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### Understanding Embedded - FPGAs (Field Programmable Gate Array)

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	3840
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	38400
Total RAM Bits	327680
Number of I/O	708
Number of Gates	1772000
Voltage - Supply	1.71V ~ 1.89V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	1020-BBGA
Supplier Device Package	1020-FBGA (33x33)
Purchase URL	<a href="https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/ep20k1000cf33c7es">https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/ep20k1000cf33c7es</a>

- Advanced interconnect structure
  - Copper interconnect for high performance
  - Four-level hierarchical FastTrack® interconnect structure providing fast, predictable interconnect delays
  - Dedicated carry chain that implements arithmetic functions such as fast adders, counters, and comparators (automatically used by software tools and megafunctions)
  - Dedicated cascade chain that implements high-speed, high-fan-in logic functions (automatically used by software tools and megafunctions)
  - Interleaved local interconnect allows one LE to drive 29 other LEs through the fast local interconnect
- Advanced software support
  - Software design support and automatic place-and-route provided by the Altera® Quartus™ II development system for Windows-based PCs, Sun SPARCstations, and HP 9000 Series 700/800 workstations
  - Altera MegaCore® functions and Altera Megafunction Partners Program (AMPPSM) megafunctions optimized for APEX 20KC architecture available
  - 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, RCS, and SCCS

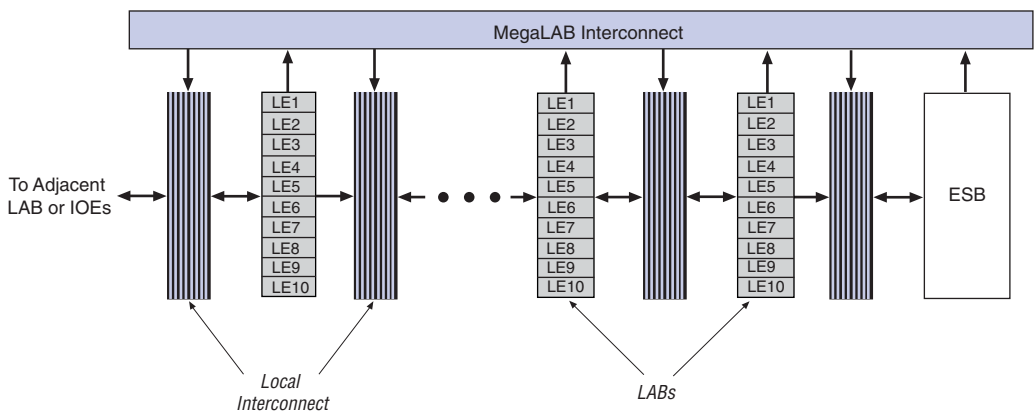
**Table 3. APEX 20KC QFP & BGA Package Options & I/O Count** *Notes (1), (2)*

Device	208-Pin PQFP	240-Pin PQFP	356-Pin BGA	652-Pin BGA
EP20K200C	136	168	271	
EP20K400C				488
EP20K600C				488
EP20K1000C				488

## MegaLAB Structure

APEX 20KC devices are constructed from a series of MegaLAB™ structures. Each MegaLAB structure contains 16 logic array blocks (LABs), one ESB, and a MegaLAB interconnect, which routes signals within the MegaLAB structure. In EP20K1000C devices, MegaLAB structures contain 24 LABs. Signals are routed between MegaLAB structures and I/O pins via the FastTrack interconnect. In addition, edge LABs can be driven by I/O pins through the local interconnect. Figure 2 shows the MegaLAB structure.

**Figure 2. MegaLAB Structure**

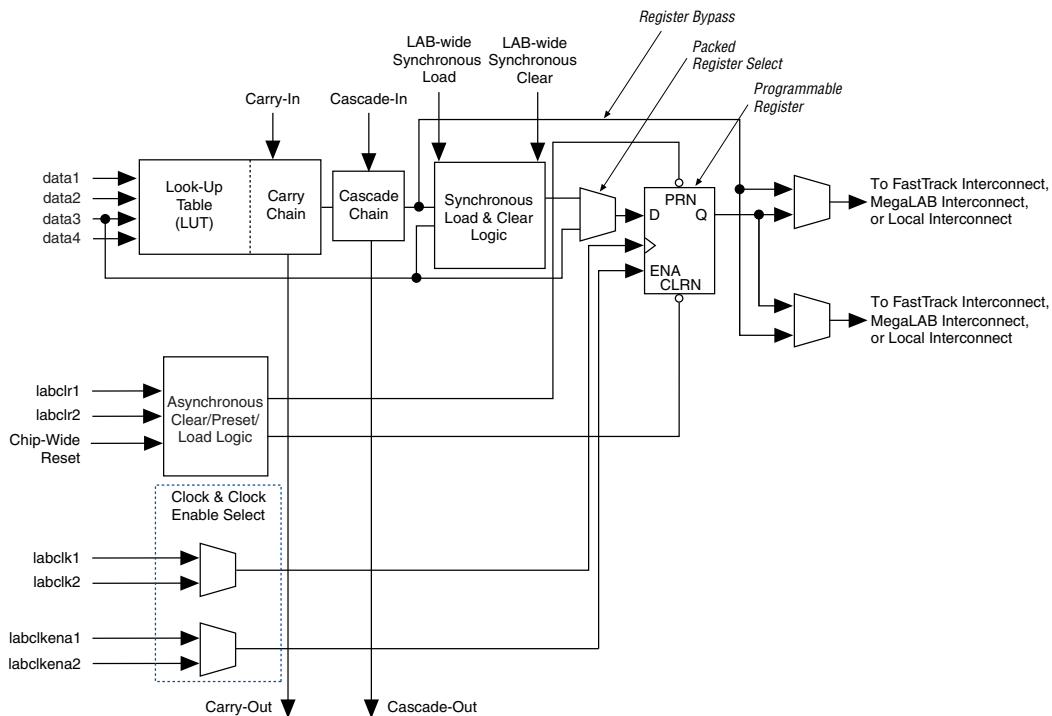


## Logic Array Block

Each LAB consists of 10 LEs, the LEs' associated carry and cascade chains, LAB control signals, and the local interconnect. The local interconnect transfers signals between LEs in the same or adjacent LABs, IOEs, or ESBs. The Quartus II Compiler places associated logic within an LAB or adjacent LABs, allowing the use of a fast local interconnect for high performance. Figure 3 shows the APEX 20KC LAB.

