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### Understanding Embedded - FPGAs (Field Programmable Gate Array)

Embedded - FPGAs, or Field Programmable Gate Arrays, are advanced integrated circuits that offer unparalleled flexibility and performance for digital systems. Unlike traditional fixed-function logic devices, FPGAs can be programmed and reprogrammed to execute a wide array of logical operations, enabling customized functionality tailored to specific applications. This reprogrammability allows developers to iterate designs quickly and implement complex functions without the need for custom hardware.

### Applications of Embedded - FPGAs

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

#### Details

Product Status	Obsolete
Number of LABs/CLBs	1600
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	3800
Total RAM Bits	51200
Number of I/O	256
Number of Gates	44000
Voltage - Supply	3V ~ 3.6V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	304-BFQFP Exposed Pad
Supplier Device Package	304-PQFP (40x40)
Purchase URL	<a href="https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/xilinx/xc4044xl-1hq304c">https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/xilinx/xc4044xl-1hq304c</a>

## **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 $\mu$  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  $V_{cc}$ .

### ***Input Thresholds***

The input thresholds of 5V devices can be globally configured for either TTL (1.2 V threshold) or CMOS (2.5 V threshold), just like XC2000 and XC3000 inputs. The two global adjustments of input threshold and output level are independent of each other. The XC4000XL family has an input threshold of 1.6V, compatible with both 3.3V CMOS and TTL levels.

### ***Global Signal Access to Logic***

There is additional access from global clocks to the F and G function generator inputs.

### ***Configuration Pin Pull-Up Resistors***

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 $\Omega$  is recommended.

The three mode inputs can be individually configured with or without weak pull-up or pull-down resistors after configuration.

The PROGRAM input pin has a permanent weak pull-up.

### ***Soft Start-up***

Like the XC3000A, XC4000 Series devices have "Soft Start-up." When the configuration process is finished and the device starts up, the first activation of the outputs is automatically slew-rate limited. This feature avoids potential ground bounce when all outputs are turned on simultaneously. Immediately after start-up, the slew rate of the individual outputs is, as in the XC4000 family, determined by the individual configuration option.

### ***XC4000 and XC4000A Compatibility***

Existing XC4000 bitstreams can be used to configure an XC4000E device. XC4000A bitstreams must be recompiled for use with the XC4000E due to improved routing resources, although the devices are pin-for-pin compatible.

## **Additional Improvements in XC4000X Only**

### ***Increased Routing***

New interconnect in the XC4000X includes twenty-two additional vertical lines in each column of CLBs and twelve new horizontal lines in each row of CLBs. The twelve "Quad Lines" in each CLB row and column include optional repowering buffers for maximum speed. Additional high-performance routing near the IOBs enhances pin flexibility.

### ***Faster Input and Output***

A fast, dedicated early clock sourced by global clock buffers is available for the IOBs. To ensure synchronization with the regular global clocks, a Fast Capture latch driven by the early clock is available. The input data can be initially loaded into the Fast Capture latch with the early clock, then transferred to the input flip-flop or latch with the low-skew global clock. A programmable delay on the input can be used to avoid hold-time requirements. See "IOB Input Signals" on page 20 for more information.

### ***Latch Capability in CLBs***

Storage elements in the XC4000X CLB can be configured as either flip-flops or latches. This capability makes the FPGA highly synthesis-compatible.

### ***IOB Output MUX From Output Clock***

A multiplexer in the IOB allows the output clock to select either the output data or the IOB clock enable as the output to the pad. Thus, two different data signals can share a single output pad, effectively doubling the number of device outputs without requiring a larger, more expensive package. This multiplexer can also be configured as an AND-gate to implement a very fast pin-to-pin path. See "IOB Output Signals" on page 23 for more information.

### ***Additional Address Bits***

Larger devices require more bits of configuration data. A daisy chain of several large XC4000X devices may require a PROM that cannot be addressed by the eighteen address bits supported in the XC4000E. The XC4000X Series therefore extends the addressing in Master Parallel configuration mode to 22 bits.

## 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 variables<sup>1</sup>
- 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.

Supported CLB memory configurations and timing modes for single- and dual-port modes are shown in [Table 3](#).

XC4000 Series devices are the first programmable logic devices with edge-triggered (synchronous) and dual-port RAM accessible to the user. Edge-triggered RAM simplifies system timing. Dual-port RAM doubles the effective throughput of FIFO applications. These features can be individually programmed in any XC4000 Series CLB.

### Advantages of On-Chip and Edge-Triggered RAM

The on-chip RAM is extremely fast. The read access time is the same as the logic delay. The write access time is slightly slower. Both access times are much faster than any off-chip solution, because they avoid I/O delays.

Edge-triggered RAM, also called synchronous RAM, is a feature never before available in a Field Programmable Gate Array. The simplicity of designing with edge-triggered RAM, and the markedly higher achievable performance, add up to a significant improvement over existing devices with on-chip RAM.

Three application notes are available from Xilinx that discuss edge-triggered RAM: “XC4000E Edge-Triggered and Dual-Port RAM Capability,” “Implementing FIFOs in XC4000E RAM,” and “Synchronous and Asynchronous FIFO Designs.” All three application notes apply to both XC4000E and XC4000X RAM.

**Table 3: Supported RAM Modes**

	16 x 1	16 x 2	32 x 1	Edge- Triggered Timing	Level- Sensitive Timing
Single-Port	√	√	√	√	√
Dual-Port	√			√	

### RAM Configuration Options

The function generators in any CLB can be configured as RAM arrays in the following sizes:

- Two 16x1 RAMs: two data inputs and two data outputs with identical or, if preferred, different addressing for each RAM
- One 32x1 RAM: one data input and one data output.

One F or G function generator can be configured as a 16x1 RAM while the other function generators are used to implement any function of up to 5 inputs.

Additionally, the XC4000 Series RAM may have either of two timing modes:

- Edge-Triggered (Synchronous): data written by the designated edge of the CLB clock. WE acts as a true clock enable.
- Level-Sensitive (Asynchronous): an external WE signal acts as the write strobe.

The selected timing mode applies to both function generators within a CLB when both are configured as RAM.

The number of read ports is also programmable:

- Single Port: each function generator has a common read and write port
- Dual Port: both function generators are configured together as a single 16x1 dual-port RAM with one write port and two read ports. Simultaneous read and write operations to the same or different addresses are supported.

RAM configuration options are selected by placing the appropriate library symbol.

### Choosing a RAM Configuration Mode

The appropriate choice of RAM mode for a given design should be based on timing and resource requirements, desired functionality, and the simplicity of the design process. Recommended usage is shown in [Table 4](#).

The difference between level-sensitive, edge-triggered, and dual-port RAM is only in the write operation. Read operation and timing is identical for all modes of operation.

**Table 4: RAM Mode Selection**

	Level-Sens itive	Edge-Trigg ered	Dual-Port Edge-Trigg ered
Use for New Designs?	No	Yes	Yes
Size (16x1, Registered)	1/2 CLB	1/2 CLB	1 CLB
Simultaneous Read/Write	No	No	Yes
Relative Performance	X	2X	2X (4X effective)

### RAM Inputs and Outputs

The F1-F4 and G1-G4 inputs to the function generators act as address lines, selecting a particular memory cell in each look-up table.

The functionality of the CLB control signals changes when the function generators are configured as RAM. The DIN/H2, H1, and SR/H0 lines become the two data inputs (D0, D1) and the Write Enable (WE) input for the 16x2 memory. When the 32x1 configuration is selected, D1 acts as the fifth address bit and D0 is the data input.

The contents of the memory cell(s) being addressed are available at the F' and G' function-generator outputs. They can exit the CLB through its X and Y outputs, or can be captured in the CLB flip-flop(s).

