

LatticeXP2 High-Speed I/O Interface

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Introduction

LatticeXP2[™] devices support Double Data Rate (DDR) and Single Data Rate (SDR) interfaces using the logic built into the Programmable I/O (PIO). SDR applications capture data on one edge of a clock while the DDR interfaces capture data on both the rising and falling edges of the clock, thus doubling performance. The LatticeXP2 I/Os also have dedicated circuitry to support DDR and DDR2 SDRAM memory interfaces. This technical note details the use of LatticeXP2 devices to implement both a high-speed generic DDR interface and DDR and DDR2 memory interfaces.

DDR and DDR2 SDRAM Interfaces Overview

A DDR SDRAM interface will transfer data at both the rising and falling edges of the clock. The DDR2 is the second generation of the DDR SRDRAM memory.

The DDR and DDR2 SDRAM interfaces rely on the use of a data strobe signal, called DQS, for high-speed operation. The DDR SDRAM interface uses a single-ended DQS strobe signal, whereas the DDR2 interface uses a differential DQS strobe. Figures 1 and 2 show typical DDR and DDR2 SDRAM interface signals. SDRAM interfaces are typically implemented with eight DQ data bits per DQS. An x16 interface will use two DQS signals and each DQS is associated with eight DQ bits. Both the DQ and DQS are bi-directional ports used to both read and write to the memory.

When reading data from the external memory device, data coming into the device is edge-aligned with respect to the DQS signal. This DQS strobe signal needs to be phase-shifted 90 degrees before FPGA logic can sample the read data. When writing to a DDR/DDR2 SDRAM, the memory controller (FPGA) must shift the DQS by 90 degrees to center-align with the data signals (DQ). A clock signal is also provided to the memory. This clock is provided as a differential clock (CLKP and CLKN) to minimize duty cycle variations. The memory also uses these clock signals to generate the DQS signal during a read via a DLL inside the memory. Figures 3 and 4 show DQ and DQS timing relationships for read and write cycles. For other detailed timing requirements, please refer to the DDR SDRAM JEDEC specification (JESD79C).

During read, the DQS signal is LOW for some duration after it comes out of tristate. This state is called Preamble. The state when the DQS is LOW before it goes into Tristate is the Postamble state. This is the state after the last valid data transition.

DDR SDRAM also requires a Data Mask (DM) signal to mask data bits during write cycles. Note that the ratio of DQS to data bits is independent of the overall width of the memory. An 8-bit interface will have one strobe signal.

DDR SDRAM interfaces use the SSTL25 Class I/II I/O standards whereas the DDR2 SDRAM interface uses the SSTL18 Class I/II I/O standards. The DDR2 SDRAM interface also supports differential DQS (DQS and DQS#).



Figure 1. Typical DDR SDRAM Interface

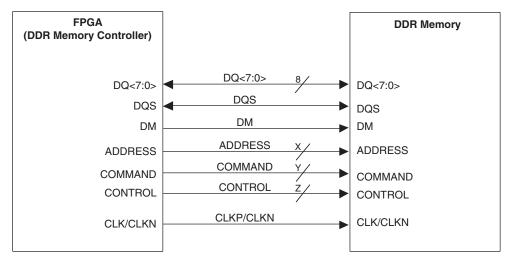
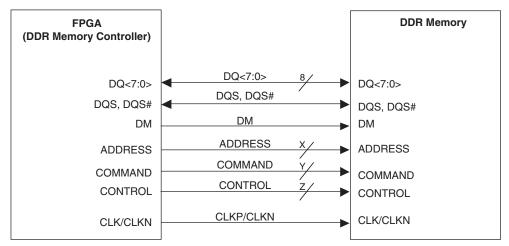


Figure 2. Typical DDR2 SDRAM Interface



The following two figures show the DQ and DQS relationship for memory read and write interfaces.

Figure 3. DQ-DQS During READ

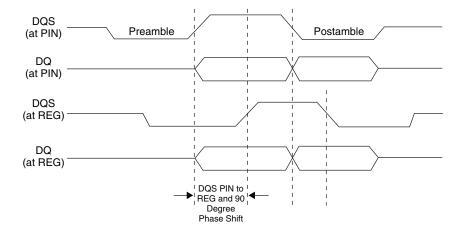
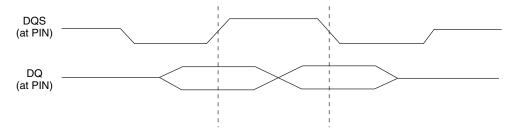




Figure 4. DQ-DQS During WRITE



Implementing DDR Memory Interfaces with LatticeXP2 Devices

As described in the DDRSDRAM overview section, the DDR SDRAM interfaces rely primarily on the use of a data strobe signal called DQS for high-speed operation. When reading data from the external memory device, data coming into the LatticeXP2 device is edge-aligned with respect to the DQS signal. Therefore, the LatticeXP2 device needs to shift the DQS (a 90-degree phase shift) before using it to sample the read data. When writing to a DDR SDRAM, the memory controller from the LatticeXP2 device must generate a DQS signal that is center-aligned with the DQ, the data signals. This is accomplished by ensuring the DQS strobe is 90 degrees ahead relative to DQ data.

LatticeXP2 devices have dedicated DQS support circuitry for generating the appropriate phase shifting for DQS. The DQS phase shift circuit uses a frequency reference DLL to generate delay control signals associated with each of the dedicated DQS pins and is designed to compensate for process, voltage and temperature (PVT) variations. The frequency reference is provided through one of the global clock pins.

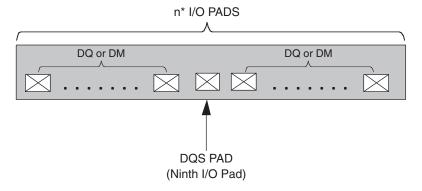
The dedicated DDR support circuit is also designed to provide comfortable and consistent margins for data sampling window.

This section describes how to implement the read and write sections of a DDR memory interface. It also provides details of the DQ and DQS grouping rules associated with the LatticeXP2 devices.

DQS Grouping

Each DQS group generally consists of at least 10 I/Os (one DQS, eight DQ and one DM) to implement a complete 8-bit DDR memory interface. LatticeXP2 devices support DQS signals on all sides of the device. Each DQS signal on the top and bottom halves of the device will span across 18 I/Os and on the left and right sides of the device will span across 16 I/Os. Any 10 of these I/Os spanned by the DQS can be used to implement an 8-bit DDR memory interface. In addition to the DQS grouping, the user must also assign one reference voltage VREF1 for a given I/O bank.

Figure 5. DQ-DQS Grouping



*n=18 on bottom banks and n=16 on the left and right side banks.



Figure 5 shows a typical DQ-DQS group for LatticeXP2 devices. The ninth I/O of this group of 16 or 18 I/Os is the dedicated DQS pin. The 8 pads before of the DQS and 6/9 (6 for left and right side and 9 for top and bottom side) pads after the DQS are covered by the DQS bus span. Users can assign any eight of these I/O pads to be DQ data pins. Hence, to implement a 32-bit wide memory interface you would need to use four such DQ-DQS groups.

When not interfacing with the memory, the dedicated DQS pin can be used as a general purpose I/O. Each of the dedicated DQS pin is internally connected to the DQS phase shift circuitry. The pinout information contained in DS1009, LatticeXP2 Family Data Sheet shows pin locations for the DQS pads.

DDR Software Primitives

This section describes the software primitives that can be used to implement DDR interfaces. These primitives include:

- DQSDLL The DQS delay calibration DLL
- DQSBUFC The DQS delay function and the clock polarity selection logic
- IDDRMX1A The DDR input and DQS to system clock transfer registers with half clock cycle transfer
- IDDRMFX1A The DDR input and DQS to system clock transfer registers with full clock cycle transfer
- ODDRMXA The DDR output registers

HDL usage examples for each of these primitives are listed in Appendices A and B.

DQSDLL

The DQSDLL generates a 90-degree phase shift required for the DQS signal. This primitive implements the on-chip DQSDLL. Only one DQSDLL should be instantiated for all the DDR implementations on one half of the device. The clock input to this DLL should be at the same frequency as the DDR interface. The DLL generates the delay based on this clock frequency and the update control input to this block. The DLL updates the dynamic delay control to the DQS delay block when this update control (UDDCNTL) input is asserted. Figure 6 shows the primitive symbol. The active low signal on UDDCNTL updates the DQS phase alignment and should be initiated at the beginning of READ cycles.

