

# Debug Bridge v1.1

## *LogiCORE IP Product Guide*

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## Introduction

The Xilinx® LogiCORE™ IP Debug Bridge core is a controller which provides a mechanism to establish a communication channel for debug cores with runtime software. The Debug Bridge usage can be classified into two categories: Tandem with Field Updates and Xilinx Virtual Cable (XVC). These two categories provide the means for communicating with the debug IP (including Memory IP) that is in the design. The Tandem with Field Updates flow allows you to download new functionality into a device over the PCIe® link after the device is initially configured through the Tandem PROM/PCIe. The XVC flow allows you to use debug cores and debug the design over non JTAG interface (for example, Ethernet/PCIe).

**Note:** The current version is for the Tandem with Field Updates solution, Partial Reconfiguration design debugging, and XVC based designs.

## Features

There are two broad classification of Debug Bridge IP functionality, which are supported using four different modes.

- **Tandem with Field Updates and Partial Reconfiguration Solution** – User selectable mode **From\_BSCAN\_to\_Debug** is used to add a Debug Bridge instance in each Reconfigurable Module which would connect to debug cores like ILA, VIO, Memory IP, and JTAG2AXI
- **Xilinx Virtual Cable (XVC) Solution** – Three modes are supported:
  - User selectable mode **From\_AXI\_to\_BSCAN** is used to add a Debug Bridge instance in the design with an Ethernet/PCIe master. This mode is a slave to Ethernet/PCIe master while connecting to debug cores like ILA, VIO, Memory IP, and JTAG2AXI in the same chip.
  - User selectable mode **From\_AXI\_to\_JTAG** is used to add a Debug Bridge instance in the design with an Ethernet/PCIe master. This mode is a slave to Ethernet/PCIe master while bringing out the JTAG pins out of the

FPGA through I/O pins. This mode is mainly used to debug design on another board over XVC.

- User selectable mode **From\_JTAG\_to\_BSCAN** is used to add a Debug Bridge instance to debug the designs over soft Test Access Port (TAP) controller.

LogiCORE™ IP Facts Table	
Core Specifics	
Supported Device Family <sup>(1)</sup>	UltraScale™ Devices, 7 Series
Supported User Interfaces	IEEE Standard 1149.1 – JTAG
Resources	See <a href="#">Table 2-1</a> .
Provided with Core	
Design Files	Register Transfer Level (RTL)
Example Design	Verilog
Test Bench	Not Provided
Constraints File	Xilinx Design Constraints (XDC)
Simulation Model	Not Provided
Supported S/W Driver	Not Provided
Tested Design Flows <sup>(2)</sup>	
Design Entry	Vivado® Design Suite, Verilog, VHDL
Simulation	Not Provided
Synthesis	Vivado Synthesis
Support	
Provided by Xilinx at the <a href="#">Xilinx Support web page</a>	

### Notes:

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

# Overview

The Xilinx® Debug Bridge IP core establishes the communication channel between the host machine and debug cores inside a Reconfigurable Module (RM) region through a Static region. The debug bridge needs to be instantiated in the RM with a BSCAN interface defined at the Partial Reconfiguration (PR) boundary.

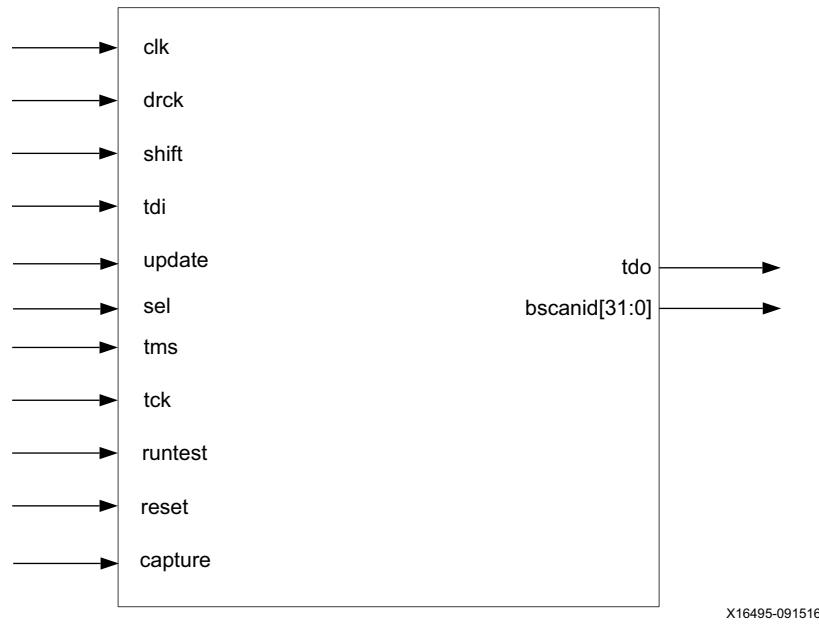
The Xilinx® Debug Bridge IP core establishes the communication channel between the host machine and debug cores in both Tandem with Field Updates, Partial Reconfiguration based and Xilinx Virtual Cable (XVC) based designs. The following four modes describe the usage of the Debug Bridge for various designs.