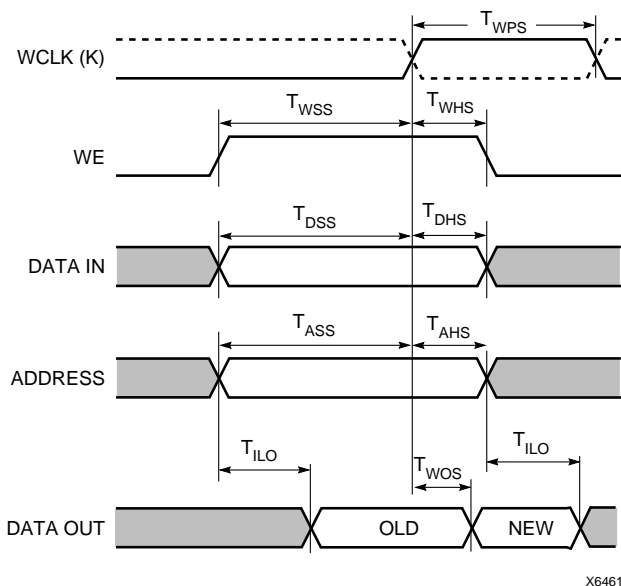
Configuring the CLB function generators as Read/Write memory does not affect the functionality of the other por-



tions of the CLB, with the exception of the redefinition of the control signals. In 16x2 and 16x1 modes, the H' function generator can be used to implement Boolean functions of F', G', and D1, and the D flip-flops can latch the F', G', H', or D0 signals.

### Single-Port Edge-Triggered Mode

Edge-triggered (synchronous) RAM simplifies timing requirements. XC4000 Series edge-triggered RAM timing operates like writing to a data register. Data and address are presented. The register is enabled for writing by a logic High on the write enable input, WE. Then a rising or falling clock edge loads the data into the register, as shown in Figure 3.



**Figure 3: Edge-Triggered RAM Write Timing**

Complex timing relationships between address, data, and write enable signals are not required, and the external write enable pulse becomes a simple clock enable. The active edge of WCLK latches the address, input data, and WE sig-

nals. An internal write pulse is generated that performs the write. See Figure 4 and Figure 5 for block diagrams of a CLB configured as 16x2 and 32x1 edge-triggered, single-port RAM.

The relationships between CLB pins and RAM inputs and outputs for single-port, edge-triggered mode are shown in Table 5.

The Write Clock input (WCLK) can be configured as active on either the rising edge (default) or the falling edge. It uses the same CLB pin (K) used to clock the CLB flip-flops, but it can be independently inverted. Consequently, the RAM output can optionally be registered within the same CLB either by the same clock edge as the RAM, or by the opposite edge of this clock. The sense of WCLK applies to both function generators in the CLB when both are configured as RAM.

The WE pin is active-High and is not invertible within the CLB.

**Note:** The pulse following the active edge of WCLK ( $T_{WPS}$  in Figure 3) must be less than one millisecond wide. For most applications, this requirement is not overly restrictive; however, it must not be forgotten. Stopping WCLK at this point in the write cycle could result in excessive current and even damage to the larger devices if many CLBs are configured as edge-triggered RAM.

**Table 5: Single-Port Edge-Triggered RAM Signals**

RAM Signal	CLB Pin	Function
D	D0 or D1 (16x2, 16x1), D0 (32x1)	Data In
A[3:0]	F1-F4 or G1-G4	Address
A[4]	D1 (32x1)	Address
WE	WE	Write Enable
WCLK	K	Clock
SPO (Data Out)	F' or G'	Single Port Out (Data Out)

## Dual-Port Edge-Triggered Mode

In dual-port mode, both the F and G function generators are used to create a single 16x1 RAM array with one write port and two read ports. The resulting RAM array can be read and written simultaneously at two independent addresses. Simultaneous read and write operations at the same address are also supported.

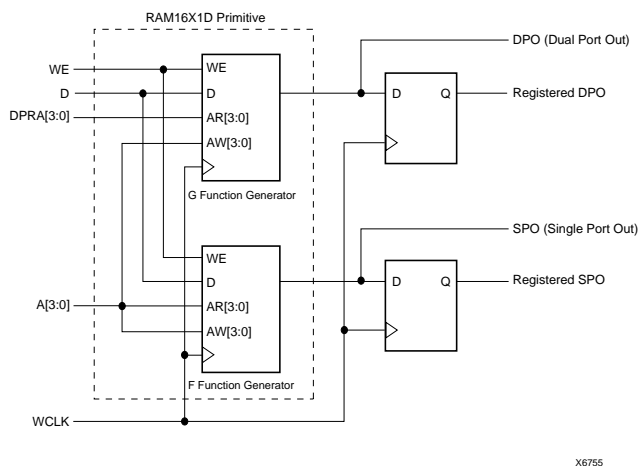
Dual-port mode always has edge-triggered write timing, as shown in [Figure 3](#).

[Figure 6](#) shows a simple model of an XC4000 Series CLB configured as dual-port RAM. One address port, labeled A[3:0], supplies both the read and write address for the F function generator. This function generator behaves the same as a 16x1 single-port edge-triggered RAM array. The RAM output, Single Port Out (SPO), appears at the F function generator output. SPO, therefore, reflects the data at address A[3:0].

The other address port, labeled DPRA[3:0] for Dual Port Read Address, supplies the read address for the G function generator. The write address for the G function generator, however, comes from the address A[3:0]. The output from this 16x1 RAM array, Dual Port Out (DPO), appears at the G function generator output. DPO, therefore, reflects the data at address DPRA[3:0].

Therefore, by using A[3:0] for the write address and DPRA[3:0] for the read address, and reading only the DPO output, a FIFO that can read and write simultaneously is easily generated. Simultaneous access doubles the effective throughput of the FIFO.

The relationships between CLB pins and RAM inputs and outputs for dual-port, edge-triggered mode are shown in [Table 6](#). See [Figure 7 on page 16](#) for a block diagram of a CLB configured in this mode.



**Figure 6: XC4000 Series Dual-Port RAM, Simple Model**

**Table 6: Dual-Port Edge-Triggered RAM Signals**

RAM Signal	CLB Pin	Function
D	D0	Data In
A[3:0]	F1-F4	Read Address for F, Write Address for F and G
DPRA[3:0]	G1-G4	Read Address for G
WE	WE	Write Enable
WCLK	K	Clock
SPO	F'	Single Port Out (addressed by A[3:0])
DPO	G'	Dual Port Out (addressed by DPRA[3:0])

**Note:** The pulse following the active edge of WCLK ( $T_{WPS}$  in [Figure 3](#)) must be less than one millisecond wide. For most applications, this requirement is not overly restrictive; however, it must not be forgotten. Stopping WCLK at this point in the write cycle could result in excessive current and even damage to the larger devices if many CLBs are configured as edge-triggered RAM.

## Single-Port Level-Sensitive Timing Mode

**Note:** Edge-triggered mode is recommended for all new designs. Level-sensitive mode, also called asynchronous mode, is still supported for XC4000 Series backward-compatibility with the XC4000 family.

Level-sensitive RAM timing is simple in concept but can be complicated in execution. Data and address signals are presented, then a positive pulse on the write enable pin (WE) performs a write into the RAM at the designated address. As indicated by the “level-sensitive” label, this RAM acts like a latch. During the WE High pulse, changing the data lines results in new data written to the old address. Changing the address lines while WE is High results in spurious data written to the new address—and possibly at other addresses as well, as the address lines inevitably do not all change simultaneously.

The user must generate a carefully timed WE signal. The delay on the WE signal and the address lines must be carefully verified to ensure that WE does not become active until after the address lines have settled, and that WE goes inactive before the address lines change again. The data must be stable before and after the falling edge of WE.

