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RAM Size	256KB
Peripherals	DMA, POR, WDT
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Key Advantages of Intel Arria 10 Devices

Table 2. Key Advantages of the Intel Arria 10 Device Family

Advantage	Supporting Feature
Enhanced core architecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Built on TSMC's 20 nm process technology60% higher performance than the previous generation of mid-range FPGAs15% higher performance than the fastest previous-generation FPGA
High-bandwidth integrated transceivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Short-reach rates up to 25.8 Gigabits per second (Gbps)Backplane capability up to 12.5 GbpsIntegrated 10GBASE-KR and 40GBASE-KR4 Forward Error Correction (FEC)
Improved logic integration and hard IP blocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8-input adaptive logic module (ALM)Up to 65.6 megabits (Mb) of embedded memoryVariable-precision digital signal processing (DSP) blocksFractional synthesis phase-locked loops (PLLs)Hard PCI Express Gen3 IP blocksHard memory controllers and PHY up to 2,400 Megabits per second (Mbps)
Second generation hard processor system (HPS) with integrated ARM* Cortex*-A9* MPCore* processor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tight integration of a dual-core ARM Cortex-A9 MPCore processor, hard IP, and an FPGA in a single Intel Arria 10 system-on-a-chip (SoC)Supports over 128 Gbps peak bandwidth with integrated data coherency between the processor and the FPGA fabric
Advanced power savings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Comprehensive set of advanced power saving featuresPower-optimized MultiTrack routing and core architectureUp to 40% lower power compared to previous generation of mid-range FPGAsUp to 60% lower power compared to previous generation of high-end FPGAs

Summary of Intel Arria 10 Features

Table 3. Summary of Features for Intel Arria 10 Devices

Feature	Description
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">TSMC's 20-nm SoC process technologyAllows operation at a lower V_{CC} level of 0.82 V instead of the 0.9 V standard V_{CC} core voltage
Packaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1.0 mm ball-pitch FINELINE BGA packaging0.8 mm ball-pitch Ultra FINELINE BGA packagingMultiple devices with identical package footprints for seamless migration between different FPGA densitiesDevices with compatible package footprints allow migration to next generation high-end Stratix® 10 devicesRoHS, leaded⁽¹⁾, and lead-free (Pb-free) options
High-performance FPGA fabric	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Enhanced 8-input ALM with four registersImproved multi-track routing architecture to reduce congestion and improve compilation timeHierarchical core clocking architectureFine-grained partial reconfiguration
Internal memory blocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">M20K—20-Kb memory blocks with hard error correction code (ECC)Memory logic array block (MLAB)—640-bit memory
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Feature	Description	
Embedded Hard IP blocks	Variable-precision DSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Native support for signal processing precision levels from 18 x 19 to 54 x 54Native support for 27 x 27 multiplier mode64-bit accumulator and cascade for systolic finite impulse responses (FIRs)Internal coefficient memory banksPreadder/subtractor for improved efficiencyAdditional pipeline register to increase performance and reduce powerSupports floating point arithmetic:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Perform multiplication, addition, subtraction, multiply-add, multiply-subtract, and complex multiplication.Supports multiplication with accumulation capability, cascade summation, and cascade subtraction capability.Dynamic accumulator reset control.Support direct vector dot and complex multiplication chaining multiply floating point DSP blocks.
	Memory controller	DDR4, DDR3, and DDR3L
	PCI Express*	PCI Express (PCIe*) Gen3 (x1, x2, x4, or x8), Gen2 (x1, x2, x4, or x8) and Gen1 (x1, x2, x4, or x8) hard IP with complete protocol stack, endpoint, and root port
	Transceiver I/O	<ul style="list-style-type: none">10GBASE-KR/40GBASE-KR4 Forward Error Correction (FEC)PCS hard IPs that support:<ul style="list-style-type: none">10-Gbps Ethernet (10GbE)PCIe PIPE interfaceInterlakenGbps Ethernet (GbE)Common Public Radio Interface (CPRI) with deterministic latency supportGigabit-capable passive optical network (GPON) with fast lock-time support13.5G JESD204b8B/10B, 64B/66B, 64B/67B encoders and decodersCustom mode support for proprietary protocols
Core clock networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Up to 800 MHz fabric clocking, depending on the application:<ul style="list-style-type: none">667 MHz external memory interface clocking with 2,400 Mbps DDR4 interface800 MHz LVDS interface clocking with 1,600 Mbps LVDS interfaceGlobal, regional, and peripheral clock networksClock networks that are not used can be gated to reduce dynamic power	
Phase-locked loops (PLLs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">High-resolution fractional synthesis PLLs:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Precision clock synthesis, clock delay compensation, and zero delay buffering (ZDB)Support integer mode and fractional modeFractional mode support with third-order delta-sigma modulationInteger PLLs:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Adjacent to general purpose I/OsSupport external memory and LVDS interfaces	
FPGA General-purpose I/Os (GPIOs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1.6 Gbps LVDS—every pair can be configured as receiver or transmitterOn-chip termination (OCT)1.2 V to 3.0 V single-ended LVTTTL/LVCMOS interfacing	
External Memory Interface	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hard memory controller—DDR4, DDR3, and DDR3L support<ul style="list-style-type: none">DDR4—speeds up to 1,200 MHz/2,400 MbpsDDR3—speeds up to 1,067 MHz/2,133 MbpsSoft memory controller—provides support for RLDRAM 3⁽²⁾, QDR IV⁽²⁾, and QDR II+	
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Feature	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dynamic reconfiguration of the transceivers and PLLsFine-grained partial reconfiguration of the core fabricActive Serial x4 Interface
Power management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SmartVIDLow static power device optionsProgrammable Power TechnologyIntel Quartus Prime integrated power analysis
Software and tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Intel Quartus Prime design suiteTransceiver toolkitPlatform Designer system integration toolDSP Builder for Intel FPGAsOpenCL™ supportIntel SoC FPGA Embedded Design Suite (EDS)

