AXIS_UART



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1 Usage

1.1 Introduction

Simple UART core for TTL rs232 software mode data communications. No hardware handshake. This contains its own internal baud rate generator that creates an enable to allow data output or sampling. Baud clock and aclk can be the same clock.

RTS/CTS is not implemented, it simply asserts it as if its always ready, and ignores CTS.

1.2 Dependencies

The following are the dependencies of the cores.

- fusesoc 2.X
- · iverilog (simulation)
- cocotb (simulation)

1.2.1 fusesoc_info Depenecies

- dep
 - AFRL:clock:mod clock ena gen:1.0.0
 - AFRL:utility:helper:1.0.0
- dep tb
 - AFRL:simulation:axis stimulator
 - AFRL:utility:sim helper

1.3 In a Project

This core connects a UART to the AXIS bus. Meaning this is a streaming device only. Connect the RX/TX to the UART in question and connect the AXIS to its intended endpoints.

2 Architecture

This core is made up of other cores that are documented in detail in there source. The cores this is made up of are the,

 axis_uart_tx Interface with UART TX and present the data over AXIS interface (see core for documentation). axis_uart_rx Interface with UART RX and present the data over AXIS interface (see core for documentation).

3 Building

The AXIS UART is written in Verilog 2001. It should synthesize in any modern FPGA software. The core comes as a fusesoc packaged core and can be included in any other core. Be sure to make sure you have meet the dependencies listed in the previous section.

3.1 fusesoc

Fusesoc is a system for building FPGA software without relying on the internal project management of the tool. Avoiding vendor lock in to Vivado or Quartus. These cores, when included in a project, can be easily integrated and targets created based upon the end developer needs. The core by itself is not a part of a system and should be integrated into a fusesoc based system. Simulations are setup to use fusesoc and are a part of its targets.

3.2 Source Files

3.2.1 fusesoc info File List

- src
 - src/axis uart.v
 - src/axis uart rx.v
 - src/axis uart tx.v
- tb
 - tb/tb uart.v
 - tb/tb uart rx.v
 - tb/tb uart tx.v
- · tb cocotb full
 - 'tb/tb cocotb full.py': 'file type': 'user', 'copyto': '.'
 - 'tb/tb_cocotb_full.v': 'file_type': 'verilogSource'
- · tb cocotb rx
 - 'tb/tb cocotb rx.py': 'file type': 'user', 'copyto': '.'
 - 'tb/tb cocotb rx.v': 'file type': 'verilogSource'

- tb_cocotb_tx
 - 'tb/tb_cocotb_tx.py': 'file_type': 'user', 'copyto': '.'
 - 'tb/tb_cocotb_tx.v': 'file_type': 'verilogSource'

3.3 Targets

3.3.1 fusesoc_info Targets

default

Info: Default for IP intergration.

• sim

Info: Base simulation using icarus as default.

• sim_rand_data

Info: Use random data as sim input.

sim_rand_ready_rand_data

Info: Use random data with a random ready as sim input.

sim_8bit_count_data

Info: Use counter data as sim input.

sim_rand_ready_8bit_count_data

Info: Use counter data with a random ready as sim input.

• sim_rx

Info: Simulate only the rx block.

• sim_tx

Info: Simulate only the tx block.

sim_cocotb_full

Info: Cocotb unit tests

sim_cocotb_rx

Info: Cocotb unit tests

• sim_cocotb_tx

Info: Cocotb unit tests

3.4 Directory Guide

Below highlights important folders from the root of the directory.

- 1. **docs** Contains all documentation related to this project.
 - **manual** Contains user manual and github page that are generated from the latex sources.
- 2. **src** Contains source files for the core
- 3. **tb** Contains test bench files for iverilog and cocotb
 - cocotb testbench files

4 Simulation

There are a few different simulations that can be run for this core.

4.1 iverilog

iverilog is used for simple test benches for quick verification, visually, of the core.

- sim Standard simulation of TX/RX looped.
- sim_rx Simulation of receive only.
- sim_tx Simulation of transmit only.

