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## 1. Mailbox Client with Avalon® Streaming Interface Intel FPGA IP Overview

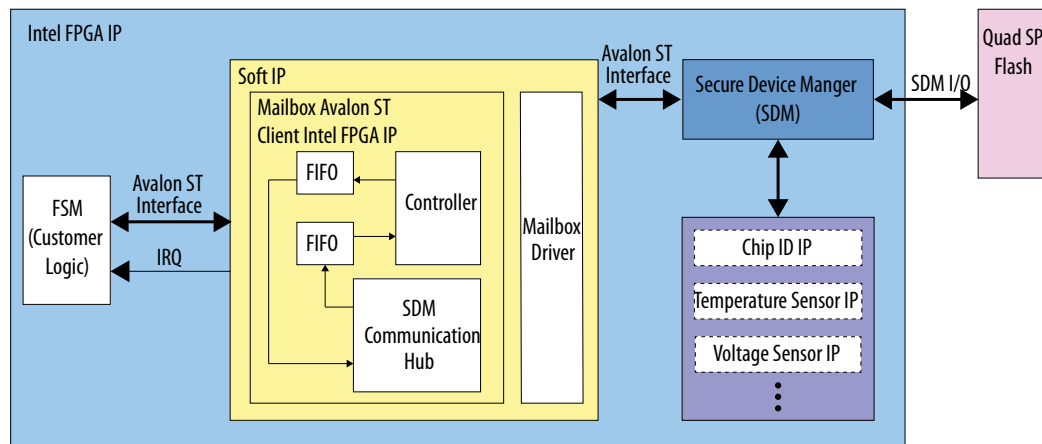
The Mailbox Client with Avalon® streaming interface Intel® FPGA IP (Mailbox Client with Avalon ST Client IP) provides a communication channel between your custom logic and the secure device manager (SDM). You can use the Mailbox Client with Avalon ST IP to send command packets and receive response packets from SDM peripheral modules. The Mailbox Client with Avalon ST IP defines functions that the SDM runs.

Your custom logic can use this communication channel to receive information and access flash memory from the following peripheral modules:

- The Chip ID
- The Temperature Sensor
- The Voltage Sensor
- Quad serial peripheral interface (SPI) flash memory

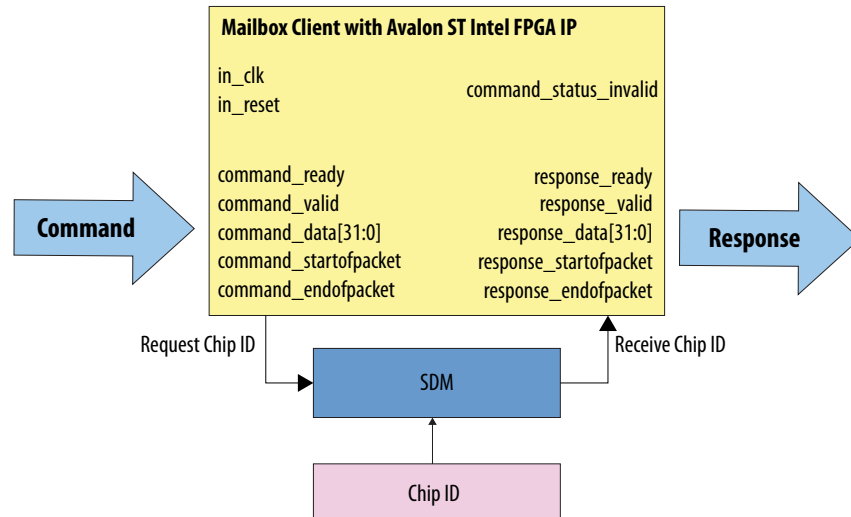
**Note:** Throughout this user guide, the term Avalon ST abbreviates the Avalon streaming interface or IP.

**Figure 1. Mailbox Client with Avalon ST IP System Design**



The following figure shows an application in which the Mailbox Client with Avalon ST IP reads the Chip ID.

**Figure 2. Mailbox Client with Avalon ST IP Reads Chip ID**



### 1.1. Device Family Support

The following lists the device support level definitions for Intel FPGA IPs:

- Advance support** — The IP is available for simulation and compilation for this device family. Timing models include initial engineering estimates of delays based on early post-layout information. The timing models are subject to change as silicon testing improves the correlation between the actual silicon and the timing models. You can use this IP for system architecture and resource utilization studies, simulation, pinout, system latency assessments, basic timing assessments (pipeline budgeting), and I/O transfer strategy (data-path width, burst depth, I/O standards tradeoffs).
- Preliminary support** — The IP is verified with preliminary timing models for this device family. The IP meets all functional requirements, but might still be undergoing timing analysis for the device family. It can be used in production designs with caution.
- Final support** — The IP is verified with final timing models for this device family. The IP meets all functional and timing requirements for the device family and can be used in production designs.

**Table 1. Device Family Support**

| Device Family | Support |
|---------------|---------|
| Intel Agilex™ | Advance |

*Note:* Intel does not provide simulation modes for the Mailbox Client with Avalon streaming interface Intel FPGA IP.

#### Related Information

[Mailbox Client with Avalon Streaming Interface Intel FPGA IP Release Notes](#)

