

LogiCORE IP AXI to APB Bridge v2.0

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Introduction

The LogiCORE™ IP Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture (AMBA®) AXI to Advanced Peripheral Bus (APB) Bridge core translates AXI4-Lite transactions into APB transactions. It functions as a slave on the AXI4-Lite interface and as a master on the APB interface. The AXI to APB Bridge main use model is to connect the APB slaves with AXI masters.

Features

The Xilinx AXI to APB Bridge core is a soft IP core with these features:

- AXI interface is based on the AXI4-Lite specification
- APB interface is based on the APB3 specification, supports optional APB4 selection
- Supports 1:1 (AXI:APB) synchronous clock ratio
- Connects as a 32-bit slave on 32-bit AXI4-Lite interface
- Connects as a 32-bit master on 32-bit APB3/APB4 interface
- Supports optional data phase timeout

LogiCORE IP Facts Table	
Core Specifics	
Supported Device Family ⁽¹⁾	Zynq®-7000, Virtex®-7, Kintex®-7, Artix®-7
Supported User Interfaces	AXI4-Lite, APB3, APB4
Resources	See Table 2-1
Provided with Core	
Design Files	VHDL
Example Design	VHDL
Test Bench	VHDL
Constraints File	N/A
Simulation Model	None
Supported S/W Driver	N/A
Tested Design Flows⁽²⁾	
Design Entry	Vivado® Design Suite Vivado IP Integrator
Simulation	For supported simulators, see the Xilinx Design Tools: Release Notes Guide
Synthesis	Vivado Synthesis
Support	
Provided by Xilinx @ www.xilinx.com/support	

Notes:

1. For a complete list of supported devices, see the Vivado IP catalog.
2. For the supported versions of the tools, see the [Xilinx Design Tools: Release Notes Guide](#).

Overview

The main function of the LogiCORE™ IP AXI to Advanced Peripheral Bus (APB) Bridge core is to connect APB slaves to AXI masters. It translates AXI4-Lite transactions into APB transactions.

Feature Summary

The 32-bit AXI4-Lite interface on the AXI to APB Bridge core is based on the *AMBA AXI and ACE Protocol Specification v2.0* [Ref 1]. The core functions as a 32-bit slave on this interface.

The 32-bit APB interface of the core is based on the AP3 interface as described in the *AMBA APB Protocol Specification v2.0* [Ref 1]. The core supports the optional APB4 interface as well. The core functions as a 32-bit master on the APB3/APB4 interface.

The AXI to APB Bridge core supports a 1:1 (AXI:APB) synchronous clock ratio as well as data phase timeout.

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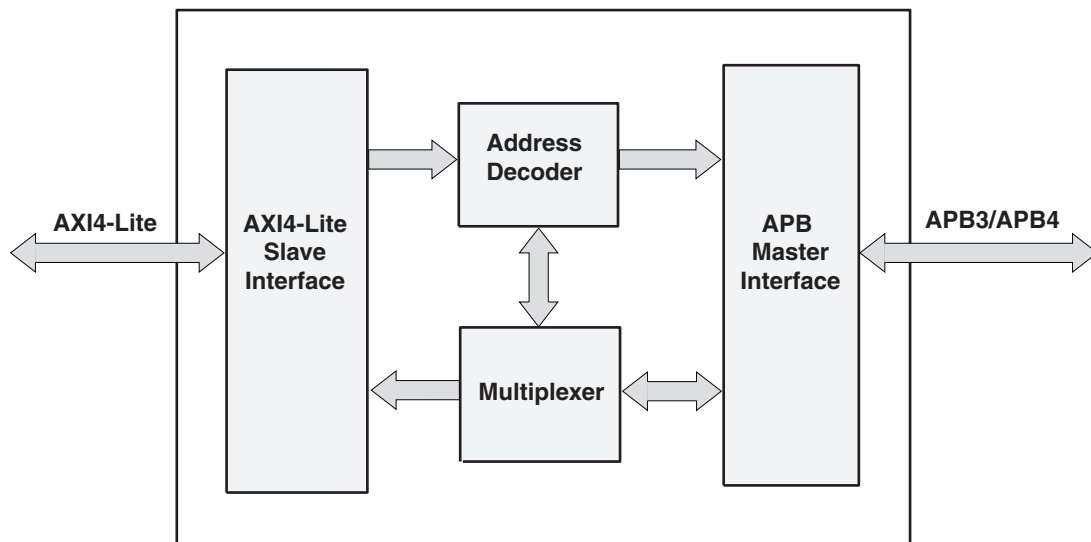
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Product Specification

The AXI to APB Bridge core translates AXI4-Lite transactions into APB transactions. The bridge functions as a slave on the AXI4-Lite interface and as a master on the APB interface.

The AXI to APB Bridge core block diagram, shown in [Figure 2-1](#), is described in subsequent sections.



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Figure 2-1: AXI to APB Bridge Core Block Diagram

AXI4-Lite Slave Interface

The AXI4-Lite Slave Interface module provides a bidirectional slave interface to the AXI. The AXI address and data bus widths are always fixed to 32 bits. When both write and read transfers are simultaneously requested on AXI4-Lite, the read request is given more priority than the write request. This module also contains the data phase timeout logic for generating a SLVERR response on the AXI interface when an APB slave does not respond.

APB Master Interface

The APB Master module provides the APB master interface on the APB. This interface can be APB3 or APB4, which can be selected by setting the generic for APB protocol. When it is set to APB4, the `m_apb_pstrb` and `m_apb_pprot` signals are driven at the APB interface. The APB address and data bus widths are fixed to 32 bits.

Standards Compliance

The AXI to APB Bridge core is based on the AMBA® AXI4-Lite specification [Ref 1] and the APB3/APB4 specification [Ref 1].

