I/O Buffer (ALTIOBUF) IP Core User Guide

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The ALTIOBUF megafunction IP core implements either an I/O input buffer (ALTIOBUF_in), I/O output buffer (ALTIOBUF_out), or I/O bidirectional buffer (ALTIOBUF_bidir). You can configure the IP core through the IP Catalog and parameter editor in the Quartus[®] II software.

This user guide assumes that you are familiar with IP cores and how to configure them.

Related Information

Introduction to Altera IP Cores

Provides general information about Altera IP cores

ALTIOBUF Features

The ALTIOBUF IP core provides the following features:

- Capable of bus-hold circuitry
- · Can enable differential mode
- Can specify open-drain output
- Can specify output enable port (oe)
- Can enable dynamic termination control ports for I/O bidirectional buffers
- Can enable series and parallel termination control ports for I/O output buffers and I/O bidirectional buffers
- Can enable dynamic delay chains for I/O buffers

I/O Buffer and Dynamic Delay Integration

Altera recommends that you use the ALTIOBUF IP core to utilize the I/O buffers for any purpose that includes LVDS interfaces (using the ALTLVDS IP core), DDR interfaces (using the ALTDDIO_IN, ALTDDIO_OUT, ALTDDIO_BIDIR, ALTDQ, ALTDQS, and ALTDQ_DQS IP cores) and dynamic onchip termination (OCT) control (using the ALTOCT IP core).

ALTIOBUF Common Application

The I/O buffers have standard capabilities such as bus-hold circuitry, differential mode, open-drain output, and output enable port.

One of the key applications for this IP core is to have more direct termination control of the buffers. By enabling series and parallel termination control ports for the I/O output buffers and I/O bidirectional

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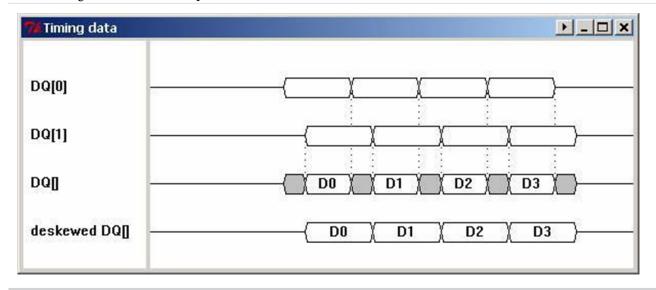
buffers, you can connect these ports to the ALTOCT IP core to enable dynamic calibration for on-chip termination.

The additional dynamic termination control ports allow control when series termination or parallel termination are enabled for bidirectional buffers. Parallel termination needs to only be enabled when the bidirectional I/O is receiving input. Otherwise, it needs to be disabled so that the output performance and power dissipation is optimal.

Another key application for this IP core is for dynamic delay chain in the I/O buffer. Dynamic I/O delay allows implementing automatic deskew, especially for memory interfaces, such as DDR3, which is handled by the memory interface intellectual property (IP). You need to dynamically deskew and not calculate manually because much of the skew can come from the I/O buffers of either the FPGA or the other device the FPGA is interfacing with (for example, memory). Even if the trace lengths are matched, there can still be electrical skew in the system. Also, this skew changes and can change from device to device. Having the ability to deskew from the fabric allows you to remove uncertainties that would have to be considered in the timing budget. This allows you to gain more timing margin, which allows higher frequencies.

Figure 1: Example Illustrating Deskew

This figure shows an example of deskew.



For example, if the input (or output) bus signals are DQ[0] and DQ[1], board trace skew, transmitter device skew, or even FPGA package skew could cause signals that were initially aligned to become misaligned. The third waveform shows the window available to the receiver for capturing the data. If DQ[0] was delayed a bit to match DQ[1], a wider window would become available to the receiver.

Note: The deskew delay chains are not meant to find the middle of a data valid window, but just to deskew the incoming (or outgoing) data to widen the overall window for a bus of inputs (or outputs). To do this, you only need to align just one edge (for example, the left edge) of the data valid window of all the pins.

To find the left and right edges of the data valid window, you need to do coarser adjustments (one possible method is to use the new phase adjustment functionality of the PLL (ALTPLL IP core). The range

of the deskew delay chains is only designed to compensate for a reasonable amount of board and package/ layout skew.

Related Information

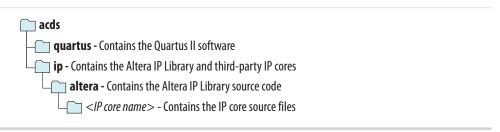
ALTOCT IP Core User Guide

Provides information about connecting the ALTIOBUF ports to ALTOCT IP core.

Installing and Licensing IP Cores

The Altera IP Library provides many useful IP core functions for production use without purchasing an additional license. You can evaluate any Altera® IP core in simulation and compilation in the Quartus® II software using the OpenCore® evaluation feature. Some Altera IP cores, such as MegaCore® functions, require that you purchase a separate license for production use. You can use the OpenCore Plus feature to evaluate IP that requires purchase of an additional license until you are satisfied with the functionality and performance. After you purchase a license, visit the Self Service Licensing Center to obtain a license number for any Altera product.

Figure 2: IP Core Installation Path



Note: The default IP installation directory on Windows is **<drive>:\altera**<*version number>*; on Linux it is <home directory>/altera/ <version number>.

Related Information

- Altera Licensing Site
- Altera Software Installation and Licensing Manual

IP Catalog and Parameter Editor

The Quartus II IP Catalog (Tools > IP Catalog) and parameter editor help you easily customize and integrate IP cores into your project. You can use the IP Catalog and parameter editor to select, customize, and generate files representing your custom IP variation.

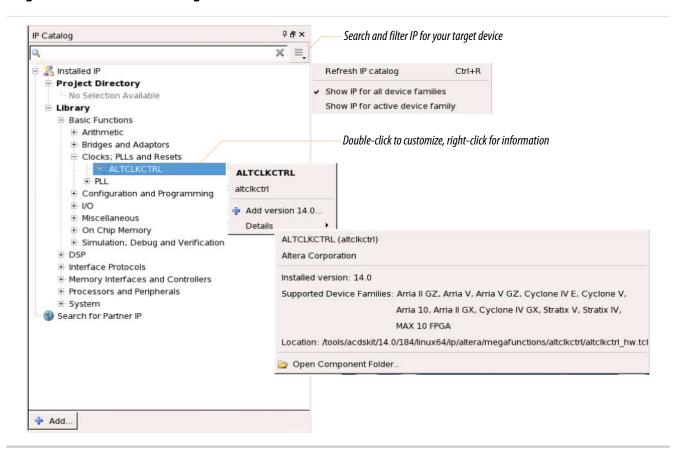
Note: The IP Catalog (**Tools** > **IP Catalog**) and parameter editor replace the MegaWizard [™] Plug-In Manager for IP selection and parameterization, beginning in Quartus II software version 14.0. Use the IP Catalog and parameter editor to locate and paramaterize Altera IP cores.

