

openMSP430

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Introduction



The openMSP430 is a synthesizable 16bit microcontroller core written in Verilog. It is compatible with Texas Instruments' MSP430 microcontroller family and can execute the code generated by an MSP430 toolchain in a near cycle accurate way.

The core comes with some peripherals (16x16 Hardware Multiplier, Watchdog, GPIO, TimerA, generic templates), with a DMA interface, and most notably with a two-wire **Serial Debug Interface** supporting the <u>MSPGCC</u> GNU Debugger (GDB) for in-system software debugging.

While being fully FPGA friendly, this design is also particularly suited for ASIC implementations (typically mixed signal ICs with strong area and low-power requirements).

In a nutshell, the openMSP430 brings with it:

- Low area (8k-Gates), without hidden extra infrastructure overhead (memory backbone, IRQ controller and watchdog timer are already included).
- Excellent code density.
- Good performances.
- Build-in power and clock management options.
- Multiple times Silicon Proven.

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The complete tar archive of the project can be downloaded <u>here</u> (OpenCores account required).

The following SVN command can be run from a console (or <u>GUI</u>):

svn export http://opencores.org/ocsvn/openmsp430/openmsp430/trunk/ openmsp430

Changelog

- The <u>Core's ChangeLog</u> lists the CPU updates
- The <u>Tools' ChangeLog</u> lists the Software development tools updates.
- Subscribe to the following RSS feed to keep yourself informed about ALL updates.

Documentation

Being fully compatible with the original MSP430 architecture, TI's official documentation is applicable: <u>SLAU49F.PDF</u>

In addition, the openMSP430 online documentation is also available in pdf.

Features & Limitations

Features

- Core:
 - Full instruction set support.
 - Interrupts: IRQs (x14, x30 or x62), NMI (x1).
 - Low Power Modes (LPMx).
 - Configurable memory size for both program and data.
 - Scalable peripheral address space.
 - DMA interface.
 - Two-wire Serial Debug Interface (I²C or UART based) with GDB support (Nexus class 3, w/o trace).
 - FPGA friendly (option for single clock domain, no clock gate).
 - ASIC friendly (options for full power & clock management support).
 - Small size (Xilinx: 1650 LUTs / Altera: 1550 LEs / ASIC: 8k gates).

- · Peripherals:
 - 16x16 Hardware Multiplier.
 - · Basic Clock Module.
 - Watchdog.
 - Timer A (FPGA only).
 - GPIO (FPGA only).
 - Templates for 8 and 16 bit peripherals.
 - Graphic Controller (openGFX430).

Limitations

- Core:
 - Instructions can't be executed from the data memory.

Links

Development has been performed using the following freely available (excellent) tools:

- <u>Icarus Verilog</u>: Verilog simulator.
- GTKWave Analyzer: Waveform viewer.
- MSPGCC: GCC toolchain for the Texas Instruments MSP430 MCUs.
- ISE WebPACK: Xilinx's free FPGA synthesis tool.

A few MSP430 links:

- Wikipedia: MSP430
- TI: MSP430x1xx Family User's Guide
- TI: MSP430 Competitive Benchmarking
- TI: a list of available MSP430 Open Source projects out there on the web today.

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Core

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1. Introduction

The openMSP430 is a 16-bit microcontroller core compatible with <u>TI's MSP430 family</u> (note that the extended version of the architecture, the MSP430X, isn't supported by this IP). It is based on a Von Neumann architecture, with a single address space for instructions and data.

Depending on the selected configuration, this design can either be:

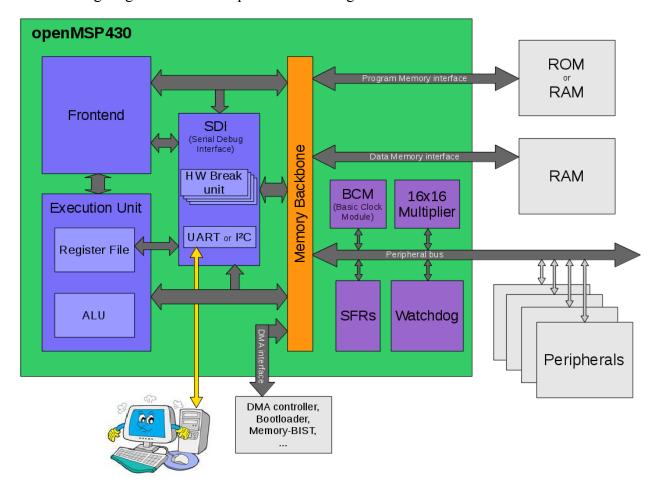
- **FPGA friendly**: the core doesn't contain any clock gate and has only a single clock domain. As a consequence, in this mode, the *Basic Clock Module* peripheral has a few limitations.
- **ASIC friendly**: the core contains up to all clock management options (clock muxes & low-power modes, fine grained clock gating, ...) and is also ready for scan insertion. In this mode, the *Basic Clock Module* offers all features listed in the official documentation.

It is to be noted that this IP doesn't contain the instruction and data memory blocks internally (these are technology dependent hard macros which are connected to the IP during chip integration). However the core is fully configurable in regard to the supported RAM and/or ROM sizes.

2. Core

2.1 Design structure

The following diagram shows the openMSP430 design structure:



- **Frontend**: This module performs the instruction Fetch and Decode tasks. It also contains the execution state machine.
- **Execution unit**: Containing the ALU and the register file, this module executes the current decoded instruction according to the execution state.
- **Serial Debug Interface**: Contains all the required logic for a Nexus class 3 debugging unit (without trace). Communication with the host is done with a standard two-wire interface following either the UART 8N1 or I²C serial protocol.
- **Memory backbone**: This block performs a simple arbitration between the frontend, execution-unit, DMA and Serial-Debug interfaces for program, data and peripheral memory accesses.
- **Basic Clock Module**: Generates MCLK, ACLK, SMCLK and manage the low power modes.

- SFRs: The Special Function Registers block contains diverse configuration registers (NMI, Watchdog, ...).
- Watchdog: Although it is a peripheral, the watchdog is directly included in the core because of its tight links with the NMI interrupts and the PUC reset generation.
- **16x16 Multiplier**: The hardware multiplier peripheral is transparently supported by the GCC compiler and is therefore located in the core. It can be included or excluded at will through a Verilog define.

2.2 Limitations

The known core limitations are the following:

• Instructions can't be executed from the data memory.

2.3 Configuration

It is possible to configure the openMSP430 core through the *openMSP430_defines.v* file located in the *rtl* directory (see <u>file and directory description</u>).

In this section, three sets of adjustable user parameters are discussed in order to customize the core. A fourth set is available for ASIC specific options and will be discussed in the <u>ASIC implementation</u> section.

2.3.1 Basic System Configuration

The basic system can be adjusted with the following set of defines in order to match the target system requirements.

```
//-----
//BASIC SYSTEM CONFIGURATION
//-----
//-----
// Note: the sum of program, data and peripheral memory spaces must not
// exceed 64 kB
// Program Memory Size:
     Uncomment the required memory size
//-----
//`define PMEM SIZE CUSTOM
//`define PMEM_SIZE_59_KB
//`define PMEM SIZE 55 KB
//`define PMEM_SIZE_54_KB
//`define PMEM SIZE 51 KB
//`define PMEM SIZE 48 KB
//`define PMEM SIZE 41 KB
//`define PMEM SIZE 32 KB
//`define PMEM_SIZE_24_KB
```

```
//`define PMEM_SIZE_16_KB
//`define PMEM SIZE 12 KB
//`define PMEM_SIZE_8_KB
//`define PMEM_SIZE_4_KB
`define PMEM SIZE 2 KB
//`define PMEM_SIZE_1_KB
// Data Memory Size:
          Uncomment the required memory size
//`define DMEM SIZE CUSTOM
//`define DMEM SIZE 32 KB
//`define DMEM SIZE 24 KB
//`define DMEM SIZE 16 KB
//`define DMEM SIZE 10 KB
//`define DMEM_SIZE_8_KB
//`define DMEM_SIZE_5_KB
//`define DMEM_SIZE_4_KB
//`define DMEM_SIZE_2p5_KB
//`define DMEM SIZE 2 KB
//`define DMEM_SIZE_1_KB
//`define DMEM SIZE 512 B
//`define DMEM_SIZE_256_B
`define DMEM SIZE 128 B
// Include/Exclude Hardware Multiplier
`define MULTIPLIER
// Include/Exclude Serial Debug interface
`define DBG EN
```

The only design considerations at this stage are:

- Make sure that the program and data memories have the correct size :-P
- The sum of program, data and peripheral memory space MUST NOT exceed 64kB.

Note: when selected, full custom memory sizes can be specified in the "Expert System Configuration" section.

2.3.2 Advanced System Configuration

In this section, some additional features are available in order to match the needs of more experienced users.

```
// interface.
// (see CPU_ID.USER_VERSION field in the documentation)
//-----
`define USER VERSION 5'b00000
//-----
// Include/Exclude Watchdog timer
//-----
// When excluded, the following functionality will be
//
      - Watchog (both interval and watchdog modes)
//
      - NMI interrupt edge selection
//
      - Possibility to generate a software PUC reset
//-----
`define WATCHDOG
//-----
// Include/Exclude DMA interface support
//----
//`define DMA IF EN
//-----
// Include/Exclude Non-Maskable-Interrupt support
`define NMI
//----
// Number of available IRQs
//-----
// Indicates the number of interrupt vectors supported
// (16 ,32 or 64).
//----
`define IRQ 16
//`define IRQ 32
//`define IRQ_64
//-----
// Input synchronizers
//-----
// In some cases, the asynchronous input ports might
// already be synchronized externally.
// If an extensive CDC design review showed that this
// is really the case, the individual synchronizers
// can be disabled with the following defines.
//
// Notes:
//
      - all three signals are all sampled in the MCLK domain
//
//
      - the dbg_en signal reset the debug interface
//
      when 0. Therefore make sure it is glitch free.
//
//-----
`define SYNC NMI
//`define SYNC_CPU_EN
//`define SYNC_DBG_EN
//-----
// Peripheral Memory Space:
```

```
// The original MSP430 architecture map the peripherals
// from 0x0000 to 0x01FF (i.e. 512B of the memory space).
// The following defines allow you to expand this space
// up to 32 kB (i.e. from 0x0000 to 0x7fff).
// As a consequence, the data memory mapping will be
// shifted up and a custom linker script will therefore
// be required by the GCC compiler.
//`define PER SIZE CUSTOM
//`define PER SIZE 32 KB
//`define PER SIZE 16 KB
//`define PER SIZE 8 KB
//`define PER SIZE 4 KB
//`define PER SIZE 2 KB
//`define PER SIZE 1 KB
`define PER SIZE 512 B
// Defines the debugger CPU_CTL.RST_BRK_EN reset value
// (CPU break on PUC reset)
// When defined, the CPU will automatically break after
// a PUC occurrence by default. This is typically useful
// when the program memory can only be initialized through
// the serial debug interface.
//-----
`define DBG_RST_BRK_EN
```

Design consideration at this stage are:

- Setting a peripheral memory space to something else than 512B will shift the data memory mapping up, which in turn will require the use of a custom linker script. If you don't know what a linker script is and if you don't want to know what it is, you should probably not modify this section.
- The sum of program, data and peripheral memory space MUST NOT exceed 64kB.

Note: when selected, full custom peripheral memory space can be specified in the "Expert System Configuration" section.

2.3.3 Expert System Configuration

In this section, you will find configuration options which will be relevant for roughly 0.1% of the users (according to a highly reliable market analysis;-)).

```
// IMPORTANT NOTE: Please update following configuration options ONLY if
//
             you have a good reason to do so... and if you know what
//
             you are doing :-P
//
//-----
// Select serial debug interface protocol
//-----
   DBG UART -> Enable UART (8N1) debug interface
//
   DBG_I2C -> Enable I2C debug interface
//
//-----
`define DBG UART
//`define DBG I2C
//----
// Enable the I2C broadcast address
//-----
// For multicore systems, a common I2C broadcast address
// can be given to all oMSP cores in order to
// synchronously RESET, START, STOP, or STEP all CPUs
// at once with a single I2C command.
// If you have a single openMSP430 in your system,
// this option can stay commented-out.
//`define DBG I2C BROADCAST
//-----
// Number of hardware breakpoint units (each unit contains
// two hardware address breakpoints):
// - DBG HWBRK_0 -> Include hardware breakpoints unit 0
// - DBG HWBRK 1 -> Include hardware breakpoints unit 1
// - DBG_HWBRK_2 -> Include hardware breakpoints unit 2
// - DBG_HWBRK_3 -> Include hardware breakpoints unit 3
//-----
// Please keep in mind that hardware breakpoints only
// make sense whenever the program memory is not an SRAM
// (i.e. Flash/OTP/ROM/...) or when you are interested
// in data breakpoints (btw. not supported by GDB).
//----
//`define DBG_HWBRK_0
//`define DBG HWBRK 1
//`define DBG HWBRK 2
//`define DBG HWBRK 3
//-----
// Enable/Disable the hardware breakpoint RANGE mode
// When enabled this feature allows the hardware breakpoint
// units to stop the cpu whenever an instruction or data
// access lays within an address range.
// Note that this feature is not supported by GDB.
//`define DBG_HWBRK_RANGE
//-----
// Custom Program/Data and Peripheral Memory Spaces
```

```
// The following values are valid only if the
// corresponding * SIZE CUSTOM defines are uncommented:
// - *_{SIZE} : size of the section in bytes.
// - *_AWIDTH : address port width, this value must allow
       to address all WORDS of the section
//
             (i.e. the *_{SIZE} divided by 2)
//-----
// Custom Program memory (enabled with PMEM_SIZE_CUSTOM)
`define PMEM CUSTOM AWIDTH
                         10
`define PMEM_CUSTOM_SIZE
                         2048
// Custom Data memory (enabled with DMEM SIZE CUSTOM)
`define DMEM CUSTOM AWIDTH 6
`define DMEM CUSTOM SIZE
                         128
// Custom Peripheral memory (enabled with PER_SIZE_CUSTOM)
define PER_CUSTOM_AWIDTH 8
`define PER_CUSTOM_SIZE
                         512
//-----
// ASIC version
// When uncommented, this define will enable the
// ASIC system configuration section (see below) and
// will activate scan support for production test.
// WARNING: if you target an FPGA, leave this define
   commented.
//-----
//`define ASIC
```

Design consideration at this stage are:

• This is the expert section... so you know what your are doing, right ;-)

All remaining defines located after the ASIC section in the *openMSP430_defines.v* file are system constants and MUST NOT be edited.

2.3.4 Parameters For Multi-Core Systems

In addition to the define file, two Verilog parmaeters are available to facilitate software development on multi-core systems.

For example, in a dual-core openMSP430 system, the cores can be instantiated as following:

The values of these parameters are then directly accessible by software through the CPU NR register of the SFR peripheral.

For example, if both cores share the same program memory, the software can take advantage of this information as following:

```
"...
int main(void) {
  if (CPU_NR==0x0100) {
    main_core_0(); // Main routine call for core 0
  }
  if (CPU_NR==0x0101) {
    main_core_1(); // Main routine call for core 1
  }
}
..."
```

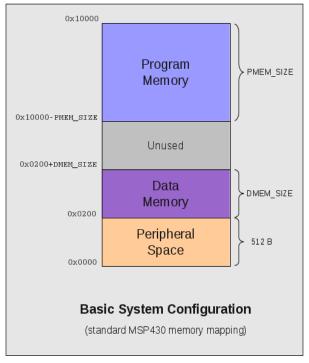
2.4 Memory mapping

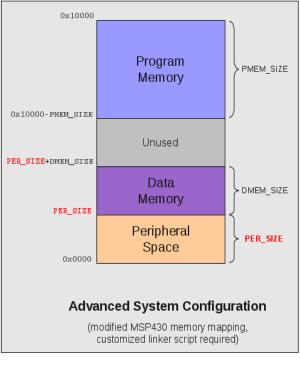
As discussed earlier, the openMSP430 memory mapping is fully configurable.

The basic system configuration section allows to adjust program and data memory sizes while keeping 100% compatibility with the pre-existing linker scripts provided by MSPGCC (or any other toolchain for that matter).

However, an increasing number of users saw the 512B space available for peripherals in the standard MSP430 architecture as a limitation. Therefore, the advanced system configuration section gives the possibility to up-scale the reserved peripheral address space anywhere between 512B and 32kB. As a consequence, the data memory space will be shifted up, which means that the linker script of your favorite toolchain will have to be modified accordingly.

The following schematic should hopefully summarize this:

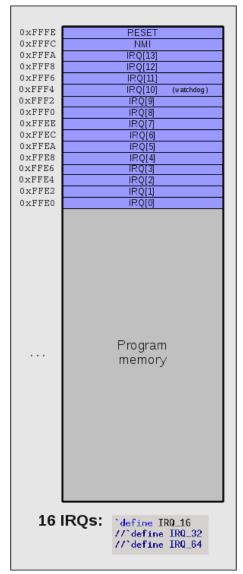


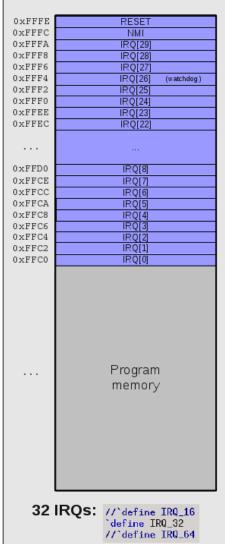


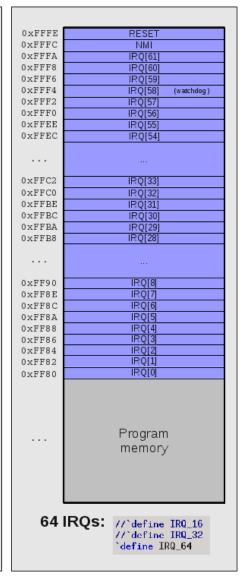
2.5 Interrupt mapping

The number of supported interrupts is configurable with the IRQ_xx macros.