Related Information

[Intel Arria 10 Transceiver PHY Overview](#)

Provides details on Intel Arria 10 transceivers.

Intel Arria 10 Device Variants and Packages

Table 4. Device Variants for the Intel Arria 10 Device Family

Variant	Description
Intel Arria 10 GX	FPGA featuring 17.4 Gbps transceivers for short reach applications with 12.5 backplane driving capability.
Intel Arria 10 GT	FPGA featuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none">17.4 Gbps transceivers for short reach applications with 12.5 backplane driving capability.25.8 Gbps transceivers for supporting CAUI-4 and CEI-25G applications with CFP2 and CFP4 modules.
Intel Arria 10 SX	SoC integrating ARM-based HPS and FPGA featuring 17.4 Gbps transceivers for short reach applications with 12.5 backplane driving capability.

Intel Arria 10 GX

This section provides the available options, maximum resource counts, and package plan for the Intel Arria 10 GX devices.

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Available Options

Figure 1. Sample Ordering Code and Available Options for Intel Arria 10 GX Devices



Related Information

Transceiver Performance for Intel Arria 10 GX/SX Devices

Provides more information about the transceiver speed grade.

**Table 8. Package Plan for Intel Arria 10 GX Devices (F34, F35, NF40, and KF40)**

Refer to I/O and High Speed I/O in Intel Arria 10 Devices chapter for the number of 3 V I/O, LVDS I/O, and LVDS channels in each device package.

