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Embedded - FPGAs, or Field Programmable Gate Arrays, are advanced integrated circuits that offer unparalleled flexibility and performance for digital systems. Unlike traditional fixed-function logic devices, FPGAs can be programmed and reprogrammed to execute a wide array of logical operations, enabling customized functionality tailored to specific applications. This reprogrammability allows developers to iterate designs quickly and implement complex functions without the need for custom hardware.

Applications of Embedded - FPGAs

The versatility of Embedded - FPGAs makes them indispensable in numerous fields. In telecommunications.

Details	
Product Status	Obsolete
Number of LABs/CLBs	2560
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	2560
Total RAM Bits	32768
Number of I/O	151
Number of Gates	162000
Voltage - Supply	1.71V ~ 1.89V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	240-BFQFP
Supplier Device Package	240-PQFP (32x32)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/ep20k60eqc240-1

Table 2. Additional APEX 20K Device Features *Note (1)*

Feature	EP20K300E	EP20K400	EP20K400E	EP20K600E	EP20K1000E	EP20K1500E
Maximum system gates	728,000	1,052,000	1,052,000	1,537,000	1,772,000	2,392,000
Typical gates	300,000	400,000	400,000	600,000	1,000,000	1,500,000
LEs	11,520	16,640	16,640	24,320	38,400	51,840
ESBs	72	104	104	152	160	216
Maximum RAM bits	147,456	212,992	212,992	311,296	327,680	442,368
Maximum macrocells	1,152	1,664	1,664	2,432	2,560	3,456
Maximum user I/O pins	408	502	488	588	708	808

Note to Tables 1 and 2:
(1) The embedded IEEE Std. 1149.1 Joint Test Action Group (JTAG) boundary-scan circuitry contributes up to 57,000 additional gates.

Additional Features

- Designed for low-power operation
  - 1.8-V and 2.5-V supply voltage (see Table 3)
  - MultiVolt™ I/O interface support to interface with 1.8-V, 2.5-V, 3.3-V, and 5.0-V devices (see Table 3)
  - ESB offering programmable power-saving mode

Table 3. APEX 20K Supply Voltages

Feature	Device	
	EP20K100 EP20K200 EP20K400	EP20K30E EP20K60E EP20K100E EP20K160E EP20K200E EP20K300E EP20K400E EP20K600E EP20K1000E EP20K1500E
Internal supply voltage (V_{CCINT})	2.5 V	1.8 V
MultiVolt I/O interface voltage levels (V_{CCIO})	2.5 V, 3.3 V, 5.0 V	1.8 V, 2.5 V, 3.3 V, 5.0 V *(1)*

Note to Table 3:
(1) APEX 20KE devices can be 5.0-V tolerant by using an external resistor.

Windows-based PCs, Sun SPARCstations, and HP 9000 Series 700/800 workstations
- Altera MegaCore® functions and Altera Megafunction Partners Program (AMPP℠) megafunctions
- NativeLink™ integration with popular synthesis, simulation, and timing analysis tools
- Quartus II SignalTap® embedded logic analyzer simplifies in-system design evaluation by giving access to internal nodes during device operation
- Supports popular revision-control software packages including PVCS, Revision Control System (RCS), and Source Code Control System (SCCS)

Table 4. APEX 20K QFP, BGA & PGA Package Options & I/O Count *Notes (1), (2)*

Device	144-Pin TQFP	208-Pin PQFP RQFP	240-Pin PQFP RQFP	356-Pin BGA	652-Pin BGA	655-Pin PGA
EP20K30E	92	125				
EP20K60E	92	148	151	196		
EP20K100	101	159	189	252		
EP20K100E	92	151	183	246		
EP20K160E	88	143	175	271		
EP20K200		144	174	277		
EP20K200E		136	168	271	376	
EP20K300E			152		408	
EP20K400					502	502
EP20K400E					488	
EP20K600E					488	
EP20K1000E					488	
EP20K1500E					488	

All APEX 20K devices are reconfigurable and are 100% tested prior to shipment. As a result, test vectors do not have to be generated for fault coverage purposes. Instead, the designer can focus on simulation and design verification. In addition, the designer does not need to manage inventories of different application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC) designs; APEX 20K devices can be configured on the board for the specific functionality required.

APEX 20K devices are configured at system power-up with data stored in an Altera serial configuration device or provided by a system controller. Altera offers in-system programmability (ISP)-capable EPC1, EPC2, and EPC16 configuration devices, which configure APEX 20K devices via a serial data stream. Moreover, APEX 20K devices contain an optimized interface that permits microprocessors to configure APEX 20K devices serially or in parallel, and synchronously or asynchronously. The interface also enables microprocessors to treat APEX 20K devices as memory and configure the device by writing to a virtual memory location, making reconfiguration easy.

After an APEX 20K device has been configured, it can be reconfigured in-circuit by resetting the device and loading new data. Real-time changes can be made during system operation, enabling innovative reconfigurable computing applications.

APEX 20K devices are supported by the Altera Quartus II development system, a single, integrated package that offers HDL and schematic design entry, compilation and logic synthesis, full simulation and worst-case timing analysis, SignalTap logic analysis, and device configuration. The Quartus II software runs on Windows-based PCs, Sun SPARCstations, and HP 9000 Series 700/800 workstations.

