



# Intel® Stratix® 10 Avalon®-ST Hard IP for PCIe\* Design Example User Guide

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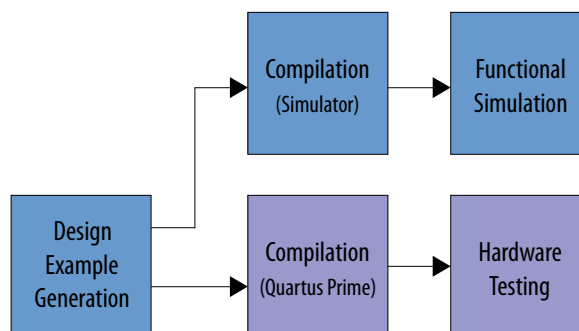
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## 1 Quick Start Guide

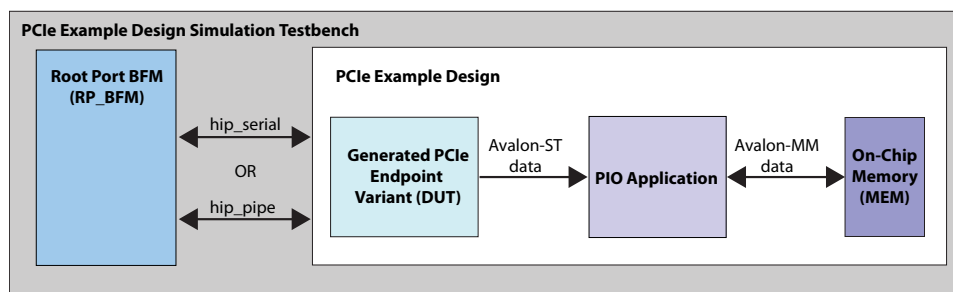
Using Intel® Quartus® Prime software, you can generate a programmed I/O (PIO) design example for the Avalon®-ST Intel Stratix® 10-GX Hard IP for PCI Express\* IP core. The generated design example reflects the parameters that you specify. The PIO example transfers data from a host processor to a target device. It is appropriate for low-bandwidth applications. This design example automatically creates the files necessary to simulate and compile in the Intel Quartus Prime software. You can download the compiled design to the Intel Stratix 10-GX FPGA Development Board. To download to custom hardware, update the Intel Quartus Prime Settings File (.qsf) with the correct pin assignments .