The interrupt vectors are then mapped as following:







2.6 Pinout

The full pinout of the openMSP430 core is provided in the following table:

Port Name	Direct ion	Width	Clock Domain	Description
			Cloc	ks
cpu_en	Input	1	<async> or mclk⁴</async>	Enable CPU code execution (asynchronous and non-glitchy). Set to 1 if unused.
dco_clk	Input	1	-	Fast oscillator (fast clock)
lfxt_clk	Input	1	-	Low frequency oscillator (typ. 32kHz) Set to 0 if unused.
melk	Output	1	-	Main system clock
aclk_en	Output	1	mclk	FPGA ONLY: ACLK enable
smclk_en	Output	1	mclk	FPGA ONLY: SMCLK enable
dco_enable	Output	1	dco_clk	ASIC ONLY: Fast oscillator enable
dco_wkup	Output	1	<async></async>	ASIC ONLY: Fast oscillator wakeup (asynchronous)
lfxt_enable	Output	1	lfxt_clk	ASIC ONLY: Low frequency oscillator enable
lfxt_wkup	Output	1	<async></async>	ASIC ONLY: Low frequency oscillator wakeup (asynchronous)
aclk	Output	1	-	ASIC ONLY: ACLK
smclk	Output	1	-	ASIC ONLY: SMCLK
wkup	Input	1	<async></async>	ASIC ONLY: System Wake-up (asynchronous and non-glitchy) Set 0 if unused.
			Rese	ts
puc_rst	Output	1	mclk	Main system reset
reset_n	Input	1	<async></async>	Reset Pin (active low, asynchronous and non-glitchy)
			Interru	upts
irq	Input	`IRQ_NR-2 1	mclk	Maskable interrupts (one-hot signal)
nmi	Input	1	<async> or mclk⁴</async>	Non-maskable interrupt (asynchronous and non-glitchy)

				Set to 0 if unused.					
irq_acc	Output	IRQ_NR-2	mclk	Interrupt request accepted (one-hot signal)					
		Progr	am Mem	ory interface					
pmem_addr	Output	`PMEM_ AWIDTH ¹	mclk	Program Memory address					
pmem_cen	Output	1	mclk	Program Memory chip enable (low active)					
pmem_din	Output	16	mclk	Program Memory data input (optional ²)					
pmem_dout	Input	16	mclk	Program Memory data output					
pmem_wen	Output	2	mclk	Program Memory write byte enable (low active) (optional ²)					
	Data Memory interface								
dmem_addr	Output	`DMEM_ AWIDTH ¹	mclk	Data Memory address					
dmem_cen	Output	1	mclk	Data Memory chip enable (low active)					
dmem_din	Output	16	mclk	Data Memory data input					
dmem_dout	Input	16	mclk	Data Memory data output					
dmem_wen	Output	2	mclk	Data Memory write byte enable (low active)					
		Externo	al Periph	erals interface					
per_addr	Output	14	mclk	Peripheral address					
per_din	Output	16	mclk	Peripheral data input					
per_dout	Input	16	mclk	Peripheral data output					
per_en	Output	1	mclk	Peripheral enable (high active)					
per_we	Output	2	mclk	Peripheral write enable (high active)					
		Direct N	1emory A	Access interface					
dma_addr	Input	15	mclk	Direct Memory Access address					
dma_din	Input	16	mclk	Direct Memory Access data input					
dma_dout	Output	16	mclk	Direct Memory Access data output					
dma_en	Input	1	mclk	Direct Memory Access enable (high active)					
dma_priority	Input	1	mclk	Direct Memory Access priority (0:low / 1:high)					
dma_ready	Output	1	mclk	Direct Memory Access is complete					
dma_resp	Output	1	mclk	Direct Memory Access response (0:Okay / 1: Error)					
dma_we	Input	2	mclk	Direct Memory Access write byte enable					

				(high active)			
dma_wkup	Input	1	<async></async>	ASIC ONLY: DMA Wake-up (asynchronous and non-glitchy)			
		Ser	ial Debug	interface			
dbg_en	Input	1	<async> or mclk⁴</async>	Debug interface enable (asynchronous) ³			
dbg_freeze	Output	1	mclk	Freeze peripherals			
dbg_uart_txd	Output	1	mclk	Debug interface: UART TXD			
dbg_uart_rxd	Input	1	<async></async>	Debug interface: UART RXD (asynchronous)			
dbg_i2c_addr	Input	7	mclk	Debug interface: I2C Address			
dbg_i2c_broadcast	Input	7	mclk	Debug interface: I2C Broadcast Address (for multicore systems)			
dbg_i2c_scl	Input	1	<async></async>	Debug interface: I2C SCL (asynchronous)			
dbg_i2c_sda_in	Input	1	<async></async>	Debug interface: I2C SDA IN (asynchronous)			
dbg_i2c_sda_out	Output	1	mclk	Debug interface: I2C SDA OUT			
	Scan						
scan_enable	Input	1	dco_clk	ASIC ONLY: Scan enable (active during scan shifting)			
scan_mode	Input	1	<stable></stable>	ASIC ONLY: Scan mode			
·							

^{1:} This parameter is declared in the "openMSP430_defines.v" file and defines the RAM/ROM size or the number of interrupts vectors (16, 32 or 64).

Note: in the FPGA configuration, the ASIC ONLY signals must be left unconnected (for the outputs) and tied low (for the inputs).

²: These two optional ports can be connected whenever the program memory is a RAM. This will allow the user to load a program through the serial debug interface and to use software breakpoints.

³: When disabled, the debug interface is hold into reset (and clock gated in ASIC mode). As a consequence, the *dbg_en* port can be used to reset the debug interface without disrupting the CPU execution.

⁴: Clock domain is selectable through configuration in the "openMSP430_defines.v" file (see Advanced System Configuration).

2.7 Instruction Cycles and Lengths

Please note that a detailed description of the instruction and addressing modes can be found in the MSP430x1xx Family User's Guide (Chapter 3).

The number of CPU clock cycles required for an instruction depends on the instruction format and the addressing modes used, not the instruction itself.

In the following tables, the number of cycles refers to the main clock (*MCLK*). Differences with the original MSP430 are highlighted in green (the original value being red).

• Interrupt and Reset Cycles

Action	No. of Cycles	Length of Instruction
Return from interrupt (RETI)	5	1
Interrupt accepted	6	-
WDT reset	4	-
Reset (!RST/NMI)	4	-

• Format-II (Single Operand) Instruction Cycles and Lengths

Addressing Mode	No. of Cycle	Length of Instruction		
Addressing Mode	RRA, RRC, SWPB, SXT	PUSH	CALL	Length of flish action
Rn	1	3	3 (4)	1
@Rn	3	4	4	1
@Rn+	3	4 (5)	4 (5)	1
#N	N/A	4	5	2
X(Rn)	4	5	5	2
EDE	4	5	5	2
&EDE	4	5	5	2

• Format-III (Jump) Instruction Cycles and Lengths

All jump instructions require one code word, and take two CPU cycles to execute, regardless of whether the jump is taken or not.

• Format-I (Double Operand) Instruction Cycles and Lengths

Addressi	ng Mode	No of Carolon	I anoth of Instruction		
Src	Dst	No. of Cycles	Length of Instruction		
	Rm	1	1		
	PC	2	1		
Rn	x(Rm)	4	2		
	EDE	4	2		
	&EDE	4	2		
	Rm	2	1		
	PC	3 (2)	1		
@Rn	x(Rm)	5	2		
	EDE	5	2		
	&EDE	5	2		
	Rm	2	1		
	PC	3	1		
@Rn+	x(Rm)	5	2		
	EDE	5	2		
	&EDE	5	2		
	Rm	2	2		
	PC	3	2		
#N	x(Rm)	5	3		
	EDE	5	3		
	&EDE	5	3		
	Rm	3	2		
	PC	4 (3)	2		
x(Rn)	x(Rm)	6	3		
	EDE	6	3		
	&EDE	6	3		
	Rm	3	2		
	PC	4 (3)	2		
EDE	x(Rm)	6	3		
	EDE	6	3		
	&EDE	6	3		

	Rm	3	2
	PC	4 (3)	2
&EDE	x(Rm)	6	3
	EDE	6	3
	&EDE	6	3

2.8 Serial Debug Interface

All the details about the Serial Debug Interface are located here.

2.9 Benchmark results

2.9.1 Dhrystone (DMIPS/MHz)

Dhrystone is known for being susceptible to compiler optimizations (among other issues). However, as it is still quite a popular metric, some results are provided here (ranging from 0.30 to 0.45 DMIPS/MHz depending on the compiler version and options).

Note that the used C-code is available in the repository <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.

Dhrystone flavor	Compiler options	-Os	-02	-03	
Diffysione navoi	Compiler version	-03	-02		
	mspgcc v4.4.5	0.30	0.32	0.33	
Dhrystone v2.1	mspgcc v4.6.3	0.37	0.39	0.40	
(common version)	mspgcc v4.7.2	0.37	0.37	0.37	
	msp430-elf v4.9.1	0.26	0.36	0.37	
	mspgcc v4.4.5	0.30	0.30	0.31	
Dhrystone v2.1	mspgcc v4.6.3	0.37	0.44	0.45	
(MCU adapted)	mspgcc v4.7.2	0.37	0.44	0.45	
	msp430-elf v4.9.1	0.26	0.36	0.37	

2.9.2 CoreMark (Coremark/MHz)

CoreMark tries to address most of Dhrystone's pitfall by preventing the compiler to optimize some code away and using "real-life" algorithm.

Note that the used C-code is available in the repository <u>here</u>.

	Compiler options	-Os	-O2	-O3
	Compiler version	Os		
	mspgcc v4.4.5	0.78	0.85	0.83
CoreMark v1.0	mspgcc v4.6.3	0.74	0.91	0.87
(official version)	mspgcc v4.7.2	0.67	0.93	0.90
	msp430-elf v4.9.1	0.58	0.67	n.a.

Peripherals

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1. Introduction

In addition to the CPU core itself, several peripherals are also provided and can be easily connected to the core during integration.

2. Peripherals

2.1 System Peripherals

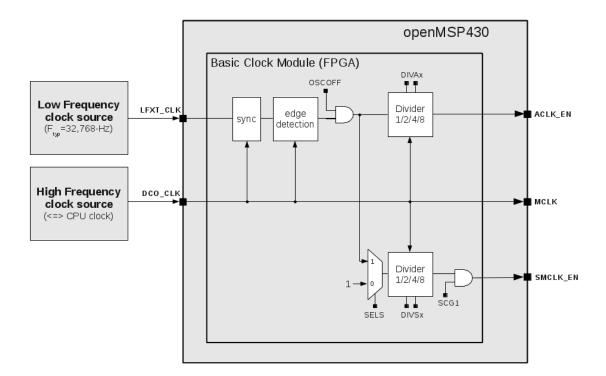
In addition to the CPU core itself, several peripherals are also provided and can be easily connected to the core during integration. The followings are directly integrated within the core because of their tight links with the CPU.

It is to be noted that ALL system peripherals support both ASIC and FPGA versions.

2.1.1 Basic Clock Module: FPGA

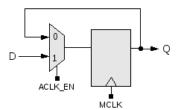
In order to make an FPGA implementation as simple as possible (ideally, a non-professional designer should be able to do it), clock gates are not used in the design configuration and neither are clock muxes.

With these constrains, the Basic Clock Module is implemented as following:



Note: CPUOFF doesn't switch MCLK off and will instead bring the CPU state machines in an IDLE state while MCLK will still be running.

In order to 'clock' a register with ACLK or SMCLK, the following structure needs to be implemented:



For example, the following Verilog code would implement a counter clocked with SMCLK:

Register Description (FPGA)

Register	Register Address		Bit Fields						
Name	Auuress	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
DCOCTL	0x0004	not implemented							
BCSTL1	0x0006	unused DIVAx unused							
BCSTL2	0x0008	unused			SELS	DI	VSx	unused	

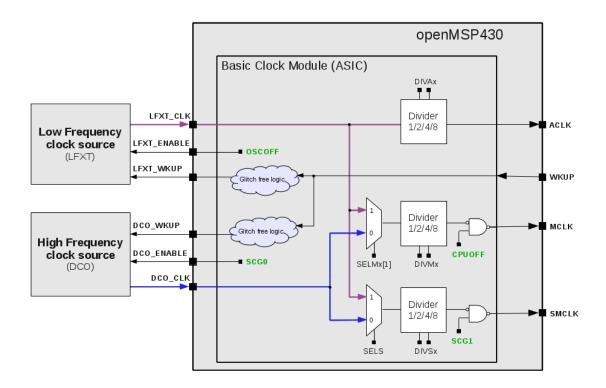
• BCSCTL1.**DIVAx** : ACLK_EN divider (1/2/4/8)

• BCSCTL2.**SELS** : SMCLK EN clock selection (0:DCO_CLK / 1:LFXT_CLK)

• BCSCTL2.**DIVSx** : SMCLK EN divider (1/2/4/8)

2.1.2 Basic Clock Module: ASIC

When targeting an ASIC, up to all clock management options available in the MSP430x1xx Family User's Guide (Chapter 4) can be included:



Additional info can be found in the <u>ASIC implementation</u> section.

Register Description (ASIC)

Register	Address	Bit Fields										
Name	Address	7	6	5	5 4 3		2	1	0			
DCOCTL	0x0004		not implemented									
BCSTL1	0x0006	unus	DIV	/Ax	DMA_ SCG1	DMA_ SCG0	DMA_ OSCOFF	DMA_ CPUOFF				
BCSTL2	0x0008	SELMx	DIV	Mx	SELS	DIV	/Sx	unused				

• BCSCTL1.**DIVAx** : ACLK divider (1/2/4/8)

• BCSCTL1.**DMA_SCG1** : Restore SMCLK with DMA wakeup

BCSCTL1.DMA_SCG0 : Restore DCO oscillator with DMA wakeup
 BCSCTL1.DMA_OSCOFF : Restore LFXT oscillator with DMA wakeup

• BCSCTL1.DMA CPUOFF: Restore MCLK with DMA wakeup

• BCSCTL2.**SELMx** : MCLK clock selection (0:DCO_CLK / 1:LFXT_CLK)

• BCSCTL2.**DIVMx** : MCLK clock divider (1/2/4/8)

• BCSCTL2.**SELS** : SMCLK clock selection (0:DCO_CLK / 1:LFXT_CLK)

• BCSCTL2.**DIVS**x : SMCLK clock divider (1/2/4/8)

2.1.3 SFR

Following the MSP430x1xx Family User's Guide, this peripheral implements flags and interrupt enable bits for the Watchdog Timer and NMI:

Register	Address	ddress Bit Fields									
Name	Auuress	7 6 5		5	4	3	2	1	0		
IE1	0x0000	Reserved		d	NMIIE 1	Reserved		ed	WDTIE 2		
IFG1	0x0002	Reserved			Reserved NMIIFG 1 Reserved		Reserved		WDTIFG ²		

^{1:} These fields are not available if the NMI is excluded (see *openMSP430 defines.v*)

In addition, two 16-bit read-only registers have been added in order to let the software know with which version of the openMSP430 it is running:

Register	Address		Bit field														
Name	Auuless	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
CPU_ID_LO	0x0004		PER_SPACE					US	ER_VERSION A			ASIC	CPU_VERSION		RSION		
CPU_ID_HI	0x0006		PMEM_SIZE				×		DMEM_SIZE			IZE			MPY		
CPU_NR	0x0008		CPU_TOTAL_NR									CP	U_INS	T_NR			

• CPU VERSION: Current CPU version.

• ASIC : Defines if the ASIC specific features are enabled in the

current openMSP430 implementation.

• USER VERSION : Reflects the value defined in the *openMSP430 defines.v*

file.

• **PER SPACE** : Peripheral address space for the current implementation

(byte size = PER SPACE*512)

• MPY : This bit is set if the hardware multiplier is inclued in the

current implementation.

• **DMEM_SIZE** : Data memory size for the current implementation

(byte size = DMEM_SIZE*128)

• **PMEM SIZE** : Program memory size for the current implementation

(byte size = PMEM SIZE*1024)

• **CPU INST NR** : Current oMSP instance number (for multicore systems)

• CPU_TOTAL_NR : Total number of oMSP instances-1 (for multicore systems)

²: These fields are not available if the Watchdog is excluded (see *openMSP430 defines.v*)

<u>Note:</u> attentive readers will have noted that *CPU_ID_LO*, *CPU_ID_HI* and *CPU_NR* are identical to the Serial Debug Interface register counterparts.

2.1.4 Watchdog Timer

100% of the features advertised in the MSP430x1xx Family User's Guide (Chapter 10) have been implemented.

The following parameter in the *openMSP430_defines.v* file controls if the watchdog timer should be included or not:

2.1.5 16x16 Hardware Multiplier

100% of the features advertised in the MSP430x1xx Family User's Guide (Chapter 7) have been implemented.

The following parameter in the *openMSP430_defines.v* file controls if the hardware multiplier should be included or not:

```
// Include/Exclude Hardware Multiplier
`define MULTIPLIER
```

2.2 External Peripherals

The external peripherals labeled with the "FPGA ONLY" tag do not contain any clock gate nor clock muxes and are clocked with MCLK only. This mean that they don't support any of the low power modes and therefore are most likely not suited for an ASIC implementation.

2.2.1 Digital I/O (FPGA ONLY)

100% of the features advertised in the MSP430x1xx Family User's Guide (Chapter 9) have been implemented.

The following Verilog parameters will enable or disable the corresponding ports in order to save area (i.e. FPGA utilization):

```
parameter P1_EN = 1'b1; // Enable Port 1
parameter P2_EN = 1'b1; // Enable Port 2
parameter P3_EN = 1'b0; // Enable Port 3
parameter P4_EN = 1'b0; // Enable Port 4
parameter P5_EN = 1'b0; // Enable Port 5
parameter P6_EN = 1'b0; // Enable Port 6
```

They can be updated as following during the module instantiation (here port 1, 2 and 3 are enabled):

The full pinout of the GPIO module is provided in the following table:

Port Name	Direction	Width	Description					
Clocks & Resets								
mclk	Input	1	Main system clock					
puc_rst	Input	1	1 Main system reset					
Interrupts								

irq_port1	Output	1	Port 1 interrupt					
irq_port2	Output	1	Port 2 interrupt					
External Peripherals interface								
per_addr	Input	8	Peripheral address					
per_din	Input	16	Peripheral data input					
per_dout	Output	16	Peripheral data output					
per_en	Input	1	Peripheral enable (high active)					
per_we	Input	2	Peripheral write enable (high active)					
Port 1								
p1_din	Input	8	Port 1 data input					
p1_dout	Output	8	Port 1 data output					
p1_dout_en	Output	8	Port 1 data output enable					
p1_sel	Output	8	Port 1 function select					
			Port 2					
p2_din	Input	8	Port 2 data input					
p2_dout	Output	8	Port 2 data output					
p2_dout_en	Output	8	Port 2 data output enable					
p2_sel	Output	8	Port 2 function select					
			Port 3					
p3_din	Input	8	Port 3 data input					
p3_dout	Output	8	Port 3 data output					
p3_dout_en	Output	8	Port 3 data output enable					
p3_sel	Output	8	Port 3 function select					
			Port 4					
p4_din	Input	8	Port 4 data input					
p4_dout	Output	8	Port 4 data output					
p4_dout_en	Output	8	Port 4 data output enable					
p4_sel	Output	8	Port 4 function select					
			Port 5					
p5_din	Input	8	Port 5 data input					
p5_dout	Output	8	Port 5 data output					
p5_dout_en	Output	8	Port 5 data output enable					
p5_sel	Output	8	Port 5 function select					
			Port 6					

p6_din	Input	8	Port 6 data input
p6_dout	Output	8	Port 6 data output
p6_dout_en	Output	8	Port 6 data output enable
p6_sel	Output	8	Port 6 function select

2.2.2 Timer A (FPGA ONLY)

100% of the features advertised in the MSP430x1xx Family User's Guide (Chapter 11) have been implemented.

The full pinout of the Timer A module is provided in the following table:

Port Name	Direction	Width	Description			
T OT C T (MILE)	2 ii cccion		cks, Resets & Debug			
mclk	Input	1	Main system clock			
aclk_en	Input	1	ACLK enable (from CPU)			
smclk_en	Input	1	SMCLK enable (from CPU)			
inclk	Input	1	INCLK external timer clock (SLOW)			
taclk	Input	1	TACLK external timer clock (SLOW)			
puc_rst	Input	1	Main system reset			
dbg_freeze	Input	1	Freeze Timer A counter			
Interrupts						
irq_ta0	Output	1	Timer A interrupt: TACCR0			
irq_ta1	Output	1	Timer A interrupt: TAIV, TACCR1, TACCR2			
irq_ta0_acc	Input	1	Interrupt request TACCR0 accepted			
		Externo	al Peripherals interface			
per_addr	Input	8	Peripheral address			
per_din	Input	16	Peripheral data input			
per_dout	Output	16	Peripheral data output			
per_en	Input	1	Peripheral enable (high active)			
per_we	Input	2	Peripheral write enable (high active)			
		Сарі	ture/Compare Unit 0			
ta_cci0a	Input	1	Timer A capture 0 input A			
ta_cci0b	Input	1	Timer A capture 0 input B			
ta_out0	Output	1	Timer A output 0			
ta_out0_en	Output	1	Timer A output 0 enable			

Capture/Compare Unit 1							
ta_cci1a	Input	1	Timer A capture 1 input A				
ta_cci1b	Input	1	Timer A capture 1 input B				
ta_out1	Output	1	Timer A output 1				
ta_out1_en	Output	1	Timer A output 1 enable				
	Capture/Compare Unit 2						
ta_cci2a	Input	1	Timer A capture 2 input A				
ta_cci2b	Input	1	Timer A capture 2 input B				
ta_out2	Output	1	Timer A output 2				
ta_out2_en	Output	1	Timer A output 2 enable				

Note: for the same reason as with the Basic Clock Module FPGA version, the two additional clock inputs (TACLK and INCLK) are internally synchronized with the MCLK domain. As a consequence, TACLK and INCLK should be at least 2 times slowlier than MCLK, and if these clock are used toghether with the Timer A output unit, some jitter might be observed on the generated output. If this jitter is critical for the application, ACLK and INCLK should idealy be derivated from DCO_CLK.