APEX 20KC devices use an interleaved LAB structure. This structure allows each LE to drive two local interconnect areas, minimizing the use of the MegaLAB and FastTrack interconnect and providing higher performance and flexibility. Each LE can drive 29 other LEs through the fast local interconnect.

**Figure 5. APEX 20KC Logic Element**



Each LE's programmable register can be configured for D, T, JK, or SR operation. The register's clock and clear control signals can be driven by global signals, general-purpose I/O pins, or any internal logic. For combinatorial functions, the register is bypassed and the output of the LUT drives the outputs of the LE.

Each LE has two outputs that drive the local, MegaLAB, or FastTrack interconnect routing structure. Each output can be driven independently by the LUT's or register's output. For example, the LUT can drive one output while the register drives the other output. This feature, called register packing, improves device utilization because the register and the LUT can be used for unrelated functions. The LE can also drive out registered and unregistered versions of the LUT output.

The APEX 20KC architecture provides two types of dedicated high-speed data paths that connect adjacent LEs without using local interconnect paths: carry chains and cascade chains. A carry chain supports high-speed arithmetic functions such as counters and adders, while a cascade chain implements wide-input functions such as equality comparators with minimum delay. Carry and cascade chains connect LEs 1 through 10 in an LAB and all LABs in the same MegaLAB structure.

### *Carry Chain*

The carry chain provides a very fast carry-forward function between LEs. The carry-in signal from a lower-order bit drives forward into the higher-order bit via the carry chain, and feeds into both the LUT and the next portion of the carry chain. This feature allows the APEX 20KC architecture to implement high-speed counters, adders, and comparators of arbitrary width. Carry chain logic can be created automatically by the Quartus II Compiler during design processing, or manually by the designer during design entry. Parameterized functions such as DesignWare functions from Synopsys and library of parameterized modules (LPM) functions automatically take advantage of carry chains for the appropriate functions.

The Quartus II Compiler creates carry chains longer than ten LEs by automatically linking LABs together. For enhanced fitting, a long carry chain skips alternate LABs in a MegaLAB structure. A carry 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 6 shows how an  $n$ -bit full adder can be implemented in  $n + 1$  LEs with the carry chain. One portion of the LUT generates the sum of two bits using the input signals and the carry-in signal; the sum is routed to the output of the LE. The register can be bypassed for simple adders or used for accumulator functions. Another portion of the LUT and the carry chain logic generates the carry-out signal, which is routed directly to the carry-in signal of the next-higher-order bit. The final carry-out signal is routed to an LE, where it is driven onto the local, MegaLAB, or FastTrack interconnect routing structures.

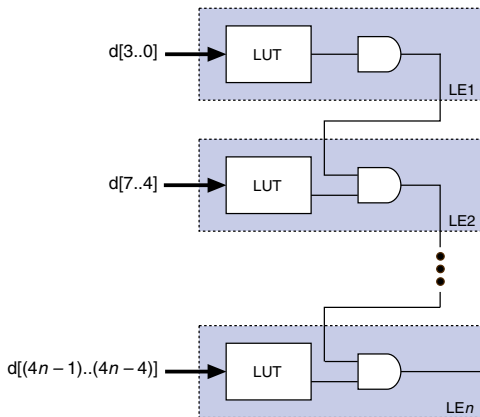
## Cascade Chain

With the cascade chain, the APEX 20KC 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 Compiler during design processing, or manually by the designer during design entry.

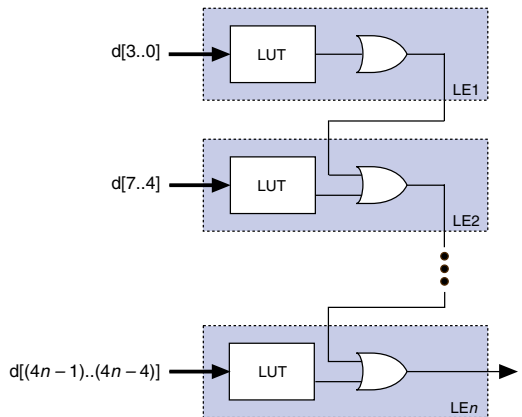
Cascade chains longer than ten LEs are implemented automatically by linking LABs together. For enhanced fitting, a long cascade chain skips alternate LABs in a MegaLAB structure. A cascade chain longer than one LAB skips either from an even-numbered LAB to the next even-numbered LAB, or from an odd-numbered 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 20KC Cascade Chain**