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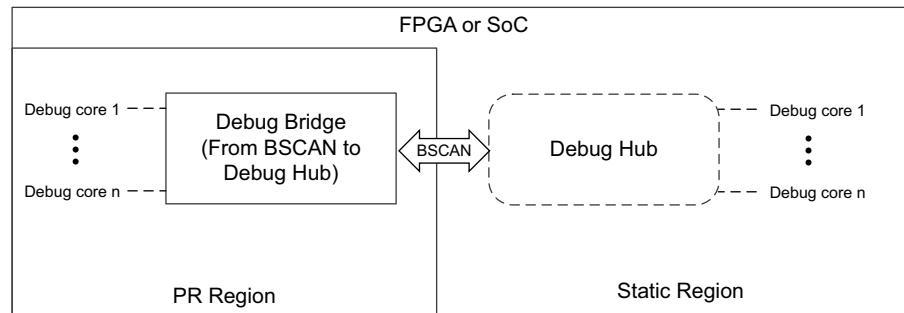
## Tandem with Field Updates and Partial Reconfiguration Solution

The **From\_BSCAN\_to\_DebugHub** mode is used to create a Debug Bridge instance that must be placed in each Reconfigurable Module. This IP connects to debug cores like ILA, VIO, Memory IP, and JTAG2AXI. For further information on use of the Debug Bridge in Tandem with Field Updates designs, see the *UltraScale Devices Gen3 Integrated Block for PCI Express LogiCORE IP Product Guide* (PG156) [\[Ref 1\]](#).

[Figure 1-1](#) and [Figure 1-2](#) show the mode used to add a Debug Bridge instance in each Reconfigurable Module.



*Figure 1-1: From\_BSCAN\_to\_DebugHub Mode Port Diagram*



*Figure 1-2: Debug Bridge Configured with From\_BSCAN\_to\_DebugHub Mode*

## Xilinx Virtual Cable

The **From\_AXI\_to\_BSCAN** mode is used to add a Debug Bridge instance in the design with an Ethernet/PCIe master. This mode of Debug Bridge is a slave to Ethernet/PCIe master while connecting to debug cores like ILA, VIO, Memory IP, and JTAG2AXI in the same chip.

Figure 1-3 and Figure 1-4 show the **From\_AXI\_to\_BSCAN** mode in the XVC use case.

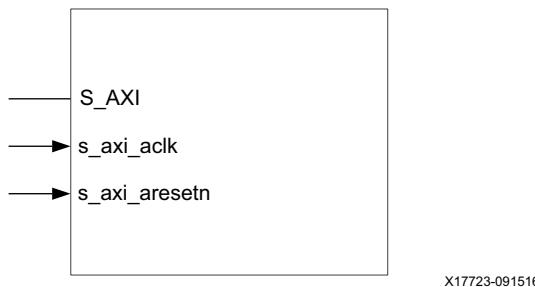


Figure 1-3: **From\_AXI\_to\_BSCAN Mode Port Diagram**

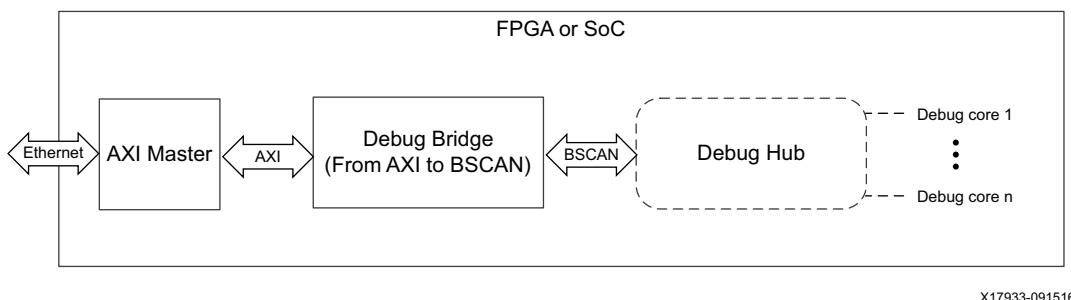


Figure 1-4: **Debug Bridge Configured From\_AXI\_to\_BSCAN Mode**

The **From\_AXI\_to\_JTAG** mode is used to add a Debug Bridge instance in the design with an Ethernet/PCIe master. This mode of Debug Bridge is a slave to Ethernet/PCIe master while bringing out the JTAG pins out of the FPGA through I/O pins. This mode is mainly used to debug design on another board over XVC.

Figure 1-5 and Figure 1-6 show the **From\_AXI\_to\_JTAG** mode in the XVC use case.

