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### **Embedded - System On Chip (SoC): The Heart of Modern Embedded Systems**

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### **What are Embedded - System On Chip (SoC)?**

**System On Chip (SoC)** integrates multiple functions of a computer or electronic system onto a single chip. Unlike traditional multi-chip solutions, SoCs combine a central

#### **Details**

Product Status	Active
Architecture	MCU, FPGA
Core Processor	Dual ARM® Cortex®-A9 MPCore™ with CoreSight™
Flash Size	-
RAM Size	256KB
Peripherals	DMA, POR, WDT
Connectivity	EBI/EMI, Ethernet, I <sup>2</sup> C, MMC/SD/SDIO, SPI, UART/USART, USB OTG
Speed	1.5GHz
Primary Attributes	FPGA - 320K Logic Elements
Operating Temperature	-40°C ~ 100°C (TJ)
Package / Case	780-BBGA, FCBGA
Supplier Device Package	780-FBGA, FC (29x29)
Purchase URL	<a href="https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/10as032e4f29i3lg">https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/10as032e4f29i3lg</a>



## 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"><li>Built on TSMC's 20 nm process technology</li><li>60% higher performance than the previous generation of mid-range FPGAs</li><li>15% higher performance than the fastest previous-generation FPGA</li></ul>
High-bandwidth integrated transceivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Short-reach rates up to 25.8 Gigabits per second (Gbps)</li><li>Backplane capability up to 12.5 Gbps</li><li>Integrated 10GBASE-KR and 40GBASE-KR4 Forward Error Correction (FEC)</li></ul>
Improved logic integration and hard IP blocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>8-input adaptive logic module (ALM)</li><li>Up to 65.6 megabits (Mb) of embedded memory</li><li>Variable-precision digital signal processing (DSP) blocks</li><li>Fractional synthesis phase-locked loops (PLLs)</li><li>Hard PCI Express Gen3 IP blocks</li><li>Hard memory controllers and PHY up to 2,400 Megabits per second (Mbps)</li></ul>
Second generation hard processor system (HPS) with integrated ARM* Cortex*-A9* MPCore* processor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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)</li><li>Supports over 128 Gbps peak bandwidth with integrated data coherency between the processor and the FPGA fabric</li></ul>
Advanced power savings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Comprehensive set of advanced power saving features</li><li>Power-optimized MultiTrack routing and core architecture</li><li>Up to 40% lower power compared to previous generation of mid-range FPGAs</li><li>Up to 60% lower power compared to previous generation of high-end FPGAs</li></ul>

## 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"><li>TSMC's 20-nm SoC process technology</li><li>Allows operation at a lower <math>V_{CC}</math> level of 0.82 V instead of the 0.9 V standard <math>V_{CC}</math> core voltage</li></ul>
Packaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.0 mm ball-pitch FINELINE BGA packaging</li><li>0.8 mm ball-pitch Ultra FINELINE BGA packaging</li><li>Multiple devices with identical package footprints for seamless migration between different FPGA densities</li><li>Devices with compatible package footprints allow migration to next generation high-end Stratix® 10 devices</li><li>RoHS, leaded<sup>(1)</sup>, and lead-free (Pb-free) options</li></ul>
High-performance FPGA fabric	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Enhanced 8-input ALM with four registers</li><li>Improved multi-track routing architecture to reduce congestion and improve compilation time</li><li>Hierarchical core clocking architecture</li><li>Fine-grained partial reconfiguration</li></ul>
Internal memory blocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>M20K—20-Kb memory blocks with hard error correction code (ECC)</li><li>Memory logic array block (MLAB)—640-bit memory</li></ul>
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(1) Contact Intel for availability.



