

# LogiCORE IP XAUI v11.0

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## Introduction

The eXtended Attachment Unit Interface (XAUI) core is a high-performance, low-pin count 10-Gb/s interface intended to allow physical separation between the data link layer and physical layer devices in a 10-Gigabit Ethernet system.

The XAUI core implements a single-speed full-duplex 10-Gb/s Ethernet eXtended Attachment Unit Interface (XAUI) solution for the Zynq™-7000, Virtex®-7, Kintex™-7, and Artix™-7 devices.

## Features

- Designed to 10-Gigabit Ethernet *IEEE 802.3-2008* specification
- Supports 20G double-rate XAUI (Double XAUI) using four transceivers at 6.25 Gb/s. For devices and speed grades, see [Speed Grades](#).
- Supports 10-Gigabit Fibre Channel (10-GFC) XAUI data rates and traffic
- Uses four transceivers at 3.125 Gb/s line rate to achieve 10-Gb/s data rate
- Implements Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) XGMII Extender Sublayer (XGXS), PHY XGXS, and 10GBASE-X Physical Coding Sublayer (PCS) in a single netlist
- *IEEE 802.3-2008* clause 45 Management Data Input/Output (MDIO) interface (optional)
- *IEEE 802.3-2008* clause 48 State Machines
- Available under the [Xilinx End User License Agreement](#)

LogiCORE IP Facts					
Core Specifics					
Supported Device Family <sup>(1)</sup>	Zynq-7000, Virtex-7, Kintex-7, Artix-7				
Supported User Interfaces	64-bit XGMII Interface				
Resources <sup>(2), (3)</sup>	LUTs	FFs	Slices	Block RAMs	Max Freq
	676-1361	644-1225	301-575	0	156.25 MHz
Provided with Core					
Design Files	Encrypted RTL				
Example Design	VHDL and Verilog				
Test Bench	VHDL Test Bench Verilog Test Fixture				
Constraints File	Xilinx Design Constraints (XDC)				
Simulation Model	VHDL/Verilog				
Supported S/W Drivers	NA				
Tested Design Flows <sup>(4)</sup>					
Design Entry	Vivado™ Design Suite				
Simulation	Mentor Graphics Questa® SIM Vivado simulator				
Synthesis	Vivado Synthesis				
Support					
Provided by Xilinx, Inc. @ <a href="http://www.xilinx.com/support">www.xilinx.com/support</a>					

1. For a complete list of supported devices, see Vivado IP catalog. See [Verification](#) for supported speed grades.
2. Resource utilizations for 20 G are the same as those for 10 G. For detailed utilization numbers based upon configuration, see [Table 2-2](#) through [Table 2-4](#).
3. Resource utilization depends on target device and configuration. See [Table 2-2](#) through [Table 2-4](#) for detailed information.
4. For the supported versions of the tools, see the [Xilinx Design Tools: Release Notes Guide](#).

# Overview

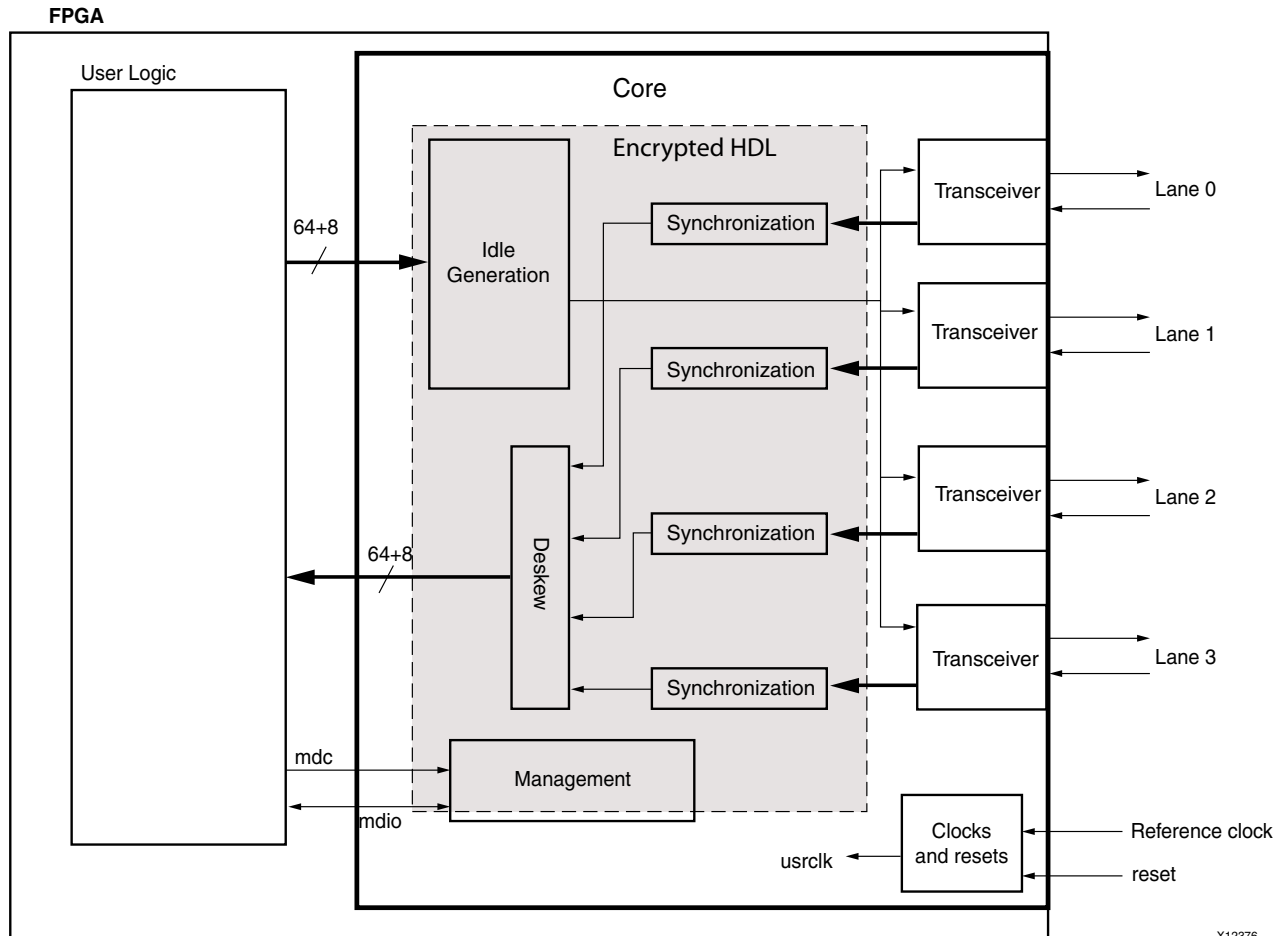
XAUI is a four-lane, 3.125 Gb/s-per-lane serial interface. Each lane is a differential pair carrying current mode logic (CML) signaling, and the data on each lane is 8B/10B encoded before transmission. Special code groups are used to allow each lane to synchronize at a word boundary and to deskew all four lanes into alignment at the receiving end. The XAUI standard is fully specified in clauses 47 and 48 of the 10-Gigabit Ethernet *IEEE 802.3-2008* specification.

The XAUI standard was initially developed as a means to extend the physical separation possible between Media Access Controller (MAC) and PHY components in a 10-Gigabit Ethernet system distributed across a circuit board and to reduce the number of interface signals in comparison with the XGMII (10-Gigabit Ethernet Media Independent Interface).

[Figure 1-1](#) shows a block diagram of the XAUI core implementation. The major functional blocks of the core include the following:

- **Transmit Idle Generation Logic** creates the code groups to allow synchronization and alignment at the receiver.
- **Synchronization State Machine (one per lane)** identifies byte boundaries in incoming serial data.
- **Deskew State Machine** de-skews the 4 received lanes into alignment.
- **Optional MDIO Interface** is a two-wire low-speed serial interface used to manage the core.
- **Four Device-Specific Transceivers** (integrated in the FPGAs) provide the high-speed transceivers as well as 8B/10B encode and decode and elastic buffering in the receive datapath.

The core is implemented with the device-specific transceiver instantiations in the source code rather than in the netlist. This gives you more flexibility in a particular application to use additional device-specific transceiver features and resolve placement issues.



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Figure 1-1: Architecture of the XAUI Core with Client-Side User Logic

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## Additional Features

### 10-Gigabit Fibre Channel Support

The 10-Gigabit Fibre Channel (10GFC) specification describes a XAUI interface similar to the 10-Gigabit Ethernet XAUI but operating at 2% higher line and data rates, equating to a line rate on each device-specific transceiver lane of 3.1875 Gb/s.

### 20-Gigabit XAUI (Double XAUI) Support

By running the XAUI interface at twice the normal clock and line rates, 20-Gigabit data rate can be achieved. For devices and speed grades, see [Speed Grades](#). Consult the release notes for the core for the specific devices supported.

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## System Requirements

For a list of System Requirements, see the [Xilinx Design Tools: Release Notes Guide](#).

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## About the Core

The XAUI core is a Xilinx Intellectual Property (IP) core, included in the latest IP Update on the Xilinx IP Center. For detailed information about the core, see the [XAUI product page](#).

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## Recommended Design Experience

Although the XAUI core is a fully-verified solution, the challenge associated with implementing a complete design varies depending on the configuration and functionality of the application. For best results, previous experience building high performance, pipelined Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) designs using Xilinx implementation software and Xilinx Design Constraints (XDC) is recommended.

Contact your local Xilinx representative for a closer review and estimation for your specific requirements.



## Applications

Figure 1-2 shows the XAUI core connecting a 10-Gigabit Ethernet MAC to a 10-Gigabit XPAK optical module.

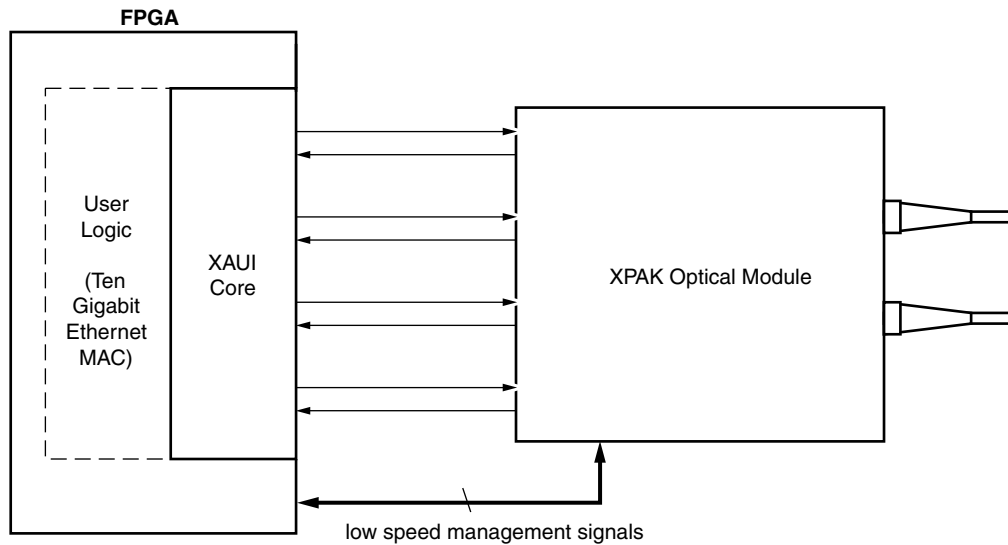


Figure 1-2: XAUI Connecting a 10-Gigabit Ethernet MAC to an Optical Module

After its publication, the applications of XAUI have extended beyond 10-Gigabit Ethernet to the backplane and other general high-speed interconnect applications. Figure 1-3 shows a typical backplane and other general high-speed interconnect applications.

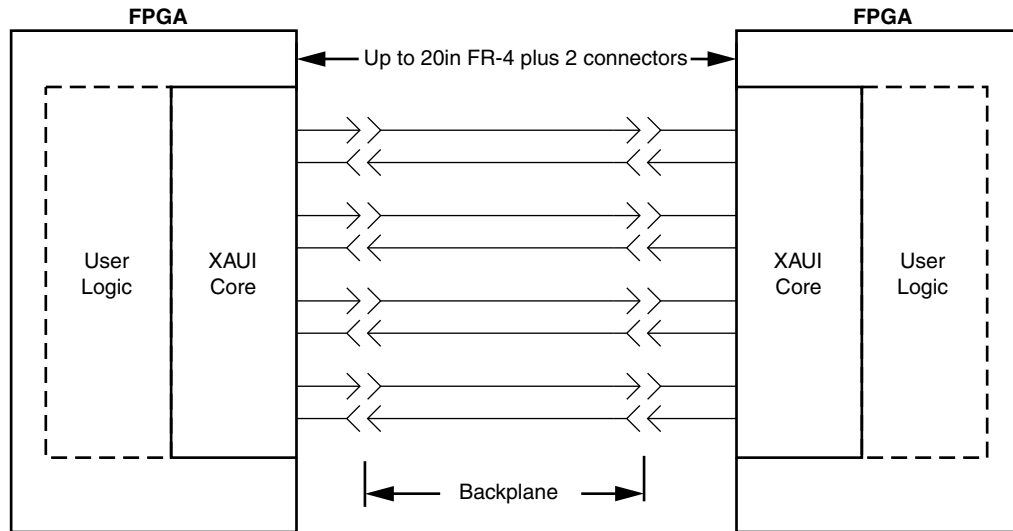


Figure 1-3: Typical Backplane Application for XAUI

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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](#).

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## Feedback

Xilinx welcomes comments and suggestions about the XAUI core and the documentation supplied with the core.

### Core

For comments or suggestions about the XAUI core, submit a webcase from [www.xilinx.com/support](http://www.xilinx.com/support). Be sure to include the following information:

- Product name
- Core version number
- Explanation of your comments

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- Document title
- Document number
- Page number(s) to which your comments refer
- Explanation of your comments

# Product Specification

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## Standards Compliance

The XAUI IP core is designed to the standard specified in clauses 47 and 48 of the 10-Gigabit Ethernet specification *IEEE Std. 802.3-2008*.

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## Performance

This section contains the following subsections:

- [Latency](#)
- [Speed Grades](#)

### Latency

These measurements are for the core only; they do not include the latency through the transceiver. The latency through the transceiver can be obtained from the relevant user guide.

#### Transmit Path Latency

As measured from the input port `xgmii_txd[63:0]` of the transmitter side XGMII (until that data appears on the `txdata` pins on the internal transceiver interface on the transceiver interface), the latency through the core for the internal XGMII interface configuration in the transmit direction is 4 clk periods of the core input `usrclk`.

## Receive Path Latency

Measured from the input into the core encrypted hdl logic from the `rxdata` pins of the internal transceiver interface until the data appears on `xgmii_rxdata[63:0]` of the receiver side XGMII interface, the latency through the core in the receive direction is equal to 4-5 clock cycles of `usrclk`.

If the word appears on the upper half of the two-byte transceiver interface, the latency is five clock cycles of `usrclk` and it appears on the lower half of the XGMII interface. If it appears on the lower half of the two-byte interface, the latency is four clock cycles of `usrclk` and it appears on the upper half of the XGMII interface.

## Speed Grades

The minimum device requirements for 10G and 20G operation are listed in the following table.

Table 2-1: Speed Grades

Device	XAUI (4x3.125G)	DXAUI (4x6.25G)
Zynq-7000	-1	-2
Virtex-7	-1	-2
Kintex-7	-1	-2
Artix-7	-1	-2

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# Resource Utilization

## Virtex-7 (GTH) FPGAs

Table 2-2 provides approximate resource counts for the various core options on Virtex®-7 FPGAs.

Table 2-2: Device Utilization – Virtex-7 FPGAs

Parameter Values	Device Resources		
	Slices	LUTs	FFs
MDIO Interface			
No	413	732	722
Yes	485	919	816

## Zynq-7000, Virtex-7 (GTX), and Kintex-7 Devices

Table 2-3 provides approximate resource counts for the various core options on Zynq™-7000, Virtex-7 (GTX), and Kintex™-7 devices.

Table 2-3: Device Utilization – Zynq-7000, Virtex-7 (GTX), and Kintex Devices

Parameter Values	Device Resources		
MDIO Interface	Slices	LUTs	FFs
No	423	814	776
Yes	520	986	869

## Artix-7 FPGAs

Table 2-4 provides approximate resource counts for the various core options on Artix™-7 FPGAs

Table 2-4: Device Utilization – Virtex-7 FPGAs

Parameter Values	Device Resources		
MDIO Interface	Slices	LUTs	FFs
No	378	718	750
Yes	493	889	881

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## Verification

The XAUI core has been verified using both simulation and hardware testing.

### Simulation

A highly parameterizable transaction-based simulation test suite was used to verify the core. Verification tests include:

- Register access over MDIO
- Loss and regain of synchronization
- Loss and regain of alignment
- Frame transmission
- Frame reception
- Clock compensation
- Recovery from error conditions

## Hardware Verification

The core has been used in several hardware test platforms within Xilinx. In particular, the core has been used in a test platform design with the Xilinx 10-Gigabit Ethernet MAC. This design comprises the MAC, XAUI, a *ping* loopback First In First Out (FIFO), and a test pattern generator all under embedded processor control. This design has been used for conformance and interoperability testing at the University of New Hampshire Interoperability Lab.

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## Port Descriptions

### Client-Side Interface

The signals of the client-side interface are shown in [Table 2-5](#). See [Chapter 5, Interfacing to the Core](#) for more information on connecting to the client-side interface.

*Table 2-5: Client-Side Interface Ports*

Signal Name	Direction	Description
XGMII_TXD[63:0]	IN	Transmit data, eight bytes wide
XGMII_TXC[7:0]	IN	Transmit control bits, one bit per transmit data byte
XGMII_RXD[63:0]	OUT	Received data, eight bytes wide
XGMII_RXC[7:0]	OUT	Receive control bits, one bit per received data byte

### Transceiver I/O

The Transceiver Interface is no longer part of the ports of the core because it includes the transceiver. Instead there are the following ports.

- Ports Corresponding to the I/O of the transceiver
- Dynamic Reconfiguration Port of the transceiver

See [Table 2-6](#)

**Table 2-6: Ports Corresponding to the I/O of the Transceiver**

Signal Name	Direction	Description
xalui_tx_l0_p, xalui_tx_l0_n, xalui_tx_l1_p, xalui_tx_l1_n, xalui_tx_l2_p, xalui_tx_l2_n, xalui_tx_l3_p, xalui_tx_l3_n	OUT	Differential complements of one another forming a differential transmit output pair. One pair for each of the 4 lanes.
xalui_rx_l0_p, xalui_rx_l0_n, xalui_rx_l1_p, xalui_rx_l1_n, xalui_rx_l2_p, xalui_rx_l2_n, xalui_rx_l3_p, xalui_rx_l3_n	IN	Differential complements of one another forming a differential receiver input pair. One pair for each of the 4 lanes.
signal_detect[3:0]	IN	Intended to be driven by an attached 10GBASE-LX4 optical module; they signify that each of the four optical receivers is receiving illumination and is therefore not just putting out noise. If an optical module is not in use, this four-wire bus should be tied to 1111

**Table 2-7: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port of the Transceiver**

Signal Name	Direction	Description
drp_addr[8:0]	IN	DRP address bus
drp_en	IN	DRP enable signal. 0: No read or write operation performed. 1: enables a read or write operation.
drp_i[15:0]	IN	Data bus for writing configuration data to the transceiver.
drp_o[15:0]	OUT	Data bus for reading configuration data from the transceiver.
drp_rdy	OUT	Indicates operation is complete for write operations and data is valid for read operations.
drp_we	IN	DRP write enable. 0: Read operation when DRPEN is 1. 1: Write operation when DRPEN is 1.



## MDIO Interface

The MDIO Interface signals are shown in [Table 2-8](#). More information on using this interface can be found in [Chapter 5, Interfacing to the Core](#). Configuration and Status Signals.

**Table 2-8: MDIO Management Interface Ports**

Signal Name	Direction	Description
MDC	IN	Management clock
MDIO_IN	IN	MDIO input
MDIO_OUT	OUT	MDIO output
MDIO_TRI	OUT	MDIO 3-state; '1' disconnects the output driver from the MDIO bus.
TYPE_SEL[1:0]	IN	Type select
PRTAD[4:0]	IN	MDIO port address; you should set this to provide a unique ID on the MDIO bus.

The Configuration and Status Signals are shown in [Table 2-9](#). See [Configuration and Status Interfaces](#) for more information on these signals, including a breakdown of the configuration and status vectors.

**Table 2-9: Configuration and Status Ports**

Signal Name	Direction	Description
CONFIGURATION_VECTOR[6:0]	IN	Configuration information for the core.
STATUS_VECTOR[7:0]	OUT	Status information from the core.
ALIGN_STATUS	OUT	'1' when the XAUI receiver is aligned across all four lanes, '0' otherwise.
SYNC_STATUS[3:0]	OUT	Each pin is '1' when the respective XAUI lane receiver is synchronized to byte boundaries, '0' otherwise.
mgt_tx_ready	OUT	Indicates when the TX phase alignment of the transceiver has been completed.

## Clocking and Reset Signals and Module

Included in the example design top-level sources are circuits for clock and reset management. These can include Digital Clock Managers (DCMs), Mixed-Mode Clock Managers (MMCMs), reset synchronizers, or other useful utility circuits that might be useful in your particular application.

