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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	1600
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	3800
Total RAM Bits	51200
Number of I/O	129
Number of Gates	44000
Voltage - Supply	3V ~ 3.6V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	160-BQFP Exposed Pad
Supplier Device Package	160-PQFP (28x28)
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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.

Input Thresholds

The input thresholds of 5V devices can be globally config-ured 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 resis-tors. 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 kΩ is recommended.

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

The $\overline{\text{PROGRAM}}$ 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 poten-tial ground bounce when all outputs are turned on simulta-neously. 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 repow-ering buffers for maximum speed. Additional high-perfor-mance 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 Sig-nals" 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 sin-gle output pad, effectively doubling the number of device outputs without requiring a larger, more expensive pack-age. 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 config-uration mode to 22 bits.

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

Flip-Flops

The CLB can pass the combinatorial output(s) to the interconnect network, but can also store the combinatorial 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
	$\_\_/\overline{}$	1*	0*	D	D
	0	X	0*	X	Q
Latch	1	1*	0*	X	Q
	0	1*	0*	D	D
Both	X	0	0*	X	Q

Legend:
X	Don't care
$\_\_/\overline{}$	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)

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.
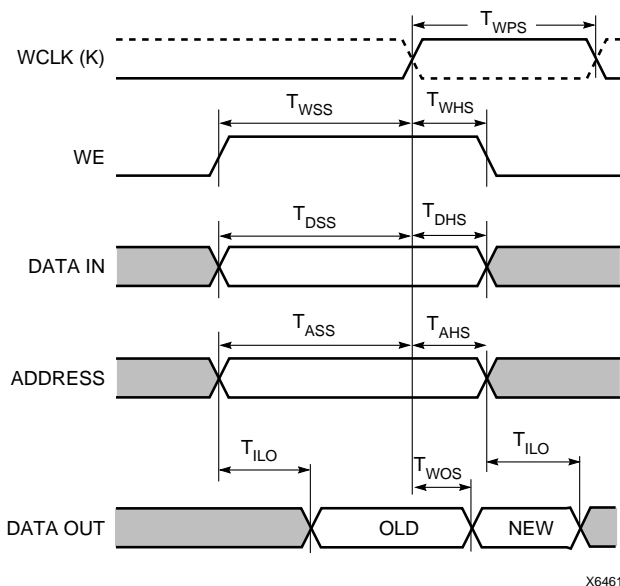
Figure 3: Edge-Triggered RAM Write Timing

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

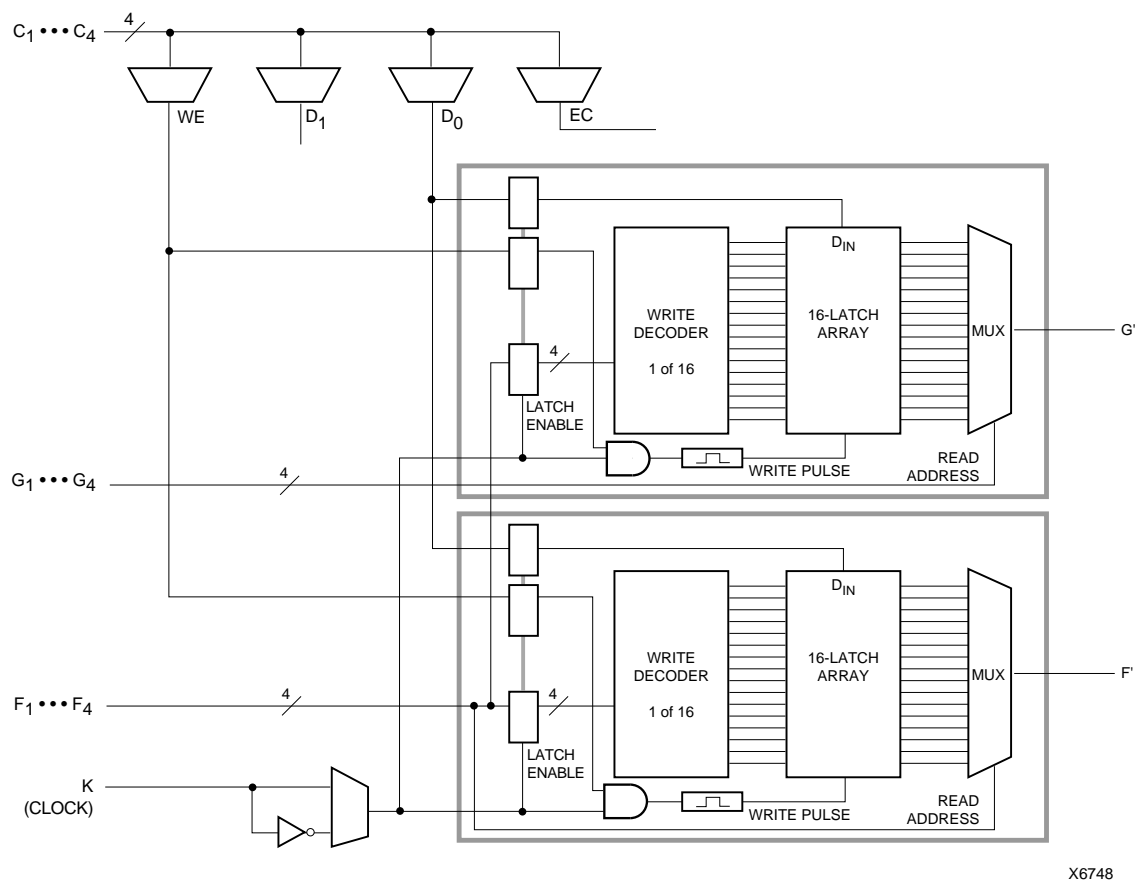| RAM Signal	CLB Pin	Function
D	D0 or D1 (16x2, 16x1), D0 (32x1)	Data In
A[3:0]	F1-F4 or G1-G4	Address
A[4]	D1 (32x1)	Address
WE	WE	Write Enable
WCLK	K	Clock
SPO (Data Out)	F' or G'	Single Port Out (Data Out)

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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

