

# JESD204C v2.0

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## Introduction

The Xilinx® LogiCORE™ IP JESD204C core implements a JESD204C (Draft standard [Ref 9]) compatible interface supporting line rates from 1 Gb/s to 32 Gb/s. The JESD204C core can be configured as a transmitter or receiver.<sup>(1)</sup>

## Features

- Designed to JEDEC® JESD204C Draft Standard
- Supports up to eight lanes per core and greater number of lanes using multiple cores
- Supports 64b66b link layer
- Supports FEC Encoding (TX) and Decoding (RX)
- Supports CRC-12, CMD and FEC meta data modes
- Supports subclass 0 and 1
- Provides physical and data link layer functions when used in conjunction with the JESD204\_PHY core
- AXI4-Lite configuration interface
- AXI4-Stream Data and Command interfaces
- Supports Transceiver sharing between TX and RX cores using the JESD204\_PHY core

1. The maximum line rate supported is dependent on the transceiver type and speed grade of the selected device.

LogiCORE IP Facts Table	
<b>Core Specifics</b>	
Supported Device Family <sup>(1)</sup>	UltraScale+™, UltraScale™
Supported User Interfaces	AXI4-Lite, AXI4-Stream
Resources	<a href="#">Performance and Resource Utilization web page</a>
<b>Provided with Core</b>	
Design Files	Encrypted RTL
Example Design	Verilog
Test Bench	Verilog
Constraints File	XDC
Simulation Model	Verilog
Supported S/W Driver	N/A
<b>Tested Design Flows<sup>(2)</sup></b>	
Design Entry	Vivado® Design Suite
Simulation	For supported simulators, see the <a href="#">Xilinx Design Tools: Release Notes Guide</a> .
Synthesis	Vivado Synthesis
<b>Support</b>	
Provided by Xilinx at the <a href="#">Xilinx Support web page</a>	

### Notes:

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

## Overview

The LogiCORE™ IP JESD204C core implements a JESD204C link layer. When used in conjunction with the LogiCORE™ IP JESD204\_PHY core (to provide the physical layer), a JESD204C system can be created supporting line rates between 1 and 32 Gb/s on 1 to 8 lanes using GTYE4 and GTYE3 (UltraScale+ and UltraScale) transceivers. See the device data sheets for maximum line rates supported by each device and family. The JESD204C core can be configured as transmit or receive and multiple cores can be used to realize links requiring more than eight lanes.

The JESD204C core is delivered by using the Xilinx® Vivado® Design Suite. In addition, an example design is provided in Verilog.

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## Unsupported Features

Sample data mapping/demapping is not provided by the core, because of the requirement that it be customized for different converter devices. For more information see applicable converter datasheets.

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## Licensing and Ordering

### License Checkers

If the IP requires a license key, the key must be verified. The Vivado design tools have several license checkpoints for gating licensed IP through the flow. If the license check succeeds, the IP can continue generation. Otherwise, generation halts with error. License checkpoints are enforced by the following tools:

- Vivado synthesis
- Vivado implementation
- write\_bitstream (Tcl command)



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**IMPORTANT:** IP license level is ignored at checkpoints. The test confirms a valid license exists. It does not check IP license level.

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## License Type

This Xilinx LogiCORE IP module is provided under the terms of the [Xilinx Core License Agreement](#). The module is shipped as part of the Vivado Design Suite. For full access to all core functionalities in simulation and in hardware, you must purchase a license for the core. Contact your [local Xilinx sales representative](#) for information about pricing and availability.

For more information, visit the JESD204 [product web page](#).

Information about other Xilinx LogiCORE IP modules is available at the [Xilinx Intellectual Property](#) page. For information on pricing and availability of other Xilinx LogiCORE IP modules and tools, contact your [local Xilinx sales representative](#).

A free evaluation version of the core is provided with the Xilinx Vivado Design Suite which lets you assess the core functionality and demonstrates the various interfaces of the core in simulation. To access the evaluation version visit the [JESD204 IP Evaluation](#) page.

## License Options

The JESD204C IP core license is provided as part of the JESD204 core License (no separate license is required). The JESD204 core license provides three options. After installing the Vivado Design Suite and the required IP Service Packs, choose a licensing option.

### *Simulation Only*

The Simulation Only Evaluation license key is provided with the Xilinx Vivado Design Suite. This key lets you assess core functionality with either the example design provided with the JESD204C core, or alongside your own design and demonstrates the various interfaces to the core in simulation. (Functional simulation is supported by a dynamically generated HDL structural model.)

### *Full System Hardware Evaluation*

The Full System Hardware Evaluation license is available at no cost and lets you fully integrate the core into an FPGA design, place-and-route the design, evaluate timing, and perform functional simulation of the JESD204C core using the example design and demonstration test bench provided with the core.

In addition, the license key lets you generate a bitstream from the placed and routed design, which can then be downloaded to a supported device and tested in hardware. The core can be tested in the target device for a limited time before timing out (ceasing to function), at which time it can be reactivated by reconfiguring the device.

## ***Full***

The Full license key is available when you purchase the core and provides full access to all core functionality both in simulation and in hardware, including:

- Gate-level functional simulation support
- Back annotated gate-level simulation support
- Functional simulation support
- Full-implementation support including place and route and bitstream generation
- Full functionality in the programmed device with no time-outs

## **Obtaining Your License Key**

This section contains information about obtaining a simulation, full system hardware, and full license keys.

### ***Simulation License***

No action is required to obtain the Simulation Only Evaluation license key; it is provided by default with the Xilinx Vivado Design Suite.

### ***Full System Hardware Evaluation License***

To obtain a Full System Hardware Evaluation license, perform these steps:

1. Navigate to the [JESD204 product page](#) for this core.
2. Click Evaluate.
3. Follow the instructions on the page.

### ***Obtaining a Full License***

To obtain a Full license key, you must purchase a license for the core. After doing so, click the **Access Core** link on the xilinx.com IP core product page for further instructions.

## **Installing Your License File**

The Simulation only Evaluation license key is provided with the Vivado Design Suite and does not require installation of an additional license file. For the Full System Hardware Evaluation license and the Full license, an email will be sent to you containing instructions for installing your license file. Additional details about IP license key installation can be found in the Vivado Design Suite Installation, Licensing and Release Notes document.

# Product Specification

The JESD204C core is used in conjunction with the JESD204\_PHY core to support the draft JESD204C physical layer link layer specification.

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## Standards

JEDEC® Serial interface for Data Converters JESD204C draft [\[Ref 9\]](#).

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## Performance

For details about performance, visit the [Performance and Resource Utilization web page](#).

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## Resource Utilization

For details about resource utilization, visit the [Performance and Resource Utilization web page](#).



## Port Descriptions

The port descriptions for the JESD204C core are described in the following sections.

### TX Core

Table 2-1: TX Core: Port Descriptions

Signal Name	Interface	Direction	Description
<b>System Signals</b>			
tx_core_clk	System s_axis_tx s_axis_tx_cmd	I	Core logic clock input. Frequency = serial line rate/66
tx_core_reset	System	I	Core asynchronous logic reset active high.
tx_aresetn	s_axis_tx s_axis_tx_cmd	O	AXI4-Stream interface reset. Active low. Associated with both data and command interfaces.
tx_reset_gt	System	O	JESD204_PHY TX datapath reset. Core output to reset the transmit datapath in a connected JESD204_PHY. This must be connected to a JESD204_PHY.
tx_reset_done	System	I	JESD204_PHY TX reset done input. Indicates the JESD204_PHY has completed the transmit reset process.
s_axi_aclk	s_axi	I	AXI4-Lite clock input.
s_axi_aresetn	s_axi	I	AXI4-Lite reset input. Active low.
s_axi*	s_axi	I	See Appendix A of the Vivado AXI Reference Guide (UG1037) [Ref 10] for a description of AXI4 signals.
irq	System	O	System interrupt output.
tx_sysref	System	I	SYSREF input. When Subclass 1 mode is selected, this signal is required and used by the core to set the phase of the local extended multi-block clock. This SYSREF signal must be generated synchronous to the core clock. This input should be driven from an external device generating SYSREF for both TX and RX on a link.
<b>JESD204_PHY Interface Ports</b>			
gtN_txdata[63:0]	PHY	O	TX data to JESD204 PHY. N = Lanes - 1
gtN_txheader[1:0]	PHY	O	TX header to JESD204 PHY. N = Lanes - 1
gtN_txcharisk[3:0]	PHY	O	TX Char is K to JESD204 PHY. N = Lanes - 1

Table 2-1: TX Core: Port Descriptions

Signal Name	Interface	Direction	Description
<b>Transmit Interface</b>			
tx_tdata [(64*N)-1:0	s_axis_tx	I	Transmit data input. N = Lanes - 1
tx_tready	s_axis_tx	O	AXI4-Stream tready.
tx_tuser	s_axis_tx	O	AXI4-Stream tuser. Set to 1 on the cycle that marks the start of an extended multi-block. 0 otherwise.
tx_cmd_tdata[(19*N)-1:0	s_axis_tx_cmd	I	Transmit Cmd interface N = Lanes - 1 For Meta mode = CRC, Cmd payload is bits [6:0] with bits [18:7] set to Zero. For Meta mode = Cmd, Cmd payload is [18:0]
tx_cmd_tvalid	s_axis_tx_cmd	I	AXI4-Stream tvalid.
tx_cmd_tready	s_axis_tx_cmd	O	AXI4-Stream tready. tx_cmd_tready will be set for 1 cycle every multi-block to control the Cmd word flow.

## RX Core

Table 2-2: RX Core: Port Descriptions

Signal Name	Interface	Direction	Description
<b>System Signals</b>			
rx_core_clk	System s_axis_rx s_axis_rx_cmd	I	Core logic clock input. Frequency = serial line rate/66
rx_core_reset	System	I	Core asynchronous logic reset active high.
rx_aresetn	s_axis_rx s_axis_rx_cmd	O	AXI4-Stream interface reset. Active low. Associated with both data and command interfaces.
rx_reset_gt	System	O	JESD204_PHY RX datapath reset. Core output to reset the receive datapath in a connected JESD204_PHY. This must be connected to a JESD204_PHY.
rx_reset_done	System	I	JESD204_PHY RX reset done input. Indicates the JESD204_PHY has completed the receive reset process.
s_axi_aclk	s_axi	I	AXI4-Lite clock input.
s_axi_aresetn	s_axi	I	AXI4-Lite reset input. Active Low.
s_axi*	s_axi	I	See Appendix A of the Vivado AXI Reference Guide (UG1037) [Ref 10] for a description of AXI4 signals.