### AND Cascade Chain



### OR Cascade Chain



**Figure 10. FastTrack Connection to Local Interconnect**

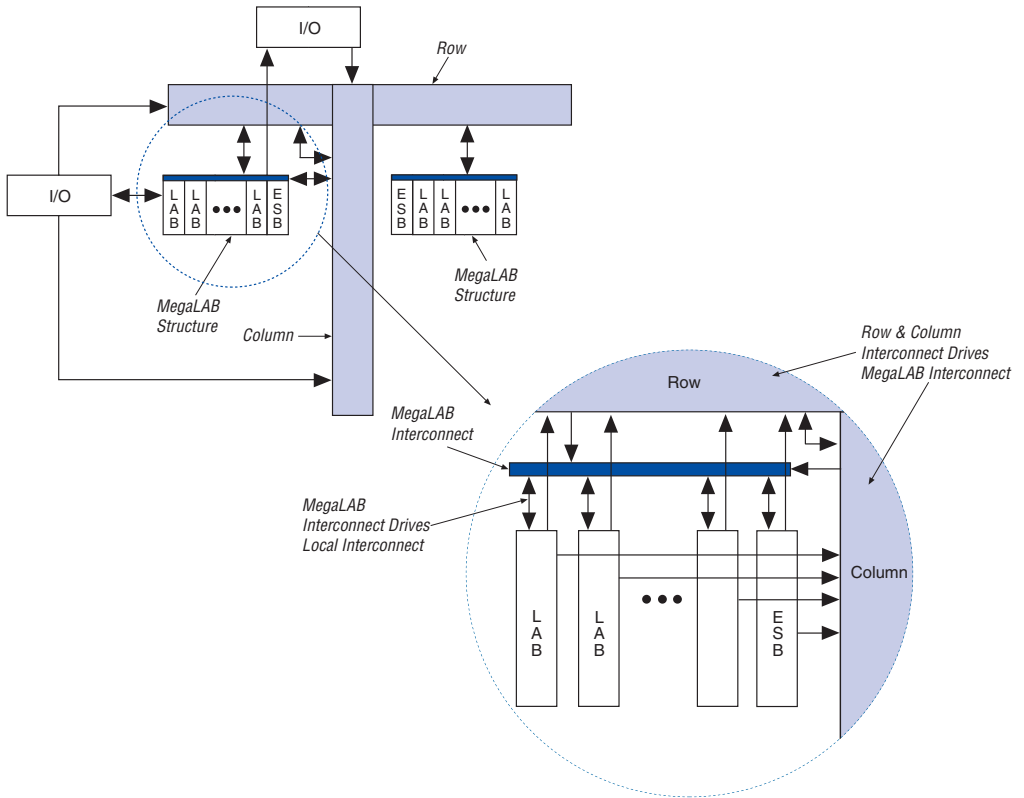


Figure 12. APEX 20KC FastRow Interconnect

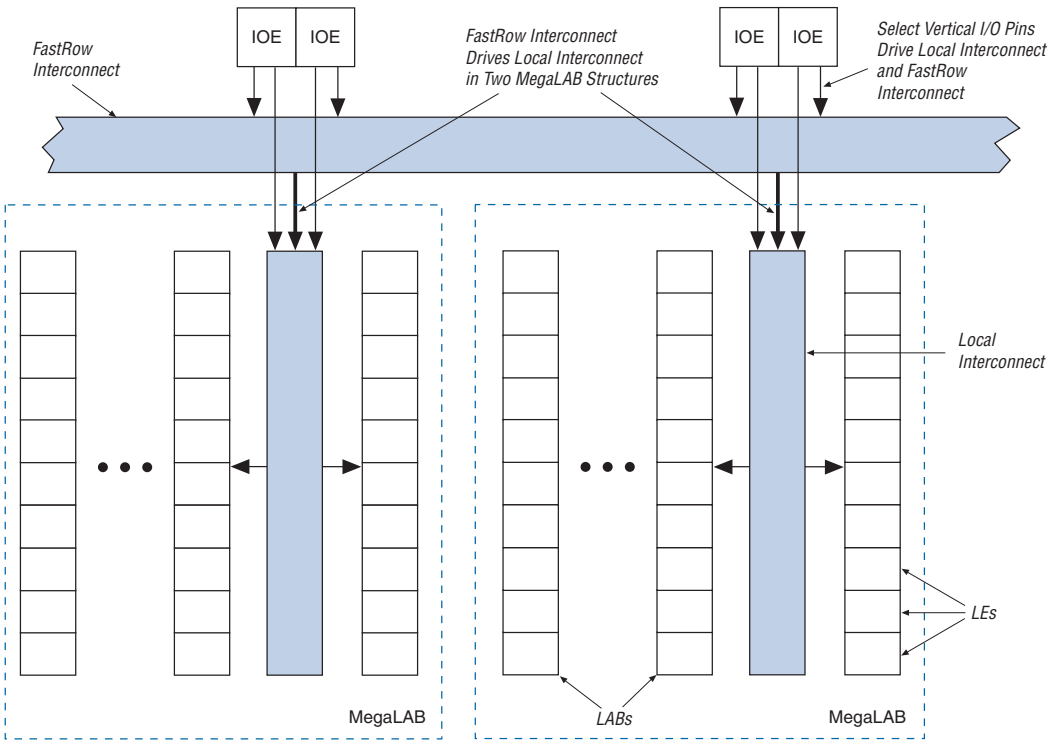
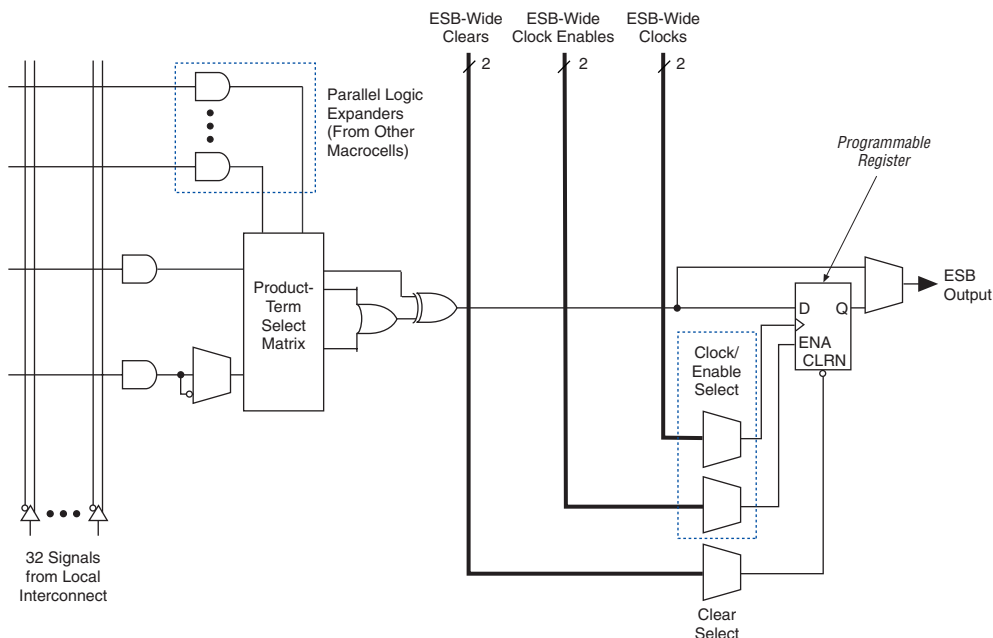


Table 8 summarizes how various elements of the APEX 20KC architecture drive each other.



