status output to be deasserted.
6. Deassert the reset output to the Application Layer.

Related Information

[Reset Sequence for Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core and Application Layer](#) on page 9-3

Setting Up Simulation

Changing the simulation parameters reduces simulation time and provides greater visibility.

Changing Between Serial and PIPE Simulation

By default, the Altera testbench runs a serial simulation. You can change between serial and PIPE simulation by editing the top-level testbench file.

The hip_ctrl_simu_mode_pipe signal and enable_pipe32_sim_hwtcl parameter, specify serial or PIPE simulation. When both are set to 1'b0, the simulation runs in serial mode. When both are set to 1'b1, the simulation runs in PIPE mode. Complete the following steps to enable the 32-bit Gen3 PIPE simulation. These steps assume that the actual testbench is Gen3 x8 with an Avalon-ST 256-bit interface:

1. In the top-level testbench, which is `<working_dir>/<variant>/testbench/<variant>_tbsimulation/<variant>tb.v`, change the signal, hip_ctrl_simu_mode_pipe to 1'b1 as shown:

```
pcie_de_gen3_x8_ast256 pcie_de_gen3_x8_ast256_inst ( .
hip_ctrl_simu_mode_pipe ( 1'b1 ),
```

2. In the top-level HDL module for the Hard IP which is `<working_dir>/<variant>/testbench/<variant>_tb/simulation/submodules/<variant>.v` change the parameter enable_pipe32_sim_hwtcl parameter to 1'b1 as shown:

```
altpcie_<dev>_hip_ast_hwtcl #( .enable_pipe32_sim_hwtcl ( 1 ),
```

Using the PIPE Interface for Gen1 and Gen2 Variants

Running the simulation in PIPE mode reduces simulation time and provides greater visibility.

Complete the following steps to simulate using the PIPE interface:

1. Change to your simulation directory, `<work_dir>/<variant>/testbench/<variant>_tb/simulation`
2. Open `<variant>_tb.v`.
3. Search for the string, `serial_sim_hwtcl`. Set the value of this parameter to 0 if it is 1.
4. Save `<variant>_tb.v`.

Reducing Counter Values for Serial Simulations

You can accelerate simulation by reducing the value of counters whose default values are set for hardware, not simulation.

Complete the following steps to reduce counter values for simulation:

1. Open `<work_dir>/<variant>/testbench/<variant>_tb/simulation/submodules/altpcie_tbed_sv_hwtcl.v`.
2. Search for the string, `test_in`.
3. To reduce the value of several counters, set `test_in[0] = 1`.
4. Save `altpciembfm_top_rp.v`.

Disable the Scrambler for Gen1 and Gen2 Simulations

The 128b/130b encoding scheme implemented by the scrambler applies a binary polynomial to the data stream to ensure enough data transitions between 0 and 1 to prevent clock drift. The data is decoded at the other end of the link by running the inverse polynomial.

Complete the following steps to disable the scrambler:

1. Open `<work_dir>/<variant>/testbench/<variant>_tb/simulation/submodules/altpcie_tbed_sv_hwtcl.v`.
2. Search for the string, `test_in`.
3. To disable the scrambler, set `test_in[2] = 1`.
4. Save `altpcie_tbed_sv_hwtcl.v`.

Changing between the Hard and Soft Reset Controller

The Hard IP for PCI Express includes both hard and soft reset control logic. By default, Gen1 ES and Gen1 and Gen2 production devices use the Hard Reset Controller. Gen2 and Gen3 ES devices and Gen3 production devices use the soft reset controller. For variants that use the hard reset controller, changing to the soft reset controller provides greater visibility.

Complete the following steps to change to the soft reset controller:

1. Open `<work_dir>/<variant>/testbench/<variant>_tb/simulation/submodules/<variant>.v`.
2. Search for the string, `hip_hard_reset_hwtcl`.
3. If `hip_hard_reset_hwtcl = 1`, the hard reset controller is active. Set `hip_hard_reset_hwtcl = 0` to change to the soft reset controller.
4. Save `variant.v`.