Table 2-10 shows the ports that are associated with system clocks and resets

Table 2-10: Clock and Reset Ports

Signal Name	Direction	Description
dclk	IN	Clock used as the DRP clock, and also as a stable reference clock for the detection of the feedback and reference clock signals to the QPLL. The input reference clock to the QPLL or any output clock generated from the QPLL (for example, TXOUTCLK) must not be used to drive this clock.
clk156	IN	System clock for the encrypted HDL logic and for the device-specific transceiver logic ports. This clock must have a frequency of 156.25 MHz for 10G XAUI operation. 312.5 MHz for 20G XAUI operation.
refclk	IN	External clock for the Channel PLL. This clock should have a frequency of 156.25 MHz for 10G XAUI and 312.5 MHz for 20G XAUI.
txoutclk	OUT	Clock output to the FPGA logic from the master transceiver. This must be used to generate the clock for the clk156 port.
reset	IN	Asynchronous external QPLL reset
reset156	IN	Synchronous (clk156) external reset to for the logic of the encrypted HDL and the transceivers.
txlock	OUT	This active-High PLL frequency lock signal indicates that the PLL frequency is within predetermined tolerance. The transceiver and its clock outputs are not reliable until this condition is met.
mmcm_lock	IN	This port is driven High from the user application when clk156 is stable. For example, if an MMCM is used to generate clk156, then the MMCM lock signal can be used here; otherwise this port can be driven by txlock.

# Register Space

## MDIO Management Registers

The XAUI core, when generated with an MDIO interface, implements an MDIO Interface Register block. The core responds to MDIO transactions as either a 10GBASE-X PCS, a DTE XS, or a PHY XS depending on the setting of the `type_sel` port (see [Table 2-8](#)).

### 10GBASE-X PCS Registers

[Table 2-11](#) shows the MDIO registers present when the XAUI core is configured as a 10GBASE-X PCS.

*Table 2-11: 10GBASE-X PCS/PMA MDIO Registers*

Register Address	Register Name
1.0	Physical Medium Attachment/Physical Medium Dependent (PMA/PMD) Control 1
1.1	PMA/PMD Status 1
1.2,1.3	PMA/PMD Device Identifier
1.4	PMA/PMD Speed Ability
1.5, 1.6	PMA/PMD Devices in Package
1.7	10G PMA/PMD Control 2
1.8	10G PMA/PMD Status 2
1.9	Reserved
1.10	10G PMD Receive Signal OK
1.11 to 1.13	Reserved
1.14, 1.15	PMA/PMD Package Identifier
1.16 to 1.65 535	Reserved
3.0	PCS Control 1
3.1	PCS Status 1
3.2, 3.3	PCS Device Identifier
3.4	PCS Speed Ability
3.5, 3.6	PCS Devices in Package
3.7	10G PCS Control 2
3.8	10G PCS Status 2
3.9 to 3.13	Reserved
3.14, 3.15	PCS Package Identifier
3.16 to 3.23	Reserved

**Table 2-11: 10GBASE-X PCS/PMA MDIO Registers (Cont'd)**

Register Address	Register Name
3.24	10GBASE-X PCS Status
3.25	10GBASE-X Test Control
3.26 to 3.65 535	Reserved

## DTE XS Registers

Table 2-12 shows the MDIO registers present when the XAUI core is configured as a DTE XS.

**Table 2-12: DTE XS MDIO Registers**

Register Address	Register Name
5.0	DTE XS Control 1
5.1	DTE XS Status 1
5.2, 5.3	DTE XS Device Identifier
5.4	DTE XS Speed Ability
5.5, 5.6	DTE XS Devices in Package
5.7	Reserved
5.8	DTE XS Status 2
5.9 to 5.13	Reserved
5.14, 5.15	DTE XS Package Identifier
5.16 to 5.23	Reserved
5.24	10G DTE XGXS Lane Status
5.25	10G DTE XGXS Test Control

## PHY XS Registers

Table 2-13 shows the MDIO registers present when the XAUI core is configured as a PHY XS.

Table 2-13: PHY XS MDIO Registers

Register Address	Register Name
4.0	PHY XS Control 1
4.1	PHY XS Status 1
4.2, 4.3	PHY XS Device Identifier
4.4	PHY XS Speed Ability
4.5, 4.6	PHY XS Devices in Package
4.7	Reserved
4.8	PHY XS Status 2
4.9 to 4.13	Reserved
4.14, 4.15	PHY XS Package Identifier
4.16 to 4.23	Reserved
4.24	10G PHY XGXS Lane Status
4.25	10G PHY XGXS Test Control

# Designing with the Core

This chapter provides a general description of how to use the XAUI core in your designs and should be used in conjunction with [Chapter 5, Interfacing to the Core](#) which describes specific core interfaces.

This chapter also describes the steps required to turn a XAUI core into a fully-functioning design with user-application logic. It is important to realize that not all implementations require all of the design steps listed in this chapter. Follow the logic design guidelines in this manual carefully.

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## Use the Example Design as a Starting Point

Each instance of the XAUI core is delivered with an example design that can be implemented in an FPGA and simulated. This design can be used as a starting point for your own design or can be used to sanity-check your application in the event of difficulty.

See [Chapter 9, Detailed Example Design](#) for information about using and customizing the example designs for the XAUI core.

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## Know the Degree of Difficulty

XAUI designs are challenging to implement in any technology, and the degree of difficulty is further influenced by:

- Maximum system clock frequency
- Targeted device architecture
- Nature of your application

All XAUI implementations need careful attention to system performance requirements. Pipelining, logic mapping, placement constraints, and logic duplication are all methods that help boost system performance.

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## Keep It Registered

To simplify timing and increase system performance in an FPGA design, keep all inputs and outputs registered between your application and the core. This means that all inputs and outputs from your application should come from, or connect to a flip-flop. While registering signals might not be possible for all paths, it simplifies timing analysis and makes it easier for the Xilinx tools to place and route the design.

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## Recognize Timing Critical Signals

The supplied constraint file provided with the example design for the core identifies the critical signals and the timing constraints that should be applied. See [Chapter 8, Constraining the Core](#) for further information.

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## Use Supported Design Flows

The core HDL is added to the open Vivado™ Design Suite project. Later the core is synthesized along with the rest of the project as part of project synthesis.

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## Make Only Allowed Modifications

The XAUI core is not user-modifiable. Do not make modifications as they might have adverse effects on system timing and protocol compliance. Supported user configurations of the XAUI core can only be made by selecting the options from within the Vivado Design Suite when the core is generated. See [Chapter 7, Customizing and Generating the Core](#).

# Core Architecture

This chapter describes the overall architecture of the XAUI core and also describes the major interfaces to the core.

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## System Overview

XAUI is a four-lane, 3.125 Gb/s per-lane serial interface. 20 G-XAUI is supported in Zynq™-7000, Kintex™-7, Virtex®-7, and Artix™-7 devices (-2 speed grades) using four transceivers at 6.25 Gb/s. Each lane is a differential pair, carrying current mode logic (CML) signaling; the data on each lane is 8B/10B encoded before transmission. Special code groups are used to allow each lane to synchronize at a word boundary and to deskew all four lanes into alignment at the receiving end. The XAUI standard is fully specified in clauses 47 and 48 of the 10-Gigabit Ethernet specification *IEEE Std. 802.3-2008*.

The XAUI standard was initially developed as a means to extend the physical separation possible between Media Access Controller (MAC) and physical-side interface (PHY) components in a 10-Gigabit Ethernet system distributed across a circuit board, and to reduce the number of interface signals in comparison with the Ten Gigabit Ethernet Media Independent Interface (XGMII). [Figure 4-1](#) shows the XAUI core being used to connect to a 10-Gigabit Expansion Pack (XPAK) optical module.



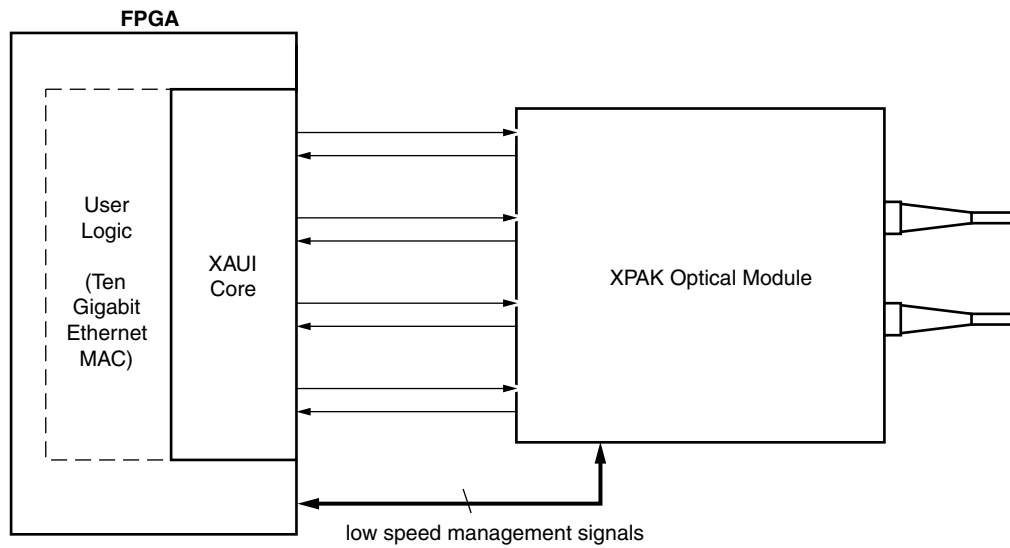


Figure 4-1: Connecting XAUI to an Optical Module

After its publication, the applications of XAUI have extended beyond 10-Gigabit Ethernet to the backplane and other general high-speed interconnect applications. A typical backplane application is shown in Figure 4-2.

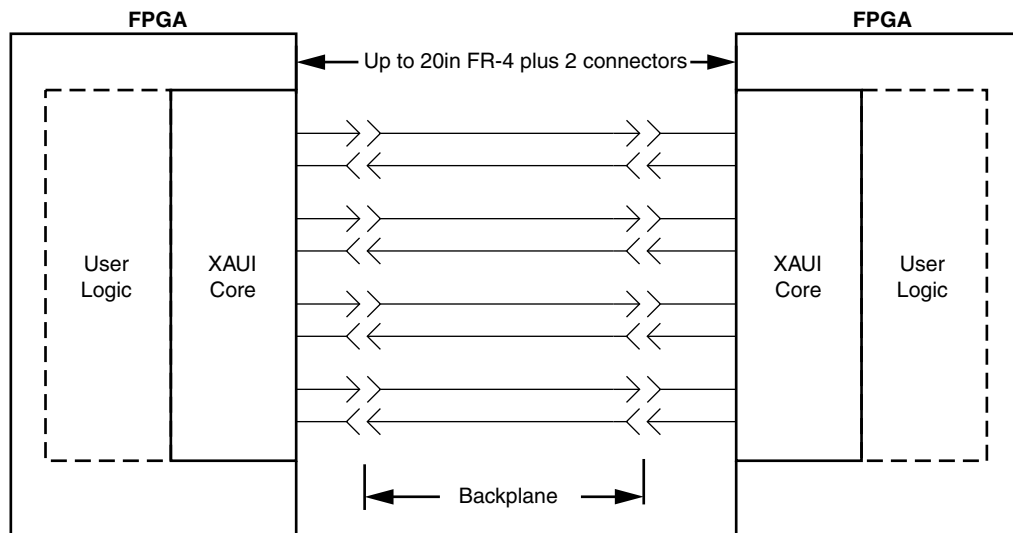


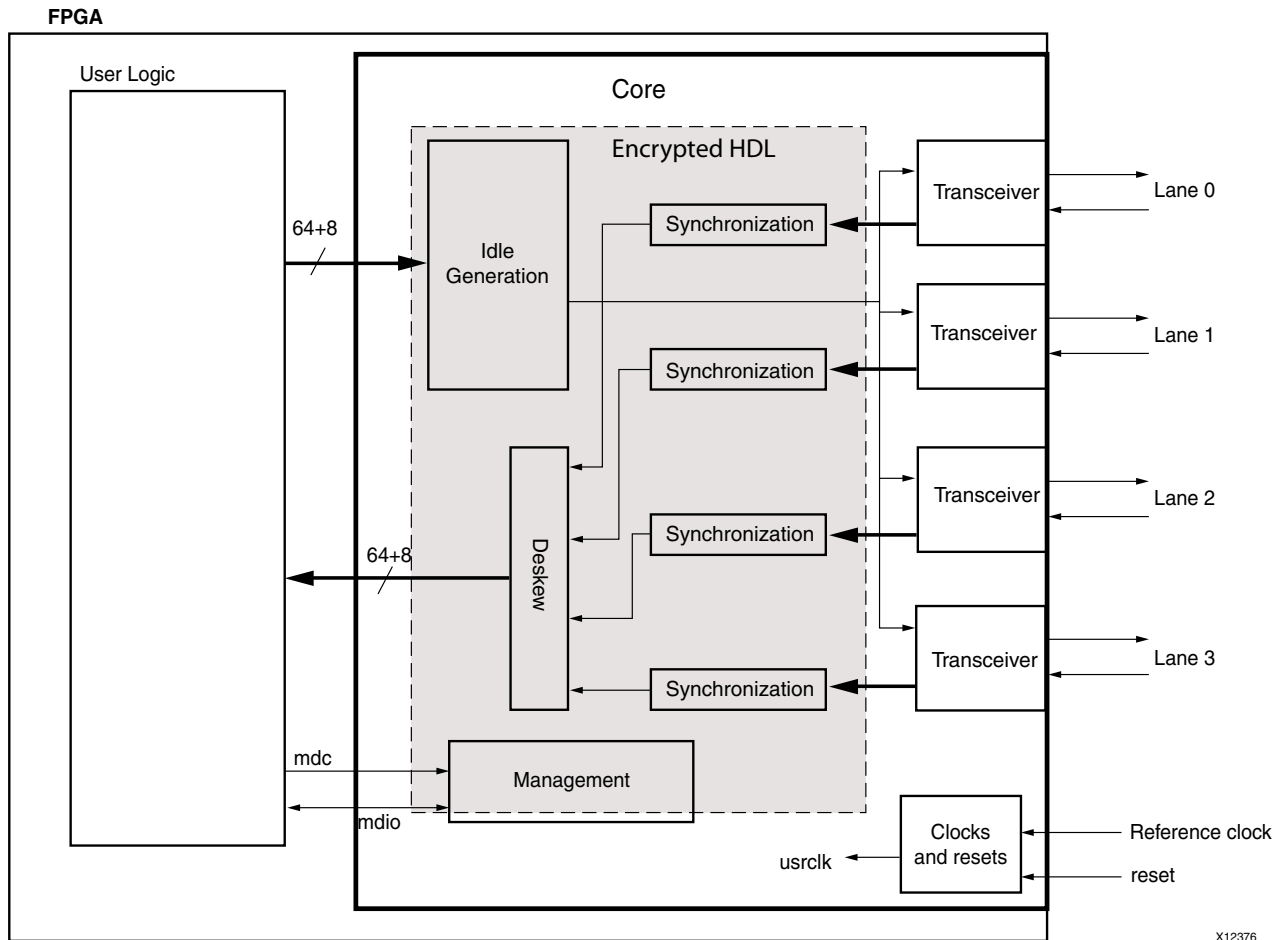
Figure 4-2: Typical Backplane Application for XAUI

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## Functional Description

Figure 4-3 shows a block diagram of the implementation of the XAUI core. The architecture is similar for all supported FPGAs. The major functional blocks of the core include the following:

- Transmit idle generation logic  
Creates the code groups to allow synchronization and alignment at the receiver.
- Synchronization state machine (one per lane)  
Identifies byte boundaries in incoming serial data.
- Deskew state machine  
Deskews the four received lanes into alignment.
- Optional MDIO interface  
A 2-wire low-speed serial interface used to manage the core.
- Embedded FPGA transceivers. Provides high-speed transceivers as well as 8B/10B encode and decode, and elastic buffering in the receive datapath.



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Figure 4-3: Architecture of the XAUI Core with Client-Side User Logic

# Interfacing to the Core

This chapter describes how to connect to the data interfaces of the core and configuration and status interfaces of the XAUI core.

## Data Interface: Internal XGMII Interfaces

### Internal 64-bit SDR Client-side Interface

The 64-bit single-data rate (SDR) client-side interface is based upon a 32-bit XGMII-like interface. The key difference is a demultiplexing of the bus from 32- bits wide to 64-bits wide on a single rising clock edge. This demultiplexing is done by extending the bus upwards so that there are now eight lanes of data numbered 0-7; the lanes are organized such that data appearing on lanes 4–7 is transmitted or received *later* in time than that in lanes 0-3.

The mapping of lanes to data bits is shown in [Table 5-1](#). The lane number is also the index of the control bit for that particular lane; for example, `XGMII_TXC[2]` and `XGMII_TXD[23:16]` are the control and data bits respectively for lane 2.

**Table 5-1: XGMII\_TXD, XGMII\_RXD Lanes for Internal 64-bit Client-Side Interface**

Lane	XGMII_TXD, XGMII_RXD Bits
0	7:0
1	15:8
2	23:16
3	31:24
4	39:32
5	47:40
6	55:48
7	63:56

## Definitions of Control Characters

Reference is regularly made to certain XGMII control characters signifying Start, Terminate, Error, and others. These control characters all have in common that the control line for that lane is 1 for the character and a certain data byte value. The relevant characters are defined in the *IEEE Std. 802.3-2008* and are reproduced in [Table 5-2](#) for reference.

*Table 5-2: Partial List of XGMII Characters*

Data (Hex)	Control	Name, Abbreviation
00 to FF	0	Data (D)
07	1	Idle (I)
FB	1	Start (S)
FD	1	Terminate (T)
FE	1	Error (E)

# Interfacing to the Transmit Client Interface

## Internal 64-bit Client-Side Interface

The timing of a data frame transmission through the internal 64-bit client-side interface is shown in Figure 5-1. The beginning of the data frame is shown by the presence of the Start character (the /S/ codegroup in lane 4 of Figure 5-1) followed by data characters in lanes 5, 6, and 7. Alternatively the start of the data frame can be marked by the occurrence of a Start character in lane 0, with the data characters in lanes 1 to 7.

When the frame is complete, it is completed by a Terminate character (the T in lane 1 of Figure 5-1). The Terminate character can occur in any lane; the remaining lanes are padded by XGMII idle characters.

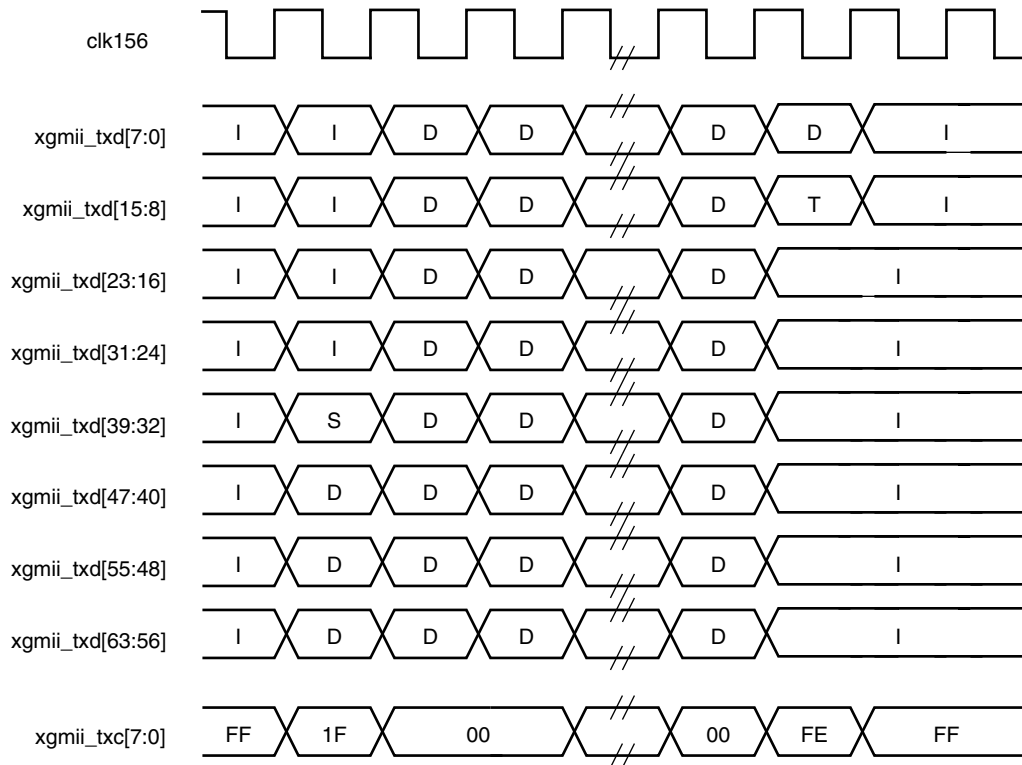


Figure 5-1: Normal Frame Transmission Across the Internal 64-bit Client-Side I/F

Figure 5-2 depicts a similar frame to that in Figure 5-1, with the exception that this frame is propagating an error. The error code is denoted by the letter E, with the relevant control bits set.