DMA Interface

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1. Introduction

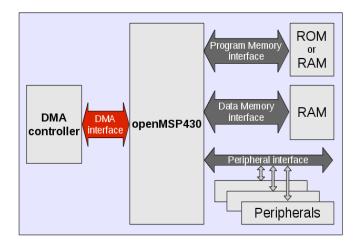
The openMSP430 Direct-Memory-Access interface acts as a gateway to the whole logical 64kB memory space and can be enabled be uncommenting the DMA_IF_EN macro in the "openMSP430 defines.sv" file:

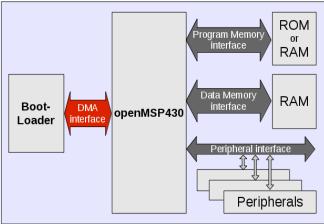
```
//----
// Include/Exclude DMA interface support
//-----
//`define DMA_IF_EN
```

It supports the efficient connection of Bootloader, DMA controller, Memory-BIST or any other hardware unit requiring direct read/write access to the CPU memory space.

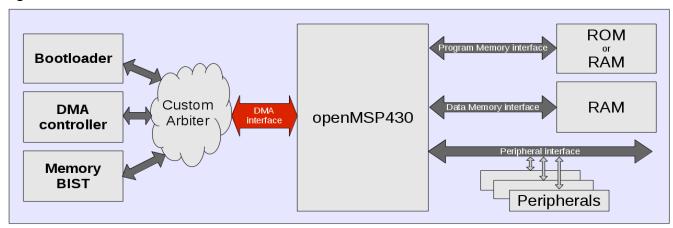
The interface is also designed as to reuse the existing arbitration logic within the memory-backbone and thus minimize to timing costs of its physical implementation (i.e. no additional muxing layer on an already critical timing path).

An simple system using the DMA interface typically consists of a DMA master directly connected to openMSP430 core:





However, it is also possible to combine different DMA masters using a custom arbitration logic:



2. Signal list

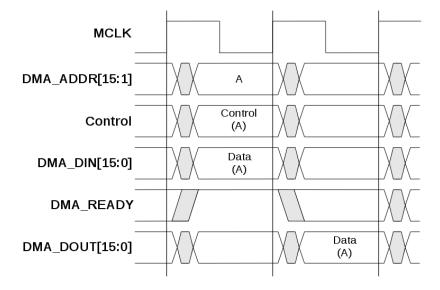
Name	Source	Type	Description
MCLK System clock	openMSP430	System	This clock times all DMA transfers. All signal timings are related to the rising edge of MCLK.
PUC_RST System reset	openMSP430	System	The system reset is active HIGH and is used to reset the sytem, including the DMA master(s).
DMA_WKUP Wakeup	DMA Master (Asynchronous)	System	When HIGH in a Low-Power-Mode, the wakeup signal restores the clocks necessary for the DMA transfer (see ASIC Implementation section).
DMA_ADDR[15:1] Address bus	DMA Master	Adress	This is the 15-bit address bus allowing to access the 64kB address space (16b words).
DMA_DIN[15:0] Write data bus	DMA Master	Data	The write data bus is used to transfer data from the DMA master to openMSP430 system during write operations.
DMA_DOUT[15:0] Read data bus	openMSP430	Data	The read data bus is used to transfer data from the openMSP430 system to the DMA master during read operations.
DMA_EN Transfer enable	DMA Master	Control	Indicates that the current DMA transfer is active.

DMA_WE[1:0] Transfer direction	DMA Master	Control	When HIGH, this signal indicates a write transfer on the selected byte, and a read transfer when LOW.					
DMA_PRIORITY Transfer priority	DMA Master	Control	When HIGH, this signal indicates a high priority DMA transfer (i.e. CPU is stopped). When LOW, low priority DMA transfer have to wait for the CPU to free the accessed ressource.					
DMA_READY Transfer done	openMSP430	Response	When HIGH the DMA_READY signal indicates that a transfer has finished on the bus. This signal may be driven LOW to add wait states to the transfer.					
DMA_RESP Transfer response	openMSP430	Response	The transfer response provides additional information on the status of a transfer (OKAY if LOW, ERROR when HIGH).					

3. Protocol

3.1 Simple transfers

The following figure shows the simplest transfer, one with no wait states.

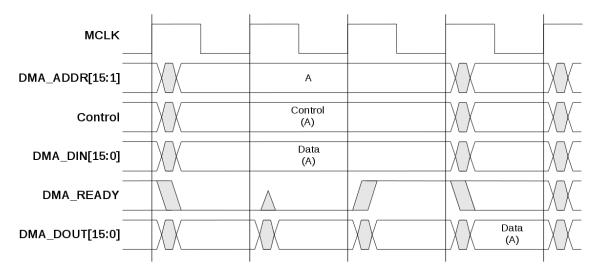


In a simple transfer with no wait states:

- The DMA master drives the address, control signals and write data onto the bus after the rising edge of MCLK.
- The openMSP430 ressource (pmem/dmem/peripheral) then samples the address, control and write data information on the next rising edge of the clock.
- For read access, after the openMSP430 ressource has sampled the address and control it can start to drive the read data and this is sampled by the DMA master on the third rising edge of the clock.

3.2 Transfer with wait states

The openMSP430 can insert wait states into any transfer, as shown in the following figure, which extends the transfer by two clock cycles, thus taking additional time for completion.

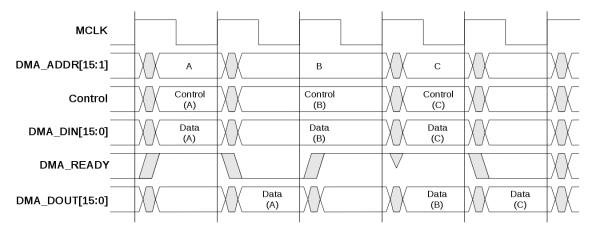


For both read and write operations the DMA master must hold the address, control and write data stable throughout the extended cycles.

Note: wait states are inserted by the openMSP430 if the CPU is currently busy reading or writing to the same ressource that the DMA controller also wants to access.

3.3 Multiple transfers

The following figure shows three transfers to unrelated addresses, A, B & C.

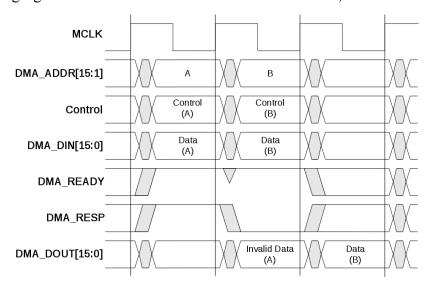


We can here observe:

- the transfers to addresses A and C are both zero wait state.
- the transfer to address B is one wait state.
- the read data from A is available during the **first** clock cycle when the address and control B are applied.
- the read data from B is available during the clock cycle when the address and control C are applied.

3.4 Transfer response

The following figure shows two transfers to unrelated addresses, A & B.



We can here observe:

- the transfer to address A returns an ERROR response (note that transfer returning an ERROR response **never** have wait states).
- the transfer to address B is a regular transfer (i.e. OKAY response) without wait state.

Note: an ERROR response are generated if the transfer address lays between the program and data memories, where nothing is mapped.

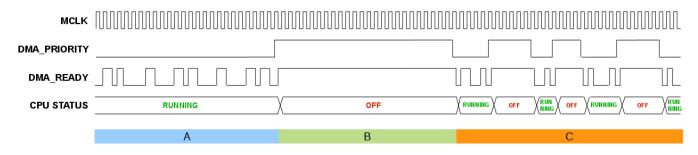
3.5 Priority control

3.5.1 Data rate control

The DMA_PRIORITY control signal is available to the DMA master for controlling the application data rate requirements.

- When CLEARED, DMA transfers have a **fixed lower priority** than the CPU. This means that depending on the exact kind of instructions currently executed by the CPU, the completion time of the DMA transfers cannot be predicted (i.e. DMA transfers are completed only when the CPU is not accessing the trageted ressource).
- When SET, DMA transfers have a **fixed higher priority** over the CPU. This means that the CPU will will stop execution and give the full bandwidth to the DMA controller. In that scenario, DMA transfers complete in a single clock cycle (i.e. without any wait states), as the targeted ressources are always available (i.e. the CPU is not executing).
- If the application requirements need something in between (namely a minimum DMA transfer data-rate with reduced effect on the firmware exection), then the DMA master can dynamically change the DMA_PRIORITY as required.

These scenario are illustrated in the following figure.



We can here observe:

• Phase A illustrates LOW-PRIORITY transfers. Less DMA transfer are completed during that time as shown by the number of wait states.

- Phase **B** illustrates HIGH-PRIORITY transfers. DMA transfers are completed with each clock cycle (i.e. no wait state).
- Phase C illustrates MIXED-PRIORITY transfers where the DMA controller is dynamically adjusting the priority to achieve its target minimum data-rate.

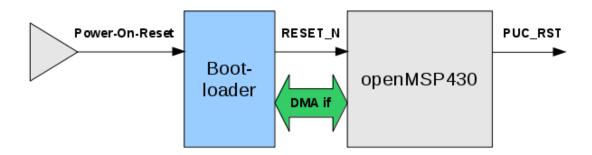
3.5.2 Bootloader case

In general, the purpose of a bootloader is to initialize the program memory at startup (i.e after Power-On-Reset).

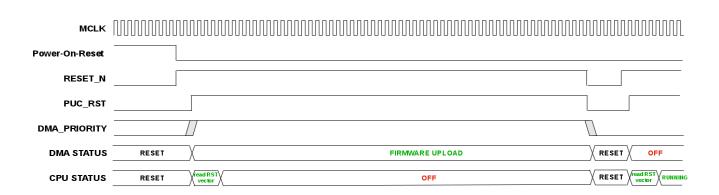
DMA transfers driven by the bootloader should therefore be performed in HIGH-PRIORITY mode, as the CPU should not start executing instructions on a non-initialized memory.

Once the memory initialization is completed, a reset pulse should be generated by the bootloader to make sure the CPU re-fetches the new RESET vector from the program memory.

A bootloader could be for example be connected as following:



The bootloading sequence is illustrated in the following figure:



4. ASIC Implementation

4.1 Clock domains

If the ASIC low power options are enabled, it is possible to perform DMA accesses when the main CPU is in **any** Low-Power-Mode (LPMx).

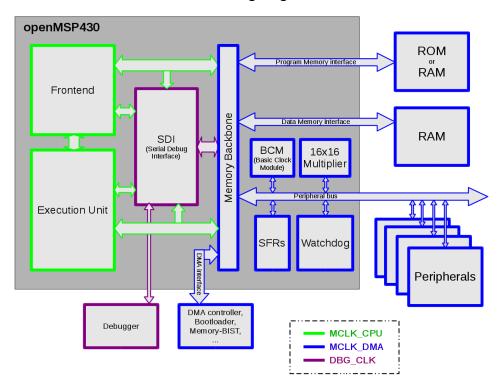
However, in order to avoid unnecessary power consumption while restoring the clocks for the DMA transfer, the MCLK system clock has been split into two clock domains.

- MCLK_CPU: clocks the CPU core itself, namely the frontend and execution logic. When the CPU is in LPMx mode, this clock is ALWAYS OFF, even if a DMA transfer is currently on going.
- MCLK_DMA: clocks the rest of the system (excluding the DBG interface) and gives access to the 64kB memory adddress range to the DMA master. This clock is restored in LPMx modes by asserting the DMA WKUP pin.

This table summarizes the clock operating modes:

Clock Name	CDII is A stive	CPU in Low-	Power-Mode
Clock Name	CPU is Active	DMA_WKUP=0	DMA_WKUP=1
MCLK_CPU	ON	OFF	OFF
MCLK_DMA	ON	OFF	ON

Clock domains are illustrated in the following diagram:



4.2 DMA wakeup

As shown in the "Peripherals" chapter, the Basic-Clock-Module has several control registers giving some flexibility to the firmware as to which clocks are restored when the DMA_WKUP pin is asserted.

Register	Address				E	Bit Fields			
Name	Auuress	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
BCSTL1	0x0006	unus	sed	DIV	VAx	DMA_ SCG1	DMA_ SCG0	DMA_ OSCOFF	DMA_ CPUOFF

• **DMA SCG1** : Restore SMCLK with DMA wakeup

• **DMA_SCG0** : Restore DCO oscillator with DMA wakeup

• **DMA_OSCOFF** : Restore LFXT oscillator with DMA wakeup

• **DMA_CPUOFF** : Restore MCLK_DMA with DMA wakeup

Note that the DMA_WKUP functionality can be disabled by keeping all these bitfields **CLEARED**.

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1. Introduction

The original MSP430 from TI provides a serial debug interface to allow in-system software debugging. In that case, the communication with the host computer is typically built on a JTAG or Spy-Bi-Wire serial protocol. However, the global debug architecture from the MSP430 is unfortunately poorly documented on the web (and is also probably tightly linked with the internal core architecture).

A custom module has therefore been implemented for the openMSP430. The communication with the host is done with a simple two-wire cable following either the UART or I²C serial protocol (interface is selectable in the Expert System Configuration section).

The debug unit provides all required features for Nexus Class 3 debugging (beside trace), namely:

Debug unit features

- CPU control (run, stop, step, reset).
- Software & hardware breakpoint support.
- Hardware watchpoint support.
- Memory read/write on-the-fly (no need to halt execution).
- CPU registers read/write on-the-fly (no need to halt execution).

Depending on the selected serial interface, the following features are available:

Debug ı	ınit features
UART	I ² C
Strengths:	Strengths:
 No extra hardware required for most FPGA boards (almost all come with a UART interface, either RS232 or USB based. Possibility to use USB to serial TTL cables. Weaknesses: Need to reset the debug interface after cable insertion. For ASICs, no possibility to change the MCLK frequency during a debug session. 	 Very stable interface (synchronous protocol, no synchronization frame required). Multi-core chip support with a single I2C interface (i.e. TWO pins) in such a system, each openMSP430 instance has its own I2C device address. Possibility to combine the openMSP430 debug interface with an already existing "functional" I2C interface effectively creating a ZERO wire serial debug interface. Affordable USB-ISS adapter (≈23€).
	Weaknesses:
	Extra I2C adapter required (<u>USB-ISS</u> currently supported).

2. Debug Unit

2.1 Register Mapping

The following table summarize the complete debug register set accessible through the debug communication interface:

Register Name	A ddwass											Bit Field					
Register Name	Auuress	15	14	13	12	11	10	0 9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
CPU_ID_LO	0x00		P	ER_	SPAC	Œ					USER_VERS	ASIC		CPU_VERSIO	N		
CPU_ID_HI	0x01		PM	IEM_	SIZI	3				DMEM_SIZE							MPY
CPU_CTL	0x02					I	Rese	erved		CPU_RST RST_BRK_EN FRZ_BRK_EN SW_BRK_E ISTEP RUN H							
<u>CPU_STAT</u>	0x03			Re	eserv	ed				HWBRK3_PND							
MEM_CTL	0x04								Reserved B/W MEM/REG RD/WR S							START	
MEM_ADDR	0x05										М	EM_ADDR[15:0]	l				
MEM_DATA	0x06										М	EM_DATA[15:0]					
MEM_CNT	0x07										N	IEM_CNT[15:0]					
BRK0_CTL	0x08									Reserved			RANGE_MOD E	INST_EN	BREAK_EN	ACCES	S_MODE
BRK0_STAT	0x09								Reserved RANGE_WR RANGE_RD ADDRI_WR ADDRI_RD RD RD ADDRO_RU ADDRO_RU ADDRO_RU RD								ADDR0_RD
BRK0_ADDR0	0x0A		BRK_ADDR0[15:0]														
BRK0_ADDR1	0x0B		BRK_ADDR1[15:0]														

BRK1_CTL	0x0C		Reserved		RANGE_MOD E	INST_EN	BREAK_EN	ACCES	S_MODE				
BRK1_STAT	0x0D	Res	erved	RANGE_WR	RANGE_RD	ADDR1_WR	ADDR1_RD	ADDR0_W R	ADDR0_RD				
BRK1_ADDR0	0x0E		BRK_ADDR0[15:0]										
BRK1_ADDR1	0x0F		BR	K_ADDR1[15:0]]								
BRK2_CTL	0x10		Reserved RANGE_MOD INST_EN BREAK_EN ACCESS_MODE										
BRK2_STAT	0x11	Res	erved	RANGE_WR	RANGE_RD	ADDR1_WR	ADDR1_RD	ADDR0_W R	ADDR0_RD				
BRK2_ADDR0	0x12		BRK_ADDR0[15:0]										
BRK2_ADDR1	0x13		BR	K_ADDR1[15:0]]								
BRK3_CTL	0x14		Reserved		RANGE_MOD E	INST_EN	BREAK_EN	ACCES	S_MODE				
BRK3_STAT	0x15	Res	erved	RANGE_WR	RANGE_RD	ADDR1_WR	ADDR1_RD	ADDR0_W R	ADDR0_RD				
BRK3_ADDR0	0x16		BRK_ADDR0[15:0]										
BRK3_ADDR1	0x17		BR	K_ADDR1[15:0]]								
<u>CPU_NR</u>	0x18	CPU_TOTAL_NR			CPU_INST_NR								

2.2 CPU Control/Status Registers

2.2.1 CPU_ID

This 32 bit read-only register holds the program and data memory size information of the implemented openMSP430.

Register Name	Address							В	it F	ield							
Register Name	Address	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
CPU_ID_LO	0x00			PER	SPAC	E				USER	_VER	SION		ASIC	CPU	_VER	RSION
CPU_ID_HI	0x01	PMEM_SIZE DMEM_SIZE							MPY								

• CPU VERSION : Current CPU version

• **ASIC** : Defines if the ASIC specific features are enabled in the current

openMSP430 implementation.

• USER VERSION : Reflects the value defined in the *openMSP430 defines.v* file

• PER SPACE : Peripheral address space for the current implementation

(byte size = PER SPACE*512)

• **MPY** : This bit is set if the hardware multiplier is included in the

current implementation.

• **DMEM SIZE** : Data memory size for the current implementation

(byte size = DMEM SIZE * 128)

• **PMEM SIZE** : Program memory size for the current implementation

(byte size = PMEM SIZE * 1024)

2.2.2 CPU_CTL

This 8 bit read-write register is used to control the CPU and to configure some basic debug features. After a POR, this register is set to 0x10 or 0x30 (depending on the **DBG RST BRK EN** configuration option).

Dogistar Nama	Addusss		Bit Field											
Register Name	Address	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0					
CPU_CTL	0x02	Res.	CPU_RST	RST_BRK_EN	FRZ_BRK_EN	SW_BRK_EN	ISTEP	RUN	HALT					

• CPU_RST : Setting this bit to 1 will activate the PUC reset. Setting it back to

0 will release it.

• RST BRK EN : If set to 1, the CPU will automatically break after a PUC

occurrence.

• FRZ BRK EN : If set to 1, the timers and watchdog are frozen when the CPU is

halted.

• **SW_BRK_EN** : Enables the software breakpoint detection.

• ISTEP¹ : Writing 1 to this bit will perform a single instruction step if the

CPU is halted.

• **RUN**¹ : Writing 1 to this bit will get the CPU out of halt state.

• **HALT**¹ : Writing 1 to this bit will put the CPU in halt state.

2.2.3 CPU_STAT

This 8 bit read-write register gives the global status of the debug interface. After a POR, this register is set to 0x00.

Dogistor Name	Adduoss				Bit Field				
Register Name	Address	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
CPU_STAT	0x03	HWBRK3_PND	HWBRK2_PND	HWBRK1_PND	HWBRK0_PND	SWBRK_PND	PUC_PND	Res.	HALT_RUN

• HWBRK3_PND : This bit reflects if one of the Hardware Breakpoint Unit 3 status

bit is set (i.e. BRK3_STAT≠0).