Feature	Description	
Low-power serial transceivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Continuous operating range:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Intel Arria 10 GX—1 Gbps to 17.4 Gbps</li><li>Intel Arria 10 GT—1 Gbps to 25.8 Gbps</li></ul></li><li>Backplane support:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Intel Arria 10 GX—up to 12.5</li><li>Intel Arria 10 GT—up to 12.5</li></ul></li><li>Extended range down to 125 Mbps with oversampling</li><li>ATX transmit PLLs with user-configurable fractional synthesis capability</li><li>Electronic Dispersion Compensation (EDC) support for XFP, SFP+, QSFP, and CFP optical module</li><li>Adaptive linear and decision feedback equalization</li><li>Transmitter pre-emphasis and de-emphasis</li><li>Dynamic partial reconfiguration of individual transceiver channels</li></ul>	
HPS (Intel Arria 10 SX devices only)	Processor and system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dual-core ARM Cortex-A9 MPCore processor—1.2 GHz CPU with 1.5 GHz overdrive capability</li><li>256 KB on-chip RAM and 64 KB on-chip ROM</li><li>System peripherals—general-purpose timers, watchdog timers, direct memory access (DMA) controller, FPGA configuration manager, and clock and reset managers</li><li>Security features—anti-tamper, secure boot, Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) and authentication (SHA)</li><li>ARM CoreSight* JTAG debug access port, trace port, and on-chip trace storage</li></ul>
	External interfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hard memory interface—Hard memory controller (2,400 Mbps DDR4, and 2,133 Mbps DDR3), Quad serial peripheral interface (QSPI) flash controller, NAND flash controller, direct memory access (DMA) controller, Secure Digital/MultiMediaCard (SD/MMC) controller</li><li>Communication interface— 10/100/1000 Ethernet media access control (MAC), USB On-The-Go (OTG) controllers, I<sup>2</sup>C controllers, UART 16550, serial peripheral interface (SPI), and up to 62 HPS GPIO interfaces (48 direct-share I/Os)</li></ul>
	Interconnects to core	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>High-performance ARM AMBA* AXI bus bridges that support simultaneous read and write</li><li>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</li><li>Configuration bridge that allows HPS configuration manager to configure the core logic via dedicated 32-bit configuration port</li><li>FPGA-to-HPS SDRAM controller bridge—provides configuration interfaces for the multiport front end (MPFE) of the HPS SDRAM controller</li></ul>
Configuration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tamper protection—comprehensive design protection to protect your valuable IP investments</li><li>Enhanced 256-bit advanced encryption standard (AES) design security with authentication</li><li>Configuration via protocol (CvP) using PCIe Gen1, Gen2, or Gen3</li></ul>	
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<sup>(2)</sup> Intel Arria 10 devices support this external memory interface using hard PHY with soft memory controller.



## 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.



## 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 <sup>(5)</sup>	72 <sup>(5)</sup>
	25.8 Gbps	6	6
GPIO <sup>(6)</sup>		624	624
LVDS Pair <sup>(7)</sup>		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

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

<sup>(6)</sup> 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.

<sup>(7)</sup> 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 <sup>(8)</sup>		288	288	384	384	492	696	696
LVDS Pair <sup>(9)</sup>		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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<sup>(8)</sup> 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.

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



Variant	Product Line	Variable-precision DSP Block	Independent Input and Output Multiplications Operator		18 x 19 Multiplier Adder Sum Mode	18 x 18 Multiplier Adder Summed with 36 bit Input
			18 x 19 Multiplier	27 x 27 Multiplier		
	SX 320	984	1,968	984	984	984
	SX 480	1,368	2,736	1,368	1,368	1,368
	SX 570	1,523	3,046	1,523	1,523	1,523
	SX 660	1,687	3,374	1,687	1,687	1,687