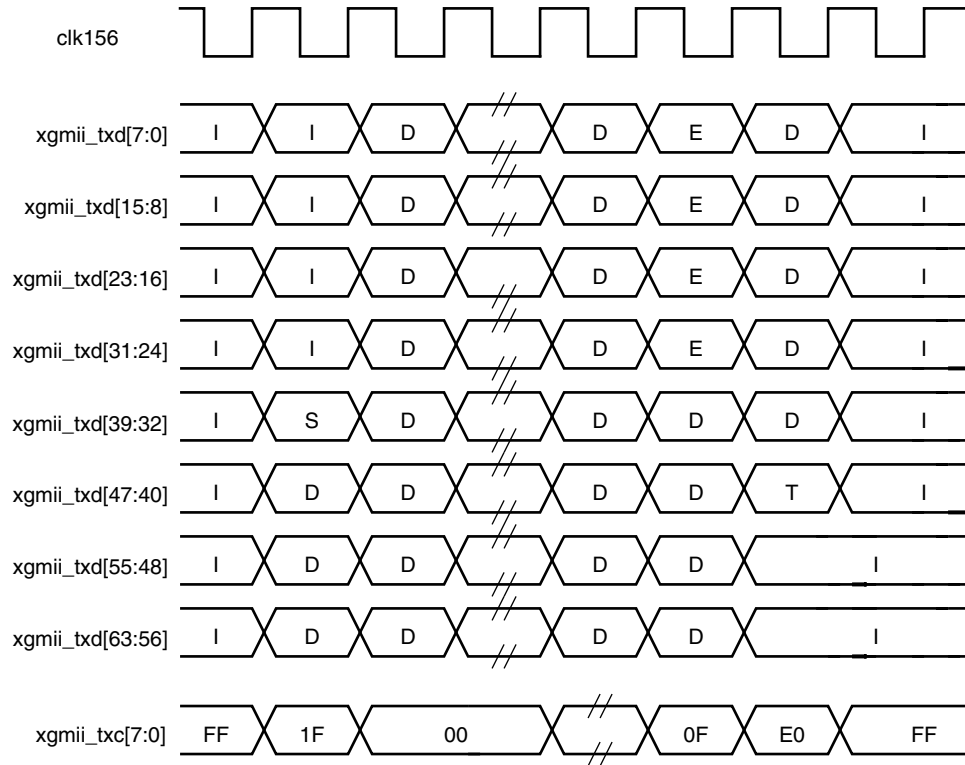


Figure 5-2: Frame Transmission with Error Across Internal 64-bit Client-Side I/F

# Interfacing to the Receive Client Interface

## Internal 64-bit Client-Side Interface

The timing of a normal inbound frame transfer is shown in Figure 5-3. As in the transmit case, the frame is delimited by a Start character (S) and by a Terminate character (T). The Start character in this implementation can occur in either lane 0 or in lane 4. The Terminate character, T, can occur in any lane.

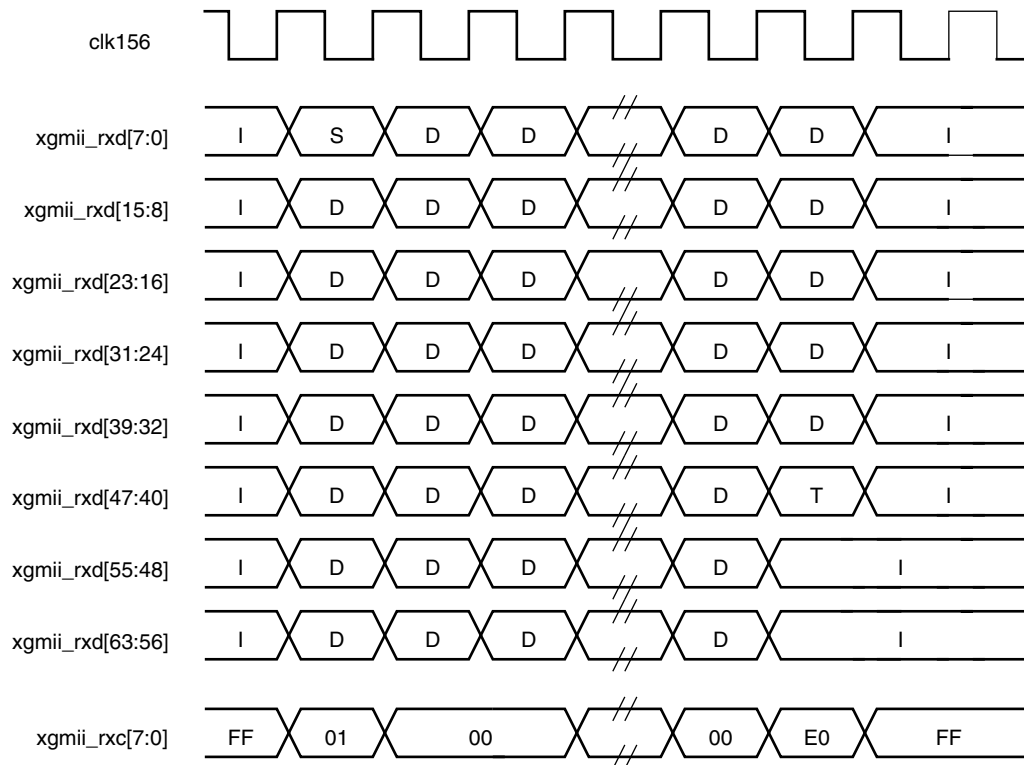


Figure 5-3: Frame Reception Across the Internal 64-bit Client Interface



Figure 5-4 shows an inbound frame of data propagating an error. In this instance, the error is propagated in lanes 4 to 7, shown by the letter E.

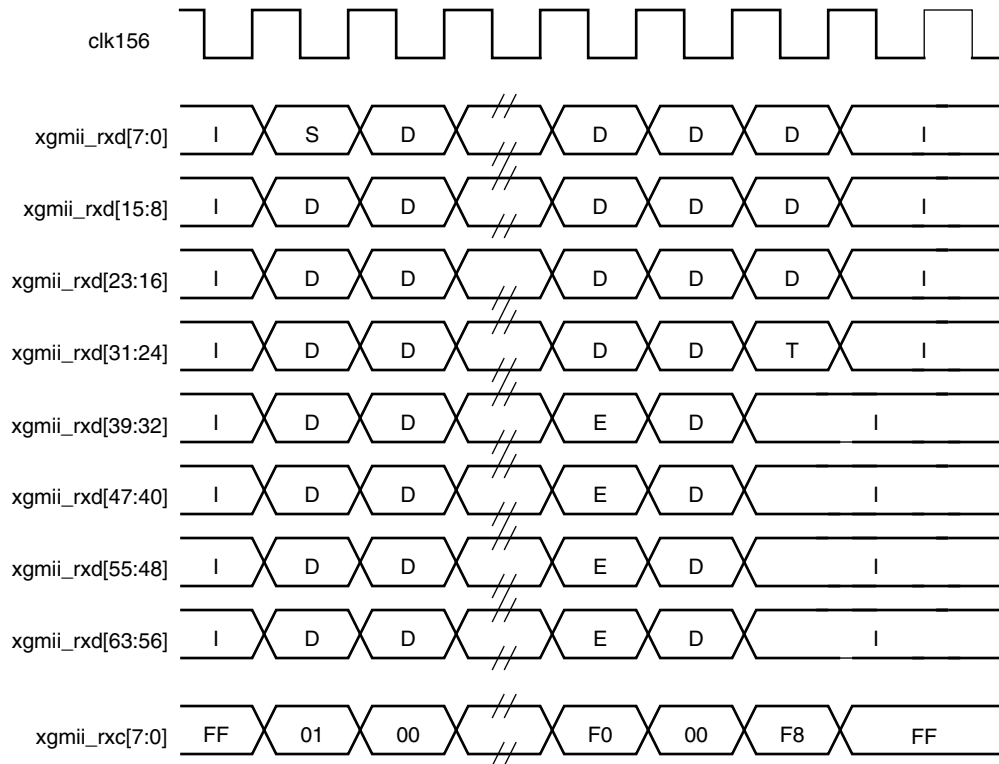


Figure 5-4: Frame Reception with Error Across the Internal 64-bit Client Interface

## Configuration and Status Interfaces

This section describes the interfaces available for dynamically setting the configuration and obtaining the status of the XAUI core. There are two interfaces for configuration; depending on the core customization, only one is available in a particular core instance. The interfaces are:

- [MDIO Interface](#)
- [Configuration and Status Vectors](#)

In addition, there are output ports on the core signalling alignment and synchronization status. These ports are described in [Alignment and Synchronization Status Ports](#).

## MDIO Interface

The Management Data Input/Output (MDIO) interface is a simple, low-speed two-wire interface for management of the XAUI core consisting of a clock signal and a bidirectional data signal. It is defined in clause 45 of *IEEE Standard 802.3-2008*.

An MDIO bus in a system consists of a single Station Management (STA) master management entity and several MDIO Managed Device (MMD) slave entities. [Figure 5-5](#) illustrates a typical system. All transactions are initiated by the Station Management Entity (STA) entity. The XAUI core implements an MMD.

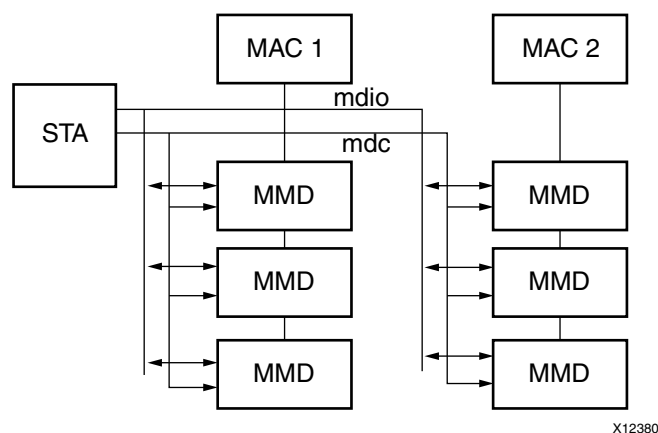


Figure 5-5: A Typical MDIO-Managed System

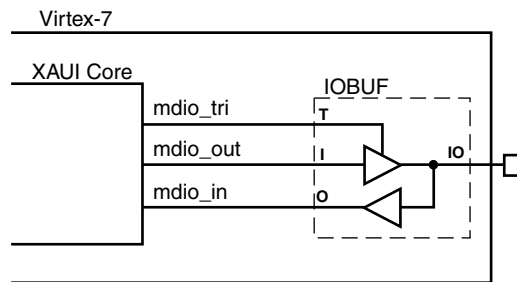
## MDIO Ports

The core ports associated with MDIO are shown in [Table 5-3](#).

**Table 5-3: MDIO Management Interface Port Description**

Signal Name	Direction	Description
MDC	IN	Management clock
MDIO_IN	IN	MDIO input
MDIO_OUT	OUT	MDIO output
MDIO_TRI	OUT	MDIO 3-state. 1 disconnects the output driver from the MDIO bus.
TYPE_SEL[1:0]	IN	Type select
PRTAD[4:0]	IN	MDIO port address

If implemented, the MDIO interface is implemented as four unidirectional signals. These can be used to drive a 3-state buffer either in the FPGA SelectIO™ interface buffer or in a separate device. [Figure 5-6](#) illustrates the use of a Virtex®-7 FPGA SelectIO interface 3-state buffer as the bus interface.



**Figure 5-6: Using a SelectIO Interface 3-State Buffer to Drive MDIO**

The `type_sel` port is registered into the core at FPGA configuration and core hard reset; changes after that time are ignored by the core. [Table 5-4](#) shows the mapping of the `type_sel` setting to the implemented register map.

**Table 5-4: Mapping of type\_sel Port Settings to MDIO Register Type**

type_sel setting	MDIO Register	Description
00 or 01	10GBASE-X PCS/PMA	When driving a 10GBASE-X PHY
10	Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) XGMII Extender Sublayer (XGXS)	When connected to a 10GMAC through XGMII
11	PHY XGXS	When connected to a PHY through XGMII

The `prtad[4:0]` port sets the port address of the core instance. Multiple instances of the same core can be supported on the same MDIO bus by setting `prtad[4:0]` to a unique value for each instance; the XAUI core ignores transactions with the PRTAD field set to a value other than that on its `prtad[4:0]` port.

## MDIO Transactions

The MDIO interface should be driven from a STA master according to the protocol defined in *IEEE Std. 802.3-2008*. An outline of each transaction type is described in the following sections. In these sections, the following abbreviations apply:

- PRE: preamble
- ST: start
- OP: operation code
- PRTAD: port address
- DEVAD: device address
- TA: turnaround

### Set Address Transaction

Figure 5-7 shows an Address transaction defined by `OP=00`. Set Address is used to set the internal 16-bit address register of the XAUI core for subsequent data transactions (called the "current address" in the following sections).

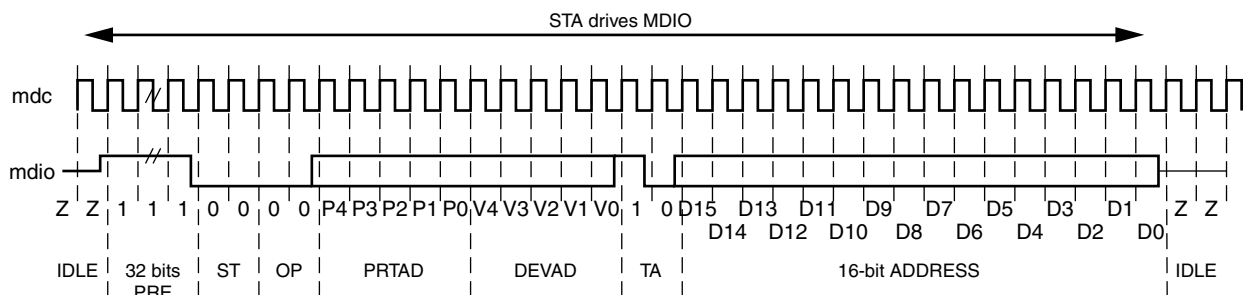


Figure 5-7: MDIO Set Address Transaction

### Write Transaction

Figure 5-8 shows a Write transaction defined by OP=01. The XAUI core takes the 16-bit word in the data field and writes it to the register at the current address.

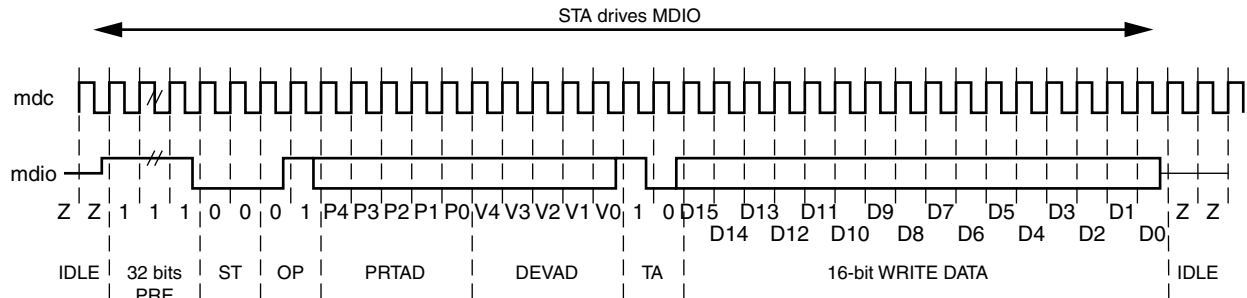


Figure 5-8: MDIO Write Transaction

### Read Transaction

Figure 5-9 shows a Read transaction defined by OP=11. The XAUI core returns the 16-bit word from the register at the current address.

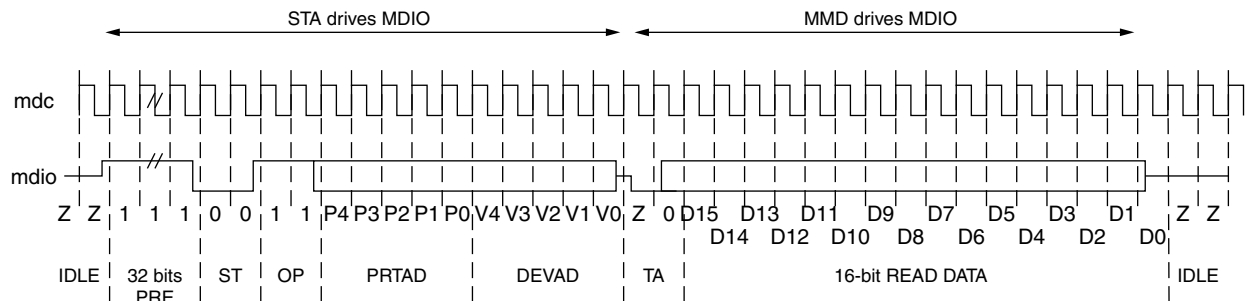


Figure 5-9: MDIO Read Transaction

### Post-read-increment-address Transaction

Figure 5-10 shows a Post-read-increment-address transaction, defined by OP=10. The XAUI core returns the 16-bit word from the register at the current address then increments the current address. This allows sequential reading or writing by a STA master of a block of register addresses.

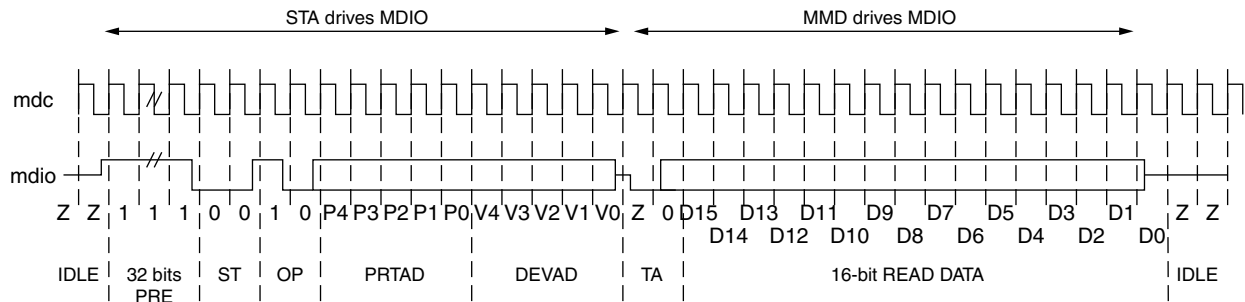


Figure 5-10: MDIO Read-and-increment Transaction

### 10GBASE-X PCS/PMA Register Map

When the core is configured as a 10GBASE-X Physical Coding Sublayer/Physical Medium Attachment (PCS/PMA), it occupies MDIO Device Addresses 1 and 3 in the MDIO register address map, as shown in Table 5-5.

Table 5-5: 10GBASE-X PCS/PMA MDIO Registers

Register Address	Register Name
1.0	Physical Medium Attachment/Physical Medium Dependent (PMA/PMD) Control 1
1.1	PMA/PMD Status 1
1.2,1.3	PMA/PMD Device Identifier
1.4	PMA/PMD Speed Ability
1.5, 1.6	PMA/PMD Devices in Package
1.7	10G PMA/PMD Control 2
1.8	10G PMA/PMD Status 2
1.9	Reserved
1.10	10G PMD Receive Signal OK
1.11 TO 1.13	Reserved
1.14, 1.15	PMA/PMD Package Identifier
1.16 to 1.65 535	Reserved
3.0	PCS Control 1
3.1	PCS Status 1
3.2, 3.3	PCS Device Identifier

Table 5-5: 10GBASE-X PCS/PMA MDIO Registers (Cont'd)

Register Address	Register Name
3.4	PCS Speed Ability
3.5, 3.6	PCS Devices in Package
3.7	10G PCS Control 2
3.8	10G PCS Status 2
3.9 to 3.13	Reserved
3.14, 3.15	Package Identifier
3.16 to 3.23	Reserved
3.24	10GBASE-X PCS Status
3.25	10GBASE-X Test Control
3.26 to 3.65 535	Reserved

### MDIO Register 1.0: PMA/PMD Control 1

Figure 5-11 shows the MDIO Register 1.0: PMA/PMD Control 1.

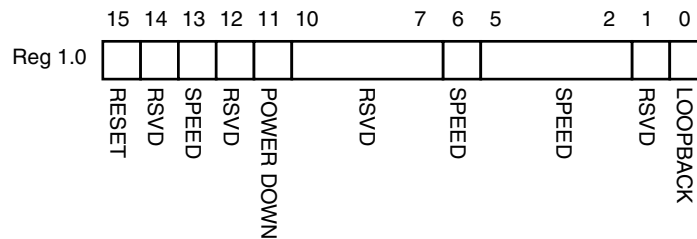


Figure 5-11: PMA/PMD Control 1 Register

Table 5-6 shows the PMA Control 1 register bit definitions.

Table 5-6: PMA/PMD Control 1 Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
1.0.15	Reset	1 = Block reset 0 = Normal operation The XAUI block is reset when this bit is set to 1. It returns to 0 when the reset is complete. The soft_reset pin is connected to this bit. This can be connected to the reset of any other MMDs.	R/W Self-clearing	0
1.0.14	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	0
1.0.13	Speed Selection	The block always returns 1 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	1
1.0.12	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	0

Table 5-6: PMA/PMD Control 1 Register Bit Definitions (Cont'd)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
1.0.11	Power down	1 = Power down mode 0 = Normal operation When set to 1, the serial transceivers are placed in a low power state. Set to 0 to return to normal operation	R/W	0
1.0.10:7	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
1.0.6	Speed Selection	The block always returns 1 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	1
1.0.5:2	Speed Selection	The block always returns 0s for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
1.0.1	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
1.0.0	Loopback	1 = Enable loopback mode 0 = Disable loopback mode The XAUI block loops the signal in the serial transceivers back into the receiver.	R/W	0



### MDIO Register 1.1: PMA/PMD Status 1

Figure 5-12 shows the MDIO Register 1.1: PMA/PMD Status 1.

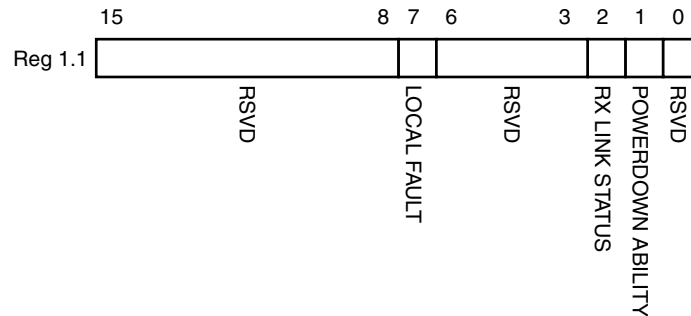


Figure 5-12: PMA/PMD Status 1 Register

Table 5-7 shows the PMA/PMD Status 1 register bit definitions.