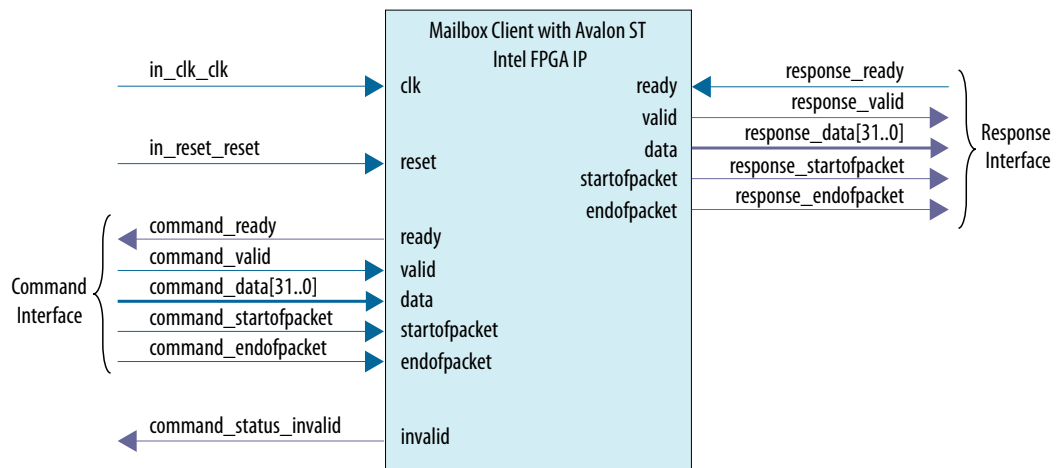
### 1.1.1. Parameters

| Parameter Name          | Value     | Description  |
|-------------------------|-----------|--|
| Enable status interface | On<br>Off | When you enable this interface, the Mailbox Client with Avalon streaming interface Intel FPGA IP includes the <code>command_status_invalid</code> signal. When <code>command_status_invalid</code> asserts, you must reset the IP. |

### 1.1.2. Interfaces

The following figure illustrates the Mailbox Client with Avalon Streaming Interface Intel FPGA IP interfaces:

**Figure 3. Mailbox Client with Avalon Streaming Interface Intel FPGA IP Interfaces**



For more information about Avalon streaming interfaces, refer to the *Avalon Interface Specifications*.

#### Related Information

[Avalon Interface Specifications](#)

#### 1.1.2.1. Clock and Reset Interfaces

**Table 2. Clock and Reset Interfaces**

| Signal Name           | Direction | Description   |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|
| <code>in_clk</code>   | Input     | This is the clock for the Avalon streaming interfaces. The maximum frequency is 250 MHz.  |
| <code>in_reset</code> | Input     | This is an active high reset. Assert <code>in_reset</code> to reset the Mailbox Client with Avalon streaming interface Intel FPGA IP (Mailbox Client with Avalon ST IP). When the <code>in_reset</code> signal asserts, the SDM must flush any pending activity from the Mailbox Client with Avalon ST IP. The SDM continues to process commands from other clients. To ensure the Mailbox Client with Avalon ST IP functions correctly when the device enters user mode, your design must include the Reset Release Intel FPGA IP to hold the reset until the FPGA fabric entered user mode. Intel recommends using a reset synchronizer when connecting the user reset or output of the Reset Release IP to |

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| Signal Name | Direction | Description  |
|-------------|-----------|--|
|             |           | <p>the reset port of the Mailbox Client with Avalon ST IP. To implement the reset synchronizer, use the Reset Bridge Intel FPGA IP available in the Platform Designer.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> For IP instantiation and connection guidelines in the Platform Designer, refer to the <i>Required Communication and Host Components for the Remote System Update Design Example</i> figure in the <i>Intel Agilex Configuration User Guide</i>.</p> |

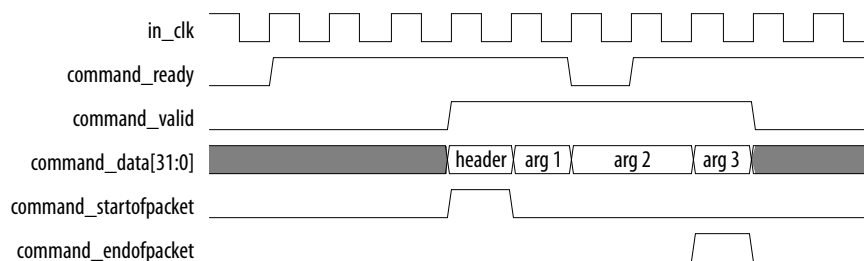
### 1.1.2.2. Command Interface

Use the Avalon Streaming (Avalon ST) interface to send commands to the SDM.

**Table 3. Command Interface**

| Signal Name           | Direction | Description   |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|
| command_ready         | Output    | The Mailbox Client with Avalon ST Intel FPGA IP asserts <code>command_ready</code> when it is ready to receive commands from the application. The <code>ready_latency</code> is 0 cycles. The Mailbox Client with Avalon ST can accept <code>command_data[31:0]</code> in the same cycle that <code>command_ready</code> asserts. |
| command_valid         | Input     | The <code>command_valid</code> signal asserts to indicate that <code>command_data</code> is valid.  |
| command_data[31:0]    | Input     | The <code>command_data</code> bus drives commands to the SDM. Refer to <i>Command List and Description</i> for definitions of the commands.   |
| command_startofpacket | Input     | The <code>command_startofpacket</code> asserts in the first cycle of a command packet.  |
| command_endofpacket   | Input     | The <code>command_endofpacket</code> asserts in the last cycle of command a packet.   |

**Figure 4. Timing for Avalon ST Command Packet**



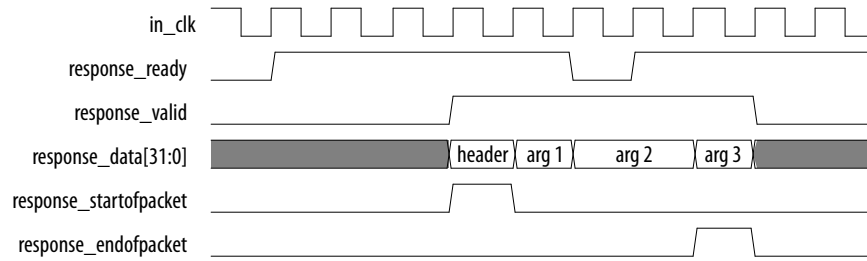
### 1.1.2.3. Response Interface

The SDM Avalon ST Client IP sends responses to your application using the response interface.

