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The versatility of Embedded - FPGAs makes them indispensable in numerous fields. In telecommunications.

Details

Product Status	Obsolete
Number of LABs/CLBs	100
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	238
Total RAM Bits	3200
Number of I/O	80
Number of Gates	3000
Voltage - Supply	4.75V ~ 5.25V
Mounting Type	Through Hole
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	120-BCPGA
Supplier Device Package	120-CPGA (34.54x34.54)
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XC4000E and XC4000X Series Compared to the XC4000

For readers already familiar with the XC4000 family of Xilinx Field Programmable Gate Arrays, the major new features in the XC4000 Series devices are listed in this section. The biggest advantages of XC4000E and XC4000X devices are significantly increased system speed, greater capacity, and new architectural features, particularly Select-RAM memory. The XC4000X devices also offer many new routing features, including special high-speed clock buffers that can be used to capture input data with minimal delay.

Any XC4000E device is pinout- and bitstream-compatible with the corresponding XC4000 device. An existing XC4000 bitstream can be used to program an XC4000E device. However, since the XC4000E includes many new features, an XC4000E bitstream cannot be loaded into an XC4000 device.

XC4000X Series devices are not bitstream-compatible with equivalent array size devices in the XC4000 or XC4000E families. However, equivalent array size devices, such as the XC4025, XC4025E, XC4028EX, and XC4028XL, are pinout-compatible.

Improvements in XC4000E and XC4000X

Increased System Speed

XC4000E and XC4000X devices can run at synchronous system clock rates of up to 80 MHz, and internal performance can exceed 150 MHz. This increase in performance over the previous families stems from improvements in both device processing and system architecture. XC4000 Series devices use a sub-micron multi-layer metal process. In addition, many architectural improvements have been made, as described below.

The XC4000XL family is a high performance 3.3V family based on 0.35 μ SRAM technology and supports system speeds to 80 MHz.

PCI Compliance

XC4000 Series -2 and faster speed grades are fully PCI compliant. XC4000E and XC4000X devices can be used to implement a one-chip PCI solution.

Carry Logic

The speed of the carry logic chain has increased dramatically. Some parameters, such as the delay on the carry chain through a single CLB (T_{BYP}), have improved by as

much as 50% from XC4000 values. See [“Fast Carry Logic” on page 18](#) for more information.

Select-RAM Memory: Edge-Triggered, Synchronous RAM Modes

The RAM in any CLB can be configured for synchronous, edge-triggered, write operation. The read operation is not affected by this change to an edge-triggered write.

Dual-Port RAM

A separate option converts the 16x2 RAM in any CLB into a 16x1 dual-port RAM with simultaneous Read/Write.

The function generators in each CLB can be configured as either level-sensitive (asynchronous) single-port RAM, edge-triggered (synchronous) single-port RAM, edge-triggered (synchronous) dual-port RAM, or as combinatorial logic.

Configurable RAM Content

The RAM content can now be loaded at configuration time, so that the RAM starts up with user-defined data.

H Function Generator

In current XC4000 Series devices, the H function generator is more versatile than in the original XC4000. Its inputs can come not only from the F and G function generators but also from up to three of the four control input lines. The H function generator can thus be totally or partially independent of the other two function generators, increasing the maximum capacity of the device.

IOB Clock Enable

The two flip-flops in each IOB have a common clock enable input, which through configuration can be activated individually for the input or output flip-flop or both. This clock enable operates exactly like the EC pin on the XC4000 CLB. This new feature makes the IOBs more versatile, and avoids the need for clock gating.

Output Drivers

The output pull-up structure defaults to a TTL-like totem-pole. This driver is an n-channel pull-up transistor, pulling to a voltage one transistor threshold below V_{cc} , just like the XC4000 family outputs. Alternatively, XC4000 Series devices can be globally configured with CMOS outputs, with p-channel pull-up transistors pulling to V_{cc} . Also, the configurable pull-up resistor in the XC4000 Series is a p-channel transistor that pulls to V_{cc} , whereas in the original XC4000 family it is an n-channel transistor that pulls to a voltage one transistor threshold below V_{cc} .

Table 1: XC4000E and XC4000X Series Field Programmable Gate Arrays

Device	Logic Cells	Max Logic Gates (No RAM)	Max. RAM Bits (No Logic)	Typical Gate Range (Logic and RAM)*	CLB Matrix	Total CLBs	Number of Flip-Flops	Max. User I/O
XC4002XL	152	1,600	2,048	1,000 - 3,000	8 x 8	64	256	64
XC4003E	238	3,000	3,200	2,000 - 5,000	10 x 10	100	360	80
XC4005E/XL	466	5,000	6,272	3,000 - 9,000	14 x 14	196	616	112
XC4006E	608	6,000	8,192	4,000 - 12,000	16 x 16	256	768	128
XC4008E	770	8,000	10,368	6,000 - 15,000	18 x 18	324	936	144
XC4010E/XL	950	10,000	12,800	7,000 - 20,000	20 x 20	400	1,120	160
XC4013E/XL	1368	13,000	18,432	10,000 - 30,000	24 x 24	576	1,536	192
XC4020E/XL	1862	20,000	25,088	13,000 - 40,000	28 x 28	784	2,016	224
XC4025E	2432	25,000	32,768	15,000 - 45,000	32 x 32	1,024	2,560	256
XC4028EX/XL	2432	28,000	32,768	18,000 - 50,000	32 x 32	1,024	2,560	256
XC4036EX/XL	3078	36,000	41,472	22,000 - 65,000	36 x 36	1,296	3,168	288
XC4044XL	3800	44,000	51,200	27,000 - 80,000	40 x 40	1,600	3,840	320
XC4052XL	4598	52,000	61,952	33,000 - 100,000	44 x 44	1,936	4,576	352
XC4062XL	5472	62,000	73,728	40,000 - 130,000	48 x 48	2,304	5,376	384
XC4085XL	7448	85,000	100,352	55,000 - 180,000	56 x 56	3,136	7,168	448

* Max values of Typical Gate Range include 20-30% of CLBs used as RAM.

Note: All functionality in low-voltage families is the same as in the corresponding 5-Volt family, except where numerical references are made to timing or power.

Description

XC4000 Series devices are implemented with a regular, flexible, programmable architecture of Configurable Logic Blocks (CLBs), interconnected by a powerful hierarchy of versatile routing resources, and surrounded by a perimeter of programmable Input/Output Blocks (IOBs). They have generous routing resources to accommodate the most complex interconnect patterns.

The devices are customized by loading configuration data into internal memory cells. The FPGA can either actively read its configuration data from an external serial or byte-parallel PROM (master modes), or the configuration data can be written into the FPGA from an external device (slave and peripheral modes).

XC4000 Series FPGAs are supported by powerful and sophisticated software, covering every aspect of design from schematic or behavioral entry, floor planning, simulation, automatic block placement and routing of interconnects, to the creation, downloading, and readback of the configuration bit stream.

Because Xilinx FPGAs can be reprogrammed an unlimited number of times, they can be used in innovative designs

where hardware is changed dynamically, or where hardware must be adapted to different user applications. FPGAs are ideal for shortening design and development cycles, and also offer a cost-effective solution for production rates well beyond 5,000 systems per month.

Taking Advantage of Re-configuration

FPGA devices can be re-configured to change logic function while resident in the system. This capability gives the system designer a new degree of freedom not available with any other type of logic.

Hardware can be changed as easily as software. Design updates or modifications are easy, and can be made to products already in the field. An FPGA can even be re-configured dynamically to perform different functions at different times.

Re-configurable logic can be used to implement system self-diagnostics, create systems capable of being re-configured for different environments or operations, or implement multi-purpose hardware for a given application. As an added benefit, using re-configurable FPGA devices simplifies hardware design and debugging and shortens product time-to-market.

Detailed Functional Description

XC4000 Series devices achieve high speed through advanced semiconductor technology and improved architecture. The XC4000E and XC4000X support system clock rates of up to 80 MHz and internal performance in excess of 150 MHz. Compared to older Xilinx FPGA families, XC4000 Series devices are more powerful. They offer on-chip edge-triggered and dual-port RAM, clock enables on I/O flip-flops, and wide-input decoders. They are more versatile in many applications, especially those involving RAM. Design cycles are faster due to a combination of increased routing resources and more sophisticated software.

Basic Building Blocks

Xilinx user-programmable gate arrays include two major configurable elements: configurable logic blocks (CLBs) and input/output blocks (IOBs).

- CLBs provide the functional elements for constructing the user's logic.
- IOBs provide the interface between the package pins and internal signal lines.

Three other types of circuits are also available:

- 3-State buffers (TBUFs) driving horizontal longlines are associated with each CLB.
- Wide edge decoders are available around the periphery of each device.
- An on-chip oscillator is provided.

Programmable interconnect resources provide routing paths to connect the inputs and outputs of these configurable elements to the appropriate networks.

The functionality of each circuit block is customized during configuration by programming internal static memory cells. The values stored in these memory cells determine the logic functions and interconnections implemented in the FPGA. Each of these available circuits is described in this section.

Configurable Logic Blocks (CLBs)

Configurable Logic Blocks implement most of the logic in an FPGA. The principal CLB elements are shown in **Figure 1**. Two 4-input function generators (F and G) offer unrestricted versatility. Most combinatorial logic functions need four or fewer inputs. However, a third function generator (H) is provided. The H function generator has three inputs. Either zero, one, or two of these inputs can be the outputs of F and G; the other input(s) are from outside the CLB. The CLB can, therefore, implement certain functions of up to nine variables, like parity check or expandable-identity comparison of two sets of four inputs.

Each CLB contains two storage elements that can be used to store the function generator outputs. However, the storage elements and function generators can also be used independently. These storage elements can be configured as flip-flops in both XC4000E and XC4000X devices; in the XC4000X they can optionally be configured as latches. DIN can be used as a direct input to either of the two storage elements. H1 can drive the other through the H function generator. Function generator outputs can also drive two outputs independent of the storage element outputs. This versatility increases logic capacity and simplifies routing.

Thirteen CLB inputs and four CLB outputs provide access to the function generators and storage elements. These inputs and outputs connect to the programmable interconnect resources outside the block.

Function Generators

Four independent inputs are provided to each of two function generators (F1 - F4 and G1 - G4). These function generators, with outputs labeled F' and G', are each capable of implementing any arbitrarily defined Boolean function of four inputs. The function generators are implemented as memory look-up tables. The propagation delay is therefore independent of the function implemented.

A third function generator, labeled H', can implement any Boolean function of its three inputs. Two of these inputs can optionally be the F' and G' functional generator outputs. Alternatively, one or both of these inputs can come from outside the CLB (H2, H0). The third input must come from outside the block (H1).

Signals from the function generators can exit the CLB on two outputs. F' or H' can be connected to the X output. G' or H' can be connected to the Y output.

A CLB can be used to implement any of the following functions:

- any function of up to four variables, plus any second function of up to four unrelated variables, plus any third function of up to three unrelated variables¹
- any single function of five variables
- any function of four variables together with some functions of six variables
- some functions of up to nine variables.