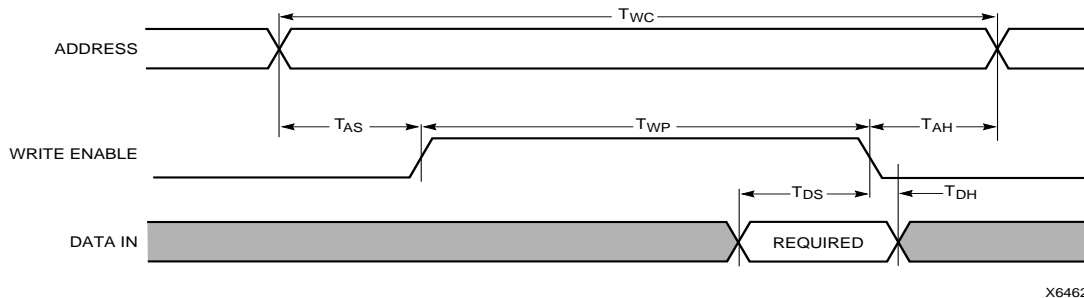| RAM Signal	CLB Pin	Function
D	D0 or D1	Data In
A[3:0]	F1-F4 or G1-G4	Address
WE	WE	Write Enable
O	F' or G'	Data Out

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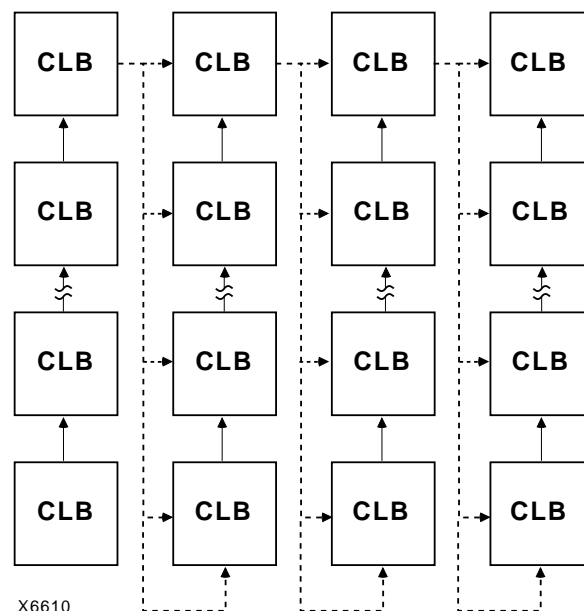
XC4000." This discussion also applies to XC4000E devices, and to XC4000X devices when the minor logic changes are taken into account.

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.
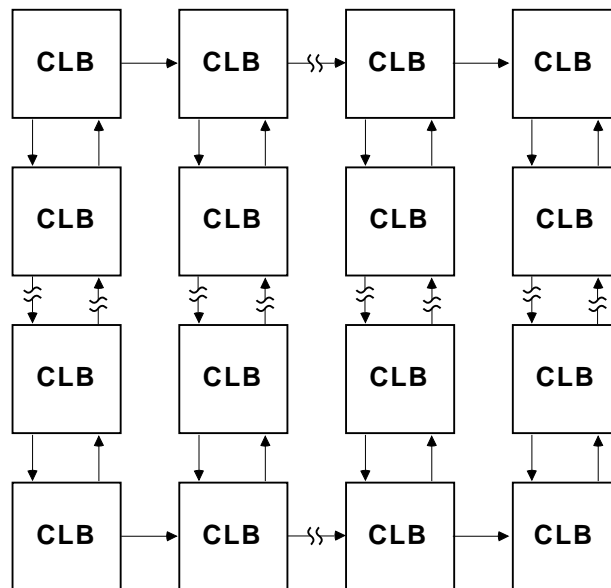
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Figure 11: Available XC4000E Carry Propagation Paths