**Table 4. Response Interface**

| Signal 5               | Direction | Description   |
|------------------------|-----------|---|
| response_ready         | Input     | Application logic can assert the <code>response_ready</code> signal whenever it is able to receive a response.  |
| response_valid         | Output    | The SDM asserts <code>response_valid</code> to indicate that <code>response_data</code> is valid.   |
| response_data[31:0]    | Output    | The SDM drives <code>response_data</code> to provide the requested information. The first word of the response is a header that identifies the command that the SDM is providing. Refer to <i>Command List and Description</i> for definitions of the commands. |
| response_startofpacket | Output    | The <code>response_startofpacket</code> asserts in the first cycle of a response packet.  |
| response_endofpacket   | Output    | The <code>response_endofpacket</code> asserts in the last cycle of a response packet.   |

**Figure 5. Timing for Avalon ST Response Packet**

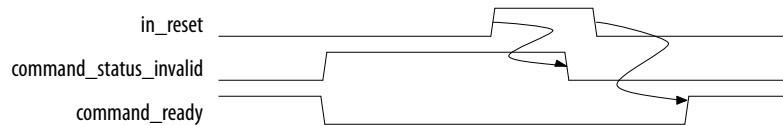


### 1.1.2.4. Command Status Interface

**Table 5. Command Status Interface**

| Signal Name            | Direction | Description  |
|------------------------|-----------|--|
| command_status_invalid | Output    | The command_status_invalid asserts to indicate an error. This signal typically asserts to indicate that the length of the command specified in the command header does not match the length of the command sent. When command_status_invalid asserts, your application logic must assert in_reset to restart the Mailbox Client with Avalon streaming interface Intel FPGA IP. |

**Figure 6. Reset After command\_status\_invalid Asserts**



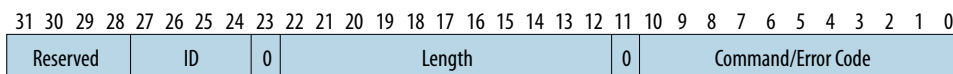


## 1.2. Commands and Responses

The host controller communicates with the SDM using command and response packets via the Mailbox Client Intel FPGA IP.

The first word of the command and response packets is a header that provides basic information about the command or response.

**Figure 7. Command and Response Header Format**



**Note:** The LENGTH field in the command header must match the command length of corresponding command.

The following table describes the fields of the header command.

**Table 6. Command and Response Header Description**

| Header                  | Bit     | Description  |
|-------------------------|---------|--|
| Reserved                | [31:28] | Reserved.  |
| ID                      | [27:24] | The command ID. The response header returns the ID specified in the command header. Refer to <i>Operation Commands</i> for command descriptions.   |
| 0                       | [23]    | Reserved.  |
| LENGTH                  | [22:12] | Number of words of arguments following the header. The IP responds with an error if a wrong number of words of arguments is entered for a given command.   |
| Reserved                | [11]    | Reserved. Must be set to 0.  |
| Command Code/Error Code | [10:0]  | Command Code specifies the command. The Error Code indicates whether the command succeeded or failed. In the command header, these bits represent command code. In the response header, these bits represent error code. If the command succeeds, the Error Code is 0. If the command fails, refer to the error codes defined in the <i>Error Code Responses</i> . |

### 1.2.1. Operation Commands

#### Resetting Quad SPI Flash

**Important:** For Intel Agilex devices, you must connect the serial flash or quad SPI flash reset pin to the AS\_nRST pin. The SDM must fully control the QSPI reset. Do not connect the quad SPI reset pin to any external host.

**Table 7. Command List and Description**

| Command          | Code (Hex) | Command Length <sup>(1)</sup> | Response Length <sup>(1)</sup> | Description  |
|------------------|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| NOOP             | 0          | 0                             | 0                              | Sends an OK status response.   |
| GET_IDCODE       | 10         | 0                             | 1                              | The response contains one argument which is the JTAG IDCODE for the device   |
| GET_CHIPID       | 12         | 0                             | 2                              | The response contains 64-bit CHIPID value with the least significant word first.   |
| GET_USERCODE     | 13         | 0                             | 1                              | The response contains one argument which is the 32-bit JTAG USERCODE that the configuration bitstream writes to the device.  |
| GET_VOLTAGE      | 18         | 1                             | 1                              | <p>The GET_VOLTAGE command has a single argument which is a bitmask specifying the channels to read. Bit 0 specifies channel 0, bit 1 specifies channel 1, and so on.</p> <p>The response includes a one-word argument for each bit set in the bitmask. The voltage returned is an unsigned fixed-point number with 16 bits below the binary point. For example, a voltage of 0.75V returns 0x0000C000. <sup>(2)</sup></p> <p>Intel Agilex devices have a single voltage sensor. Consequently, the response is always one word.</p>  |
| GET_TEMPERATURE  | 19         | 1                             | n <sup>(3)</sup>               | <p>The GET_TEMPERATURE command returns the temperature or temperatures of the core fabric or transceiver channel locations you specify.</p> <p>For Intel Agilex devices, use the <code>sensor_req</code> argument to specify the locations. The <code>sensor_req</code> includes the following fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bits[31:28]: Reserved.</li> <li>• Bits[27:16]: <code>Sensor Location</code>. Specifies the TSD location.</li> <li>• Bits[15:0]: <code>Sensor mask</code>. Specifies the sensors to read for the <code>sensor location</code> specified. The response contains one word for each temperature requested. If omitted, the command reads channel 0. The least significant bit (lsb) corresponds to sensor 0. The most significant bit (msb) corresponds to channel 15.</li> </ul> <p>The temperature returned is a signed fixed value with 8 bits below the binary point. For example, a temperature of 10°C returns 0x00000A00. A of temperature -1.5°C returns 0xFFFFE80.</p> <p>If the bitmask specifies an invalid <code>Location</code>, the command returns an error code which is any value in the range 0x80000000 -0x800000FF.</p> <p>For Intel Agilex devices, refer to the <i>Intel Agilex Power Management User Guide</i> for more information about local build-in temperature sensors.</p> |
| RSU_IMAGE_UPDATE | 5C         | 2                             | 0                              | <p>Triggers reconfiguration from the data source that can be either the factory or an application image.</p> <p>This command takes an optional 64-bit argument that specifies the reconfiguration data address in the flash. When sending the argument to the IP, you first send bits [31:0] followed by bits [63:32]. If you do not provide this argument its value is assumed to be 0.</p>   |

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- (1) This number does not include the command or response header.
- (2) Refer to *Intel Agilex Power Management User Guide* for more information about temperature sensor channels and locations.
- (3) Index n depends on the number of sensor masks.

