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Details

Product Status	Active
Core Processor	XCore
Core Size	32-Bit 16-Core
Speed	2000MIPS
Connectivity	USB
Peripherals	-
Number of I/O	81
Program Memory Size	-
Program Memory Type	ROMless
EEPROM Size	-
RAM Size	256K x 8
Voltage - Supply (Vcc/Vdd)	0.95V ~ 3.6V
Data Converters	-
Oscillator Type	External
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 70°C (TA)
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Package / Case	128-TQFP Exposed Pad
Supplier Device Package	128-TQFP (14x14)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/xmos/xu216-256-tq128-c20

1 xCORE Multicore Microcontrollers

The xCORE-200 Series is a comprehensive range of 32-bit multicore microcontrollers that brings the low latency and timing determinism of the xCORE architecture to mainstream embedded applications. Unlike conventional microcontrollers, xCORE multicore microcontrollers execute multiple real-time tasks simultaneously and communicate between tasks using a high speed network. Because xCORE multicore microcontrollers are completely deterministic, you can write software to implement functions that traditionally require dedicated hardware.

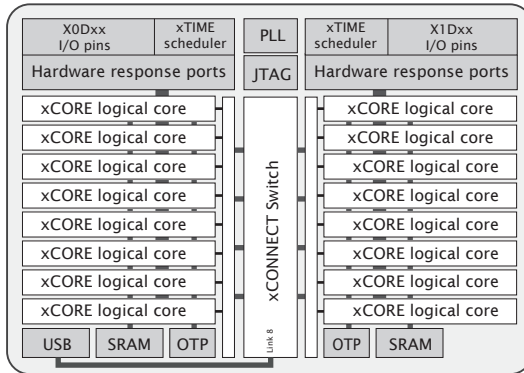


Figure 1:
XU216-256-
TQ128 block
diagram

Key features of the XU216-256-TQ128 include:

- ▶ **Tiles:** Devices consist of one or more xCORE tiles. Each tile contains between five and eight 32-bit xCOREs with highly integrated I/O and on-chip memory.
- ▶ **Logical cores** Each logical core can execute tasks such as computational code, DSP code, control software (including logic decisions and executing a state machine) or software that handles I/O. Section [6.1](#)
- ▶ **xTIME scheduler** The xTIME scheduler performs functions similar to an RTOS, in hardware. It services and synchronizes events in a core, so there is no requirement for interrupt handler routines. The xTIME scheduler triggers cores on events generated by hardware resources such as the I/O pins, communication channels and timers. Once triggered, a core runs independently and concurrently to other cores, until it pauses to wait for more events. Section [6.2](#)
- ▶ **Channels and channel ends** Tasks running on logical cores communicate using channels formed between two channel ends. Data can be passed synchronously or asynchronously between the channel ends assigned to the communicating tasks. Section [6.5](#)
- ▶ **xCONNECT Switch and Links** Between tiles, channel communications are implemented over a high performance network of xCONNECT Links and routed through a hardware xCONNECT Switch. Section [6.6](#)

usb pins (5)			
Signal	Function	Type	Properties
USB_DM	USB Serial Data Inverted	I/O	
USB_DP	USB Serial Data	I/O	
USB_ID	USB Device ID (OTG) - Reserved	I/O	
USB_RTUNE	USB resistor	I/O	
USB_VBUS	USB Power Detect Pin	I/O	

System pins (1)			
Signal	Function	Type	Properties
CLK	PLL reference clock	Input	IOL, PD, ST

6 Product Overview

The XU216-256-TQ128 is a powerful device that consists of two xCORE Tiles, each comprising a flexible logical processing cores with tightly integrated I/O and on-chip memory.

6.1 Logical cores

Each tile has 8 active logical cores, which issue instructions down a shared five-stage pipeline. Instructions from the active cores are issued round-robin. If up to five logical cores are active, each core is allocated a fifth of the processing cycles. If more than five logical cores are active, each core is allocated at least $1/n$ cycles (for n cores). Figure 3 shows the guaranteed core performance depending on the number of cores used.