The Quartus II software provides NativeLink interfaces to other industry-standard PC- and UNIX workstation-based EDA tools. For example, designers can invoke the Quartus II software from within third-party design tools. Further, the Quartus II software contains built-in optimized synthesis libraries; synthesis tools can use these libraries to optimize designs for APEX 20K devices. For example, the Synopsys Design Compiler library, supplied with the Quartus II development system, includes DesignWare functions optimized for the APEX 20K architecture.

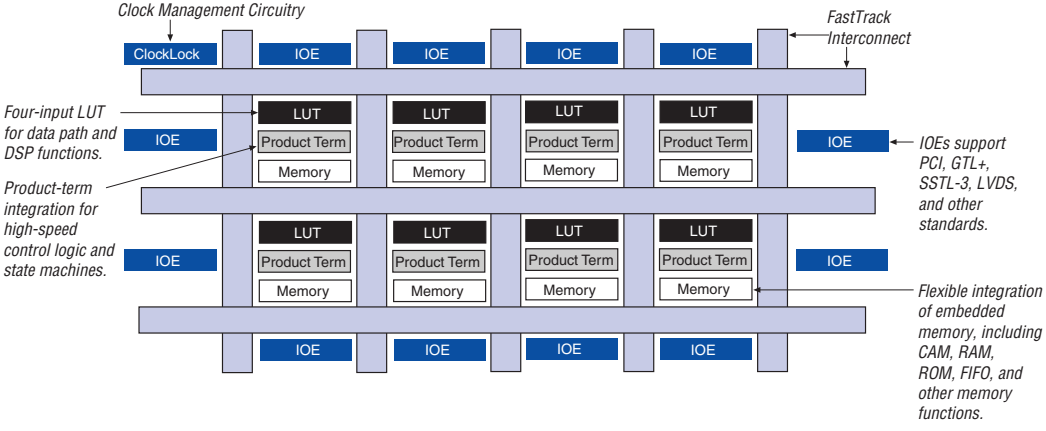
Functional Description

APEX 20K devices incorporate LUT-based logic, product-term-based logic, and memory into one device. Signal interconnections within APEX 20K devices (as well as to and from device pins) are provided by the FastTrack® Interconnect—a series of fast, continuous row and column channels that run the entire length and width of the device.

Each I/O pin is fed by an I/O element (IOE) located at the end of each row and column of the FastTrack Interconnect. Each IOE contains a bidirectional I/O buffer and a register that can be used as either an input or output register to feed input, output, or bidirectional signals. When used with a dedicated clock pin, these registers provide exceptional performance. IOEs provide a variety of features, such as 3.3-V, 64-bit, 66-MHz PCI compliance; JTAG BST support; slew-rate control; and tri-state buffers. APEX 20KE devices offer enhanced I/O support, including support for 1.8-V I/O, 2.5-V I/O, LVCMOS, LVTTL, LVPECL, 3.3-V PCI, PCI-X, LVDS, GTL+, SSTL-2, SSTL-3, HSTL, CTT, and 3.3-V AGP I/O standards.

The ESB can implement a variety of memory functions, including CAM, RAM, dual-port RAM, ROM, and FIFO functions. Embedding the memory directly into the die improves performance and reduces die area compared to distributed-RAM implementations. Moreover, the abundance of cascadable ESBs ensures that the APEX 20K device can implement multiple wide memory blocks for high-density designs. The ESB's high speed ensures it can implement small memory blocks without any speed penalty. The abundance of ESBs ensures that designers can create as many different-sized memory blocks as the system requires. Figure 1 shows an overview of the APEX 20K device.

Figure 1. APEX 20K Device Block Diagram



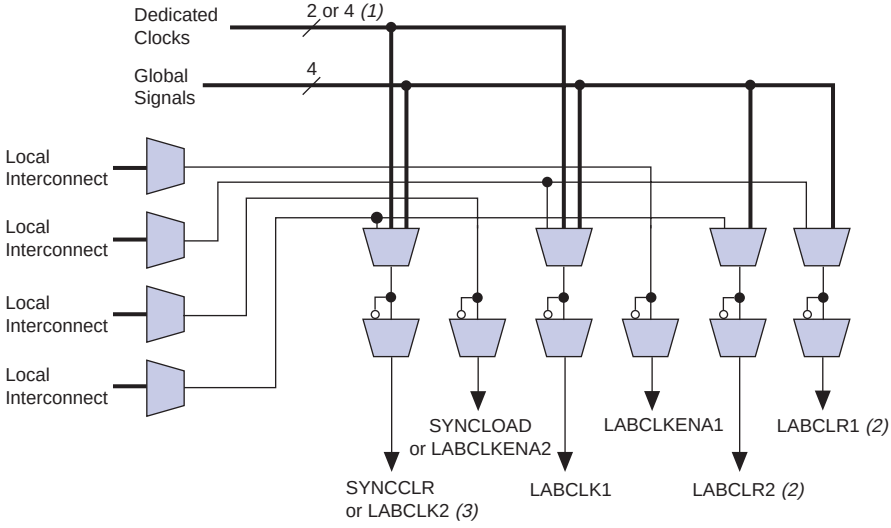
Each LAB contains dedicated logic for driving control signals to its LEs and ESBs. The control signals include clock, clock enable, asynchronous clear, asynchronous preset, asynchronous load, synchronous clear, and synchronous load signals. A maximum of six control signals can be used at a time. Although synchronous load and clear signals are generally used when implementing counters, they can also be used with other functions.

Each LAB can use two clocks and two clock enable signals. Each LAB's clock and clock enable signals are linked (e.g., any LE in a particular LAB using `CLK1` will also use `CLKENA1`). LEs with the same clock but different clock enable signals either use both clock signals in one LAB or are placed into separate LABs.