| Command       | Code (Hex)           | Command Length <sup>(1)</sup>   | Response Length <sup>(1)</sup> | Description  |      |         |             |   |             |   |   |            |  |             |                                 |   |            |                      |   |
|---------------|----------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|------|---------|-------------|---|-------------|---|---|------------|--|-------------|---------------------------------|---|------------|----------------------|---|
|               |                      |   |                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bit [31:0]: The start address of an application image.</li> <li>Bit [63:32]: Reserved (write as 0).</li> </ul> <p>Once the device processes this command, it returns the response header to response FIFO before it proceeds to reconfigure the device. Ensure the host PC or host controller stops servicing other interrupts and focuses on reading the response header data to indicate the command completed successfully. Otherwise, the host PC or host controller may not be able to receive the response once the reconfiguration process started.</p> <p>Once the device proceeds with reconfiguration, the link between the external host and FPGA is lost. If you use PCIe in your design, you need to re-enumerate the PCIe link.</p> <p><i>Important:</i> When resetting quad SPI, you must follow instructions specified in <a href="#">Resetting Quad SPI Flash</a> on page 9.</p>   |      |         |             |   |             |   |   |            |  |             |                                 |   |            |                      |   |
| RSU_GET_SPT   | 5A                   | 0   | 4                              | <p>RSU_GET_SPT retrieves the quad SPI flash location for the two sub-partition tables that the RSU uses: SPT0 and SPT1. The 4-word response contains the following information:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Word</th> <th>Name</th> <th>Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>SPT0[63:32]</td> <td rowspan="2">SPT0 address in quad SPI flash.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>SPT0[31:0]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>SPT1[63:32]</td> <td rowspan="2">SPT1 address in quad SPI flash.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>SPT1[31:0]</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>  | Word | Name    | Description | 0 | SPT0[63:32] | SPT0 address in quad SPI flash.   | 1 | SPT0[31:0] | 2                                      | SPT1[63:32] | SPT1 address in quad SPI flash. | 3   | SPT1[31:0] |                      |   |
| Word          | Name                 | Description   |                                |  |      |         |             |   |             |   |   |            |  |             |                                 |   |            |                      |   |
| 0             | SPT0[63:32]          | SPT0 address in quad SPI flash.   |                                |  |      |         |             |   |             |   |   |            |  |             |                                 |   |            |                      |   |
| 1             | SPT0[31:0]           |   |                                |  |      |         |             |   |             |   |   |            |  |             |                                 |   |            |                      |   |
| 2             | SPT1[63:32]          | SPT1 address in quad SPI flash.   |                                |  |      |         |             |   |             |   |   |            |  |             |                                 |   |            |                      |   |
| 3             | SPT1[31:0]           |   |                                |  |      |         |             |   |             |   |   |            |  |             |                                 |   |            |                      |   |
| CONFIG_STATUS | 4                    | 0   | 6                              | <p>Reports the status of the last reconfiguration. You can use this command to check the configuration status during and after configuration. The response contains the following information:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Word</th> <th>Summary</th> <th>Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>State</td> <td> <p>Describes the most recent configuration related error. Returns 0 when there are no configuration errors.</p> <p>The error field has 2 fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upper 16 bits: Major error code.</li> <li>Lower 16 bits: Minor error code.</li> </ul> <p>Refer to <i>Appendix: CONFIG_STATUS and RSU_STATUS Error Code Descriptions</i> in the <i>Mailbox Client Intel FPGA IP User Guide</i> for more information.</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Version</td> <td>The version of the RSU data structure.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Pin status</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bit [31]: Current nSTATUS output value (active low)</li> <li>Bit [30]: Detected nCONFIG input value (active low)</li> <li>Bit [29:3]: Reserved</li> <li>Bit [2:0]: The MSEL value at power up</li> </ul> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Soft function status</td> <td>Contains the value of each of the soft functions, even if you have not assigned the function to an SDM pin.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Word | Summary | Description | 0 | State       | <p>Describes the most recent configuration related error. Returns 0 when there are no configuration errors.</p> <p>The error field has 2 fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upper 16 bits: Major error code.</li> <li>Lower 16 bits: Minor error code.</li> </ul> <p>Refer to <i>Appendix: CONFIG_STATUS and RSU_STATUS Error Code Descriptions</i> in the <i>Mailbox Client Intel FPGA IP User Guide</i> for more information.</p> | 1 | Version    | The version of the RSU data structure. | 2           | Pin status                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bit [31]: Current nSTATUS output value (active low)</li> <li>Bit [30]: Detected nCONFIG input value (active low)</li> <li>Bit [29:3]: Reserved</li> <li>Bit [2:0]: The MSEL value at power up</li> </ul> | 3          | Soft function status | Contains the value of each of the soft functions, even if you have not assigned the function to an SDM pin. |
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<sup>(1)</sup> This number does not include the command or response header.

| Command             | Code (Hex) | Command Length <sup>(1)</sup> | Response Length <sup>(1)</sup> | Description   |                |  |
|---------------------|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|----------------|--|
|                     |            |                               |                                |   |                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bit [31:6]: Reserved</li> <li>Bit [5]: HPS_WARMRESET</li> <li>Bit [4]: HPS_COLDRESET</li> <li>Bit [3]: SEU_ERROR</li> <li>Bit [2]: CVP_DONE</li> <li>Bit [1]: INIT_DONE</li> <li>Bit [0]: CONF_DONE</li> </ul>  |
|                     |            |                               |                                | 4   | Error location | Contains the error location. Returns 0 if there are no errors.   |
|                     |            |                               |                                | 5   | Error details  | Contains the error details. Returns 0 if there are no errors.  |
| RSU_STATUS          | 5B         | 0                             | 9                              | Reports the current remote system upgrade status. You can use this command to check the configuration status during configuration and after it has completed. This command returns the following responses: |                |  |
|                     |            |                               |                                | <b>Word</b>   | <b>Summary</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
|                     |            |                               |                                | 0-1   | Current image  | Flash offset of the currently running application image.   |
|                     |            |                               |                                | 2-3   | Failing image  | Flash offset of the highest priority failing application image. If multiple images are available in flash memory, stores the value of the first image that failed. A value of all 0s indicates no failing images. If there are no failing images, the remainder of the remaining words of the status information do not store valid information.<br><i>Note:</i> A rising edge on nCONFIG to reconfigure from ASx4, does not clear this field. Information about failing image only updates when the Mailbox Client receives a new RSU_IMAGE_UPDATE command and successfully configures from the update image. |
|                     |            |                               |                                | 4   | State          | Failure code of the failing image. The error field has two parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bit [31:16]: Major error code</li> <li>Bit [15:0]: Minor error code</li> </ul> Returns 0 for no failures. Refer to <i>Appendix: CONFIG_STATUS and RSU_STATUS Error Code Descriptions</i> in the <i>Mailbox Client Intel FPGA IP User Guide</i> for more information.  |
|                     |            |                               |                                | 5   | Version        | The version of the RSU software.   |
|                     |            |                               |                                | 6   | Error location | Stores the error location of the failing image. Returns 0 for no errors.   |
|                     |            |                               |                                | 7   | Error details  | Stores the error details for the failing image. Returns 0 if there are no errors.  |
| <i>continued...</i> |            |                               |                                |   |                |  |