Figure 3:
Logical core
performance

Speed grade	MIPS	Frequency	Minimum MIPS per core (for n cores)							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10	1000 MIPS	500 MHz	100	100	100	100	100	83	71	63

There is no way that the performance of a logical core can be reduced below these predicted levels (unless *priority threads* are used: in this case the guaranteed minimum performance is computed based on the number of priority threads as defined in the architecture manual). Because cores may be delayed on I/O, however, their unused processing cycles can be taken by other cores. This means that for more than five logical cores, the performance of each core is often higher than the predicted minimum but cannot be guaranteed.

The logical cores are triggered by events instead of interrupts and run to completion. A logical core can be paused to wait for an event.

6.2 xTIME scheduler

The xTIME scheduler handles the events generated by xCORE Tile resources, such as channel ends, timers and I/O pins. It ensures that all events are serviced and synchronized, without the need for an RTOS. Events that occur at the I/O pins are handled by the Hardware-Response ports and fed directly to the appropriate xCORE Tile. An xCORE Tile can also choose to wait for a specified time to elapse, or for data to become available on a channel.

Tasks do not need to be prioritised as each of them runs on their own logical xCORE. It is possible to share a set of low priority tasks on a single core using cooperative multitasking.

6.3 Hardware Response Ports

Hardware Response ports connect an xCORE tile to one or more physical pins and as such define the interface between hardware attached to the XU216-256-TQ128, and the software running on it. A combination of 1bit, 4bit, 8bit, 16bit and 32bit

ports are available. All pins of a port provide either output or input. Signals in different directions cannot be mapped onto the same port.

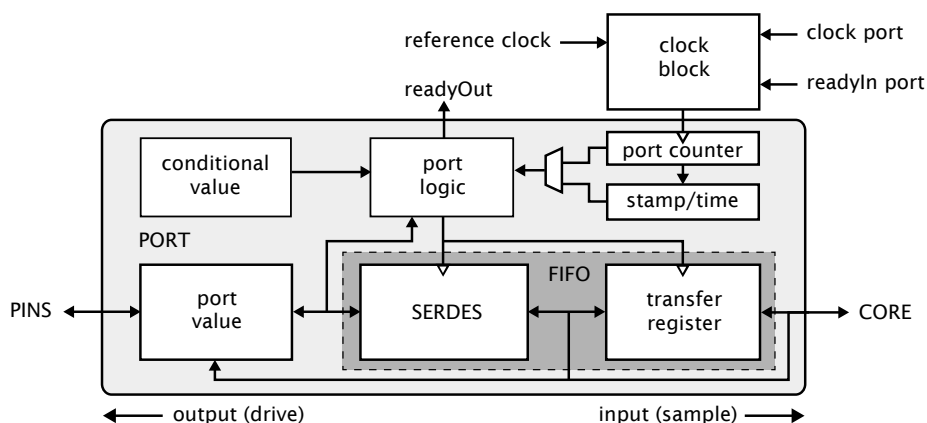


Figure 4:
Port block
diagram

The port logic can drive its pins high or low, or it can sample the value on its pins, optionally waiting for a particular condition. Ports are accessed using dedicated instructions that are executed in a single processor cycle. xCORE-200 IO pins can be used as *open collector* outputs, where signals are driven low if a zero is output, but left high impedance if a one is output. This option is set on a per-port basis.

Data is transferred between the pins and core using a FIFO that comprises a SERDES and transfer register, providing options for serialization and buffered data.

Each port has a 16-bit counter that can be used to control the time at which data is transferred between the port value and transfer register. The counter values can be obtained at any time to find out when data was obtained, or used to delay I/O until some time in the future. The port counter value is automatically saved as a timestamp, that can be used to provide precise control of response times.

The ports and xCONNECT links are multiplexed onto the physical pins. If an xConnect Link is enabled, the pins of the underlying ports are disabled. If a port is enabled, it overrides ports with higher widths that share the same pins. The pins on the wider port that are not shared remain available for use when the narrower port is enabled. Ports always operate at their specified width, even if they share pins with another port.

6.4 Clock blocks

xCORE devices include a set of programmable clocks called clock blocks that can be used to govern the rate at which ports execute. Each xCORE tile has six clock blocks: the first clock block provides the tile reference clock and runs at a default frequency of 100MHz; the remaining clock blocks can be set to run at different frequencies.