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Figure 12: Available XC4000X Carry Propagation Paths   (dotted lines use general interconnect)
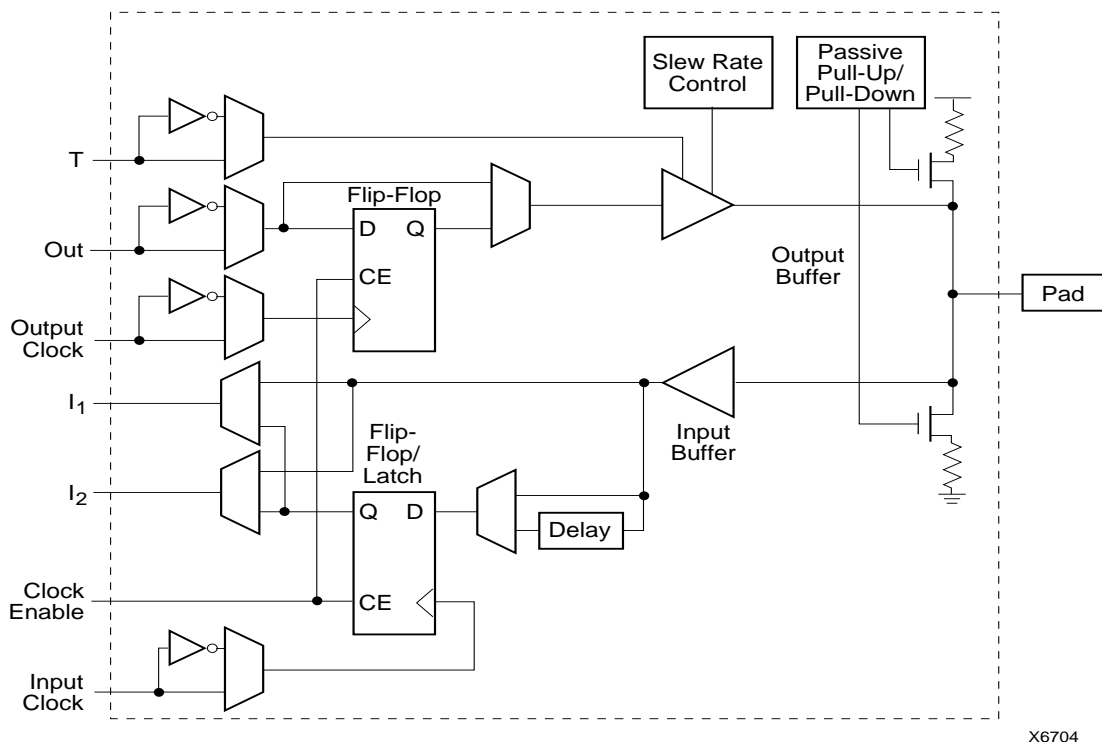
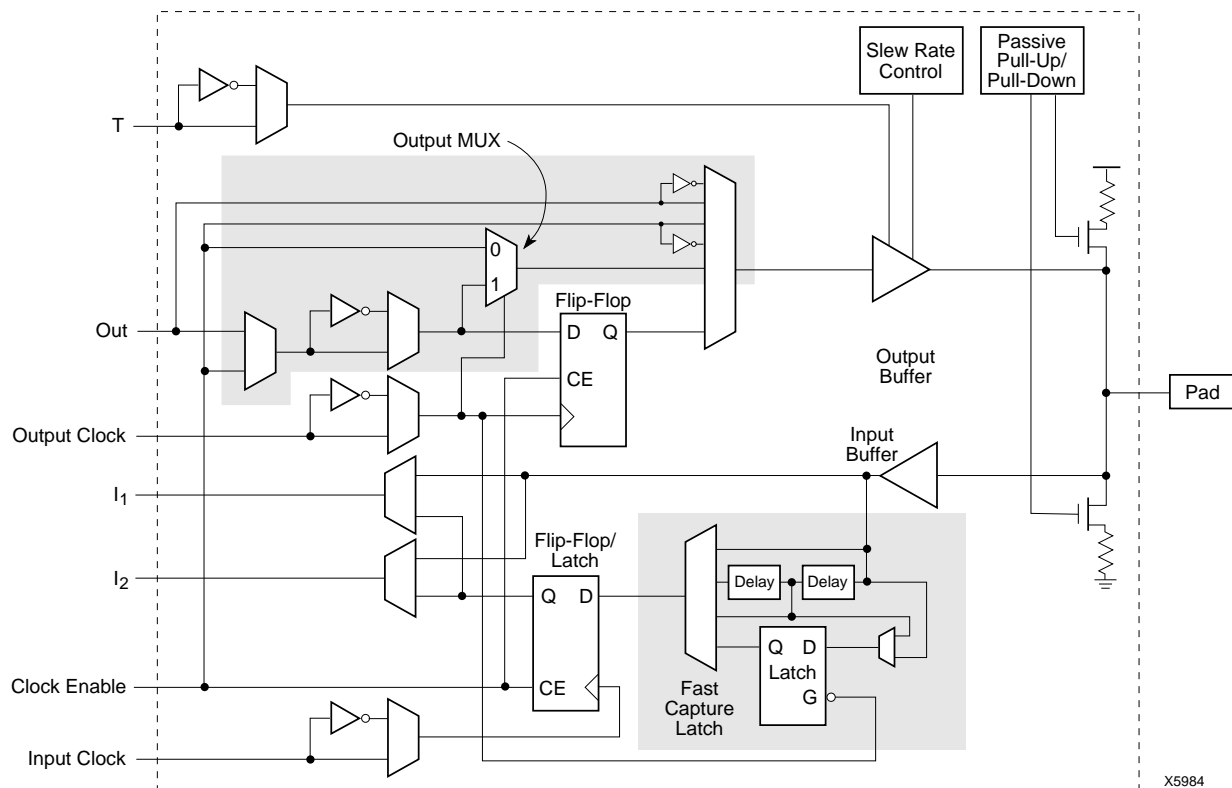**Figure 15: Simplified Block Diagram of XC4000E IOB**

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

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

$$Z = D_A \bullet D_B \bullet (D_C + D_D) \bullet (D_E + D_F)$$

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

$$Z = D_A \cdot \overline{A} + D_B \cdot \overline{B} + D_C \cdot \overline{C} + D_N \cdot \overline{N}$$
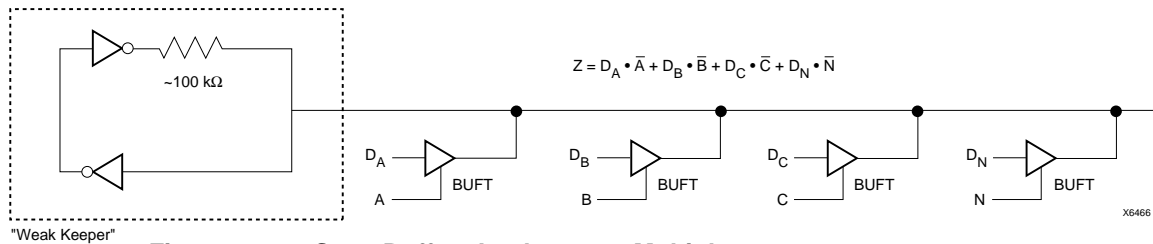
Figure 22:   3-State Buffers Implement a Multiplexer

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 compliments., 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.
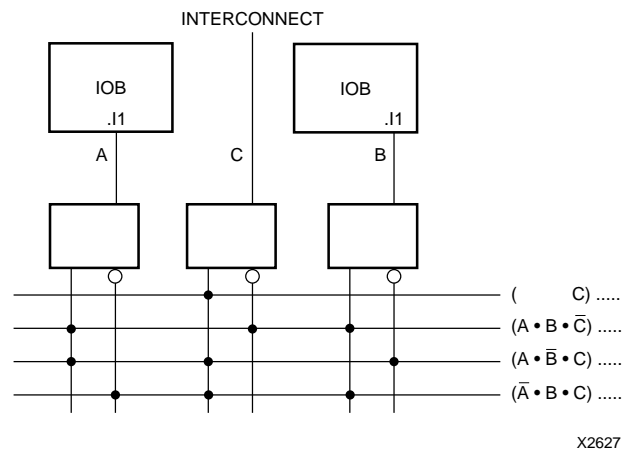

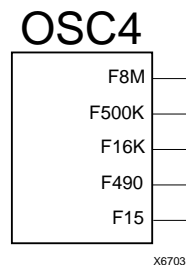**Figure 23:   XC4000 Series Edge Decoding Example**

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.