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| Command     | Code (Hex) | Command Length <sup>(1)</sup> | Response Length <sup>(1)</sup> | Description   |
|-------------|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
|             |            |                               | 8                              | <p>Current image retry counter</p> <p>Count of the number of retries that have been attempted for the current image. The counter is 0 initially. The counter is set to 1 after the first retry, then 2 after a second retry.</p> <p>Specify the maximum number of retries in your Intel Quartus® Prime Settings File (.qsf). The command is:<br/> <code>set_global_assignment -name RSU_MAX_RETRY_COUNT 3</code>. Valid values for the MAX_RETRY counter are 1-3. The actual number of available retries is MAX_RETRY -1</p> <p>This field was added in version 19.3 of the Intel Quartus Prime Pro Edition software.</p>   |
| RSU_NOTIFY  | 5D         | 1                             | 0                              | <p>Clears all error information in the RSU_STATUS response and resets the retry counter. The one-word argument has the following fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0x00050000: Clear current reset retry counter. Resetting the current retry counter sets the counter back to zero, as if the current image was successfully loaded for the first time.</li> <li>0x00060000: Clear error status information.</li> <li>All other values are reserved.</li> </ul> <p>This command is not available before version 19.3 of the Intel Quartus Prime Pro Edition software.</p>   |
| QSPI_OPEN   | 32         | 0                             | 0                              | <p>Requests exclusive access to the quad SPI. You issue this request before any other QSPI requests. The SDM accepts the request if the quad SPI is not in use and the SDM is not configuring the device. Returns OK if the SDM grants access.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> The SDM grants exclusive access to the client using this mailbox. Other clients cannot access the quad SPI until the active client relinquishes access using the QSPI_CLOSE command.</p> <p><i>Important:</i> When resetting quad SPI, you must follow instructions specified in <a href="#">Resetting Quad SPI Flash</a> on page 9.</p>   |
| QSPI_CLOSE  | 33         | 0                             | 0                              | <p>Closes the exclusive access to the quad SPI interface.</p> <p><i>Important:</i> When resetting quad SPI, you must follow instructions specified in <a href="#">Resetting Quad SPI Flash</a> on page 9.</p>   |
| QSPI_SET_CS | 34         | 1                             | 0                              | <p>Specifies one of the attached quad SPI devices via the chip select lines. Takes a one-word argument as described below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bits[31:28]: Flash device to select. The value 4'b0000 selects the flash that corresponds to nCS0[0]. nCS0[0] is the only signal that the FPGA can use to access the quad SPI flash device. The HPS can use nCS0[3:0] to access HPS data.</li> <li>Bits[27:0]: Reserved (write as 0). The HPS can use nCS0[3:1] to access 3 additional quad SPI devices.</li> </ul> <p>This command is optional for the AS x4 configuration scheme. Is required for all other configuration schemes.</p> <p>Access to the QSPI flash memory devices using SDM_IO pins is only available for the AS x4 configuration scheme, JTAG configuration, and a design compiled for ASx4 configuration. For the Avalon streaming interface (Avalon ST) configuration scheme, you must connect QSPI flash memories to GPIO pins.</p> <p><i>Important:</i> When resetting quad SPI, you must follow instructions specified in <a href="#">Resetting Quad SPI Flash</a> on page 9.</p> |

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(1) This number does not include the command or response header.

| Command               | Code (Hex) | Command Length <sup>(1)</sup> | Response Length <sup>(1)</sup> | Description   |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| QSPI_READ             | 3A         | 2                             | N                              | <p>Reads the attached quad SPI device. The maximum transfer size is 4 kilobytes (KB) or 1024 words.</p> <p>Takes two arguments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The quad SPI flash address (one word). The address must be word aligned. The device returns the 0x1 error code for non-aligned addresses.</li> <li>Number of words to read (one word).</li> </ul> <p>When successful, returns OK followed by the read data from the quad SPI device. A failure response returns an error code.</p> <p>For a partially successful read, QSPI_READ may erroneously return the OK status.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> You cannot run the QSPI_READ command while device configuration is in progress.</p> <p><i>Important:</i> When resetting quad SPI, you must follow instructions specified in <a href="#">Resetting Quad SPI Flash</a> on page 9.</p> |
| QSPI_WRITE            | 39         | 2+N                           | 0                              | <p>Writes data to the quad SPI device. The maximum transfer size is 4 kilobytes (KB) or 1024 words.</p> <p>Takes three arguments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The flash address offset (one word). The write address must be word aligned.</li> <li>The number of words to write (one word).</li> <li>The data to be written (one or more words).</li> </ul> <p>A successful write returns the OK response code.</p> <p>To prepare memory for writes, use the QSPI_ERASE command before issuing this command.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> You cannot run the QSPI_WRITE command while device configuration is in progress.</p> <p><i>Important:</i> When resetting quad SPI, you must follow instructions specified in <a href="#">Resetting Quad SPI Flash</a> on page 9.</p>   |
| QSPI_ERASE            | 38         | 2                             | 0                              | <p>Erases a sector of the quad SPI device. Takes two arguments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The flash address offset to start the erase (one word). The address must be the start address of a sector within the flash memory; consequently, the address must be 64 KB aligned. Returns an error for non-64 KB aligned addresses.</li> <li>The number of words to erase specified in multiples of 0x4000 words.</li> </ul> <p>A successful erase returns the OK response code.</p> <p><i>Important:</i> When resetting quad SPI, you must follow instructions specified in <a href="#">Resetting Quad SPI Flash</a> on page 9.</p>   |
| QSPI_READ_DEVICE_REG  | 35         | 2                             | N                              | <p>Reads registers from the quad SPI device. The maximum read is 8 bytes. Takes two arguments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The opcode for the read command.</li> <li>The number of bytes to read.</li> </ul> <p>A successful read returns the OK response code followed by the data read from the device. The read data return is in multiple of 4 bytes. If the bytes to read is not an exact multiple of 4 bytes, it is padded with multiple of 4 bytes until the next word boundary and the padded bit value is zero.</p> <p><i>Important:</i> When resetting quad SPI, you must follow instructions specified in <a href="#">Resetting Quad SPI Flash</a> on page 9.</p>   |
| QSPI_WRITE_DEVICE_REG | 36         | 2+N                           | 0                              | <p>Writes to registers of the quad SPI. The maximum write is 8 bytes. Takes three arguments:</p>  |