In practical terms, WE is usually generated by a 2X clock. If a 2X clock is not available, the falling edge of the system clock can be used. However, there are inherent risks in this approach, since the WE pulse must be guaranteed inactive before the next rising edge of the system clock. Several older application notes are available from Xilinx that discuss the design of level-sensitive RAMs.

However, the edge-triggered RAM available in the XC4000 Series is superior to level-sensitive RAM for almost every application.

### 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.

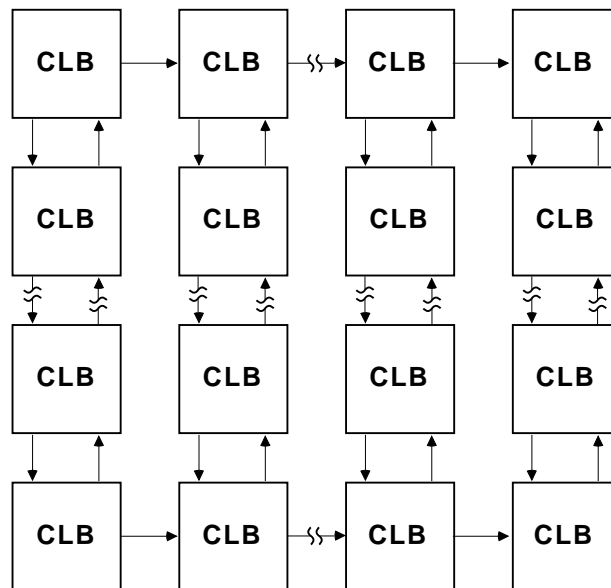
Figure 13 on page 19 shows an XC4000E CLB with dedicated fast carry logic. The carry logic in the XC4000X is similar, except that COUT exits at the top only, and the signal CINDOWN does not exist. As shown in Figure 13, the carry logic shares operand and control inputs with the function generators. The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

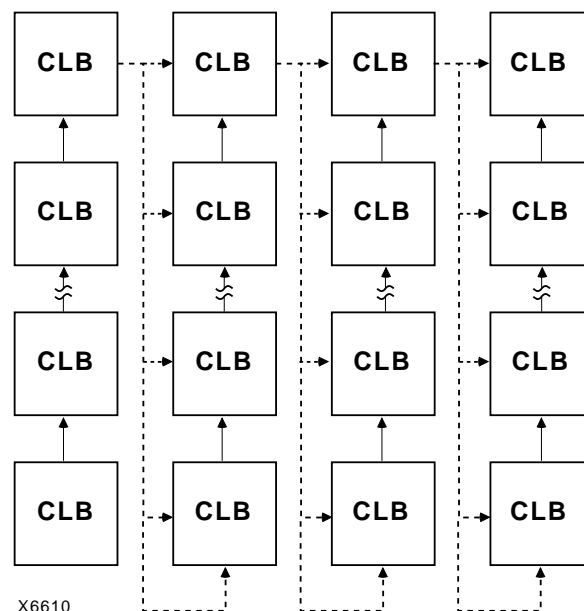
XC4000." This discussion also applies to XC4000E devices, and to XC4000X devices when the minor logic changes are taken into account.

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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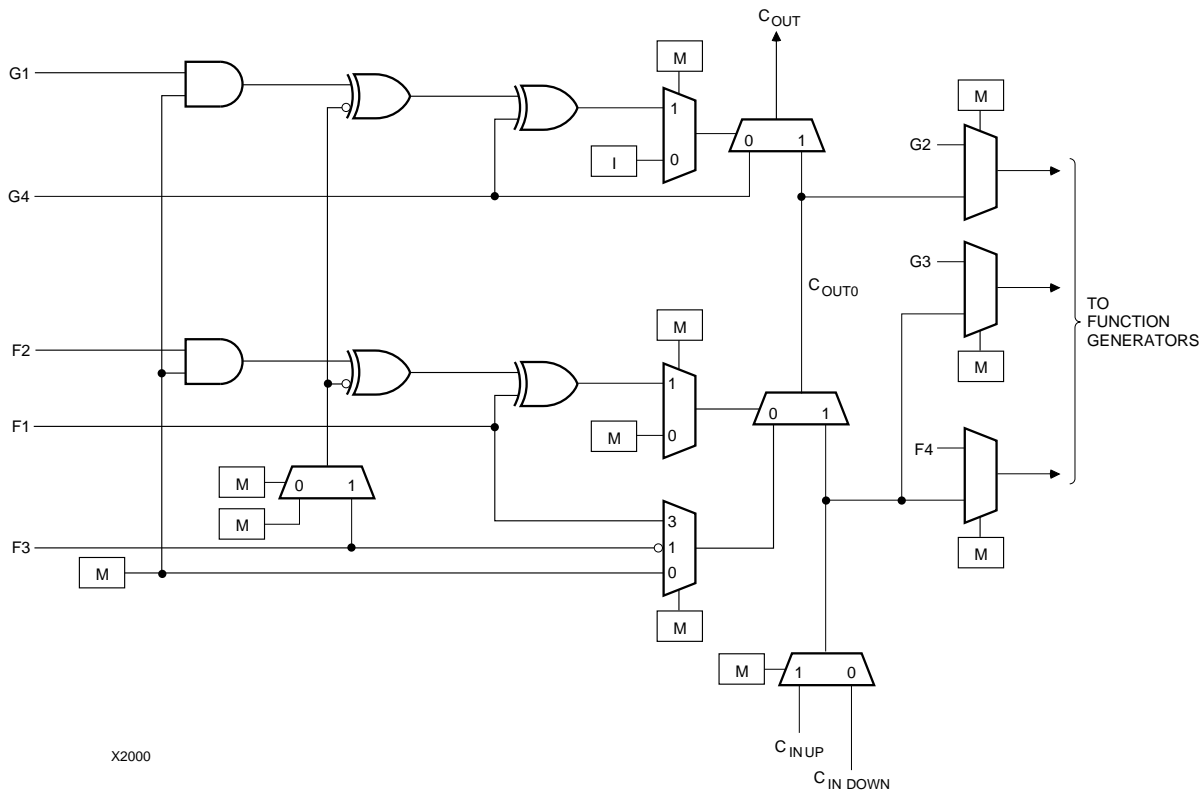
**Figure 11: Available XC4000E Carry Propagation Paths**



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





**Figure 14: Detail of XC4000E Dedicated Carry Logic**

## Input/Output Blocks (IOBs)

User-configurable input/output blocks (IOBs) provide the interface between external package pins and the internal logic. Each IOB controls one package pin and can be configured for input, output, or bidirectional signals.

Figure 15 shows a simplified block diagram of the XC4000E IOB. A more complete diagram which includes the boundary scan logic of the XC4000E IOB can be found in Figure 40 on page 43, in the “Boundary Scan” section.

The XC4000X IOB contains some special features not included in the XC4000E IOB. These features are highlighted in a simplified block diagram found in **Figure 16**, and discussed throughout this section. When XC4000X special features are discussed, they are clearly identified in the text. Any feature not so identified is present in both XC4000E and XC4000X devices.

### ***I/O Input Signals***

Two paths, labeled I1 and I2 in [Figure 15](#) and [Figure 16](#), bring input signals into the array. Inputs also connect to an input register that can be programmed as either an edge-triggered flip-flop or a level-sensitive latch.

The choice is made by placing the appropriate library symbol. For example, IFD is the basic input flip-flop (rising edge triggered), and ILD is the basic input latch (transparent-High). Variations with inverted clocks are available, and some combinations of latches and flip-flops can be implemented in a single IOB, as described in the *XACT Libraries Guide*.