**Figure 14. APEX 20KC Macrocell**



For registered functions, each macrocell register can be programmed individually to implement D, T, JK, or SR operation with programmable clock control. The register can be bypassed for combinatorial operation. During design entry, the designer specifies the desired register type; the Quartus II software then selects the most efficient register operation for each registered function to optimize resource utilization. The Quartus II software or other synthesis tools can also select the most efficient register operation automatically when synthesizing HDL designs.

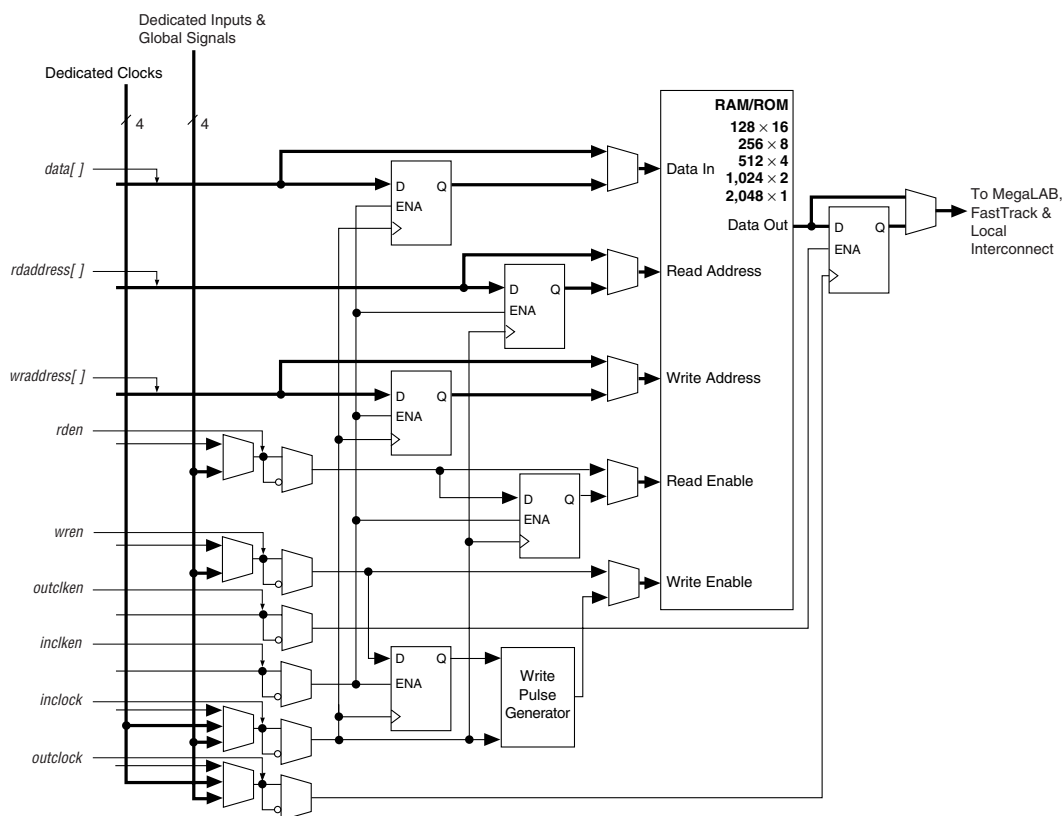
Each programmable register can be clocked by one of two ESB-wide clocks. The ESB-wide clocks can be generated from device dedicated clock pins, global signals, or local interconnect. Each clock also has an associated clock enable, generated from the local interconnect. The clock and clock enable signals are related for a particular ESB; any macrocell using a clock also uses the associated clock enable.

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

## Input/Output Clock Mode

The input/output clock mode contains two clocks. One clock controls all registers for inputs into the ESB: data input, WE, RE, read address, and write address. The other clock controls the ESB data output registers. The ESB also supports clock enable and asynchronous clear signals; these signals also control the reading and writing of registers independently. Input/output clock mode is commonly used for applications where the reads and writes occur at the same system frequency, but require different clock enable signals for the input and output registers. Figure 21 shows the ESB in input/output clock mode.