Resource Utilization

Because the AXI to APB Bridge module is used with other design pieces in the FPGA, the resource utilization and timing numbers reported in this section are estimates only. When the AXI to APB Bridge core is combined with other pieces of the FPGA design, the utilization of FPGA resources and timing of the design varies from the results reported here.

The AXI to APB Bridge core resource utilization benchmarks for several parameter combinations, measured with 7 Series FPGAs as the target device, are shown in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1: Performance and Resource Utilization Benchmarks 7 Series FPGAs

Parameter Values (other parameters at default value)			Device Resources			Performance
Number of slaves	APB Protocol	Timeout value	Slices	Slice Flip-Flops	LUTs	F _{MAX} (MHz)
1	APB4	64	119	364	286	200
4	APB4	64	136	370	372	200
8	APB4	64	174	386	475	200
16	APB3	64	181	402	549	200

Note: Performance and utilization numbers for Zynq®-7000 devices are expected to be similar to those for 7 Series devices.

Port Descriptions

Table 2-2 shows the I/O signals of the AXI to APB Bridge core.

Table 2-2: I/O Signal Description

Signal Name	Interface	I/O	Initial State	Description
AXI Interface System Signals				
s_axi_aclk	System	I	-	AXI clock.
s_axi_aresetn	System	I	-	AXI reset, active-Low.
AXI Write Address Channel Signals				

Table 2-2: I/O Signal Description (Cont'd)

Signal Name	Interface	I/O	Initial State	Description
s_axi_awaddr[31:0]	AXI4-Lite	I	-	AXI Write address. The write address bus gives the address of the first transfer in a write burst transaction.
s_axi_awprot[2:0] ⁽¹⁾	AXI4-Lite	I	-	Protection type. This signal indicates the normal, privileged, or secure protection level of the write transaction and whether the transaction is a data access or an instruction access. The default value is normal non secure data access.
s_axi_awvalid	AXI4-Lite	I	-	Write address valid. This signal indicates that valid write address and control information are available.
s_axi_awready	AXI4-Lite	O	0	Write address ready. This signal indicates that the slave is ready to accept an address and associated control signals.
AXI Write Data Channel Signals				
s_axi_wdata[31:0]	AXI4-Lite	I	-	Write data bus
s_axi_wstb[3:0] ⁽¹⁾	AXI4-Lite	I	-	Write strobes. This signal indicates which byte lanes to update in memory.
s_axi_wvalid	AXI4-Lite	I	-	Write valid. This signal indicates that valid write data and strobes are available.
s_axi_wready	AXI4-Lite	O	0	Write ready. This signal indicates that the slave can accept the write data.
AXI Write Response Channel Signals				
s_axi_bresp[1:0]	AXI4-Lite	O	0	Write response. This signal indicates the status of the write transaction.
s_axi_bvalid	AXI4-Lite	O	0	Write response valid. This signal indicates that a valid write response is available.
s_axi_bready	AXI4-Lite	I	-	Response ready. This signal indicates that the master can accept the response information.
AXI Read Address Channel Signals				
s_axi_araddr[31:0]	AXI4-Lite	I	-	Read address. The read address bus gives the initial address of a read burst transaction.
s_axi_arprot[2:0] ⁽¹⁾	AXI4-Lite	I	-	Protection type. This signal provides protection unit information for the read transaction. The default value is normal non secure data access.
s_axi_arvalid	AXI4-Lite	I	-	Read address valid. When High, this signal indicates that the read address and control information is valid and remains stable until the address acknowledgement signal, s_axi_arready, is High.

Table 2-2: I/O Signal Description (Cont'd)

Signal Name	Interface	I/O	Initial State	Description
s_axi_arready	AXI4-Lite	O	0	Read address ready. This signal indicates that the slave is ready to accept an address and associated control signals.
AXI Read Data Channel Signals				
s_axi_rdata[31:0]	AXI4-Lite	O	0	Read data bus.
s_axi_rresp[1:0]	AXI4-Lite	O	0	Read response. This signal indicates the status of the read transfer.
s_axi_rvalid	AXI4-Lite	O	0	Read valid. This signal indicates that the required read data is available and the read transfer can complete.
s_axi_rready	AXI4-Lite	I	-	Read ready. This signal indicates that the master can accept the read data and response information.
APB Signals				
m_apb_pclk	APB	O	0	APB Clock. s_axi_aclk is tied to m_apb_pclk.
m_apb_presetn	APB	O	0	APB Reset, active-Low. s_axi_aresetn is tied to m_apb_presetn.
m_apb_paddr[31:0]	APB	O	0	Address. This is the APB address bus and is fixed to 32 bit.
m_apb_pprot[2:0] ⁽¹⁾	APB	O	0	Protection type. This signal indicates the normal, privileged, or secure protection level of the transaction and whether the transaction is a data access or an instruction access.
m_apb_psel	APB	O	0	Select. The AXI to APB Bridge core generates this signal to each peripheral bus slave. It indicates that the slave device is selected and that a data transfer is required. There is a m_apb_psel signal for each slave. Port width depends on the number of slave connected to the bridge.
m_apb_penable	APB	O	0	Enable. This signal indicates the second and subsequent cycles of an APB transfer.
m_apb_pwrite	APB	O	0	Direction. This signal indicates an APB write access when High and an APB read access when Low.
m_apb_pwdata[31:0]	APB	O	0	Write data. This bus is driven by the AXI to APB Bridge core during write cycles when m_apb_pwrite is High. This bus is fixed to 32-bits wide.