The oscillator output is optionally available after configuration. Any two of four resynchronized taps of a built-in divider are also available. These taps are at the fourth, ninth, fourteenth and nineteenth bits of the divider. Therefore, if the primary oscillator output is running at the nominal 8 MHz, the user has access to an 8 MHz clock, plus any two of 500 kHz, 16kHz, 490Hz and 15Hz (up to 10% lower for low-voltage devices). These frequencies can vary by as much as -50% or +25%.

These signals can be accessed by placing the OSC4 library element in a schematic or in HDL code (see Figure 24).

The oscillator is automatically disabled after configuration if the OSC4 symbol is not used in the design.

Programmable Interconnect

All internal connections are composed of metal segments with programmable switching points and switching matrices to implement the desired routing. A structured, hierarchical matrix of routing resources is provided to achieve efficient automated routing.

The XC4000E and XC4000X share a basic interconnect structure. XC4000X devices, however, have additional routing not available in the XC4000E. The extra routing resources allow high utilization in high-capacity devices. All XC4000X-specific routing resources are clearly identified throughout this section. Any resources not identified as XC4000X-specific are present in all XC4000 Series devices.

This section describes the varied routing resources available in XC4000 Series devices. The implementation software automatically assigns the appropriate resources based on the density and timing requirements of the design.

Interconnect Overview

There are several types of interconnect.

- CLB routing is associated with each row and column of the CLB array.
- IOB routing forms a ring (called a VersaRing) around the outside of the CLB array. It connects the I/O with the internal logic blocks.

- Global routing consists of dedicated networks primarily designed to distribute clocks throughout the device with minimum delay and skew. Global routing can also be used for other high-fanout signals.

Five interconnect types are distinguished by the relative length of their segments: single-length lines, double-length lines, quad and octal lines (XC4000X only), and longlines. In the XC4000X, direct connects allow fast data flow between adjacent CLBs, and between IOBs and CLBs.

Extra routing is included in the IOB pad ring. The XC4000X also includes a ring of octal interconnect lines near the IOBs to improve pin-swapping and routing to locked pins.

XC4000E/X devices include two types of global buffers. These global buffers have different properties, and are intended for different purposes. They are discussed in detail later in this section.

CLB Routing Connections

A high-level diagram of the routing resources associated with one CLB is shown in Figure 25. The shaded arrows represent routing present only in XC4000X devices.

Table 14 shows how much routing of each type is available in XC4000E and XC4000X CLB arrays. Clearly, very large designs, or designs with a great deal of interconnect, will route more easily in the XC4000X. Smaller XC4000E designs, typically requiring significantly less interconnect, do not require the additional routing.

Figure 27 on page 30 is a detailed diagram of both the XC4000E and the XC4000X CLB, with associated routing. The shaded square is the programmable switch matrix, present in both the XC4000E and the XC4000X. The L-shaped shaded area is present only in XC4000X devices. As shown in the figure, the XC4000X block is essentially an XC4000E block with additional routing.

CLB inputs and outputs are distributed on all four sides, providing maximum routing flexibility. In general, the entire architecture is symmetrical and regular. It is well suited to established placement and routing algorithms. Inputs, outputs, and function generators can freely swap positions within a CLB to avoid routing congestion during the placement and routing operation.

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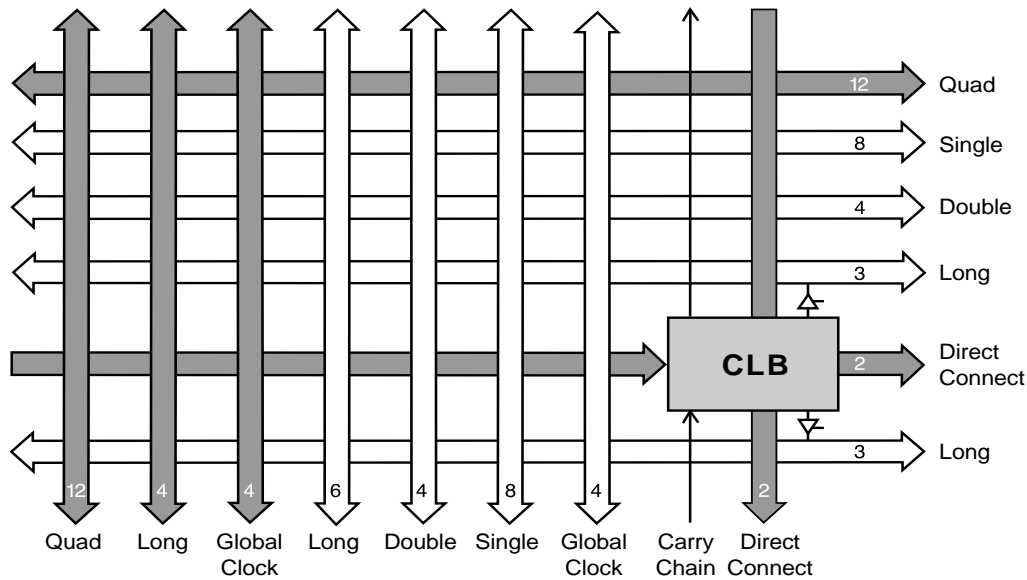
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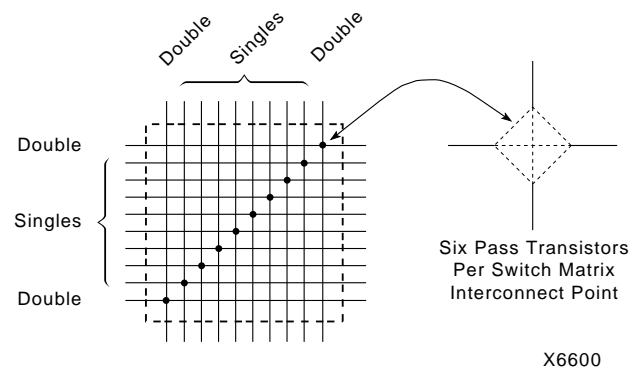**Figure 25: High-Level Routing Diagram of XC4000 Series CLB (shaded arrows indicate XC4000X only)**

Table 14: Routing per CLB in XC4000 Series Devices

	XC4000E		XC4000X	
	Vertical	**Horizontal**	**Vertical**	**Horizontal**
Singles	8	8	8	8
Doubles	4	4	4	4
Quads	0	0	12	12
Longlines	6	6	10	6
Direct Connects	0	0	2	2
Globals	4	0	8	0
Carry Logic	2	0	1	0
Total	24	18	45	32

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Figure 26: Programmable Switch Matrix (PSM)

Programmable Switch Matrices

The horizontal and vertical single- and double-length lines intersect at a box called a programmable switch matrix (PSM). Each switch matrix consists of programmable pass transistors used to establish connections between the lines (see Figure 26).

