

PCI Express (PCIe) Endpoint DMA

BA611 Product sheet

General Description

The PCI Express (PCIe) Endpoint DMA is a highly configurable solution for any FPGA design requiring PCIe interfacing. It supports PCIe Gen 1, Gen 2 and Gen 3 interfaces, with up to 8 lanes. The DMA makes it easy to quickly transfer massive data between CPU and FPGA.

The flexibility of the IP core enables many different use cases. The configuration of the Endpoint DMA can easily be adapted to the requirements of each project.

The PCIe Endpoint DMA is already used in many applications such as Ethernet cards, high resolution image processing and others.

Technical Description

The PCIe Endpoint DMA is an assembly of multiple modules: the bridge, the translation layer, registers, DMA and interrupts.

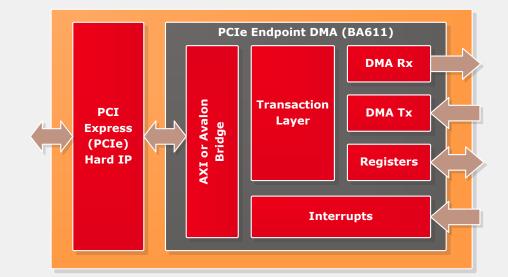
The Rx and Tx DMA modules can support both 32-bit and 64-bit address access. Each DMA is individually configurable on the fly.

The Endpoint DMA IP core can be used to implement multiple functions. The multiple functions make it possible to have multiple PCIe endpoints with a single physical interface.

The Interrupts module efficiently handles and transmits MSI-type interrupts.

FEATURES

- PCIe endpoint
- Gen 1, Gen 2 and Gen 3
- 1x, 2x, 4x and 8x
- Up to 16 DMA controllers
- Highly configurable
- Altera FPGA
 - Cyclone V
 - Arria II & V
 - Stratix IV & V
- Xilinx FPGA
 - Spartan-6
 - Artix-7
 - Kintex-7
 - Virtex-7
- Standard interfaces
 - AXI-4
 - Avalon
 - Simple streaming
- Drivers
 - Windows
 - Linux





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Configuration parameters

The following configuration parameters can be defined according to the requirements of the project.

Parameters	Description	
PCIe Type	Gen 1, Gen 2, Gen 3	
Number of lanes	Number of lanes on PCIe physical bus	
Number of functions	Number of PCIe functions (up to 8)	
Number of Rx DMA	Number of DMA for Rx transfers	
Number of Rx Direct Write	Number of Direct Write for Rx transfers	
Number of Tx DMA	Number of DMA for Tx transfers	
Number of registers modules	Number of modules to be connected to different BARs	
BAR info	Number and size of BARs	
Timing info	User clock frequency used for register access and Tx transfers	
Number of external IRQ	Number of interrupt signals coming from the user application	
Type of data interface	AXI4, Avalon or Streaming	
Type of register interface	AXI4 Lite, Avalon, or SRAM	

Drivers

The PCIe Endpoint DMA is provided with the necessary drivers for Windows and Linux. An example application is included to accelerate your own development.

Deliverables

- Encrypted VHDL files for simulation with/without BFM (Altera or Xilinx BFM).
- Testbenches (VHDL and C files) and scripts for simulation with Modelsim and NCSim.
- Synthesized netlist or source code of the PCIe Endpoint DMA.
- Constraints file for implementation tool.
- Driver and example application software (source code in C language).

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