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Total RAM Bits	3464192
Number of I/O	176
Number of Gates	-
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Mounting Type	Surface Mount
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Summary of Cyclone V Features

Table 2. Summary of Features for Cyclone V Devices

Feature	Description	
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TSMC's 28-nm low-power (28LP) process technology 1.1 V core voltage 	
Packaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wirebond low-halogen packages Multiple device densities with compatible package footprints for seamless migration between different device densities RoHS-compliant and leaded⁽¹⁾ options 	
High-performance FPGA fabric	Enhanced 8-input ALM with four registers	
Internal memory blocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> M10K—10-kilobits (Kb) memory blocks with soft error correction code (ECC) Memory logic array block (MLAB)—640-bit distributed LUTRAM where you can use up to 25% of the ALMs as MLAB memory 	
Embedded Hard IP blocks	Variable-precision DSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Native support for up to three signal processing precision levels (three 9 x 9, two 18 x 18, or one 27 x 27 multiplier) in the same variable-precision DSP block 64-bit accumulator and cascade Embedded internal coefficient memory Padder/subtractor for improved efficiency
	Memory controller	DDR3, DDR2, and LPDDR2 with 16 and 32 bit ECC support
	Embedded transceiver I/O	PCI Express* (PCIe*) Gen2 and Gen1 (x1, x2, or x4) hard IP with multifunction support, endpoint, and root port
Clock networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 550 MHz global clock network Global, quadrant, and peripheral clock networks Clock networks that are not used can be powered down to reduce dynamic power 	
Phase-locked loops (PLLs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precision clock synthesis, clock delay compensation, and zero delay buffering (ZDB) Integer mode and fractional mode 	
FPGA General-purpose I/Os (GPIOs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 875 megabits per second (Mbps) LVDS receiver and 840 Mbps LVDS transmitter 400 MHz/800 Mbps external memory interface On-chip termination (OCT) 3.3 V support with up to 16 mA drive strength 	
Low-power high-speed serial interface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 614 Mbps to 6.144 Gbps integrated transceiver speed Transmit pre-emphasis and receiver equalization Dynamic partial reconfiguration of individual channels 	
HPS (Cyclone V SE, SX, and ST devices only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single or dual-core Arm Cortex-A9 MPCore processor-up to 925 MHz maximum frequency with support for symmetric and asymmetric multiprocessing Interface peripherals—10/100/1000 Ethernet media access control (EMAC), USB 2.0 On-The-Go (OTG) controller, quad serial peripheral interface (QSPI) flash controller, NAND flash controller, Secure Digital/MultiMediaCard (SD/MMC) controller, UART, controller area network (CAN), serial peripheral interface (SPI), I²C interface, and up to 85 HPS GPIO interfaces System peripherals—general-purpose timers, watchdog timers, direct memory access (DMA) controller, FPGA configuration manager, and clock and reset managers On-chip RAM and boot ROM 	

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⁽¹⁾ Contact Intel for availability.



Feature	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HPS-FPGA bridges—include the FPGA-to-HPS, HPS-to-FPGA, and lightweight HPS-to-FPGA bridges that allow the FPGA fabric to issue transactions to slaves in the HPS, and vice versa FPGA-to-HPS SDRAM controller subsystem—provides a configurable interface to the multiport front end (MPFE) of the HPS SDRAM controller Arm CoreSight™ JTAG debug access port, trace port, and on-chip trace storage
Configuration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tamper protection—comprehensive design protection to protect your valuable IP investments Enhanced advanced encryption standard (AES) design security features CvP Dynamic reconfiguration of the FPGA Active serial (AS) x1 and x4, passive serial (PS), JTAG, and fast passive parallel (FPP) x8 and x16 configuration options Internal scrubbing ⁽²⁾ Partial reconfiguration ⁽³⁾

Cyclone V Device Variants and Packages

Table 3. Device Variants for the Cyclone V Device Family

Variant	Description
Cyclone V E	Optimized for the lowest system cost and power requirement for a wide spectrum of general logic and DSP applications
Cyclone V GX	Optimized for the lowest cost and power requirement for 614 Mbps to 3.125 Gbps transceiver applications
Cyclone V GT	The FPGA industry's lowest cost and lowest power requirement for 6.144 Gbps transceiver applications
Cyclone V SE	SoC with integrated Arm-based HPS
Cyclone V SX	SoC with integrated Arm-based HPS and 3.125 Gbps transceivers
Cyclone V ST	SoC with integrated Arm-based HPS and 6.144 Gbps transceivers

Cyclone V E

This section provides the available options, maximum resource counts, and package plan for the Cyclone V E devices.