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<sup>(1)</sup> This number does not include the command or response header.

| Command             | Code (Hex) | Command Length <sup>(1)</sup> | Response Length <sup>(1)</sup> | Description  |
|---------------------|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
|                     |            |                               |                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The opcode for the write command.</li> <li>The number of bytes to write.</li> <li>The data to write.</li> </ul> <p>To perform a sector erase or sub-sector erase, you must specify the serial flash address in most significant byte (MSB) to least significant byte (LSB) order as the following example illustrates.</p> <p>To erase a sector of a Micron 2 gigabit (Gb) flash at address 0x04FF0000 using the <code>QSPI_WRITE_DEVICE_REG</code> command, write the flash address in MSB to LSB order as shown here:</p> <p>Header: 0x00003036<br/>         Opcode: 0x000000DC<br/>         Number of bytes to write: 0x00000004<br/>         Flash address: 0x0000FF04</p> <p>A successful write returns the OK response code. This command pads data that is not a multiple of 4 bytes to the next word boundary. The command pads the data with zero.</p> <p><i>Important:</i> When resetting quad SPI, you must follow instructions specified in <a href="#">Resetting Quad SPI Flash</a> on page 9.</p> |
| QSPI_SEND_DEVICE_OP | 37         | 1                             | 0                              | <p>Sends a command opcode to the quad SPI. Takes one argument:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The opcode to send the quad SPI device.</li> </ul> <p>A successful command returns the OK response code.</p> <p><i>Important:</i> When resetting quad SPI, you must follow instructions specified in <a href="#">Resetting Quad SPI Flash</a> on page 9.</p>   |
| REBOOT_HPS          | 47         | 0                             | 0                              | <p>Triggers the HPS cold reset. Firmware loads the new bitstream from the boot source based on MSEL settings. The loaded bitstream and your device must use the same firmware version. When loading the new bitstream, SDM wipes HPS and loads the HPS bootloader to HPS OCRAM and releases MPU.</p> <p>Refer to <i>Intel Agilix Hard Processor System Technical Reference Manual</i> and <i>Intel Agilix SoC FPGA Boot User Guide</i> for more details on HPS reset.</p>  |

For `CONFIG_STATUS` and `RSU_STATUS` major and minor error code descriptions, refer to *Appendix: CONFIG\_STATUS and RSU\_STATUS Error Code Descriptions* in the *Mailbox Client Intel FPGA IP User Guide*.

### Related Information

- [Mailbox Client Intel FPGA IP User Guide: CONFIG\\_STATUS and RSU\\_STATUS Error Code Descriptions](#)  
 For more information about the `CONFIG_STATUS` and `RSU_STATUS` error codes.
- [Intel Agilix Power Management User Guide](#)  
 For more information about the temperature sensor channel numbers and temperature sensing diodes (TSDs).
- [Intel Agilix Hard Processor System Technical Reference Manual](#)

<sup>(1)</sup> This number does not include the command or response header.