**Figure 1. Development Steps for the Design Example**



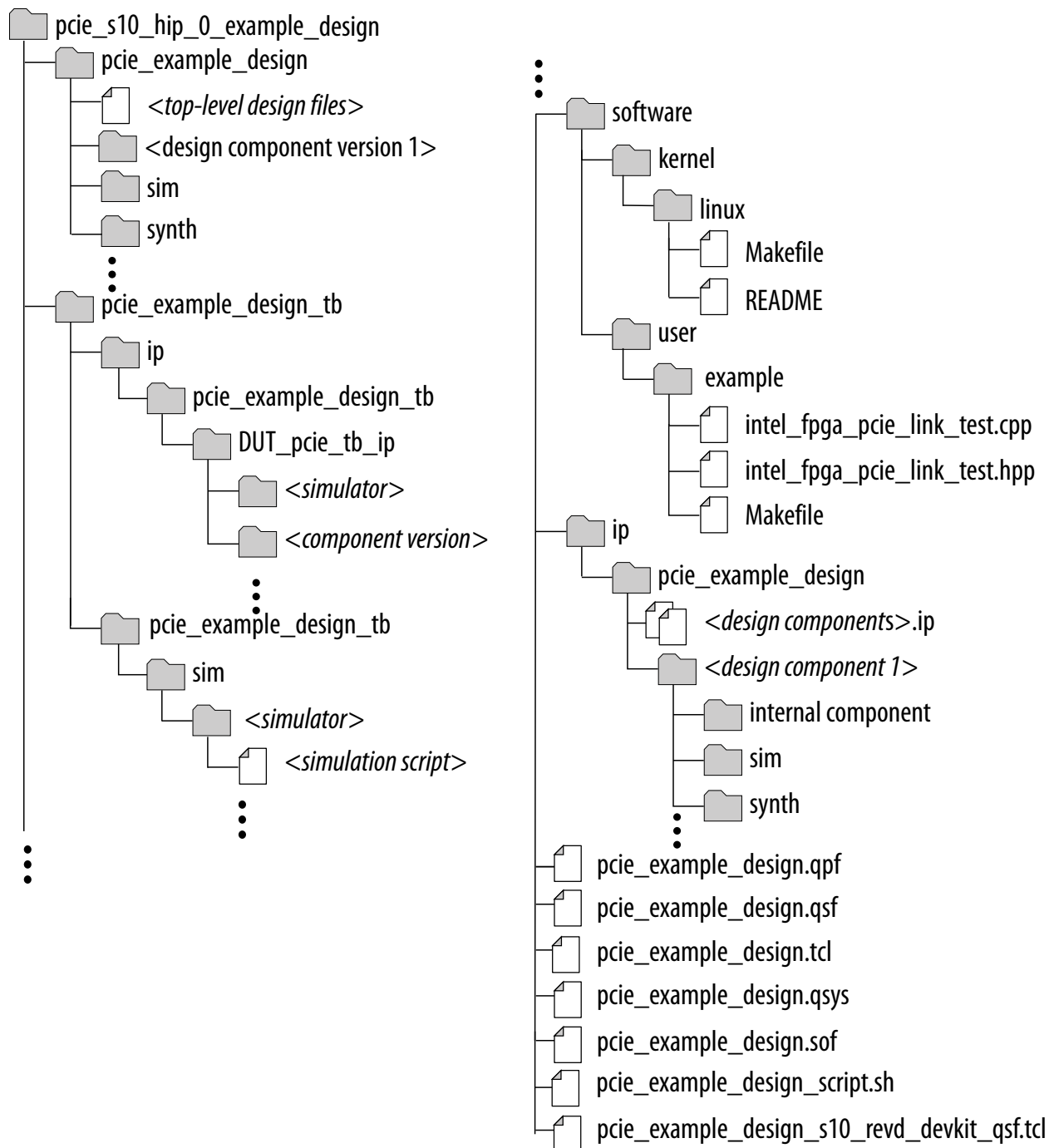
### 1.1 Design Components

**Figure 2. Block Diagram for the Platform Designer PIO Design Example Simulation Testbench**



## 1.2 Directory Structure

Figure 3. Directory Structure for the Generated Design Example

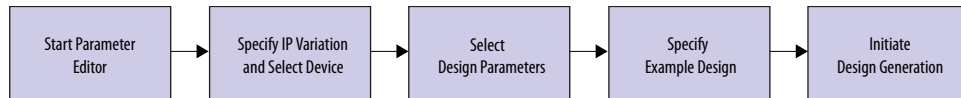




## 1.3 Generating the Design Example

Follow these steps to generate your design:

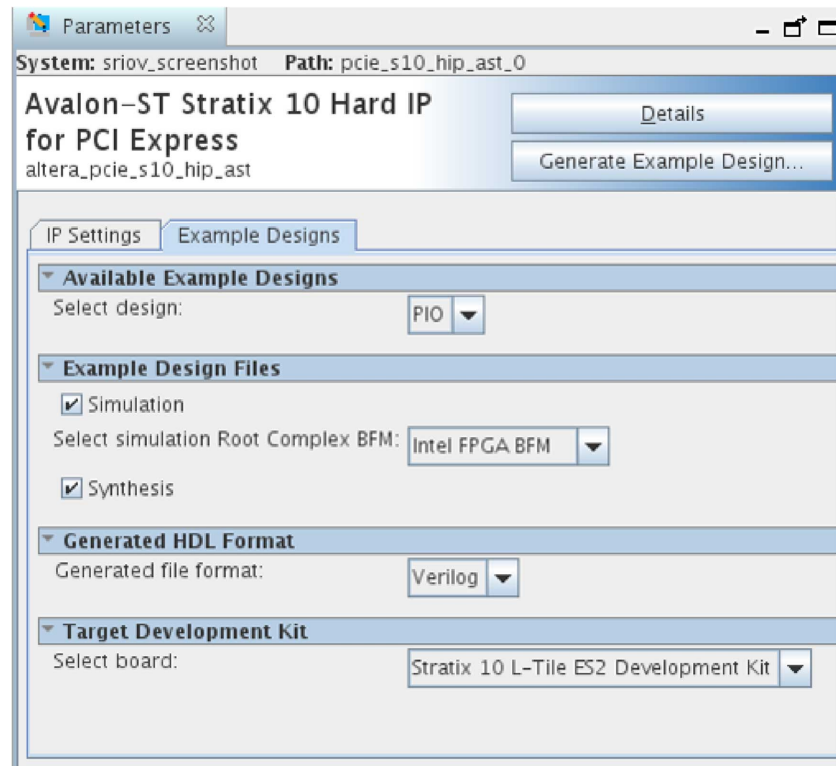
**Figure 4. Procedure**



1. In the Intel Quartus Prime Pro Edition software, create a new project (**File > New Project Wizard**).
2. Specify the **Directory, Name,** and **Top-Level Entity**.
3. For **Project Type**, accept the default value, **Empty project**. Click **Next**.
4. For **Add Files** click **Next**.
5. For **Family, Device & Board Settings** under **Family**, select **Intel Stratix 10** and the **Target Device** for your design.
6. Click **Finish**.
7. In the IP Catalog locate and add the **Avalon-ST Intel Stratix 10 Hard IP for PCI Express**.
8. In the **New IP Variant** dialog box, specify a name for your IP.
9. On the **IP Settings** tabs, specify the parameters for your IP variation.
10. On the **Example Designs** tab, make the following selections:
  - a. For **Available Example Designs**, select **PIO**.
  - b. For **Example Design Files**, turn on the **Simulation** and **Synthesis** options.
  - c. If you have selected a x16 configuration, for **Select simulation Root Ccomplex BFM**, choose the appropriate BFM:
    - **Intel FPGA BFM**: for all configurations up to Gen3 x8. This bus functional model (BFM) supports x16 configurations by downtraining to x8.
    - **Third-party BFM**: for x16 configurations if you want to simulate all 16 lanes using a third-party BFM. Refer to [AN-811: Using the Avery BFM for PCI Express Gen3x16 Simulation on Intel Stratix 10 Devices](#) for information about simulating with the Avery BFM.
  - d. For **Generated HDL Format**, only Verilog is available in the current release.
  - e. For **Target Development Kit**, select the appropriate option.

*Note:* If you select **None**, the generated design example targets the device specified. If you intend to test the design in hardware, make the appropriate pin assignments in the .qsf file.
11. Select **Generate Example Design** to create a design example that you can simulate and download to hardware. If you select one of the Intel Stratix 10 development boards, the device on that board overwrites the device previously selected in the Intel Quartus Prime project if the devices are different. When the prompt asks you to specify the directory for your example design, accept the default directory, `<example_design>/pcie_s10_hip_ast_0_example_design`

Figure 5. Example Design Tab



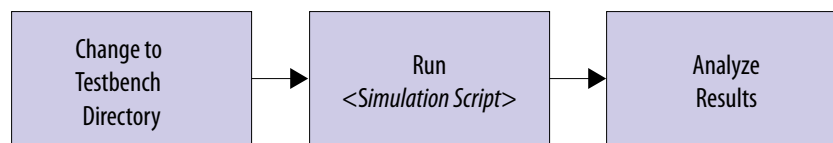
12. Click **Finish**. Save your .ip file when prompted.
13. The prompt, **Recent changes have not been generated. Generate now?**, allows you to create files for simulation and synthesis of the design example. Click **No** to simulate the testbench design example you have generated. The .sof file for the complete example design is what you download to a board to perform hardware verification.
14. Close your project.

