

LogiCORE IP AXI DMA v7.0

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Introduction

The Advanced eXtensible Interface (AXI) Direct Memory Access (AXI DMA) core is a soft Xilinx IP core for use with Xilinx Vivado™ Design Suite. The AXI DMA provides high-bandwidth direct memory access between memory and AXI4-Stream target peripherals. Its optional scatter gather capabilities also off-load data movement tasks from the Central Processing Unit (CPU).

Features

- AXI4 compliant
- Optional Scatter/Gather Direct Memory Access (DMA) support
- AXI4 data width support of 32, 64, 128, 256, 512 and 1024 bits
- AXI4-Stream data width support of 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512 and 1024 bits
- Supports multichannel operation (up to 16 channels)
- Supports 2-D transfers
- Optional Keyhole support
- Optional Data Re-Alignment support
- Optional AXI Control and Status Streams

LogiCORE IP Facts Table	
Core Specifics	
Supported Device Family ⁽¹⁾	Zynq™-7000, Virtex®-7, Kintex™-7, Artix™-7,
Supported User Interfaces	AXI4, AXI4-Lite, AXI4-Stream
Resources	See Table 2-4
Provided with Core	
Design Files	VHDL
Example Design	Not Provided
Test Bench	Not Provided
Constraints File	Not Provided
Simulation Model	Not Provided
Supported S/W Drivers ⁽²⁾	Standalone and Linux
Tested Design Flows ⁽³⁾	
Design Entry	Vivado Design Suite
Simulation	Mentor Graphics Questa® SIM ISim, Vivado simulator
Synthesis	Vivado Synthesis
Support	
Provided by Xilinx, Inc@ www.xilinx.com/support .	

1. For a complete list of supported devices, see Vivado IP catalog.
2. Standalone driver information can be found in the SDK installation directory. See `xilinx_drivers.htm` in `<install_directory>/doc/usenglish`. Linux OS and driver support information is available from wiki.xilinx.com.
3. For the supported versions of the tools, see the [Xilinx Design Suite: Release Notes Guide](#).

Overview

The AXI Direct Memory Access (AXI DMA) IP provides high-bandwidth direct memory access between the AXI4 memory mapped and AXI4-Stream IP interfaces. Its optional scatter gather capabilities also off load data movement tasks from the Central Processing Unit (CPU) in processor-based systems. Initialization, status, and management registers are accessed through an AXI4-Lite slave interface. [Figure 1-1](#) illustrates the functional composition of the core.

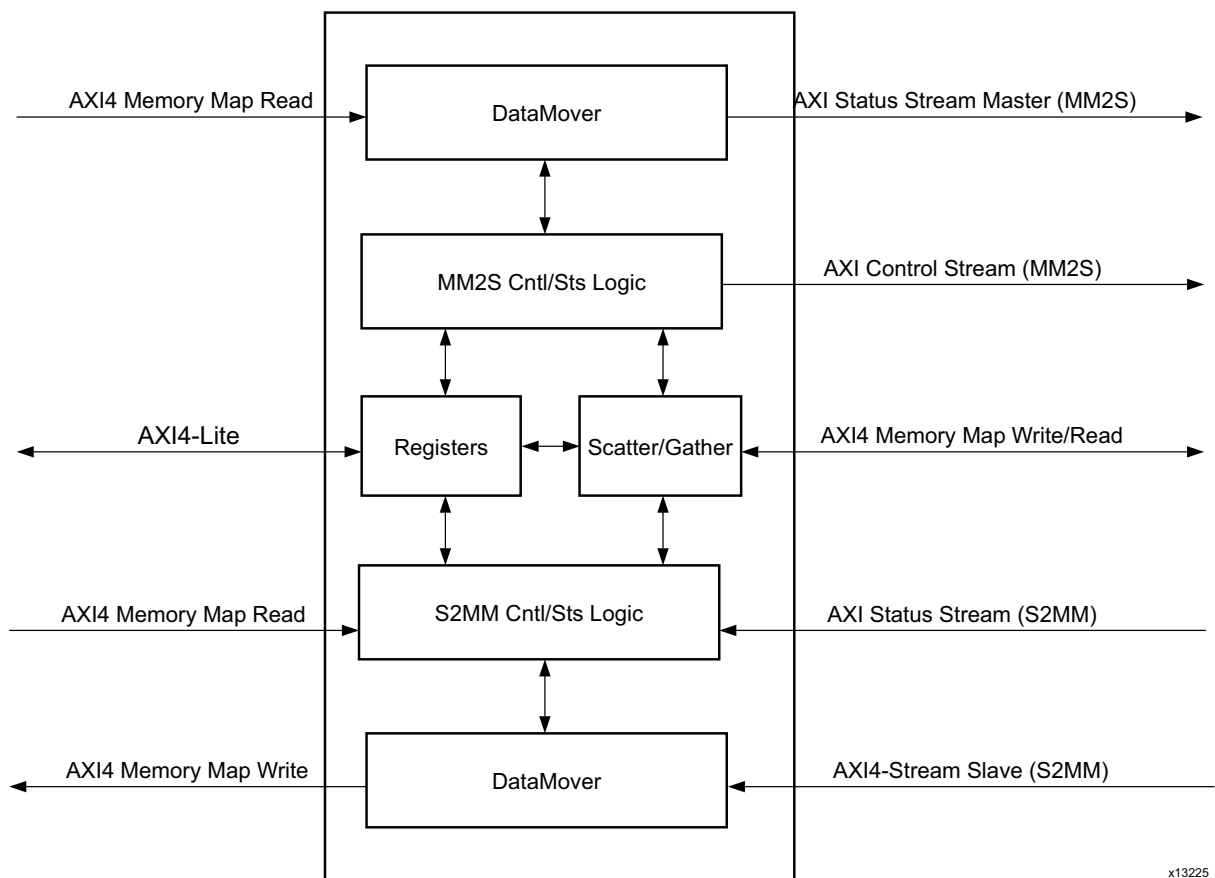


Figure 1-1: AXI DMA Block Diagram

Primary high-speed DMA data movement between system memory and stream target is through the AXI4 Read Master to AXI MM2S Stream Master, and AXI S2MM Stream Slave to AXI4 Write Master. AXI DMA also enables up to 16 multiple channels of data movement on both MM2S and S2MM paths in Scatter/Gather mode.

The MM2S channel and S2MM channel operate independently. The AXI DMA provides 4 KB address boundary protection, automatic burst partitioning, as well as providing the ability to queue multiple transfer requests using nearly the full bandwidth capabilities of the AXI4-Stream buses. Furthermore, the AXI DMA provides byte-level data realignment allowing memory reads and writes start at byte offset location.

The MM2S channel supports an AXI Control stream for sending user application data to the target IP. For the S2MM channel, an AXI Status stream is provided for receiving user application data from the target IP.

The optional Scatter/Gather Engine fetches and updates buffer descriptors from system memory through the AXI4 Scatter Gather Read/Write Master interface. Optional descriptor queuing is provided to maximize primary data throughput.

Feature Summary

- AXI4 compliant
- Optional Independent Scatter/Gather Direct Memory Access (DMA) support
 - Provides off-loading of DMA management work from the CPU
 - Provides fetch and update of transfer descriptors independent from primary data bus
 - Allows descriptor placement to be in any memory-mapped location separate from data buffers. For example, descriptors can be placed in block RAM.
 - Provides optional up to 16 multiple channels of data movement on both MM2S and S2MM paths in Scatter/Gather mode
 - Provides optional 2-D transfers
 - Provides optional keyhole operation
- Optional Register Direct Mode (no Scatter Gather support)

A lower performance but less FPGA resource intensive mode can be enabled by excluding the Scatter Gather engine. In this mode transfers are commanded by setting a Source Address (for MM2S) or Destination Address (For S2MM) and then specifying a byte count in a length register.

- Primary AXI4 data width support of 32, 64, 128, 256, 512 and 1024 bits

- Primary AXI4-Stream data width support of 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512 and 1024 bits
- Optional Data Re-Alignment Engine

Allows data realignment to the byte (8 bits) level on the primary memory map and stream datapaths

- Optional AXI Control and Status Streams to interface to AXI Ethernet IP

Provides optional Control Stream for MM2S Channel and Status Stream for the S2MM channel to off-load low-bandwidth control and status from high-bandwidth datapath.

Applications

The AXI DMA provides high-speed data movement between system memory and an AXI4-Stream-based target IP such as AXI Ethernet.

Licensing and Ordering Information

This Xilinx LogiCORE™ IP module is provided at no additional cost with the Xilinx Vivado™ Design Suite under the terms of the [Xilinx End User License](#).

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Product Specification

Performance

This section contains the following subsections.

- [Maximum Frequencies](#)
- [Latency and Throughput](#)

Maximum Frequencies

The AXI DMA is characterized as per the benchmarking methodology described in Appendix A, IP Characterization and fMAX Margin System Methodology, *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing with IP* ([UG896](#)). [Table 2-1](#) shows the results of the characterization runs.

Table 2-1: Maximum Frequencies

Family	Speed Grade	Fmax (MHz)	
		AXI4	AXI4-Lite
Virtex-7	-1	200	180
Kintex-7		180	150
Artix-7		150	120
Virtex-7	-2	220	180
Kintex-7		200	150
Artix-7		160	120
Virtex-7	-3	250	180
Kintex-7		220	150
Artix-7		170	120

Latency and Throughput

Table 2-2 and Table 2-3 describe the latency and throughput for the AXI DMA. The tables provide performance information for a typical configuration. The throughput test consisted of transferring 10000 bytes on MM2S and S2MM side.

Throughput is measured from completion of descriptor fetching (DMACR.Idle = 1) to frame count interrupt assertion.

Table 2-2: AXI DMA Latency Numbers

Description	Clocks
MM2S Channel	
Tail Descriptor write to m_axi_sg_arvalid	10
m_axi_sg_arvalid to m_axi_mm2s_arvalid	28
m_axi_mm2s_arvalid to m_axis_mm2s_tvalid	6
S2MM Channel	
Tail Descriptor write to m_axi_sg_arvalid	10
s_axis_s2mm_tvalid to m_axi_s2mm_awvalid	39

Table 2-3: AXI DMA Throughput Numbers^a

Channel	Clock Frequency (MHz)	Bytes Transferred	Total Throughput (MB/s)	Percent of Theoretical
MM2S ^b	100	10000	399.04	99.76
S2MM ^c	100	10000	298.59	74.64

- The above figures are measured with default IP configuration.
- The MM2S throughput is measured between first ARVALID on Memory Map side to the TLAST on streaming side.
- The S2MM throughput is measured between first TVALID on streaming side to last WLAST on the Memory Map side.

Resource Utilization

Resources required for the AXI DMA core have been estimated for 7 series and Zynq™-7000 devices (Table 2-4). These values were generated using the Vivado™ Design Suite.

Table 2-4: 7 Series and Zynq-7000 Devices Resource Estimates

Enable Async	Enable SG	Enable Multi Channel	Enable Control Status	Width of Buff Length Reg	Read Channel					Write Channel					Slice	LUT	REG	
					Number of Channels	Mmap Width	Streaming Width	Burst Size	Unaligned Transfer	Number of Channels	Mmap Width	Streaming Width	Burst Size	Unaligned Transfer				Use RxLength in Status Stream
FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	14	1	32	32	16	FALSE	1	32	32	16	FALSE	FALSE	943	1864	3122
FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	14	1	32	32	16	FALSE	1	32	32	16	FALSE	TRUE	917	1858	2965
FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	14	1	32	32	16	FALSE	1	32	32	16	FALSE	FALSE	818	1722	3006
FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	14	1	64	64	8	FALSE	1	64	64	8	FALSE	FALSE	1017	2147	3525
FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	14	1	64	64	16	TRUE	1	64	64	16	TRUE	FALSE	1303	2787	4006
TRUE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	14	1	32	32	16	FALSE	1	32	32	16	FALSE	FALSE	1171	2200	3890
FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	14	4	32	32	16	FALSE	4	32	32	16	FALSE	FALSE	1425	2970	3952

Port Descriptions

The AXI DMA I/O signals are described in [Table 2-5](#).

Table 2-5: I/O Signal Description

Signal Name	Interface	Signal Type	Init Status	Description
s_axi_lite_aclk	Clock	I		AXI4-Lite Clock.
m_axi_sg_aclk	Clock	I		AXI DMA Scatter Gather Clock.
m_axi_mm2s_aclk	Clock	I		AXI DMA MM2S Primary Clock
m_axi_s2mm_aclk	Clock	I		AXI DMA S2MM Primary Clock
axi_resetn	Reset	I		AXI DMA Reset. Active-Low reset. When asserted low, resets entire AXI DMA core. Must be synchronous to s_axi_lite_aclk.
mm2s_introut	Interrupt	O	0	Interrupt Out for Memory Map to Stream Channel.
s2mm_introut	Interrupt	O	0	Interrupt Out for Stream to Memory Map Channel.
AXI4-Lite Interface Signals				
s_axi_lite_*	S_AXI_LITE	Input/Output		See Appendix A of the <i>AXI Reference Guide (UG76)</i> for AXI4 Signal.
MM2S Memory Map Read Interface Signals				
m_axi_mm2s_*	M_AXI_MM2S	Input/Output		See Appendix A of the <i>AXI Reference Guide (UG76)</i> for AXI4 Signal.
MM2S Master Stream Interface Signals				
mm2s_prmry_reset_out_n	M_AXIS_MM2S	O	1	Primary MM2S Reset Out. Active-Low reset.
m_axis_mm2s_*	M_AXIS_MM2S	Input/Output		See Appendix A of the <i>AXI Reference Guide (UG76)</i> for AXI4 Signal.
MM2S Master Control Stream Interface Signals				
mm2s_cntrl_reset_out_n	M_AXIS_CNTRL	O	1	Control Reset Out. Active-Low reset.
m_axis_mm2s_cntrl_*	M_AXIS_CNTRL	Input/Output		See Appendix A of the <i>AXI Reference Guide (UG76)</i> for AXI4 Signal.

Table 2-5: I/O Signal Description (Cont'd)

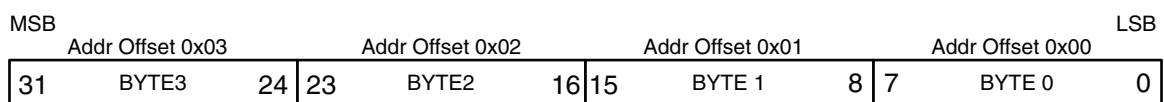
Signal Name	Interface	Signal Type	Init Status	Description
S2MM Memory Map Write Interface Signals				
m_axi_s2mm_*	M_AXI_S2MM	Input/Output		See Appendix A of the <i>AXI Reference Guide (UG76)</i> for AXI4 Signal.
S2MM Slave Stream Interface Signals				
s2mm_prmry_reset_out_n	S_AXIS_S2MM	O	1	Primary S2MM Reset Out. Active-Low reset.
s_axis_s2mm_*	S_AXIS_S2MM	I	Input/Output	See Appendix A of the <i>AXI Reference Guide (UG76)</i> for AXI4 Signal.
S2MM Slave Status Stream Interface Signals				
s2mm_sts_reset_out_n	S_AXIS_STS	O	1	AXI Status Stream (STS) Reset Output. Active-Low reset.
s_axis_s2mm_sts_*	S_AXIS_STS	Input/Output		See Appendix A of the <i>AXI Reference Guide (UG76)</i> for AXI4 Signal.
Scatter Gather Memory Map Read Interface Signals				
m_axi_sg_*	M_AXI_SG	Input/Output		See Appendix A of the <i>AXI Reference Guide (UG76)</i> for AXI4 Signal.
Scatter Gather Memory Map Write Interface Signals				
m_axi_sg*	M_AXI_SG	Input/Output		See Appendix A of the <i>AXI Reference Guide (UG76)</i> for AXI4 Signal.

Register Space

The AXI DMA core register space for Scatter / Gather Mode is shown in [Table 2-6](#). The AXI DMA core register space for Simple DMA Mode is shown in [Table 2-7](#). The AXI DMA Registers are memory-mapped into non-cacheable memory space. This memory space must be aligned on a AXI word (32-bit) boundary.

Endianess

All registers are in Little Endian format, as shown in [Figure 2-1](#).



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Figure 2-1: 32-bit Little Endian Example

AXI DMA Register Address Map

Table 2-6: Scatter / Gather Mode Register Address Map

Address Space Offset ⁽¹⁾	Name	Description
00h	MM2S_DMACR	MM2S DMA Control Register
04h	MM2S_DMASR	MM2S DMA Status Register
08h	MM2S_CURDESC	MM2S Current Descriptor Pointer
0Ch	Reserved	N/A
10h	MM2S_TAILDESC	MM2S Tail Descriptor Pointer
14h to 2Bh	Reserved	N/A
2Ch ⁽²⁾	SG_CTL	Scatter/Gather User and Cache
30h	S2MM_DMACR	S2MM DMA Control Register
34h	S2MM_DMASR	S2MM DMA Status Register
38h	S2MM_CURDESC	S2MM Current Descriptor Pointer
3Ch	Reserved	N/A
40h	S2MM_TAILDESC	S2MM Tail Descriptor Pointer

Notes:

1. Address Space Offset is relative to C_BASEADDR assignment.
2. Register 2Ch is available only when DMA is configured in multichannel Mode.

Table 2-7: Direct Register Mode Register Address Map

Address Space Offset ⁽¹⁾	Name	Description
00h	MM2S_DMACR	MM2S DMA Control Register
04h	MM2S_DMASR	MM2S DMA Status Register
08h - 14h	Reserved	N/A
18h	MM2S_SA	MM2S Source Address
1Ch - 24h	Reserved	N/A
28h	MM2S_LENGTH	MM2S Transfer Length (Bytes)
30h	S2MM_DMACR	S2MM DMA Control Register
34h	S2MM_DMASR	S2MM DMA Status Register
38h - 44h	Reserved	N/A
48h	S2MM_DA	S2MM Destination Address
4Ch - 54h	Reserved	N/A
58h	S2MM_LENGTH	S2MM Buffer Length (Bytes)

Notes:

1. Address Space Offset is relative to C_BASEADDR assignment.

Memory Map to Stream Register Detail

Register Access Type Description

- RO = Read Only. Writing has no effect
- R/W = Read and Write Accessible
- R/WC = Read / Write to Clear

MM2S_DMCCR (MM2S DMA Control Register - Offset 00h)

This register provides control for the Memory Map to Stream DMA Channel.