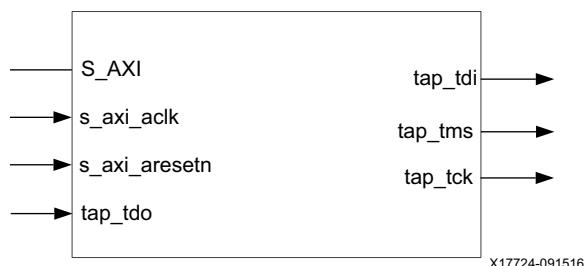
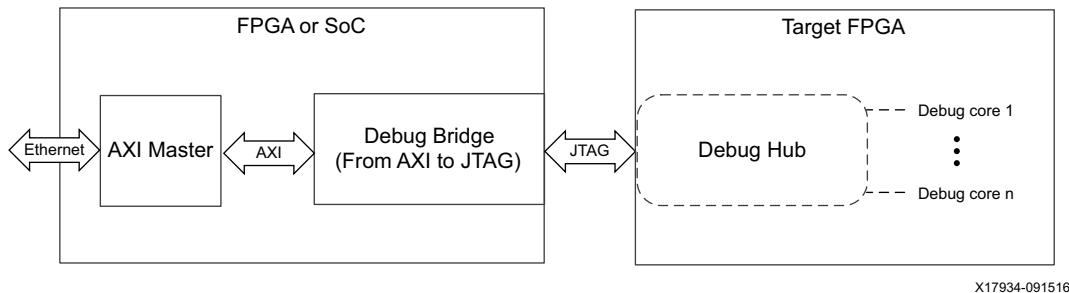


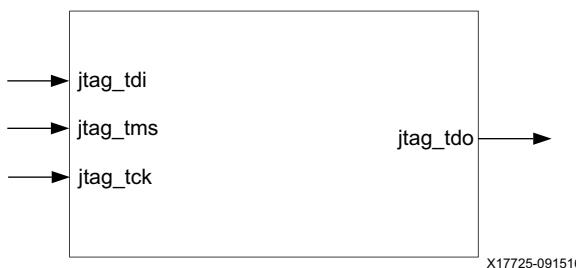
Figure 1-5: **From\_AXI\_to\_JTAG Mode Port Diagram**



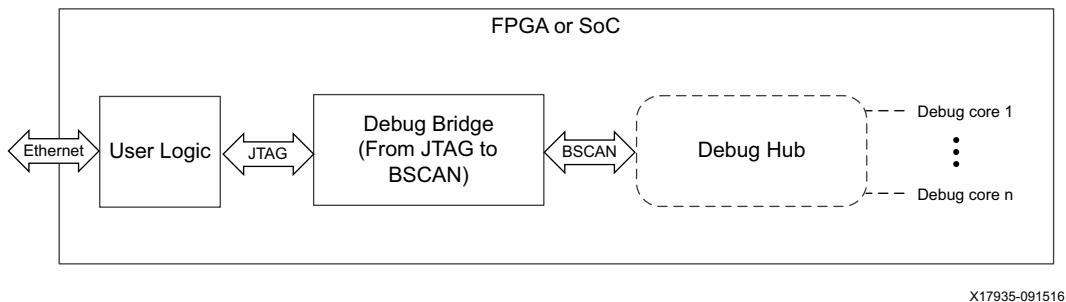
**Figure 1-6: Debug Bridge Configured From\_AXI\_to\_JTAG Mode**

The **From\_JTAG\_to\_BSCAN** mode is used to add a Debug Bridge instance to debug the designs over soft Test Access Port (TAP) controller.

Figure 1-7 and Figure 1-8 show the **From\_JTAG\_to\_BSCAN** mode in the XVC use case.



**Figure 1-7: From\_JTAG\_to\_BSCAN Mode Port Diagram**



**Figure 1-8: Debug Bridge Configured From\_JTAG\_to\_BSCAN Mode**

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## 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](#).

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

### 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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# Product Specification

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## Performance

The Debug Bridge core can be configured in two modes which caters the needs for debugging the designs for Tandem with Field Updates.

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## Resource Utilization

### UltraScale Devices

[Table 2-1](#) provides approximate resource counts for the various core options on UltraScale devices.

*Table 2-1: Device Utilization – XC7V690T-FFG1157*

Configuration	LUTs	Flip-Flops	Block RAMs	BSCAN
From_BSCAN_to_DebugHub	46	42	0	0
From_AXI_to_BSCAN	301	408	0	0
From_AXI_to_JTAG	273	350	0	0
From_JTAG_to_BSCAN	28	58	0	0

The resource usage results do not include the characterization registers and represent the true logic used by the core. LUT counts include SRL16s or SRL32s.

Resources required for the Debug Bridge core have been estimated for the UltraScale devices ([Table 2-1](#)). These values were generated using the Vivado® IP catalog. They are derived from post-synthesis reports, and might change during implementation.

Start by choosing the device, maximum frame size, and minimum block size of the core. If using the Streaming Video or pCore interfaces, add the corresponding resources.

## Port Descriptions

[Table 2-2](#) and [Table 2-5](#) show the signals for the different bridge type modes.