**Table 17. Resources for Floating-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	Variable-precision DSP Block	Single Precision Floating-Point Multiplication Mode	Single-Precision Floating-Point Adder Mode	Single-Precision Floating-Point Multiply Accumulate Mode	Peak Giga Floating-Point Operations per Second (GFLOPs)
Intel Arria 10 GX	GX 160	156	156	156	156	140
	GX 220	192	192	192	192	173
	GX 270	830	830	830	830	747
	GX 320	984	984	984	984	886
	GX 480	1,369	1,368	1,368	1,368	1,231
	GX 570	1,523	1,523	1,523	1,523	1,371
	GX 660	1,687	1,687	1,687	1,687	1,518
	GX 900	1,518	1,518	1,518	1,518	1,366
	GX 1150	1,518	1,518	1,518	1,518	1,366
Intel Arria 10 GT	GT 900	1,518	1,518	1,518	1,518	1,366
	GT 1150	1,518	1,518	1,518	1,518	1,366
Intel Arria 10 SX	SX 160	156	156	156	156	140
	SX 220	192	192	192	192	173
	SX 270	830	830	830	830	747
	SX 320	984	984	984	984	886
	SX 480	1,369	1,368	1,368	1,368	1,231
	SX 570	1,523	1,523	1,523	1,523	1,371
	SX 660	1,687	1,687	1,687	1,687	1,518

## 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.

## 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 <sup>(10)</sup>	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

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<sup>(10)</sup> Supported through software emulation and consumes additional MLAB blocks.





- 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.

**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 <sup>(11)</sup>	Quarter rate	1,200
QDR IV SRAM <sup>(11)</sup>	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

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



### **Related Information**

#### [Intel Arria 10 Device Datasheet](#)

Lists the memory interface performance according to memory interface standards, rank or chip select configurations, and Intel Arria 10 device speed grades.

## **PCIe Gen1, Gen2, and Gen3 Hard IP**

Intel Arria 10 devices contain PCIe hard IP that is designed for performance and ease-of-use:

- Includes all layers of the PCIe stack—transaction, data link and physical layers.
- Supports PCIe Gen3, Gen2, and Gen1 Endpoint and Root Port in x1, x2, x4, or x8 lane configuration.
- Operates independently from the core logic—optional configuration via protocol (CvP) allows the PCIe link to power up and complete link training in less than 100 ms while the Intel Arria 10 device completes loading the programming file for the rest of the FPGA.
- Provides added functionality that makes it easier to support emerging features such as Single Root I/O Virtualization (SR-IOV) and optional protocol extensions.
- Provides improved end-to-end datapath protection using ECC.
- Supports FPGA configuration via protocol (CvP) using PCIe at Gen3, Gen2, or Gen1 speed.

### **Related Information**

[PCS Features](#) on page 30

## **Enhanced PCS Hard IP for Interlaken and 10 Gbps Ethernet**

### **Interlaken Support**

The Intel Arria 10 enhanced PCS hard IP provides integrated Interlaken PCS supporting rates up to 25.8 Gbps per lane.

The Interlaken PCS is based on the proven functionality of the PCS developed for Intel's previous generation FPGAs, which demonstrated interoperability with Interlaken ASSP vendors and third-party IP suppliers. The Interlaken PCS is present in every transceiver channel in Intel Arria 10 devices.

### **Related Information**

[PCS Features](#) on page 30

### **10 Gbps Ethernet Support**

The Intel Arria 10 enhanced PCS hard IP supports 10GBASE-R PCS compliant with IEEE 802.3 10 Gbps Ethernet (10GbE). The integrated hard IP support for 10GbE and the 10 Gbps transceivers save external PHY cost, board space, and system power.



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.

Figure 7. Device Chip Overview for Intel Arria 10 GX and GT Devices



Figure 8. Device Chip Overview for Intel Arria 10 SX Devices



## PMA Features

Intel Arria 10 transceivers provide exceptional signal integrity at data rates up to 25.8 Gbps. Clocking options include ultra-low jitter ATX PLLs (LC tank based), clock multiplier unit (CMU) PLLs, and fractional PLLs.



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.



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 <sup>(12)</sup> 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

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





**Table 24. Improvements in 20 nm HPS**

This table lists the key improvements of the 20 nm HPS compared to the 28 nm HPS.