If both the rising and falling edges of a clock are used in a LAB, both LAB-wide clock signals are used.

The LAB-wide control signals can be generated from the LAB local interconnect, global signals, and dedicated clock pins. The inherent low skew of the FastTrack Interconnect enables it to be used for clock distribution. Figure 4 shows the LAB control signal generation circuit.

Figure 4. LAB Control Signal Generation



Notes to Figure 4:

(1) APEX 20KE devices have four dedicated clocks.

(2) The `LABCLR1` and `LABCLR2` signals also control asynchronous load and asynchronous preset for LEs within the LAB.

(3) The `SYNCCLR` signal can be generated by the local interconnect or global signals.

Cascade Chain

With the cascade chain, the APEX 20K architecture can implement functions with a very wide fan-in. Adjacent LUTs can compute portions of a function in parallel; the cascade chain serially connects the intermediate values. The cascade chain can use a logical AND or logical OR (via De Morgan's inversion) to connect the outputs of adjacent LEs. Each additional LE provides four more inputs to the effective width of a function, with a short cascade delay. Cascade chain logic can be created automatically by the Quartus II software Compiler during design processing, or manually by the designer during design entry.

Cascade chains longer than ten LEs are implemented automatically by linking LABs together. For enhanced fitting, a long cascade chain skips alternate LABs in a MegaLAB structure. A cascade chain longer than one LAB skips either from an even-numbered LAB to the next even-numbered LAB, or from an odd-numbered LAB to the next odd-numbered LAB. For example, the last LE of the first LAB in the upper-left MegaLAB structure carries to the first LE of the third LAB in the MegaLAB structure. Figure 7 shows how the cascade function can connect adjacent LEs to form functions with a wide fan-in.

Figure 7. APEX 20K Cascade Chain

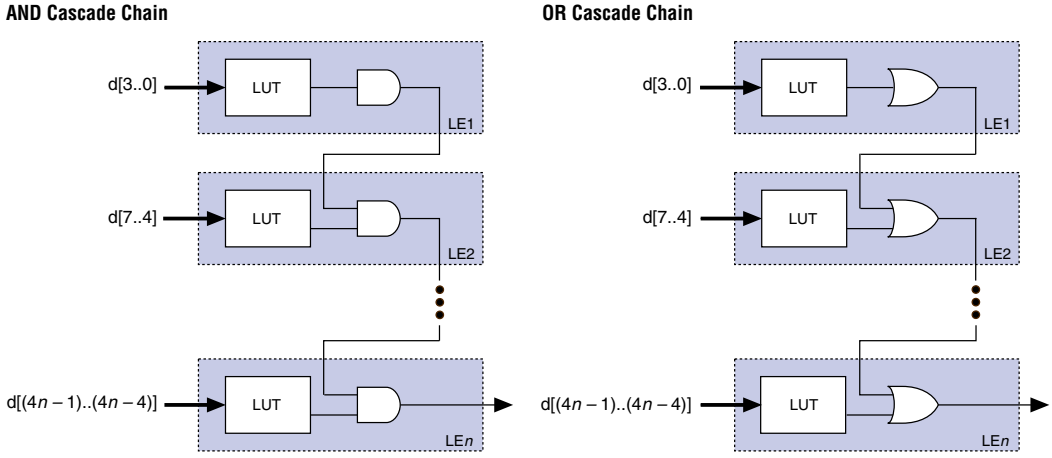
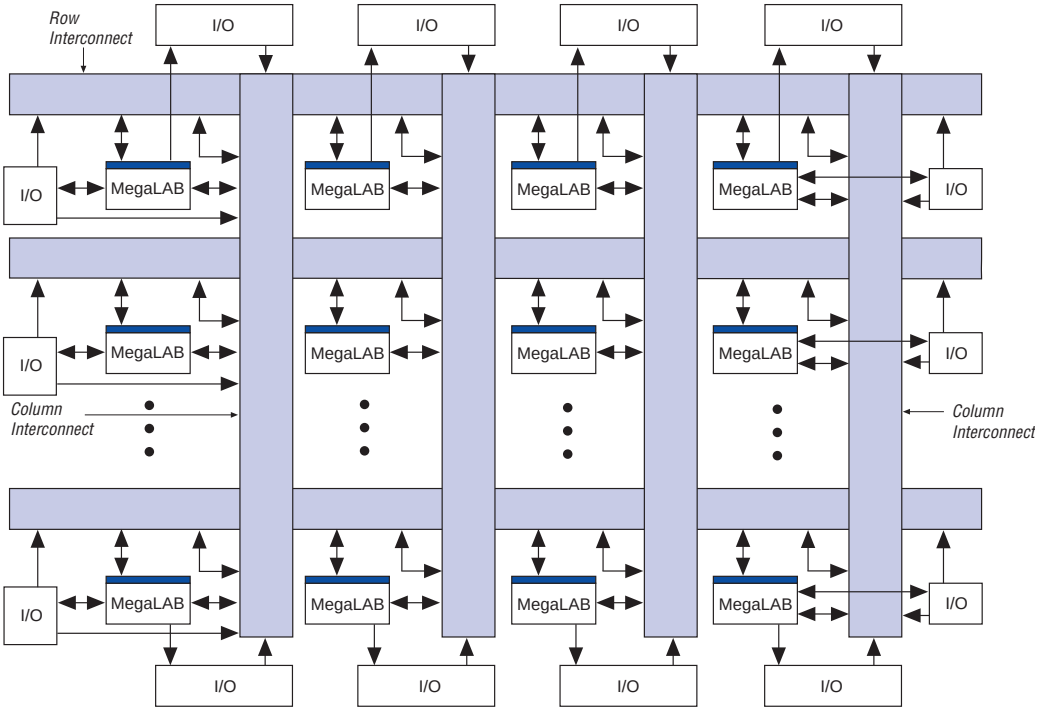


Figure 9. APEX 20K Interconnect Structure



A row line can be driven directly by LEs, IOEs, or ESBs in that row. Further, a column line can drive a row line, allowing an LE, IOE, or ESB to drive elements in a different row via the column and row interconnect. The row interconnect drives the MegaLAB interconnect to drive LEs, IOEs, or ESBs in a particular MegaLAB structure.