Product Line	F34 (35 mm × 35 mm, 1152-pin FBGA)			F35 (35 mm × 35 mm, 1152-pin FBGA)			KF40 (40 mm × 40 mm, 1517-pin FBGA)			NF40 (40 mm × 40 mm, 1517-pin FBGA)		
	3 V I/O	LVDS I/O	XCVR	3 V I/O	LVDS I/O	XCVR	3 V I/O	LVDS I/O	XCVR	3 V I/O	LVDS I/O	XCVR
GX 270	48	336	24	48	336	24	—	—	—	—	—	—
GX 320	48	336	24	48	336	24	—	—	—	—	—	—
GX 480	48	444	24	48	348	36	—	—	—	—	—	—
GX 570	48	444	24	48	348	36	96	600	36	48	540	48
GX 660	48	444	24	48	348	36	96	600	36	48	540	48
GX 900	—	504	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	600	48
GX 1150	—	504	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	600	48

Table 9. Package Plan for Intel Arria 10 GX Devices (RF40, NF45, SF45, and UF45)

Refer to I/O and High Speed I/O in Intel Arria 10 Devices chapter for the number of 3 V I/O, LVDS I/O, and LVDS channels in each device package.

Product Line	RF40 (40 mm × 40 mm, 1517-pin FBGA)			NF45 (45 mm × 45 mm) 1932-pin FBGA)			SF45 (45 mm × 45 mm) 1932-pin FBGA)			UF45 (45 mm × 45 mm) 1932-pin FBGA)		
	3 V I/O	LVDS I/O	XCVR	3 V I/O	LVDS I/O	XCVR	3 V I/O	LVDS I/O	XCVR	3 V I/O	LVDS I/O	XCVR
GX 900	—	342	66	—	768	48	—	624	72	—	480	96
GX 1150	—	342	66	—	768	48	—	624	72	—	480	96

Related Information

[I/O and High-Speed Differential I/O Interfaces in Intel Arria 10 Devices chapter, Intel Arria 10 Device Handbook](#)

Provides the number of 3 V and LVDS I/Os, and LVDS channels for each Intel Arria 10 device package.

Intel Arria 10 GT

This section provides the available options, maximum resource counts, and package plan for the Intel Arria 10 GT devices.

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Maximum Resources

Table 10. Maximum Resource Counts for Intel Arria 10 GT Devices

Resource		Product Line	
		GT 900	GT 1150
Logic Elements (LE) (K)		900	1,150
ALM		339,620	427,200
Register		1,358,480	1,708,800
Memory (Kb)	M20K	48,460	54,260
	MLAB	9,386	12,984
Variable-precision DSP Block		1,518	1,518
18 x 19 Multiplier		3,036	3,036
PLL	Fractional Synthesis	32	32
	I/O	16	16
Transceiver	17.4 Gbps	72 ⁽⁵⁾	72 ⁽⁵⁾
	25.8 Gbps	6	6
GPIO ⁽⁶⁾		624	624
LVDS Pair ⁽⁷⁾		312	312
PCIe Hard IP Block		4	4
Hard Memory Controller		16	16

Related Information

Intel Arria 10 GT Channel Usage

Configuring GT/GX channels in Intel Arria 10 GT devices.

Package Plan

Table 11. Package Plan for Intel Arria 10 GT Devices

Refer to I/O and High Speed I/O in Intel Arria 10 Devices chapter for the number of 3 V I/O, LVDS I/O, and LVDS channels in each device package.

Product Line	SF45 (45 mm x 45 mm, 1932-pin FBGA)		
	3 V I/O	LVDS I/O	XCVR
GT 900	—	624	72
GT 1150	—	624	72

⁽⁵⁾ If all 6 GT channels are in use, 12 of the GX channels are not usable.

⁽⁶⁾ The number of GPIOs does not include transceiver I/Os. In the Intel Quartus Prime software, the number of user I/Os includes transceiver I/Os.

⁽⁷⁾ Each LVDS I/O pair can be used as differential input or output.