**Table 2-2: From BSCAN to DebugHub Mode**

Signal	I/O	Description
clk	Input clock to drive DebugHub logic	This port needs to connect to a free running clock available in the design.
drck	I	This port needs to connect to the DRCK pin of BSCAN master.
sel	I	This port needs to connect to the SEL pin of BSCAN master.
update	I	This port needs to connect to the UPDATE pin of BSCAN master.
capture	I	This port needs to connect to the CAPTURE pin of BSCAN master.
tck	I	This port needs to connect to the TCK pin of BSCAN master.
tms	I	This port needs to connect to the TMS pin of BSCAN master.
shift	I	This port needs to connect to the SHIFT pin of BSCAN master.
reset	I	This port needs to connect to the RESET pin of BSCAN master.
runttest	I	This port needs to connect to the RUNTEST pin of BSCAN master.
tdo	O	This port needs to connect to the TDO pin of BSCAN master.
tdi	I	This port needs to connect to the TDI pin of BSCAN master.
bscanid[31:0]	O	This port needs to connect to the BSCANID pin of BSCAN master.

**Table 2-3: From AXI4 to BSCAN Mode**

Signal	I/O	Description
S_AXI	AXI4-Lite slave interface	This interface needs to connect to an AXI4.
s_axi_aclk	I	This port needs to connect to the DRCK pin of BSCAN master.
s_axi_aresetn	I	This port needs to connect to the SEL pin of BSCAN master.

**Table 2-4: From AXI4 to JTAG Mode**

Signal	I/O	Description
S_AXI	AXI4-Lite slave interface	This interface needs to connect to an AXI4.
s_axi_aclk	I	This port needs to connect to the AXI4 clk pin.
s_axi_aresetn	I	This port needs to connect to the AXI4 reset pin.
tap_tdo	I	This port needs to connect to TDO pin of JTAG slave.
tap_tdi	O	This port needs to connect to TDI pin of JTAG slave.
tap_tck	O	This port needs to connect to TCK pin of JTAG slave.
tap_tms	O	This port needs to connect to TMS pin of JTAG slave.

Table 2-5: From JTAG to BSCAN Mode

Signal	I/O	Description
jtag_tdo	O	This port needs to connect to TDO pin of JTAG master.
jtag_tdi	I	This port needs to connect to TDI pin of JTAG master.
jtag_tck	I	This port needs to connect to TCK pin of JTAG master.
jtag_tms	I	This port needs to connect to TMS pin of JTAG master.

# Designing with the Core

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

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## Clocking

The `clk` input port in the **From\_BSCAN\_to\_DebugHub** mode needs to be connected to a free running clock available in the design. This clock is used by Debug Hub.

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## Resets

There are no resets for this IP core.

# Design Flow Steps

This chapter describes customizing and generating the 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 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) [\[Ref 2\]](#)
  - *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing with IP* (UG896) [\[Ref 3\]](#)
  - *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Getting Started* (UG910) [\[Ref 4\]](#)
  - *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Logic Simulation* (UG900) [\[Ref 5\]](#)
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## Customizing and Generating the Core

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

If you are customizing and generating the core in the Vivado IP integrator, see the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing IP Subsystems using IP Integrator* (UG994) [\[Ref 2\]](#) 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, 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. Open a project by selecting **File > Open Project** or create a new project by selecting **File > New Project** in Vivado.
2. Select the **Debug Bridge** IP from the **Debug & Verification > Debug > Debug Bridge** in Vivado IP catalog.
3. 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 3] and the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Getting Started* (UG910) [Ref 4].

**Note:** Figure in this chapter is an illustration of the Vivado Integrated Design Environment (IDE). The layout depicted here might vary from the current version.

## General Options Panel

Figure 4-1 shows the Debug Bridge Vivado IDE main configuration screen.