Table 5-7: PMA/PMD Status 1 Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
1.1.15:8	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
1.1.7	Local Fault	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
1.1.6:3	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
1.1.2	Receive Link Status	The block always returns 1 for this bit.	R/O	1
1.1.1	Power Down Ability	The block always returns 1 for this bit.	R/O	1
1.1.0	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0

### MDIO Registers 1.2 and 1.3: PMA/PMD Device Identifier

Figure 5-13 shows the MDIO Registers 1.2 and 1.3: PMA/PMD Device Identifier.

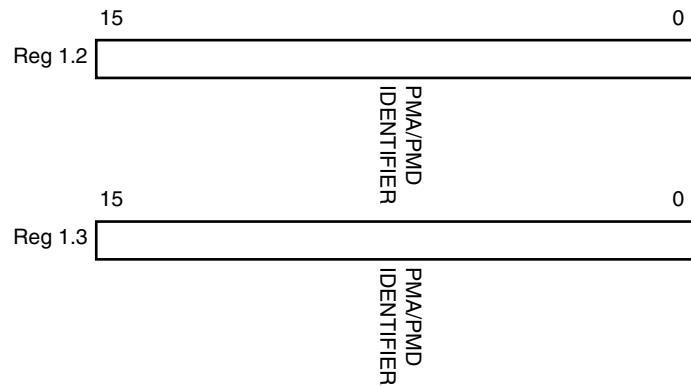


Figure 5-13: PMA/PMD Device Identifier Registers

Table 5-8 shows the PMA/PMD Device Identifier registers bit definitions.

Table 5-8: PMA/PMD Device Identifier Registers Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
1.2.15:0	PMA/PMD Identifier	The block always returns 0 for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
1.3.15:0	PMA/PMD Identifier	The block always returns 0 for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s

### MDIO Register 1.4: PMA/PMD Speed Ability

Figure 5-14 shows the MDIO Register 1.4: PMA/PMD Speed Ability.

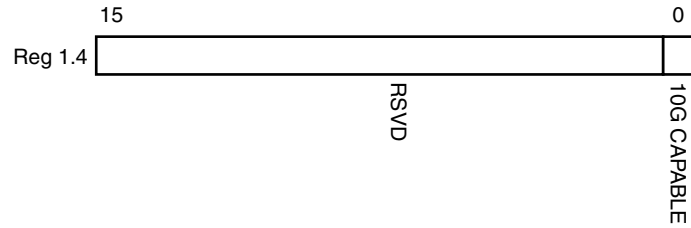


Figure 5-14: PMA/PMD Speed Ability Register

Table 5-9 shows the PMA/PMD Speed Ability register bit definitions.

Table 5-9: PMA/PMD Speed Ability Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attribute	Default Value
1.4.15:1	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
1.4.0	10G Capable	The block always returns 1 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	1

### MDIO Registers 1.5 and 1.6: PMA/PMD Devices in Package

Figure 5-15 shows the MDIO Registers 1.5 and 1.6: PMA/PMD Devices in Package.

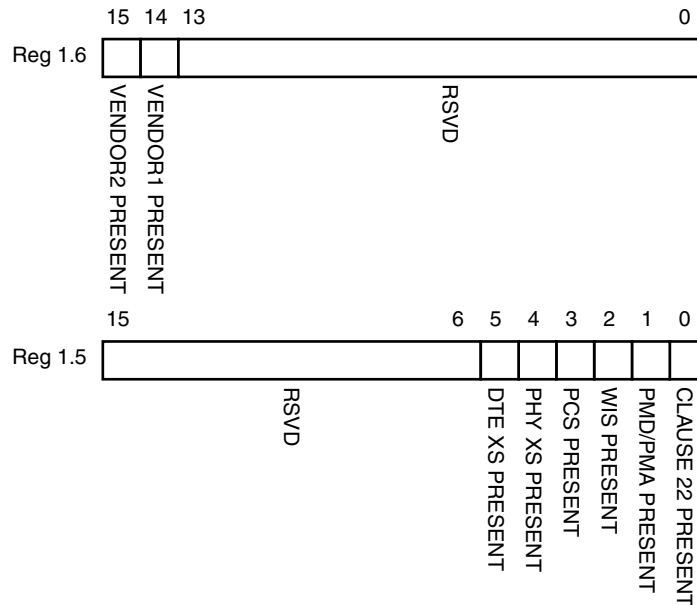


Figure 5-15: PMA/PMD Devices in Package Registers

Table 5-10 shows the PMA/PMD Device in Package registers bit definitions.

Table 5-10: PMA/PMD Devices in Package Registers Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
1.6.15	Vendor- specific Device 2 Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
1.6.14	Vendor-specific Device 1 Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
1.6.13:0	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
1.5.15:6	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
1.5.5	DTE Extender Sublayer (XS) Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
1.5.4	PHY XS Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
1.5.3	PCS Present	The block always returns 1 for this bit.	R/O	1
1.5.2	WIS Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
1.5.1	PMA/PMD Present	The block always returns 1 for this bit.	R/O	1
1.5.0	Clause 22 Device Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0

### MDIO Register 1.7: 10G PMA/PMD Control 2

Figure 5-16 shows the MDIO Register 1.7: 10G PMA/PMD Control 2.

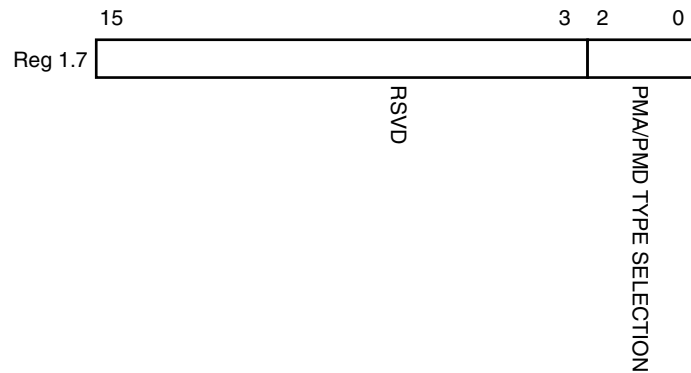


Figure 5-16: 10G PMA/PMD Control 2 Register

Table 5-11 shows the PMA/PMD Control 2 register bit definitions.

Table 5-11: 10G PMA/PMD Control 2 Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
1.7.15:3	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
1.7.2:0	PMA/PMD Type Selection	The block always returns 100 for these bits and ignores writes. This corresponds to the 10GBASE-X PMA/PMD.	R/O	100

### MDIO Register 1.8: 10G PMA/PMD Status 2

Figure 5-17 shows the MDIO Register 1.8: 10G PMA/PMD Status 2.

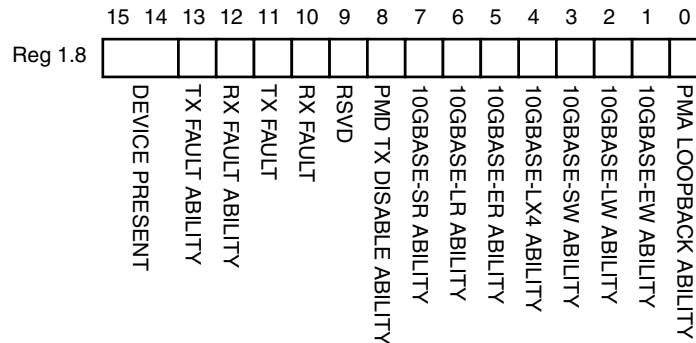


Figure 5-17: 10G PMA/PMD Status 2 Register

Table 5-12 shows the PMA/PMD Status 2 register bit definitions.

Table 5-12: 10G PMA/PMD Status 2 Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
1.8.15:14	Device Present	The block always returns 10 for these bits.	R/O	10
1.8.13	Transmit Local Fault Ability	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
1.8.12	Receive Local Fault Ability	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
1.8.11	Transmit Fault	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
1.8.10	Receive Fault	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
1.8.9	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
1.8.8	PMD Transmit Disable Ability	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
1.8.7	10GBASE-SR Ability	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
1.8.6	10GBASE-LR Ability	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
1.8.5	10GBASE-ER Ability	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
1.8.4	10GBASE-LX4 Ability	The block always returns 1 for this bit.	R/O	1
1.8.3	10GBASE-SW Ability	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0

**Table 5-12: 10G PMA/PMD Status 2 Register Bit Definitions (Cont'd)**

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
1.8.2	10GBASE-LW Ability	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
1.8.1	10GBASE-EW Ability	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
1.8.0	PMA Loopback Ability	The block always returns 1 for this bit.	R/O	1

### MDIO Register 1.10: 10G PMD Signal Receive OK

Figure 5-18 shows the MDIO 1.10 register: 10G PMD Signal Receive OK.

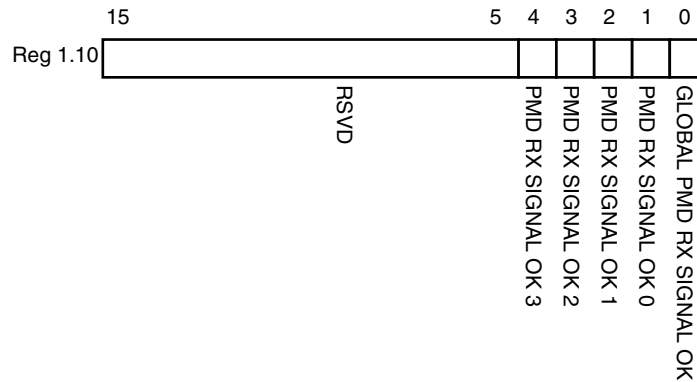


Figure 5-18: 10G PMD Signal Receive OK Register

Table 5-13 shows the 10G PMD Signal Receive OK register bit definitions.

Table 5-13: 10G PMD Signal Receive OK Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
1.10.15:5	Reserved	The block always returns 0s for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
1.10.4	PMD Receive Signal OK 3	1 = Signal OK on receive Lane 3 0 = Signal not OK on receive Lane 3 This is the value of the SIGNAL_DETECT[3] port.	R/O	-
1.10.3	PMD Receive Signal OK 2	1 = Signal OK on receive Lane 2 0 = Signal not OK on receive Lane 2 This is the value of the SIGNAL_DETECT[2] port.	R/O	-
1.10.2	PMD Receive Signal OK 1	1 = Signal OK on receive Lane 1 0 = Signal not OK on receive Lane 1 This is the value of the SIGNAL_DETECT[1] port.	R/O	-
1.10.1	PMD Receive Signal OK 0	1 = Signal OK on receive Lane 0 0 = Signal not OK on receive Lane 0 This is the value of the SIGNAL_DETECT[0] port.	R/O	-
1.10.0	Global PMD Receive Signal OK	1 = Signal OK on all receive lanes 0 = Signal not OK on all receive lanes	R/O	-



### MDIO Registers 1.14 and 1.15: PMA/PMD Package Identifier

Figure 5-19 shows the MDIO registers 1.14 and 1.15: PMA/PMD Package Identifier register.

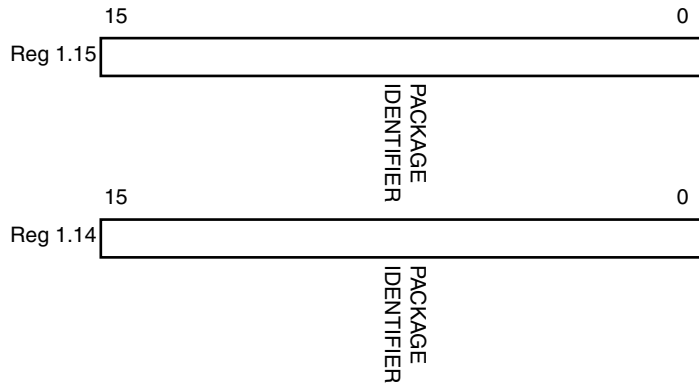


Figure 5-19: PMA/PMD Package Identifier Registers

Table 5-14 shows the PMA/PMD Package Identifier registers bit definitions.

Table 5-14: PMA/PMD Package Identifier Registers Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
1.15.15:0	PMA/PMD Package Identifier	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
1.14.15:0	PMA/PMD Package Identifier	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s

### MDIO Register 3.0: PCS Control 1

Figure 5-20 shows the MDIO Register 3.0: PCS Control 1.

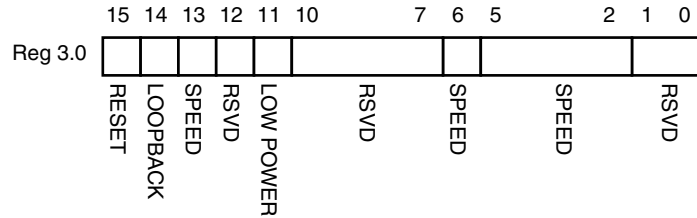


Figure 5-20: PCS Control 1 Register

Table 5-15 shows the PCS Control 1 register bit definitions.

Table 5-15: PCS Control 1 Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
3.0.15	Reset	1 = Block reset 0 = Normal operation The XAUI block is reset when this bit is set to 1. It returns to 0 when the reset is complete.	R/W Self-clearing	0
3.0.14	10GBASE-R Loopback	The block always returns 0 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	0
3.0.13	Speed Selection	The block always returns 1 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	1
3.0.12	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	0
3.0.11	Power down	1 = Power down mode 0 = Normal operation When set to 1, the serial transceivers are placed in a low-power state. Set to 0 to return to normal operation.	R/W	0
3.0.10:7	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
3.0.6	Speed Selection	The block always returns 1 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	1
3.0.5:2	Speed Selection	The block always returns 0s for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
3.0.1:0	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s

### MDIO Register 3.1: PCS Status 1

Figure 5-21 shows the MDIO Register 3.1: PCS Status 1.

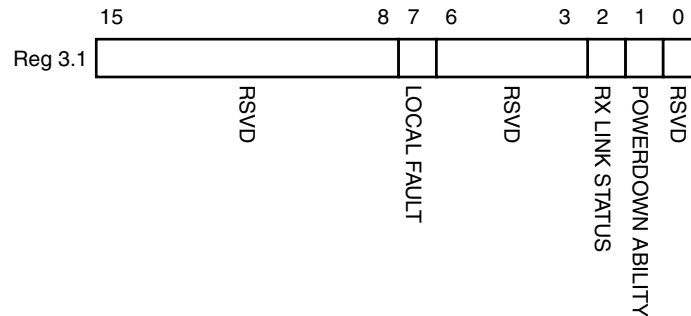


Figure 5-21: PCS Status 1 Register

Table 5-16 show the PCS 1 register bit definitions.

Table 5-16: PCS Status 1 Register Bit Definition

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
3.1.15:8	Reserved	The block always returns 0s for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
3.1.7	Local Fault	1 = Local fault detected 0 = No local fault detected This bit is set to 1 whenever either of the bits 3.8.11, 3.8.10 are set to 1.	R/O	-
3.1.6:3	Reserved	The block always returns 0s for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
3.1.2	PCS Receive Link Status	1 = The PCS receive link is up 0 = The PCS receive link is down This is a latching Low version of bit 3.24.12.	R/O Self-setting	-
3.1.1	Power Down Ability	The block always returns 1 for this bit.	R/O	1
3.1.0	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	0

### MDIO Registers 3.2 and 3.3: PCS Device Identifier

Figure 5-22 shows the MDIO Registers 3.2 and 3.3: PCS Device Identifier.

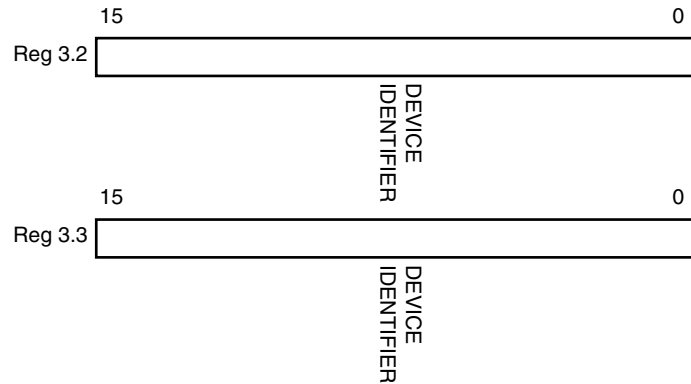


Figure 5-22: PCS Device Identifier Registers

Table 5-17 shows the PCS Device Identifier registers bit definitions.

Table 5-17: PCS Device Identifier Registers Bit Definition

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
3.2.15:0	PCS Identifier	The block always returns 0 for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
3.3.15:0	PCS Identifier	The block always returns 0 for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s

### MDIO Register 3.4: PCS Speed Ability

Figure 5-23 shows the MDIO Register 3.4: PCS Speed Ability.

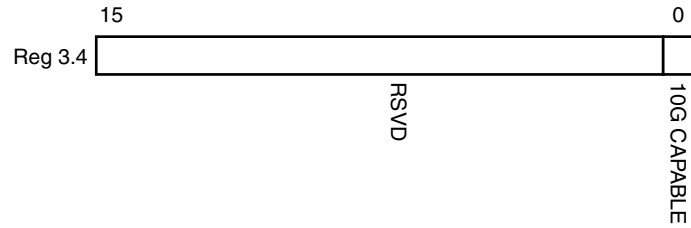


Figure 5-23: PCS Speed Ability Register

Table 5-18 shows the PCS Speed Ability register bit definitions.

Table 5-18: PCS Speed Ability Register Bit Definition

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attribute	Default Value
3.4.15:1	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
3.4.0	10 G Capable	The block always returns 1 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	1

### MDIO Registers 3.5 and 3.6: PCS Devices in Package

Figure 5-24 shows the MDIO Registers 3.5 and 3.6: PCS Devices in Package.

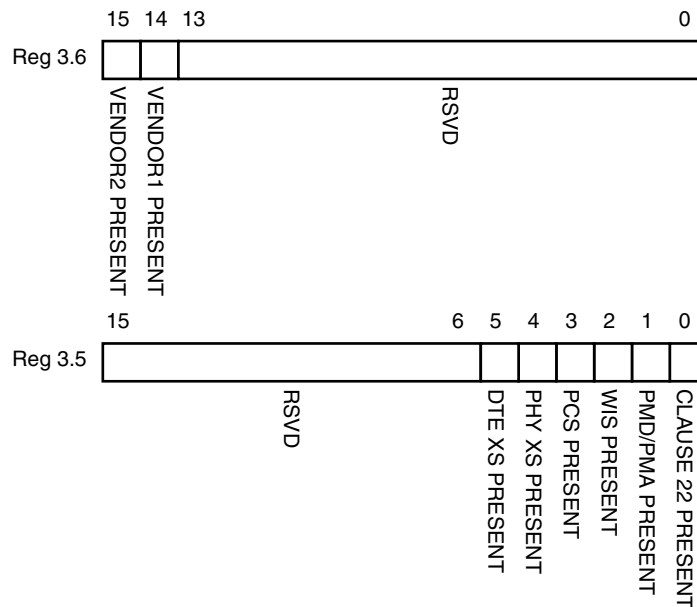


Figure 5-24: PCS Devices in Package Registers

Table 5-19 shows the PCS Devices in Package registers bit definitions.

Table 5-19: PCS Devices in Package Registers Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
3.6.15	Vendor-specific Device 2 Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
3.6.14	Vendor-specific Device 1 Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
3.6.13:0	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
3.5.15:6	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
3.5.5	PHY XS Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
3.5.4	PHY XS Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
3.5.3	PCS Present	The block always returns 1 for this bit.	R/O	1
3.5.2	WIS Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
3.5.1	PMA/PMD Present	The block always returns 1 for this bit.	R/O	1
3.5.0	Clause 22 device present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0

### MDIO Register 3.7: 10G PCS Control 2

Figure 5-25 shows the MDIO Register 3.7: 10G PCS Control 2.

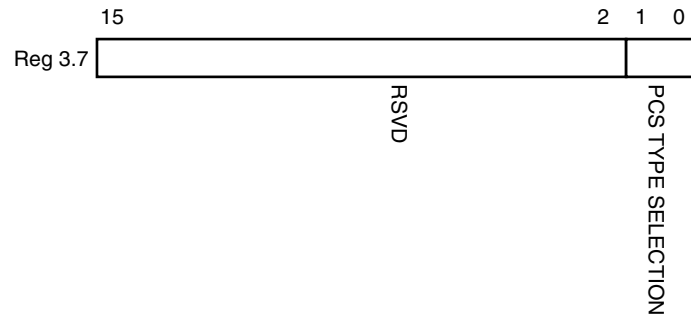


Figure 5-25: 10G PCS Control 2 Register

Table 5-20 shows the 10 G PCS Control 2 register bit definitions.

Table 5-20: 10G PCS Control 2 Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
3.7.15:2	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
3.7.1:0	PCS Type Selection	The block always returns 01 for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	01

### MDIO Register 3.8: 10G PCS Status 2

Figure 5-26 shows the MDIO Register 3.8: 10G PCS Status 2.

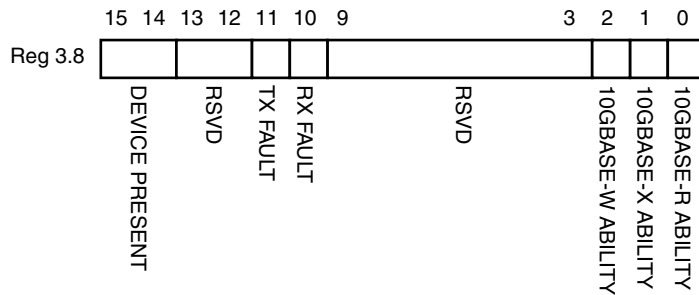


Figure 5-26: 10G PCS Status 2 Register

Table 5-21 shows the 10G PCS Status 2 register bit definitions.

