



PCI Tutorial





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PCI Fundamentals and Concepts



PCI Local Bus Architecture







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Overview of the PCI Specification

 The PCI Local Bus Specification covers many different requirements for PCI compliance



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Basic Bus Architecture



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Sample Transaction – PIO



Sample Transaction – DMA



Key Terms

Initiator

- Or Master
- Owns the bus and initiates the data transfer
- Every Initiator must also be a Target
- Target
 - Or Slave
 - Target of the data transfer (read or write)

• Agent

— Any initiator/target or target on the PCI bus





PCI Signals





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Clock and Reset

CLK

- PCI input clock
- All signals sampled on rising edge
- 33MHz is really 33.33333MHz (30ns clk. period)
- The clock is allowed to vary from 0 to 33 MHz
 - The frequency can change "on the fly"
 - Because of this, no PLLs are allowed

• RST#

- Asynchronous reset
- PCI device must tri-state all I/Os during reset



Transaction Control Initiator Signals

- FRAME# I/O
 - Signals the start and end of a transaction
- IRDY# I/O
 - "I-Ready"
 - Assertion by initiator indicates that it is ready to send or receive data



Transaction Control Target Signals

DEVSEL# – I/O

- Device select
- Part of PCI's distributed address decoding
 - Each target is responsible for decoding the address associated with each transaction
 - When a target recognizes its address, it asserts DEVSEL# to claim the corresponding transaction



Transaction Control Target Signals

- TRDY# I/O
 - "T-Ready"
 - When the target asserts this signal, it tells the initiator that it is ready to send or receive data
- STOP# I/O
 - Used by target to indicate that it needs to terminate the transaction



Transaction Control Configuration Signals

Uses the same signals as the target, plus . . .

IDSEL – I

- "ID-Sel"
- Individual device select for configuration one unique IDSEL line per agent
- Solves the "chicken-and-egg" problem
 - Allows the system host to configure agents before these agents know the PCI addresses to which they must respond



Address and Data Signals

• AD[31:0] – I/O

- 32-bit address/data bus
- PCI is little endian (lowest numeric index is LSB)

• C/BE#[3:0] – I/O

- 4-bit command/byte enable bus
- Defines the PCI command during address phase
- Indicates byte enable during data phases
 - Each bit corresponds to a "byte-lane" in AD[31:0] for example, C/BE#[0] is the byte enable for AD[7:0]



Address and Data Signals

• PAR – I/O

- Parity bit
- Used to verify correct transmittal of address/data and command/byte-enable
- The XOR of AD[31:0], C/BE#[3:0], and PAR should return zero (even parity)
 - In other words, the number of 1's across these 37 signals should be even



Arbitration Signals

• For initiators only!

REQ# – O

- Asserted by initiator to request bus ownership
- Point-to-point connection to arbiter each initiator has its own REQ# line

• GNT# – I

- Asserted by system arbiter to grant bus ownership to the initiator
- Point-to-point connection from arbiter each initiator has its own GNT# line



Error Signals

• PERR# – I/O

- Indicates that a data parity error has occurred
- An agent that can report parity errors can have its PERR# turned off during PCI configuration

• SERR# – I/O

- Indicates a serious system error has occurred
 - Example: Address parity error
- May invoke NMI (non-maskable interrupt, i.e., a restart) in some systems





Basic Bus Operations





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Terms

- Doubleword
 - 32 bits, most often known as a "DWORD"
- Quadword
 - 64 bits, sometimes known as a "QWORD"
- Burst transaction
 - Any transaction consisting of more than one data phase
- Idle state (no bus activity)
 - Indicated by FRAME# and IRDY# deasserted



Example #1 – Basic Write

A four-DWORD burst from an initiator to a target







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Write Example – Things to Note

• The initiator has a phase profile of 3-1-1-1

- First data can be transferred in three clock cycles (idle + address + data = "3")
- The 2nd, 3rd, and last data are transferred one cycle each ("1-1-1")

Write Example – Things to Note

- The target profile is 5-1-1-1
 - Medium decode DEVSEL# asserted on 2nd clock after FRAME#
 - One clock period of latency (or wait state) in the beginning of the transfer
 - DEVSEL# asserted on clock 3, but TRDY# not asserted until clock 4
 - Ideal target write is 3-1-1-1
- Total of 4 data phases, but required 8 clocks
 - Only 50% efficiency



