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1. Intel® Stratix® 10 Configuration Overview

Table 1. Configuration Schemes and Features Overview in Intel® Stratix® 10 Devices

Note: To obtain the support readiness for configuration schemes, features and IPs, contact your Intel® sales representative.

Scheme	Data Width (bits)	Max Clock Rate (MHz) ⁽¹⁾	Max Data Rate ⁽¹⁾	Device Security	Partial Reconfiguration ⁽²⁾	Remote System Update
Avalon-ST	32	125	4 Gbps	Yes	Yes	No
	16	125	2 Gbps	Yes	Yes	No
	8	125	1 Gbps	Yes	Yes	No
Active Serial (AS) ⁽³⁾	4	133 ⁽⁴⁾	532 Mbps	Yes	Yes	Yes
SD/MMC	8	50	400 Mbps	Yes	Yes	Yes
JTAG	1	30	30 Mbps	Yes	Yes	No
Configuration via Protocol (CvP)	x1, x2, x4, x8, x16 lanes	250	8 Gbps ⁽⁵⁾	Yes	Yes ⁽⁶⁾	No

Note: The compression feature is enabled by default for all configuration scheme and cannot be disabled.

Related Information

- [Parallel Flash Loader II Intel FPGA IP Core](#) on page 38
- [Intel Stratix 10 GX and SX Device Family Pin Connection Guidelines](#)

(1) The max clock rate and max data rate are preliminary.

(2) You can perform partial reconfiguration after the device is fully configured. Refer to the *Creating a Partial Reconfiguration Design* chapter of the *Intel Quartus® Prime Pro Edition Handbook Volume 1: Design and Compilation* for more information.

(3) Intel Stratix® 10 devices support configuration from EPCQ-L devices. Refer to the related information for more information about enabling other flash device support.

(4) The maximum clock rate when using external configuration clock source is 133MHz. The maximum clock rate reduces if you use the internal oscillator as the configuration clock source, during SmartVID operation, or when the device is in user mode.

(5) The PCIe protocol overhead also limits the maximum rate.

(6) Partial reconfiguration over PCIe requires additional soft logic.

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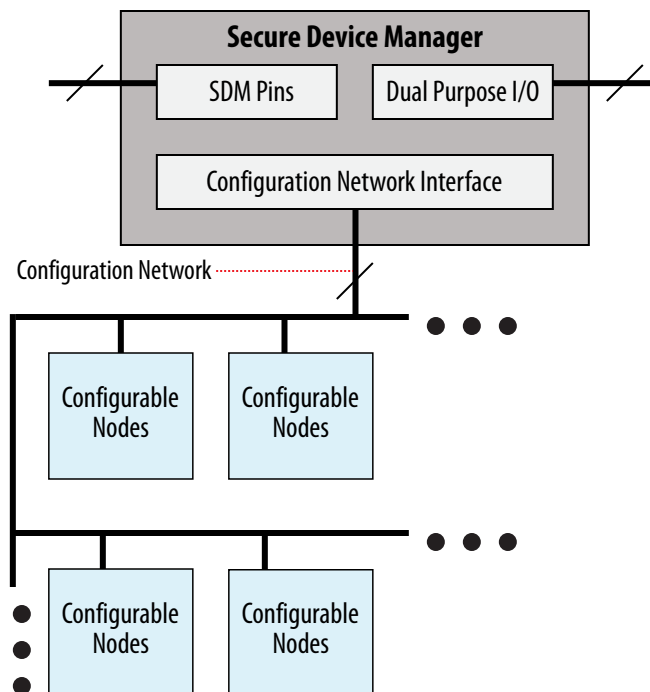
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1.1. Intel Stratix 10 Configuration Architecture

The Intel Stratix 10 device configuration system consists of the following components:

- Secure device manager (SDM)
- Configuration network
- Configurable nodes

Figure 1. Intel Stratix 10 Configuration Architecture Block Diagram



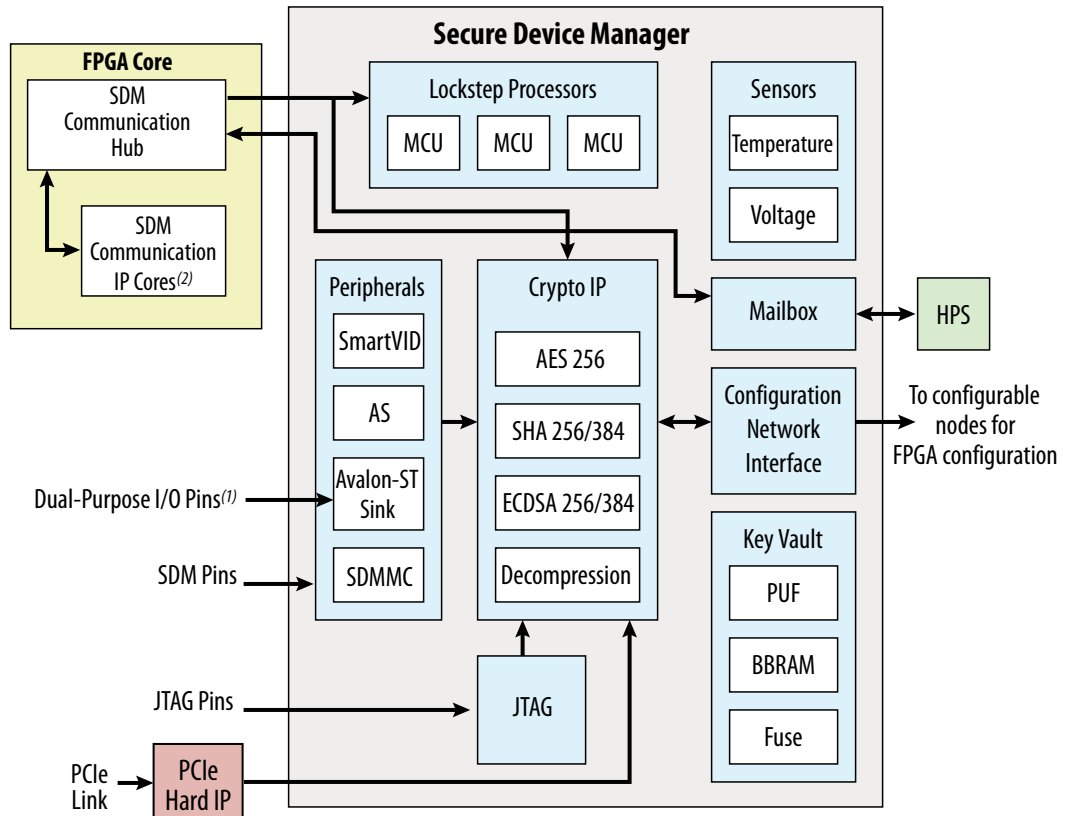
1.1.1. Secure Device Manager

SDM is a triple-redundant processor-based block that manages the following Intel Stratix 10 device processes:

- FPGA configuration
- Hard processor system (HPS) secure boot process (applicable to Intel Stratix 10 SoC devices only)

The SDM performs authentication, decryption, and decompression on the configuration data. Subsequently, the SDM sends the data over to the configurable nodes through the configuration network.

Figure 2. SDM Block Diagram



Note:

- (1) Dedicated SDM pins are used for Avalon-ST x8 while the general purpose I/O pins are used for Avalon-ST x16 and x32 configuration scheme. Refer device pinout for more information.
- (2) Mailbox Client Intel Stratix 10 FPGA IP, Advanced SEU Detection Intel Stratix 10 FPGA IP, Chip ID Intel Stratix 10 FPGA IP, Stratix 10 Serial Flash Mailbox Client Intel FPGA IP, Temperature Sensor Intel Stratix 10 FPGA IP, Voltage Sensor Intel Stratix 10 FPGA IP, Partial Reconfiguration Controller Stratix 10 Intel FPGA IP, and Partial Reconfiguration External Configuration Controller Stratix 10 Intel FPGA IP.

The SDM is the point of entry to the FPGA for device configuration and to the HPS for booting using one of the following sources:

- Avalon-ST data source
- EPCQ-L⁽⁷⁾ configuration device via active serial interface
- SD and MMC flash cards
- PCI Express interface
- JTAG interface

(7) Refer to the related information for more information about enabling other flash device support.



The external sources are connected to the Intel Stratix 10 device through either JTAG, SDM, or dual-purpose I/O pins. The SDM has SD/MMC, CFI flash, and EPCQ-L controllers to interface with external flash memories for configuration. Internal sources that are connected to the SDM include HPS and FPGA core.

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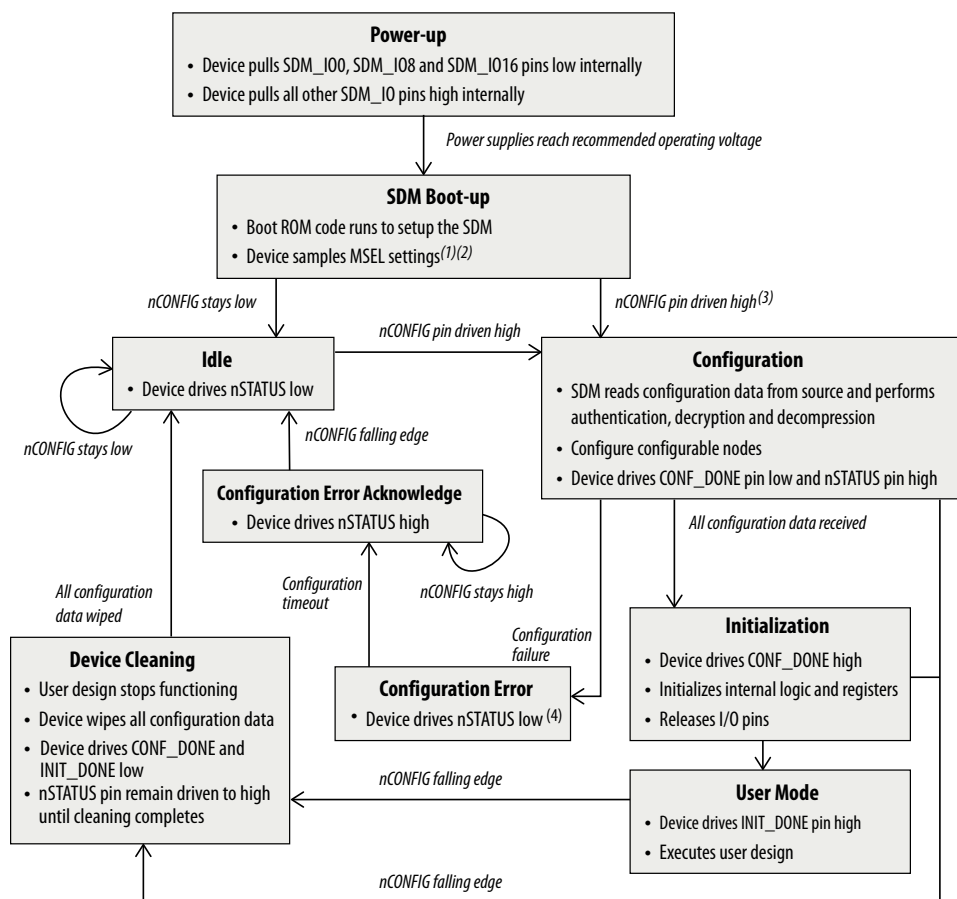
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2. Intel Stratix 10 Configuration Details

2.1. Configuration Sequence

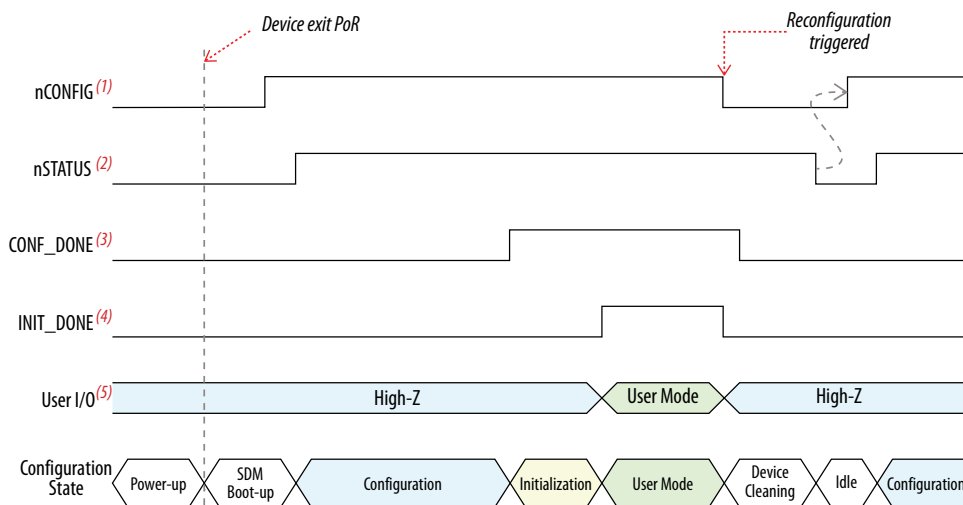
Figure 3. Configuration Sequence in Intel Stratix 10 Devices



- (1) Device stays in this state if MSEL = 111 (JTAG configuration only) until JTAG configuration starts. During JTAG configuration, nSTATUS = nCONFIG.
- (2) MSEL is sampled at the end of the power ramp and subsequent changes will not take effect.
- (3) nCONFIG can be driven high earlier.
- (4) Configuration error is indicated by a 1 ms ±50% low pulse on nSTATUS.



Figure 4. General Configuration Timing Diagram



- (1) nCONFIG must only be driven from low to high when nSTATUS is low and from high to low when nSTATUS is high. When configuring the device (except JTAG configuration scheme), the nCONFIG signal must be in high state throughout the entire Configuration stage.
- (2) Configuration error is indicated by a 1 ms \pm 50% low pulse on nSTATUS.
- (3) When the CONF_DONE is implemented using the recommended SDM pin, it will be tri-stated and pulled-down internally during the power-up and SDM boot-up state.
- (4) When the INIT_DONE is implemented using the recommended SDM pin, it will be tri-stated and pulled-down internally during the power-up and SDM boot-up state.
- (5) All user I/O will be tri-stated when device is not in user mode.

Non-JTAG Configuration Scheme

You can identify the configuration states during device configuration by observing the behavior of the configuration pins. Based on your configuration scheme selection, the device can either receive configuration data from an external source, or read the data from external memory devices.

During power-up until after the device exit power-on-reset (POR), the device samples the MSEL pin settings to select the configuration scheme. The device goes into the SDM Boot-up state after power-up. In this state, the device runs the boot ROM code to set up the SDM system.

The device stays in the Idle state when the nCONFIG signal is low. A rising edge of the nCONFIG signal starts the configuration based on the desired scheme selected through the MSEL setting. You can use the nCONFIG signal to delay a device from configuring. You must only change the nCONFIG signal value if it is in the same state as the nSTATUS signal. Failure to do this can cause the device to miss sampling an edge on the nCONFIG signal. To synchronize with the configuration system, drive the nCONFIG signal low and wait until the nSTATUS signal goes low. Then, drive the nCONFIG signal high. The device starts a new configuration when the nSTATUS signal is high.

During the configuration state, the behavior of the device depends on the configuration scheme you selected. For a passive configuration scheme like Avalon-ST, the device accepts and processes the configuration data. However, for active configuration schemes like AS, the device initiates the configuration and reads data from flash memory or source device and use the data for configuration. During this



state, a firmware that is part of the configuration data is loaded into the Intel Stratix 10 device initially. The SDM continues to process the rest of the configuration data subsequently. The device drives the `CONF_DONE` signal high to indicate it has received all configuration data and enters the initialization state where it performs the last configuration steps. The device drives the `INIT_DONE` signal high indicating the device has entered user mode. Your design starts functioning in the user mode.