If a large boot image is to be read in, it is faster to first load a small boot-loader that reads the large image using a faster SPI clock, for example 50 MHz or as fast as the flash device supports.

The pins used for SPI boot are hardcoded in the boot ROM and cannot be changed. If required, an SPI boot program can be burned into OTP that uses different pins.

8.3 Boot from SPI slave

If set to boot from SPI slave, the processor enables the three pins specified in Figure 12 and expects a boot image to be clocked in. The supported clock polarity and phase are 0/0 and 1/1.

Figure 12:
SPI slave pins

Pin	Signal	Description
X0D00	SS	Slave Select
X0D10	SCLK	Clock
X0D11	MOSI	Master Out Slave In (Data)

The xCORE Tile expects each byte to be transferred with the *least-significant bit first*. The pins used for SPI boot are hardcoded in the boot ROM and cannot be changed. If required, an SPI boot program can be burned into OTP that uses different pins.

8.4 Boot from xConnect Link

If set to boot from an xConnect Link, the processor enables its link(s) around 2 μ s after the boot process starts. Enabling the Link switches off the pull-down resistors on the link, drives all the TX wires low (the initial state for the Link), and monitors the RX pins for boot-traffic; they must be low at this stage. If the internal pull-down is too weak to drain any residual charge, external pull-downs of 10K may be required on those pins.

The boot-rom on the core will then:

1. Allocate channel-end 0.
2. Input a word on channel-end 0. It will use this word as a channel to acknowledge the boot. Provide the null-channel-end 0x0000FF02 if no acknowledgment is required.
3. Input the boot image specified above, including the CRC.
4. Input an END control token.
5. Output an END control token to the channel-end received in step 2.
6. Free channel-end 0.
7. Jump to the loaded code.

10.2 Logical Core Requirements

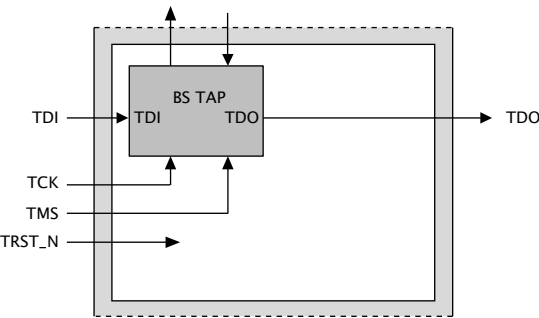
The XMOS XUD software component runs in a single logical core with endpoint and application cores communicating with it via a combination of channel communication and shared memory variables.

Each IN (host requests data from device) or OUT (data transferred from host to device) endpoint requires one logical core.

11 JTAG

The JTAG module can be used for loading programs, boundary scan testing, in-circuit source-level debugging and programming the OTP memory.

Figure 16:
JTAG chain
structure



The JTAG chain structure is illustrated in Figure 16. It comprises a single 1149.1 compliant TAP that can be used for boundary scan of the I/O pins. It has a 4-bit IR and 32-bit DR. It also provides access to a chip TAP that in turn can access the xCORE Tile for loading code and debugging.

The TRST_N pin must be asserted low during and after power up for 100 ns. If JTAG is not required, the TRST_N pin can be tied to ground to hold the JTAG module in reset.

The JTAG device identification register can be read by using the IDCODE instruction. Its contents are specified in Figure 17.

Figure 17:
IDCODE
return value

Device Identification Register																								Bit0
Version				Part Number												Manufacturer Identity								1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
0				0				0				6				6				3				3

- ▶ DO NOT route USB traces near clock sources, clocked circuits or magnetic devices.
- ▶ Avoid stubs on high speed USB signals.

12.3 Land patterns and solder stencils

The package is a 128 pin Thin Quad Flat Package (TQFP) with exposed ground paddle/heat slug on a 0.4mm pitch.

The land patterns and solder stencils will depend on the PCB manufacturing process. We recommend you design them with using the IPC specifications “*Generic Requirements for Surface Mount Design and Land Pattern Standards*” [IPC-7351B](#). This standard aims to achieve desired targets of heel, toe and side fillets for solder-joints. The mechanical drawings in Section [14](#) specify the dimensions and tolerances.