Table 2-2: I/O Signal Description (Cont'd)

Signal Name	Interface	I/O	Initial State	Description
m_apb_pstrb[3:0] ⁽¹⁾	APB	O	0	Write strobes. This signal indicates which byte lanes to update during a write transfer. Write strobes must not be active during a read transfer.
m_apb_pready	APB	I	-	Ready. The APB slave uses this signal to extend an APB transfer. The port width depends on the number of slave interfaces created.
m_apb_prdata[31:0]	APB	I	-	Read Data. The selected slave drives this bus during read cycles when m_apb_pwrite is Low. This bus is fixed to 32-bits wide.
m_apb_prdata2[31:0]	APB	I	-	Read Data. The selected slave drives this bus during read cycles when m_apb_pwrite is Low. This bus is fixed at 32-bits wide.
m_apb_prdata3[31:0]	APB	I	-	Read Data. The selected slave drives this bus during read cycles when m_apb_pwrite is Low. This bus is fixed at 32-bits wide.
m_apb_prdata4[31:0]	APB	I	-	Read Data. The selected slave drives this bus during read cycles when m_apb_pwrite is Low. This bus is fixed at 32-bits wide.
m_apb_prdata5[31:0]	APB	I	-	Read Data. The selected slave drives this bus during read cycles when m_apb_pwrite is Low. This bus is fixed at 32-bits wide.
m_apb_prdata6[31:0]	APB	I	-	Read Data. The selected slave drives this bus during read cycles when m_apb_pwrite is Low. This bus is fixed at 32-bits wide.
m_apb_prdata7[31:0]	APB	I	-	Read Data. The selected slave drives this bus during read cycles when m_apb_pwrite is Low. This bus is fixed at 32-bits wide.
m_apb_prdata8[31:0]	APB	I	-	Read Data. The selected slave drives this bus during read cycles when m_apb_pwrite is Low. This bus is fixed at 32-bits wide.
m_apb_prdata9[31:0]	APB	I	-	Read Data. The selected slave drives this bus during read cycles when m_apb_pwrite is Low. This bus is fixed at 32-bits wide.
m_apb_prdata10[31:0]	APB	I	-	Read Data. The selected slave drives this bus during read cycles when m_apb_pwrite is Low. This bus is fixed at 32-bits wide.
m_apb_prdata11[31:0]	APB	I	-	Read Data. The selected slave drives this bus during read cycles when m_apb_pwrite is Low. This bus is fixed at 32-bits wide.
m_apb_prdata12[31:0]	APB	I	-	Read Data. The selected slave drives this bus during read cycles when m_apb_pwrite is Low. This bus is fixed at 32-bits wide.

Table 2-2: I/O Signal Description (Cont'd)

Signal Name	Interface	I/O	Initial State	Description
m_apb_prdata13[31:0]	APB	I	-	Read Data. The selected slave drives this bus during read cycles when m_apb_pwrite is Low. This bus is fixed at 32-bits wide.
m_apb_prdata14[31:0]	APB	I	-	Read Data. The selected slave drives this bus during read cycles when m_apb_pwrite is Low. This bus is fixed at 32-bits wide.
m_apb_prdata15[31:0]	APB	I	-	Read Data. The selected slave drives this bus during read cycles when m_apb_pwrite is Low. This bus is fixed at 32-bits wide.
m_apb_prdata16[31:0]	APB	I	-	Read Data. The selected slave drives this bus during read cycles when m_apb_pwrite is Low. This bus is fixed at 32-bits wide.
m_apb_pslverr[c_apb_num_slaves-1:0]	APB	I	-	This signal indicates a transfer failure.

Notes:

1. This signal is only used when APB protocol is set to APB4.

Designing with the Core

This chapter includes guidelines and additional information to facilitate designing with the core.

General Design Guidelines

Memory Mapping

The AXI memory map and the APB memory map are one single complete 32-bit (4 GB) memory space. The AXI to APB Bridge core does not modify the address for APB; hence, the address that is presented on the APB is exactly as received on the AXI.

Read and Write Ordering

When a read request and a write request are issued simultaneously (`s_axi_awvalid/``s_axi_wvalid` and `s_axi_arvalid` are asserted High) from the AXI4-Lite interface, the AXI to APB Bridge core gives priority to the read request over the write request. When both write and read requests are always valid, the write request is initiated on the APB after the read is requested on the APB.

AXI Response Signaling

The AXI Slave interface does not support exclusive read or write access. An `exokay` response is never seen from the AXI interface.

Endianness

Both AXI and APB are little-endian.

Address/Data Translation

No address/data translation/conversion from AXI4-Lite to APB takes place inside AXI to APB Bridge core. The write/read address from AXI4-Lite is passed to APB address. AXI4-Lite write data is passed on to APB and APB read data is passed on to AXI4-Lite read data.

APB4 Operation

When the APB protocol generic is set to `apb4`, the AXI to APB Bridge core drives `m_apb_pstrb` and `m_apb_pprot` signals. `s_axi_wstrb` is passed to `m_apb_pstrb` during write transfers. `s_axi_arprot` is driven on `m_apb_pprot` during a read transfer, and `s_axi_awprot` is driven on `m_apb_pprot` during a write transfer.

Bridge Error Conditions

`m_apb_pslverr` on APB results with the response of `SLVERR` on the AXI4-Lite interface. The AXI to APB Bridge core never generates `DECERR`. In Timeout condition if there is no response from APB slave the AXI-Lite interface generates `SLVERR`.

Bridge Timeout Condition

A data phase timeout is implemented inside the AXI to APB Bridge core, when `c_dphase_timeout` is not equal to 0. When a request is issued from AXI, the AXI to APB Bridge core translates this request into corresponding APB transfer. If there is no response to the request by the APB slave (`m_apb_pready` is not asserted), the core waits for the number of clock cycles mentioned in the Timeout generic, then responds to AXI with `SLVERR` response (and drives zeroes on `s_axi_rdata` during read transfer).