The device drives the `nSTATUS` signal low if a configuration error occurs. The data source or external host may trigger a new configuration by using the `nCONFIG` signal.

Note:

The host must continuously monitor the `nSTATUS` to monitor for configuration error. The minimum recommended interval to poll the `nSTATUS` signal is every 500µs.

A falling edge on the `nCONFIG` signal makes the device leave user mode, it wipes the user design and goes to the idle state. The device then drives the `nSTATUS` signal low when it goes into the idle state after the device cleaning is done and is ready to accept a new configuration.

JTAG Configuration Scheme

You can perform JTAG configuration anytime. The device cancels previous configuration and accepts the reconfiguration data from the JTAG interface. The `nCONFIG` signal must be held in a stable or low state during JTAG configuration as a falling edge on the `nCONFIG` signal cancels the JTAG configuration and makes the device configure from the MSEL selected boot source.

Device Reconfiguration

From any state, you can perform reconfiguration by driving the `nCONFIG` signal from high to low. Driving the `nCONFIG` signal from high to low in any state puts the device in device cleaning state where the previous configuration data are wiped. The device then goes into the idle state once the device is ready to accept new configuration. The device reconfigures based on the configuration scheme selected by the MSEL setting when you power up the device.

Related Information

- [Intel Stratix 10 Device Pinouts](#)
- [SDM Pin Mapping](#) on page 11
- [AS Configuration Timing](#) on page 25
- [Avalon-ST Configuration Timing](#) on page 20
- [Configuration Specifications in Intel Stratix 10 Device Datasheet](#)
- [Avalon Streaming Interface Specification](#)
- [Booting and Configuration of the Intel Stratix 10 Hard Processor System Technical Reference Manual](#)
Provides more information about the configuration sequence for Intel Stratix 10 SoC devices.

2.2. Intel Stratix 10 Configuration Pins

Intel Stratix 10 uses SDM pins for device configuration. The SDM pins perform various functions according to the configuration scheme selected.



2.2.1. SDM Pin Mapping

Table 2. SDM Pin Mapping

Note: You can use SDM pins for configuration and other functions; for example, power management. SDM pin functions are specified in the **Configuration** page of the **Device and Pin Options** dialog box in the Intel Quartus Prime software. Refer to the *Intel Stratix 10 Device Pinouts* and *Intel Stratix 10 Pin Connection Guidelines* for more details on other functions.

SDM Pins	MSEL Function	Configuration Source Function			Other Functions
		Avalon-ST x8	AS	SD/MMC	
SDM_IO0	—	—	—	—	INIT_DONE
SDM_IO1	—	AVSTx8_DATA2	AS_DATA1	SDMMC_CFG_DATA1	—
SDM_IO2	—	AVSTx8_DATA0	AS_CLK	SDMMC_CFG_DATA0	—
SDM_IO3	—	AVSTx8_DATA3	AS_DATA2	SDMMC_CFG_DATA2	—
SDM_IO4	—	AVSTx8_DATA1	AS_DATA0	SDMMC_CFG_CMD	—
SDM_IO5	MSEL0	—	AS_nCS00	SDMMC_CFG_CCLK	CONF_DONE ⁽⁸⁾ , INIT_DONE ⁽⁹⁾
SDM_IO6	—	AVSTx8_DATA4	AS_DATA3	SDMMC_CFG_DATA3	—
SDM_IO7	MSEL1	—	AS_nCS02	—	—
SDM_IO8	—	AVST_READY ⁽¹⁰⁾	AS_nCS03	SDMMC_CFG_DATA4	—
SDM_IO9	MSEL2	—	AS_nCS01	—	—
SDM_IO10	—	AVSTx8_DATA7	—	SDMMC_CFG_DATA7	—
SDM_IO11	—	AVSTx8_VALID	—	—	—
SDM_IO12	—	—	—	—	—
SDM_IO13	—	AVSTx8_DATA5	—	SDMMC_CFG_DATA5	—
SDM_IO14	—	AVSTx8_CLK	—	—	—
SDM_IO15	—	AVSTx8_DATA6	—	SDMMC_CFG_DATA6	—
SDM_IO16	—	—	—	—	CONF_DONE, INIT_DONE

Related Information

- [Intel Stratix 10 Device Pinouts](#)
- [Intel Stratix 10 GX and SX Device Family Pin Connection Guidelines](#)

⁽⁸⁾ You can set CONF_DONE to SDM_IO5 when using Avalon-ST x8 and x32 schemes only.

⁽⁹⁾ You can set INIT_DONE to SDM_IO5 when using Avalon-ST x8 and x32 schemes only.

⁽¹⁰⁾ AVST_READY is applicable in Avalon-ST x8, x16 and x32 configuration schemes.



2.2.2. MSEL Settings

MSEL pins set the configuration scheme for Intel Stratix 10 devices. You must pull-up to `VCCIO_SDM` or pull-down to GND these pins through a 4.7-k Ω resistor depending on your configuration scheme. The device samples the MSEL after the device powers up and reaches the recommended operating voltage. If you switch the MSEL setting on the fly, you must power-down then power-up the device to the recommended operating voltage once again for the device to sample the new MSEL setting. During the SDM boot up stage, the SDM pins used for MSEL setting are sampled to determine the configuration scheme.

Externally pull the SDM pins with MSEL function high or low through a 4.7-k Ω resistor to select the desired configuration scheme according to the following table. You must also select the configuration scheme in the **Configuration** page of the **Device and Pin Options** dialog box in the Intel Quartus Prime software. The SDM pins usage are set accordingly in the programming file based on your selection.

Table 3. MSEL Settings for Each Configuration Scheme of Intel Stratix 10 Devices

Configuration Scheme	MSEL[2:0]
Avalon-ST (x32)	000
Avalon-ST (x16)	101
Avalon-ST (x8)	110
AS (Fast mode – for CvP) ⁽¹¹⁾	001
AS (Normal mode)	011
SD/MMC x4/x8	100
JTAG only ⁽¹²⁾	111

Note: Refer to the *Intel Stratix 10 Device Pin Connection Guidelines* and *Intel Stratix 10 Device Datasheet* for more information.

Related Information

- [Intel Stratix 10 GX and SX Device Family Pin Connection Guidelines](#)
- [POR Specifications in Intel Stratix 10 Device Datasheet](#)

2.2.3. Device Configuration Pins

The configuration pins listed are based on the configuration schemes. Some of the schemes share the same physical pins on the device. The configuration functions of the physical pins are determined based on the configuration scheme selected by MSEL and the options selected in the Intel Quartus Prime software.

There are no dedicated `PR_REQUEST`, `PR_ERROR`, `PR_DONE`, `CvP_CONFDONE` and `SEU_ERROR` pins. You can use the unused SDM IO pins for `CvP_CONFDONE` and `SEU_ERROR` pins. You can only use general purpose I/O for `PR_REQUEST`, `PR_ERROR`

⁽¹¹⁾ If you use AS Fast mode and are not concerned about 100ms PCIe linkup, you must still ramp the `VCCIO_SDM` supply within 18ms. This ramp-up requirement ensures that the QSPI device is within its operating voltage range when the Intel Stratix 10 device begins to access it.

⁽¹²⁾ JTAG configuration works with any MSEL settings, unless disabled for security



and PR_DONE pins by setting them in the Intel Quartus Prime software and connecting them to the Partial Reconfiguration External Configuration Controller Intel Stratix 10 FPGA IP.

Table 4. Intel Stratix 10 Device Configuration Pins

Configuration Function	Configuration Scheme	Input/Output	User Mode	Powered by
TCK ⁽¹³⁾	JTAG	Input	—	V _{CCIO_SDM}
TDI ⁽¹³⁾	JTAG	Input	—	V _{CCIO_SDM}
TMS ⁽¹³⁾	JTAG	Input	—	V _{CCIO_SDM}
TDO ⁽¹³⁾	JTAG	Output	—	V _{CCIO_SDM}
nSTATUS	All schemes	Output	—	V _{CCIO_SDM} /pull-up
nCONFIG	All schemes	Input	—	V _{CCIO_SDM} /pull-up
MSEL[2:0] ⁽¹⁴⁾	All schemes	Input	—	V _{CCIO_SDM} /pull-up/pull-down
CONF_DONE ⁽¹⁵⁾	All schemes	Output	—	V _{CCIO_SDM}
INIT_DONE ⁽¹⁶⁾	All schemes	Output	—	V _{CCIO_SDM}
OSC_CLK_1	All schemes	Input	—	V _{CCIO_SDM}
AS_nCSO[3:0]	AS	Output	—	V _{CCIO_SDM}
AS_DATA[3:0]	AS	Bidirectional	—	V _{CCIO_SDM}
AS_CLK	AS	Output	—	V _{CCIO_SDM}
AVST_READY	Avalon-ST x8/x16/32	Output	—	V _{CCIO_SDM}
AVSTx8_DATA[7:0]	Avalon-ST x8	Input	—	V _{CCIO_SDM}
AVSTx8_VALID	Avalon-ST x8	Input	—	V _{CCIO_SDM}
AVSTx8_CLK	Avalon-ST x8	Input	—	V _{CCIO_SDM}
AVST_DATA[31:0] ⁽¹⁷⁾	Avalon-ST x16/x32	Input	I/O	V _{CCIO}

continued...

- (13) The JTAG pins can be used to access HPS JTAG chain in Intel Stratix 10 SoC devices. The JTAG connections in the FPGA block and JTAG connections in the HPS block are either chained or independent to the Intel Stratix 10 SoC devices.
- (14) MSEL pins are sampled on device power-up when power-supplies reached recommended operating voltage. During configuration, the Intel Quartus Prime software assigns these pins to other function based on the selected configuration scheme. You can assign any unused MSEL[2:0] pin to other functions such as power management pins or non-dedicated configuration pins.
- (15) You must enable the CONF_DONE pin function in the Intel Quartus Prime Software. This pin is required if you are using PFL II to configure the device for Avalon-ST configuration scheme.
- (16) You must enable the INIT_DONE pin function in the Intel Quartus Prime Software. This pin is optional for all configuration scheme.
- (17) Dual purpose configuration pins. You can use these pins as user I/O during user mode.



Configuration Function	Configuration Scheme	Input/Output	User Mode	Powered by
AVST_VALID ⁽¹⁷⁾	Avalon-ST x16/x32	Input	I/O	V _{CCIO}
AVST_CLK ⁽¹⁷⁾	Avalon-ST x16/x32	Input	I/O	V _{CCIO}
SDMMC_CFG_CMD	SD/MMC	Output	—	V _{CCIO_SDM}
SDMMC_CFG_DATA[7:0]	SD/MMC	Bidirectional	—	V _{CCIO_SDM}
SDMMC_CFG_CCLK	SD/MMC	Output	—	V _{CCIO_SDM}

2.2.3.1. Configuration Pins I/O Standard and Drive Strength

Table 5. Intel Stratix 10 Configuration Pins I/O Standard and Drive Strength

Configuration Pin	Type	I/O Standard	Drive Strength (mA)
TDO	Output	1.8-V LVCMOS	8
TMS	Input	Schmitt Trigger Input	—
TCK	Input	Schmitt Trigger Input	—
TDI	Input	Schmitt Trigger Input	—
nSTATUS	Output	1.8-V LVCMOS	8
OSC_CLK_1	Input	Schmitt Trigger Input	—
nCONFIG	Input	Schmitt Trigger Input	—
SDM_IO[0:16]	Input/Output	Schmitt Trigger Input or 1.8-V LVCMOS	8
All other configuration pins	Input/Output	Schmitt Trigger Input or 1.8-V LVCMOS	8

2.2.4. Additional Configuration Pin Functions

In addition to the configuration pins used in the configuration scheme, there are other configuration functions which you can assign to SDM pins. These configuration pins are implemented using unused SDM pins and can be set in the Intel Quartus Prime software.



Table 6. Additional Configuration Pins

Note: Intel recommends that you include an external weak pull-down resistors for CONF_DONE and INIT_DONE pins.

Pin Function	Possible Settings	Recommended Settings	Functional Description
CONF_DONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDM_IO5⁽¹⁸⁾ SDM_IO16 	SDM_IO16	Allows you to monitor if device configuration is completed. During power-up, the SDM boot-up, and configuration stages, the pin is pulled low. Upon successful configuration, the pin is driven high by the Intel Stratix 10 device.
INIT_DONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDM_IO0 SDM_IO16 SDM_IO5⁽¹⁹⁾ 	SDM_IO0	Allows you to monitor if device initialization is completed. During power-up, the SDM boot-up, configuration, and initialization stages, the pin is pulled low. Upon successful initialization, the pin is driven high by the Intel Stratix 10 device.

SDM pins are also used for SmartVID power management feature. You must also set the correct Power Management Bus (PMBus) settings to avoid device configuration failure. Refer to the *Intel Stratix 10 Power Management User Guide* for more information about the pin assignments and PMBus setting.

Related Information

[Intel Stratix 10 Power Management User Guide User Guide](#)

2.2.5. Setting Additional Configuration Pins

You must enable and assign the SDM pins for CONF_DONE and INIT_DONE functions in the Intel Quartus Prime software.

To set the additional configuration pins, perform the following steps:

1. On the **Assignments** menu, click **Device**.
2. In the **Device and Pin Options** dialog box, select the **Configuration** category and click **Configuration Pins Options**.
3. In the **Configuration Pin** window, enable and assign the configuration pin that you want to enable. Refer to [Table 6](#) on page 15 for more information.
4. Click **OK** to confirm and close the **Configuration Pin** dialog box.

2.2.6. Enabling Dual-Purpose Pins

The AVST_CLK, AVST_DATA[15..0], AVST_DATA[31..16] and AVST_VALID are dual-purpose pins. You can set the dual purpose pins to function either as a regular I/O pin or an input tri-state, when the device enters into user mode. The V_{CCIO} of this I/O bank must be powered at 1.8V and assigned to 1.8V I/O standard if these pins are used as regular I/O pin.

⁽¹⁸⁾ You can set CONF_DONE to SDM_IO5 when using Avalon-ST x8 and x32 schemes only.

⁽¹⁹⁾ You can set INIT_DONE to SDM_IO5 when using Avalon-ST x8 and x32 schemes only.



To set the dual-purpose pins, perform the following steps:

1. On the **Assignments** menu, click **Device**.
2. In the **Device and Pin Options**, select the **Dual-Purpose Pins** category.
3. In the **Dual-purpose pins** table, set the pin functionality in the **Value** column.
4. Click **OK** to confirm and close the **Device and Pin Options**.

2.3. Configuration Clocks

2.3.1. OSC_CLK_1 Clock Input

Intel Stratix 10 devices contain internal oscillator as the clock source for configuration. When your design uses internal oscillator, the configuration process runs between 170MHz and 230MHz. Optionally, you can feed an external clock source to the OSC_CLK_1 pin to increase the configuration process throughput. OSC_CLK_1 is used as the reference clock source for the PLL in SDM to generate 250MHz clock for configuration process.

Note:

- Intel recommends setting an OSC_CLK_1 for optimum configuration speed.
- You must use external clock source for CvP implementation to meet the PCIe 100ms power-up time requirement. When using this clock, ensure that the supplied clock is stable.
- You must provide a free running and stable reference clock source to external memory interface and PCIe IP cores before the start of device configuration. For more information, refer to the *Intel Stratix 10 L- and H-Tile Transceiver PHY User Guide*, *Intel Stratix 10 E-Tile Transceiver PHY User Guide* and *Intel Stratix 10 External Memory Interfaces IP User Guide*.
- Unstable OSC_CLK_1 clock source may lead to potential functional failure and power cycle is needed to reconfigure the Intel Stratix 10 device.