For example, a single-length signal entering on the right side of the switch matrix can be routed to a single-length line on the top, left, or bottom sides, or any combination thereof, if multiple branches are required. Similarly, a double-length signal can be routed to a double-length line on any or all of the other three edges of the programmable switch matrix.

Single-Length Lines

Single-length lines provide the greatest interconnect flexibility and offer fast routing between adjacent blocks. There are eight vertical and eight horizontal single-length lines associated with each CLB. These lines connect the switching matrices that are located in every row and a column of CLBs.

Single-length lines are connected by way of the programmable switch matrices, as shown in Figure 28. Routing connectivity is shown in Figure 27.

Single-length lines incur a delay whenever they go through a switching matrix. Therefore, they are not suitable for routing signals for long distances. They are normally used to conduct signals within a localized area and to provide the branching for nets with fanout greater than one.

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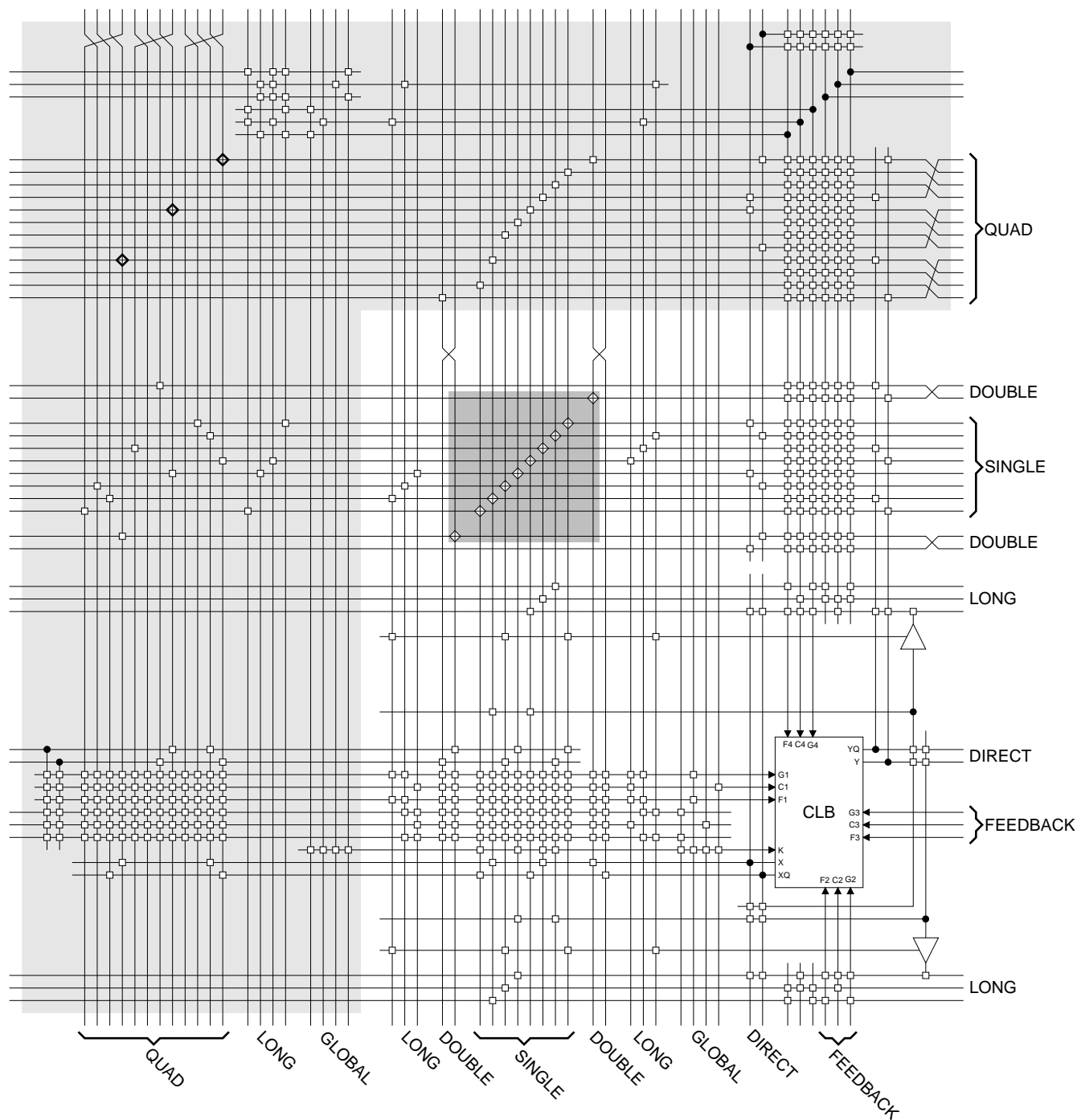
Figure 27: Detail of Programmable Interconnect Associated with XC4000 Series CLB

The top and bottom Global Early buffers are about 1 ns slower clock to out than the left and right Global Early buffers.

The Global Early buffers can be driven by either semi-dedicated pads or internal logic. They share pads with the Global Low-Skew buffers, so a single net can drive both global buffers, as described above.

To use a Global Early buffer, place a BUFGE 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 BUFGE be placed in one of the two Global Early buffers on the top edge of the device, or a LOC=TR to indicate the Global Early buffer on the top edge of the device, on the right.

Power Distribution

Power for the FPGA is distributed through a grid to achieve high noise immunity and isolation between logic and I/O. Inside the FPGA, a dedicated Vcc and Ground ring surrounding the logic array provides power to the I/O drivers, as shown in Figure 39. An independent matrix of Vcc and Ground lines supplies the interior logic of the device.

This power distribution grid provides a stable supply and ground for all internal logic, providing the external package power pins are all connected and appropriately de-coupled. Typically, a 0.1 μF capacitor connected between each Vcc pin and the board's Ground plane will provide adequate de-coupling.