Advantages/ Improvements	Description
Increased performance and overdrive capability	While the nominal processor frequency is 1.2 GHz, the 20 nm HPS offers an “overdrive” feature which enables a higher processor operating frequency. This requires a higher supply voltage value that is unique to the HPS and may require a separate regulator.
Increased processor memory bandwidth and DDR4 support	Up to 64-bit DDR4 memory at 2,400 Mbps support is available for the processor. The hard memory controller for the HPS comprises a multi-port front end that manages connections to a single port memory controller. The multi-port front end allows logic core and the HPS to share ports and thereby the available bandwidth of the memory controller.
Flexible I/O sharing	An advanced I/O pin muxing scheme allows improved sharing of I/O between the HPS and the core logic. The following types of I/O are available for SoC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 17 dedicated I/Os—physically located inside the HPS block and are not accessible to logic within the core. The 17 dedicated I/Os are used for HPS clock, resets, and interfacing with boot devices, QSPI, and SD/MMC.</li><li>• 48 direct shared I/O—located closest to the HPS block and are ideal for high speed HPS peripherals such as EMAC, USB, and others. There is one bank of 48 I/Os that supports direct sharing where the 48 I/Os can be shared 12 I/Os at a time.</li><li>• Standard (shared) I/O—all standard I/Os can be shared by the HPS peripherals and any logic within the core. For designs where more than 48 I/Os are required to fully use all the peripherals in the HPS, these I/Os can be connected through the core logic.</li></ul>
EMAC core	Three EMAC cores are available in the HPS. The EMAC cores enable an application to support two redundant Ethernet connections; for example, backplane, or two EMAC cores for managing IEEE 1588 time stamp information while allowing a third EMAC core for debug and configuration. All three EMACs can potentially share the same time stamps, simplifying the 1588 time stamping implementation. A new serial time stamp interface allows core logic to access and read the time stamp values. The integrated EMAC controllers can be connected to external Ethernet PHY through the provided MDIO or I <sup>2</sup> C interface.
On-chip memory	The on-chip memory is updated to 256 KB support and can support larger data sets and real time algorithms.
ECC enhancements	Improvements in L2 Cache ECC management allow identification of errors down to the address level. ECC enhancements also enable improved error injection and status reporting via the introduction of new memory mapped access to syndrome and data signals.
HPS to FPGA Interconnect Backbone	Although the HPS and the Logic Core can operate independently, they are tightly coupled via a high-bandwidth system interconnect built from high-performance ARM AMBA AXI bus bridges. IP bus masters in the FPGA fabric have access to HPS bus slaves via the FPGA-to-HPS interconnect. Similarly, HPS bus masters have access to bus slaves in the core fabric via the HPS-to-FPGA bridge. Both bridges are AMBA AXI-3 compliant and support simultaneous read and write transactions. Up to three masters within the core fabric can share the HPS SDRAM controller with the processor. Additionally, the processor can be used to configure the core fabric under program control via a dedicated 32-bit configuration port.
FPGA configuration and HPS booting	The FPGA fabric and HPS in the SoCs are powered independently. You can reduce the clock frequencies or gate the clocks to reduce dynamic power. You can configure the FPGA fabric and boot the HPS independently, in any order, providing you with more design flexibility.
Security	New security features have been introduced for anti-tamper management, secure boot, encryption (AES), and authentication (SHA).



## Features of the HPS

The HPS has the following features:

- 1.2-GHz, dual-core ARM Cortex-A9 MPCore processor with up to 1.5-GHz via overdrive
  - ARMv7-A architecture that runs 32-bit ARM instructions, 16-bit and 32-bit Thumb instructions, and 8-bit Java byte codes in Jazelle style
  - Superscalar, variable length, out-of-order pipeline with dynamic branch prediction
  - Instruction Efficiency 2.5 MIPS/MHz, which provides total performance of 7500 MIPS at 1.5 GHz
- Each processor core includes:
  - 32 KB of L1 instruction cache, 32 KB of L1 data cache
  - Single- and double-precision floating-point unit and NEON media engine
  - CoreSight debug and trace technology
  - Snoop Control Unit (SCU) and Acceleration Coherency Port (ACP)
- 512 KB of shared L2 cache
- 256 KB of scratch RAM
- Hard memory controller with support for DDR3, DDR4 and optional error correction code (ECC) support
- Multiport Front End (MPFE) Scheduler interface to the hard memory controller
- 8-channel direct memory access (DMA) controller
- QSPI flash controller with SIO, DIO, QIO SPI Flash support
- NAND flash controller (ONFI 1.0 or later) with DMA and ECC support, updated to support 8 and 16-bit Flash devices and new command DMA to offload CPU for fast power down recovery
- Updated SD/SDIO/MMC controller to eMMC 4.5 with DMA with CE-ATA digital command support
- 3 10/100/1000 Ethernet media access control (MAC) with DMA
- 2 USB On-the-Go (OTG) controllers with DMA
- 5 I<sup>2</sup>C controllers (3 can be used by EMAC for MIO to external PHY)
- 2 UART 16550 Compatible controllers
- 4 serial peripheral interfaces (SPI) (2 Master, 2 Slaves)
- 62 programmable general-purpose I/Os, which includes 48 direct share I/Os that allows the HPS peripherals to connect directly to the FPGA I/Os
- 7 general-purpose timers
- 4 watchdog timers
- Anti-tamper, Secure Boot, Encryption (AES) and Authentication (SHA)



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

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

<sup>(14)</sup> Encryption and compression cannot be used simultaneously.

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

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



Date	Version	Changes
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removed package code 40, low static power, SmartVID, industrial, and military operating temperature support from <i>Sample Ordering Core and Available Options for Intel Arria 10 GT Devices</i> figure.</li> <li>Updated short reach transceiver rate for Intel Arria 10 GT devices to 25.8 Gbps.</li> <li>Removed On-Die Instrumentation — EyeQ and Jitter Margin Tool support from <i>PMA Features of the Transceivers in Intel Arria 10 Devices</i> table.</li> </ul>
September 2017	2017.09.20	Updated the maximum speed of the DDR4 external memory interface from 1,333 MHz/2,666 Mbps to 1,200 MHz/2,400 Mbps.
July 2017	2017.07.13	Corrected the automotive temperature range in the figure showing the available options for the Intel Arria 10 GX devices from "-40°C to 100°C" to "-40°C to 125°C".
July 2017	2017.07.06	Added automotive temperature option to Intel Arria 10 GX device family.
May 2017	2017.05.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corrected protocol names with "1588" to "IEEE 1588v2".</li> <li>Updated the vertical migration table to remove vertical migration between Intel Arria 10 GX and Intel Arria 10 SX device variants.</li> <li>Removed all "Preliminary" marks.</li> </ul>
March 2017	2017.03.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removed the topic about migration from Intel Arria 10 to Intel Stratix 10 devices.</li> <li>Rebranded as Intel.</li> </ul>
October 2016	2016.10.31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removed package F36 from Intel Arria 10 GX devices.</li> <li>Updated Intel Arria 10 GT sample ordering code and maximum GX transceiver count. Intel Arria 10 GT devices are available only in the SF45 package option with a maximum of 72 transceivers.</li> </ul>
May 2016	2016.05.02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated the FPGA Configuration and HPS Booting topic.</li> <li>Remove V<sub>CC</sub> PowerManager from the Summary of Features, Power Management and Arria 10 Device Variants and packages topics. This feature is no longer supported in Arria 10 devices.</li> <li>Removed LPDDR3 from the Memory Standards Supported by the HPS Hard Memory Controller table in the Memory Standards Supported by Intel Arria 10 Devices topic. This standard is only supported by the FPGA.</li> <li>Removed transceiver speed grade 5 from the Device Variants and Packages topic for Arria 10 GX and SX devices.</li> </ul>
February 2016	2016.02.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changed the maximum Arria 10 GT datarate to 25.8 Gbps and the minimum datarate to 1 Gbps globally.</li> <li>Revised the state for Core clock networks in the Summary of Features topic.</li> <li>Changed the transceiver parameters in the "Summary of Features for Arria 10 Devices" table.</li> <li>Changed the transceiver parameters in the "Maximum Resource Counts for Arria 10 GT Devices" table.</li> <li>Changed the package availability for GT devices in the "Package Plan for Arria 10 GT Devices" table.</li> <li>Changed the package configurations for GT devices in the "Migration Capability Across Arria 10 Product Lines" figure.</li> <li>Changed transceiver parameters in the "Low Power Serial Transceivers" section.</li> <li>Changed the transceiver descriptions in the "Device Variants for the Arria 10 Device Family" table.</li> <li>Changed the "Sample Ordering Code and Available Options for Arria 10 GT Devices" figure.</li> <li>Changed the datarates for GT devices in the "PMA Features" section.</li> <li>Changed the datarates for GT devices in the "PCS Features" section.</li> </ul>