If you are using the OSC_CLK_1, use the following clock source speed:

- 25-MHz
- 100-MHz
- 125-MHz

Set the frequency of the clock feeding the OSC_CLK_1 pin in the Intel Quartus Prime software before compiling your design. The clock is internally multiplied within the Intel Stratix 10 device to generate a 250-MHz clock for the configuration process.

Related Information

- [Intel Stratix 10 L- and H-Tile Transceiver PHY User Guide](#)
- [Intel Stratix 10 E-Tile Transceiver PHY User Guide](#)
- [Intel Stratix 10 External Memory Interfaces IP User Guide](#)

2.3.2. Setting Configuration Clock Source

You must specify the configuration clock source by selecting either the internal oscillator or OSC_CLK_1 with the specific supported frequency.



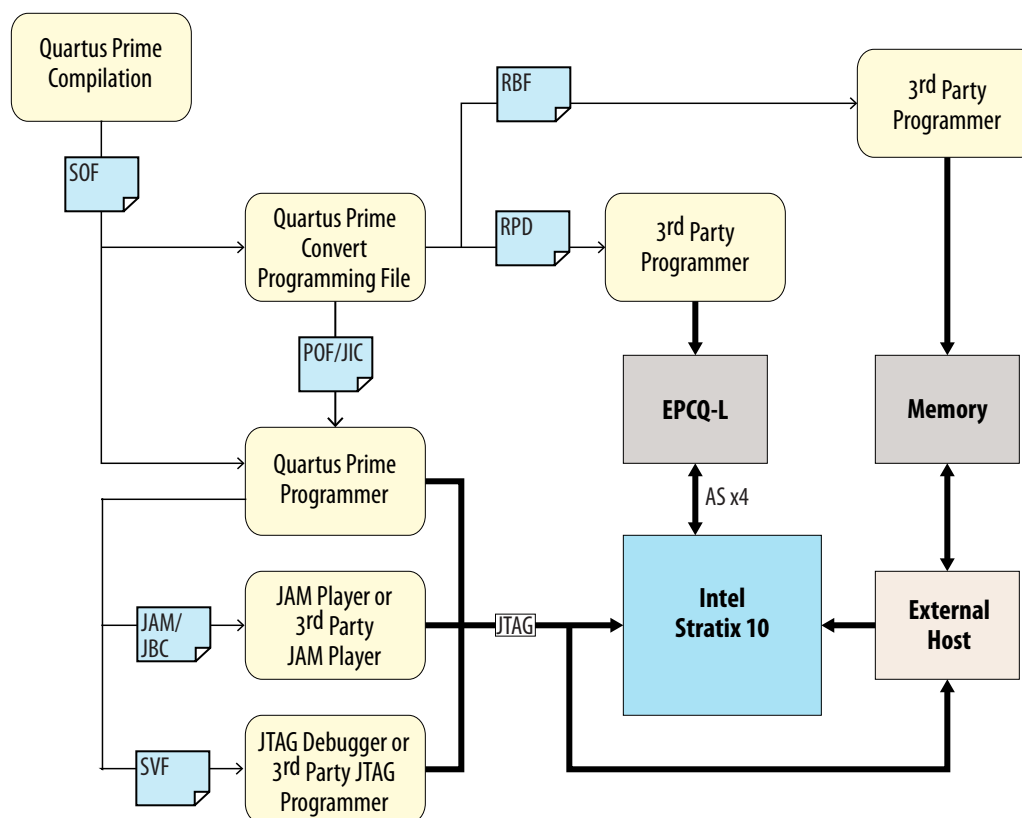
To select the configuration clock source, perform the following steps:

1. On the **Assignments** menu, click **Device**.
2. In the **Device and Pin Options** select the **General** category.
3. Select the desired configuration clock source from the **Configuration clock source** drop down menu.
4. Click **OK** to confirm and close the **Device and Pin Options**.

2.4. Configuration and Programming Files

The Intel Stratix 10 configuration and external flash programming involves multiple file types and tools.

Figure 5. Overview of Intel Quartus Prime Supported Files and Tools for Configuration and Programming



Note: Refer to the related information for more information about enabling other flash device support.



Table 7. Supported Programming and Configuration File Format

File Format	Description
SRAM Object File (.sof/SOF)	Configuration file for JTAG configuration
Raw Binary File (.rbf/RBF)	Configuration file for use with a third party data source, CvP, partial reconfiguration or HPS data source
Programming Object File (.pof/POF)	EPCQ-L and external flash programming file for AS and Avalon-ST configuration using Intel Quartus Prime Programmer
JTAG Indirect Configuration File (.jic/JIC)	EPCQ-L programming file for AS configuration using Intel Quartus Prime Programmer
Raw Programming Data File (.rpd/RPD)	EPCQ-L programming file for AS configuration using 3 rd -party programmer
JAM Standard Test and Programming Language Format (.jam/JAM)	Configuration file for third-party JTAG host
JAM Byte Code (.jbc/JBC)	
Serial Vector Format (.svf/SVF)	

Related Information

[Can I use 3rd party QSPI flash devices for Active Serial configuration of Intel Stratix 10 devices?](#)



3. Intel Stratix 10 Configuration Schemes

3.1. Avalon-ST Configuration

The Avalon-ST configuration scheme uses an external host, such as a microprocessor, MAX[®] II, MAX V, or Intel MAX 10 device. The external host controls the transfer of configuration data from an external storage such as flash memory to the FPGA. The design that controls the configuration process resides in the external host. You can use the PFL II IP core with a MAX II, MAX V, or Intel MAX 10 device as the host to read configuration data from the flash memory device and configure the Intel Stratix 10 device.

During power-up and until the power-supply is stable, or during reconfiguration, the host drives the `nCONFIG` signal low. When the host is ready to configure, the Intel Stratix 10 device responds by asserting the `nSTATUS` signal low. When the host senses `nSTATUS` is asserted low, it can drive `nCONFIG` high. The Intel Stratix 10 device then drives `nSTATUS` high, and asserts `AVST_READY` high when it is ready to receive data.

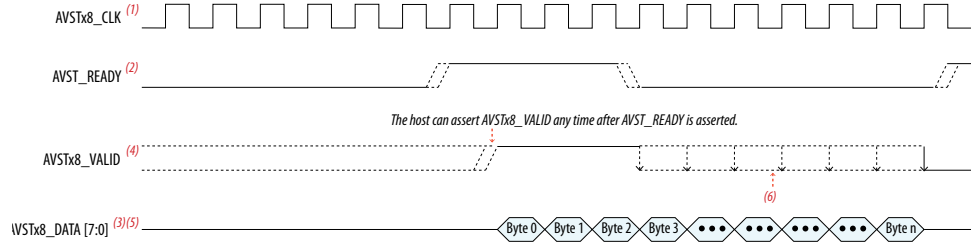
Related Information

- [Parallel Flash Loader II Intel FPGA IP Core](#) on page 38
- [Intel Stratix 10 Device Pinouts](#)
- [SDM Pin Mapping](#) on page 11
- [Avalon-ST Configuration Timing in Intel Stratix 10 Device Datasheet](#)
- [Avalon Streaming Interface Specification](#)
- [Intel Stratix 10 GX FPGA Development Kit](#)

3.1.1. Avalon-ST Configuration Timing

Figure 6. Avalon-ST Bus Timing Waveform

Figure describes the Avalon-ST bus timing waveform in detail.



- (1) For Avalon-ST x16 and x32, this signal is AVST_CLK. These clocks must be running throughout the configuration (until CONF_DONE goes high).
- (2) AVST_READY is an asynchronous signal and valid only when nSTATUS is high.
- (3) AVSTx8_DATA signals can be in any state when device configuration is not in progress.
- (4) For Avalon-ST x16 and x32, this signal is AVST_VALID.
- (5) For Avalon-ST x16 and x32, this signal is AVST_DATA[15:0] and AVST_DATA[31:0] respectively.
- (6) Host may send up to 6 more data including the delay incurred by the 2-stage register synchronizer after AVST_READY is de-asserted.

The AVST_CLK signal must be continuously running throughout the configuration until the CONF_DONE goes high. The configuration files for Intel Stratix 10 devices can be highly compressed. During configuration, the decompression of the bit stream inside the device requires the host to pause before sending more data. The Intel Stratix 10 device asserts the AVST_READY signal high when the device is ready to accept data. The host must handle backpressure by monitoring the AVST_READY signal and may assert AVST_VALID signal any time after the assertion of AVST_READY signal. The host must monitor the AVST_READY signal throughout the configuration.



The AVST_READY signal sent by the Intel Stratix 10 device to the host is not synchronized with the AVSTx8_CLK or AVST_CLK. The host :

- Must send no more than 6 words of data after the de-assertion of the AVST_READY signal including the delay incurred by the 2-stage register synchronizer.
- Must synchronize the AVST_READY signal to the AVSTx8_CLK signal or AVST_CLK signal using a 2-stage register synchronizer. Register transfer level (RTL) example code for 2-stage register synchronizer:

```
always @(posedge pfl2_avst_clk_temp or negedge reset_n)
begin
  if (~reset_n)
  begin
    fpga_avst_ready_reg1 <= 0;
    fpga_avst_ready_reg2 <= 0;
  else
    fpga_avst_ready_reg1 <= fpga_avst_ready;
    fpga_avst_ready_reg2 <= fpga_avst_ready_reg1;
  end
end
```

Where:

- avst_clk_temp is the AVST_CLK signal that comes from either PFL II IP or your Avalon-ST controller logic.
- fpga_avst_ready is the AVST_READY signal comes from the Intel Stratix 10 device
- fpga_avst_ready_reg2 signal is the AVST_READY signal that is synchronized to AVST_CLK.

You must properly constraint the AVST_CLK and AVST_DATA signal at the host. Perform timing analysis on both signals between the host and Intel Stratix 10 device to ensure the Avalon-ST configuration timing specifications are met. Refer to the *Avalon-ST Configuration Timing* section of the *Intel Stratix 10 Device Datasheet* for information about the timing specifications.

Note: The AVSTx8_CLK or AVST_CLK signals must be continuously running throughout the configuration. This condition is required for the Intel Stratix 10 device to assert the AVST_READY signal.

Optionally, you can monitor the CONF_DONE signal to indicate the flash has sent all the data to FPGA or to indicate the configuration process is completed.

If you use the PFL II IP core as the configuration host, you can use the Intel Quartus Prime software to store the binary configuration data into the flash memory through the PFL II IP core.

If you use the Avalon-ST Adapter IP core as part of the configuration host, set the **Ready Latency** value between 1- 6.

Avalon-ST x8 configuration scheme uses the SDM pins only. Avalon-ST x16 and x32 configuration scheme additionally use dual-purpose I/O pins that can be used as general-purpose IO pins after configuration.

Related Information

- [Configuration Sequence](#) on page 8

- Configuration Specifications in Intel Stratix 10 Device Datasheet
- Avalon-ST Configuration Timing in Intel Stratix 10 Device Datasheet
- Avalon Streaming Interface Specification

3.1.2. Avalon-ST Single-Device Configuration

Figure 7. Connection Setup for Avalon-ST x8 Single-Device Configuration

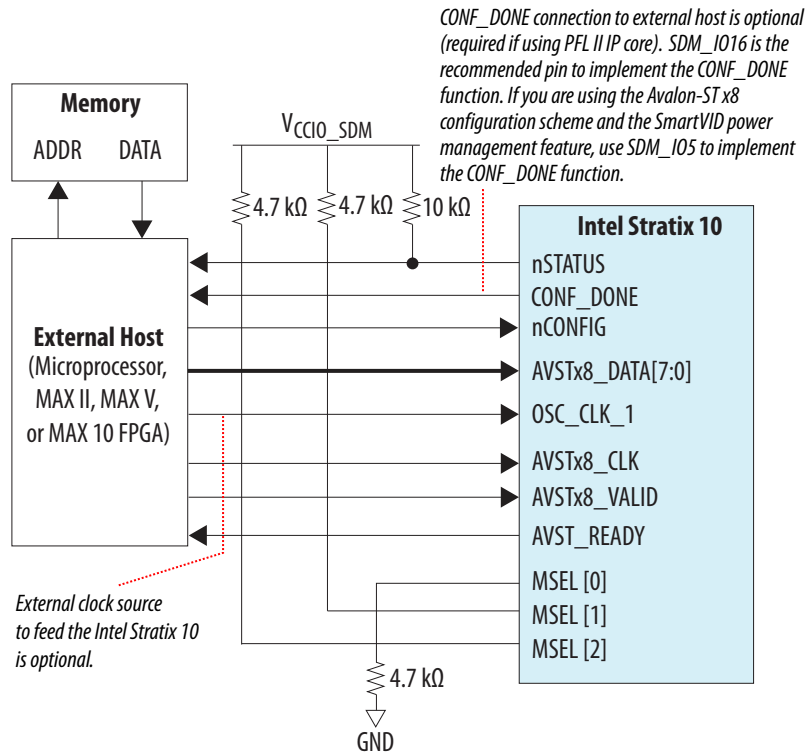




Figure 8. Connection Setup for Avalon-ST x16 Single-Device Configuration

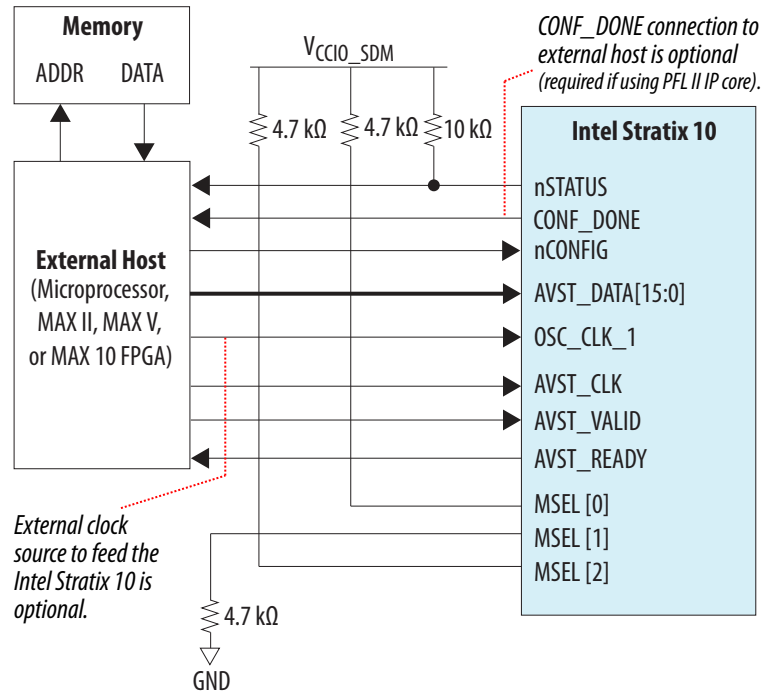
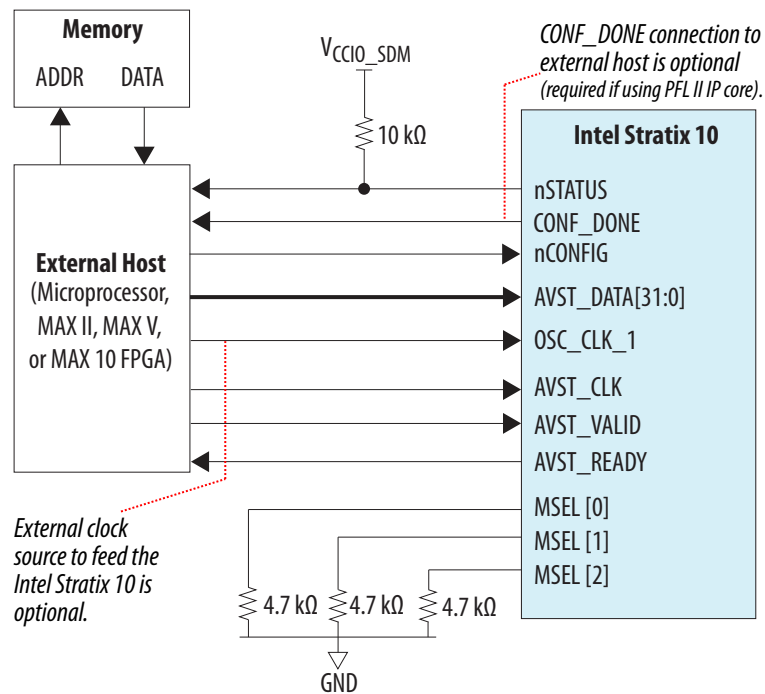


Figure 9. Connection Setup for Avalon-ST x32 Single-Device Configuration





Related Information

[Parallel Flash Loader II Intel FPGA IP Core](#) on page 38

3.1.3. RBF Configuration File Format

If you do not use the Parallel Flash Loader II Intel FPGA IP core to program the flash, you must generate the .rbf file.