Clocking

The AXI to APB Bridge core is a synchronous design and uses `s_axi_aclk` at both AXI and APB interfaces. `m_apb_pclk` is driven by the core (tied to `s_axi_aclk`).

Resets

`s_axi_aresetn` is a synchronous, active-Low reset input that resets the AXI to APB Bridge core upon assertion. The `s_axi_aresetn` signal is also used to reset the APB interface. `m_apb_presetn` is driven by the core (tied to `s_axi_aresetn`).

Timing Diagram

The timing diagram shown in Table 3-1 illustrates the AXI to APB Bridge core operation for various read and write transfers. This diagram shows that when both write and read requests are active, the read request is given higher priority.

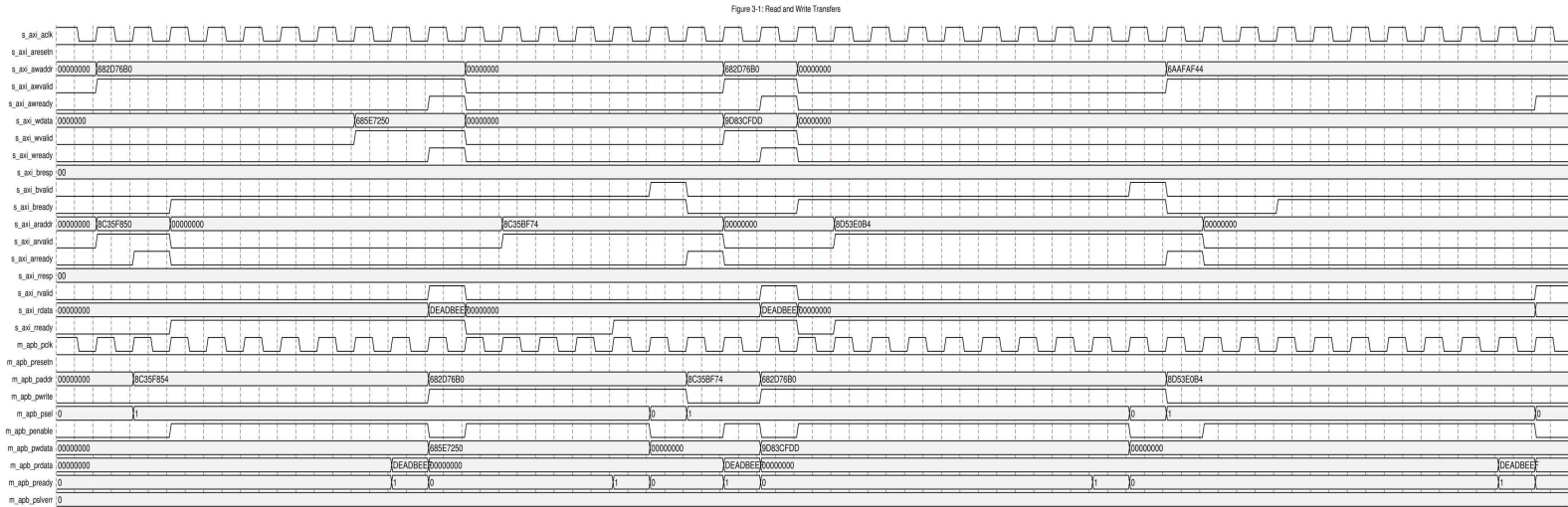


Figure 3-1: AXI to APB Bridge Timing

Customizing and Generating the Core

This chapter includes information on using the Vivado® Design Suite to customize and generate the core.

If you are customizing and generating the core in the Vivado IP Integrator, see the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing IP Subsystems using IP Integrator* (UG994) [Ref 5] for detailed information. IP Integrator might auto-compute certain configuration values when validating or generating the design. To check whether the values do change, see the description of the parameter in this chapter. To view the parameter value you can run the `validate_bd_design` command in the Tcl Console.

Vivado Integrated Design Environment

You can customize the IP for use in your design by specifying values for the various parameters associated with the IP core using the following steps:

1. Open a project by selecting **File > Open Project** or create a new project by selecting **File > New Project**.
2. In the Vivado IP catalog, expand **AXI_Infrastructure** in the View by Function pane.
3. Select **AXI APB Bridge** in the IP catalog.
4. Double-click the IP, or select the **Customize IP** command from the toolbar or popup menu.

For details, see:

- “Working with IP” and “Customizing IP for the Design” in the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing with IP* (UG896) [Ref 4]
- “Working with the Vivado IDE” in the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Getting Started* (UG910) [Ref 6]

Note: Figures in this chapter are illustrations of the Vivado Integrated Design Environment (IDE). This layout might vary from the current version.

The Customize IP dialog box for AXI to APB Bridge (Figure 4-1) contains two pages for configuring the core.

Basic

The Basic page contains the basic configurations like number of APB slaves, APB protocol, and timeout value. See [Figure 4-1](#).



IMPORTANT: Each slave base address/ high address must be configured in the Slave Addresses page.

