

IP Solutions: System-Level Designs for FPGAs

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Background

Designers everywhere are using Xilinx FPGAs to implement system-level functions in demanding applications including communications, high-speed networking, image processing, and computing. Xilinx offers the industry's largest selection of intellectual property (IP) cores, which serves as the foundation for realizing complex system-on-a-chip designs. Xilinx cores are tested and verified to ensure correct functionality. In addition, Xilinx cores utilize Smart-IP technology to predetermine their implementation, providing optimal and predictable performance and utilization.

The broadest selection of industry-standard solutions offered by Xilinx comprise two IP sources: LogiCORE™ and AllianceCORE™. As the most successful in the industry, the LogiCORE program offers cores exclusively for Xilinx FPGAs. These cores are sold and supported by Xilinx. The AllianceCORE program provides a broad selection of third-party cores customized for use with Xilinx FPGAs and CPLDs.

Smart-IP Core Design Methodology

Smart-IP technology is a combination of several features designed to deliver the highest performance, predictability, and flexibility when implementing IP with Xilinx FPGAs.

Smart-IP technology ensures constant core performance regardless of the core's position in the FPGA device; consists of performance levels when multiple cores are integrated in the same FPGA device; and no performance degradation when migrating to larger devices.

Xilinx IP Center on the Web

The Xilinx IP Center offers a comprehensive list of Logi-CORE and AllianceCORE products, reference designs, and application notes. It also provides access to AllianceCORE partners and to partners from the XPERTS consultants program.

The proprietary of cores, reference designs, and design reuse tools from Xilinx are available over the Internet; the latest versions of these products are available for download from the Xilinx IP Center at www.xilinx.com/ipcenter.

CORE Generator System™

The Xilinx CORE Generator System generates and delivers parameterizable cores optimized for Xilinx FPGAs. You use the Xilinx CORE Generator system to design high-density Xilinx FPGA devices and achieve high-performance results, while reducing your design time.

CORE Generator Features:

- Simple, intuitive operation Select a core, enter parameters, and generate
- Compatible with VHDL, Verilog, and Schematic top-level design flows
- Cores are delivered as logic designs with an optimal floorplan or layout
- Performance is independent of FPGA device size
- Performance stays constant as more cores are added
- Optimal results as comparable to the best expert hand-packed design
- Data sheet and VHDL behavioral model with each core
- Ready access to intellectual property from Xilinx and Xilinx partners
- Predictable and repeatable results: core performance is specified in advance
- PC and Workstation platforms supported

CORE Generator Benefits:

- Faster time-to-market
- Fast core generation time with proprietary Xilinx software
- Reduced place and route time with preplaced Cores
- Less engineering required with predesigned cores
- Facilitates design reuse Build your design out of cores
- Simpler documentation with larger parameterizable building blocks
- Optimal core layout produces lower power dissipation

Xilinx Design Reuse

The need for design resuse has been apparent for many years; no company likes to put many man years of effort into a design that can be used only once. Today, thousands of designers are creating intellectual property (IP) on a huge scale, targeting the widely popular million-gate Virtex™ FPGA family which is ideally suited to support design resuse. For the latest most detailed information on Xilinx Design Reuse function, visit:

www.xilinx.com/ipcenter/designreuse/index.htm

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Xilinx PCI/PCI-X Solutions

PCI (Peripheral Component Interconnect) is one of the most popular standard for system interconnects, not only for personal computers, but also for industrial computers, communication switches, routers and instrumentation. It solves a wide range of compatibility problems and performance limitations with the older ISA and VME standards.

PCI-X, which is an extension of the PCI technology builds on the success of the PCI standard and offers more bandwidth, easier design, better efficiency and reliability required by the next generation communications and networking systems. PCI-X is targeted at systems requiring support for Ultra320 SCSI, Gigabit Ethernet, Gigabit and 2 Gigabit Fibre channel standards and other applications running at OC-48 data rates.

PCI/PCI-X also poses a significant challenge; the stringent electrical, functional and timing specifications are difficult to meet in any technology and the standards keep evolving to meet the dynamic needs of our industry. That's why you need a flexible PCI solution that will meet both your current and future requirements, while guaranteeing full PCI/PCI-X compliance with no limitations on performance or functionality.

Our first LogiCORE PCI product was released in January 1996. We have since then shipped the first general purpose PCI 64/66 solution in March 1999 and the first FPGA based PCI-X 64/66 solution in December 2000. Now, our PCI/PCI-X cores have been proven in over 2,000 customer designs, clearly demonstrating the Real-PCI and Real PCI-X from Xilinx are the most flexible and cost-effective solutions for your fully-compliant, high-performance PCI/PCI-X systems.