The IP Catalog lists IP cores available for your design. Double-click any IP core to launch the parameter editor and generate files representing your IP variation. The parameter editor prompts you to specify an IP variation name, optional ports, and output file generation options. The parameter editor generates a top-level Qsys system file (.qsys) or Quartus II IP file (.qip) representing the IP core in your project. You can also parameterize an IP variation without an open project.

Use the following features to help you quickly locate and select an IP core:

- Filter IP Catalog to Show IP for active device family or Show IP for all device families.
- Search to locate any full or partial IP core name in IP Catalog. Click **Search for Partner IP**, to access partner IP information on the Altera website.
- Right-click an IP core name in IP Catalog to display details about supported devices, open the IP core's installation folder, andor view links to documentation.

Figure 3: Quartus II IP Catalog



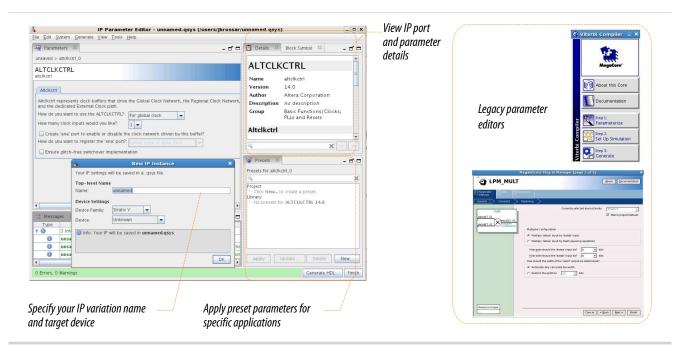
Note: The IP Catalog is also available in Qsys (**View** > **IP Catalog**). The Qsys IP Catalog includes exclusive system interconnect, video and image processing, and other system-level IP that are not available in the Quartus II IP Catalog. For more information about using the Qsys IP Catalog, refer to *Creating a System with Qsys* in the *Quartus II Handbook*.

Using the Parameter Editor

The parameter editor helps you to configure IP core ports, parameters, and output file generation options.

- Use preset settings in the parameter editor (where provided) to instantly apply preset parameter values for specific applications.
- View port and parameter descriptions, and links to documentation.
- Generate testbench systems or example designs (where provided).

Figure 4: IP Parameter Editors



Customizing and Generating IP Cores

You can customize IP cores to support a wide variety of applications. The Quartus II IP Catalog displays IP cores available for the current target device. The parameter editor guides you to set parameter values for optional ports, features, and output files.

To customize and generate a custom IP core variation, follow these steps:

- 1. In the IP Catalog (**Tools** > **IP Catalog**), locate and double-click the name of the IP core to customize. The parameter editor appears.
- 2. Specify a top-level name for your custom IP variation. This name identifies the IP core variation files in your project. If prompted, also specify the target Altera device family and output file HDL preference. Click **OK**.
- 3. Specify the desired parameters, output, and options for your IP core variation:
 - Optionally select preset parameter values. Presets specify all initial parameter values for specific applications (where provided).
 - Specify parameters defining the IP core functionality, port configuration, and device-specific features.
 - Specify options for generation of a timing netlist, simulation model, testbench, or example design (where applicable).
 - Specify options for processing the IP core files in other EDA tools.
- **4.** Click **Finish** or **Generate** to generate synthesis and other optional files matching your IP variation specifications. The parameter editor generates the top-level **.qip** or **.qsys** IP variation file and HDL files

for synthesis and simulation. Some IP cores also simultaneously generate a testbench or example design for hardware testing.

- 5. To generate a simulation testbench, click **Generate > Generate Testbench System**. **Generate > Generate Testbench System** is not available for some IP cores.
- **6.** To generate a top-level HDL design example for hardware verification, click **Generate** > **HDL Example**. **Generate** > **HDL Example** is not available for some IP cores.

When you generate the IP variation with a Quartus II project open, the parameter editor automatically adds the IP variation to the project. Alternatively, click **Project** > **Add/Remove Files in Project** to manually add a top-level **.qip** or **.qsys** IP variation file to a Quartus II project. To fully integrate the IP into the design, make appropriate pin assignments to connect ports. You can define a virtual pin to avoid making specific pin assignments to top-level signals.

Note: By default, all unused pins are tied to ground. Altera recommends setting all unused pins to tristate because doing otherwise might cause interference. To set all unused pins to tristate, in the Quartus II software, click Assignments > Device > Device and Pin Options > Unused Pins and select an item from the Reserve all unused pins list.

Upgrading IP Cores

IP core variants generated with a previous version of the Quartus II software may require upgrading before use in the current version of the Quartus II software. Click **Project** > **Upgrade IP Components** to identify and upgrade IP core variants.

The **Upgrade IP Components** dialog box provides instructions when IP upgrade is required, optional, or unsupported for specific IP cores in your design. You must upgrade IP cores that require it before you can compile the IP variation in the current version of the Quartus II software. Many Altera IP cores support automatic upgrade.

The upgrade process renames and preserves the existing variation file (.v, .sv, or .vhd) as $< my_variant >_-$ BAK.v, .sv, .vhd in the project directory.

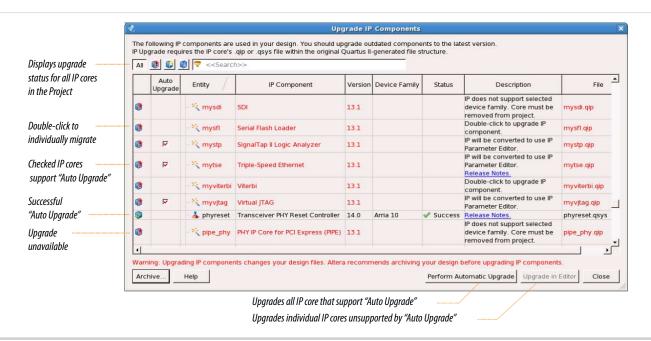
Table 1: IP Core Upgrade Status

IP Core Status	Corrective Action
Required Upgrade IP Components	You must upgrade the IP variation before compiling in the current version of the Quartus II software.
Optional Upgrade IP Components	Upgrade is optional for this IP variation in the current version of the Quartus II software. You can upgrade this IP variation to take advantage of the latest development of this IP core. Alternatively you can retain previous IP core characteristics by declining to upgrade.
Upgrade Unsupported	Upgrade of the IP variation is not supported in the current version of the Quartus II software due to IP core end of life or incompatibility with the current version of the Quartus II software. You are prompted to replace the obsolete IP core with a current equivalent IP core from the IP Catalog.