Target Address Decoding

PCI uses distributed address decoding

- A transaction begins over the PCI bus
- Each potential target on the bus decodes the transaction's PCI address to determine whether it belongs to that target's assigned address space
 - One target may be assigned a larger address space than another, and would thus respond to more addresses
- The target that owns the PCI address then claims the transaction by asserting DEVSEL#



Distributed Address Decoding





Target Decode

- Address decoders come in different speeds
- If a transaction goes unclaimed (nobody asserts DEVSEL#), "Master Abort" occurs



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Example #2 – Target Read

A four-DWORD burst read from a target by an initiator





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More Terms

Turnaround cycle

– "Dead" bus cycle to prevent bus contention

Wait state

- A bus cycle where it is possible to transfer data, but no data transfer occurs
- Target deasserts TRDY# to signal it is not ready
- Initiator deasserts IRDY# to signal it is not ready

Target termination

 Target asserts STOP# to indicate that it needs to terminate the current transaction





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Target Read – Things to Note

- Wait states may be inserted dynamically by the initiator or target by deasserting IRDY# or TRDY#
- Either agent may signal the end of a transaction
 - The target signals termination by asserting STOP#
 - The initiator signals completion by deasserting FRAME#

Zero and One Wait State

 These terms are used in popular PCI parlance* to describe how an agent signals its xRDY# signal during each data phase

*Although the PCI spec uses the term "wait state," it does not use terms such as "zero-wait-state agent" and "one-wait-state device."

- A one-wait-state agent inserts a wait state at the beginning of each data phase
 - This is done if an agent built in older, slower silicon needs to pipeline critical paths internally
 - Reduces bandwidth by 50%



Zero and One Wait State

- The need to insert a wait state is typically an issue only when the agent is sourcing data (initiator write or target read)
 - This is because such an agent would have to sample its counterpart's xRDY# signal to see if that agent accepted data, then fan out to 36 or more clock enables (for AD[31:0] and possibly C/BE#[3:0]) to drive the next piece of data onto the PCI bus . . . all within 11 ns!
 - And even that 11 ns would be eaten up by a chip's internal clockdistribution delay



Types of Target Termination

- Target Retry *"I'm not ready, try again later."*
- Target Disconnect with Data *"I couldn't eat another bite . . . OK, just one more."*
- Target Disconnect Without Data *"I couldn't eat another bite . . . and I'm not kidding!"*
- Target Abort *"Major snafu alert!"*





PCI Addressing and Bus Commands





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PCI Address Space

- A PCI target can implement up to three different types of address spaces
 - Configuration space
 - Stores basic information about the device
 - Allows the central resource or O/S to program a device with operational settings
 - I/O space
 - Used mainly with PC peripherals and not much else
 - Memory space
 - Used for just about everything else



Configuration space

- Contains basic device information, e.g., vendor or class of device
- Also permits Plug-N-Play
 - Base address registers allow an agent to be mapped dynamically into memory or I/O space
 - A programmable interrupt-line setting allows a software driver to program a PC card with an IRQ upon power-up (without jumpers!)



Configuration space (cont'd)

- Contains 256 bytes
 - The first 64 bytes (00h 3Fh) make up the standard configuration header, predefined by the PCI spec
 - The remaining 192 bytes (40h FFh) represent user-definable configuration space
 - This region may store, for example, information specific to a PC card for use by its accompanying software driver



• I/O space

- This space is where basic PC peripherals (keyboard, serial port, etc.) are mapped
- The PCI spec allows an agent to request 4 bytes to 2GB of I/O space
 - For x86 systems, the maximum is 256 bytes because of legacy ISA issues



Memory space

- This space is used by most everything else it's the generalpurpose address space
 - The PCI spec recommends that a device use memory space, even if it is a peripheral
- *An agent can request between 16 bytes and 2GB of memory space*
 - The PCI spec recommends that an agent use at least 4kB of memory space, to reduce the width of the agent's address decoder



PCI Commands

PCI allows the use of up to 16 different 4-bit commands

- Configuration commands
- Memory commands
- I/O commands
- Special-purpose commands
- A command is presented on the C/BE# bus by the initiator during an address phase (a transaction's first assertion of FRAME#)