The data in .rbf file are in little-endian format. For example, 95h 48h 29h 62h are the first 4 bytes of data sequence in .rbf file, you must send the data in the following manner to the AVST_DATA[] interfaces:

- AVST_DATA [7:0] = 95h
- AVST_DATA [15:8] = 48h
- AVST_DATA [23:16] = 29h
- AVST_DATA [31:24] = 62h

3.2. AS Configuration

In the AS configuration scheme, the SDM block in the Intel Stratix 10 device controls the configuration process and interface. The EPCQ-L configuration devices store the configuration data. The AS configuration scheme supports AS x4 (4-bit data width) mode only.

Note:

- If an HPS is present, you can use it to access the flash after initial configuration.
- Refer to the related information for more information about enabling other flash device support.

The EPCQ-L configuration device must be fully powered up at the same time or before ramping up V_{CCIO_SDM} of Intel Stratix 10 devices.

Related Information

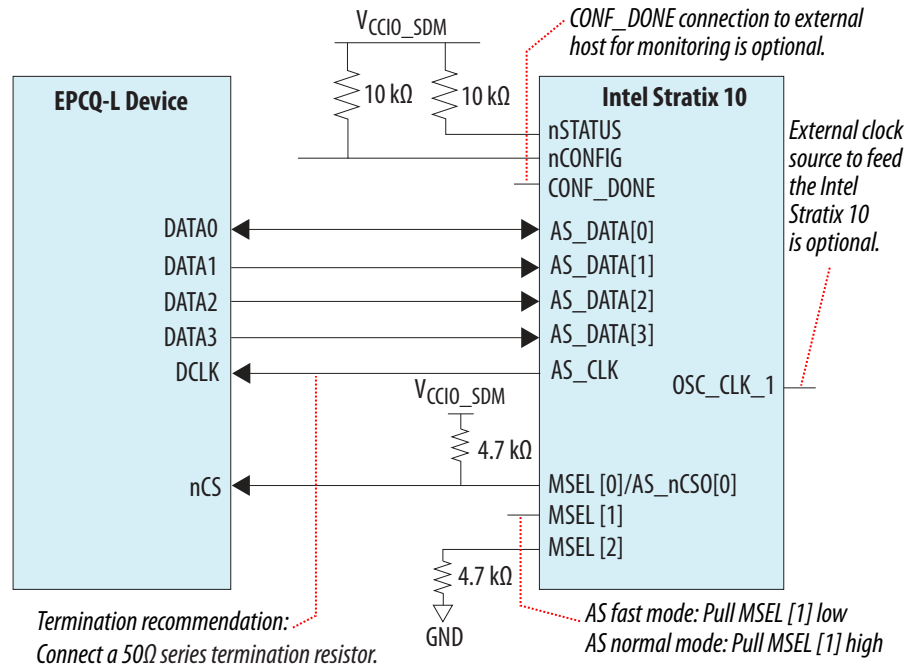
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3.2.1. AS Configuration Setup

3.2.1.1. AS Single-Device Configuration

Figure 10. Connections for AS x4 Single-Device Configuration



3.2.2. AS Configuration Timing

Figure 11. AS Configuration Serial Output Timing Diagram

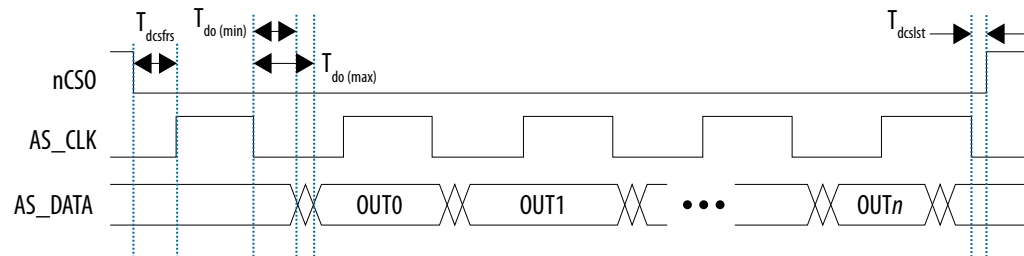
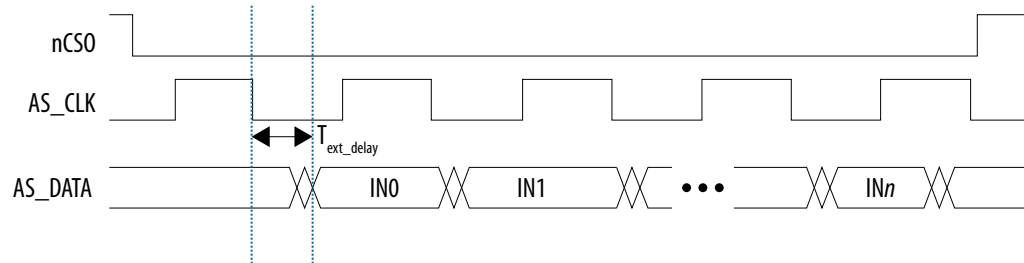


Figure 12. AS Configuration Serial Input Timing Diagram





Note: For more information about the timing parameters, refer to the *Intel Stratix 10 Device Datasheet*.

Related Information

- [Configuration Sequence](#) on page 8
- [Configuration Specifications in Intel Stratix 10 Device Datasheet](#)

3.2.2.1. AS_CLK

The Intel Stratix 10 device drives AS_CLK to the EPCQ-L device. The AS_CLK is generated from the internal oscillator or from the external clock that feeds the OSC_CLK_1 pin. Using an external clock source allows the AS_CLK to run at a higher frequency. If you provide a 25-MHz, 100-MHz, or 125-MHz clock to the OSC_CLK_1 pin, the AS_CLK can run up to 133MHz. Set the maximum frequency you want the AS_CLK pin to run at in the Intel Quartus Prime software described in [Active Serial Configuration Software Settings](#) on page 29. The pin runs at or below your selected frequency.

Table 8. Supported configuration clock source and AS_CLK Frequencies in Intel Stratix 10 Devices

Configuration Clock Source	AS_CLK Frequency (MHz)
Internal oscillator	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 115• 77• 58
OSC_CLK_1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 133• 125• 108• 100• 80• 50

Intel Stratix 10 devices use the internal oscillator to load the first section of the bitstream (approximately 200Kbytes). The device loads the remaining bitstream with a faster clock, if an external clock feeds the OSC_CLK_1 pin and is enabled in the Intel Quartus Prime software.

3.2.3. EPCQ-L Configuration Devices

Note: Refer to the related information for more information about enabling other flash device support.

Related Information

[Can I use 3rd party QSPI flash devices for Active Serial configuration of Intel Stratix 10 devices?](#)

3.2.3.1. Controlling EPCQ-L Devices

The Intel Stratix 10 device's AS_nCSO pin connects to the chip select (nCS) pin of the EPCQ-L device. During configuration, the Intel Stratix 10 device enables the EPCQ-L device by driving the AS_nCSO output pin low. Intel Stratix 10 devices use the



AS_CLK and AS_DATA0 pins to send operation commands and read address signals to the EPCQ-L device. The EPCQ-L device provides data on its serial data output (DATA[]) pins, which connect to the AS_DATA[] input of the Intel Stratix 10 devices.

3.2.3.2. Programming EPCQ-L Devices

You can program EPCQ-L devices in-system using the Intel FPGA Download Cable II or Intel FPGA Ethernet Cable.

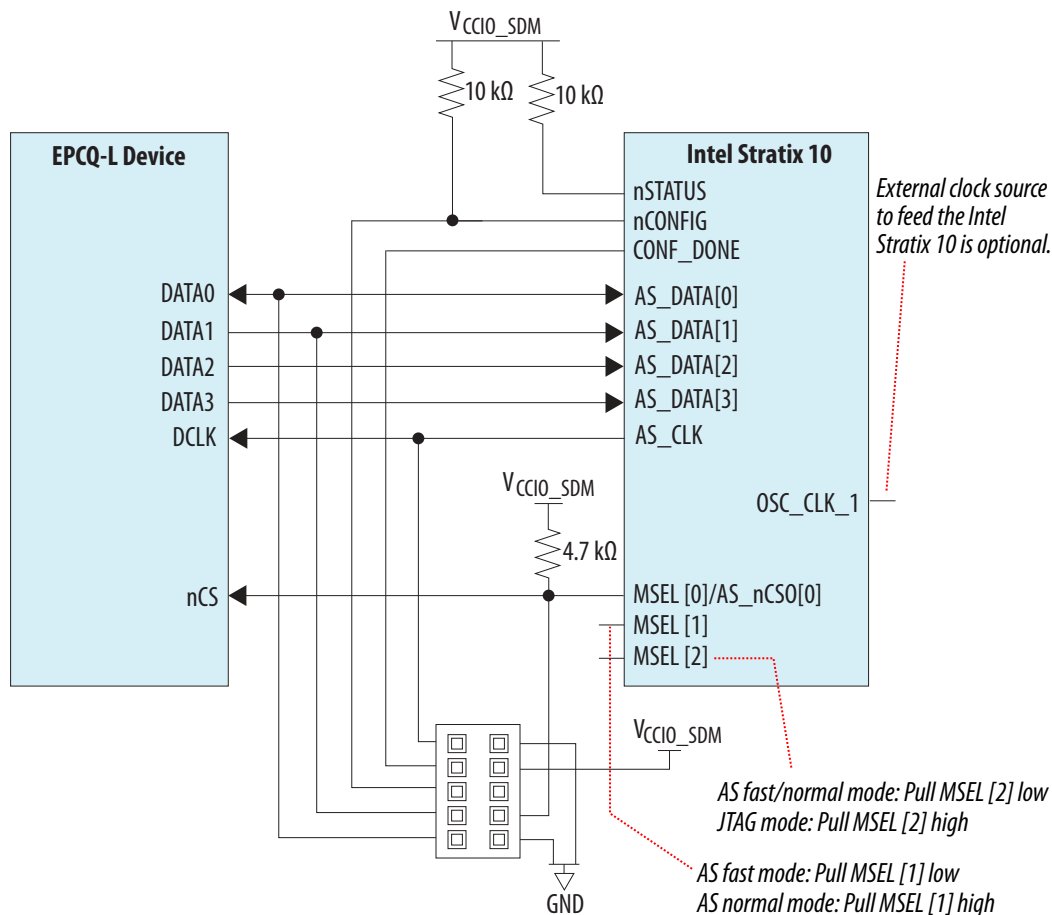
Table 9. EPCQ-L Device In-System Programming Options

You can program the EPCQ-L devices using in-system programming (ISP) through an AS programming interface or a JTAG interface.

ISP Method	Description
AS programming interface	The Intel Quartus Prime software or any supported third-party software programs the configuration data directly into the EPCQ-L device.
JTAG interface	The Intel Quartus Prime programmer interfaces with the SDM of the Intel Stratix 10 device through JTAG interface and programs the EPCQ-L device.

3.2.3.2.1. Programming EPCQ-L Devices using the Active Serial Interface

Figure 13. Connection Setup for Programming the EPCQ-L Device using the AS Interface

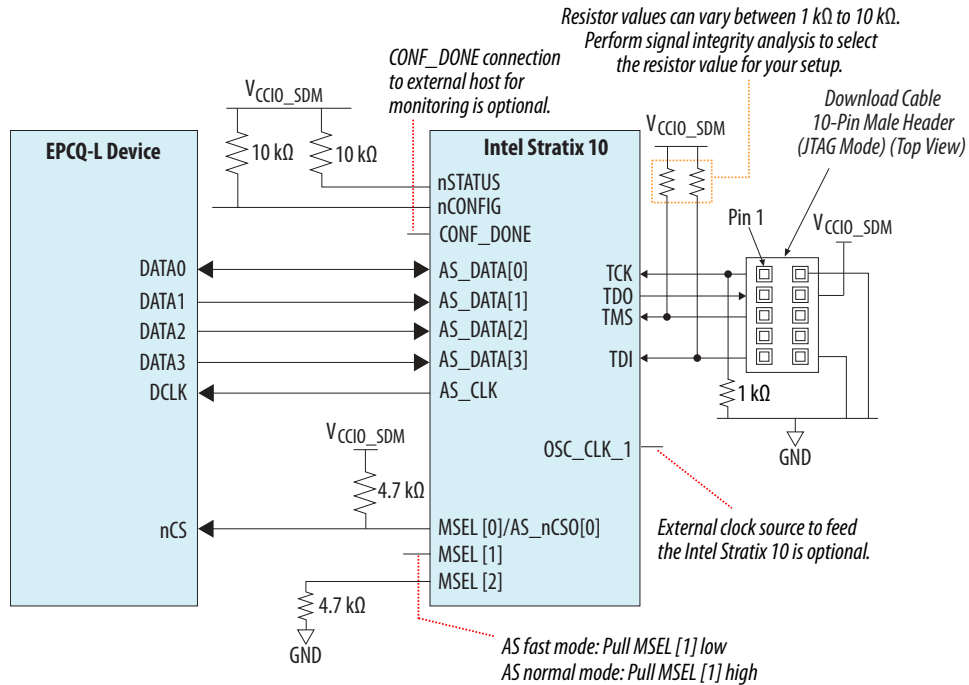


During the EPCQ-L device programming using the download cable through the AS header, the programmer serially transmits programming data, operation command, and address information to the EPCQ-L device on DATA0. During the EPCQ-L device verification using the download cable, DATA1 transfers the programming data back to the download cable.

When programming the EPCQ-L devices through the AS interface, ensure that the Intel Stratix 10 device does not drive or start the device configuration on the AS interface pins. In order to do that, your system must have the capability to change the MSEL setting to 111(JTAG configuration scheme) and re-power up the device if the device is powered up initially. After programming completes, you must change the MSEL setting to AS configuration scheme and then re-power up the device before the device configures itself.

3.2.3.2.2. Programming EPCQ-L Devices using the JTAG Interface

Figure 14. Connection Setup for Programming the EPCQ-L Devices using the JTAG Interface



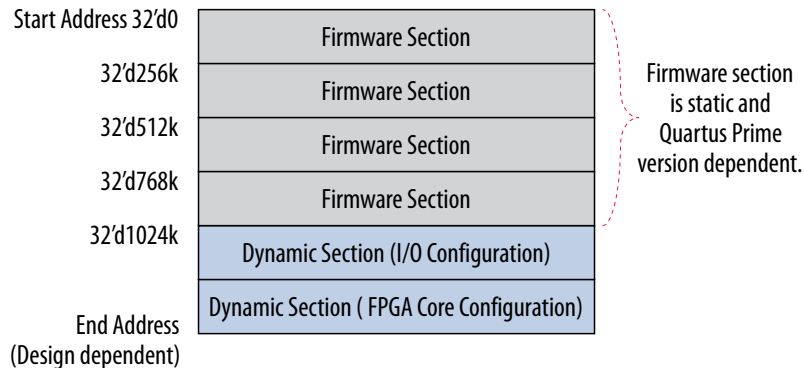
3.2.3.3. EPCQ-L Memory Layout

EPCQ-L devices store the configuration data in sections.

