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Intel® Arria® 10 Device Overview

The Intel® Arria® 10 device family consists of high-performance and power-efficient 20 nm mid-range FPGAs and SoCs.

Intel Arria 10 device family delivers:

- Higher performance than the previous generation of mid-range and high-end FPGAs.
- Power efficiency attained through a comprehensive set of power-saving technologies.

The Intel Arria 10 devices are ideal for high performance, power-sensitive, midrange applications in diverse markets.

Table 1. Sample Markets and Ideal Applications for Intel Arria 10 Devices

Market	Applications
Wireless	Channel and switch cards in remote radio heads Mobile backhaul
Wireline	 40G/100G muxponders and transponders 100G line cards Bridging Aggregation
Broadcast	 Studio switches Servers and transport Videoconferencing Professional audio and video
Computing and Storage	Flash cache Cloud computing servers Server acceleration
Medical	Diagnostic scanners Diagnostic imaging
Military	Missile guidance and control Radar Electronic warfare Secure communications

Related Information

Intel Arria 10 Device Handbook: Known Issues

Lists the planned updates to the *Intel Arria 10 Device Handbook* chapters.

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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	Built on TSMC's 20 nm process technology 60% higher performance than the previous generation of mid-range FPGAs 15% higher performance than the fastest previous-generation FPGA
High-bandwidth integrated transceivers	 Short-reach rates up to 25.8 Gigabits per second (Gbps) Backplane capability up to 12.5 Gbps Integrated 10GBASE-KR and 40GBASE-KR4 Forward Error Correction (FEC)
Improved logic integration and hard IP blocks	8-input adaptive logic module (ALM) Up to 65.6 megabits (Mb) of embedded memory Variable-precision digital signal processing (DSP) blocks Fractional synthesis phase-locked loops (PLLs) Hard PCI Express Gen3 IP blocks Hard 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	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	Comprehensive set of advanced power saving features Power-optimized MultiTrack routing and core architecture Up to 40% lower power compared to previous generation of mid-range FPGAs Up 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	 TSMC's 20-nm SoC process technology Allows operation at a lower V_{CC} level of 0.82 V instead of the 0.9 V standard V_{CC} core voltage
Packaging	 1.0 mm ball-pitch Fineline BGA packaging 0.8 mm ball-pitch Ultra Fineline BGA packaging Multiple devices with identical package footprints for seamless migration between different FPGA densities Devices with compatible package footprints allow migration to next generation high-end Stratix® 10 devices RoHS, leaded⁽¹⁾, and lead-free (Pb-free) options
High-performance FPGA fabric	 Enhanced 8-input ALM with four registers Improved multi-track routing architecture to reduce congestion and improve compilation time Hierarchical core clocking architecture Fine-grained partial reconfiguration
Internal memory blocks	M20K—20-Kb memory blocks with hard error correction code (ECC) Memory logic array block (MLAB)—640-bit memory
	continued

⁽¹⁾ Contact Intel for availability.



Feature	Description
	 Dynamic reconfiguration of the transceivers and PLLs Fine-grained partial reconfiguration of the core fabric Active Serial x4 Interface
Power management	SmartVID Low static power device options Programmable Power Technology Intel Quartus Prime integrated power analysis
Software and tools	 Intel Quartus Prime design suite Transceiver toolkit Platform Designer system integration tool DSP Builder for Intel FPGAs OpenCL™ support Intel 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: 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	ı	624	72	ı	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

Reso	ource	Produc	ct 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 × 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.



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 SX

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

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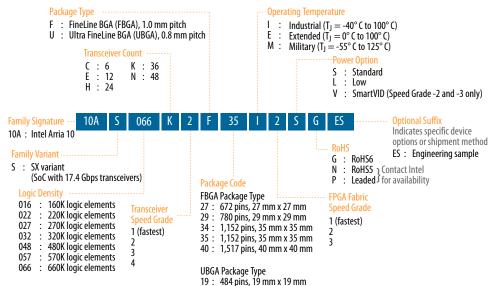
Related Information

Intel FPGA Product Selector

Provides the latest information on Intel products.