PCI Commands

	C/BE#	Command	
	0000	Interrupt Acknowledge	
	0001	Special Cycle	
	0010	I/O Read	
	0011	I/O Write	
	0100	Reserved	
	0101	Reserved	
	0110	Memory Read	
	0111	Memory Write	
	1000	Reserved	
	1001	Reserved	
With IDSEL	1010	Configuration Read	
With IDSEL	1011	Configuration Write	
	1100	Memory Read Multiple	
	1101	Dual Address Cycle	
	1110	Memory Read Line	
	1111	Memory Write and Invalidate	







PCI Configuration





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The Plug-and-Play Concept

Plug-and-Play (PNP)

- Allows add-in cards to be plugged into any slot without changing jumpers or switches
 - Address mapping, IRQs, COM ports, etc., are assigned dynamically at system start-up
- For PNP to work, add-in cards must contain basic information for the BIOS and/or O/S, e.g.:
 - Type of card and device
 - Memory-space requirements
 - Interrupt requirements



The Plug-and-Play Concept

- To make PNP possible in PCI, each PCI device maintains a 256-byte configuration space
 - The first 64 bytes (shown here) are predefined in the PCI spec and contain standard information
 - The upper 192 bytes may be used to store devicespecific information

<u>31</u>	<u> 16.15 0</u>				
Device ID		Vendor ID		00h	
Status		Command		04h	
Class Code Revisio			Revision ID	08h	
BIST	Header Type	Latency Timer	Cache Line Size	0Ch	
Base Address Register #0					
Base Address Register #1					
Base Address Register #2					
Base Address Register #3					
Base Address Register #4					
Base Address Register #5					
CardBus CIS Pointer					
Subsystem ID		Subsystem Vendor ID		2Ch	
Expansion ROM Base Address					
	Reserved		Cap List Pointer	34h	
Reserved					
Max_Lat	Min_Gnt	Interrupt Pin	Interrupt Line	3Ch	
		*			



Configuration Transactions

- Are generated by a host or PCI-to-PCI bridge
- Use a set of IDSEL signals as chip selects
 - Dedicated address decoding
 - Each agent is given a unique IDSEL signal
- Are typically single data phase
 - Bursting is allowed, but is very rarely used
- Two types (specified via AD[1:0] in addr. phase)
 - Type 0: Configures agents on same bus segment
 - Type 1: Configures across PCI-to-PCI bridges





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Standard PCI Configuration Header

<u>31 16 15 0</u>				
Device ID	Vendor ID		00h	
Status	Command		04h	
Class Code		Revision ID	08h	
BIST Header Type	Latency Timer	Cache Line Size	0Ch	
Base Address Register #0				
Base Address Register #1				
Base Address Register #2				
Base Address Register #3				
Base Address Register #4				
Base Address Register #5				
CardBus CIS Pointer				
Subsystem ID	Subsystem Vendor ID		2Ch	
Expansion ROM Base Address				
Reserved		Cap. List Ptr.	34h	
Reserved				
Max_Lat Min_Gnt	Interrupt Pin	Interrupt Line	3Ch	

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Required by PCI Spec 2.2



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Electrical & Timing Specifications





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Signaling Environments

- The PCI spec describes two <u>different</u> electrical environments
 - 5V signaling
 - 3.3V signaling
- Technically, these names have *nothing* to do with the actual supply voltage
 - Rather, they are tied to logic-level thresholds



Signaling Environments

- 5V signaling is the most common
- 66MHz PCI buses can only use 3.3V signaling
 - Note that 33MHz PCI can still use either
- Some plug-in cards can support both signaling environments – these are known as "universal" cards



Signaling Environments



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Reflective-Wave Switching

PCI uses "reflective waves"

- Each wire on the PCI bus is a non-terminated transmission line, which causes signals to reflect over the length of the trace
- Valid voltage levels are obtained after one reflection; this reduces the cost of PCI by not requiring high-powered output drivers



Reflective-Wave Switching

This display shows how a reflection looks



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PCI – AC Specifications Input Requirements – Clamp Diodes

- Clamp diodes protect inputs from momentary shortcircuit current caused by tri-stating delays
- 5V signaling environment
 - Inputs must be clamped to ground
 - Upper clamp to 5V rail is optional
- 3.3V signaling environment
 - Inputs must be clamped to both ground and V_{CC}
 - For universal cards (or any other 3.3V device that interfaces to 5V PCI), inputs must be clamped to the 5V supply, <u>not</u> the 3.3V supply



 $V_{\rm CC} = 3.3V, 5V$

Bad Diode Clamping Why Must Universal Cards Clamp to 5V?