Table 2-2: RX Core: Port Descriptions

Signal Name	Interface	Direction	Description
Irq	System	O	System interrupt output.
rx_sysref	System	I	SYSREF input. When Subclass 1 mode is selected, this signal is required and used by the core to set the phase of the local extended multi-block clock. This SYSREF signal must be generated synchronous to the core clock. This input should be driven from an external device generating SYSREF for both TX and RX on a link.
<b>JESD204_PHY Interface Ports</b>			
gtN_rxdata[63:0]	PHY	I	RX data from JESD204 PHY. N = Lanes - 1
gtN_rxheader[1:0]	PHY	I	RX header from JESD204 PHY. N = Lanes - 1
gtN_misalign	PHY	I	Signal from JESD204 PHY to indicate a misaligned sync header was detected.
gtN_block_sync	PHY	I	Signal from JESD204 PHY to indicate block sync status.
gtN_rxcharisk[3:0]	PHY	I	RX Char is K from JESD204 PHY. N = Lanes - 1
gtN_rxdisperr[3:0]	PHY	I	RX Disparity Error from JESD204 PHY. N = Lanes - 1
gtN_notintable[3:0]	PHY		RX Not In Table Error from JESD204 PHY. N = Lanes - 1
<b>Receive Interface</b>			
rx_tdata [(64*N)-1:0	s_axis_rx	O	Receive data output. N = Lanes - 1
rx_tready	s_axis_rx	O	AXI4-Stream tready.
rx_tuser[2:0]	s_axis_rx	O	Axi4-Stream tuser. Bit 0 set to 1 on the cycle that marks the start of an extended multi-block. 0 otherwise. Bit 1 set to 1 if a multi-block alignment error was detected in the preceding multi-block. 0 otherwise. Bit 2 set to 1 if a CRC error was detected in the preceding multi-block.
rx_cmd_tdata[(19*N)-1:0	s_axis_rx_cmd	O	Transmit Cmd interface N = Lanes - 1 For Meta mode = CRC, Cmd payload is bits [6:0] with bits [18:7] set to Zero. For Meta mode = Cmd, Cmd payload is [18:0]
rx_cmd_tvalid	s_axis_rx_cmd	O	AXI4-Stream tvalid. rx_cmd_tvalid will be set for 1 cycle every multiblock to control the Cmd word flow.
rx_cmd_tready	s_axis_rx_cmd	I	AXI4-Stream tready.

## Register Space

The JESD204C core is configured using an AXI4-Lite Register Interface. The register map is shown in [Table 2-3](#).

The RX and TX cores share a common address map and register definitions where possible, exceptions are highlighted.



**RECOMMENDED:** Xilinx recommends that if significant configuration changes are made using the control registers (in particular, changes to framing parameters), the core should be reset to ensure that the link is resynchronized using the updated parameters.

Table 2-3: Register Address Map

AXI4-Lite Address	Register Name	TX Access Type	RX Access Type
0x000	IP_VERSION	R	R
0x004	IP_CONFIG	R	R
0x020	RESET	RW	RW
0x024	CTRL_ENABLE	RW	RW
0x030	CTRL_MB_IN_EMB	RW	RW
0x034	CTRL_SUB_CLASS	RW	RW
0x038	CTRL_META_MODE	RW	RW
0x040	CTRL_LANE_ENA	RW	RW
0x044	CTRL_RX_BUF_ADV	N/A	RW
0x048	CTRL_TEST_MODE	N/A	N/A
0x04C	CTRL_RX_MBLOCK_TH	N/A	RW
0x050	CTRL_SYSREF	RW	RW
0x054	STAT_LOCK_DEBUG	N/A	R
0x060	STAT_STATUS	R	R
0x064	CTRL_IRQ	RW	RW
0x068	STAT_IRQ	R	R
0x400	(Lane 0) STAT_RX_BUF_LVL	N/A	R
0x410	(Lane 0) STAT_RX_ERROR_CNT0	N/A	R
0x414	(Lane 0) STAT_RX_ERROR_CNT1		
0x480	(Lane 1) STAT_RX_BUF_LVL	N/A	R
0x490	(Lane 1) STAT_RX_ERROR_CNT0	N/A	R
0x494	(Lane 1) STAT_RX_ERROR_CNT1		
0x500	(Lane 2) STAT_RX_BUF_LVL	N/A	R
0x510	(Lane 2) STAT_RX_ERROR_CNT0	N/A	R
0x514	(Lane 2) STAT_RX_ERROR_CNT1		
0x580	(Lane 3) STAT_RX_BUF_LVL	N/A	R

Table 2-3: Register Address Map (Cont'd)

AXI4-Lite Address	Register Name	TX Access Type	RX Access Type
0x590	(Lane 3) <a href="#">STAT_RX_ERROR_CNT0</a>	N/A	R
0x594	(Lane 3) <a href="#">STAT_RX_ERROR_CNT1</a>		
0x600	(Lane 4) <a href="#">STAT_RX_BUF_LVL</a>	N/A	R
0x610	(Lane 4) <a href="#">STAT_RX_ERROR_CNT0</a>	N/A	R
0x614	(Lane 4) <a href="#">STAT_RX_ERROR_CNT1</a>		
0x680	(Lane 5) <a href="#">STAT_RX_BUF_LVL</a>	N/A	R
0x690	(Lane 5) <a href="#">STAT_RX_ERROR_CNT0</a>	N/A	R
0x694	(Lane 5) <a href="#">STAT_RX_ERROR_CNT1</a>		
0x700	(Lane 6) <a href="#">STAT_RX_BUF_LVL</a>	N/A	R
0x710	(Lane 6) <a href="#">STAT_RX_ERROR_CNT0</a>	N/A	R
0x714	(Lane 6) <a href="#">STAT_RX_ERROR_CNT1</a>		
0x780	(Lane 7) <a href="#">STAT_RX_BUF_LVL</a>	N/A	R
0x790	(Lane 7) <a href="#">STAT_RX_ERROR_CNT0</a>	N/A	R
0x794	(Lane 7) <a href="#">STAT_RX_ERROR_CNT1</a>		

Table 2-4: IP\_VERSION

Bits	Default Value	Description
31:24	–	Version: Major
23:16	–	Version: Minor
15:8	–	Version: Revision
7:0	–	Reserved (read 0x00)

[Register Address Map](#)

Table 2-5: IP\_CONFIG

Bits	Default Value	Description
3:0	–	Number of lanes in core.
16	–	1 = Core is TX 0 = Core is RX

[Register Address Map](#)

Table 2-6: RESET

Bits	Default Value	Description
0	0	Reset. (not self-clearing) 1 = put core into reset 0 = Release core from reset Once set to 0. This bit will read back 1 until the reset process is completed.

Table 2-7: CTRL\_ENABLE

Bits	Default Value	Description
0	0	Enable Cmd interface. 1 = Enables the AXI4-Stream Cmd interface and the associated processing of the sync header meta data. 0 = Cmd words will be zeroed.
1	0	Enable Data Interface. 1 = Enables the AXI4-Stream Data interface and transmits/receives data on the link. 0 = The link will be transmitting/receiving scrambled 0s

[Register Address Map](#)

Table 2-8: CTRL\_MB\_IN\_EMB

Bits	Default Value	Description
7:0	1	Number of multi-blocks in an extended multi-block. Program this register with the actual value. <b>Note:</b> 0 is Not valid.

[Register Address Map](#)

Table 2-9: CTRL\_SUB\_CLASS

Bits	Default Value	Description
0	1	Sub Class: 0 = Subclass 0 1 = Subclass 1

[Register Address Map](#)

Table 2-10: CTRL\_META\_MODE

Bits	Default Value	Description
1:0	0	Meta Mode: 0 = CRC12 1 = CRC3 (TBD) 2 = CMD 3 = FEC

[Register Address Map](#)

Table 2-11: CTRL\_LANE\_ENA

Bits	Default Value	Description
7:0	-	Lane enable register. Default is all lanes enabled. Set 1 bit per lane (bit 0 = lane 0, bit 1 = lane 1 etc.)

[Register Address Map](#)

Table 2-12: CTRL\_RX\_BUF\_ADV

Bits	Default Value	Description
5:0	0	Advance the release of the receiver buffer by N 64-bit words.

[Register Address Map](#)

Table 2-13: CTRL\_TEST\_MODE

Bits	Default Value	Description
N/A	0	TBD

[Register Address Map](#)

Table 2-14: CTRL\_RX\_MBLOCK\_TH

Bits	Default Value	Description
2:0	0	MB lock threshold. How many correct/incorrect multi-block alignment markers are required to achieve/lose multi-block lock. The actual value used is 1 plus the number in this register.

[Register Address Map](#)

Table 2-15: CTRL\_SYSREF

Bits	Default Value	Description
19:16	0	SYSREF Delay: Add additional delay to SYSREF alignment of local extended multi-block counter. 1111 = 15 core_clk cycles delay .... 0000 = 0 core_clk cycles delay This register is used to retard the phase of the local extended multi-block clock.

[Register Address Map](#)

Table 2-16: STAT\_LOCK\_DEBUG

Bits	Default Value	Description
7:0	-	Lane indicator 64b66b sync header aligned. 1 bit per lane. Set to 1 when alignment is achieved. 0 otherwise.
23:16	-	Lane indicator multi-block aligned. 1 bit per lane. Set to 1 when alignment is achieved. 0 otherwise.

[Register Address Map](#)

Table 2-17: STAT\_STATUS

Bits	Default Value	Description
0	-	Interrupt pending.
1	-	SYSREF captured.
2	-	SYSREF error. A sysref was detected out of phase with the local extended multi-block clock.
4	-	64b66b Sync Header Lock Status: 1 = Sync Header lock achieved on all lanes. This bit is a logical OR of the individual lane status bits
5	-	Multi-block Lock Status: 1 = Multi-block lock achieved on all lanes This bit is a logical OR of the individual lane status bits.
10	-	Buffer overflow error. 1 = The receiver buffer has overflowed.