Features

Real Compliance

- All LogiCORE PCI products are fully compliant to PCI specification, v2.2
- All LogiCORE PCI-X products are fully compliant to PCI-X specification, v1.0
- SmartIP technology to ensure predictable timing for every core implementation

Real Flexibility

- Support Xilinx standard off-the-shelf FPGAs
- Range of device sizes and packages to choose from, for the most cost-effective solution
- Re-configurable FPGAs allow accommodation of future changes in standards or requirements
- Allow completely custom back-end designs
- Cores can be easily parameterized to meet the user's need

Real Performance

- Support for PCI/PCI-X systems up to 66 MHz
- Operation at maximum throughput, with zero wait states
- Full 32- and 64-bit data path

Real Availability

- Available for purchase over the Xilinx E-commerce site (toolbox.xilinx.com/cgi-bin/xilinx.storefront/EN/Cat alog)
- All LogiCORE PCI/PCI-X products are available from the Xilinx IP Center on the internet (<u>www.xilinx.com/pci</u>) to give user instant access to latest versions.
- Design kits available with 64-bit and 32-bit prototyping boards and driver development tools
- PCI training classes available. Check support.xilinx.com for details.
- Specially trained XPERTS partners available for design services.

Xilinx RapidIO Solutions

RapidIO is an Embedded Component Interconnect Architecture designed to be compatible with the most popular integrated communications processors, host processors and networking digital signal processors. It is a high-performance, packet-switched interconnect technology that allows chip-to-chip and board-to-board communications. It addresses the high-performance networking industry's need for reliability, increased bandwidth, and faster bus speeds in an intra-system interconnect.

Xilinx is the first company in the industry to ship a RapidIO product with the release of the LogiCORE RapidIO PHY solution in May 2001. With the Xilinx RapidIO solution, users can reach multi-gigabit performance levels required by the next generation of networking systems and yet have the flexibility to upgrade and future proof their systems against the dynamically changing standards and needs of our industry. The Real-RapidIO products from Xilinx are the most flexible and cost-effective solutions for your fully compliant, high-performance, and reliable RapidIO systems.

Features:

Real Compliance

- All LogiCORE RapidIO products are fully compliant to RapidIO specification, v1.1
- SmartIP technology to ensure predictable timing for every core implementation

Real Flexibility

- Support Xilinx standard off-the-shelf FPGAs
- Reconfigurable FPGAs allow accommodation of future changes in standards or requirements



 Allow complete freedom to build application specific back-end designs

Real Performance

- Support for RapidIO systems up to 250 MHz
- 8-bit LP/LVDS port

Real Availability

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(toolbox.xilinx.com/cgi-bin/xilinx.storefront/EN/Cat alog)

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Table 1: PCI Solutions Ordering Information

Product Part Number	Description	Accessible Design Files	Prototyping Board	Driver Development Tools	Miscellaneous
DO-DI-PCI32 -S	32-bit PCI for Spartan family	PCI32 Spartan-II PCI32 Spartan-XL PCI32 Spartan	No	No	All design files and docs delivered over the Internet
DO-DI-PCI32 -DK	32-bit PCI Design Kit	Same as DO-DI-PCI32-S plus: PCI32 Virtex-E PCI32 Virtex PCI32 4000XLA	VCC HotPCI board with XCS40 PQ208	Compuware NuMega SoftICE Driver Suite	PCI Systems Architecture Text Book Printed Design Guide
DO-DI-PCI64	64/32-bit 33/66 MHz PCI	Same as DO-DI-PCI32-DK plus: PCI64/66 Virtex-E PCI64/66 Virtex PCI64 Spartan-II	No	No	All design files and docs delivered over the Internet
DO-DI-PCI64 -DK	64-bit 66 MHz Design Kit	Same as DO-DI-PCI64	Nallatech Ballyinx 64-bit 66 MHz PCI Prototyping Card with XCV300 BG432	Compuware NuMega SoftICE Driver Suite	PCI Systems Architecture Text Book Printed Design Guide
DX-DI-M2DK- DK	Upgrade from	DO-DI-PCIM (obsolete) to DC)-DI-PCI32-DK ⁽¹⁾		
DX-DI-S2DK- DK	Upgrade from	DO-DI-PCIS (obsolete) to DO	-DI-PCI32-DK ⁽¹⁾		
DX-DI-PCI32- DK	Upgrade from DO-DI-PCl32-S to DO-DI-PCl32-DK ⁽¹⁾				
DX-DI-PCI64	Upgrade from DO-DI-PCI32-DK to DO-DI-PCI64 ⁽¹⁾				
DX-DI-PCI64- DK	Upgrade from	DO-DI-PCI64 to DO-DI-PCI64	I-DK ⁽¹⁾		

