



Welcome to [E-XFL.COM](https://www.e-xfl.com)

### 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	Active
Number of LABs/CLBs	-
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	-
Total RAM Bits	147456
Number of I/O	177
Number of Gates	1000000
Voltage - Supply	1.14V ~ 1.575V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	-40°C ~ 100°C (TJ)
Package / Case	256-LBGA
Supplier Device Package	256-FPBGA (17x17)
Purchase URL	<a href="https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/microchip-technology/a3p1000l-1fg256i">https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/microchip-technology/a3p1000l-1fg256i</a>

## FPGA Array Architecture Support

The flash FPGAs listed in Table 1-1 support the architecture features described in this document.

**Table 1-1 • Flash-Based FPGAs**

Series	Family*	Description
IGLOO®	IGLOO	Ultra-low power 1.2 V to 1.5 V FPGAs with Flash*Freeze technology
	IGLOOe	Higher density IGLOO FPGAs with six PLLs and additional I/O standards
	IGLOO nano	The industry's lowest-power, smallest-size solution
	IGLOO PLUS	IGLOO FPGAs with enhanced I/O capabilities
ProASIC®3	ProASIC3	Low power, high-performance 1.5 V FPGAs
	ProASIC3E	Higher density ProASIC3 FPGAs with six PLLs and additional I/O standards
	ProASIC3 nano	Lowest-cost solution with enhanced I/O capabilities
	ProASIC3L	ProASIC3 FPGAs supporting 1.2 V to 1.5 V with Flash*Freeze technology
	RT ProASIC3	Radiation-tolerant RT3PE600L and RT3PE3000L
	Military ProASIC3/EL	Military temperature A3PE600L, A3P1000, and A3PE3000L
	Automotive ProASIC3	ProASIC3 FPGAs qualified for automotive applications
Fusion	Fusion	Mixed signal FPGA integrating ProASIC3 FPGA fabric, programmable analog block, support for ARM® Cortex™-M1 soft processors, and flash memory into a monolithic device

*Note: \*The device names link to the appropriate datasheet, including product brief, DC and switching characteristics, and packaging information.*

### **IGLOO Terminology**

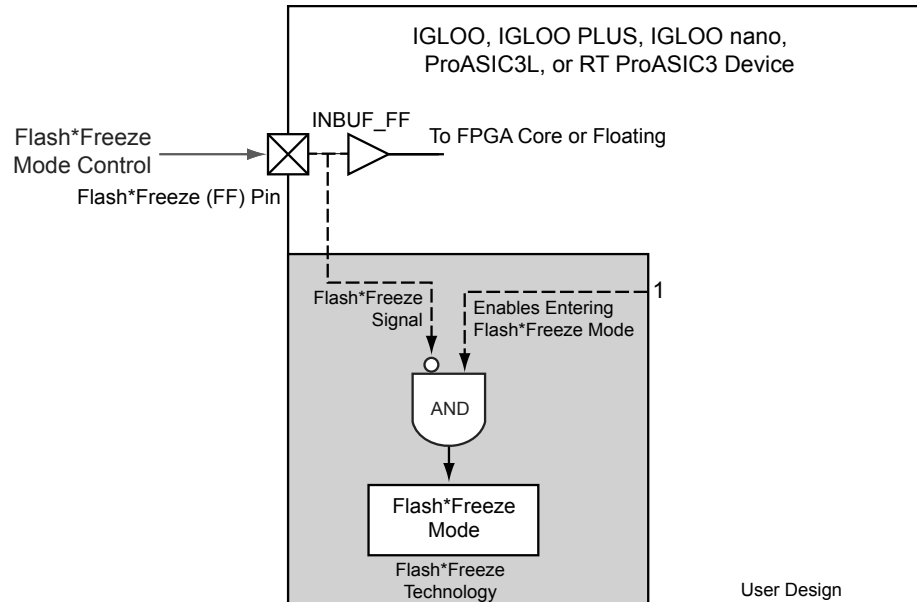
In documentation, the terms IGLOO series and IGLOO devices refer to all of the IGLOO devices as listed in Table 1-1. Where the information applies to only one product line or limited devices, these exclusions will be explicitly stated.

### **ProASIC3 Terminology**

In documentation, the terms ProASIC3 series and ProASIC3 devices refer to all of the ProASIC3 devices as listed in Table 1-1. Where the information applies to only one product line or limited devices, these exclusions will be explicitly stated.

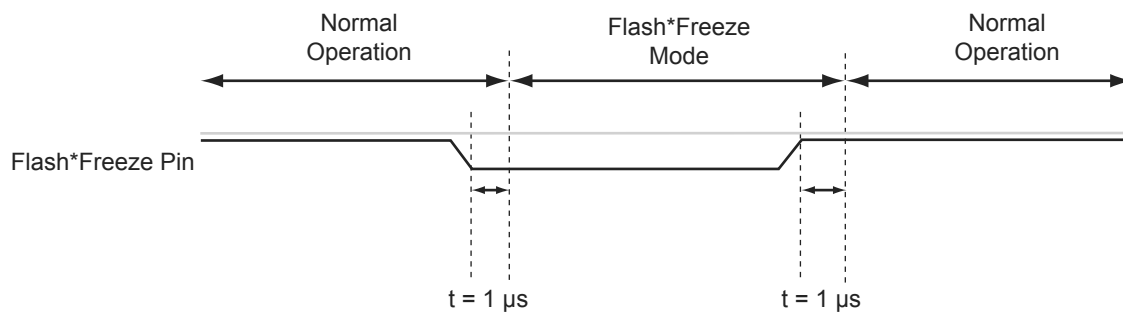
To further understand the differences between the IGLOO and ProASIC3 devices, refer to the *Industry's Lowest Power FPGAs Portfolio*.

Figure 2-1 shows the concept of FF pin control in Flash\*Freeze mode type 1.



**Figure 2-1 • Flash\*Freeze Mode Type 1 – Controlled by the Flash\*Freeze Pin**

Figure 2-2 shows the timing diagram for entering and exiting Flash\*Freeze mode type 1.



**Figure 2-2 • Flash\*Freeze Mode Type 1 – Timing Diagram**

**Table 3-5 • Globals/Spines/Rows for IGLOO PLUS Devices**

IGLOO PLUS Devices	Chip Globals	Quadrant Globals (4x3)	Clock Trees	Globals/ Spines per Tree	Total Spines per Device	VersaTiles in Each Tree	Total VersaTiles	Rows in Each Spine
AGLP030	6	0	2	9	18	384*	792	12
AGLP060	6	12	4	9	36	384*	1,584	12
AGLP125	6	12	8	9	72	384*	3,120	12

Note: \*Clock trees that are located at far left and far right will support more VersaTiles.