Table 2-18: CTRL\_IRQ

Bits	Default Value	Description
0	0	Global Interrupt Enable: Must be set for any interrupt to function.
1	0	1 = Enable Interrupt on SYSREF Received.
2	0	1 = Enable Interrupt on SYSREF Error.
4	0	1 = Enable Interrupt on Loss of 64b66b Sync Header Lock.
5	0	1 = Enable Interrupt on Loss of Multi-block Lock.
6	0	1 = Enable Interrupt on Block Sync Error.
7	0	1 = Enable Interrupt on Multi-block Error.
8	0	1 = Enable Interrupt on CRC Error.
9	0	1 = Enable Interrupt on FEC Error.
10	0	1 = Enable Interrupt on overflow Error.

[Register Address Map](#)

Table 2-19: STAT\_IRQ

Bits	Default Value	Description
1	-	1 = SYSREF Received Interrupt triggered.
2	-	1 = SYSREF Error Interrupt triggered.
4	-	1 = 64b66b Sync Header Lock Status Interrupt triggered.
5	-	1 = Multi-block Lock Status Interrupt triggered.
6	-	1 = Block Sync Error detected Interrupt triggered.
7	-	1 = Multi-block Error detected Interrupt triggered
8	-	1 = Multi-block Error detected Interrupt triggered.
9	-	1 = FEC Error detected Interrupt triggered.
10	-	1 = Overflow Error Interrupt triggered.

[Register Address Map](#)

Table 2-20: STAT\_RX\_BUF\_LVL

**Note:** This is a *Per Lane* Register

Bits	Default Value	Description
5:0	-	Buffer fill level. The amount of data in the receiver buffer for lane 0. The value returned is the number of 64-bit words in the buffer.

[Register Address Map](#)

Table 2-21: **STAT\_RX\_ERROR\_CNT0**

**Note:** This is a *Per Lane* Register. The counts are cumulative and are cleared on read or reset.

Bits	Default Value	Description
31:16	-	CRC error counter.
15:8	-	Multiblock alignment error counter.
7:0	-	Sync Header alignment error counter.

[Register Address Map](#)

Table 2-22: **STAT\_RX\_ERROR\_CNT1**

**Note:** This is a *Per Lane* Register. The counts are cumulative and are cleared on read or reset.

Bits	Default Value	Description
31:16	-	FEC uncorrected errors counter.
15:0	-	FEC corrected errors counter.

[Register Address Map](#)

# Designing with the Core

This chapter provides a general description of how to use the JESD204C core in your designs and should be used in conjunction with [Chapter 2, Product Specification](#), which describes specific core interfaces.

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## Clocking



**IMPORTANT:** *It is strongly recommended that you use one of the clocking schemes presented in this section. Use of alternative clocking schemes may lead to design failure.*

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The JESD204C specification [Ref 9] does not define specific serial line rates for any JESD204C link, but a valid range of line rates from 312.5 Mb/s to 32 Gb/s. The JESD204C core supports line rates from 1 Gb/s to 32 Gb/s (depending on the part and speed grade selection). In most instances, the serial line rate selection is governed by the specifications of the ADC/DAC Converter device(s) to which the core is interfaced. The required operating serial line rate directly relates to the clock rate at which the core logic operates (core clock); the serial line rate also governs the selection of the reference clock required by the transceiver(s).

### Core Clock

The JESD204C core operates using a 64-bit (8-byte) datapath. The core clock frequency is always the line rate divided by 66. For example, for a serial line rate of 16.5 Gb/s, the core clock frequency is 250 MHz.

The AXI4-streaming RX / TX Data and Cmd interfaces operate at this core clock frequency. TX and RX core\_clock should be used as the clock source for these interfaces.

### Reference Clock

The GTY serial transceivers in the JESD204\_PHY require a stable, low-jitter reference clock which has a device and speed grade-dependent range. In some circumstances, it can be advantageous to use the same clock frequency for both core clock and reference clock. However this might not always be practical. It is important to understand the limitations imposed on the reference clock and core clock, together with system-level implications such as the synchronous capture of SYSREF for Subclass 1.

## AXI4-Lite Interface Clock

The JESD204C core is configured and monitored through an AXI4-Lite processor interface. The clock for this interface is separate and independent from the core and reference clocks.

## DRP Clock

JESD204C system implementation requires the use of a JESD204 PHY core. The JESD204\_PHY core must be supplied with a DRP clock (see *JESD204 PHY LogiCORE IP Product Guide* PG198 [Ref 11]).

## Separate Transceiver Reference and Core Clocks (subclass 1)

For JESD204C, the most generic and flexible clocking scheme uses separate transceiver reference and JESD204C core clocks supplied to the FPGA. In this configuration, the reference and core clocks are physically separate and can be run at independent, but related, frequencies, without additional constraints.

The reference clock can be run at any frequency within the limitations of the transceiver for the selected line rate. The core clock always runs at the required rate (1/66th of the serial line rate).

This configuration is shown in [Figure 3-1](#).

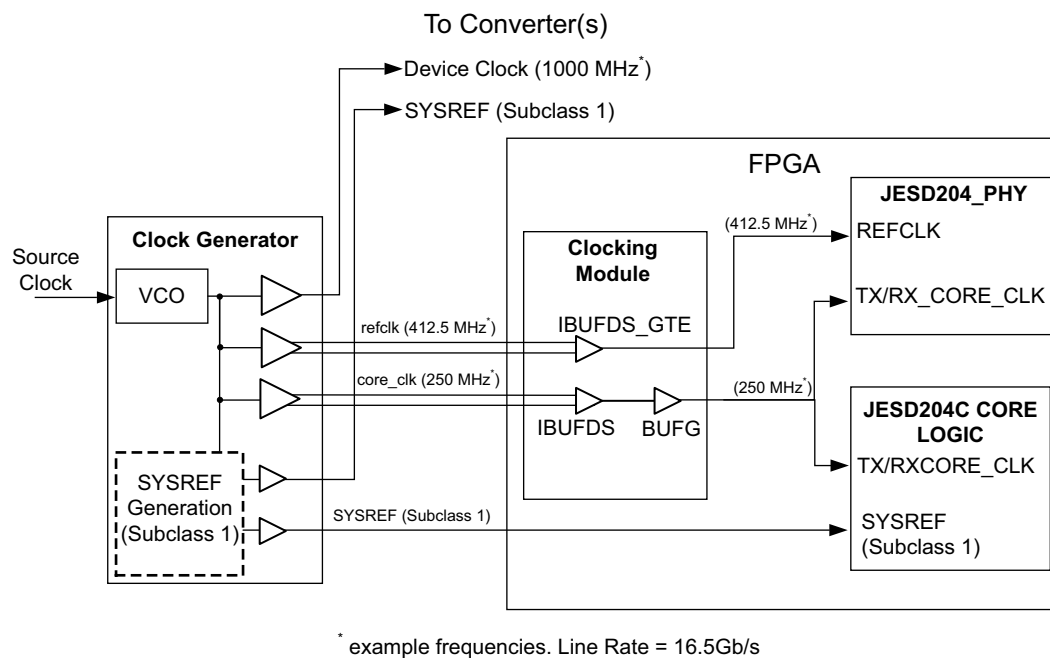


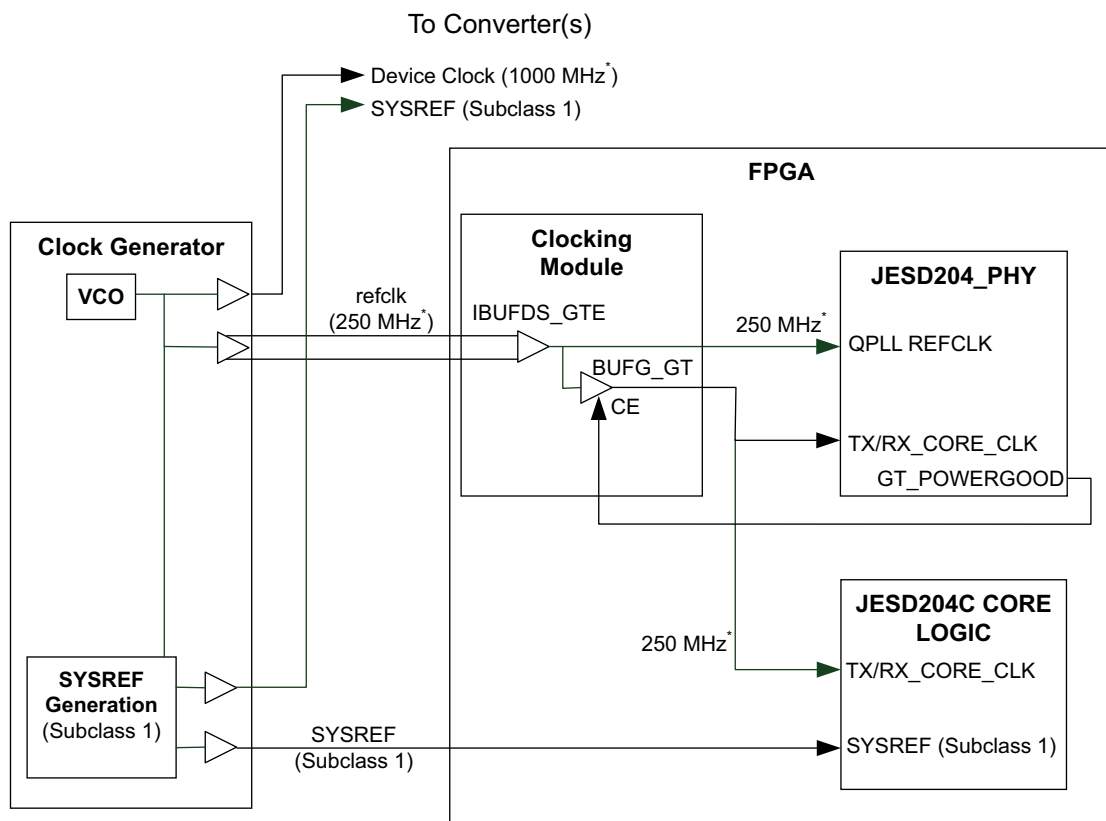
Figure 3-1: Separate Transceiver Reference and Core Clocks

## Transceiver Reference Clock used as Core Clock (Subclass 1)

For some systems it is possible to run a single clock input which acts as both the transceiver reference clock and the JESD204C core clock. While this configuration can simplify a system design, the required clock frequency is not compatible with a JESD204 PHY configured to use the CPLL (therefore QPLL 0 or 1 must be used). In this configuration, the input transceiver reference clock must always be the required rate (1/66th of the serial line rate).