Notes:

1. Requires a valid maintenance contract



PCI Design Kits

Ballyinx 64/66 PCI Prototyping Board from Nallatech

The 64-bit Design Kit includes Ballyinx 64/66 PCI prototyping board with a XCV300-6 BG432 device that allows designers to quickly evaluate the performance of the Xilinx 64/66 PCI core in their system. In addition, the board demonstrates how to build a universal 3.3V and 5V PCI card. By incorporating Nallatech's DIME standard for modular expandability, the prototyping board can be used in a wide variety of system solutions including FPGA-based DSP.

HotPCI 32/33 PCI Prototyping Board from Virtual Computer Corporation

The 32-bit PCI Design Kit includes HotPCI 32/33 PCI prototyping board with an XCS40-4 PQ240 device that allows designers to quickly evaluate the performance of the Xilinx 32/33 PCI core in their system. The board includes 8x128K SRAM and is reconfigurable from the PCI bus.

SoftICE Driver Suite from Compuware

The Xilinx PCI Design Kits includes a standard license of Compuware's NuMega SoftICE Driver suite that accelerate the development and debugging of Windows device drivers. The SoftICE Drive Suite includes all versions of SoftICE, including SoftICE for Windows 2000/NT, SoftICE for Windows 95, SoftICE for Windows 3.1, and SoftICE for DOS along with DriveWorks, VtoolsD, and DriverAgent.

PCI Training

To further complete the Xilinx PCI solution, Xilinx offers a three-day PCI course for customers who are planning PCI systems. The course will give an introduction to the PCI standard, and will cover configuration and integration of core, system integration, verification and debug. More information can be found at **support.xilinx.com**.

Xilinx XtremeDSP Solutions

With Xilinx DSP, users can combine ASIC-like performance and integration with the flexibility of a DSP processor implementation. By utilizing parallel computing techniques in a Xilinx FPGA, users can achieve radical performance advantage over fixed processors. The Xilinx FPGA implementation will at the same time maintain maximum flexibility and the shortest time-to-market, which is lost using an ASIC implementation. Until now, tools to automate the design process have been lacking and only experienced FPGA designers have completed most designs manually.

The Xilinx System Generator bridges the gap between your conceptual architectural design and the actual implementation in a Xilinx FPGA. The System Generator for Simulink, developed in partnership with The MathWorks, Inc. enables designers to develop high-performance DSP systems for

Xilinx FPGAs using the popular MATLAB/Simulink products from The MathWorks, Inc.

Additionally, parameterizable DSP algorithms continue to be added to the Xilinx Core Generator System. In this tool, LogiCORE DSP modules can be used with VHDL-, Verilogor schematic-based design methodologies.

Higher-level DSP cores and DSP prototyping boards are available from our AllianceCORE partners.

The Xilinx DSP Solution consists of:

- Standard Xilinx FPGA components Virtex-II,
 Virtex-E Extended Memory, Virtex-E, Virtex, Spartan-II,
 Spartan-XL, Spartan, and XC4000
- DSP parameterizable LogiCORE and AllianceCORE FPGA products, e.g., FIR Filters, FFTs, Reed-Solomon FEC cores, and Multipliers, supporting high-performance applications such as wireless communication, digital networking, image processing, DVB, and HDTV.
- DSP system level tools integration through the Xilinx System Generator
- DSP starter kit
- Regional dedicated DSP Field Applications Engineers
- DSP Ph.D. level support

For the latest information on Xilinx XtremeDSP solutions, visit: www.xilinx.com/dsp

Features

- ASIC-like DSP performance through parallel processing, for example:
- 600 billion MACs/s (8-bit)
- 256-tap FIR filter, 16-bit data, 16-bit coefficients, 180 MSPS
- 1024 point complex FFT, 16-bit input,<1 μs transform time
- Reconfigurable FPGAs allows accommodation of specification and feature changes late in the design process and in end users' products
- Cost-effective implementation saves cost over Application Specific Standard Products (ASSP)
- Integrates DSP functions with memory, control and glue logic into single-chip solutions
- Xilinx LogiCORE products include Smart-IP technology to maintain timing independently of surrounding logic and device size
- Wide range of device sizes and packages to choose from creating the most cost-effective solution
- Easy and quick configuration via the System Generator and teh CORE Generator
- Generates unique netlists, implementation constraint files, simulation models and instantiation code for VHDL and Verilog
- Specially trained XPERTS partners available for design



services such as retargeting to untested devices, integration, or core customization

AllianceCORE Products

Through the AllianceCORE program, Xilinx is expanding the availability of high quality cores for programmable logic by sharing what has been learned with leading third-party core developers.