Table 5-21: 10G PCS Status 2 Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
3.8.15:14	Device present	The block always returns 10.	R/O	10
3.8.13:12	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
3.8.11	Transmit local fault	1 = Fault condition on transmit path 0 = No fault condition on transmit path	R/O Latching High	-
3.8.10	Receive local fault	1 = Fault condition on receive path 0 = No fault condition on receive path	R/O Latching High	-
3.8.9:3	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
3.8.2	10GBASE-W Capable	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
3.8.1	10GBASE-X Capable	The block always returns 1 for this bit.	R/O	1
3.8.0	10GBASE-R Capable	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0



### MDIO Registers 3.14 and 3.15: PCS Package Identifier

Figure 5-27 shows the MDIO Registers 3.14 and 3.15: PCS Package Identifier.

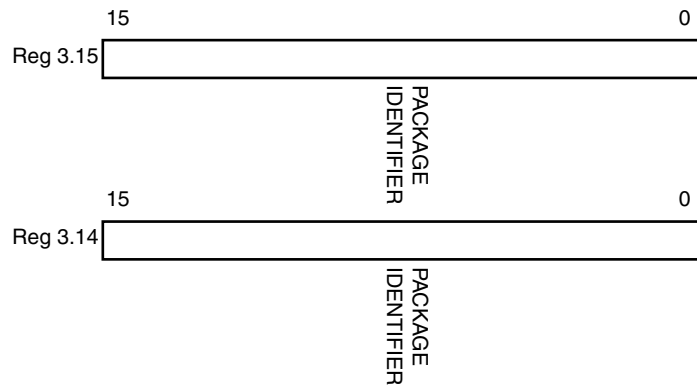


Figure 5-27: Package Identifier Registers

Table 5-22 shows the PCS Package Identifier registers bit definitions.

Table 5-22: PCS Package Identifier Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
3.14.15:0	Package Identifier	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
3.15.15:0	Package Identifier	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s

### MDIO Register 3.24: 10GBASE-X Status

Figure 5-28 shows the MDIO Register 3.24: 10GBase-X Status.

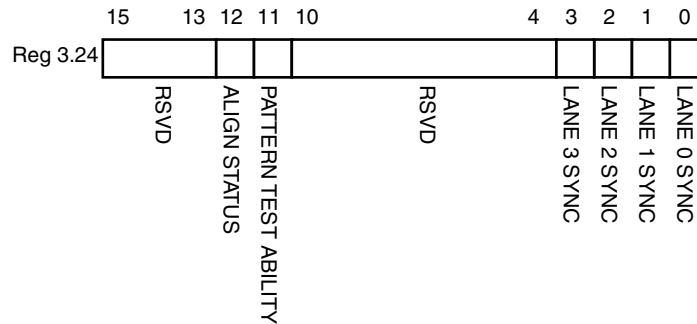


Figure 5-28: 10GBASE-X Status Register

Table 5-23 shows the 10GBase-X Status register bit definitions.

Table 5-23: 10GBASE-X Status Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
3.24.15:13	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
3.24.12	10GBASE-X Lane Alignment Status	1 = 10GBASE-X receive lanes aligned; 0 = 10GBASE-X receive lanes not aligned.	RO	-
3.24.11	Pattern Testing Ability	The block always returns 1 for this bit.	R/O	1
3.24.10:4	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
3.24.3	Lane 3 Sync	1 = Lane 3 is synchronized; 0 = Lane 3 is not synchronized.	R/O	-
3.24.2	Lane 2 Sync	1 = Lane 2 is synchronized; 0 = Lane 2 is not synchronized.	R/O	-
3.24.1	Lane 1 Sync	1 = Lane 1 is synchronized; 0 = Lane 1 is not synchronized.	R/O	-
3.24.0	Lane 0 Sync	1 = Lane 0 is synchronized; 0 = Lane 0 is not synchronized.	R/O	-

### MDIO Register 3.25: 10GBASE-X Test Control

Figure 5-29 shows the MDIO Register 3.25: 10GBase-X Test Control.

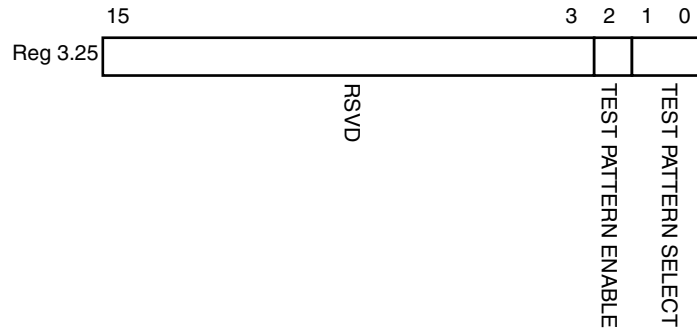


Figure 5-29: Test Control Register

Table 5-24 shows the 10GBase-X Test Control register bit definitions.

Table 5-24: 10GBASE-X Test Control Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
3.25.15:3	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
3.25.2	Transmit Test Pattern Enable	1 = Transmit test pattern enable 0 = Transmit test pattern disabled	R/W	0
3.25.1:0	Test Pattern Select	11 = Reserved 10 = Mixed frequency test pattern 01 = Low frequency test pattern 00 = High frequency test pattern	R/W	00

## DTE XS MDIO Register Map

When the core is configured as a DTE XGXS, it occupies MDIO Device Address 5 in the MDIO register address map (Table 5-25).

Table 5-25: DTE XS MDIO Registers

Register Address	Register Name
5.0	DTE XS Control 1
5.1	DTE XS Status 1
5.2, 5.3	DTE XS Device Identifier
5.4	DTE XS Speed Ability
5.5, 5.6	DTE XS Devices in Package
5.7	Reserved
5.8	DTE XS Status 2
5.9 to 5.13	Reserved
5.14, 5.15	DTE XS Package Identifier
5.16 to 5.23	Reserved
5.24	10G DTE XGXS Lane Status
5.25	10G DTE XGXS Test Control

### MDIO Register 5.0:DTE XS Control 1

Figure 5-30 shows the MDIO Register 5.0: DTE XS Control 1.

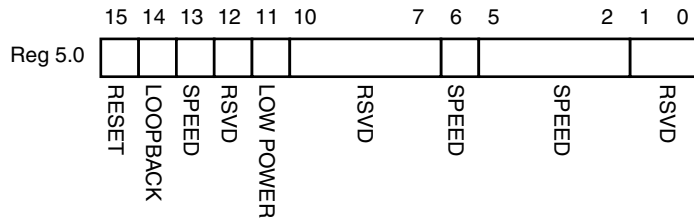


Figure 5-30: DTE XS Control 1 Register

Table 5-26 shows the DTE XS Control 1 register bit definitions.

Table 5-26: DTE XS Control 1 Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
5.0.15	Reset	1 = Block reset 0 = Normal operation The XAUI block is reset when this bit is set to 1. It returns to 0 when the reset is complete.	R/W Self-clearing	0
5.0.14	Loopback	1 = Enable loopback mode 0 = Disable loopback mode The XAUI block loops the signal in the serial transceivers back into the receiver.	R/W	0
5.0.13	Speed Selection	The block always returns 1 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	1
5.0.12	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	0
5.0.11	Power down	1 = Power down mode 0 = Normal operation When set to 1, the serial transceivers are placed in a low power state. Set to 0 to return to normal operation	R/W	0
5.0.10:7	Reserved	The block always returns 0s for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
5.0.6	Speed Selection	The block always returns 1 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	1
5.0.5:2	Speed Selection	The block always returns 0s for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
5.0.1:0	Reserved	The block always returns 0s for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s

### MDIO Register 5.1: DTE XS Status 1

Figure 5-31 shows the MDIO Register 5.1: DTE XS Status 1.

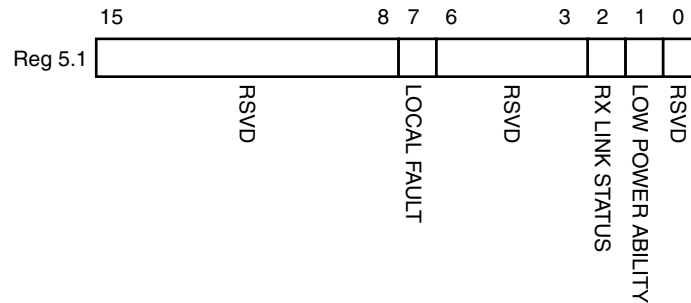


Figure 5-31: DTE XS Status 1 Register

Table 5-27 shows the DET XS Status 1 register bit definitions.

Table 5-27: DTE XS Status 1 Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
5.1.15:8	Reserved	The block always returns 0s for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
5.1.7	Local Fault	1 = Local fault detected 0 = No Local Fault detected This bit is set to 1 whenever either of the bits 5.8.11, 5.8.10 are set to 1.	R/O	-
5.1.6:3	Reserved	The block always returns 0s for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
5.1.2	DTE XS Receive Link Status	1 = The DTE XS receive link is up. 0 = The DTE XS receive link is down. This is a latching Low version of bit 5.24.12.	R/O Self-setting	-
5.1.1	Power Down Ability	The block always returns 1 for this bit.	R/O	1
5.1.0	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	0

### MDIO Registers 5.2 and 5.3: DTE XS Device Identifier

Figure 5-32 shows the MDIO Registers 5.2 and 5.3: DTE XS Device Identifier.

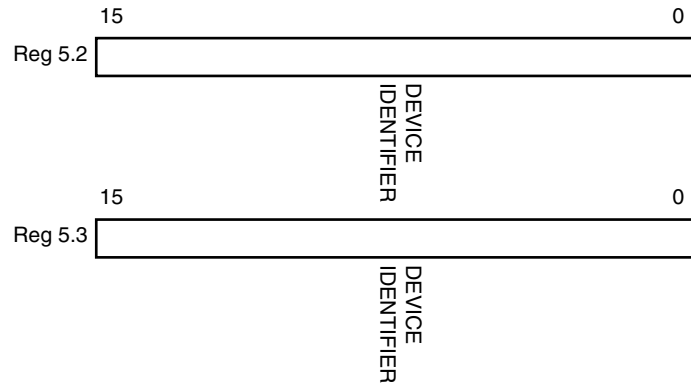


Figure 5-32: DTE XS Device Identifier Registers

Table 5-28 shows the DTE XS Device Identifier registers bit definitions.

Table 5-28: DTE XS Device Identifier Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
5.2.15:0	DTE XS Identifier	The block always returns 0 for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
5.3.15:0	DTE XS Identifier	The block always returns 0 for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s

### MDIO Register 5.4: DTE XS Speed Ability

Figure 5-33 shows the MDIO Register 5.4: DTE Speed Ability.

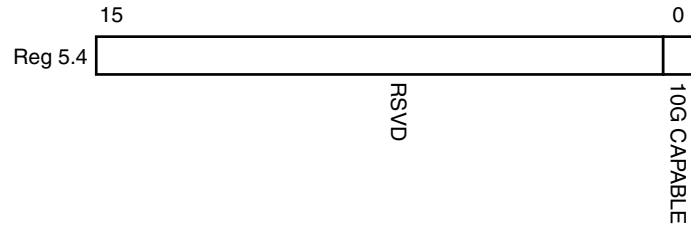


Figure 5-33: DTE XS Speed Ability Register

Table 5-29 shows the DTE XS Speed Ability register bit definitions.

Table 5-29: DTE XS Speed Ability Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attribute	Default Value
5.4.15:1	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
5.4.0	10G Capable	The block always returns 1 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	1



### MDIO Registers 5.5 and 5.6: DTE XS Devices in Package

Figure 5-33 shows the MDIO Registers 5.5 and 5.6: DTE XS Devices in Package.

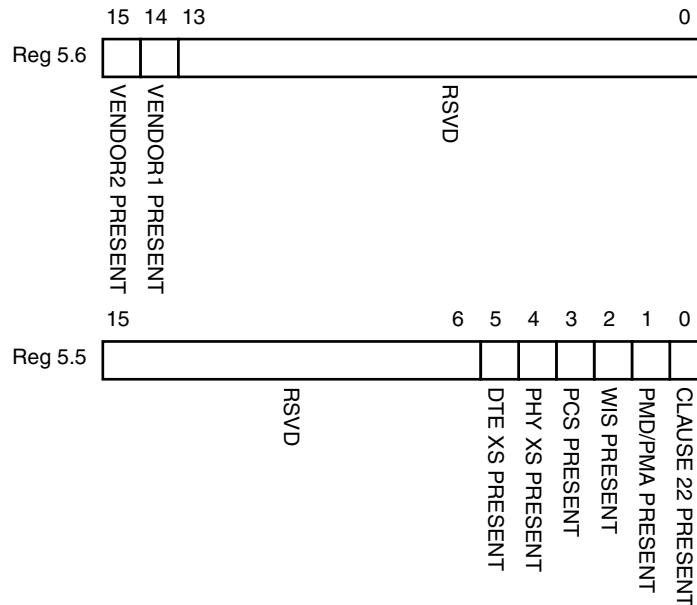


Figure 5-34: DTE XS Devices in Package Register

Table 5-30 shows the DTE XS Devices in Package registers bit definitions.

Table 5-30: DTE XS Devices in Package Registers Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
5.6.15	Vendor-specific Device 2 Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
5.6.14	Vendor-specific Device 1 Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
5.6.13:0	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
5.6.15:6	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
5.5.5	DTE XS Present	The block always returns 1 for this bit.	R/O	1
5.5.4	PHY XS Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
5.5.3	PCS Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
5.5.2	WIS Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
5.5.1	PMA/PMD Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
5.5.0	Clause 22 Device Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0

### MDIO Register 5.8: DTE XS Status 2

Figure 5-35 shows the MDIO Register 5.8: DTE XS Status 2.

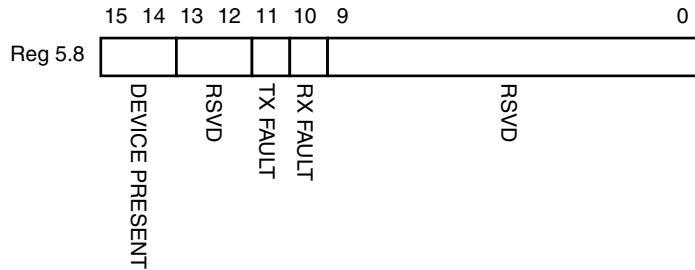


Figure 5-35: DTE XS Status 2 Register

Table 5-31 show the DTE XS Status 2 register bits definitions.

Table 5-31: DTE XS Status 2 Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
5.8.15:14	Device Present	The block always returns 10.	R/O	10
5.8.13:12	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
5.8.11	Transmit Local Fault	1 = Fault condition on transmit path 0 = No fault condition on transmit path	R/O Latching High	-
5.8.10	Receive Local Fault	1 = Fault condition on receive path 0 = No fault condition on receive path	R/O Latching High	-
5.8.9:0	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s

### MDIO Registers 5.14 and 5.15: DTE XS Package Identifier

Figure 5-35 shows the MDIO Registers 5.14 and 5.15: DTE XS Package Identifier.

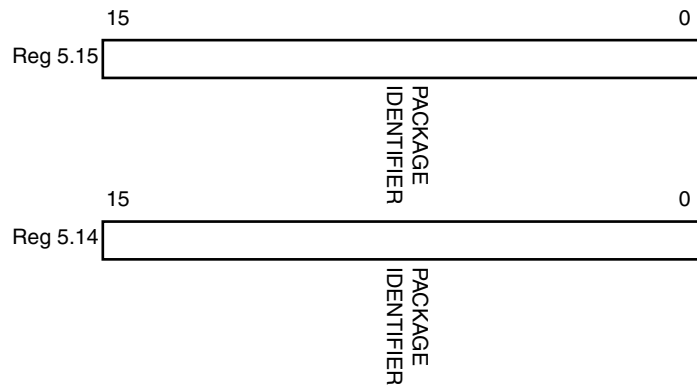


Figure 5-36: DTE XS Package Identifier Registers

Table 5-32 shows the DTE XS Package Identifier registers bit definitions.

Table 5-32: DTE XS Package Identifier Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
5.14.15:0	DTE XS Package Identifier	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
5.15.15:0	DTE XS Package Identifier	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s

### Test Patterns

The XAUI core is capable of sending test patterns for system debug. These patterns are defined in Annex 48A of *IEEE Std. 802.3-2008* and transmission of these patterns is controlled by the MDIO Test Control Registers.

There are three types of pattern available:

- High frequency test pattern of "1010101010...." at each device-specific transceiver output
- Low frequency test pattern of "111110000011111000001111100000...." at each device-specific transceiver output
- mixed frequency test pattern of "111110101100000101001111101011000001010..." at each device-specific transceiver output.

### MDIO Register 5.24: DTE XS Lane Status

Figure 5-37 shows the MDIO Register 5.24: DTE XS Lane Status.

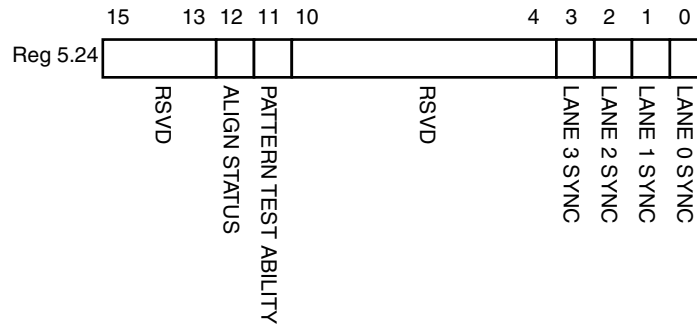


Figure 5-37: DTE XS Lane Status Register

Table 5-33 shows the DTE XS Lane Status register bit definitions.

Table 5-33: DTE XS Lane Status Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
5.24.15:13	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
5.24.12	DTE XGXS Lane Alignment Status	1 = DTE XGXS receive lanes aligned 0 = DTE XGXS receive lanes not aligned	R/O	-
5.24.11	Pattern testing ability	The block always returns 1 for this bit.	R/O	1
5.24.10:4	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
5.24.3	Lane 3 Sync	1 = Lane 3 is synchronized; 0 = Lane 3 is not synchronized.	R/O	-
5.24.2	Lane 2 Sync	1 = Lane 2 is synchronized; 0 = Lane 2 is not synchronized.	R/O	-
5.24.1	Lane 1 Sync	1 = Lane 1 is synchronized; 0 = Lane 1 is not synchronized.	R/O	-
5.24.0	Lane 0 Sync	1 = Lane 0 is synchronized; 0 = Lane 0 is not synchronized.	R/O	-

### MDIO Register 5.25: 10G DTE XGXS Test Control

Figure 5-38 shows the MDIO Register 5.25: 10G DTE XGXS Test Control.

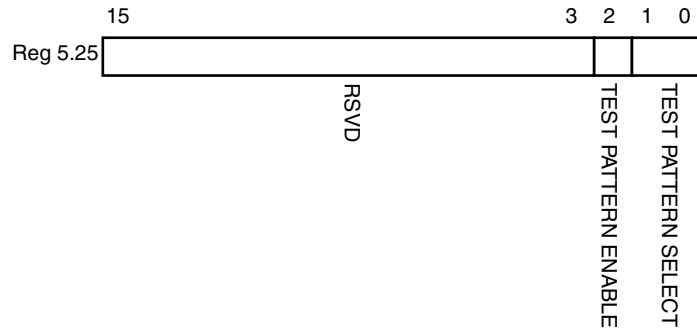


Figure 5-38: 10G DTE XGXS Test Control Register

Table 5-34 shows the 10G DTE XGXS Test Control register bit definitions.

Table 5-34: 10G DTE XGXS Test Control Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
5.25.15:3	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
5.25.2	Transmit Test Pattern Enable	1 = Transmit test pattern enable 0 = Transmit test pattern disabled	R/W	0
5.25.1:0	Test Pattern Select	11 = Reserved 10 = Mixed frequency test pattern 01 = Low frequency test pattern 00 = High frequency test pattern	R/W	00

## PHY XS MDIO Register Map

When the core is configured as a PHY XGXS, it occupies MDIO Device Address 4 in the MDIO register address map ([Table 5-35](#)).

*Table 5-35: PHY XS MDIO Registers*

Register Address	Register Name
4.0	PHY XS Control 1
4.1	PHY XS Status 1
4.2, 4.3	Device Identifier
4.4	PHY XS Speed Ability
4.5, 4.6	Devices in Package
4.7	Reserved
4.8	PHY XS Status 2
4.9 to 4.13	Reserved
4.14, 4.15	Package Identifier
4.16 to 4.23	Reserved
4.24	10G PHY XGXS Lane Status
4.25	10G PHY XGXS Test Control

### MDIO Register 4.0: PHY XS Control 1

Figure 5-39 shows the MDIO Register 4.0: PHY XS Control 1.

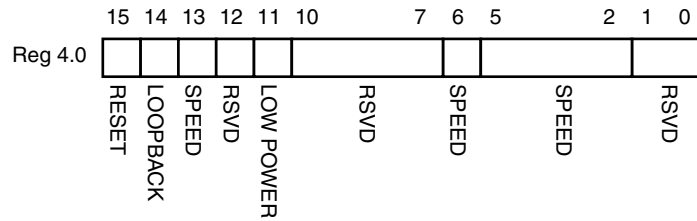


Figure 5-39: PHY XS Control 1 Register

Table 5-36 shows the PHY XS Control 1 register bit definitions.