4.2 cocotb

To use the cocotb tests you must install the following python libraries.

```
$ pip install cocotb
$ pip install cocotbext-axi
```

Each module has a cocotb based simulation. These use the cocotb extensions made by Alex. The two extensions used are cocotbext-axi and cocotbext-uart. These provide outside verification of the implimentation. These tests consist of 3 different fusesoc targets.

- sim_cocotb_full Standard simulation of TX/RX passing data to and from cocotbexts.
- **sim cocotb rx** Simulation of data receive using cocotbext.
- **sim_cocotb_tx** Simulation of data transmit using cocotbext.

Then you must use the cocotb sim target. The targets above can be run with various bus and fifo parameters.

\$ fusesoc run —target AFRL:device converter:axis uart:1.0.0

5 Module Documentation

- axis_uart_tx Interfaces AXIS to the UART transmit line.
- axis_uart_rx Interfaces AXIS to the UART receive line.
- axis_uart Wrapper for all of the above modules to create a singular device to interface with.

axis uart rx.v

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UART RX to AXIS bus.

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axis_uart_rx

```
module axis_uart_rx #(
parameter
PARITY_ENA
=
0,
parameter
PARITY_TYPE
=
0,
parameter
STOP_BITS
=
1,
parameter
```

```
DATA_BITS

=
8,
parameter
DELAY

=
0
) ( input aclk, input arstn, output parity_err, output frame_err, output [D/
```

AXIS UART, simple UART with AXI Streaming interface.

Parameters

PARITY_ENA Enable Parity for the data in and out.

parameter

PARITY_TYPE Set the parity type, 0 = even, 1 = odd, 2 = mark, 3 = space.

parameter

STOP_BITS Number of stop bits, 0 to crazy non-standard amounts.

parameter

DATA_BITS Number of data bits, 1 to crazy non-standard amounts.

parameter

DELAY Delay in rx data input.

parameter

Ports

aclk Clock for AXIS

arstn Negative reset for AXIS

parity_err Indicates error with parity check (active high)
frame_err Indicates error with frame (active high)

m_axis_tdata Output data from UART RX

m_axis_tvalid When active high the output data is valid

m_axis_tready When set active high the output device is ready for data.

uart_clk Clock used for BAUD rate generation

uart_rstn Negative reset for UART, for anything clocked on uart_clk

 uart_ena
 Enable UART data processing from RX.

 uart_hold
 Output to hold clock till in receive state.

 rxd
 receive for UART (input from TX)

axis uart tx.v

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Brief

UART TX from AXIS bus.

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axis_uart_tx

```
module axis_uart_tx #(
parameter
PARITY_ENA

=
0,
parameter
PARITY_TYPE
=
1,
parameter
STOP_BITS
=
1,
parameter
```

```
DATA_BITS

=
8,
parameter
DELAY

=
0
) ( input aclk, input arstn, input [DATA_BITS-1:0] s_axis_tdata, input s_ax:
```

AXIS UART TX, simple UART TX from AXI Streaming interface.

Parameters

PARITY_ENA Enable Parity for the data in and out.

parameter

PARITY_TYPE Set the parity type, 0 = even, 1 = odd, 2 = mark, 3 = space.

parameter

STOP_BITS Number of stop bits, 0 to crazy non-standard amounts.

parameter

DATA_BITS Number of data bits, 1 to crazy non-standard amounts.

parameter

DELAY Delay in tx data output. Delays the time to output of the data.

parameter

Ports

aclk Clock for AXIS

arstnNegative reset for AXISs_axis_tdataInput data for UART TX.

 $\textbf{s_axis_tvalid} \qquad \text{When set active high the input data is valid}$

s_axis_tready When active high the device is ready for input data.

uart_clk Clock used for BAUD rate generation

uart_rstn Negative reset for UART, for anything clocked on uart_clk

uart_ena When active high enable UART transmit state.

txd transmit for UART (output to RX)

axis uart.v

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Brief

Core for interfacing with simple UART communications. Output is always the size of DATA_BITS.