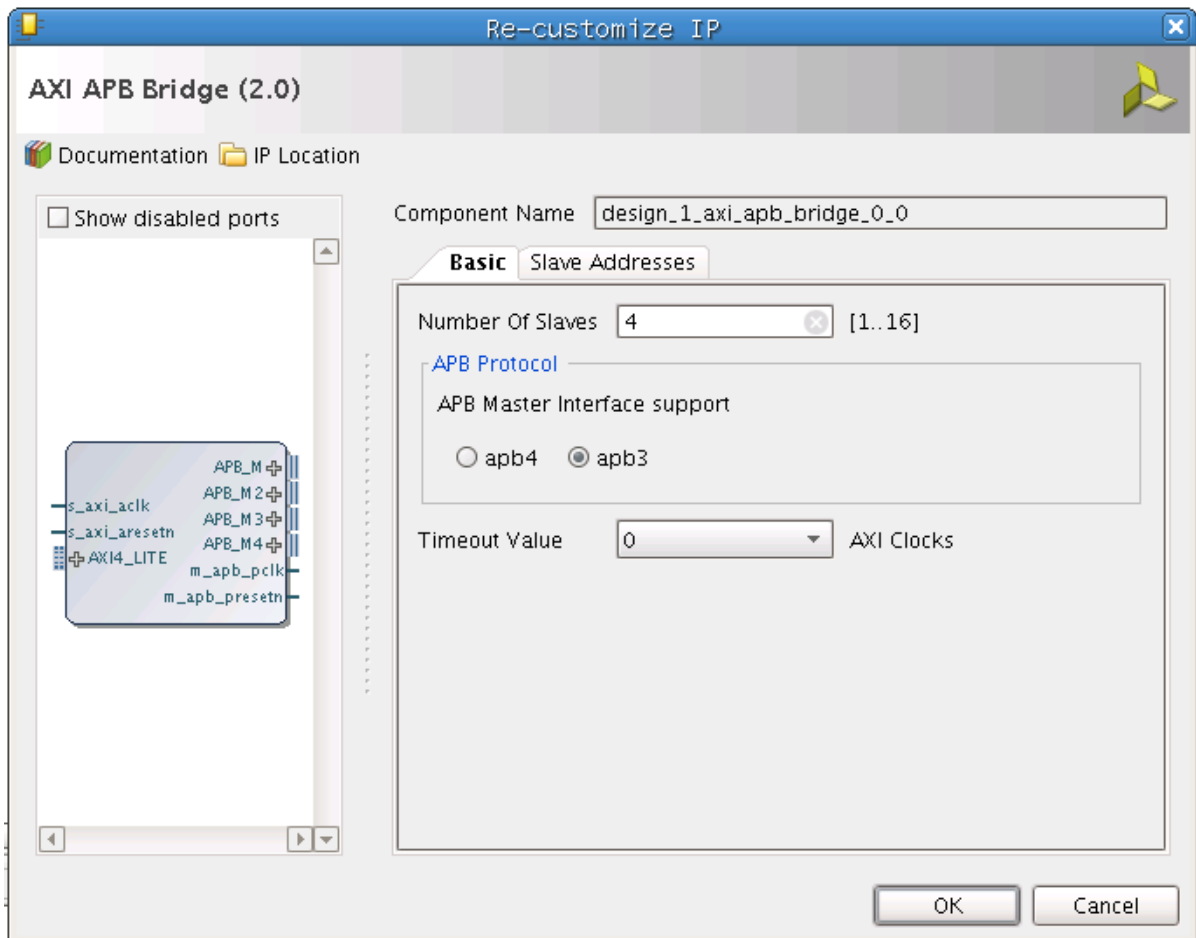


Figure 4-1: AXI APB Bridge Core Basic Configuration

Slave Addresses

The Slave Addresses page contains the APB slave base addresses and high addresses.

Note: In IP Integrator, all base and high addresses of all slaves are greyed out and auto-updated when a slave is connected.