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- ⁽²⁾ The SEU internal scrubbing feature is available for Cyclone V E, GX, SE, and SX devices with the "SC" suffix in the part number. For device availability and ordering, contact your local Intel sales representatives.
- ⁽³⁾ The partial reconfiguration feature is available for Cyclone V E, GX, SE, and SX devices with the "SC" suffix in the part number. For device availability and ordering, contact your local Intel® sales representatives.



Available Options

Figure 1. Sample Ordering Code and Available Options for Cyclone V E Devices

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Maximum Resources

Table 4. Maximum Resource Counts for Cyclone V E Devices

Resource		Member Code				
		A2	A4	A5	A7	A9
Logic Elements (LE) (K)		25	49	77	150	301
ALM		9,430	18,480	29,080	56,480	113,560
Register		37,736	73,920	116,320	225,920	454,240
Memory (Kb)	M10K	1,760	3,080	4,460	6,860	12,200
	MLAB	196	303	424	836	1,717
Variable-precision DSP Block		25	66	150	156	342
18 x 18 Multiplier		50	132	300	312	684
PLL		4	4	6	7	8
GPIO		224	224	240	480	480
LVDS	Transmitter	56	56	60	120	120
	Receiver	56	56	60	120	120
Hard Memory Controller		1	1	2	2	2



Related Information

[True LVDS Buffers in Devices, I/O Features in Cyclone V Devices](#)

Provides the number of LVDS channels in each device package.

Package Plan

Table 5. Package Plan for Cyclone V E Devices

Member Code	M383 (13 mm)	M484 (15 mm)	U324 (15 mm)	F256 (17 mm)	U484 (19 mm)	F484 (23 mm)	F672 (27 mm)	F896 (31 mm)
	GPIO	GPIO	GPIO	GPIO	GPIO	GPIO	GPIO	GPIO
A2	223	—	176	128	224	224	—	—
A4	223	—	176	128	224	224	—	—
A5	175	—	—	—	224	240	—	—
A7	—	240	—	—	240	240	336	480
A9	—	—	—	—	240	224	336	480

Cyclone V GX

This section provides the available options, maximum resource counts, and package plan for the Cyclone V GX devices.

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Resource		Member Code				
		C3	C4	C5	C7	C9
LVDS	Transmitter	52	84	84	120	140
	Receiver	52	84	84	120	140
PCIe Hard IP Block		1	2	2	2	2
Hard Memory Controller		1	2	2	2	2

Related Information

[True LVDS Buffers in Devices, I/O Features in Cyclone V Devices](#)

Provides the number of LVDS channels in each device package.

Package Plan

Table 7. Package Plan for Cyclone V GX Devices

Member Code	M301 (11 mm)		M383 (13 mm)		M484 (15 mm)		U324 (15 mm)		U484 (19 mm)	
	GPIO	XCVR	GPIO	XCVR	GPIO	XCVR	GPIO	XCVR	GPIO	XCVR
C3	—	—	—	—	—	—	144	3	208	3
C4	129	4	175	6	—	—	—	—	224	6
C5	129	4	175	6	—	—	—	—	224	6
C7	—	—	—	—	240	3	—	—	240	6
C9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	240	5

Member Code	F484 (23 mm)		F672 (27 mm)		F896 (31 mm)		F1152 (35 mm)	
	GPIO	XCVR	GPIO	XCVR	GPIO	XCVR	GPIO	XCVR
C3	208	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
C4	240	6	336	6	—	—	—	—
C5	240	6	336	6	—	—	—	—
C7	240	6	336	9	480	9	—	—
C9	224	6	336	9	480	12	560	12

Cyclone V GT

This section provides the available options, maximum resource counts, and package plan for the Cyclone V GT devices.

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Resource		Member Code		
		D5	D7	D9
	Receiver	84	120	140
PCIe Hard IP Block		2	2	2
Hard Memory Controller		2	2	2

Related Information

[True LVDS Buffers in Devices, I/O Features in Cyclone V Devices](#)

Provides the number of LVDS channels in each device package.

Package Plan

Table 9. Package Plan for Cyclone V GT Devices

Transceiver counts shown are for transceiver ≤5 Gbps . 6 Gbps transceiver channel count support depends on the package and channel usage. For more information about the 6 Gbps transceiver channel count, refer to the *Cyclone V Device Handbook Volume 2: Transceivers*.