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axis_uart

```
module axis_uart #(
parameter
BAUD_CLOCK_SPEED
=
2000000,
parameter
BAUD_RATE
=
2000000,
parameter
PARITY_ENA
=
0,
parameter
```

```
PARITY_TYPE

=
0,
parameter
STOP_BITS
=
1,
parameter
DATA_BITS
=
8,
parameter
RX_DELAY
=
0,
parameter
RX_BAUD_DELAY
=
0,
parameter
TX_DELAY
=
0,
parameter
TX_BAUD_DELAY
=
0,
parameter
TX_BAU
```

AXIS UART, simple UART with AXI Streaming interface.

Parameters

BAUD_CLOCK_SPEED This is the aclk frequency in Hz

parameter

BAUD_RATE Serial Baud, this can be any value including non-standard.

parameter

PARITY_ENA Enable Parity for the data in and out.

parameter

PARITY_TYPE Set the parity type, 0 = even, 1 = odd, 2 = mark, 3 = space.

parameter

STOP_BITS Number of stop bits, 0 to crazy non-standard amounts.

parameter

DATA_BITS Number of data bits, 1 to crazy non-standard amounts.

parameter

RX_DELAY Delay in rx data input.

parameter

RX_BAUD_DELAY Delay in rx baud enable. This will delay when we sample a bit (default is

midpoint when rx delay is 0).

TX_DELAY Delay in tx data output. Delays the time to output of the data.

parameter

TX_BAUD_DELAY Delay in tx baud enable. This will delay the time the bit output starts.

parameter

Ports

aclk Clock for AXIS

arstn Negative reset for AXIS

parity_err Indicates error with parity check (active high)

frame_err Indicates error with frame (active high)

s_axis_tdata Input data for UART TX.

s_axis_tvalid When set active high the input data is valids_axis_tready When active high the device is ready for input data.

m_axis_tdata Output data from UART RX

m_axis_tvalid When active high the output data is valid

m_axis_tready When set active high the output device is ready for data.

uart_clk Clock used for BAUD rate generation

tx transmit for UART (output to RX)
rx receive for UART (input from TX)
rts request to send is a loop with CTS
cts clear to send is a loop with RTS

INSTANTIATED MODULES

uart_baud_gen_tx

```
mod_clock_ena_gen #(
    CLOCK_SPEED(BAUD_CLOCK_SPEED),
    START_AT_ZERO(1),
    DELAY(TX_BAUD_DELAY)
) uart_baud_gen_tx ( .clk(uart_clk), .rstn(uart_rstn), .hold(1'b0), .rate(B/
```

Generates TX BAUD rate for UART modules using modulo divide method.

uart_baud_gen_rx

Generates RX BAUD rate for UART modules using modulo divide method.

uart_tx

```
axis_uart_tx #(

PARITY_ENA(PARITY_ENA),

PARITY_TYPE(PARITY_TYPE),

.
```

```
STOP_BITS(STOP_BITS),

DATA_BITS(DATA_BITS),

DELAY(TX_DELAY)
) uart_tx ( .aclk(aclk), .arstn(arstn), .s_axis_tdata(s_axis_tdata), .s_axis_
```

Produces transmit data for tx UART from AXIS.

uart_rx

```
axis_uart_rx #(
    PARITY_ENA(PARITY_ENA),
    PARITY_TYPE(PARITY_TYPE),
    STOP_BITS(STOP_BITS),
    DATA_BITS(DATA_BITS),
    DELAY(RX_DELAY)
) uart_rx ( .aclk(aclk), .arstn(arstn), .parity_err(parity_err), .frame_err
```

Consumes receive data for rx UART to AXIS.

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FUNCTIONS
random_bool
<pre>def random_bool()</pre>
Return a infinte cycle of random bools Returns: List

start_clock

```
def start_clock(
dut
)
```

Start the simulation clock generator.

Parameters

dut Device under test passed from cocotb test function

reset_dut

```
async def reset_dut(
dut
)
```

Cocotb coroutine for resets, used with await to make sure system is reset.

single_word

```
@cocotb.test()
async def single_word(
dut
)
```

Coroutine that is identified as a test routine. This routine tests for writing a single word, and then reading a single word.

Parameters

dut Device under test passed from cocotb.

in_reset

```
@cocotb.test()
async def in_reset(
dut
)
```

Coroutine that is identified as a test routine. This routine tests if device stays in unready state when in reset.