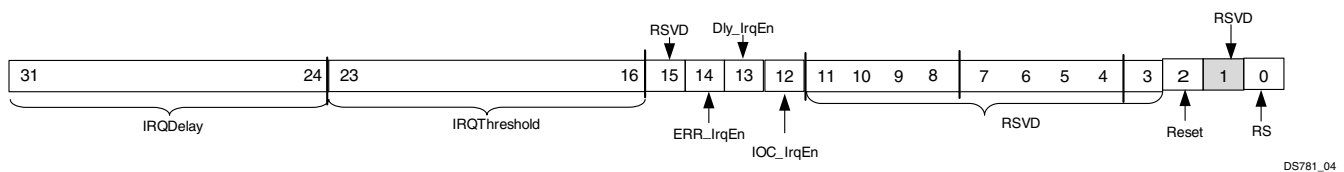


Figure 2-2: MM2S DMCCR Register

Table 2-8: MM2S_DMCCR Register Details

Bits	Field Name	Default Value	Access Type	Description
0	RS	0	R/W	Run / Stop control for controlling running and stopping of the DMA channel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = Stop - DMA stops when current (if any) DMA operations are complete. For Scatter / Gather Mode pending commands/transfers are flushed or completed. AXI4-Stream outs are potentially terminated early. Descriptors in the update queue are allowed to finish updating to remote memory before engine halt. • For Simple DMA Mode pending commands/transfers are flushed or completed. AXI4-Stream outs are potentially terminated early. • The halted bit in the DMA Status Register asserts to 1 when the DMA engine is halted. This bit is cleared by AXI DMA hardware when an error occurs. The CPU can also choose to clear this bit to stop DMA operations. • 1 = Run - Start DMA operations. The halted bit in the DMA Status Register deasserts to 0 when the DMA engine begins operations.
1	Reserved	1	RO	Writing to this bit has no effect, and is always read as 1.

Table 2-8: MM2S_DMACR Register Details (Cont'd)

Bits	Field Name	Default Value	Access Type	Description
2	Reset	0	RW	Soft reset for resetting the AXI DMA core. Setting this bit to a 1 causes the AXI DMA to be reset. Reset is accomplished gracefully. Pending commands/transfers are flushed or completed. AXI4-Stream outs are potentially terminated early. Setting either MM2S_DMACR.Reset = 1 or S2MM_DMACR.Reset = 1 resets the entire AXI DMA engine. After completion of a soft reset, all registers and bits are in the Reset State. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = Normal operation. • 1 = Reset in progress.
3	Keyhole	0	RW	Keyhole Read. Setting this bit to 1 causes AXI DMA to initiate MM2S reads in non-incrementing address mode. This bit can be updated when AXI DMA is in idle. When using Key Hole operation the Max Burst Length should not exceed 16.
11 to 4	Reserved	0	RO	Writing to these bits has no effect, and they are always read as zeros.
12	IOC_IrqEn	0	R/W	Interrupt on Complete (IOC) Interrupt Enable. When set to 1, allows DMASR.IOC_Irq to generate an interrupt out for descriptors with the IOC bit set. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = IOC Interrupt disabled • 1 = IOC Interrupt enabled
13	Dly_IrqEn	0	R/W	Interrupt on Delay Timer Interrupt Enable. When set to 1, allows DMASR.Dly_Irq to generate an interrupt out. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = Delay Interrupt disabled • 1 = Delay Interrupt enabled <p>Note: This bit is ignored when AXI DMA is configured for Direct Register Mode.</p>
14	Err_IrqEn	0	R/W	Interrupt on Error Interrupt Enable. When set to 1, allows DMASR.Err_Irq to generate an interrupt out. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = Error Interrupt disabled • 1 = Error Interrupt enabled
15	Reserved	0	RO	Writing to this bit has no effect and it is always read as zeros.

Table 2-8: MM2S_DMACR Register Details (Cont'd)

Bits	Field Name	Default Value	Access Type	Description
23 to 16	IRQThreshold	01h	R/W	<p>Interrupt Threshold. This value is used for setting the interrupt threshold. When IOC interrupt events occur, an internal counter counts down from the Interrupt Threshold setting. When the count reaches zero, an interrupt out is generated by the DMA engine.</p> <p>Note: The minimum setting for the threshold is 0x01. A write of 0x00 to this register has no effect.</p> <p>Note: This field is ignored when AXI DMA is configured for Direct Register Mode.</p>
31 to 24	IRQDelay	00h	R/W	<p>Interrupt Delay Time Out. This value is used for setting the interrupt timeout value. The interrupt timeout is a mechanism for causing the DMA engine to generate an interrupt after the delay time period has expired. Timer begins counting at the end of a packet and resets with receipt of a new packet or a timeout event occurs.</p> <p>Note: Setting this value to zero disables the delay timer interrupt.</p> <p>Note: This field is ignored when AXI DMA is configured for Direct Register Mode.</p>

MM2S_DMASR (MM2S DMA Status Register- Offset 04h)

This register provides the status for the Memory Map to Stream DMA Channel.

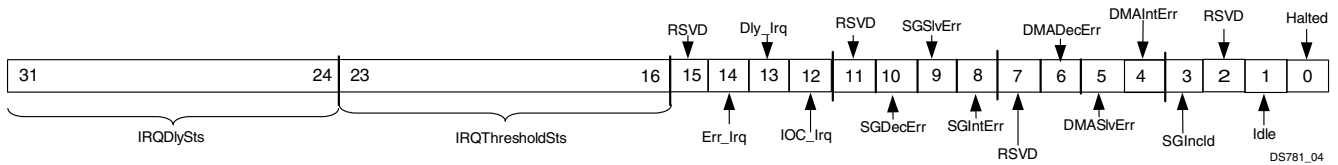


Figure 2-3: MM2S DMASR Register

Table 2-9: MM2S_DMASR Register Details

Bits	Field Name	Default Value	Access Type	Description
0	Halted	1	RO	<p>DMA Channel Halted. Indicates the run/stop state of the DMA channel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = DMA channel running. 1 = DMA channel halted. For Scatter / Gather Mode this bit gets set when DMACR.RS = 0 and DMA and SG operations have halted. For Simple DMA Mode (C_INCLUDE_SG = 0) this bit gets set when DMACR.RS = 0 and DMA operations have halted. There can be a lag of time between when DMACR.RS = 0 and when DMASR.Halted = 1. <p>Note: When halted (RS= 0 and Halted = 1), writing to CURDESC_PTR or TAILDESC_PTR pointer registers has no effect on DMA operations when in Scatter Gather Mode. For Simple DMA Mode, writing to the LENGTH register has no effect on DMA operations.</p>
1	Idle	0	RO	<p>DMA Channel Idle. Indicates the state of AXI DMA operations. For Scatter / Gather Mode when IDLE indicates the SG Engine has reached the tail pointer for the associated channel and all queued descriptors have been processed. Writing to the tail pointer register automatically restarts DMA operations. For Simple DMA Mode when IDLE indicates the current transfer has completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = Not Idle. For Scatter / Gather Mode, SG has not reached tail descriptor pointer and/or DMA operations in progress. For Simple DMA Mode, transfer is not complete. 1 = Idle. For Scatter / Gather Mode, SG has reached tail descriptor pointer and DMA operation paused. for Simple DMA Mode, DMA transfer has completed and controller is paused. <p>Note: This bit is 0 when channel is halted (DMASR.Halted=1). This bit is also 0 prior to initial transfer when AXI DMA configured for Simple DMA mode.</p>
2	Reserved	0	RO	Writing to this bit has no effect and it is always read as zero.
3	SGIncl	C_INCLUDE_SG	RO	<p>1 = Scatter Gather Enabled 0 = Scatter Gather not enabled</p>
4	DMAIntErr	0	RO	<p>DMA Internal Error. Internal error occurs if the buffer length specified in the fetched descriptor is set to 0. This error condition causes the AXI DMA to halt gracefully. The DMACR.RS bit is set to 0, and when the engine has completely shut down, the DMASR.Halted bit is set to 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = No DMA Internal Errors 1 = DMA Internal Error detected. DMA Engine halts. <p>Note: This bit is not used and is fixed at 0 when AXI DMA is configured for Simple DMA Mode.</p>

Table 2-9: MM2S_DMASR Register Details (Cont'd)

Bits	Field Name	Default Value	Access Type	Description
5	DMASlvErr	0	RO	DMA Slave Error. This error occurs if the slave read from the Memory Map interface issues a Slave Error. This error condition causes the AXI DMA to halt gracefully. The DMACR.RS bit is set to 0, and when the engine has completely shut down, the DMASR.Halted bit is set to 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = No DMA Slave Errors. • 1 = DMA Slave Error detected. DMA Engine halts.
6	DMADecErr	0	RO	DMA Decode Error. This error occurs if the address request is to an invalid address (that is, the Descriptor Buffer Address points to an invalid address). This error condition causes the AXI DMA to halt gracefully. The DMACR.RS bit is set to 0, and when the engine has completely shut down, the DMASR.Halted bit is set to 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = No DMA Decode Errors. • 1 = DMA Decode Error detected. DMA Engine halts.
7	Reserved	0	RO	Writing to this bit has no effect, and it is always read as zeros.
8	SGIntErr	0	RO	Scatter Gather Internal Error. This error occurs if a descriptor with the Complete bit already set is fetched. This indicates to the SG Engine that the descriptor is a stale descriptor. This error condition causes the AXI DMA to halt gracefully. The DMACR.RS bit is set to 0, and when the engine has completely shut down, the DMASR.Halted bit is set to 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = No SG Internal Errors. • 1 = SG Internal Error detected. DMA Engine halts. <p>Note: This bit is not used and is fixed at 0 when AXI DMA is configured for Direct Register Mode.</p>
9	SGSlvErr	0	RO	Scatter Gather Slave Error. This error occurs if the slave read from on the Memory Map interface issues a Slave error. This error condition causes the AXI DMA to halt gracefully. The DMACR.RS bit is set to 0, and when the engine has completely shut down, the DMASR.Halted bit is set to 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = No SG Slave Errors. • 1 = SG Slave Error detected. DMA Engine halts. <p>Note: This bit is not used and is fixed at 0 when AXI DMA is configured for Direct Register Mode.</p>
10	SGDecErr	0	RO	Scatter Gather Decode Error. This error occurs if the address request is to an invalid address (that is, CURDESC_PTR and/or NXTDESC_PTR points to an invalid address). This error condition causes the AXI DMA to halt gracefully. The DMACR.RS bit is set to 0, and when the engine has completely shut down, the DMASR.Halted bit is set to 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = No SG Decode Errors. • 1 = SG Decode Error detected. DMA Engine halts. <p>Note: This bit is not used and is fixed at 0 when AXI DMA is configured for Direct Register Mode.</p>

Table 2-9: MM2S_DMASR Register Details (Cont'd)

Bits	Field Name	Default Value	Access Type	Description
11	Reserved	0	RO	Writing to this bit has no effect, and it is always read as zeros.
12	IOC_Irq	0	R/WC	Interrupt on Complete. When set to 1 for Scatter / Gather Mode, indicates an interrupt event was generated on completion of a descriptor. This occurs for descriptors with the End Of Frame (EOF) bit set. When set to 1 for Simple DMA Mode, indicates an interrupt event was generated on completion of a transfer. If enabled (IOC_IrqEn = 1) and if the interrupt threshold has been met, causes an interrupt out to be generated from the AXI DMA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = No IOC Interrupt. • 1 = IOC Interrupt detected.
13	Dly_Irq	0	R/WC	Interrupt on Delay. When set to 1, indicates an interrupt event was generated on delay timer timeout. If enabled (Dly_IrqEn = 1), an interrupt out is generated from the AXI DMA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = No Delay Interrupt. • 1 = Delay Interrupt detected. <p>Note: This bit is not used and is fixed at 0 when AXI DMA is configured for Direct Register Mode.</p>
14	Err_Irq	0	R/WC	Interrupt on Error. When set to 1, indicates an interrupt event was generated on error. If enabled (Err_IrqEn = 1), an interrupt out is generated from the AXI DMA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = No error Interrupt. • 1 = Error interrupt detected.
15	Reserved	0	RO	Always read as zero.
23 to 16	IRQThresholdSts	01h	RO	Interrupt Threshold Status. Indicates current interrupt threshold value. <p>Note: Applicable only when Scatter Gather is enabled</p>
31 to 24	IRQDelaySts	00h	RO	Interrupt Delay Time Status. Indicates current interrupt delay time value. <p>Note: Applicable only when Scatter Gather is enabled</p>

MM2S_CURDESC (MM2S DMA Current Descriptor Pointer Register- Offset 08h)

This register provides the Current Descriptor Pointer for the Memory Map to Stream DMA Scatter Gather Descriptor Management.

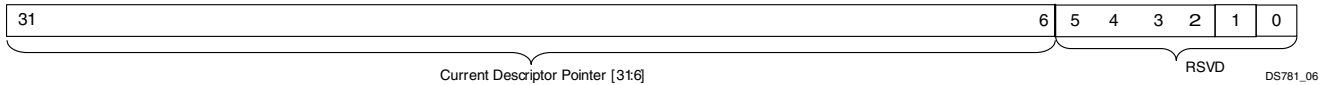


Figure 2-4: MM2S CURDESC Register

Table 2-10: MM2S_CURDESC Register Details

Bits	Field Name	Default Value	Access Type	Description
5 to 0 (Offset 0x38)	Reserved	0	RO	Writing to these bits has no effect and they are always read as zeros.
31 to 6	Current Descriptor Pointer	zeros	R/W (RO)	<p>Indicates the pointer of the current descriptor being worked on. This register must contain a pointer to a valid descriptor prior to writing the TAILDESC_PTR register. Otherwise, undefined results occur. When DMACR.RS is 1, CURDESC_PTR becomes Read Only (RO) and is used to fetch the first descriptor.</p> <p>When the DMA Engine is running (DMACR.RS=1), CURDESC_PTR registers are updated by AXI DMA to indicate the current descriptor being worked on.</p> <p>On error detection, CURDESC_PTR is updated to reflect the descriptor associated with the detected error.</p> <p>Note: The register can only be written to by the CPU when the DMA Engine is Halted (DMACR.RS=0 and DMASR.Halted =1). At all other times, this register is Read Only (RO). Descriptors must be 16 word aligned, that is, 0x00, 0x40, 0x80 and others. Any other alignment has undefined results.</p>

MM2S_TAILDESC (MM2S DMA Tail Descriptor Pointer Register- Offset 10h)

This register provides the Tail Descriptor Pointer for the Memory Map to Stream DMA Scatter Gather Descriptor Management.

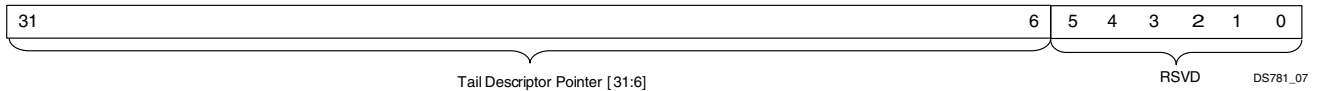


Figure 2-5: MM2S_TAILDESC Register

Table 2-11: MM2S_TAILDESC Register Details

Bits	Field Name	Default Value	Access Type	Description
5 to 0	Reserved	0	RO	Writing to these bits has no effect, and they are always read as zeros.
31 to 6	Tail Descriptor Pointer	zeros	R/W	Indicates the pause pointer in a descriptor chain. The AXI DMA SG Engine pauses descriptor fetching after completing operations on the descriptor whose current descriptor pointer matches the tail descriptor pointer. When AXI DMA Channel is not halted (DMASR.Halted = 0), a write by the CPU to the TAILDESC_PTR register causes the AXI DMA SG Engine to start fetching descriptors or restart if it was idle (DMASR.Idle = 1). If it was not idle, writing TAILDESC_PTR has no effect except to reposition the pause point. If the AXI DMA Channel is halted (DMASR.Halted = 1 and DMACR.RS = 0), a write by the CPU to the TAILDESC_PTR register has no effect except to reposition the pause point. Note: The software must not move the tail pointer to a location that has not been updated. The software processes and reallocates all completed descriptors (Cmplted = 1), clears the completed bits and then moves the tail pointer. The software must move the pointer to the last descriptor it updated. Descriptors must be 16-word aligned, that is, 0x00, 0x40, 0x80, and so forth. Any other alignment has undefined results.

MM2S_SA (MM2S DMA Source Address Register- Offset 18h)

This register provides the Source Address for reading system memory for the Memory Map to Stream DMA transfer.



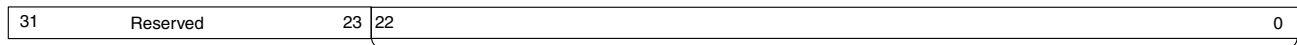
Figure 2-6: MM2S_SA Register

Table 2-12: MM2S_SA Register Details

Bits	Field Name	Default Value	Access Type	Description
31 to 0	Source Address	zeros	R/W	Indicates the source address AXI DMA reads from to transfer data to AXI4-Stream on the MM2S Channel. Note: If Data Realignment Engine is included, the Source Address can be at any byte offset. If Data Realignment Engine is not included, the Source Address must be S2MM stream data width aligned.

MM2S_LENGTH (MM2S DMA Transfer Length Register- Offset 28h)

This register provides the number bytes to read from system memory and transfer to MM2S AXI4-Stream.



Note 1: Valid register bits determined by C_SG_Length_Width

MM2S Length [22:0]¹

Figure 2-7: MM2S_LENGTH Register

Table 2-13: MM2S_LENGTH Register Details

Bits	Field Name	Default Value	Access Type	Description
22 ⁽¹⁾ to 0	Length	zeros	R/W	Indicates the number of bytes to transfer for the MM2S channel. Writing a non-zero value to this register starts the MM2S transfer.
31 to 23	Reserved	0	RO	Writing to these bits has no effect and they are always read as zeros.

1. Width of Length field determined by C_SG_LENGTH_WIDTH parameter. Minimum width is 8 bits (7 to 0) and maximum width is 23 bits (22 to 0).