Use Third-Party PCIe Analyzer

A third-party logic analyzer for PCI Express records the traffic on the physical link and decodes traffic, saving you the trouble of translating the symbols yourself. A third-party logic analyzer can show the two-way traffic at different levels for different requirements. For high-level diagnostics, the analyzer shows the LTSSM flows for devices on both side of the link side-by-side. This display can help you see the link training handshake behavior and identify where the traffic gets stuck. A traffic analyzer can display the contents of packets so that you can verify the contents. For complete details, refer to the third-party documentation.

BIOS Enumeration Issues

Both FPGA programming (configuration) and the initialization of a PCIe link require time. There is some possibility that Altera FPGA including a Hard IP block for PCI Express may not be ready when the OS/BIOS begins enumeration of the device tree. If the FPGA is not fully programmed when the OS/BIOS begins its enumeration, the OS does not include the Hard IP for PCI Express in its device map.

There are two ways to eliminate this issue:

- You can perform a soft reset of the system to retain the FPGA programming while forcing the OS/BIOS to repeat its enumeration.
- You can use CvP to program the device.



Lane Initialization and Reversal

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Connected components that include IP blocks for PCI Express need not support the same number of lanes. The $\times 4$ variations support initialization and operation with components that have 1, 2, or 4 lanes. The $\times 8$ variant supports initialization and operation with components that have 1, 2, 4, or 8 lanes.

The Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express supports lane reversal, which permits the logical reversal of lane numbers for the $\times 1$, $\times 2$, $\times 4$, and $\times 8$ configurations. Lane reversal allows more flexibility in board layout, reducing the number of signals that must cross over each other when routing the PCB.

The following table lists the lane assignments for normal configuration.

Table A-1: Lane Assignments without Lane Reversal

Lane Number	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
$\times 8$ IP core	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
$\times 4$ IP core	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	0
$\times 1$ IP core	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0

The following table lists the lane assignments with lane reversal.

Table A-2: Lane Assignments with Lane Reversal

Core Config	8				4				1			
Slot Size	8	4	2	1	8	4	2	1	8	4	2	1
Lane assignments	7:0,6:1,5:2,4:3,3:4,2:5,1:6,0:7	3:4,2:5,1:6,0:7	1:6,0:7	0:7	7:0,6:1,5:2,4:3	3:0,2:1,1:2,0:3	3:0,2:1	3:0	7:0	3:0	1:0	0:0

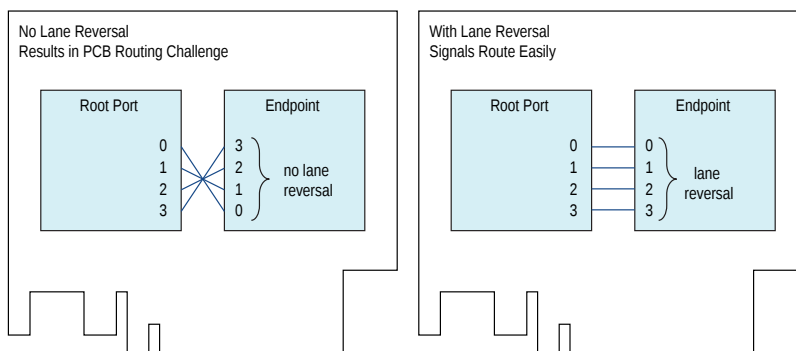
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The following figure illustrates a PCI Express card with $\times 4$ IP Root Port and a $\times 4$ Endpoint on the top side of the PCB. Connecting the lanes without lane reversal creates routing problems. Using lane reversal, solves the problem.

Figure A-1: Using Lane Reversal to Solve PCB Routing Problems



Transaction Layer Packet (TLP) Header Formats

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The following tables show the header format for TLPs without a data payload.