Member Code	M301 (11 mm)		M383 (13 mm)		M484 (15 mm)		U484 (19 mm)	
	GPIO	XCVR	GPIO	XCVR	GPIO	XCVR	GPIO	XCVR
D5	129	4	175	6	—	—	224	6
D7	—	—	—	—	240	3	240	6
D9	—	—	—	—	—	—	240	5

Member Code	F484 (23 mm)		F672 (27 mm)		F896 (31 mm)		F1152 (35 mm)	
	GPIO	XCVR	GPIO	XCVR	GPIO	XCVR	GPIO	XCVR
D5	240	6	336	6	—	—	—	—
D7	240	6	336	9 ⁽⁶⁾	480	9 ⁽⁶⁾	—	—
D9	224	6	336	9 ⁽⁶⁾	480	12 ⁽⁷⁾	560	12 ⁽⁷⁾

Related Information

[6.144-Gbps Support Capability in Cyclone V GT Devices, Cyclone V Device Handbook Volume 2: Transceivers](#)

Provides more information about 6 Gbps transceiver channel count.

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- ⁽⁶⁾ If you require CPRI (at 6.144 Gbps) and PCIe Gen2 transmit jitter compliance, Intel recommends that you use only up to three full-duplex transceiver channels for CPRI, and up to six full-duplex channels for PCIe Gen2. The CMU channels are not considered full-duplex channels.
- ⁽⁷⁾ If you require CPRI (at 6.144 Gbps) and PCIe Gen2 transmit jitter compliance, Intel recommends that you use only up to three full-duplex transceiver channels for CPRI, and up to eight full-duplex channels for PCIe Gen2. The CMU channels are not considered full-duplex channels.



Maximum Resources

Table 10. Maximum Resource Counts for Cyclone V SE Devices

Resource		Member Code			
		A2	A4	A5	A6
Logic Elements (LE) (K)		25	40	85	110
ALM		9,430	15,880	32,070	41,910
Register		37,736	60,376	128,300	166,036
Memory (Kb)	M10K	1,400	2,700	3,970	5,570
	MLAB	138	231	480	621
Variable-precision DSP Block		36	84	87	112
18 x 18 Multiplier		72	168	174	224
FPGA PLL		5	5	6	6
HPS PLL		3	3	3	3
FPGA GPIO		145	145	288	288
HPS I/O		181	181	181	181
LVDS	Transmitter	32	32	72	72
	Receiver	37	37	72	72
FPGA Hard Memory Controller		1	1	1	1
HPS Hard Memory Controller		1	1	1	1
Arm Cortex-A9 MPCore Processor		Single- or dual-core	Single- or dual-core	Single- or dual-core	Single- or dual-core

Related Information

[True LVDS Buffers in Devices, I/O Features in Cyclone V Devices](#)

Provides the number of LVDS channels in each device package.

Package Plan

Table 11. Package Plan for Cyclone V SE Devices

The HPS I/O counts are the number of I/Os in the HPS and does not correlate with the number of HPS-specific I/O pins in the FPGA. Each HPS-specific pin in the FPGA may be mapped to several HPS I/Os.

Member Code	U484 (19 mm)		U672 (23 mm)		F896 (31 mm)	
	FPGA GPIO	HPS I/O	FPGA GPIO	HPS I/O	FPGA GPIO	HPS I/O
A2	66	151	145	181	—	—
A4	66	151	145	181	—	—
A5	66	151	145	181	288	181
A6	66	151	145	181	288	181



Cyclone V SX

This section provides the available options, maximum resource counts, and package plan for the Cyclone V SX devices.

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Available Options

Figure 5. Sample Ordering Code and Available Options for Cyclone V SX Devices

The SEU internal scrubbing feature is available for Cyclone V E, GX, SE, and SX devices with the "SC" suffix in the part number. For device availability and ordering, contact your local Intel sales representatives.

Cyclone V SE and SX low-power devices (L power option) offer 30% static power reduction for devices with 25K LE and 40K LE, and 20% static power reduction for devices with 85K LE and 110K LE.



Maximum Resources

Table 12. Maximum Resource Counts for Cyclone V SX Devices

Resource		Member Code			
		C2	C4	C5	C6
Logic Elements (LE) (K)		25	40	85	110
ALM		9,430	15,880	32,070	41,910
Register		37,736	60,376	128,300	166,036
Memory (Kb)	M10K	1,400	2,700	3,970	5,570
	MLAB	138	231	480	621
Variable-precision DSP Block		36	84	87	112
18 x 18 Multiplier		72	168	174	224
FPGA PLL		5	5	6	6
continued...					