Before you begin

- Archive the Quartus II project containing outdated IP cores in the original version of the Quartus II software: Click **Project** > **Archive Project** to save the project in your previous version of the Quartus II software. This archive preserves your original design source and project files.
- Restore the archived project in the latest version of the Quartus II software: Click **Project** > **Restore Archived Project**. Click **OK** if prompted to change to a supported device or overwrite the project database. File paths in the archive must be relative to the project directory. File paths in the archive must reference the IP variation .v or .vhd file or .qsys file (not the .qip file).
- In the latest version of the Quartus II software, open the Quartus II project containing an outdated IP core variation. The Upgrade IP Components dialog automatically displays the status of IP cores in your project, along with instructions for upgrading each core. Click Project > Upgrade IP Components to access this dialog box manually.
- 2. To simultaneously upgrade all IP cores that support automatic upgrade, click **Perform Automatic Upgrade**. The **Status** and **Version** columns update when upgrade is complete. Example designs provided with any Altera IP core regenerate automatically whenever you upgrade the IP core.

Figure 5: Upgrading IP Cores



Example 1: Upgrading IP Cores at the Command Line

You can upgrade IP cores that support auto upgrade at the command line. IP cores that do not support automatic upgrade do not support command line upgrade.

• To upgrade a single IP core that supports auto-upgrade, type the following command:

```
quartus_sh -ip_upgrade -variation_files <my_ip_filepath/my_ip>.<hdl>
<qii_project>

Example:
quartus_sh -ip_upgrade -variation_files mega/pll25.v hps_testx
```



• To simultaneously upgrade multiple IP cores that support auto-upgrade, type the following

```
quartus_sh -ip_upgrade -variation_files "<my_ip_filepath/my_ip1>.<hdl>;
<my_ip_filepath/my_ip2>.<hdl>" <qii_project>

Example:
quartus_sh -ip_upgrade -variation_files "mega/pll_tx2.v;mega/pll3.v"
hps_testx
```

Note: IP cores older than Quartus II software version 12.0 do not support upgrade. Altera verifies that the current version of the Quartus II software compiles the previous version of each IP core. The *Altera IP Release Notes* reports any verification exceptions for Altera IP cores. Altera does not verify compilation for IP cores older than the previous two releases.

Related Information

Altera IP Release Notes

ALTIOBUF Parameters

This table lists the options ALTIOBUF IP core parameters.

Table 2: ALTIOBUF IP Core Parameters: General Tab

Parameter	Description		
Currently selected device family:	Specify the device family you want to use.		
How do you want to configure this module?	Specify whether it is an input buffer, output buffer, or bidirectional buffer.		
What is the number of buffers to be instantiated?	Specify the number of buffers to be used. This defines the size of the buffer.		
Use bus hold circuitry	If enabled, the bus-hold circuitry can weakly hold the signal on an I/O pin at its last-driven state. Available in input buffer, output buffer, or bidirectional buffer.		
Use differential mode	If enabled, datain/datain_b is used for input buffers, both dataout/dataout_b are used for output buffers, and both dataio/dataio_b are used for bidirectional buffers.		
Use open drain output	If enabled, the open drain output enables the device to provide system-level control signals (for example, interrupt and write-enable signals) that can be asserted by multiple devices in your system. This option is only available for output buffers and bidirectional buffers.		
Use output enable port(s)	If enabled, there is a port used to control when the output is enabled. This option is only available for output buffers and bidirectional buffers.		



Parameter	Description		
Use dynamic termination control(s)	If enabled, this port receives the command to select either Rs code (when input value = low) or Rt code (when input value = high) from the core. Only enable Rt when the bi-directional I/O is receiving input. Otherwise, it needs to be disabled so that the output performance and power dissipation is optimal. This option is available only for input and bidirectional buffers.		
	An error is issued if parallel termination (Rt) is on and dynamic termination control is not connected on a bidir pin. An error is issued if parallel termination (Rt) is off and dynamic termination control is connected on an input or bidirectional pin.		
	Note that two I/Os in the same dynamic termination control group needs to have the same dynamic termination control signal. If the I/Os have separate dynamic termination control signals, the Quartus II software produces a fitting error. A dynamic termination control group is a group of pins that share the same physical dynamic termination control signal on the chip.		
	This option is not available in Cyclone III and Cyclone IV devices.		
Use series and parallel termination controls	If enabled, this allows the series and parallel termination control ports to be used. These ports can then be connected to termination logic blocks to receive the Rs or Rt code from the termination logic blocks.		
	This option is only available for output buffers and bidirectional buffers. The series and parallel termination control ports are 14-bit wide for series or parallel termination.		
	For Cyclone III, Cyclone IV, and Cyclone V devices, this option is available for output buffers and bidirectional buffers, but not for input buffers. Only series termination is available. The series termination control ports are 16-bit wide. The width of these ports increases depending on the amount of buffers instantiated.		
Use left shift series termination control	If enabled, you can use the left shift series termination control to get the calibrated OCT R_s with half of the impedance value of the external reference resistors connected to RUP and RDN pins. This option is useful in applications which required both $25\text{-}\Omega$ and $50\text{-}\Omega$ calibrated OCT R_s at the same V_{ccio} . For more information, refer to I/O features chapter of the respective device handbooks.		