#### Related Links

[AN-811: Using the Avery BFM for PCI Express Gen3x16 Simulation on Intel Stratix 10 Devices](#)

## 1.4 Simulating the Design Example

Figure 6. Procedure





1. Change to the testbench simulation directory, `pcie_example_design_tb`.
2. Run the simulation script for the simulator of your choice. Refer to the table below.
3. Analyze the results.

**Table 1. Steps to Run Simulation**

Simulator	Working Directory	Instructions
ModelSim*	<code>&lt;example_design&gt;/ pcie_example_design_tb/ pcie_example_design_tb/sim/mentor/</code>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <code>do msim_setup.tcl</code></li> <li>2. <code>ld_debug</code></li> <li>3. <code>run -all</code></li> <li>4. A successful simulation ends with the following message, "Simulation stopped due to successful completion!"</li> </ol>
VCS*	<code>&lt;example_design&gt;/ pcie_example_design_tb/ pcie_example_design_tb/sim/ synopsys/vcs</code>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <code>sh vcs_setup.sh</code> <code>USER_DEFINED_SIM_OPTIONS=""</code></li> <li>2. A successful simulation ends with the following message, "Simulation stopped due to successful completion!"</li> </ol>
NCSim*	<code>&lt;example_design&gt;/ pcie_example_design_tb/ pcie_example_design_tb/sim/cadence</code>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <code>sh ncsim_setup.sh</code> <code>USER_DEFINED_SIM_OPTIONS=""</code> <code>USER_DEFINED_ELAB_OPTIONS = "-timescale\ 1ns/1ps"</code></li> <li>2. A successful simulation ends with the following message, "Simulation stopped due to successful completion!"</li> </ol>

This testbench simulates up to x8 variants. It supports x16 variants by down-training to x8. To simulate all lanes of a x16 variant, you can create a simulation model using the Platform Designer to use in an Avery testbench. For more information refer to *AN-811: Using the Avery BFM for PCI Express Gen3x16 Simulation on Intel Stratix 10 Devices*.

The simulation reports, "Simulation stopped due to successful completion" if no errors occur.

#### Related Links

[AN-811: Using the Avery BFM for PCI Express Gen3x16 Simulation on Intel Stratix 10 Devices](#)

## 1.5 Compiling the Design Example and Programming the Device

1. Navigate to `<project_dir>/pcie_s10_hip_ast_0_example_design/` and open `pcie_example_design.qpf`.
2. On the Processing menu, select **Start Compilation**.
3. After successfully compiling your design, program the targeted device with the Programmer.

## 1.6 Installing the Linux Kernel Driver

Before you can test the design example in hardware, you must install the Linux kernel driver. You can use this driver to perform the following tests:

- A PCIe\* link test that performs 100 writes and reads
- Memory space DWORD<sup>(1)</sup> reads and writes
- Configuration Space DWORD reads and writes

In addition, you can use the driver to change the value of the following parameters:

- The BAR
- The selects device by specifying the bus, function and device (BDF) numbers for the required device

The driver also allows you to enable SR-IOV for H-Tile devices.

Complete the following steps to install the kernel driver:

1. Navigate to `./software/kernel/Linux` under the example design generation directory.

2. Change the permissions on the `install`, `load`, and `unload` files:

```
$ chmod 777 install load unload
```

3. Install the driver:

```
$ sudo ./install
```

4. Verify the driver installation:

```
$ lsmod | grep intel_fpga_pcie_drv
```

Expected result:

```
intel_fpga_pcie_drv 17792 0
```

5. Verify that Linux recognizes the PCIe design example:

```
$ lspci -d 1172:000 -v | grep intel_fpga_pcie_drv
```

*Note:* If you have changed the Vendor ID, substitute the new Vendor ID for Altera®'s

Vendor ID in this command.