Variant	Member Code	Variable-precision DSP Block	Independent Input and Output Multiplications Operator			18 x 18 Multiplier Adder Mode	18 x 18 Multiplier Adder Summed with 36 bit Input
			9 x 9 Multiplier	18 x 18 Multiplier	27 x 27 Multiplier		
	C6	112	336	224	112	112	112
Cyclone V ST	D5	87	261	174	87	87	87
	D6	112	336	224	112	112	112

Embedded Memory Blocks

The embedded memory blocks in the devices are flexible and designed to provide an optimal amount of small- and large-sized memory arrays to fit your design requirements.

Types of Embedded Memory

The Cyclone V devices contain two types of memory blocks:

- 10 Kb M10K blocks—blocks of dedicated memory resources. The M10K blocks are ideal for larger memory arrays while still providing a large number of independent ports.
- 640 bit memory logic array blocks (MLABs)—enhanced memory blocks that are configured from dual-purpose logic array blocks (LABs). The MLABs are ideal for wide and shallow memory arrays. The MLABs are optimized for implementation of shift registers for digital signal processing (DSP) applications, wide shallow FIFO buffers, and filter delay lines. Each MLAB is made up of ten adaptive logic modules (ALMs). In the Cyclone V devices, you can configure these ALMs as ten 32 x 2 blocks, giving you one 32 x 20 simple dual-port SRAM block per MLAB.

Embedded Memory Capacity in Cyclone V Devices

Table 18. Embedded Memory Capacity and Distribution in Cyclone V Devices

Variant	Member Code	M10K		MLAB		Total RAM Bit (Kb)
		Block	RAM Bit (Kb)	Block	RAM Bit (Kb)	
Cyclone V E	A2	176	1,760	314	196	1,956
	A4	308	3,080	485	303	3,383
	A5	446	4,460	679	424	4,884
	A7	686	6,860	1338	836	7,696
	A9	1,220	12,200	2748	1,717	13,917
Cyclone V GX	C3	135	1,350	291	182	1,532
	C4	250	2,500	678	424	2,924
	C5	446	4,460	678	424	4,884
	C7	686	6,860	1338	836	7,696
	C9	1,220	12,200	2748	1,717	13,917
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Variant	Member Code	M10K		MLAB		Total RAM Bit (Kb)
		Block	RAM Bit (Kb)	Block	RAM Bit (Kb)	
Cyclone V GT	D5	446	4,460	679	424	4,884
	D7	686	6,860	1338	836	7,696
	D9	1,220	12,200	2748	1,717	13,917
Cyclone V SE	A2	140	1,400	221	138	1,538
	A4	270	2,700	370	231	2,460
	A5	397	3,970	768	480	4,450
	A6	553	5,530	994	621	6,151
Cyclone V SX	C2	140	1,400	221	138	1,538
	C4	270	2,700	370	231	2,460
	C5	397	3,970	768	480	4,450
	C6	553	5,530	994	621	6,151
Cyclone V ST	D5	397	3,970	768	480	4,450
	D6	553	5,530	994	621	6,151

Embedded Memory Configurations

Table 19. Supported Embedded Memory Block Configurations for Cyclone V Devices

This table lists the maximum configurations supported for the embedded memory blocks. The information is applicable only to the single-port RAM and ROM modes.

Memory Block	Depth (bits)	Programmable Width
MLAB	32	x16, x18, or x20
M10K	256	x40 or x32
	512	x20 or x16
	1K	x10 or x8
	2K	x5 or x4
	4K	x2
	8K	x1

Clock Networks and PLL Clock Sources

550 MHz Cyclone V devices have 16 global clock networks capable of up to operation. The clock network architecture is based on Intel's global, quadrant, and peripheral clock structure. This clock structure is supported by dedicated clock input pins and fractional PLLs.

Note: To reduce power consumption, the Intel Quartus Prime software identifies all unused sections of the clock network and powers them down.