Figure B-1: Memory Read Request, 32-Bit Addressing

	+0								+1								+2								+3										
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0			
Byte 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	TC				0	0	0	0	TD	EP	Attr		0	0	Length											
Byte 4	Requester ID																Tag								Last BE				First BE						
Byte 8	Address[31:2]																														0		0		
Byte 12	Reserved																																		

Figure B-2: Memory Read Request, Locked 32-Bit Addressing

	+0								+1								+2								+3									
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0		
Byte 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	TC				0	0	0	0	TD	EP	Attr	0	0	Length											
Byte 4	Requester ID																Tag								Last BE				First BE					
Byte 8	Address[31:2]																										0 0							
Byte 12	Reserved																																	

Figure B-3: Memory Read Request, 64-Bit Addressing

	+0								+1								+2								+3									
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0		
Byte 0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	TC				0	0	0	0	TD	EP	Att r	0	0	Length											
Byte 4	Requester ID																Tag								Last BE				First BE					
Byte 8	Address[63:32]																																	
Byte 12	Address[31:2]																														0		0	

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Figure B-4: Memory Read Request, Locked 64-Bit Addressing

	+0								+1								+2								+3									
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0		
Byte 0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	TC				0	0	0	0	T	EP	Att r	0	0	Length											
Byte 4	Requester ID																Tag								Last BE				First BE					
Byte 8	Address[63:32]																																	
Byte 12	Address[31:2]																														0 0			

Figure B-5: Configuration Read Request Root Port (Type 1)

	+0								+1								+2								+3							
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Byte 0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	TD	EP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Byte 4	Requester ID																Tag								0 0 0 0				First BE			
Byte 8	Bus Number								Device No				Func				0	0	0	0	Ext Reg				Register No				0 0			
Byte 12	Reserved																															

Figure B-6: I/O Read Request

	+0								+1								+2								+3									
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0		
Byte 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	TD	EP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Byte 4	Requester ID																Tag								0 0 0 0				First BE					
Byte 8	Address[31:2]																																0 0	
Byte 12	Reserved																																	

Figure B-7: Message without Data

	+0								+1								+2								+3							
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Byte 0	0	0	1	1	0	r 2	r 1	0	0	TC			0	0	0	0	TD	EP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Byte 4	Requester ID																Tag								Message Code							
Byte 8	Vendor defined or all zeros																															
Byte 12	Vendor defined or all zeros																															
Notes to Table A-7:																																
(1) Not supported in Avalon-MM.																																

Figure B-8: Completion without Data

	+0								+1								+2								+3																
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0									
Byte 0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	TC			0	0	0	0	TD	EP	Att r	0	0	Length																			
Byte 4	Completer ID																Status			B	Byte Count																				
Byte 8	Requester ID																Tag								0	Lower Address															
Byte 12	Reserved																																								

Figure B-9: Completion Locked without Data

	+0								+1								+2								+3																
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0									
Byte 0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	TC		0	0	0	0	TD	EP	Att r	0	0	Length																				
Byte 4	Completer ID																Status		B	Byte Count																					
Byte 8	Requester ID																Tag								0	Lower Address															
Byte 12	Reserved																																								

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Figure B-10: Memory Write Request, 32-Bit Addressing

	+0							+1							+2							+3											
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Byte 0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	TC		0	0	0	0	0	TD	EP	Att r	0	0	Length											
Byte 4	Requester ID														Tag							Last BE				First BE							
Byte 8	Address[63:32]																																
Byte 12	Address[31:2]																															0	0

Figure B-11: Memory Write Request, 64-Bit Addressing

	+0								+1								+2								+3												
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0					
Byte 0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	TC		0	0	0	0	0	TD	EP	Att r	0	0	Length															
Byte 4	Requester ID																Tag								Last BE				First BE								
Byte 8	Address[63:32]																																				
Byte 12	Address[31:2]																														0		0				

Figure B-12: Configuration Write Request Root Port (Type 1)

	+0								+1								+2								+3							
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Byte 0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	TD	EP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Byte 4	Requester ID																Tag								0 0 0 0				First BE			
Byte 8	Bus Number								Device No								0	0	0	0	Ext Reg				Register No				0 0			
Byte 12	Reserved																															