**Table 3-6 • Globals/Spines/Rows for Fusion Devices**

Fusion Device	Chip Globals	Quadrant Globals (4x3)	Clock Trees	Globals/ Spines per Tree	Total Spines per Device	VersaTiles in Each Tree	Total VersaTiles	Rows in Each Spine
AFS090	6	12	6	9	54	384	2,304	12
AFS250	6	12	8	9	72	768	6,144	24
AFS600	6	12	12	9	108	1,152	13,824	36
AFS1500	6	12	20	9	180	1,920	38,400	60

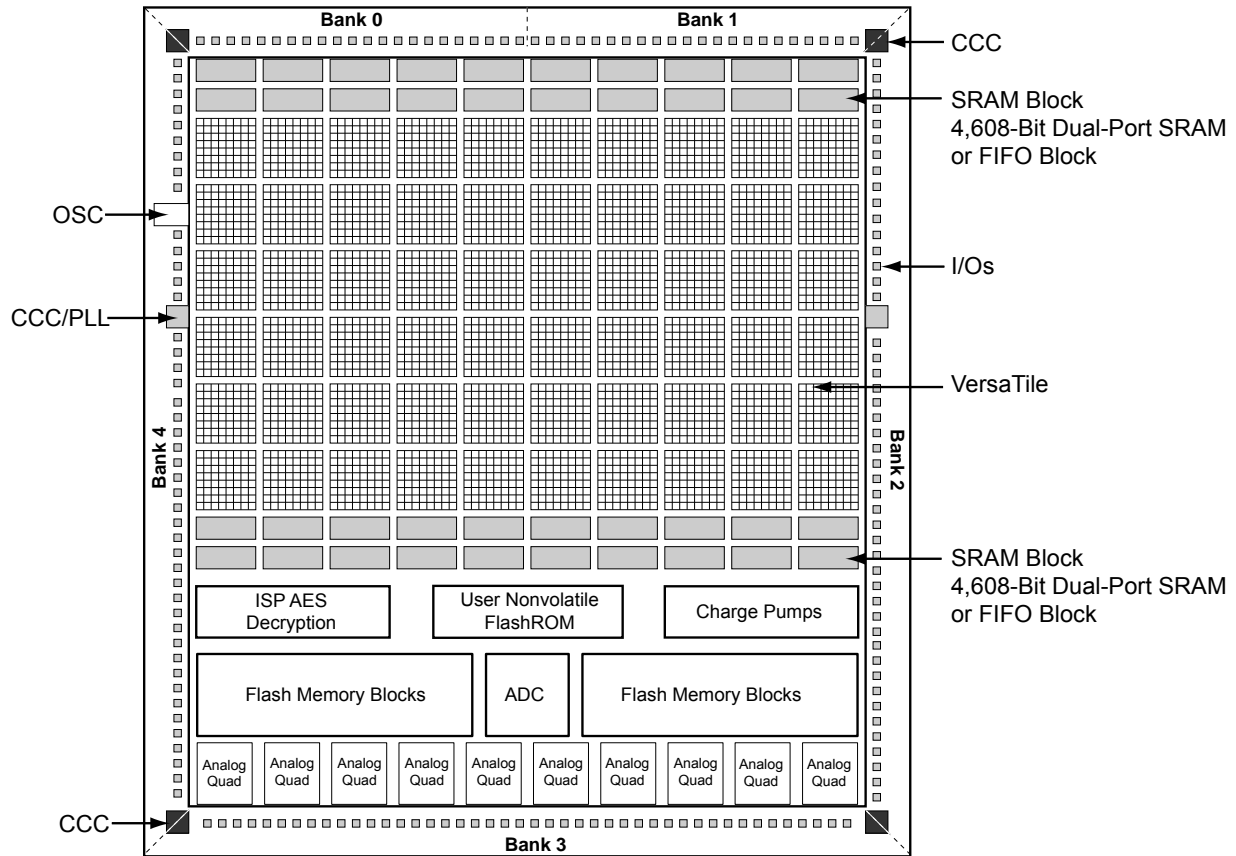


## List of Changes

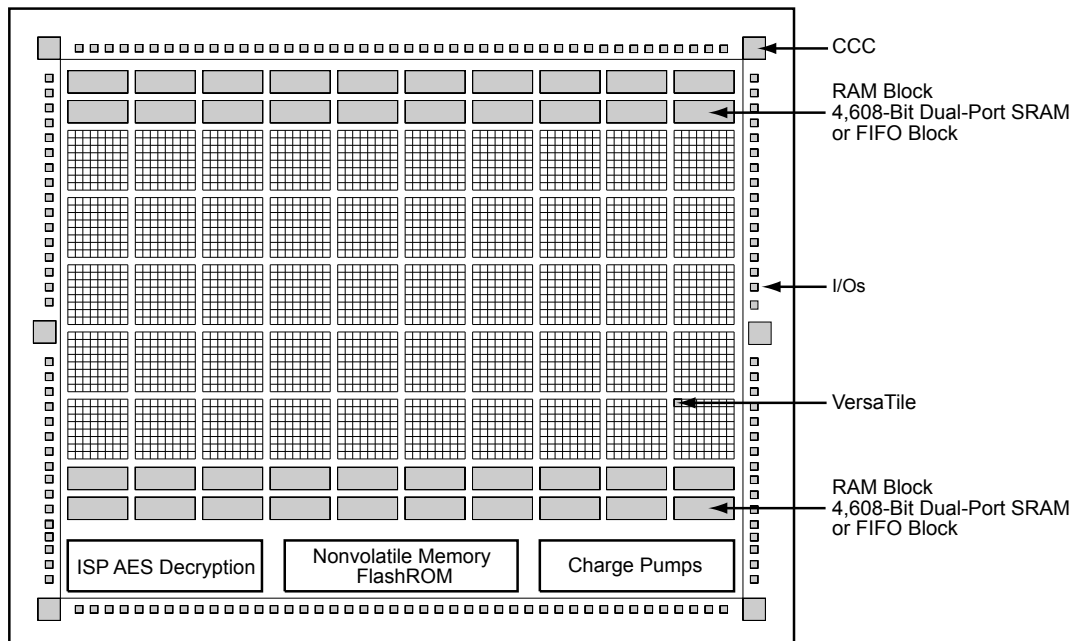
The following table lists critical changes that were made in each revision of the chapter.