PLL Features

The PLLs in the Cyclone V devices support the following features:

- Frequency synthesis
- On-chip clock deskew
- Jitter attenuation
- Programmable output clock duty cycles
- PLL cascading
- Reference clock switchover
- Programmable bandwidth
- User-mode reconfiguration of PLLs
- Low power mode for each fractional PLL
- Dynamic phase shift
- Direct, source synchronous, zero delay buffer, external feedback, and LVDS compensation modes

Fractional PLL

In addition to integer PLLs, the Cyclone V devices use a fractional PLL architecture. The devices have up to eight PLLs, each with nine output counters. You can use the output counters to reduce PLL usage in two ways:

- Reduce the number of oscillators that are required on your board by using fractional PLLs
- Reduce the number of clock pins that are used in the device by synthesizing multiple clock frequencies from a single reference clock source

If you use the fractional PLL mode, you can use the PLLs for precision fractional-N frequency synthesis—removing the need for off-chip reference clock sources in your design.

The transceiver fractional PLLs that are not used by the transceiver I/Os can be used as general purpose fractional PLLs by the FPGA fabric.

FPGA General Purpose I/O

Cyclone V devices offer highly configurable GPIOs. The following list describes the features of the GPIOs:

- Programmable bus hold and weak pull-up
- LVDS output buffer with programmable differential output voltage (V_{OD}) and programmable pre-emphasis
- On-chip parallel termination (R_T OCT) for all I/O banks with OCT calibration to limit the termination impedance variation
- On-chip dynamic termination that has the ability to swap between series and parallel termination, depending on whether there is read or write on a common bus for signal integrity
- Easy timing closure support using the hard read FIFO in the input register path, and delay-locked loop (DLL) delay chain with fine and coarse architecture



External Memory Performance

Table 20. External Memory Interface Performance in Cyclone V Devices

The maximum and minimum operating frequencies depend on the memory interface standards and the supported delay-locked loop (DLL) frequency listed in the device datasheet.

Interface	Voltage (V)	Maximum Frequency (MHz)		Minimum Frequency (MHz)
		Hard Controller	Soft Controller	
DDR3 SDRAM	1.5	400	303	303
	1.35	400	303	303
DDR2 SDRAM	1.8	400	300	167
LPDDR2 SDRAM	1.2	333	300	167

Related Information

External Memory Interface Spec Estimator

For the latest information and to estimate the external memory system performance specification, use Intel's External Memory Interface Spec Estimator tool.

HPS External Memory Performance

Table 21. HPS External Memory Interface Performance

The hard processor system (HPS) is available in Cyclone V SoC devices only.

Interface	Voltage (V)	HPS Hard Controller (MHz)
DDR3 SDRAM	1.5	400
	1.35	400
DDR2 SDRAM	1.8	400
LPDDR2 SDRAM	1.2	333

Related Information

External Memory Interface Spec Estimator

For the latest information and to estimate the external memory system performance specification, use Intel's External Memory Interface Spec Estimator tool.

Low-Power Serial Transceivers

Cyclone V devices deliver the industry's lowest power 6.144 Gbps transceivers at an estimated 88 mW maximum power consumption per channel. Cyclone V transceivers are designed to be compliant with a wide range of protocols and data rates.

Transceiver Channels

The transceivers are positioned on the left outer edge of the device. The transceiver channels consist of the physical medium attachment (PMA), physical coding sublayer (PCS), and clock networks.

Figure 10. Device Chip Overview for Cyclone V GX and GT Devices

The figure shows a Cyclone V FPGA with transceivers. Different Cyclone V devices may have a different floorplans than the one shown here.



PMA Features

To prevent core and I/O noise from coupling into the transceivers, the PMA block is isolated from the rest of the chip—ensuring optimal signal integrity. For the transceivers, you can use the channel PLL of an unused receiver PMA as an additional transmit PLL.

Table 22. PMA Features of the Transceivers in Cyclone V Devices

Features	Capability
Backplane support	Driving capability up to 6.144 Gbps
PLL-based clock recovery	Superior jitter tolerance
Programmable deserialization and word alignment	Flexible deserialization width and configurable word alignment pattern
Equalization and pre-emphasis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 14.37 dB of pre-emphasis and up to 4.7 dB of equalization No decision feedback equalizer (DFE)
Ring oscillator transmit PLLs	614 Mbps to 6.144 Gbps
Input reference clock range	20 MHz to 400 MHz
Transceiver dynamic reconfiguration	Allows the reconfiguration of a single channel without affecting the operation of other channels