Output buffers capable of driving/sinking the specified 12 mA loads under specified worst-case conditions may be capable of driving/sinking up to 10 times as much current under best case conditions.

Noise can be reduced by minimizing external load capacitance and reducing simultaneous output transitions in the same direction. It may also be beneficial to locate heavily loaded output buffers near the Ground pads. The I/O Block output buffers have a slew-rate limited mode (default) which should be used where output rise and fall times are not speed-critical.
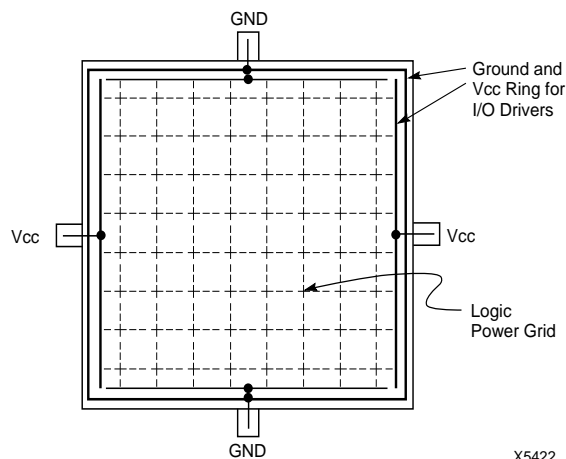

Figure 39: XC4000 Series Power Distribution

Pin Descriptions

There are three types of pins in the XC4000 Series devices:

- Permanently dedicated pins
- User I/O pins that can have special functions
- Unrestricted user-programmable I/O pins.

Before and during configuration, all outputs not used for the configuration process are 3-stated with a 50 kΩ - 100 kΩ pull-up resistor.

After configuration, if an IOB is unused it is configured as an input with a 50 kΩ - 100 kΩ pull-up resistor.

XC4000 Series devices have no dedicated Reset input. Any user I/O can be configured to drive the Global Set/Reset net, GSR. See "Global Set/Reset" on page 11 for more information on GSR.

XC4000 Series devices have no Powerdown control input, as the XC3000 and XC2000 families do. The XC3000/XC2000 Powerdown control also 3-stated all of the device
I/O pins. For XC4000 Series devices, use the global 3-state net, GTS, instead. This net 3-states all outputs, but does not place the device in low-power mode. See "IOB Output Signals" on page 23 for more information on GTS.

Device pins for XC4000 Series devices are described in Table 16. Pin functions during configuration for each of the seven configuration modes are summarized in Table 22 on page 58, in the "Configuration Timing" section.

Table 16: Pin Descriptions (Continued)

Pin Name	I/O During Config.	I/O After Config.	Pin Description
$\overline{CS0}$, CS1, $\overline{WS}$, $\overline{RS}$	I	I/O	These four inputs are used in Asynchronous Peripheral mode. The chip is selected when $\overline{CS0}$ is Low and CS1 is High. While the chip is selected, a Low on Write Strobe ($\overline{WS}$) loads the data present on the D0 - D7 inputs into the internal data buffer. A Low on Read Strobe ($\overline{RS}$) changes D7 into a status output — High if Ready, Low if Busy — and drives D0 - D6 High. In Express mode, CS1 is used as a serial-enable signal for daisy-chaining. $\overline{WS}$ and $\overline{RS}$ should be mutually exclusive, but if both are Low simultaneously, the Write Strobe overrides. After configuration, these are user-programmable I/O pins.
A0 - A17	O	I/O	During Master Parallel configuration, these 18 output pins address the configuration EPROM. After configuration, they are user-programmable I/O pins.
A18 - A21 (XC4003XL to XC4085XL)	O	I/O	During Master Parallel configuration with an XC4000X master, these 4 output pins add 4 more bits to address the configuration EPROM. After configuration, they are user-programmable I/O pins. (See Master Parallel Configuration section for additional details.)
D0 - D7	I	I/O	During Master Parallel and Peripheral configuration, these eight input pins receive configuration data. After configuration, they are user-programmable I/O pins.
DIN	I	I/O	During Slave Serial or Master Serial configuration, DIN is the serial configuration data input receiving data on the rising edge of CCLK. During Parallel configuration, DIN is the D0 input. After configuration, DIN is a user-programmable I/O pin.
DOUT	O	I/O	During configuration in any mode but Express mode, DOUT is the serial configuration data output that can drive the DIN of daisy-chained slave FPGAs. DOUT data changes on the falling edge of CCLK, one-and-a-half CCLK periods after it was received at the DIN input. In Express modefor XC4000E and XC4000X only, DOUT is the status output that can drive the CS1 of daisy-chained FPGAs, to enable and disable downstream devices. After configuration, DOUT is a user-programmable I/O pin.
Unrestricted User-Programmable I/O Pins			
I/O	Weak Pull-up	I/O	These pins can be configured to be input and/or output after configuration is completed. Before configuration is completed, these pins have an internal high-value pull-up resistor (25 kΩ - 100 kΩ) that defines the logic level as High.

Boundary Scan

The 'bed of nails' has been the traditional method of testing electronic assemblies. This approach has become less appropriate, due to closer pin spacing and more sophisticated assembly methods like surface-mount technology and multi-layer boards. The IEEE Boundary Scan Standard 1149.1 was developed to facilitate board-level testing of electronic assemblies. Design and test engineers can imbed a standard test logic structure in their device to achieve high fault coverage for I/O and internal logic. This structure is easily implemented with a four-pin interface on any boundary scan-compatible IC. IEEE 1149.1-compatible devices may be serial daisy-chained together, connected in parallel, or a combination of the two.

The XC4000 Series implements IEEE 1149.1-compatible BYPASS, PRELOAD/SAMPLE and EXTEST boundary scan instructions. When the boundary scan configuration option is selected, three normal user I/O pins become dedicated inputs for these functions. Another user output pin becomes the dedicated boundary scan output. The details of how to enable this circuitry are covered later in this section.

By exercising these input signals, the user can serially load commands and data into these devices to control the driving of their outputs and to examine their inputs. This method is an improvement over bed-of-nails testing. It avoids the need to over-drive device outputs, and it reduces the user interface to four pins. An optional fifth pin, a reset for the control logic, is described in the standard but is not implemented in Xilinx devices.