Date	Changes	Page
July 2010	This chapter is no longer published separately with its own part number and version but is now part of several FPGA fabric user's guides.	N/A
	Notes were added where appropriate to point out that IGLOO nano and ProASIC3 nano devices do not support differential inputs (SAR 21449).	N/A
	The "Global Architecture" section and "VersaNet Global Network Distribution" section were revised for clarity (SARs 20646, 24779).	47, 49
	The "I/O Banks and Global I/Os" section was moved earlier in the document, renamed to "Chip and Quadrant Global I/Os", and revised for clarity. Figure 3-4 • Global Connections Details, Figure 3-6 • Global Inputs, Table 3-2 • Chip Global Pin Name, and Table 3-3 • Quadrant Global Pin Name are new (SARs 20646, 24779).	51
	The "Clock Aggregation Architecture" section was revised (SARs 20646, 24779).	57
	Figure 3-7 • Chip Global Aggregation was revised (SARs 20646, 24779).	59
	The "Global Macro and Placement Selections" section is new (SARs 20646, 24779).	64
v1.4 (December 2008)	The "Global Architecture" section was updated to include 10 k devices, and to include information about VersaNet global support for IGLOO nano devices.	47
	The Table 3-1 • Flash-Based FPGAs was updated to include IGLOO nano and ProASIC3 nano devices.	48
	The "VersaNet Global Network Distribution" section was updated to include 10 k devices and to note an exception in global lines for nano devices.	49
	Figure 3-2 • Simplified VersaNet Global Network (30 k gates and below) is new.	50
	The "Spine Architecture" section was updated to clarify support for 10 k and nano devices.	57
	Table 3-4 • Globals/Spines/Rows for IGLOO and ProASIC3 Devices was updated to include IGLOO nano and ProASIC3 nano devices.	57
	The figure in the CLKBUF_LVDS/LVPECL row of Table 3-8 • Clock Macros was updated to change CLKBIBUF to CLKBUF.	62
v1.3 (October 2008)	A third bullet was added to the beginning of the "Global Architecture" section: In Fusion devices, the west CCC also contains a PLL core. In the two larger devices (AFS600 and AFS1500), the west and east CCCs each contain a PLL.	47
	The "Global Resource Support in Flash-Based Devices" section was revised to include new families and make the information more concise.	48
	Table 3-4 • Globals/Spines/Rows for IGLOO and ProASIC3 Devices was updated to include A3PE600/L in the device column.	57
	Table note 1 was revised in Table 3-9 • I/O Standards within CLKBUF to include AFS600 and AFS1500.	63
v1.2 (June 2008)	The following changes were made to the family descriptions in Table 3-1 • Flash-Based FPGAs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ProASIC3L was updated to include 1.5 V.</li> <li>The number of PLLs for ProASIC3E was changed from five to six.</li> </ul>	48

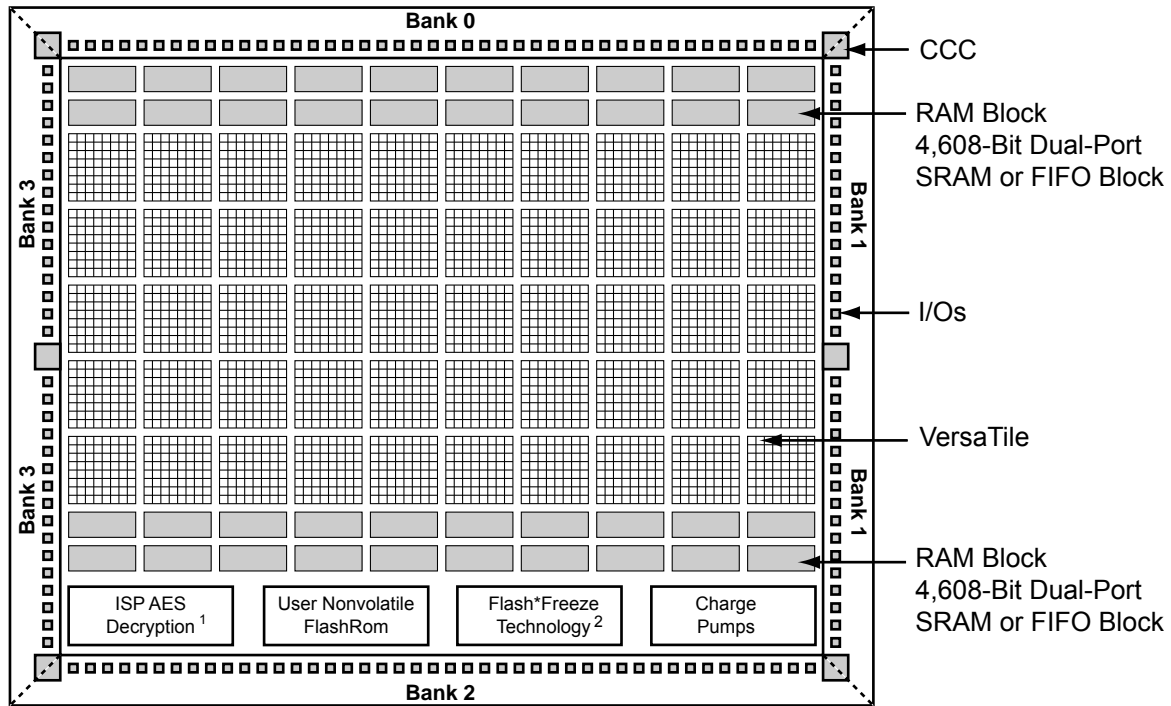
Date	Changes	Page
v1.1 (March 2008)	The "Global Architecture" section was updated to include the IGLOO PLUS family. The bullet was revised to include that the west CCC does not contain a PLL core in 15 k and 30 k devices. Instances of "A3P030 and AGL030 devices" were replaced with "15 k and 30 k gate devices."	47
v1.1 (continued)	Table 3-1 • Flash-Based FPGAs and the accompanying text was updated to include the IGLOO PLUS family. The "IGLOO Terminology" section and "ProASIC3 Terminology" section are new.	48
	The "VersaNet Global Network Distribution" section, "Spine Architecture" section, the note in Figure 3-1 • Overview of VersaNet Global Network and Device Architecture, and the note in Figure 3-3 • Simplified VersaNet Global Network (60 k gates and above) were updated to include mention of 15 k gate devices.	49, 50
	Table 3-4 • Globals/Spines/Rows for IGLOO and ProASIC3 Devices was updated to add the A3P015 device, and to revise the values for clock trees, globals/spines per tree, and globals/spines per device for the A3P030 and AGL030 devices.	57
	Table 3-5 • Globals/Spines/Rows for IGLOO PLUS Devices is new.	58
	CLKBUF_LVCMOS12 was added to Table 3-9 • I/O Standards within CLKBUF.	63
	The "User's Guides" section was updated to include the three different I/O Structures chapters for ProASIC3 and IGLOO device families.	74
v1.0 (January 2008)	Figure 3-3 • Simplified VersaNet Global Network (60 k gates and above) was updated.	50
	The "Naming of Global I/Os" section was updated.	51
	The "Using Global Macros in Synplicity" section was updated.	66
	The "Global Promotion and Demotion Using PDC" section was updated.	67
	The "Designer Flow for Global Assignment" section was updated.	69
	The "Simple Design Example" section was updated.	71
51900087-0/1.05 (January 2005)	Table 3-4 • Globals/Spines/Rows for IGLOO and ProASIC3 Devices was updated.	57



**Figure 5-2 • Fusion Device Architecture Overview (AFS600)**



**Figure 5-3 • ProASIC3 and IGLOO Device Architecture**



Notes:

1. AES decryption not supported in 30 k gate devices and smaller.
2. Flash\*Freeze is supported in all IGLOO devices and the ProASIC3L devices.

