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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, I²C, MMC/SD/SDIO, SPI, UART/USART, USB OTG
Speed	1.5GHz
Primary Attributes	FPGA - 570K Logic Elements
Operating Temperature	-40°C ~ 100°C (TJ)
Package / Case	1152-BBGA, FCBGA
Supplier Device Package	1152-FBGA, FC (35x35)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/10as057k4f35i3sg

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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.

Feature		Description

Embedded Hard IP blocks	Variable-precision DSP	• Native support for signal processing precision levels from 18 x 19 to 54 x 54
		• Native support for 27 x 27 multiplier mode
		• 64-bit accumulator and cascade for systolic finite impulse responses (FIRs)
		• Internal coefficient memory banks
		• Preadder/subtractor for improved efficiency
		• Additional pipeline register to increase performance and reduce power
		• Supports floating point arithmetic:
		  — 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	• 10GBASE-KR/40GBASE-KR4 Forward Error Correction (FEC)
		• PCS hard IPs that support:
		  — 10-Gbps Ethernet (10GbE)
		  — PCIe PIPE interface
		  — Interlaken
		  — Gbps Ethernet (GbE)
		  — Common Public Radio Interface (CPRI) with deterministic latency support
		  — Gigabit-capable passive optical network (GPON) with fast lock-time support
		• 13.5G JESD204b
		• 8B/10B, 64B/66B, 64B/67B encoders and decoders
		• Custom mode support for proprietary protocols

Core clock networks		• Up to 800 MHz fabric clocking, depending on the application:
		  — 667 MHz external memory interface clocking with 2,400 Mbps DDR4 interface
		  — 800 MHz LVDS interface clocking with 1,600 Mbps LVDS interface
		• Global, regional, and peripheral clock networks
		• Clock networks that are not used can be gated to reduce dynamic power

Phase-locked loops (PLLs)		• High-resolution fractional synthesis PLLs:
		  — Precision clock synthesis, clock delay compensation, and zero delay buffering (ZDB)
		  — Support integer mode and fractional mode
		  — Fractional mode support with third-order delta-sigma modulation
		• Integer PLLs:
		  — Adjacent to general purpose I/Os
		  — Support external memory and LVDS interfaces

FPGA General-purpose I/Os (GPIOs)		• 1.6 Gbps LVDS—every pair can be configured as receiver or transmitter • On-chip termination (OCT) • 1.2 V to 3.0 V single-ended LVTTL/LVCMOS interfacing

External Memory Interface		• Hard memory controller— DDR4, DDR3, and DDR3L support
		  — DDR4—speeds up to 1,200 MHz/2,400 Mbps
		  — DDR3—speeds up to 1,067 MHz/2,133 Mbps
		• Soft memory controller—provides support for RLDRAM 3[2], QDR IV[2], and QDR II+

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.

The information in this section is correct at the time of publication. For the latest information and to get more details, refer to the Intel FPGA Product Selector.

Related Information

Intel FPGA Product Selector

Provides the latest information on Intel products.

Available Options

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

Package Type
F : FineLine BGA (FBGA), 1.0 mm pitch
U : Ultra FineLine BGA (UBGA), 0.8 mm pitch

Transceiver Count
C : 6   N : 48
E : 12   R : 66
H : 24   S : 72
K : 36   U : 96

Operating Temperature
I   : Industrial (T_J = -40° C to 100° C)
E : Extended (T_J = 0° C to 100° C)
M : Military (T_J = -55° C to 125° C)
A : Automotive (T_J = -40° C to 125° C)

Power Option
S : Standard
L : Low
M : V_{CC} PowerManager

Family Signature
10A : Intel Arria 10

`10A  X  066  K  2  F  35  I  2  S  G  ES`

Family Variant
X : GX variant
17.4 Gbps transceivers

Logic Density
016 : 160K logic elements
022 : 220K logic elements
027 : 270K logic elements
032 : 320K logic elements
048 : 480K logic elements
057 : 570K logic elements
066 : 660K logic elements
090 : 900K logic elements
115 : 1,150K logic elements

Transceiver Speed Grade
1 (fastest)
2
3
4

Package Code
FBGA Package Type
27 : 672 pins, 27 mm x 27 mm
29 : 780 pins, 29 mm x 29 mm
34 : 1,152 pins, 35 mm x 35 mm
35 : 1,152 pins, 35 mm x 35 mm
36 : 1,152 pins, 35 mm x 35 mm
40 : 1,517 pins, 40 mm x 40 mm
45 : 1,932 pins, 45 mm x 45 mm
UBGA Package Type
19 : 484 pins, 19 mm x 19 mm

RoHS
G : RoHS6
N : RoHS5
P : Leaded   } Contact Altera for availability

FPGA Fabric Speed Grade
1 (fastest)
2
3

Optional Suffix
Indicates specific device options or shipment method
ES : Engineering sample

Related Information

Transceiver Performance for Intel Arria 10 GX/SX Devices
Provides more information about the transceiver speed grade.