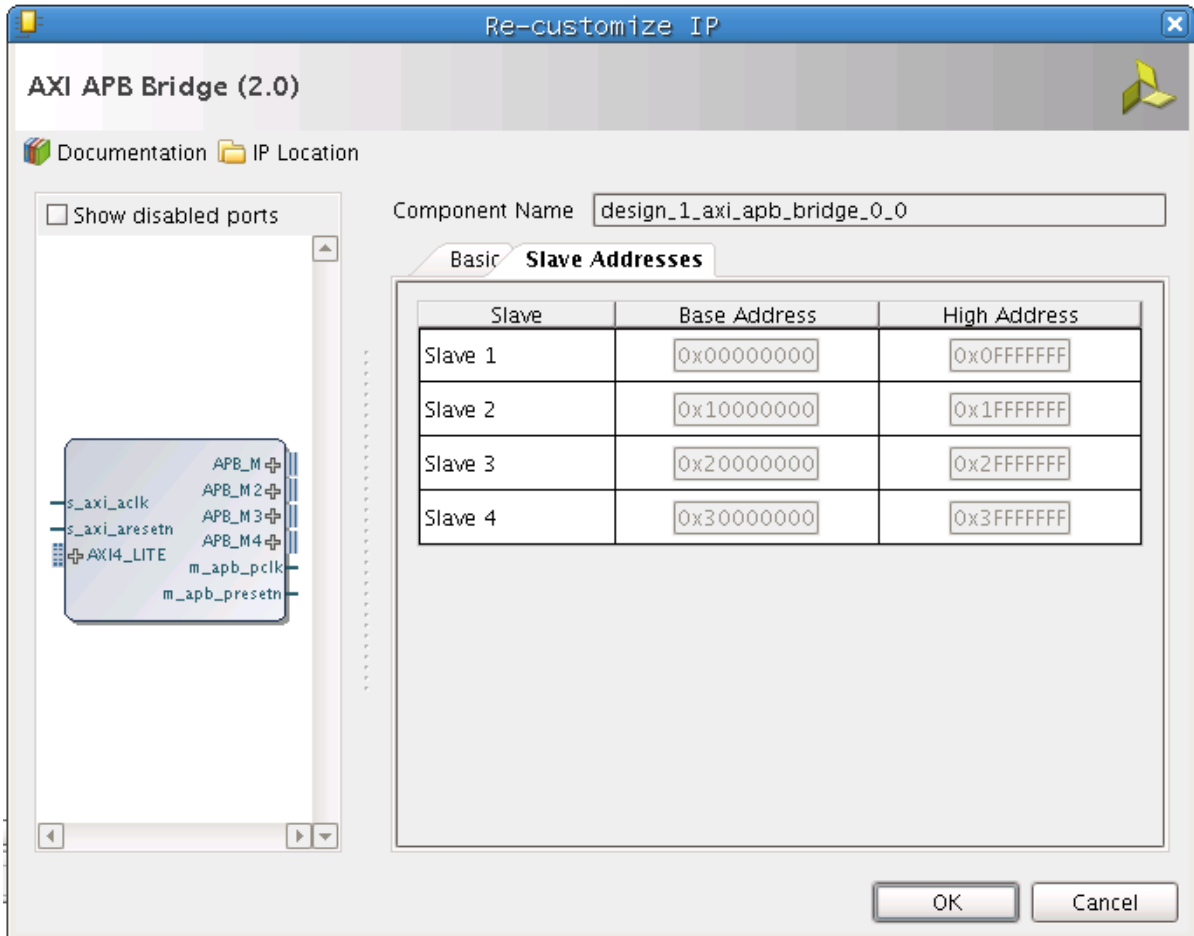


Figure 4-2: AXI APB Bridge Core Slave Addresses Configuration

Output Generation

For details, see "Generating IP Output Products" in the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing with IP* (UG896) [Ref 4].

Simulation

This chapter contains information about simulating in the Vivado® Design Suite environment.

- For comprehensive information about Vivado Design Suite simulation components, as well as information about using supported third party tools, see the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Logic Simulation* (UG900) [Ref 8].
- For information about simulating the example design, see [Simulating the Example Design](#).

Synthesis and Implementation

This chapter contains information about synthesizing and implementing IP in the Vivado® Design Suite environment.

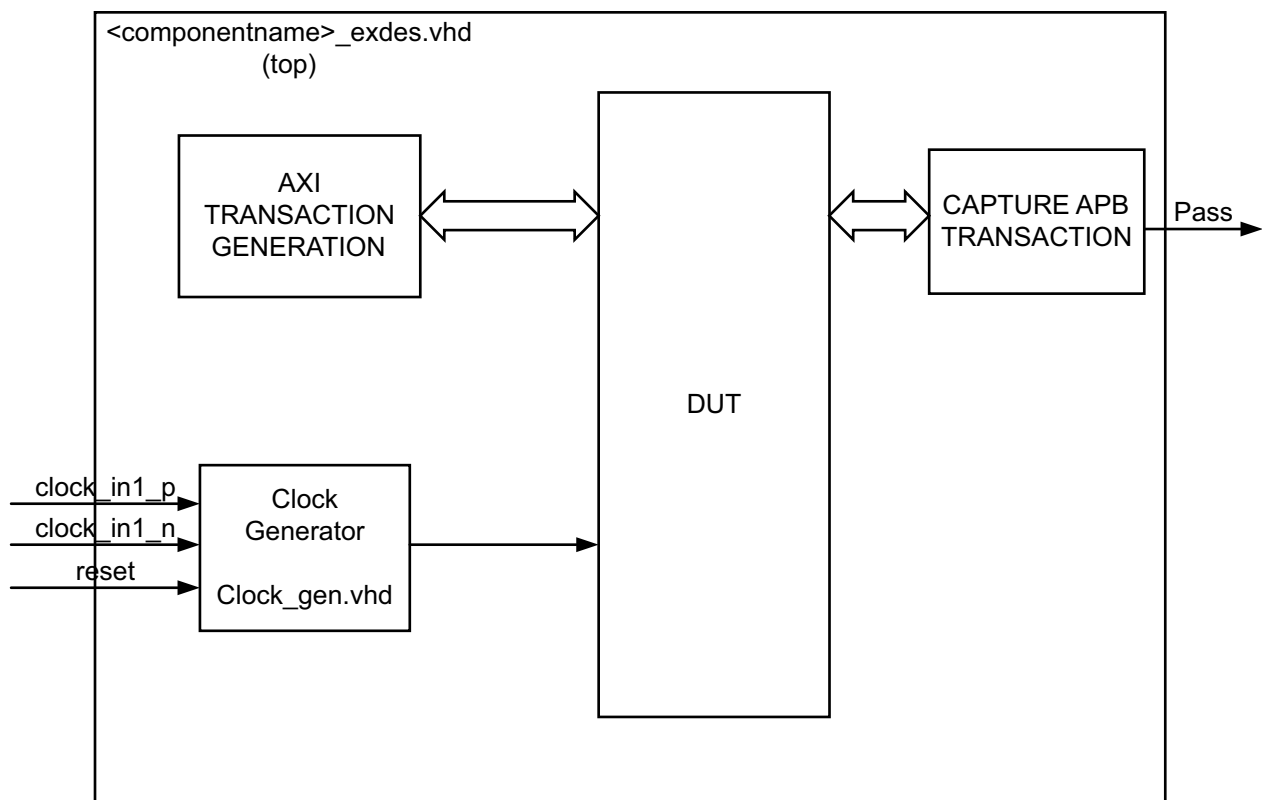
- For details about synthesis and implementation, see “Synthesizing IP” and “Implementing IP” in the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing with IP* (UG896) [Ref 4].
- For information about synthesizing and implementing the example design, see [Implementing the Example Design](#).

Example Design

This chapter contains information about the provided example design in the Vivado® Design Suite environment.

Overview

The top module instantiates all components of the core and example design that are needed to implement the design in hardware, as shown in [Figure 7-1](#). This includes clock generator (MMCME2) and example design module with logic for AXI transaction generator and APB transaction checker.



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Figure 7-1: Block Diagram of Example Design

This example design demonstrates transactions on AXI interfaces of the DUT.

Clock generator: MMCME2 is used to generate the clock for the example design. It generates 100 MHz clock for `s_axi_aclk` of the DUT. The DUT is under reset until MMCME2 is locked.

