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Overview

The XilFlash library provides read/write/erase/lock/unlock features to access a parallel flash device.

This library implements the functionality for flash memory devices that conform to the "Common Flash Interface" (CFI) standard. CFI allows a single flash library to be used for an entire family of parts and helps us determine the algorithm to utilize during runtime.

Note: All the calls in the library are blocking in nature in that the control is returned back to user only after the current operation is completed successfully or an error is reported.

Library Initialization

The `XFlash_Initialize()` function should be called by the application before any other function in the library. The initialization function checks for the device family and initializes the XFlash instance with the family specific data. The VT table (contains the function pointers to family specific APIs) is setup and family specific initialization routine is called.

Device Geometry

The device geometry varies for different flash device families.

Following sections describes the geometry of different flash device families:

Intel Flash Device Geometry

Flash memory space is segmented into areas called blocks. The size of each block is based on a power of 2. A region is defined as a contiguous set of blocks of the same size. Some parts have several regions while others have one. The arrangement of blocks and regions is referred to by this module as the part's geometry. Some Intel flash supports multiple banks on the same device. This library supports single and multiple bank flash devices.

AMD Flash Device Geometry

Flash memory space is segmented into areas called banks and further in to regions and blocks. The size of each block is based on a power of 2. A region is defined as a contiguous set of blocks of the same size. Some parts have several regions while others have one. A bank is defined as a contiguous set of blocks. The bank may contain blocks of different size. The arrangement of blocks, regions and banks is referred to by this module as the part's geometry. The cells within the part can be programmed from a logic 1 to a logic 0 and not the other way around. To change a cell back to a logic 1, the entire block containing that cell must be erased. When a block is erased all bytes contain the value 0xFF. The number of times a block can be erased is finite. Eventually the block will wear out and will no longer be capable of erasure. As of this writing, the typical flash block can be erased 100,000 or more times.

Write Operation

The write call can be used to write a minimum of zero bytes and a maximum entire flash. If the Offset Address specified to write is out of flash or if the number of bytes specified from the Offset address exceed flash boundaries an error is reported back to the user. The write is blocking in nature in that the control is returned back to user only after the write operation is completed successfully or an error is reported.

Read Operation

The read call can be used to read a minimum of zero bytes and maximum of entire flash. If the Offset Address specified to write is out of flash boundary an error is reported back to the user. The read function reads memory locations beyond Flash boundary. Care should be taken by the user to make sure that the Number of Bytes + Offset address is within the Flash address boundaries. The write is blocking in nature in that the control is returned back to user only after the read operation is completed successfully or an error is reported.

Erase Operation

The erase operations are provided to erase a Block in the Flash memory. The erase call is blocking in nature in that the control is returned back to user only after the erase operation is completed successfully or an error is reported.

Sector Protection

The Flash Device is divided into Blocks. Each Block can be protected individually from unwarranted writing/erasing. The Block locking can be achieved using `XFlash_Lock()` lock. All the memory locations from the Offset address specified will be locked. The block can be unlocked using `XFlash_UnLock()` call. All the Blocks which are previously locked will be unlocked. The Lock and Unlock calls are blocking in nature in that the control is returned back to user only after the operation is completed successfully or an error is reported. The AMD flash device requires high voltage on Reset pin to perform lock and unlock operation. User must provide this high voltage (As defined in datasheet) to reset pin before calling lock and unlock API for AMD flash devices. Lock and Unlock features are not tested for AMD flash device.

Device Control

Functionalities specific to a Flash Device Family are implemented as Device Control. The following are the Intel specific device control:

- Retrieve the last error data.
- Get Device geometry.
- Get Device properties.
- Set RYBY pin mode.
- Set the Configuration register (Platform Flash only).

The following are the AMD specific device control:

- Get Device geometry.
- Get Device properties.
- Erase Resume.

- Erase Suspend.
- Enter Extended Mode.
- Exit Extended Mode.
- Get Protection Status of Block Group.
- Erase Chip.

Note: This library needs to know the type of EMC core (AXI or XPS) used to access the cfi flash, to map the correct APIs. This library should be used with the emc driver, v3_01_a and above, so that this information can be automatically obtained from the emc driver.

This library is intended to be RTOS and processor independent. It works with physical addresses only. Any needs for dynamic memory management, threads, mutual exclusion, virtual memory, cache control, or HW write protection management must be satisfied by the layer above this library. All writes to flash occur in units of bus-width bytes. If more than one part exists on the data bus, then the parts are written in parallel. Reads from flash are performed in any width up to the width of the data bus. It is assumed that the flash bus controller or local bus supports these types of accesses.

XilFlash Library API

This section provides a linked summary and detailed descriptions of the XilFlash library APIs.