Maximum Resources

Table 5. **Maximum Resource Counts for Intel Arria 10 GX Devices (GX 160, GX 220, GX 270, GX 320, and GX 480)**

Resource		Product Line				
		GX 160	GX 220	GX 270	GX 320	GX 480
Logic Elements (LE) (K)		160	220	270	320	480
ALM		61,510	80,330	101,620	119,900	183,590
Register		246,040	321,320	406,480	479,600	734,360
Memory (Kb)	M20K	8,800	11,740	15,000	17,820	28,620
	MLAB	1,050	1,690	2,452	2,727	4,164
Variable-precision DSP Block		156	192	830	985	1,368
18 x 19 Multiplier		312	384	1,660	1,970	2,736
PLL	Fractional Synthesis	6	6	8	8	12
	I/O	6	6	8	8	12
17.4 Gbps Transceiver		12	12	24	24	36
GPIO [3]		288	288	384	384	492
LVDS Pair [4]		120	120	168	168	222
PCIe Hard IP Block		1	1	2	2	2
Hard Memory Controller		6	6	8	8	12

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[3] 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.

[4] Each LVDS I/O pair can be used as differential input or output.

Available Options

Figure 2.   Sample Ordering Code and Available Options for Intel Arria 10 GT Devices

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 × 45 mm, 1932-pin FBGA)		
	3 V I/O	**LVDS I/O**	**XCVR**
GT 900	—	624	72
GT 1150	—	624	72

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[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.

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 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

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.

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 Line	Package										
		U19	F27	F29	F34	F35	KF40	NF40	RF40	NF45	SF45	UF45
Intel® Arria® 10 GX	GX 160	■	■	■								
	GX 220	■	■	■								
	GX 270		■	■	■	■						
	GX 320		■	■	■	■						
	GX 480			■	■	■						
	GX 570				■	■	■	■				
	GX 660				■	■	■	■				
	GX 900				■	■		■	■	■	■	■
	GX 1150				■	■		■	■	■	■	■
Intel Arria 10 GT	GT 900										■	
	GT 1150										■	
Intel Arria 10 SX	SX 160	■	■	■								
	SX 220	■	■	■								
	SX 270		■	■	■	■						
	SX 320		■	■	■	■						
	SX 480			■	■	■						
	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
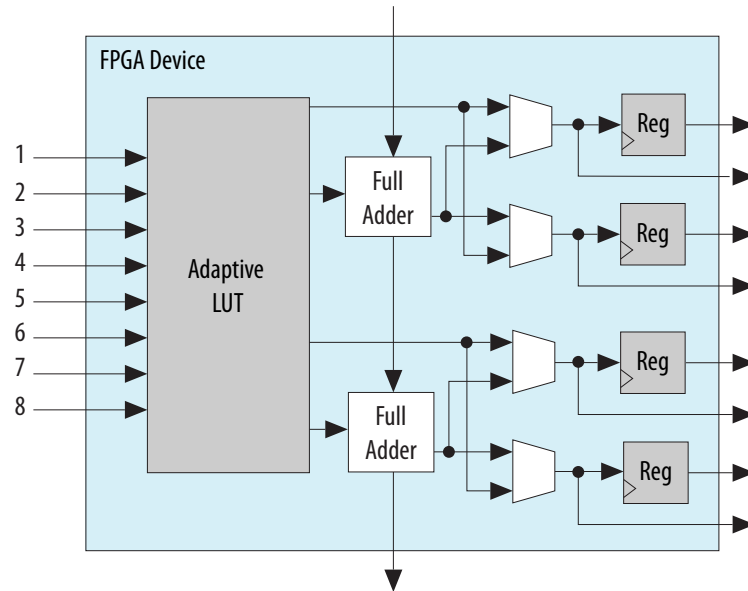
The Intel Quartus Prime software optimizes your design according to the ALM logic structure and automatically maps legacy designs into the Intel Arria 10 ALM architecture.

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

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

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[(10)] 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 [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

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[11] 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.

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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

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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

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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

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[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

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

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.

Date	Version	Changes
January 2018	2018.01.17	• Updated the maximum data rate for HPS (Intel Arria 10 SX devices external memory interface DDR3 controller from 2,166 Mbps to 2,133 Mbps. • Updated maximum frequency supported for half rate QDRII and QDRII + SRAM to 633 MHz in *Memory Standards Supported by the Soft Memory Controller* table. • Updated transceiver backplane capability to 12.5 Gbps. • Removed transceiver speed grade 5 in *Sample Ordering Core and Available Options for Intel Arria 10 GX Devices* figure.
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August 2014	2014.08.18	• Updated Memory (Kb) M20K maximum resources for Arria 10 GX 660 devices from 42,660 to 42,620. • Added GPIO columns consisting of LVDS I/O Bank and 3V I/O Bank in the Package Plan table. • Added how to use memory interface clock frequency higher than 533 MHz in the I/O vertical migration. • Added information to clarify that RLDRAM3 support uses hard PHY with soft memory controller. • Added variable precision DSP blocks support for floating-point arithmetic.
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