The following diagram illustrates sections of a non-HPS Intel Stratix 10 configuration data mapping in EPCQ-L device. Refer to *Intel Stratix 10 SoC FPGA Bitstream Sections of the HPS Technical Reference Manual* for more information about flash memory layout for HPS devices.



Figure 15. EPCQ-L Memory Layout Diagram



- Using `.rpd` file for a third-party programmer—you must ensure that the configuration data are stored starting from address 0 of the EPCQ-L device.
- Using `.jic` or `.pof` files for the Intel Stratix 10 Programmer—the Intel Stratix 10 Programmer automatically programs the configuration data starting from address 0 of the EPCQ-L device.

Related Information

[Intel Stratix 10 SoC FPGA Bitstream Sections](#)

Provides more information about the flash layout for Intel Stratix 10 SoC devices.

3.2.4. Active Serial Configuration Software Settings

You must set the parameters in the **Device and Pin Options** of the Intel Quartus Prime software when using the AS configuration scheme.

To set the parameters for AS configuration scheme, perform the following steps:

1. On the **Assignments** menu, click **Device**.
2. In the **Device and Pin Options** select the **Configuration** category.
 - a. Select **Active Serial x4** from the **Configuration scheme** drop down menu.
 - b. Turn on the **Use configuration device** and select your EPCQ-L device from the drop-down list.

Note: Refer to the related information for more information about enabling other flash device support.
 - c. Select the desired AS clock frequency from the **Active serial clock source** drop-down list.
 - d. Select **Auto** or **1.8 V** in the **Configuration device I/O voltage** drop-down list.
3. Click **OK** to confirm and close the **Device and Pin Options**.

Related Information

[Can I use 3rd party QSPI flash devices for Active Serial configuration of Intel Stratix 10 devices?](#)



3.2.5. Generating and Programming AS Configuration Programming Files

You must perform the following steps before configuring the Intel Stratix 10 using AS configuration scheme:

1. Generate `.pof`, `.jic`, or `.rpd` programming files using Convert Programming Files
2. Program the `.pof`, `.jic`, or `.rpd` file into the EPCQ-L.

Note:

- You can use the Intel Quartus Prime Programmer to program the `.pof` or `.jic` file into the EPCQ-L device through an AS header or JTAG interface respectively. Alternatively, you can use a third-party programmer to program the `.rpd` file into the EPCQ-L device.
- Refer to the related information for more information about enabling other flash device support.

Related Information

- [SDM Pin Mapping](#) on page 11
- [Can I use 3rd party QSPI flash devices for Active Serial configuration of Intel Stratix 10 devices?](#)

3.2.5.1. Generating Programming Files using Convert Programming Files

The `.pof`, `.jic`, and `.rpd` files are generated from a `.sof` file using the Intel Quartus Prime Convert Programming Files tool.

Note:

For remote system upgrade feature, follow the *Generating Remote System Upgrade Image Files using Programming File Generator*.

To convert the programming files, perform the following steps:

1. On the **File** menu, click **Convert Programming Files**.
2. Under **Output programming file**, select **Programmer Object File (.pof)**, **JTAG Indirect Configuration File (.jic)**, or **Raw Programming Data File (.rpd)** in the Programming filetype list.
3. In the **Mode** list, select **Active Serial x4**.
4. Click **Option/Boot Info**. In the **Options** dialog box, set the RPD File Endianness to **Big Endian**

Note: This step is applicable if you are generating `.rpd` only.

5. In the **File name** field, specify the file name for the programming file you want to create.
6. To generate a Memory Map File (`.map`), turn on **Create Memory Map File (Generate output_file.map)**.
7. To generate a Raw Programming Data (`.rpd`), turn on **Create config data RPD (Generate output_file_auto.rpd)**.
8. *Note:* This step is applicable if you are generating `.jic` only.
Select Flash Loader and click **Add device**. Select your device family and device name, and click **OK**.
9. The `.sof` can be added through **Input files to convert** list.



You can add the .pof file in the **Input files to convert** list as the source file to generate the .rpd file.

10. Click **Generate** to generate related programming file.

3.2.5.2. Programming .pof files into EPCQ-L Device

To program the .pof into the EPCQ-L device through the AS header, perform the following steps:

1. In the **Programmer** window, click **Hardware Setup** and select the desired download cable.
2. In the **Mode** list, select **Active Serial Programming**.
3. Click **Auto Detect** button on the left pane.
4. Select the device to be programmed, and click **Add File**.
5. Select the .pof to be programmed to the selected device.
6. When available, you can enable the real-time ISP mode by turn-on the **Enable real-time ISP to allow background programming**.
7. Click **Start** to start programming.

3.2.5.3. Programming .jic files into EPCQ-L Device

To program the .jic into the EPCQ-L device through the JTAG interface, perform the following steps:

1. In the **Programmer** window, click **Hardware Setup** and select the desired download cable.
2. In the **Mode** list, select **JTAG**.
3. Select the device to be programmed and click **Add File**.
4. Select the .jic to be programmed to the selected device.
5. Click **Start** to start programming.

3.3. Configuration from SD/MMC

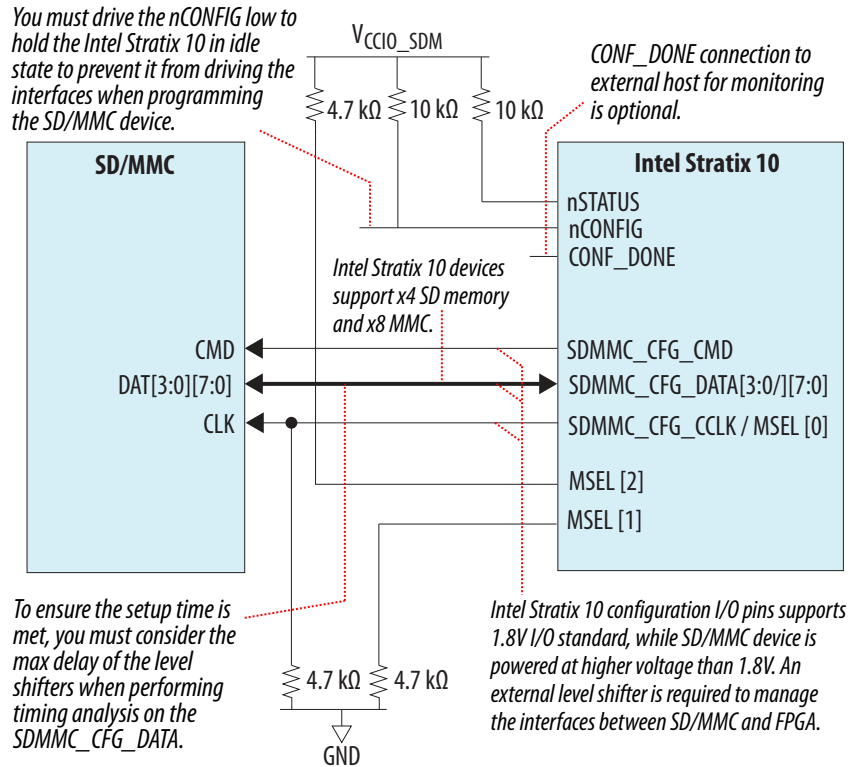
Note: Contact your Intel sales representative for information about SD/MMC support.

In the configuration scheme using SD memory cards, or MMC, configuration data is stored in the memory cards. The SDM block in the Intel Stratix 10 device uses the on-chip SD/MMC controller to interface with the memory cards. The SDM block reads the configuration data from the memory cards for the configuration process. The configuration from SD and MMC supports x4 SD memory cards and x8 MMC.

Note: If an HPS is present, you can use it to access the flash when the device is in user mode.

3.3.1. SD/MMC Single-Device Configuration

Figure 16. Connection Setup for SD/MMC Single-Device Configuration



3.4. JTAG Configuration

JTAG-chain device programming is ideal during development. Intel Stratix 10 devices can be reconfigured with a new design faster than programming that design into flash memory. JTAG can also be used to reprogram a corrupted flash memory that prevents the Intel Stratix 10 device from configuring using its normal configuration scheme. The Intel Quartus Prime software generates an SRAM Object File (.sof) that you can use for JTAG configuration using a download cable in the Intel Quartus Prime software programmer. Use the Intel FPGA download cables to configure the Intel Stratix 10 devices through its JTAG interface. The Intel FPGA Download Cable II and Intel FPGA Ethernet Cable can support the VCCIO_SDM supply at 1.8 V. Alternatively, you can use the JAM™ Standard Test and Programming Language (STAPL) Format File (.jam) or JAM Byte Code File (.jbc) with other third-party programmer tools.

Intel Stratix 10 devices supports configuration data compression in JTAG configuration scheme.

Related Information

- [Programming Support for Jam STAPL Language](#)
- [Intel FPGA Download Cable II](#)
- [Intel Stratix 10 Device Datasheet](#)



- Intel Stratix 10 Configuration Pins on page 10

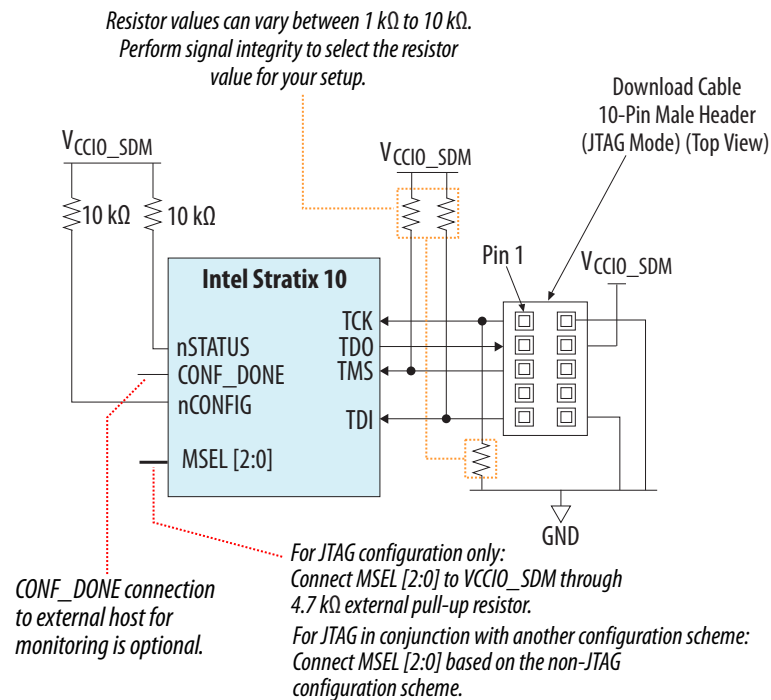
3.4.1. JTAG Single-Device Configuration

To configure a single device in a JTAG chain, the programming software sets the other devices to bypass mode. A device in bypass mode transfers the programming data from the TDI pin to the TDO pin through a single bypass register. The configuration data is available on the TDO pin one clock cycle later.

You can configure the Intel Stratix 10 device through JTAG using a download cable or a microprocessor.

3.4.1.1. JTAG Single-Device Configuration using Download Cable Connections

Figure 17. Connection Setup for JTAG Single-Device Configuration using Download Cable

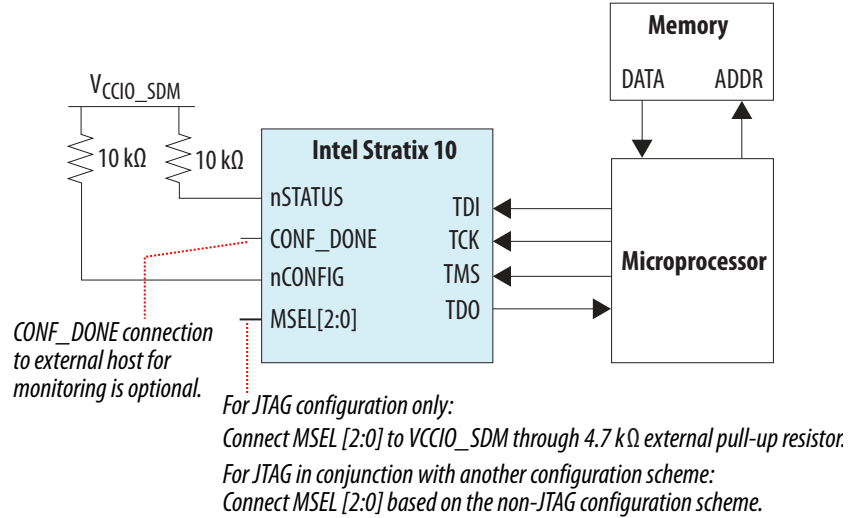


Related Information

Intel FPGA Download Cable II

3.4.1.2. JTAG Single-Device Configuration using a Microprocessor

Figure 18. Connection Setup for JTAG Single-Device Configuration using a Microprocessor



3.4.2. JTAG Multi-Device Configuration

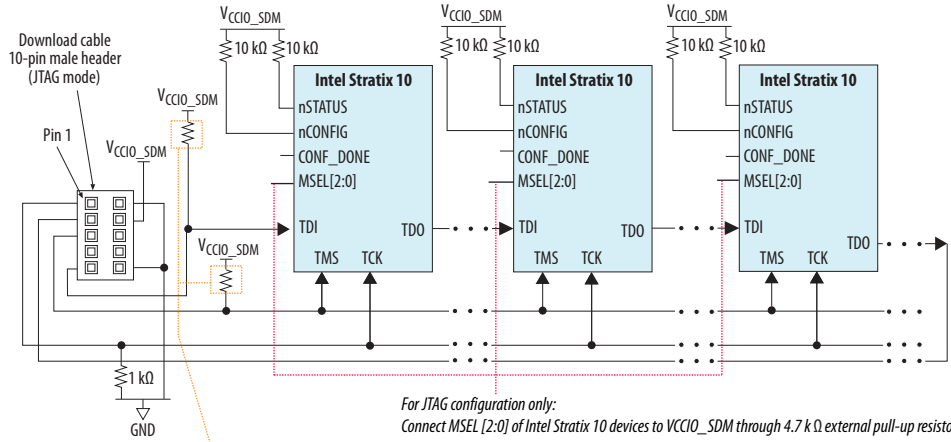
You can configure multiple devices in a JTAG chain. Observe the following pin connections and guidelines for this configuration setup:

- One JTAG-compatible header is connected to several devices in a JTAG chain. The number of devices in the chain is limited only by the drive capability of the download cable.
- If you have four or more devices in a JTAG chain, buffer the TCK, TDI, and TMS pins with an on-board buffer. You can also connect other Intel FPGA devices with JTAG support to the chain.



3.4.2.1. JTAG Multi-Device Configuration using Download Cable

Figure 19. Connection Setup for JTAG Multi Device Configuration using Download Cable



Resistor values can vary between 1 kΩ to 10 kΩ.
 Perform signal integrity to select the resistor
 value for your setup.

For JTAG configuration only:
 Connect MSEL [2:0] of Intel Stratix 10 devices to VCCIO_SDM through 4.7 kΩ external pull-up resistor.
 For JTAG in conjunction with another configuration scheme:
 Connect MSEL [2:0] of Intel Stratix 10 devices based on the non-JTAG configuration scheme.



4. Intel Stratix 10 Configuration Features

4.1. Remote System Upgrade

Note: Contact your Intel sales representative for more information about the remote system upgrade support in Intel Stratix 10 devices.