**Figure 21. ESB in Input/Output Clock Mode** *Note (1)*



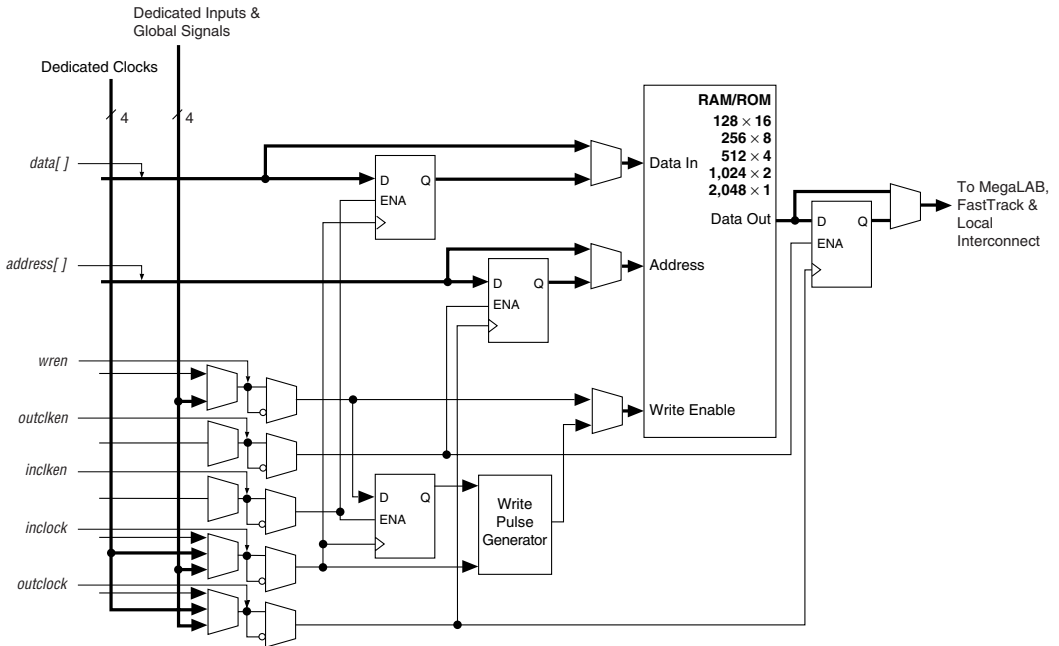
**Note to Figure 21:**

(1) All registers can be cleared asynchronously by ESB local interconnect signals, global signals, or the chip-wide reset.

## Single-Port Mode

The APEX 20KC ESB also supports a single-port mode, which is used when simultaneous reads and writes are not required. See [Figure 22](#).

**Figure 22. ESB in Single-Port Mode** *Note (1)*



**Note to Figure 22:**

- (1) All registers can be asynchronously cleared by ESB local interconnect signals, global signals, or the chip-wide reset.

## Content-Addressable Memory

In APEX 20KC devices, the ESB can implement CAM. CAM can be thought of as the inverse of RAM. When read, RAM outputs the data for a given address. Conversely, CAM outputs an address for a given data word. For example, if the data FA12 is stored in address 14, the CAM outputs 14 when FA12 is driven into it.

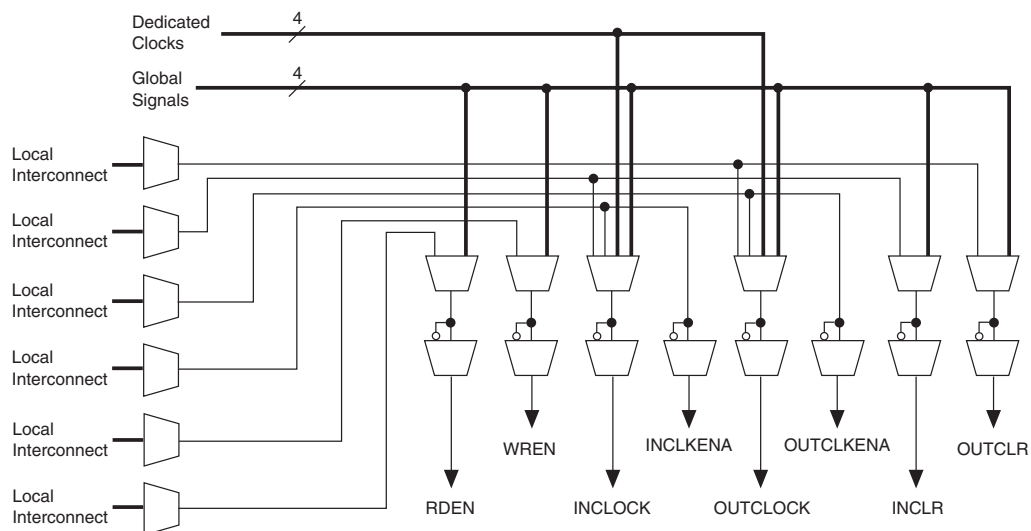


For more information on APEX 20KC devices and CAM, see *Application Note 119 (Implementing High-Speed Search Applications with APEX CAM)*.

## Driving Signals to the ESB

ESBs provide flexible options for driving control signals. Different clocks can be used for the ESB inputs and outputs. Registers can be inserted independently on the data input, data output, read address, write address, WE, and RE signals. The global signals and the local interconnect can drive the WE and RE signals. The global signals, dedicated clock pins, and local interconnect can drive the ESB clock signals. Because the LEs drive the local interconnect, the LEs can control the WE and RE signals and the ESB clock, clock enable, and asynchronous clear signals. [Figure 24](#) shows the ESB control signal generation logic.

**Figure 24. ESB Control Signal Generation**



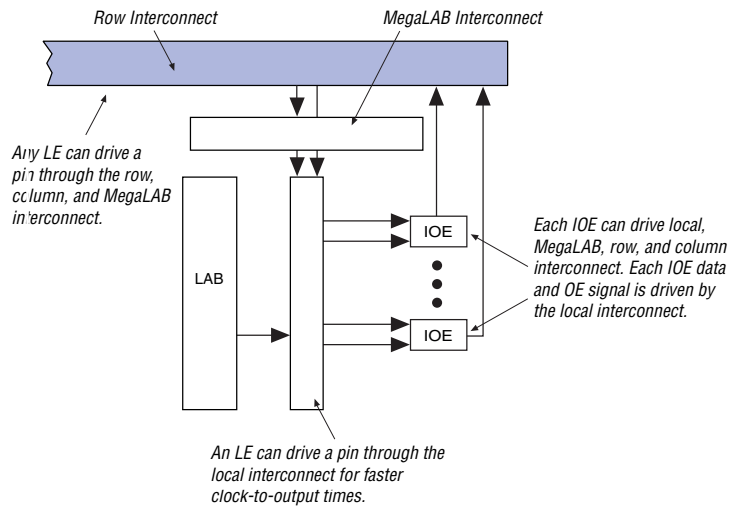
An ESB is fed by the local interconnect, which is driven by adjacent LEs (for high-speed connection to the ESB) or the MegaLAB interconnect. The ESB can drive the local, MegaLAB, or FastTrack interconnect routing structure to drive LEs and IOEs in the same MegaLAB structure or anywhere in the device.