Figure B-13: I/O Write Request

	+0								+1								+2								+3									
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0		
Byte 0	0	1	0		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	TD	EP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Byte 4	Requester ID																Tag								0 0 0 0				First BE					
Byte 8	Address[31:2]																																0 0	
Byte 12	Reserved																																	

Figure B-14: Completion with Data

	+0								+1								+2								+3							
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Byte 0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	TC		0	0	0	0	TD	EP	Att r		0	0	Length										
Byte 4	Completer ID																Status		B	Byte Count												
Byte 8	Requester ID																Tag						0	Lower Address								
Byte 12	Reserved																															

Figure B-15: Completion Locked with Data

	+0								+1								+2								+3								
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Byte 0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	TC		0	0	0	0	0	TD	EP	Att r		0	0	Length										
Byte 4	Completer ID																Status		B	Byte Count													
Byte 8	Requester ID																Tag						0	Lower Address									
Byte 12	Reserved																																

Figure B-16: Message with Data

	+0								+1								+2								+3							
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Byte 0	0	1	1	1	0	r	r	r	0	TC		0	0	0	0	0	TD	EP	0	0	0	0	Length									
Byte 4	Requester ID																Tag								Message Code							
Byte 8	Vendor defined or all zeros for Slot Power Limit																															
Byte 12	Vendor defined or all zeros for Slots Power Limit																															

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Revision History

The table below displays the revision history for the chapters in this User Guide.

Date	Version	Changes Made
December 2013	13.1	<p>Made the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divided user guide into 3 separate documents by interface type. • Added <i>Design Implementation</i> chapter. • In the <i>Debugging</i> chapter, removed section explaining how to turn off the scrambler for Gen3 because it does not work. • In the <i>Debugging</i> chapter, corrected filename that you must change to reduce counter values in simulation. • In <i>Getting Started with the Avalon-MM Hard IP for PCI Express</i> chapter, corrected connects for the Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller IP Core reset signal, alt_xcvr_reconfig_0 mgmt_rst_reset. This reset input connects to clk_0 clk_reset. • In <i>Transaction Layer Routing Rules and Programming Model for Avalon-MM Root Port</i> added the fact that Type 0 Configuration Requests sent to the Root Port are not filtered by the device number. Application Layer software must filter out requests for device number greater than 0. • Added illustration showing the location of the Hard IP Cores in the Stratix V devices. • Added limitation for rxm_irq_<n> [<m> : 0] when interrupts are received on consecutive cycles. • Corrected description of cfg_prm_cmr. It is the Base/Primary Command register for the PCI Configuration Space. • Revised channel placement illustrations.

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Date	Version	Changes Made
May 2013	13.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added support for Configuration Space Bypass Mode, allowing you to design a custom Configuration Space and support multiple functions Added preliminary support for a Avalon-MM 256-Bit Hard IP for PCI Express that is capable of running at the Gen3 ×8 data rate. This new IP Core. Refer to the <i>Avalon-MM 256-Bit Hard IP for PCI Express User Guide</i> for more information. Added Gen3 PIPE simulation support. Added support for 64-bit address in the Avalon-MM Hard IP for PCI Express IP Core, making address translation unnecessary Added instructions for running the Single DWord variant. Timing models are now final. Updated the definition of <code>refclk</code> to include constraints when CvP is enabled. Added section covering clock connectivity for reconfiguration when CvP is enabled. Corrected access field in Root Port TLP Data registers. Added Getting Started chapter for Configuration Space Bypass mode. Added signal and register descriptions for the Gen3 PIPE simulation. Added 64-bit addressing for the Avalon-MM IP Cores for PCI Express. Changed descriptions of <code>rx_st_err[1:0]</code>, <code>tx_st_err[1:0]</code>, <code>rx_st_valid[1:0]</code>, and <code>tx_st_valid[1:0]</code> buses. Bit 1 is not used. Corrected definitions of <code>RP_RXCPL_STATUS.SOP</code> and <code>RP_RXCPL_STATUS.EOP</code> bits. SOP is 0x2010, bit[0] and EOP is 0x2010, bit[1]. Improved explanation of relaxed ordering of transactions and provided examples. Revised discussion of Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller IP Core. Offset cancellation is not required for Gen1 or Gen2 operation.