12.4 Ground and Thermal Vias

Vias under the heat slug into the ground plane of the PCB are recommended for a low inductance ground connection and good thermal performance. Typical designs could use 16 vias in a 4 x 4 grid, equally spaced across the heat slug.

12.5 Moisture Sensitivity

XMOS devices are, like all semiconductor devices, susceptible to moisture absorption. When removed from the sealed packaging, the devices slowly absorb moisture from the surrounding environment. If the level of moisture present in the device is too high during reflow, damage can occur due to the increased internal vapour pressure of moisture. Example damage can include bond wire damage, die lifting, internal or external package cracks and/or delamination.

All XMOS devices are Moisture Sensitivity Level (MSL) 3 - devices have a shelf life of 168 hours between removal from the packaging and reflow, provided they are stored below 30C and 60% RH. If devices have exceeded these values or an included moisture indicator card shows excessive levels of moisture, then the parts should be baked as appropriate before use. This is based on information from *Joint IPC/JEDEC Standard For Moisture/Reflow Sensitivity Classification For Nonhermetic Solid State Surface-Mount Devices* [J-STD-020](#) Revision D.

13.7 xCORE Tile I/O AC Characteristics

Figure 28:
I/O AC characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS	Notes
T(XOVALID)	Input data valid window	8			ns	
T(XOINVALID)	Output data invalid window	9			ns	
T(XIFMAX)	Rate at which data can be sampled with respect to an external clock			60	MHz	

The input valid window parameter relates to the capability of the device to capture data input to the chip with respect to an external clock source. It is calculated as the sum of the input setup time and input hold time with respect to the external clock as measured at the pins. The output invalid window specifies the time for which an output is invalid with respect to the external clock. Note that these parameters are specified as a window rather than absolute numbers since the device provides functionality to delay the incoming clock with respect to the incoming data.

Information on interfacing to high-speed synchronous interfaces can be found in the XS1 Port I/O Timing document, [X5821](#).

13.8 xConnect Link Performance

Figure 29:
Link performance

Symbol	Parameter	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS	Notes
B(2blinkP)	2b link bandwidth (packetized)			87	MBit/s	A, B
B(5blinkP)	5b link bandwidth (packetized)			217	MBit/s	A, B
B(2blinkS)	2b link bandwidth (streaming)			100	MBit/s	B
B(5blinkS)	5b link bandwidth (streaming)			250	MBit/s	B

A Assumes 32-byte packet in 3-byte header mode. Actual performance depends on size of the header and payload.

B 7.5 ns symbol time.

The asynchronous nature of links means that the relative phasing of CLK clocks is not important in a multi-clock system, providing each meets the required stability criteria.

13.9 JTAG Timing

Figure 30:
JTAG timing

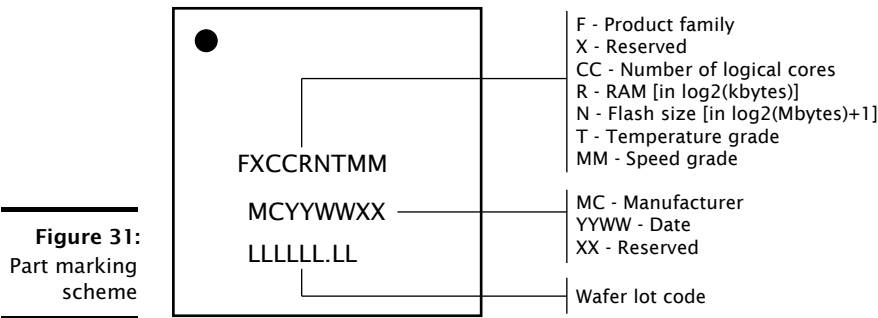
Symbol	Parameter	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS	Notes
f(TCK_D)	TCK frequency (debug)			18	MHz	
f(TCK_B)	TCK frequency (boundary scan)			10	MHz	
T(SETUP)	TDO to TCK setup time	5			ns	A
T(HOLD)	TDO to TCK hold time	5			ns	A
T(DELAY)	TCK to output delay			15	ns	B

A Timing applies to TMS and TDI inputs.

B Timing applies to TDO output from negative edge of TCK.

All JTAG operations are synchronous to TCK apart from the global asynchronous reset TRST_N.