Table 5-36: PHY XS Control 1 Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
4.0.15	Reset	1 = Block reset 0 = Normal operation The XAUI block is reset when this bit is set to 1. It returns to 0 when the reset is complete.	R/W Self-clearing	0
4.0.14	Loopback	1 = Enable loopback mode 0 = Disable loopback mode The XAUI block loops the signal in the serial transceivers back into the receiver.	R/W	0
4.0.13	Speed Selection	The block always returns 1 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	1
4.0.12	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	0
4.0.11	Power down	1 = Power down mode 0 = Normal operation When set to 1, the serial transceivers are placed in a low power state. Set to 0 to return to normal operation	R/W	0
4.0.10:7	Reserved	The block always returns 0s for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
4.0.6	Speed Selection	The block always returns 1 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	1
4.0.5:2	Speed Selection	The block always returns 0s for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
4.0.1:0	Reserved	The block always returns 0s for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s

### MDIO Register 4.1: PHY XS Status 1

Figure 5-40 shows the MDIO Register 4.1: PHY XS Status 1.

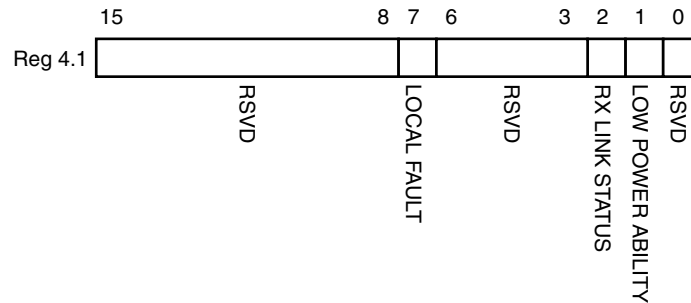


Figure 5-40: PHY XS Status 1 Register

Table 5-37 shows the PHY XS Status 1 register bit definitions.

Table 5-37: PHY XS Status 1 Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
4.1.15:8	Reserved	The block always returns 0s for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
4.1.7	Local Fault	1 = Local fault detected 0 = No Local Fault detected This bit is set to 1 whenever either of the bits 4.8.11, 4.8.10 are set to 1.	R/O	-
4.1.6:3	Reserved	The block always returns 0s for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
4.1.2	PHY XS Receive Link Status	1 = The PHY XS receive link is up. 0 = The PHY XS receive link is down. This is a latching Low version of bit 4.24.12.	R/O Self-setting	-
4.1.1	Power Down Ability	The block always returns 1 for this bit.	R/O	1
4.1.0	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	0



### MDIO Registers 4.2 and 4.3: PHY XS Device Identifier

Figure 5-41 shows the MDIO Registers 4.2 and 4.3: PHY XS Device Identifier.

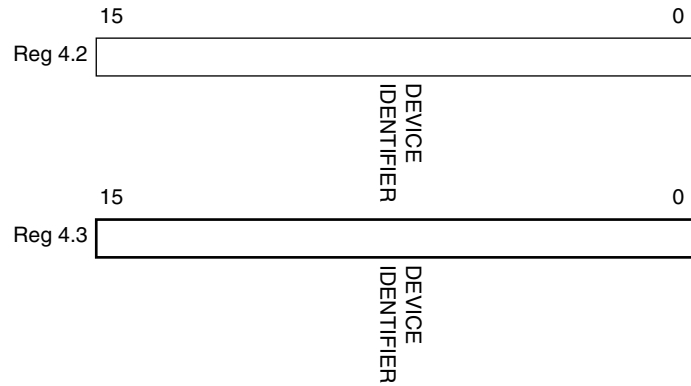


Figure 5-41: PHY XS Device Identifier Registers

Table 5-38 shows the PHY XS Devices Identifier registers bit definitions.

Table 5-38: PHY XS Device Identifier Registers Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
4.2.15:0	PHY XS Identifier	The block always returns 0 for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
4.3.15:0	PHY XS Identifier	The block always returns 0 for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s

### MDIO Register 4.4: PHY XS Speed Ability

Figure 5-42 shows the MDIO Register 4.4: PHY XS Speed Ability.

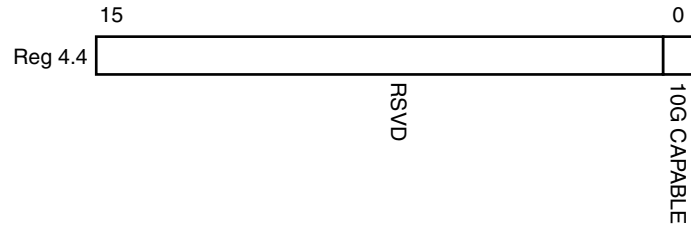


Figure 5-42: PHY XS Speed Ability Register

Table 5-39 shows the PHY XS Speed Ability register bit definitions.

Table 5-39: PHY XS Speed Ability Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attribute	Default Value
4.4.15:1	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits and ignores writes.	R/O	All 0s
4.4.0	10G Capable	The block always returns 1 for this bit and ignores writes.	R/O	1

### MDIO Registers 4.5 and 4.6: PHY XS Devices in Package

Figure 5-43 shows the MDIO Registers 4.5 and 4.6: PHY XS Devices in Package.

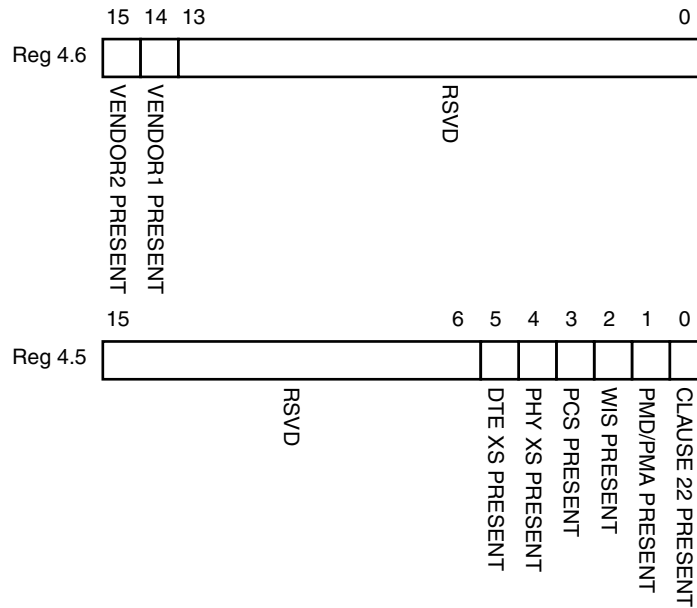


Figure 5-43: PHY XS Devices in Package Registers

Table 5-40 shows the PHY XS Devices in Package registers bit definitions.

Table 5-40: PHY XS Devices in Package Registers Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
4.6.15	Vendor-specific Device 2 present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
4.6.14	Vendor-specific Device 1 present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
4.6.13:0	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
4.5.15:6	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
4.5.5	DTE XS Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
4.5.4	PHY XS Present	The block always returns 1 for this bit.	R/O	1
4.5.3	PCS Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
4.5.2	WIS Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
4.5.1	PMA/PMD Present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0
4.5.0	Clause 22 device present	The block always returns 0 for this bit.	R/O	0

### MDIO Register 4.8: PHY XS Status 2

Figure 5-44 shows the MDIO Register 4.8: PHY XS Status 2.

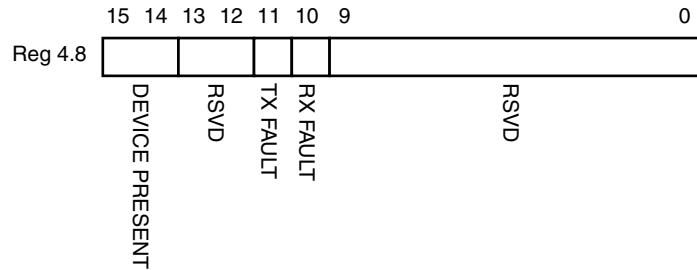


Figure 5-44: PHY XS Status 2 Register

Table 5-41 shows the PHY XS Status 2 register bit definitions.

Table 5-41: PHY XS Status 2 Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
4.8.15:14	Device Present	The block always returns 10.	R/O	10
4.8.13:12	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
4.8.11	Transmit Local Fault	1 = Fault condition on transmit path 0 = No fault condition on transmit path	R/O Latching High	-
4.8.10	Receive local fault	1 = Fault condition on receive path 0 = No fault condition on receive path	R/O Latching High	-
4.8.9:0	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s

### MDIO Registers 4.14 and 4.15: PHY XS Package Identifier

Figure 5-45 shows the MDIO 4.14 and 4.15 Registers: PHY XS Package Identifier.

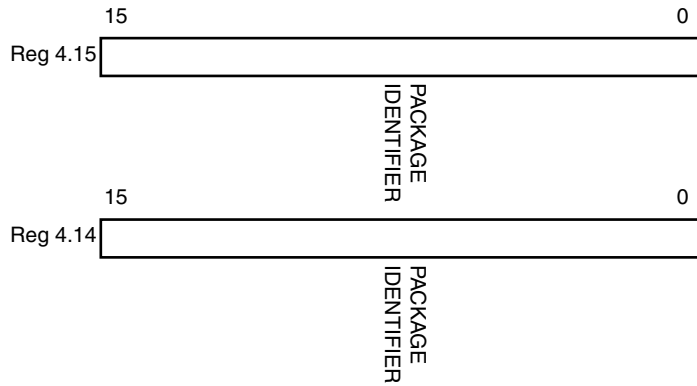


Figure 5-45: PHY XS Package Identifier Registers

Table 5-42 shows the Package Identifier registers bit definitions.

Table 5-42: Package Identifier Registers Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
4.15.15:0	PHY XS Package Identifier	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
4.14.15:0	PHY XS Package Identifier	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s

### MDIO Register 4.24: 10G PHY XGXS Lane Status

Figure 5-46 shows the MDIO Register 4.24: 10G XGXS Lane Status.

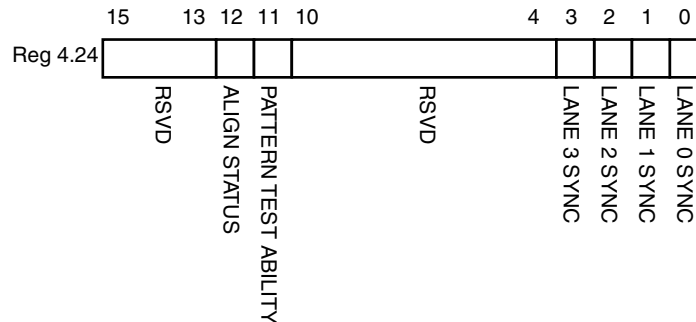


Figure 5-46: 10G PHY XGXS Lane Status Register

Table 5-43 shows the 10G PHY XGXS Lane register bit definitions.

Table 5-43: 10G PHY XGXS Lane Status Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
4.24.15:13	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
4.24.12	PHY XGXS Lane Alignment Status	1 = PHY XGXS receive lanes aligned; 0 = PHY XGXS receive lanes not aligned.	RO	-
4.24.11	Pattern Testing Ability	The block always returns 1 for this bit.	R/O	1
4.24.10:4	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
4.24.3	Lane 3 Sync	1 = Lane 3 is synchronized; 0 = Lane 3 is not synchronized.	R/O	-
4.24.2	Lane 2 Sync	1 = Lane 2 is synchronized; 0 = Lane 2 is not synchronized.	R/O	-
4.24.1	Lane 1 Sync	1 = Lane 1 is synchronized; 0 = Lane 1 is not synchronized.	R/O	-
4.24.0	Lane 0 Sync	1 = Lane 0 is synchronized; 0 = Lane 0 is not synchronized.	R/O	-

### MDIO Register 4.25: 10G PHY XGXS Test Control

Figure 5-47 shows the MDIO Register 4.25: 10G XGXS Test Control.

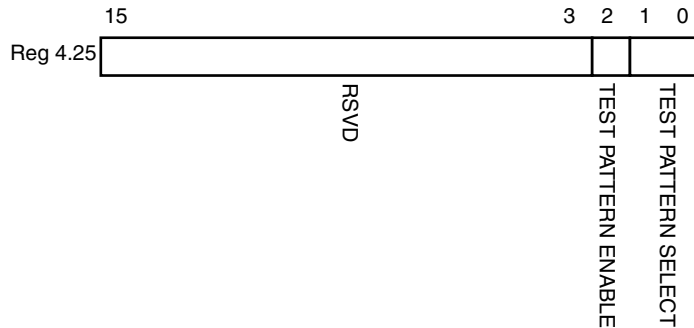


Figure 5-47: 10G PHY XGXS Test Control Register

Table 5-44 shows the 10G PHY XGXS Test Control register bit definitions.

Table 5-44: 10G PHY XGXS Test Control Register Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
4.25.15:3	Reserved	The block always returns 0 for these bits.	R/O	All 0s
4.25.2	Transmit Test Pattern Enable	1 = Transmit test pattern enable 0 = Transmit test pattern disabled	R/W	0
4.25.1:0	Test Pattern Select	11 = Reserved 10 = Mixed frequency test pattern 01 = Low frequency test pattern 00 = High frequency test pattern	R/W	00

## Configuration and Status Vectors

If the XAUI core is generated without an MDIO interface, the key configuration and status information is carried on simple bit vectors, which are:

- configuration\_vector[6:0]
- status\_vector[7:0]

Table 5-45 shows the Configuration Vector bit definitions.

Table 5-45: Configuration Vector Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description
0	Loopback	Sets serial loopback in the device-specific transceivers. See bit 5.0.14 in Table 5-26.
1	Power Down	Sets the device-specific transceivers into power down mode. See bit 5.0.11 in Table 5-26.
2	Reset Local Fault	Clears both TX Local Fault and RX Local Fault bits (status_vector[0] and status_vector[1]). See Table 5-46. This bit should be driven by a register on the same clock domain as the XAUI core.
3	Reset Rx Link Status	Sets the RX Link Status bit (status_vector[7]). See Table 5-46. This bit should be driven by a register on the same clock domain as the XAUI core.
4	Test Enable	Enables transmit test pattern generation. See bit 5.25.2 in Table 5-34.
6:5	Test Select(1:0)	Selects the test pattern. See bits 5.25.1:0 in Table 5-34.



Table 5-46 shows the Status Vector bit definitions.

Table 5-46: Status Vector Bit Definitions

Bit(s)	Name	Description
0	Tx Local Fault	1 if there is a fault in the transmit path, otherwise 0; see bit 5.8.11 in Table 5-31. Latches High. Cleared by rising edge on configuration_vector[2].
1	Rx Local Fault	1 if there is a fault in the receive path, otherwise 0; see bit 5.8.10 in Table 5-31. Latches High. Cleared by rising edge on configuration_vector[2].
5:2	Synchronization	Each bit is 1 if the corresponding XAUI lane is synchronized on receive, otherwise 0; see bits 5.24.3:0 in Table 5-32. These four bits are also used to generate the sync_status[3:0] signal described in Table 5-47.
6	Alignment	1 if the XAUI receiver is aligned over all four lanes, otherwise 0; see bit 5.24.12 in Table 5-32. This is also used to generate the align_status signal described in Table 5-47.
7	Rx Link Status	1 if the Receiver link is up, otherwise 0; see bit 5.1.2 in Table 5-27. Latches Low. Cleared by rising edge on configuration_vector[3].

Bits 0 and 1 of the status\_vector port, the “Local Fault” bits, are latching-high and cleared low by bit 2 of the configuration\_vector port. Figure 5-48 shows how the status bits are cleared.

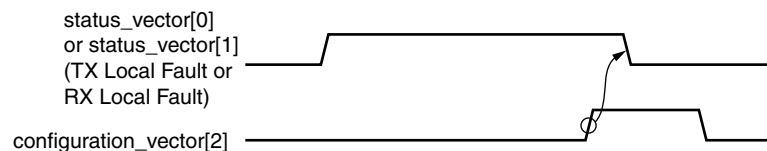


Figure 5-48: Clearing the Local Fault Status Bits

Bit 7 of the status\_vector port, the “RX Link Status” bit, is latching-low and set high by bit 3 of the configuration vector. Figure 5-49 shows how the status bit is set.

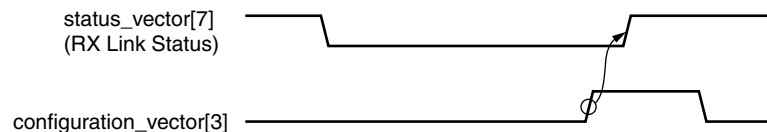


Figure 5-49: Setting the RX Link Status Bit

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## Alignment and Synchronization Status Ports

In addition to the configuration and status interfaces described in the previous section, there are always available two output ports signalling the alignment and synchronization status of the receiver. (Table 5-47.)

*Table 5-47: Alignment Status and Synchronization Status Ports*

Port Name	Description
align_status	1 when the XAUI receiver is aligned across all four lanes, 0 otherwise.
sync_status[3:0]	Each pin is 1 when the respective XAUI lane receiver is synchronized to byte boundaries, 0 otherwise.

# Design Considerations

This chapter describes considerations that might apply in particular design cases.

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## Clocking: Zynq-7000, Virtex-7, Artix-7, and Kintex-7 Devices

The clocking schemes in this section are illustrative only and might require customization for a specific application.

### Reference Clock

#### 10G - XAUI

The transceivers typically use a reference clock of 156.25 MHz to operate at a line rate of 3.125 Gb/s. To use a reference clock of 312.5 MHz:

Run the 7 series FPGAs Transceivers Wizard. Select the XAUI protocol and a reference clock of 312.5 MHz and set `TXOUTCLK` source to `TXPLLREFCLK_DIV2`. The transceiver is configured to divide by 2 on the `TXOUTCLK` output.

#### 20G - XAUI

The transceivers typically use a reference clock of 312.5 MHz to operate at a line rate of 6.25 Gb/s.

It is also possible to use a reference clock of 156.25 MHz to operate at a line rate of 6.25 Gb/s. To use a reference clock of 156.25 MHz:

1. Run the 7 series FPGAs Transceivers Wizard. Select the XAUI protocol and a reference clock of 156.25 MHz. Use the generated wrapper files in your design.
2. Implement the necessary clocking circuitry to convert the 156.25 MHz `TXOUTCLK` to 312.5 MHz for use by the core.

## 7 Series FPGA GTH Transceivers

A single IBUFDS\_GTE2 module is used to feed the reference clock to the GTHE2\_CHANNEL PLL (CPLL).

For more information about 7 series FPGA transceiver clock distribution, see the section on Clocking in the *7 Series FPGAs GTX/GTH Transceiver User Guide* ([UG476](#)).

## 7 Series FPGA GTX Transceivers

A single IBUFDS\_GTE2 module is used to feed the reference clock to GTXE2\_COMMON transceiver Quad PLL (QPLL).

For more information about 7 series FPGA transceiver clock distribution, see the section on Clocking in the *7 Series FPGAs GTX/GTH Transceiver User Guide* ([UG476](#)).

## 7 Series FPGA GTP Transceivers

A single IBUFDS\_GTE2 module is used to feed the reference clock to the GTPE2\_COMMON PLL. See [Figure 6-1](#). For more information about 7 series FPGA transceiver clock distribution, see the section on Clocking in the *7 Series FPGAs GTP Transceiver User Guide* ([UG482](#)).

## Internal Client-Side Interface for 10G - XAUI

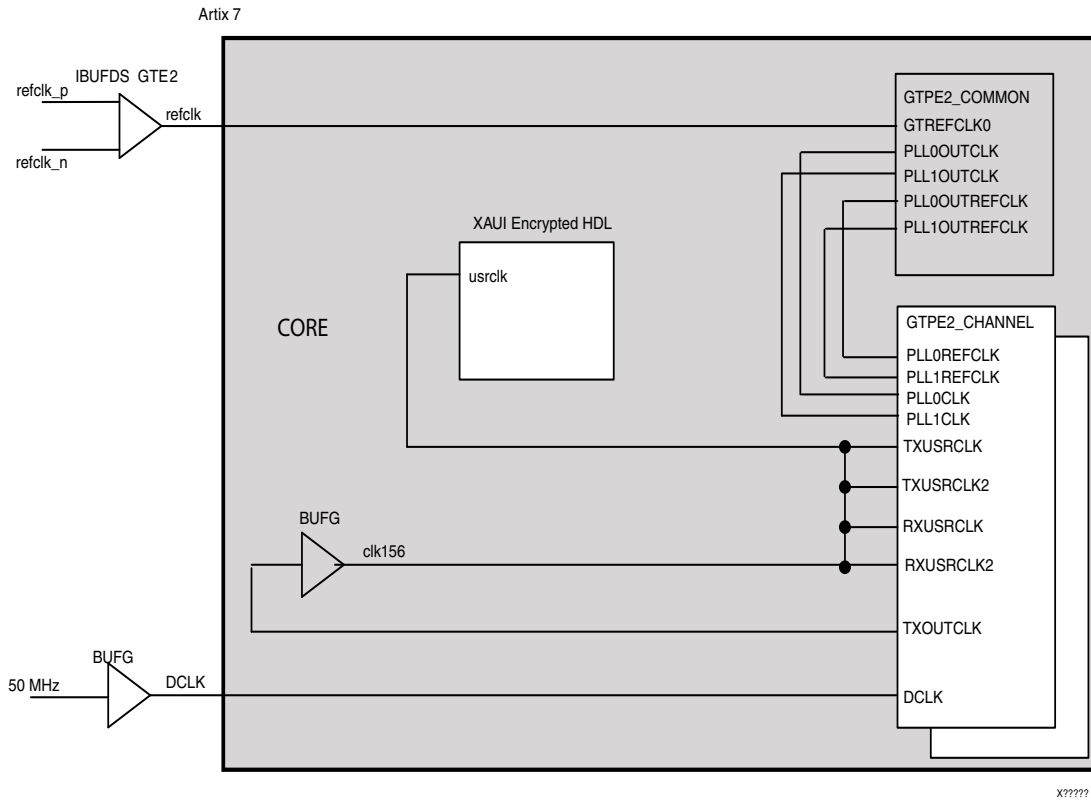


Figure 6-1: Clock Scheme for Internal Client-Side Interface 7 Series GTP Transceivers

The simplest clocking scheme is for the internal client interface, as shown in Figure 6-2.