• HWBRK2_PND : This bit reflects if one of the Hardware Breakpoint Unit 2 status

bit is set (i.e. BRK2_STAT≠0).

• HWBRK1_PND : This bit reflects if one of the Hardware Breakpoint Unit 1 status

bit is set (i.e. BRK1 STAT≠0).

• **HWBRK0 PND** : This bit reflects if one of the Hardware Breakpoint Unit 0 status

bit is set (i.e. BRK0 STAT≠0).

¹:this field is write-only and always reads back 0.

• **SWBRK PND** : This bit is set to 1 when a software breakpoint occurred. It can be

cleared by writing 1 to it.

• **PUC PND** : This bit is set to 1 when a PUC reset occurred. It can be cleared

by writing 1 to it.

• **HALT RUN** : This read-only bit gives the current status of the CPU:

0 - CPU is running.1 - CPU is stopped.

2.2.4 CPU_NR

This 16 bit read only register gives useful information for multi-core systems.

Dogistor Nome	Address		Bit Field														
Register Name	Address	15 14 13					10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
CPU_NR	0x18	CPU_TOTAL_NR CPU_INST_NR															

• **CPU_TOTAL_NR**: Total number of oMSP instances – 1 (for multicore systems).

• **CPU_INST_NR** : Current oMSP instance number (for multicore systems).

2.3 Memory Access Registers

The following four registers enable single and burst read/write access to both CPU-Registers and full memory address range.

In order to perform an access, the following sequences are typically done:

- single read access (MEM_CNT=0):
 - 1. set MEM ADDR with the memory address (or register number) to be read
 - 2. set MEM CTL (in particular RD/WR=0 and START=1)
 - 3. read MEM DATA
- single write access (MEM CNT=0):
 - 1. set MEM_ADDR with the memory address (or register number) to be written
 - 2. set MEM DATA with the data to be written
 - 3. set MEM CTL (in particular RD/WR=1 and START=1)
- burst read/write access (MEM CNT≠0):
- burst access are optimized for the communication interface used (i.e. for the UART). The burst sequence are therefore described in the corresponding section (3.4 Read/Write burst implementation for the CPU Memory access)

2.3.1 MEM CTL

This 8 bit read-write register is used to control the Memory and CPU-Register read/write access. After a POR, this register is set to 0x00.

Dogistor Nome	Address						Bit Field		
Register Name	Auuress	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
MEM_CTL	0x04	Reserved B/W MEM/REG RD/WR START							START

• **B/W** : **0** - 16 bit access.

1 - 8 bit access (not valid for CPU-Registers).

• MEM/REG: 0 - Memory access.

1 - CPU-Register access.

• **RD/WR** : **0** - Read access.

1 - Write access.

• START : 0- Do nothing

1 - Initiate memory transfer.

2.3.2 MEM_ADDR

This 16 bit read-write register specifies the Memory or CPU-Register address to be used for the next read/write transfer. After a POR, this register is set to 0x0000.

Note: in case of burst (i.e. MEM_CNT≠0), this register specifies the first address of the burst transfer and will be incremented automatically as the burst goes (by 1 for 8-bit access and by 2 for 16-bit access).

Dogistov Namo	Address						В	it F	ield								
Register Name	Auuress	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
MEM_ADDR	0x05						MEM	_ADI	DR[1:	5:0]							

• **MEM_ADDR** : Memory or CPU-Register address to be used for the next read/write transfer.

2.3.3 MEM_DATA

This 16 bit read-write register gives (wr) or receive (rd) the Memory or CPU-Register data for the next transfer. After a POR, this register is set to 0x0000.

Dogistor Nomo	Address		Bit Field														
Register Name	Auuress	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
MEM_DATA	0x06						MEM	_DA	ΓA[15	5:0]							

• MEM DATA

: if MEM_CTL.WR - data to be written during the next write transfer.

if MEM_CTL.RD - updated with the data from the read transfer

2.3.4 MEM CNT

This 16 bit read-write register controls the burst access to the Memory or CPU-Registers. If set to 0, a single access will occur, otherwise, a burst will be performed. The burst being optimized for the communication interface, more details are given there. After a POR, this register is set to 0x0000.

Dogistov Namo	Addwaga						В	it F	ield								
Register Name	Address	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
MEM_CNT	0x07						MEN	1_CN	T[15	:0]							

• MEM CNT : =0 - a single access will be performed with the next transfer.

 $\neq 0$ - specifies the burst size for the next transfer (i.e number of data access). This field will be automatically decremented as the burst goes.

2.4 Hardware Breakpoint Unit Registers

Depending on the <u>defines</u> located in the "*openMSP430_defines.v*" file, up to four hardware breakpoint units can be included in the design. These units can be individually controlled with the following registers.

2.4.1 BRKx_CTL

This 8 bit read-write register controls the hardware breakpoint unit x. After a POR, this register is set to 0x00.

Dogistov Namo	Address					Bit Fiel	d		
Register Name	Audress	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
BRKx_CTL	0x08, 0x0C, 0x10, 0x14	Re	eserv	ed	RANGE_MODE	INST_EN	BREAK_EN	ACCE	SS_MODE

• **RANGE_MODE** : **0** - Address match on BRK_ADDR0 or BRK_ADDR1 (normal mode)

1 - Address match on BRK_ADDR0→BRK_ADDR1 range (range mode)

Note: range mode is not supported by the core unless the 'DBG_HWBRK_RANGE define is set to 1'b1 in the *openMSP430 define.v* file.

• **INST EN** : **0** - Checks are done on the execution unit (data flow).

1 - Checks are done on the frontend (instruction flow).

• **BREAK EN** : **0** - Watchpoint mode enable (don't stop on address match).

1 - Breakpoint mode enable (stop on address match).

• ACCESS MODE : 00 - Disabled

01 - Detect read access.

10 - Detect write access.

11 - Detect read/write access

Note: '10' & '11' modes are not supported on the instruction flow

2.4.2 BRKx STAT

This 8 bit read-write register gives the status of the hardware breakpoint unit x. Each status bit can be cleared by writing 1 to it. After a POR, this register is set to 0x00.

Dogistor Nome	Address					Bit Field			
Register Name	Address	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
BRKx_STAT	0x09, 0x0D, 0x11, 0x15	Rese	rved	RANGE_WR	RANGE_RD	ADDR1_WR	ADDR1_RD	ADDR0_WR	ADDR0_RD

- RANGE_WR: This bit is set whenever the CPU performs a write access within the BRKx_ADDR0→BRKx_ADDR1 range (valid if RANGE_MODE=1 and ACCESS_MODE[1]=1).
- RANGE_RD : This bit is set whenever the CPU performs a read access within the BRKx_ADDR0→BRKx_ADDR1 range (valid if RANGE_MODE=1 and ACCESS_MODE[0]=1).

Note: range mode is not supported by the core unless the 'DBG_HWBRK_RANGE define is set to 1'b1 in the *openMSP430 define.v* file.

• ADDR1_WR: This bit is set whenever the CPU performs a write access at the BRKx ADDR1 address (valid if RANGE MODE=0 and

ACCESS MODE[1]=1).

- ADDR1_RD : This bit is set whenever the CPU performs a read access at the BRKx_ADDR1 address (valid if RANGE_MODE=0 and ACCESS_MODE[0]=1).
- ADDR0_WR : This bit is set whenever the CPU performs a write access at the BRKx_ADDR0 address (valid if RANGE_MODE=0 and ACCESS_MODE[1]=1).
- ADDR0_RD : This bit is set whenever the CPU performs a read access at the BRKx_ADDR0 address (valid if RANGE_MODE=0 and ACCESS_MODE[0]=1).

2.4.3 BRKx_ADDR0

This 16 bit read-write register holds the value which is compared against the address value currently present on the program or data address bus. After a POR, this register is set to 0x0000.

Dogistor Namo	gister Name Address Bit Field																
Register Name	Audress	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
BRKx_ADDR0	0x0A, 0x0E, 0x12, 0x16					В	RK_Al	DDR	0[15	:0]							

• **BRK_ADDR0** : Value compared against the address value currently present on the program or data address bus.

2.4.4 BRKx_ADDR1

This 16 bit read-write register holds the value which is compared against the address value currently present on the program or data address bus. After a POR, this register is set to 0x0000.

Dogistov Nomo	Addresses						Bit	Fie	eld								
Register Name	Addresses	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
BRKx_ADDR1	0x0B, 0x0F, 0x13, 0x17					В	RK_AI	DDR	1[15:	:0]							

• **BRK_ADDR1** : Value compared against the address value currently present on the program or data address bus.

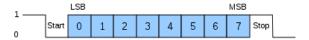
3. Debug Communication Interface: UART

With its UART interface, the openMSP430 debug unit can communicate with the host computer using a simple RS232 cable (connected to the dbg_uart_txd and dbg_uart_txd and dbg_uart_txd ports of the IP).

Typically, a <u>USB to RS232</u> or <u>USB to serial TTL</u> cable will provide a reliable communication link between your host PC and the openMSP430 (speed being typically limited by the cable length).

3.1 Serial communication protocol: 8N1

There are plenty tutorials on Internet regarding RS232 based protocols. However, here is quick recap about 8N1 (1 Start bit, 8 Data bits, No Parity, 1 Stop bit):

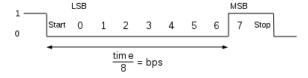


As you can see in the above diagram, data transmission starts with a Start bit, followed by the data bits (LSB sent first and MSB sent last), and ends with a "Stop" bit.

3.2 Synchronization frame

After a POR, the Serial Debug Interface expects a synchronization frame from the host computer in order to determine the communication speed (i.e. the baud rate).

The synchronization frame looks as following:



As you can see, the host simply sends the 0x80 value. The openMSP430 will then measure the time between the falling and rising edge, divide it by 8 and automatically deduce the baud rate it should use to properly communicate with the host.

Important note: if you want to change the communication speed between two debugging sessions, the Serial Debug Interface needs to go through a reset cycle (i.e. through the *reset n* or *dbg en* pins) and a new synchronization frame needs to be send.

3.3 Read/Write access to the debug registers

In order to perform a read / write access to a debug register, the host needs to send a command frame to the openMSP430.

In case of write access, this command frame will be followed by 1 or 2 data frames and in case of read access, the openMSP430 will send 1 or 2 data frames after receiving the command.

3.3.1 Command Frame

The command frame looks as following:



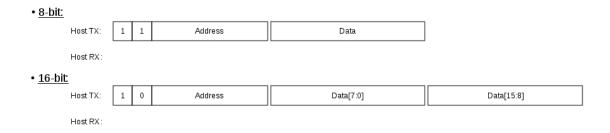
• **WR** : Perform a Write access when set. Read otherwise.

• **B/W** : Perform a 8-bit data access when set (one data frame). 16-bit otherwise (two data frame).

• Address: Debug register address.

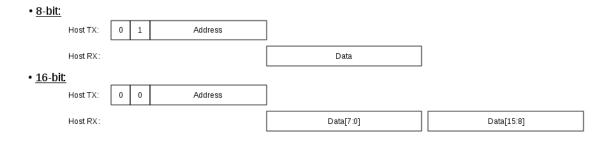
3.3.2 Write access

A write access transaction looks like this:



3.3.3 Read access

A read access transaction looks like this:



3.4 Read/Write burst implementation for the CPU Memory access

In order to optimize the data burst transactions for the UART, read/write access are not done by reading or writing the MEM DATA register.

Instead, the data transfer starts immediately after the MEM CTL.START bit has been set.

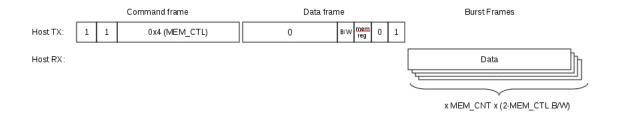
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A write burst transaction looks like this:



3.4.2 Read Burst access

A read burst transaction looks like this:



4. Debug Communication Interface: I2C

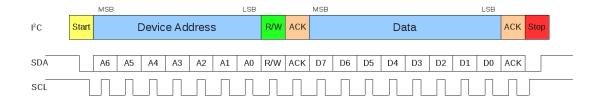
With its I2C interface, the openMSP430 debug unit can communicate with the host computer using an I2C adapter (connected to the <u>dbg_i2c_scl</u> and <u>dbg_i2c_sda_in/dbg_i2c_sda_out_ports</u> of the IP).

Currently, the <u>USB-ISS</u> adapter from Devantech (Robot Electronics) is supported by the software development tools and provides a reliable communication link between your host PC and the openMSP430.

4.1 I2C communication protocol

There are plenty tutorials on Internet regarding the I2C protocol (see the official <u>I2C specification</u> for more info).

A simple byte read or write frame looks as following:



4.2 Synchronization frame

Unlike the UART interface, the I2C is a synchronous communication protocol.

A synchronization frame is therefore not required.

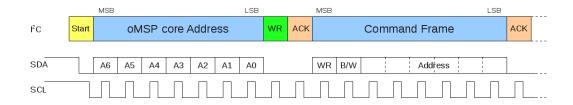
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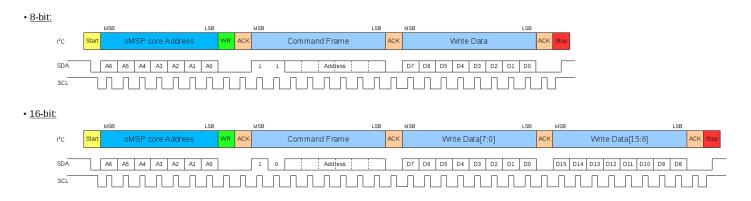
The command frame looks as following:



- **WR** : Perform a Write access when set. Read otherwise.
- **B/W** : Perform a 8-bit data access when set (one data frame). 16-bit otherwise (two data frame).
- Address : Debug register address.

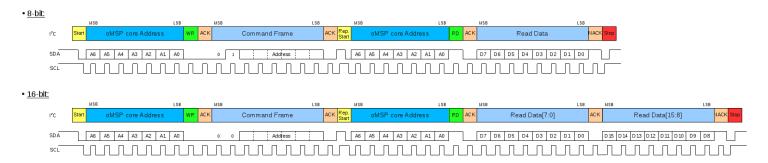
4.3.2 Write access

A write access transaction looks like this:



4.3.3 Read access

A read access transaction looks like this:



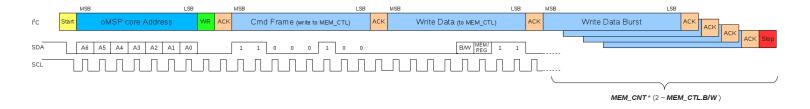
4.4 Read/Write burst implementation for the CPU Memory access

In order to optimize the data burst transactions for the I2C, read/write access are not done by reading or writing the MEM DATA register.

Instead, the data transfer starts immediately after the MEM CTL.START bit has been set.

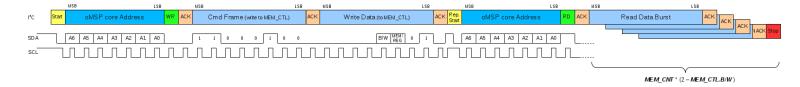
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A write burst transaction looks like this:



4.4.2 Read Burst access

A read burst transaction looks like this:



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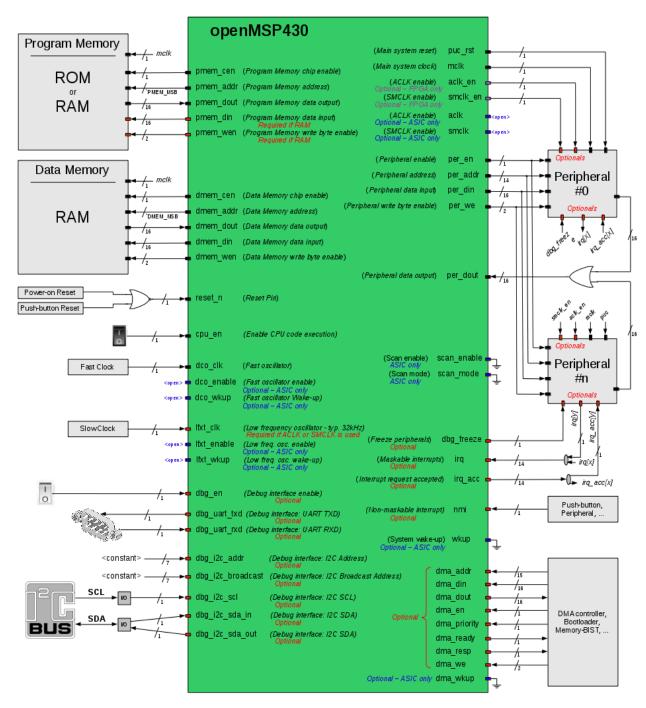
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1. Overview

This chapter aims to give a comprehensive description of all openMSP430 core interfaces in order to facilitate its integration within an ASIC or FPGA.

The following diagram shows an overview of the openMSP430 core connectivity in an FPGA system (i.e. all ASIC specific pins are left unused):



The full pinout of the core is summarized in the following table.

Port Name	Direc- tion	Width	Clock Domain	Description
			Clocks	
cpu_en	Input	1	<async> or mclk⁴</async>	Enable CPU code execution (asynchronous and non-glitchy). Set to 1 if unused.
dco_clk	Input	1	-	Fast oscillator (fast clock)
lfxt_clk	Input	1	-	Low frequency oscillator (typ. 32KHz) Set to 0 if unused.
mclk	Output	1	-	Main system clock
aclk_en	Output	1	mclk	FPGA ONLY: ACLK enable
smclk_en	Output	1	mclk	FPGA ONLY: SMCLK enable
dco_enable	Output	1	dco_clk	ASIC ONLY: Fast oscillator enable
dco_wkup	Output	1	<async></async>	ASIC ONLY: Fast oscillator wakeup (asynchronous)
lfxt_enable	Output	1	lfxt_clk	ASIC ONLY: Low frequency oscillator enable
lfxt_wkup	Output	1	<async></async>	ASIC ONLY: Low frequency oscillator wakeup (asynchronous)
aclk	Output	1	-	ASIC ONLY: ACLK
<u>smclk</u>	Output	1	-	ASIC ONLY: SMCLK
wkup	Input	1	<async></async>	ASIC ONLY: System Wake-up (asynchronous and non-glitchy) Set to 0 if unused.
			Resets	
puc_rst	Output	1	mclk	Main system reset
reset_n	Input	1	<async></async>	Reset Pin (active low, asynchronous and non-glitchy)

		Progran	n Memoi	ry interface
pmem_addr	Output	`PMEM_ AWIDT H ¹	mclk	Program Memory address
pmem_cen	Output	1	mclk	Program Memory chip enable (low active)
pmem_din	Output	16	mclk	Program Memory data input (optional ²)
pmem_dout	Input	16	mclk	Program Memory data output
pmem_wen	Output	2	mclk	Program Memory write byte enable (low active) (optional ²)
		Data .	Memory	interface
dmem_addr	Output	`DMEM AWIDT H ¹	mclk	Data Memory address
dmem_cen	Output	1	mclk	Data Memory chip enable (low active)
dmem_din	Output	16	mclk	Data Memory data input
dmem_dout	Input	16	mclk	Data Memory data output
dmem_wen	Output	2	mclk	Data Memory write byte enable (low active)
		External	Peripher	rals interface
per_addr	Output	14	mclk	Peripheral address
per_din	Output	16	mclk	Peripheral data input
per_dout	Input	16	mclk	Peripheral data output
per_en	Output	1	mclk	Peripheral enable (high active)
per_we	Output	2	mclk	Peripheral write byte enable (high active)
		Direct Me	mory Ac	cess interface
dma_addr	Input	15	mclk	Direct Memory Access address
dma_din	Input	16	mclk	Direct Memory Access data input

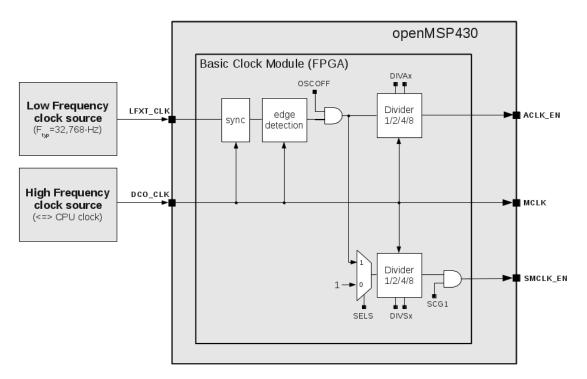
dma_dout	Output	16	mclk	Direct Memory Access data output
dma_en	Input	1	mclk	Direct Memory Access enable (high active)
dma_priority	Input	1	mclk	Direct Memory Access (0:low / 1:high)
dma_ready	Output	1	mclk	Direct Memory Access is complete
dma_resp	Output	1	mclk	Direct Memory Access (0:Okay / 1:Error)
dma_we	Input	2	mclk	Direct Memory Access write byte enable (high active)
dma_wkup	Input	1	<async></async>	ASIC ONLY: DMA Wake-up (asynchronous and non-glitchy)
			Interrup	ts
irq	Input	`IRQ_N R-2 ¹	mclk	Maskable interrupts (one-hot signal)
<u>nmi</u>	Input	1	<async> or mclk⁴</async>	Non-maskable interrupt (asynchronous)
irq_acc	Output	`IRQ_N R-2 ¹	mclk	Interrupt request accepted (one-hot signal)
		Seria	l Debug i	nterface
dbg_en	Input	1	<async> or mclk⁴</async>	Debug interface enable (asynchronous) ³
dbg_freeze	Output	1	mclk	Freeze peripherals
dbg_uart_txd	Output	1	mclk	Debug interface: UART TXD
dbg_uart_rxd	Input	1	<async></async>	Debug interface: UART RXD (asynchronous)
dbg_i2c_addr	Input	7	mclk	Debug interface: I2C Address
dbg_i2c_broadcast	Input	7	mclk	Debug interface: I2C Broadcast Address (for multicore only)
dbg_i2c_scl	Input	1	<async></async>	Debug interface: I2C SCL
dbg_i2c_sda_in	Input	1	<async></async>	Debug interface: I2C SDA input

dbg_i2c_sda_out	Output	1	mclk	Debug interface: I2C SDA output
			Scan	
scan_enable	Input	1	dco_clk	ASIC ONLY: Scyn enable (active during scan shifting)
scan_mode	Input	1	<stable></stable>	ASIC ONLY: Scan mode

^{1:} This parameter is declared in the *openMSP430_defines.v* file and defines the RAM/ROM size or the number of interrupts vectors (16, 32 or 64).