**Figure 6-1 • IGLOO and ProASIC3 Device Architecture Overview**

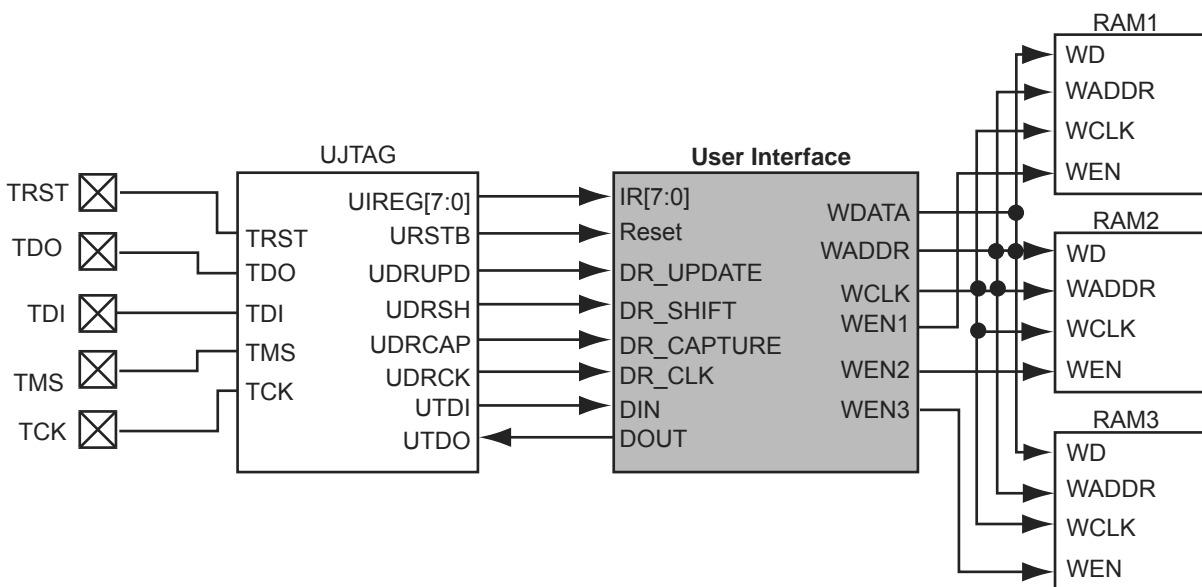
## Initializing the RAM/FIFO

The SRAM blocks can be initialized with data to use as a lookup table (LUT). Data initialization can be accomplished either by loading the data through the design logic or through the UJTAG interface. The UJTAG macro is used to allow access from the JTAG port to the internal logic in the device. By sending the appropriate initialization string to the JTAG Test Access Port (TAP) Controller, the designer can put the JTAG circuitry into a mode that allows the user to shift data into the array logic through the JTAG port using the UJTAG macro. For a more detailed explanation of the UJTAG macro, refer to the "FlashROM in Microsemi's Low Power Flash Devices" section on page 133.

A user interface is required to receive the user command, initialization data, and clock from the UJTAG macro. The interface must synchronize and load the data into the correct RAM block of the design. The main outputs of the user interface block are the following:

- Memory block chip select: Selects a memory block for initialization. The chip selects signals for each memory block that can be generated from different user-defined pockets or simple logic, such as a ring counter (see below).
- Memory block write address: Identifies the address of the memory cell that needs to be initialized.
- Memory block write data: The interface block receives the data serially from the UTDI port of the UJTAG macro and loads it in parallel into the write data ports of the memory blocks.
- Memory block write clock: Drives the WCLK of the memory block and synchronizes the write data, write address, and chip select signals.

Figure 6-8 shows the user interface between UJTAG and the memory blocks.



**Figure 6-8 • Interfacing TAP Ports and SRAM Blocks**

An important component of the interface between the UJTAG macro and the RAM blocks is a serial-in/parallel-out shift register. The width of the shift register should equal the data width of the RAM blocks. The RAM data arrives serially from the UTDI output of the UJTAG macro. The data must be shifted into a shift register clocked by the JTAG clock (provided at the UDRCK output of the UJTAG macro).

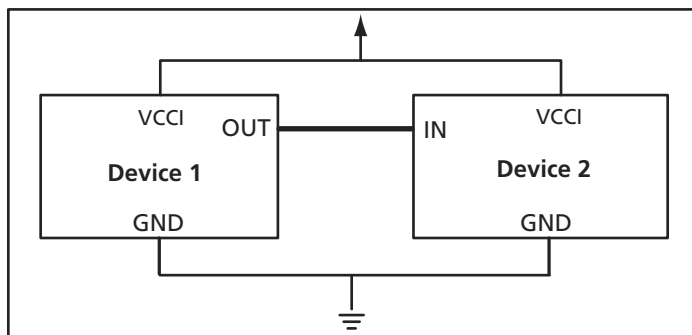
Then, after the shift register is fully loaded, the data must be transferred to the write data port of the RAM block. To synchronize the loading of the write data with the write address and write clock, the output of the shift register can be pipelined before driving the RAM block.

The write address can be generated in different ways. It can be imported through the TAP using a different instruction opcode and another shift register, or generated internally using a simple counter. Using a counter to generate the address bits and sweep through the address range of the RAM blocks is

## I/O Standards

### Single-Ended Standards

These I/O standards use a push-pull CMOS output stage with a voltage referenced to system ground to designate logical states. The input buffer configuration, output drive, and I/O supply voltage (VCCI) vary among the I/O standards (Figure 7-5).



**Figure 7-5 • Single-Ended I/O Standard Topology**

The advantage of these standards is that a common ground can be used for multiple I/Os. This simplifies board layout and reduces system cost. Their low-edge-rate ( $dv/dt$ ) data transmission causes less electromagnetic interference (EMI) on the board. However, they are not suitable for high-frequency (>200 MHz) switching due to noise impact and higher power consumption.

#### **LVTTL (Low-Voltage TTL)**

This is a general-purpose standard (EIA/JESD8-B) for 3.3 V applications. It uses an LVTTL input buffer and a push-pull output buffer. The LVTTL output buffer can have up to six different programmable drive strengths. The default drive strength is 12 mA. VCCI is 3.3 V. Refer to "I/O Programmable Features" on page 188 for details.

#### **LVC MOS (Low-Voltage CMOS)**

The low power flash devices provide four different kinds of LVC MOS: LVC MOS 3.3 V, LVC MOS 2.5 V, LVC MOS 1.8 V, and LVC MOS 1.5 V. LVC MOS 3.3 V is an extension of the LVC MOS standard (JESD8-B-compliant) used for general-purpose 3.3 V applications.

LVC MOS 2.5 V is an extension of the LVC MOS standard (JESD8-5-compliant) used for general-purpose 2.5 V applications.

There is yet another standard supported by IGLOO and ProASIC3 devices (except A3P030): LVC MOS 2.5/5.0 V. This standard is similar to LVC MOS 2.5 V, with the exception that it can support up to 3.3 V on the input side (2.5 V output drive).

LVC MOS 1.8 V is an extension of the LVC MOS standard (JESD8-7-compliant) used for general-purpose 1.8 V applications. LVC MOS 1.5 V is an extension of the LVC MOS standard (JESD8-11-compliant) used for general-purpose 1.5 V applications.

The VCCI values for these standards are 3.3 V, 2.5 V, 1.8 V, and 1.5 V, respectively. Like LVTTL, the output buffer has up to seven different programmable drive strengths (2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, and 24 mA). Refer to "I/O Programmable Features" on page 188 for details.