Implementing wide functions in a single block reduces both the number of blocks required and the delay in the signal path, achieving both increased capacity and speed.

The versatility of the CLB function generators significantly improves system speed. In addition, the design-software tools can deal with each function generator independently. This flexibility improves cell usage.

1. When three separate functions are generated, one of the function outputs must be captured in a flip-flop internal to the CLB. Only two unregistered function generator outputs are available from the CLB.

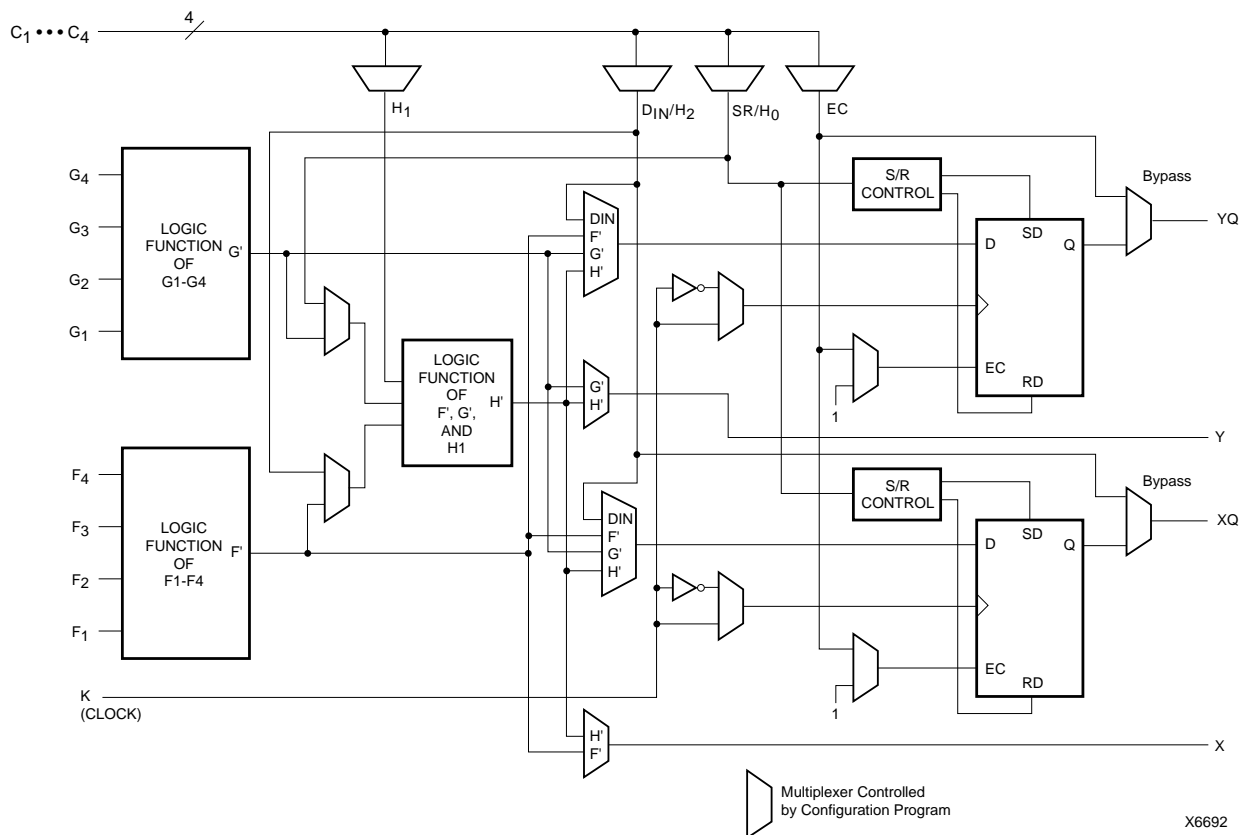


Figure 1: Simplified Block Diagram of XC4000 Series CLB (RAM and Carry Logic functions not shown)

Flip-Flops

The CLB can pass the combinational output(s) to the interconnect network, but can also store the combinational results or other incoming data in one or two flip-flops, and connect their outputs to the interconnect network as well.

The two edge-triggered D-type flip-flops have common clock (K) and clock enable (EC) inputs. Either or both clock inputs can also be permanently enabled. Storage element functionality is described in [Table 2](#).

Latches (XC4000X only)

The CLB storage elements can also be configured as latches. The two latches have common clock (K) and clock enable (EC) inputs. Storage element functionality is described in [Table 2](#).

Clock Input

Each flip-flop can be triggered on either the rising or falling clock edge. The clock pin is shared by both storage elements. However, the clock is individually invertible for each storage element. Any inverter placed on the clock input is automatically absorbed into the CLB.

Clock Enable

The clock enable signal (EC) is active High. The EC pin is shared by both storage elements. If left unconnected for either, the clock enable for that storage element defaults to the active state. EC is not invertible within the CLB.

Table 2: CLB Storage Element Functionality (active rising edge is shown)

Mode	K	EC	SR	D	Q
Power-Up or GSR	X	X	X	X	SR
Flip-Flop	X	X	1	X	SR
		1*	0*	D	D
Latch	0	X	0*	X	Q
	1	1*	0*	X	Q
Both	0	1*	0*	D	D
Both	X	0	0*	X	Q

Legend:

X

SR

0*

1*

Don't care

Rising edge

Set or Reset value. Reset is default.

Input is Low or unconnected (default value)

Input is High or unconnected (default value)

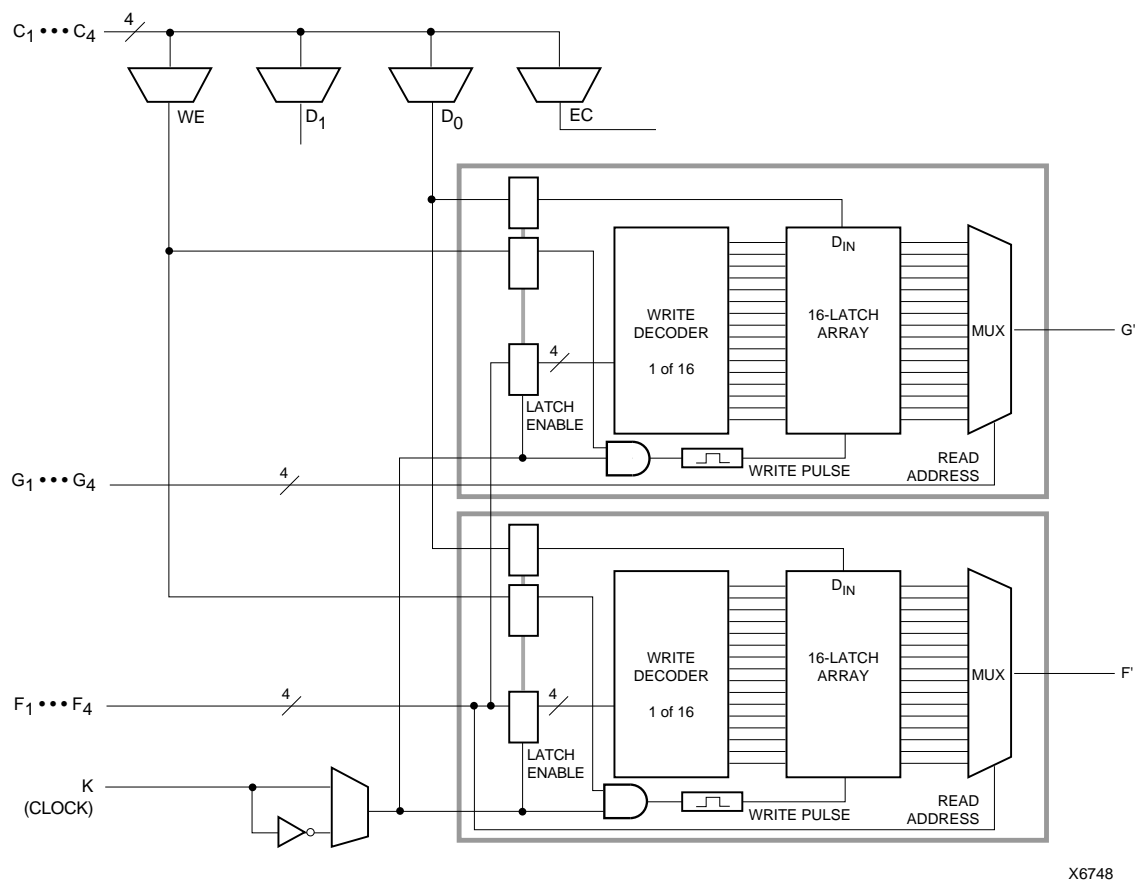


Figure 7: 16x1 Edge-Triggered Dual-Port RAM

Figure 8 shows the write timing for level-sensitive, single-port RAM.

The relationships between CLB pins and RAM inputs and outputs for single-port level-sensitive mode are shown in Table 7.

Figure 9 and Figure 10 show block diagrams of a CLB configured as 16x2 and 32x1 level-sensitive, single-port RAM.

Initializing RAM at Configuration

Both RAM and ROM implementations of the XC4000 Series devices are initialized during configuration. The initial contents are defined via an INIT attribute or property

attached to the RAM or ROM symbol, as described in the schematic library guide. If not defined, all RAM contents are initialized to all zeros, by default.

RAM initialization occurs only during configuration. The RAM content is not affected by Global Set/Reset.

Table 7: Single-Port Level-Sensitive RAM Signals

RAM Signal	CLB Pin	Function
D	D0 or D1	Data In
A[3:0]	F1-F4 or G1-G4	Address
WE	WE	Write Enable
O	F' or G'	Data Out

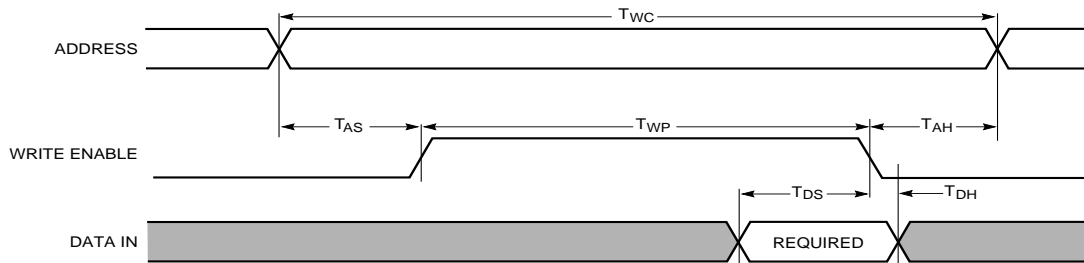


Figure 8: Level-Sensitive RAM Write Timing

Fast Carry Logic

Each CLB F and G function generator contains dedicated arithmetic logic for the fast generation of carry and borrow signals. This extra output is passed on to the function generator in the adjacent CLB. The carry chain is independent of normal routing resources.