The XC4000E inputs can be globally configured for either TTL (1.2V) or 5.0 volt CMOS thresholds, using an option in the bitstream generation software. There is a slight input hysteresis of about 300mV. The XC4000E output levels are also configurable; the two global adjustments of input threshold and output level are independent.

Inputs on the XC4000XL are TTL compatible and 3.3V CMOS compatible. Outputs on the XC4000XL are pulled to the 3.3V positive supply.

The inputs of XC4000 Series 5-Volt devices can be driven by the outputs of any 3.3-Volt device, if the 5-Volt inputs are in TTL mode.

Supported sources for XC4000 Series device inputs are shown in [Table 8](#).

### Additional Input Latch for Fast Capture (XC4000X only)

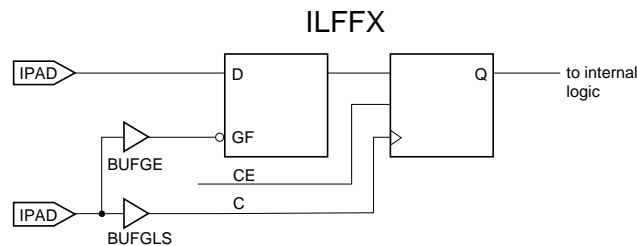
The XC4000X IOB has an additional optional latch on the input. This latch, as shown in [Figure 16](#), is clocked by the output clock — the clock used for the output flip-flop — rather than the input clock. Therefore, two different clocks can be used to clock the two input storage elements. This additional latch allows the very fast capture of input data, which is then synchronized to the internal clock by the IOB flip-flop or latch.

To use this Fast Capture technique, drive the output clock pin (the Fast Capture latching signal) from the output of one of the Global Early buffers supplied in the XC4000X. The second storage element should be clocked by a Global Low-Skew buffer, to synchronize the incoming data to the internal logic. (See [Figure 17](#).) These special buffers are described in “Global Nets and Buffers (XC4000X only)” on [page 37](#).

The Fast Capture latch (FCL) is designed primarily for use with a Global Early buffer. For Fast Capture, a single clock signal is routed through both a Global Early buffer and a Global Low-Skew buffer. (The two buffers share an input pad.) The Fast Capture latch is clocked by the Global Early buffer, and the standard IOB flip-flop or latch is clocked by the Global Low-Skew buffer. This mode is the safest way to use the Fast Capture latch, because the clock buffers on both storage elements are driven by the same pad. There is no external skew between clock pads to create potential problems.

To place the Fast Capture latch in a design, use one of the special library symbols, ILFFX or ILFLX. ILFFX is a transparent-Low Fast Capture latch followed by an active-High input flip-flop. ILFLX is a transparent-Low Fast Capture latch followed by a transparent-High input latch. Any of the clock inputs can be inverted before driving the library element, and the inverter is absorbed into the IOB. If a single BUFG output is used to drive both clock inputs, the software automatically runs the clock through both a Global Low-Skew buffer and a Global Early buffer, and clocks the Fast Capture latch appropriately.

[Figure 16 on page 21](#) also shows a two-tap delay on the input. By default, if the Fast Capture latch is used, the Xilinx software assumes a Global Early buffer is driving the clock, and selects MEDDELAY to ensure a zero hold time. Select



**Figure 17: Examples Using XC4000X FCL**

the desired delay based on the discussion in the previous subsection.

### IOB Output Signals

Output signals can be optionally inverted within the IOB, and can pass directly to the pad or be stored in an edge-triggered flip-flop. The functionality of this flip-flop is shown in [Table 11](#).

An active-High 3-state signal can be used to place the output buffer in a high-impedance state, implementing 3-state outputs or bidirectional I/O. Under configuration control, the output (OUT) and output 3-state (T) signals can be inverted. The polarity of these signals is independently configured for each IOB.

The 4-mA maximum output current specification of many FPGAs often forces the user to add external buffers, which are especially cumbersome on bidirectional I/O lines. The XC4000E and XC4000EX/XL devices solve many of these problems by providing a guaranteed output sink current of 12 mA. Two adjacent outputs can be interconnected externally to sink up to 24 mA. The XC4000E and XC4000EX/XL FPGAs can thus directly drive buses on a printed circuit board.

By default, the output pull-up structure is configured as a TTL-like totem-pole. The High driver is an n-channel pull-up transistor, pulling to a voltage one transistor threshold below Vcc. Alternatively, the outputs can be globally configured as CMOS drivers, with p-channel pull-up transistors pulling to Vcc. This option, applied using the bitstream generation software, applies to all outputs on the device. It is not individually programmable. In the XC4000XL, all outputs are pulled to the positive supply rail.

**Table 11: Output Flip-Flop Functionality (active rising edge is shown)**

Mode	Clock	Clock Enable	T	D	Q
Power-Up or GSR	X	X	0*	X	SR
Flip-Flop	X	0	0*	X	Q
		1*	0*	D	D
	X	X	1	X	Z
	0	X	0*	X	Q

Legend:

X Don't care  
 Rising edge  
 SR Set or Reset value. Reset is default.  
 0\* Input is Low or unconnected (default value)  
 1\* Input is High or unconnected (default value)  
 Z 3-state

or clear on reset and after configuration. Other than the global GSR net, no user-controlled set/reset signal is available to the I/O flip-flops. The choice of set or clear applies to both the initial state of the flip-flop and the response to the Global Set/Reset pulse. See [“Global Set/Reset” on page 11](#) for a description of how to use GSR.

### JTAG Support

Embedded logic attached to the IOBs contains test structures compatible with IEEE Standard 1149.1 for boundary scan testing, permitting easy chip and board-level testing. More information is provided in [“Boundary Scan” on page 42](#).

### Three-State Buffers

A pair of 3-state buffers is associated with each CLB in the array. (See [Figure 27 on page 30](#).) These 3-state buffers can be used to drive signals onto the nearest horizontal longlines above and below the CLB. They can therefore be used to implement multiplexed or bidirectional buses on the horizontal longlines, saving logic resources. Programmable pull-up resistors attached to these longlines help to implement a wide wired-AND function.

The buffer enable is an active-High 3-state (i.e. an active-Low enable), as shown in [Table 13](#).

Another 3-state buffer with similar access is located near each I/O block along the right and left edges of the array. (See [Figure 33 on page 34](#).)

The horizontal longlines driven by the 3-state buffers have a weak keeper at each end. This circuit prevents undefined floating levels. However, it is overridden by any driver, even a pull-up resistor.

Special longlines running along the perimeter of the array can be used to wire-AND signals coming from nearby IOBs or from internal longlines. These longlines form the wide edge decoders discussed in [“Wide Edge Decoders” on page 27](#).

### Three-State Buffer Modes

The 3-state buffers can be configured in three modes:

- Standard 3-state buffer
- Wired-AND with input on the I pin
- Wired OR-AND

### Standard 3-State Buffer

All three pins are used. Place the library element BUFT. Connect the input to the I pin and the output to the O pin. The T pin is an active-High 3-state (i.e. an active-Low enable). Tie the T pin to Ground to implement a standard buffer.

### Wired-AND with Input on the I Pin

The buffer can be used as a Wired-AND. Use the WAND1 library symbol, which is essentially an open-drain buffer. WAND4, WAND8, and WAND16 are also available. See the *XACT Libraries Guide* for further information.

The T pin is internally tied to the I pin. Connect the input to the I pin and the output to the O pin. Connect the outputs of all the WAND1s together and attach a PULLUP symbol.

### Wired OR-AND

The buffer can be configured as a Wired OR-AND. A High level on either input turns off the output. Use the WOR2AND library symbol, which is essentially an open-drain 2-input OR gate. The two input pins are functionally equivalent. Attach the two inputs to the I0 and I1 pins and tie the output to the O pin. Tie the outputs of all the WOR2ANDs together and attach a PULLUP symbol.