 A universal card clamped to 3.3V, that is plugged into a 5V signaling bus, will create a short-circuit connection between the motherboard's 5V and 3.3V supplies!





Other Requirements: Hold time : Ons Min clock-to-out : 2ns Output off time : 28ns

All timing parameters are measured at the package pin



Why Is PCI Timing So Tough?



MHz PCI]
3ns setup + clock_delay → 220+ MHz! [66 MHz PCI]

Add-In Card Design

Trace length

- All 32-bit PCI signals must be no more than 1.5"
- All 64-bit ext. signals must be no more than 2.0"

Clock trace must be <u>exactly</u> 2.5" (± 0.1")

- Routed to only one load
- Needed for clock-skew control

PCI device requirements

- One pin per signal!
- Max input capacitance is 10pF (unless the device is on the motherboard, where 16pF is OK)



System Issues – Bus Loading

- No PCI spec requirement as to the loading on the bus; however:
 - A driver must meet the 10ns propagation spec
- The rule of thumb is 10 loads max for 33MHz
 - Motherboard devices count as one load
 - Each add-in card slot counts as two load
 - Since most PC motherboards must have >2 PCI devices, they usually have no more than 4 slots
- More slots are available using PCI-to-PCI bridges or peerto-peer PCI systems





64-Bit and 66MHz PCI





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The 64-Bit PCI Extension

- Doubles the available PCI bandwidth (keeping the clock frequency at 33MHz) to 264 MB/sec
- 64-bit PCI can use both 5V and 3.3V signaling
- Only used for memory transactions



The 64-Bit PCI Extension

Mixing and matching is allowed

- A 32-bit card can be plugged into a 64-bit slot
- A 64-bit card can be plugged into a 32-bit slot
- Use of the 32-bit vs. 64-bit datapath is negotiated between the initiator and target at the start of each transaction



Additional 64-Bit Pins

• AD[63:32]

C/BE#[7:4]

 Used only for byte enables (not for PCI commands) except in the special case of Dual Address Cycle, discussed later

• **PAR64**

 The XOR of AD[63:32], C/BE#[7:4], and PAR64 must equal zero (even parity)



Additional 64-Bit Pins

• REQ64#

Mirrors FRAME# – indicates that the initiator requests a 64-bit transaction

• ACK64#

- Mirrors DEVSEL# indicates that the target is able to fulfill the transaction request using the 64-bit datapath
- By not asserting ACK64#, the target tells the initiator that it is a 32-bit agent



64-Bit Initiator to 64-Bit Target

- Works the same as a standard 32-bit transaction, with the following additions:
 - The initiator asserts REQ64# to mirror FRAME#
 - The target, in response, asserts ACK64# to mirror DEVSEL#
- Data is transferred on AD[31:0] and AD[63:32]
 - C/BE#[7:4] and PAR64 are also used
- The starting address must be QUADWORD aligned (i.e., divisible by 8: AD[2] = 0)





66MHz PCI Overview

- Pushes PCI bandwidth as high as 528MB/sec
- Most often used with the 64-bit extension, although it is legal to have 32-bit 66MHz PCI
- The signaling protocol is the same as with 33MHz PCI



66MHz PCI Overview

- 66MHz PCI can only use 3.3V signaling
- A device that can operate at 66MHz has the 66MHz Capable bit set in the Status Register
- The loading allowance is cut in half (5 loads), so only one or two add-in slots are possible
- For open systems, 66MHz add-in cards must also work on a 33MHz PCI bus





PCI Variations





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Overview of PCI Variations

- As a well-defined standard, PCI and its various flavors have been widely adopted by many industries that require high-bandwidth data systems
 - Industrial computing
 - Datacom and telecom
 - Portable systems
 - Desktop systems
- Up-and-coming variations on PCI look to push its maximum bandwidth even higher



PCI Variations Same Protocol (Different Form Factor)

PMC

— PCI in a mezzanine form factor

CompactPCI

- PCI in a Eurocard (VME-style) form factor
- Used as a passive backplane
- Used in physically rugged environments such as industrial and telecom systems

Mini PCI

- New proposed PCI standard for portable systems



PCI Variations Modified Protocol

CardBus

– PCI in a PCMCIA form factor (portable systems)

— Point-to-point, only slightly different protocol from standard PCI

AGP (Advanced Graphics Port)