#### **3.3 V PCI (Peripheral Component Interface)**

This standard specifies support for both 33 MHz and 66 MHz PCI bus applications. It uses an LVTTL input buffer and a push-pull output buffer. With the aid of an external resistor, this I/O standard can be 5 V-compliant for low power flash devices. It does not have programmable drive strength.

#### **3.3 V PCI-X (Peripheral Component Interface Extended)**

An enhanced version of the PCI specification, 3.3 V PCI-X can support higher average bandwidths; it increases the speed that data can move within a computer from 66 MHz to 133 MHz. It is backward-

## I/O Banks and I/O Standards Compatibility

I/Os are grouped into I/O voltage banks.

Each I/O voltage bank has dedicated I/O supply and ground voltages (VMV/GNDQ for input buffers and  $V_{CCI}$ /GND for output buffers). Because of these dedicated supplies, only I/Os with compatible standards can be assigned to the same I/O voltage bank. Table 8-3 on page 217 shows the required voltage compatibility values for each of these voltages.

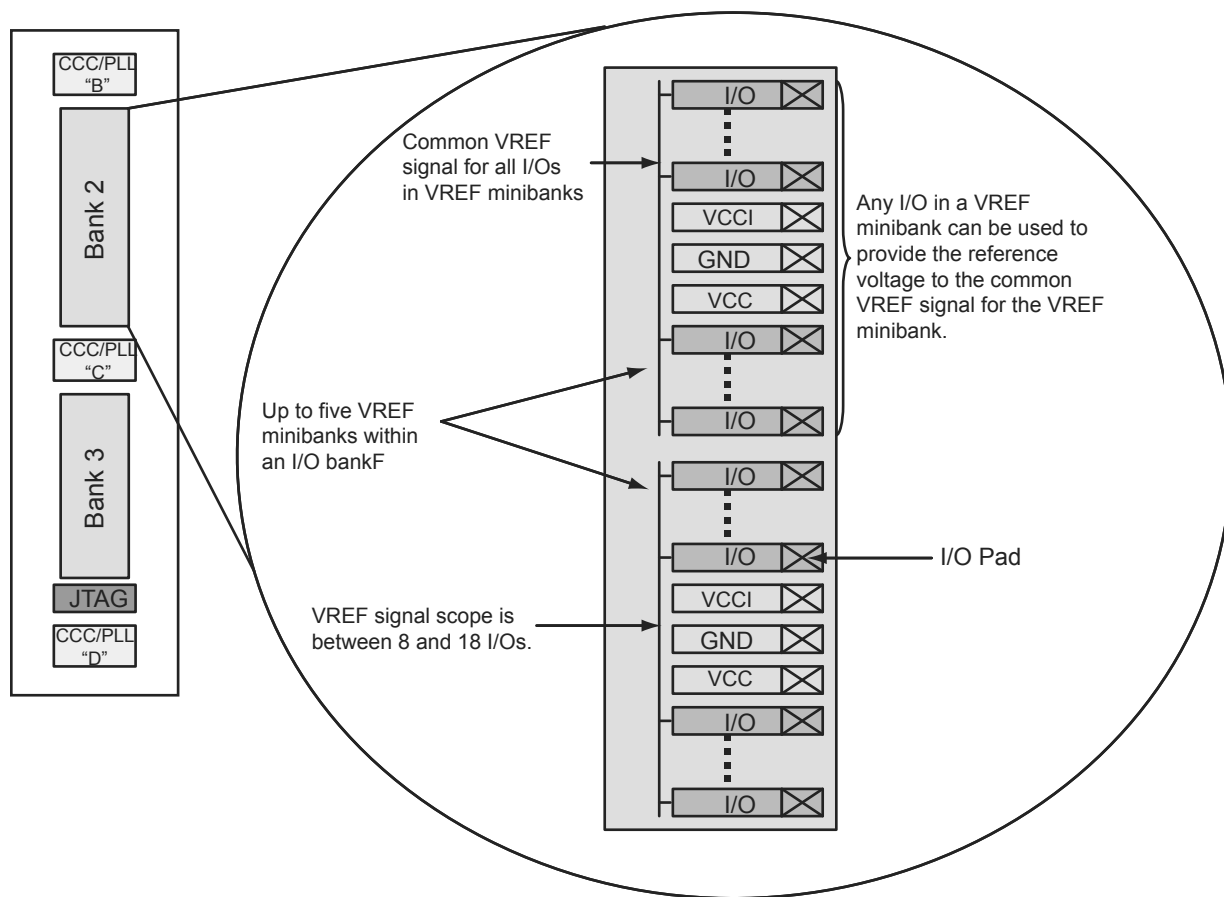
There are eight I/O banks (two per side).

Every I/O bank is divided into minibanks. Any user I/O in a VREF minibank (a minibank is the region of scope of a VREF pin) can be configured as a VREF pin (Figure 8-2). Only one  $V_{REF}$  pin is needed to control the entire  $V_{REF}$  minibank. The location and scope of the  $V_{REF}$  minibanks can be determined by the I/O name. For details, see the user I/O naming conventions for "IGLOOe and ProASIC3E" on page 245. Table 8-5 on page 217 shows the I/O standards supported by IGLOOe and ProASIC3E devices, and the corresponding voltage levels.

I/O standards are compatible if they comply with the following:

- Their VCCI and VMV values are identical.
- Both of the standards need a VREF, and their VREF values are identical.
- All inputs and disabled outputs are voltage tolerant up to 3.3 V.

For more information about I/O and global assignments to I/O banks in a device, refer to the specific pin table for the device in the packaging section of the datasheet, and see the user I/O naming conventions for "IGLOOe and ProASIC3E" on page 245.



**Figure 8-2 • Typical IGLOOe and ProASIC3E I/O Bank Detail Showing  $V_{REF}$  Minibanks**

**Table 8-3 • VCCI Voltages and Compatible IGLOOe and ProASIC3E Standards**

VCCI and VMV (typical)	Compatible Standards
3.3 V	LVTTL/LVCMOS 3.3, PCI 3.3, SSTL3 (Class I and II), GTL+ 3.3, GTL 3.3, LVPECL
2.5 V	LVC MOS 2.5, LVC MOS 2.5/5.0, SSTL2 (Class I and II), GTL+ 2.5, GTL 2.5, LVDS, DDR LVDS, B-LVDS, and M-LVDS
1.8 V	LVC MOS 1.8
1.5 V	LVC MOS 1.5, HSTL (Class I and II)
1.2 V	LVC MOS 1.2

**Table 8-4 • VREF Voltages and Compatible IGLOOe and ProASIC3E Standards**

VREF (typical)	Compatible Standards
1.5 V	SSTL3 (Class I and II)
1.25 V	SSTL2 (Class I and II)
1.0 V	GTL+ 2.5, GTL+ 3.3
0.8 V	GTL 2.5, GTL 3.3
0.75 V	HSTL (Class I and II)