A column line can be directly driven by LEs, IOEs, or ESBs in that column. A column line on a device's left or right edge can also be driven by row IOEs. The column line is used to route signals from one row to another. A column line can drive a row line; it can also drive the MegaLAB interconnect directly, allowing faster connections between rows.

Figure 10 shows how the FastTrack Interconnect uses the local interconnect to drive LEs within MegaLAB structures.

Figure 10. FastTrack Connection to Local Interconnect

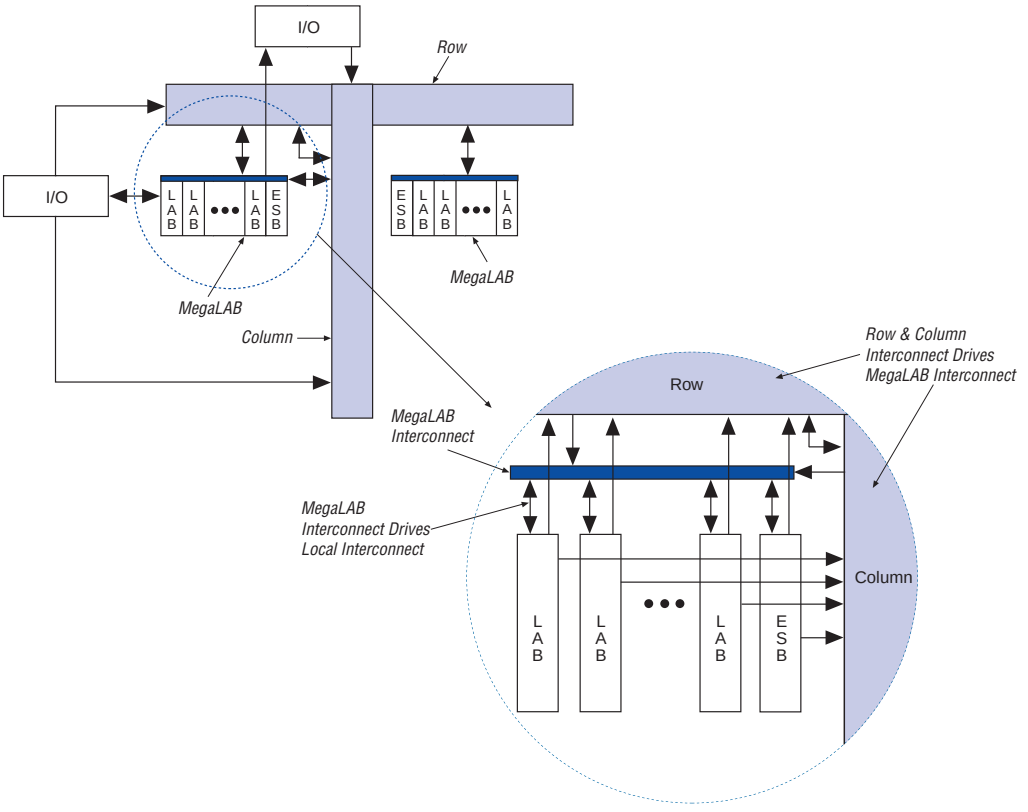


Figure 12. APEX 20KE FastRow Interconnect

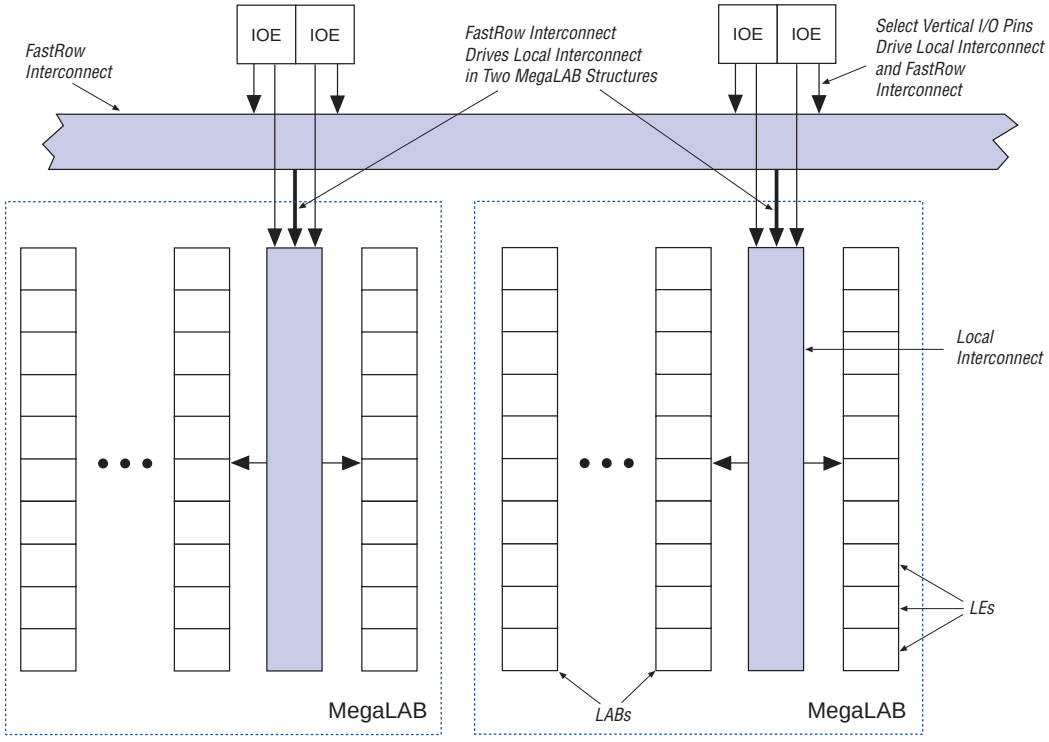
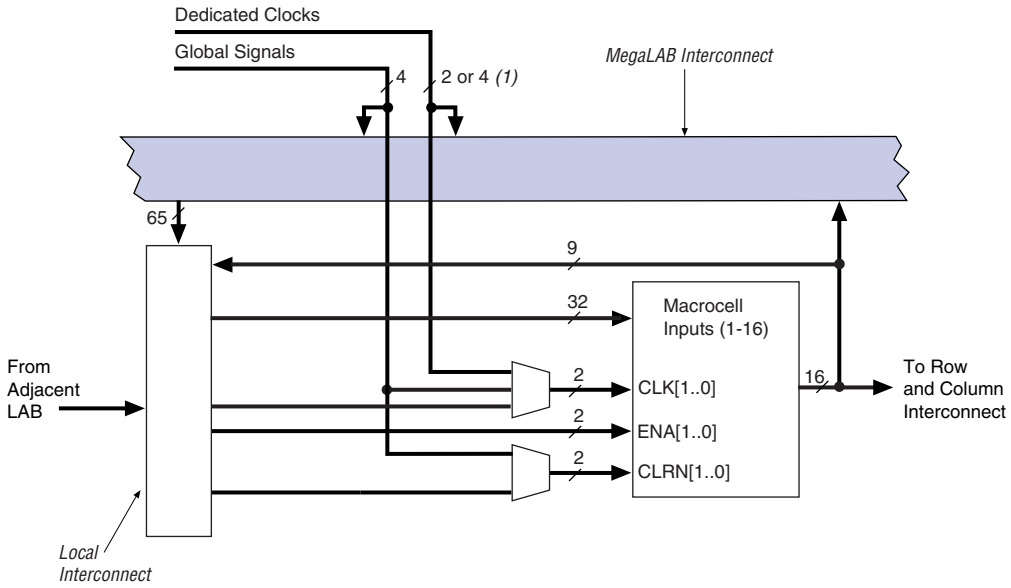


Table 9 summarizes how various elements of the APEX 20K architecture drive each other.

Figure 13. Product-Term Logic in ESB



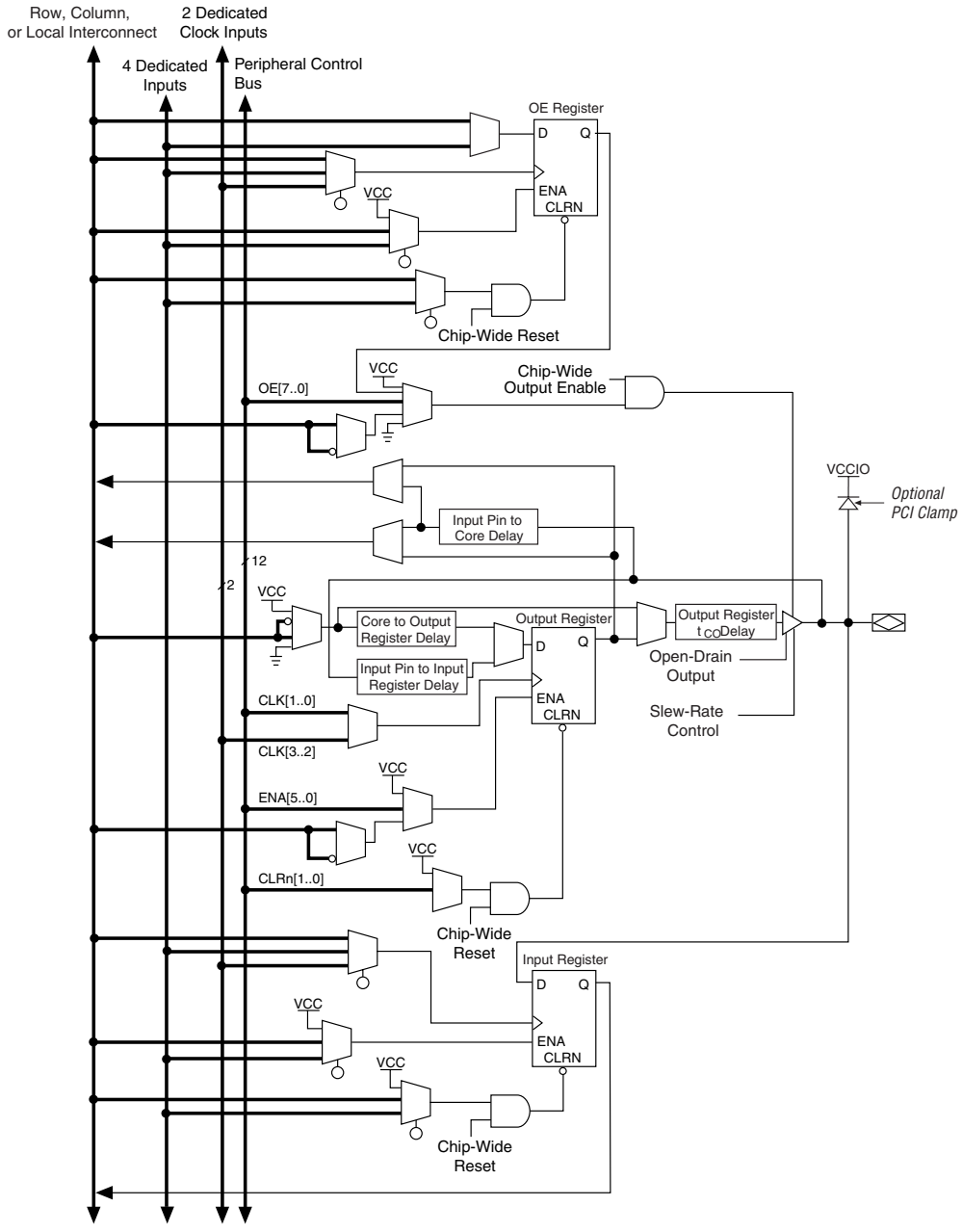
Note to Figure 13:
(1) APEX 20KE devices have four dedicated clocks.