Available Options

Figure 3. Sample Ordering Code and Available Options for Intel Arria 10 SX Devices



Related Information

Transceiver Performance for Intel Arria 10 GX/SX Devices

Provides more information about the transceiver speed grade.



Maximum Resources

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

Reso	ource	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-precis	sion DSP Block	156	192	830	985	1,368	1,523	1,687	
18 x 19 Multip	lier	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 Tra	nsceiver	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 E	Block	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	
Hard Memory Controller		6	6	8	8	12	16	16	
ARM Cortex-As	9 MPCore	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 UBGA)		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.



Product Line	U19 (19 mm × 19 mm, 484-pin UBGA)		(19 mm × 19 mm, (27 mm × 27 mm,		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 480	_	_	_	_	_	_	48	312	12	48	444	24
SX 570	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	48	444	24
SX 660	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	48	444	24

Table 14. Package Plan for Intel Arria 10 SX Devices (F35, KF40, and NF40)

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	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
SX 270	48	336	24	_	_	_	_	_	_
SX 320	48	336	24	_	_	_	_	_	_
SX 480	48	348	36	_	_	_	_	_	_
SX 570	48	348	36	96	600	36	48	540	48
SX 660	48	348	36	96	600	36	48	540	48

Related Information

 ${\rm I/O}$ and High-Speed Differential ${\rm I/O}$ 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.



I/O Vertical Migration for Intel Arria 10 Devices

Figure 4. Migration Capability Across Intel Arria 10 Product Lines

- The arrows indicate the migration paths. The devices included in each vertical migration path are shaded. Devices with fewer resources in the same path have lighter shades.
- To achieve the full I/O migration across product lines in the same migration path, restrict I/Os and transceivers usage to match the product line with the lowest I/O and transceiver counts.
- An LVDS I/O bank in the source device may be mapped to a 3 V I/O bank in the target device. To use
 memory interface clock frequency higher than 533 MHz, assign external memory interface pins only to
 banks that are LVDS I/O in both devices.
- There may be nominal 0.15 mm package height difference between some product lines in the same package type.
- Some migration paths are not shown in the Intel Quartus Prime software Pin Migration View.

Variant	Product		Package									
Varialit	Line	U19	F27	F29	F34	F35	KF40	NF40	RF40	NF45	SF45	UF45
	GX 160	1	1	1								
	GX 220	+										
	GX 270				1	1						
	GX 320		V									
Intel® Arria® 10 GX	GX 480			V								
	GX 570						1	1				
	GX 660					V	\					
	GX 900								1	1		1
	GX 1150				V			+	+	+		+
Intel Arria 10 GT	GT 900											
intel Afria 10 G1	GT 1150										V	
	SX 160	1	1	1								
	SX 220	+										
	SX 270				1	†						
Intel Arria 10 SX	SX 320		V									
	SX 480			V								
	SX 570						†	†				
	SX 660				*							

Note:

To verify the pin migration compatibility, use the **Pin Migration View** window in the Intel Quartus Prime software Pin Planner.

Adaptive Logic Module

Intel Arria 10 devices use a 20 nm ALM as the basic building block of the logic fabric.

The ALM architecture is the same as the previous generation FPGAs, allowing for efficient implementation of logic functions and easy conversion of IP between the device generations.

The ALM, as shown in following figure, uses an 8-input fracturable look-up table (LUT) with four dedicated registers to help improve timing closure in register-rich designs and achieve an even higher design packing capability than the traditional two-register per LUT architecture.



Figure 5. ALM for Intel Arria 10 Devices



The Intel Quartus Prime software optimizes your design according to the ALM logic structure and automatically maps legacy designs into the Intel Arria 10 ALM architecture.

Variable-Precision DSP Block

The Intel Arria 10 variable precision DSP blocks support fixed-point arithmetic and floating-point arithmetic.