14.1 Part Marking



15 Ordering Information

Figure 32:
Orderable
part numbers

Product Code	Marking	Qualification	Speed Grade
XU216-256-TQ128-C20	U11680C20	Commercial	1000 MIPS
XU216-256-TQ128-I20	U11680I20	Industrial	1000 MIPS

A write message comprises the following:

control-token 36	24-bit response channel-end identifier	8-bit register number	8-bit size	data	control-token 1
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The response to a write message comprises either control tokens 3 and 1 (for success), or control tokens 4 and 1 (for failure).

A read message comprises the following:

control-token 37	24-bit response channel-end identifier	8-bit register number	8-bit size	control-token 1
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The response to the read message comprises either control token 3, data, and control-token 1 (for success), or control tokens 4 and 1 (for failure).

B.1 RAM base address: 0x00

This register contains the base address of the RAM. It is initialized to 0x00040000.

0x00: RAM base address	Bits	Perm	Init	Description
	31:2	RW		Most significant 16 bits of all addresses.
	1:0	RO	-	Reserved

B.2 Vector base address: 0x01

Base address of event vectors in each resource. On an interrupt or event, the 16 most significant bits of the destination address are provided by this register; the least significant 16 bits come from the event vector.

0x01: Vector base address	Bits	Perm	Init	Description
	31:18	RW		The event and interrupt vectors.
	17:0	RO	-	Reserved

B.3 xCORE Tile control: 0x02

Register to control features in the xCORE tile

0x0C: RAM size	Bits	Perm	Init	Description
	31:2	RO		Most significant 16 bits of all addresses.
	1:0	RO	-	Reserved

B.12 Debug SSR: 0x10

This register contains the value of the SSR register when the debugger was called.

0x10: Debug SSR	Bits	Perm	Init	Description
	31:11	RO	-	Reserved
	10	DRW		Address space indentifier
	9	DRW		Determines the issue mode (DI bit) upon Kernel Entry after Exception or Interrupt.
	8	RO		Determines the issue mode (DI bit).
	7	DRW		When 1 the thread is in fast mode and will continually issue.
	6	DRW		When 1 the thread is paused waiting for events, a lock or another resource.
	5	RO	-	Reserved
	4	DRW		1 when in kernel mode.
	3	DRW		1 when in an interrupt handler.
	2	DRW		1 when in an event enabling sequence.
	1	DRW		When 1 interrupts are enabled for the thread.
	0	DRW		When 1 events are enabled for the thread.

B.13 Debug SPC: 0x11

This register contains the value of the SPC register when the debugger was called.

0x11: Debug SPC	Bits	Perm	Init	Description
	31:0	DRW		Value.

B.14 Debug SSP: 0x12

This register contains the value of the SSP register when the debugger was called.

0x9C .. 0x9F:
Resources
breakpoint
control
register

Bits	Perm	Init	Description
31:24	RO	-	Reserved
23:16	DRW	0	A bit for each thread in the machine allowing the breakpoint to be enabled individually for each thread.
15:2	RO	-	Reserved
1	DRW	0	When 0 break when condition A is met. When 1 = break when condition B is met.
0	DRW	0	When 1 the instruction breakpoint is enabled.

0x07:
Security
configuration

Bits	Perm	Init	Description
31	CRO		Disables write permission on this register
30:15	RO	-	Reserved
14	CRO		Disable access to XCore's global debug
13	RO	-	Reserved
12	CRO		lock all OTP sectors
11:8	CRO		lock bit for each OTP sector
7	CRO		Enable OTP redundancy
6	RO	-	Reserved
5	CRO		Override boot mode and read boot image from OTP
4	CRO		Disable JTAG access to the PLL/BOOT configuration registers
3:1	RO	-	Reserved
0	CRO		Disable access to XCore's JTAG debug TAP

C.8 Debug scratch: 0x20 .. 0x27

A set of registers used by the debug ROM to communicate with an external debugger, for example over the switch. This is the same set of registers as the [Debug Scratch registers in the processor status](#).

0x20 .. 0x27:
Debug
scratch

Bits	Perm	Init	Description
31:0	CRW		Value.

C.9 PC of logical core 0: 0x40

Value of the PC of logical core 0.