**Note:** When using this clocking scheme, the signal GT\_POWERGOOD output from the JESD204\_PHY must be connected to the CE pin on the BUFG\_GT used to source core clock from `refclk`.

This configuration is shown in [Figure 3-2](#).



\* Example Frequencies. Line Rate = 16.5 Gb/s

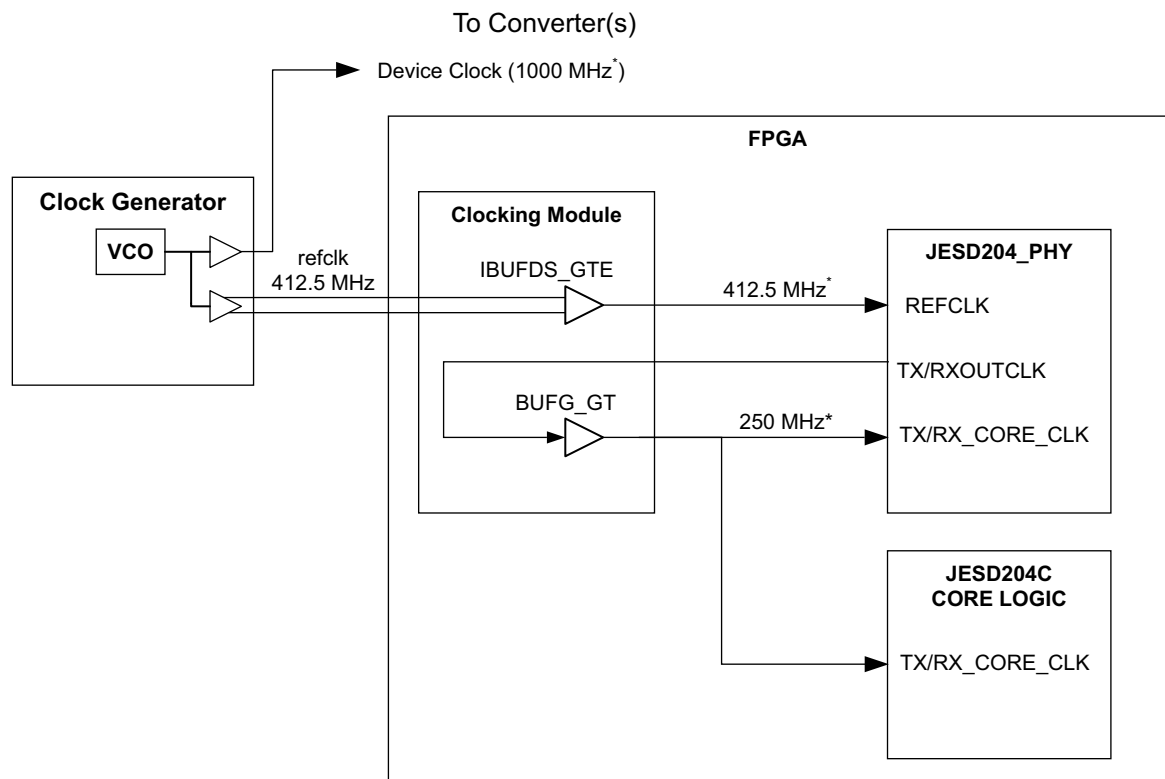
Figure 3-2: Transceiver Reference Clock used as Core Clock (Subclass 1)

## Transceiver Output Clock used as Core Clock (Subclass 0)

For Subclass 0 only operation, the timing limitations imposed to support deterministic latency are removed, and a simplified clocking arrangement can be used which requires only a reference clock input. In this case the transceiver PLL is used to generate the core clock signal. In this configuration any clock frequency that is suitable to use as the transceiver reference clock is acceptable.

This configuration is shown in [Figure 3-3](#).

**Note:** This configuration is not suitable for subclass 1 operation because the output phase of the transceiver PLL is unknown and therefore this clock cannot be used to reliably sample SYSREF.



<sup>\*</sup> example frequencies. Line Rate = 16.5Gb/s

Figure 3-3: Transceiver Output Clock used as Core Clock (Subclass 0)

## Clocking Considerations

- Always refer to the device data sheet for the chosen part and speed grade to confirm which PLLs are available for a required line rate - PLL selection for a particular rate may not be arbitrary.
- The CPLL supports a maximum line rate in any device of 12.5 Gb/s.
- If the CPLL is required, the transceiver reference clock cannot be used as the core clk because the acceptable reference clock input frequencies to the CPLL do not cover the required Line Rate/66 ratio.
- For Line rates above 16.375G, ensure only port MGTREFCLK0 is used to drive QPLL0, and MGTREFCLK1 to drive QPLL1.

## Resets

The reset inputs and outputs on the JESD204C core are as shown in [Table 3-1](#).

Table 3-1: JESD204C Resets

Reset	Description
tx/rx_core_reset	This reset input is asynchronous and active high. This reset input will reset the JESD204C core logic but does not reset the AXI4-Lite register interface - so all programmed values will be maintained.
s_axi_aresetn	This reset input must be synchronized with the AXI4-Lite interface clock. This reset input will reset the AXI4-Lite register interface.
tx/rx_reset_gt	This reset output must be connected to the JESD204_PHY core. This signal is used to initiate a JESD204_PHY GT reset sequence.
tx/rx_reset_done	This input must be connected to the JESD204_PHY core. This signal is used to hold the JESD204C core in reset until completion of the JESD204_PHY GT reset sequence. <b>Note:</b> A low input on this port will force the JESD204C core into a reset state.
tx/rx_aresetn	This reset output is synchronous to tx/rx_core_clk. This output is an AXI4-Streaming interface reset signal to be used with the AXI4-streaming RX / TX Data and Cmd interfaces.

# Design Flow Steps

This chapter describes customizing and generating the JESD204C core, constraining the core, and the simulation, synthesis and implementation steps that are specific to this IP core. More detailed information about the standard Vivado® design flows and the Vivado IP integrator can be found in the following Vivado Design Suite user guides:

- *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing IP Subsystems using IP Integrator* (UG994) [\[Ref 1\]](#)
- *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing with IP* (UG896) [\[Ref 2\]](#)
- *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Getting Started* (UG910) [\[Ref 3\]](#)
- *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Logic Simulation* (UG900) [\[Ref 4\]](#)

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## Customizing and Generating the Core

This section includes information on using Xilinx tools to customize and generate the core in the Vivado Design Suite.

If you are customizing and generating the core in the IP integrator, see the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing IP Subsystems using IP Integrator* (UG994) [\[Ref 1\]](#) for detailed information. IP integrator might auto-compute certain configuration values when validating or generating the design. To check whether the values do change, see the description of the parameter in this chapter. To view the parameter value you can run the `validate_bd_design` command in the Tcl console.

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

1. Select the IP from the Vivado IP catalog.
2. Double-click the selected IP or select the **Customize IP** command from the toolbar or right-click menu.

For details, see the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing with IP* (UG896) [\[Ref 2\]](#) and the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Getting Started* (UG910) [\[Ref 3\]](#).

**Note:** Figures in this chapter are illustrations of the JESD204C GUI in the Vivado Integrated Design Environment (IDE). This layout might vary from the current version.



## Configuration Tab

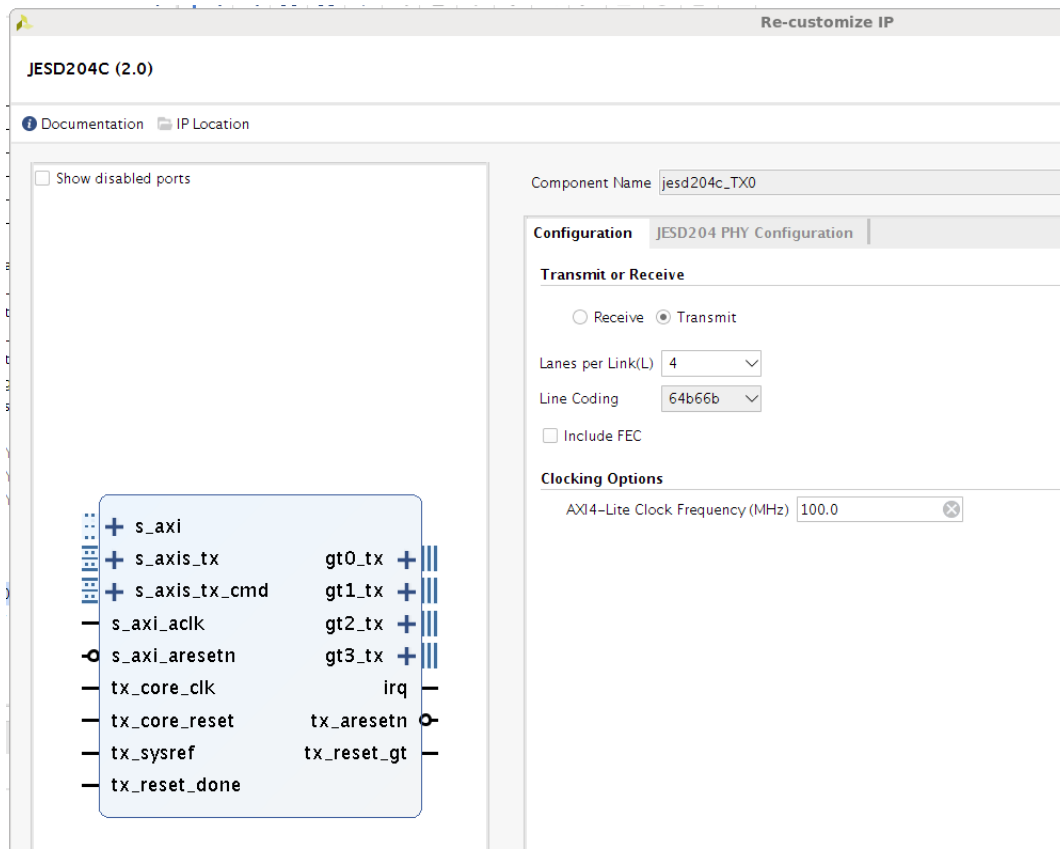


Figure 4-1: Configuration Tab

- **Component Name** – The component name is used as the base name of the output files generated for the core. Names must begin with a letter and must be composed from these characters: a through z, 0 through 9 and “\_” (underscore).
- **Transmit or Receive** – The core can be configured as a transmitter, for connection to DAC devices, or receiver, for connection to ADC devices.
- **Lanes per Link(L)** – The core supports 1 to 8 lanes. For interfaces requiring more than 8 lanes, multiple core must be used.
- **Line Coding** – This option is fixed at 64B66B.
- **Include FEC** – Check this option to include the FEC Encoder (TX) or Decoder (RX) in the core. Including the FEC core will increase the resources required by the core.
- **AXI4-Lite Clock Frequency** – The frequency of the clock connected to the AXI4-Lite Management Interface.