### Three-State Buffer Examples

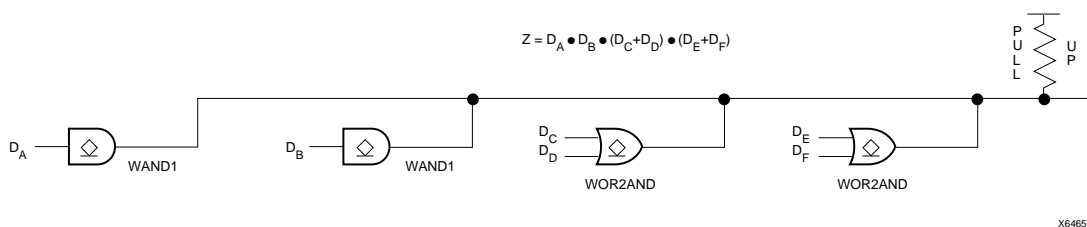
[Figure 21](#) shows how to use the 3-state buffers to implement a wired-AND function. When all the buffer inputs are High, the pull-up resistor(s) provide the High output.

[Figure 22](#) shows how to use the 3-state buffers to implement a multiplexer. The selection is accomplished by the buffer 3-state signal.

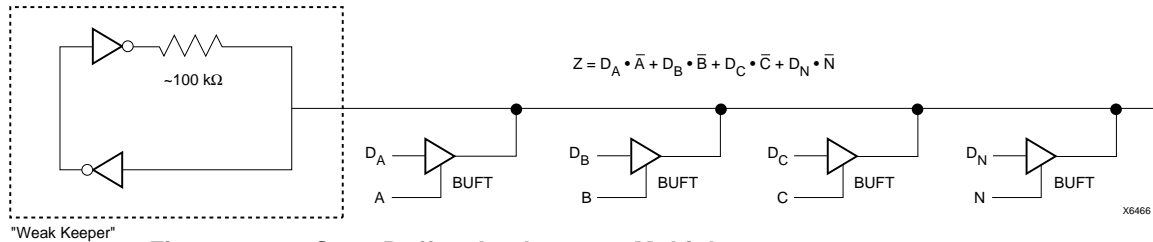
Pay particular attention to the polarity of the T pin when using these buffers in a design. Active-High 3-state (T) is identical to an active-Low output enable, as shown in [Table 13](#).

**Table 13: Three-State Buffer Functionality**

IN	T	OUT
X	1	Z
IN	0	IN



**Figure 21: Open-Drain Buffers Implement a Wired-AND Function**



**Figure 22: 3-State Buffers Implement a Multiplexer**

## Wide Edge Decoders

Dedicated decoder circuitry boosts the performance of wide decoding functions. When the address or data field is wider than the function generator inputs, FPGAs need multi-level decoding and are thus slower than PALs. XC4000 Series CLBs have nine inputs. Any decoder of up to nine inputs is, therefore, compact and fast. However, there is also a need for much wider decoders, especially for address decoding in large microprocessor systems.

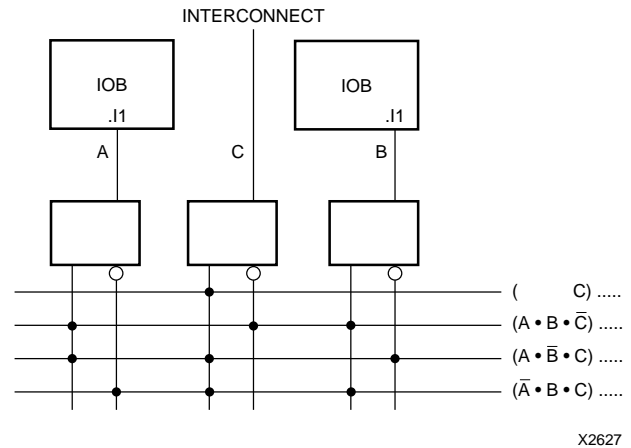
An XC4000 Series FPGA has four programmable decoders located on each edge of the device. The inputs to each decoder are any of the IOB I1 signals on that edge plus one local interconnect per CLB row or column. Each row or column of CLBs provides up to three variables or their complements., as shown in Figure 23. Each decoder generates a High output (resistor pull-up) when the AND condition of the selected inputs, or their complements, is true. This is analogous to a product term in typical PAL devices.

Each of these wired-AND gates is capable of accepting up to 42 inputs on the XC4005E and 72 on the XC4013E. There are up to 96 inputs for each decoder on the XC4028X and 132 on the XC4052X. The decoders may also be split in two when a larger number of narrower decoders are required, for a maximum of 32 decoders per device.

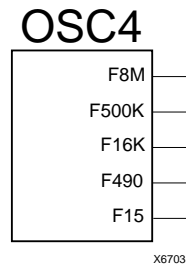
The decoder outputs can drive CLB inputs, so they can be combined with other logic to form a PAL-like AND/OR structure. The decoder outputs can also be routed directly to the chip outputs. For fastest speed, the output should be on the same chip edge as the decoder. Very large PALs can be emulated by ORing the decoder outputs in a CLB. This decoding feature covers what has long been considered a weakness of older FPGAs. Users often resorted to external PALs for simple but fast decoding functions. Now, the dedicated decoders in the XC4000 Series device can implement these functions fast and efficiently.

To use the wide edge decoders, place one or more of the WAND library symbols (WAND1, WAND4, WAND8, WAND16). Attach a DECODE attribute or property to each WAND symbol. Tie the outputs together and attach a PUL-

LUP symbol. Location attributes or properties such as L (left edge) or TR (right half of top edge) should also be used to ensure the correct placement of the decoder inputs.



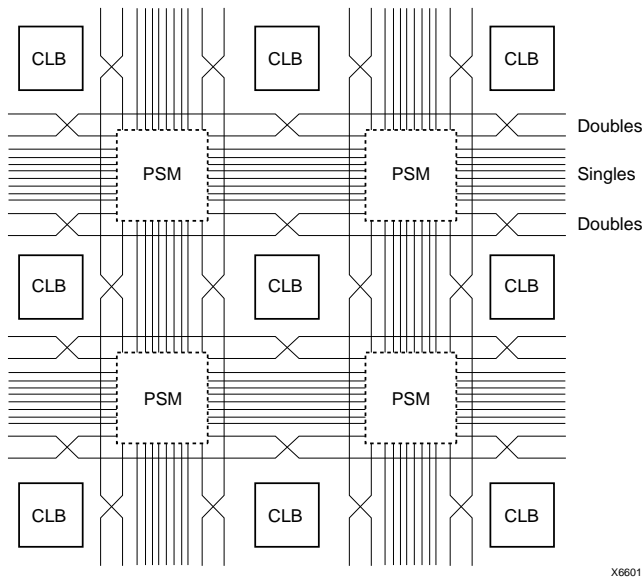
**Figure 23: XC4000 Series Edge Decoding Example**



**Figure 24: XC4000 Series Oscillator Symbol**

## On-Chip Oscillator

XC4000 Series devices include an internal oscillator. This oscillator is used to clock the power-on time-out, for configuration memory clearing, and as the source of CCLK in Master configuration modes. The oscillator runs at a nominal 8 MHz frequency that varies with process, Vcc, and temperature. The output frequency falls between 4 and 10 MHz.



**Figure 28: Single- and Double-Length Lines, with Programmable Switch Matrices (PSMs)**

### Double-Length Lines

The double-length lines consist of a grid of metal segments, each twice as long as the single-length lines: they run past two CLBs before entering a switch matrix. Double-length lines are grouped in pairs with the switch matrices staggered, so that each line goes through a switch matrix at every other row or column of CLBs (see [Figure 28](#)).