Dedicated fast carry logic greatly increases the efficiency and performance of adders, subtractors, accumulators, comparators and counters. It also opens the door to many new applications involving arithmetic operation, where the previous generations of FPGAs were not fast enough or too inefficient. High-speed address offset calculations in micro-processor or graphics systems, and high-speed addition in digital signal processing are two typical applications.

The two 4-input function generators can be configured as a 2-bit adder with built-in hidden carry that can be expanded to any length. This dedicated carry circuitry is so fast and efficient that conventional speed-up methods like carry generate/propagate are meaningless even at the 16-bit level, and of marginal benefit at the 32-bit level.

This fast carry logic is one of the more significant features of the XC4000 Series, speeding up arithmetic and counting into the 70 MHz range.

The carry chain in XC4000E devices can run either up or down. At the top and bottom of the columns where there are no CLBs above or below, the carry is propagated to the right. (See Figure 11.) In order to improve speed in the high-capacity XC4000X devices, which can potentially have very long carry chains, the carry chain travels upward only, as shown in Figure 12. Additionally, standard interconnect can be used to route a carry signal in the downward direction.

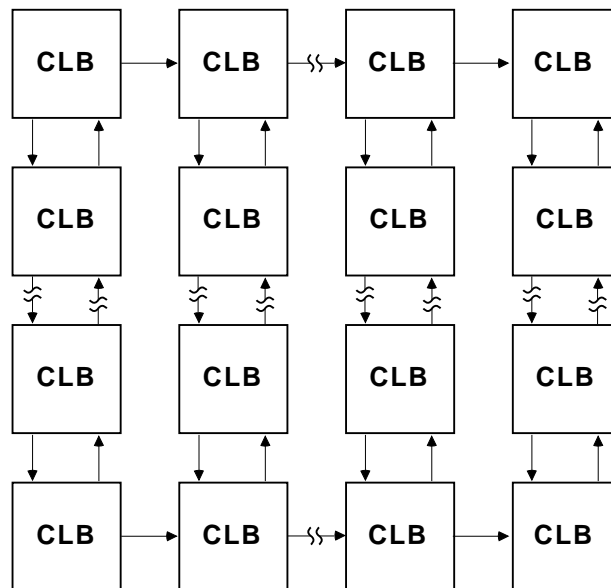
Figure 13 on page 19 shows an XC4000E CLB with dedicated fast carry logic. The carry logic in the XC4000X is similar, except that COUT exits at the top only, and the signal CINDOWN does not exist. As shown in Figure 13, the carry logic shares operand and control inputs with the function generators. The carry outputs connect to the function generators, where they are combined with the operands to form the sums.

Figure 14 on page 20 shows the details of the carry logic for the XC4000E. This diagram shows the contents of the box labeled "CARRY LOGIC" in Figure 13. The XC4000X carry logic is very similar, but a multiplexer on the pass-through carry chain has been eliminated to reduce delay. Additionally, in the XC4000X the multiplexer on the G4 path has a memory-programmable 0 input, which permits G4 to directly connect to COUT. G4 thus becomes an additional high-speed initialization path for carry-in.

The dedicated carry logic is discussed in detail in Xilinx document XAPP 013: "Using the Dedicated Carry Logic in

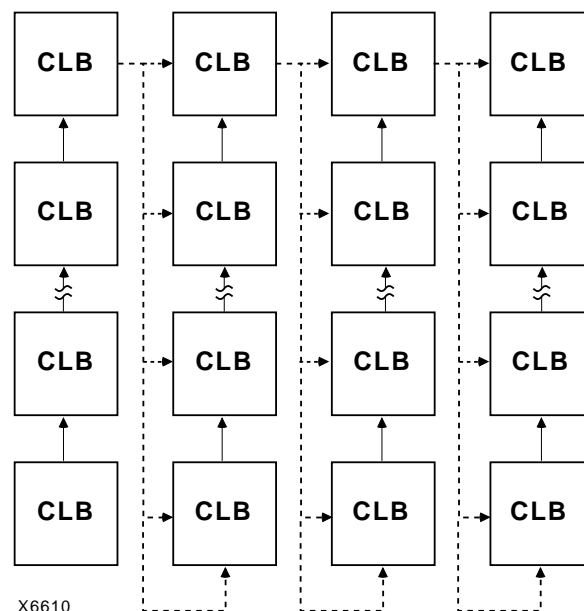
XC4000." This discussion also applies to XC4000E devices, and to XC4000X devices when the minor logic changes are taken into account.

The fast carry logic can be accessed by placing special library symbols, or by using Xilinx Relationally Placed Macros (RPMs) that already include these symbols.



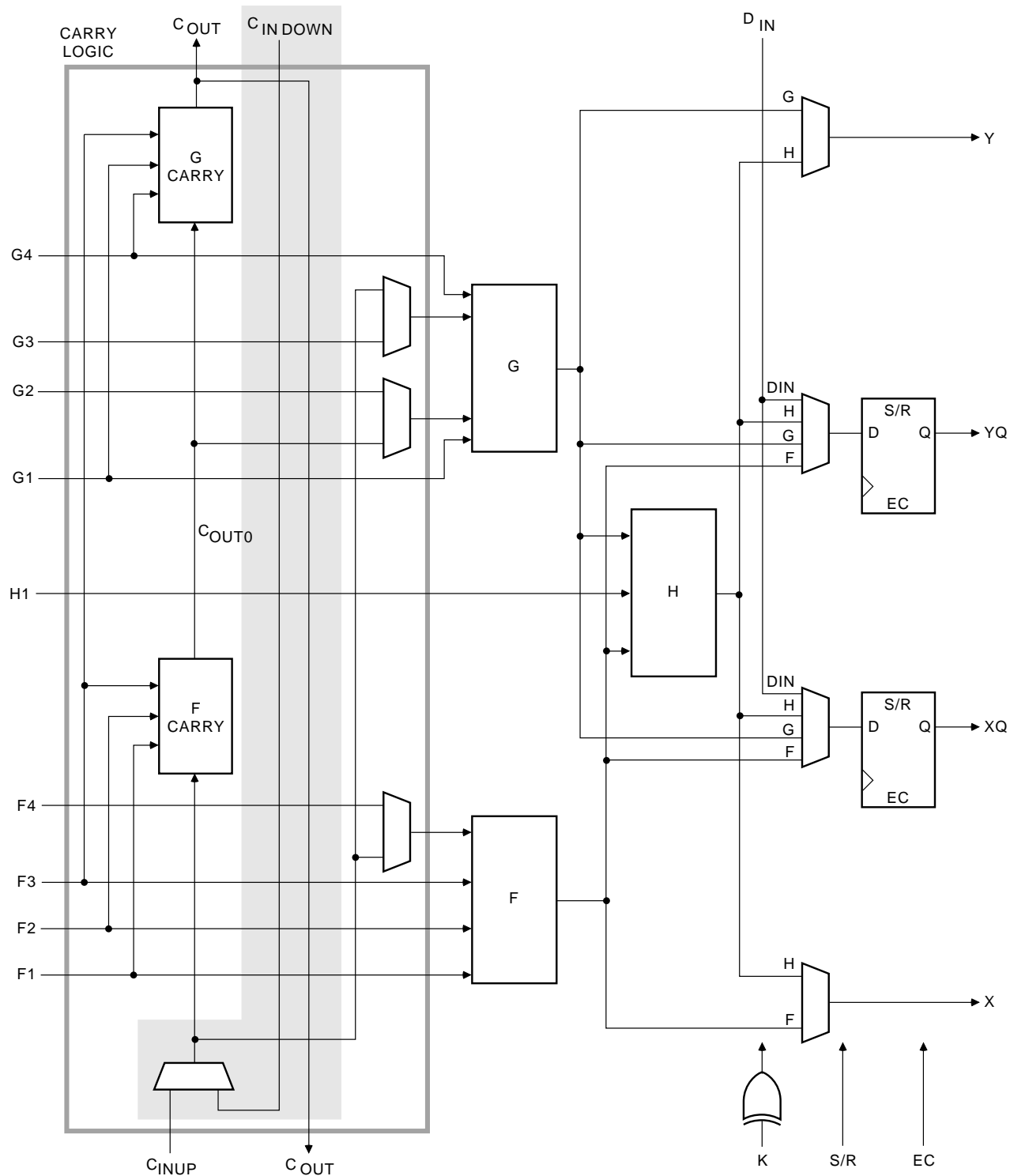
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Figure 11: Available XC4000E Carry Propagation Paths



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Figure 12: Available XC4000X Carry Propagation Paths (dotted lines use general interconnect)



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Figure 13: Fast Carry Logic in XC4000E CLB (shaded area not present in XC4000X)