### 1.2.2. Error Code Responses

**Table 8. Error Codes**

| Value (Hex)  | Error Code Response        | Description   |  |            |             |             |            |                      |      |  |  |               |      |  |
|--|----------------------------|---|--|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|------|--|--|---------------|------|--|
| 0  | OK                         | Indicates that the command completed successfully.<br>A command may erroneously return the OK status if a command, such as QSPI_READ is partially successful.   |  |            |             |             |            |                      |      |  |  |               |      |  |
| 1  | INVALID_COMMAND            | Indicates that the currently loaded boot ROM cannot decode or recognize the command code.   |  |            |             |             |            |                      |      |  |  |               |      |  |
| 3  | UNKNOWN_COMMAND            | Indicates that the currently loaded firmware cannot decode the command code.  |  |            |             |             |            |                      |      |  |  |               |      |  |
| 4  | INVALID_COMMAND_PARAMETERS | Indicates that the command is incorrectly formatted. For example, the length field setting in header is not valid.  |  |            |             |             |            |                      |      |  |  |               |      |  |
| 6  | COMMAND_INVALID_ON_SOURCE  | Indicates that the command is from a source for which it is not enabled.  |  |            |             |             |            |                      |      |  |  |               |      |  |
| 8  | CLIENT_ID_NO_MATCH         | Indicates that the Client ID cannot complete the request to close the exclusive access to quad SPI. The Client ID does not match the existing client with the current exclusive access to quad SPI.   |  |            |             |             |            |                      |      |  |  |               |      |  |
| 9  | INVALID_ADDRESS            | The address is invalid. This error indicates one of the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An unaligned address</li> <li>An address range problem</li> <li>A read permission problem</li> <li>An invalid chip select value, displaying value of more than 3</li> <li>An invalid address in RSU case</li> <li>An invalid bitmask value for GET_VOLTAGE command</li> <li>An invalid page selection for GET_TEMPERATURE command</li> </ul>   |  |            |             |             |            |                      |      |  |  |               |      |  |
| A  | AUTHENTICATION_FAIL        | Indicates the configuration bitstream signature authentication failure.   |  |            |             |             |            |                      |      |  |  |               |      |  |
| B  | TIMEOUT                    | This error indicates time out due to the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Command</li> <li>Waiting for QSPI_READ operation to complete</li> <li>Waiting for the requested temperature reading from one of the temperature sensors. May indicate a potential hardware error in the temperature sensor.</li> </ul>  |  |            |             |             |            |                      |      |  |  |               |      |  |
| C  | HW_NOT_READY               | Indicates one of the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The hardware is not ready. Can indicate either an initialization or configuration problem. The hardware may refer to quad SPI.</li> <li>RSU image is not used to configure the FPGA.</li> </ul>   |  |            |             |             |            |                      |      |  |  |               |      |  |
| D  | HW_ERROR                   | Indicates that the command completed unsuccessfully due to unrecoverable hardware error.  |  |            |             |             |            |                      |      |  |  |               |      |  |
| 80 - 8F  | COMMAND_SPECIFIC_ERROR     | Indicates a command specific error due to an SDM command you used.  |  |            |             |             |            |                      |      |  |  |               |      |  |
|  |                            | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>SDM Command</th> <th>Error Name</th> <th>Error code</th> <th>Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>GET_CHIPID</td> <td>EFUSE_SYSTEM_FAILURE</td> <td>0x82</td> <td>Indicates that the eFuse cache pointer is invalid.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>QSPI_OPEN/<br/>QSPI_CLOSE/<br/>QSPI_SET_CS/<br/>QSPI_READ_D<br/>EVICE_REG/</td> <td>QSPI_HW_ERROR</td> <td>0x80</td> <td>Indicates QSPI flash memory error. This error indicates one of the following conditions:</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | SDM Command  | Error Name | Error code  | Description | GET_CHIPID | EFUSE_SYSTEM_FAILURE | 0x82 | Indicates that the eFuse cache pointer is invalid. | QSPI_OPEN/<br>QSPI_CLOSE/<br>QSPI_SET_CS/<br>QSPI_READ_D<br>EVICE_REG/ | QSPI_HW_ERROR | 0x80 | Indicates QSPI flash memory error. This error indicates one of the following conditions: |
|  |                            | SDM Command   | Error Name   | Error code | Description |             |            |                      |      |  |  |               |      |  |
| GET_CHIPID   | EFUSE_SYSTEM_FAILURE       | 0x82  | Indicates that the eFuse cache pointer is invalid.                                       |            |             |             |            |                      |      |  |  |               |      |  |
| QSPI_OPEN/<br>QSPI_CLOSE/<br>QSPI_SET_CS/<br>QSPI_READ_D<br>EVICE_REG/ | QSPI_HW_ERROR              | 0x80  | Indicates QSPI flash memory error. This error indicates one of the following conditions: |            |             |             |            |                      |      |  |  |               |      |  |
|  |                            |   |  |            |             |             |            |                      |      |  |  |               |      |  |

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| Value (Hex) | Error Code Response                       | Description   |                   |      |   |
|-------------|---|---|-------------------|------|---|
|             |   | QSPI_WRITE_DEVICE_REG/<br>QSPI_SEND_DEVICE_OP/<br>QSPI_READ   |                   |      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A QSPI flash chip select setting problem</li> <li>A QSPI flash initialization problem</li> <li>A QSPI flash resetting problem</li> <li>A QSPI flash settings update problem</li> </ul> |
|             |   |   | QSPI_ALREADY_OPEN | 0x81 | Indicates that the client's exclusive access to QSPI flash via QSPI_OPEN command is already open.   |
| 100         | NOT_CONFIGURED                            | Indicates that the device is not configured.  |                   |      |   |
| 1FF         | ALT_SDM_MBOX_RESP_DEVICE_BUSY             | Indicates that the device is busy due to following use cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RSU: Firmware is unable to transition to different version due to an internal error.</li> <li>HPS: HPS is busy when in HPS reconfiguration process or HPS cold reset.</li> </ul> |                   |      |   |
| 2FF         | ALT_SDM_MBOX_RESP_NO_VALID_RESP_AVAILABLE | Indicates that there is no valid response available.  |                   |      |   |
| 3FF         | ALT_SDM_MBOX_RESP_ERROR                   | General Error.  |                   |      |   |

### 1.2.3. Error Code Recovery

The table below describes possible steps to recover from an error code. Error recovery depends on specific use case.

**Table 9. Error Code Recovery for known Error Codes**

| Value | Error Code Response        | Error Code Recovery   |
|-------|----------------------------|---|
| 4     | INVALID_COMMAND_PARAMETERS | Resend the command header or header with arguments with corrected parameters.<br>For example, ensures that the length field setting in header is sent with the correct value.   |
| 6     | COMMAND_INVALID_ON_SOURCE  | Resend the command from valid source such as JTAG, HPS, or core fabric.   |
| 8     | CLIENT_ID_NO_MATCH         | Wait for the client who opened the access to quad SPI to complete its access and then closes the exclusive access to quad SPI.  |
| 9     | INVALID_ADDRESS            | Possible error recovery steps:<br>For GET_VOLTAGE command: Send command with a valid bitmask.<br>For GET_TEMPERATURE command: Send command with valid sensor location and sensor mask.<br>For QSPI operation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send command with a valid chip select.</li> <li>Send command with a valid QSPI flash address.</li> </ul> For RSU: Send command with a valid start address of the factory image or application. |
| B     | TIMEOUT                    | Possible recovery steps:<br>For GET_TEMPERATURE command: Retry to send the command again. If problem persists, reconfigure or power cycle the device.   |

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| Value | Error Code Response           | Error Code Recovery  |
|-------|-------------------------------|--|
|       |                               | For QSPI operation: Check signal integrity of QSPI interfaces and attempt command again.<br>For HPS restart operation: Retry to send the command again.  |
| C     | HW_NOT_READY                  | Possible recovery steps:<br>For QSPI operation: Reconfigure the device via source. Ensure that IP used to build your design allows access to the QSPI flash.<br>For RSU: Configure the device with RSU image.  |
| 80    | QSPI_HW_ERROR                 | Check the QSPI interface signal integrity and to ensure the QSPI device is not damaged.  |
| 81    | QSPI_ALREADY_OPEN             | Client already opened QSPI. Continue with the next operation.  |
| 82    | EFUSE_SYSTEM_FAILURE          | Attempt reconfiguration or power cycle. If error persists after reconfiguration or power cycle, the device may be damaged and unrecoverable.   |
| 100   | NOT_CONFIGURED                | Send a bitstream that configures the HPS.  |
| 1FF   | ALT_SDM_MBOX_RESP_DEVICE_BUSY | Possible error recovery steps:<br>For QSPI operation: Wait for ongoing configuration or other client to complete operation.<br>For RSU: Reconfigure device to recover from internal error.<br>For HPS restart operation: Wait for reconfiguration via HPS or HPS Cold Reset to complete. |