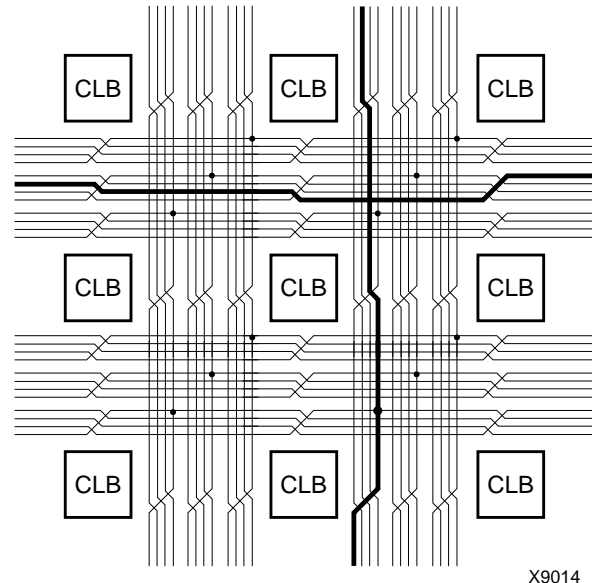
There are four vertical and four horizontal double-length lines associated with each CLB. These lines provide faster signal routing over intermediate distances, while retaining routing flexibility. Double-length lines are connected by way of the programmable switch matrices. Routing connectivity is shown in [Figure 27](#).

### Quad Lines (XC4000X only)

XC4000X devices also include twelve vertical and twelve horizontal quad lines per CLB row and column. Quad lines are four times as long as the single-length lines. They are interconnected via buffered switch matrices (shown as diamonds in [Figure 27 on page 30](#)). Quad lines run past four CLBs before entering a buffered switch matrix. They are grouped in fours, with the buffered switch matrices staggered, so that each line goes through a buffered switch matrix at every fourth CLB location in that row or column. (See [Figure 29](#).)

The buffered switch matrixes have four pins, one on each edge. All of the pins are bidirectional. Any pin can drive any or all of the other pins.

Each buffered switch matrix contains one buffer and six pass transistors. It resembles the programmable switch matrix shown in [Figure 26](#), with the addition of a programmable buffer. There can be up to two independent inputs



**Figure 29: Quad Lines (XC4000X only)**

and up to two independent outputs. Only one of the independent inputs can be buffered.

The place and route software automatically uses the timing requirements of the design to determine whether or not a quad line signal should be buffered. A heavily loaded signal is typically buffered, while a lightly loaded one is not. One scenario is to alternate buffers and pass transistors. This allows both vertical and horizontal quad lines to be buffered at alternating buffered switch matrices.

Due to the buffered switch matrices, quad lines are very fast. They provide the fastest available method of routing heavily loaded signals for long distances across the device.

### Longlines

Longlines form a grid of metal interconnect segments that run the entire length or width of the array. Longlines are intended for high fan-out, time-critical signal nets, or nets that are distributed over long distances. In XC4000X devices, quad lines are preferred for critical nets, because the buffered switch matrices make them faster for high fan-out nets.

Two horizontal longlines per CLB can be driven by 3-state or open-drain drivers (TBUFs). They can therefore implement unidirectional or bidirectional buses, wide multiplexers, or wired-AND functions. (See [“Three-State Buffers” on page 26](#) for more details.)

Each horizontal longline driven by TBUFs has either two (XC4000E) or eight (XC4000X) pull-up resistors. To activate these resistors, attach a PULLUP symbol to the long-line net. The software automatically activates the appropriate number of pull-ups. There is also a weak keeper at each end of these two horizontal longlines. This



circuit prevents undefined floating levels. However, it is overridden by any driver, even a pull-up resistor.

Each XC4000E longline has a programmable splitter switch at its center, as does each XC4000X longline driven by TBUFs. This switch can separate the line into two independent routing channels, each running half the width or height of the array.

Each XC4000X longline not driven by TBUFs has a buffered programmable splitter switch at the 1/4, 1/2, and 3/4 points of the array. Due to the buffering, XC4000X longline performance does not deteriorate with the larger array sizes. If the longline is split, the resulting partial longlines are independent.

Routing connectivity of the longlines is shown in [Figure 27 on page 30](#).

### **Direct Interconnect (XC4000X only)**

The XC4000X offers two direct, efficient and fast connections between adjacent CLBs. These nets facilitate a data flow from the left to the right side of the device, or from the top to the bottom, as shown in [Figure 30](#). Signals routed on the direct interconnect exhibit minimum interconnect propagation delay and use no general routing resources.

The direct interconnect is also present between CLBs and adjacent IOBs. Each IOB on the left and top device edges has a direct path to the nearest CLB. Each CLB on the right and bottom edges of the array has a direct path to the nearest two IOBs, since there are two IOBs for each row or column of CLBs.

The place and route software uses direct interconnect whenever possible, to maximize routing resources and minimize interconnect delays.



**Figure 30: XC4000X Direct Interconnect**

### **I/O Routing**

XC4000 Series devices have additional routing around the IOB ring. This routing is called a VersaRing. The VersaRing facilitates pin-swapping and redesign without affecting board layout. Included are eight double-length lines spanning two CLBs (four IOBs), and four longlines. Global lines and Wide Edge Decoder lines are provided. XC4000X devices also include eight octal lines.

A high-level diagram of the VersaRing is shown in [Figure 31](#). The shaded arrows represent routing present only in XC4000X devices.

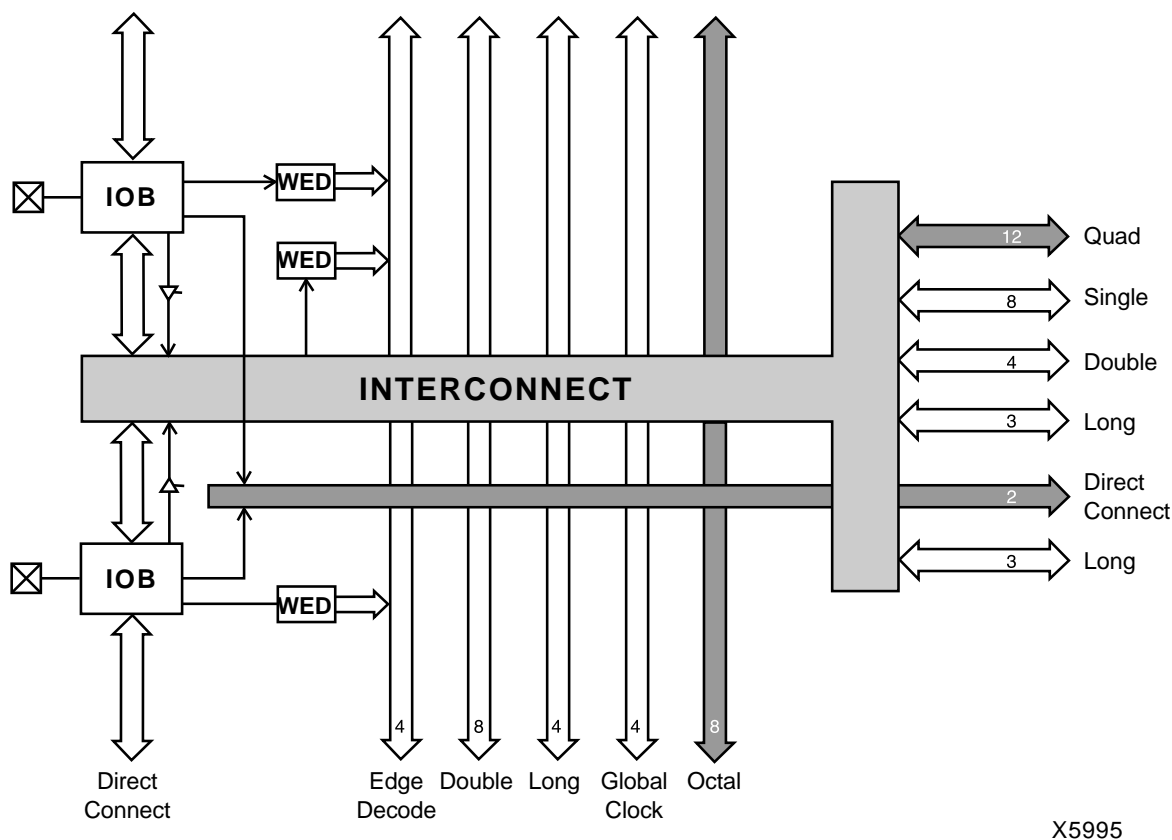
[Figure 33 on page 34](#) is a detailed diagram of the XC4000E and XC4000X VersaRing. The area shown includes two IOBs. There are two IOBs per CLB row or column, therefore this diagram corresponds to the CLB routing diagram shown in [Figure 27 on page 30](#). The shaded areas represent routing and routing connections present only in XC4000X devices.