**Table 8-5 • Legal IGLOOe and ProASIC3E I/O Usage Matrix within the Same Bank**

I/O Bank Voltage (typical)	Minibank Voltage (typical)	LVTTL/LVCMOS 3.3 V	LVC MOS 2.5 V	LVC MOS 1.8 V	LVC MOS 1.5 V	3.3 V PCI/PCI-X	GTL+ (3.3 V)	GTL+ (2.5 V)	GTL (3.3 V)	GTL (2.5 V)	HSTL Class I and II (1.5 V)	SSTL2 Class I and II (2.5 V)	SSTL3 Class I and II (3.3 V)	LVDS, B-LVDS, and M-LVDS, DDR (2.5 V ± 5%)	LVPECL (3.3 V)
3.3 V	–														
	0.80 V														
	1.00 V														
	1.50 V														
2.5 V	–														
	0.80 V														
	1.00 V														
	1.25 V														
1.8 V	–														
1.5 V	–														
	0.75 V														

Note: White box: Allowable I/O standard combination  
Gray box: Illegal I/O standard combination



VREF for GTL+ 3.3 V



---

**Figure 9-13 • Selecting VREF Voltage for the I/O Bank**

## Assigning VREF Pins for a Bank

The user can use default pins for VREF. In this case, select the **Use default pins for VREFs** check box (Figure 9-13). This option guarantees full VREF coverage of the bank. The equivalent PDC command is as follows:

```
set_vref_default [bank name]
```

To be able to choose VREF pins, adequate VREF pins must be created to allow legal placement of the compatible voltage-referenced I/Os.

To assign VREF pins manually, the PDC command is as follows:

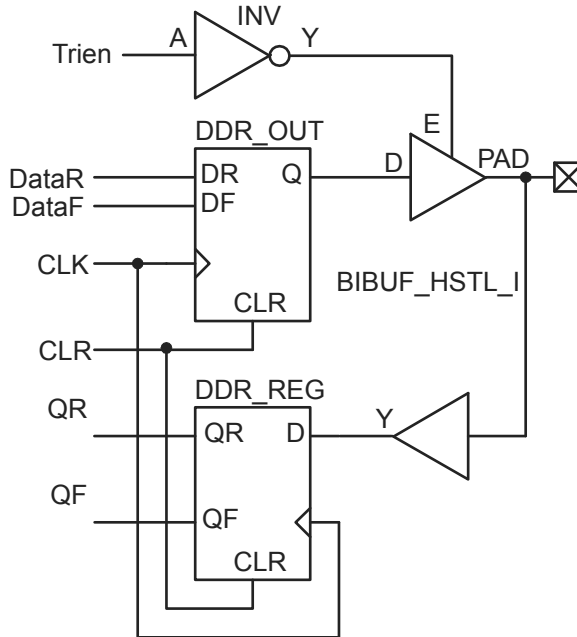
```
set_vref -bank [bank name] [package pin numbers]
```

For ChipPlanner/PinEditor to show the range of a VREF pin, perform the following steps:

1. Assign VCCI to a bank using **MVN > Edit > I/O Bank Settings**.
2. Open **ChipPlanner**. Zoom in on an I/O package pin in that bank.
3. Highlight the pin and then right-click. Choose **Use Pin for VREF**.

```
end DEF_ARCH;
```

## DDR Bidirectional Buffer



**Figure 10-8 • DDR Bidirectional Buffer, LOW Output Enable (HSTL Class II)**

## Verilog

```

module DDR_BiDir_HSTL_I_LowEnb(DataR,DataF,CLR,CLK,Trien,QR,QF,PAD);

input    DataR, DataF, CLR, CLK, Trien;
output   QR, QF;
inout    PAD;

wire TrienAux, D, Q;

    INV Inv_Tri(.A(Trien), .Y(TrienAux));
    DDR_OUT DDR_OUT_0_inst(.DR(DataR),.DF(DataF),.CLK(CLK),.CLR(CLR),.Q(Q));
    DDR_REG DDR_REG_0_inst(.D(D),.CLK(CLK),.CLR(CLR),.QR(QR),.QF(QF));
    BIBUF_HSTL_I BIBUF_HSTL_I_0_inst(.PAD(PAD),.D(Q),.E(TrienAux),.Y(D));

endmodule

```

## List of Changes

The following table lists critical changes that were made in each revision of the chapter.

Date	Changes	Page
July 2010	This chapter is no longer published separately with its own part number and version but is now part of several FPGA fabric user's guides.	N/A
	Notes were added where appropriate to point out that IGLOO nano and ProASIC3 nano devices do not support differential inputs (SAR 21449).	N/A
v1.4 (December 2008)	IGLOO nano and ProASIC3 nano devices were added to Table 10-1 • Flash-Based FPGAs.	272
	The "I/O Cell Architecture" section was updated with information applicable to nano devices.	273
	The output buffer (OUTBUF_SSTL3_I) input was changed to D, instead of Q, in Figure 10-1 • DDR Support in Low Power Flash Devices, Figure 10-3 • DDR Output Register (SSTL3 Class I), Figure 10-6 • DDR Output Register (SSTL3 Class I), Figure 10-7 • DDR Tristate Output Register, LOW Enable, 8 mA, Pull-Up (LVTTTL), and the output from the DDR_OUT macro was connected to the input of the TRIBUFF macro in Figure 10-7 • DDR Tristate Output Register, LOW Enable, 8 mA, Pull-Up (LVTTTL).	271, 275, 278, 279
v1.3 (October 2008)	The "Double Data Rate (DDR) Architecture" section was updated to include mention of the AFS600 and AFS1500 devices.	271
	The "DDR Support in Flash-Based Devices" section was revised to include new families and make the information more concise.	272
v1.2 (June 2008)	The following changes were made to the family descriptions in Table 10-1 • Flash-Based FPGAs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ProASIC3L was updated to include 1.5 V.</li> <li>The number of PLLs for ProASIC3E was changed from five to six.</li> </ul>	272
v1.1 (March 2008)	The "IGLOO Terminology" section and "ProASIC3 Terminology" section are new.	272

## Related Documents

Below is a list of related documents, their location on the Microsemi SoC Products Group website, and a brief summary of each document.

### Application Notes

*Programming Antifuse Devices*

[http://www.microsemi.com/soc/documents/AntifuseProgram\\_AN.pdf](http://www.microsemi.com/soc/documents/AntifuseProgram_AN.pdf)

*Implementation of Security in Actel's ProASIC and ProASIC<sup>PLUS</sup> Flash-Based FPGAs*

[http://www.microsemi.com/soc/documents/Flash\\_Security\\_AN.pdf](http://www.microsemi.com/soc/documents/Flash_Security_AN.pdf)

### User's Guides

#### **FlashPro Programmers**

FlashPro4,<sup>1</sup> FlashPro3, FlashPro Lite, and FlashPro<sup>2</sup>

[http://www.microsemi.com/soc/products/hardware/program\\_debug/flashpro/default.aspx](http://www.microsemi.com/soc/products/hardware/program_debug/flashpro/default.aspx)

*FlashPro User's Guide*

[http://www.microsemi.com/soc/documents/FlashPro\\_UG.pdf](http://www.microsemi.com/soc/documents/FlashPro_UG.pdf)

The FlashPro User's Guide includes hardware and software setup, self-test instructions, use instructions, and a troubleshooting / error message guide.