Maximum Resources

Table 12. Maximum Resource Counts for Intel Arria 10 SX Devices

Resource		Product Line						
		SX 160	SX 220	SX 270	SX 320	SX 480	SX 570	SX 660
Logic Elements (LE) (K)		160	220	270	320	480	570	660
ALM		61,510	80,330	101,620	119,900	183,590	217,080	251,680
Register		246,040	321,320	406,480	479,600	734,360	868,320	1,006,720
Memory (Kb)	M20K	8,800	11,740	15,000	17,820	28,620	36,000	42,620
	MLAB	1,050	1,690	2,452	2,727	4,164	5,096	5,788
Variable-precision DSP Block		156	192	830	985	1,368	1,523	1,687
18 x 19 Multiplier		312	384	1,660	1,970	2,736	3,046	3,374
PLL	Fractional Synthesis	6	6	8	8	12	16	16
	I/O	6	6	8	8	12	16	16
17.4 Gbps Transceiver		12	12	24	24	36	48	48
GPIO ⁽⁸⁾		288	288	384	384	492	696	696
LVDS Pair ⁽⁹⁾		120	120	168	168	174	324	324
PCIe Hard IP Block		1	1	2	2	2	2	2
Hard Memory Controller		6	6	8	8	12	16	16
ARM Cortex-A9 MPCore Processor		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Package Plan

Table 13. Package Plan for Intel Arria 10 SX Devices (U19, F27, F29, and F34)

Refer to I/O and High Speed I/O in Intel Arria 10 Devices chapter for the number of 3 V I/O, LVDS I/O, and LVDS channels in each device package.

Product Line	U19 (19 mm × 19 mm, 484-pin UBGGA)			F27 (27 mm × 27 mm, 672-pin FBGA)			F29 (29 mm × 29 mm, 780-pin FBGA)			F34 (35 mm × 35 mm, 1152-pin FBGA)		
	3 V I/O	LVDS I/O	XCVR	3 V I/O	LVDS I/O	XCVR	3 V I/O	LVDS I/O	XCVR	3 V I/O	LVDS I/O	XCVR
SX 160	48	144	6	48	192	12	48	240	12	—	—	—
SX 220	48	144	6	48	192	12	48	240	12	—	—	—
SX 270	—	—	—	48	192	12	48	312	12	48	336	24
SX 320	—	—	—	48	192	12	48	312	12	48	336	24
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⁽⁸⁾ The number of GPIOs does not include transceiver I/Os. In the Intel Quartus Prime software, the number of user I/Os includes transceiver I/Os.

⁽⁹⁾ Each LVDS I/O pair can be used as differential input or output.

Embedded Memory Configurations for Single-port Mode

Table 19. Single-port Embedded Memory Configurations for Intel Arria 10 Devices

This table lists the maximum configurations supported for single-port RAM and ROM modes.

Memory Block	Depth (bits)	Programmable Width
MLAB	32	x16, x18, or x20
	64 ⁽¹⁰⁾	x8, x9, x10
M20K	512	x40, x32
	1K	x20, x16
	2K	x10, x8
	4K	x5, x4
	8K	x2
	16K	x1

Clock Networks and PLL Clock Sources

The clock network architecture is based on Intel's global, regional, and peripheral clock structure. This clock structure is supported by dedicated clock input pins, fractional clock synthesis PLLs, and integer I/O PLLs.

Clock Networks

The Intel Arria 10 core clock networks are capable of up to 800 MHz fabric operation across the full industrial temperature range. For the external memory interface, the clock network supports the hard memory controller with speeds up to 2,400 Mbps in a quarter-rate transfer.

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

Fractional Synthesis and I/O PLLs

Intel Arria 10 devices contain up to 32 fractional synthesis PLLs and up to 16 I/O PLLs that are available for both specific and general purpose uses in the core:

- Fractional synthesis PLLs—located in the column adjacent to the transceiver blocks
- I/O PLLs—located in each bank of the 48 I/Os

Fractional Synthesis PLLs

You can use the fractional synthesis PLLs to:

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

⁽¹⁰⁾ Supported through software emulation and consumes additional MLAB blocks.