Table 1: Quick Function Reference

Type	Name	Arguments
int	XFlash_Initialize	XFlash * InstancePtr u32 BaseAddress u8 BusWidth int IsPlatformFlash
int	XFlash_Reset	XFlash * InstancePtr
int	XFlash_DeviceControl	XFlash * InstancePtr u32 Command DeviceCtrlParam * Parameters
int	XFlash_Read	XFlash * InstancePtr u32 Offset u32 Bytes void * DestPtr
int	XFlash_Write	XFlash * InstancePtr u32 Offset u32 Bytes void * SrcPtr
int	XFlash_Erase	XFlash * InstancePtr u32 Offset u32 Bytes
int	XFlash_Lock	XFlash * InstancePtr u32 Offset u32 Bytes
int	XFlash_Unlock	XFlash * InstancePtr u32 Offset u32 Bytes

Table 1: Quick Function Reference (cont'd)

Type	Name	Arguments
int	XFlash_IsReady	XFlash * InstancePtr

Functions

XFlash_Initialize

This function initializes a specific XFlash instance.

The initialization entails:

- Check the Device family type.
- Issuing the CFI query command.
- Get and translate relevant CFI query information.
- Set default options for the instance.
- Setup the VTable.
- Call the family initialize function of the instance.

Initialize the Xilinx Platform Flash XL to Async mode if the user selects to use the Platform Flash XL in the MLD. The Platform Flash XL is an Intel CFI complaint device.

Note: BusWidth is not the width of an individual part. Its the total operating width. For example, if there are two 16-bit parts, with one tied to data lines D0-D15 and other tied to D15-D31, BusWidth would be $(32 / 8) = 4$. If a single 16-bit flash is in 8-bit mode, then BusWidth should be $(8 / 8) = 1$.

Prototype

```
int XFlash_Initialize(XFlash *InstancePtr, u32 BaseAddress, u8 BusWidth,
int IsPlatformFlash);
```

Parameters

The following table lists the XFlash_Initialize function arguments.

Table 2: XFlash_Initialize Arguments

Type	Name	Description
XFlash *	InstancePtr	Pointer to the XFlash instance.
u32	BaseAddress	Base address of the flash memory.

Table 2: XFlash_Initialize Arguments (cont'd)

Type	Name	Description
u8	BusWidth	Total width of the flash memory, in bytes.
int	IsPlatformFlash	Used to specify if the flash is a platform flash.

Returns

- XST_SUCCESS if successful.
- XFLASH_PART_NOT_SUPPORTED if the command set algorithm or Layout is not supported by any flash family compiled into the system.
- XFLASH_CFI_QUERY_ERROR if the device would not enter CFI query mode. Either the device(s) do not support CFI, the wrong BaseAddress param was used, an unsupported part layout exists, or a hardware problem exists with the part.

XFlash_Reset

This function resets the flash device and places it in read mode.

Note: None.

Prototype

```
int XFlash_Reset(XFlash *InstancePtr);
```

Parameters

The following table lists the XFlash_Reset function arguments.

Table 3: XFlash_Reset Arguments

Type	Name	Description
XFlash *	InstancePtr	Pointer to the XFlash instance.

Returns

- XST_SUCCESS if successful.
- XFLASH_BUSY if the flash devices were in the middle of an operation and could not be reset.
- XFLASH_ERROR if the device(s) have experienced an internal error during the operation. [XFlash_DeviceControl\(\)](#) must be used to access the cause of the device specific error condition.

XFlash_DeviceControl

This function is used to execute device specific commands.

For a list of device specific commands, see the xilflash.h.

Note: None.

Prototype

```
int XFlash_DeviceControl(XFlash *InstancePtr, u32 Command, DeviceCtrlParam *Parameters);
```

Parameters

The following table lists the XFlash_DeviceControl function arguments.

Table 4: XFlash_DeviceControl Arguments

Type	Name	Description
XFlash *	InstancePtr	Pointer to the XFlash instance.
u32	Command	Device specific command to issue.
DeviceCtrlParam *	Parameters	Specifies the arguments passed to the device control function.

Returns

- XST_SUCCESS if successful.
- XFLASH_NOT_SUPPORTED if the command is not recognized/supported by the device(s).

XFlash_Read

This function reads the data from the Flash device and copies it into the specified user buffer.

The source and destination addresses can be on any alignment supported by the processor.

The device is polled until an error or the operation completes successfully.

Note: This function allows the transfer of data past the end of the device's address space. If this occurs, then results are undefined.

Prototype

```
int XFlash_Read(XFlash *InstancePtr, u32 Offset, u32 Bytes, void *DestPtr);
```

Parameters

The following table lists the XFlash_Read function arguments.

Table 5: XFlash_Read Arguments

Type	Name	Description
XFlash *	InstancePtr	Pointer to the XFlash instance.
u32	Offset	Offset into the device(s) address space from which to read.
u32	Bytes	Number of bytes to copy.
void *	DestPtr	Destination address to copy data to.

Returns

- XST_SUCCESS if successful.
- XFLASH_ADDRESS_ERROR if the source address does not start within the addressable areas of the device(s).

XFlash_Write

This function programs the flash device(s) with data specified in the user buffer.

The source and destination address must be aligned to the width of the flash's data bus.

The device is polled until an error or the operation completes successfully.

Note: None.

Prototype

```
int XFlash_Write(XFlash *InstancePtr, u32 Offset, u32 Bytes, void *SrcPtr);
```

Parameters

The following table lists the XFlash_Write function arguments.