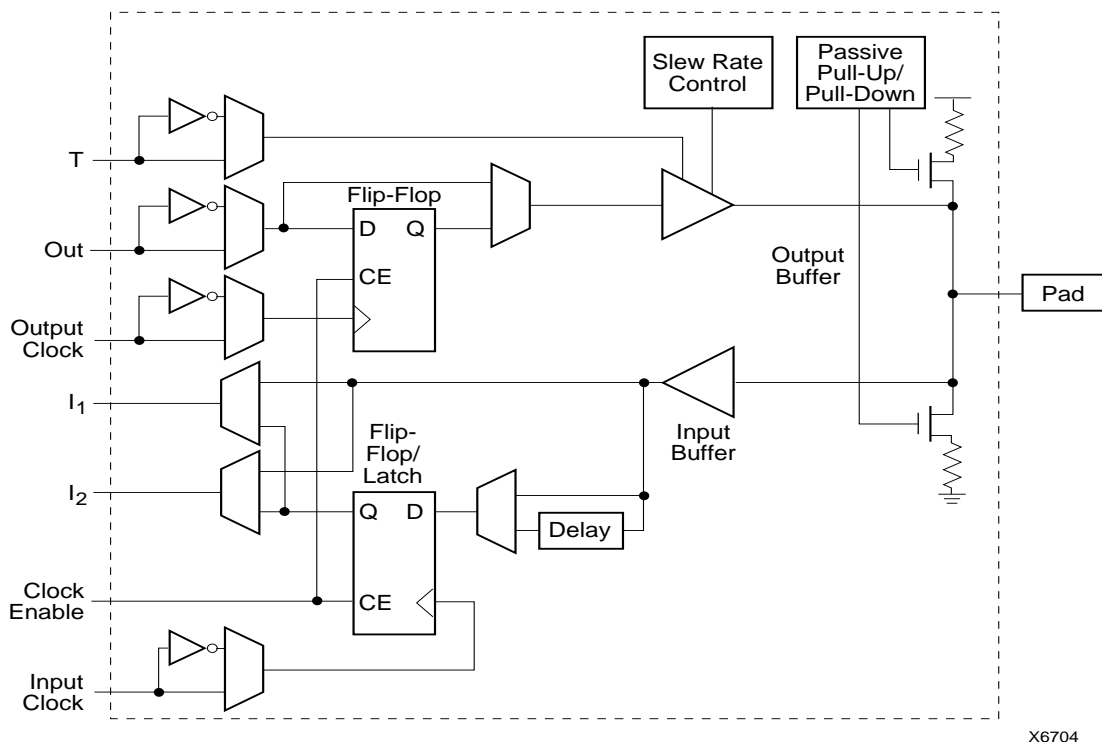


Figure 15: Simplified Block Diagram of XC4000E IOB

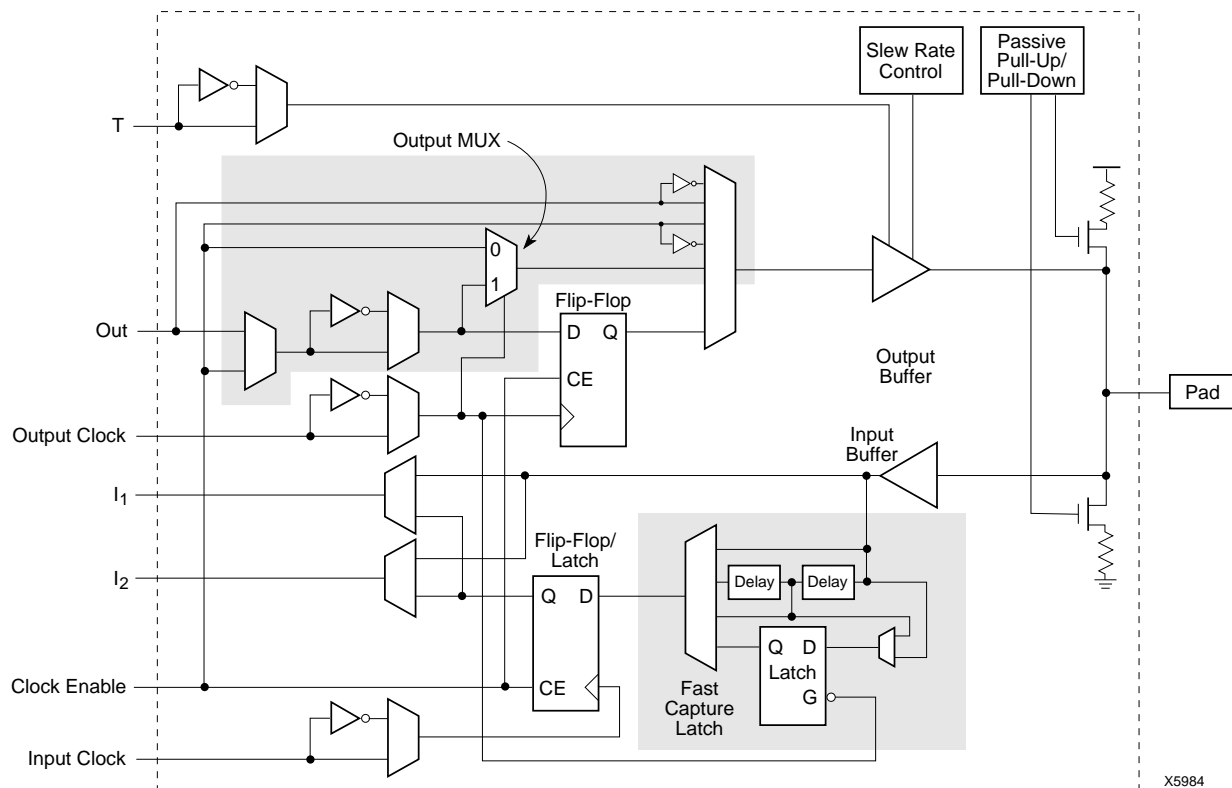


Figure 16: Simplified Block Diagram of XC4000X IOB (shaded areas indicate differences from XC4000E)

Any XC4000 Series 5-Volt device with its outputs configured in TTL mode can drive the inputs of any typical 3.3-Volt device. (For a detailed discussion of how to interface between 5 V and 3.3 V devices, see the 3V Products section of *The Programmable Logic Data Book*.)

Supported destinations for XC4000 Series device outputs are shown in [Table 12](#).

An output can be configured as open-drain (open-collector) by placing an OBUFT symbol in a schematic or HDL code, then tying the 3-state pin (T) to the output signal, and the input pin (I) to Ground. (See [Figure 18](#).)

Table 12: Supported Destinations for XC4000 Series Outputs

Destination	XC4000 Series Outputs		
	3.3 V, CMOS	5 V, TTL	5 V, CMOS
Any typical device, Vcc = 3.3 V, CMOS-threshold inputs	✓	✓	some ¹
Any device, Vcc = 5 V, TTL-threshold inputs	✓	✓	✓
Any device, Vcc = 5 V, CMOS-threshold inputs	Unreliable Data		✓

1. Only if destination device has 5-V tolerant inputs

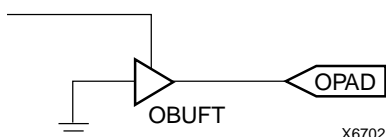


Figure 18: Open-Drain Output

Output Slew Rate

The slew rate of each output buffer is, by default, reduced, to minimize power bus transients when switching non-critical signals. For critical signals, attach a FAST attribute or property to the output buffer or flip-flop.

For XC4000E devices, maximum total capacitive load for simultaneous fast mode switching in the same direction is 200 pF for all package pins between each Power/Ground pin pair. For XC4000X devices, additional internal

Power/Ground pin pairs are connected to special Power and Ground planes within the packages, to reduce ground bounce. Therefore, the maximum total capacitive load is 300 pF between each external Power/Ground pin pair. Maximum loading may vary for the low-voltage devices.

For slew-rate limited outputs this total is two times larger for each device type: 400 pF for XC4000E devices and 600 pF for XC4000X devices. This maximum capacitive load should not be exceeded, as it can result in ground bounce of greater than 1.5 V amplitude and more than 5 ns duration. This level of ground bounce may cause undesired transient behavior on an output, or in the internal logic. This restriction is common to all high-speed digital ICs, and is not particular to Xilinx or the XC4000 Series.

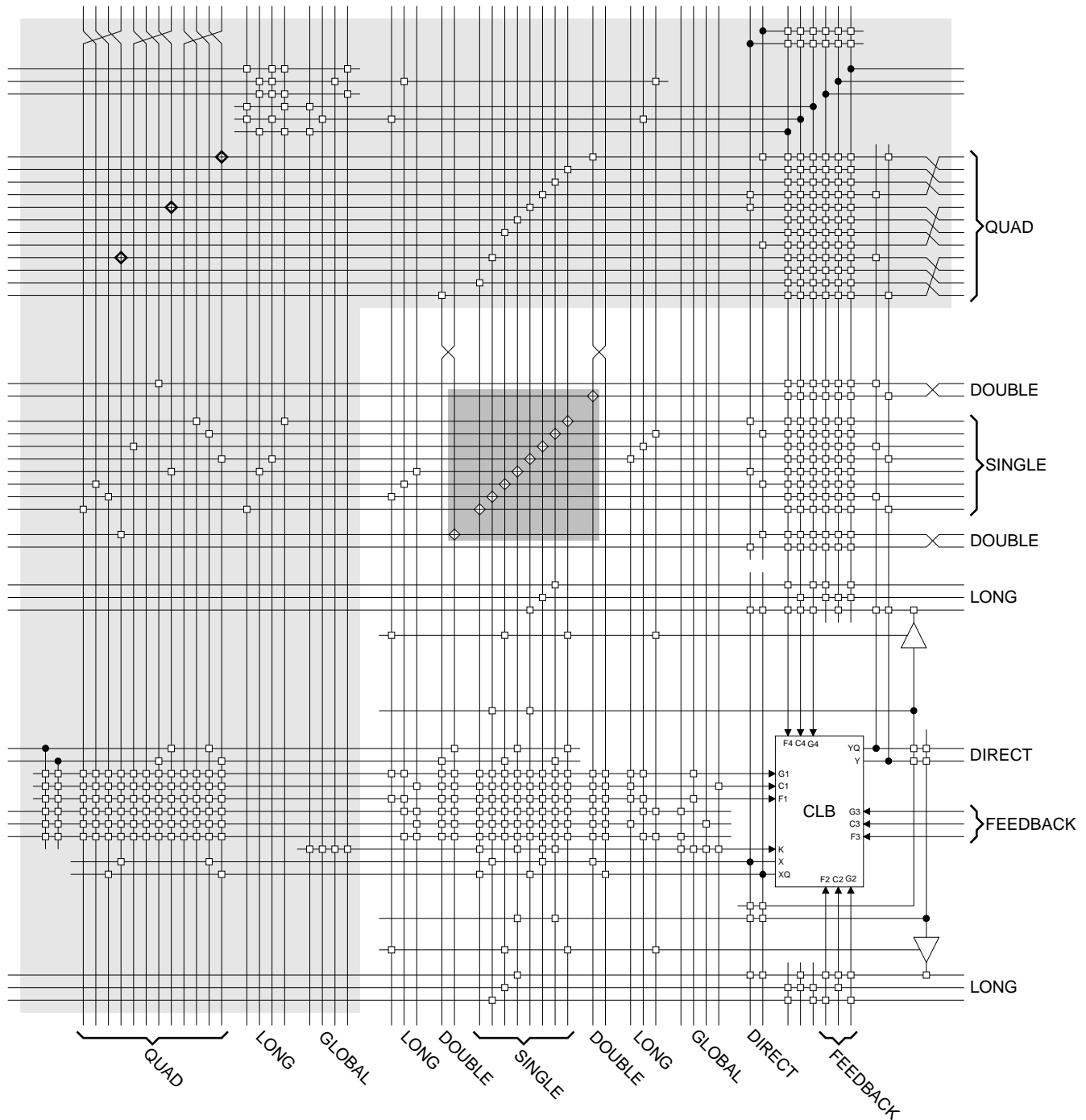
XC4000 Series devices have a feature called “Soft Start-up,” designed to reduce ground bounce when all outputs are turned on simultaneously at the end of configuration. When the configuration process is finished and the device starts up, the first activation of the outputs is automatically slew-rate limited. Immediately following the initial activation of the I/O, the slew rate of the individual outputs is determined by the individual configuration option for each IOB.

Global Three-State

A separate Global 3-State line (not shown in [Figure 15](#) or [Figure 16](#)) forces all FPGA outputs to the high-impedance state, unless boundary scan is enabled and is executing an EXTEST instruction. This global net (GTS) does not compete with other routing resources; it uses a dedicated distribution network.

GTS can be driven from any user-programmable pin as a global 3-state input. To use this global net, place an input pad and input buffer in the schematic or HDL code, driving the GTS pin of the STARTUP symbol. A specific pin location can be assigned to this input using a LOC attribute or property, just as with any other user-programmable pad. An inverter can optionally be inserted after the input buffer to invert the sense of the Global 3-State signal. Using GTS is similar to GSR. See [Figure 2 on page 11](#) for details.

Alternatively, GTS can be driven from any internal node.