The fractional synthesis PLLs support the following features:

- Reference clock frequency synthesis for transceiver CMU and Advanced Transmit (ATX) PLLs
- Clock network delay compensation
- Zero-delay buffering
- Direct transmit clocking for transceivers
- Independently configurable into two modes:
 - Conventional integer mode equivalent to the general purpose PLL
 - Enhanced fractional mode with third order delta-sigma modulation
- PLL cascading

I/O PLLs

The integer mode I/O PLLs are located in each bank of 48 I/Os. You can use the I/O PLLs to simplify the design of external memory and high-speed LVDS interfaces.

In each I/O bank, the I/O PLLs are adjacent to the hard memory controllers and LVDS SERDES. Because these PLLs are tightly coupled with the I/Os that need to use them, it makes it easier to close timing.

You can use the I/O PLLs for general purpose applications in the core such as clock network delay compensation and zero-delay buffering.

Intel Arria 10 devices support PLL-to-PLL cascading.

FPGA General Purpose I/O

Intel Arria 10 devices offer highly configurable GPIOs. Each I/O bank contains 48 general purpose I/Os and a high-efficiency hard memory controller.

The following list describes the features of the GPIOs:

- Consist of 3 V I/Os for high-voltage application and LVDS I/Os for differential signaling
 - Up to two 3 V I/O banks, available in some devices, that support up to 3 V I/O standards
 - LVDS I/O banks that support up to 1.8 V I/O standards
- Support a wide range of single-ended and differential I/O interfaces
- LVDS speeds up to 1.6 Gbps
- Each LVDS pair of pins has differential input and output buffers, allowing you to configure the LVDS direction for each pair.
- Programmable bus hold and weak pull-up
- Programmable differential output voltage (V_{OD}) and programmable pre-emphasis

- Series (R_S) and parallel (R_T) on-chip termination (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 Interface

Intel Arria 10 devices offer massive external memory bandwidth, with up to seven 32-bit DDR4 memory interfaces running at up to 2,400 Mbps. This bandwidth provides additional ease of design, lower power, and resource efficiencies of hardened high-performance memory controllers.

The memory interface within Intel Arria 10 FPGAs and SoCs delivers the highest performance and ease of use. You can configure up to a maximum width of 144 bits when using the hard or soft memory controllers. If required, you can bypass the hard memory controller and use a soft controller implemented in the user logic.

Each I/O contains a hardened DDR read/write path (PHY) capable of performing key memory interface functionality such as read/write leveling, FIFO buffering to lower latency and improve margin, timing calibration, and on-chip termination.

The timing calibration is aided by the inclusion of hard microcontrollers based on Intel's Nios® II technology, specifically tailored to control the calibration of multiple memory interfaces. This calibration allows the Intel Arria 10 device to compensate for any changes in process, voltage, or temperature either within the Intel Arria 10 device itself, or within the external memory device. The advanced calibration algorithms ensure maximum bandwidth and robust timing margin across all operating conditions.

In addition to parallel memory interfaces, Intel Arria 10 devices support serial memory technologies such as the Hybrid Memory Cube (HMC). The HMC is supported by the Intel Arria 10 high-speed serial transceivers which connect up to four HMC links, with each link running at data rates up to 15 Gbps.

Related Information

[External Memory Interface Spec Estimator](#)

Provides a parametric tool that allows you to find and compare the performance of the supported external memory interfaces in IntelFPGAs.

Memory Standards Supported by Intel Arria 10 Devices

The I/Os are designed to provide high performance support for existing and emerging external memory standards.



The scalable hard IP supports multiple independent 10GbE ports while using a single PLL for all the 10GBASE-R PCS instantiations, which saves on core logic resources and clock networks:

- Simplifies multiport 10GbE systems compared to XAUI interfaces that require an external XAUI-to-10G PHY.
- Incorporates Electronic Dispersion Compensation (EDC), which enables direct connection to standard 10 Gbps XFP and SFP+ pluggable optical modules.
- Supports backplane Ethernet applications and includes a hard 10GBASE-KR Forward Error Correction (FEC) circuit that you can use for 10 Gbps and 40 Gbps applications.