**Notes to Figure 25:**

- (1) This programmable delay has four settings: off and three levels of delay.
- (2) The output enable and input registers are LE registers in the LAB adjacent to the bidirectional pin.

Each IOE drives a row, column, MegaLAB, or local interconnect when used as an input or bidirectional pin. A row IOE can drive a local, MegaLAB, row, and column interconnect; a column IOE can drive the column interconnect. **Figure 26** shows how a row IOE connects to the interconnect.

**Figure 26. Row IOE Connection to the Interconnect**



## IEEE Std. 1149.1 (JTAG) Boundary-Scan Support

All APEX 20KC devices provide JTAG BST circuitry that complies with the IEEE Std. 1149.1-1990 specification. JTAG boundary-scan testing can be performed before or after configuration, but not during configuration. APEX 20KC devices can also use the JTAG port for configuration with the Quartus II software or with hardware using either Jam Files (.jam) or Jam Byte-Code Files (.jbc). Finally, APEX 20KC devices use the JTAG port to monitor the logic operation of the device with the SignalTap embedded logic analyzer. APEX 20KC devices support the JTAG instructions shown in [Table 13](#).

**Table 13. APEX 20KC JTAG Instructions**

JTAG Instruction	Description
SAMPLE/PRELOAD	Allows a snapshot of signals at the device pins to be captured and examined during normal device operation, and permits an initial data pattern to be output at the device pins. Also used by the SignalTap embedded logic analyzer.
EXTEST	Allows the external circuitry and board-level interconnections to be tested by forcing a test pattern at the output pins and capturing test results at the input pins.
BYPASS	Places the 1-bit bypass register between the TDI and TDO pins, which allows the BST data to pass synchronously through selected devices to adjacent devices during normal device operation.
USERCODE	Selects the 32-bit USERCODE register and places it between the TDI and TDO pins, allowing the USERCODE to be serially shifted out of TDO.
IDCODE	Selects the IDCODE register and places it between TDI and TDO, allowing the IDCODE to be serially shifted out of TDO.
ICR Instructions	Used when configuring an APEX 20KC device via the JTAG port with a MasterBlaster™ or ByteBlasterMV™ download cable, or when using a Jam File or Jam Byte-Code File via an embedded processor.
SignalTap Instructions	Monitors internal device operation with the SignalTap embedded logic analyzer.

**Table 20. APEX 20KC Device Capacitance** *Note (10)*

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
$C_{IN}$	Input capacitance	$V_{IN} = 0\text{ V}$ , $f = 1.0\text{ MHz}$		8	pF
$C_{INCLK}$	Input capacitance on dedicated clock pin	$V_{IN} = 0\text{ V}$ , $f = 1.0\text{ MHz}$		12	pF
$C_{OUT}$	Output capacitance	$V_{OUT} = 0\text{ V}$ , $f = 1.0\text{ MHz}$		8	pF

**Notes to Tables 17 through 20:**

- (1) See the *Operating Requirements for Altera Devices Data Sheet*.
- (2) Minimum DC input is  $-0.5\text{ V}$ . During transitions, the inputs may undershoot to  $-2.0\text{ V}$  or overshoot to  $4.6\text{ V}$  for input currents less than  $100\text{ mA}$  and time periods shorter than  $20\text{ ns}$ .
- (3) Numbers in parentheses are for industrial-temperature-range devices.
- (4) Maximum  $V_{CC}$  rise time is  $100\text{ ms}$ , and  $V_{CC}$  must rise monotonically.
- (5) All pins, including dedicated inputs, clock, I/O, and JTAG pins, may be driven before  $V_{CCINT}$  and  $V_{CCIO}$  are powered.
- (6) Typical values are for  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{ C}$ ,  $V_{CCINT} = 1.8\text{ V}$ , and  $V_{CCIO} = 1.8\text{ V}$ ,  $2.5\text{ V}$  or  $3.3\text{ V}$ .
- (7) These values are specified under the APEX 20KC device recommended operating conditions, shown in [Table 18 on page 55](#).
- (8) This value is specified for normal device operation. The value may vary during power-up.
- (9) Pin pull-up resistance values will be lower if an external source drives the pin higher than  $V_{CCIO}$ .
- (10) Capacitance is sample-tested only.

Tables 21 through 35 list the DC operating specifications for the supported I/O standards. These tables list minimal specifications only; APEX 20KC devices may exceed these specifications.

**Table 21. LVTTTL I/O Specifications**

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Minimum	Maximum	Units
$V_{CCIO}$	Output supply voltage		3.0	3.6	V
$V_{IH}$	High-level input voltage		2.0	$V_{CCIO} + 0.3$	V
$V_{IL}$	Low-level input voltage		$-0.3$	0.8	V
$I_I$	Input pin leakage current	$V_{IN} = 0\text{ V}$ or $3.3\text{ V}$	$-10$	10	$\mu\text{A}$
$V_{OH}$	High-level output voltage	$I_{OH} = -12\text{ mA}$ , $V_{CCIO} = 3.0\text{ V}$ (1)	2.4		V
$V_{OL}$	Low-level output voltage	$I_{OL} = 12\text{ mA}$ , $V_{CCIO} = 3.0\text{ V}$ (2)		0.4	V