Intel Stratix 10 devices support the remote system upgrade feature. The remote system upgrade allows multiple application images and a single factory image to be stored in the configuration device. You can design your system to manage remote upgrades of the application images in the configuration device. When an error occurs, the feature reverts the device to a safe configuration image that is the factory image, and provides error status to your design.

4.2. Device Security

Note: Contact your Intel sales representative for more information about the device security support in Intel Stratix 10 devices.

The Intel Stratix 10 device provides the following flexible and robust security features to protect sensitive data and intellectual property:

- User image authentication and encryption
- Public-Key based authentication
- Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)-256 Encryption
- JTAG Disable
- JTAG Debug Disable/Enable
- Side channel protection
- Physical intrusion mitigation
- Anti-tampering response

4.3. Partial Reconfiguration

Partial reconfiguration (PR) allows you to reconfigure a portion of the FPGA dynamically, while the remaining FPGA design continues to function. You can define multiple personas for a particular region in your design, without impacting operation in areas outside this region. This methodology is effective in systems with multiple functions that time-share the same FPGA device resources. PR enables the implementation of more complex FPGA systems.

For more information, refer to the *Creating a Partial Reconfiguration Design* chapter of the *Partial Reconfiguration User Guide*.



Related Information

[Creating a Partial Reconfiguration Design chapter of the Partial Reconfiguration User Guide](#)

4.4. Configuration via Protocol

Note: Contact your Intel sales representative for more information about the CvP support in Intel Stratix 10 devices.

The CvP configuration scheme creates separate images for the periphery and core logic. You can store the periphery image in a local configuration device and the core image in host memory, reducing system costs and increasing the security for the proprietary core image. CvP configures the FPGA fabric through the PCI Express* (PCIe*) link and is available for Endpoint variants only.

The CvP configuration scheme supports the following modes:

- **CvP Initialization Mode:**
This mode configures the CvP PCIe core and any PCIe cores (peripheral image) of the FPGA through the PCIe link upon system power up.
- **CvP Update Mode**
This mode assumes that you have configured the FPGA with the full configuration image (both periphery and core) after the initial system power up. The PCIe link is used for subsequent core image updates (only core, the periphery must remain unchanged during CvP update).

Related Information

[Intel Stratix 10 Configuration via Protocol \(CvP\) Implementation User Guide](#)



5. Parallel Flash Loader II Intel FPGA IP Core

You can use the Parallel Flash Loader II Intel FPGA IP core (PFL II) with an external host, such as the MAX II, MAX V, or Intel MAX 10 devices to:

- Program configuration data into a flash memory device using JTAG interface
- Configure the Intel Stratix 10 device with Avalon-ST configuration scheme from the flash memory device.

Related Information

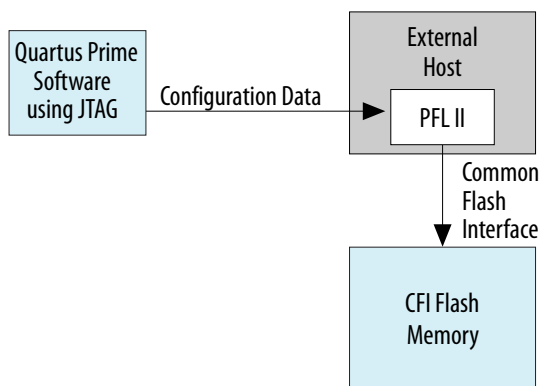
- [Avalon-ST Configuration](#) on page 19
- [Avalon-ST Single-Device Configuration](#) on page 22

5.1. Functional Description

5.1.1. Programming CFI Flash

You can program the CFI flash using the PFL II IP core via the JTAG interface. Before you can program the CFI flash with configuration data, you must program the PFL II IP core into the host. You can only program with a .pof file and only use the Intel Quartus Prime Programmer to program the flash.

Figure 20. Programming the CFI Flash Memory with the JTAG Interface

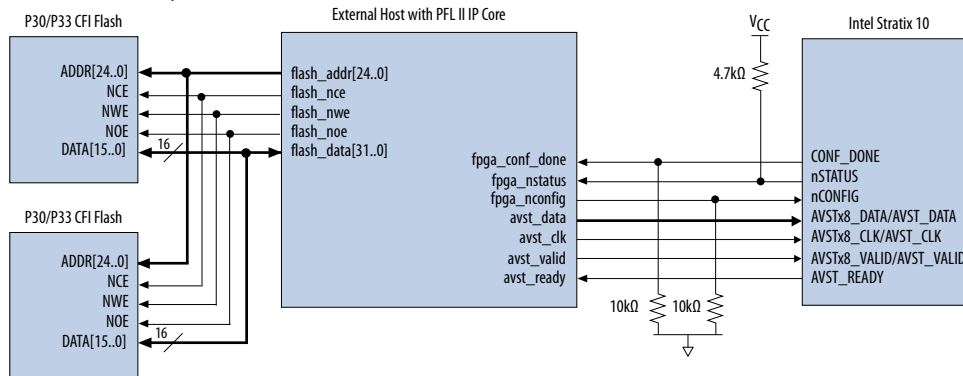


The PFL II IP core supports dual P30 or P33 CFI flash memory devices in burst read mode to achieve faster configuration time. Two identical P30 or P33 CFI flash memory devices connected to the host in parallel using the same data bus, clock, and control signals. During FPGA configuration, the AVST_CLK frequency is four times faster than the flash_clk frequency.



Figure 21. PFL II IP core with Dual P30 or P33 CFI Flash Memory Devices

The flash memory devices in the dual P30 or P33 CFI flash solution must have the same memory density from the same device family and manufacturer.



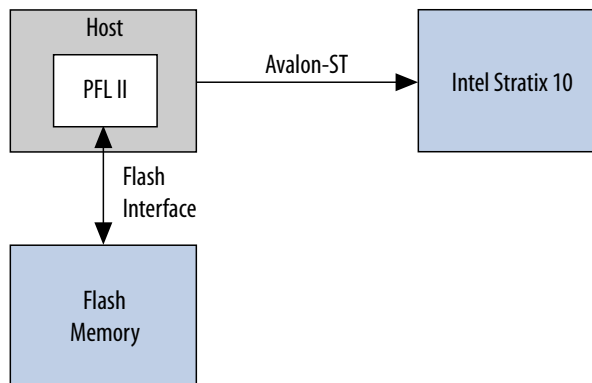
Related Information

[Intel Stratix 10 GX FPGA Development Kit](#)

5.1.2. Controlling Avalon-ST Configuration with PFL II IP Core

The PFL II IP core in the host determines when to start the configuration process, read the data from the flash memory device, and configure the Intel Stratix 10 using the Avalon-ST configuration scheme.

Figure 22. FPGA Configuration with Flash Memory Data



You can use the PFL II IP core to either program the flash memory devices, configure your FPGA, or both; however, to perform both functions, create separate PFL II functions if any of the following conditions apply to your design:

- You modify the flash data infrequently.
- You have JTAG or In-System Programming (ISP) access to the configuration host.
- You want to program the flash memory device with non-Intel FPGA data. For example, the flash memory device contains initialization storage for an application specific standard product (ASSP). You can use the PFL II IP core to program the flash memory device with the initialization data and also create your design source code to implement the read and initialization control with the host logic.

5.1.3. Mapping PFL II IP Core and Flash Address

The address connections between the PFL II IP core and the flash memory device vary depending on the flash memory device vendor and data bus width.

Figure 23. Micron J3 Flash Memory in 8-Bit Mode

The address connection between the PFL II IP core and the flash memory device are the same.

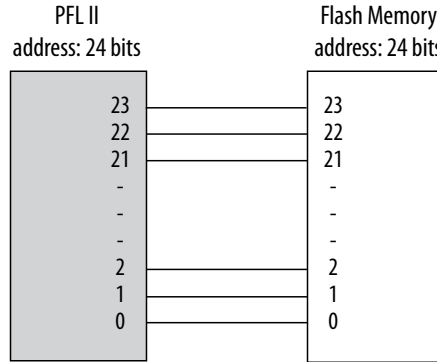


Figure 24. Micron J3, P30, and P33 Flash Memories in 16-Bit Mode

The flash memory addresses in Micron J3, P30, and P33 16-bit flash memory shift one bit down in comparison with the flash addresses in PFL II IP core. The flash address in the Micron J3, P30, and P33 flash memory starts from bit 1 instead of bit 0.

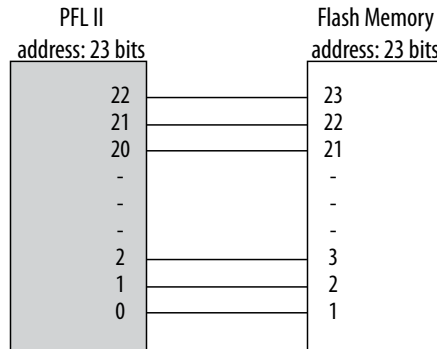


Figure 25. Cypress and Micron M28, M29 Flash Memory in 8-Bit Mode

The flash memory addresses in Cypress 8-bit flash shifts one bit up. Address bit 0 of the PFL II IP core connects to data pin D15 of the flash memory.

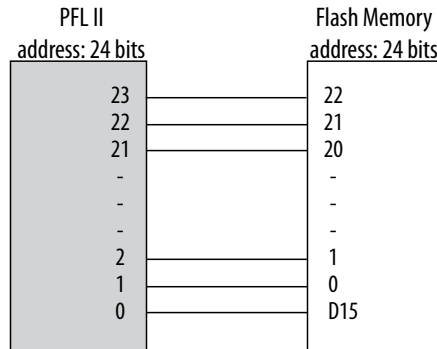
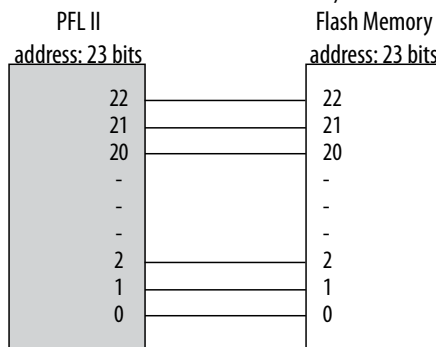




Figure 26. Cypress and Micron M28, M29 Flash Memory in 16-Bit Mode

The address bit numbers in the PFL II IP core and the flash memory device are the same.



5.1.4. Implementing Page in the Flash .pof

The PFL II IP core stores configuration data in a maximum of eight pages in a flash memory block. Each page holds the configuration data for a single FPGA chain.

The total number of pages and the size of each page depends on the density of the flash. These pages allow you to store designs for different FPGA chains or different designs for the same FPGA chain in different pages.

Use the generated .sof files to create a flash memory device .pof. When converting these .sof files to a .pof, use the following address modes to determine the page address:

- Block mode—allows you to specify the start and end addresses for the page.
- Start mode—allows you to specify only the start address. You can locate the start address for each page on an 8-KB boundary. If the first valid start address is 0x000000, the next valid start address is an increment of 0x2000.
- Auto mode—allows the Intel Quartus Prime software to automatically determine the start address of the page. The Intel Quartus Prime software aligns the pages on a 128-KB boundary; for example, if the first valid start address is 0x000000, the next valid start address is an increment of 0x20000.

5.1.4.1. Storing Option Bits

The PFL II IP core requires you to allocate space in the flash memory device for option bits. The option bits sector contains information about the start address for each page, the .pof version used for flash programming, and the Page-Valid bits. You must specify the options bits sector address in the flash memory device when converting the .sof files to a .pof and creating a PFL II design.



Table 10. Option Bits Sector Format

Offset address 0x80 stores the .pof version required for programming flash memory. This .pof version applies to all eight pages of the configuration data. The PFL II IP core requires the .pof version to perform a successful FPGA configuration process.

Sector Offset	Value
0x00-0x03	Page 0 start address
0x04-0x07	Page 0 end address
0x08-0x0B	Page 1 start address
0x0C-0x0F	Page 1 end address
0x10-0x13	Page 2 start address
0x14-0x17	Page 2 end address
0x18-0x1B	Page 3 start address
0x1C-0x1F	Page 3 end address
0x20-0x23	Page 4 start address
0x24-0x27	Page 4 end address
0x28-0x2B	Page 5 start address
0x2C-0x2F	Page 5 end address
0x30-0x33	Page 6 start address
0x34-0x37	Page 6 end address
0x38-0x3B	Page 7 start address
0x3C-0x3F	Page 7 end address
0x40-0x7F	Reserved
0x80 ⁽²⁰⁾	.pof version
0x81-0xFF	Reserved

The Intel Quartus Prime Convert Programming File tool generates the information for the .pof version when you convert the .sof files to .pof files.

The value for the .pof version for Intel Stratix 10 is 0x05.

Caution: Do not overwrite any information in the option bits sector to prevent the PFL II IP core from malfunctioning, and always store the option bits in unused addresses in the flash memory device.

5.1.4.1.1. Restoring Option Bit Start and End Address

You can restore the start and end address that you specified for each of the SOF page when converting a .sof to .pof file from the 32-bit value of the sector offset address.

⁽²⁰⁾ .pof version occupies only one byte in the option bits sector.



The value for bit [31:0] for the start address of a page consists from the following format. The value for bit [31:0] for the end address of a page represents the 32 bits addressable end address.

Table 11. Start Address Bit Content

Bit	Width	Description
31:11	21	Addressable start address
10:1	10	Reserved bits
0	1	Page valid bit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0=Valid • 1=Error

Table 12. End Address Bit Content

Bit	Width	Description
31:0	32	Addressable end address

To restore the addresses:

- Start address—append 13 bits of 0 to the addressable start address
- End address—append 2 bits of 1 to the addressable end address

You have a converted a .pof file that has two page address with the following values in the option bit sector offset:

Sector Offset	Value
0x00 - 0x03	0x00004000
0x04 - 0x07	0x00196E30
0x08 - 0x0B	0x001C0000
0x0C - 0x0F	0x00352E30

Page 0 start address = Bit[31:11] appends with 0000000000000

= 00000000000000000000000000000000

= 0x10000

Page 0 end address = 0x00196E30 appends with 2'b11

= 00011001011011100011000011

= 0x65B8C3

Page 1 start address = Bit[31:11] appends with 0000000000000

= 0000000000001110000000000000000000000000

= 0x700000

Page 1 end address = 0x00352E30 appends with 2'b11



= 0000000000110101001011100011000011

= 0xD4B8C3

The start and end address must be correlated with the start and end address for each page printed in the .map file.

5.1.4.2. Implementing Page Mode and Option Bits in the CFI Flash Memory Device

Figure 27. Implementing Page Mode and Option Bits in the CFI Flash Memory Device

- The end address depends on the density of the flash memory device. For the address range for devices with different densities, refer Byte Address Range table.
- You must specify the byte address for the option bits sector.