#### **Silicon Sculptor 3 and Silicon Sculptor II**

[http://www.microsemi.com/soc/products/hardware/program\\_debug/ss/default.aspx](http://www.microsemi.com/soc/products/hardware/program_debug/ss/default.aspx)

### Other Documents

<http://www.microsemi.com/soc/products/solutions/security/default.aspx#flashlock>

The security resource center describes security in Microsemi Flash FPGAs.

*Quality and Reliability Guide*

<http://www.microsemi.com/soc/documents/RelGuide.pdf>

*Programming and Functional Failure Guidelines*

[http://www.microsemi.com/soc/documents/FA\\_Policies\\_Guidelines\\_5-06-00002.pdf](http://www.microsemi.com/soc/documents/FA_Policies_Guidelines_5-06-00002.pdf)

---

1. FlashPro4 replaced FlashPro3 in Q1 2010.  
2. FlashPro is no longer available.

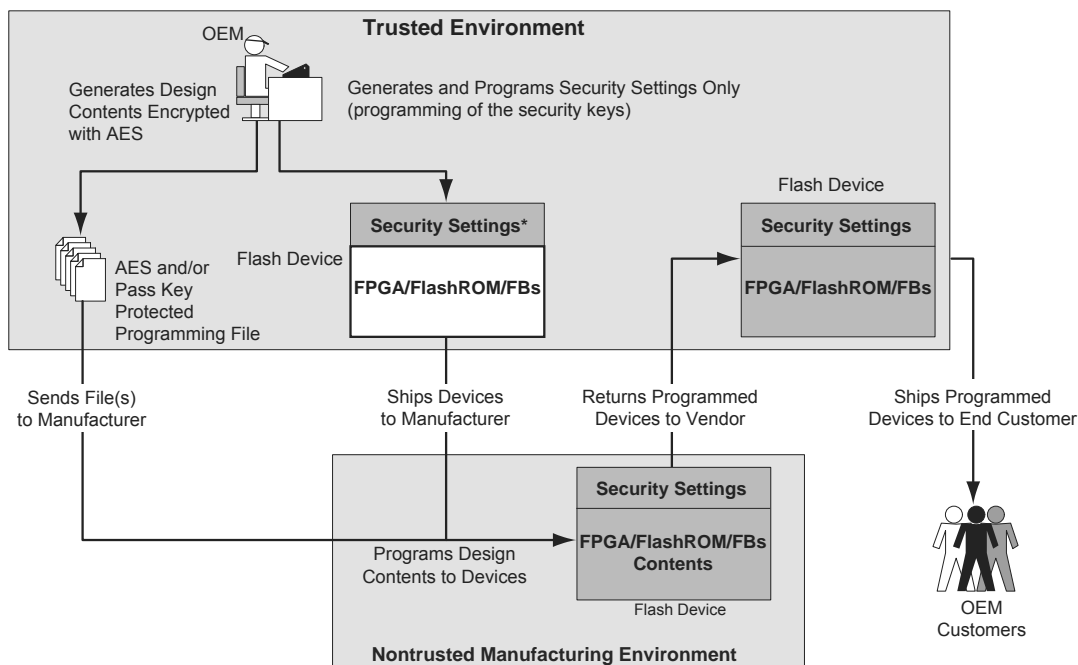
## Application 1: Trusted Environment

As illustrated in Figure 12-7, this application allows the programming of devices at design locations where research and development take place. Therefore, encryption is not necessary and is optional to the user. This is often a secure way to protect the design, since the design program files are not sent elsewhere. In situations where production programming is not available at the design location, programming centers (such as Microsemi In-House Programming) provide a way of programming designs at an alternative, secure, and trusted location. In this scenario, the user generates a STAPL programming file from the Designer software in plaintext format, containing information on the entire design or the portion of the design to be programmed. The user can choose to employ the FlashLock Pass Key feature with the design. Once the design is programmed to unprogrammed devices, the design is protected by this FlashLock Pass Key. If no future programming is needed, the user can consider permanently securing the IGLOO and ProASIC3 device, as discussed in the "Permanent FlashLock" section on page 307.

## Application 2: Nontrusted Environment—Unsecured Location

Often, programming of devices is not performed in the same location as actual design implementation, to reduce manufacturing cost. Overseas programming centers and contract manufacturers are examples of this scenario.

To achieve security in this case, the AES key and the FlashLock Pass Key can be initially programmed in-house (trusted environment). This is done by generating a programming file with only the security settings and no design contents. The design FPGA core, FlashROM, and (for Fusion) FB contents are generated in a separate programming file. This programming file must be set with the same AES key that was used to program to the device previously so the device will correctly decrypt this encrypted programming file. As a result, the encrypted design content programming file can be safely sent off-site to nontrusted programming locations for design programming. Figure 12-7 shows a more detailed flow for this application.



Notes:

1. Programmed portion indicated with dark gray.
2. Programming of FBs applies to Fusion only.

**Figure 12-7 • Application 2: Device Programming in a Nontrusted Environment**

### STAPL File with AES Encryption

- Does not contain AES key / FlashLock Key information
- Intended for transmission through web or service to unsecured locations for programming

```
=====
NOTE "CREATOR" "Designer Version: 6.1.1.108";
NOTE "DEVICE" "A3PE600";
NOTE "PACKAGE" "208 PQFP";
NOTE "DATE" "2005/04/08";
NOTE "STAPL_VERSION" "JESD71";
NOTE "IDCODE" "$123261CF";
NOTE "DESIGN" "counter32";
NOTE "CHECKSUM" "$EF57";
NOTE "SAVE_DATA" "FFromStream";
NOTE "SECURITY" "ENCRYPT FROM CORE ";
NOTE "ALG_VERSION" "1";
NOTE "MAX_FREQ" "20000000";
NOTE "SILSIG" "$00000000";
```

## Conclusion

The new and enhanced security features offered in Fusion, IGLOO, and ProASIC3 devices provide state-of-the-art security to designs programmed into these flash-based devices. Microsemi low power flash devices employ the encryption standard used by NIST and the U.S. government—AES using the 128-bit Rijndael algorithm.

The combination of an on-chip AES decryption engine and FlashLock technology provides the highest level of security against invasive attacks and design theft, implementing the most robust and secure ISP solution. These security features protect IP within the FPGA and protect the system from cloning, wholesale “black box” copying of a design, invasive attacks, and explicit IP or data theft.