Macrocells

APEX 20K macrocells can be configured individually for either sequential or combinatorial logic operation. The macrocell consists of three functional blocks: the logic array, the product-term select matrix, and the programmable register.

Combinatorial logic is implemented in the product terms. The product-term select matrix allocates these product terms for use as either primary logic inputs (to the OR and XOR gates) to implement combinatorial functions, or as parallel expanders to be used to increase the logic available to another macrocell. One product term can be inverted; the Quartus II software uses this feature to perform DeMorgan's inversion for more efficient implementation of wide OR functions. The Quartus II software Compiler can use a NOT-gate push-back technique to emulate an asynchronous preset. Figure 14 shows the APEX 20K macrocell.

Figure 25. APEX 20K Bidirectional I/O Registers *Note (1)*



Note to Figure 25:

(1) The output enable and input registers are LE registers in the LAB adjacent to the bidirectional pin.

Figure 39. ESB Synchronous Timing Waveforms

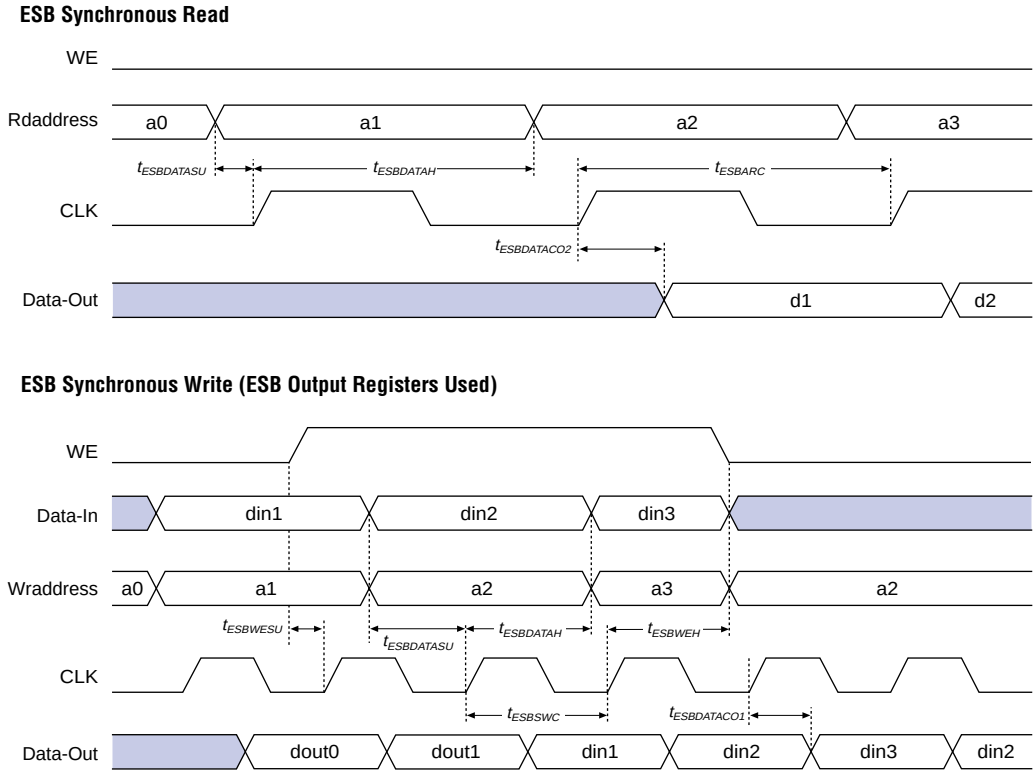


Figure 40 shows the timing model for bidirectional I/O pin timing.

Table 36. APEX 20KE Routing Timing Microparameters Note (1)	
Symbol	**Parameter**
t_{F1-4}	Fanout delay using Local Interconnect
t_{F5-20}	Fanout delay estimate using MegaLab Interconnect
t_{F20+}	Fanout delay estimate using FastTrack Interconnect

Note to Table 36:

(1) These parameters are worst-case values for typical applications. Post-compilation timing simulation and timing analysis are required to determine actual worst-case performance.