**Table 28. GTL+ I/O Specifications**

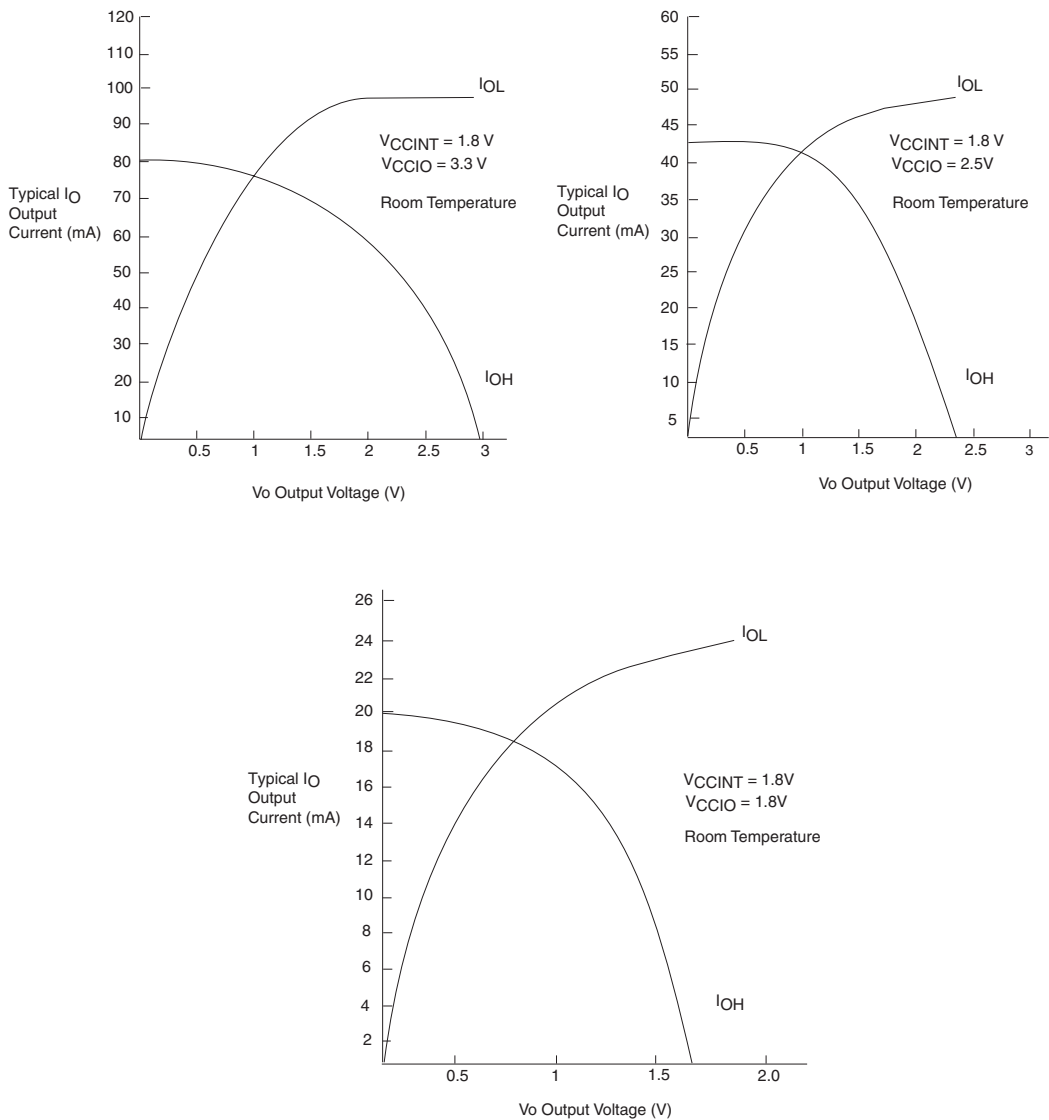
Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units
$V_{TT}$	Termination voltage		1.35	1.5	1.65	V
$V_{REF}$	Reference voltage		0.88	1.0	1.12	V
$V_{IH}$	High-level input voltage		$V_{REF} + 0.1$			V
$V_{IL}$	Low-level input voltage				$V_{REF} - 0.1$	V
$V_{OL}$	Low-level output voltage	$I_{OL} = 36 \text{ mA}$ (2)			0.65	V

**Table 29. SSTL-2 Class I Specifications**

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Units
$V_{CCIO}$	I/O supply voltage		2.375	2.5	2.625	V
$V_{TT}$	Termination voltage		$V_{REF} - 0.04$	$V_{REF}$	$V_{REF} + 0.04$	V
$V_{REF}$	Reference voltage		1.15	1.25	1.35	V
$V_{IH}$	High-level input voltage		$V_{REF} + 0.18$		$V_{CCIO} + 0.3$	V
$V_{IL}$	Low-level input voltage		-0.3		$V_{REF} - 0.18$	V
$V_{OH}$	High-level output voltage	$I_{OH} = -7.6 \text{ mA}$ (1)	$V_{TT} + 0.57$			V
$V_{OL}$	Low-level output voltage	$I_{OL} = 7.6 \text{ mA}$ (2)			$V_{TT} - 0.57$	V



Figure 31. Output Drive Characteristics of APEX 20KC Devices *Note (1)*



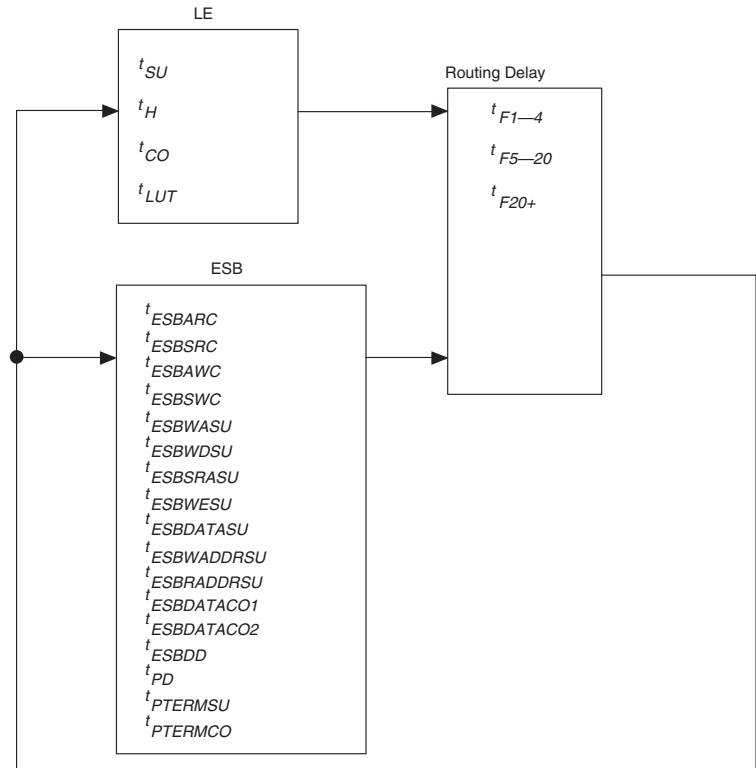
**Note to Figure 31:**  
(1) These are transient (AC) currents.