Figure 6. DQSDLL Symbol

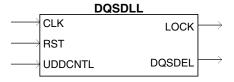


Table 1 provides a description of the ports.

Table 1. DQSDLL Ports

Port Name	I/O	Description	
CLK	I	System CLK should be at the frequency of the DDR interface from the FPGA core.	
RST	I	Resets the DQSDLL	
UDDCNTL	I	Provides update signal to the DLL that will update the dynamic delay.	
LOCK	0	Indicates when the DLL is in phase.	
DQSDEL	0	The digital delay generated by the DLL, should be connected to the DQSBUF primitive.	

DQSDLL Update Control: The DQS Delay can be updated for PVT variation using the UDDCNTL input. The DQSDEL is updated when the WDDCNTL is held LOW. The DQSDEL can be updated when variations are expected. DQSDEL can be updated anytime, except when the memory controller is receiving data from the memory.



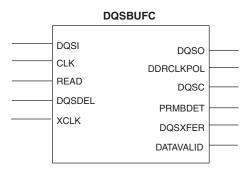
DQSDLL Configuration: By default, this DLL will generate a 90-degree phase shift for the DQS strobe based on the frequency of the input reference clock to the DLL. The user can control the sensitivity to jitter by using the LOCK_SENSITIVITY attribute. This configuration bit can be programmed to be either "HIGH" or "LOW".

The DLL Lock Detect circuit has two modes of operation controlled by the LOCK_SENSITIVITY bit, which selects more or less sensitivity to jitter. If this DLL is operated at or above 150 MHz, it is recommended that the LOCK_SENSITIVITY bit be programmed "HIGH" (more sensitive). When running at or below 100 MHz, it is recommended that the bit be programmed "LOW" (more tolerant). For 133 MHz, the LOCK_SENSITIVITY bit can go either way.

DQSBUFC

This primitive implements the DQS delay and the DQS transition detector logic. Figure 7 shows the primitive symbol.

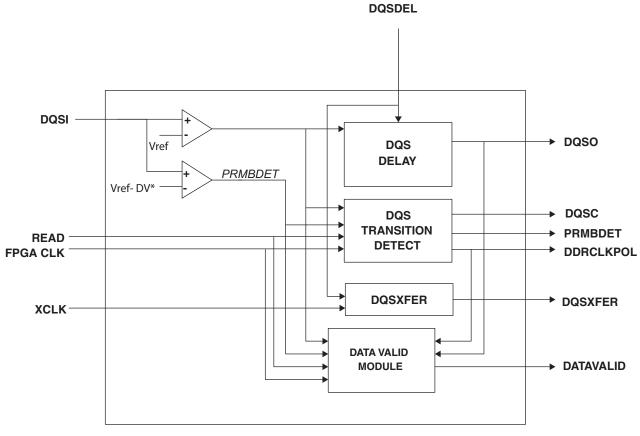
Figure 7. DQSBUFC Symbol



The DQSBUFC is composed of the DQS Delay, the DQS Transition Detect and the DQSXFER block as shown in Figure 8. This block inputs the DQS and delays it by 90 degrees. It also generates the DDR Clock Polarity and the DQSXFER signal. The preamble detect (PRMBDET) signal is generated from the DQSI input using a voltage divider circuit.



Figure 8. DQSBUFC Function



*DV ~ 170mV for DDR1 (SSTL25 signaling)

*DV ~ 120mV for DDR2 (SSTL18 signaling)

DQS Delay Block: The DQS Delay block receives the digital control delay line (DQSDEL) coming from one of the two DQSDLL blocks. These control signals are used to delay the DQSI by 90 degrees. DQSO is the delayed DQS and is connected to the clock input of the first set of DDR registers.

DQS Transition Detect: The DQS Transition Detect block generates the DDR Clock Polarity signal based on the phase of the FPGA clock at the first DQS transition. The DDR READ control signal and FPGA CLK inputs to this coming and should be coming from the FPGA core.

DQSXFER: This block generates the 90-degree phase shifted clock to for the DDR Write interface. The input to this block is the XCLK. The user can choose to connect this either to the edge clock or the FPGA clocks. The DQSXFER is routed using the DQSXFER tree to all the I/Os spanned by that DQS.

Data Valid Module: The data valid module generates a DATAVALID signal. This signal indicates to the FPGA that valid data is transmitted out of the input DDR registers to the FPGA core.

Table 2 provides a description of the I/O ports associated with the DQSBUFC primitive.



Table 2. DQSBUFC Ports

Port Name	I/O	Description	
DQSI	I	DQS Strobe signal from memory	
CLK	I	System CLK	
READ	I	Read generated from the FPGA core	
DQSDEL	I	DQS Delay from the DQSDLL primitive	
XCLK	I	Edge Clock or System CLK	
DQSO	0	Delayed DQS Strobe signal, to the input capture register block	
DQSC	0	DQS Strobe signal before delay, going to the FPGA core logic	
DDRCLKPOL	0	DDR Clock Polarity signal	
PRMBDET	0	Preamble detect signal, going to the FPGA core logic	
DQSXFER	0	90 degree shifted clock going to the Output DDR register Block	
DATAVALID	0	Signal indicating transmission of Valid data to the FPGA core	

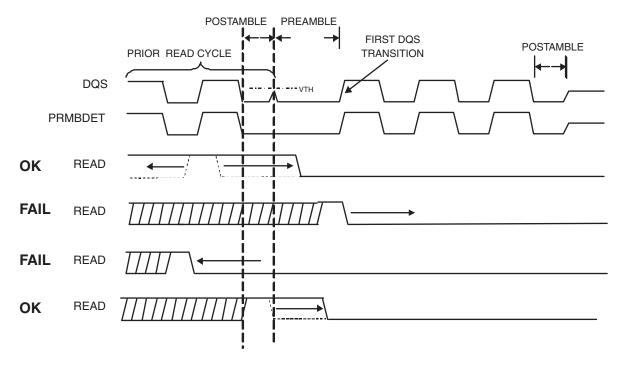
READ Pulse Generation

The READ signal to the DQSBUFC block is internally generated in the FPGA core. The READ signal goes high when the READ command to control the DDR-SDRAM is initially asserted. This precedes the DQS preamble by one cycle, yet may overlap the trailing bits of a prior read cycle. The DQS Detect circuitry of the LatticeXP2 device requires the falling edge of the READ signal to be placed within the preamble stage.

The preamble state of the DQS can be detected using the CAS latency and the round trip delay for the signals between the FPGA and the memory device. Note that the internal FPGA core generates the READ pulse. The rise of the READ pulse should coincide with the initial READ command of the Read Burst and need to go low before the Preamble goes high.

Figure 9 shows a READ Pulse timing example with respect to the PRMBDET signal.

Figure 9. READ Pulse Generation





IDDRMX1A

This primitive will implement the input register block in memory mode. The DDR registers are designed to use edge clock routing on the I/O side and the primary clock on the FPGA side. The ECLK input is used to connect to the DQS strobe coming from the DQS delay block (DQSBUFC primitive). The SCLK input is connected to the system (FPGA) clock. DDRCLKPOL is an input from the DQS Clock Polarity tree. This signal is generated by the DQS Transition detect circuit in the hardware. The DDRCLKPOL signal is used to choose the polarity of the SCLK to the synchronization registers.

Figure 10. IDDRMX1A Symbol

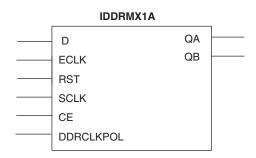


Table 3 provides a description of all I/O ports associated with the IDDRMX1A primitive.

Table 3. IDDRMX1A Ports

Port Name	I/O	Definition	
D	I	DDR Data	
ECLK	I	The phase shifted DQS should be connected to this input	
RST	I	Reset	
SCLK	I	System CLK	
CE	I	Clock enable	
DDRCLKPOL	1	DDR clock polarity signal	
QA	0	Data at Positive edge of the CLK	
QB	0	Data at the negative edge of the CLK	

Note: The DDRCLKPOL input to IDDRMX1A should be connected to the DDRCLKPOL output of DQSBUFC.