Date	Version	Changes Made
November 2012	12.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added support for Root Ports when using the Avalon-MM Hard IP for PCI Express. Added $\times 2$ support. Beginning in release 12.0 SP1, the following signals change from 1 to 2 bits when you enable Multiple cycles per packet in the GUI: <code>rx_st_valid</code>, <code>rx_st_err</code>, <code>tx_st_valid</code>, and <code>tx_st_err</code>. Corrected Figure 8–41 on page 8–64. For Gen1 and Gen2 $\times 4$, the CMU PLL is in channel 4. Corrected value of decoupling capacitor for on-chip termination in Table 19–1 on page 19–2. The correct value is 0.1 μF. Corrected error in definition of <code>tx_st_empty</code> in Table 8–3 on page 8–17, it indicates the number of empty qwords. Updated the definition on <code>npwr</code>. It is edge, not level, sensitive when the hard reset controller is used. Corrected definition of <code>test_in</code>. <code>test_in[4:1] = 4'b0100</code>. Removed notes from “Stratix V Recommended Speed Grades for All Avalon-ST Widths and Frequencies” on page 1–10 and “Stratix V Recommended Speed Grades for All Avalon-MM Widths and Frequencies” on page 1–11 saying that the -2, -3, and -4 speed grades are pending characterization. Updated definition of <code>tx_par_err[1:0]</code>. It is detected in the Transaction Layer before the Data Link Layer. Added simulation script for Chapter 3, Getting Started with the Avalon-MM Arria V GZ Hard IP for PCI Express.
June 2012	12.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added Chapter 18, Testbench and Design Example. <p>Updated Chapter 2, Getting Started with the Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express and Chapter 3, Getting Started with the Avalon-MM Arria V GZ Hard IP for PCI Express to include steps to simulate using the Root Port and Endpoint BFM described in the <i>Testbench and Design Example</i> chapter;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added Avalon-MM single dword variant. Added support for Gen3 Programmer Object File (.pof) for Stratix V devices. Added support for Gen3 $\times 1$ and $\times 4$ support for Avalon-MM Endpoint designs. Added -C4 to recommended speed grades for all variants except Gen3 $\times 8$ and Gen3 $\times 4$ with 128-bit interface. Added -C1 to recommended speed grades for all variants. Changed frequency range of Transceiver Reconfiguration Controller clock. The previous recommendation was 90-100 MHz. The current recommendation is 100-125 MHz. Revised illustrations for hard and soft reset controllers.



Date	Version	Changes Made
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added reset timing diagrams for TX transceivers, RX transceivers, Hard IP for PCI Express and Application Layers. Added timing diagrams for Avalon-MM interface demonstrating duplex operation. Added txblkst, txsynd0, txdataskip, rxblkst, rxsynd0, and rxdataskip for Gen3 PIPE simulation. Added link training trouble-shooting to the <i>Debugging</i> chapter. Added PIPE interface signals for 2 lanes to the <i>Debugging</i> chapter. Removed fixedclk_locked and cfg_link2csr signals. Corrected definition of flow control protocol error. Corrected encodings for rate[1:0] signal. Corrected definition of cpl_err[2]. This signal only applies to non-posted requests. Updated definition of app_msi_req to include the fact that in Root Port mode, the header bit[127] of rx_st_data is set to 1 to indicate that the TLP being forwarded to the Application Layer was generated in response to an assertion of the app_msi_request pin; otherwise, bit[127] is set to 0. Corrected explanation of Type 0 and Type 1 Configuration Space TLPs in Chapter 7, IP Core Architecture. Corrected explanation of Type 0 and Type 1 Configuration Space TLPs in Root Port mode in Chapter 14, Flow Control. Corrected direction of ser_shift_load and interface_sel signals. These signals are both inputs. Updated definition of test_in bus. Added Gen3 recovery.equalization states to the LTSSM state machine encodings. Added fact that you must write the Root Port Retrain Link bit to 1'b1 to initiate link retraining to Gen2 or Gen3 data rate after initial link training to Gen1. Added the following restriction: You must disable offset cancellation in designs that include CvP. Added Synopsys Design Constraints to <i>Getting Started</i> chapter. Added to debug only to the description of the VSEC correctable and uncorrectable ECC registers. Corrected description of Avalon-MM to PCI Express interrupt registers in Table 9–26 on page 9–14 and Table 9–27 on page 9–15.