The AllianceCORE program is a cooperative effort between Xilinx and independent third-party core developers. It is designed to produce a broad selection of industry-standard solutions dedicated for use in Xilinx programmable logic.

Xilinx takes an active role with its partners in the process of productizing AllianceCORE products. This is unique to the AllianceCORE program. Because the process is so involved, we work closely with our partners to select the right cores first which helps raise the quality and usability of the cores that are offered. A core must meet a minimum set of criteria before it can receive the AllianceCORE label.

Table 2: Xilinx AllianceCORE Products
Standard Bus Products
Generic Bus Arbiter
CAN Bus Interface
XF-TWSI Two-Wire Serial Interface (IIC)
Master Only
XF-TWSI-MS Two-Wire Serial Interface
(IIC) Master & Slave
IEEE 1394 FireWire Link Layer Core
IEEE 1394 FireWire Evaluation Board
Communications and Networking
Asynchronous Transfer Mode
IMA 8-Channel Inverse Multiplexing for ATM
IMA 32-Channel Inverse Multiplexing for ATM
Distributed Sample Scrambler
Distributed Sample Descrambler
Cell Assembler (CC-201)
Cell Delineation (CC-200)
CRC10 Generator and Verifier (CC-130)
CRC32 Generator and Verifier (CC-131)
UTOPIA Level 2 Slave Transmitter
UTOPIA Level 2 Slave Receiver
UTOPIA Level 2 Master (CC-140f)
UTOPIA Level 2 Slave on-chip FIFO (CC-141f)
UTOPIA Level 2 Slave off-chip FIFO (CC-143s)
Ethernet
10/100 Mbps Fast Ethernet MAC
10/100 Mbps Fast Ethernet MAC Core Evaluation Board
HDLC

	Xilinx AllianceCORE Products (Continued)
	nannel XF-HDLC Controller
Single-Cl	nannel PPP8 HDLC Controller
Single-Cl	nannel HDLC Controller Core
Forward	Error Correction
Reed Sol	lomon Decoder
Reed-So	lomon Encoder
Reed Sol	omon Decoder
Reed-So	lomon Encoder
Convolut	ional Encoder
Viterbi De	ecoder
Telecomi	nunications
Noisy Tra	nsmission Channel Model
ADPCM	Codec
XF-MOD	-DVB Satellite Modulator
X-3DES	Triple Data Encryption Standard
Cryptopro	
	ata Encryption Standard Cryptoprocessor
	Data Encryption Standard
MT1FT1	Framer
	DSP Functions
	d Image Processing
	DCT Discrete/Inverse Discrete Cosine Transform
X_JPEG	JPEG Codec
YCrCb2F	RGB Color Space Converter
RGB2YC	rCb Color Space Converter
DSP Core	e Development Tool
GVA-270	Virtex-E DSP Hardware Accelerator Board
GVA-220	DSP Hardware Accelerator Board
GVA-250	Virtex DSP Hardware Accelerator Board
GVA-200	DSP Hardware Accelerator Board
GVA-100	DSP Prototyping Board
Processo	or Products
C2901 M	icroprocessor Slice
C2910a l	Microprogram Controller
Flip805x-	PR 8051/2 Core
V8 uRIS0	C 8-bit RISC Microprocessor
Intellicore	e TM Prototyping System
	or Peripherals
M8237 D	MA Controller
M8254 P	rogrammable Timer
C8255A	Peripheral Interface
M8255 P	rogrammable Peripheral Interface
	Programmable Peripheral Interface
XF-8255	Programmable Peripheral Interface Multifunction Microprocessor Support Controller

C8259A Programmable Interrupt Controller

Table 2: Xilinx AllianceCORE Products (Continued)

M8259 Programmable Interrupt Controller
XF-8279 Programmable Keyboard Display Interface
SDRAM Controller
DRAM Controller
200 MHz SDRAM Controller
UARTs
C_UART Compact UART
XF-8250 Asynchronous Communications Element
C8251 Programmable Communications Interface
C16450 UART
M16450 UART
C16550 UART with FIFOs
M16550A UART with RAM
C6850 Asynchronous Communications Interface Adapter
(ACIA)
Generic Core Development Tools
Microprocessor-Based Core Evaluation Card

XPERTS

Xilinx Program for Engineering Resources from Third Parties

Xilinx customers can take advantage of XPERTS, a worldwide program giving customers access to Xilinx-certified experts in Xilinx architecture, PCI designs, new design methodologies, customer or third-party IP customization and integration, and system level design. Partners (Table 3) have experience and expertise in delivering turnkey system designs for communications, networking, video and medical imaging and computer applications. Their experience with various standards and large systems design will complement your internal expertise to deliver the right product, at the right time and lowest cost.