Figure 11 shows the Input Register Block configured in the IDDRMX1A mode.



Figure 11. Input Register Block in IDDRMX1A Mode

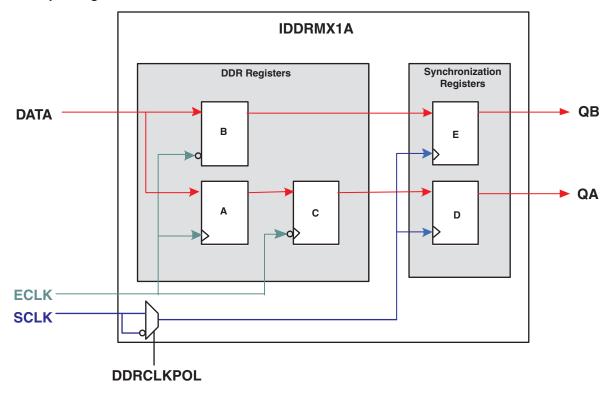
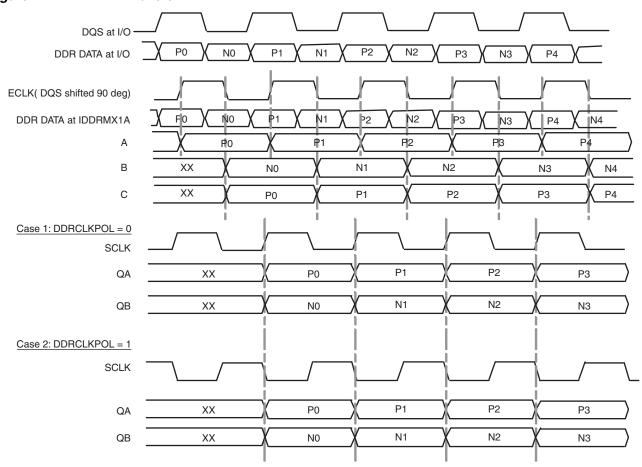


Figure 12 shows the IDDRMX1A timing waveform.



Figure 12. IDDRMX1A Waveform



IDDRMFX1A

With the IDDRMX1A, the data can enter the FPGA at either the positive or negative edge of the SCLK depending on the state of the DDRCLKPOL signal. The IDDRMFX1A module includes an additional clock transfer stage that ensures that the data is transferred at a known edge of the system clock.

Figure 13. IDDRMFX1A Symbol

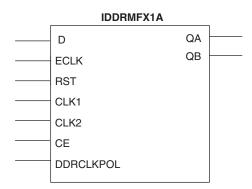


Table 4 provides a description of all I/O ports associated with the IDDRMFX1A primitive.



Table 4. IDDRMFX1A Ports

Port Name	I/O	Description
D	I	DDR Data
ECLK	I	The phase shifted DQS should be connected to this input
RST	I	Reset
CLK1	I	Slow FPGA CLK
CLK2	I	Slow FPGA CLK
CE	I	Clock enable
DDRCLKPOL	I	DDR clock polarity signal
QA	0	Data at the positive edge of the CLK
QB	0	Data at the negative edge of the CLK

Note: The DDRCLKPOL input to IDDRMFX1A should be connected to the DDRCLKPOL output of DQSBUFC.

Figure 14 shows the LatticeXP2 Input Register Block configured to function in the IDDRXMFX1A mode.

The DDR registers are designed to use Edge clock routing on the I/O side and the primary clock on the FPGA side. The ECLK input is used to connect to the DQS strobe coming from the DQS delay block (DQSBUFC primitive). The CLK1 and CLK2 inputs should be connected to the slow system (FPGA) clock. DDRCLKPOL is an input from the DQS Clock Polarity tree. This signal is generated by the DQS Transition detect circuit in the hardware. The additional clock transfer registers are shared with the output register block.

Figure 14. Input Register Block in IDDRMFX1A Mode

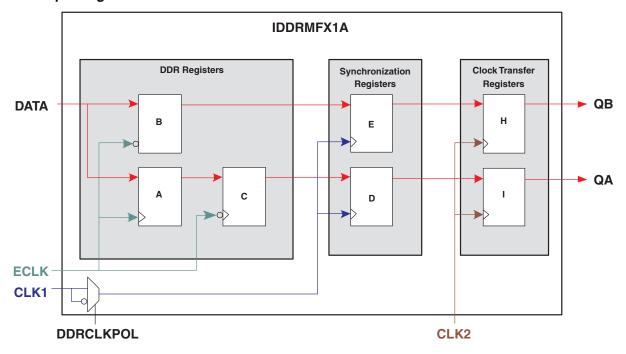
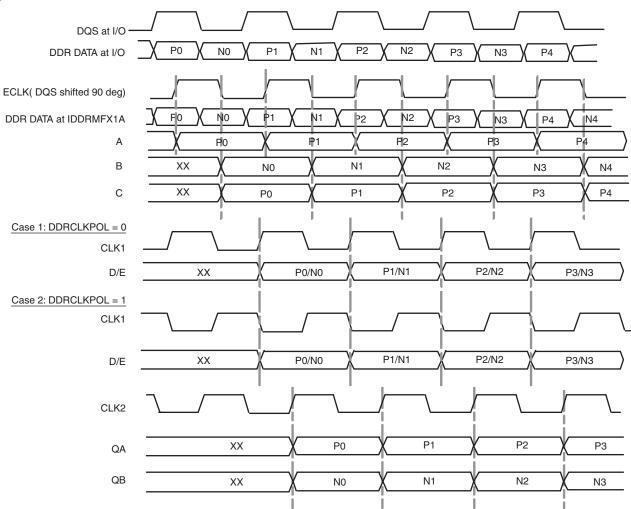


Figure 15 shows the IDDRMFX1A timing waveform.



Figure 15. IDDRMFX1A Waveform



ODDRMXA

The ODDRMXA primitive implements the output register for both the write and the tristate functions. This primitive is used to output DDR data and the DQS strobe to the memory. All the DDR output tristate functions are also implemented using this primitive.

Figure 16 shows the ODDRMXA primitive symbol and its I/O ports.

Figure 16. ODDRMXA Symbol

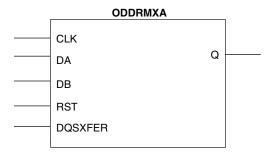


Table 5 provides a description of all I/O ports associated with the ODDRMXA primitive.



Table 5. ODDRMXA Ports

Port Name	I/O	Description	
CLK	I	System CLK or ECLK	
DA	I	Data at the negative edge of the clock	
DB	ı	Data at the positive edge of the clock	
RST	I	Reset	
DQSXFER	ı	90-degree phase shifted clock coming from the DQSBUFC block	
Q	I	DDR data to the memory	

Notes:

- 1. RST should be held low during DDR Write operation.
- DDR output and tristate registers do not have CE support. RST is available for the tristate DDRX mode (while reading). The LSR will default to set when used in the tristate mode.
- 3. When asserting reset during DDR writes, it is important to keep in mind that this only resets the flip-flops and not the latches.

Figure 17 shows the LatticeXP2 Output Register Block configured in the ODDRXMA mode.

Figure 17. Output Register Block in ODDRXMA Mode

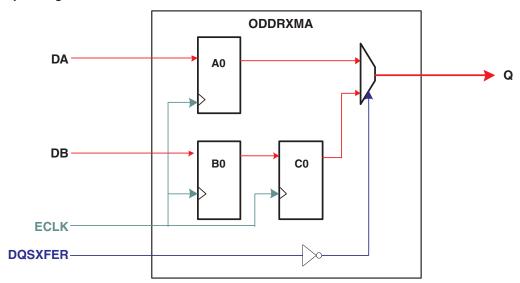
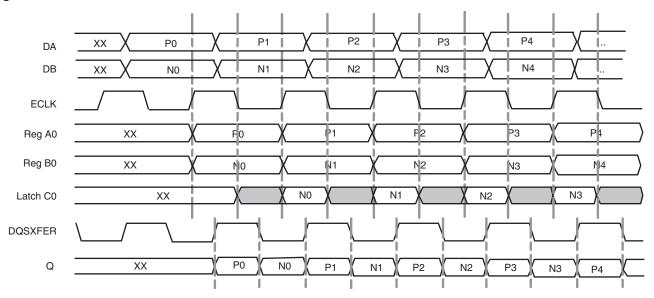


Figure 18 shows the ODDRMXA timing waveform.