- Common to XC4000E and XC4000X
- XC4000X only
- Programmable Switch Matrix

Figure 27: Detail of Programmable Interconnect Associated with XC4000 Series CLB

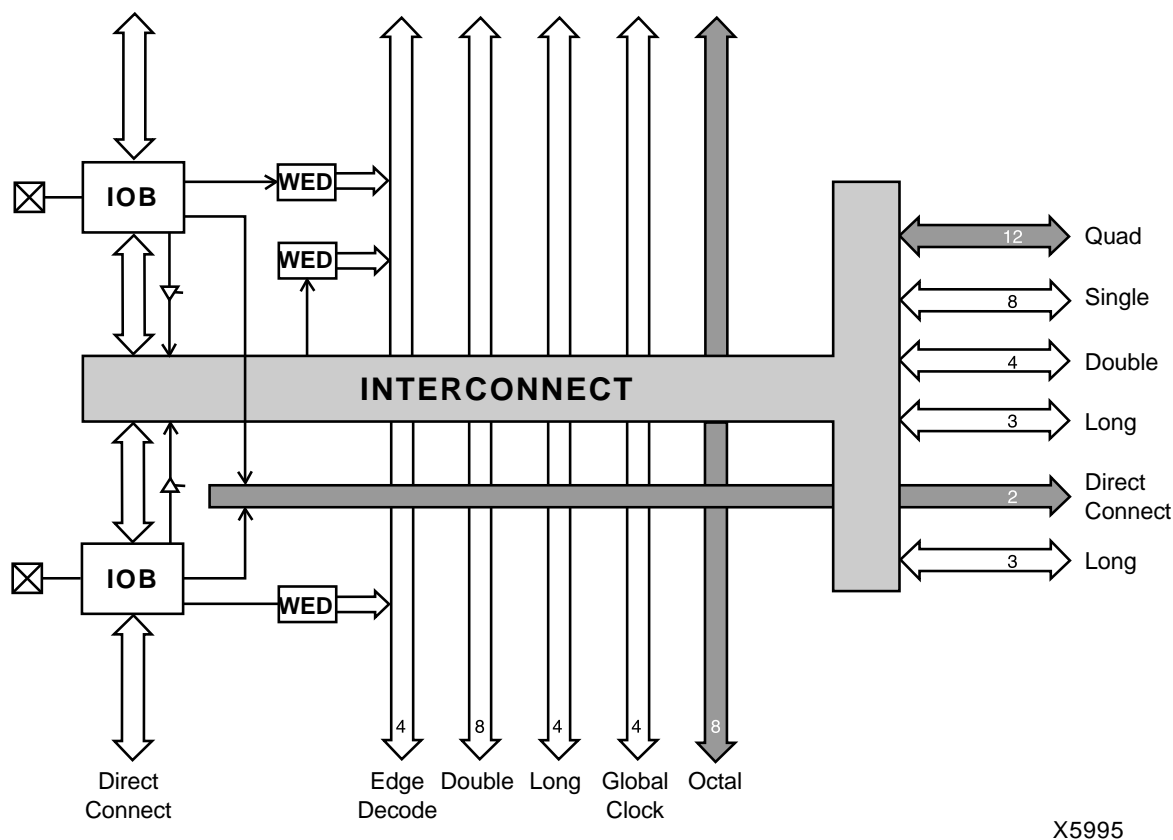


Figure 31: High-Level Routing Diagram of XC4000 Series VersaRing (Left Edge)
WED = Wide Edge Decoder, IOB = I/O Block (shaded arrows indicate XC4000X only)

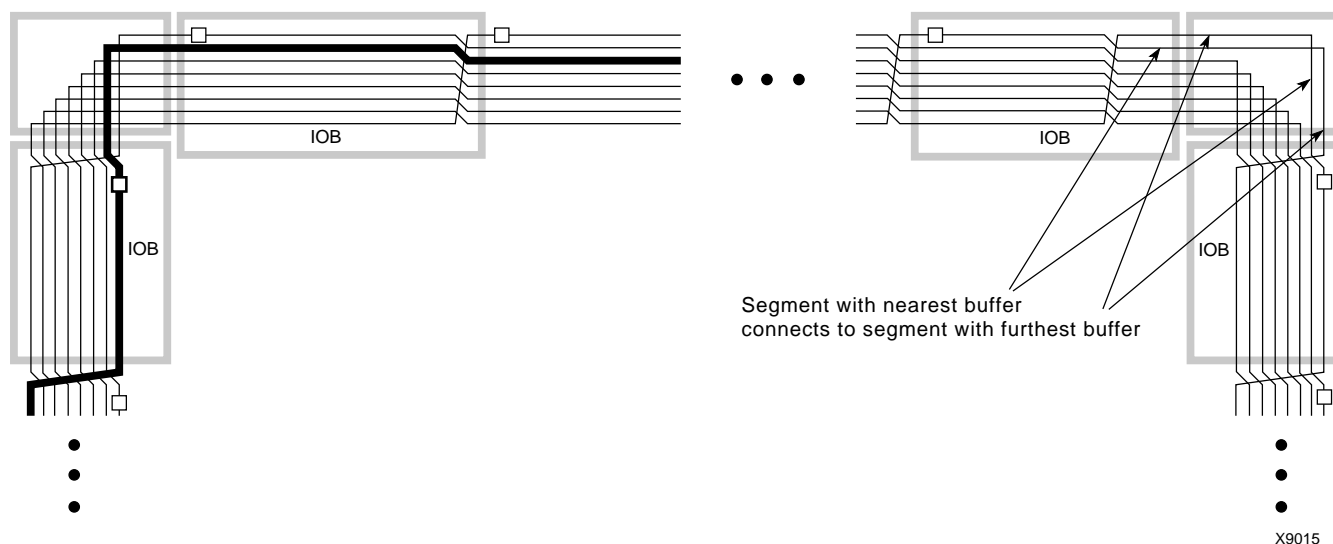


Figure 32: XC4000X Octal I/O Routing

IOB inputs and outputs interface with the octal lines via the single-length interconnect lines. Single-length lines are also used for communication between the octals and double-length lines, quads, and longlines within the CLB array.

Segmentation into buffered octals was found to be optimal for distributing signals over long distances around the device.

Global Nets and Buffers

Both the XC4000E and the XC4000X have dedicated global networks. These networks are designed to distribute clocks and other high fanout control signals throughout the devices with minimal skew. The global buffers are described in detail in the following sections. The text descriptions and diagrams are summarized in [Table 15](#). The table shows which CLB and IOB clock pins can be sourced by which global buffers.

In both XC4000E and XC4000X devices, placement of a library symbol called BUFG results in the software choosing the appropriate clock buffer, based on the timing requirements of the design. The detailed information in these sections is included only for reference.

Global Nets and Buffers (XC4000E only)

Four vertical longlines in each CLB column are driven exclusively by special global buffers. These longlines are in addition to the vertical longlines used for standard interconnect. The four global lines can be driven by either of two types of global buffers. The clock pins of every CLB and IOB can also be sourced from local interconnect.

Two different types of clock buffers are available in the XC4000E:

- Primary Global Buffers (BUFGP)
- Secondary Global Buffers (BUFGS)

Four Primary Global buffers offer the shortest delay and negligible skew. Four Secondary Global buffers have slightly longer delay and slightly more skew due to potentially heavier loading, but offer greater flexibility when used to drive non-clock CLB inputs.

The Primary Global buffers must be driven by the semi-dedicated pads. The Secondary Global buffers can be sourced by either semi-dedicated pads or internal nets.

Each CLB column has four dedicated vertical Global lines. Each of these lines can be accessed by one particular Primary Global buffer, or by any of the Secondary Global buffers, as shown in [Figure 34](#). Each corner of the device has one Primary buffer and one Secondary buffer.

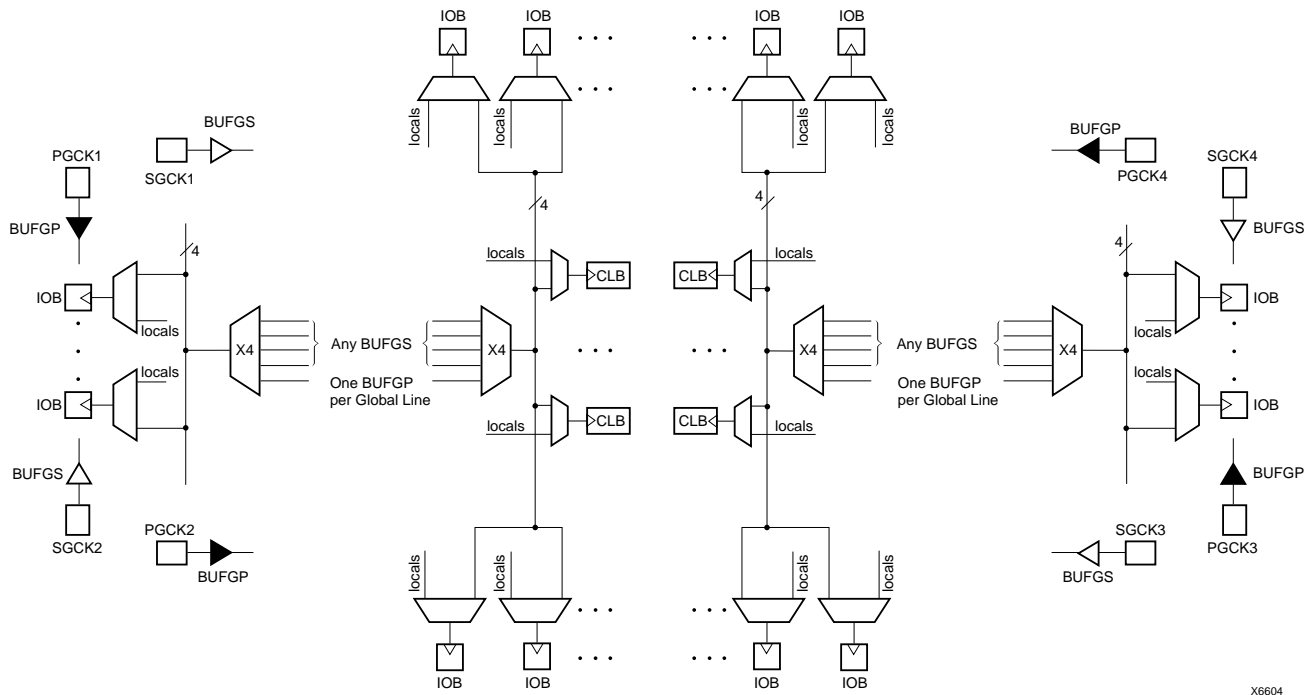
IOBs along the left and right edges have four vertical global longlines. Top and bottom IOBs can be clocked from the global lines in the adjacent CLB column.

A global buffer should be specified for all timing-sensitive global signal distribution. To use a global buffer, place a BUFGP (primary buffer), BUFGS (secondary buffer), or BUFG (either primary or secondary buffer) element in a schematic or in HDL code. If desired, attach a LOC attribute or property to direct placement to the designated location. For example, attach a LOC=L attribute or property to a BUFGS symbol to direct that a buffer be placed in one of the two Secondary Global buffers on the left edge of the device, or a LOC=BL to indicate the Secondary Global buffer on the bottom edge of the device, on the left.