The 10 Gbps Ethernet PCS hard IP and 10GBASE-KR FEC are present in every transceiver channel.

Related Information

[PCS Features](#) on page 30

Low Power Serial Transceivers

Intel Arria 10 FPGAs and SoCs include lowest power transceivers that deliver high bandwidth, throughput and low latency.

Intel Arria 10 devices deliver the industry's lowest power consumption per transceiver channel:

- 12.5 Gbps transceivers at as low as 242 mW
- 10 Gbps transceivers at as low as 168 mW
- 6 Gbps transceivers at as low as 117 mW

Intel Arria 10 transceivers support various data rates according to application:

- Chip-to-chip and chip-to-module applications—from 1 Gbps up to 25.8 Gbps
- Long reach and backplane applications—from 1 Gbps up to 12.5 with advanced adaptive equalization
- Critical power sensitive applications—from 1 Gbps up to 11.3 Gbps using lower power modes

The combination of 20 nm process technology and architectural advances provide the following benefits:

- Significant reduction in die area and power consumption
- Increase of up to two times in transceiver I/O density compared to previous generation devices while maintaining optimal signal integrity
- Up to 72 total transceiver channels—you can configure up to 6 of these channels to run as fast as 25.8 Gbps
- All channels feature continuous data rate support up to the maximum rated speed

Figure 6. Intel Arria 10 Transceiver Block Architecture



Transceiver Channels

All transceiver channels feature a dedicated Physical Medium Attachment (PMA) and a hardened Physical Coding Sublayer (PCS).

- The PMA provides primary interfacing capabilities to physical channels.
- The PCS typically handles encoding/decoding, word alignment, and other pre-processing functions before transferring data to the FPGA core fabric.

A transceiver channel consists of a PMA and a PCS block. Most transceiver banks have 6 channels. There are some transceiver banks that contain only 3 channels.

A wide variety of bonded and non-bonded data rate configurations is possible using a highly configurable clock distribution network. Up to 80 independent transceiver data rates can be configured.

The following figures are graphical representations of top views of the silicon die, which correspond to reverse views for flip chip packages. Different Intel Arria 10 devices may have different floorplans than the ones shown in the figures.



PCS	Description
Standard PCS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operates at a data rate up to 12 Gbps Supports protocols such as PCI-Express, CPRI 4.2+, GigE, IEEE 1588 in Hard PCS Implements other protocols using Basic/Custom (Standard PCS) transceiver configuration rules.
Enhanced PCS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performs functions common to most serial data industry standards, such as word alignment, encoding/decoding, and framing, before data is sent or received off-chip through the PMA Handles data transfer to and from the FPGA fabric Handles data transfer internally to and from the PMA Provides frequency compensation Performs channel bonding for multi-channel low skew applications
PCIe Gen3 PCS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the seamless switching of Data and Clock between the Gen1, Gen2, and Gen3 data rates Provides support for PIPE 3.0 features Supports the PIPE interface with the Hard IP enabled, as well as with the Hard IP bypassed

Related Information

- [PCIe Gen1, Gen2, and Gen3 Hard IP](#) on page 26
- [Interlaken Support](#) on page 26
- [10 Gbps Ethernet Support](#) on page 26

PCS Protocol Support

This table lists some of the protocols supported by the Intel Arria 10 transceiver PCS. For more information about the blocks in the transmitter and receiver data paths, refer to the related information.