2. Clocks

The different clocks in the design are managed by the Basic Clock Module as following in the FPGA configuration:

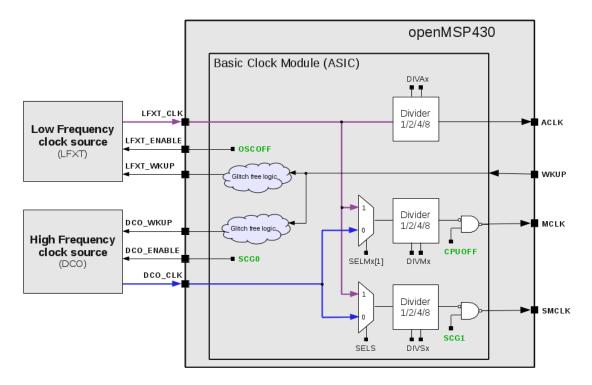


²: These two optional ports can be connected whenever the program memory is a RAM. This will allow the user to load a program through the serial debug interface and to use software breakpoints.

³: When disabled, the debug interface is hold into reset (and clock gated in ASIC mode). As a consequence, the *dbg_en* port can be used to reset the debug interface without disrupting the CPU execution.

⁴: Clock domain is selectable through configuration in the *openMSP430_defines.v* file (see Advanced System Configuration).

or as following in the ASIC configuration:

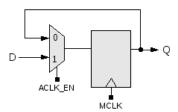


- **CPU_EN:** this input port provides a hardware mean to stop or resume CPU execution. When unused, this port should be set to 1.
- DCO_CLK: this input port is typically connected to a PLL, RC oscillator or any clock resource the target FPGA/ASIC might provide.

 From a synthesis tool perspective (ISE, Quartus, Libero, Design Compiler...), this the only port where a clock needs to be declared.
- LFXT_CLK: in an FPGA system, if ACLK_EN or SMCLK_EN are going to be used in the project (for example through the Watchdog or TimerA peripherals), then this port needs to be connected to a clock running at least two time slower as DCO_CLK (typically 32kHz). It can be connected to 0 or 1 otherwise. In an ASIC, if ACLK or SMCLK are used and if the clock muxes are included, then this port can be connected to any kind of clock source (it doesn't need to be low-frequency. The name was just kept to be consistent with TI's documentation).
- MCLK: the main system clock drives the complete openMSP430 clock domain, including program/data memories and the peripheral interfaces.

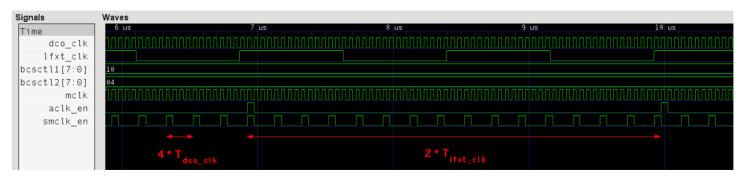
• ACLK_EN / SMCLK_EN: these two clock enable signals can be used in order to emulate the original ACLK and SMCLK from the MSP430 specification when the core is targeting an FPGA.

An example of this can be found in the Watchdog and TimerA modules, where it is implemented as following:



- ACLK / SMCLK: ACLK and MCLK are available through these two ports when targeting an ASIC.
- DCO_ENABLE / DCO_WKUP: ASIC specific signals controlling the fast clock generator for low power mode support (SCG0 bit in the status register).
- LFXT_ENABLE / LFXT_WKUP: ASIC specific signals controlling the low frequency clock generator for low power mode support (OSCOFF bit in the status register).
- **WKUP**: When activated, this signal allows a peripheral to restore all CPU clocks (i.e. wakeup the cpu) prior IRQ generation. Note that IRQs MUST always be generated from the MCLK clock domain.

As an FPGA system illustration, the following waveform shows the different clocks where the software running on the openMSP430 configures the BCSCTL1 and BCSCTL2 registers so that $ACLK_EN$ and $SMCLK_EN$ are respectively running at $LFXT_CLK/2$ and $DCO_CLK/4$.



3. Resets

- **RESET_N**: this input port is typically connected to a board push button and is generally combined with the system power-on-reset.
- **PUC_RST**: the Power-Up-Clear signal is asynchronously set with the reset pin (*RESET_N*), the watchdog reset or the serial debug interface reset. In order to get clean timings, it is synchronously cleared with MCLK. As a general rule, this signal should be used as the reset of the *MCLK* clock domain.

The following waveform illustrates this:



4. Program Memory

Depending on the project needs, the program memory can be either implemented as a ROM or RAM.

If a ROM is selected then the *PMEM_DIN* and *PMEM_WEN* ports won't be connected. In that case, the software debug capabilities are limited because the serial debug interface can only use hardware breakpoints in order to stop the program execution. In addition, updating the software will require a reprogramming of the FPGA... or a new ROM mask for an ASIC.

If the program memory is a RAM, the developer gets full flexibility regarding software debugging. The serial debug interface can be used to update the program memory and software breakpoints can be used.

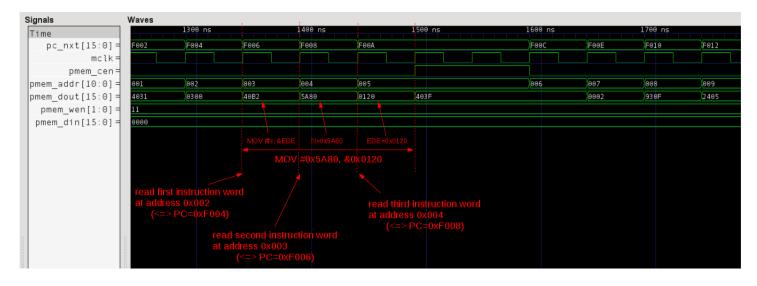
That said, the protocol between the openMSP430 and the program memory is quite standard. Signal description goes as following:

- **PMEM_CEN**: when this signal is active, the read/write access will be executed with the next *MCLK* rising edge. Note that this signal is LOW ACTIVE.
- **PMEM_ADDR**: Memory address of the 16 bit word which is going to be accessed.

Note: in order to calculate the core logical address from the program memory physical address, the formula goes as following: LOGICAL@=2*PHYSICAL@+0x10000-PMEM SIZE

- **PMEM_DOUT**: the memory output word will be updated with every valid read/write access (i.e. *PMEM_DOUT* is not updated if *PMEM_CEN*=1).
- PMEM_WEN: this signal selects which byte should be written during a valid access. PMEM_WEN[0] will activate a write on the lower byte, PMEM_WEN[1] a write on the upper byte. Note that these signals are LOW ACTIVE.
- **PMEM_DIN**: the memory input word will be written with the valid write access according to the *PMEM_WEN* value.

The following waveform illustrates some read accesses of the program memory (write access are illustrated in the data memory section):



5. Data Memory

The data memory is always implemented as a RAM.

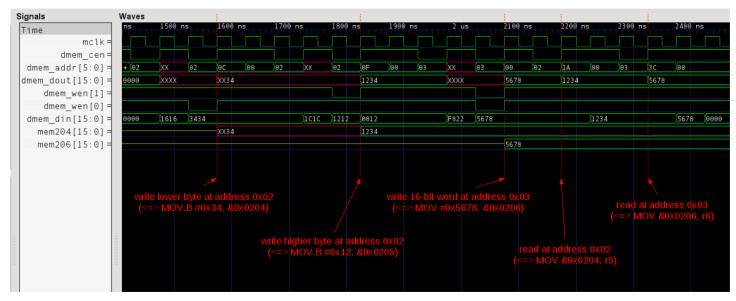
The protocol between the openMSP430 and the data memory is the same as the one of the program memory. Therefore, the signal description is the same:

- **DMEM_CEN**: when this signal is active, the read/write access will be executed with the next *MCLK* rising edge. Note that this signal is LOW ACTIVE.
- DMEM_ADDR: Memory address of the 16 bit word which is going to be accessed.

Note: in order to calculate the core logical address from the data memory physical address, the formula goes as following: LOGICAL@=2*PHYSICAL@+0x200

- **DMEM_DOUT**: the memory output word will be updated with every valid read/write access (i.e. *DMEM DOUT* is not updated if *DMEM CEN*=1).
- DMEM_WEN: this signal selects which byte should be written during a valid access. DMEM_WEN[0] will activate a write on the lower byte, DMEM_WEN[1] a write on the upper byte. Note that these signals are LOW ACTIVE.
- **DMEM_DIN**: the memory input word will be written with the valid write access according to the *DMEM WEN* value.

The following waveform illustrates some read/write access to the data memory:



6. Peripherals

The protocol between the openMSP430 core and its peripherals is the exactly same as the one with the data and program memories in regard to write access and differs slightly for read access.

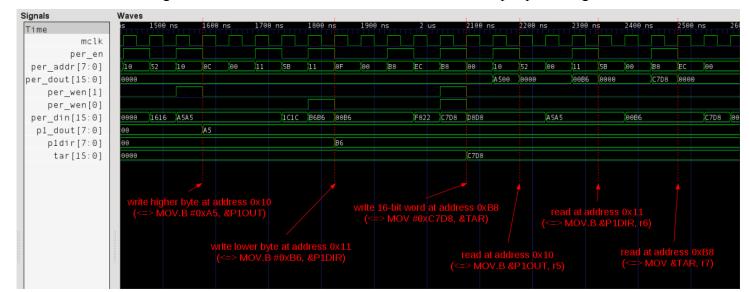
On the connectivity side, the specificity is that the read data bus of all peripherals should be ORed together before being connected to the core, as showed in the diagram of the Overview section.

From the logical point of view, during a read access, each peripheral outputs the combinatorial value of its read mux and returns 0 if it doesn't contain the addressed register. On the waveforms, this translates by seeing the register value on *PER_DOUT* while *PER_EN* is valid and not one clock cycle afterward as it is the case with the program and data memories.

In any case, it is recommended to use the templates provided with the core in order to develop your own custom peripherals.

The signal description therefore goes as following:

- **PER_EN**: when this signal is active, read access are executed during the current *MCLK* cycle while write access will be executed with the next *MCLK* rising edge. Note that this signal is HIGH ACTIVE.
- PER_ADDR: peripheral register address of the 16 bit word which is going to be accessed. It is to be noted that a 14 bit address will always be provided from the openMSP430 to the peripheral in order to accommodate the biggest possible PER_SIZE Verilog configuration option (i.e. 32kB as opposed to 512B by default).
 - **Note:** in order to calculate the core logical address from the peripheral register physical address, the formula goes as following: *LOGICAL*@=2**PHYSICAL*@
- **PER_DOUT**: the peripheral output word will be updated with every valid read/write access, it will be set to 0 otherwise.
- PER_WE: this signal selects which byte should be written during a valid access. PER_WE[0] will activate a write on the lower byte, PER_WE[1] a write on the upper byte. Note that these signals are HIGH ACTIVE.
- **PER_DIN**: the peripheral input word will be written with the valid write access according to the *PER_WE* value.



The following waveform illustrates some read/write access to the peripheral registers:

7. Direct Memory Access Interface

Before moving on, please note that further details about the DMA interface can be found in its dedicated section.

The protocol between the DMA interface master (DMA controller, bootloader, ...) and the openMSP430 core is similar to the one followed between the openMSP430 and its data memory.

However, it comes with a few additional features to support wait states, error response, priority and wakeup (for LPMx modes).

The signal description goes as following:

- **DMA_EN**: this signal enables a DMA transfer and can be released once the transfer is completed, as signaled by DMA_READY.
- **DMA_ADDR**: Logical address of the 16bit word currently accessed by the interface. The address must stay valid until the transfer is completed, as signaled by DMA READY.

Note: the integrated oMSP memory backbone module decode the specified **logical** DMA address and maps it accordingly to the **physical** address of the Program, Data or Peripheral memory.

• **DMA_DOUT**: When performing a read acces, the DMA data output is valid during the MCLK cycle immediately following the end of the transfer, as signaled by DMA_READY.

- **DMA_WE**: This signal, asserted together with DMA_EN, allows to selects which byte should be written during the transfer. DMA_WE[0] activates a write on the lower byte, DMA_WE[1] a write on the upper byte.
- **DMA_DIN**: When performing a write access, the DMA data input must stay valid until the transfer is completed, as signaled by DMA ready.
- **DMA_PRIORITY**: When **SET**, the oMSP memory backbone gives highest priority to the DMA transfer and stops CPU execution.

When **CLEARED**, the oMSP memory backbone gives highest priority to CPU execution and the DMA transfer is completed only when the CPU doesn't access the targeted ressource (pmem, dmem or peripheral).

Note: a DMA controller can control the DMA data rate without stalling the CPU by dynamically asserting/deasserting the DMA_PRIORITY port between transfers.

- DMA_READY: This port signals that the current DMA transfer is completed.

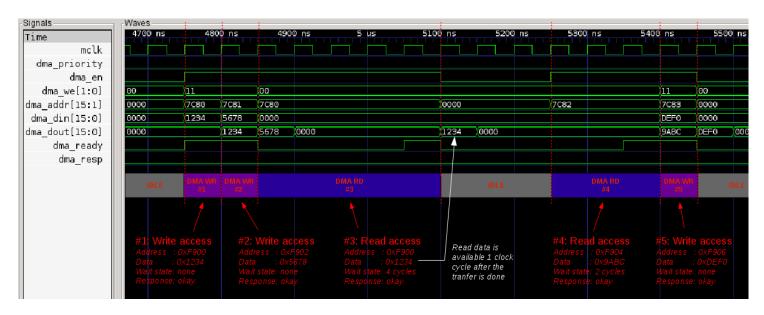
 Note: DMA_READY is typically hold low when the CPU owns the interface of the target ressource.
- **DMA_RESP**: This port signals if the current transfer was successful (0) or if an error occured (1) and is valid together with DMA READY.

Note: an error is typically signaled when an access is performed outside of any memory mapped area (for example between Program and Data memory).

• **DMA_WKUP**: For ASIC implementations supporting the Low-Power-Modes, this port is used to asynchronously restore the clocks before performing a DMA transfer.

Note: it is possible to control which clocks are restored during a DMA wakeup using the **BCSTL1** register of the Basic Clock Module.

The following waveform illustrates some read/write access using the DMA interface:



8. Interrupts

As with the original MSP430, the interrupt priorities of the openMSP430 are fixed in hardware accordingly to the connectivity of the *NMI* and *IRQ* ports.

If two interrupts are pending simultaneously, the higher priority interrupt will be serviced first.

The following table summarize this:

Interrupt Port	Vector address	Priority	
RESET_N	0xFFFE	15 (highest)	
NMI	0xFFFC	14	
IRQ[13]	0xFFFA	13	
IRQ[12]	0xFFF8	12	
IRQ[11]	0xFFF6	11	
IRQ[10]	0xFFF4	10	
IRQ[9]	0xFFF2	9	
IRQ[8]	0xFFF0	8	
IRQ[7]	0xFFEE	7	
IRQ[6]	0xFFEC	6	
IRQ[5]	0xFFEA	5	
IRQ[4]	0xFFE8	4	
IRQ[3]	0xFFE6	3	
IRQ[2]	0xFFE4	2	
IRQ[1]	0xFFE2	1	
IRQ[0]	0xFFE0	0 (lowest)	

The signal description goes as following:

- NMI: The Non-Maskable Interrupt has higher priority than other IRQs and is masked by the NMIIE bit instead of GIE.

 It is internally synchronized to the *MCLK* domain and can therefore be connected to any asynchronous signal of the chip (which could for example be a pin of the FPGA). If unused, this signal should be connected to 0.
- **IRQ**: The standard interrupts can be connected to any signal coming from the *MCLK* domain (typically a peripheral). Priorities can be chosen by selecting the proper bit of the *IRQ* bus as shown in the table above. Unused interrupts should be

connected to 0.

Note: *IRQ[10]* is internally connected to the Watchdog interrupt. If this bit is also used by an external peripheral, they will both share the same interrupt vector.

• IRQ_ACC: Whenever an interrupt request is serviced, some peripheral automatically clear their pending flag in hardware. In order to do so, the IRQ_ACC bus can be used by using the bit matching the corresponding IRQ bit. An example of this is shown in the implementation of the TACCR0 Timer A interrupt.

The following waveform illustrates a TAIV interrupt issued by the Timer-A, which is connected to *IRQ[8]*:



9. Serial Debug Interface

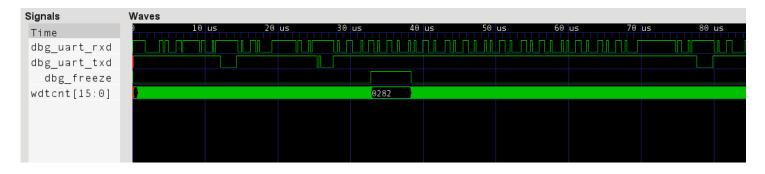
The serial debug interface module provides a two-wires communication bus for remote debugging and an additional freeze signal which might be useful for some peripherals (typically timers).

- **DBG_EN:** this signal allows the user to enable or disable the serial debug interface without interfering with the CPU execution. It is to be noted that when disabled (i.e. DBG_EN=0), the debug interface is held into reset.
- **DBG_FREEZE**: this signal will be set whenever the debug interface stops the CPU (and if the *FRZ_BRK_EN* field of the <u>CPU_CTL</u> debug register is set). As its name implies, the purpose of *DBG_FREEZE* is to freeze a peripheral whenever the CPU is stopped by the software debugger. For example, it is used by the Watchdog timer in order to stop its free-running counter. This prevents the CPU from being reseted by the watchdog every times the user stops the CPU during a debugging session.