Table 37. APEX 20KE Functional Timing Microparameters	
Symbol	**Parameter**
TCH	Minimum clock high time from clock pin
TCL	Minimum clock low time from clock pin
TCLRP	LE clear Pulse Width
TPREP	LE preset pulse width
TESBCH	Clock high time for ESB
TESBCL	Clock low time for ESB
TESBWP	Write pulse width
TESBRP	Read pulse width

Tables 38 and 39 describe the APEX 20KE external timing parameters.

Table 38. APEX 20KE External Timing Parameters Note (1)		
Symbol	**Clock Parameter**	**Conditions**
t_{INSU}	Setup time with global clock at IOE input register	
t_{INH}	Hold time with global clock at IOE input register	
t_{OUTCO}	Clock-to-output delay with global clock at IOE output register	C1 = 10 pF
$t_{INSUPLL}$	Setup time with PLL clock at IOE input register	
t_{INHPLL}	Hold time with PLL clock at IOE input register	
$t_{OUTCOPLL}$	Clock-to-output delay with PLL clock at IOE output register	C1 = 10 pF

Tables 40 through 42 show the f_{MAX} timing parameters for EP20K100, EP20K200, and EP20K400 APEX 20K devices.

Table 40. EP20K100 f_{MAX} Timing Parameters

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Units
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{SU}	0.5		0.6		0.8		ns
t_{H}	0.7		0.8		1.0		ns
t_{CO}		0.3		0.4		0.5	ns
t_{LUT}		0.8		1.0		1.3	ns
t_{ESBRC}		1.7		2.1		2.4	ns
t_{ESBWC}		5.7		6.9		8.1	ns
$t_{ESBWESU}$	3.3		3.9		4.6		ns
$t_{ESBDATASU}$	2.2		2.7		3.1		ns
$t_{ESBDATAH}$	0.6		0.8		0.9		ns
$t_{ESBADDRSU}$	2.4		2.9		3.3		ns
$t_{ESBDATACO1}$		1.3		1.6		1.8	ns
$t_{ESBDATACO2}$		2.6		3.1		3.6	ns
t_{ESBDD}		2.5		3.3		3.6	ns
t_{PD}		2.5		3.0		3.6	ns
$t_{PTERMSU}$	2.3		2.6		3.2		ns
$t_{PTERMCO}$		1.5		1.8		2.1	ns
t_{F1-4}		0.5		0.6		0.7	ns
t_{F5-20}		1.6		1.7		1.8	ns
t_{F20+}		2.2		2.2		2.3	ns
t_{CH}	2.0		2.5		3.0		ns
t_{CL}	2.0		2.5		3.0		ns
t_{CLRP}	0.3		0.4		0.4		ns
t_{PREP}	0.5		0.5		0.5		ns
t_{ESBCH}	2.0		2.5		3.0		ns
t_{ESBCL}	2.0		2.5		3.0		ns
t_{ESBWP}	1.6		1.9		2.2		ns
t_{ESBRP}	1.0		1.3		1.4		ns

Notes to Tables 43 through 48:
(1) This parameter is measured without using ClockLock or ClockBoost circuits.
(2) This parameter is measured using ClockLock or ClockBoost circuits.

Tables 49 through 54 describe f_{MAX} LE Timing Microparameters, f_{MAX} ESB Timing Microparameters, f_{MAX} Routing Delays, Minimum Pulse Width Timing Parameters, External Timing Parameters, and External Bidirectional Timing Parameters for EP20K30E APEX 20KE devices.

Table 49. EP20K30E f_{MAX} LE Timing Microparameters

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{SU}	0.01		0.02		0.02		ns
t_{H}	0.11		0.16		0.23		ns
t_{CO}		0.32		0.45		0.67	ns
t_{LUT}		0.85		1.20		1.77	ns

Table 60. EP20K60E External Bidirectional Timing Parameters

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{INSUBIDIR}$	2.77		2.91		3.11		ns
$t_{INHBIDIR}$	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{OUTCOBIDIR}$	2.00	4.84	2.00	5.31	2.00	5.81	ns
$t_{XZBIDIR}$		6.47		7.44		8.65	ns
$t_{ZXBIDIR}$		6.47		7.44		8.65	ns
$t_{INSUBIDIRPLL}$	3.44		3.24		-		ns
$t_{INHBIDIRPLL}$	0.00		0.00		-		ns
$t_{OUTCOBIDIRPLL}$	0.50	3.37	0.50	3.69	-	-	ns
$t_{XZBIDIRPLL}$		5.00		5.82		-	ns
$t_{ZXBIDIRPLL}$		5.00		5.82		-	ns

Tables 61 through 66 describe f_{MAX} LE Timing Microparameters, f_{MAX} ESB Timing Microparameters, f_{MAX} Routing Delays, Minimum Pulse Width Timing Parameters, External Timing Parameters, and External Bidirectional Timing Parameters for EP20K100E APEX 20KE devices.