PCS Support	Data Rates (Gbps)	Transmitter Data Path Feature	Receiver Data Path Feature
Serial ATA Gen1 and Gen2	1.5 and 3.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Custom PHY IP core with preset featureElectrical idle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Custom PHY IP core with preset featureSignal detectWider spread of asynchronous SSC
CPRI 4.1 ⁽¹⁶⁾	0.6144 to 6.144	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dedicated deterministic latency PHY IP coreTransmitter (TX) manual bit-slip mode	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dedicated deterministic latency PHY IP coreReceiver (RX) deterministic latency state machine
OBSAI RP3	0.768 to 3.072		
V-by-One HS	Up to 3.75	Custom PHY IP core	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Custom PHY IP coreWider spread of asynchronous SSC
DisplayPort 1.2 ⁽¹⁷⁾	1.62 and 2.7		

SoC with HPS

Each SoC combines an FPGA fabric and an HPS in a single device. This combination delivers the flexibility of programmable logic with the power and cost savings of hard IP in these ways:

- Reduces board space, system power, and bill of materials cost by eliminating a discrete embedded processor
- Allows you to differentiate the end product in both hardware and software, and to support virtually any interface standard
- Extends the product life and revenue through in-field hardware and software updates

HPS Features

The HPS consists of a dual-core Arm Cortex-A9 MPCore processor, a rich set of peripherals, and a shared multiport SDRAM memory controller, as shown in the following figure.

⁽¹⁶⁾ High-voltage output mode (1000-BASE-CX) is not supported.

⁽¹⁷⁾ Pending characterization.

Figure 11. HPS with Dual-Core Arm Cortex-A9 MPCore Processor



System Peripherals and Debug Access Port

Each Ethernet MAC, USB OTG, NAND flash controller, and SD/MMC controller module has an integrated DMA controller. For modules without an integrated DMA controller, an additional DMA controller module provides up to eight channels of high-bandwidth data transfers. Peripherals that communicate off-chip are multiplexed with other peripherals at the HPS pin level. This allows you to choose which peripherals to interface with other devices on your PCB.

The debug access port provides interfaces to industry standard JTAG debug probes and supports Arm CoreSight debug and core traces to facilitate software development.



Note: Although the FPGA fabric and HPS are on separate power domains, the HPS must remain powered up during operation while the FPGA fabric can be powered up or down as required.

Related Information

[Cyclone V Device Family Pin Connection Guidelines](#)

Provides detailed information about power supply pin connection guidelines and power regulator sharing.

Hardware and Software Development

For hardware development, you can configure the HPS and connect your soft logic in the FPGA fabric to the HPS interfaces using the Platform Designer (Standard) system integration tool in the Intel Quartus Prime software.

For software development, the Arm-based SoC devices inherit the rich software development ecosystem available for the Arm Cortex-A9 MPCore processor. The software development process for Intel SoCs follows the same steps as those for other SoC devices from other manufacturers. Support for Linux, VxWorks®, and other operating systems is available for the SoCs. For more information on the operating systems support availability, contact the Intel sales team.

You can begin device-specific firmware and software development on the Intel SoC Virtual Target. The Virtual Target is a fast PC-based functional simulation of a target development system—a model of a complete development board that runs on a PC. The Virtual Target enables the development of device-specific production software that can run unmodified on actual hardware.

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Dynamic and Partial Reconfiguration

The Cyclone V devices support dynamic reconfiguration and partial reconfiguration.

Dynamic Reconfiguration

The dynamic reconfiguration feature allows you to dynamically change the transceiver data rates, PMA settings, or protocols of a channel, without affecting data transfer on adjacent channels. This feature is ideal for applications that require on-the-fly multiprotocol or multirate support. You can reconfigure the PMA and PCS blocks with dynamic reconfiguration.

Partial Reconfiguration

Note: The partial reconfiguration feature is available for Cyclone V E, GX, SE, and SX devices with the "SC" suffix in the part number. For device availability and ordering, contact your local Intel sales representatives.

Partial reconfiguration allows you to reconfigure part of the device while other sections of the device remain operational. This capability is important in systems with critical uptime requirements because it allows you to make updates or adjust functionality without disrupting services.