Table 3: XPERTS Partners

XPERTS Partners	Telecom & Datacom	Net- working	Imaging & Video
Advanced Digital Designs	Х		Х
Andraka Consulting			Х
Applied Micro Technology Inc.	Х		
Baranti			Х
BARCO SILEX			Х
Bottom Line Technologies Inc.			Х
Comit Systems			Х
DesignPRO Inc.	Х		
Synchronous Design Solutions	Х		

Table 3: XPERTS Partners

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	&	Net-	Imaging
XPERTS Partners	Datacom	working	& Video
Dillon Engineering			Х
ECLA Inc.		Х	
Electronic Design Associates Inc.			Х
Enator Elektroniksystem AB	Х		Х
EuroMIPS Systems	Х		
GERPI	Х		
Integrated Intellectual Property Inc. (I2P)		Х	Х
LP Technology Inc.	Х		Х
MultiVideo Designs			X
North Pole Engineering		Х	Х
Northwest Logic Design			X
Perigee			Х
PLC 2	Х		
Polybus		Х	Х
Rapid Prototypes Inc.			Х
Roman-Jones Inc.			Х
SECAD			Х
Silicon & Software Systems	Х		Х
SO-LOGIC			Х
SPEAR Technology CC			Х
Synchronous Design Solutions	Х		
Syntera Digital Solutions	Х		
Thomas Design			Х

General-Purpose Cores
Asynchronous FIFOs (BlockRAM & Distributed RAM)
Memory Compilers (BlockRAM & Distributed RAM)
Divider
Counter
Accumulator
Adder-Subtractor
Comparator
Shift Register (Flip-Flop based)
Shift Register (RAM based)
Decoder (Binary)
Gate (bus output with control bit)
Gate (Single output)
Gate (bus output)
Multiplexer (Bit)



Table 4: Xilinx LogiCORE Products (Continued)

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Multiplexer (Bus)
Multiplexer (BUFE based slice)
Multiplexer (BUFT based slice)
Register (Flip-Flop Based)
Latch (LD based)
Two's Complement
Content Addressable Memory (CAM)
Synchronous FIFO
Multiply Generator
LFSR
Processor Cores
MicroBlaze Soft Processor
Communication and Networking Cores
8b/10b Encoder, Decoder
T1/E1 Framer
T1 Deframer
POS-PHY Level 3, 1-, 2-, 4-, 16-channels
POS-PHY Level 4
6.711 PCM Expander, Compressor, Codec
HDLC Controller, 1- and 32-channels
ADPCM Codec, 32- and 64-channels
Flexbus 4
RapidIO Phy
DSP and Communication Cores
FIR Filters, Distributed Arithmetic
FFT, Complex, High-performance, 1024-point
FFT, Complex, High-performance, 256-point
FFT, Complex, High-performance, 64-point
FFT, Complex, High-performance, 16-point
Reed Solomon Encoder, parameterizable
Reed Solomon Decoder, parameterizable
DDS (NCO)
Sine/Cosine Look Up Table
Cascaded Integrator-Comb (CIC)
Bit Correlator
FFT, Complex, High-performance, 32-point
Multiply Accumulator (MAC)
Turbo Coinvolutional Encoder, Decoder
Viterbi Decoder
Convolutional Encoder
Interleaver/De-interleaver
Reed-Solomon Encoder, Decoder
ID-DCT
Color Coope Compartors

Color Space Converters

Table 4: Xilinx LogiCORE Products (Continued)

JPEG Encoder, Decoder, Codec **Interface Cores** PCI 64-bit, 33-66 MHz PCI64 Design Kit (incl. Virtex prototyping board and driver development tools) PCI 32-bit, 33 MHz PCI32 Design Kit (incl. Spartan-II prototyping board and driver development tools) **Reference Designs SDRAM Controller ZBT RAM Controller** Double Data Rate RAM Controller PCI64 Bridge Reference Designs PCI32 Bridge Reference Designs PCI Power Management Reference Design PCI32 Asynchronous FIFO Reference Designs

PCI64 Asynchronous FIFO Reference Designs