A 156.25 MHz clock derived from the transceiver `TXOUTCLK` port is used as the clock for the netlist part of the XAUI core and is typically also used for your logic.

A dedicated clock `DCLK` is used by the transceiver tiles. The example design uses a 50 MHz clock. Choosing a different frequency allows sharing of clock resources. See the *7 Series FPGAs GTX/GTH Transceiver User Guide (UG476)* for more information about this clock.

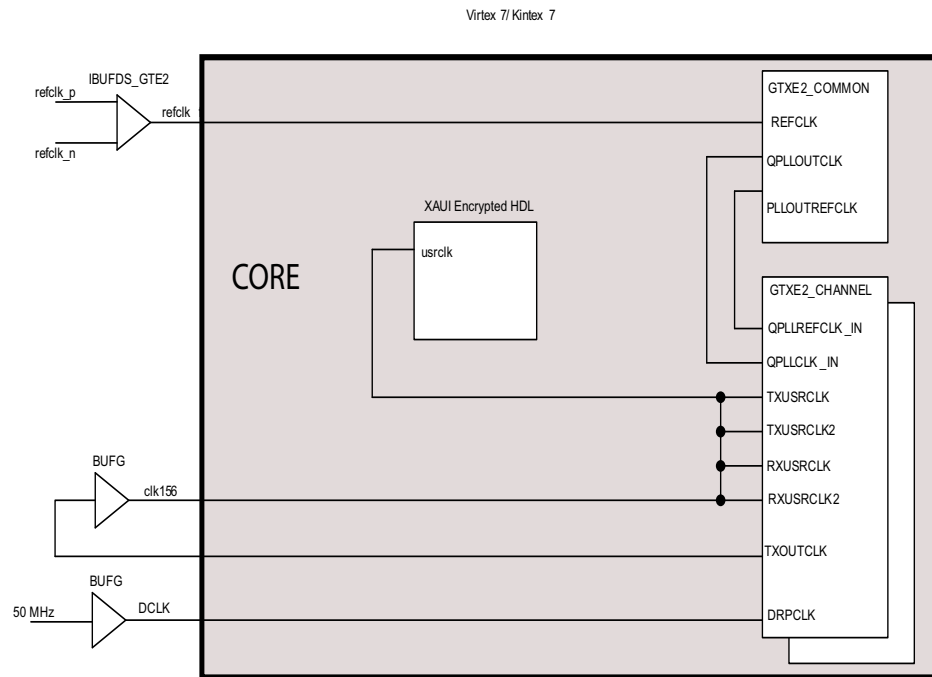


Figure 6-2: Clock Scheme for Internal Client-Side Interface:  
7 Series GTX Transceivers

## Virtex-7 FPGA GTH Transceivers

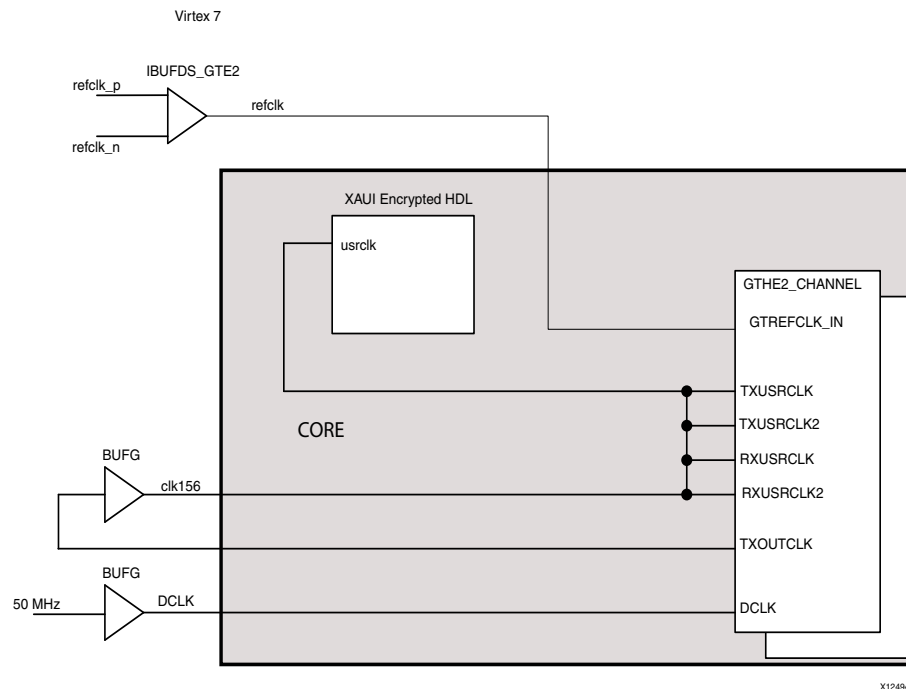


Figure 6-3: Clock Scheme for Internal Client-Side Interface 7 Series GTH Transceivers

### Internal Client-Side Interface for 20G - XAUI (Zynq-7000, Virtex-7, Kintex-7, and Artix-7 Devices)

The simplest clocking scheme is for the internal client interface, as shown in [Figure 6-2](#).

A 312.5 MHz clock derived from the transceiver `TXOUTCLK` port is used as the clock for the netlist part of the XAUI core and is typically also used for your logic.

A dedicated clock is used by the transceiver. The example design uses a 50 MHz clock. Choosing a different frequency allows sharing of clock resources. See the *7 Series FPGAs GTX/GTH Transceiver User Guide* ([UG476](#)) for more information about this clock.

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## Multiple Core Instances

In Virtex®-7 and Kintex™-7 devices, the reference clock can be shared from a neighboring quad. Logic clocks cannot be shared between core instances with the supplied design. The `USRCLKs` on each core and quad of transceivers must be sourced from the `TXOUTCLK` port of that quad. See the *7 Series FPGAs GTX/GTH Transceiver User Guide* ([UG476](#)).

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## Reset Circuits

All register resets within the XAUI core netlist are synchronous to the `usrclk` port, apart from the registers on the input side of the transmit elastic buffer which are synchronous to the `tx_clk` port.

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## Receiver Termination: Virtex-7 and Kintex-7 FPGAs

The receiver termination must be set correctly. The default setting is 2/3 VTTRX. See the Receiver chapter in the *7 Series FPGAs GTX/GTH Transceiver User Guide* ([UG476](#)).

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## Transmit Skew

The transceivers are configured to operate in a mode that minimizes the amount of transmit skew that can be introduced between lanes. Full details on that maximum amount of transmit skew can be found by looking at  $T_{LLSKEW}$  in the appropriate device data sheet.

Under some circumstances it is possible that  $T_{LLSKEW}$  can exceed the PMA Tx Skew budget defined in 802.3-2008. If it is necessary to keep within this skew budget, then the appropriate amount must be borrowed from the PCB and medium sections of the budget to keep the total amount of skew within range.



# Customizing and Generating the Core

This chapter includes information on using Xilinx tools to customize and generate the core using the Vivado™ design tools. For a complete list of Vivado User and Methodology Guides, see the [Vivado Design Suite web page](#).

## Vivado Integrated Design Environment

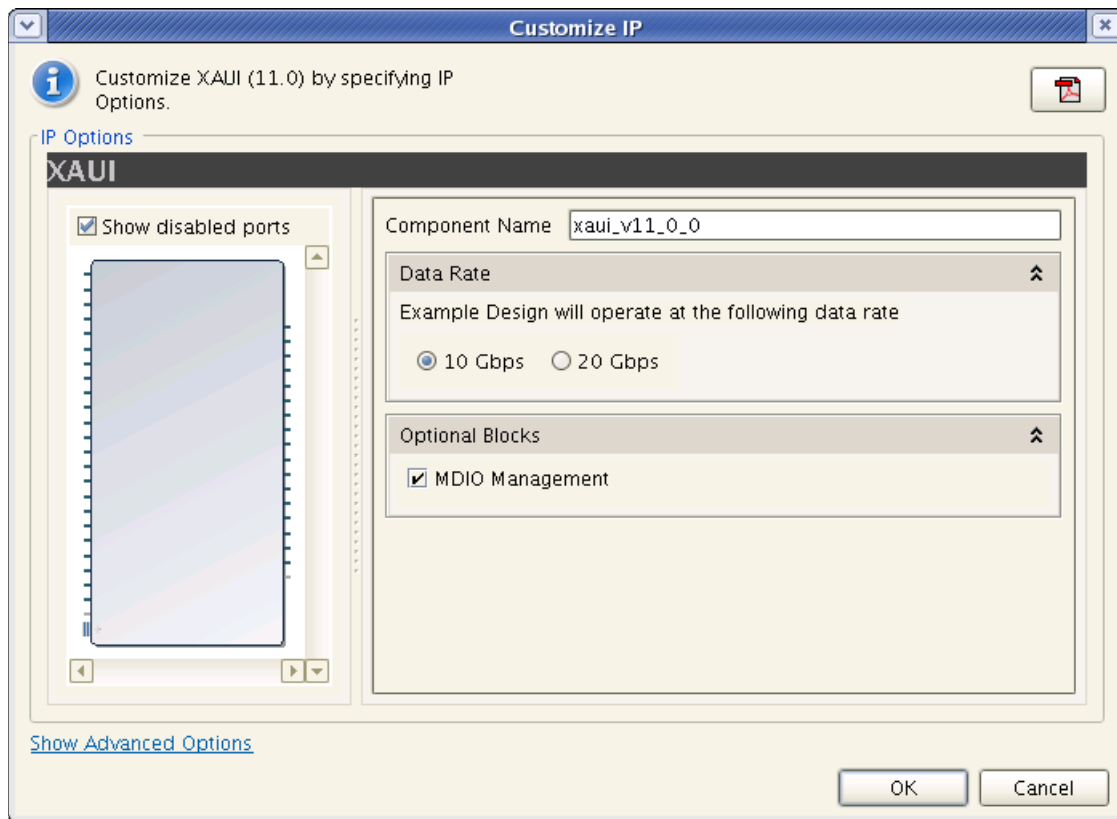


Figure 7-1: Vivado Main Screen

### Component Name

Enter the desired name for the core

## Data Rate

Selects between 10G and 20G XAUI Data Rates

## Optional Blocks

Use the MDIO Management interface or configuration / status vectors.

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# Output Generation

The core has various selectable output products. These can be generated by right-clicking on the customized piece of IP in the **Sources** window.

- **Examples** - Source HDL and constraints for the example project
- **Simulation** - Simulation source files
- **Synthesis** - Synthesis source files
- **Examples Simulation** - Test bench for the example design
- **Instantiation Template** - Example instantiation template for the core level module.
- **Miscellaneous** - Simulation scripts and support files required for running netlist based functional simulation. The files delivered as part of this filegroup are not used or understood by Vivado design tools. These files are delivered into the project source directory.

# Constraining the Core

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## Required Constraints

This section defines the constraint requirements for the core. Constraints are provided with a XDC file. An XDC is provided with the HDL example design to give a starting point for constraints for the user design. The following constraints are required.

Constraints specific to the core are applied by the Vivado™ Design Suite. A hierarchical XDC is applied to the core that will apply the necessary clock constraints. System level constraints such as DCLK frequency and Transceiver location should be applied in the user XDC.

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## Clock Frequencies

A constraint specifying the frequency of the clock (156.25 MHz for 10G or 312.5 MHz for 20G) is already set in the hierarchical XDC file. This clock is typically sourced from the txoutclk port on the core.

DCLK clock must be provided and a constraint is required to specify its frequency:

```
create_clock -name dclk -period 20.000 [get_ports dclk]
```

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## Transceiver Placement

Transceivers should be given location constraints appropriate to your design:

```
set_property LOC GTXE2_CHANNEL_X1Y8 [get_cells -hierarchical -filter {NAME =~  
*/gt_wrapper_i/gt0_<CompName>_gt_wrapper_i/gtxe2_i}]  
set_property LOC GTXE2_CHANNEL_X1Y9 [get_cells -hierarchical -filter {NAME =~  
*/gt_wrapper_i/gt1_<CompName>_gt_wrapper_i/gtxe2_i}]  
set_property LOC GTXE2_CHANNEL_X1Y10 [get_cells -hierarchical -filter {NAME =~  
*/gt_wrapper_i/gt2_<CompName>_gt_wrapper_i/gtxe2_i}]  
set_property LOC GTXE2_CHANNEL_X1Y11 [get_cells -hierarchical -filter {NAME =~  
*/gt_wrapper_i/gt3_<CompName>_gt_wrapper_i/gtxe2_i}]
```

# Detailed Example Design

## Example Design

Figure 9-1 illustrates the top-level example design for the core.

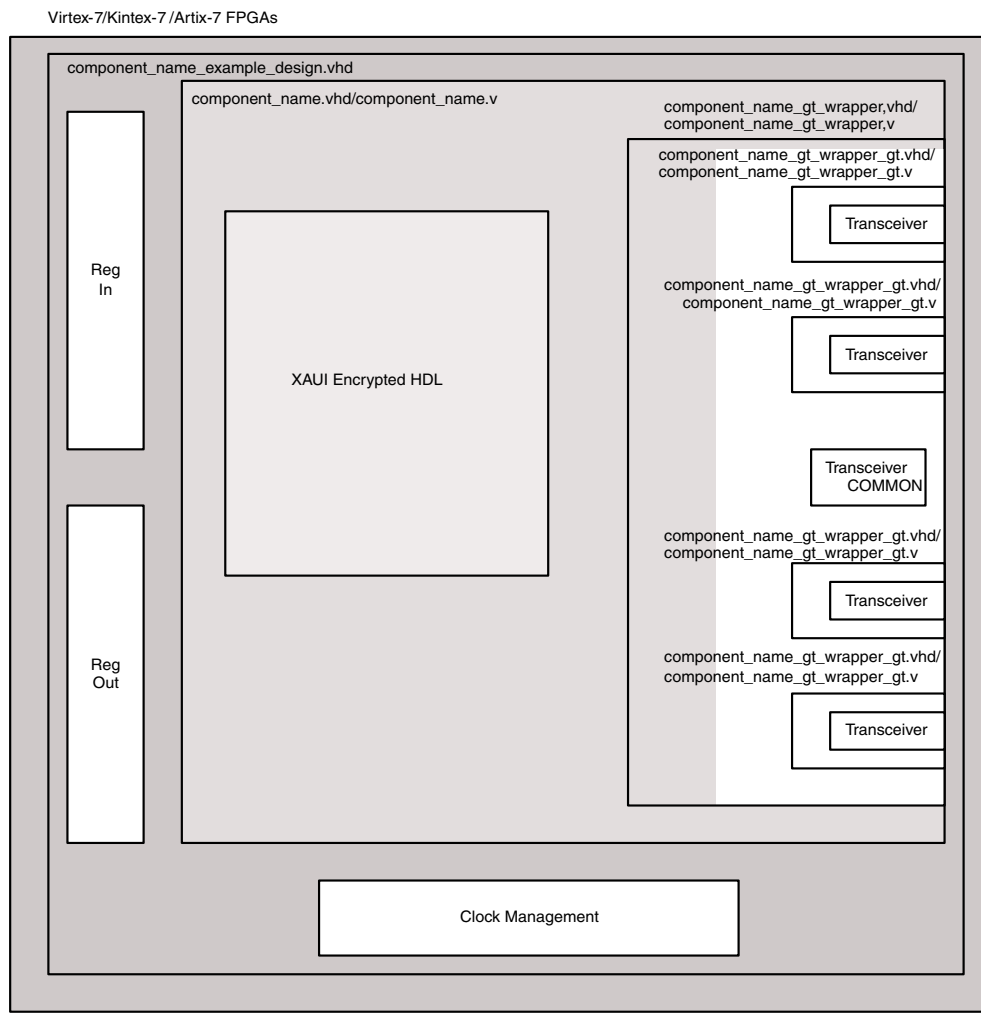


Figure 9-1: Example HDL Wrapper for XAUI (Virtex-7, Kintex-7, and Artix-7 FPGAs)

The example design contains the following:

- Clock management logic and Clock Buffer instances
- Re-timing registers on the parallel data interface, both on inputs and outputs
- An instance of the 'block' level module which contains the core, transceiver wrappers and associated logic

The example design allows the HDL to go through implementation and simulation. It is not intended to be placed directly on a board and does not constrain the I/O pins.

The example design can be opened in a separate project by generating the 'Examples' output product, then right clicking on the core instance and choosing 'Open IP Example Design...'

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## Demonstration Test Bench

The demonstration test bench is designed to exercise the example design. It uses the appropriate management interface to determine when the core is initialized and ready for use and then sends some simple frames in both Tx and Rx directions.

The test bench is supplied as part of the Example Simulation output product group.

# Verification and Interoperability

The XAUI core has been verified using both simulation and hardware testing.

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## Simulation

A highly parameterizable transaction-based simulation test suite has been used to verify the core. Tests included:

- Register access over MDIO
  - Loss and re-gain of synchronization
  - Loss and re-gain of alignment
  - Frame transmission
  - Frame reception
  - Clock compensation
  - Recovery from error conditions
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## Hardware Testing

The core has been used in several hardware test platforms within Xilinx. In particular, the core has been used in a test platform design with the Xilinx 10-Gigabit Ethernet MAC core. This design comprises the MAC, XAUI, a “ping” loopback FIFO, and a test pattern generator all under embedded PowerPC® processor control. This design has been used for conformance and interoperability testing at the University of New Hampshire Interoperability Lab. PCS reports are available from the factory on request.

# Migrating

See *Vivado Design Suite Migration Methodology Guide* ([UG911](#))

For a complete list of Vivado™ User and Methodology Guides, see the [Vivado Design Suite web page](#).

# Debugging Designs

This chapter provides information on using resources available on the Xilinx Support website, available debug tools, and a step-by-step process for debugging designs that use the XAUI core. The following information is found in this chapter:

- [Finding Help on xilinx.com](#)
- [Contacting Xilinx Technical Support](#)
- [Debug Tools](#)
- [Simulation Specific Debug](#)
- [Hardware Debug](#)

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## Finding Help on xilinx.com

To help in the design and debug process when using the XAUI core, the Xilinx Support web page ([www.xilinx.com/support](http://www.xilinx.com/support)) contains key resources such as Product documentation, Release Notes, Answer Records, and links to opening a Technical Support case.

### Documentation

This product guide is the main document associated with the XAUI 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](http://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](http://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 on commonly encountered problems, helpful information on how to resolve these problems, and any known issues with a product. Answer Records are created and maintained daily ensuring that users have access to the most up-to-date information on Xilinx products. Answer Records can be found by searching the Answers Database.

To use the Answers Database Search:

1. Navigate to [www.xilinx.com/support](http://www.xilinx.com/support). The Answers Database Search is located at top of this web page.
2. Enter keywords in the provided search field and select **Search**.
  - Examples of searchable keywords are product names, error messages, or a generic summary of the issue encountered.
  - To see all answer records directly related to the XAUI core, search for the phrase "XAUI."

### Master Answer Record for the XAUI core

AR [54666](#)

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## Contacting Xilinx Technical Support

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

To contact Technical Support:

1. Navigate to [www.xilinx.com/support](http://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

Additional files might be required based on the specific issue. See the relevant sections in this debug guide for further information on specific files to include with the WebCase.

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## Debug Tools

There are many tools available to debug XAUI design issues. It is important to know which tools are useful for debugging various situations that you encounter. This chapter references the following tools:

- [Example Design](#)
- [Vivado Lab Tools](#)
- [Link Analyzers](#)

### Example Design

The XAUI core comes with a synthesizable example design complete with functional and post-place and route simulation test benches. Information on the example design can be found in [Chapter 9, Detailed Example Design](#).

### 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)

### Link Analyzers

Link Analyzers can be used to generate and analyzer traffic for hardware debug and testing. Common link analyzers include:

- SMARTBITS
- IXIA

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## Simulation Specific Debug

This section provides simulation debug flow diagrams for some of the most common issues experienced by users. Endpoints that are shaded gray indicate that more information can be found in sections after the figure.