9.1 UART Configuration

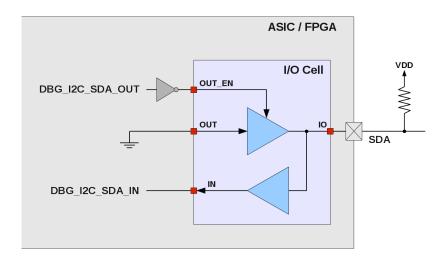
 DBG_UART_TXD / DBG_UART_RXD: these signals are typically connected to an RS-232 transceiver and will allow a PC to communicate with the openMSP430 core.

The following waveform shows some communication traffic on the serial bus:

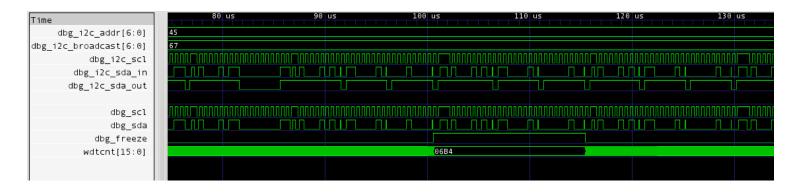


9.2 I2C Configuration

- **DBG_I2C_ADDR**: I2C Device address of the oMSP core (between 8 and 119). In a multi-core configuration, each core has its own address.
- **DBG_I2C_BROADCAST**: I2C Device broadcast address of the oMSP core (between 8 and 119). In a multi-core configuration, all cores have the same broadcast address.
- **DBG_I2C_SCL**: I2C bus clock input (SCL).
- DBG_I2C_SDA_OUT / DBG_I2C_SDA_IN: these signals are connected to the SDA I/O cell as following:



The following waveform shows some communication traffic on the I2C bus:



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1. Introduction

This section covers specific points of the openMSP430 **ASIC** implementation, in particular:

- The ASIC specific RTL configuration options.
- Some DFT considerations.
- A description of each ASIC sensitive module.

Keep in mind that as no exotic design technique were used in the openMSP430, following a standard implementation flow from Synthesis to P&R is the best way to go.

2. RTL Configuration

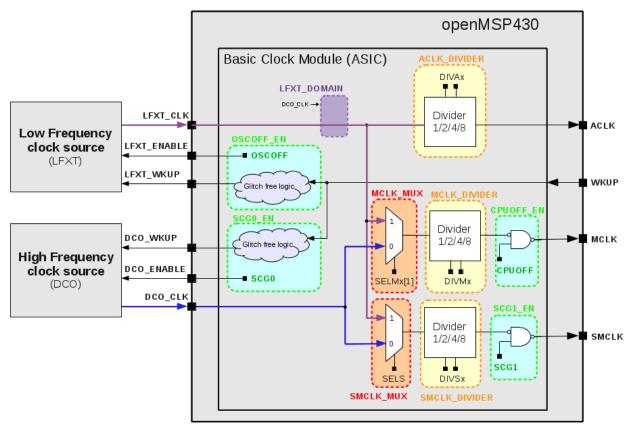
Whenever the "'define ASIC" statement of the <u>Expert System Configuration</u> section is uncommented, all ASIC specific configuration options are enabled.

2.1 Basic Clock Module

In its ASIC configuration, the Basic clock module of the openMSP430 can support up to all features described in the MSP430x1xx Family User's Guide (Chapter 4).

In particular, the *ASIC_CLOCKING* option activates all advancd clocking options (note that formal equivalence with the FPGA version is achieved by commenting this option out):

All these advanced clocking options are highlighted in the following diagram and discussed below:



2.1.1 Low-Frequency Clock Domain

The LFXT clock domain can be enabled thanks to the following configuration option:

Note 1: When commented-out:

- ACLK is running on DCO CLK
- MCLK MUX and SMCLK MUX options are not supported
- OSCOFF EN low power mode is not supported

Note 2: Unlike its name suggest, there is no frequency limitation on *LFXT_CLK*. The name was simply kept in order to be consistent with the original MSP430 documentation, where *LFXT_CLK* is typically connected to a 32 kHz crystal oscillator.

2.1.2 Clock Muxes

The MCLK and SMCLK clock muxes can be enabled or disabled with the following options:

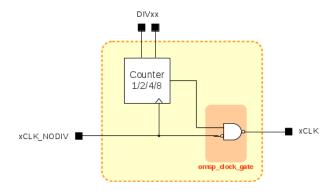
Note 1: When a MUX is excluded, the concerned clock (MCLK and/or SMCLK) is running with DCO CLK.

Note 2: If a MUX is included, the implementation and sign-off tools (in particular CTS and STA) must be aware that a new clock needs to be defined on the MUX output.

2.1.3 Clock Dividers

The MCLK, SMCLK and ACLK clock dividers can be enabled or disabled with the following options:

The clock dividers instantiate a clock gate on the clock tree and are implemented as following:



2.1.4 Low-Power Modes

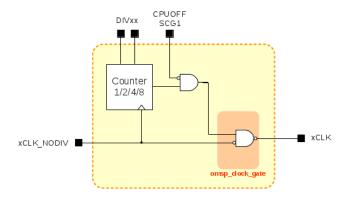
2.1.4.1 Internal clocks (MCLK/SMCLK)

Two bit fields in the status register (R2) allow to control the system clocks:

- **CPUOFF** allows to switch-off *MCLK*
- SCG1 allows to switch-off SMCLK

These control bits are supported by the openMSP430 and can be included in the design with the following defines:

In order to keep the clock tree as flat as possible, the CPUOFF and SCG1 low power options share the same clock gate with the clock divider:



2.1.4.2 Clock oscillators (DCO CLK/LFXT CLK)

There are two bit fields in the status register (R2) allowing to control the clock oscillators:

- SCG0 allows to switch-off the DCO oscillator
- **OSCOFF** allows to switch-off the LFXT oscillator

These control bits are supported by the openMSP430 and can be included in the design with the following defines:

```
// LOW POWER MODES
// LOW POWER MODE: SCG0
//-----
// When uncommented, this define will enable the
// DCO_ENABLE/WKUP port control (always 1 when commented).
// This allows to switch off the DCO oscillator in the
// following low power modes: LPM1, LPM3, LPM4
`define SCGO_EN
// LOW POWER MODE: OSCOFF
// When uncommented, this define will include the
// LFXT_CLK clock gate and enable the LFXT_ENABLE/WKUP
// port control (always 1 when commented).
// This allows to switch off the low frequency oscillator
// in the following low power modes: LPM4
`define OSCOFF_EN
```

The control logic of both DCO and LFXT oscillators is identical.

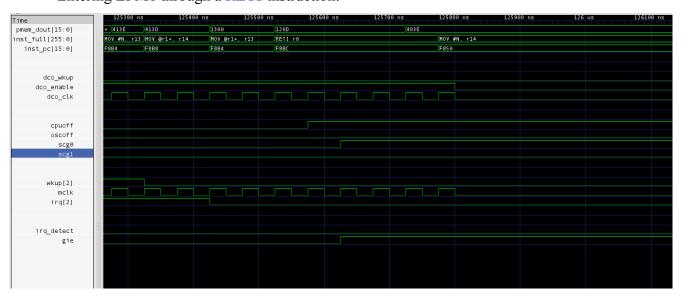
When disabled, the *_WKUP signal is used to asynchronously wake up the oscillator. Once the oscillator is awake (and therefore a clock is available), the *_ENABLE signal will take over and synchronously keep the oscillator enabled until the CPU clears the SCG0 or OSCOFF bit again.

The following two waveforms illustrate the CPU entering the LPM1 mode, and in particular the DCO oscillator being switched-off:

• Entering LPM1 through a *BIS #N*, *R2* instruction:

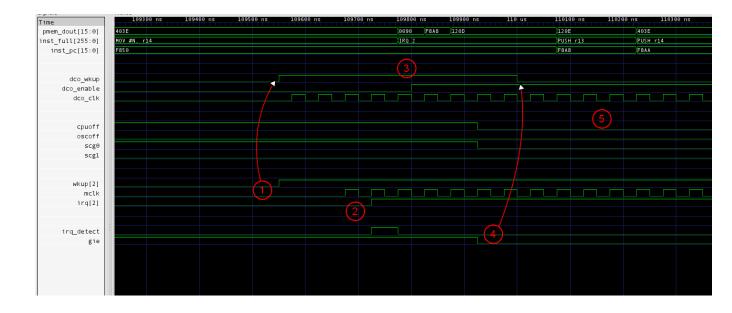


• Entering LPM1 through a *RETI* instruction:



Note: the DCO oscillator is enabled until the BIS and RETI instruction are fully executed (i.e. until the CPU state machines reach their IDLE state).

At last, this waveform shows the CPU going out of LPM1 mode and in particular the DCO oscillator wake-up sequence:



In order to wake-up the CPU from ANY low power mode, the system **MUST ALWAYS** go through the following chain of events (as illustrated in the previous waveform):

- 1. The peripheral (for example a timer) asserts the *WKUP* input of the openMSP430 in order to asynchronously restore the clocks. At this stage, *DCO_WKUP* is activated and *DCO_ENABLE* is still cleared.
- 2. Once MCLK is available, the peripheral generates a synchronous IRQ signal in order to re-activate the CPU state machines.
- 3. The CPU state machines activated, *DCO_ENABLE* is synchronously set.
- 4. When the global interrupt enable flag (GIE) is cleared, **DCO_WKUP** is released two clock cycles later (i.e. same behavior as a reset synchronizer).
 - Important note: the peripheral should release the *WKUP* input when its interrupt pending flag is cleared. Otherwise the *DCO_WKUP* signal will be set again as soon as the GIE flag is restored by the RETI instruction... which is probably not the intended behavior:-P
- 5. The DCO oscillator is now enabled until SCG0 is set again.

2.2 Other configuration options

2.2.1 Fine Grained Clock Gating

Nowadays, all synthesis tools support automatic (fine grained) clock gating insertion. However, as some design houses still prefer to have the clock gates directly instantiated in the RTL, there is the possibility to include the 'manual' fine grained clock gates in the design with the following define:

2.2.2 Watchdog Clock Mux

The watchdog clock mux allows to select between *ACLK* and *SMCLK*. It can be enabled or disabled with the **WATCHDOG_MUX** define.

When excluded, the additional **WATCHDOG_NOMUX_ACLK** option allows the user to decide if the watchdog clock should be hard-wired to *ACLK* (if uncommented) or *SMCLK* (if commented-out)

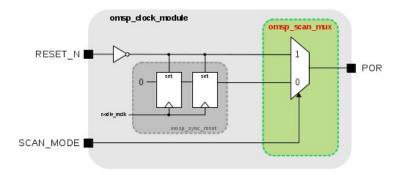
3. DFT Considerations

The openMSP430 is designed to be fully scan friendly. During production, the ATE controls the core through the *scan_mode* and *scan_enable* signals. The *scan_mode* port is always asserted during scan testing and is used to switch between functional and scan mode.

3.1 Resets

When in scan mode (i.e. *scan_mode* input port is set), **ALL** internal resets of the openMSP430 are connected the *reset n* input port.

Taking the **POR** generation as an example, it is implemented using the **omsp_scan_mux** module as following:

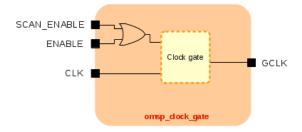


3.2 Clock Gates

When in scan mode (i.e. *scan_mode* input port is set), **ALL** clock gates instantiated in the design must be enabled during scan shifting. This is can be achieved by setting the *scan_enable* input port during the shift phase.

On the other hand, during the capture phase, the *scan_enable* port must be cleared in order to restore the functional behavior of the clock gate.

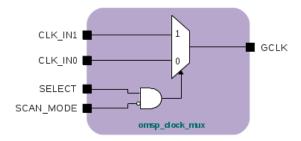
This feature is implemented in the **omsp clock gate** module as following:



3.3 Clock Muxes

When in scan mode (i.e. *scan_mode* input port is set), the *MCLK* and *SMCLK* clock muxes are both running on *DCO_CLK*. The watchdog mux is running *SMCLK* (i.e. DCO_CLK).

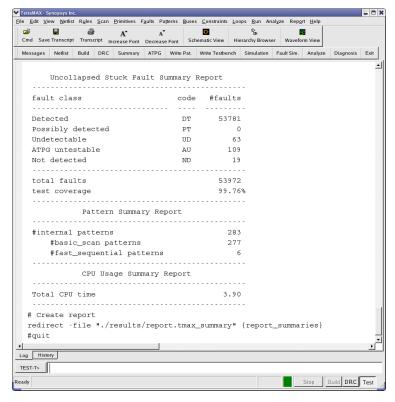
This feature is implemented in the **omsp clock mux** module as following:



<u>Note:</u> if the LFXT clock domain is enabled, the *LFXT_CLK* input port should also be connected to the scan clock when in scan mode.

3.4 Coverage

After synthesizing the openMSP430 in its maximum configuration (in particular with ALL clock domains available and ALL clock muxes included), the core reaches **99.7%** stuck-at fault coverage:



4. Sensitive Modules

ALL modules discussed in this section have a simple and well defined functionality but nonetheless lay on sensitive parts of the design (clock tree, wake-up path, ...).

In the industry, it is common place for companies to have policies recommending designers to use textbook structures or specific standard cells when implementing circuits considered as 'sensitive'.

This section will hopefully help to quickly identify these 'sensitive' circuits and adapt them to your requirements if necessary.

4.1 AND Gate (omsp_and_gate.v)

This module implements a simple AND2 gate and is instantiated several times on the wake-up paths in order to ensure a glitch free generation of the wake-up signals. The idea behind this block is to prevent the synthesis tool from optimizing the combinatorial wake-up path and potentially generate a glitchy logic.

There are three different ways to handle this block:

- 1. Do nothing
- 2. Modify the RTL by directly instantiating an AND2 cell from the target library and applying a *don't touch* or *size only* attribute on it before proceeding to the synthesis compile step
- 3. Keep the RTL unchanged and when running synthesis, first compile this module separately before going to the top down compile (don't forget the *don't touch* or *size only* attribute)

Note that the first option is actually acceptable because in low power mode, there are no clocks available, which means no glitch... However, in active mode, the wake-up line could see a lot of glitches, which is functionally not a problem (since the core is awake anyway) but could be considered as not really elegant...

4.2 Clock Gate (omsp_clock_gate.v)

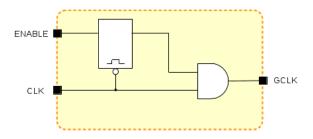
Almost every company has a different policy for handling clock gates. Therefore, this module is probably the most likely to be modified.

So here are the facts:

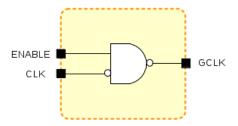
- There are only rising edge flip-flop in the design¹
 → as a consequence clock gates can indifferently park the clock high or low without affecting functionality.
- The enable signal of ALL clock gates in the openMSP430 are generated with the rising edge of the clock
 - → this leaves the door open for both LATCH and NAND2 based clock gates.

As a consequence, you can feel free to use:

• A LATCH based clock gate. For example:



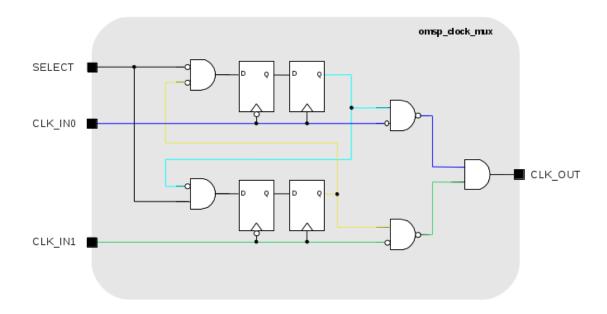
• Or a NAND2 based clock gate:



^{1:} beside for the DCO_ENABLE and LFXT_ENABLE signals and the clock MUXes. However, these can be safely ignored

4.3 Clock Mux (omsp_clock_mux.v)

The clock muxes of the openMSP430 are implemented as following:



In order to make this implementation 100% bullet proof, the RTL could be modified by manually instantiating the NAND2 and AND2 cells directly from the target library (with the associated *don't touch* or *size only* attributes of course).

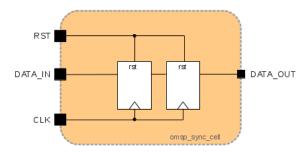
However, if you decide to compile this module as it is, the synthesis tool should normally be smart enough and not mess it up (but PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE double check manually the resulting gate netlist).

4.4 Scan Mux (omsp_scan_mux.v)

As illustrated in the section 3.1, the scan mux cell allows **ALL** internal resets to be controllable with the *reset_n* input port in scan mode. In addition, the scan mux is also used by the *omsp_wakeup_cell* (see section 4.7 below).

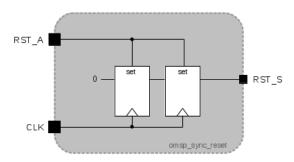
4.5 Sync Cell (omsp_sync_cell.v)

The following synchronization cell is instantiated on all clock domain crossing data paths:



4.6 Sync Reset (omsp_sync_reset.v)

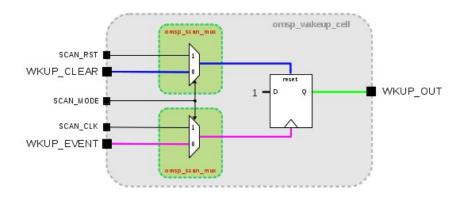
Internal resets are generated using the following standard reset synchronizer:



4.7 Wakeup Cell (omsp_wakeup_cell.v)

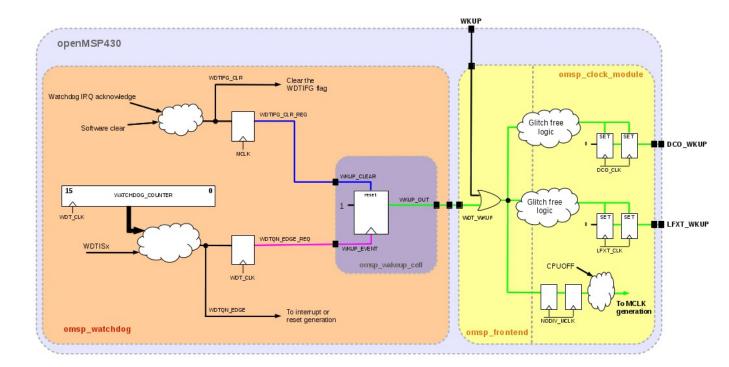
The wakeup cell is the most unconventional module of the openMSP430 design as it contains a flip-flop whose clock and reset are both coming from a data path. In the openMSP430 core, it is instantiated a single time in the watchdog timer but can also be reused in external custom peripherals.

The implementation of the block looks as following:



The basic idea here is simply to set the WKUP_OUT signal with a rising edge on the WKUP_EVENT port, and clear it when WKUP_CLEAR is active (i.e. level sensitive clear).

In order to give a better perspective from a system point of view, the following diagram shows how the wakeup cell has been used in the particular case of the watchdog timer (note that WDTIFG_CLR_REG and WDTQN_EDGE_REG are both output of a flip-flop and therefore glitch-free):



<u>Note:</u> Wake-up signals can of course be generated in a different way as long as they directly come from a flip-flop (or are certified to be non-glitchy). For example a simple handshake between the WDT_CLK and MCLK clock domains could have been used to clear the WDT_WKUP signal in a fully synchronous manner. However, it is to be noted that this handshake would introduce some synchronization delay, which might not be negligible if MCLK and WDT_CLK frequencies are orders of magnitude apart (i.e. several MHz for MCLK and 32kHz for WDT_CLK). As getting the oscillators back to sleep as fast as possible might prove to be extremely important for low-power designs, this asynchronous solution was selected for the *omsp_watchdog* implementation.

Area and Speed Analysis

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Warning: the results presented here might vary depending on the tool versions, applied timing constraints and exact configuration of the openMSP430 core.

The FPGA results were obtained using the free tool versions provided by the vendors (i.e ISE 11.1, QuartusII 9.1 & Libero 8.5).

The ASIC synthesis was run with Synopsys Design Compiler 2007.12 (without dc_ultra or any special feature).