The dedicated on-chip logic implementing the IEEE 1149.1 functions includes a 16-state machine, an instruction register and a number of data registers. The functional details can be found in the IEEE 1149.1 specification and are also discussed in the Xilinx application note XAPP 017: "*Boundary Scan in XC4000 Devices.*"

shows a simplified block diagram of the XC4000E Input/Output Block with boundary scan implemented. XC4000X boundary scan logic is identical.

The default option, and the most practical one, is for DONE to go High first, disconnecting the configuration data source and avoiding any contention when the I/Os become active one clock later. Reset/Set is then released another clock period later to make sure that user-operation starts from stable internal conditions. This is the most common sequence, shown with heavy lines in Figure 47, but the designer can modify it to meet particular requirements.

Normally, the start-up sequence is controlled by the internal device oscillator output (CCLK), which is asynchronous to the system clock.

XC4000 Series offers another start-up clocking option, UCLK_NOSYNC. The three events described above need not be triggered by CCLK. They can, as a configuration option, be triggered by a user clock. This means that the device can wake up in synchronism with the user system.

When the UCLK_SYNC option is enabled, the user can externally hold the open-drain DONE output Low, and thus stall all further progress in the start-up sequence until DONE is released and has gone High. This option can be used to force synchronization of several FPGAs to a common user clock, or to guarantee that all devices are successfully configured before any I/Os go active.

If either of these two options is selected, and no user clock is specified in the design or attached to the device, the chip could reach a point where the configuration of the device is complete and the Done pin is asserted, but the outputs do not become active. The solution is either to recreate the bitstream specifying the start-up clock as CCLK, or to supply the appropriate user clock.

Start-up Sequence

The Start-up sequence begins when the configuration memory is full, and the total number of configuration clocks received since $\overline{INIT}$ went High equals the loaded value of the length count.

The next rising clock edge sets a flip-flop Q0, shown in Figure 48. Q0 is the leading bit of a 5-bit shift register. The outputs of this register can be programmed to control three events.

- The release of the open-drain DONE output
- The change of configuration-related pins to the user function, activating all IOBs.
- The termination of the global Set/Reset initialization of all CLB and IOB storage elements.

The DONE pin can also be wire-ANDed with DONE pins of other FPGAs or with other external signals, and can then be used as input to bit Q3 of the start-up register. This is called "Start-up Timing Synchronous to Done In" and is selected by either CCLK_SYNC or UCLK_SYNC.

When DONE is not used as an input, the operation is called "Start-up Timing Not Synchronous to DONE In," and is selected by either CCLK_NOSYNC or UCLK_NOSYNC.

As a configuration option, the start-up control register beyond Q0 can be clocked either by subsequent CCLK pulses or from an on-chip user net called STARTUP.CLK. These signals can be accessed by placing the STARTUP library symbol.

Start-up from CCLK

If CCLK is used to drive the start-up, Q0 through Q3 provide the timing. Heavy lines in Figure 47 show the default timing, which is compatible with XC2000 and XC3000 devices using early DONE and late Reset. The thin lines indicate all other possible timing options.

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} * $ 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 kΩ - 100 kΩ 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.
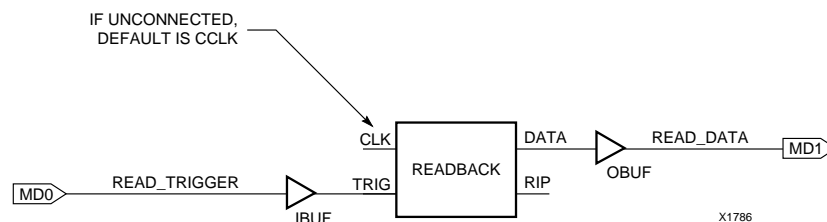
Figure 49: Readback Schematic Example

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.

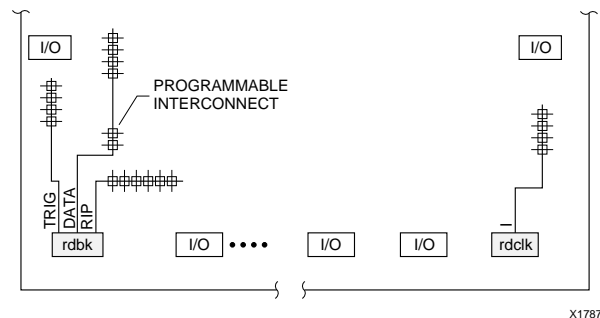RDBK.CLK is located in the lower right chip corner, as shown in Figure 50.

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.

Master Serial Mode

In Master Serial mode, the CCLK output of the lead FPGA drives a Xilinx Serial PROM that feeds the FPGA DIN input. Each rising edge of the CCLK output increments the Serial PROM internal address counter. The next data bit is put on the SPROM data output, connected to the FPGA DIN pin. The lead FPGA accepts this data on the subsequent rising CCLK edge.

The lead FPGA then presents the preamble data—and all data that overflows the lead device—on its DOUT pin. There is an internal pipeline delay of 1.5 CCLK periods, which means that DOUT changes on the falling CCLK edge, and the next FPGA in the daisy chain accepts data on the subsequent rising CCLK edge.

In the bitstream generation software, the user can specify Fast ConfigRate, which, starting several bits into the first frame, increases the CCLK frequency by a factor of eight.

For actual timing values please refer to "Configuration Switching Characteristics" on page 68. Be sure that the serial PROM and slaves are fast enough to support this data rate. XC2000, XC3000/A, and XC3100A devices do not support the Fast ConfigRate option.

The SPROM CE input can be driven from either $\overline{LDC}$ or DONE. Using $\overline{LDC}$ avoids potential contention on the DIN pin, if this pin is configured as user-I/O, but $\overline{LDC}$ is then restricted to be a permanently High user output after configuration. Using DONE can also avoid contention on DIN, provided the early DONE option is invoked.

Figure 51 on page 60 shows a full master/slave system. The leftmost device is in Master Serial mode.