## Timing Model

The high-performance FastTrack and MegaLAB interconnect routing resources ensure predictable performance, accurate simulation, and accurate timing analysis. This predictable performance contrasts with that of FPGAs, which use a segmented connection scheme and therefore have unpredictable performance.

Figure 32 shows the  $f_{MAX}$  timing model for APEX 20KC devices.

**Figure 32.  $f_{MAX}$  Timing Model**



Figures 33 and 34 show the asynchronous and synchronous timing waveforms, respectively, for the ESB macroparameters in Table 37.

**Table 39. APEX 20KC Minimum Pulse Width Timing Parameters**

Symbol	Parameter
$t_{CH}$	Minimum clock high time from clock pin
$t_{CL}$	Minimum clock low time from clock pin
$t_{CLRP}$	LE clear pulse width
$t_{PREP}$	LE preset pulse width
$t_{ESBCH}$	Clock high time
$t_{ESBCL}$	Clock low time
$t_{ESBWP}$	Write pulse width
$t_{ESBRP}$	Read pulse width

Tables 40 and 41 describe APEX 20KC external timing parameters. The timing values for these pin-to-pin delays are reported for all pins using the 3.3-V LVTTTL I/O standard.

**Table 40. APEX 20KC External Timing Parameters** *Note (1)*

Symbol	Clock Parameter	Conditions
$t_{INSU}$	Setup time with global clock at IOE register	
$t_{INH}$	Hold time with global clock at IOE register	
$t_{OUTCO}$	Clock-to-output delay with global clock at IOE output register	(2)
$t_{INSUPLL}$	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	(2)

**Table 46. EP20K200C  $t_{MAX}$  Routing Delays**

Symbol	-7 Speed Grade		-8 Speed Grade		-9 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{F1-4}$		0.15		0.17		0.20	ns
$t_{F5-20}$		0.81		0.94		1.12	ns
$t_{F20+}$		0.98		1.13		1.35	ns

**Table 47. EP20K200C Minimum Pulse Width Timing Parameters**

Symbol	-7 Speed Grade		-8 Speed Grade		-9 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{CH}$	1.33		1.66		2.00		ns
$t_{CL}$	1.33		1.66		2.00		ns
$t_{CLRP}$	0.20		0.20		0.20		ns
$t_{PREP}$	0.20		0.20		0.20		ns
$t_{ESBCH}$	1.33		1.66		2.00		ns
$t_{ESBCL}$	1.33		1.66		2.00		ns
$t_{ESBWP}$	1.05		1.28		1.44		ns
$t_{ESBRP}$	0.87		1.06		1.19		ns

**Table 48. EP20K200C External Timing Parameters**

Symbol	-7 Speed Grade		-8 Speed Grade		-9 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{INSU}$	1.23		1.26		1.33		ns
$t_{INH}$	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{OUTCO}$	2.00	3.79	2.00	4.31	2.00	4.70	ns
$t_{INSUPLL}$	0.81		0.92		-		ns
$t_{INHPLL}$	0.00		0.00		-		ns
$t_{OUTCOPLL}$	0.50	2.36	0.50	2.62	-	-	ns

**Table 57. EP20K600C  $t_{MAX}$  ESB Timing Parameters**

Symbol	-7 Speed Grade		-8 Speed Grade		-9 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{ESBARC}$		1.30		1.51		1.69	ns
$t_{ESBSRC}$		2.35		2.49		2.72	ns
$t_{ESBAWC}$		2.92		3.46		3.86	ns
$t_{ESBSWC}$		3.05		3.44		3.85	ns
$t_{ESBWASU}$	0.45		0.50		0.54		ns
$t_{ESBWAH}$	0.44		0.50		0.55		ns
$t_{ESBWDSU}$	0.57		0.63		0.68		ns
$t_{ESBWDH}$	0.44		0.50		0.55		ns
$t_{ESBRASU}$	1.25		1.43		1.56		ns
$t_{ESBRAH}$	0.00		0.03		0.11		ns
$t_{ESBWESU}$	0.00		0.00		0.00		ns
$t_{ESBDATASU}$	2.01		2.27		2.45		ns
$t_{ESBWADDRSU}$	-0.20		-0.24		-0.28		ns
$t_{ESBRADDRSU}$	0.02		0.00		-0.02		ns
$t_{ESBDATAO1}$		1.09		1.28		1.43	ns
$t_{ESBDATAO2}$		2.10		2.52		2.82	ns
$t_{ESBDD}$		2.50		2.97		3.32	ns
$t_{PD}$		1.48		1.78		2.00	ns
$t_{PTERMSU}$	0.58		0.72		0.81		ns
$t_{PTERMCO}$		1.10		1.29		1.45	ns

**Table 58. EP20K600C  $t_{MAX}$  Routing Delays**

Symbol	-7 Speed Grade		-8 Speed Grade		-9 Speed Grade		Unit
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
$t_{F1-4}$		0.15		0.16		0.18	ns
$t_{F5-20}$		0.94		1.05		1.20	ns
$t_{F20+}$		1.76		1.98		2.23	ns