Table 3: ALTIOBUF Parameters: Dynamic Delay Chains Tab

Parameter	Description
Enable input buffer dynamic delay chain	If enabled, the input or bidirectional buffer incorporates the user-driven dynamic delay chain in the IP core; that is, the IO_CONFIG and the input delay cell. Additional input ports are enabled: io_config_clk, io_config_clkena, io_config_update, and io_config_datain. This option is not available for Cyclone III and Cyclone IV devices.
Enable output buffer dynamic delay chain 1	If enabled, the output or bidirectional buffer incorporates the user-driven dynamic delay chain in the IP core; that is, the IO_CONFIG and the first output delay cell. Additional input ports are enabled: io_config_clk, io_config_clkena, io_config_update, and io_config_datain. This option is not available for Cyclone III and Cyclone IV devices.
Enable output buffer dynamic delay chain 2	If enabled, the output buffer or bidirectional buffer incorporates a user-driven dynamic delay chain in the IP core; that is, the IO_CONFIG and the second output delay cell. Additional input ports are enabled: io_config_clk, io_config_clkena, io_config_update, and io_config_datain. This option is not available for Cyclone III and Cyclone IV devices.
Create a 'clkena' port	If enabled, there is a port used to control when the configuration clock is enabled. This option is not available for Cyclone III and Cyclone IV devices.

Using the Port and Parameter Definitions

Instead of using the parameter editor GUI, you can instantiate the IP core directly in your Verilog HDL, VHDL, or AHDL code by calling the IP core and setting its parameters as you would any other module, component, or subdesign.

Related Information

ALTIOBUF References on page 16

ALTIOBUF Functional Description

ALTIOBUF Input, Output, and OE Paths

The three path types used with the I/O buffer in the delay chain architecture are input path, output path, and oe path.

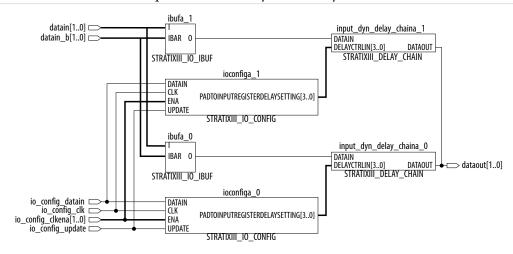
Dynamic delay chains are integrated in the input path for input and bidirectional buffers. Dynamic delay chains are integrated in the output and oe paths for output and bidirectional buffers. This section describes the dynamic delay chain-related components only.

All paths share a similar configuration in which the delay cells are getting their delay control signal from the IO_CONFIG component. For the input path, the IO_CONFIG'S PADTOINPUTREGISTERDELAYSETTING output port drives the DELAY_CHAIN'S (input delay cell) DELAYCTRLIN input port. For the output and oe path, use the IO_CONFIG'S OUTPUTDELAYSETTING 1 and 2 output ports to drive the DELAYCTRLIN port of the first and second output delay cells, respectively.

The number of delay chains needed is <code>NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS</code>. Each instance of the I/O buffer includes a delay chain. Assume <code>NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS</code> is equal to <code>X</code>. There must be <code>X</code> instances of input delay chain for <code>X</code> input buffer, and <code>2X</code> instances of the first output delay chain and <code>2X</code> instances of the second output delay chain output buffer because it uses the output and oe paths. The bidirectional buffer combines all instances of the delay chains mentioned above.

Figure 6: Sample ALTIOBUF (Input Buffer Mode) Architecture when NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS = 2

This figure shows the internal architecture of the ALTIOBUF IP core (input buffer mode) when NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS is equal to 2 and the dynamic delay chain feature is enabled.



ALTIOBUF Input Buffer

The input buffer IP core uses the input path of the dynamic delay chain.

The datain and datain_b input ports of the ALTIOBUF IP core (input buffer mode) connect to the i and ibar ports (if differential mode is enabled) of the input buffer, respectively. In the input path, the value of the input buffer's dataout port is passed into the input delay chain. The dataout port of the ALTIOBUF IP core (input buffer mode) is the output of the dataout delay chain.

You must add a register external to the IP core, either a regular DFFE or a DDIO and connect its input to the IP core's dataout port.

Figure 7: Internal Architecture of ALTIOBUF (Input Buffer Mode)

This figure shows the internal architecture of the input buffer in the ALTIOBUF IP core.

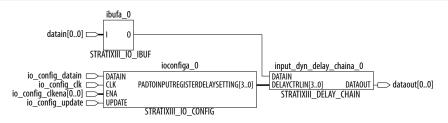


Figure 8: ALTIOBUF (Input Buffer Mode) Connected to the External Flipflop

This figure shows how to connect the external register to the IP core.



Differential Mode Pin Naming Convention

Use the following pin naming convention for differential mode:

```
<pin_name>[1..0]
```

Where:

- <pin_name>[0] is connected to the datain port
- <pin_name>[1] is connected to the datain_b port.

Note: You must apply a differential I/O standard to both pins.

ALTIOBUF Output Buffer

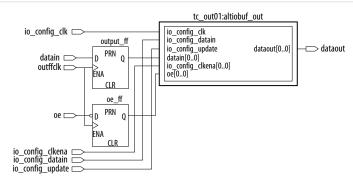
The ALTIOBUF IP core (output buffer mode) uses the output and oe path of the dynamic delay chain, where both share the same IO_CONFIG settings.

Contrary to the input path in the output and oe paths, you can add two optional registers, which are external to the IP core. One is for the output path and the other is for the oe path.

Instead of connecting the input data to the datain port of the ALTIOBUF IP core (output buffer mode), it is connected to the input of the registers that are external to the IP core. The output of the register is then driven to the datain port of the first output delay chain port. In a similar way, the inverted input oe is connected to the oe register that is external to the IP core, which drives the datain port of the first oe delay chain port.

Figure 9: ALTIOBUF (Output Buffer Mode) Connected with the External Flipflops

This figure shows how to connect the output and oe registers to the ALTIOBUF IP core.

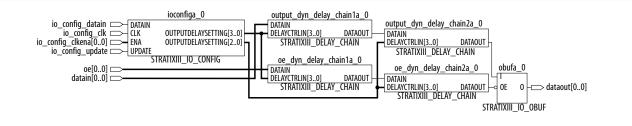


Each of the output and oe delay chains are built from two cascaded output delay chains. The first output delay chain's dataout is connected to the second output delay chain's datain. Depending on the parameter chosen (use_out_dynamic_delay_chain1 or use_out_dynamic_delay_chain2), one or both of the output delay chains can be dynamic. In this IP core, you can set the delay only for the dynamic delay chains.

The second output delay chain's dataout is connected to the output buffer's i input port for the output path and to the output buffer's oe port for the oe path. Note that the output path and the oe path have their own cascaded delay chains.

Figure 10: Internal Architecture of ALTIOBUF (Output Buffer Mode)

This figure shows the internal architecture of the ALTIOBUF IP core.