Protocol	Data Rate (Gbps)	Transceiver IP	PCS Support
PCIe Gen3 x1, x2, x4, x8	8.0	Native PHY (PIPE)	Standard PCS and PCIe Gen3 PCS
PCIe Gen2 x1, x2, x4, x8	5.0	Native PHY (PIPE)	Standard PCS
PCIe Gen1 x1, x2, x4, x8	2.5	Native PHY (PIPE)	Standard PCS
1000BASE-X Gigabit Ethernet	1.25	Native PHY	Standard PCS
1000BASE-X Gigabit Ethernet with IEEE 1588v2	1.25	Native PHY	Standard PCS
10GBASE-R	10.3125	Native PHY	Enhanced PCS
10GBASE-R with IEEE 1588v2	10.3125	Native PHY	Enhanced PCS
10GBASE-R with KR FEC	10.3125	Native PHY	Enhanced PCS
10GBASE-KR and 1000BASE-X	10.3125	1G/10GbE and 10GBASE-KR PHY	Standard PCS and Enhanced PCS
Interlaken (CEI-6G/11G)	3.125 to 17.4	Native PHY	Enhanced PCS
SFI-S/SFI-5.2	11.2	Native PHY	Enhanced PCS
10G SDI	10.692	Native PHY	Enhanced PCS
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Protocol	Data Rate (Gbps)	Transceiver IP	PCS Support
CPRI 6.0 (64B/66B)	0.6144 to 10.1376	Native PHY	Enhanced PCS
CPRI 4.2 (8B/10B)	0.6144 to 9.8304	Native PHY	Standard PCS
OBSAI RP3 v4.2	0.6144 to 6.144	Native PHY	Standard PCS
SD-SDI/HD-SDI/3G-SDI	0.143 ⁽¹²⁾ to 2.97	Native PHY	Standard PCS

Related Information

[Intel Arria 10 Transceiver PHY User Guide](#)

Provides more information about the supported transceiver protocols and PHY IP, the PMA architecture, and the standard, enhanced, and PCIe Gen3 PCS architecture.

SoC with Hard Processor System

Each SoC device combines an FPGA fabric and a hard processor system (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

⁽¹²⁾ The 0.143 Gbps data rate is supported using oversampling of user logic that you must implement in the FPGA fabric.

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 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.

HPS-FPGA AXI Bridges

The HPS-FPGA bridges, which support the Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture (AMBA) Advanced eXtensible Interface (AXI™) specifications, consist of the following bridges:

- FPGA-to-HPS AMBA AXI bridge—a high-performance bus supporting 32, 64, and 128 bit data widths that allows the FPGA fabric to issue transactions to slaves in the HPS.
- HPS-to-FPGA Avalon/AMBA AXI bridge—a high-performance bus supporting 32, 64, and 128 bit data widths that allows the HPS to issue transactions to slaves in the FPGA fabric.
- Lightweight HPS-to-FPGA AXI bridge—a lower latency 32 bit width bus that allows the HPS to issue transactions to soft peripherals in the FPGA fabric. This bridge is primarily used for control and status register (CSR) accesses to peripherals in the FPGA fabric.

The HPS-FPGA AXI bridges allow masters in the FPGA fabric to communicate with slaves in the HPS logic, and vice versa. For example, the HPS-to-FPGA AXI bridge allows you to share memories instantiated in the FPGA fabric with one or both microprocessors in the HPS, while the FPGA-to-HPS AXI bridge allows logic in the FPGA fabric to access the memory and peripherals in the HPS.

Each HPS-FPGA bridge also provides asynchronous clock crossing for data transferred between the FPGA fabric and the HPS.

HPS SDRAM Controller Subsystem

The HPS SDRAM controller subsystem contains a multiport SDRAM controller and DDR PHY that are shared between the FPGA fabric (through the FPGA-to-HPS SDRAM interface), the level 2 (L2) cache, and the level 3 (L3) system interconnect. The FPGA-to-HPS SDRAM interface supports AMBA AXI and Avalon® Memory-Mapped (Avalon-MM) interface standards, and provides up to six individual ports for access by masters implemented in the FPGA fabric.

The HPS SDRAM controller supports up to 3 masters (command ports), 3x 64-bit read data ports and 3x 64-bit write data ports.