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December 2015	2015.12.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Corrected the number of DSP blocks for Arria 10 GX 660 from 1688 to 1687 in the table listing floating-point arithmetic resources.</li> </ul>
November 2015	2015.11.02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated the maximum resources for Arria 10 GX 220, GX 320, GX 480, GX 660, SX 220, SX 320, SX 480, and SX 660.</li> <li>Updated resource count for Arria 10 GX 320, GX 480, GX 660, SX 320, SX 480, a SX 660 devices in <b>Number of Multipliers in Intel Arria 10 Devices</b> table.</li> <li>Updated the available options for Arria 10 GX, GT, and SX.</li> <li>Changed instances of <i>Quartus II</i> to <i>Quartus Prime</i>.</li> </ul>
June 2015	2015.06.15	Corrected label for Intel Arria 10 GT product lines in the vertical migration figure.
May 2015	2015.05.15	Corrected the DDR3 half rate and quarter rate maximum frequencies in the table that lists the memory standards supported by the Intel Arria 10 hard memory controller.
May 2015	2015.05.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added support for 13.5G JESD204b in the Summary of Features table.</li> <li>Added a link to Arria 10 GT Channel Usage in the Arria 10 GT Package Plan topic.</li> <li>Added a note to the table, Maximum Resource Counts for Arria 10 GT devices.</li> <li>Updated the power requirements of the transceivers in the Low Power Serial Transceivers topic.</li> </ul>
January 2015	2015.01.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added floating point arithmetic features in the Summary of Features table.</li> <li>Updated the total embedded memory from 38.38 megabits (Mb) to 65.6 Mb.</li> <li>Updated the table that lists the memory standards supported by Intel Arria 10 devices.</li> <li>Removed support for DDR3U, LPDDR3 SDRAM, RLD RAM 2, and DDR2.</li> <li>Moved RLD RAM 3 support from hard memory controller to soft memory controller. RLD RAM 3 support uses hard PHY with soft memory controller.</li> <li>Added soft memory controller support for QDR IV.</li> <li>Updated the maximum resource count table to include the number of hard memory controllers available in each device variant.</li> <li>Updated the transceiver PCS data rate from 12.5 Gbps to 12 Gbps.</li> <li>Updated the max clock rate of PS, FPP x8, FPP x16, and Configuration via HPS from 125 MHz to 100 MHz.</li> <li>Added a feature for fractional synthesis PLLs: PLL cascading.</li> <li>Updated the HPS programmable general-purpose I/Os from 54 to 62.</li> </ul>
September 2014	2014.09.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corrected the 3 V I/O and LVDS I/O counts for F35 and F36 packages of Arria 10 GX.</li> <li>Corrected the 3 V I/O, LVDS I/O, and transceiver counts for the NF40 package of the Arria GX 570 and 660.</li> <li>Removed 3 V I/O, LVDS I/O, and transceiver counts for the NF40 package of the Arria GX 900 and 1150. The NF40 package is not available for Arria 10 GX 900 and 1150.</li> </ul>
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