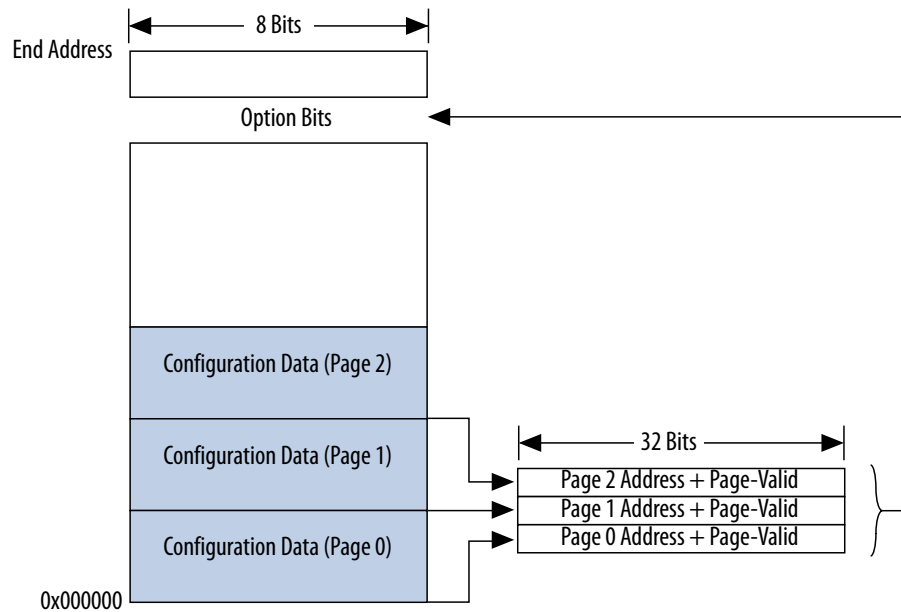




Figure 28. Page Start Address, End Address, and Page-Valid Bit Stored as Option Bits

Bits 0 to 12 for the page start address are set to zero and are not stored as option bits. The Page-Valid bits indicate whether each page is successfully programmed. The PFL II IP core programs the Page-Valid bits after successfully programming the pages.

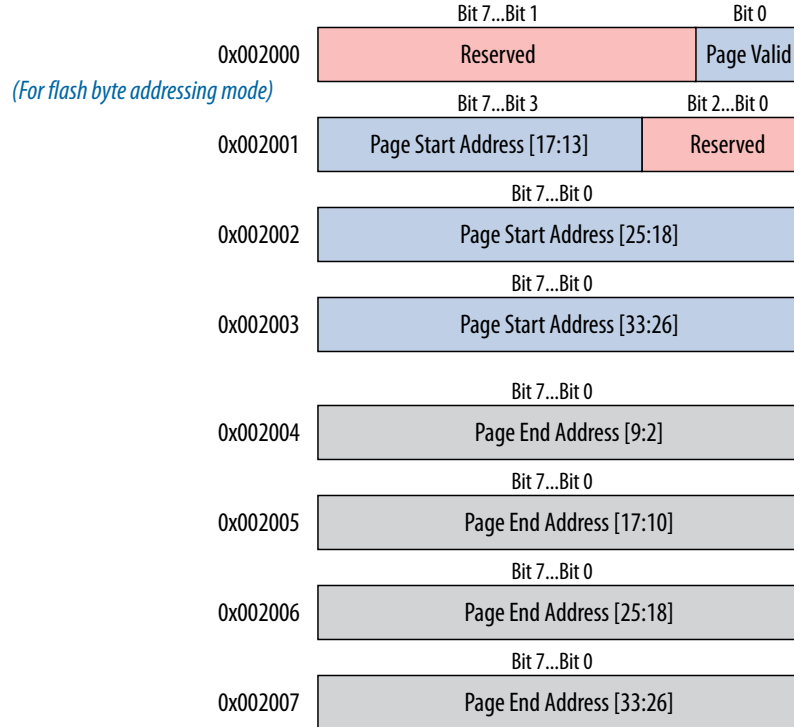


Table 13. Byte Address Range for CFI Flash Memory Devices with Different Densities

CFI Device (Megabit)	Address Range
8	0x0000000-0x00FFFFFF
16	0x0000000-0x01FFFFFF
32	0x0000000-0x03FFFFFF
64	0x0000000-0x07FFFFFF
128	0x0000000-0x0FFFFFFF
256	0x0000000-0x1FFFFFFF
512	0x0000000-0x3FFFFFFF
1024	0x0000000-0x7FFFFFFF

5.2. Using PFL II IP Core

Related Information

- [Introduction to Intel FPGA IP Cores](#)
 Provides general information about all Intel FPGA IP cores, including parameterizing, generating, upgrading, and simulating IP cores.



- [Creating Version-Independent IP and Qsys Simulation Scripts](#)
Create simulation scripts that do not require manual updates for software or IP version upgrades.
- [Project Management Best Practices](#)
Guidelines for efficient management and portability of your project and IP files.

5.2.1. Converting .sof to .pof File

To convert the .sof file to a .pof, follow these steps:

1. On the **File** menu, click **Convert Programming Files**.
2. For **Programming file type**, specify **Programmer Object File (.pof)** and name the file.
3. For **Configuration device**, select the CFI flash memory device with the correct density.
For example, CFI_1Gb is a CFI device with 1-Gigabit (Mb) capacity.
4. For **Mode**, select the configuration mode that matched to the .sof file. The available configuration modes are AvSTx8/AvSTx16/AvSTx32.
5. To add the configuration data, under **Input files to convert**, select **SOF Data**.
6. Click **Add File** and browse to the .sof files you want to add.

You can place more than one .sof in the same page if you intend to configure a chain of FPGAs. The order of the .sof files must follow the order of the devices in the chain. If you want to store the data from other .sof files in a different page, click **Add SOF page**. Add the .sof files to the new page.

7. Select **SOF Data** and click **Properties** to set the page number and name. Under **Address mode for selected pages**, select **Auto** to let the Intel Quartus Prime software automatically set the start address for that page. Select **Block** to specify the start and end addresses, or select **Start** to specify the start address only and click **OK**.
8. You can also store Hexadecimal (Intel-Format) File (.hex) user data in the flash memory device:
 - a. In the **Input files to convert** sub-window of the **Convert Programming Files**, select **Add Hex Data**.
 - b. In the **Add Hex Data** dialog box, select either absolute or relative addressing mode.
 - If you select absolute addressing mode, the data in the .hex is programmed in the flash memory device at the same address location listed in the .hex.
 - If you select relative addressing mode, specify a start address. The data in the .hex is programmed into the flash memory device with the specific start address, and the differences between the addresses are kept. If no address is specified, the software selects an address.

Note: You can also add other non-configuration data to the .pof by selecting the .hex that contains your data when creating the flash memory device .pof.
9. Click **Options** to specify the start address to store the option bits.



This start address must be identical to the address you specify when creating the PFL II IP core. Ensure that the option bits sector does not overlap with the configuration data pages and that the start address resides on an 8-KB boundary.

10. To generate programming files with the enhanced bitstream compression feature, turn on the **Enable enhanced bitstream-compression** when available in the **Options** dialog box and click **OK**.
11. Click **Generate** to create the .pof.

5.2.2. Creating Separate PFL II Functions

1. To create a PFL II instantiation, select **Flash Programming Only** mode.
2. Assign the pins appropriately.
3. Compile and generate a .pof for the flash memory device. Ensure that you tri-state all unused I/O pins.
4. To create another PFL II instantiation, select **Configuration Control Only mode**.
5. Instantiate this configuration controller into your production design.
6. Whenever you must program the flash memory device, program the CPLD with the flash memory device .pof and update the flash memory device contents.
7. Reprogram the host with the production design .pof that includes the configuration controller.

Note: All unused pins are set to ground by default. When programming the configuration flash memory device through the host JTAG pins, you must tri-state the FPGA configuration pins common to the host and the configuration flash memory device. You can use the `pfl_flash_access_request` and `pfl_flash_access_granted` signals of the PFL II block to tri-state the correct FPGA configuration pins.

5.2.3. Programming CPLDs and Flash Memory Devices

You can either program the CPLD and the flash memory concurrently or separately.

5.2.3.1. Programming CPLDs and Flash Memory Devices Concurrently

To program concurrently, first program the CPLD, then the flash memory device. Follow these steps:

1. Open the **Programmer** and click **Add File** to add the .pof for the CPLD.
2. Right-click the **CPLD .pof** and click **Attach Flash Device**.
3. In the **Flash Device** menu, select the density of the flash memory device to be programmed.
4. Right-click the necessary flash memory device density and click **Change File**.
5. Select the .pof generated for the flash memory device. The .pof for the flash memory device is attached to the .pof of the CPLD.
6. Add other programming files if your chain has other devices.
7. Check all the boxes in the **Program/Configure** column for the new .pof and click **Start** to program the CPLD and flash memory device.



5.2.3.2. Programming CPLDs and Flash Memory Devices Separately

To program the CPLD and the flash memory devices separately, follow these steps:

1. Open the **Programmer** and click **Add File**.
2. In the **Select Programming File**, add the targeted `.pof`, and click **OK**.
3. Check the boxes under the **Program/Configure** column of the `.pof`.
4. Click **Start** to program the CPLD.
5. After the programming progress bar reaches 100%, click **Auto Detect**.

For example, if you are using dual P30 or P33, the programmer window shows a dual P30 or P33 chain in your setup. Alternatively, you can add the flash memory device to the programmer manually. Right-click the CPLD `.pof` and click **Attach Flash Device**. In the **Select Flash Device** dialog box, select the device of your choice.

6. Right-click the necessary flash memory device density and click **Change File**.

Note: You must select the density that is equivalent to the sum of the density of two CFI flash memory devices. For example, if you require two 512-Mb CFI flash memory devices, then select CFI 1 Gbit.

7. Select the `.pof` generated for the flash memory device. The `.pof` for the flash memory device is attached to the `.pof` of the CPLD.
8. Check the boxes under the **Program/Configure** column for the added `.pof` and click **Start** to program the flash memory devices.

Note: The Programmer allows you to program, verify, erase, blank-check, or examine the configuration data page, the user data page, and the option bits sector separately, provided the CPLD contains the PFL II IP core. The programmer erases the flash memory device if you select the `.pof` of the flash memory device before programming. To prevent the Programmer from erasing other sectors in the flash memory device, select only the pages, `.hex` data, and option bits.

5.2.4. Defining New CFI Flash Memory Device

The PFL II IP core supports Intel-compatible and AMD-compatible flash memory devices. In addition to the supported flash memory devices, you can define the new Intel- or AMD-compatible CFI flash memory device in the PFL II-supported flash database using the Define new CFI flash memory device feature.

To add a new CFI flash memory device to the database or update a CFI flash memory in the database, follow these steps:

1. In the Programmer window, on the Edit menu, select **Define New CFI Flash Device**. The **Define CFI Flash Device** window appears. The following table lists the three functions available in the Define CFI Flash Device window.

**Table 14. Functions of the Define CFI Flash Device Feature**

Function	Description
New	Add new Intel- or AMD-compatible CFI flash memory device into the PFL II-supported flash database.
Edit	Edit the parameters of the newly added Intel- or AMD-compatible CFI flash memory device in the PFL II-supported flash database.
Remove	Remove the newly added Intel- or AMD-compatible CFI flash memory device from the PFL II-supported flash database.

- To add a new CFI flash memory device or edit the parameters of the newly added CFI flash memory device, select **New** or **Edit**. The **New CFI Flash Device** dialog box appears.
- In the **New CFI Flash Device** dialog box, specify or update the parameters of the new flash memory device. You can obtain the values for these parameters from the datasheet of the flash memory device manufacturer.

Table 15. Parameter Settings for New CFI Flash Device

Parameter	Description
CFI flash device name	Define the CFI flash name
CFI flash device ID	Specify the CFI flash identifier code
CFI flash manufacturer ID	Specify the CFI flash manufacturer identification number
CFI flash extended device ID	Specify the CFI flash extended device identifier, only applicable for AMD-compatible CFI flash memory device
Flash device is Intel compatible	Turn on the option if the CFI flash is Intel compatible
Typical word programming time	Typical word programming time value in μs unit
Maximum word programming time	Maximum word programming time value in μs unit
Typical buffer programming time	Typical buffer programming time value in μs unit
Maximum buffer programming time	Maximum buffer programming time value in μs unit

Note: You must specify either the word programming time parameters, buffer programming time parameters, or both. Do not leave both programming time parameters with the default value of zero.

- Click **OK** to save the parameter settings.
- After you add, update, or remove the new CFI flash memory device, click **OK**.

5.3. Supported CFI Flash Memory Devices

Table 16. CFI Flash Memory Devices Supported by PFL II IP Core

Manufacturer	Product Family	Data Width	Density (Megabit)	Device Name ⁽²¹⁾
Micron	C3	16	8	28F800C3
			16	28F160C3

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⁽²¹⁾ The PFL II IP core supports top and bottom boot block of the flash memory devices. For Micron flash memory devices, the PFL II IP core supports top, bottom, and symmetrical blocks of flash memory devices.



Manufacturer	Product Family	Data Width	Density (Megabit)	Device Name ⁽²¹⁾	
			32	28F320C3	
			64	28F640C3	
	J3	8 or 16	32	28F320J3	
			64	28F640J3	
			128	28F128J3	
	P30	16	256	JS29F256J3	
			64	28F640P30	
			128	28F128P30	
			256	28F256P30	
			512	28F512P30	
			1000	28F00AP30 ⁽²²⁾	
	P33	16	2000	28F00BP30	
			64	28F640P33	
			128	28F128P33	
			256	28F256P33	
			512	28F512P33	
			1000	28F00AP33	
	M29EW	8 or 16	2000	28F00BP33	
			256	28F256M29EW	
			512	28F512M29EW	
	M29W	8 or 16	1000	28F00AM29EW	
				16	M28W160CT
				M28W160CB	
				M29W160F7	
			M29W160FB		
			32	M29W320E	
				M29W320FT	
				M29W320FB	
			64	M29W640F	
				M29W640G	
128	M29W128G				
256	M29W256G				
M29DW	8 or 16	32	M29DW323DT		

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(21) The PFL II IP core supports top and bottom boot block of the flash memory devices. For Micron flash memory devices, the PFL II IP core supports top, bottom, and symmetrical blocks of flash memory devices.



Manufacturer	Product Family	Data Width	Density (Megabit)	Device Name ⁽²¹⁾	
	G18	16	512	M29DW323DB	
			1024	MT28GU512AAA1EGC-0SIT MT28GU01GAAA1EGC-0SIT ⁽²²⁾	
	M58BW	32	16	M58BW16FT	
				M58BW16FB	
			32	M58BW32FT	
			16 or 32	32	M58BW32FB
	Cypress	GL-P ⁽²³⁾	8 or 16	128	S29GL128P
				256	S29GL256P
512				S29GL512P	
1024				S29GL01GP	
AL-D		8 or 16	16	S29AL016D	
			32	S29AL032D	
AL-J		8 or 16	16	S29AL016J	
AL-M		8 or 16	16	S29AL016M	
JL-H		8 or 16	32	S29JL032H	
			64	S29JL064H	
WS-N		16	128	S29WS128N	
GL-S		16	128	S29GL128S	
			256	S29GL256S	
			512	S29GL512S	
	1024		S29GL01GS		
Macronix	MX29LV	16	16	MX29LV160D	
			32	MX29LV320D	
			64	MX29LV640D MX29LV640E	
	MX29GL	16	128	MX29GL128E	
			256	MX29GL256E	

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⁽²¹⁾ The PFL II IP core supports top and bottom boot block of the flash memory devices. For Micron flash memory devices, the PFL II IP core supports top, bottom, and symmetrical blocks of flash memory devices.



Manufacturer	Product Family	Data Width	Density (Megabit)	Device Name ⁽²¹⁾
Eon Silicon Solution	EN29LV	16	16	EN29LV160B
	EN29GL	16	32	EN29LV320B
			128	EN29GL128

5.4. Parameters

Table 17. PFL II General Parameters

Options	Value	Description
Operating mode	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flash Programming and FPGA Configuration Flash Programming FPGA Configuration 	Specifies the operating mode of flash programming and FPGA configuration control in one IP core or separate these functions into individual blocks and functionality.
Targeted flash device	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CFI Parallel Flash 	Specifies the flash memory device connected to the PFL II IP core.
Tri-state flash bus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Off 	Allows the PFL II IP core to tri-state all pins interfacing with the flash memory device when the PFL II IP core does not require access to the flash memory.