- PCI-like point-to-point protocol
- Primarily used for PC graphics cards

PCI-X

- New proposal to push bandwidth over 1GB/sec
- Backward compatible with standard PCI



CompactPCI

- Used in Telecom and Industrial Applications that Require a Rugged Form Factor (Eurocard)
- IC Devices Maintain Specs from Standard PCI
- CompactPCI Imposes Additional Requirements for Add-in Cards as well as for the Host System
- Supports up to Eight Plug-in Slots
- Spec Maintained by the PCI Industrial Computer Manufacturers Group (PICMG), of which Xilinx is a Member



PCI / CompactPCI Comparison





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Hot-Swap CompactPCI

- Live Insertion and Removal of Cards
 - High-availability systems (e.g., telecom)
- Electrical Issues
 - Signal lines need precharge to ~1V
 - Leakage current must be less than 10μA
 - Limited early power
 (2A maximum)



Staged pins on backplane

- Adds Hot-Swap Register to configuration space
- Not to be confused with Hot-Plug



Hot-Swap CompactPCI Levels of Compliance

- "Capable" The Minimum Level of Compliance
 - Must be at least PCI v2.1 compliant
 - Must be able to tolerate precharge voltage (~1V)
 - Must be able to tolerate asynchronous RST#
- "Friendly" The Intermediate Level of Compliance
 - Must at least be Hot-Swap "Capable"
 - *Must also support the Capabilities List Pointer (PCI v2.2)*
- "Ready" The Highest Level of Compliance
 - Must at least be Hot-Swap "Friendly"
 - Must also support internal Bias Voltage and Early power





The Xilinx PCI Solution

The PCI Challenge

1. Must Guarantee Timing

— Setup, Max, and Min

2. Must Guarantee the Behavior

— Now and in the future

3. Must Meet Performance Requirements

— Sustained throughput at 66MHz

4. Must Meet Cost Target

— Single-chip solution





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Joel Van Doren, Senior design engineer Xerox Engineering Systems





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- Power Management Module





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 - Support for targeting additional devices
 - Complete turnkey integration





MULTI VIDEO DESIGN





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Ordering Information

	PCI64 Design Kit	PCI64 DO-DI-PCI64	PCI32 Design Kit DO-DI-PCI32-DK	PCI32 Spartan
Design File Access	De Diffeter Dic		DO DITIONE DI	
64-bit 66 MHz	Virtex-E Virtex	Virtex-E Virtex	-	-
64-bit 33 MHz	Virtex-E Virtex Spartan-II	Virtex-E Virtex Spartan-II	-	-
32-bit 33 MHz	Virtex-E Virtex Spartan-II Spartan-XL Spartan 4000XLA	Virtex-E Virtex Spartan-II Spartan-XL Spartan 4000XLA	Virtex-E Virtex Spartan-II Spartan-XL Spartan 4000XLA	Spartan-II Spartan-XL Spartan
Development Tools				
Prototyping board	Nallatech BallyLINX	-	VCC HotPCI	-
SW Driver Development Tools	NuMega SoftICE Driver Suite	-	NuMega SoftICE Driver Suite	-
Miscellaneous				
Reference Designs	PCI Bridge Designs Power Management	PCI Bridge Designs Power Management	PCI Bridge Designs Power Management	PCI Bridge Designs Power Management
Design Examples	Reference Drivers Board Gerber files)	-	Reference Drivers	-
PCI System Architecture Text Book	PCI System Arch Text Book Design Guide	Online	PCI System Arch Text Book Design Guide	Online



The Xilinx PCI Design Flow

- The PCI Lounge
- Core Configuration and Download
- Simulation and Synthesis
- Implementation Xilinx Alliance/Foundation



The PCI Lounge

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 - PCI core configuration and download
 - *Latest design data no CD required!*
- To Gain Access, Customers Submit an Online Registration form
 - The customer selects a unique username and password
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 - The type of LogiCORE PCI Interface you purchased



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 - 2 Download your tailor-made core

Downloading from the Internet

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 - See Chapter 3 of the LogiCORE PCI User's Guide for more detailed information





Downloading from the Internet

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 - Device and package
 - *Design-entry tool*
 - Archiving method
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 - .tar.gz for Unix

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Simulation and Synthesis

• Functional and Timing simulation with -





Synthesis with SYNOPSYS[®]









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