Date	Version	Changes Made
November 2011	11.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added $\times 1$, $\times 4$, and $\times 8$ Gen3 support for Stratix V Hard IP for PCI Express with Avalon-ST interface. Added Avalon-MM support in Qsys. Added support for multiple packets per cycle for the 256-bit Avalon-ST interface. Removed support for ASPM. Removed support for the Endpoint and Transaction Layer Direct BFM included in the generated testbench. Revised reset controller and the reset status signals available at the top level of the Hard IP, including the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <code>pin_perst</code> is an inputs to the reset controller. The following signals are available at the top level of the Hard IP to monitor the reset state: <code>serdes_pll_locked</code>, <code>pld_clk_inuse</code>, <code>pld_core_ready</code>, <code>fixedclk_locked</code>, <code>busy_xcvr_reconfig</code>. The following reset signals are driven by the reset controller and are no longer available at the top level of the Hard IP: <code>crst</code> and <code>srst</code>. The following reset signals have been renamed: <code>resetstatus</code> is <code>reset_status</code>; <code>rc_pll_locked</code> is <code>serdes_pll_locked</code>; and <code>coreclkout</code> is <code>coreclkout_hip</code>. The following reset signals are no longer used: <code>hiphardreset</code> and <code>pld_pcierst</code>. The following ports have been removed from Endpoints because they are only used for Root Ports: <code>aer_msi_num</code> and <code>pex_msi_num</code>. <p><i>Reset and Clocks</i> for more information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corrected definition of <code>tl_cfg_sts[0]</code>. Should be <code>cfg_seccsr[24]</code>, not <code>cfg_seccsr[4]</code>. Restricted <code>aer_msi_num</code> and <code>pex_msi_num</code> to Root Port mode. Removed credit allocation tables in Chapter 14, Flow Control because they are for the Stratix V device. Corrected descriptions timing diagrams for legacy interrupts Chapter 13, Interrupts. Added <code>hip_reconfig*</code> interface which you can use to change the value of global configuration registers that are read-only at run time.
July 2011	11.01	Corrected typographical errors.
May 2011	11.0	First release.



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Visual Cue	Meaning
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<i>Italic Type with Initial Capital Letters</i>	Indicate document titles. For example, <i>Stratix IV Design Guidelines</i> .
<i>italic type</i>	Indicates variables. For example, $n + 1$. Variable names are enclosed in angle brackets (< >). For example, <file name> and <project name> . pof file.
Initial Capital Letters	Indicate keyboard keys and menu names. For example, the Delete key and the Options menu.
“Subheading Title”	Quotation marks indicate references to sections in a document and titles of Quartus II Help topics. For example, “Typographic Conventions.”
Courier type	Indicates signal, port, register, bit, block, and primitive names. For example, data1, tdi, and input. The suffix n denotes an active-low signal. For example, resetn. Indicates command line commands and anything that must be typed exactly as it appears. For example, c : \qdesigns\tutorial\chiptrip.gdf. Also indicates sections of an actual file, such as a Report File, references to parts of files (for example, the AHDL keyword SUBDESIGN), and logic function names (for example, TRI).
r	An angled arrow instructs you to press the Enter key.
1., 2., 3., anda., b., c., and so on	Numbered steps indicate a list of items when the sequence of the items is important, such as the steps listed in a procedure.
	Bullets indicate a list of items when the sequence of the items is not important.
1	The hand points to information that requires special attention.
h	The question mark directs you to a software help system with related information.



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