AXI transaction generation: Handles write and read transactions on AXI-lite interface of the bridge.

Capture APB transaction: Serves as APB slave to the bridge and handles write and read transactions from the AXI interface of the bridge.

Implementing the Example Design

After following the steps described in [Chapter 4, Customizing and Generating the Core](#), implement the example design as follows:

1. Right-click on the core in the Hierarchy window, and select **Open IP Example Design**.
2. A new window opens where you can specify a directory for the example design. Select a new directory, or keep the default directory.
3. A new project is automatically created in the selected directory and it is opened in a new window.
4. Uncomment the IO constraints settings in `<component_name>_exdes.xdc` specified in table 8-3.
5. In the Flow Navigator (left side pane), click **Run Implementation** and follow the directions.
6. Note that `GPIO_LED_7` on the KC705 board glows when the test case in the example design is passed. For more information, see the *KC705 Evaluation Board for the Kintex-7 FPGA User Guide* (UG810) [\[Ref 7\]](#).

Example Design Directory Structure

In the current project directory, a new project called `<component_name>_example` is created and the files are delivered in the `<component_name>_example/<component_name>_example.srcs/` directory. This directory and its subdirectories contain all the source files that are required to create the AXI to APB Bridge core example design.

Example Design Directory

Table 7-1 shows the files delivered in the `<component_name>_example/` `<component_name>_example.srcs/sources_1/imports/example_design/` directory.

Table 7-1: Example Design Directory

Name	Description
<code><component_name>_exdes.vhd</code>	Top-level HDL file for the example design.
<code>clock_gen.vhd</code>	Clock generation module for example design.

Simulation Directory

Table 7-2 shows the files delivered in the `<component_name>_example/` `<component_name>_example.srcs/sources_1/ sim_1/imports/simulation/` directory.

Table 7-2: Simulation Directory

Name	Description
<code><component_name>_exdes_tb.vhd</code>	Test Bench for Exdes.

Constraints Directory

Table 7-3 shows the files delivered in the `<component_name>_example/` `<component_name>_example.srcs/sources_1/ constrs_1/imports/` `example_design/` directory.

Table 7-3: Constraints Directory

Name	Description
<code><component_name>_exdes.xdc</code>	Top-level constraints file for the example design.

Simulating the Example Design

Using the example design delivered as part of the AXI to APB Bridge core, you can quickly simulate and observe the behavior of the core.

The AXI Transaction generation block generates a write and a read transaction to the DUT. The DUT then converts the transaction to APB. The APB Transaction is then captured through the write data and provides the data requested.

Setting up the Simulation

The Xilinx simulation libraries must be mapped into the simulator. To set up the Xilinx simulation models, see the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Logic Simulation* (UG900) [Ref 8]. To switch simulators, click **Simulation Settings** in the Flow Navigator (left pane). In the Simulation options list, change **Target Simulator**.

The example design supports functional (behavioral) and post-synthesis simulations. For information about how to run simulation, see the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Logic Simulation* (UG900) [Ref 8].

Simulation Results

The simulation script compiles the AXI to APB Bridge core example design, and supporting simulation files. It then runs the simulation and checks to ensure that it completed successfully.

If the test passes, the following message is displayed:

```
Test Completed Successfully
```

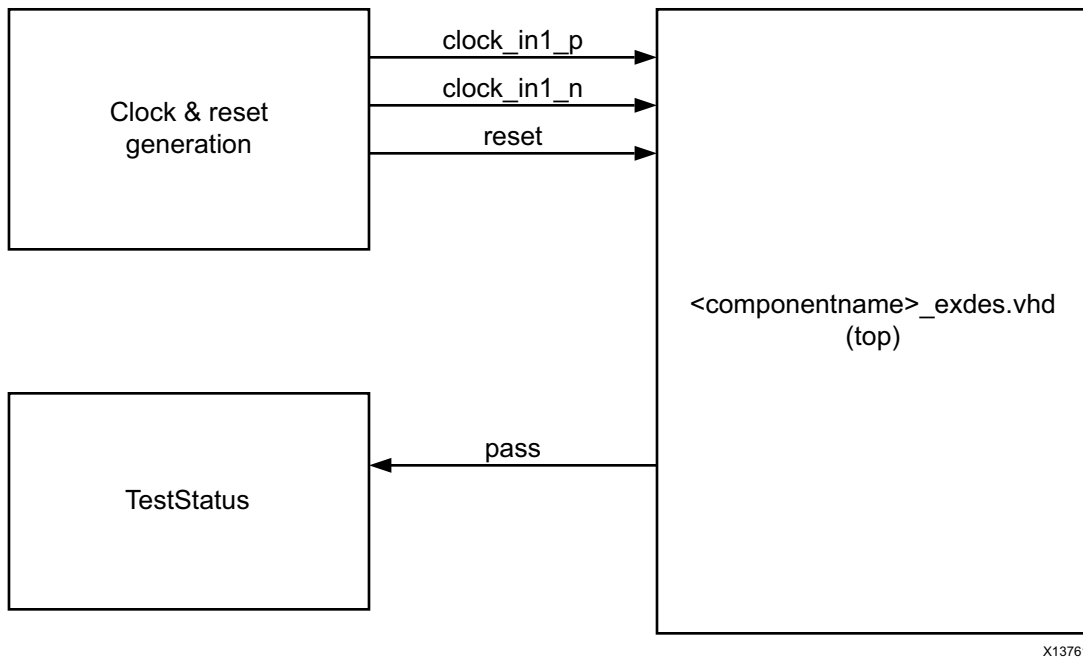
If the test fails, the following message is displayed.

```
Test Failed !! Test Timed Out.
```

Test Bench

This chapter contains information about the provided test bench in the Vivado® Design Suite environment.