1. Overview

1.1 FPGAs

		Utilization				
Manu- facturer	Devices	Info	Basic Config. (Core + Watchdog)	Hardware Multiplier	With debug interface (Software breakpoints)	Additional Hardware breakpoint unit
Xilinx	Spartan 3 Spartan 3E Spartan 3A Spartan 3A DSP Virtex 4	4-inputs LUTs	1 620	+ 200	+ 520	+ 80
	Spartan 6 Virtex 5 Virtex 6	6-inputs LUTs	1 240	+ 150	+ 350	+ 70
Altera	Cyclone II Cyclone III Cyclone IV GX Stratix	LEs	1 550	+ 210	+ 480	+ 110
	Arria GX Arria II GX Stratix II Stratix III	ALUTs	1 030	+ 115	+ 380	+ 90
Actel	ProASIC3E ProASIC3L ProASIC3 Fusion IGLOOe	Tiles	3 550	+ 1 060	+ 1 200	+ 220
-	-	Registers	470	+ 75	+ 140	+ 45

Speed (in MHz, min and max values across all speed grades) **Basic Configuration** With debug (Core + Watchdog + HW Manufacturer **Devices** interface Multiplier) Spartan 3 Spartan 3E Spartan 3A 30 - 40 25 - 35 Spartan 3A **DSP Xilinx** 40 - 65 **35 - 60** Spartan 6 Virtex 4 **50 - 70** 45 - 60 **75 - 100** Virtex 5 65 - 85 90 - 115 **75 - 100** Virtex 6 Cyclone II 35 - 45 30 - 45 Cyclone III 40 - 55 35 - 50 Cyclone IV GX Altera Arria II GX **65 - 85** 60 - 80 **Stratix II** 55 - 75 **50 - 65** 75 - 95 70 - 90 **Stratix III ProASIC3E** ProASIC3L Actel **ProASIC3** 15 - 25 15 - 25 Fusion **IGLOOe**

1.2 ASICs

		Area				
Process	Target Frequency	Info	Basic Config. (Core + Watchdog)	Hardware Multiplier	With debug interface (Software breakpoints)	Additional Hardware breakpoint unit
180 nm	50 MHz	kGates	8	+ 2.5	+ 2	+ 0.8
	100 MHz	kGates	10	+ 4.4	+ 2	+ 1.2

2. Detailed results

Detailed results can be found in the PDF documentation (see the online <u>download</u> section).

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Software Development Tools

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1. Introduction

Building on the serial debug interface capabilities provided by the openMSP430, three utility programs are provided:

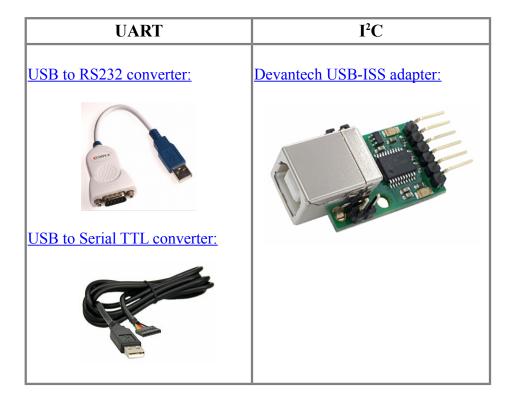
- openmsp430-loader: a simple command line boot loader.
- openmsp430-minidebug: a minimalistic debugger with simple GUI.
- **openmsp430-gdbproxy:** GDB Proxy server to be used together with MSP430-GDB and the Eclipse, DDD, or Insight graphical front-ends.

All these software development tools have been developed in TCL/TK and were successfully tested on both Linux and Windows (XP/Vista/7).

Note: to be able to execute the scripts, <u>TCL/TK</u> needs to be installed on your system.

In order to connect the host PC to the openMSP430 serial debug interface, a UART or I2C serial cable/adapter is required.

Typically, the following solutions will suit any kind of development board:



2. openmsp430-loader

This simple program allows the user to load the openMSP430 program memory with an executable file (ELF or Intel-HEX format) provided as argument.

It is typically used in conjunction with 'make' in order to automatically load the program after the compile step (see 'Makefile' from software examples provided with the project's FPGA implementation).

The program can be called with the following syntax:

These screenshots show the script in action under Linux and Windows:

```
C:\Openmsp430\tools\bin\
C:\Openmsp438\tools\bin\
Connecting with the openMSP438 (COM4:, 115200 bps)... done
Connected: target device has 4096B ROM and 1024B RAM

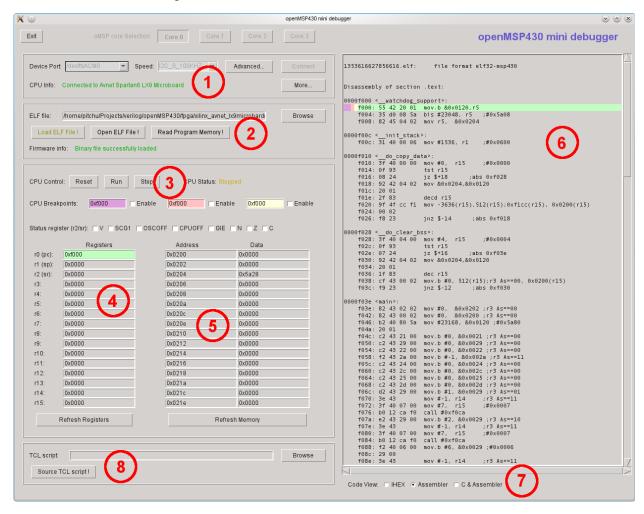
Load ROM... done
Uerify ROM... done
C:\Openmsp438\tools\bin\
C:\Openmsp438\tools\bin\
C:\Openmsp438\tools\bin\
Connected: target device has 4096B ROM and 1024B RAM

Load ROM... done
Uerify ROM... done
Uerify ROM... done
C:\Openmsp438\tools\bin\
Connected: target device has 4096B ROM and 1024B RAM

Load ROM... done
Uerify ROM... done
Uerify ROM... done
C:\Openmsp438\tools\bin\
```

3. openmsp430-minidebug

This small program provides a minimalistic graphical interface enabling simple interaction with the openMSP430:



As you can see from the screenshot, it allows the following actions:

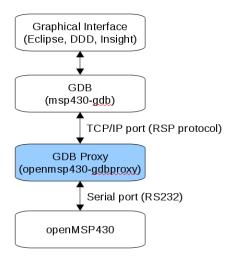
- (1) Connect to the openMSP430 Serial Debug Interface
- (2) Load the program memory with an ELF or Intel-HEX file
- (3) Control the CPU: Reset, Stop, Start and Single-Step and Software breakpoints
- (4) Read/Write access of the CPU registers
- (5) Read/Write access of the whole memory range (program, data, peripherals)
- (6) Basic disassembled view of the loaded program (current PC location is highlighted in green, software breakpoints in yellow, pink and violet)
- (7) Choose the disassembled view type
- (8) Source a custom external TCL script.

4. openmsp430-gdbproxy

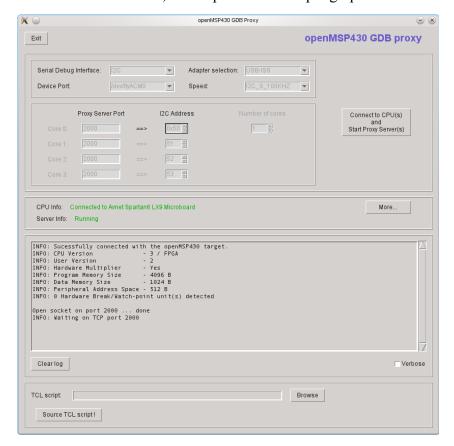
The purpose of this program is to replace the '*msp430-gdbproxy*' utility provided by the mspgcc toolchain.

Typically, a GDB proxy creates a local port for GDB to connect to, and handles the communication with the target hardware. In our case, it is basically a bridge between the RSP communication protocol from GDB and the serial debug interface from the openMSP430.

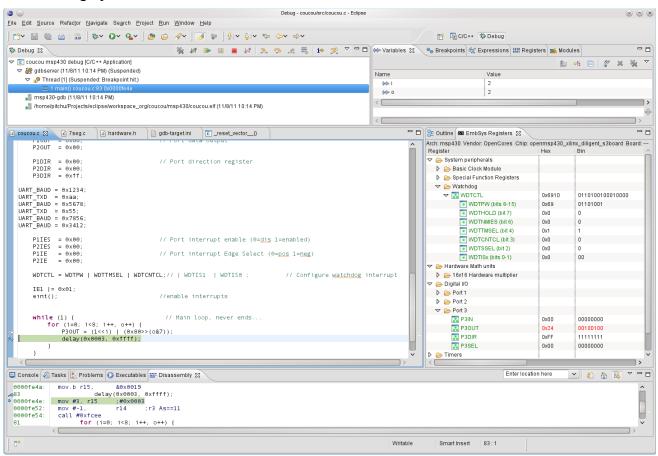
Schematically the communication flow looks as following:

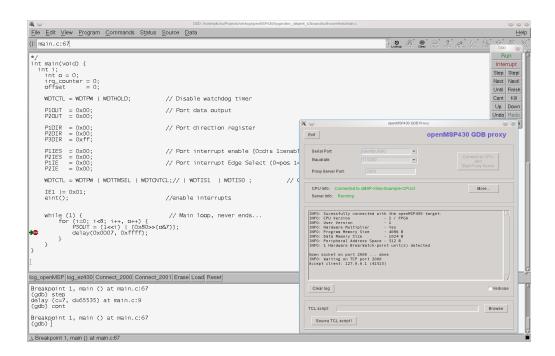


Like the original '*msp430-gdbproxy*' program, '*openmsp430-gdbproxy*' can be controlled from the command line. However, it also provides a simple graphical interface:



These two additional screenshots show the script in action together with the Eclipse and DDD graphical frontends:





Tip 1: There are several tutorials on Internet explaining how to configure Eclipse for the MSP430. As an Eclipse newbie, I found the followings quite helpful (the *msp430-gdbproxy* sections should of course be ignored as we are using our own o*penmsp430-gdbproxy* program :-)):

- A Step By Step Guide To MSP430 Programming Under Linux (English)
- MSP430 eclipse helios mspgcc4 (German)

Tip 2: You probably want to install this excellent Eclipse plugin (see screenshot above):

- EmbSysRegView

5. MSPGCC Toolchain

5.1 Compiler options

The **msp430-gcc** compiler accepts the following MSP430 specific command line parameters (copied from the MSPGCC <u>manual page</u>):

-mmcu=	Specify the MCU name
-mno-volatile-workaround	Do not perform a volatile workaround for bitwise operations.
-mno-stack-init	Do not initialize the stack as <i>main()</i> starts.
-minit-stack=	Specify the initial stack address.
-mendup-at=	Jump to the specified routine at the end of <i>main()</i> .
-mforce-hwmul	Force use of a hardware multiplier.
-mdisable-hwmul	Do not use the hardware multiplier.
-minline-hwmul	Issue inline code for 32-bit integer operations for devices with a hardware multiplier.
-mnoint-hwmul	Do not disable and enable interrupts around hardware multiplier operations. This makes multiplication faster when you are certain no hardware multiplier operations will occur at deeper interrupt levels.
-mcall-shifts	Use subroutine calls for shift operations. This may save some space for shift intensive applications.

5.2 MCU selection

The following table aims to help selecting the proper MCU name for the **-mmcu** option during the **msp430-gcc** call:

-mmcu option	Program Memory	Data Memory	Hardware Multiplier
Progr	am Memory	v Size: 1 kE	3
msp430x110	1 kB	128 B	No
msp430x1101	1 kB	128 B	No
msp430x2001	1 kB	128 B	No
msp430x2002	1 kB	128 B	No
msp430x2003	1 kB	128 B	No
msp430x2101	1 kB	128 B	No
Progr	am Memory	v Size: 2 kE	3
msp430x1111	2 kB	128 B	No
msp430x2011	2 kB	128 B	No
msp430x2012	2 kB	128 B	No
msp430x2013	2 kB	128 B	No
msp430x2111	2 kB	128 B	No
msp430x2112	2 kB	128 B	No
msp430x311	2 kB	128 B	No
Progr	am Memory	v Size: 4 kE	3
msp430x112	4 kB	256 B	No
msp430x1121	4 kB	256 B	No
msp430x1122	4 kB	256 B	No
msp430x122	4 kB	256 B	No
msp430x1222	4 kB	256 B	No
msp430x2122	4 kB	256 B	No
msp430x2121	4 kB	256 B	No
msp430x312	4 kB	256 B	No
msp430x412	4 kB	256 B	No

Program Memory Size: 8 kB				
msp430x123	8 kB	256 B	No	
msp430x133	8 kB	256 B	No	
msp430x313	8 kB	256 B	No	
msp430x323	8 kB	256 B	No	
msp430x413	8 kB	256 B	No	
msp430x423	8 kB	256 B	Yes	
msp430xE423	8 kB	256 B	Yes	
msp430xE4232	8 kB	256 B	Yes	
msp430xW423	8 kB	256 B	No	
msp430x1132	8 kB	256 B	No	
msp430x1232	8 kB	256 B	No	
msp430x1331	8 kB	256 B	No	
msp430x2131	8 kB	256 B	No	
msp430x2132	8 kB	256 B	No	
msp430x2232	8 kB	512 B	No	
msp430x2234	8 kB	512 B	No	
msp430x233	8 kB	1024 B	Yes	
msp430x2330	8 kB	1024 B	Yes	
Progra	am Memory	Size: 12 k	В	
msp430xE4242	12 kB	512 B	Yes	
msp430x314	12 kB	512 B	No	
Progra	am Memory	, Size: 16 k	В	
msp430x4250	16 kB	256 B	No	
msp430xG4250	16 kB	256 B	No	
msp430x135	16 kB	512 B	No	
msp430x1351	16 kB	512 B	No	
msp430x155	16 kB	512 B	No	
msp430x2252	16 kB	512 B	No	
msp430x2254	16 kB	512 B	No	
msp430x315	16 kB	512 B	No	
msp430x325	16 kB	512 B	No	
msp430x415	16 kB	512 B	No	
msp430x425	16 kB	512 B	Yes	

msp430xE425	16 kB	512 B	Yes
msp430xW425	16 kB	512 B	No
msp430xE4252	16 kB	512 B	Yes
msp430x435	16 kB	512 B	No
msp430x4351	16 kB	512 B	No
msp430x235	16 kB	2048 B	Yes
msp430x2350	16 kB	2048 B	Yes
Progra	ım Memory	Size: 24 k	В
msp430x4260	24 kB	256 B	No
msp430xG4260	24 kB	256 B	No
msp430x156	24 kB	512 B	No
msp430x4361	24 kB	1024 B	No
msp430x436	24 kB	1024 B	No
msp430x336	24 kB	1024 B	Yes
Progra	ım Memory	Size: 32 k	В
msp430x4270	32 kB	256 B	No
msp430xG4270	32 kB	256 B	No
msp430x147	32 kB	1024 B	Yes
msp430x1471	32 kB	1024 B	Yes
msp430x157	32 kB	1024 B	No
msp430x167	32 kB	1024 B	Yes
msp430x2272	32 kB	1024 B	No
msp430x2274	32 kB	1024 B	No
msp430x337	32 kB	1024 B	Yes
msp430x417	32 kB	1024 B	No
msp430x427	32 kB	1024 B	Yes
msp430xE427	32 kB	1024 B	Yes
msp430xE4272	32 kB	1024 B	Yes
msp430xW427	32 kB	1024 B	No
msp430x437	32 kB	1024 B	No
msp430xG437	32 kB	1024 B	No
msp430x4371	32 kB	1024 B	No
msp430x447	32 kB	1024 B	Yes
msp430x2370	32 kB	2048 B	Yes

msp430x247	32 kB	4096 B	Yes			
msp430x2471	32 kB	4096 B	Yes			
msp430x1610	32 kB	5120 B	Yes			
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0	m Memory	1				
msp430x5438	41 kB	16384 B	No			
msp430x5437	41 kB	16384 B	No			
msp430x5436	41 kB	16384 B	No			
msp430x5435	41 kB	16384 B	No			
msp430x5419	41 kB	16384 B	No			
msp430x54	41 kB	16384 B	No			
Progra	ım Memory	ì				
msp430x1611	48 kB	10240 B	Yes			
msp430x248	48 kB	4096 B	Yes			
msp430x2481	48 kB	4096 B	Yes			
msp430x4783	48 kB	2048 B	Yes			
msp430xG438	48 kB	2048 B	No			
msp430x4784	48 kB	2048 B				
msp430x148	48 kB	2048 B	Yes			
msp430x168	48 kB	2048 B	Yes			
msp430x1481	48 kB	2048 B	Yes			
msp430x448	48 kB	2048 B	Yes			
Progra	ım Memory	Size: 51 k	В			
msp430xG4617	51 kB	8192 B	Yes			
msp430x2418	51 kB	8192 B	Yes			
msp430x2618	51 kB	8192 B	Yes			
msp430x2417	51 kB	8192 B	Yes			
msp430xG4618	51 kB	8192 B	Yes			
msp430x2617	51 kB	8192 B	Yes			
Program Memory Size: 54 kB						
msp430x1612	54 kB	5120 B	Yes			
Progra	Program Memory Size: 55 kB					
msp430x2619	55 kB	4096 B	Yes			
msp430xG4619	55 kB	4096 B	Yes			
msp430xG4616	55 kB	4096 B	Yes			

msp430x2416	55 kB	4096 B	Yes
msp430x2419	55 kB	4096 B	Yes
msp430x2616	55 kB	4096 B	Yes
msp430x2410	55 kB	4096 B	Yes
Progra	am Memory	Size: 59 k.	В
msp430x4794	59 kB	2560 B	Yes
msp430x4793	59 kB	2560 B	Yes
msp430x2491	59 kB	2048 B	Yes
msp430x1491	60 kB	2048 B	Yes
msp430x149	60 kB	2048 B	Yes
msp430xG439	59 kB	2048 B	No
msp430x249	59 kB	2048 B	Yes
msp430x449	59 kB	2048 B	Yes
msp430x169	59 kB	2048 B	Yes

<u>Note:</u> the program memory size should imperatively match the openMSP430 configuration.

5.3 Custom linker script

The use of the **-mmcu** switch is of course **NOT** mandatory. It is simply a convenient way to use the pre-existing linker scripts provided with the MSPGCC4 toolchain.

However, if the peripheral address space is larger than the standard 512B of the original MSP430 (see the <u>Advanced System Configuration</u> section), a customized linker script **MUST** be provided.

To create a custom linker script, the simplest way is to start from an existing one:

- The MSPGCC(4) toolchain provides a wide range of examples for all supported MSP430 models (see "*msp430/lib/ldscripts/*" sub-directory in the MSPGCC(4) installation directory).
- The openMSP430 project also provide a simple linker script example: ldscript_example.x

From there, the script can be modified to match YOUR openMSP430 configuration:

- In the *text (rx)* section definition, update the *ORIGIN* and *LENGTH* fields to match the *PROGRAM MEMORY* configuration.
- In the *data (rwx)* section definition, update the *ORIGIN* field to match the *PERIPHERAL SPACE* configuration and the *LENGTH* field to match the *DATA MEMORY* configuration.

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1. Introduction

To simplify the integration of this IP, the directory structure is based on the **OpenCores** recommendations.