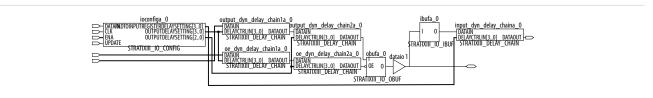


ALTIOBUF Bidirectional Buffer

The bidirectional buffer essentially combines the input buffer and the output buffer, incorporating the input path, output path, and oe path.

By combining the input and output buffers, the output path and oe path are placed before the buffer and the input path is placed after the buffer.

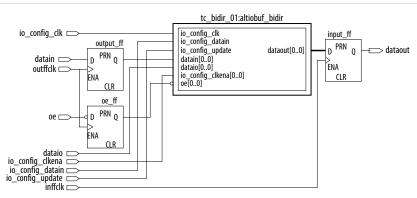
Figure 11: Internal Architecture of ALTIOBUF (Bidirectional Buffer Mode)



By following these specifications, only the input path needs a register external to the IP core. The output and oe registers that are added externally to the IP core are optional.

Figure 12: ALTIOBUF (Bidirectional Buffer Mode) Connected with External Flipflops

This figure shows an example of the ALTIOBUF IP core (bidirectional buffer mode) when output, oe, and input path registers are used that are external to the IP core.



The external register placement is similar to the input/output buffers, where the output and oe registers drive the datain and oe ports of the ALTIOBUF IP core (bidirectional buffer mode) and the dataout port drives the input register.

- **Note:** The dynamic termination control path also contains output delay chain 1 and output delay chain 2, which are not accessible through the ALTIOBUF IP core (bidirectional buffer mode). When both the oe and dynamic termination control are used, the two signals (oe and dynamic termination control) can be out of synchronization.
 - It is not recommended to switch these two signals simultaneously.

Dynamic Delay Chain Valid Values

For information about the delay chain valid values, refer to the Programmable IOE Delay section of the respective device handbook or data sheet.

Assignments Necessary For Dynamic Delay Chain Usage

If you utilize the dynamic delay chain for the I/O buffer IP core, a MEMORY_INTERFACE_DATA_PIN_GROUP assignment to the I/O buffer block is necessary to enable it to go through fitting.

This is because the IP core utilizes the <code>IO_CONFIG</code> and <code>DELAY_CHAIN</code> blocks that are associated with the use of DDR interfaces. Therefore, the Quartus II Fitter requires the assignment to determine the placement of the blocks with the respective <code>IO_XBUF</code> block.

The format of the MEMORY_INTERFACE_DATA_PIN assignments generally appears as the following:

```
MEMORY_INTERFACE_DATA_PIN_GROUP {4 | 9 | 18 | 36} -from iobuf[0] -to iobuf[0] MEMORY_INTERFACE_DATA_PIN_GROUP {4 | 9 | 18 | 36} -from iobuf[0] -to iobuf[1] MEMORY_INTERFACE_DATA_PIN_GROUP {4 | 9 | 18 | 36} -from iobuf[0] -to iobuf[2] ....

MEMORY_INTERFACE_DATA_PIN_GROUP {4 | 9 | 18 | 36} -from iobuf[0] -to iobuf[n]
```

iobuf is the name of the buffer, either a stratixiii_io_obuf (for the output buffer) or stratixiii_io_ibuf (for the input buffer). For the bidirectional buffer, either one is acceptable.



Figure 13: Output Buffer

This figure shows an example of an output buffer.



To allow this particular design to be fit, add the following line in the Quartus Setting File (.qsf):

```
set_instance_assignment -name MEMORY_INTERFACE_DATA_PIN_GROUP 4 -from "u2|
test_output_iobuffer_iobuf_out_kk21:test_output_iobuffer_iobuf_out_kk21_component|
obufa_0" -to "u2|
test_output_iobuffer_iobuf_out_kk21:test_output_iobuffer_iobuf_out_kk21_component|
obufa_0"
```

You can also use the Assignment Editor to set the column fields as shown in the following table:

Table 4: Assigning the MEMORY_INTERFACE_DATA_PIN_GROUP Assignment

Column	Setting
From	u2 test_output_iobuffer_iobuf_out_kk21:test_output_iobuffer_iobuf_out_kk21_component obufa_0
То	u2 test_output_iobuffer_iobuf_out_kk21:test_output_iobuffer_iobuf_out_kk21_component obufa_0
Assignment Name	MEMORY_INTERFACE_DATA_PIN_GROUP
Value	4
Enable	Yes

Then, set the **Value** field as shown in the following table:

Table 5: MEMORY INTERFACE DATA PIN GROUP Value

Number of Channels	MEMORY_INTERFACE_DATA_PIN_GROUP Value
1–6	4
7–12	9
13-24	18
25-48	36

The design example associated with this user guide has this assignment.

Related Information

ALTDQ_DQS2 IP Core User Guide

Provides the I/O configuration block bit sequence for Arria V, Cyclone V, and Stratix V devices



ALTIOBUF References

Provides the signals, parameters, Verilog HDL prototype, and VHDL component declaration for ALTIOBUF IP core.

Related Information

Using the Port and Parameter Definitions on page 10

ALTIOBUF Signals and Parameters: As Input Buffer

Table 6: ALTIOBUF (As Input Buffer) Input Ports

This table lists the input ports for the ALTIOBUF IP core (as input buffer).

Name	Required	Description
datain[]	Yes	The input buffer normal data input port.
		Input port [NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS - 10] wide. The input signal to the I/O output buffer element. For differential signals, this port acquires the positive signal input.
datain_b[]	No	The negative signal input of a differential signal to the I/O input buffer element. Input port [NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS - 10] wide. When connected, the datain_b port is always fed by a pad/port atom. This port is used only if the USE_DIFFERENTIAL_MODE parameter value is TRUE.
io_config_datain	No	Input port that feeds the datain port of IO_CONFIG for user-driven dynamic delay chain.
		Input port used to feed input data to the serial load shift register. The value is a 1-bit wire shared among all I/O instances. This port is available only if the USE_IN_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN parameter value is TRUE.
io_config_clk	No	Input clock port that feeds the IO_CONFIG for user-driven dynamic delay chain. Input port used as the clock signal of shift register block.
		The maximum frequency for this clock is 30 MHz.
		The value is a 1-bit wire shared among all I/O instances. This port is available only if the USE_IN_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN parameter value is TRUE.