## JESD204 PHY Configuration Tab

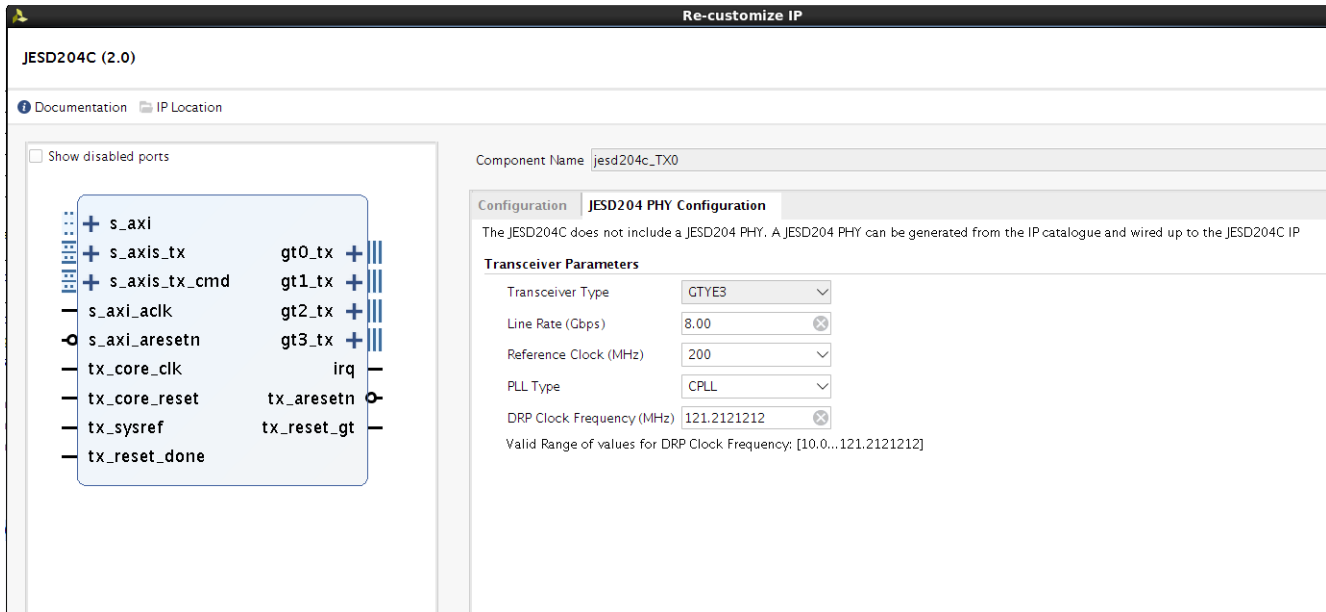


Figure 4-2: JESD204 PHY Tab

- **Transceiver Parameters** – For any selected Line Rate and PLL Type, valid Reference Clock frequencies can be selected from a drop-down list. A free-running DRP clock must be supplied, and the frequency (within the displayed valid range) must be entered in the DRP Clock Frequency box.

## User Parameters

Table 4-1 shows the relationship between the GUI fields in the Vivado IDE and the User Parameters (which can be viewed in the Tcl console).

Table 4-1: Vivado IDE Parameter to User Parameter Relationship

Vivado IDE Parameter/Value <sup>(1)</sup>	User Parameter/Value <sup>(1)</sup>	Default Value
Transmit or Receive	C_NODE_IS_TRANSMIT	0 (= Transmit)
Lanes per Link	C_LANES	2
AXI4-Lite Clock Frequency	AXICK_FREQ	100.00
Transceiver Parameters		
Line Rate <sup>(2)</sup>	GT_Line_Rate	8.0
Ref Clock Frequency <sup>(2)</sup>	GT_REFCLK_FREQ	200.0
DRP Clock Frequency	DRPCLK_FREQ	200.0
PLL Type	C_PLL_SELECTION	0 (=CPLL)

**Notes:**

1. Parameter values are listed in the table where the Vivado IDE parameter value differs from the user parameter value. Such values are shown in this table as indented below the associated parameter.
2. Varies depending on device.

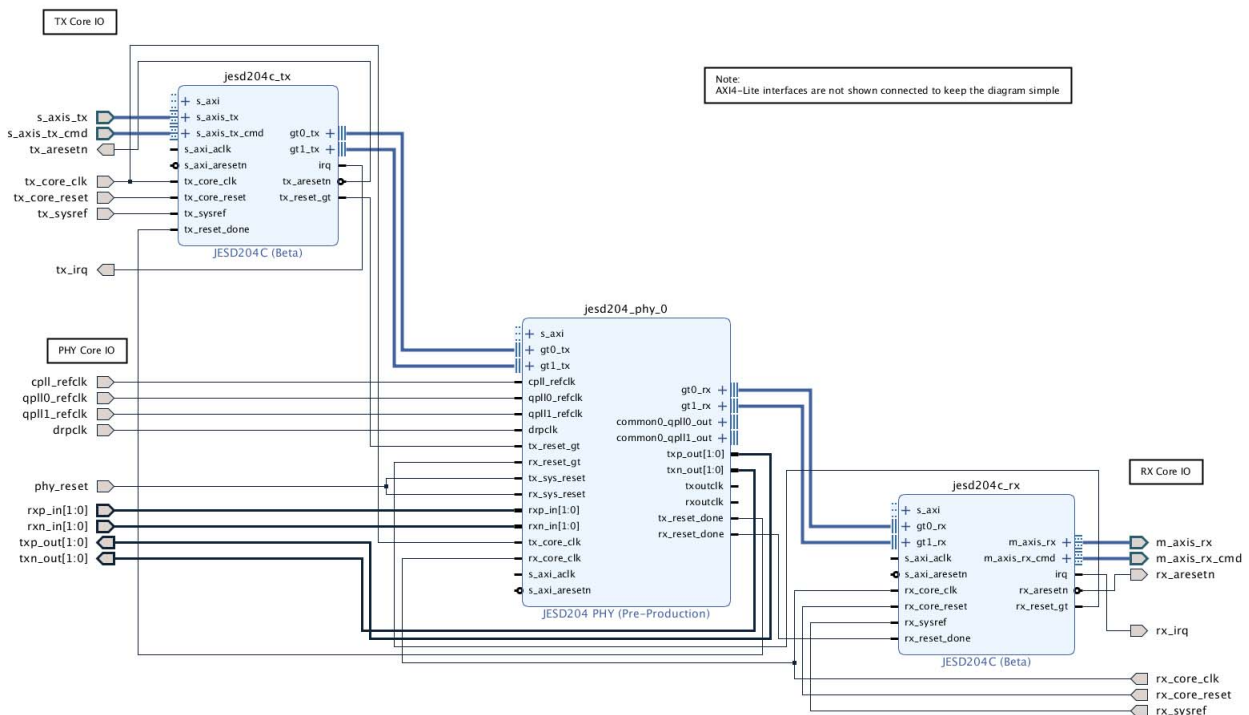
## Output Generation

For details, see the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing with IP* (UG896) [Ref 2].

## Transceiver Sharing

The JESD204\_PHY core (see *JESD204 PHY LogiCORE IP Product Guide* (PG198) [Ref 11]) provides a simple way to share transceivers between JESD204/JESD204C cores. Any number of JESD204\_PHY cores can be connected to any number of JESD204/JESD204C cores to cater for any combination of ADCs and DACs using different line rates, lane counts, and versions of the JESD204 standard.

An example of a two lane TX and two lane RX sharing a JESD204 PHY is shown in Figure 4-3. The transmitter and the receiver are configured for different line rates. Separate `refclk` inputs are provided for each PLL and separate core clocks are provided for TX and RX to support subclass 1 (see Figure 3-1).



Note:  
AXI4-Lite interfaces are not shown connected to keep the diagram simple

Figure 4-3: Transceiver Sharing

## Configuring the JESD204 PHY in IPI

The RTL example design that can be generated for the JESD204C core in Vivado (see [Chapter 5](#)) delivers a JESD204 PHY core with the settings used in the JESD204C GUI. When configuring a JESD204 PHY core for use in IPI with a JESD204C core, the following values must be set:

- The transceiver type must be set to GTYE3 or GTYE4.
- The JESD204 Version must be set to JESD204C.

As highlighted in [Figure 4-4](#).