Figure 18. ODDRMXA Waveform



Note that the DQSXFER is inverted inside the ODDRXMA. This will cause the data coming out of the ODDRXMA to be -90° in phase with the output of the ODDRXC module.

Memory Read Implementation

LatticeXP2 devices contain a variety of features to simplify implementation of the read portion of a DDR interface:

- DLL compensated DQS delay elements
- · DDR input registers
- Automatic DQS to system clock domain transfer circuitry
- · Data Valid Module

DLL Compensated DQS Delay Elements

The DQS from the memory is connected to the DQS Delay element. The DQS Delay block receives a 6-bit delay control from the on-chip DQSDLL. The LatticeXP2 devices support two DQSDLL, one on the left and one on the right side of the device. The DQSDEL generated by the DQSDLL on the left side is routed to all the DQS blocks on the left and bottom/top half of the device. The delay generated by the DQSDLL on the right side is distributed to all the DQS Delay blocks on the right side and the other bottom/top half of the device. These digital delay control signals are used to delay the DQS from the memory by 90 degrees.

The DQS received from the memory is delayed in each of the DQS Delay blocks and this delay DQS is used to clock the first set stage DDR input registers.

DQS Transition Detect or Automatic Clock Polarity Select

In a typical DDR memory interface design, the phase relation between the incoming delayed DQS strobe and the internal system clock (during the READ cycle) is unknown. Prior to the READ operation in DDR memories, DQS is in tristate (pulled by termination). Coming out of tristate, the DDR memory device drives DQS low in the Preamble State. The DQS Transition Detect block detects the first DQS rising edge after the Preamble transition and generates a signal indicating the required polarity for the FPGA system clock (DDRCLKPOL). This signal is used to control the polarity of the clock to the synchronizing registers.



Data Valid Module

The data valid module generates a DATAVALID signal. This signal indicates to the FPGA that valid data is transmitted out the input DDR registers to the FPGA core.

DDR I/O Register Implementation

The first set of DDR registers is used to de-mux the DDR data at the positive and negative edge of the phase shifted DQS signal. The register that captures the positive-edge data is followed by a negative-edge triggered register. This register transfers the positive edge data from the first register to the negative edge of DQS so that both the positive and negative portions of the data are now aligned to the negative edge of DQS.

The second stage of registers is clocked by the FPGA clock, the polarity of this clock is selected by the DDR Clock Polarity signal generated by the DQS Transition Detect Block.

The I/O Logic registers can be implemented in two modes:

- · Half Clock Transfer Mode
- · Full Clock Transfer Mode

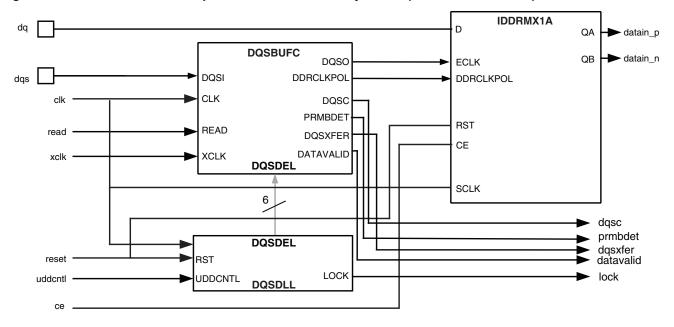
In Half Clock Transfer mode the data is transferred to the FPGA core after the second stage of the register. In Full Clock Transfer mode, an additional stage of I/O registers clocked by the FPGA clock is used to transfer the data to the FPGA core.

DS1009, LatticeXP2 Family Data Sheet explains each of these circuit elements in more detail.

Memory Read Implementation in Software

Three primitives in the ispLEVER® design tools represent the capability of these three elements. The DQSDLL represents the DLL used for calibration. The IDDRMX1A/IDDRMFX1A primitive represents the DDR input registers and clock domain transfer registers with or without full clock transfer. Finally, the DQSBUFC represents the DQS delay block, the clock polarity control logic and the Data Valid module. Figures 19 and 20 show the READ interface block generated using the IPexpressTM tool in the ispLEVER software.

Figure 19. Software Primitive Implementation for Memory READ (Half Clock Transfer)





IDDRMFX1A D datain_p **DQSBUFC** → datain_n ΩB DQSC **ECLK** DQSI **DDRCLKPOL** DDRCLKPOL CLK DQSC **PRMBDET** RST READ read DQSXFER CE DATAVALID xclk **DQSDEL** CLK₁ CLK2 6 dqsc prmbdet **DQSDEL** dasxfer reset RST datavalid LOCK UDDCNTL DQSDLL lock uddcntl ce

Figure 20. Software Primitive Implementation for Memory READ (Full Clock Transfer)

Read Timing Waveforms

Figures 21 and 22 show READ data transfer for half and full clock cycle data transfer based on the results of the DQS Transition detector logic. This circuitry decides whether or not to invert the phase of FPGA system CLK to the synchronization registers based on the relative phases of PRMBDET and CLK.

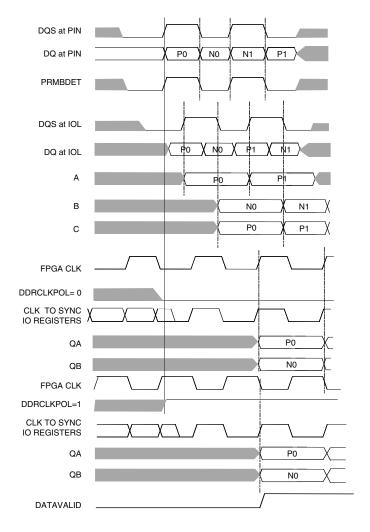
- Case 1: If the FPGA clock is low on the first PRMBDET transition, then DDRCLKPOL is low and no inversion is required.
- Case 2: If the FPGA clock is high on the first PRMBDET, then DDRCLKPOL is high and the FPGA clock (CLK) needs to be inverted before it is used for synchronization.

Figure 21 illustrates the DDR data timing using half clock transfer mode at different stages of the IDDRMX1A registers. The first stage of the register captures data on the positive edge as shown by signal A and the negative edge as shown by signal B. Data stream A goes through an additional half clock cycle transfer shown by signal C. Phase-aligned data streams B and C are presented to the next stage registers clocked by the FPGA clock.

Figure 22 illustrates the DDR data timing using full clock transfer mode at different stages of IDDRMFX1A registers. In addition to the first two register stages in the half clock mode, the full clock transfer mode has an additional stage register clocked by the FPGA clock. In this case, D and E are the data streams after the second register stage presented to the final stage of registers clocked by the FPGA clock.



Figure 21. READ Data Transfer When Using IDDRMX1A

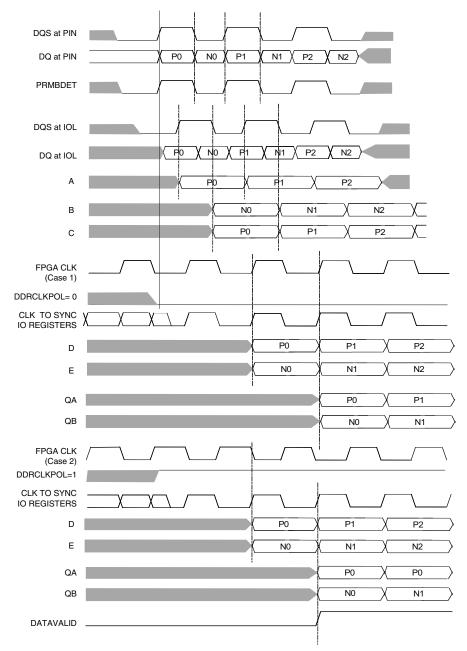


Notes:

- 1. DDR memory sends DQ aligned to DQS Strobe.
- 2. The DQS Strobe is delayed by 90 degrees using the dedicated DQS logic.
- 3. DQ is now center aligned to DQS Strobe.
- 4. PRMBDET is the Preamble detect signal generated using the DQSBUFB primitive. This is used to generate the DDRCLKPOL signal.
- 5. The first set of I/O registers, A and B, capture data on the positive and negative edges of DQS.
- 6. I/O Register C transfers data so that both data are now aligned to negative edge of DQS.
- 7. DDCLKPOL signal generated will determine if the FPGA CLK going into the synchronization registers need to be inverted. The DDRCLK-POL=0 when the FPGA CLK is LOW at the first rising edge of PRMBDET. The clock to the synchronization registers is not inverted. The DDRCLKPOL=1 when the FPGA CLK is HIGH at the first rising edge of PRMBDET. In this case the clock to the synchronization register is inverted.
- 8. The I/O synchronization registers capture data on either the rising or falling edge of the FPGA clock.
- 9. The DATAVALID signal goes HIGH when valid data enters the FPGA core. Once DATA VALID is asserted, it stays high until the next READ pulse.



