

PCI-Express Multifunction IP Core for Xilinx 7 Series FPGAs

Product Overview

The PCI Express specification allows endpoints that incorporate more than one physical PCIe-function. Such endpoints are called multifunction devices. The big advantage of a multifunction device is, that a separate device driver can be associated to each physical function. This simplifies driver development and maintenance significantly by separating the peripheral functions logically into different device drivers.

The Xilinx PCIe hardblocks in the 7 Series device family however do not support more than one physical PCIe function and do not support multifunction devices natively. Smartlogic's new patented multifunction extension IP-Core removes this restriction by extending the Xilinx PCIe hardblock with up to 6 physical PCIe Functions. Compared to a PCIe soft IP core solution with multifunction support, the Smartlogic IP core uses only a fraction of logic resources and will fit even in the smallest Artix FPGA devices.

IP Core Facts Table				
Core Specifics				
Supported Device Families	Artix-7, Kintex-7, Zynq-7000			
Resources				
Configuration	PCIe-Functions	FPGA-Resources ⁽¹⁾		
Width / Speed		LUTs	FFs	BRAM
X1, Gen 2	2	3151	3436	8
X1, Gen 2	4	3688	4061	8
Provided with the Core				
Design Files	Encrypted HDL (source code as option)			
Example Design	VHDL			
Simulation Model	Encrypted VHDL			
Driver Package	Linux or Windows (source Code as option)			
Tested Designflows				
Design Entry	Vivado Design Suite			
Simulation	Vivado ISIM, ModelSim, Aldec Riviera			
Synthesis	Vivado Synthesis			
Support				
Provided by Smartlogic				

⁽¹⁾ These numbers include the resources of the Xilinx AXI Stream Integrated Block for PCI Express Wrapper

IP-Features

- Extends the Xilinx integrated PCI-Sig compliant PCIe hardblock by up to 6 true physical PCI Express Functions (not virtual functions requiring SRIOV capability)
- Designs provides up to 8 AXI Masters which can be freely mapped to the PCIe functions
- Optional DMA support (Flex or HCC IP core)
- The user defines, if all PCIe functions communicate with either the same or with a different device driver
- 32 and 64-Bit BAR support for all functions
- BARs can be defined independently at compile time.
- Each function can issue interrupts (MSI only)
- Detection of signal integrity problems on PCIe link (for productional testing)
- Device driver package available as option
- Link Speeds Gen 1 or 2, Link Width x1
- Available for A7, K7 and Zynq-7000 (ask for the availability for other FPGA families)

Limitations

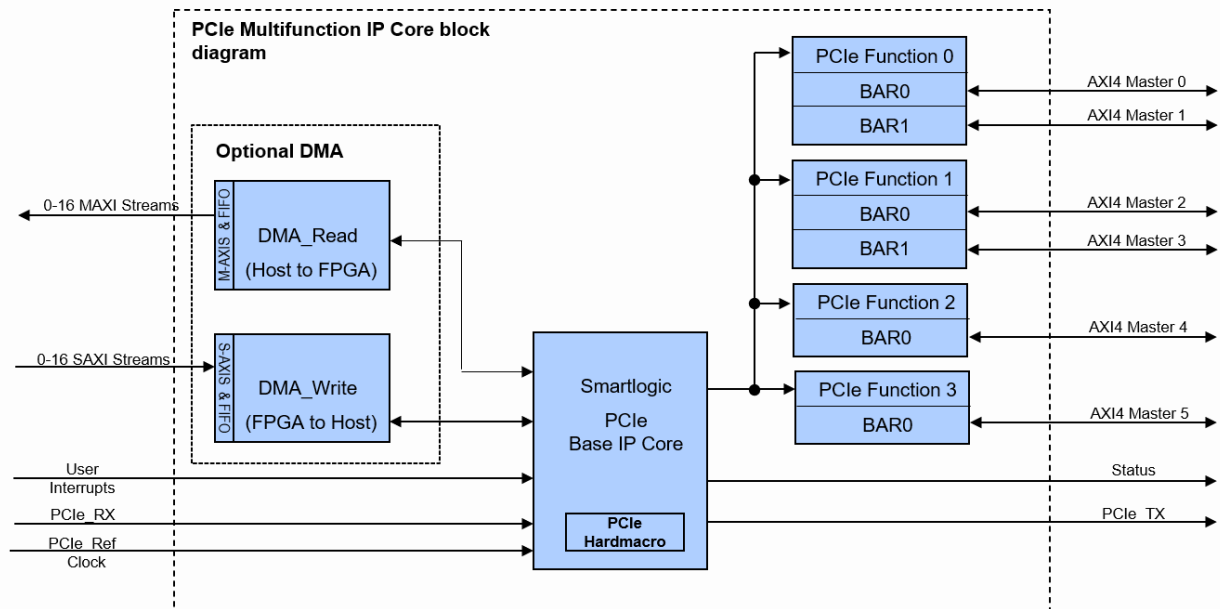
Due to the low logic footprint approach by using the Xilinx PCIe hardblock, the user has to be aware of some limitations. For most applications these are considered as minor and acceptable.

- The maximum supported number of physical PCIe Functions is 6
- The sum of available BARs of all functions is limited to 6
- Each function has to use MSI mode with the same amount of interrupt messages
- For other minor limitations, see the User Guide

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Block Diagram:



The block diagram shows 4 of the 6 available PCIe Functions and an example mapping of the function's BARs. The User has full control at compile time to map up to 8 AXI Masters to the active PCIe Functions. Unused AXI4 Masters do not occupy logic resources.

Minimum Speedgrades:

FPGA Device	Link Width / Link Speed	Minimum Speedgrade
Artix	X1 / Gen 1	-1
	X1 / Gen 2	-2
Kintex	X1 / Gen1 or Gen2	-1

For Zynq-7000 Devices, use the Artix or Kintex speedgrades.

Evaluation

This IP Core can be evaluated on Xilinx Demoboards like the AC701. Request a free evaluation at:

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Partnership

Smartlogic is a member of Xilinx's Alliance Program since 2006.



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