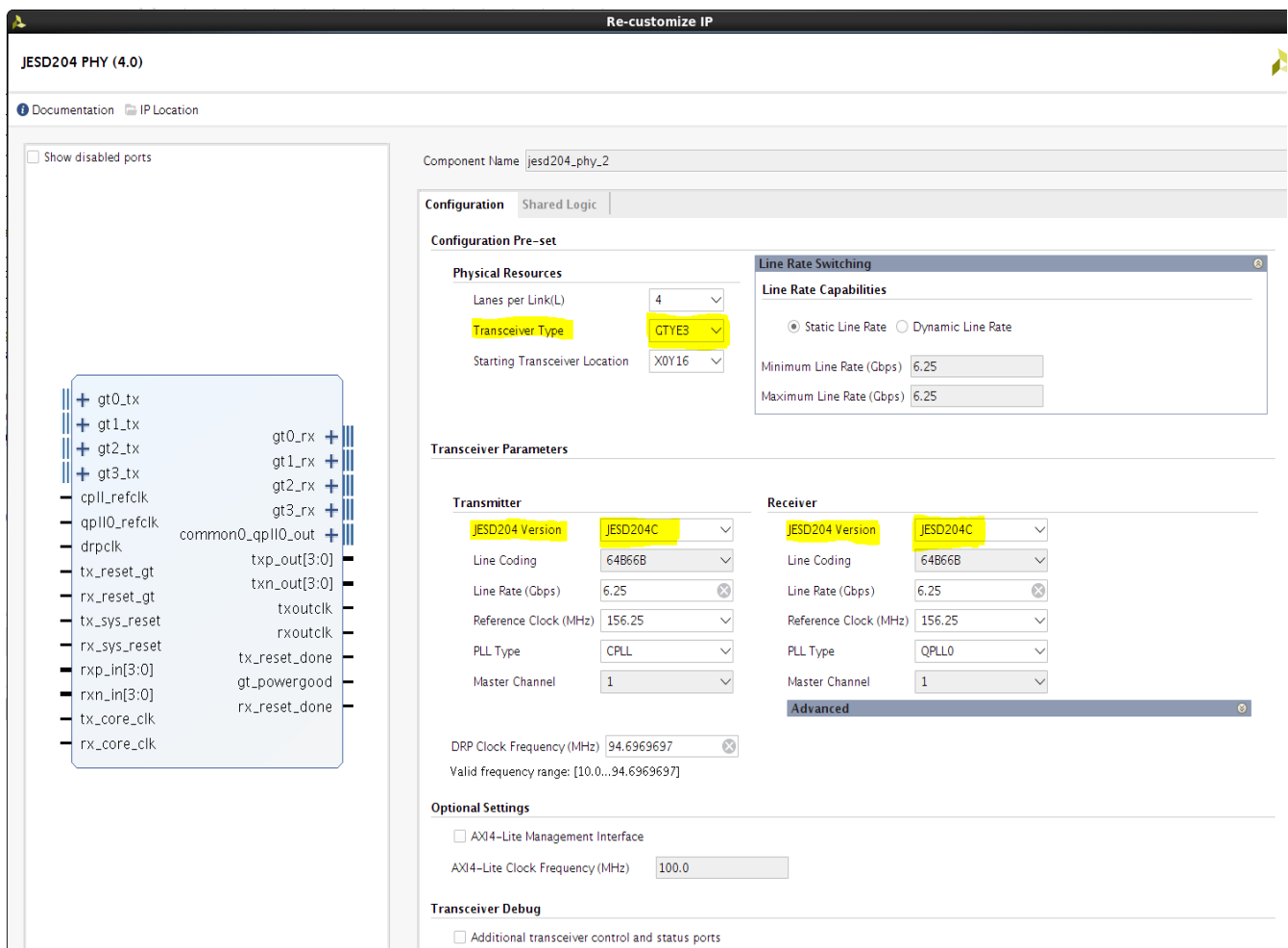


Figure 4-4: JESD204 PHY GUI

It is possible to share a JESD204 PHY between instances of JESD204B and JESD204C cores because the JESD204 Version parameter is set independently for each direction (TX and RX). The value must be set to JESD204C to connect to a JESD204C core, and JESD204B for a JESD204 core.

## Constraining the Core

This section describes how to constrain a design containing the JESD204C core. This is accomplished by using the XDC delivered with the core at generation time. An additional XDC file is generated with the IP example design; only the core XDC file should be used in user designs.

### Required Constraints

This section defines the constraint requirements for the core. Constraints are provided in several XDC files which are delivered with the core and the example design to give a starting point for constraints for the user design.

There are four XDC constraint files associated with this core:

- `<corename>_example_design.xdc`
- `<corename>_ooc.xdc`
- `<corename>.xdc`
- `<corename>_clocks.xdc`

The first is used only by the example design; the second file is used for Out Of Context support where this core can be synthesized without any wrappers; the third file is the main XDC file for this core. The last file defines constraints which depend on clock period definition, either those defined by other XDC files or those generated automatically by the Xilinx tools, and this XDC file is marked for automatic late processing within the Vivado design tools to ensure that definitions exist.

### Device, Package, and Speed Grade Selections

See the appropriate device data sheet listed in [References](#) to determine the maximum line rate supported. Not all devices, packages and speed grades can operate at the maximum line rate supported by the IP.

### Clock Frequencies

The reference clock and core clock frequency constraints vary depending on the selected line rate and reference clock when generating the core. See the generated XDC for details.

### SYSREF Constraints

The example design provided with the JESD204C core has an example of a setup and hold window assuming the `SYSREF` and clock have aligned edges. The following example is for a transmit design with a 1 ns setup and hold window (the exact requirements for these

constraints depend on the chosen method of generating `SYSREF` and the board layout, the constraints provided with the core are for example only):

```
set_input_delay -clock clk -max 0.5 [get_ports tx_sysref]
set_input_delay -clock clk -min -0.5 [get_ports tx_sysref]
```

If the `SYSREF` input sampling edge is changed, these constraints require modification.

## Clock Domains

There are also several paths where clock domains are crossed. These include the management interface. See the generated XDC file for details.

## Clock Management

Reference clock and core clock resources require location constraints appropriate to your top-level design.

## Clock Placement

Reference clock input should be given location constraints appropriate to your top-level design and to the placement of the transceivers.

Core clock input (if required) should be given location constraints appropriate to your top-level design.

## Banking

All ports should be given location constraints appropriate to your top-level design within banking limits.

## Transceiver Placement

Transceivers should be given location constraints appropriate to your design.

## I/O Standard and Placement

All ports should be given I/O standard and location constraints appropriate to your top-level design.

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## Simulation

For comprehensive information about Vivado simulation components, as well as information about using supported third party tools, see the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Logic Simulation* (UG900) [Ref 4].



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**IMPORTANT:** For cores targeting 7 series or Zynq-7000 AP SoC devices, UNIFAST libraries are not supported. Xilinx IP is tested and qualified with UNISIM libraries only.

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## Synthesis and Implementation

For details about synthesis and implementation, see the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing with IP* (UG896) [Ref 2].

## Example Design

The JESD204C IP can be generated in either a TX or RX configuration. Both selections include a lightweight test harness to enable familiarization with the design and signal interface. To create the example design:

1. In Vivado®, create a new empty project.
2. Select the FPGA part that you wish to use.
3. Using the Vivado IP catalog, select the **JESD204C** IP core and configure exactly as required.
4. Right-click the block under **Design Sources**.
5. Select **Open IP Example Design**, from the drop-down menu as shown in Figure 5-1. This opens a new Vivado project containing the complete RX or TX design example.

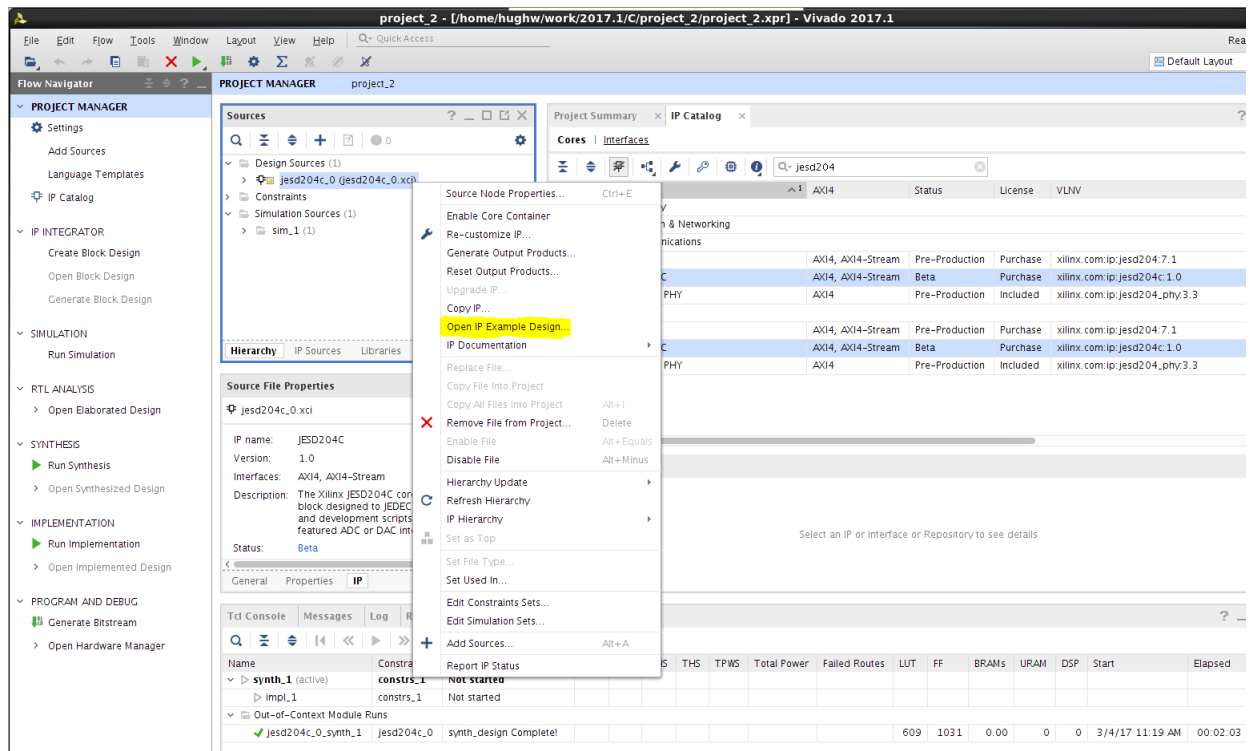


Figure 5-1: Opening the Example Design



Figure 5-2 shows an overview of the TX Core example design. The design contains four logic blocks:

- A clocking block containing the differential IO and clock buffers used in the design.
- A `data_gen` block that generates AXI4-Streaming data to drive the TX core.
- A JESD204C core configured with the parameters selected when you created the IP core using the GUI.
- A JESD204 PHY core with the configuration set in the JESD204C core GUI **PHY Configuration** Tab.