0x40:
PC of logical
core 0

Bits	Perm	Init	Description
31:0	CRO		Value.

C.10 PC of logical core 1: 0x41

Value of the PC of logical core 1.

0x41:
PC of logical
core 1

Bits	Perm	Init	Description
31:0	CRO		Value.

C.11 PC of logical core 2: 0x42

Value of the PC of logical core 2.

0x42:
PC of logical
core 2

Bits	Perm	Init	Description
31:0	CRO		Value.

C.12 PC of logical core 3: 0x43

Value of the PC of logical core 3.

0x43:
PC of logical
core 3

Bits	Perm	Init	Description
31:0	CRO		Value.

C.13 PC of logical core 4: 0x44

Value of the PC of logical core 4.

0x44:
PC of logical
core 4

Bits	Perm	Init	Description
31:0	CRO		Value.

C.14 PC of logical core 5: 0x45

Value of the PC of logical core 5.

0x45:
PC of logical
core 5

Bits	Perm	Init	Description
31:0	CRO		Value.

C.15 PC of logical core 6: 0x46

Value of the PC of logical core 6.

0x46:
PC of logical
core 6

Bits	Perm	Init	Description
31:0	CRO		Value.

C.16 PC of logical core 7: 0x47

Value of the PC of logical core 7.

0x47:
PC of logical
core 7

Bits	Perm	Init	Description
31:0	CRO		Value.

C.17 SR of logical core 0: 0x60

Value of the SR of logical core 0

0x60:
SR of logical
core 0

Bits	Perm	Init	Description
31:0	CRO		Value.

C.18 SR of logical core 1: 0x61

Value of the SR of logical core 1

0x61:
SR of logical
core 1

Bits	Perm	Init	Description
31:0	CRO		Value.

C.19 SR of logical core 2: 0x62

Value of the SR of logical core 2

0x06:
PLL settings

Bits	Perm	Init	Description
31	RW		If set to 1, the chip will not be reset
30	RW		If set to 1, the chip will not wait for the PLL to re-lock. Only use this if a gradual change is made to the PLL
29	DW		If set to 1, set the PLL to be bypassed
28	DW		If set to 1, set the boot mode to boot from JTAC
27:26	RO	-	Reserved
25:23	RW		Output divider value range from 1 (8'h0) to 250 (8'hF9). P value.
22:21	RO	-	Reserved
20:8	RW		Feedback multiplication ratio, range from 1 (8'h0) to 255 (8'hFE). M value.
7	RO	-	Reserved
6:0	RW		Oscillator input divider value range from 1 (8'h0) to 32 (8'h0F). N value.

D.6 System switch clock divider: 0x07

Sets the ratio of the PLL clock and the switch clock.

0x07:
System
switch clock
divider

Bits	Perm	Init	Description
31:16	RO	-	Reserved
15:0	RW	0	SSwitch clock generation

D.7 Reference clock: 0x08

Sets the ratio of the PLL clock and the reference clock used by the node.

0x08:
Reference
clock

Bits	Perm	Init	Description
31:16	RO	-	Reserved
15:0	RW	3	Software ref. clock divider

0x40 .. 0x47:
PLink status
and network

Bits	Perm	Init	Description
31:26	RO	-	Reserved
25:24	RO		Identify the SRC_TARGET type 0 - SLink, 1 - PLink, 2 - SSCTL, 3 - Undefine.
23:16	RO		When the link is in use, this is the destination link number to which all packets are sent.
15:6	RO	-	Reserved
5:4	RW	0	Determines the network to which this link belongs, reset as 0.
3	RO	-	Reserved
2	RO		1 when the current packet is considered junk and will be thrown away.
1	RO		1 when the dest side of the link is in use.
0	RO		1 when the source side of the link is in use.

D.17 Link configuration and initialization: 0x80 .. 0x88

These registers contain configuration and debugging information specific to external links. The link speed and width can be set, the link can be initialized, and the link status can be monitored. The registers control links 0..7.