2. Directory structure: openMSP430 core

core				openMSP430 Core top level directory
	beno	ch		Top level testbench directory
		veril	log	
			tb_openMSP430.v	Testbench top level module
			ram.v	RAM verilog model

	registers.v	Connections to Core internals for easy debugging
	dbg_uart_tasks.v	UART tasks for the serial debug interface
	dbg_i2c_tasks.v	I2C tasks for the serial debug interface
	dma_tasks.v	DMA tasks for direct memory accesses
	io_cell.v	Generic I/O cell model for building the serial debug interface I2C bus
	msp_debug.v	Testbench instruction decoder and ASCII chain generator for easy debugging
	timescale.v	Global time scale definition for simulatio
doc	·	Diverse documentation
s]	lau049f.pdf	MSP430x1xx Family User's Guide
rtl		RTL sources
v	erilog	
	openMSP430_defines.v	openMSP430 core configuration file (Program and Data memory size definition Debug Interface configuration)
	openMSP430_undefines.v	openMSP430 Verilog `undef file
	openMSP430.v	openMSP430 top level
	omsp_frontend.v	Instruction fetch and decode
	omsp_execution_unit.v	Execution unit
	omsp_alu.v	ALU
	omsp_register_file.v	Register file
	omsp_mem_backbone.v	Memory backbone
	omsp_clock_module.v	Basic Clock Module
	omsp_sfr.v	Special function registers
	omsp_watchdog.v	Watchdog Timer
	omsp_multiplier.v	16x16 Hardware Multiplier
	omsp_dbg.v	Serial Debug Interface main block
	omsp_dbg_hwbrk.v	Serial Debug Interface hardware breakpo unit
	omsp_dbg_uart.v	Serial Debug Interface UART communication block
	omsp_dbg_i2c.v	Serial Debug Interface I2C communication block
	omsp sync cell.v	Simple synchronization module (double f

			flop).	
	omsı	o_sync_reset.v	Generic Reset synchronizer (double flip- flop).	
om		o_clock_gate.v	Generic Clock gate (NAND2 or LATCH- AND based).	
	omsp_clock_mux.v		Standard Clock Mux (used in the clock module & watchdog timer).	
			AND gate module used on sensitive glitch free data paths.	
	omsp	o_wakeup_cell.v	Generic Wake-up module.	
	omsp	o_scan_mux.v	Scan MUX.	
	perij	ph	Peripherals directory	
		omsp_gpio.v	Digital I/O (Port 1 to 6)	
		omsp_timerA_defines. v	Timer A configuration file	
		omsp_timerA_undefin es.v	Timer A Verilog 'undef file	
		omsp_timerA.v	Timer A	
		template_periph_16b.v	Verilog template for 16 bit peripherals	
		template_periph_8b.v	Verilog template for 8 bit peripherals	
sim	~		Top level simulations directory RTL simulations	
rtl_s	im			
	bin		RTL simulation scripts	
		msp430sim	Main simulation script for assembler vector sources (located in the src directory)	
		msp430sim_c	Main simulation script for C vector sources (located in the src-c directory).	
		asm2ihex.sh	Assembly file compilation (Intel HEX file generation)	
		ihex2mem.tcl	Verilog program memory file generation	
		rtlsim.sh	Verilog Icarus simulation script	
		template.x	ASM linker definition file template	
		template_defs.asm	Common ASM definition file included in all ".s43" files	
		omsp_config.sh	oMSP configuration file.	
		parse_results	Script parsing all regression log files and generating a combined regression report.	

	parse_summaries	Script parsing several regression reports and generating a summary report
	cov_*	Code coverage scripts for NC-Verilog and ICM
[run	For running RTL simulations
	run	Run single simulation of a given assembler vector
	run_c	Run single simulation of a given C vector
	run_all	Run regression of all vectors
	run_all_mpy	Run regression of all hardware multiplier vectors (!!! very long simulation time !!!)
	run_disassemble	Disassemble the program memory content of the latest simulation
		Performs the coverage report merging of the regression run and starts ICM for the analysis.
	load_waveform.sav	SAV file for gtkWave
s	src	RTL simulation vectors sources (ASM based)
	ldscript_example.x	MSPGCC toolchain linker script example
	submit.prj	ISIM simulator verilog command file
	submit.f	Verilog simulator command file
	core.f	Command file listing the CPU files only.
	sing-op_*.s43	Single-operand assembler vector files
	sing-op_*.v	Single-operand verilog stimulus vector files
	two-op_*.s43	Two-operand assembler vector files
	two-op_*.v	Two-operand verilog stimulus vector files
	c-jump_*.s43	Jump assembler vector files
	c-jump_*.v	Jump verilog stimulus vector files
	nmi.s43	NMI assembler vector files
	nmi.v	NMI verilog stimulus vector files
	irq*.s43	IRQ assembler vector files
	irq*.v	IRQ verilog stimulus vector files
	cpu_startup_asic.s43	CPU startup assembler vector files
	cpu_startup_asic.v	CPU startup stimulus vector files
	op_modes*.s43	CPU operating modes assembler vector

		files (CPUOFF, OSCOFF, SCG1)
	op_modes*.v	CPU operating modes verilog stimulus vector files (CPUOFF, OSCOFF, SCG1)
	clock_module*.s43	Basic Clock Module assembler vector files
	clock_module*.v	Basic Clock Module verilog stimulus vector files
	lp_modes_*.s43	Low Power modes assembler vector files
	lp_modes_*.v	Low Power modes verilog stimulus vector files
	dma_*.s43	DMA assembler vector files
	dma_*.v	DMA verilog stimulus vector files
	dbg_*.s43	Serial Debug Interface assembler vector files
	dbg_*.v	Serial Debug Interface verilog stimulus vector files
	sfr.s43	SFR assembler vector files
	sfr.v	SFR verilog stimulus vector files
	gpio_*.s43	Digital I/O assembler vector files
	gpio_*.v	Digital I/O verilog stimulus vector files
	template_periph_*.s43	Peripheral templates assembler vector files
	template_periph_*.v	Peripheral templates verilog stimulus vector files
	wdt_*.s43	Watchdog timer assembler vector files
	wdt_*.v	Watchdog timer verilog stimulus vector files
	tA_*.s43	Timer A assembler vector files
	tA_*.v	Timer A verilog stimulus vector files
	mpy_*.s43	16x16 Multiplier assembler vector files
	mpy_*.v	16x16 Multiplier verilog stimulus vector files
	scan.s43	Scan test assembler vector files
	scan.v	Scan test verilog stimulus vector files
src-	·c	RTL simulation vectors sources (C based)
	coremask_v1.0	CoreMark benchmark
	dhrystone_v2.1	Dhrystone benchmark ("official" version)
	dhrystone_4mcu	Dhrystone benchmark (MCU adapted)
	sandbox	Small playground :-)

ynthes	sis	Top level synthesis directory
sy	nopsys	Synopsys (Design Compiler) directory
	run_syn	Run synthesis
	run_tmax	Run ATPG
	synthesis.tcl	Main synthesis TCL script
	library.tcl	Load library, set operating conditions and wire load models
	read.tcl	Read RTL
	constraints.tcl	Set design constrains
	tmax.tcl	Main TetraMax (ATPG) script
	results	Results directory
ac	tel	Actel synthesis setup for area & speed analysis
alt	era	Altera synthesis setup for area & speed analysis
xil	inx	Xilinx synthesis setup for area & speed analysis

3. Directory structure: FGPA projects

3.1 Xilinx Spartan 3 example

fpga	l			openMSP430 FPGA Projects top level directory
	xilinx_diligent_s3board		ligent_s3board	Xilinx FPGA Project based on the Diligent Spartan-3 board
		beno	ch	Top level testbench directory
			verilog	
			tb_openMSP430_fpga.v	FPGA testbench top level module
			registers.v	Connections to Core internals for easy debugging
			msp_debug.v	Testbench instruction decoder and ASCII chain generator for easy debugging
			glbl.v	Xilinx "glbl.v" file
			timescale.v	Global time scale definition for simulation.

doc			Diverse documentation
	board_us	er_guide.pdf	Spartan-3 FPGA Starter Kit Board User Guide
	msp430f	1121a.pdf	msp430f1121a Specification
	xapp462.	pdf	Xilinx Digital Clock Managers (DCMs) user guide
rtl			RTL sources
	verilog		
	ope	nMSP430_fpga.v	FPGA top level file
	driv	er_7segment.v	Four-Digit, Seven-Segment LED Display driver
	io_r	nux.v	I/O mux for port function selection.
	ope	nmsp430	Local copy of the openMSP430 core. The *define.v file has been adjusted to the requirements of the project.
	core	egen	Xilinx's coregen directory
		ram_8x512_hi.*	512 Byte RAM (upper byte)
		ram_8x512_lo.*	512 Byte RAM (lower byte)
		ram_8x2k_hi.*	2 kByte RAM (upper byte)
		ram_8x2k_lo.*	2 kByte RAM (lower byte)
sim	-		Top level simulations directory
	rtl_sim		RTL simulations
	bin		RTL simulation scripts
		msp430sim	Main simulation script
		ihex2mem.tcl	Verilog program memory file generation
		rtlsim.sh	Verilog Icarus simulation script
	run		For running RTL simulations
		run	Run simulation of a given software project
		run_disassemble	Disassemble the program memory content of the latest simulation
	src	•	RTL simulation verilog stimulus
		submit.f	Verilog simulator command file
		*.V	Stimulus vector for the corresponding software project
softv	vare		Software C programs to be loaded in

	_		program memory
	leds		LEDs blinking application (from the CDK4MSP project)
		makefile	
		hardware.h	
		main.c	
		7seg.h	
		7seg.c	
	ta_u	art	Software UART with Timer_A (from the CDK4MSP project)
s	ynthesis		Top level synthesis directory
	xilin	X	
		0_create_bitstream.sh	Run Xilinx ISE synthesis in a Linux environment
		1_initialize_pmem.sh	Update bitstream's program memory with a given software ELF file
		2_generate_prom_file.sh	Generate PROM file
		3_program_fpga.sh	Program FPGA and on-board flash memory
		bitstreams	
		*.bit	Bitstream files
		*.mcs	PROM files
		README.jpg	README file
		scripts	
		ihex2mem.tcl	TCL script converting Intel-HEX format to Verilog memory file.
		impact_generate_pr om_file.batch	iMPACT TCL script for PROM file generation.
		impact_program_fp ga.batch	iMPACT TCL script for programing FPGA and on-board flash memory.
		memory.bmm	FPGA memory description for bitstream's program memory update
		openMSP430_fpga. ucf	UCF file
		openMSP430_fpga. prj	RTL file list to be synthesized
		xst_verilog.opt	Verilog Option File for XST. Among other

\Box	things, the search path to the include files
	is specified here.

3.2 Altera Cyclone II example

a				openMSP430 FPGA Projects top level directory
altera_de1_board		rd	Altera FPGA Project based on Cyclone II Starter Development Board	
F	REA	DME		README file
b	enc	h		Top level testbench directory
		verilo	og	
			tb_openMSP430_fpga.v	FPGA testbench top level module
			registers.v	Connections to Core internals for easy debugging
			msp_debug.v	Testbench instruction decoder and ASCII chain generator for easy debugging
			altsyncram.v	Altera verilog model of the altsyncram module
			timescale.v	Global time scale definition for simulation.
d	loc			Diverse documentation
		DE1_I	Board_Schematic.pdf	Cyclone II FPGA Starter Development Board Schematics
		DE1_I	Reference_Manual.pdf	Cyclone II FPGA Starter Development Board Reference Manual
		DE1_U	User_Guide.pdf	Cyclone II FPGA Starter Development Board User Guide
r	·tl			RTL sources
		verilo	g	
		C	penMSP430_fpga.v	FPGA top level file
		d	river_7segment.v	Four-Digit, Seven-Segment LED

io_mux.v ext_del_sram.v ext_del_sram.v ext_del_sram.v io_manl6x512.v raml6x512.v roml6x2048.v roml6x2049.v roml6x2048.v roml6x2049.v roml6x2048.v roml6x2049.v		\Box		Display driver
ram16x512.v ram16x512.v ram16x2048.v rom16x2048.v rom1		ic	o_mux.v	I/O mux for port function selection.
rom16x2048.v rom16x2048.v rom16x2048.v single port ROM generated with the megafunction wizard Local copy of the openMSP430 core. The *define.v file has been adjusted to the requirements of the project. rtl_sim rtl_sim RTL simulations Main simulation scripts		e	xt_de1_sram.v	1 *
penmsp430 Cocal copy of the openMSP430 core. The **define.v file has been adjusted to the requirements of the project. Sim		ra	am16x512.v	1 9 1
Sim		re	om16x2048.v	
rtl_sim RTL simulations RTL simulation scripts msp430sim Main simulation script werilog program memory file generation rtlsim.sh Verilog Icarus simulation script run For running RTL simulations Run simulation of a given software project run_disassemble Disassemble the program memory content of the latest simulation src RTL simulation verilog stimulus submit.f Verilog simulator command file *.v Stimulus vector for the corresponding software project Software C programs to be loaded in the program memory Specific binaries required for software development. This prog is taken from http://www.johnloomis.org/ece595c/not es/isa/mifwrite.html and slightly changed to satisfy quartus6.1 *.mif eating engine. mifwrite.exe Windows executable.		0	penmsp430	The *define.v file has been adjusted to
bin RTL simulation scripts msp430sim main simulation script werilog program memory file generation rtlsim.sh verilog Icarus simulation script run For running RTL simulations run Run simulation of a given software project run_disassemble Disassemble the program memory content of the latest simulation src RTL simulation verilog stimulus submit.f verilog simulator command file *.v Stimulus vector for the corresponding software project Software C programs to be loaded in the program memory Specific binaries required for software development. This prog is taken from http://www.johnloomis.org/ece595c/not es/isa/mifwrite.html and slightly changed to satisfy quartus6.1 *.mif eating engine. mifwrite.exe Windows executable.	sin	n		Top level simulations directory
msp430sim ihex2mem.tcl ihex2mem.tcl ihex2mem.tcl ilex2mem.tcl ilex2mem.tcl iverilog program memory file generation rtlsim.sh run For running RTL simulation script Run simulation of a given software project run_disassemble STC RTL simulation verilog stimulus Verilog simulator command file *.v Stimulus vector for the corresponding software project Software C programs to be loaded in the program memory Specific binaries required for software development. This prog is taken from http://www.johnloomis.org/ece595c/not es/isa/mifwrite.html and slightly changed to satisfy quartus6.1 *.mif eating engine. mifwrite.exe Windows executable.		rtl_sir	n	RTL simulations
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run For running RTL simulations Run simulation of a given software project run_disassemble Disassemble the program memory content of the latest simulation src RTL simulation verilog stimulus submit.f Verilog simulator command file *.v Stimulus vector for the corresponding software project software Software C programs to be loaded in the program memory Specific binaries required for software development. This prog is taken from http://www.johnloomis.org/ece595c/not es/isa/mifwrite.html and slightly changed to satisfy quartus6.1 *.mif eating engine. mifwrite.exe Windows executable.			ihex2mem.tcl	0.0
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run_disassemble run_disassemble Disassemble the program memory content of the latest simulation		r	un	For running RTL simulations
submit.f submit.f submit.f submit.f submit.f submit.f submit.f *.v Stimulus vector for the corresponding software project Software C programs to be loaded in the program memory Specific binaries required for software development. This prog is taken from http://www.johnloomis.org/ece595c/not es/isa/mifwrite.html and slightly changed to satisfy quartus6.1 *.mif eating engine. mifwrite.exe Windows executable.			run	, ,
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software Software C programs to be loaded in the program memory Specific binaries required for software development. This prog is taken from http://www.johnloomis.org/ece595c/not es/isa/mifwrite.html and slightly changed to satisfy quartus6.1 *.mif eating engine. mifwrite.exe Windows executable.			submit.f	Verilog simulator command file
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		n	nifwrite.cpp	http://www.johnloomis.org/ece595c/not es/isa/mifwrite.html and slightly changed to satisfy quartus6.1 *.mif
			nifwrite.exe	Windows executable.
mifwrite Linux executable.		n	nifwrite	Linux executable.

	men	nledtest	LEDs blinking application (from the CDK4MSP project)
syı	nthesis		Top level synthesis directory
	alter	ra	
		main.qsf	Global Assignments file
		main.sof	SOF file
		OpenMSP430_fpga.qpf	Quartus II project file
		openMSP430_fpga_top.v	RTL file list to be synthesized

3.3 Actel ProASIC3 example

ı		openMSP430 FPGA Projects top level directory
		Actel FPGA Project based on the ProASIC3 M1A3PL development kit
bene	ch	Top level testbench directory
	verilog	
	tb_openMSP430_fpga.v	FPGA testbench top level module
	registers.v	Connections to Core internals for easy debugging
	msp_debug.v	Testbench instruction decoder and ASCII chain generator for easy debugging
	dbg_uart_tasks.v	UART tasks for the serial debug interface.
	timescale.v	Global time scale definition for simulation.
	proasic31.v	Actel ProASIC3L library file.
	DAC121S101.v	Verilog model of National's DAC121S10 12 bit DAC
doc	*	Diverse documentation
	M1A3PL_DEV_KIT_QS.pdf	Development Kit Quickstart Card
	M1IGLOO_StarterKit_v1_5_ UG.pdf	Development Kit User's Guide
rtl		RTL sources
	verilog	
	openMSP430_fpga.v	FPGA top level file
	dac_spi_if.v	SPI interface to National's DAC121S101

		12 bit DAC
	openmsp430	Local copy of the openMSP430 core. The *define.v file has been adjusted to the requirements of the project.
	smartgen	Xilinx's coregen directory
	dmem_128B.	v 128 Byte RAM (for data memory)
	pmem_2kB.v	2 kByte RAM (for program memory)
sim		Top level simulations directory
rt	l_sim	RTL simulations
	bin	RTL simulation scripts
	msp430sim	Main simulation script
	ihex2mem.tcl	Verilog program memory file generation
	rtlsim.sh	Verilog Icarus simulation script
	run	For running RTL simulations
	run	Run simulation of a given software project
	run_disassem	ble Disassemble the program memory content of the latest simulation
	src	RTL simulation verilog stimulus
	submit.f	Verilog simulator command file
	*.V	Stimulus vector for the corresponding software project
softwa	re	Software C programs to be loaded in program memory
sp	acewar	SpaceWar oscilloscope game.
synthe	sis	Top level synthesis directory
lac	tel	

prepare_implementation.t	Generate required files prior synthesis and P&R.
synplify.tcl	Synplify template for the synthesis run.
libero_designer.tcl	Libero Designer template for the P&R run.
design_files.v	RTL file list to be synthesized
design_constraints.pre.sd	Synthesis timing constraints.
design_constraints.post.s dc	P&R timing constraints.
design_constraints.pdc	P&R physical constraints.

4. Directory structure: Software Development Tools

ols		openMSP430 Software Development Tools top level directory
omsp_a	alias.xml	This XML file allows the software development tools to identify a openMSP430 implementation, and add customized extra information (Alias, URL,).
bin		Contains the main TCL scripts (and the windows executable files if generated)
op	penmsp430-loader.tcl	Simple command line boot loader
op	penmsp430-minidebug.tcl	Minimalistic debugger with simple GUI
op	penmsp430-gdbproxy.tcl	GDB Proxy server to be used together with MSP430-GDB and the Eclipse, DDD, or Insight graphical front-ends
Rì	EADME.TXT	README file regarding the use of TCL scripts in a Windows environment. Common library
lib		
tc	l-lib	Common TCL library
	dbg_uart_generic.tcl	Low level Generic UART communication functions
	dbg_i2c_usb-iss.tcl	Low level I2C communication functions for the USB-ISS adapter
	dbg_utils.tcl	Low level "COMx:" "/dev/tty" communication functions
	dbg_functions.tcl	Main utility functions for the openMSP430 serial debug interface
	combobox.tcl	A combobox listbox widget written in pure tcl (from Bryan Oakley)
	xml.tcl	Simple XML parser (from Keith Vetter).
openm	sp430-gdbproxy	GDB Proxy server main project directory
op	penmsp430-gdbproxy.tcl	GDB Proxy server main TCL Script (symbolic link with the script in the bin directory)
se	rver.tcl	TCP/IP Server utility functions.
se	rver.tcl	ICP/IP Server utility functions.

		Send/Receive RSP packets from GDB.
co	ommands.tcl	RSP command execution functions.
d	AP.	Some documentation regarding GDB and the RSP protocol.
		Document from Bill Gatliff: Embedding with GNU: the gdb Remote Serial Protocol
	GDB_Remote_Serial_Protoc	Document from Jeremy Bennett (Embecosm): Howto: GDB Remote Serial Protocol - Writing a RSP Server