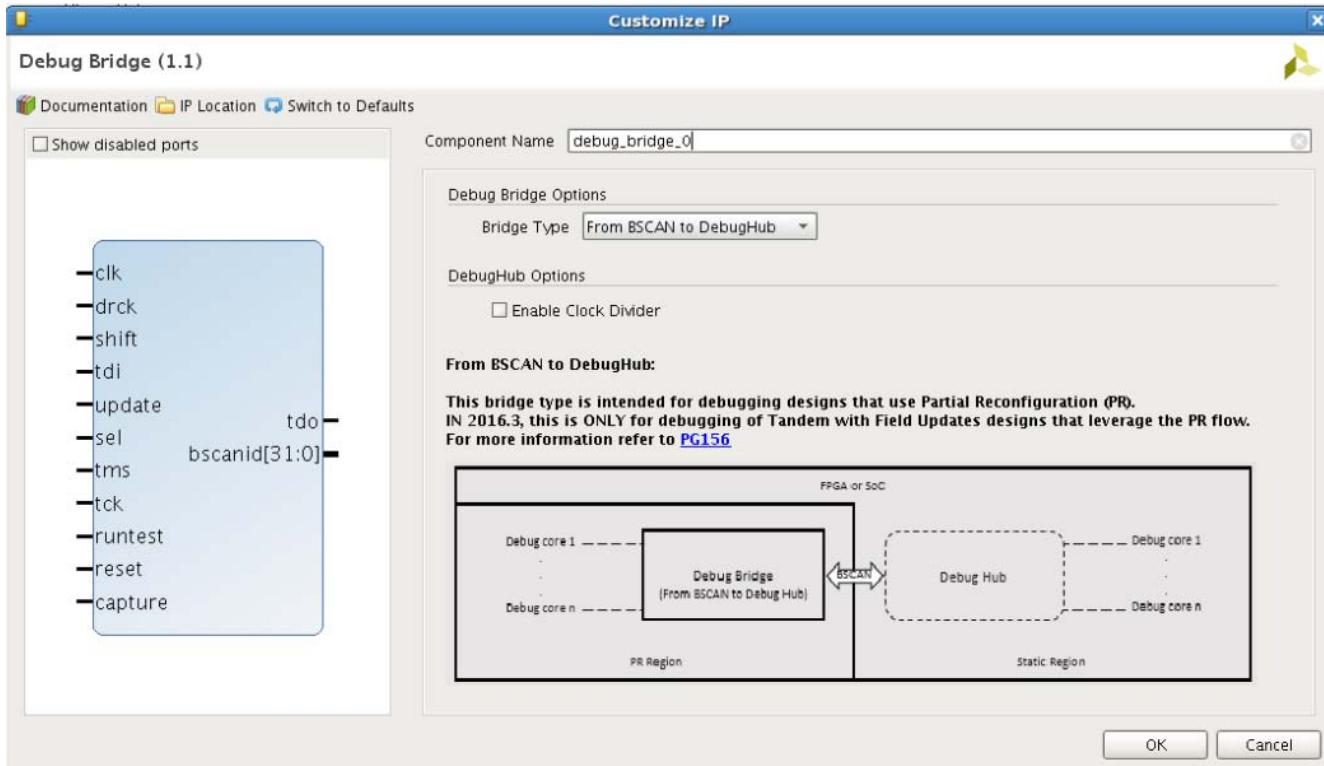


Figure 4-1: Debug Bridge Customize IP – From BSCAN to DebugHub Mode

- **Component Name** – Use this text field to provide a unique module name for the Debug Bridge core.
- **Debug Bridge Options** – This option is used to switch between four different modes:
  - **From\_BSCAN\_to\_DebugHub**
  - **From\_AXI\_to\_BSCAN**
  - **From\_AXI\_to\_JTAG**
  - **From\_JTAG\_to\_BSCAN**
- **DebugHub Options** – The Enable Clock Divider is used to divide down the clock frequency on `clk` port to 100 MHz. This option is only enabled for **From BSCAN to DebugHub** mode.

Figure 4-2 shows the Debug Bridge in **From\_AXI\_to\_BSCAN** mode.