### 1.3. Mailbox Client with Avalon Streaming Interface Intel FPGA IP User Guide Document Archives

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| Intel Quartus Prime Version | IP Core Version | User Guide  |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---|
| 20.4                        | 1.0.1           | <a href="#">Mailbox Client with Avalon Streaming Interface Intel FPGA IP User Guide</a> |
| 20.3                        | 1.0.1           | <a href="#">Mailbox Client with Avalon Streaming Interface Intel FPGA IP User Guide</a> |
| 20.2                        | 1.0.0           | <a href="#">Mailbox Avalon Streaming Interface Client Intel FPGA IP User Guide</a>      |
| 20.1                        | 1.0.0           | <a href="#">Mailbox Avalon Streaming Interface Client Intel FPGA IP User Guide</a>      |
| 19.3                        | 1.0.0           | <a href="#">Mailbox Avalon Streaming Interface Client Intel FPGA IP User Guide</a>      |

## 1.4. Document Revision History for the Mailbox Client with Avalon Streaming Interface Intel FPGA IP User Guide

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| 2021.03.29       | 21.1                        | 1.0.1      | <p>Made the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised RSU_IMAGE_UPDATE description in the <i>Command List and Description</i> table.</li> <li>Restructured <i>Operation Commands</i>. Removed major and minor error code descriptions for the CONFIG_STATUS and RSU_STATUS commands. The major and minor error codes are now documented as an appendix in the <i>Mailbox Client Intel FPGA IP User Guide</i>.</li> </ul>   |
| 2020.12.14       | 20.4                        | 1.0.1      | <p>Made the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added important note about resetting QSPI flash in the <i>Operation Commands</i> topic.</li> <li>Updated the <i>Command List and Description</i> table: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised GET_TEMPERATURE command description.</li> <li>Revised RSU_IMAGE_UPDATE command description. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added text about resetting QSPI flash.</li> <li>Added text describing behavior between the external host and FPGA.</li> <li>Removed text: <i>Returns a non-zero response if the device is already processing a configuration command.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>Updated QSPI_WRITE and QSPI_READ descriptions to specify that the maximum transfer size is 4 kilobytes or 1024 words.</li> <li>Corrected response length from 1 to 0 for the QSPI_OPEN, QSPI_CLOSE and QSPI_SET_CS command.</li> <li>Revised QSPI_OPEN, QSPI_WRITE, QSPI_READ_DEVICE_REG, and QSPI_WRITE_DEVICE_REG descriptions.</li> <li>Added a new command: REBOOT_HPS.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Added new topic: Error Code Recovery.</li> </ul> |
| 2020.10.05       | 20.3                        | 1.0.1      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changed the title of this user guide from <i>Mailbox Avalon Streaming Interface Client Intel FPGA IP User Guide</i> to <i>Mailbox Client with Avalon Streaming Interface Intel FPGA IP User Guide</i> due to the IP name change in the Intel Quartus Prime IP Catalog.</li> <li>Globally updated all IP name instances.</li> <li>Revised GET_TEMPERATURE command description for Intel Agilex devices in the <i>Command List and Description</i> table.</li> <li>Added recommendation about the reset synchronizer in the <i>Clock and Reset Interfaces</i> table.</li> <li>Updated the <i>Error Codes</i> table. Added new error code responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HW_ERROR</li> <li>COMMAND_SPECIFIC_ERROR</li> </ul> </li> <li>Removed the <i>Temperature Sensor Locations</i> topic. The temperature sensor information is available in the <i>Intel Agilex Power Management User Guide</i>.</li> </ul>  |

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|------------------|-----------------------------|------------|--|
| 2020.06.30       | 20.2                        | 1.0.0      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changed the title of this user guide from <i>Mailbox Avalon ST Client Intel FPGA IP User Guide</i> to <i>Mailbox Avalon Streaming Interface Client Intel FPGA IP User Guide</i>.</li> <li>Renamed topic title <i>Command and Response Header</i> to <i>Commands and Responses</i>.</li> <li>Revised ID, LENGTH, and Command Code/Error Code descriptions in the <i>Command and Response Header Description</i> table.</li> <li>Renamed topic title <i>Supported Commands</i> to <i>Operation Commands</i>.</li> <li>Revised the following commands description in the <i>Command List and Description</i> table:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GET_TEMPERATURE</li> <li>RSU_STATUS</li> <li>QSPI_SET_CS</li> </ul> </li> <li>Renamed topic title <i>Error Codes</i> to <i>Error Code Responses</i>.</li> <li>Removed UNKNOWN_BR command from the <i>Error Code</i> table.</li> </ul> |
| 2020.04.13       | 20.1                        | 1.0.0      | <p>Made the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added information about the temperature sensors for the GET_TEMPERATURE command, including figures illustrating TSD locations.</li> <li>Added RSU_NOTIFY command in the <i>Command Code List and Description</i> table.</li> <li>Updated the <i>Error Codes</i> table:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renamed INVALID_COMMAND_PARAMETERS to INVALID_LENGTH.</li> <li>Changed COMMAND_INVALID_ON_SOURCE hex value from 5 to 6.</li> <li>Changed CLIENT_ID_NO_MATCH hex value from 6 to 8.</li> <li>Changed INVALID_ADDRESS hex value from 7 to 9.</li> <li>Added AUTHENTICATION_FAIL command.</li> <li>Changed TIMEOUT hex value from 8 to B.</li> <li>Changed HW_NOT_READY hex value from 9 to C.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
| 2019.09.30       | 19.3                        | 1.0.0      | Initial release.   |