## Glossary

Term	Explanation
Security Header programming file	Programming file used to program the FlashLock Pass Key and/or AES key into the device to secure the FPGA, FlashROM, and/or FBs.
AES (encryption) key	128-bit key defined by the user when the AES encryption option is set in the Microsemi Designer software when generating the programming file.
FlashLock Pass Key	128-bit key defined by the user when the FlashLock option is set in the Microsemi Designer software when generating the programming file.  The FlashLock Key protects the security settings programmed to the device. Once a device is programmed with FlashLock, whatever settings were chosen at that time are secure.
FlashLock	The combined security features that protect the device content from attacks. These features are the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flash technology that does not require an external bitstream to program the device</li> <li>• FlashLock Pass Key that secures device content by locking the security settings and preventing access to the device as defined by the user</li> <li>• AES key that allows secure, encrypted device reprogrammability</li> </ul>

## References

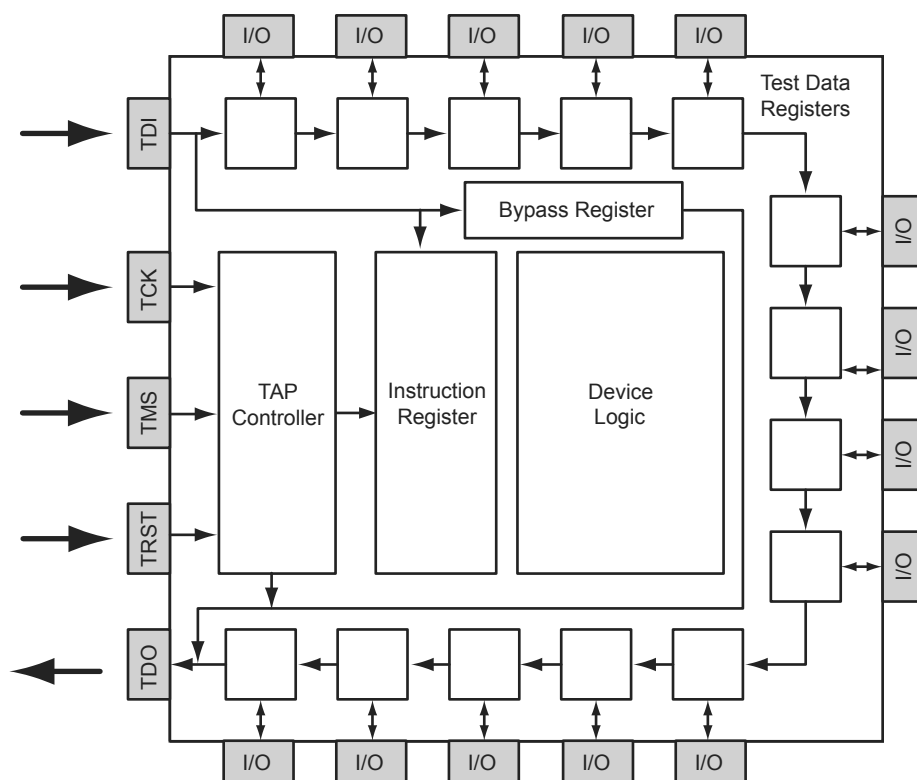
National Institute of Standards and Technology. “ADVANCED ENCRYPTION STANDARD (AES) Questions and Answers.” 28 January 2002 (10 January 2005).  
See <http://csrc.nist.gov/archive/aes/index1.html> for more information.

**Table 13-4 • Programming Header Pin Numbers and Description**

Pin	Signal	Source	Description
1	TCK	Programmer	JTAG Clock
2	GND <sup>1</sup>	–	Signal Reference
3	TDO	Target Board	Test Data Output
4	NC	–	No Connect (FlashPro3/3X); Prog_Mode (FlashPro4). See note associated with Figure 13-5 on page 335 regarding Prog_Mode on FlashPro4.
5	TMS	Programmer	Test Mode Select
6	VJTAG	Target Board	JTAG Supply Voltage
7	VPUMP <sup>2</sup>	Programmer/Target Board	Programming Supply Voltage
8	nTRST	Programmer	JTAG Test Reset (Hi-Z with 10 k $\Omega$ pull-down, HIGH, LOW, or toggling)
9	TDI	Programmer	Test Data Input
10	GND <sup>1</sup>	–	Signal Reference

Notes:

1. Both GND pins must be connected.
2. FlashPro4/3/3X can provide VPUMP if there is only one device on the target board.



**Figure 16-2 • Boundary Scan Chain**

## Board-Level Recommendations

Table 16-3 gives pull-down recommendations for the TRST and TCK pins.

**Table 16-3 • TRST and TCK Pull-Down Recommendations**

VJTAG	Tie-Off Resistance*
VJTAG at 3.3 V	200 $\Omega$ to 1 k $\Omega$
VJTAG at 2.5 V	200 $\Omega$ to 1 k $\Omega$
VJTAG at 1.8 V	500 $\Omega$ to 1 k $\Omega$
VJTAG at 1.5 V	500 $\Omega$ to 1 k $\Omega$
VJTAG at 1.2 V	TBD

*Note:* Equivalent parallel resistance if more than one device is on JTAG chain (Figure 16-3)

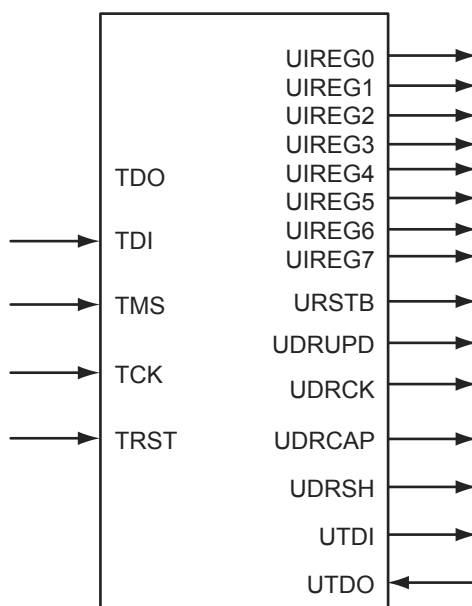


## UJTAG Macro

The UJTAG tiles can be instantiated in a design using the UJTAG macro from the Fusion, IGLOO, or ProASIC3 macro library. Note that "UJTAG" is a reserved name and cannot be used for any other user-defined blocks. A block symbol of the UJTAG tile macro is presented in Figure 17-2. In this figure, the ports on the left side of the block are connected to the JTAG TAP Controller, and the right-side ports are accessible by the FPGA core VersaTiles. The TDI, TMS, TDO, TCK, and TRST ports of UJTAG are only provided for design simulation purposes and should be treated as external signals in the design netlist. However, these ports must NOT be connected to any I/O buffer in the netlist. Figure 17-3 on page 366 illustrates the correct connection of the UJTAG macro to the user design netlist. Microsemi Designer software will automatically connect these ports to the TAP during place-and-route. Table 17-2 gives the port descriptions for the rest of the UJTAG ports:

**Table 17-2 • UJTAG Port Descriptions**

Port	Description
UIREG [7:0]	This 8-bit bus carries the contents of the JTAG Instruction Register of each device. Instruction Register values 16 to 127 are not reserved and can be employed as user-defined instructions.
URSTB	URSTB is an active-low signal and will be asserted when the TAP Controller is in Test-Logic-Reset mode. URSTB is asserted at power-up, and a power-on reset signal resets the TAP Controller. URSTB will stay asserted until an external TAP access changes the TAP Controller state.
UTDI	This port is directly connected to the TAP's TDI signal.
UTDO	This port is the user TDO output. Inputs to the UTDO port are sent to the TAP TDO output MUX when the IR address is in user range.
UDRSH	Active-high signal enabled in the ShiftDR TAP state
UDRCAP	Active-high signal enabled in the CaptureDR TAP state
UDRCK	This port is directly connected to the TAP's TCK signal.
UDRUPD	Active-high signal enabled in the UpdateDR TAP state



**Figure 17-2 • UJTAG Tile Block Symbol**