Date	Version	Changes
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated MLAB RAM Bit (Kb) in Embedded Memory Capacity and Distribution in Cyclone V Devices table as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cyclone V GX C3: Updated from 181 to 182 Cyclone V GX C4: Updated from 295 to 424 Updated Total RAM Bit (Kb) in Embedded Memory Capacity and Distribution in Cyclone V Devices table as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cyclone V GX C3: Updated from 1,531 to 1,532 Cyclone V GX C4: Updated from 2,795 to 2,924 Updated MLAB Block count in Embedded Memory Capacity and Distribution in Cyclone V Devices table as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cyclone V GX C4: Updated from 472 to 678 Cyclone V GX C5: Updated from 679 to 678
March 2015	2015.03.31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added internal scrubbing feature under configuration in Summary of Features for Cyclone V Devices table. Added optional suffix "SC: Internal scrubbing support" to the following diagrams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sample Ordering Code and Available Options for Cyclone V E Devices Sample Ordering Code and Available Options for Cyclone V GX Devices Sample Ordering Code and Available Options for Cyclone V SE Devices Sample Ordering Code and Available Options for Cyclone V SX Devices
January 2015	2015.01.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated Sample Ordering Code and Available Options for Cyclone V ST Devices figure because Cyclone V ST devices are only available in I temperature grade and -7 speed grade. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operating Temperature: Removed C and A temperature grades FPGA Fabric Speed Grade: Removed -6 and -8 speed grades Updated the transceiver specification for Cyclone V ST from 5 Gbps to 6.144 Gbps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Device Variants for the Cyclone V Device Family table Sample Ordering Code and Available Options for Cyclone V ST Devices figure Maximum Resource Counts for Cyclone V ST Devices Updated Maximum Resource Counts for Cyclone V GX Devices table for Cyclone V GX G3 devices. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logic elements (LE) (K): Updated from 35.7 to 35.5 Variable-precision DSP block: Updated from 51 to 57 18 x 18 multiplier: Updated from 102 to 114 Updated Number of Multipliers in Cyclone V Devices table for Cyclone V GX G3 devices. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variableprecision DSP Block: Updated from 51 to 57 9 x 9 Multiplier: Updated from 153 to 171 18 x 18 Multiplier: Updated from 102 to 114 27 x 27 Multiplier: Updated from 51 to 57 18 x 18 Multiplier Adder Mode: Updated from 51 to 57 18 x 18 Multiplier Adder Summed with 36 bit Input: Updated from 51 to 57 Updated Embedded Memory Capacity and Distribution in Cyclone V Devices table for Cyclone V GX G3 devices. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M10K block: Updated from 119 to 135 M10K RAM bit (Kb): Updated from 1,190 to 1,350 MLAB block: Updated from 255 to 291 MLAB RAM bit (Kb): Updated from 159 to 181 Total RAM bit (Kb): Updated from 1,349 to 1,531
October 2014	2014.10.06	Added a footnote to the "Transceiver PCS Features for Cyclone V Devices" table to show that PCIe Gen2 is supported for Cyclone V GT and ST devices.
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July 2014	2014.07.07	Updated the I/O vertical migration figure to clarify the migration capability of Cyclone V SE and SX devices.
December 2013	2013.12.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corrected single or dual-core ARM Cortex-A9 MPCore processor-up to 925 MHz from 800 MHz. Removed "Preliminary" texts from Ordering Code figures, Maximum Resources, Package Plan and I/O Vertical Migration tables. Removed the note "The number of GPIOs does not include transceiver I/Os. In the Quartus II software, the number of user I/Os includes transceiver I/Os." for GPIOs in the Maximum Resource Counts table for Cyclone V E and SE. Added link to Altera Product Selector for each device variant. Updated Embedded Hard IPs for Cyclone V GT devices to indicate Maximum 2 hard PCIe and 2 hard memory controllers. Added leaded package options. Removed the note "The number of PLLs includes general-purpose fractional PLLs and transceiver fractional PLLs." for all PLLs in the Maximum Resource Counts table. Corrected max LVDS counts for transmitter and receiver for Cyclone V E A5 device from 84 to 60. Corrected max LVDS counts for transmitter and receiver for Cyclone V E A9 device from 140 to 120. Corrected variable-precision DSP block, 27 x 27 multiplier, 18 x 18 multiplier adder mode and 18 x 18 multiplier adder summed with 36 bit input for Cyclone V SE devices from 58 to 84. Corrected 18 x 18 multiplier for Cyclone V SE devices from 116 to 