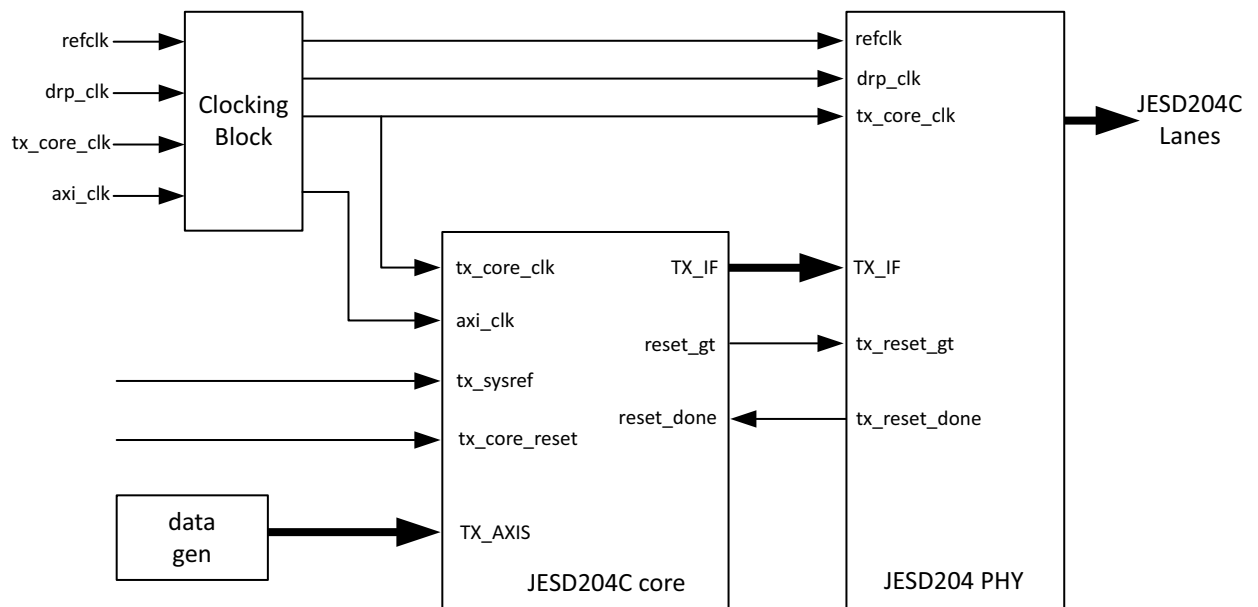


Figure 5-2: TX Core Example Design

Figure 5-3 shows an overview of the RX Core example design. The design contains four logic blocks:

- A clocking block containing the differential IO and clock buffers used in the design.
- A `data_check` block that verifies AXI4-Streaming data to drive the RX core.
- A JESD204C core configured with the parameters selected when you created the IP core using the GUI.
- A JESD204 PHY core with the configuration set in the JESD204C core GUI **PHY Configuration** Tab.

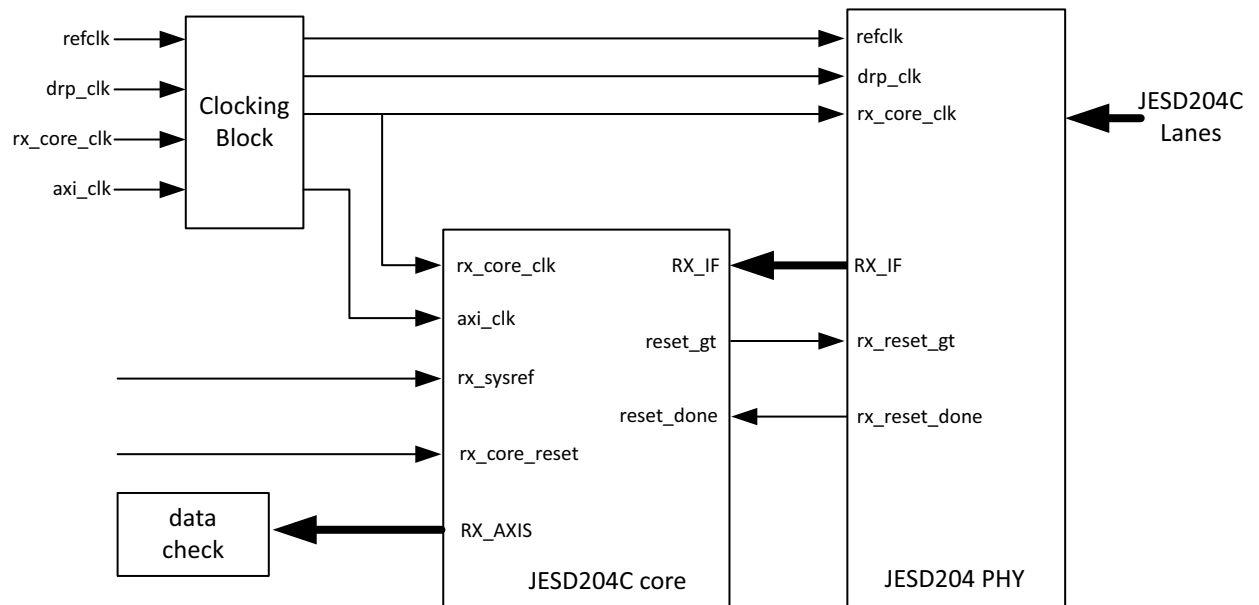


Figure 5-3: RX Core Example Design

# Test Bench

The example design supplied with the JESD204C core provides a complete simulation environment including a demonstration test bench that allows you to simulate the core and view the inputs and outputs using the Vivado® Design Suite.

The test bench instantiates the example design described in Chapter 5, and provides the necessary stimulus to show the example design functioning. The test bench can be run at all stages of the design process from behavioral simulation of the RTL code through full post-implementation timing simulation.

The demonstration test bench is delivered in one of two formats depending on whether you have created a transmitter or receiver core (as described in Chapter 5).

Figure 6-1 shows the transmitter core test bench and Figure 6-2 shows the receiver core test bench.

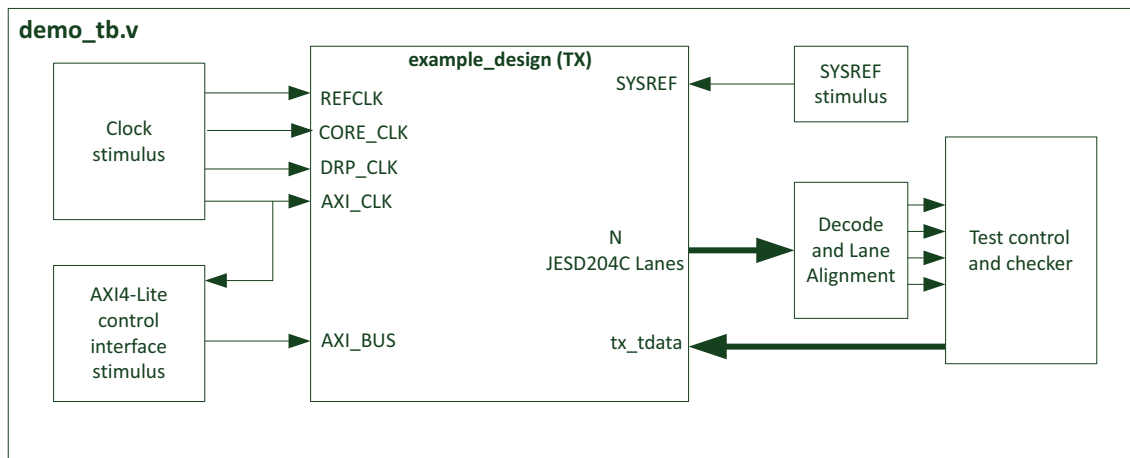


Figure 6-1: JESD204C Transmitter Core Test Bench

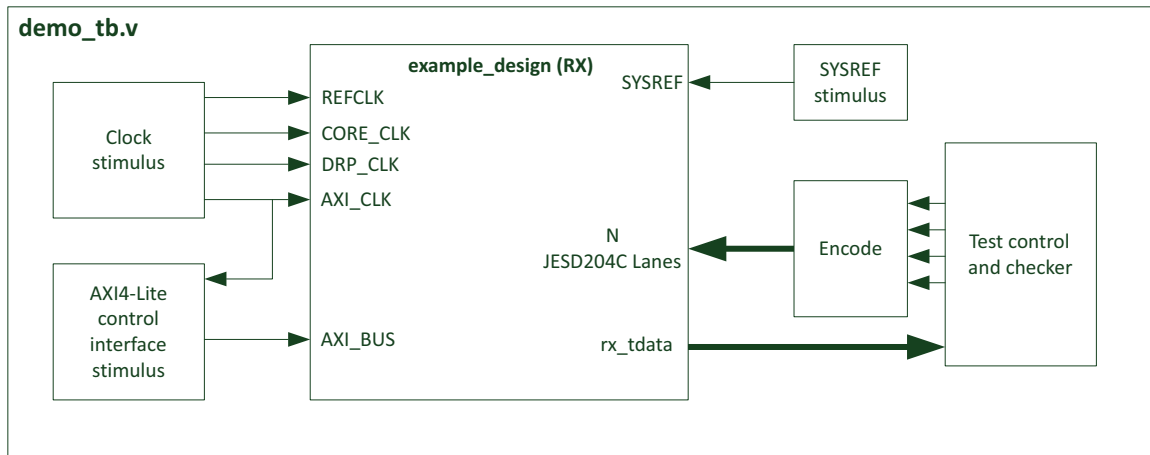


Figure 6-2: JESD204C Receiver Core Test Bench

# Verification, Compliance, and Interoperability

This appendix is not applicable until the JESD204C Standard has been ratified [\[Ref 9\]](#).