Table 15: Clock Pin Access

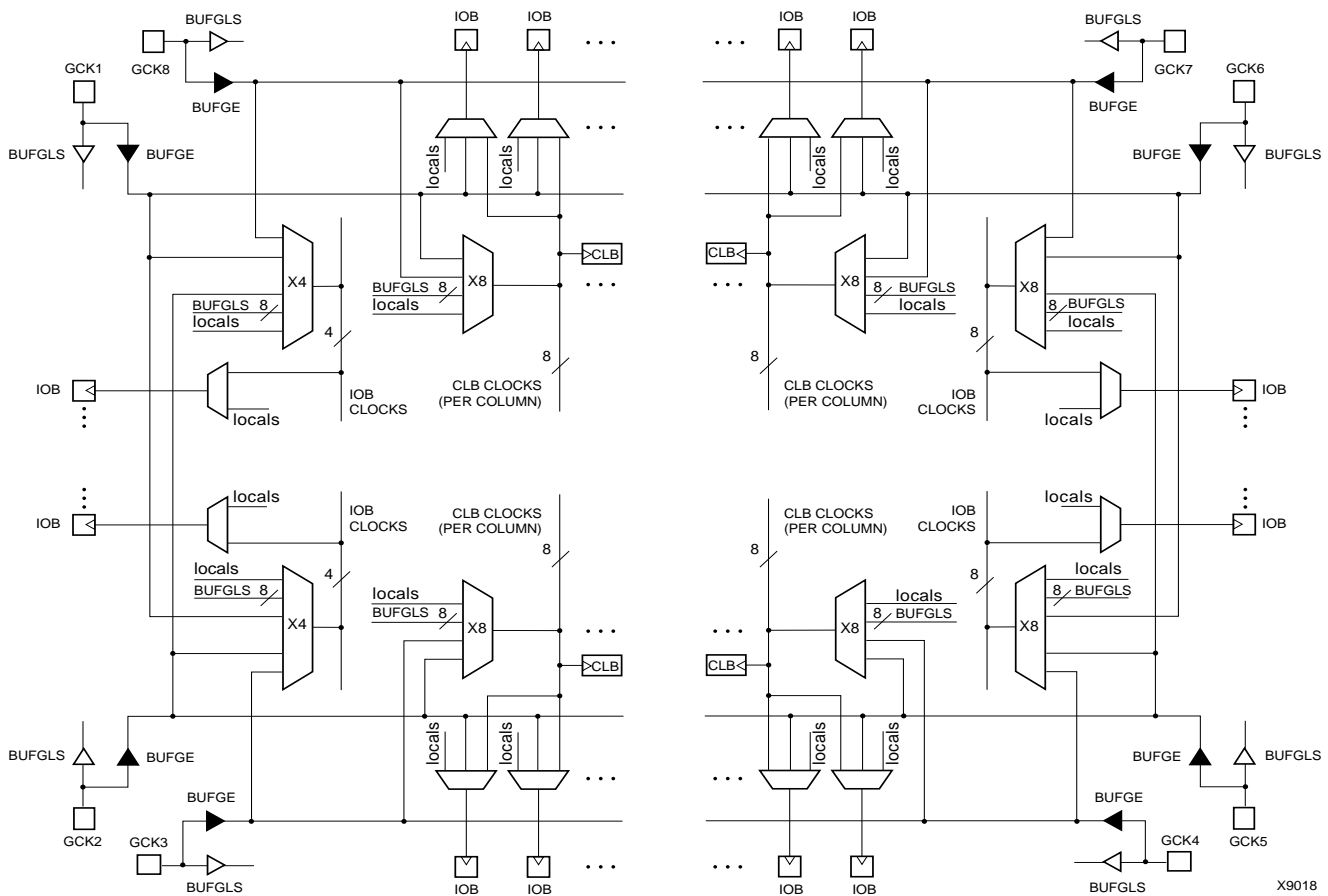
	XC4000E		XC4000X			Local Inter-connect
	BUFGP	BUFGS	BUFGLS	L & R BUFGE	T & B BUFGE	
All CLBs in Quadrant	√	√	√	√	√	√
All CLBs in Device	√	√	√			√
IOBs on Adjacent Vertical Half Edge	√	√	√	√	√	√
IOBs on Adjacent Vertical Full Edge	√	√	√	√		√
IOBs on Adjacent Horizontal Half Edge (Direct)				√		√
IOBs on Adjacent Horizontal Half Edge (through CLB globals)	√	√	√	√	√	√
IOBs on Adjacent Horizontal Full Edge (through CLB globals)	√	√	√			√

L = Left, R = Right, T = Top, B = Bottom



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Figure 34: XC4000E Global Net Distribution



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Figure 35: XC4000X Global Net Distribution

Global Nets and Buffers (XC4000X only)

Eight vertical longlines in each CLB column are driven by special global buffers. These longlines are in addition to the vertical longlines used for standard interconnect. The global lines are broken in the center of the array, to allow faster distribution and to minimize skew across the whole array. Each half-column global line has its own buffered multiplexer, as shown in [Figure 35](#). The top and bottom global lines cannot be connected across the center of the device, as this connection might introduce unacceptable skew. The top and bottom halves of the global lines must be separately driven — although they can be driven by the same global buffer.

The eight global lines in each CLB column can be driven by either of two types of global buffers. They can also be driven by internal logic, because they can be accessed by single, double, and quad lines at the top, bottom, half, and quarter points. Consequently, the number of different clocks that can be used simultaneously in an XC4000X device is very large.

There are four global lines feeding the IOBs at the left edge of the device. IOBs along the right edge have eight global lines. There is a single global line along the top and bottom edges with access to the IOBs. All IOB global lines are broken at the center. They cannot be connected across the center of the device, as this connection might introduce unacceptable skew.

IOB global lines can be driven from two types of global buffers, or from local interconnect. Alternatively, top and bottom IOBs can be clocked from the global lines in the adjacent CLB column.

Two different types of clock buffers are available in the XC4000X:

- Global Low-Skew Buffers (BUFGSL)
- Global Early Buffers (BUFGE)

Global Low-Skew Buffers are the standard clock buffers. They should be used for most internal clocking, whenever a large portion of the device must be driven.

Global Early Buffers are designed to provide a faster clock access, but CLB access is limited to one-fourth of the device. They also facilitate a faster I/O interface.

[Figure 35](#) is a conceptual diagram of the global net structure in the XC4000X.

Global Early buffers and Global Low-Skew buffers share a single pad. Therefore, the same IPAD symbol can drive one buffer of each type, in parallel. This configuration is particularly useful when using the Fast Capture latches, as described in [“IOB Input Signals” on page 20](#). Paired Global

Early and Global Low-Skew buffers share a common input; they cannot be driven by two different signals.

Choosing an XC4000X Clock Buffer

The clocking structure of the XC4000X provides a large variety of features. However, it can be simple to use, without understanding all the details. The software automatically handles clocks, along with all other routing, when the appropriate clock buffer is placed in the design. In fact, if a buffer symbol called BUFG is placed, rather than a specific type of buffer, the software even chooses the buffer most appropriate for the design. The detailed information in this section is provided for those users who want a finer level of control over their designs.

If fine control is desired, use the following summary and [Table 15 on page 35](#) to choose an appropriate clock buffer.

- The simplest thing to do is to use a Global Low-Skew buffer.
- If a faster clock path is needed, try a BUFG. The software will first try to use a Global Low-Skew Buffer. If timing requirements are not met, a faster buffer will automatically be used.
- If a single quadrant of the chip is sufficient for the clocked logic, and the timing requires a faster clock than the Global Low-Skew buffer, use a Global Early buffer.

Global Low-Skew Buffers

Each corner of the XC4000X device has two Global Low-Skew buffers. Any of the eight Global Low-Skew buffers can drive any of the eight vertical Global lines in a column of CLBs. In addition, any of the buffers can drive any of the four vertical lines accessing the IOBs on the left edge of the device, and any of the eight vertical lines accessing the IOBs on the right edge of the device. (See [Figure 36 on page 38](#).)

IOBs at the top and bottom edges of the device are accessed through the vertical Global lines in the CLB array, as in the XC4000E. Any Global Low-Skew buffer can, therefore, access every IOB and CLB in the device.

The Global Low-Skew buffers can be driven by either semi-dedicated pads or internal logic.

To use a Global Low-Skew buffer, instantiate a BUFGSL element in a schematic or in HDL code. If desired, attach a LOC attribute or property to direct placement to the designated location. For example, attach a LOC=T attribute or property to direct that a BUFGSL be placed in one of the two Global Low-Skew buffers on the top edge of the device, or a LOC=TR to indicate the Global Low-Skew buffer on the top edge of the device, on the right.

Table 16: Pin Descriptions

Pin Name	I/O During Config.	I/O After Config.	Pin Description
Permanently Dedicated Pins			
VCC	I	I	Eight or more (depending on package) connections to the nominal +5 V supply voltage (+3.3 V for low-voltage devices). All must be connected, and each must be decoupled with a 0.01 - 0.1 μ F capacitor to Ground.
GND	I	I	Eight or more (depending on package type) connections to Ground. All must be connected.
CCLK	I or O	I	During configuration, Configuration Clock (CCLK) is an output in Master modes or Asynchronous Peripheral mode, but is an input in Slave mode and Synchronous Peripheral mode. After configuration, CCLK has a weak pull-up resistor and can be selected as the Readback Clock. There is no CCLK High or Low time restriction on XC4000 Series devices, except during Readback. See “Violating the Maximum High and Low Time Specification for the Readback Clock” on page 56 for an explanation of this exception.
DONE	I/O	O	DONE is a bidirectional signal with an optional internal pull-up resistor. As an output, it indicates the completion of the configuration process. As an input, a Low level on DONE can be configured to delay the global logic initialization and the enabling of outputs. The optional pull-up resistor is selected as an option in the XACTstep program that creates the configuration bitstream. The resistor is included by default.
$\overline{\text{PROGRAM}}$	I	I	PROGRAM is an active Low input that forces the FPGA to clear its configuration memory. It is used to initiate a configuration cycle. When PROGRAM goes High, the FPGA finishes the current clear cycle and executes another complete clear cycle, before it goes into a WAIT state and releases INIT. The PROGRAM pin has a permanent weak pull-up, so it need not be externally pulled up to Vcc.
User I/O Pins That Can Have Special Functions			
RDY/ $\overline{\text{BUSY}}$	O	I/O	During Peripheral mode configuration, this pin indicates when it is appropriate to write another byte of data into the FPGA. The same status is also available on D7 in Asynchronous Peripheral mode, if a read operation is performed when the device is selected. After configuration, RDY/ $\overline{\text{BUSY}}$ is a user-programmable I/O pin. RDY/ $\overline{\text{BUSY}}$ is pulled High with a high-impedance pull-up prior to $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ going High.
$\overline{\text{RCLK}}$	O	I/O	During Master Parallel configuration, each change on the A0-A17 outputs (A0 - A21 for XC4000X) is preceded by a rising edge on $\overline{\text{RCLK}}$, a redundant output signal. $\overline{\text{RCLK}}$ is useful for clocked PROMs. It is rarely used during configuration. After configuration, $\overline{\text{RCLK}}$ is a user-programmable I/O pin.
M0, M1, M2	I	I (M0), O (M1), I (M2)	As Mode inputs, these pins are sampled after $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ goes High to determine the configuration mode to be used. After configuration, M0 and M2 can be used as inputs, and M1 can be used as a 3-state output. These three pins have no associated input or output registers. During configuration, these pins have weak pull-up resistors. For the most popular configuration mode, Slave Serial, the mode pins can thus be left unconnected. The three mode inputs can be individually configured with or without weak pull-up or pull-down resistors. A pull-down resistor value of 4.7 k Ω is recommended. These pins can only be used as inputs or outputs when called out by special schematic definitions. To use these pins, place the library components MD0, MD1, and MD2 instead of the usual pad symbols. Input or output buffers must still be used.
TDO	O	O	If boundary scan is used, this pin is the Test Data Output. If boundary scan is not used, this pin is a 3-state output without a register, after configuration is completed. This pin can be user output only when called out by special schematic definitions. To use this pin, place the library component TDO instead of the usual pad symbol. An output buffer must still be used.