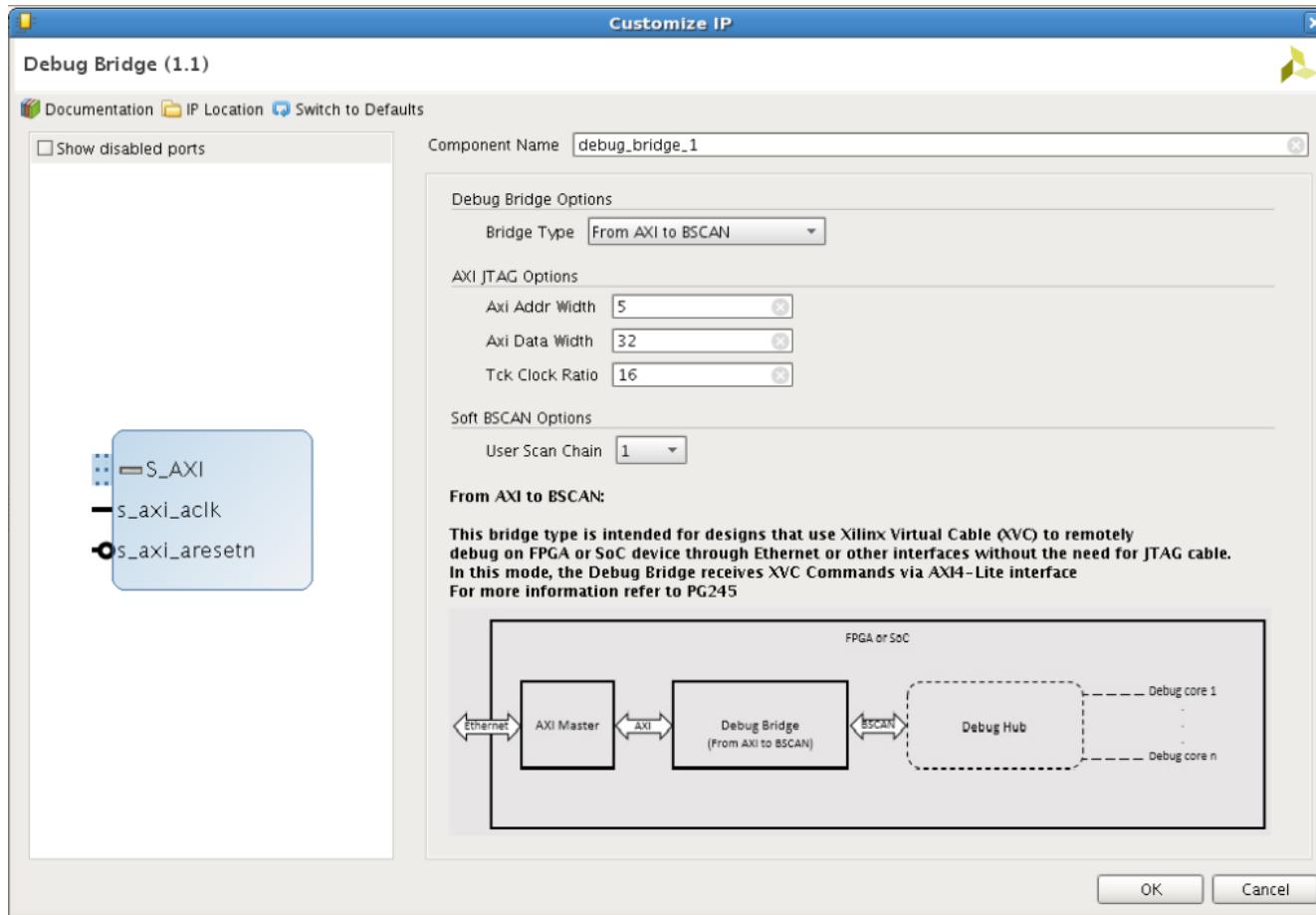


Figure 4-2: Debug Bridge Customize IP – From AXI4 to BSCAN Mode

- **AXI JTAG Options** – These options show the address width, data width, and clock ratio settings.
  - **AXI Addr Width** – This parameter is used to set the address width of the AXI4 interface.
  - **AXI Data Width** – This parameter is used to set the data width of the AXI4 interface.
  - **Tck Clock Ratio** – This parameter is used to specify the divider value to generate TCK clock for Serial (BSCAN) communication.
- **Soft BSCAN Options** – This option sets the User Scan Chain.
  - **User Scan Chain** – This parameter is used to set the JTAG\_CHAIN for soft BSCAN.

Figure 4-3 shows the Debug Bridge in **From\_AXI\_to\_JTAG** mode.