Figure 22. Read Data Transfer When Using IDDRMFX1A



Notes:

- 1. DDR memory sends DQ aligned to DQS Strobe.
- 2. The DQS Strobe is delayed by 90 degrees using the dedicated DQS logic.
- 3. DQ is now center-aligned to DQS Strobe.
- 4. PRMBDET is the Preamble detect signal generated using the DQSBUFB primitive. This is used to generate the DDRCLKPOL signal.
- 5. The first set of I/O registers, A and B, capture data on the positive and negative edges of DQS.
- 6. I/O register C transfers data so that both data are now aligned to the negative edge of DQS.
- 7. DDCLKPOL signal generated will determine if the FPGA clock going into the synchronization registers need to be inverted. The DDRCLK-POL=0 when the FPGA CLK is LOW at the first rising edge of PRMBDET. So the clock to the synchronization registers is not inverted. The DDRCLKPOL=1 when the FPGA CLK is HIGH at the first rising edge of PRMBDET. In this case the clock to the synchronization register is inverted.
- 8. Registers D and E capture data at the FPGA clock.
- 9. The data is then again registers at the FPGA clock to ensure a Full Clock Cycle transfer.
- 10.DATAVALID signal goes HIGH when valid data enters the FPGA core. Once DATA VALID is asserted, it stays high until the next READ pulse.



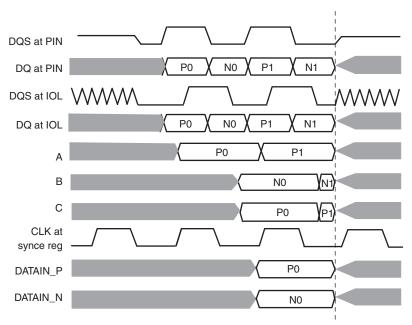
Data Read Critical Path

Data in the second stage DDR registers can be registered either on the positive edge or on the falling edge of FPGA clock depending on the DDRCLKPOL signal. In order to ensure that the data transferred to the FPGA core registers is aligned to the rising edge of the system clock, this path should be constrained with a half clock transfer. This half clock transfer can be forced in the software by assigning a multi-cycle constraint (multi-cycle of 0.5 X) on all the data paths to first PFU register.

DQS Postamble

At the end of a READ cycle, the DDR SDRAM device executes the READ cycle postamble and then immediately tristates both the DQ and DQS output drivers. Since neither the memory controller (FPGA) nor the DDR SDRAM device are driving DQ or DQS at that time, these signals float to a level determined by the off-chip termination resistors. While these signals are floating, noise on the DQS strobe may be interpreted as a valid strobe signal by the FPGA input buffer. This can cause the last READ data captured in the IOL input DDR registers to be overwritten before the data has been transferred to the free running resynchronization registers inside the FPGA.

Figure 23. Postamble Effect on READ



LatticeXP2 devices have extra dedicated logic in the in the DQS Delay Block that prevents this postamble problem. The DQS postamble logic is automatically implemented when the user instantiates the DQS Delay logic (DQS-BUFC software primitive) in the design.

Memory Write Implementation

To implement the write portion of a DDR memory interface, two streams of single data rate data must be multiplexed together with data transitioning on both edges of the clock. In addition, during a write cycle, DQS must arrive at the memory pins center-aligned with the data, DQ. Along with the DQS strobe and data this portion of the interface must also provide the CLKP, CLKN Address/Command and Data Mask (DM) signals to the memory.

It is the responsibility of the FPGA output control to edge-align the DDR output signals (ADDR,CMD, DQS, but not DQ, DM) to the rising edge of the outgoing differential clock (CLKP/CLKN).

Challenges encountered by the during Memory WRITE:

- 1. DQS needs to be center-aligned with the outgoing DDR Data, DQ.
- 2. Differential CLK signals (CLKP and CLKN) need to be generated.



- 3. The controller must meet the DDR interface specification for t_{DSS} and t_{DSH} parameters, defined as DQS falling to CLKP rising setup and hold times.
- 4. The DDR output data must be muxed from two SDR streams into a single outgoing DDR data stream.

All DDR output signals ("ADDR, CMD", DQS, DQ, DM) are initially aligned to the rising edge of the FPGA clock inside the FPGA core. The relative phase of the signals may be adjusted in the IOL logic before departing the FPGA. These adjustments are shown in Figure 24.

LatticeXP2 devices contain DDR output and tri-state registers along with the DQSXFER signal generated by the DQSBUFC that allows easy implementation of the write portion of the DDR memory interfaces. The DDR output registers can be accessed in the design tools via the ODDRMXA and the ODDRXC primitives.

The DQS signal and the DDR clock outputs are generated using the ODDRXC primitive. As shown in the figure, the CLKP and DQS signals are generated so that they are 180 degrees in phase with the clock. This is done by connecting "1" to the DA input and "0" to the DB inputs of the ODDRXC primitive. Refer to the DDR Generic Software Primitive section of this document to see the ODDRXC timing waveforms.

The DDR clock output is then fed into a SSTL differential output buffer to generate CLKP and CLKN differential clocks. Generating the CLKN in this manner prevents any skew between the two signals. When interfacing to DDR1, SDRAM memory CLKP should be connected to the SSTL25D I/O standard. When interfacing to DDR2 memory, it should be connected to the SSTL18D I/O standard.

The DQSXFER output from the DQSBUFC block is the 90-degree phase shifted clock. This 90-degree phase shifted clock is used as an input to the ODDRMXA block. The ODDRMXA is used to generate the DQ and DM data outputs going to the memory. In the ODDRMXA module, the data is first registered using the ECLK or FPGA clock input and then shifted out using the DQSXFER signal. To ensure that the data going to the memory is centeraligned to the DQS, the DQSXFER is inverted inside the ODDRXMA primitive. This will generate data that is center-aligned to the DQS. Refer to the Software Primitives section of this document for the ODDRXMA timing waveforms.

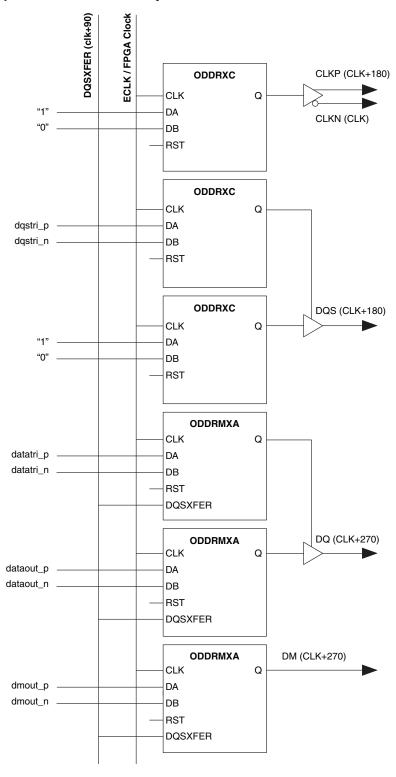
The DDR interface specification for t_{DSS} and t_{DSH} parameters defined as DQS falling to CLKP rising setup and hold times must be met. This is accomplished by ensuring that the CLKP and DQS signals are identical in phase.