SG_CTL (Scatter/Gather User and Cache Control Register- Offset 2Ch)

This register is available only when DMA is configured in multichannel Mode.



Figure 2-8: SG_CTL Register

Table 2-14: SG_CTL Register Details

Bits	Field Name	Default Value	Access Type	Description
3 to 0	SG_CACHE	0011b	R/W	Scatter/Gather Cache Control. Values written in this register will reflect on m_axi_sg_arcache interface.
7 to 4	Reserved	0	RO	Writing to these bits has no effect and they are always read as zeros.
11 to 8	SG_USER	0	R/W	Scatter/Gather User Control. Values written in this register will reflect on m_axi_sg_aruser interface.

Stream to Memory Map Register Detail

S2MM_DMCCR (S2MM DMA Control Register - Offset 30h)

This register provides control for the Stream to Memory Map DMA Channel.

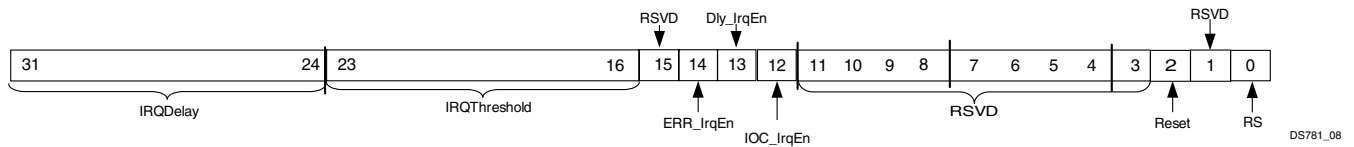


Figure 2-9: S2MM DMCCR Register

Table 2-15: S2MM_DMACR Register Details

Bits	Field Name	Default Value	Access Type	Description
0	RS	0	R/W	<p>Run / Stop control for controlling running and stopping of the DMA channel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = Stop - DMA stops when current (if any) DMA operations are complete. For Scatter / Gather Mode pending commands/transfers are flushed or completed. AXI4-Streams are potentially terminated early. Descriptors in the update queue are allowed to finish updating to remote memory before engine halt. For Simple DMA Mode pending commands/transfers are flushed or completed. AXI4-Streams are potentially terminated early. Data integrity on S2MM AXI4 cannot be guaranteed. <p>The halted bit in the DMA Status Register asserts to 1 when the DMA engine is halted. This bit is cleared by AXI DMA hardware when an error occurs. The CPU can also choose to clear this bit to stop DMA operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 = Run - Start DMA operations. The halted bit in the DMA Status Register deasserts to 0 when the DMA engine begins operations.
1	Reserved	1	RO	Writing to this bit has no effect, and is always read as 1.
2	Reset	0	R/W	<p>Soft reset for resetting the AXI DMA core. Setting this bit to a 1 causes the AXI DMA to be reset. Reset is accomplished gracefully. Pending commands/transfers are flushed or completed. AXI4-Stream outs are terminated early, if necessary with associated TLAST. Setting either MM2S_DMACR.Reset = 1 or S2MM_DMACR.Reset = 1 resets the entire AXI DMA engine. After completion of a soft reset, all registers and bits are in the Reset State.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = Reset not in progress. Normal operation. 1 = Reset in progress.
3	Keyhole	0	R/W	<p>Keyhole Write. Setting this bit to 1 causes AXI DMA to initiate S2MM writes in non-incrementing address mode. This bit can be modified when AXI DMA is in idle. When enabling Key hole operation the max burst length cannot be more than 16.</p>
11 to 4	Reserved	0	RO	Writing to these bits has no effect and they are always read as zeros.
12	IOC_IrqEn	0	R/W	<p>Interrupt on Complete Interrupt Enable. When set to 1, allows Interrupt On Complete events to generate an interrupt out for descriptors with the IOC bit set.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = IOC Interrupt disabled. 1 = IOC Interrupt enabled.
13	Dly_IrqEn	0	R/W	<p>Interrupt on Delay Timer Interrupt Enable. When set to 1, allows error events to generate an interrupt out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = Delay Interrupt disabled. 1 = Delay Interrupt enabled. <p>Note: Applicable only when Scatter Gather is enabled.</p>

Table 2-15: S2MM_DMACR Register Details (Cont'd)

Bits	Field Name	Default Value	Access Type	Description
14	Err_IrqEn	0	R/W	Interrupt on Error Interrupt Enable. When set to 1, allows error events to generate an interrupt out. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = Error Interrupt disabled. 1 = Error Interrupt enabled.
15	Reserved	0	RO	Writing to this bit has no effect, and it is always read as zeros.
23 to 16	IRQThreshold	01h	R/W	Interrupt Threshold. This value is used for setting the interrupt threshold. When IOC interrupt events occur, an internal counter counts down from the Interrupt Threshold setting. When the count reaches zero, an interrupt out is generated by the DMA engine. Note: The minimum setting for the threshold is 0x01. A write of 0x00 to this register has no effect. Note: Applicable only when Scatter Gather is enabled.
31 to 24	IRQDelay	00h	R/W	Interrupt Delay Time Out. This value is used for setting the interrupt timeout value. The interrupt timeout is a mechanism for causing the DMA engine to generate an interrupt after the delay time period has expired. The timer begins counting at the end of a packet and resets with the receipt of a new packet or a timeout event occurs. Note: Setting this value to zero disables the delay timer interrupt. Note: Applicable only when Scatter Gather is enabled.

S2MM_DMASR (S2MM DMA Status Register- Offset 34h)

This register provides the status for the Stream to Memory Map DMA Channel

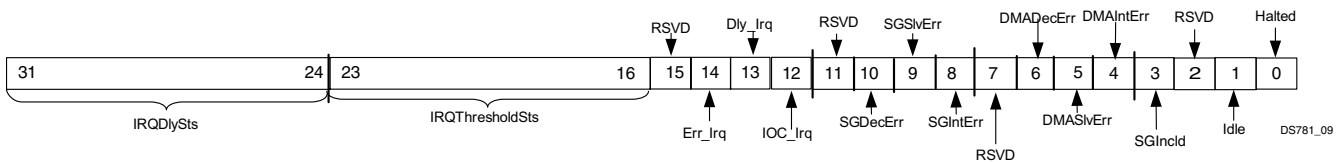


Figure 2-10: S2MM DMASR Register

Table 2-16: S2MM_DMASR Register Details

Bits	Field Name	Default Value	Access Type	Description
0	Halted	1	RO	<p>DMA Channel Halted. Indicates the run/stop state of the DMA channel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = DMA channel running. 1 = DMA channel halted. For Scatter / Gather Mode this bit gets set when DMACR.RS = 0 and DMA and SG operations have halted. For Simple DMA Mode this bit gets set when DMACR.RS = 0 and DMA operations have halted. There can be a lag of time between when DMACR.RS = 0 and when DMASR.Halted = 1. <p>Note: When halted (RS= 0 and Halted = 1), writing to CURDESC_PTR or TAILDESC_PTR pointer registers has no effect on DMA operations when in Scatter Gather Mode. For Simple DMA Mode, writing to the LENGTH register has no effect on DMA operations.</p>
1	Idle	0	RO	<p>DMA Channel Idle. Indicates the state of AXI DMA operations. For Scatter / Gather Mode when IDLE indicates the SG Engine has reached the tail pointer for the associated channel and all queued descriptors have been processed. Writing to the tail pointer register automatically restarts DMA operations. For Simple DMA Mode when IDLE indicates the current transfer has completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = Not Idle. 1 = Idle. <p>Note: This bit is 0 when channel is halted (DMASR.Halted=1). This bit is also 0 prior to initial transfer when AXI DMA is configured for Simple DMA mode.</p>
2	Reserved	0	RO	Writing to this bit has no effect and it is always read as zero.
3	SGIncl	C_INCLUDE_SG	RO	Scatter Gather Engine Included. DMASR.SGIncl = 1 indicates the Scatter Gather engine is included and the AXI DMA is configured for Scatter Gather mode. DMASR.SGIncl = 0 indicates the Scatter Gather engine is excluded and the AXI DMA is configured for Simple DMA mode.
4	DMAIntErr	0	RO	<p>DMA Internal Error. This error occurs if the buffer length specified in the fetched descriptor is set to 0. Also, when in Scatter Gather Mode and using the status app length field, this error occurs when the Status AXI4-Stream packet RxLength field does not match the S2MM packet being received by the S_AXIS_S2MM interface. When Scatter Gather is disabled, this error is flagged if any error occurs during Memory write or if the incoming packet is bigger than what is specified in the DMA length register.</p> <p>This error condition causes the AXI DMA to halt gracefully. The DMACR.RS bit is set to 0, and when the engine has completely shut down, the DMASR.Halted bit is set to 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = No DMA Internal Errors. 1 = DMA Internal Error detected.

Table 2-16: S2MM_DMASR Register Details (Cont'd)

Bits	Field Name	Default Value	Access Type	Description
5	DMASlvErr	0	RO	DMA Slave Error. This error occurs if the slave read from the Memory Map interface issues a Slave Error. This error condition causes the AXI DMA to halt gracefully. The DMACR.RS bit is set to 0 and when the engine has completely shut down the DMASR.Halted bit is set to 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = No DMA Slave Errors. • 1 = DMA Slave Error detected.
6	DMADecErr	0	RO	DMA Decode Error. This error occurs if the address request is to an invalid address (that is, the Descriptor Buffer Address points to an invalid address). This error condition causes the AXI DMA to halt gracefully. The DMACR.RS bit is set to 0, and when the engine has completely shut down, the DMASR.Halted bit is set to 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = No DMA Decode Errors. • 1 = DMA Decode Error detected.
7	Reserved	0	RO	Writing to this bit has no effect and it is always read as zeros.
8	SGIntErr	0	RO	Scatter Gather Internal Error. This error occurs if a descriptor with the Complete bit already set is fetched. This indicates to the SG Engine that the descriptor is a tail descriptor. This error condition causes the AXI DMA to halt gracefully. The DMACR.RS bit is set to 0, and when the engine has completely shut down, the DMASR.Halted bit is set to 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = No SG Internal Errors. • 1 = SG Internal Error detected. This error cannot be logged into the descriptor. Note: Applicable only when Scatter Gather is enabled
9	SGSlvErr	0	RO	Scatter Gather Slave Error. This error occurs if the slave read from on the Memory Map interface issues a Slave Error. This error condition causes the AXI DMA to gracefully halt. The DMACR.RS bit is set to 0, and when the engine has completely shut down, the DMASR.Halted bit is set to 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = No SG Slave Errors. • 1 = SG Slave Error detected. DMA Engine halts. This error cannot be logged into the descriptor. Note: Applicable only when Scatter Gather is enabled.
10	SGDecErr	0	RO	Scatter Gather Decode Error. This error occurs if the address request is to an invalid address (that is, CURDESC_PTR and/or NXTDESC_PTR points to an invalid address). This error condition causes the AXI DMA to halt gracefully. The DMACR.RS bit is set to 0 and when the engine has completely shut down, the DMASR.Halted bit is set to 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = No SG Decode Errors. • 1 = SG Decode Error detected. DMA Engine halts. This error cannot be logged into the descriptor. Note: Applicable only when Scatter Gather is enabled

Table 2-16: S2MM_DMASR Register Details (Cont'd)

Bits	Field Name	Default Value	Access Type	Description
11	Reserved	0	RO	Writing to this bit has no effect and it is always read as zeros.
12	IOC_Irq	0	R/WC	Interrupt on Complete. When set to 1 for Scatter / Gather Mode indicates an interrupt event was generated on completion of a descriptor. This occurs for descriptors with the EOF bit set. When set to 1 for Simple DMA Mode indicates an interrupt event was generate on completion of a transfer. If enabled (IOC_IrqEn = 1) and if the interrupt threshold has been met, causes an interrupt out to be generated from the AXI DMA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = No IOC Interrupt. • 1 = IOC Interrupt detected.
13	Dly_Irq	0	R/WC	Interrupt on Delay. When set to 1, indicates an interrupt event was generated on delay timer timeout. If enabled (Dly_IrqEn = 1), an interrupt out is generated from the AXI DMA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = No Delay Interrupt. • 1 = Delay Interrupt detected. Note: Applicable only when Scatter Gather is enabled.
14	Err_Irq	0	R/WC	Interrupt on Error. When set to 1, indicates an interrupt event was generated on error. If enabled (Err_IrqEn = 1), an interrupt out is generated from the AXI DMA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = No Error Interrupt. • 1 = Error Interrupt detected.
15	Reserved	0	RO	Writing to this bit has no effect and it is always read as zeros.
23 to 16	IRQThresholdSts	01h	RO	Interrupt Threshold Status. Indicates current interrupt threshold value. Note: Applicable only when Scatter Gather is enabled.
31 to 24	IRQDelaySts	00h	RO	Interrupt delay time Status. Indicates current interrupt delay time value. Note: Applicable only when Scatter Gather is enabled.

S2MM_CURDESC (S2MM DMA Current Descriptor Pointer Register- Offset 38h)

This register provides the Current Descriptor Pointer for the Stream to Memory Map DMA Scatter Gather Descriptor Management.

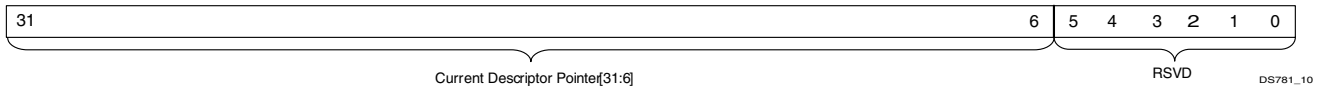


Figure 2-11: S2MM CURDESC Register

Table 2-17: S2MM_CURDESC Register Details

Bits	Field Name	Default Value	Access Type	Description
5 to 0 (Offset 0x38)	Reserved	0	RO	Writing to these bits has no effect and they are always read as zeros.
31 to 6	Current Descriptor Pointer	zeros	R/W (RO)	<p>Indicates the pointer of the current Buffer Descriptor being worked on. This register must contain a pointer to a valid descriptor prior to writing the TAILDESC_PTR register. Otherwise, undefined results occur. When DMACR.RS is 1, CURDESC_PTR becomes Read Only (RO) and is used to fetch the first descriptor.</p> <p>When the DMA Engine is running (DMACR.RS=1), CURDESC_PTR registers are updated by AXI DMA to indicate the current descriptor being worked on.</p> <p>On error detection, CURDESC_PTR is updated to reflect the descriptor associated with the detected error.</p> <p>Note: The register can only be written to by the CPU when the DMA Engine is halted (DMACR.RS=0 and DMASR.Halted =1). At all other times, this register is Read Only (RO).</p> <p>Buffer Descriptors must be 16-word aligned, that is, 0x00, 0x40, 0x80, and so forth. Any other alignment has undefined results.</p>

S2MM_TAILDESC (S2MM DMA Tail Descriptor Pointer Register- Offset 40h)

This register provides the Tail Descriptor Pointer for the Stream to Memory Map DMA Scatter Gather Descriptor Management.

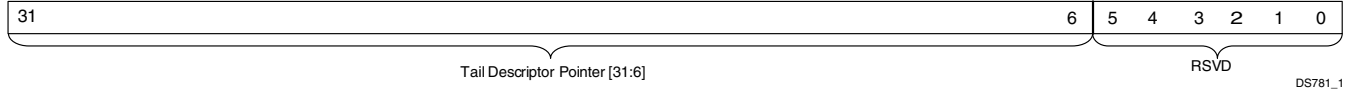


Figure 2-12: S2MM TAILDESC Register

Table 2-18: S2MM_TAILDESC Register Details

Bits	Field Name	Default Value	Access Type	Description
5 to 0	Reserved	0	RO	Writing to these bits has no effect and they are always read as zeros.
31 to 6	Tail Descriptor Pointer	zeros	R/W	<p>Indicates the pause pointer in a descriptor chain. The AXI DMA SG Engine pauses descriptor fetching after completing operations on the descriptor whose current descriptor pointer matches the tail descriptor pointer.</p> <p>When AXI DMA Channel is not halted (DMASR.Halted = 0), a write by the CPU to the TAILDESC_PTR register causes the AXI DMA SG Engine to start fetching descriptors or restart if it was idle (DMASR.Idle = 1). If it was not idle, then writing TAILDESC_PTR has no effect except to reposition the pause point.</p> <p>If the AXI DMA Channel DMACR.RS bit is set to 0 (DMASR.Halted = 1 and DMACR.RS = 0), a write by the CPU to the TAILDESC_PTR register has no effect except to reposition the pause point.</p> <p>Note: The software must not move the Tail Pointer to a location that has not been updated. The software processes and reallocates all completed descriptors (Cmplted = 1), clears the completed bits and then moves the tail pointer. The software must move the pointer to the last descriptor it updated.</p> <p>Descriptors must be 16-word aligned, that is, 0x00, 0x40, 0x80, and so forth. Any other alignment has undefined results.</p>

S2MM_DA (S2MM DMA Destination Address Register- Offset 48h)

This register provides the Destination Address for writing to system memory for the Stream to Memory Map to DMA transfer.



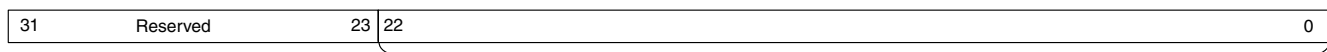
Figure 2-13: S2MM_DA Register

Table 2-19: S2MM_DA Register Details

Bits	Field Name	Default Value	Access Type	Description
31 to 0	Destination Address	zeros	R/W	Indicates the source address the AXI DMA reads from to transfer data to AXI4-Stream on S2MM Channel. Note: If Data Realignment Engine is included, the Destination Address can be at any byte offset. If Data Realignment Engine is not included, the Destination Address must be S2MM stream data width aligned.

S2MM_LENGTH (S2MM DMA Buffer Length Register- Offset 58h)

This register provides the length in bytes of the buffer to write data from the Stream to Memory map DMA transfer.