### **Octal I/O Routing (XC4000X only)**

Between the XC4000X CLB array and the pad ring, eight interconnect tracks provide for versatility in pin assignment and fixed pinout flexibility. (See [Figure 32 on page 33](#).)

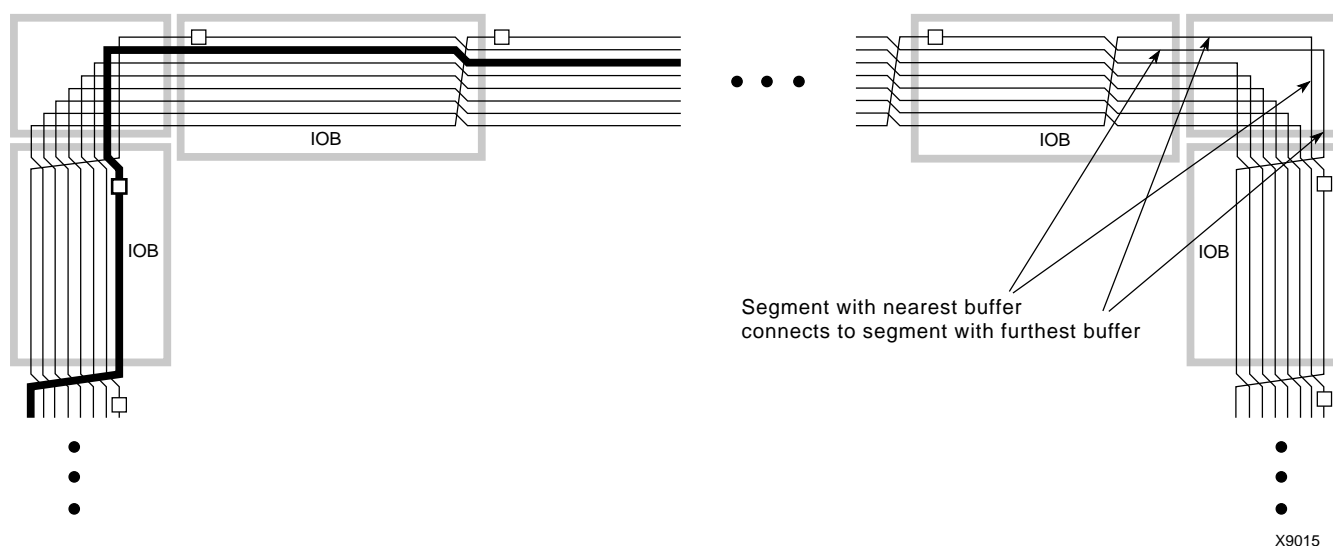
These routing tracks are called octals, because they can be broken every eight CLBs (sixteen IOBs) by a programmable buffer that also functions as a splitter switch. The buffers are staggered, so each line goes through a buffer at every eighth CLB location around the device edge.

The octal lines bend around the corners of the device. The lines cross at the corners in such a way that the segment most recently buffered before the turn has the farthest distance to travel before the next buffer, as shown in [Figure 32](#).



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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)



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Figure 32: XC4000X Octal I/O Routing

### 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](#).)

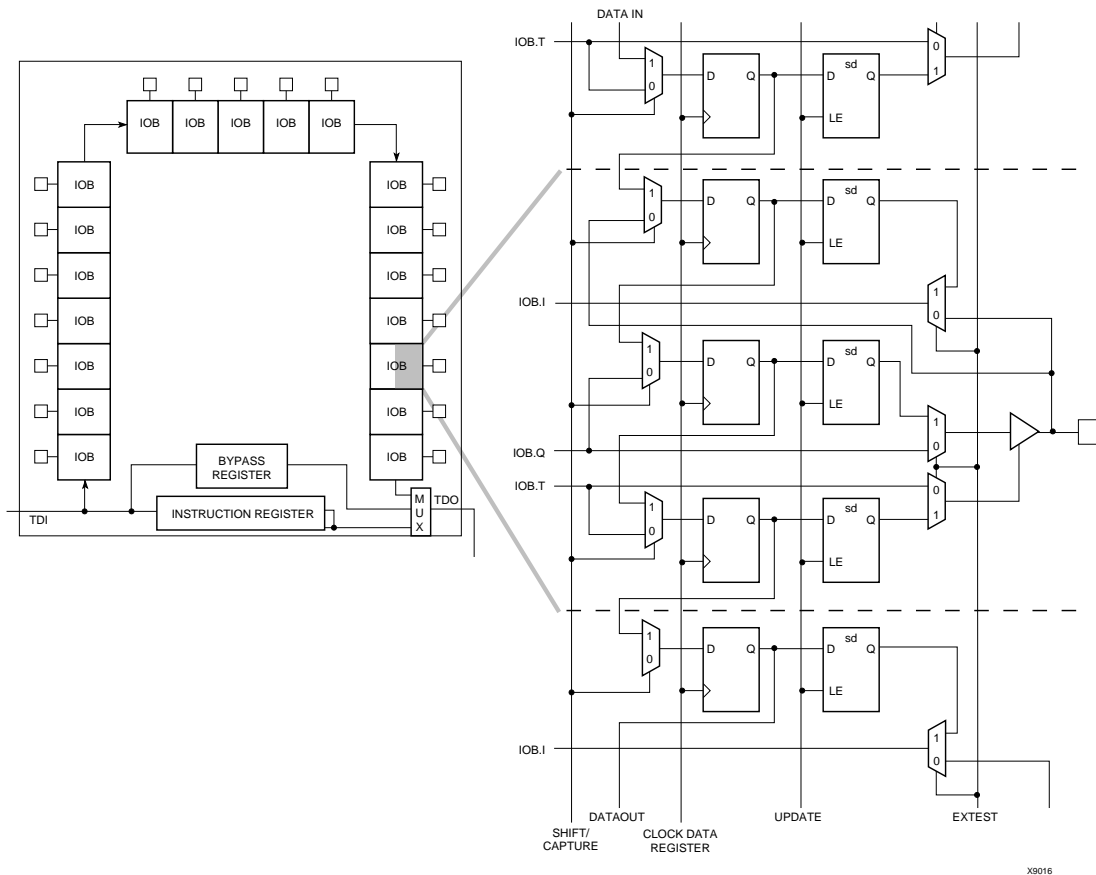
IOBs at the top and bottom edges of the device are accessed through the vertical Global lines in the CLB array, as in the XC4000E. Any Global Low-Skew buffer can, therefore, access every IOB and CLB in the device.