168. Corrected 9 x 9 multiplier for Cyclone V SE devices from 174 to 252. Corrected LVDS transmitter for Cyclone V SE A2 and A4 as well as SX C2 and C4 devices from 31 to 32. Corrected LVDS receiver for Cyclone V SE A2 and A4 as well as SX C2 and C4 devices from 35 to 37. Corrected transceiver speed grade for Cyclone V ST devices ordering code from 4 to 5. Updated the DDR3 SDRAM for the maximum frequency's soft controller and the minimum frequency from 300 to 303 for voltage 1.35V. Added links to Altera's External Memory Spec Estimator tool to the topics listing the external memory interface performance. Corrected XAUI is supported through the soft PCS in the PCS features for Cyclone V. Added decompression support for the CvP configuration mode.
May 2013	2013.05.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added link to the known document issues in the Knowledge Base. Moved all links to the Related Information section of respective topics for easy reference. Corrected the title to the PCIe hard IP topic. Cyclone V devices support only PCIe Gen1 and Gen2. Updated Supporting Feature in Table 1 of Increased bandwidth capacity to '6.144 Gbps'. Updated Description in Table 2 of Low-power high-speed serial interface to '6.144 Gbps'. Updated Description in Table 3 of Cyclone V GT to '6.144 Gbps'. Updated the M386 package to M383 for Figure 1, Figure 2 and Figure 3. Updated Figure 2 and Figure 3 for Transceiver Count by adding 'F : 4'. Updated LVDS in the Maximum Resource Counts tables to include Transmitter and Receiver values. Updated the package plan with M383 for the Cyclone V E device. Removed the M301 and M383 packages from the Cyclone V GX C4 device. Updated the GPIO count to '129' for the M301 package of the Cyclone V GX C5 device. Updated 5 Gbps to '6.144 Gbps' for Cyclone V GT device.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated HPS I/O for U484 (19 mm) in Table 11 with '151' for A2, A4, A5 and A6. Updated Memory (Kb) for Maximum Resource Counts for Cyclone V SE A4 and A6, SX C4 and C6, ST D6 devices. Updated FPGA PLL for Maximum Resource Counts for Cyclone V SE A2, SX C2, devices. Removed '36 x 36' from the Variable-Precision DSP Block. Updated Variable-precision DSP Blocks and 18 x 18 Multiplier for Maximum Resource Counts for Cyclone V SX C4 device. Updated the HPS I/O counts for Cyclone V SE, SX, and ST devices. Updated Figure 7 which shows the I/O vertical migration table. Updated Table 17 for Cyclone V SX C4 device. Updated Embedded Memory Capacity and Distribution table for Cyclone V SE A4 and A6, SX C4 and C6, ST D6 devices. Removed 'Counter reconfiguration' from the PLL Features. Updated Low-Power Serial Transceivers by replacing 5 Gbps with 6.144 Gbps. Removed 'Distributed Memory' symbol. Updated the Capability in Table 22 of Backplane support to '6.144 Gbps'. Updated Capability in Table 22 of Ring oscillator transmit PLLs with 6.144 Gbps. Updated the PCS Support in Table 23 from 5 Gbps to '6 Gbps'. Updated the Data Rates (Gbps) in Table 23 of 3 Gbps and 6 Gbps Basic to '6.144 Gbps'. Updated the Data Rates (Gbps) in Table 23 of CPRI 4.1 to '6.144 Gbps'. Clarified that partial reconfiguration is an advanced feature. Contact Altera for support of the feature.
December 2012	2012.12.28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated the pin counts for the MBGA packages. Updated the GPIO and transceiver counts for the MBGA packages. Updated the GPIO counts for the U484 package of the Cyclone V E A9, GX C9, and GT D9 devices. Updated the vertical migration table for vertical migration of the U484 packages. Updated the MLAB supported programmable widths at 32 bits depth.
November 2012	2012.11.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added new MBGA packages and additional U484 packages for Cyclone V E, GX, and GT. Added ordering code for five-transceiver devices for Cyclone V GT and ST. Updated the vertical migration table to add MBGA packages. Added performance information for HPS memory controller. Removed DDR3U support. Updated Cyclone V ST speed grade information. Added information on maximum transceiver channel usage restrictions for PCI Gen2 and CPRI at 4.9152 Gbps transmit jitter compliance. Added note on the differences between GPIO reported in Overview with User I/O numbers shown in the Quartus II software. Updated template.
July 2012	2.1	Added support for PCIe Gen2 x4 lane configuration (PCIe-compatible)
June 2012	2.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restructured the document. Added the "Embedded Memory Capacity" and "Embedded Memory Configurations" sections. Added Table 1, Table 3, Table 16, Table 19, and Table 20. Updated Table 2, Table 4, Table 5, Table 6, Table 7, Table 8, Table 9, Table 10, Table 11, Table 12, Table 13, Table 14, Table 17, and Table 18.

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