Note 1: Valid register bits determined by C_SG_Length_Width

S2MM Length [22:0]¹

Figure 2-14: S2MM_LENGTH Register

Table 2-20: S2MM_LENGTH Register Details

Bits	Field Name	Default Value	Access Type	Description
22 ⁽¹⁾ to 0	Length	zeros	R/W	Indicates the length in bytes of the S2MM buffer available to write receive data from the S2MM channel. Writing a non-zero value to this register enables S2MM channel to receive packet data. At the completion of the S2MM transfer, the number of actual bytes written on S2MM AXI4 interface is updated to the S2MM_LENGTH register. Note: This value must be greater than or equal to the largest expected packet to be received on S2MM AXI4-Stream. Values smaller than the received packet result in undefined behavior.
31 to 23	Reserved	0	RO	Writing to these bits has no effect and they are always read as zeros.

1. Width of Length field determined by Buffer Length Register Width parameter. Minimum width is 8 bits (7 to 0) and maximum width is 23 bits (22 to 0).

Scatter Gather Descriptor

This section defines the fields of the S2MM (Receive) and MM2S (Transmit) Scatter Gather Descriptors for when the AXI DMA is configured for Scatter / Gather Mode. The descriptor is made up of eight 32-bit base words and 0 or 5 User Application words. The descriptor has future support for 64-bit addresses and support for User Application data. Multiple descriptors per packet are supported through the Start of Frame and End of Frame flags. Completed status and Interrupt on Complete are also included. The Buffer Length can describe up to 8 MB of data buffer per descriptor. Two descriptor chains are required for the two data transfer direction, MM2S and S2MM.

Table 2-21: Descriptor Fields (Non-Multi Channel Mode)

Address Space Offset ⁽¹⁾	Name	Description
00h	NXTDESC	Next Descriptor Pointer
04h	RESERVED	N/A
08h	BUFFER_ADDRESS	Buffer Address
0Ch	RESERVED	N/A
10h	RESERVED	N/A
14h	RESERVED	N/A
18h	CONTROL	Control
1Ch	STATUS	Status
20h	APP0	User Application Field 0 ⁽²⁾
24h	APP1	User Application Field 1
28h	APP2	User Application Field 2
2Ch	APP3	User Application Field 3
30h	APP4	User Application Field 4

Notes:

1. Address Space Offset is relative to 16 - 32-bit word alignment in system memory, that is, 0x00, 0x40, 0x80 and so forth.
2. User Application fields (APP0, APP1, APP2, APP3, and APP4) are only used when the Control / Status Streams are included, When the Control/Status Streams are not included, the User Application fields are not fetched or updated by the Scatter Gather Engine.

MM2S_NXTDESC (MM2S Next Descriptor Pointer)

This value provides the pointer to the next descriptor in the descriptor chain.

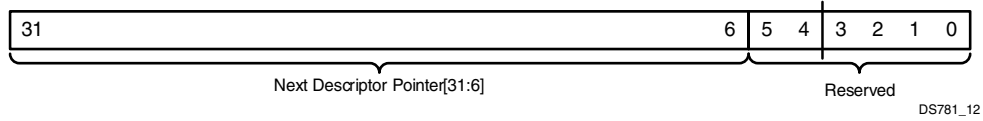


Figure 2-15: MM2S_NXTDESC

Table 2-22: MM2S_NXTDESC Details

Bits	Field Name	Description
5 to 0	Reserved	These bits are reserved and should be set to zero.
31 to 6	Next Descriptor Pointer	Indicates the lower order pointer pointing to the first word of the next descriptor. Note: Descriptors must be 16-word aligned, that is, 0x00, 0x40, 0x80, and so forth. Any other alignment has undefined results.

MM2S_BUFFER_ADDRESS (MM2S Buffer Address)

This value provides the pointer to the buffer of data to transfer from system memory to stream.



Figure 2-16: MM2S Buffer Address

Table 2-23: MM2S_BUFFER_ADDRESS Details

Bits	Field Name	Description
31 to 0	Buffer Address	Provides the location of the data to transfer from Memory Map to Stream. Note: If Data Realignment Engine is included, the Buffer Address can be at any byte offset, but data within a buffer must be contiguous. If the Data Realignment Engine is not included, the Buffer Address must be MM2S stream data-width aligned.

MM2S_CONTROL (MM2S Control)

This value provides control for MM2S transfers from memory map to stream.

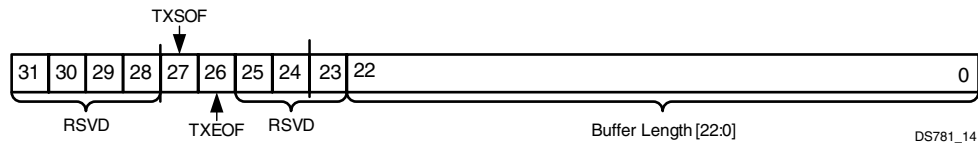


Figure 2-17: MM2S_CONTROL

Table 2-24: MM2S_CONTROL Details

Bits	Field Name	Description
22 to 0	Buffer Length	Indicates the size in bytes of the transfer buffer. This value indicates the amount of bytes to transmit out on the MM2S stream. The usable width of buffer length is specified by the width of Buffer Length Register. A maximum of 8 MB of transfer can be described by this field. Note: Setting buffer length register width smaller than 23 reduces FPGA resource utilization.
5 to 23	Reserved	These bits are reserved and should be set to zero.
26	Transmit End Of Frame (TXEOF)	End of Frame. Flag indicating the last buffer to be processed. This flag is set by the CPU to indicate to AXI DMA that this descriptor describes the end of the packet. The buffer associated with this descriptor is transmitted last. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = Not end of frame. • 1 = End of frame. Note: For proper operation, there must be an SOF descriptor (TXSOF=1) and an EOF descriptor (TXEOF=1) per packet. It is valid to have a single descriptor describe an entire packet that is a descriptor with both TXSOF=1 and TXEOF=1.
27	TXSOF	Start of Frame. Flag indicating the first buffer to be processed. This flag is set by the CPU to indicate to AXI DMA that this descriptor describes the start of the packet. The buffer associated with this descriptor is transmitted first. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = Not start of frame. • 1 = Start of frame. Note: When Status Control Stream is enabled, user application data from APP0 to APP4 of the SOF descriptor (TXSOF=1) is transmitted on the control stream output.
31 to 28	Reserved	This bit is reserved and should be written as zero.

MM2S_STATUS (MM2S Status)

This value provides status for MM2S transfers from memory map to stream.

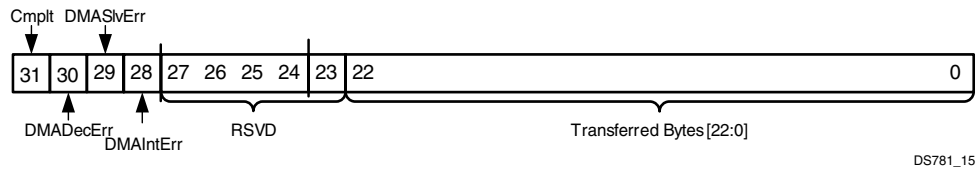


Figure 2-18: MM2S_STATUS

Table 2-25: MM2S_STATUS Details

Bits	Field Name	Description
22 to 0	Transferred Bytes	Indicates the size in bytes of the actual data transferred for this descriptor. This value indicates the amount of bytes to transmit out on MM2S stream. This value should match the Control Buffer Length field. The usable width of Transferred Bytes is specified by the Width of Buffer Length parameter. A maximum of 8 MB of transfer can be described by this field. Note: Setting Buffer length Register Width smaller than 23 reduces FPGA resource utilization.
27 to 23	Reserved	These bits are reserved and should be set to zero.
28	DMAIntErr	DMA Internal Error. Internal Error detected by primary AXI DataMover. This error can occur if a 0 length bytes to transfer is fed to the AXI DataMover. This only happens if the buffer length specified in the fetched descriptor is set to 0. This error condition causes the AXI DMA to halt gracefully. The DMACR.RS bit is set to 0, and when the engine has completely shut down, the DMASR.Halted bit is set to 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = No DMA Internal Errors. 1 = DMA Internal Error detected. DMA Engine halts.
29	DMASlvErr	DMA Slave Error. Slave Error detected by primary AXI DataMover. This error occurs if the slave read from the Memory Map interface issues a Slave Error. This error condition causes the AXI DMA to halt gracefully. The DMACR.RS bit is set to 0, and when the engine has completely shut down, the DMASR.Halted bit is set to 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = No DMA Slave Errors. 1 = DMA Slave Error detected. DMA Engine halts.

Table 2-25: MM2S_STATUS Details (Cont'd)

Bits	Field Name	Description
30	DMADecErr	<p>DMA Decode Error. Decode Error detected by primary AXI DataMover. This error occurs if the address request is to an invalid address (that is, Descriptor Buffer Address points to an invalid address). This error condition causes the AXI DMA to halt gracefully. The DMACR.RS bit is set to 0, and when the engine has completely shut down, the DMASR.Halted bit is set to 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = No DMA Decode Errors. • 1 = DMA Decode Error detected. DMA Engine halts.
31	Cmplt	<p>Completed. This indicates to the software that the DMA Engine has completed the transfer as described by the associated descriptor. The DMA Engine sets this bit to 1 when the transfer is completed. The software might manipulate any descriptor with the Completed bit set to 1 when in Tail Pointer Mode (currently the only supported mode).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = Descriptor not completed. • 1 = Descriptor completed. <p>Note: If a descriptor is fetched with this bit set to 1, the descriptor is considered a stale descriptor. An SGIntErr is flagged, and the AXI DMA engine halts.</p>

MM2S_APP0 to MM2S_APP4 (MM2S User Application Fields 0 to 4)

This value provides User Application fields for MM2S control stream.

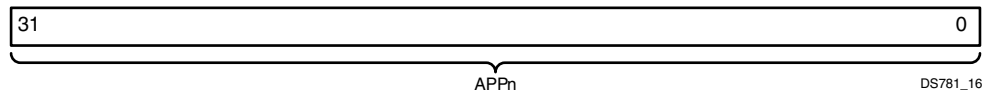


Figure 2-19: MM2S_STATUS

Table 2-26: User Application Details

Bits	Field Name	Description
31 to 0	APP0 to APP4	<p>User application fields 0 to 4. Specifies user-specific application data. When Status Control Stream is enabled, the Application (APP) fields of the SOF Descriptor are transmitted out the AXI Control Stream. For other MM2S descriptors with SOF = 0, the APP fields are fetched but ignored.</p> <p>Note: These fields are not fetched when Status Control Stream is not enabled.</p>

S2MM_NXTDESC (S2MM Next Descriptor Pointer)

This value provides the pointer to the next descriptor in the descriptor chain.

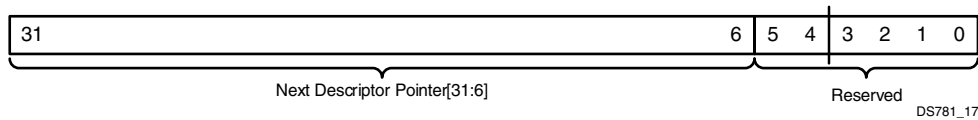


Figure 2-20: S2MM_NXTDESC

Table 2-27: S2MM_NXTDESC Details

Bits	Field Name	Description
5 to 0	Reserved	These bits are reserved and should be set to zero.
31 to 6	Next Descriptor Pointer	Indicates the lower order pointer pointing to the first word of the next descriptor. Note: Descriptors must be 16-word aligned, that is, 0x00, 0x40, 0x80, and so forth. Any other alignment has undefined results.

S2MM_BUFFER_ADDRESS (S2MM Buffer Address)

This value provides the pointer to the buffer space available to transfer data from stream to system memory.



Figure 2-21: S2MM Buffer Address

Table 2-28: S2MM_BUFFER_ADDRESS Details

Bits	Field Name	Description
31 to 0	Buffer Address	Provides the location of the buffer space available to store data transferred from Stream to Memory Map. Note: If Data Realignment Engine is included, the Buffer Address can be at any byte offset. If Data Realignment Engine is not included (, the Buffer Address must be S2MM stream data width aligned.

S2MM_CONTROL (S2MM Control)

This value provides control for S2MM transfers from stream to memory map.

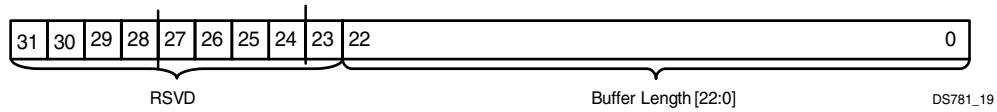


Figure 2-22: S2MM_CONTROL

Table 2-29: S2MM_CONTROL Details

Bits	Field Name	Description
22 to 0	Buffer Length	<p>This value indicates the amount of space in bytes available for receiving data in an S2MM stream. The usable width of buffer length is specified by Buffer Length Register Width. A maximum of 8 MB of transfer can be described by this field.</p> <p>Note: The sum total of buffer space in the S2MM descriptor chain (that is, the sum of buffer length values for each descriptor in a chain) must be, at a minimum, capable of holding the maximum receive packet size. Undefined results occur if a packet larger than the defined buffer space is received.</p> <p>Note: Setting Buffer Length Register Width smaller than 23 reduces FPGA resource utilization.</p>
31 to 23	Reserved	These bits are reserved and should be set to zero.

S2MM_STATUS (S2MM Status)

This value provides status for S2MM transfers from stream to memory map.

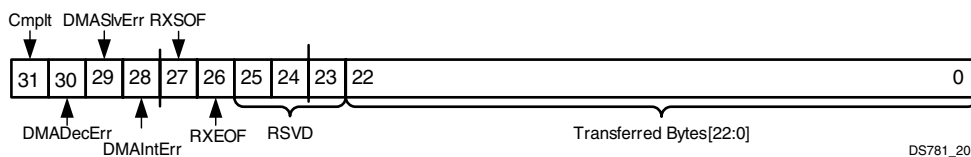


Figure 2-23: S2MM_STATUS

Table 2-30: S2MM_STATUS Details

Bits	Field Name	Description
22 to 0	Transferred Bytes	<p>This value indicates the amount of data received and stored in the buffer described by this descriptor. This might or might not match the buffer length. For example, if this descriptor indicates a buffer length of 1024 bytes but only 50 bytes were received and stored in the buffer, then the Transferred Bytes field indicates 32h. The entire receive packet length can be determined by adding the Transferred Byte values from each descriptor from the RXSOF descriptor to the Receive Start Of Frame (RXEOF) descriptor.</p> <p>Note: The usable width of Transferred Bytes is specified by Buffer Length Register Width. A maximum of 8 Mbytes of transfer can be described by this field.</p> <p>Note: Setting Buffer Length Register Width smaller than 23 reduces FPGA resource utilization.</p>
25 to 23	Reserved	These bits are reserved and should be set to zero.
26	RXEOF	<p>End of Frame. Flag indicating buffer holds the last part of packet. This bit is set by AXI DMA to indicate to the CPU that the buffer associated with this descriptor contains the end of the packet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = Not end of frame. • 1 = End of frame. <p>Note: User Application data sent through the status stream input is stored in APP0 to APP4 of the RXEOF descriptor when the Control/Status Stream is enabled.</p>
27	RXSOF	<p>Start of Frame. Flag indicating buffer holds first part of packet. This bit is set by AXI DMA to indicate to the CPU that the buffer associated with this descriptor contains the start of the packet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = Not start of frame. • 1 = Start of frame.
28	DMAIntErr	<p>DMA Internal Error. Internal Error detected by primary AXI DataMover. This error can occur if a 0 length bytes to transfer is fed to the AXI DataMover. This only happens if the Buffer Length specified in the fetched descriptor is set to 0. This error can also be caused if an under-run or over-run condition.</p> <p>This error condition causes the AXI DMA to halt gracefully. The DMACR.RS bit is set to 0, and when the engine has completely shut down, the DMASR.Halted bit is set to 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = No DMA Internal Errors. • 1 = DMA Internal Error detected. DMA Engine halts.
29	DMASlvErr	<p>DMA Slave Error. Slave Error detected by primary AXI DataMover. This error occurs if the slave read from the Memory Map interface issues a Slave Error. This error condition causes the AXI DMA to halt gracefully. The DMACR.RS bit is set to 0, and when the engine has completely shut down, the DMASR.Halted bit is set to 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = No DMA Slave Errors. • 1 = DMA Slave Error detected. DMA Engine halts.

Table 2-30: S2MM_STATUS Details (Cont'd)

Bits	Field Name	Description
30	DMADecErr	<p>DMA Decode Error. Decode Error detected by primary AXI DataMover. This error occurs if the address request is to an invalid address (that is, Descriptor Buffer Address points to an invalid address). This error condition causes the AXI DMA to halt gracefully. The DMACR.RS bit is set to 0, and when the engine has completely shut down, the DMASR.Halted bit is set to 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = No DMA Decode Errors. • 1 = DMA Decode Error detected. DMA Engine halts.
31	Cmplt	<p>Completed. This indicates to the software that the DMA Engine has completed the transfer as described by the associated descriptor. The DMA Engine sets this bit to 1 when the transfer is completed. The software can manipulate any descriptor with the Completed bit set to 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 = Descriptor not completed. • 1 = Descriptor completed. <p>Note: If a descriptor is fetched with this bit set to 1, the descriptor is considered a stale descriptor. An SGIntErr is flagged and the AXI DMA engine halts.</p>

S2MM_APP0 to S2MM_APP3 (S2MM User Application Fields 0 to 3)

This value provides User Application field space for the S2MM received status on the Status Stream.

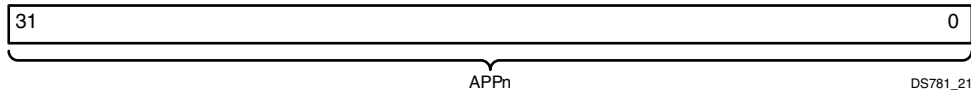


Figure 2-24: S2MM_APP0 to S2MM_APP3

Table 2-31: User Application 0 to 3 Details

Bits	Field Name	Description
31 to 0	APP0 to APP3	When Status/Control Stream is enabled, the status data received on the AXI Status Stream is stored into the APP fields of the EOF Descriptor. For other S2MM descriptors with EOF = 0, the APP fields are set to zero by the Scatter Gather Engine. Note: These fields are not updated by the Scatter Gather Engine if the Status/Control Fields are disabled.

