#### **ISDN** Modems

#### **ISDN** Overview





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### Understanding ISDN Equipment



Terminal Equipment (TE1) - ISDN ready Terminal Equipment (TE2) - Non ISDN Terminal Adapter (TA) - Analog to ISDN

Network Terminator (NT1) - Subscriber Line Isolation Network Terminator (NT2) - Network Switch (PBX)



#### **ISDN** Integrated Digital Services Network

- High-speed, fully digital telephone service
  - Upgrades today's analog telephone network to a digital system
- Can operate at speeds up to 144Kbps
  - 5 or more times faster than today's analog modems
  - Dramatic speed up of information transfer over the Internet or over a remote LAN connection
    - Rich media like graphics, audio, video or other applications
- Widely available





# ISDN

- The Original Digital Service
  - Technology was defined in the mid-80s
- Uses circuit switched technology to support
  - D (Delta) channels are used for signaling
  - Data is transported over 64 Kbps B (Bearer) channels
  - Channels may carry voice, packet data, video





# Two Major Variants

#### • BRI (Basic Rate Interface)

- Targeted at home and small business users
- Provides 2 B channels over a single twisted pair

#### PRI (Primary Rate Interface)

- Targeted at larger corporate customers
- Provides 23 B channels over T1 in North America
- Provides 30 B channels over E1 in Europe





#### ISDN Model





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# **Functional Groupings**

- TE2 (Terminal Equipment 2)
  - Non-ISDN equipment such as personal computers
- TA (Terminal Adapter)
  - Interfaces non-ISDN equipment to the ISDN
- TE1 (Terminal Equipment 1)
  - ISDN terminal equipment such as ISDN phones
- NT1 (Network Termination Equipment, Layer 1)
  - Terminates the ISDN network connection at the physical layer
- NT2 (Network Termination Equipment, Layer 2)

Terminates the ISDN network connection at the data link layer

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#### **Reference Points**

- R (Rate) Reference Point
  - Non-ISDN interface between non-ISDN user equipment and terminal adapter
- S (System) Reference Point
  - Interface between Terminal Adapters (TA) or terminal and Network termination
- T (Terminal) Reference Point
  - Interface between Network Termination (NT) equipment
- U (User) Reference Point
  - Interface between customer and central office





# U Reference Point

- Connects subscriber to Central Office (CO)
- Point to point connection with a 5.5 km maximum distance
- 2 wire interface
- 2B1Q line coding
  - 2B1Q in North America
  - 4B3T in Europe
- Adaptive equalization, echo cancellation
- Data is scrambled
  - Improve clock recovery & spectral characteristics





## S/T Interface

- Interconnects customer premises equipment (CPE)
- Bus topology
- 4 wire interface
- 1 km maximum distance
- Alternate Space Inversion (ASI) line coding





# Proprietary TDM interfaces

- Used to connect ISDN devices inside equipment
- 4 to 7 wire interfaces
  - Clock
  - Data In
  - Data Out
  - Start of frame indicator
- Several versions defined by ASSP vendors
  - CHI (Concentration Highway Interface): Lucent
  - IOM-2 (ISDN Oriented Modular Interface): Infineon, AMD
  - IDL (Inter-chip Digital Link): Motorola





#### ISDN In the Real World



# External ISDN Modem

- Includes processor for protocol processing
- Optional POTS interface
- System glue
  - Interface glue for ASSPs
  - ISDN TA functions



# Internal ISDN Modem

- Uses host for protocol processing
- Voice features use host's sound card
- System glue
  - Host bus interface
  - ISDN TA functions



# Always On ISDN

- Provides continuous Internet connectivity
- Forwards IP traffic over the D channel
  - 16 kbps bandwidth
  - X.25 encapsulation
- Requires support from
  - ISP
  - Phone company
  - Hardware (modem/router)





# IDSL

- IDSL = ISDN Digital Subscriber Loop
- Developed by Ascend
- Uses ISDN transport
  - 2B+D 144 kbps
  - Static connections, no signaling
- Does not support ISDN voice calls
  - Requires VoIP instead





### **ASSP** Providers

Supplier	Device	Function	
Motorola	MC145572	U-Interface Transceiver	
	MC145574	S/T-Interface Transceiver	
	MC145575	Passive ISDN Terminal Adapter	
	MC145576	Single-Chip NT1	
AMD	Am79C30A/32A	Digital Subscriber Controller	
Lucent	T7234	Single-Chip NT1	
	T7256	Single-Chip NT1 with Microprocessor and TDM Interface	
	T7237	U-Interface 2B1Q Transceiver	
	T9000/T9001	ISDN Network Termination Node (NTN) Devices	
	T7250	S/T-Interface with HDLC	
National	TP3410	U-Interface Transceiver	
	TP3420A	S/T Interface Device	
Infineon	PEB 2091	U-Interface Transceiver	
	PEB 2086	S/T Interface Device	
	PEB 8090	Single-Chip NT1	
	PEB 8191	Single-Chip NT1 with Microprocessor and TDM Interface	
Yamaha	YTD423	HDLC with Microprocessor Interface	
	YTD421	S/T Interface Device	
Asahi Kasei	AK520S	Single-Chip NT1	





### Design Example: ISDN PCMCIA Modem

- Design objectives
  - Lowest possible total product cost
    - Target < \$30 for complete solution</li>
  - Fastest time-to-market solution
    - Use available intellectual property as possible
    - PCMCIA core Mobile Media Research, Xilinx Alliance Partner
- Spartan/XC9500 support solution
  - Spartan FPGAs implement system glue functions & PCMCIA interface
  - XC9500 manages memory interface
  - Spartan/XC9500 very cost effective





# ISDN PCMCIA Modem



- PCMCIA standard PC laptop interface
  - Implemented using IP core
- Requires system glue
  - Motorola MC145572 U transceiver to PCMCIA interface

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Memory control in CPLD



#### ISDN PCMCIA FPGA





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#### ISDN PCMCIA FPGA Block Diagram



# Spartan Functionality

ASSP	Manufacturer / Part Number	Spartan System Glue - Functions
ISDN U–Interface	Motorola	Handshaking
Transceiver	MC145572	ASSP Interface
		IDL Data Multiplexing
		IDL Data Demultiplexing
Host: PCMCIA	Xilinx	PCMCIA Interface Functions
	XCS40XL-4VQ100C &	Function Control Register
	Mobile Media Research	Files
	(PCMCIA IP Core)	
CPU	Philips	System Initialization
	8051 Microcontroller	Functions





#### Xilinx - The Super Glue of System Logic



## **ISDN Summary**

#### Perfect match for use in ISDN modems

- Faster Time-To-Market with programmable logic
- Easily integrates system logic functions
  - Interface, control, decode, state machines, etc.
- Extremely cost effective
- Customer benefits using Xilinx in ISDN modems
  - Most efficient way to integrate standard ASSPs
  - Hits both price & performance targets
  - Speeds Time-To-Market (TTM)
    - Maximizes new product revenue
    - "Off-the-shelf" IP further accelerates TTM
    - Provides total IC / Software / IP solution