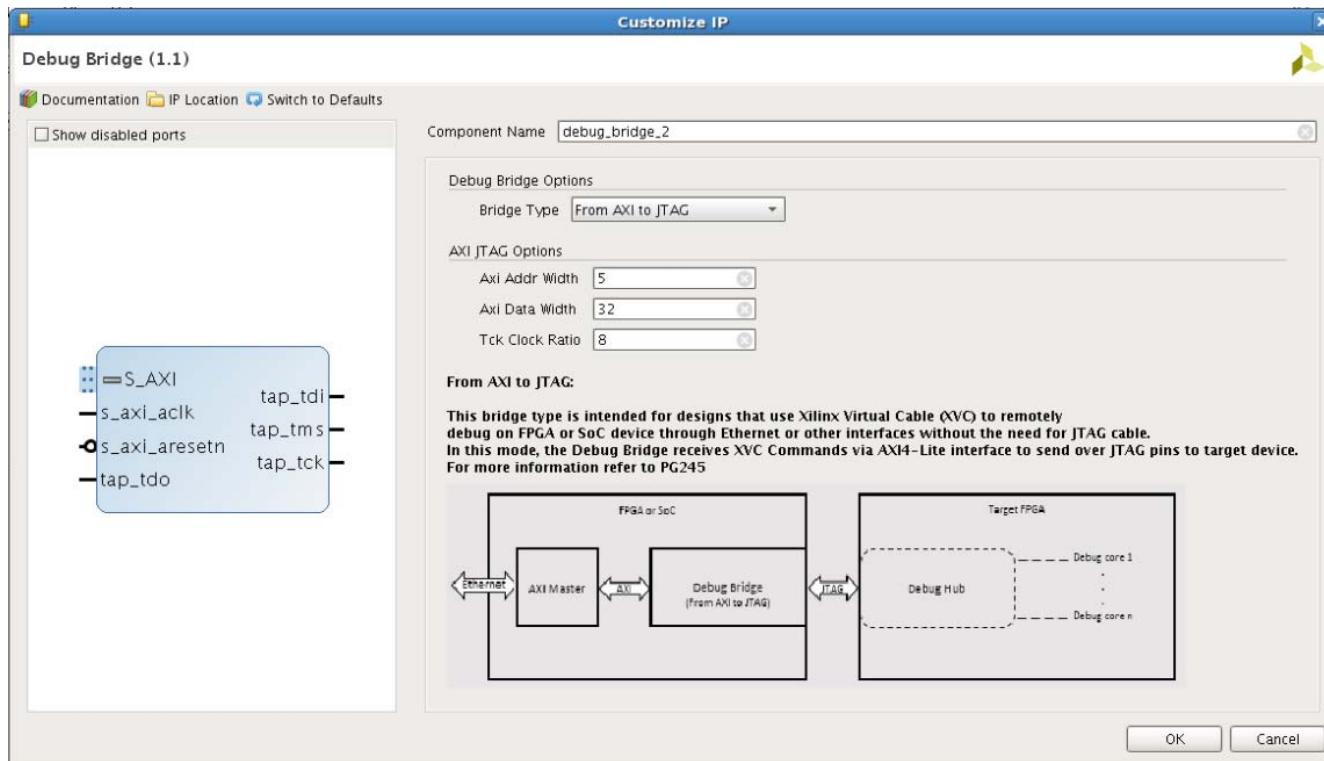


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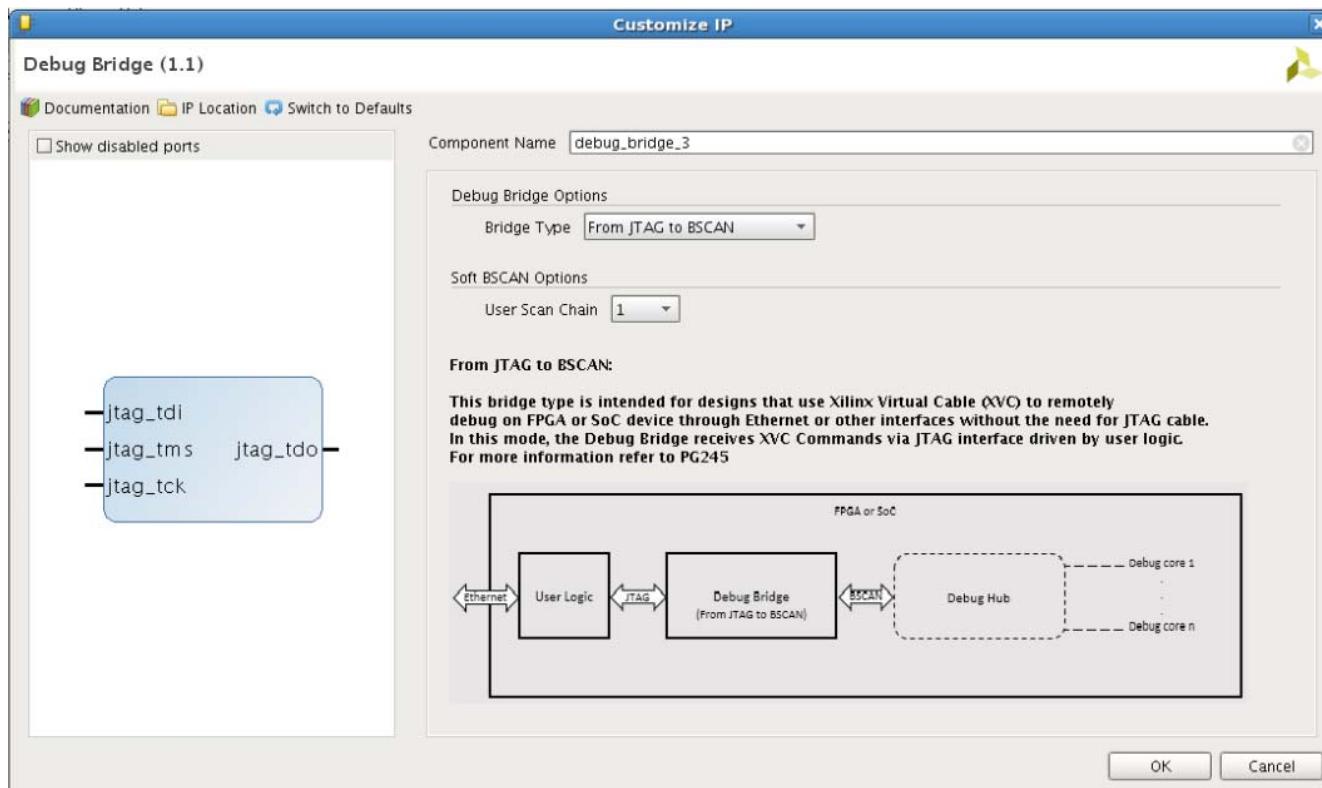


Figure 4-4: Debug Bridge Customize IP – From JTAG to BSCAN Mode

- **Soft BSCAN Options** – This option sets the User Scan Chain.
  - **User Scan Chain** – This parameter is used to set the JTAG\_CHAIN for soft BSCAN.

## User Parameters

**Table 4-1** shows the relationship between the 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
Bridge Type	C_DEBUG_MODE	From_BSCAN_to_DebugHub
Enable Clock Divider	C_ENABLE_CLK_DIVIDER	FALSE
Clock Frequency (In Hertz)	C_CLK_INPUT_FREQ_HZ	3000000000
AXI Addr Width	C_S_AXI_ADDR_WIDTH	5
AXI Data Width	C_S_AXI_DATA_WIDTH	32
Tck Clock Ratio	C_TCK_CLOCK_RATIO	8
User Scan Chain	C_USER_SCAN_CHAIN	1

**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.

- **Bridge Type** – This parameter configures `debug_bridge` in four different modes: **From\_BSCAN\_to\_DebugHub**, **From\_AXI\_to\_BSCAN**, **From\_AXI\_to\_JTAG**, and **From\_JTAG\_to\_BSCAN**.
  - **From\_BSCAN\_to\_DebugHub** – This mode is only used while instantiating the `debug_bridge` IP in the PR region. While adding this block to the PR region design part, the following pins need to be added as part of the PR boundary and also need to be connected to the `debug_bridge` instance:

Signal	I/O
clk	Input clock to drive DebugHub logic
drck	I
sel	I
update	I
capture	I
tck	I
tms	I
shift	I
reset	I
runtest	I
tdo	O
tdi	I
bscanid[31:0]	O

In this mode, there is another `clk` port on `debug_bridge` which needs to be connected to a stable free running clock or one of the clock connected to a debug core in the PR region. There are two sub-parameters in this mode which qualify the `clk` port.