Expected result:

```
Kernel driver in use: intel_fpga_pcie_drv
```

## 1.7 Running the Design Example Application

1. Navigate to `./software/user/example` under the design example directory.
2. Compile the design example application:

```
$ make
```

3. Run the test:

```
$ ./intel_fpga_pcie_link_test
```

You can run the Intel FPGA IP PCIe link test in manual or automatic mode.

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<sup>(1)</sup> 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.





- In automatic mode, the application automatically selects the device. The test selects the Intel Stratix 10 PCIe device with the lowest BDF by matching the Vendor ID. The test also selects the lowest available BAR.
- In manual mode, the test queries you for the bus, device, and function number and BAR.

For the Intel Stratix 10-GX Development Kit, you can determine the BDF by typing the following command:

```
$ lspci -d 1172
```

4. Here are sample transcripts for automatic and manual modes:

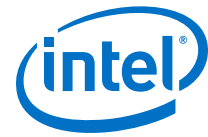
```
Intel FPGA PCIe Link Test - Automatic Mode
Version 1.0
0: Automatically select a device
1: Manually select a device
*****
>0
Opened a handle to BAR 0 of a device with BDF 0x100
*****
0: Link test - 100 writes and reads
1: Write memory space
2: Read memory space
3. Write configuration space
4. Read configuration space
5. Change BAR
6. Change device
7. Enable SR-IOV
8. Quit program
*****
> 0
Doing 100 writes and 100 reads . .
Number of write errors:      0
Number of read errors:      0
Number of DWORD mismatches: 0
```

```
Intel FPGA PCIe Link Test - Manual Mode
Version 1.0
0: Automatically select a device
1: Manually select a device
*****
> 1
Enter bus number:
> 1
Enter device number:
> 0
Enter function number:
> 0
BDF is 0x100
Enter BAR number (-1 for none):
> 4
Opened a handle to BAR 4 of a device with BDF 0x100
```

## Related Links

### [PCIe Link Inspector Overview](#)

Use the PCIe Link Inspector to monitor the link at the Physical, Data Link and Transaction Layers.



## 2 Design Example Description

### 2.1 Functional Description for the Simple DMA Design Example

The simple DMA design example simulation testbench includes the following components:

- DUT: The Intel Stratix 10 Hard IP for PCI Express Endpoint with the **Enable high performance bursting Avalon-MM slave interface (HPTXS)** parameter turned on.
- PCIE\_DMA\_CONTROLLER\_256: A DMA controller that receives control signals from the DUT rxm\_bar2 port. Drives the DUT high performance Avalon-MM slave interface (hptxs) using its Avalon-MM write\_master interface.
- MEM1: An on-chip RAM that connects to the DUT RXM\_bar0, an Avalon-MM master interface.
- MEM2: An on-chip RAM that connects to the PCIE\_DMA\_CONTROLLER\_256 Avalon-MM read and write master interfaces.
- A testbench driver that configures the Root Port, Endpoint, writes to Endpoint memory, and programs the simple DMA controller.
- A testbench monitor that checks expected results.