Features for fixed-point arithmetic:

- · High-performance, power-optimized, and fully registered multiplication operations
- 18-bit and 27-bit word lengths
- Two 18 x 19 multipliers or one 27 x 27 multiplier per DSP block
- Built-in addition, subtraction, and 64-bit double accumulation register to combine multiplication results
- Cascading 19-bit or 27-bit when pre-adder is disabled and cascading 18-bit when pre-adder is used to form the tap-delay line for filtering applications
- Cascading 64-bit output bus to propagate output results from one block to the next block without external logic support
- Hard pre-adder supported in 19-bit and 27-bit modes for symmetric filters
- Internal coefficient register bank in both 18-bit and 27-bit modes for filter implementation
- 18-bit and 27-bit systolic finite impulse response (FIR) filters with distributed output adder
- Biased rounding support

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Features for floating-point arithmetic:

- A completely hardened architecture that supports multiplication, addition, subtraction, multiply-add, and multiply-subtract
- Multiplication with accumulation capability and a dynamic accumulator reset control
- Multiplication with cascade summation capability
- Multiplication with cascade subtraction capability
- Complex multiplication
- Direct vector dot product
- Systolic FIR filter

Table 15. Variable-Precision DSP Block Configurations for Intel Arria 10 Devices

Usage Example	Multiplier Size (Bit)	DSP Block Resources
Medium precision fixed point	Two 18 x 19	1
High precision fixed or Single precision floating point	One 27 x 27	1
Fixed point FFTs	One 19 x 36 with external adder	1
Very high precision fixed point	One 36 x 36 with external adder	2
Double precision floating point	One 54 x 54 with external adder	4

Table 16. Resources for Fixed-Point Arithmetic in Intel Arria 10 Devices

The table lists the variable-precision DSP resources by bit precision for each Intel Arria 10 device.

Variant	Product Line	roduct Line Variable- precision DSP Block		nput and Output ons Operator	18 x 19 Multiplier Adder Sum	18 x 18 Multiplier Adder
		DSP BIOCK	18 x 19 Multiplier	27 x 27 Multiplier	Mode Mode	Summed with 36 bit Input
AIntel Arria 10	GX 160	156	312	156	156	156
GX	GX 220	192	384	192	192	192
	GX 270	830	1,660	830	830	830
	GX 320	984	1,968	984	984	984
	GX 480	1,368	2,736	1,368	1,368	1,368
	GX 570	1,523	3,046	1,523	1,523	1,523
	GX 660	1,687	3,374	1,687	1,687	1,687
	GX 900	1,518	3,036	1,518	1,518	1,518
	GX 1150	1,518	3,036	1,518	1,518	1,518
Intel Arria 10 GT	GT 900	1,518	3,036	1,518	1,518	1,518
GI	GT 1150	1,518	3,036	1,518	1,518	1,518
Intel Arria 10	SX 160	156	312	156	156	156
SX	SX 220	192	384	192	192	192
	SX 270	830	1,660	830	830	830
						continued



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.



Table 20. Memory Standards Supported by the Hard Memory Controller

This table lists the overall capability of the hard memory controller. For specific details, refer to the External Memory Interface Spec Estimator and Intel Arria 10 Device Datasheet.

Memory Standard	Rate Support	Ping Pong PHY Support	Maximum Frequency (MHz)
DDR4 SDRAM	Quarter rate	Yes	1,067
		_	1,200
DDR3 SDRAM	Half rate	Yes	533
		_	667
	Quarter rate	Yes	1,067
		_	1,067
DDR3L SDRAM	Half rate	Yes	533
		_	667
	Quarter rate	Yes	933
		_	933
LPDDR3 SDRAM	Half rate	_	533
	Quarter rate	_	800

Table 21. Memory Standards Supported by the Soft Memory Controller

Memory Standard	Rate Support	Maximum Frequency (MHz)
RLDRAM 3 (11)	Quarter rate	1,200
QDR IV SRAM ⁽¹¹⁾	Quarter rate	1,067
QDR II SRAM	Full rate	333
	Half rate	633
QDR II+ SRAM	Full rate	333
	Half rate	633
QDR II+ Xtreme SRAM	Full rate	333
	Half rate	633

Table 22. Memory Standards Supported by the HPS Hard Memory Controller

The hard processor system (HPS) is available in Intel Arria 10 SoC devices only.

Memory Standard	Rate Support	Maximum Frequency (MHz)
DDR4 SDRAM	Half rate	1,200
DDR3 SDRAM	Half rate	1,067
DDR3L SDRAM	Half rate	933

⁽¹¹⁾ Intel Arria 10 devices support this external memory interface using hard PHY with soft memory controller.