Name	Required		Descripti	on
io_config_clkena[]	No	Input clock-enable that feeds the ena port of IO_CONFIG for user-driven dynamic delay chain.		
		port used as to	he clock enable signal	the use_in_dynamic_
io_config_update	No	Input port that feeds the IO_CONFIG update port for user-driven dynamic delay chain.		
		parallel load r all I/O instan		1-bit wire shared among ble only if the USE_IN_
dynamicterminationcon- trol[]		Input port [N specified, this when the inpuvalue is HIGH. receiving inpu	port selects from the at value is LOW; or Rt of Enable Rt only when it. When the bidirection this port for optimal	
		Value	Rs Code	Rt Code
		0	1	0
		1	0	1

Table 7: ALTIOBUF (As Input Buffer) Output Ports

This table shows the output ports for the ALTIOBUF IP core (as input buffer).

Name	Required	Description
dataout[]	Yes	Input buffer output port.
		Input port [NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS - 10] wide. The I/O input buffer element output.

Table 8: ALTIOBUF (As Input Buffer) Parameters

This table lists the parameters for the ALTIOBUF IP core (as input buffer).

Name	Required	Туре	Description
ENABLE_BUS_HOLD	No	String	Specifies whether the bus hold circuitry is enabled. Values are TRUE and FALSE. When set to TRUE, bus hold circuitry is enabled and the previous value, instead of high impedance, is assigned to the output port when there is no valid input. If omitted, the default is FALSE. Currently, ENABLE_BUS_HOLD and USE_DIFFERENTIAL_MODE cannot be used simultaneously.
USE_DIFFERENTIAL_MODE	No	String	Specifies whether the input buffer is differential. Values are TRUE and FALSE. When set to TRUE, the output is the difference between the datain and datain_ b ports. If omitted, the default is FALSE. Currently, ENABLE_BUS_HOLD and USE_ DIFFERENTIAL_MODE cannot be used simultaneously.
USE_IN_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN	No	String	Specifies whether the input buffer incorporates the user-driven dynamic delay chain in the IP core, specifically, IO_CONFIG and an input delay cell. Values are TRUE and FALSE. If omitted, the default is FALSE.
NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS	Yes	Integer	Specifies the number of I/O buffers that must be instantiated. Value must be greater than or equal to 1. A value of 1 indicates that the buffer is a 1-bit port and accommodates wires; a value greater than 1 indicates that the port can be connected to a bus of width Number_of_channels.
USE_DYNAMIC_TERMINATION_ CONTROL	No	String	Specifies dynamic termination control. Values are True and False. If omitted, the default is False.

ALTIOBUF Signals and Parameters: As Output Buffer

Table 9: ALTIOBUF (As Output Buffer) Input Ports

This table lists the input ports for the ALTIOBUF IP core (as output buffer).

Name	Required	Description
datain[]	Yes	The output buffer input port. Input port [NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS - 10] wide. For differential signals, this port supplies the positive signal input. Inputs are fed to the I/O output buffer element.
io_config_datain	No	Input port that feeds the datain port of IO_CONFIG for user-driven dynamic delay chain. Input port used to feed input data to the serial load shift register. The value is a 1-bit wire shared among all I/O instances. This port is available when the USE_OUT_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN1 or USE_OUT_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN2 parameter value is TRUE.
io_config_clk	No	Input clock port that feeds the IO_CONFIG for user-driven dynamic delay chain. Note that the maximum frequency for this clock is 30 MHz. Input port used as the clock signal of shift register block. The value is a 1-bit wire shared among all I/O instances. This port is available when the use_out_ DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN1 or use_out_dynamic_ DELAY_CHAIN2 parameter value is TRUE.
io_config_clkena[]	No	Input clock-enable that feeds the ena port of IO_CONFIG for user-driven dynamic delay chain. Input port [NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS - 10] wide. Input port used as the clock signal of shift register block. This port is available when the USE_OUT_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN1 or USE_OUT_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN2 parameter value is TRUE.

Name	Required	Description
io_config_update	No	Input port that feeds the IO_CONFIG update port for user-driven dynamic delay chain. When asserted, the serial load shift register bits feed the parallel load register. The value is a 1-bit wire shared among all I/O instances. This port is available when the USE_OUT_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN1 or USE_OUT_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN2 parameter value is TRUE.
oe[]	No	The output-enable source to the tri-state buffer. Input port [NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS - 10] wide. When the oe port is asserted, dataout and dataout_b are enabled. When oe is deasserted, both dataout and dataout_b are disabled. This port is used only when the USE_OE parameter value is TRUE. If omitted, the default is V _{CC} .
seriesterminationcontrol[]	No	Receives the current state of the pull up and pull down Rs control buses from a termination logic block. Input port [WIDTH_STC * NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS - 10] wide. Port is available only when the USE_TERMINA-
		TION_CONTROL parameter value is TRUE.
seriesterminationcontrol_b	No	Receives the current state of the pull up and pull down Rs control buses from a termination logic block. Input port [WIDTH_STC * NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS - 10] wide. Port is available only when the USE_DIFFERENTIAL_MODE parameter value is TRUE.
parallelterminationcontrol[]	No	Receives the current state of the pull up and pull down Rt control buses from a termination logic block. Input port [width_ptc * number_of_ Channels - 10] wide. The port is available for Stratix III device families only. Supported in Stratix series only. Port is available only when the use_termination_control parameter value is true.

Name	Required	Description
parallelterminationcontrol_b	No	Receives the current state of the pull up and pull down Rt control buses from a termination logic block. Input port [WIDTH_PTC * NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS - 10] wide. Port is available only when the USE_DIFFERENTIAL_MODE parameter value is TRUE. The port is available for Stratix III device families only. Supported in Stratix series only. Port is available only when the USE_DIFFERENTIAL_MODE parameter value is TRUE.

Table 10: ALTIOBUF (As Output Buffer) Output Ports

This table lists the output ports for the ALTIOBUF IP core (as output buffer).

Name	Required	
dataout[]	Yes	Output buffer output port. Output port [NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS - 10] wide. The I/O output buffer element output.
dataout_b[]	No	Differential output buffer-negative output. Output port [NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS - 10] wide. The I/O output buffer negative output. Port is available only when the USE_DIFFEREN- TIAL_MODE parameter value is TRUE.

Table 11: ALTIOBUF (As Output Buffer) Parameter

This table lists the parameters for the ALTIOBUF IP core (as output buffer).