Table 61. EP20K100E f_{MAX} LE Timing Microparameters

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{SU}	0.25		0.25		0.25		ns
t_{H}	0.25		0.25		0.25		ns
t_{CO}		0.28		0.28		0.34	ns
t_{LUT}		0.80		0.95		1.13	ns

Table 62. EP20K100E f_{MAX} ESB Timing Microparameters

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{ESBARC}		1.61		1.84		1.97	ns
t_{ESBSRC}		2.57		2.97		3.20	ns
t_{ESBAWC}		0.52		4.09		4.39	ns
t_{ESBSWC}		3.17		3.78		4.09	ns
$t_{ESBWASU}$	0.56		6.41		0.63		ns
t_{ESBWAH}	0.48		0.54		0.55		ns
$t_{ESBWDSU}$	0.71		0.80		0.81		ns
t_{ESBWDH}	.048		0.54		0.55		ns
$t_{ESBRASU}$	1.57		1.75		1.87		ns
t_{ESBRAH}	0.00		0.00		0.20		ns
$t_{ESBWESU}$	1.54		1.72		1.80		ns
t_{ESBWEH}	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{ESBDATASU}$	-0.16		-0.20		-0.20		ns
$t_{ESBDATAH}$	0.13		0.13		0.13		ns
$t_{ESBWADDRSU}$	0.12		0.08		0.13		ns
$t_{ESBRADDRSU}$	0.17		0.15		0.19		ns
$t_{ESBDATACO1}$		1.20		1.39		1.52	ns
$t_{ESBDATACO2}$		2.54		2.99		3.22	ns
t_{ESBDD}		3.06		3.56		3.85	ns
t_{PD}		1.73		2.02		2.20	ns
$t_{PTERMSU}$	1.11		1.26		1.38		ns
$t_{PTERMCO}$		1.19		1.40		1.08	ns

Table 63. EP20K100E f_{MAX} Routing Delays

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{F1-4}		0.24		0.27		0.29	ns
t_{F5-20}		1.04		1.26		1.52	ns
t_{F20+}		1.12		1.36		1.86	ns

Table 82. EP20K300E Minimum Pulse Width Timing Parameters

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{CH}	1.25		1.43		1.67		ns
t_{CL}	1.25		1.43		1.67		ns
t_{CLRP}	0.19		0.26		0.35		ns
t_{PREP}	0.19		0.26		0.35		ns
t_{ESBCH}	1.25		1.43		1.67		ns
t_{ESBCL}	1.25		1.43		1.67		ns
t_{ESBWP}	1.25		1.71		2.28		ns
t_{ESBRP}	1.01		1.38		1.84		ns

Table 83. EP20K300E External Timing Parameters

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
t_{INSU}	2.31		2.44		2.57		ns
t_{INH}	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
t_{OUTCO}	2.00	5.29	2.00	5.82	2.00	6.24	ns
$t_{INSUPLL}$	1.76		1.85		-		ns
t_{INHPLL}	0.00		0.00		-		ns
$t_{OUTCOPLL}$	0.50	2.65	0.50	2.95	-	-	ns

Table 84. EP20K300E External Bidirectional Timing Parameters

Symbol	-1		-2		-3		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{INSUBIDIR}$	2.77		2.85		3.11		ns
$t_{INHBIDIR}$	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{OUTCOBIDIR}$	2.00	5.29	2.00	5.82	2.00	6.24	ns
$t_{XZBIDIR}$		7.59		8.30		9.09	ns
$t_{ZXBIDIR}$		7.59		8.30		9.09	ns
$t_{INSUBIDIRPLL}$	2.50		2.76		-		ns
$t_{INHBIDIRPLL}$	0.00		0.00		-		ns
$t_{OUTCOBIDIRPLL}$	0.50	2.65	0.50	2.95	-	-	ns
$t_{XZBIDIRPLL}$		5.00		5.43		-	ns
$t_{ZXBIDIRPLL}$		5.00		5.43		-	ns

Table 108. EP20K1500E External Bidirectional Timing Parameters

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{INSUBIDIR}$	3.47		3.68		3.99		ns
$t_{INHBIDIR}$	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{OUTCOBIDIR}$	2.00	6.18	2.00	6.81	2.00	7.36	ns
$t_{XZBIDIR}$		6.91		7.62		8.38	ns
$t_{ZXBIDIR}$		6.91		7.62		8.38	ns
$t_{INSUBIDIRPLL}$	3.05		3.26				ns
$t_{INHBIDIRPLL}$	0.00		0.00				ns
$t_{OUTCOBIDIRPLL}$	0.50	2.67	0.50	2.99			ns
$t_{XZBIDIRPLL}$		3.41		3.80			ns
$t_{ZXBIDIRPLL}$		3.41		3.80			ns

Tables 109 and 110 show selectable I/O standard input and output delays for APEX 20KE devices. If you select an I/O standard input or output delay other than LVCMOS, add or subtract the selected speed grade to or from the LVCMOS value.

Table 109. Selectable I/O Standard Input Delays

Symbol	-1 Speed Grade		-2 Speed Grade		-3 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
LVCMOS		0.00		0.00		0.00	ns
LVTTL		0.00		0.00		0.00	ns
2.5 V		0.00		0.04		0.05	ns
1.8 V		–0.11		0.03		0.04	ns
PCI		0.01		0.09		0.10	ns
GTL+		–0.24		–0.23		–0.19	ns
SSTL-3 Class I		–0.32		–0.21		–0.47	ns
SSTL-3 Class II		–0.08		0.03		–0.23	ns
SSTL-2 Class I		–0.17		–0.06		–0.32	ns
SSTL-2 Class II		–0.16		–0.05		–0.31	ns
LVDS		–0.12		–0.12		–0.12	ns
CTT		0.00		0.00		0.00	ns
AGP		0.00		0.00		0.00	ns

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