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
<b>Permanently Dedicated Pins</b>			
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 $\mu$ 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 <a href="#">“Violating the Maximum High and Low Time Specification for the Readback Clock” on page 56</a> 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.
<b>User I/O Pins That Can Have Special Functions</b>			
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 $\Omega$ 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,

### **Start-up from a User Clock (STARTUP.CLK)**

When, instead of CCLK, a user-supplied start-up clock is selected, Q1 is used to bridge the unknown phase relationship between CCLK and the user clock. This arbitration causes an unavoidable one-cycle uncertainty in the timing of the rest of the start-up sequence.

### **DONE Goes High to Signal End of Configuration**

XC4000 Series devices read the expected length count from the bitstream and store it in an internal register. The length count varies according to the number of devices and the composition of the daisy chain. Each device also counts the number of CCLKs during configuration.

Two conditions have to be met in order for the DONE pin to go high:

- the chip's internal memory must be full, and
- the configuration length count must be met, *exactly*.

This is important because the counter that determines when the length count is met begins with the very first CCLK, not the first one after the preamble.

Therefore, if a stray bit is inserted before the preamble, or the data source is not ready at the time of the first CCLK, the internal counter that holds the number of CCLKs will be one ahead of the actual number of data bits read. At the end of configuration, the configuration memory will be full, but the number of bits in the internal counter will not match the expected length count.

As a consequence, a Master mode device will continue to send out CCLKs until the internal counter turns over to zero, and then reaches the correct length count a second time. This will take several seconds [ $2^{24} * \text{CCLK period}$ ] — which is sometimes interpreted as the device not configuring at all.

If it is not possible to have the data ready at the time of the first CCLK, the problem can be avoided by increasing the number in the length count by the appropriate value. The *XACT User Guide* includes detailed information about manually altering the length count.

Note that DONE is an open-drain output and does not go High unless an internal pull-up is activated or an external pull-up is attached. The internal pull-up is activated as the default by the bitstream generation software.

### **Release of User I/O After DONE Goes High**

By default, the user I/O are released one CCLK cycle after the DONE pin goes High. If CCLK is not clocked after DONE goes High, the outputs remain in their initial state — 3-stated, with a 50 k $\Omega$  - 100 k $\Omega$  pull-up. The delay from DONE High to active user I/O is controlled by an option to the bitstream generation software.

### **Release of Global Set/Reset After DONE Goes High**

By default, Global Set/Reset (GSR) is released two CCLK cycles after the DONE pin goes High. If CCLK is not clocked twice after DONE goes High, all flip-flops are held in their initial set or reset state. The delay from DONE High to GSR inactive is controlled by an option to the bitstream generation software.

### **Configuration Complete After DONE Goes High**

Three full CCLK cycles are required after the DONE pin goes High, as shown in [Figure 47 on page 53](#). If CCLK is not clocked three times after DONE goes High, readback cannot be initiated and most boundary scan instructions cannot be used.

### **Configuration Through the Boundary Scan Pins**

XC4000 Series devices can be configured through the boundary scan pins. The basic procedure is as follows:

- Power up the FPGA with  $\overline{\text{INIT}}$  held Low (or drive the  $\overline{\text{PROGRAM}}$  pin Low for more than 300 ns followed by a High while holding  $\overline{\text{INIT}}$  Low). Holding  $\overline{\text{INIT}}$  Low allows enough time to issue the CONFIG command to the FPGA. The pin can be used as I/O after configuration if a resistor is used to hold  $\overline{\text{INIT}}$  Low.
- Issue the CONFIG command to the TMS input
- Wait for  $\overline{\text{INIT}}$  to go High
- Sequence the boundary scan Test Access Port to the SHIFT-DR state
- Toggle TCK to clock data into TDI pin.

The user must account for all TCK clock cycles after INIT goes High, as all of these cycles affect the Length Count compare.

For more detailed information, refer to the Xilinx application note XAPP017, “*Boundary Scan in XC4000 Devices*.” This application note also applies to XC4000E and XC4000X devices.

**Table 22: Pin Functions During Configuration**

CONFIGURATION MODE <M2:M1:M0>						USER OPERATION
SLAVE SERIAL <1:1:1>	MASTER SERIAL <0:0:0>	SYNCH. PERIPHERAL <0:1:1>	ASYNCH. PERIPHERAL <1:0:1>	MASTER PARALLEL DOWN <1:1:0>	MASTER PARALLEL UP <1:0:0>	
M2(HIGH) (I)	M2(LOW) (I)	M2(LOW) (I)	M2(HIGH) (I)	M2(HIGH) (I)	M2(HIGH) (I)	(I)
M1(HIGH) (I)	M1(LOW) (I)	M1(HIGH) (I)	M1(LOW) (I)	M1(HIGH) (I)	M1(LOW) (I)	(O)
M0(HIGH) (I)	M0(LOW) (I)	M0(HIGH) (I)	M0(HIGH) (I)	M0(LOW) (I)	M0(LOW) (I)	(I)
HDC (HIGH)	HDC (HIGH)	HDC (HIGH)	HDC (HIGH)	HDC (HIGH)	HDC (HIGH)	I/O
LDC (LOW)	LDC (LOW)	LDC (LOW)	LDC (LOW)	LDC (LOW)	LDC (LOW)	I/O
INIT	INIT	INIT	INIT	INIT	INIT	I/O
DONE	DONE	DONE	DONE	DONE	DONE	DONE
PROGRAM (I)	PROGRAM (I)	PROGRAM (I)	PROGRAM (I)	PROGRAM (I)	PROGRAM (I)	PROGRAM
CCLK (I)	CCLK (O)	CCLK (I)	CCLK (O)	CCLK (O)	CCLK (O)	CCLK (I)
		RDY/BUSY (O)	RDY/BUSY (O)	RCLK (O)	RCLK (O)	I/O
			RS (I)			I/O
			CS0 (I)			I/O
		DATA 7 (I)	DATA 7 (I)	DATA 7 (I)	DATA 7 (I)	I/O
		DATA 6 (I)	DATA 6 (I)	DATA 6 (I)	DATA 6 (I)	I/O
		DATA 5 (I)	DATA 5 (I)	DATA 5 (I)	DATA 5 (I)	I/O
		DATA 4 (I)	DATA 4 (I)	DATA 4 (I)	DATA 4 (I)	I/O
		DATA 3 (I)	DATA 3 (I)	DATA 3 (I)	DATA 3 (I)	I/O
		DATA 2 (I)	DATA 2 (I)	DATA 2 (I)	DATA 2 (I)	I/O
		DATA 1 (I)	DATA 1 (I)	DATA 1 (I)	DATA 1 (I)	I/O
DIN (I)	DIN (I)	DATA 0 (I)	DATA 0 (I)	DATA 0 (I)	DATA 0 (I)	I/O
DOUT	DOUT	DOUT	DOUT	DOUT	DOUT	SGCK4-GCK6-I/O
TDI	TDI	TDI	TDI	TDI	TDI	TDI-I/O
TCK	TCK	TCK	TCK	TCK	TCK	TCK-I/O
TMS	TMS	TMS	TMS	TMS	TMS	TMS-I/O
TDO	TDO	TDO	TDO	TDO	TDO	TDO-(O)
			WS (I)	A0	A0	I/O
				A1	A1	PGCK4-GCK7-I/O
			CS1	A2	A2	I/O
				A3	A3	I/O
				A4	A4	I/O
				A5	A5	I/O
				A6	A6	I/O
				A7	A7	I/O
				A8	A8	I/O
				A9	A9	I/O
				A10	A10	I/O
				A11	A11	I/O
				A12	A12	I/O
				A13	A13	I/O
				A14	A14	I/O
				A15	A15	SGCK1-GCK8-I/O
				A16	A16	PGCK1-GCK1-I/O
				A17	A17	I/O
				A18*	A18*	I/O
				A19*	A19*	I/O
				A20*	A20*	I/O
				A21*	A21*	I/O
						ALL OTHERS