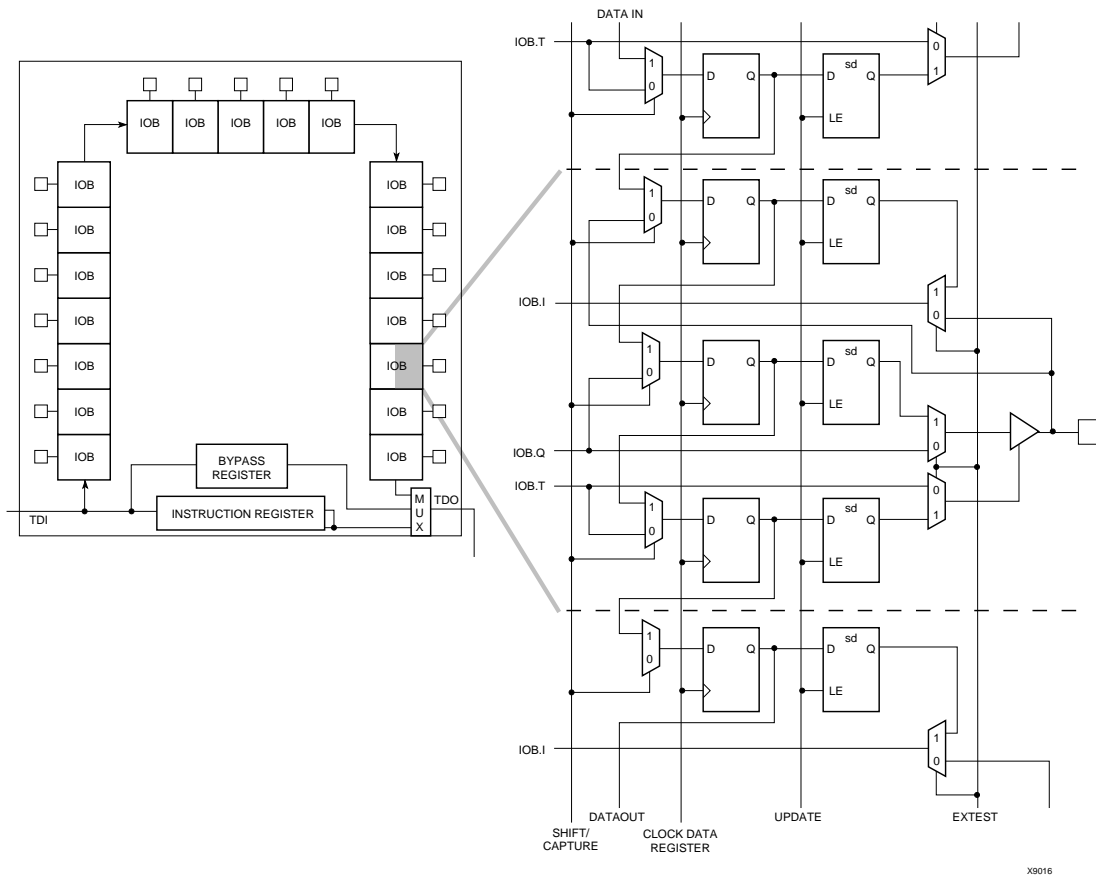


Figure 41: XC4000 Series Boundary Scan Logic

Instruction Set

The XC4000 Series boundary scan instruction set also includes instructions to configure the device and read back the configuration data. The instruction set is coded as shown in [Table 17](#).

Bit Sequence

The bit sequence within each IOB is: In, Out, 3-State. The input-only M0 and M2 mode pins contribute only the In bit to the boundary scan I/O data register, while the output-only M1 pin contributes all three bits.

The first two bits in the I/O data register are TDO.T and TDO.O, which can be used for the capture of internal signals. The final bit is BSCANT.UPD, which can be used to drive an internal net. These locations are primarily used by Xilinx for internal testing.

From a cavity-up view of the chip (as shown in XDE or Epic), starting in the upper right chip corner, the boundary scan data-register bits are ordered as shown in [Figure 42](#). The device-specific pinout tables for the XC4000 Series include the boundary scan locations for each IOB pin.

BSDL (Boundary Scan Description Language) files for XC4000 Series devices are available on the Xilinx FTP site.

Including Boundary Scan in a Schematic

If boundary scan is only to be used during configuration, no special schematic elements need be included in the schematic or HDL code. In this case, the special boundary scan pins TDI, TMS, TCK and TDO can be used for user functions after configuration.

To indicate that boundary scan remain enabled after configuration, place the BSCAN library symbol and connect the TDI, TMS, TCK and TDO pad symbols to the appropriate pins, as shown in [Figure 43](#).

Even if the boundary scan symbol is used in a schematic, the input pins TMS, TCK, and TDI can still be used as inputs to be routed to internal logic. Care must be taken not to force the chip into an undesired boundary scan state by inadvertently applying boundary scan input patterns to these pins. The simplest way to prevent this is to keep TMS High, and then apply whatever signal is desired to TDI and TCK.

Configuration Modes

XC4000E devices have six configuration modes. XC4000X devices have the same six modes, plus an additional configuration mode. These modes are selected by a 3-bit input code applied to the M2, M1, and M0 inputs. There are three self-loading Master modes, two Peripheral modes, and a Serial Slave mode, which is used primarily for daisy-chained devices. The coding for mode selection is shown in [Table 18](#).

Table 18: Configuration Modes

Mode	M2	M1	M0	CCLK	Data
Master Serial	0	0	0	output	Bit-Serial
Slave Serial	1	1	1	input	Bit-Serial
Master Parallel Up	1	0	0	output	Byte-Wide, increment from 00000
Master Parallel Down	1	1	0	output	Byte-Wide, decrement from 3FFFF
Peripheral Synchronous*	0	1	1	input	Byte-Wide
Peripheral Asynchronous	1	0	1	output	Byte-Wide
Reserved	0	1	0	—	—
Reserved	0	0	1	—	—

* Can be considered byte-wide Slave Parallel

A detailed description of each configuration mode, with timing information, is included later in this data sheet. During configuration, some of the I/O pins are used temporarily for the configuration process. All pins used during configuration are shown in [Table 22 on page 58](#).

Master Modes

The three Master modes use an internal oscillator to generate a Configuration Clock (CCLK) for driving potential slave devices. They also generate address and timing for external PROM(s) containing the configuration data.

Master Parallel (Up or Down) modes generate the CCLK signal and PROM addresses and receive byte parallel data. The data is internally serialized into the FPGA data-frame format. The up and down selection generates starting addresses at either zero or 3FFFF (3FFFFFF when 22 address lines are used), for compatibility with different microprocessor addressing conventions. The Master Serial mode generates CCLK and receives the configuration data in serial form from a Xilinx serial-configuration PROM.

CCLK speed is selectable as either 1 MHz (default) or 8 MHz. Configuration always starts at the default slow frequency, then can switch to the higher frequency during the first frame. Frequency tolerance is -50% to +25%.

Additional Address lines in XC4000 devices

The XC4000X devices have additional address lines (A18-A21) allowing the additional address space required to daisy-chain several large devices.

The extra address lines are programmable in XC4000EX devices. By default these address lines are not activated. In the default mode, the devices are compatible with existing XC4000 and XC4000E products. If desired, the extra address lines can be used by specifying the address lines option in bitgen as 22 (bitgen -g AddressLines:22). The lines (A18-A21) are driven when a master device detects, via the bitstream, that it should be using all 22 address lines. Because these pins will initially be pulled high by internal pull-ups, designers using Master Parallel Up mode should use external pull down resistors on pins A18-A21. If Master Parallel Down mode is used external resistors are not necessary.

All 22 address lines are always active in Master Parallel modes with XC4000XL devices. The additional address lines behave identically to the lower order address lines. If the Address Lines option in bitgen is set to 18, it will be ignored by the XC4000XL device.

The additional address lines (A18-A21) are not available in the PC84 package.

Peripheral Modes

The two Peripheral modes accept byte-wide data from a bus. A RDY/BUSY status is available as a handshake signal. In Asynchronous Peripheral mode, the internal oscillator generates a CCLK burst signal that serializes the byte-wide data. CCLK can also drive slave devices. In the synchronous mode, an externally supplied clock input to CCLK serializes the data.

Slave Serial Mode

In Slave Serial mode, the FPGA receives serial configuration data on the rising edge of CCLK and, after loading its configuration, passes additional data out, resynchronized on the next falling edge of CCLK.

Multiple slave devices with identical configurations can be wired with parallel DIN inputs. In this way, multiple devices can be configured simultaneously.

Serial Daisy Chain

Multiple devices with different configurations can be connected together in a "daisy chain," and a single combined bitstream used to configure the chain of slave devices.

To configure a daisy chain of devices, wire the CCLK pins of all devices in parallel, as shown in [Figure 51 on page 60](#). Connect the DOUT of each device to the DIN of the next. The lead or master FPGA and following slaves each passes resynchronized configuration data coming from a single source. The header data, including the length count,

is passed through and is captured by each FPGA when it recognizes the 0010 preamble. Following the length-count data, each FPGA outputs a High on DOUT until it has received its required number of data frames.

After an FPGA has received its configuration data, it passes on any additional frame start bits and configuration data on DOUT. When the total number of configuration clocks applied after memory initialization equals the value of the 24-bit length count, the FPGAs begin the start-up sequence and become operational together. FPGA I/O are normally released two CCLK cycles after the last configuration bit is received. **Figure 47 on page 53** shows the start-up timing for an XC4000 Series device.

The daisy-chained bitstream is not simply a concatenation of the individual bitstreams. The PROM file formatter must be used to combine the bitstreams for a daisy-chained configuration.

Multi-Family Daisy Chain

All Xilinx FPGAs of the XC2000, XC3000, and XC4000 Series use a compatible bitstream format and can, therefore, be connected in a daisy chain in an arbitrary sequence. There is, however, one limitation. The lead device must belong to the highest family in the chain. If the chain contains XC4000 Series devices, the master normally cannot be an XC2000 or XC3000 device.