Each transceiver channel contains a channel PLL that can be used as the CMU PLL or clock data recovery (CDR) PLL. In CDR mode, the channel PLL recovers the receiver clock and data in the transceiver channel. Up to 80 independent data rates can be configured on a single Intel Arria 10 device.

Table 23. PMA Features of the Transceivers in Intel Arria 10 Devices

Feature	Capability
Chip-to-Chip Data Rates	1 Gbps to 17.4 Gbps (Intel Arria 10 GX devices) 1 Gbps to 25.8 Gbps (Intel Arria 10 GT devices)
Backplane Support	Drive backplanes at data rates up to 12.5 Gbps
Optical Module Support	SFP+/SFP, XFP, CXP, QSFP/QSFP28, CFP/CFP2/CFP4
Cable Driving Support	SFP+ Direct Attach, PCI Express over cable, eSATA
Transmit Pre-Emphasis	4-tap transmit pre-emphasis and de-emphasis to compensate for system channel loss
Continuous Time Linear Equalizer (CTLE)	Dual mode, high-gain, and high-data rate, linear receive equalization to compensate for system channel loss
Decision Feedback Equalizer (DFE)	7-fixed and 4-floating tap DFE to equalize backplane channel loss in the presence of crosstalk and noisy environments
Variable Gain Amplifier	Optimizes the signal amplitude prior to the CDR sampling and operates in fixed and adaptive modes
Altera Digital Adaptive Parametric Tuning (ADAPT)	Fully digital adaptation engine to automatically adjust all link equalization parameters—including CTLE, DFE, and variable gain amplifier blocks—that provide optimal link margin without intervention from user logic
Precision Signal Integrity Calibration Engine (PreSICE)	Hardened calibration controller to quickly calibrate all transceiver control parameters on power-up, which provides the optimal signal integrity and jitter performance
Advanced Transmit (ATX) PLL	Low jitter ATX (LC tank based) PLLs with continuous tuning range to cover a wide range of standard and proprietary protocols
Fractional PLLs	On-chip fractional frequency synthesizers to replace on-board crystal oscillators and reduce system cost
Digitally Assisted Analog CDR	Superior jitter tolerance with fast lock time
Dynamic Partial Reconfiguration	Allows independent control of the Avalon memory-mapped interface of each transceiver channel for the highest transceiver flexibility
Multiple PCS-PMA and PCS- PLD interface widths	8-, 10-, 16-, 20-, 32-, 40-, or 64-bit interface widths for flexibility of deserialization width, encoding, and reduced latency

PCS Features

This table summarizes the Intel Arria 10 transceiver PCS features. You can use the transceiver PCS to support a wide range of protocols ranging from 1 Gbps to 25.8 Gbps.





PCS	Description
Standard PCS	 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	 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	 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
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- 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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FPGA Configuration and HPS Booting

The FPGA fabric and HPS in the SoC FPGA must be powered at the same time. You can reduce the clock frequencies or gate the clocks to reduce dynamic power.

Once powered, the FPGA fabric and HPS can be configured independently thus providing you with more design flexibility:

- You can boot the HPS independently. After the HPS is running, the HPS can fully or
 partially reconfigure the FPGA fabric at any time under software control. The HPS
 can also configure other FPGAs on the board through the FPGA configuration
 controller.
- Configure the FPGA fabric first, and then boot the HPS from memory accessible to the FPGA fabric.

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 system integration tool in the Intel Quartus Prime software.

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

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

Dynamic and Partial Reconfiguration

The Intel Arria 10 devices support dynamic and partial reconfiguration. You can use dynamic and partial reconfiguration simultaneously to enable seamless reconfiguration of both the device core and transceivers.

Dynamic Reconfiguration

You can reconfigure the PMA and PCS blocks while the device continues to operate. This feature allows you to change the data rates, protocol, and analog settings of a channel in a transceiver bank without affecting on-going data transfer in other transceiver banks. This feature is ideal for applications that require dynamic multiprotocol or multirate support.

Partial Reconfiguration

Using partial reconfiguration, you can reconfigure some parts of the device while keeping the device in operation.



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 ⁽¹ 4)	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.

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