Table 6: XFlash_Write Arguments

Type	Name	Description
XFlash *	InstancePtr	Pointer to the XFlash instance.
u32	Offset	Offset into the device(s) address space from which to begin programming. Must be aligned to the width of the flash's data bus.
u32	Bytes	Number of bytes to program.
void *	SrcPtr	Source address containing data to be programmed. Must be aligned to the width of the flash's data bus. The SrcPtr doesn't have to be aligned to the flash width if the processor supports unaligned access. But, since this library is generic, and some processors(eg. Microblaze) do not support unaligned access; this API requires the SrcPtr to be aligned.

Returns

- XST_SUCCESS if successful.
- XFLASH_ERROR if a write error occurred. This error is usually device specific. Use `XFlash_DeviceControl()` to retrieve specific error conditions. When this error is returned, it is possible that the target address range was only partially programmed.

XFlash_Erase

This function erases the specified address range in the flash device.

The number of bytes to erase can be any number as long as it is within the bounds of the device(s).

The device is polled until an error or the operation completes successfully.

Note: Due to flash memory design, the range actually erased may be larger than what was specified by the Offset & Bytes parameters. This will occur if the parameters do not align to block boundaries.

Prototype

```
int XFlash_Erase(XFlash *InstancePtr, u32 Offset, u32 Bytes);
```

Parameters

The following table lists the `XFlash_Erase` function arguments.

Table 7: XFlash_Erase Arguments

Type	Name	Description
XFlash *	InstancePtr	Pointer to the XFlash instance.
u32	Offset	Offset into the device(s) address space from which to begin erasure.
u32	Bytes	Number of bytes to erase.

Returns

- XST_SUCCESS if successful.
- XFLASH_ADDRESS_ERROR if the destination address range is not completely within the addressable areas of the device(s).

XFlash_Lock

This function Locks the blocks in the specified range of the flash device(s).

The device is polled until an error or the operation completes successfully.

Note: Due to flash memory design, the range actually locked may be larger than what was specified by the Offset & Bytes parameters. This will occur if the parameters do not align to block boundaries.

Prototype

```
int XFlash_Lock(XFlash *InstancePtr, u32 Offset, u32 Bytes);
```

Parameters

The following table lists the `XFlash_Lock` function arguments.

Table 8: XFlash_Lock Arguments

Type	Name	Description
XFlash *	InstancePtr	Pointer to the XFlash instance.
u32	Offset	Offset into the device(s) address space from which to begin block locking. The first three bytes of every block is reserved for special purpose. The offset should be atleast three bytes from start of the block.
u32	Bytes	Number of bytes to Lock in the Block starting from Offset.

Returns

- `XST_SUCCESS` if successful.
- `XFLASH_ADDRESS_ERROR` if the destination address range is not completely within the addressable areas of the device(s).

XFlash_Unlock

This function Unlocks the blocks in the specified range of the flash device(s).

The device is polled until an error or the operation completes successfully.

Note: None.

Prototype

```
int XFlash_Unlock(XFlash *InstancePtr, u32 Offset, u32 Bytes);
```

Parameters

The following table lists the `XFlash_Unlock` function arguments.

Table 9: XFlash_Unlock Arguments

Type	Name	Description
XFlash *	InstancePtr	Pointer to the XFlash instance.

Table 9: XFlash_Unlock Arguments (cont'd)

Type	Name	Description
u32	Offset	Offset into the device(s) address space from which to begin block UnLocking. The first three bytes of every block is reserved for special purpose. The offset should be atleast three bytes from start of the block.
u32	Bytes	Number of bytes to UnLock in the Block starting from Offset.

Returns

- XST_SUCCESS if successful.
- XFLASH_ADDRESS_ERROR if the destination address range is not completely within the addressable areas of the device(s).

XFlash_IsReady

This function checks the readiness of the device, which means it has been successfully initialized.

Note: None.

Prototype

```
int XFlash_IsReady(XFlash *InstancePtr);
```

Parameters

The following table lists the XFlash_IsReady function arguments.

Table 10: XFlash_IsReady Arguments

Type	Name	Description
XFlash *	InstancePtr	Pointer to the XFlash instance.

Returns

TRUE if the device has been initialized (but not necessarily started), and FALSE otherwise.

Library Parameters in MSS File

XilFlash Library can be integrated with a system using the following snippet in the Microprocessor Software Specification (MSS) file:

```
BEGIN LIBRARY
PARAMETER LIBRARY_NAME = xilflash
PARAMETER LIBRARY_VER = 4.8
PARAMETER PROC_INSTANCE = microblaze_0
PARAMETER ENABLE_INTEL = true
PARAMETER ENABLE_AMD = false
END
```

The table below describes the libgen customization parameters.

Parameter	Default Value	Description
LIBRARY_NAME	xilflash	Specifies the library name.
LIBRARY_VER	4.8	Specifies the library version.
PROC_INSTANCE	microblaze_0	Specifies the processor name.
ENABLE_INTEL	true/false	Enables or disables the Intel flash device family.
ENABLE_AMD	true/false	Enables or disables the AMD flash device family.

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