Parameters

dut Device under test passed from cocotb.

no_clock

```
@cocotb.test()
async def no_clock(
dut
)
```

Coroutine that is identified as a test routine. This routine tests if no ready when clock is lost and device is

left in reset.

Parameters

dut Device under test passed from cocotb.

tb cocotb.v

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tb_cocotb

Test bench for axis uart.

Parameters

BAUD_CLOCK_SPEED This is the aclk frequency in Hz

parameter

BAUD_RATE Serial Baud, this can be any value including non-standard.

parameter

PARITY_ENA Enable Parity for the data in and out.

parameter

PARITY_TYPE Set the parity type, 0 = even, 1 = odd, 2 = mark, 3 = space.

parameter

STOP_BITS Number of stop bits, 0 to crazy non-standard amounts.

parameter

DATA_BITS Number of data bits, 1 to crazy non-standard amounts.

parameter

RX_DELAY Delay in rx data input.

parameter

RX_BAUD_DELAY Delay in rx baud enable. This will delay when we sample a bit (default is

midpoint when rx delay is 0).

TX_DELAY Delay in tx data output. Delays the time to output of the data.

parameter

TX_BAUD_DELAY Delay in tx baud enable. This will delay the time the bit output starts.

parameter

Ports

aclk Clock for AXIS

arstn Negative reset for AXIS

parity_err Indicates error with parity check (active high)

frame_err Indicates error with frame (active high)

s_axis_tdata Input data for UART TX.

s_axis_tvalid When set active high the input data is valids_axis_tready When active high the device is ready for input data.

m_axis_tdata Output data from UART RX

m_axis_tvalid When active high the output data is valid

m_axis_tready When set active high the output device is ready for data.

uart_clk Clock used for BAUD rate generation

uart_rstn Negative reset for UART, for anything clocked on uart_clk

tx transmit for UART (output to RX)
rx receive for UART (input from TX)
rts request to send is a loop with CTS
cts clear to send is a loop with RTS

INSTANTIATED MODULES

dut

```
axis_uart #(

BAUD_CLOCK_SPEED(BAUD_CLOCK_SPEED),

BAUD_RATE(BAUD_RATE),

PARITY_ENA(PARITY_ENA),

PARITY_TYPE(PARITY_TYPE),

STOP_BITS(STOP_BITS),

DATA_BITS(DATA_BITS),

RX_DELAY(RX_DELAY),

RX_BAUD_DELAY(RX_BAUD_DELAY),

TX_DELAY(TX_DELAY),

TX_BAUD_DELAY(TX_BAUD_DELAY)

) dut ( .aclk(aclk), .arstn(arstn), .parity_err(parity_err), .frame_err(frame)
```

Device under test, axis_uart

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FUNCTIONS
random_bool
<pre>def random_bool()</pre>
Return a infinte cycle of random bools Returns: List

start_clock

```
def start_clock(
dut
)
```

Start the simulation clock generator.

Parameters

dut Device under test passed from cocotb test function

reset_dut

```
async def reset_dut(
dut
)
```

Cocotb coroutine for resets, used with await to make sure system is reset.

single_word

```
@cocotb.test()
async def single_word(
dut
)
```

Coroutine that is identified as a test routine. This routine tests for writing a single word, and then reading a single word.

Parameters

dut Device under test passed from cocotb.

in_reset

```
@cocotb.test()
async def in_reset(
dut
)
```

Coroutine that is identified as a test routine. This routine tests if device stays in unready state when in reset.

Parameters

dut Device under test passed from cocotb.

no_clock

```
@cocotb.test()
async def no_clock(
dut
)
```

Coroutine that is identified as a test routine. This routine tests if no ready when clock is lost and device is

left in reset.

Parameters

dut Device under test passed from cocotb.

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tb_cocotb

```
module tb_cocotb #(
parameter
PARITY_ENA
=
0,
parameter
PARITY_TYPE
=
0,
parameter
STOP_BITS
=
1,
parameter
```

```
DATA_BITS

=
8,
parameter
DELAY

=
0
) ( input aclk, input arstn, output parity_err, output frame_err, output [DA
```

Test bench for axis_uart_rx.