To maximize memory performance, the SDRAM controller subsystem supports command and data reordering, deficit round-robin arbitration with aging, and high-priority bypass features.



Instead of placing all device functions in the FPGA fabric, you can store some functions that do not run simultaneously in external memory and load them only when required. This capability increases the effective logic density of the device, and lowers cost and power consumption.

In the Intel solution, you do not have to worry about intricate device architecture to perform a partial reconfiguration. The partial reconfiguration capability is built into the Intel Quartus Prime design software, making such time-intensive task simple.

Intel Arria 10 devices support partial reconfiguration in the following configuration options:

- Using an internal host:
 - All supported configuration modes where the FPGA has access to external memory devices such as serial and parallel flash memory.
 - Configuration via Protocol [CvP (PCIe)]
- Using an external host—passive serial (PS), fast passive parallel (FPP) x8, FPP x16, and FPP x32 I/O interface.

Enhanced Configuration and Configuration via Protocol

Table 25. Configuration Schemes and Features of Intel Arria 10 Devices

Intel Arria 10 devices support 1.8 V programming voltage and several configuration schemes.

Scheme	Data Width	Max Clock Rate (MHz)	Max Data Rate (Mbps) ⁽¹³⁾	Decompression	Design Security ⁽¹⁴⁾	Partial Reconfiguration ⁽¹⁵⁾	Remote System Update
JTAG	1 bit	33	33	—	—	Yes ⁽¹⁶⁾	—
Active Serial (AS) through the EPCQ-L configuration device	1 bit, 4 bits	100	400	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁽¹⁶⁾	Yes
Passive serial (PS) through CPLD or external microcontroller	1 bit	100	100	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁽¹⁶⁾	Parallel Flash Loader (PFL) IP core

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⁽¹³⁾ Enabling either compression or design security features affects the maximum data rate. Refer to the Intel Arria 10 Device Datasheet for more information.

⁽¹⁴⁾ Encryption and compression cannot be used simultaneously.

⁽¹⁵⁾ Partial reconfiguration is an advanced feature of the device family. If you are interested in using partial reconfiguration, contact Intel for support.

⁽¹⁶⁾ Partial configuration can be performed only when it is configured as internal host.



The optional power reduction techniques in Intel Arria 10 devices include:

- **SmartVID**—a code is programmed into each device during manufacturing that allows a smart regulator to operate the device at lower core V_{CC} while maintaining performance
- **Programmable Power Technology**—non-critical timing paths are identified by the Intel Quartus Prime software and the logic in these paths is biased for low power instead of high performance
- **Low Static Power Options**—devices are available with either standard static power or low static power while maintaining performance

Furthermore, Intel Arria 10 devices feature Intel's industry-leading low power transceivers and include a number of hard IP blocks that not only reduce logic resources but also deliver substantial power savings compared to soft implementations. In general, hard IP blocks consume up to 90% less power than the equivalent soft logic implementations.

Incremental Compilation

The Intel Quartus Prime software incremental compilation feature reduces compilation time and helps preserve performance to ease timing closure. The incremental compilation feature enables the partial reconfiguration flow for Intel Arria 10 devices.

Incremental compilation supports top-down, bottom-up, and team-based design flows. This feature facilitates modular, hierarchical, and team-based design flows where different designers compile their respective design sections in parallel. Furthermore, different designers or IP providers can develop and optimize different blocks of the design independently. These blocks can then be imported into the top level project.

Document Revision History for Intel Arria 10 Device Overview

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2018.04.09	Updated the lowest V_{CC} from 0.83 V to 0.82 V in the topic listing a summary of the device features.

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Date	Version	Changes
December 2015	2015.12.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated the number of M20K memory blocks for Arria 10 GX 660 from 2133 to 2131 and corrected the total RAM bit from 48,448 Kb to 48,408 Kb. Corrected the number of DSP blocks for Arria 10 GX 660 from 1688 to 1687 in the table listing floating-point arithmetic resources.
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