The tristate control for the DQS and DQ outputs can also be implemented using the ODDRXC primitive.

Figure 24 shows the DDR Write implementation using the DDR primitives.



Figure 24. Software Implementation for Memory Write

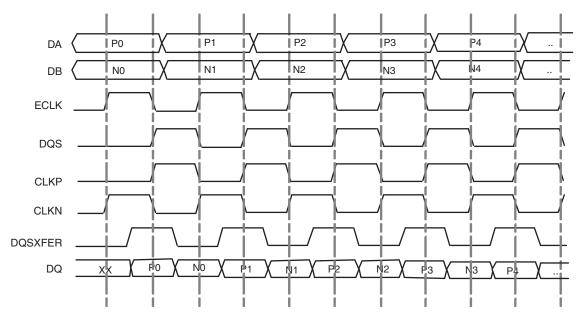




Write Timing Waveforms

Figure 25 shows the DDR write side data transfer timing for the DQ Data pad and the DQS Strobe Pad. When writing to the DDR memory device, the DM (Data Mask) and the ADDR/ CMD (Address and Command) signals are also sent to the memory device along with the data and strobe signals.

Figure 25. DDR Write Data Transfer for DQ Data



Design Rules/Guidelines

Listed below are some rules and guidelines to keep in mind when implementing DDR memory interfaces in the LatticeXP2 devices.

- The LatticeXP2 devices have dedicated DQ-DQS banks. Please refer to the logical signal connections of the groups in DS1009, LatticeXP2 Family Data Sheet before locking these pins.
- There are two DQSDLL on the device, one for the left half and one for the right half of the device. Therefore, only
 one DQSDLL primitive should be instantiated for each half of the device. Since there is only one DQSDLL on
 each half of the device, all the DDR memory interfaces on that half of the device should run at the same frequency. Each of the DQSDLL will generate 90-degree digital delay bits for all the DQS delay blocks on that half of
 the device based on the reference clock input to the DLL.
- When implementing a DDR SDRAM interface, all interface signals should be connected to the SSTL25 I/O standard. In the case of the DDR2 SDRAM interface, the interface signal should be connected to SSTL18 I/O standard.
- For DDR2, the differential DQS signals need to be connected to SSTL18 the Differential I/O standard.
- When implementing the DDR interface, the VREF1 of the bank is used to provide the reference voltage for the interface pins.

Generic High Speed DDR Implementation

In addition to the DDR memory interface, the I/O logic DDR registers can be used to implement high speed DDR interfaces. The Input DDR registers can operate in full clock transfer and half clock transfer modes. The DDR input and output register also support x1 and x2 gearing ratios. A gearing capability is provided to Mux/DeMux the I/O data rate (ECLK) to the FPGA clock rate (SCLK). For DDR interfaces, this ratio is slightly different than the SDR ratio. A basic 2x DDR element provides four FPGA side bits for two I/O side bits at half the clock rate on the FPGA side.



The data going to the DDR registers can be optionally delayed before going to the DDR register block.

Generic DDR Software Primitives

The IPexpress tool in the ispLEVER software can be used to generate the DDR modules. The various DDR modes described below can be configured in the IPexpress tool. The various modes are implemented using the following software primitives.

- IDDRXC DDR Generic Input
- IDDRFXA DDR Generic Input with full clock transfer (x1 gearbox)
- IDDRX2B DDR Generic Input with 2x gearing ratio. DDRX2 inputs a double data rate signal as four data streams. Two stages of DDR registers are used to convert serial DDR data at input pad into four SDR data streams entering FPGA core logic.
- ODDRXC DDR Generic Output
- ODDRX2B DDR Generic Output with 2x gearing ratio. The DDRX2 inputs four separate data streams and outputs a single data stream to the I/O buffer.
- DELAYB The DDR input can be optionally delayed before it is input to the DDR registers. The user can choose to implement a fixed delay value or use a dynamic delay.

IDDRXC

This primitive inputs DDR data at both edges of the CLK and generates two streams of data. The CLK to this module can be connected to either the edge clock or the primary FPGA clock.

Figure 26 shows the primitive symbol for IDDRXC mode.

Figure 26. IDDRXC Symbol

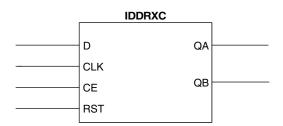


Table 6 lists the port names and descriptions for the IDDRXC primitive.

Table 6. IDDRXC Port Names

Port Name	I/O	Definition	
D	I	DDR data	
CLK	I	This clock can be connected to the ECLK or the FPGA clock	
CE	I	Clock enable signal	
RST	I	Reset to the DDR register	
QA	0	Data at the positive edge of the clock	
QB	0	Data at the negative edge of the clock	

Figure 27 shows the LatticeXP2 Input Register Block configured in the IDDRXFC mode.



Figure 27. Input Register Block Configured as IDDRXC

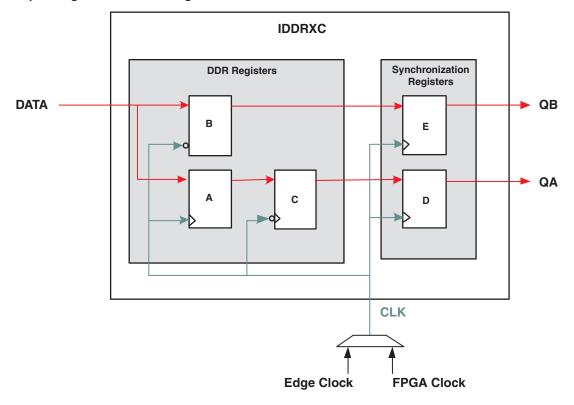
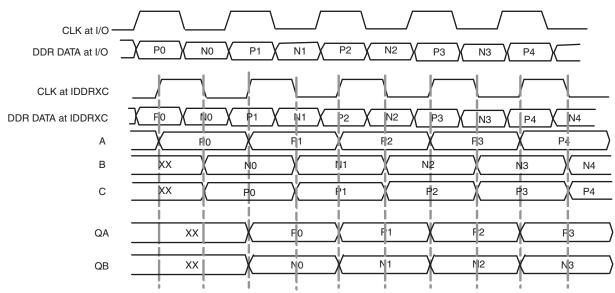


Figure 28 shows the timing waveform when using the IDDRXC module.

Figure 28. IDDRXC Waveform



IDDRFXA

This primitive inputs DDR data at both edges of clock CLK1 and generates two streams of data aligned to clock CLK2. CLK1 can be connected either to the edge clock or the internal FPGA clock. If the Edge clock input is used for CLK1 then CLK2 should be generated from the same clock going to CLK1.



Figure 29. IDDRFXA Symbol

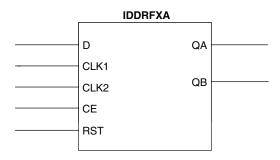


Table 7 lists the port names and descriptions for the IDDRFXA primitive.

Table 7. IDDRFXA Port Names

Port Name	I/O	Description	
D	I	DDR data	
CLK1	I	This clock can be connected to the ECLK or the FPGA clock	
CLK2	I	his clock should be connected to the FPGA clock	
CE	I	Clock Enable signal	
RST	I	Reset to the DDR register	
QA	0	Data at the positive edge of the clock	
QB	0	Data at the negative edge of the clock	

Figure 31 shows the LatticeXP2 Input Register Block configured in the IDDRXFXA mode. CLK1 used to register the DDR registers and the first set of synchronization registers. CLK2 is used by the third stage of registers and should be clocked by the FPGA clock. These clock transfer registers are shared with the output register block.