Name	Required	Туре	Description
ENABLE_BUS_HOLD	No	String	Specifies whether the bus hold circuitry is enabled. Values are TRUE and FALSE. When set to TRUE, bus hold circuitry is enabled, and the previous value, instead of high impedance, is assigned to the output port when there is no valid input. If omitted, the default is FALSE. Currently, ENABLE_BUS_HOLD and USE_DIFFERENTIAL_MODE cannot be used simultaneously.

Name	Required	Туре	Description
USE_DIFFERENTIAL_MODE	No	String	Specifies whether the output buffer mode is differential. Values are TRUE and FALSE. When set to TRUE, both the dataout and dataout_b ports are used. If omitted, the default is FALSE. Currently, ENABLE_BUS_HOLD and USE_DIFFERENTIAL_MODE cannot be used simultaneously.
OPEN_DRAIN_OUTPUT	No	String	Open drain mode. Values are TRUE and FALSE. If omitted, the default is FALSE. Note: Currently, OPEN_DRAIN_ OUTPUT and USE_DIFFEREN- TIAL_MODE cannot be used simultaneously.
USE_TERMINATION_CONTROL	No	String	Specifies series termination control and parallel termination control. Values are TRUE and FALSE. If omitted, the default is FALSE. When this parameter is used for Arria II GX devices and the Cyclone series, only series termination control is available. Stratix series support both.
USE_OUT_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN1	No	String	Specifies whether the output buffer incorporates a user-driven dynamic delay chain in the IP core, specifically, IO_CONFIG and the first output delay cell. Additional input ports are io_config_clk, io_config_clkena, io_config_update, and io_config_datain. Values are TRUE and FALSE. If omitted, the default is FALSE.
USE_OUT_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN2	No	String	Specifies whether the output buffer incorporates a user-driven dynamic delay chain in the IP core, specifically, IO_CONFIG and the second output delay cell. Additional input ports are io_config_clk, io_config_clkena, io_config_update, and io_config_datain. Values are TRUE and FALSE. If omitted, the default is FALSE.

Name	Required	Туре	Description
NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS	Yes	Integer	Specifies the number of I/O buffers that must be instantiated. Value must be greater than or equal to 1. A value of 1 indicates that the buffer is a 1-bit port and accommodates wires. A value greater than 1 indicates that the port can be connected to a bus of width NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS.
WIDTH_STC	No	Integer	Specifies the width setting for the series termination control bus.
WIDTH_PTC	No	Integer	Specifies the width setting for the parallel termination control bus.
USE_OE	No	String	Specifies whether the oe port is used.
LEFT_SHIFT_SERIES_TERMINATION_ CONTROL	No	String	Values are True and False. If omitted, the default is False. Available for all supported devices except Cyclone series device family.
PSEUDO_DIFFERENTIAL_MODE	No	String	Specifies the pseudo differential mode. Values are True and False. If omitted, the default is False. Available only when the USE_DIFFERENTIAL_MODE parameter value is TRUE.

ALTIOBUF Signals and Parameters: As Bidirectional Buffer

Table 12: ALTIOBUF (As Bidirectional Buffer) Input Ports

This table lists the input ports for the ALTIOBUF IP core (as bidirectional buffer).

Name	Required	Description
datain[]	Yes	The input buffer input port. Input port [NUMBER_OF_ CHANNELS - 10] wide. The input signal to the I/O output buffer element.
io_config_datain	No	Input port that feeds the datain port of IO_CONFIG for user-driven dynamic delay chain. Input port used to feed input data to the serial load shift register. The value is a 1-bit wire shared among all I/O instances. This port is available only if the USE_IN_DYNAMIC_
		DELAY_CHAIN, USE_OUT_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN1, or USE_OUT_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN2 parameter value is TRUE.

Name	Required	Description
io_config_clk	No	Input clock port that feeds the IO_CONFIG for userdriven dynamic delay chain. The maximum frequency for this clock is 30 MHz. Input port used as the clock signal of shift register block. The value is a 1-bit wire shared among all I/O instances. This port is available only if the USE_IN_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN1, or USE_OUT_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN2 parameter value is TRUE.
io_config_clkena[]	No	Input clock-enable that feeds the ena port of IO_CONFIG for user-driven dynamic delay chain. Input port [NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS - 10] wide. Input port used as the clock signal of the shift register block. This port is available only if the USE_IN_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN1, or USE_OUT_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN2 parameter value is TRUE.
io_config_update	No	Input port that feeds the IO_CONFIG update port for user-driven dynamic delay chain. When asserted, the serial load shift register bits feed the parallel load register. The value is a 1-bit wire shared among all I/O instances. This port is available only if the USE_IN_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN1, or USE_OUT_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN2 parameter value is TRUE.
oe[]	Yes	The output-enable source to the tri-state buffer. Input port <code>[NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS - 10]</code> wide. If omitted, the default is V_{CC} .
oe_b	No	The output-enable source to the tri-state buffer. Input port <code>[NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS - 10]</code> wide. If omitted, the default is V_{CC} . Port is available only when the <code>USE_DIFFERENTIAL_MODE</code> parameter value is <code>TRUE</code> .

Name	Required	Description		
dynamicterminationcontrol[]	No	Input signal for bidirectional I/Os. Input port [NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS - 10] wide. When specified, this port selects from the core either Rs code, when the input value is LOW; or Rt code, when the input value is HIGH. Enable Rt only when the bidirectional I/O is receiving input. When the bidirectional I/O is not receiving input, disable this port for optimal output performance and power dissipation.		
		Value	Rs Code	Rt Code
		0	1	0
		1	0	1
dynamicterminationcontrol_b	Input signal for bidirectional I/Os. Input [NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS - 10] wide. specified, this port selects from the core code, when the input value is Low; or Rt the input value is HIGH. Enable Rt only bidirectional I/O is receiving input. Wh bidirectional I/O is not receiving input, port for optimal output performance and dissipation. Port is available only when DIFFERENTIAL_MODE parameter value is			When either Rs code, when when the en the disable this d power the USE_
		Value	Rs Code	Rt Code
		0	1	0
		1	0	1
seriesterminationcontrol[]	No	Receives the current state of the pull up and pull down Rs control buses from a termination logic block. [WIDTH_STC * NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS - 10] wide. Port is applicable only when the USE_TERMINATION_CONTROL parameter value is TRUE.		
seriesterminationcontrol_b	No	Receives the current state of the pull up and pull down Rs control buses from a termination logic block. [WIDTH_STC * NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS - 10] wide. Port is applicable only when the USE_TERMINATION_CONTROL parameter value is TRUE.		on logic NELS - n the USE_
parallelterminationcontrol[]	No	Receives the current state of the pull up and pull down Rt control buses from a termination logic block. Input port [((WIDTH_PTC * NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS) - 1)0] wide. Port is applicable only when the USE_TERMINATION_CONTROL parameter value is TRUE.		