# Upgrading

## Upgrading from v1.0 to v2.0

New ports have been added to the JESD204 PHY interface for TX and RX as follows:

- `gtN_txcharisk[3:0]`
- `gtN_rxcharisk[3:0]`
- `gtN_rxdisperr[3:0]`
- `gtN_rxnotintable[3:0]`

These ports must be wired to the corresponding ports on the JESD204 PHY core.

# Debugging

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



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**TIP:** *If the IP generation halts with an error, there might be a license issue. See [License Checkers in Chapter 1](#) for more details.*

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## Finding Help on Xilinx.com

To help in the design and debug process when using the JESD204C, the [Xilinx Support web page](#) contains key resources such as product documentation, release notes, answer records, information about known issues, and links for obtaining further product support.

### Documentation

This product guide is the main document associated with the JESD204C. This guide, along with documentation related to all products that aid in the design process, can be found on the [Xilinx Support web page](#) or by using the Xilinx Documentation Navigator.

Download the Xilinx Documentation Navigator from the [Downloads page](#). For more information about this tool and the features available, open the online help after installation.

### Answer Records

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

Answer Records for this core can 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 Record for the JESD204C Core: AR: [68804](#)**

## Technical Support

Xilinx provides technical support at the [Xilinx Support web page](#) for this LogiCORE™ IP product when used as described in the product documentation. Xilinx cannot guarantee timing, functionality, or support if you do any of the following:

- Implement the solution in devices that are not defined in the documentation.
- Customize the solution beyond that allowed in the product documentation.
- Change any section of the design labeled DO NOT MODIFY.

To contact Xilinx Technical Support, navigate to the [Xilinx Support web page](#).

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## Debug Tools

There are many tools available to address JESD204C design issues. It is important to know which tools are useful for debugging various situations.

### Vivado Design Suite Debug Feature

The Vivado® Design Suite debug feature inserts logic analyzer and virtual I/O cores directly into your design. The debug feature also allow you to set trigger conditions to capture application and integrated block port signals in hardware. Captured signals can then be analyzed. This feature in the Vivado IDE is used for logic debugging and validation of a design running in Xilinx devices.

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

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

See the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Programming and Debugging* (UG908) [[Ref 6](#)].

### Reference Boards

The Xilinx VCU118 evaluation board boards support the JESD204C. This board can be used to prototype designs and establish that the core can communicate with the system.



# Simulation Debug

The simulation debug flow for QuestaSim is illustrated in Figure C-1. A similar approach can be used with other simulators.

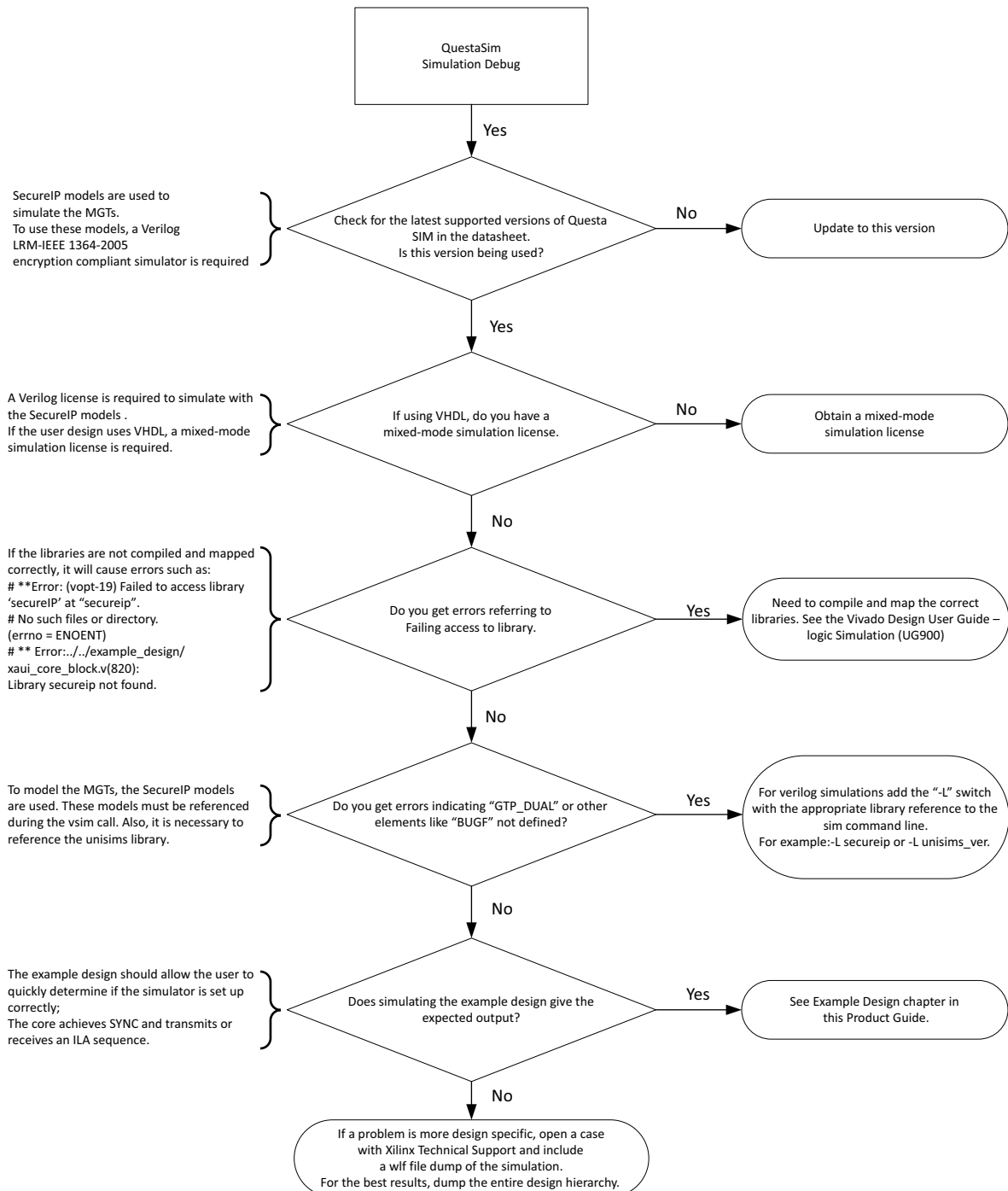


Figure C-1: QuestaSim Debug Flow Diagram

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## 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 debug feature is a valuable resource to use in hardware debug. The signal names mentioned in the following individual sections can be probed using the debug feature for debugging the specific problems.

### General Checks

- Ensure that the core is correctly wired up and that the lane based signals are wired to the correct location on the JESD204\_PHY.
- Ensure that all the timing constraints for the core were met during implementation.
- Ensure that all clock sources are clean and in particular that the transceiver reference clocks meet the transceiver requirements from the appropriate FPGA Data Sheet.
- Ensure all clock sources are stable before deasserting the external reset signal to the core.
- Ensure that all transceiver PLLs have obtained lock by monitoring the QPLLLOCK\_OUT and/or CPLLLOCK\_OUT port either using the debug feature or by routing the signals to a spare pin.

### Issues Obtaining Lane Synchronization

- Ensure that the AXI4-Lite registers have been programmed with the correct value for multi-blocks per extended multi-block.

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## Interface Debug

### AXI4-Lite Interfaces

Read from a register that does not have all 0s as a default to verify that the interface is functional. Output `s_axi_arready` asserts when the read address is valid, and output `s_axi_rvalid` asserts when the read data/response is valid. If the interface is unresponsive, ensure that the following conditions are met:

- The `S_AXI_ACLK` and `ACLK` inputs are connected and toggling.
- The interface is not being held in reset, and `S_AXI_ARESET` is an active-Low reset.
- The interface is enabled, and `s_axi_aclken` is active-High (if used).
- The main core clocks are toggling and that the enables are also asserted.

- If the simulation has been run, verify in simulation and/or the Vivado Design Suite debug feature capture that the waveform is correct for accessing the AXI4-Lite interface.

## AXI4-Stream Interfaces

If data is not being transmitted or received, check the following conditions:

- If transmit `tready` is stuck Low following the `tvalid` input being asserted, the transmit core cannot send data.
- If the receive `tvalid` is stuck Low following the `tready` input being asserted, the core is not receiving data.
- Check that the `core_clk` signals are connected to the TX core AXI4-Stream data source or the RX core AXI4-Stream data sink.
- Check that the AXI4-Stream waveforms are being followed (see Vivado *AXI Reference Guide* [Ref 10]).
- Check core configuration.

# Additional Resources and Legal Notices

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## Xilinx Resources

For support resources such as Answers, Documentation, Downloads, and Forums, see the [Xilinx Support web page](#).

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## Documentation Navigator and Design Hubs

Xilinx® Documentation Navigator provides access to Xilinx documents, videos, and support resources, which you can filter and search to find information. To open the Xilinx Documentation Navigator (DocNav):

- From the Vivado® IDE, select **Help > Documentation and Tutorials**.
- On Windows, select **Start > All Programs > Xilinx Design Tools > DocNav**.
- At the Linux command prompt, enter `docnav`.

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- In the Xilinx Documentation Navigator, click the **Design Hubs View** tab.
- On the Xilinx website, see the [Design Hubs](#) page.

**Note:** For more information on Documentation Navigator, see the [Documentation Navigator](#) page on the Xilinx website.

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## References

These documents provide supplemental material useful with this product guide:

1. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing IP Subsystems using IP Integrator* (UG994)
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7. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Implementation* ([UG904](#))
8. *AXI Interconnect LogiCORE IP Product Guide* ([PG059](#))
9. JESD204C Draft [www.jedec.org](http://www.jedec.org)
10. *Vivado AXI Reference Guide* ([UG1037](#))
11. *JESD204 PHY LogiCORE IP Product Guide* ([PG198](#))

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## Revision History

The following table shows the revision history for this document.

Date	Version	Revision
10/4/2017	2.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added ports: gtN_txcharisk[3:0], gtN_rxcharisk[3:0], gtN_rxdisperr[3:0], gtN_rxnotintable[3:0]</li> <li>• Removed reference to individual parts of JESD204C specification.</li> </ul>
06/07/2017	1.0	Added GT_POWERGOOD from JESD204_PHY to clocking example description and figure 3-2.
04/05/2017	1.0	Initial Xilinx Release.

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