0x80 .. 0x88:
Link
configuration
and
initialization

Bits	Perm	Init	Description
31	RW		Write to this bit with '1' will enable the XLink, writing '0' will disable it. This bit controls the muxing of ports with overlapping xlinks.
30	RW	0	0: operate in 2 wire mode; 1: operate in 5 wire mode
29:28	RO	-	Reserved
27	RO		Rx buffer overflow or illegal token encoding received.
26	RO	0	This end of the xlink has issued credit to allow the remote end to transmit
25	RO	0	This end of the xlink has credit to allow it to transmit.
24	WO		Clear this end of the xlink's credit and issue a HELLO token.
23	WO		Reset the receiver. The next symbol that is detected will be the first symbol in a token.
22	RO	-	Reserved
21:11	RW	0	Specify min. number of idle system clocks between two continuous symbols within a transmit token -1.
10:0	RW	0	Specify min. number of idle system clocks between two continuous transmit tokens -1.

F.17 UIFM PHY control: 0x40

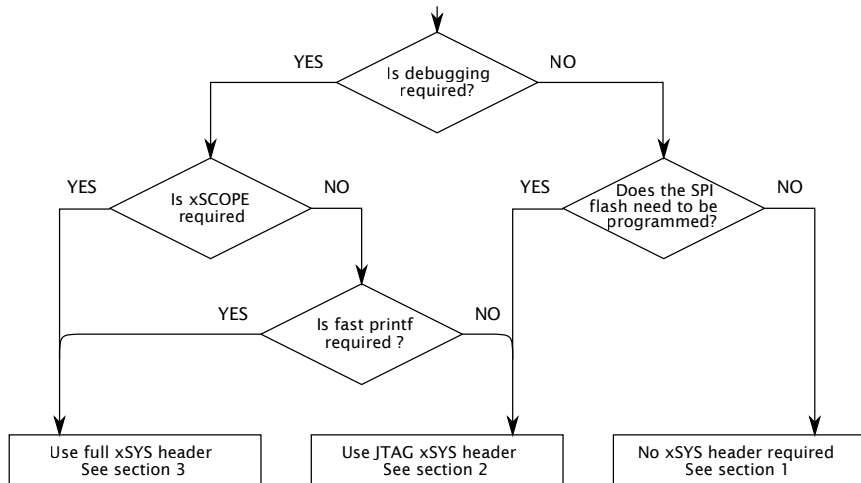
Bits	Perm	Init	Description
31:19	RO	-	Reserved
18	RW	0	Set to 1 to disable pulldowns on ports 8A and 8B.
17:14	RO	-	Reserved
13	RW	0	After an auto-resume, this bit is set to indicate that the resume signalling was for reset (se0). Set to 0 to clear.
12	RW	0	After an auto-resume, this bit is set to indicate that the resume signalling was for resume (K). Set to 0 to clear.
11:8	RW	0	Log-2 number of clocks before any linestate change is propagated.
7	RW	0	Set to 1 to use the suspend controller handle to resume from suspend. Otherwise, the program has to poll the linestate_filt field in phy_teststatus.
6:4	RW	0	Control the the conf1,2,3 input pins of the PHY.
3:0	RO	-	Reserved

0x40:
UIFM PHY
control

G JTAG, xSCOPE and Debugging

If you intend to design a board that can be used with the XMOS toolchain and xTAG debugger, you will need an xSYS header on your board. Figure 39 shows a decision diagram which explains what type of xSYS connectivity you need. The three subsections below explain the options in detail.

Figure 39:
Decision
diagram for
the xSYS
header



G.1 No xSYS header

The use of an xSYS header is optional, and may not be required for volume production designs. However, the XMOS toolchain expects the xSYS header; if you do not have an xSYS header then you must provide your own method for writing to flash/OTP and for debugging.

G.2 JTAG-only xSYS header

The xSYS header connects to an xTAG debugger, which has a 20-pin 0.1" female IDC header. The design will hence need a male IDC header. We advise to use a boxed header to guard against incorrect plug-ins. If you use a 90 degree angled header, make sure that pins 2, 4, 6, ..., 20 are along the edge of the PCB.

Connect pins 4, 8, 12, 16, 20 of the xSYS header to ground, and then connect:

- ▶ TDI to pin 5 of the xSYS header
- ▶ TMS to pin 7 of the xSYS header
- ▶ TCK to pin 9 of the xSYS header
- ▶ TDO to pin 13 of the xSYS header