Master Serial mode is selected by a <000> on the mode pins (M2, M1, M0).
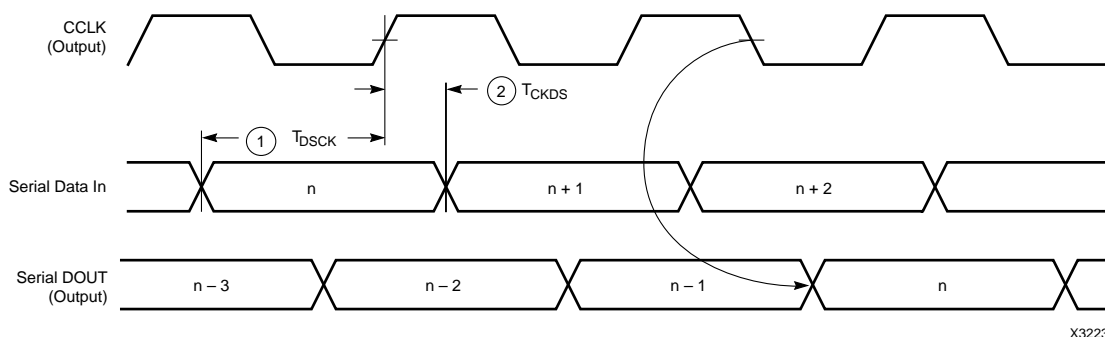
	Description		Symbol	Min	Max	Units
CCLK	DIN setup	1	T_{DSCK}	20		ns
	DIN hold	2	T_{CKDS}	0		ns

Notes: 1. At power-up, Vcc must rise from 2.0 V to Vcc min in less than 25 ms, otherwise delay configuration by pulling $\overline{PROGRAM}$ Low until Vcc is valid.
2. Master Serial mode timing is based on testing in slave mode.

Figure 53: Master Serial Mode Programming Switching Characteristics

Table 25: Component Availability Chart for XC4000E FPGAs

PINS		84	100	100	120	144	156	160	191	208	208	223	225	240	240	299	304
TYPE		Plast. PLCC	Plast. PQFP	Plast. VQFP	Ceram. PGA	Plast. TQFP	Ceram. PGA	Plast. PQFP	Ceram. PGA	High-Perf. QFP	Plast. PQFP	Ceram. PGA	Plast. BGA	High-Perf. QFP	Plast. PQFP	Ceram. PGA	High-Perf. QF
CODE		PC84	PQ100	VQ100	PG120	TQ144	PG156	PQ160	PG191	HQ208	PQ208	PG223	BG225	HQ240	PQ240	PG299	HQ304
XC4003E	-4	C I	C I	C I	C I												
	-3	C I	C I	C I	C I												
	-2	C I	C I	C I	C I												
	-1	C	C	C	C												
XC4005E	-4	C I	C I			C I	C I	C I			C I						
	-3	C I	C I			C I	C I	C I			C I						
	-2	C I	C I			C I	C I	C I			C I						
	-1	C	C			C	C	C			C						
XC4006E	-4	C I				C I	C I	C I			C I						
	-3	C I				C I	C I	C I			C I						
	-2	C I				C I	C I	C I			C I						
	-1	C				C	C	C			C						
XC4008E	-4	C I						C I	C I		C I						
	-3	C I						C I	C I		C I						
	-2	C I						C I	C I		C I						
	-1	C						C	C		C						
XC4010E	-4	C I						C I	C I	C I	C I			C I			
	-3	C I						C I	C I	C I	C I			C I			
	-2	C I						C I	C I	C I	C I			C I			
	-1	C						C	C	C	C			C			
XC4013E	-4							C I		C I	C I	C I	C I	C I	C I		
	-3							C I		C I	C I	C I	C I	C I	C I		
	-2							C I		C I	C I	C I	C I	C I	C I		
	-1							C		C	C	C	C	C	C		
XC4020E	-4									C I		C I		C I			
	-3									C I		C I		C I			
	-2									C I		C I		C I			
	-1									C		C		C			
XC4025E	-4											C I		C I		C I	C I
	-3											C I		C I		C I	C I
	-2											C		C		C	C

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C = Commercial T_J = 0° to +85°C

I= Industrial T_J = -40°C to +100°C

Table 26: Component Availability Chart for XC4000EX FPGAs

PINS		208	240	299	304	352	411	432
TYPE		High-Perf. QFP	High-Perf. QFP	Ceram. PGA	High-Perf. QFP	Plast. BGA	Ceram. PGA	Plast. BGA
CODE		HQ208	HQ240	PG299	HQ304	BG352	PG411	BG432
XC4028EX	-4	C I	C I	C I	C I	C I		
	-3	C I	C I	C I	C I	C I		
	-2	C	C	C	C	C		
XC4036EX	-4		C I		C I	C I	C I	C I
	-3		C I		C I	C I	C I	C I
	-2		C		C	C	C	C

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C = Commercial T_J = 0° to +85°C

I= Industrial T_J = -40°C to +100°C

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XC4000 Series Electrical Characteristics and Device-Specific Pinout Table

For the latest Electrical Characteristics and package/pinout information for each XC4000 Family, see the Xilinx web site at

http://www.xilinx.com/xlnx/xweb/xil_publications_index.jsp

Ordering Information

Example: XC4013E-3HQ240C

Device Type

Speed Grade
-6
-5
-4
-3
-2
-1

Temperature Range
C = Commercial (T_J = 0 to +85°C)
I = Industrial (T_J = -40 to +100°C)
M = Military (T_C = -55 to +125°C)

Number of Pins

Package Type

PC = Plastic Lead Chip Carrier
PQ = Plastic Quad Flat Pack
VQ = Very Thin Quad Flat Pack
TQ = Thin Quad Flat Pack

BG = Ball Grid Array
PG = Ceramic Pin Grid Array
HQ = High Heat Dissipation Quad Flat Pack
MQ = Metal Quad Flat Pack
CB = Top Brazed Ceramic Quad Flat Pack

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Revision Control

Version	Description
3/30/98 (1.5)	Updated XC4000XL timing and added XC4002XL
1/29/99 (1.5)	Updated pin diagrams
5/14/99 (1.6)	Replaced Electrical Specification and pinout pages for E, EX, and XL families with separate updates and added URL link for electrical specifications/pinouts for Web users