S2MM_APP4 (S2MM User Application Field 4)

This value provides User Application 4 field space for S2MM received status on the Status Stream.

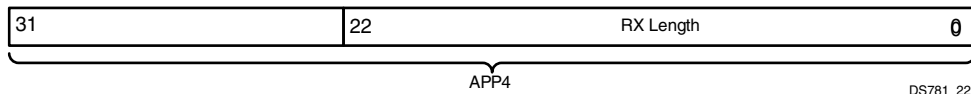


Figure 2-25: S2MM_APP4

Table 2-32: User Application 4 Details

Bits	Field Name	Description
31 to 0	APP4 / RxLength	User Application field 4 and Receive Byte Length. If Use RxLength In Status Stream is not enabled, this field functions identically to APP0 to APP3 in that the status data received on the AXI Status Stream is stored into the APP4 field of the EOF Descriptor. This field has a dual purpose when "Use RxLength in Status Stream" is enabled. First, the least significant bits specified in the Buffer Length Register Width specify the total number of receive bytes for a packet that were received on the S2MM primary data stream. Second, the remaining most significant bits are User Application data.

Descriptor Management

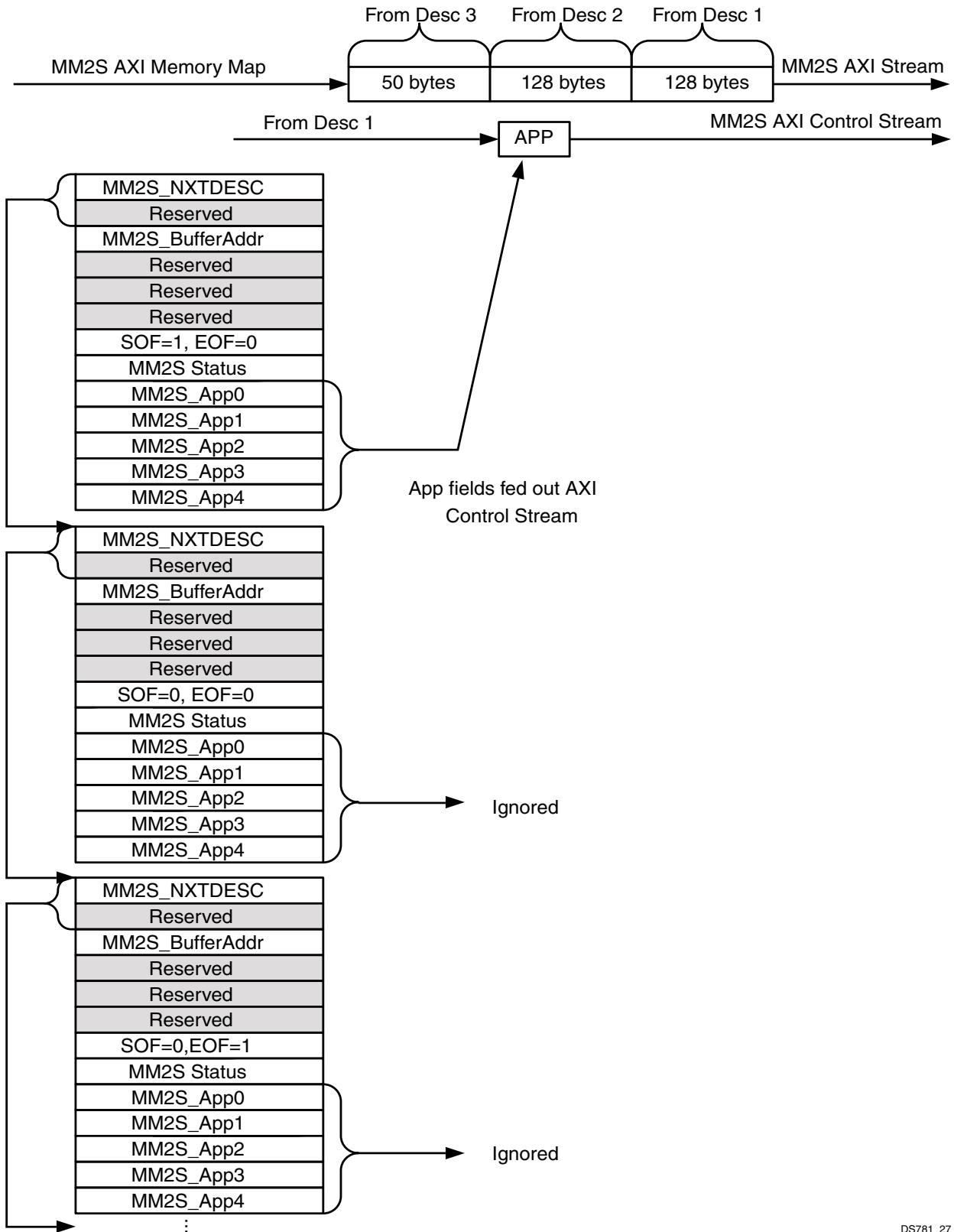
Prior to starting DMA operations, the software application must set up a descriptor chain. When the AXI DMA begins processing the descriptors, it fetches, processes, and then updates the descriptors. By analyzing the descriptors, the software application can read the status on the associated DMA transfer, fetch user information on receive (S2MM) channels, and determine completion of the transfer. With this information, the software application can manage the descriptors and data buffers.

Software applications process each buffer associated with completed descriptors and reallocate the descriptor for AXI DMA use. To prevent software and hardware from stepping on each other, a Tail Pointer Mode is created. The tail pointer is initialized by software to point to the end of the descriptor chain. This becomes the pause point for hardware. When hardware begins running, it fetches and processes each descriptor in the chain until it reaches the tail pointer. The AXI DMA then pauses descriptor processing. The software is allowed to process and re-allocate any descriptor with the Complete bit set to 1.

The act of writing to the TAILDESC register causes the AXI DMA hardware, if it is paused at the tail pointer, to begin processing descriptors again. If the AXI DMA hardware is not paused at the TAILDESC pointer, writing to the TAILDESC register has no effect on the hardware. In this situation, the AXI DMA continues to process descriptors until reaching the new tail descriptor pointer location. Descriptor Management has to be done by the software. AXI DMA does not manage the descriptors.

MM2S Descriptor Settings and AXI Control Stream

The relationship between descriptor SOF/EOF settings and the AXI Control Stream are illustrated in [Figure 2-26](#). The descriptor with SOF=1 is the beginning of the packet and resets DRE for the MM2S direction. The User Application fields for this descriptor are also presented on the AXI Control Stream if the Status/Control Stream is enabled. User Application fields following descriptor with SOF=1, up to and including descriptor with EOF=1, are ignored by the AXI DMA engine. If Status/Control Stream is disabled, the User Application fields are not fetched by the SG Fetch Engine.



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Figure 2-26: Detail of Descriptor Relationship to MM2S Stream and Control Stream

AXI Control Stream

The AXI control stream is provided from the Scatter Gather Descriptor to a target device for User Application data. The control data is associated with the MM2S primary data stream and can be sent out of AXI DMA prior to, during, or after the primary data packet. Throttling by the target device is allowed, and throttling by AXI DMA can occur. Figure 2-27 shows an example of how descriptor User Application fields are presented on the AXI control stream. AXI DMA inserts a flag indicating the data type to the target device. This is sent as the first word. For Ethernet, the control tag is 0xA in the four Most Significant Bits (MSBs) of the first word.

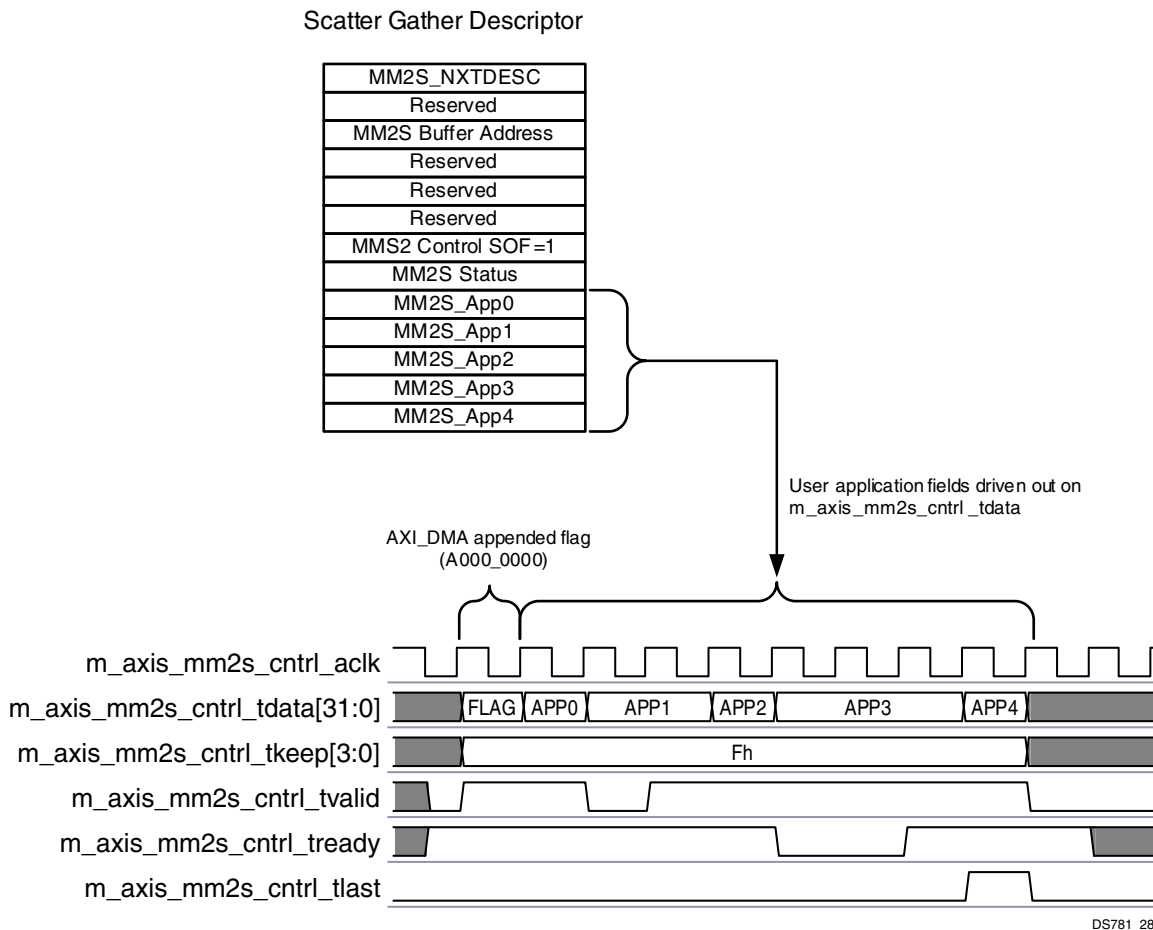
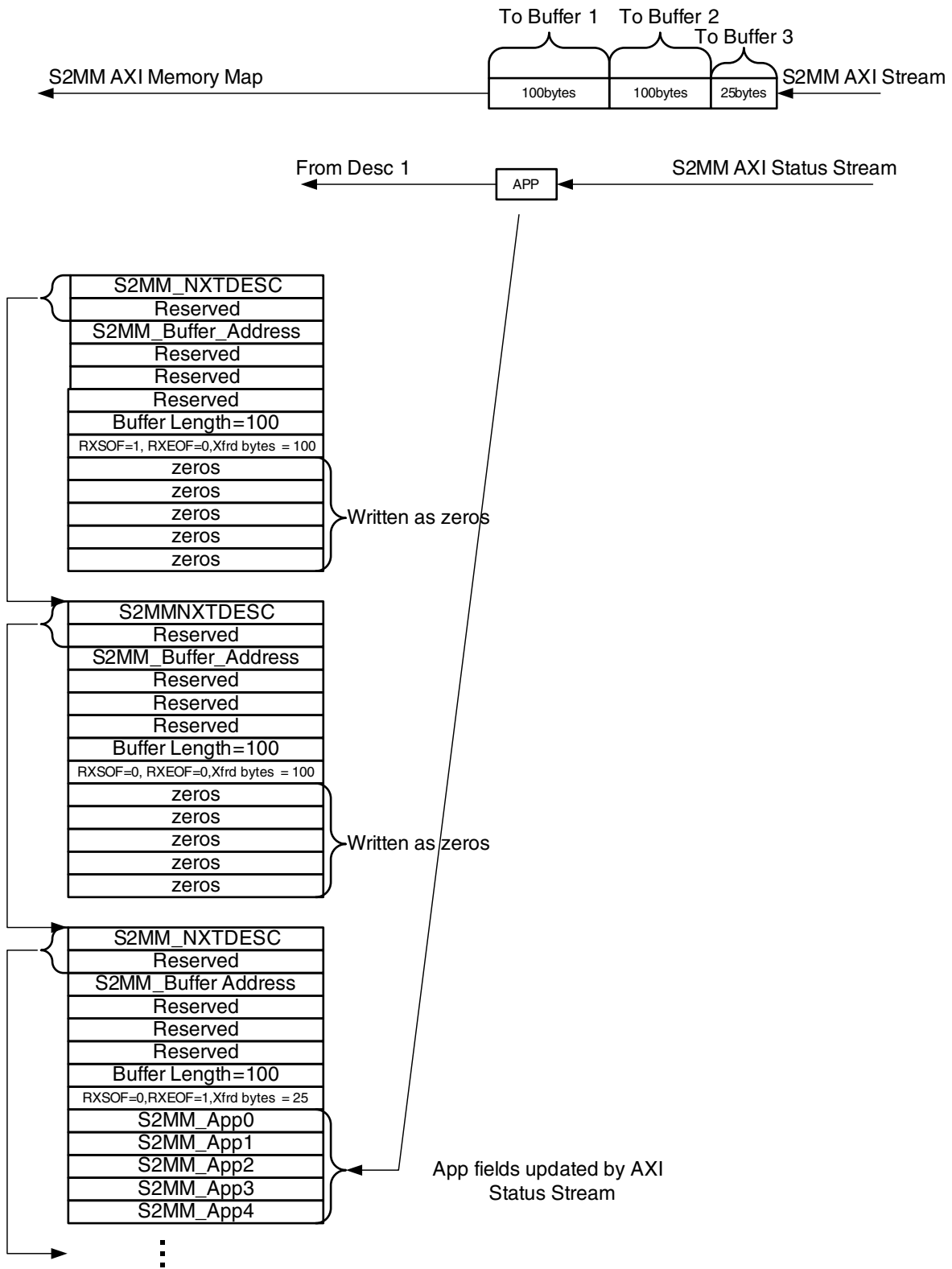


Figure 2-27: Example User Application Field / Timing for MM2S Control Stream

S2MM Descriptor Settings and AXI Status Stream

The relationship between descriptor RXSOF/RXEOF settings and the AXI Status Stream are illustrated in [Figure 2-28](#). The descriptor with RXSOF=1 describes the buffer containing the first part of the receive packet. The Descriptor with RXEOF=1 describes the buffer containing the last part of the receive packet.

For proper operation, the software must specify enough buffer space (that is, the sum total buffer lengths in each descriptor of the descriptor chain) to be greater than or equal to the maximum sized packet that is received.



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Figure 2-28: Detail of Descriptor Relationship to S2MM Stream and Status Stream

If the Status/Control Stream is included, the status received is stored in the User Application fields (APP0 to APP4) of the descriptor with RXEOF set.

The actual byte count of received and stored data for a particular buffer is updated to the Transferred Bytes field in the associated descriptor. The software can determine how many bytes were received by walking the descriptors from RXSOF to RXEOF and adding the Bytes Transferred fields to get a total byte count. For applications where you provide the total length in the status stream, this value is stored in the user-defined application location in the descriptor with RXEOF=1.

AXI Status Stream

The AXI status stream is provided for transfer of target device status to User Application data fields in the Scatter Gather descriptor. The status data is associated with the S2MM primary data stream. As shown in [Figure 2-29](#), the status packet updates to the app fields of the detected last descriptor (RXEOF = 1) describing the packet. Normally, the status stream should come at the start of the S2MM data stream. If the Use RxLength In Status Stream is disabled, then the status stream can come at any time during the course of S2MM frame. The EOF BD update would happen only when the entire status stream is received.

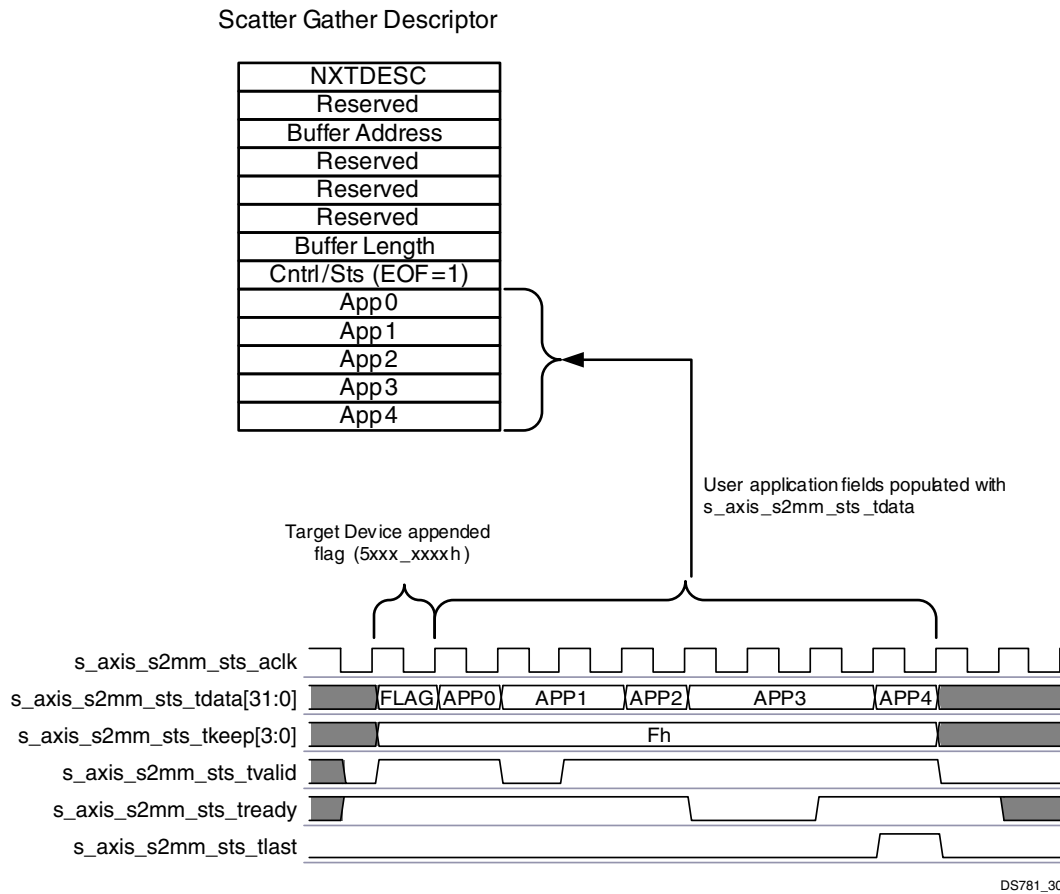


Figure 2-29: Example User Application Field / Timing for S2MM Status Stream

Multichannel DMA Support

Multichannel mode enables DMA to connect to multiple masters and slaves on the streaming side. A new set of signals associated with source and destination signaling are added. They are:

- TID - 5-bit signal. Provides a stream identifier and can be used to differentiate between multiple streams of data that are being transferred across the same interface.
- TDEST - 5-bit signal. Provides coarse routing information for the data stream.
- TUSER – 4-bit signal. User defined sideband signaling.