Figure 30. Input Register Block configured as IDDRFXA

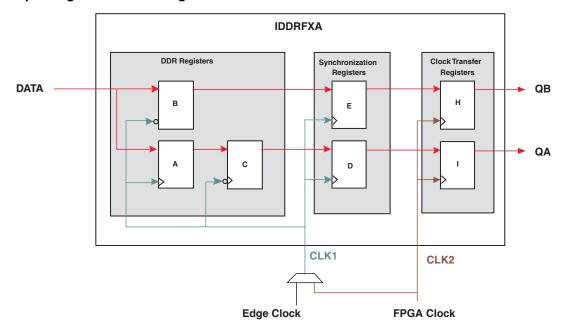
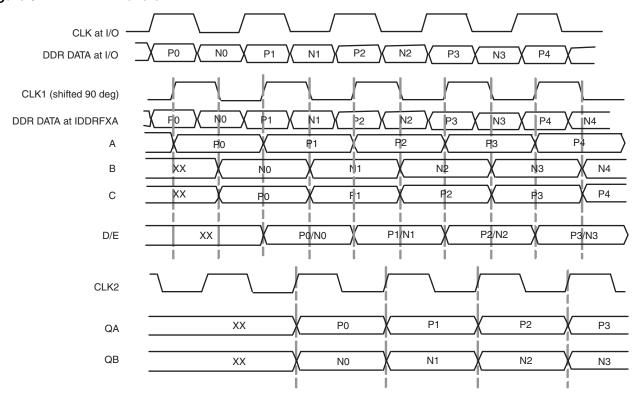


Figure 31 shows the timing waveform when using the IDDRFXA module.



Figure 31. IDDRFXA Waveform





IDDRX2B

This module is used when a gearing function is required. This primitive inputs the DDR data at both edges of the edge clock and generates four streams of data aligned to SCLK. SCLK is always half the frequency of ECLK. It is recommended that the CLKDIV module or PLL be used to generate the SCLK from the ECLK.

Figure 32 shows the primitive symbol for the IDDRX2B mode.

Figure 32. IDDRX2B Symbol

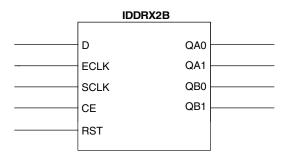


Table 8 lists the port names and descriptions for the IDDRX2B primitive.

Table 8. IDDRX2B Port Names

Port Name	I/O	Description	
D	I	DDR data	
ECLK	I	This clock can be connected to the fast edge clock	
SCLK	I	This clock should be connected to the FPGA clock	
CE	I	Clock enable signal	
RST	I	Reset to the DDR register	
QA0, QA1	0	Data at the positive edge of the clock	
QB0, QB1	0	Data at the negative edge of the clock	

Figure 33 shows the LatticeXP2 Input Register Block configured in the IDDRX2B mode. The DDR registers and the first set of synchronization registers are clocked by the ECLK input. The SCLK is used to clock the third stage of register. This primitive will output four streams of data. The 2x gearing function is implemented by using the synchronization registers of the complementary PIO. The clock transfer registers are shared with the output register block.



Figure 33. Input Register Block Configured as IDDRX2B

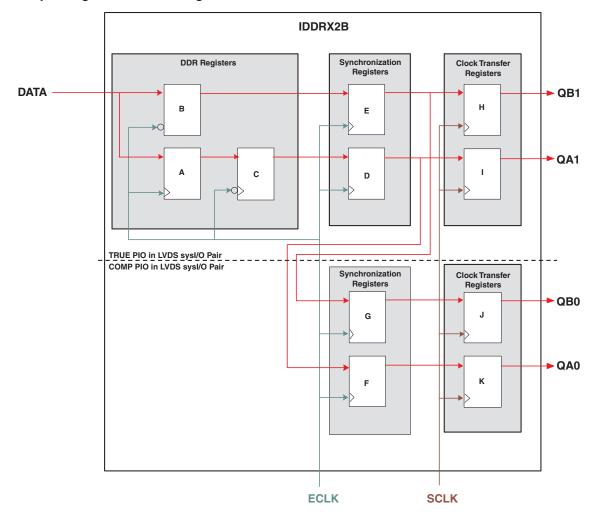
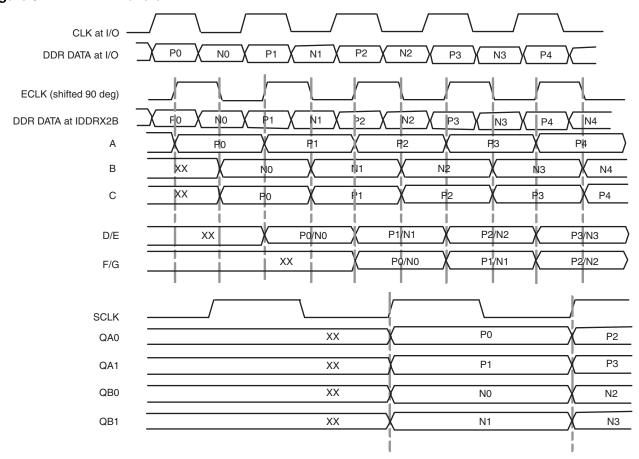


Figure 34 shows the timing waveform using the IDDRX2B module.



Figure 34. IDDRX2B Waveform



ODDRXC

This is the DDR output module. This primitive will input two data streams and mux them together to generate a single stream of data going to the syslO™ buffer. The CLK to this module can be connected to the edge clock or to the FPGA clock. This primitive is also used for when DDR function is required for the tristate signal.

Figure 35 shows the primitive symbol for the ODDRXC mode.

Figure 35. ODDRXC Symbol

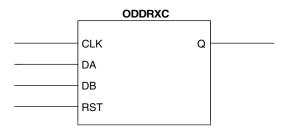


Table 9 lists the port names and descriptions for the ODDRXC primitive.



Table 9. ODDRXC Port Names

Port Name	I/O	Definition		
DA	I	Data at the negative edge of the clock		
DB	I	ata at the positive edge of the clock		
CLK	I	his clock can be connected to the edge clock or to the FPGA clock		
RST	I	Reset signal		
Q	0	DDR data output		

Figure 36 shows the Output Register Block of the LatticeXP2 device configured in ODDRXC mode.

Figure 36. Output Register Block in ODDRC Mode

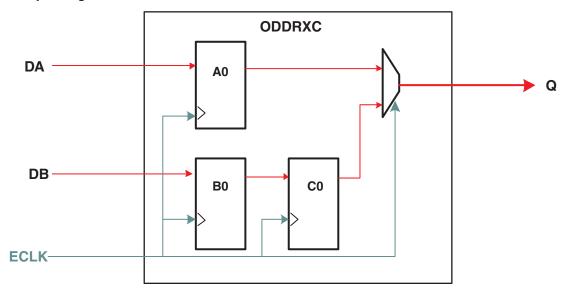
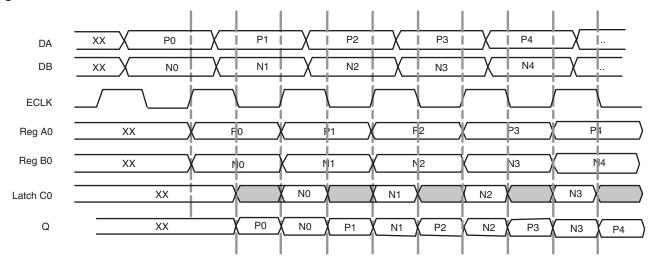


Figure 37 shows the timing waveform when using the ODDRXC module.

Figure 37. ODDRXC Waveform





ODDRX2B

This DDR output module can be used when a gearbox function is required. This primitive inputs four data streams and muxes them together to generate a single stream of data going to the syslO buffer.

DDR registers of the complementary PIO are used in this mode. The complementary PIO register can no longer be used to perform the DDR function. There are two clocks going to this primitive. The ECLK is connected to the faster edge clock and the SCLK is connected to the slower FPGA clock. The DDR data output of this primitive is aligned to the faster edge clock.

Figure 38 shows the primitive symbol for the ODDRX2B mode.

Figure 38. ODDRX2B Symbol

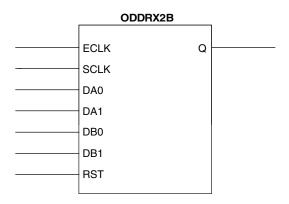


Table 10 lists the port names and descriptions for the ODDRX2B primitive.

Table 10. ODDRX2B Port Names

Port Name	I/O	Description	
DA0, DB0	Į	Data at the negative edge of the clock	
DA1, DB1	Į	Data at the positive edge of the clock	
ECLK	I	This clock should be connected to the faster edge clock	
SCLK	Į	This clock should be connected to the slower FPGA clock	
RST	I	Reset signal	
Q	0	DDR data output	

Figure 39 shows the LatticeXP2 Output Register Block in the ODDRX2B mode.



