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RAM Size	256KB
Peripherals	DMA, POR, WDT
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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:					
Core clock networks	 667 MHz externa 800 MHz LVDS in Global, regional, and 	c clocking, depending on the application: I memory interface clocking with 2,400 Mbps DDR4 interface terface clocking with 1,600 Mbps LVDS interface I peripheral clock networks 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)	On-chip termination	ry pair can be configured as receiver or transmitter (OCT) -ended LVTTL/LVCMOS interfacing					
External Memory Interface	DDR4—speeds upDDR3—speeds up	oller— DDR4, DDR3, and DDR3L support to 1,200 MHz/2,400 Mbps to 1,067 MHz/2,133 Mbps to 1,067 MHz/2,133 Mbps to 1,067 MHz/2,134 Mhz/2,134 Mbps to 1,067 Mhz/2,134					



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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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									
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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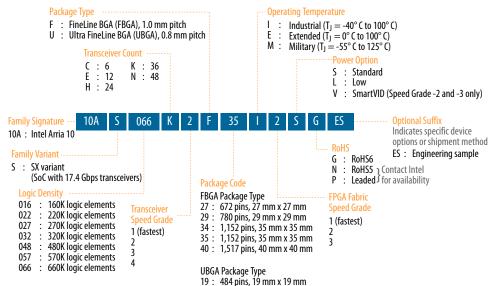
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Available Options

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			I	Product Line			
		SX 160	SX 220	SX 270	SX 320	SX 480	SX 570	SX 660
Logic Elements	s (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	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		1,687
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
ALM Register Memory (Kb) Variable-precis 18 x 19 Multipl PLL 17.4 Gbps Trar GPIO (8) LVDS Pair (9) PCIe Hard IP B	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)		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 mm × 40 n 17-pin FBG		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	e				
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				V							

Note:

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

Adaptive Logic Module

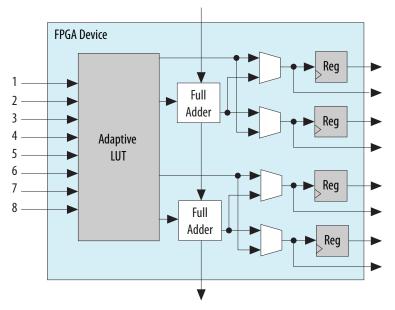
Intel Arria 10 devices use a 20 nm ALM as the basic building block of the logic fabric.

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	Product 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	



Types of Embedded Memory

The Intel Arria 10 devices contain two types of memory blocks:

- 20 Kb M20K blocks—blocks of dedicated memory resources. The M20K blocks are ideal for larger memory arrays while still providing a large number of independent ports.
- 640 bit memory logic array blocks (MLABs)—enhanced memory blocks that are configured from dual-purpose logic array blocks (LABs). The MLABs are ideal for wide and shallow memory arrays. The MLABs are optimized for implementation of shift registers for digital signal processing (DSP) applications, wide and shallow FIFO buffers, and filter delay lines. Each MLAB is made up of ten adaptive logic modules (ALMs). In the Intel Arria 10 devices, you can configure these ALMs as ten 32 x 2 blocks, giving you one 32 x 20 simple dual-port SRAM block per MLAB.

Embedded Memory Capacity in Intel Arria 10 Devices

Table 18. Embedded Memory Capacity and Distribution in Intel Arria 10 Devices

	Product	M2	20K	ML	- Total RAM Bit	
Variant	Line	Block	RAM Bit (Kb)	Block	RAM Bit (Kb)	(Kb)
Intel Arria 10 GX	GX 160	440	8,800	1,680	1,050	9,850
	GX 220	587	11,740	2,703	1,690	13,430
	GX 270	750	15,000	3,922	2,452	17,452
	GX 320	891	17,820	4,363	2,727	20,547
	GX 480	1,431	28,620	6,662	4,164	32,784
	GX 570	1,800	36,000	8,153	5,096	41,096
	GX 660	2,131	42,620	9,260	5,788	48,408
	GX 900	2,423	48,460	15,017	9,386	57,846
	GX 1150	2,713	54,260	20,774	12,984	67,244
Intel Arria 10 GT	GT 900	2,423	48,460	15,017	9,386	57,846
	GT 1150	2,713	54,260	20,774	12,984	67,244
Intel Arria 10 SX	SX 160	440	8,800	1,680	1,050	9,850
	SX 220	587	11,740	2,703	1,690	13,430
	SX 270	750	15,000	3,922	2,452	17,452
	SX 320	891	17,820	4,363	2,727	20,547
	SX 480	1,431	28,620	6,662	4,164	32,784
	SX 570	1,800	36,000	8,153	5,096	41,096
	SX 660	2,131	42,620	9,260	5,788	48,408



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.

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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:

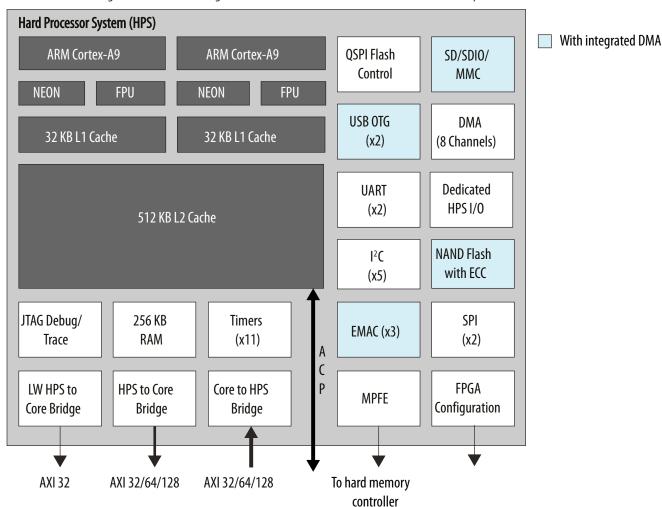
- Reduces board space, system power, and bill of materials cost by eliminating a discrete embedded processor
- Allows you to differentiate the end product in both hardware and software, and to support virtually any interface standard
- Extends the product life and revenue through in-field hardware and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

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



Figure 9. HPS Block Diagram

This figure shows a block diagram of the HPS with the dual ARM Cortex-A9 MPCore processor.



Key Advantages of 20-nm HPS

The 20-nm HPS strikes a balance between enabling maximum software compatibility with 28-nm SoCs while still improving upon the 28-nm HPS architecture. These improvements address the requirements of the next generation target markets such as wireless and wireline communications, compute and storage equipment, broadcast and military in terms of performance, memory bandwidth, connectivity via backplane and security.



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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