Scatter Gather Mode (C_INCLUDE_SG = 1)

New descriptor fields are added to support multichannel and 2-D transfers. As described in [AXI DMA Multichannel Operation](#), AXI DMA supports efficient two-dimensional memory access patterns, transferring 2-D blocks across the AXI4-Stream channel. Memory access patterns are controlled with three parameters: HSIZE, VSIZE, and STRIDE. Multiple descriptors per packet are supported through the Start of Packet and End of Packet flags.

In this mode, the IP customization GUI disables the Status/Control Stream, and the TX/RX descriptors do not provide separate AppWord fields.

AXI DMA can be set in multichannel mode by enabling the Multi Channel Mode and selecting the required number of channels on MM2S and S2MM paths.

MM2S (Tx) Descriptor

0x00	31	NXTDESCPTR										6	5	Rsvd	0									
0x04	31	Reserved for future use										0												
0x08	31	Buffer Address										0												
0x0C	31	Reserved for future use										0												
0x10	31	ARUSER	28	27	AWCACHE	24	23	Rsvd	20	19	TUSER	16	15	Rsvd	13	12	TID	8	7	Rsvd	5	4	TDEST	0
0x14	31	VSIZE										19	18	Rsvd	16	15	Stride				0			
0x18	31	30	29	28	TX SOP	TX EOP	25	Rsvd				16	15	HSIZE				0						
0x1C	Cm p	DE	SE	IE	27										Reserved				0					

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Figure 2-30: Tx Descriptor

Table 2-33: Tx Descriptor Fields

Address Space Offset	Name	Description
00h	NXTDESC	Bits 5:0 - Reserved Bits 31:6 - Next Descriptor Pointer
04h	RESERVED	Bits 31:0 - Reserved
08h	BUFFER_ADDRESS	Bits 31:0 - Buffer Address Provides the location of the data to transfer from Memory Map to Stream
0Ch	RESERVED	Bits 31:0 - Reserved
		Multichannel Control bits. Bits 4:0 – TDEST provides routing information for the data stream. TDEST values are static for entire packet. TDEST values provided in the Tx descriptor field are presented on TDEST signals of streaming side. • Bits 7:5 – Reserved

Table 2-33: Tx Descriptor Fields (Cont'd)

Address Space Offset	Name	Description
10h	MC_CTL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bits 12:8 - TID provides a stream identifier. TID values are static for entire packet. TID values provided in the Tx descriptor field are presented on TID signals of the streaming side.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bits 15:13 – Reserved
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bits 19:16 – TUSER – sideband signals used for user-defined information. TUSER values are static for entire packet. TUSER values provided in the Tx descriptor field are presented on TUSER signals of streaming side.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bits 23:20 – Reserved
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bits 27:24 – ARCACHE – Cache type. This signal provides additional information about the cacheable characteristics of the transfer. See the AMBA® AXI Protocol Specification for a different decoding mechanism. <p>ARCACHE values from Tx descriptor are presented on ARCACHE [3:0] bus during address cycle. Default value of this field is 0011.</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bits 31:28 – ARUSER – sideband signals used for user-defined information. ARUSER values from Tx descriptor are presented on ARUSER [3:0]. ARUSER values and their interpretations are user-defined. You can keep ARUSER static for the entire packet by programming the same values in all the descriptors with in a chain.
14h	STRIDE_VSIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bits 15:0 - Stride Control. It is the address distance between the first address of successive "horizontal" reads. <p>Reads would start at the Buffer Address and read HSIZE bytes, then skip STRIDE-HSIZE addresses and read HSIZE bytes, and so on. This would continue until VSIZE lines have been read. On AXI4-Stream this is transmitted out on the m_axis_mm2s_ interface as one contiguous packet and is terminated with a single assertion of TLAST on the last data beat of the transfer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bits 18:16 - Reserved Bits 31:19 – Number of "horizontal lines" for strided access. Can represent two-dimensional data access of video or into a 2-D matrix. VSIZE number of transfers, each HSIZE bytes long, are expected to be transmitted for each packet.

Table 2-33: Tx Descriptor Fields (Cont'd)

Address Space Offset	Name	Description
18h	HSIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bits 15:0 – Number of bytes to transfer in each “horizontal line” from successive contiguous byte addresses. Can represent a portion of a video line or a portion of a matrix row when the matrix is read in row major order. • Bits 25:16 - Reserved • Bit 26 – TXEOP – End of packet flag. It indicates the buffer associated with this descriptor is transmitted last. This flag is set by the CPU. 0 – Not end of packet. 1 – End of packet • Bit 27 – TXSOP – Start of packet flag. It indicates the buffer associated with this descriptor is transmitted first. This flag is set by the CPU. 0 – Not start of packet. 1 – Start of packet • Bits 31:28 - Reserved
1Ch	MC_STS	<p>Multichannel Control bits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bits 27:0 – Reserved • Bit 28 – IE – DMA Internal Error due to under-run or over-run conditions. 0 – No DMA Internal Errors 1 – DMA Internal Error detected. DMA Engine halts • Bit 29 – SE – DMA Slave Error. This error occurs if the slave read from the Memory Map interface issues a Slave Error. 0 – No DMA Slave Errors 1 – DMA Slave Error detected. DMA Engine halts • Bit 30 – DE – DMA Decode Error. This error occurs if the address request is to an invalid address. 0 – No DMA Decode Errors 1 – DMA Decode Error detected. DMA Engine halts • Bit 31 – Cmp – Completed. This indicates to the software that the DMA engine has completed the transfer. 0 – Descriptor not completed 1 – Descriptor completed

1. The ARCACHE, ARUSER values are important from the AXI read prospective. These values should be specified in the descriptor as needed. For normal operation ARCACHE should be set to "0011" while ARUSER can be set to "0000".
2. A value of '0' on VSIZE is illegal and results in Multi Channel DMA not functioning as expected.

S2MM (Rx) Descriptor

0x00	31	NXTDESCPTR						6	5	Rsvd	0														
0x04	31	Reserved for future use									0														
0x08	31	Buffer Address									0														
0x0C	31	Reserved for future use									0														
0x10	31	AWUSER	28	27	AWCACHE	24	23				Reserved	0													
0x14	31	VSIZE						19	18	Rsvd	16	15	Stride		0										
0x18	31	Reserved						16	15	HSIZE				0											
0x1C	Cmp	DE	SE	IE	RX SOP	RX EOP	25	24	23 Rsvd	20	19	TUSER	16	15	Rsvd	13	12	TID	8	7	Rsvd	5	4	TDEST	0

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Figure 2-31: Rx Descriptor

Table 2-34: Rx Descriptor Fields

Address Space Offset	Name	Description
00h	NXTDESC	Bits 5:0 - Reserved Bits 31:6 - Next Descriptor Pointer
04h	RESERVED	Bits 31:0 - Reserved
08h	BUFFER_ADDRESS	Bits 31:0 – Buffer Address Provides the location of the buffer space available to store data transferred from Stream to Memory Map
0Ch	RESERVED	Bits 31:0 - Reserved
10h	CACHE_USER_CTL	Bit 23:0 – Reserved
		Bit 27:24 – AWCACHE – Cache type. This signal provides additional information about the cacheable characteristics of the transfer. See the AMBA® AXI Protocol Specification for a different decoding mechanism. AWCACHE values from Rx descriptor are presented on AWCACHE [3:0] bus during address cycle. Default value of this field should be 0011.
		Bits 31:28 – AWUSER – sideband signals used for user-defined information. AWUSER values from Rx descriptor are presented on AWUSER [3:0]. AWUSER values and their interpretations are user-defined. You can keep AWUSER static for entire packet by programming same values in all the descriptors within a chain.

Table 2-34: Rx Descriptor Fields (Cont'd)

Address Space Offset	Name	Description
14h	STRIDE_VSIZE	Bits 15:0 - Stride Control. It is the address distance between the first address of successive "horizontal" writes. Writes start at the Buffer Address and write HSIZE bytes, then skip STRIDE-HSIZE addresses and write HSIZE bytes, and so on. This continues until VSIZE has been written. On AXI4-Stream this is received on the s_axis_s2mm_ interface as one contiguous packet and is terminated with a single assertion of TLAST on the last data beat of the transfer.
		Bits 18:16 – Reserved
		Bits 31:19 – Number of "horizontal lines" for strided access. Can represent two-dimensional data access of video or into a 2-D matrix. VSIZE number of transfers, each HSIZE bytes long, are expected to be received for each packet.
18h	HSIZE	Bits 15:0 – Number of bytes to transfer in each "horizontal line" from successive contiguous byte addresses. Can represent a portion of a video line or a portion of a matrix row when matrix is stored in row major order. Bits 31:16 - Reserved
1Ch	MC_STS	Multichannel Status bits. Bits 4:0 – TDEST provides routing information for the data stream. TDEST values are static for entire packet. TDEST values are captured from incoming stream and updated in this field
		Bits 7:5 – Reserved
		Bits 12:8 - TID provides a stream identifier. TID values are static for entire packet. TID values are captured from incoming stream and updated in this field.
		Bits 15:13 – Reserved
		Bits 19:16 – TUSER – sideband signals used for user-defined information. TUSER values are static for entire packet. TUSER values are captured from incoming stream and updated in this field.
		Bits 25:20 – Reserved
		Bits 25:24 – Reserved
Bit 26 – RXEOP – End of packet flag. It indicates the buffer associated with this descriptor contains the last part of packet. This flag is set by AXI DMA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 – Not end of packet • 1 – End of packet 		

Table 2-34: Rx Descriptor Fields (Cont'd)

Address Space Offset	Name	Description
		Bit 27 – RXSOP – Start of packet flag. It indicates the buffer associated with this descriptor contains the start of the packet. This flag is set by AXI DMA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 – Not start of packet • 1 – Start of packet
		Bit 28 – IE – DMA Internal Error due to under-run or over-run conditions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 – No DMA Internal Errors • 1 – DMA Internal Error detected. DMA Engine halts
		Bit 29 – SE – DMA Slave Error. This error occurs if the slave read from the Memory Map interface issues a Slave Error. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 – No DMA Slave Errors • 1 – DMA Slave Error detected. DMA Engine halts.
		Bit 30 – DE – DMA Decode Error. This error occurs if the address request is to an invalid address. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 – No DMA Decode Errors • 1 – DMA Decode Error detected. DMA Engine halts.
1Ch (Continued)	MC_STS (Continued)	Bit 31 – Cmp – Completed. This indicates to the software that the DMA engine has completed the transfer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 – Descriptor not completed • 1 – Descriptor completed

1. The AWCACHE, AWUSER values are important from the AXI read prospective. These values should be specified in the descriptor as needed. For normal operation AWCACHE should be set to "0011" while AWUSER can be set to "0000".
2. A value of '0' on VSIZE is illegal and results in Multi Channel DMA not functioning as expected.

AXI DMA Multichannel Operation

This section describes the end-to-end control and data flow of descriptors and associated data for both MM2S side and S2MM side.

MM2S

MM2S is similar to normal AXI DMA operation. When MM2S_CURDESC and MM2S_TAILDESC are programmed by software, AXI DMA fetches a chain of descriptors and processes until it reaches tail descriptor. In AXI DMA, TDEST, TID, and TUSER fields are assumed to remain constant for an entire packet as defined in the descriptors. That is, each packet transfer across a logical channel defined by (TDEST, TID, TUSER) runs to completion before the DMA transfers another packet. Although packet transfers for multiple channels can be interleaved, after started, each must run to completion before another transfer can occur. It is your responsibility to avoid deadlock scenarios under this assumption. The AXI DMA does not signal error conditions if the (TDEST, TID, TUSER) fields within the descriptors do not adhere to these assumptions. It is up to the software to maintain consistency.

Tx Descriptor contains control and status fields in multichannel mode. There is no status update on this descriptor for the number of bytes transferred at the end of the transaction. Error information is captured in registers along with the current descriptor pointer of the failing descriptor. The completion of a transfer for a chain can be known by polling the IDLE bit of MM2S_DMASR or through an interrupt by enabling it in MM2S_DMACR.

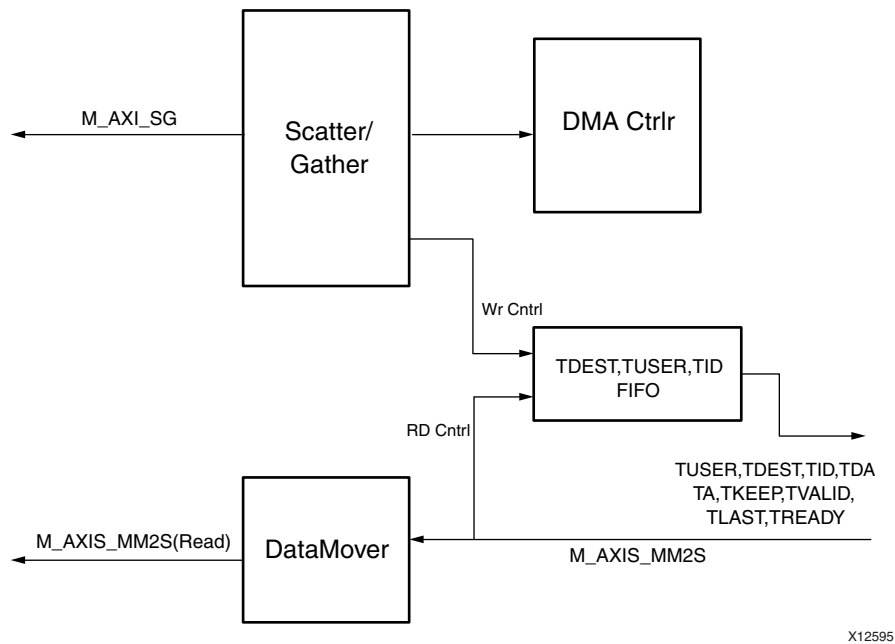


Figure 2-32: MM2S Control and Datapath Flow

S2MM

TDEST signals are sampled from incoming stream. This value is used by the DMA controller to read the corresponding S2MM_CURDESC and S2MM_TAILDESC and present to the Scatter Gather module. This module in turn fetches a chain of descriptors for that TDEST. AXI DMA holds the streaming data by deasserting TREADY until the corresponding descriptors are fetched. Then, AXI DMA writes would start at the Buffer Address and continue until it receives TLAST from streaming side.

TDEST, TID, TUSER values are captured from incoming streams and stored internally. These values are not expected to change in the middle of a packet. These values are updated in each descriptor of the chain after the completion of data writes for that descriptor onto the MM side along with other status bits.

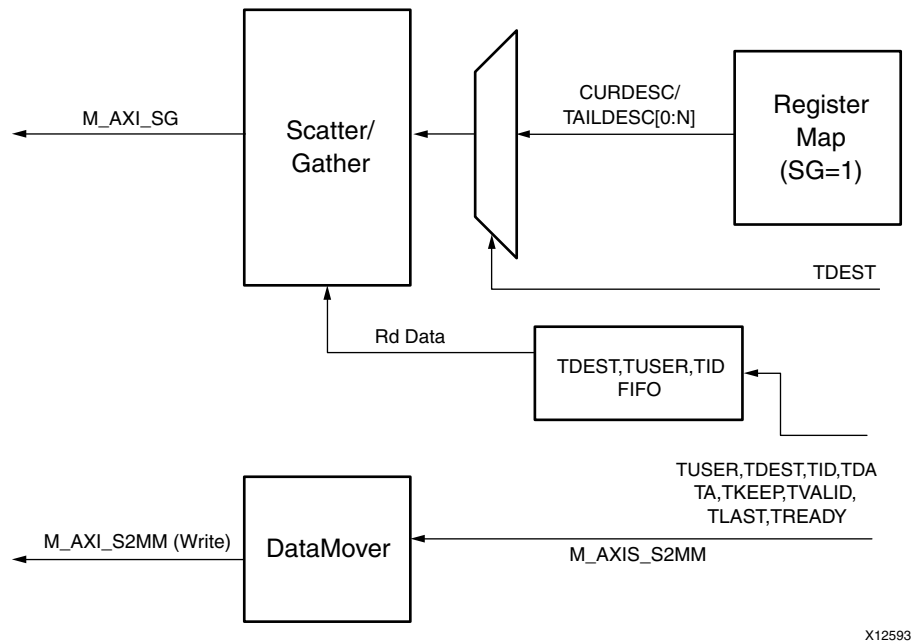


Figure 2-33: S2MM Control and Datapath Flow

2-D Transfers

In Multichannel Mode, AXI DMA supports two dimensional (2-D) memory access patterns to be efficiently transferred with an AXI4-Stream channel. Memory access patterns index into a one-dimensional address space in 'row major' order, where location $L[\text{row}][\text{column}] = \text{ADDRESS}[\text{row} * \text{NUM_COLUMNS} + \text{col}]$.