Figure 8-1 shows test bench for AXI to APB Bridge core example design. The top level test bench generates 200 MHz clock and drives initial reset to the example design.



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Figure 8-1: AXI to APB Bridge Core Example Design Test Bench

Migrating and Upgrading

This appendix contains information about migrating a design from ISE® Design Suite to the Vivado® Design Suite, and for upgrading to a more recent version of the IP core. For customers upgrading in the Vivado Design Suite, important details (where applicable) about any port changes and other impacts to user logic are included.

Migrating to the Vivado Design Suite

For information on migrating to the Vivado® Design Suite, see *Vivado Design Suite Migration Methodology Guide* (UG911) [\[Ref 9\]](#).

Upgrading in the Vivado Design Suite

There are no port or parameter changes.

Debugging

This appendix includes details about resources available on the Xilinx Support website and debugging tools.

Finding Help on Xilinx.com

To help in the design and debug process when using the AXI to ABP Bridge, the [Xilinx Support web page](http://www.xilinx.com/support) (www.xilinx.com/support) contains key resources such as product documentation, release notes, answer records, information about known issues, and links for obtaining further product support.

Documentation

This product guide is the main document associated with the AXI to ABP Bridge. This guide, along with documentation related to all products that aid in the design process, can be found on the Xilinx Support web page (www.xilinx.com/support) or by using the Xilinx Documentation Navigator.

Download the Xilinx Documentation Navigator from the Design Tools tab on the Downloads page (www.xilinx.com/download). For more information about this tool and the features available, open the online help after installation.

Answer Records

Answer Records include information about commonly encountered problems, helpful information on how to resolve these problems, and any known issues with a Xilinx product. Answer Records are created and maintained daily ensuring that users have access to the most accurate information available.

Answer Records for this core can also be located by using the Search Support box on the main [Xilinx support web page](http://www.xilinx.com/support). To maximize your search results, use proper keywords such as

- Product name
- Tool message(s)

- Summary of the issue encountered

A filter search is available after results are returned to further target the results.

Master Answer Record for the AXI to APB Bridge

AR: [54439](#)

Contacting Technical Support

Xilinx provides technical support at www.xilinx.com/support for this LogiCORE™ IP product when used as described in the product documentation. Xilinx cannot guarantee timing, functionality, or support of product if implemented in devices that are not defined in the documentation, if customized beyond that allowed in the product documentation, or if changes are made to any section of the design labeled DO NOT MODIFY.

To contact Xilinx Technical Support:

1. Navigate to www.xilinx.com/support.
2. Open a WebCase by selecting the [WebCase](#) link located under Additional Resources.

When opening a WebCase, include:

- Target FPGA including package and speed grade.
- All applicable Xilinx Design Tools and simulator software versions.
- Additional files based on the specific issue might also be required. See the relevant sections in this debug guide for guidelines about which file(s) to include with the WebCase.

Note: Access to WebCase is not available in all cases. Login to the WebCase tool to see your specific support options.

Debug Tools

There are many tools available to address AXI to APB Bridge design issues. It is important to know which tools are useful for debugging various situations.

Vivado Lab Tools

Vivado® lab tools insert logic analyzer (ILA) and virtual I/O (VIO) cores directly into your design. Vivado lab tools allow you to set trigger conditions to capture application and integrated block port signals in hardware. Captured signals can then be analyzed. This feature represents the functionality in the Vivado IDE that is used for logic debugging and validation of a design running in Xilinx devices in hardware.

The Vivado logic analyzer is used to interact with the logic debug LogiCORE IP cores, including:

- ILA 2.0 (and later versions)
- VIO 2.0 (and later versions)

See *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Programming and Debugging* (UG908) [Ref 10].

- The interface is not being held in reset, and `s_axi_areset` is an active-Low reset.
- The interface is enabled, and `s_axi_aclken` is active-High (if used).
- The main core clocks are toggling and that the enables are also asserted.
- If the simulation has been run, verify in simulation and/or a Vivado Lab tools capture that the waveform is correct for accessing the AXI4-Lite interface.

Additional Resources

Xilinx Resources

For support resources such as Answers, Documentation, Downloads, and Forums, see the Xilinx Support website at:

www.xilinx.com/support

For a glossary of technical terms used in Xilinx documentation, see:

www.xilinx.com/company/terms.htm

References

These documents provide supplemental material useful with this product guide:

1. ARM® AMBA® documentation (infocenter.arm.com/help/index.jsp?topic=/com.arm.doc.ih0051a/index.html):
 - *AMBA AXI and ACE Protocol Specification, AXI3, AXI4, and AXI4-Lite, v2.0*
 - *AMBA APB Protocol Specification v2.0*
2. *7 Series FPGAs Overview* ([DS180](#))
3. *LogiCORE IP AXI Interconnect Product Guide* ([PG059](#))
4. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing with IP* ([UG896](#))
5. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing IP Subsystems using IP Integrator* ([UG994](#))
6. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Getting Started* ([UG910](#))
7. *KC705 Evaluation Board for the Kintex-7 FPGA User Guide* ([UG810](#))
8. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Logic Simulation* ([UG900](#))
9. *Vivado Design Suite Migration Methodology Guide* ([UG911](#))
10. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Programming and Debugging* ([UG908](#))

Revision History

The following table shows the revision history for this document.

Date	Version	Revision
07/25/12	1.0	Initial Xilinx release. This release supports Vivado Design Suite 2012.2 and Xilinx Platform Studio. This document replaces DS788, <i>LogiCORE IP AXI to APB Bridge Data Sheet</i> .
10/02/2013	2.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated core to v2.0. • Added Vivado IP integrator support. • Changed signal names to lowercase. • Removed design parameter descriptions. • Added example design and test bench details. • Added Debugging appendix.

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