Name	Required	Description
parallelterminationcontrol_b	No	Receives the current state of the pull up and pull down Rt control buses from a termination logic block. Input port [((WIDTH_PTC * NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS) - 1)0] wide. Port is applicable only when the USE_TERMINATION_CONTROL parameter value is TRUE.

Table 13: ALTIOBUF (As Bidirectional Buffer) Output Ports

This table lists the output ports for ALTIOBUF IP core (as bidirectional buffer)

Name	Required	Description
dataout[]	Yes	Buffer output port. Output port [NUMBER_OF_ CHANNELS - 10] wide. The I/O output buffer element output.

Table 14: ALTIOBUF (As Bidirectional Buffer) Bidirectional Ports

This table lists the bidirectional ports for ALTIOBUF IP core (as bidirectional buffer)

Name -	Required	Description
dataio[]	Yes	Bidirectional port that directly feeds a bidirectional pin in the top-level design. Bidirectional port [(NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS - 1)0] wide.
dataio_b[]	No	Bidirectional DDR port that directly feeds a bidirectional pin in the top-level design. Bidirectional port [(NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS - 1)0] wide. The negative signal input/output to/from the I/O buffer. This port is used only if the use_differential_mode_parameter is set to TRUE.

Table 15: ALTIOBUF (As Bidirectional Buffer) Parameter

This table lists the parameters for ALTIOBUF IP core (as bidirectional buffer)

Name	Required	Туре	Description
ENABLE_BUS_HOLD	No	String	Specifies whether the bus hold circuitry is enabled. Values are TRUE and FALSE. When set to TRUE, bus hold circuitry is enabled, and the previous value, instead of high impedance, is assigned to the output port when there is no valid input. If omitted, the default is FALSE. Currently, ENABLE_BUS_HOLD and USE_DIFFERENTIAL_MODE cannot be used simultaneously.

Name	Required	Туре	Description
USE_ DIFFERENTIAL_MODE	No	String	Specifies whether the bidirectional buffer is differential. Values are TRUE and FALSE. When set to TRUE, the output is the difference between the dataio and dataio_b ports. If omitted, the default is FALSE. Currently, ENABLE_BUS_HOLD and USE_DIFFERENTIAL_MODE cannot be used simultaneously.
OPEN_DRAIN_OUTPUT	No	String	Open drain mode. Values are TRUE and FALSE. If omitted, the default is FALSE. OPEN_DRAIN_OUTPUT and USE_DIFFEREN- TIAL_MODE cannot be used simultaneously.
USE_TERMINATION_CONTROL	No	String	Specifies series termination control and parallel termination control. Values are TRUE and FALSE. If omitted, the default is FALSE. When this parameter is used for Arria II GX devices and Cyclone series, only series termination control is available. Stratix series supports both.
USE_DYNAMIC_TERMINATION_ CONTROL	No	String	Specifies dynamic termination control. Values are TRUE and FALSE. If omitted, the default is FALSE. An error is issued if parallel termination (Rt) is on and dynamic termination control is not connected on a bidir pin. An error is issued if Rt is off and dynamic termination control is connected on an input or bidirectional pin.
USE_IN_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN	No	String	Specifies whether the input buffer incorporates the user-driven dynamic delay chain in the IP core, specifically, IO_CONFIG and an input delay cell. Additional input ports are io_config_clk, io_config_clkena, io_config_update, and io_config_ datain. Values are TRUE and FALSE. If omitted, the default is FALSE.



Name	Required	Type	Description
USE_OUT_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN1	No	String	Specifies whether the output buffer incorporates a user-driven dynamic delay chain in the IP core, specifically, IO_CONFIG and the first output delay cell. Additional input ports are io_config_clk, io_config_clkena, io_config_update, and io_config_datain. Values are TRUE and FALSE. If omitted, the default is FALSE.
USE_OUT_DYNAMIC_DELAY_CHAIN2	No	String	Specifies whether the output buffer incorporates a user-driven dynamic delay chain in the IP core, specifically, IO_CONFIG and the second output delay cell. Additional input ports are io_config_clk, io_config_clkena, io_config_update, and io_config_datain. Values are TRUE and FALSE. If omitted, the default is FALSE.
NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS	Yes	Integer	Specifies the number of I/O buffers that must be instantiated. Value must be greater than or equal to 1. A value of 1 indicates that the buffer is a 1-bit port and accommodates wires. A value greater than 1 indicates that the port can be connected to a bus of width NUMBER_OF_CHANNELS.
WIDTH_STC	No	Integer	Specifies the width setting for the series termination control bus.
WIDTH_PTC	No	Integer	Specifies the width setting for the parallel termination control bus.

Verilog HDL Prototype

You can locate the Verilog HDL prototype in the Verilog Design File (.v) altera_mf.v in the <Quartus II installation directory>\eda\synthesis directory.

VHDL Component Declaration

You can locate VHDL component declaration in the VHDL Design File (.vhd) altera_mf_components.vhd in the < Quartus II installation directory>\libraries\vhdl\altera_mf directory.

VHDL LIBRARY-USE Declaration

The VHDL LIBRARY-USE declaration is not required if you use the VHDL Component Declaration.

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LIBRARY altera_mf;
USE altera_mf.altera_mf_components.all;
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Document Revision History

This table lists the revision history for this user guide.

Table 16: Document Revision History

Date	Version	Changes
December 2014	2014.12.15	Template update.
2014.06.30	4.0	 Replaced MegaWizard Plug-In Manager information with IP Catalog. Added standard information about upgrading IP cores. Added standard installation and licensing information. Removed outdated device support level information. IP core device support is now available in IP Catalog and parameter editor. Removed all references to obsolete SOPC Builder tool.
June 2013	3.2	 Added "Differential Mode Pin Naming Convention" Updated the "Assignments Necessary For Dynamic Delay Chain Usage" to include a link to the ALTDQ_ DQS2 Megafunction User Guide.
June 2013	3.1	Updated Table 2–1 on page 2–1 and Table 2–2 on page 2–2 to update the device family support.
February 2012	3.0	 Updated device support Added references to device handbook for delay chain values
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