# Questa SIM Debug

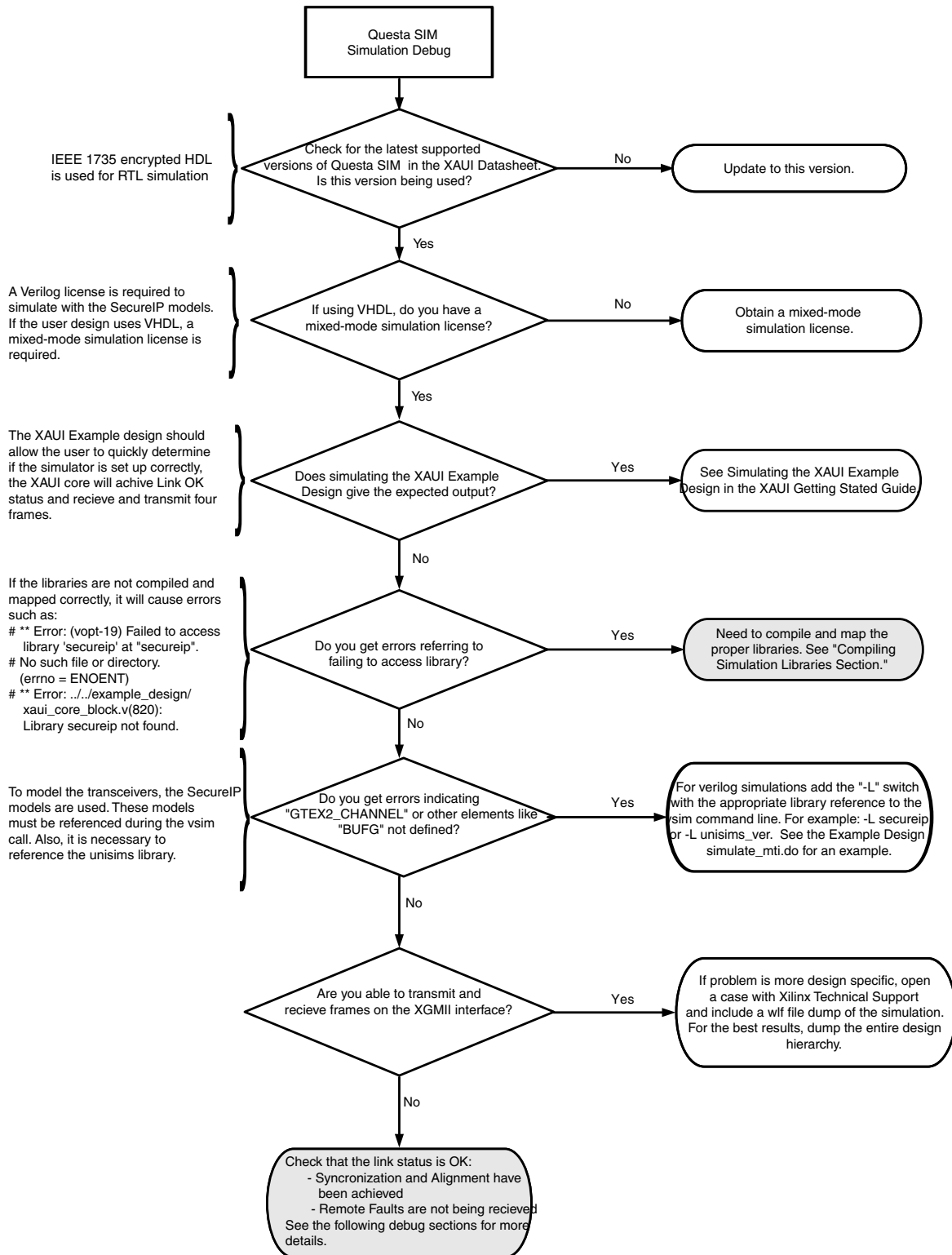


Figure C-1: Questa SIM Debug Flow Diagram

## Compiling Simulation Libraries

Simulation libraries must be compiled for third-party simulators when running outside of the Vivado IDE. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide - Logic Simulation (UG900)*.

## Next Step

If the debug suggestions listed previously do not resolve the issue, open a support case to have the appropriate Xilinx expert assist with the issue.

To create a technical support case in WebCase, see the Xilinx website at:

[www.xilinx.com/support/clearpress/websupport.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/support/clearpress/websupport.htm)

Items to include when opening a case:

- Detailed description of the issue and results of the steps listed previously.
- Attach a VCD or WLF dump of the simulation.

To discuss possible solutions, use the Xilinx User Community: [forums.xilinx.com/xlnx/](http://forums.xilinx.com/xlnx/)

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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 Vivado lab tools are a valuable resource to use in hardware debug and the signal names mentioned in the following individual sections can be probed using the Vivado lab tools for debugging the specific problems. Many of these common issue can also be applied to debugging design simulations.

### General Checks

Ensure that all the timing constraints for the core were met during Place and Route.

- Does it work in timing simulation? If problems are seen in hardware but not in timing simulation, this could indicate a PCB issue.
- Ensure that all clock sources are clean. If using DCMs in the design, ensure that all DCMs have obtained lock by monitoring the LOCKED port.

## Monitoring the XAUI Core with Vivado Lab Tools

- XGMII signals and signals between XAUI core and the transceiver can be added to monitor data transmitted and received. See [Table 2-5](#) and [Table 2-6](#) for a list of signal names.
- Status signals added to check status of link: `STATUS_VECTOR[7:0]`, `ALIGN_STATUS`, and `SYNC_STATUS[3:0]`.
- To interpret control codes in on the XGMII interface or the interface to the transceiver, see [Table C-1](#) and [Table C-2](#).
- An Idle (0x07) on the XGMII interface is encoded to be a randomized sequence of /K/ (Sync), /R/ (Skip), /A/(Align) codes on the XAUI interface. For more information on this encoding, see the IEEE 802.3-2008 specification (section 48.2.4.2) for more details.

Table C-1: XGMII Control Codes

TXC	TXD	Description
0	0x00 through 0xF	Normal data transmission
1	0x07	Idle
1	0x9C	Sequence
1	0xFB	Start
1	0xFD	Terminate
1	0xFE	Error

Table C-2: XAUI Control Codes

Codegroup	8-bit value	Description
Dxx.y	0xXX	Normal data transmission
K28.5	0xBC	/K/ (Sync)
K28.0	0x1C	/R/ (Skip)
K28.3	0x7C	/A/ (Align)
K28.4	0x9C	/Q/ (Sequence)
K27.7	0xFB	/S/ (Start)
K29.7	0xFD	/T/ (Terminate)
K30.7	0xFE	/E/ (Error)

## Problems with Data Reception or Transmission

Problems with data reception or transmission can be caused by a wide range of factors. Following is a flow diagram of steps to debug the issue. Each of the steps are discussed in more detail in the following sections.

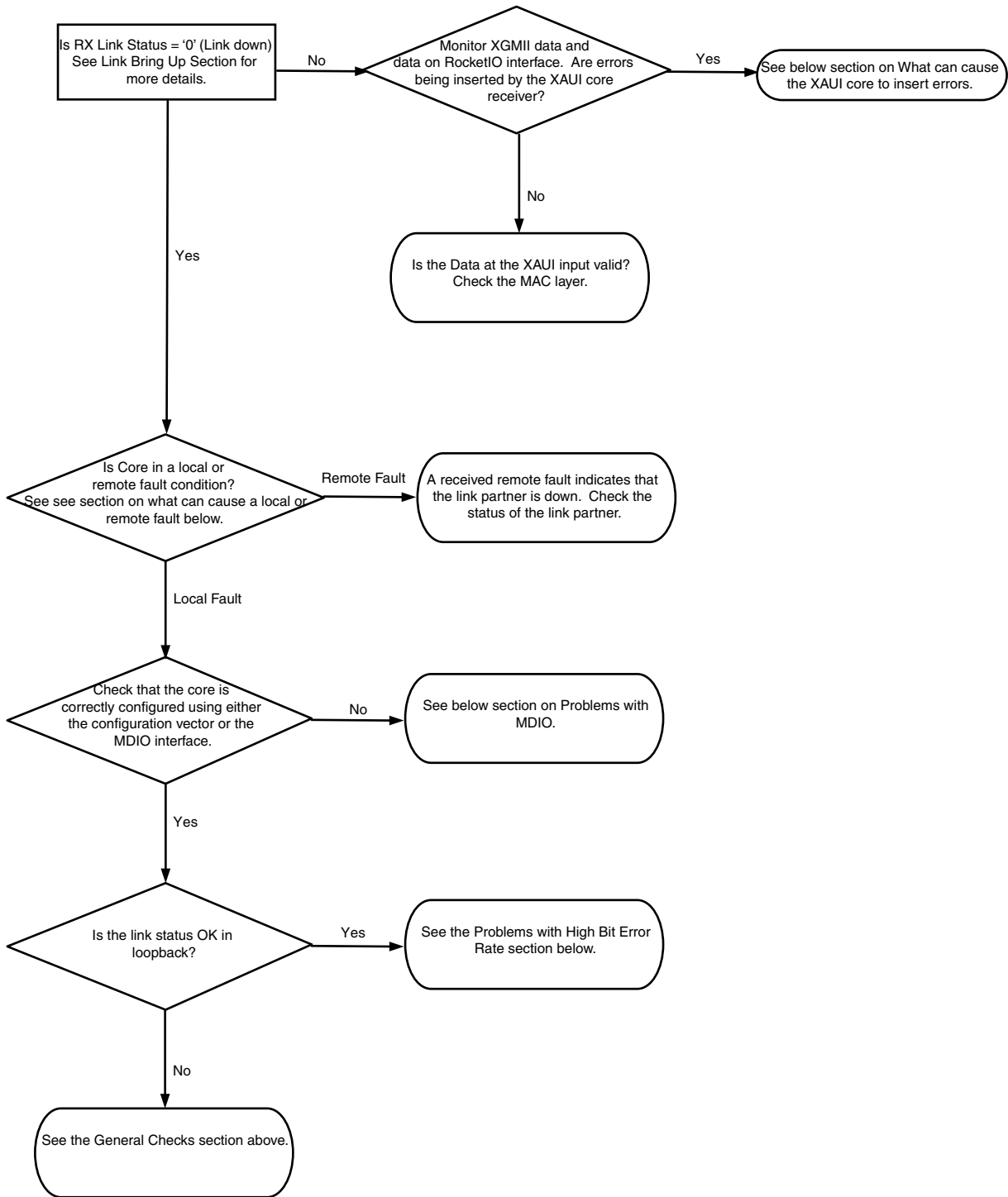


Figure C-2: Flow Diagram for Debugging Problems with Data Reception or Transmission

## What Can Cause a Local or Remote Fault?

Local Fault and Remote Fault codes both start with the sequence TXD/RXD=0x9C, TXC/RXC=1 in XGMII lane 0. Fault conditions can also be detected by looking at the status vector or MDIO registers. The Local Fault and Link Status are defined as latching error indicators by the IEEE specification. This means that the Local Fault and Link Status bits in the status vector or MDIO registers must be cleared with the Reset Local Fault bits and Link Status bits in the Configuration vector or MDIO registers.

### Local Fault

The receiver outputs a local fault when the receiver is not up and operational. This rx local fault is also indicated in the status and MDIO registers. The most likely causes for an rx local fault are:

- The transceiver has not locked or the receiver is being reset.
- At least one of the lanes is not synchronized - SYNC\_STATUS [3 : 0]
- The lanes are not properly aligned - ALIGN\_STATUS

**Note:** The SYNC\_STATUS and ALIGN\_STATUS signals are not latching.

A tx local fault is indicated in the status and MDIO registers when the transceiver transmitter is in reset or has not yet completed any other initialization or synchronization procedures needed.

### Remote Fault

Remote faults are only generated in the MAC reconciliation layer in response to a Local Fault message. When the receiver receives a remote fault, this means that the link partner is in a local fault condition.

When the MAC reconciliation layer receives a remote fault, it silently drops any data being transmitted and instead transmits IDLEs to help the link partner resolve its local fault condition. When the MAC reconciliation layer receives a local fault, it silently drops any data being transmitted and instead transmits a remote fault to inform the link partner that it is in a fault condition. Be aware that the Xilinx 10GEMAC core has an option to disable remote fault transmission.



## Link Bring Up

The following link initialization stages describe a possible scenario of the Link coming up between device A and device B.

### Stage 1: Device A Powered Up, but Device B Powered Down

- Device A is powered up and reset.
- Device B powered down
- Device A detects a fault because there is no signal received. The Device A XAUI core indicates an rx local fault.
- The Device A MAC reconciliation layer receives the local fault. This triggers the MAC reconciliation layer to silently drop any data being transmitted and instead transmit a remote fault.
- RX Link Status = '0' (link down) in Device A

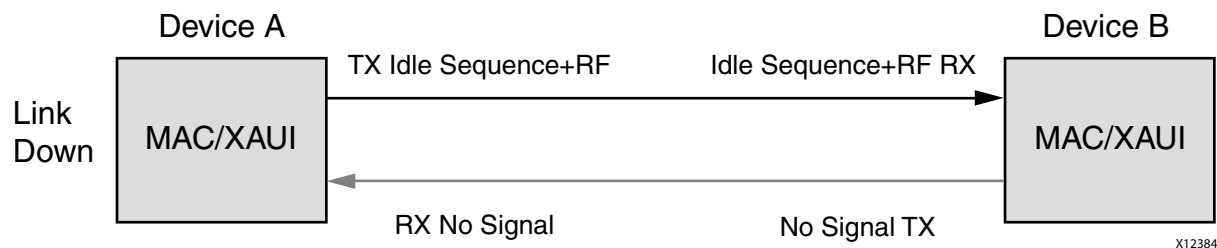


Figure C-3: Device A Powered Up, but Device B Powered Down

### Stage 2: Device B Powers Up and Resets

- Device B powers up and resets.
- Device B XAUI completes Synchronization and Alignment.
- Device A has not synchronized and aligned yet. It continues to send remote faults.
- Device B XAUI passes received remote fault to MAC.
- Device B MAC reconciliation layer receives the remote fault. It silently drops any data being transmitted and instead transmits IDLEs.
- Link Status = '0' (link down) in both A and B.

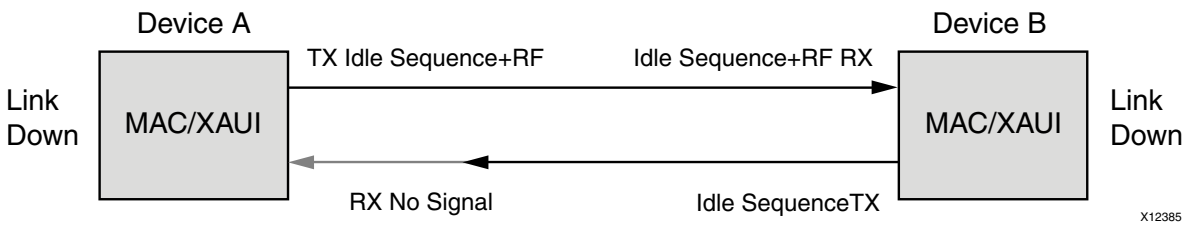


Figure C-4: Device B Powers Up and Resets

### Stage 3: Device A Receives Idle Sequence

- Device A XAUI RX detects idles, synchronizes and aligns.
- Device A reconciliation layer stops dropping frames at the output of the MAC transmitter and stops sending remote faults to Device B.
- Device A Link Status='1' (Link Up)
- When Device B stops receiving the remote faults, normal operation starts.

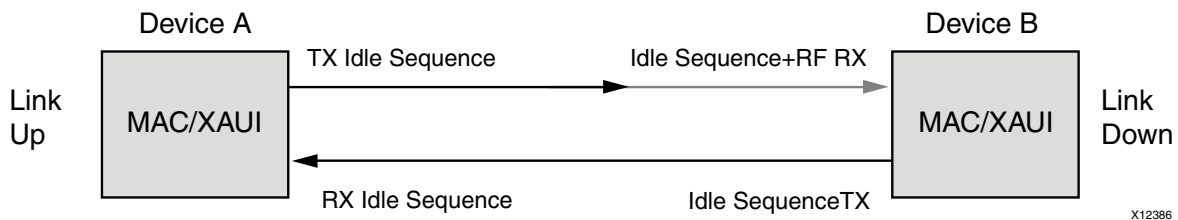


Figure C-5: Device A Receives Idle Sequence

### Stage 4: Normal Operation

In Stage 4 shown in Figure C-6, Device A and Device B have both powered up and been reset. The link status is '1' (link up) in both A and B and in both the MAC can transmit frames successfully.



Figure C-6: Normal Operation

## What Can Cause Synchronization and Alignment to Fail?

Synchronization (`sync_status[3:0]`) occurs when each respective XAUI lane receiver is synchronized to byte boundaries. Alignment (`align_status`) occurs when the XAUI receiver is aligned across all four lanes.

Following are suggestions for debugging loss of Synchronization and Alignment:

- Monitor the state of the `SIGNAL_DETECT[3:0]` input to the core. This should either be:
  - connected to an optical module to detect the presence of light. Logic '1' indicates that the optical module is correctly detecting light; logic '0' indicates a fault. Therefore, ensure that this is driven with the correct polarity.
  - tied to logic '1' (if not connected to an optical module).

**Note:** When `signal_detect` is set to logic '0,' this forces the receiver synchronization state machine of the core to remain in the loss of sync state.

- Loss of Synchronization can happen when invalid characters are received.
- Loss of Alignment can happen when invalid characters are seen or if an /A/ code is not seen in all four lanes at the same time.
- See the following section, [Problems with a High Bit Error Rate](#).

### Transceiver Specific

- Ensure that the polarities of the TXN/TXP and RXN/RXP lines are not reversed. If they are, these can be fixed by using the `TXPOLARITY` and `RXPOLARITY` ports of the transceiver.
- Check that the transceiver is not being held in reset or still be initialized by monitoring the `mgt_tx_reset`, `mgt_rx_reset`, and `mgt_rxlock` input signals to the XAUI encrypted HDL. The `mgt_rx_reset` signal is also asserted when there is an rx buffer error. An rx buffer error means that the Elastic Buffer in the receiver path of the transceiver is either under or overflowing. This indicates a clock correction issue caused by differences between the transmitting and receiving ends. Check all clock management circuitry and clock frequencies applied to the core and to the transceiver.

## What Can Cause the XAUI Core to Insert Errors?

On the receive path the XAUI core will insert errors `RXD=FE`, `RXC=1`, when disparity errors or invalid data are received or if the received interframe gap (IFG) is too small.

### Disparity Errors or Invalid Data

Disparity Errors or Invalid data can be checked for by monitoring the `mgt_code_valid` input to the XAUI core.

## Small IFG

The XAUI Core inserts error codes into the Received XGMII data stream, RXD, when there are three or fewer IDLE characters (0x07) between frames. The error code (0xFE) precedes the frame "Terminate" delimiter (0xFD).

The IEEE 802.3-2008 specification (Section 46.2.1) requires a minimum interframe gap of five octets on the receive side. This includes the preceding frame Terminate control character and all Idles up to and immediately preceding the following frame Start control character. Because three (or fewer) Idles and one Terminate character are less than the required five octets, this would not meet the specification; therefore, the XAUI Core is expected to signal an error in this manner if the received frame does not meet the specification.

## Problems with a High Bit Error Rate

### Symptoms

If the link comes up but then goes down again or never comes up following a reset, the most likely cause for a Rx Local Fault is a BER (Bit Error Rate) that is too high. A high BER causes incorrect data to be received, which leads to the lanes losing synchronization or alignment.

### Debugging

Compare the issue across several devices or PCBs to ensure that the issue is not a one-off case.

- Try using an alternative link partner or test equipment and then compare results.
- Try putting the core into loopback (both by placing the core into internal loopback, and by looping back the optical cable) and compare the behavior. The core should always be capable of gaining synchronization and alignment when looping back with itself from transmitter to receiver so direct comparisons can be made. If the core exhibits correct operation when placed into internal loopback, but not when loopback is performed through an optical cable, this might indicate a faulty optical module or a PCB issue.
- Try swapping the optical module on a misperforming device and repeat the tests.

## Transceiver Specific Checks

- Monitor the `MGT_CODEVALID[7:0]` input to the XAUI core by triggering on it using the Vivado lab tools. This input is a combination of the transceiver rx disparity error and rx not in table error outputs.
- These signals should not be asserted over the duration of a few seconds, minutes or even hours. If they are frequently asserted, it might indicate an issue with the transceiver.
- Place the transceiver into parallel or serial near-end loopback.
- If correct operation is seen in the transceiver serial loopback, but not when loopback is performed through an optical cable, it might indicate a faulty optical module.
- If the core exhibits correct operation in the transceiver parallel loopback but not in serial loopback, this might indicate a transceiver issue.
- A mild form of bit error rate might be solved by adjusting the transmitter Pre-Emphasis and Differential Swing Control attributes of the transceiver.

## Problems with the MDIO

See [MDIO Interface](#) for detailed information about performing MDIO transactions.

Things to check for:

- Ensure that the MDIO is driven properly. Check that the `mdc` clock is running and that the frequency is 2.5 MHz or less.
- Ensure that the XAUI core is not held in reset.
- Read from a configuration register that does not have all 0s as a default. If all 0s are read back, the read was unsuccessful. Check that the PRTAD field placed into the MDIO frame matches the value placed on the PRTAD[4:0] port of the XAUI core.
- Verify in simulation and/or a Vivado lab tools capture that the waveform is correct for accessing the host interface for a MDIO read/write.

## Next Steps

If the debug suggestions listed previously do not resolve the issue, open a support case to have the appropriate Xilinx expert assist with the issue.

To create a technical support case in Webcase, see the Xilinx website at:

[www.xilinx.com/support/clearxpress/websupport.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/support/clearxpress/websupport.htm)

Items to include when opening a case:

- Detailed description of the issue and results of the steps listed previously.
- Attach Vivado lab tools VCD captures taken in the steps previously.

To discuss possible solutions, use the Xilinx User Community:

[forums.xilinx.com/xlnx/](http://forums.xilinx.com/xlnx/)

# Additional Resources

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## Xilinx Resources

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

[www.xilinx.com/support](http://www.xilinx.com/support).

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

[www.xilinx.com/company/terms.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/company/terms.htm).

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## References

To search for Xilinx documentation, go to [www.xilinx.com/support](http://www.xilinx.com/support)

1. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide - Logic Simulation* ([UG900](#))
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  3. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing with IP* ([UG896](#))
  4. *7 Series FPGAs GTX/GTH Transceiver User Guide* ([UG476](#))
  5. *7 Series FPGAs GTP Transceiver User Guide* ([UG482](#))
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## Additional Core Resources

For detailed information about XAUI technology and updates to the XAUI core, see the following:

## XAUI Technology

For information about XAUI technology basics, including features, FAQs, the XAUI device interface, typical applications, specifications, and other important information, see [www.xilinx.com/products/ipcenter/XAUI.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/products/ipcenter/XAUI.htm).

## Ethernet Specifications

Relevant XAUI IEEE standards, which can be downloaded in PDF format from [standards.ieee.org/getieee802/](http://standards.ieee.org/getieee802/):

- *IEEE Std. 802.3-2008*

## Other Information

The 10-Gigabit Ethernet Consortium at the University of New Hampshire Interoperability Lab is an excellent source of information on 10-Gigabit Ethernet technology: [www.iol.unh.edu/consortiums/10gec/index.html](http://www.iol.unh.edu/consortiums/10gec/index.html).

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