The reason for this rule is shown in **Figure 47 on page 53**. Since all devices in the chain store the same length count value and generate or receive one common sequence of CCLK pulses, they all recognize length-count match on the same CCLK edge, as indicated on the left edge of **Figure 47**. The master device then generates additional CCLK pulses until it reaches its finish point F. The different families generate or require different numbers of additional CCLK pulses until they reach F. Not reaching F means that the device does not really finish its configuration, although DONE may have gone High, the outputs became active, and the internal reset was released. For the XC4000 Series device, not reaching F means that readback cannot be ini-

tiated and most boundary scan instructions cannot be used.

The user has some control over the relative timing of these events and can, therefore, make sure that they occur at the proper time and the finish point F is reached. Timing is controlled using options in the bitstream generation software.

XC3000 Master with an XC4000 Series Slave

Some designers want to use an inexpensive lead device in peripheral mode and have the more precious I/O pins of the XC4000 Series devices all available for user I/O. **Figure 44** provides a solution for that case.

This solution requires one CLB, one IOB and pin, and an internal oscillator with a frequency of up to 5 MHz as a clock source. The XC3000 master device must be configured with late Internal Reset, which is the default option.

One CLB and one IOB in the lead XC3000-family device are used to generate the additional CCLK pulse required by the XC4000 Series devices. When the lead device removes the internal RESET signal, the 2-bit shift register responds to its clock input and generates an active Low output signal for the duration of the subsequent clock period. An external connection between this output and CCLK thus creates the extra CCLK pulse.

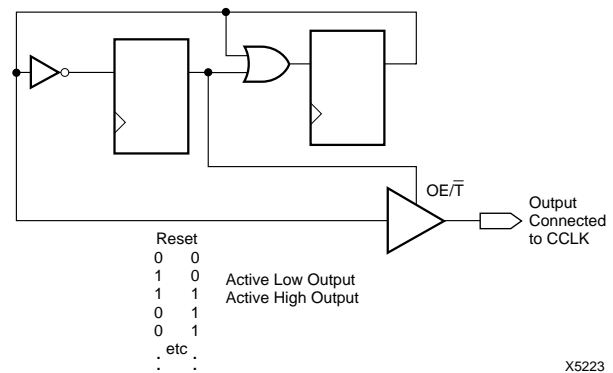


Figure 44: CCLK Generation for XC3000 Master Driving an XC4000 Series Slave

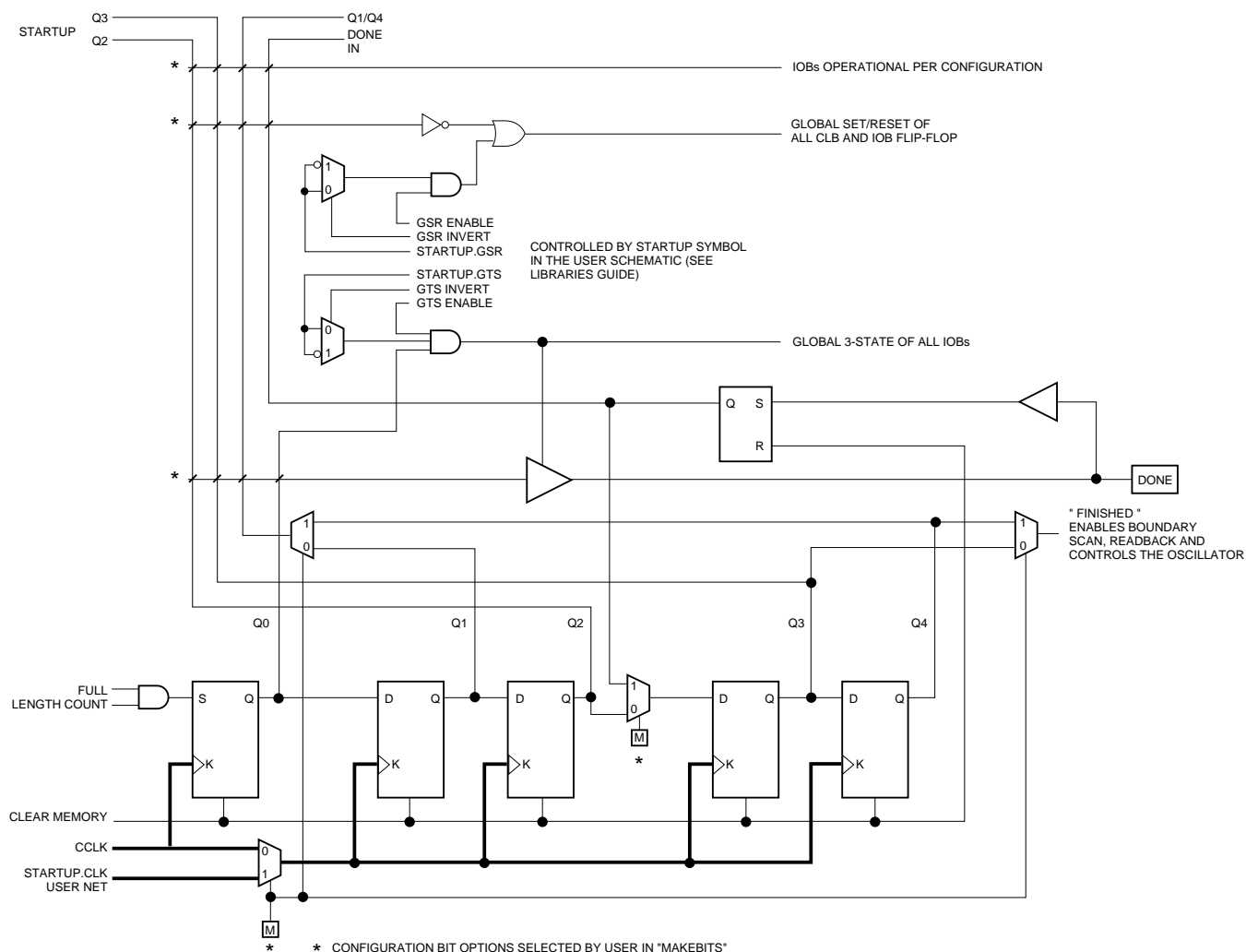


Figure 48: Start-up Logic

Readback

The user can read back the content of configuration memory and the level of certain internal nodes without interfering with the normal operation of the device.

Readback not only reports the downloaded configuration bits, but can also include the present state of the device, represented by the content of all flip-flops and latches in CLBs and IOBs, as well as the content of function generators used as RAMs.

Note that in XC4000 Series devices, configuration data is *not* inverted with respect to configuration as it is in XC2000 and XC3000 families.

XC4000 Series Readback does not use any dedicated pins, but uses four internal nets (RDBK.TRIG, RDBK.DATA, RDBK.RIP and RDBK.CLK) that can be routed to any IOB. To access the internal Readback signals, place the READ-

BACK library symbol and attach the appropriate pad symbols, as shown in [Figure 49](#).

After Readback has been initiated by a High level on RDBK.TRIG after configuration, the RDBK.RIP (Read In Progress) output goes High on the next rising edge of RDBK.CLK. Subsequent rising edges of this clock shift out Readback data on the RDBK.DATA net.

Readback data does not include the preamble, but starts with five dummy bits (all High) followed by the Start bit (Low) of the first frame. The first two data bits of the first frame are always High.

Each frame ends with four error check bits. They are read back as High. The last seven bits of the last frame are also read back as High. An additional Start bit (Low) and an 11-bit Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) signature follow, before RDBK.RIP returns Low.



Figure 49: Readback Schematic Example

Readback Options

Readback options are: Read Capture, Read Abort, and Clock Select. They are set with the bitstream generation software.

Read Capture

When the Read Capture option is selected, the readback data stream includes sampled values of CLB and IOB signals. The rising edge of RDBK.TRIG latches the inverted values of the four CLB outputs, the IOB output flip-flops and the input signals I1 and I2. Note that while the bits describing configuration (interconnect, function generators, and RAM content) are *not* inverted, the CLB and IOB output signals *are* inverted.

When the Read Capture option is not selected, the values of the capture bits reflect the configuration data originally written to those memory locations.

If the RAM capability of the CLBs is used, RAM data are available in readback, since they directly overwrite the F and G function-table configuration of the CLB.

RDBK.TRIG is located in the lower-left corner of the device, as shown in [Figure 50](#).

Read Abort

When the Read Abort option is selected, a High-to-Low transition on RDBK.TRIG terminates the readback operation and prepares the logic to accept another trigger.

After an aborted readback, additional clocks (up to one readback clock per configuration frame) may be required to re-initialize the control logic. The status of readback is indicated by the output control net RDBK.RIP. RDBK.RIP is High whenever a readback is in progress.

Clock Select

CCLK is the default clock. However, the user can insert another clock on RDBK.CLK. Readback control and data are clocked on rising edges of RDBK.CLK. If readback must be inhibited for security reasons, the readback control nets are simply not connected.

RDBK.CLK is located in the lower right chip corner, as shown in [Figure 50](#).

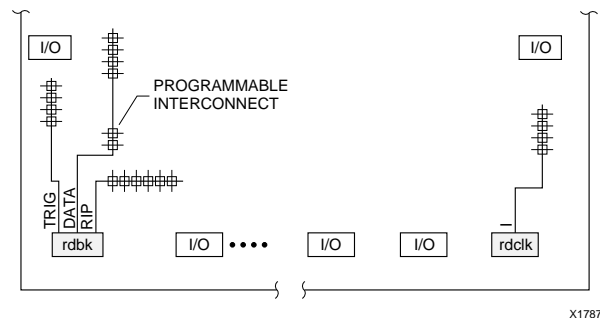


Figure 50: READBACK Symbol in Graphical Editor

Violating the Maximum High and Low Time Specification for the Readback Clock

The readback clock has a maximum High and Low time specification. In some cases, this specification cannot be met. For example, if a processor is controlling readback, an interrupt may force it to stop in the middle of a readback. This necessitates stopping the clock, and thus violating the specification.

The specification is mandatory only on clocking data at the end of a frame prior to the next start bit. The transfer mechanism will load the data to a shift register during the last six clock cycles of the frame, prior to the start bit of the following frame. This loading process is dynamic, and is the source of the maximum High and Low time requirements.

Therefore, the specification only applies to the six clock cycles prior to and including any start bit, including the clocks before the first start bit in the readback data stream. At other times, the frame data is already in the register and the register is not dynamic. Thus, it can be shifted out just like a regular shift register.

The user must precisely calculate the location of the readback data relative to the frame. The system must keep track of the position within a data frame, and disable interrupts before frame boundaries. Frame lengths and data formats are listed in [Table 19](#), [Table 20](#) and [Table 21](#).

Readback with the XChecker Cable

The XChecker Universal Download/Readback Cable and Logic Probe uses the readback feature for bitstream verification. It can also display selected internal signals on the PC or workstation screen, functioning as a low-cost in-circuit emulator.