Parameters

PARITY_ENA Enable Parity for the data in and out.

parameter

PARITY_TYPE Set the parity type, 0 = even, 1 = odd, 2 = mark, 3 = space.

parameter

STOP_BITS Number of stop bits, 0 to crazy non-standard amounts.

parameter

DATA_BITS Number of data bits, 1 to crazy non-standard amounts.

parameter

DELAY Delay in rx data input.

parameter

Ports

aclk Clock for AXIS

arstn Negative reset for AXIS

parity_err Indicates error with parity check (active high)
frame_err Indicates error with frame (active high)

m_axis_tdata Output data from UART RX

 $\label{eq:m_axis_tvalid} \textbf{ When active high the output data is valid}$

m_axis_tready When set active high the output device is ready for data.

uart_clk Clock used for BAUD rate generation

uart_rstn Negative reset for UART, for anything clocked on uart_clk

 uart_ena
 Enable UART data processing from RX.

 uart_hold
 Output to hold clock till in receive state.

 rxd
 receive for UART (input from TX)

INSTANTIATED MODULES

dut

```
axis_uart_rx #(

PARITY_ENA(PARITY_ENA),

PARITY_TYPE(PARITY_TYPE),

STOP_BITS(STOP_BITS),

DATA_BITS(DATA_BITS),

DELAY(DELAY)
```

```
) dut ( .aclk(aclk), .arstn(arstn), .parity_err(parity_err), .frame_err(frame)
```

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Cocotb coroutine for resets, used with await to make sure system is reset.

single_word

```
@cocotb.test()
async def single_word(
dut
)
```

Coroutine that is identified as a test routine. This routine tests for writing a single word, and then reading a single word.

Parameters

dut Device under test passed from cocotb.

in_reset

```
@cocotb.test()
async def in_reset(
dut
)
```

Coroutine that is identified as a test routine. This routine tests if device stays in unready state when in reset.

Parameters

dut Device under test passed from cocotb.

no_clock

```
@cocotb.test()
async def no_clock(
dut
)
```

Coroutine that is identified as a test routine. This routine tests if no ready when clock is lost and device is

left in reset.

Parameters

dut Device under test passed from cocotb.

tb coctb.v

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INFORMATION

Brief

Test bench wrapper for cocotb

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tb_cocotb

```
module tb_cocotb #(
parameter
PARITY_ENA
=
0,
parameter
PARITY_TYPE
=
1,
parameter
STOP_BITS
=
1,
parameter
```

```
DATA_BITS
=
8,
parameter
DELAY
=
0
) ( input aclk, input arstn, input [DATA_BITS-1:0] s_axis_tdata, input s_ax:
```

Test bench for AXIS UART TX, simple UART TX from AXI Streaming interface.

Parameters

PARITY_ENA Enable Parity for the data in and out.

parameter

PARITY_TYPE Set the parity type, 0 = even, 1 = odd, 2 = mark, 3 = space.

parameter

STOP_BITS Number of stop bits, 0 to crazy non-standard amounts.

parameter

DATA_BITS Number of data bits, 1 to crazy non-standard amounts.

parameter

DELAY Delay in tx data output. Delays the time to output of the data.

parameter

Ports

aclk Clock for AXIS

arstnNegative reset for AXISs_axis_tdataInput data for UART TX.

s_axis_tvalid When set active high the input data is valid

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} $s_axis_tready & When active high the device is ready for input data. \end{tabular}$

uart_clk Clock used for BAUD rate generation

uart_rstn Negative reset for UART, for anything clocked on uart_clk

uart_ena When active high enable UART transmit state.

txd transmit for UART (output to RX)

INSTANTIATED MODULES

dut

```
axis_uart_tx #(
    PARITY_ENA(0),
    PARITY_TYPE(1),
    STOP_BITS(1),
    DATA_BITS(8),
    DELAY(0)
) dut ( .aclk(aclk), .arstn(arstn), .s_axis_tdata(s_axis_tdata), .s_axis_tva
```

Device under test, axis uart tx