Table 18. PFL II Flash Interface Setting Parameters

Options	Value	Description
Number of flash devices used	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CFI Parallel Flash: 1–16 	Specifies the number of flash memory devices connected to the PFL II IP core.
Largest flash density	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CFI Parallel Flash: 8 Mbit–2 Gbit 	Specifies the density of the flash memory device to be programmed or used for FPGA configuration. If you have more than one flash memory device connected to the PFL II IP core, specify the largest flash memory device density. For dual P30/P33 CFI flash, select the density that is equivalent to the sum of the density of two flash memories. For example, if you use two 512-Mb CFI flashes, you must select CFI 1 Gbit .
Flash interface data width	CFI Parallel Flash: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 16 32 	Specifies the flash data width in bits. The flash data width depends on the flash memory device you use. For multiple flash memory device support, the data width must be the same for all connected flash memory devices. Select the flash data width that is equivalent to the sum of the data width of two flash memories. For example, if you are targeting dual P30 or P33 solution, you must select 32 bits because each CFI flash data width is 16 bits.
User control flash_nreset pin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Off 	Creates a <code>flash_nreset</code> pin in the PFL II IP core to connect to the reset pin of the flash memory device. A low signal resets the flash memory device. In burst mode, this pin is available by default. When using a Cypress GL flash memory, connect this pin to the <code>RESET#</code> pin of the flash memory.

(21) The PFL II IP core supports top and bottom boot block of the flash memory devices. For Micron flash memory devices, the PFL II IP core supports top, bottom, and symmetrical blocks of flash memory devices.

(22) Intel tested flash device.

(23) Supports page mode.

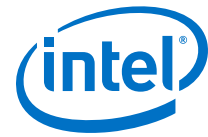


Table 19. PFL II Flash Programming Parameters

Options	Value	Description
Flash programming IP optimization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area Speed 	Specifies the flash programming IP optimization. If you optimize the PFL II IP core for speed, the flash programming time is shorter but the IP core uses more LEs. If you optimize the PFL II IP core for area, the IP core uses less LEs, but the flash programming time is longer.
FIFO size	—	Specifies the FIFO size if you select Speed for flash programming IP optimization. The PFL II IP core uses additional LEs to implement FIFO as temporary storage for programming data during flash programming. With a larger FIFO size, programming time is shorter.
Add Block-CRC verification acceleration support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Off 	Adds a block to accelerate verification.

Table 20. PFL II FPGA Configuration Parameters

Options	Value	Description
External clock frequency	—	Specifies the user-supplied clock frequency for the IP core to configure the FPGA. The clock frequency must not exceed two times the maximum clock (AVST_CLK) frequency acceptable by the FPGA for configuration. The PFL II IP core can divide the frequency of the input clock maximum by two.
Flash access time	—	Specifies the access time of the flash. You can get the maximum access time that a flash memory device requires from the flash datasheet. Intel recommends specifying a flash access time that is the same as or longer than the required time. For CFI parallel flash, the unit is in ns and for NAND flash, the unit is in us. NAND flash uses page instead of byte, and requires more access time. This option is disabled for quad SPI flash.
Option bits byte address	—	Specifies the start address in which the option bits are stored in the flash memory. The start address must reside on an 8-KB boundary. See related for more information about option bits.
FPGA configuration scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avalon-ST x8 Avalon-ST x16 Avalon-ST x32 	Select the FPGA configuration scheme.
Configuration failure response options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halt Retry same page Retry from fixed address 	Configuration behavior after configuration failure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you select Halt, the FPGA configuration stops completely after failure. If you select Retry same page, after failure, the PFL II IP core reconfigures the FPGA with data from the same page of the failure. If you select Retry from fixed address, the PFL II IP core reconfigures the FPGA with data from a fixed address in the next option field after failure.
Byte address to retry from on configuration failure	—	If you select Retry from fixed address for configuration failure option, this option specifies the flash address for the PFL II IP core to read from the reconfiguration for a configuration failure.
Include input to force reconfiguration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Off 	Includes an optional reconfiguration input pin (pfl_nreconfigure) to enable reconfiguration of the FPGA.
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Options	Value	Description
Watchdog timer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Off 	Enables a watchdog timer for remote system upgrade support. Turning on this option enables the <code>pfl_reset_watchdog</code> input pin and <code>pfl_watchdog_error</code> output pin, and specifies the period before the watchdog timer times out. This watchdog timer is a time counter which runs at the <code>pfl_clk</code> frequency.
Time period before the watchdog timer times out	—	Specifies the time out period of the watchdog timer. The default time out period is 100 ms
Use advance read mode	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal Mode Intel Burst Mode (P30 or P33) Cypress Page Mode (GL) Micron Burst Mode (M58BW) 	<p>An option to improve the overall flash access time for the read process during the FPGA configuration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal mode—Applicable for all flash memory Intel Burst mode—Applicable for Micron P30 and P33 flash memory only. Reduces sequential read access time Cypress page mode—Applicable for Cypress GL flash memory only Micron burst mode—Applicable for Micron M58BW flash memory only <p>For more information about the read-access modes of the flash memory device, refer to the respective flash memory data sheet.</p>
Latency count	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 4 5 	Specify the latency count for Intel Burst Read mode. Only available when you enable Intel Burst Mode.

5.5. Signals

Table 21. PFL II Signals

Pin	Type	Weak Pull-Up	Function
<code>pfl_nreset</code>	Input	—	Asynchronous reset for the PFL II IP core. Pull high to enable FPGA configuration. To prevent FPGA configuration, pull low when you do not use the PFL II IP core. This pin does not affect the flash programming functionality of the PFL II IP core.
<code>pfl_flash_access_granted</code>	Input	—	Used for system-level synchronization. This pin is driven by a processor or any arbitrator that controls access to the flash. This active-high pin is connected permanently high if you want the PFL II IP core to function as the flash master. Pulling the <code>pfl_flash_access_granted</code> pin low prevents the JTAG interface from accessing the flash and FPGA configuration.
<code>pfl_clk</code>	Input	—	User input clock for the device. Frequency must match the frequency specified in the IP core and must not be higher than the maximum DCLK frequency specified for the specific FPGA during configuration. These pins are not available for the flash programming option in the PFL II IP core.
<code>fpga_pgm[]</code>	Input	—	Determines the page for the configuration. These pins are not available for the flash programming option in the PFL II IP core.

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Pin	Type	Weak Pull-Up	Function
fpga_conf_done	Input	10-kW Pull-Up Resistor	Connects to the CONF_DONE pin of the FPGA. The FPGA releases the pin high if the configuration is successful. During FPGA configuration, this pin remains low. These pins are not available for the flash programming option in the PFL II IP core.
fpga_nstatus	Input	10-kW Pull-Up Resistor	Connects to the nSTATUS pin of the FPGA. This pin must be released high before the FPGA configuration and must stay high throughout FPGA configuration. If a configuration error occurs, the FPGA pulls this pin low and the PFL II IP core stops reading the data from the flash memory device. These pins are not available for the flash programming option in the PFL II IP core.
pfl_nreconfigure	Input	—	A low signal at this pin initiates FPGA reconfiguration. You can reconnect this pin to a switch for more flexibility to set this input pin high or low to control FPGA reconfiguration. When FPGA reconfiguration is initiated, the fpga_nconfig pin is pulled low to reset the FPGA device. The pfl_clk. pin registers this signal. These pins are not available for the flash programming option in the PFL II IP core.
pfl_flash_access_request	Output	—	Used for system-level synchronization. When necessary, this pin connects to a processor or an arbitrator. The PFL II IP core drives this pin high when the JTAG interface accesses the flash or the PFL II IP core configures the FPGA. This output pin works in conjunction with the flash_noe and flash_nwe pins.
flash_addr[]	Output	—	Address inputs for memory addresses. The width of the address bus line depends on the density of the flash memory device and the width of the flash_data bus. The output of this pin depends on the setting of the unused pins if you did not select the PFL II interface tri-state option when the PFL II is not accessing the flash memory device.
flash_data[]	Input or Output (bidirectional pin)	—	Data bus to transmit or receive 8- or 16-bit data to or from the flash memory in parallel. The output of this pin depends on the setting of the unused pins if you did not select the PFL II interface tri-state option when the PFL II is not accessing the flash memory device. ⁽²⁴⁾
flash_nce[]	Output	—	Connects to the nCE pin of the flash memory device. A low signal enables the flash memory device. Use this pin for multiple flash memory device support. The flash_nce pin is connected to each nCE pin of all the connected flash memory devices. The width of this port depends on the number of flash memory devices in the chain.
flash_nwe	Output	—	Connects to the nWE pin of the flash memory device. A low signal enables write operation to the flash memory device.

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⁽²⁴⁾ Intel recommends not inserting logic between the PFL II pins and the host I/O pins, especially on the flash_data and fpga_nconfig pins.



Pin	Type	Weak Pull-Up	Function
flash_noe	Output	—	Connects to the nOE pin of the flash memory device. A low signal enables the outputs of the flash memory device during a read operation.
flash_clk	Output	—	Used for burst mode. Connects to the CLK input pin of the flash memory device. The active edges of CLK increment the flash memory device internal address counter. The flash_clk frequency is half of the pfl_clk frequency in burst mode for single CFI flash. In dual P30 or P33 CFI flash solution, the flash_clk frequency runs at a quarter of the pfl_clk frequency. Use this pin for burst mode only. Do not connect these pins from the flash memory device to the host if you are not using burst mode.
flash_nadv	Output	—	Used for burst mode. Connects to the address valid input pin of the flash memory device. Use this signal for latching the start address. Use this pin for burst mode only. Do not connect these pins from the flash memory device to the host if you are not using burst mode.
flash_nreset	Output	—	Connects to the reset pin of the flash memory device. A low signal resets the flash memory device.
fpga_nconfig	Open Drain Output	10-kW Pull-Up Resistor	Connects to the nCONFIG pin of the FPGA. A low pulse resets the FPGA and initiates configuration. These pins are not available for the flash programming option in the PFL II IP core. ⁽²⁴⁾
pfl_reset_watchdog	Input	—	A toggle signal to reset the watchdog timer before the watchdog timer times out. Hold the signal high or low for at least two clock cycles of the pfl_clk frequency to correctly reset the watchdog timer.
pfl_watchdog_error	Output	—	A high signal indicates an error to the watchdog timer.

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7. Document Revision History for Intel Stratix 10 Configuration User Guide

Document Version	Intel Quartus Prime Version	Changes
2018.05.07	18.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed <i>Estimating the Active Serial Configuration Time</i> section. • Updated the <code>OSC_CLK_1</code> supported frequency. • Added selecting flash loader step to <i>Generating Programming Files using Convert Programming Files</i>. • Added a note to TCK, TDI, TMS, and TDO stating that they are available for HPS JTAG chaining in SoC devices. • Removed instruction to drive nCONFIG low from POR in the following diagrams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — <i>Connections for AS x4 Single-Device Configuration</i> — <i>Connection Setup for AS Configuration with Multiple EPCQ-L Devices</i> — <i>Connection Setup for Programming the EPCQ-L Devices using the JTAG Interface</i> • Added a note in <i>OSC_CLK_1 Clock Input</i> stating that reference clocks to EMIF and PCIe IP cores must be stable and free running. • Removed .ekp file from <i>Overview of Intel Quartus Prime Supported Files and Tools for Configuration and Programming</i> figure. • Updated the <i>Configuring Intel Stratix 10 Devices using AS Configuration</i> section title to <i>Generating and Programming AS Configuration Programming Files</i>. • Updated <i>Configuration Schemes and Features Overview in Intel Stratix 10 Devices</i> table: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Added a note stating to contact sales representative for more information about support readiness. — Added a note stating to contact sales representative for more information about flash support other than EPCQ-L devices. • Removed NAND configuration support. • Updated <i>Configuration Sequence in Intel Stratix 10 Devices</i> figure by adding a looped flow arrow during Idle state. • Updated the MSEL note in <i>Intel Stratix 10 Device Configuration Pins</i> table. • Added a note to recommend <code>OSC_CLK_1</code> for configuration clock source in <i>OSC_CLK_1 Clock Input</i>. • Updated CvP data width and maximum data rate in <i>Configuration Schemes and Features Overview in Intel Stratix 10 Devices</i> table. • Removed the multiple EPCQ-L configuration device support.

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November 2017	2017.11.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated <i>Option Bits Sector Format</i> table. Updated a step in <i>Setting Additional Configuration Pins</i>. Added <i>Converting .sof to .pof File and Programming CPLDs and Flash Memory Devices</i>. Updated the .pof version value in <i>Storing Option Bits</i>. Added information about restoring start and end address for option bits in <i>Restoring Option Bit Start and End Address</i>. Added note about pull-down resistor is recommended for CONF_DONE and INIT_DONE pins in <i>Additional Configuration Pin Functions</i>. Added new subsection <i>Multiple EPCQ-L Devices Support</i>. Added <i>Configuration Pins I/O Standard and Drive Strength</i> table. Updated information about maximum additional data words when using 2-stage register synchronizer. Updated the equation for minimum AS configuration time estimation. Added <i>RBF Configuration File Format</i> section explaining the format of the .rbf file. Updated <i>Configuration Sequence</i> to state that a firmware which is part of the configuration data if loaded in the device initially. Updated description for Number of flash devices used parameter in the <i>PFL II Flash Interface Setting Parameters</i> table. Updated <i>Configuration via Protocol</i> overview and added link to the <i>Configuration via Protocol (CvP) Implementation User Guide</i>. Updated <i>Partial Reconfiguration</i> overview and added link to the <i>Creating a Partial Reconfiguration Design</i> chapter of the <i>Handbook Volume 1: Design and Compilation</i>. Updated <i>Design Security Overview</i> descriptions. Added note for Partial Reconfiguration feature and link to <i>Partial Reconfiguration Solutions IP User Guide</i> in <i>Intel Stratix 10 Configuration Overview</i>. Removed SDM pin notes in <i>Intel Stratix 10 Configuration Overview</i>. Updated internal oscillator's AS_CLK frequency in <i>Supported configuration clock source and AS_CLK Frequencies in Intel Stratix 10 Devices</i> table.
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April 2017	2017.04.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated note for AS Fast Mode in <i>MSEL Settings for Each Configuration Scheme of Devices</i> table. Added note to <i>Configuration via Protocol</i> recommending user to use AS x4 fast mode for CvP application. Updated instances of Spansion to Cypress. Added note to Normal Mode in <i>MSEL Settings for Each Configuration Scheme of Devices</i> table. Updated note and description in <i>Configuration Overview</i>. Removed AS x1 support.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added <i>Connection Setup for SD/MMC Single-Device Configuration</i> figure. Updated <i>Connections for AS x4 Single-Device Configuration</i>, <i>Connection Setup for AS Configuration with Multiple EPCQ-L Devices</i>, <i>Connection Setup for Programming the EPCQ-L Devices using the JTAG Interface</i>, <i>Connection Setup for NAND Flash Single-Device Configuration</i>, and <i>Connection Setup for SD/MMC Single-Device Configuration</i> to include note about nCONFIG test point. Added note in <i>Avalon-ST Configuration</i> stating that AVST_CLK should be continuous.
February 2017	2017.02.13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated <i>Configuring Stratix 10 Devices using AS Configuration</i> section and subsections to include .jic for AS configuration scheme. Added <i>Programming .jic files into EPCQ-L Device</i>. Updated the SDM description. Updated SDM block diagram by adding Mailbox block and note for Avalon-ST x8 configuration scheme. Updated Configuration Sequence Diagram. Updated configuration sequence descriptions. Updated <i>Avalon-ST Bus Timing Waveform</i> figure. Added note to Avalon-ST in <i>Stratix 10 Configuration Overview</i> table. Updated ASx4 max data rate in <i>Stratix 10 Configuration Overview</i> table. Removed <i>Configurable Node</i> subsection.
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