Access patterns are controlled with descriptor fields HSIZE, VSIZE, and STRIDE, which enable the transfer of sub-blocks within the (implicit) 2-D array. HSIZE is specified between starting addresses for successive 'row' sub-blocks. For 2-D transfers, the HSIZE, VSIZE and STRIDE should be byte aligned. Having unaligned values of HSIZE, VSIZE or STRIDE causes unexpected behavior.

Each read (MM2S) or write (S2MM) transfer consists of VSIZE transfers, each of size HSIZE. The starting address of each successive transfer is STRIDE address from the starting address of the previous transfer (initially, the BaseAddr of the packet transfer).

Figure 2-34 shows the example of the two-dimensional data format.

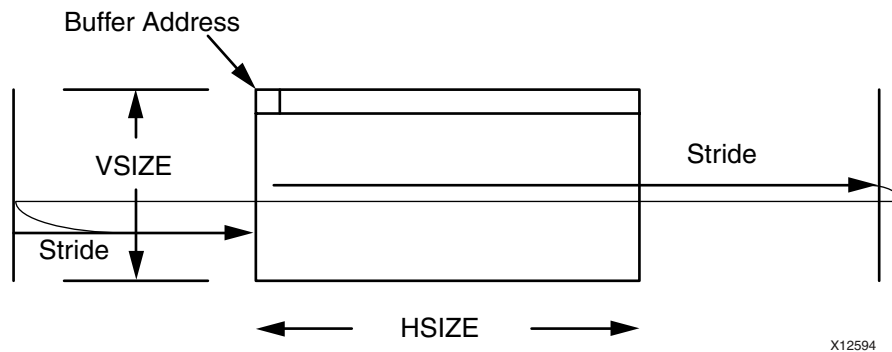


Figure 2-34: 2-D Data Format

MM2S

Reads start at the Buffer Address and consists of VSIZE read bursts, each having HSIZE bytes. The starting address of each read burst is a STRIDE address greater than the starting address of the previous burst read.

Example: Buffer Address = 08, VSIZE = 06, HSIZE = 256 bytes and Stride = 512 bytes

In this case, Reads start at buffer address location 08 and continue to read HSIZE (256) bytes. The second line starts at Buffer address+Stride = 512+8 = 520. It continues to read HSIZE (256) bytes. The third line starts at 520+512 = 1032 and the fourth line starts at 1032+512 = 1544. Likewise it reads VSIZE lines.

On AXI4-Stream this is transmitted out on `m_axis_mm2s_interface` as one contiguous packet and is terminated with the assertion of `TLAST` on the last data beat of the transfer.

S2MM

Writes start at the Buffer Address and consist of VSIZE write bursts, each having HSIZE bytes. The starting address of each write burst is a STRIDE address greater than the starting address of the previous burst write. On AXI4-Stream this is received in on `s_axis_s2mm_interface` as one contiguous packet and is terminated with a single assertion of `TLAST` on the last data beat of the transfer.

Limitations with Multi Channel Mode

- Does not support descriptor queuing in S2MM path for multichannel mode
- Does not support small packet sizes for S2MM path (back to back packets of 4 or less data beats)
- 2-D access is supported only for aligned addresses and Hsize.

Register Map for Multichannel (SG = 1)

Register map is modified to support up to 16 TDEST on the S2MM path.

00	MM2S_DMOCR	C0	Reserved	180	Reserved
04	MM2S_DMASR	C4	Reserved	184	Reserved
08	MM2S_CURDESC0	C8	Reserved	188	Reserved
0C	Reserved	CC	Reserved	18C	Reserved
10	MM2S_TAILDESC0	D0	S2MM_CURDESC4	190	S2MM_CURDESC10
14	Reserved	D4	Reserved	194	Reserved
18	Reserved	D8	S2MM_TAILDESC4	198	S2MM_TAILDESC10
1C	Reserved	DC	Reserved	19C	Reserved
20	Reserved	E0	Reserved	1A0	Reserved
24	Reserved	E4	Reserved	1A4	Reserved
28	Reserved	E8	Reserved	1A8	Reserved
2C	SG_CTL	EC	Reserved	1AC	Reserved
30	S2MM_DMOCR	F0	S2MM_CURDESC5	1B0	S2MM_CURDESC11
34	S2MM_DMASR	F4	Reserved	1B4	Reserved
38	S2MM_CURDESC0	F8	S2MM_TAILDESC5	1B8	S2MM_TAILDESC11
3C	Reserved	FC	Reserved	1BC	Reserved
40	S2MM_TAILDESC0	100	Reserved	1C0	Reserved
44	Reserved	104	Reserved	1C4	Reserved
48	Reserved	108	Reserved	1C8	Reserved
4C	Reserved	10C	Reserved	1CC	Reserved
50	Reserved	110	S2MM_CURDESC6	1D0	S2MM_CURDESC12
54	Reserved	114	Reserved	1D4	Reserved
58	Reserved	118	S2MM_TAILDESC6	1D8	S2MM_TAILDESC12
5C	Reserved	11C	Reserved	1DC	Reserved
60	Reserved	120	Reserved	1E0	Reserved
64	Reserved	124	Reserved	1E4	Reserved
68	Reserved	128	Reserved	1E8	Reserved
6C	Reserved	12C	Reserved	1EC	Reserved
70	S2MM_CURDESC1	130	S2MM_CURDESC7	1F0	S2MM_CURDESC13
74	Reserved	134	Reserved	1F4	Reserved
78	S2MM_TAILDESC1	138	S2MM_TAILDESC7	1F8	S2MM_TAILDESC13
7C	Reserved	13C	Reserved	1FC	Reserved
80	Reserved	140	Reserved	200	Reserved
84	Reserved	144	Reserved	204	Reserved
88	Reserved	148	Reserved	208	Reserved
8C	Reserved	14C	Reserved	20C	Reserved
90	S2MM_CURDESC2	150	S2MM_CURDESC8	210	S2MM_CURDESC14
94	Reserved	154	Reserved	214	Reserved
98	S2MM_TAILDESC2	158	S2MM_TAILDESC8	218	S2MM_TAILDESC14
9C	Reserved	15C	Reserved	21C	Reserved
A0	Reserved	160	Reserved	220	Reserved
A4	Reserved	164	Reserved	224	Reserved
A8	Reserved	168	Reserved	228	Reserved
AC	Reserved	16C	Reserved	22C	Reserved
B0	S2MM_CURDESC3	170	S2MM_CURDESC9	230	S2MM_CURDESC15
B4	Reserved	174	Reserved	234	Reserved
B8	S2MM_TAILDESC3	178	S2MM_TAILDESC9	238	S2MM_TAILDESC15
BC	Reserved	17C	Reserved		

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Figure 2-35: Register Map for Multichannel Support in SG = 1

Errors

Any detected error results in the AXI DMA gracefully halting. When an error is detected, the errored channel DMACR.RS bit is set to 0. Per AXI protocol, all AXI transfers must complete. Therefore, the AXI DMA completes all pending transactions before setting the errored channel DMASR.Halted bit. When the DMASR.Halted bit is set to 1, the AXI DMA engine is truly halted.

For Scatter Gather Mode the pointer to the descriptor associated with the errored transfer is updated to the channels CURDESC_PTR register. On the rare occurrence that more than one error is detected, only the CURDESC_PTR register for one of the errors is logged. To resume operations, a reset must be issued to the AXI DMA.

The following is a list of possible errors:

- **DMAIntErr.** DMA Internal Error indicates that an internal error in the AXI DataMover was detected. For Scatter / Gather Mode this can occur under two conditions. First, for MM2S and S2MM channels, it can occur when a BTT = 0 is written to the primary AXI DataMover. This would happen if a descriptor is fetched with the buffer length = 0.

Secondly, for S2MM channels, the internal error can occur if an underflow condition occurs on the S2MM primary stream interface. This indicates that a failure in the system has occurred. For example, a soft reset issued in the stream source interrupts the receive stream, or a reported length on the status stream does not match actual data received.

For Simple DMA Mode this error can occur on the S2MM side when the data received from the S2MM stream is more than what is specified in the BTT field of the register.

- **DMASlvErr.** DMA Slave Error occurs when the slave to or from which data is transferred responds with a SLVERR.
- **DMADecErr.** DMA Decode Error occurs when the address request is targeted to an address that does not exist.
- **SGIntErr.** Scatter Gather Internal Error occurs when a BTT = 0. This error also occurs if a fetched descriptor already has the Complete bit set. This condition indicates to the AXI DMA that the descriptor has not been processed by the CPU, and therefore is considered stale. This error is for Scatter / Gather Mode only.
- **SGSlvErr.** Scatter Gather Slave Error occurs when the slave to or from which descriptors are fetched and updated responds with a SLVERR. This error is for Scatter / Gather Mode only.
- **SGDecErr.** Scatter Gather Decode Error occurs when the address request is targeted to an address that does not exist. This error is for Scatter / Gather Mode only.

Note: Scatter Gather error bits are unable to be updated to the descriptor in remote memory. They are only captured in the associated channel DMASR where the error occurred.

Designing with the Core

This chapter contains the following sections.

- [Typical System Interconnect](#)
- [Clocking](#)
- [Resets](#)
- [Programming Sequence](#)

Typical System Interconnect

The AXI DMA core is designed to be connected through the AXI Interconnect in the user system. A typical MicroBlaze™ processor configuration is shown in [Figure 3-1](#). The system microprocessor has access to the AXI DMA through the AXI4-Lite interface. An integrated Scatter/Gather Engine fetches buffer descriptors from System Memory which then coordinates primary data transfers between AXI IP and DDRx. Optional Control and status streams provide packet-associated information, such as checksum off-load control/status, to and from an Ethernet based IP. The dual interrupt output of the AXI DMA core is routed to the System Interrupt Controller.

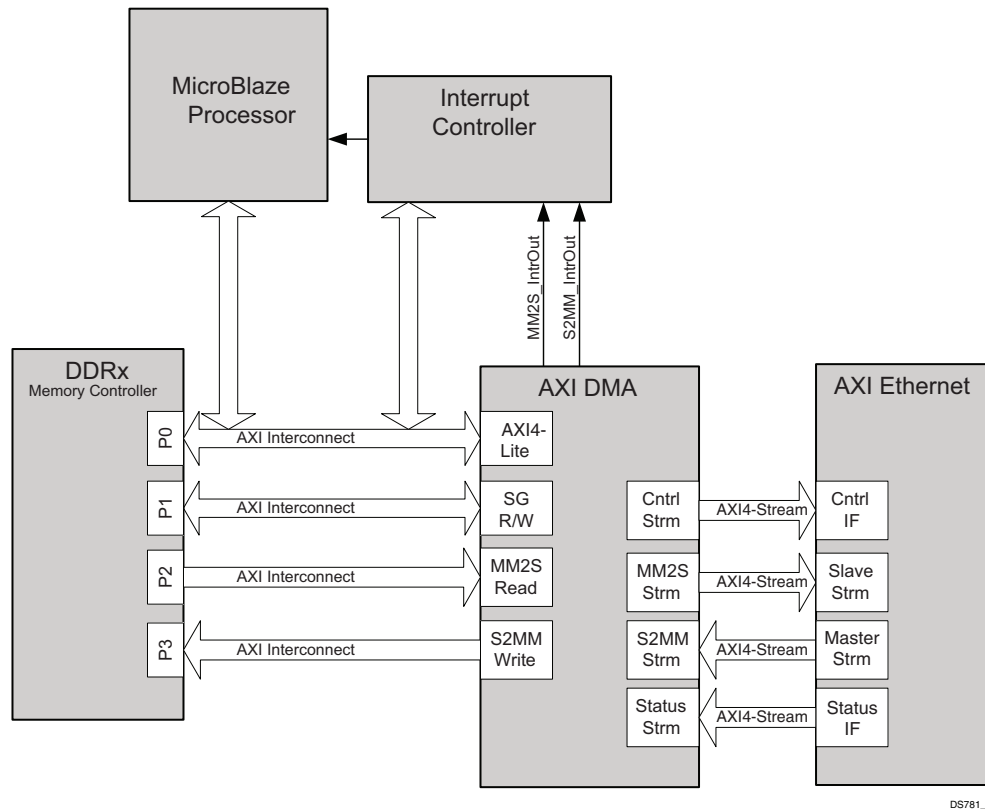


Figure 3-1: Typical MicroBlaze Processor System Configuration (AXI Ethernet)

The AXI DMA core can also be connected to a user system other than with an Ethernet-based AXI IP. Control and Status streams are optional and can be used with Ethernet based IPs only.

Clocking

There are four clock inputs:

- `m_axi_mm2s_aclk` for MM2S interface
- `m_axi_s2mm_aclk` for S2MM interface
- `s_axi_lite_aclk` for AXI4-Lite control interface
- `m_axi_sg_clk` for Scatter Gather Interface

AXI DMA provides two clocking modes of operation: asynchronous and synchronous. Setting Enable Asynchronous Clocks enables asynchronous mode and creates four clock domains. This allows high performance users to run the primary datapaths at a higher clock rate than the DMA control (for example, AXI4-Lite interface, SG Engine, DMA Controller) helping in FPGA placement and timing.

In synchronous mode, all logic runs in a single clock domain. `s_axi_lite_aclk`, `m_axi_sg_aclk`, `m_axi_mm2s_aclk` and `m_axi_s2mm_aclk` must be tied to the same source. In asynchronous mode clocks can be run asynchronously, however `s_axi_lite_aclk` must be less than or equal to `m_axi_sg_aclk` and `m_axi_sg_aclk` must be less than or equal to the slower of `m_axi_mm2s_aclk` or `m_axi_s2mm_aclk`.

The relationship between signal sets and its corresponding clocks in asynchronous mode is shown in [Table 3-1](#).

Table 3-1: Asynchronous Mode Clock Distribution

Clock Source	I/O Ports (Scatter Gather Enabled)	I/O Ports (Scatter Gather Disabled)
<code>s_axi_lite_aclk</code>	All <code>s_axi_lite_*</code> Signals <code>mm2s_introut</code> <code>s2mm_introut</code> <code>axi_resetn</code>	All <code>s_axi_lite_*</code> Signals <code>mm2s_introut</code> <code>s2mm_introut</code> <code>axi_resetn</code>
<code>m_axi_sg_aclk</code>	All <code>m_axi_sg_*</code> Signals	N/A
<code>m_axi_mm2s_aclk</code>	All <code>m_axi_mm2s_*</code> Signals All <code>m_axis_mm2s_*</code> Signals <code>mm2s_prmry_reset_out_n</code> <code>mm2s_cntrl_reset_out_n</code>	All <code>m_axi_mm2s_*</code> Signals All <code>m_axis_mm2s_*</code> Signals <code>mm2s_prmry_reset_out_n</code>
<code>m_axi_s2mm_aclk</code>	All <code>m_axi_s2mm_*</code> Signals All <code>s_axis_s2mm_*</code> Signals <code>s2mm_prmry_reset_out_n</code> <code>s2mm_sts_reset_out_n</code>	All <code>m_axi_s2mm_*</code> Signals All <code>s_axis_s2mm_*</code> Signals <code>s2mm_prmry_reset_out_n</code>

Resets

The `axi_resetn` signal needs to be asserted a minimum of eight of the slowest clock cycles and needs to be synchronized to `s_axi_lite_aclk`.

Programming Sequence

Direct Register Mode (Simple DMA)

Simple DMA mode (Scatter Gather Engine is disabled) provides a configuration for doing simple DMA transfers on MM2S and S2MM channels that requires less FPGA resource utilization. Transfers are initiated by accessing the DMACR, the Source or Destination Address and the Length registers. When the transfer is completed, a DMASR.IOC_Irq assert for the associated channel and if enabled generates an interrupt out.

A DMA operation for the MM2S channel is set up and started by the following sequence:

1. Start the MM2S channel running by setting the run/stop bit to 1 (MM2S_DMACR.RS = 1). The halted bit (DMASR.Halted) should deassert indicating the MM2S channel is running.
2. If desired, enable interrupts by writing a 1 to MM2S_DMACR.IOC_IrqEn and MM2S_DMACR.Err_IrqEn. The delay interrupt, delay count, and threshold count are not used when the AXI DMA is configured for Simple DMA mode.
3. Write a valid source address to the MM2S_SA register. If the AXI DMA is not configured for Data Re-Alignment, then a valid address must be aligned or undefined results occur. What is considered aligned or unaligned is based on the stream data width.

For example, if Memory Map Data Width = 32, data is aligned if it is located at word offsets (32-bit offset), that is 0x0, 0x4, 0x8, 0xC, and so forth. If DRE is enabled and Streaming Data Width < 128, then Source Addresses can be of any byte offset.

4. Write the number of bytes to transfer in the MM2S_LENGTH register. A value of zero written has no effect. A non-zero value causes the MM2S_LENGTH number of bytes to be read on the MM2S AXI4 interface and transmitted out of the MM2S AXI4-Stream interface. The MM2S_LENGTH register must be written last. All other MM2S registers can be written in any order.

A DMA operation for the S2MM channel is set up and started by the following sequence:

1. Start the S2MM channel running by setting the run/stop bit to 1 (S2MM_DMACR.RS = 1). The halted bit (DMASR.Halted) should deassert indicating the S2MM channel is running.
2. If desired, enable interrupts by writing a 1 to S2MM_DMACR.IOC_IrqEn and S2MM_DMACR.Err_IrqEn. The delay interrupt, delay count, and threshold count are not used when the AXI DMA is configured for Simple DMA mode.

3. Write a valid destination address to the S2MM_DA register. If the AXI DMA is not configured for Data Re-Alignment then a valid address must be aligned or undefined results occur. What is considered aligned or unaligned is based on the stream data width.

For example, if Memory Map Data Width= 32, data is aligned if it is located at word offsets (32-bit offset), that is, 0x0, 0x4, 0x8, 0xC, and so forth. If DRE is enabled and Streaming Data Width < 128 then Destination Addresses can be of any byte offset.

4. Write the length in bytes of the receive buffer in the S2MM_LENGTH register. A value of zero written has no effect. A non-zero value causes a write on the S2MM AXI4 interface of the number of bytes received on the S2MM AXI4-Stream interface. A value greater than or equal to the largest received packet must be written to S2MM_LENGTH. A receive buffer length value written that is less than the number of bytes received produces undefined results. The S2MM_LENGTH register must be written last. All other S2MM register can be written in any order.