**Figure 7. Simple DMA Design Example**

Use	Connections	Name	Description	Export	Base	End	Clock	IRQ
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		DUT	Avalon-MM Stratix 10 Hard IP for P...	Double-click	0x0	0x7fff	exported	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		cra	Avalon Memory Mapped Slave	Double-click			DUT_coreclkout_hip	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		hip_irq	Interrupt Sender	Double-click				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		hip_ctrl	Conduit	Double-click				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		hip_pipe	Conduit	Double-click				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		hip_serial	Conduit	Double-click				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		hptxs	Avalon Memory Mapped Slave	Double-click	0x0000_0000	0x003f_ffff	DUT_coreclkout_hip	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		npwr	Conduit	Double-click				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		rxm_bar0	Avalon Memory Mapped Master	Double-click			DUT_coreclkout_hip	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		rxm_bar2	Avalon Memory Mapped Master	Double-click			DUT_coreclkout_hip	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		rxm_irq	Interrupt Receiver	Double-click				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		MEM1	On-Chip Memory (RAM or ROM)	Double-click				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		s1	Avalon Memory Mapped Slave	Double-click	0x0	0xffff	DUT_coreclkout_h...	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		s2	Avalon Memory Mapped Slave	Double-click			[clk1]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		MEM2	On-Chip Memory (RAM or ROM)	Double-click				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		s1	Avalon Memory Mapped Slave	Double-click	0x0040_0000	0x0040_0fff	DUT_coreclkout_h...	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		s2	Avalon Memory Mapped Slave	Double-click			[clk1]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		PCIE_DMA_CONTROLLER_256	PCIe DMA Controller 256	Double-click				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		control_port_slave	Avalon Memory Mapped Slave	Double-click	0x8000	0x801f	DUT_coreclkout_h...	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		irq	Interrupt Sender	Double-click			[clk]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		read_master	Avalon Memory Mapped Master	Double-click			[clk]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		write_master	Avalon Memory Mapped Master	Double-click			[clk]	

#### 2.1.1 Serial Data Signals

This differential, serial interface is the physical link between a Root Port and an Endpoint.

The PCIe IP Core supports 1, 2, 4, 8, or 16 lanes. Each lane includes a TX and RX differential pair. Data is striped across all available lanes.

**Table 2. 1-Bit Interface Signals**

In the following table  $\langle n \rangle$  is the number of lanes.

Signal	Direction	Description
tx_out[ $\langle n \rangle - 1 : 0$ ]	Output	Transmit output. These signals are the serial outputs of lanes $\langle n \rangle - 1 - 0$ .
rx_in[ $\langle n \rangle - 1 : 0$ ]	Input	Receive input. These signals are the serial inputs of lanes $\langle n \rangle - 1 - 0$ .

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

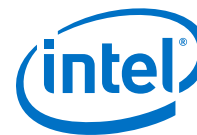
Transceiver channels are arranged in groups of six. For GX devices, the lowest six channels on the left side of the device are labeled GXB\_L0, the next group is GXB\_L1, and so on. Channels on the right side of the device are labeled GXB\_R0, GXB\_R1, and so on. Be sure to connect the Hard IP for PCI 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 Intel Devices*.

#### Related Links

- [Pin-out Files for Intel Devices](#)
- [Link Inspector Hardware](#)  
Use the PCIe Link Inspector to monitor the link at the Physical, Data Link and Transaction Layers.

### 2.1.2 Registers

There are no control registers for the PIO design example. The *PCI Express Base Specification 3.0* defines a comprehensive set of configuration, control, and status registers to control and debug the design example.



## A Document Revision History for the Intel Stratix 10 Avalon-ST Hard IP for PCIe Design Example User Guide

### A.1 Intel Stratix 10 Avalon-ST Hard IP for PCIe Design Example User Guide Revision History

Date	Software Version	Changes
November 2017	17.1	Made the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added compilation support.</li> <li>Added simulation support for NCSim.</li> <li>Added Linux driver for hardware example.</li> <li>Revised <i>Generating the Design</i> topic to create a single .ip for PCIe instead of a complete system design. Generating the testbench creates a design example from the .ip.</li> <li>Added web link to information on using the PCIe Link Inspector.</li> </ul>
May 2017	Quartus Prime Pro v17.1 Stratix 10 ES Editions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added support for Gen3 x16 Programmer Object File (*.pof) generation using a simplified design example.</li> <li>Corrected minor errors and typos.</li> </ul>

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