- **From\_AXI\_to\_BSCAN** – This mode is only used while debugging a design on the same FPGA over the Xilinx Virtual Cable (XVC). This block is connected as an AXI4 slave to an AXI4 master.
- **From\_AXI\_to\_JTAG** – This mode is only used while debugging a design on a different FPGA over the XVC. This block is connected as an AXI4 slave to an AXI4 master. The following four JTAG ports are connected to I/Os so that they can be connected to JTAG pins of another board.

Signal	I/O
tap_tdo	I
tap_tdi	O
tap_tck	O
tap_tms	O

- **From\_JTAG\_to\_BSCAN** – This mode is only used while debugging over soft BSCAN where the JTAG connection is through regular I/Os. The following pins are connected to regular I/Os to connect to JTAG connector.

Signal	I/O
jtag_tdo	O
jtag_tdi	I
jtag_tck	I
jtag_tms	I

- **Enable Clock Divider** – This parameter is checked only when the clock frequency of the signal connected to the `clk` port is >100 MHz. This option would divide down the clock frequency of clock at the `clk` port of `debug_bridge` to 100 MHz.
- **Clock Frequency (in Hz)** – This parameter is visible only when **Enable Clock Divider** options is enabled. The value of this parameter should be the frequency of the clock signal connected to the `clk` port of Debug Bridge instance in Hz.

## Output Generation

For details, see the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing with IP* (UG896) [Ref 3].

# Constraining the Core

This section contains information about constraining the core in the Vivado Design Suite.

## Required Constraints

The Debug Bridge core includes an XDC file if you select **BSCAN Primitive** option for the **Bridge Type** parameter. It contains appropriate clock constraints for the BSCAN primitive. It is also expected that the clock signal connected to the `clk` input port of the Debug Bridge is properly constrained in your design.

## Device, Package, and Speed Grade Selections

This IP is only supported for UltraScale™ and UltraScale+™ devices and packages. Currently, only UltraScale devices are supported for the Tandem with Field Updates solution.

## Clock Frequencies

This section is not applicable for this IP core.

## Clock Management

This section is not applicable for this IP core.

## Clock Placement

This section is not applicable for this IP core.

## Banking

This section is not applicable for this IP core.

## Transceiver Placement

This section is not applicable for this IP core.

## I/O Standard and Placement

This section is not applicable for this IP core.

## Simulation

This IP core does not support simulation.

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## Synthesis and Implementation

For details about synthesis and implementation, see the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing with IP* (UG896) [\[Ref 3\]](#).

# Test Bench

There is no test bench for this IP core release.

# Verification, Compliance, and Interoperability

This appendix provides details about how this IP core was tested for compliance with the protocol to which it was designed.

Xilinx® has verified the Debug Bridge core in a proprietary test environment, using an internally developed bus functional model.

# Upgrading

This appendix contains information about upgrading to a more recent version of the IP core.

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## Upgrading in the Vivado Design Suite

### Changes from v1.0 to v1.1

While upgrading the designs with debug\_bridge\_v1\_0 to debug\_bridge\_v1\_1 the following steps needs to happen:

1. The Debug Bridge instance in **BSCAN\_Primitive** mode in static region of Tandem wutg Field Updates design needs to be selected.
2. The Debug Bridge instance in **From\_BSCAN\_to\_DebugHub** mode needs to be regenerated and the BSCAN pins crossing the PR boundary has to be expanded and per latest version. These BSCAN pins on the Debug Bridge boundary of RM blocks need to ground for inputs and left unconnected for outputs.

# Debugging

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



**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 Debug Bridge, 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 Debug Bridge. This guide, along with documentation related to all products that aid in the design process, can be found on the [Xilinx Support web page](#) 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 Debug Bridge**

AR: [66939](#)

## **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 Debug Bridge 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 allows 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 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].

# Additional Resources and Legal Notices

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## Xilinx Resources

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

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## References

These documents provide supplemental material useful with this product guide:

1. *UltraScale Devices Gen3 Integrated Block for PCI Express LogiCORE IP Product Guide* ([PG156](#))
2. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing IP Subsystems using IP Integrator* ([UG994](#))
3. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing with IP* ([UG896](#))
4. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Getting Started* ([UG910](#))
5. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Logic Simulation* ([UG900](#))
6. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Programming and Debugging* ([UG908](#))
7. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Implementation* ([UG904](#))
8. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Partial Reconfiguration* ([UG909](#))

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