Scatter Gather Mode

AXI DMA operation requires a memory-resident data structure that holds the list of DMA operations to be performed. This list of instructions is organized into what is referred to as a descriptor chain. Each descriptor has a pointer to the next descriptor to be processed. The last descriptor in the chain then points back to the first descriptor in the chain.

Scatter Gather operation allows a packet to be described by more than one descriptor. Typical use for this feature is to allow storing or fetching of headers from a location in memory and payload data from another location. Software applications that take advantage of this can improve throughput. To delineate packets in a buffer descriptor chain, the Start of Frame bit (TXSOF) and End of Frame bit (TXEOF) are utilized. When the DMA fetches a descriptor with the TXSOF bit set, the start of a packet is triggered. The packet continues with fetching the subsequent descriptors until it fetches a descriptor with the TXEOF bit set.

On the receive (S2MM) channel when a packet starts to be received, the AXI DMA marks the descriptor with an RXSOF indicating to the software that the data buffer associated with this descriptor contains the beginning of a packet. If the packet being received is longer in byte count than what was specified in the descriptor, the next descriptor buffer is used to store the remainder of the receive packet. This fetching and storing process continues until the entire receive packet has been transferred. The descriptor being processed when the end of the packet is received is marked by AXI DMA with an RXEOF=1. This indicates to the software that the buffer associated with this descriptor contains the end of the packet.

Each descriptor contains, in the status field, the number of bytes actually transferred for that particular descriptor. The total number of bytes transferred for the receive packet can be determined by the software by walking from the RXSOF descriptor through the descriptor chain to the RXEOF descriptor. The Scatter Gather continues to fetch one extra descriptor and store. This improves the DMA performance to a great extent.

Scatter Gather operations begin with setting up of control registers and descriptor pointers. The following lists minimum steps, in order, required to start AXI DMA operations:

A DMA operation for the MM2S channel is set up and started by the following sequence:

1. Write the Current Descriptor register with the address of the starting descriptor.
2. Start the MM2S channel running by setting the run/stop bit to 1 (MM2S_DMACR.RS =1). The Halted bit (DMASR.Halted) should deassert indicating the MM2S channel is running.
3. If desired, enable interrupts by writing a 1 to MM2S_DMACR.IOC_IrqEn and MM2S_DMACR.Err_IrqEn.
4. Write a valid address in the Tail Descriptor register.
5. Writing to Tail Descriptor register triggers the DMA to start fetching the descriptors from the memory.
6. The fetched descriptors are processed, Data is read from the memory and then output on the MM2S streaming channel.

A DMA operation for the S2MM channel is set up and started by the following sequence:

1. Write the Current Descriptor register with the address of the starting descriptor.
2. Start the S2MM channel running by setting the run/stop bit to 1 (S2MM_DMACR.RS =1). The halted bit (DMASR.Halted) should deassert indicating the S2MM channel is running.
3. If desired, enable interrupts by writing a 1 to S2MM_DMACR.IOC_IrqEn and S2MM_DMACR.Err_IrqEn.
4. Write a valid address in the Tail Descriptor register.
5. Writing to Tail Descriptor register triggers the DMA to start fetching the descriptors from the memory.
6. The fetched descriptors are processed and any data coming on the S2MM streaming channel is written to the memory.

Customizing and Generating the Core

The AXI DMA can be found in the following places in the Vivado™ IP catalog.

- **AXI_Infrastructure, Communication_&_Networking\Ethernet**
- **Embedded_Processing\AXI_Infrastructure\DMA**

Vivado Integrated Design Environment (IDE)

To access the AXI DMA, do the following:

1. Open an existing project or create a new project using Vivado design tools.
2. Open the IP catalog and navigate to any of the taxonomies.
3. Double-click **AXI Direct Memory Access** to bring up the AXI DMA Vivado IDE.

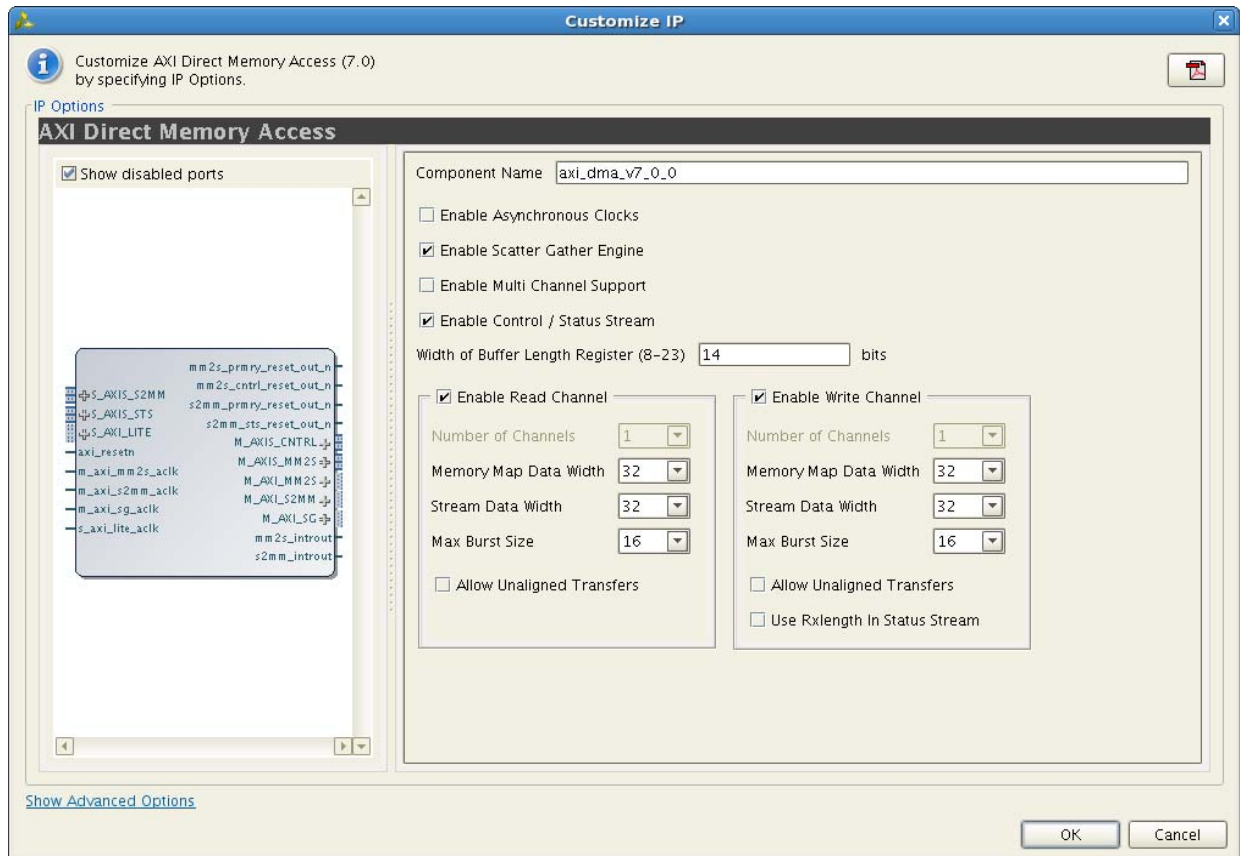


Figure 4-1: Customize IP Options

Field Descriptions

Component Name

The base name of the output files generated for the core. Names must begin with a letter and can be composed of any of the following characters: a to z, 0 to 9, and "_".

Enable Asynchronous Clocks

This setting provides the ability to operate the MM2S interface `m_axi_mm2s_aclk`, S2MM interface `m_axi_s2mm_aclk`, AXI4-Lite control interface `s_axi_lite_aclk`, and the Scatter Gather Interface `m_axi_sg_aclk` asynchronously from each other. When Asynchronous Clocks are enabled, the frequency of `s_axi_lite_aclk` must be less than or equal to `m_axi_sg_aclk`. Likewise `m_axi_sg_aclk` must be less than or equal to the slower of `m_axi_mm2s_aclk` and `m_axi_s2mm_aclk`. When in synchronous mode, all clocks inputs should be connected to the same clock signal.

Enable Scatter Gather Engine

Checking this option enables Scatter Gather Mode operation and includes the Scatter Gather Engine in AXI DMA. Unchecking this option enables Simple DMA Mode operation, excluding the Scatter Gather Engine from AXI DMA. Disabling the Scatter Gather Engine causes all output ports for the Scatter/Gather engine to be tied to zero and all of the input ports to be left open.

Width of Buffer Length Register

This integer value specifies the number of valid bits used for the Control field buffer length and Status field bytes transferred in the Scatter/Gather descriptors. It also specifies the number of valid bits in the RX Length of Status Stream App4 field when Use Rxlenght is enabled. For Simple DMA mode, it specifies the number of valid bits in the MM2S_LENGTH and S2MM_LENGTH registers. The length width directly correlates to the number of bytes being specified in a Scatter/Gather descriptor or number of bytes being specified in App4.RxLength, MM2S_LENGTH, or S2MM_LENGTH. The number of bytes is equal to 2Length Width. So a Length Width of 23 gives a byte count of 8388608 Bytes or 8 MegaBytes.

Enable Multi Channel DMA

Checking this option enables multichannel capability of DMA and lets you choose the number of channels for both MM2S and S2MM channels. See [Multichannel DMA Support in Chapter 2](#) for details.

Enable Control / Status Stream

Checking this option enables the AXI4 Control and Status Streams. The AXI4 Control stream allows user application metadata associated with the MM2S channel to be transmitted to a target IP. User application fields 0 through 4 of an MM2S Scatter / Gather Start Of Frame (SOF) descriptor Transmit Start Of Frame (TXSOF =1) are transmitted on the `m_axis_mm2s_cntrl` stream interface along with an associated packet being transmitted on `m_axis_mm2s` stream interface. The AXI4 Status stream allows user application metadata associated with the S2MM channel to be received from a target IP. The received status packet populates user application fields 0 to 4 of an S2MM Scatter / Gather End Of Frame (EOF) descriptor. That is the descriptor associated with the end of packet. This is indicated by a Receive End Of Frame (RXEOF = 1) in the status word of the updated descriptor.

Enable Read Channel Options

The following subsections describe options that affect only the MM2S Channel of the AXI Direct Memory Access (DMA) core.

Enable Channel

This option enables or disables the MM2S Channel. Enabling the MM2S Channel allows read transfers from memory to AXI4-Stream to occur. Disabling the MM2S Channel excludes the logic from the AXI DMA core. Outputs for MM2S channel are tied to zero and inputs are ignored by AXI DMA.

Number of Channels

This option enables you to choose a number of channels from 1 to 16.

Memory Map Data Width

Data width in bits of the AXI MM2S Memory Map Read data bus. Valid values are 32, 64, 128, 256, 512 and 1024.

Stream Data Width

Data width in bits of the AXI MM2S AXI4-Stream Data bus. This value must be equal or less than the Memory Map Data Width. Valid values are 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 512 and 1024.

Max Burst Size

This setting specifies the maximum size of the burst cycles on the AXI4-Memory Map side of MM2S. In other words, this setting specifies the granularity of burst partitioning. Valid values are 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, and 256.

Allow Unaligned Transfers

Enables or disables the MM2S Data Realignment Engine (DRE). When checked, the DRE is enabled and allows data realignment to the byte (8 bits) level on the MM2S Memory Map datapath. For the MM2S channel, data is read from memory. If the DRE is enabled, data reads can start from any Buffer Address byte offset, and the read data is aligned such that the first byte read is the first valid byte out on the AXI4-Stream.

Note: If DRE is disabled for the respective channel, unaligned Buffer, Source, or Destination Addresses are not supported. Having an unaligned address with DRE disabled produces undefined results. DRE Support is only available for the AXI4-Stream data width setting of 64-bits and under.

Enable Write Channel Options

The following describe options that affect only the S2MM Channel of the AXI DMA core.

Enable Channel

This setting enables or disables the S2MM Channel. Enabling the S2MM Channel allows write transfers from AXI4-Stream to memory to occur. Disabling the S2MM Channel excludes the logic from the AXI DMA core. Outputs for S2MM channel are tied to zero and inputs are ignored by AXI DMA.

Number of Channels

This option enables you to choose a number of channels from 1 to 16.

Memory Map Data Width

Data width in bits of the AXI S2MM Memory Map Write data bus. Valid values are 32, 64, 128, 256, 512 and 1024.

Stream Data Width

Data width in bits of the AXI S2MM AXI4-Stream Data bus. This value must be equal or less than the Memory Map Data Width. Valid values are 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 512 and 1024.

Max Burst Size

This setting specifies the maximum size of the burst cycles on the AXI4-Memory Map side of S2MM channel. In other words, this setting specifies the granularity of burst partitioning. Valid values are 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, and 256.

Allow Unaligned Transfers

Enables or disables the S2MM Data Realignment Engine (DRE). When checked, the DRE is enabled and allows data realignment to the byte (8 bits) level on the S2MM Memory Map datapath. For the S2MM channel, data is written to memory. If the DRE is enabled, data writes can start from any Buffer Address byte offset, and the write data is aligned such that the first valid byte received on S2MM AXI4-Stream is written to the specified unaligned address offset.

Note: If DRE is disabled for the respective channel, unaligned Buffer, Source, or Destination Addresses are not supported. Having an unaligned address with DRE disabled produces undefined results. DRE Support is only available for AXI4-Stream data width setting of 64-bits and under.

Use RxLength In Status Stream

If the Control / Status Stream is enabled, checking this allows AXI DMA to use a receive length field that is supplied by the S2MM target IP in App4 of the status packet. This gives AXI DMA a pre-determined receive byte count, allowing AXI DMA to command the exact number of bytes to be transferred.

This provides for a higher bandwidth solution for systems needing greater throughput. In this configuration the S2MM, target IP can supply all data bytes specified in the receive length field of status packet APP4.

Maximum Burst Size (Read and Write)

This setting specifies the maximum size of the burst cycles on the AXI4-Memory Map side of MM2S and S2MM channels respectively. In other words, this setting specifies the granularity of burst partitioning.

Valid values are 16, 32, 64, 128, and 256.

Constraining the Core

Necessary XDC constraints are delivered along with the core generation in the Vivado™ Design Suite.

Migrating

See *Vivado Design Suite Migration Methodology Guide* ([UG911](#)) for more information.

Debugging

This appendix includes details about resources available on the Xilinx Support website and debugging tools. In addition, this appendix provides a step-by-step debugging process and a flow diagram to guide you through debugging the AXI DMA core.

The following topics are included in this appendix:

- [Finding Help on Xilinx.com](#)
- [Vivado Lab Tools](#)
- [Hardware Debug](#)

Finding Help on Xilinx.com

To help in the design and debug process when using the AXI DMA core, the [Xilinx Support web page](#) (www.xilinx.com/support) contains key resources such as product documentation, release notes, answer records, information about known issues, and links for opening a Technical Support WebCase.

Documentation

This product guide is the main document associated with the AXI DMA core. 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.

Known Issues

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](#). 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 Records for the AXI DMA core

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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.

Xilinx provides premier technical support for customers encountering issues that require additional assistance.

To contact Xilinx Technical Support:

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

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.

Vivado Lab Tools

Vivado™ inserts logic analyzer and virtual I/O cores directly into your design. Vivado Lab Tools allows 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 FPGA 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)

A number of internal signal are marked as debug signals. These can be easily added to the logic analyzer.

Hardware Debug

Hardware issues can range from link bring-up to problems seen after hours of testing. This section provides debug steps for common issues. The Vivado Lab Tools are a valuable resource to use in hardware debug. The signal names mentioned in the following individual sections can be probed using the Vivado Lab Tools for debugging the specific problems.

Some of the common problems encountered and possible solutions follow.

- You have programmed your BD ring but nothing seems to work. Register programming sequence has to be followed to start the DMA. See [Programming Sequence](#) and [Descriptor Management](#).
- Internal Error/Error bits set in the Status register
 - Internal error would be set when BTT specified in the descriptor is 0.
 - SG internal error would be set if the fetched BD is a completed BD.
 - Other error bits like Decode Error or Slave Error would also be set based on the response from Interconnect or Slave.
 - See [Errors](#) for more information.
- You are reading data from a location, but the data does not seem to be in order.

Verify if the start address location is aligned or un-aligned. If it is un-aligned, ensure that the DRE is enabled while configuring DMA.

Also see the [Xilinx Solution Centers](#) for support on devices, software tools, and intellectual property at all stages of the design cycle. Topics include design assistance, advisories, and troubleshooting tips.

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

To search for Xilinx documentation, go to www.xilinx.com/support.

Unless otherwise noted, IP references are for the product documentation page.

1. *AMBA® AXI and ACE Protocol Specification*
2. [Vivado design tools user documentation](#)
3. *LogiCORE IP AXI Interconnect Product Guide (PG059)*
4. *Vivado Design Suite Migration Methodology Guide (UG911)*
5. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing with IP (UG896)*
6. *AXI Reference Guide (UG761)*

Revision History

The following table shows the revision history for this document.

Date	Version	Revision
10/19/2011	1.0	Initial Xilinx release.
04/24/2012	2.0	Summary of Core Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added multichannel support • Added 2-D transactions support • Added keyhole support • Added Cache and User controls for AXI memory side Interface
07/25/2012	3.0	Summary of Core Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added Vivado tools support and Zynq™-7000 support
10/16/2012	3.1	Updated for 14.3/2012.3 support. Document cleanup
12/18/2012	3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated for 14.4/2012.4 support and core version 6.03a. • Updated Debugging appendix. • Updated screen captures in Chapter 4. • Replaced Figure 1-1. • Updated devices in Table 2-1, System Performance. • Updated resource numbers in Tables 2-4, 2-5, and 2-6. • Removed Interconnect Parameters and Allowable Parameter Combinations sections. • Updated Output Generation sections in Chapters 4 and 7.
03/20/2013	7.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated for Vivado Design Suite support and core version 7.0 • Updated Debugging appendix. • Removed one screen capture and updated another in Chapter 4. • Removed ISE, CORE Generator, Virtex-6, and Spartan-6 material. • Removed Design Parameters and AXI DMA System Configuration sections from Chapter 3.

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