Figure 39. Output Register Block Configured in ODDRX2B Mode

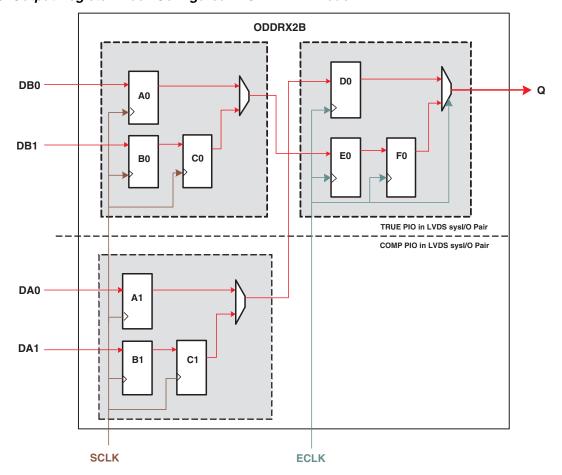
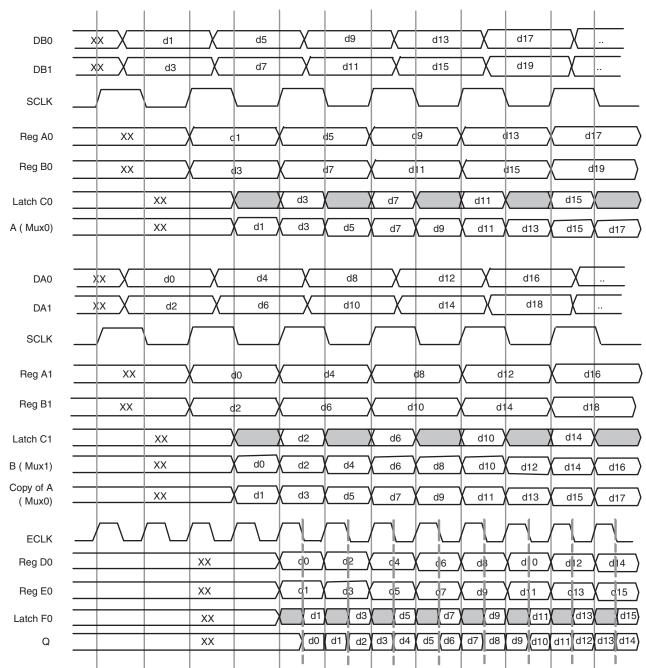


Figure 40 shows the timing waveform when using the ODDRXC module.







DELAYB

Data going to the DDR registers can be optionally delayed using the Delay block. The Delay block receives 4-bit delay control. The 4-bit delay can be set using fixed multiplier values or it can be controlled by the user. The DELAYB block is available for use with the input DDR registers.

The DELAYB block can be configured when generating the DDR input modules in the IPexpress tool of the software. The delay can be adjusted in 35ps steps. Users can choose from three types of delay values:

1. Dynamic – The delay value is controlled by the user logic using the DEL[3:0] input of the DELAYB block.



- 2. Fixed When choosing the fixed value, the user will also need to choose from one of the 16 multiplier values. This will tie the inputs DEL[3:0] of the DELAYB block to a fixed value depending on the multiplier value chosen.
- 3. FIXED_XGMII The DEL [3:0] will be configured with the delay value required when implementing a XGMII interface.

Figure 41 shows the primitive symbol for the DELAYB mode.

Figure 41. DELAYB Symbol

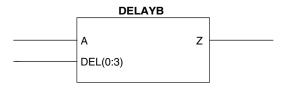


Table 11 lists the port names and descriptions for the DELAYB primitive.

Table 11. DELAYB Port Names

Port Name	I/O	Definition
Α	- 1	DDR input from the sysIO buffer
DEL (0:3)	I	Delay inputs
Z	0	Delay DDR data

Design Rules/Guidelines

Listed below are some rules and guidelines for implementing generic DDR interfaces in LatticeXP2 devices.

When implementing a 2x gearing mode, the complement PIO registers are used. This complementary PIO register can no longer be used and should not be connected.

DDR Usage in ispLEVER IPexpress

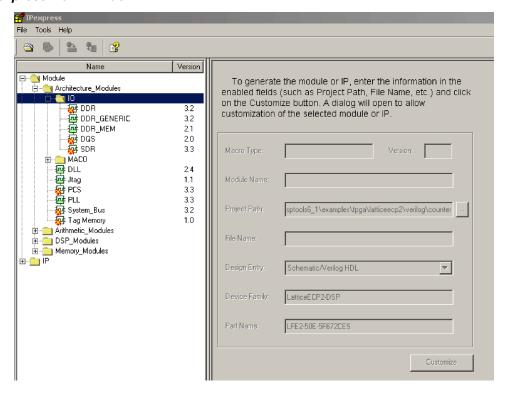
This section describes how IPexpress is used to generate the DDR modules in ispLEVER. If you are using Lattice Diamond[™] design software, refer to Appendix A for information on how DDR modules are generated in Diamond.

IPexpress can be used to configure and generate the DDR Memory Interface and Generic DDR Module. The tool will generate an HDL module that will contain the DDR primitives. This module can be using in the top level design.

Figure 42 shows the main window of IPexpress. The DDR_Generic and DDR_MEM options under **Architechture->IO** are used to configure the DDR modules.



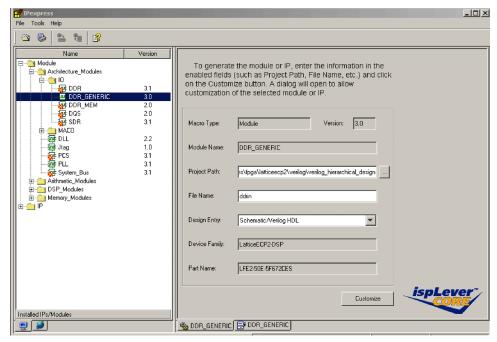
Figure 42. IPexpress Main Window



DDR Generic

Figure 43 shows the main window when DDR_Generic is selected. The only entry required in this window is the module name. Other entries are set to the project settings. The user may change these entries if desired. After entering the module name, click on **Customize** to open the **Configuration Tab** window as shown in Figure 44.

Figure 43. IPexpress Main Window for DDR_Generic

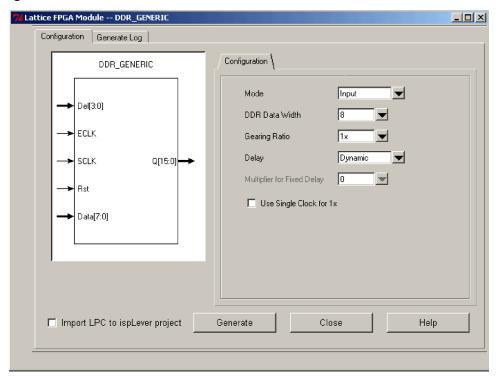




Configuration Tab

The Configuration Tab lists all user-accessible attributes with default values set. Upon completion, click **Generate** to generate source and constraint files. The user may choose to use the .lpc file to load parameters.

Figure 44. Configuration Tab for DDR_Generic



The user can change the Mode parameter to choose either Input, Output, Bidirection or Tristate DDR module. The other configuration parameters will change according to the mode selected. The Delay parameter is only available for Input and Bidirectional modes. Similarly the Multiplier for Fixed Delay parameter is only available when the Delay parameter is configured to Fixed.

Table 12. User Parameters in the IPexpress GUI

User Parameters	Description	Values/Range	Default
Mode	Mode selection for the DDR block.	Input, Output, Bidirectional, Tristate	Input
Data Width	Width of the data bus.	1-64	8
Gearing Ratio	Gearing ratio selection.	1x, 2x ¹	1x
Delay	Input delay configuration	Dynamic, Fixed, Fixed XGMII	Dynamic
Multiplier for Fixed Delay	Fixed delay setting. Available only when delay is configured as fixed.	0-15	0
Use Single Clk for 1x	Allows for the selection of a single clock for the gearing logic.	On/Off	Off

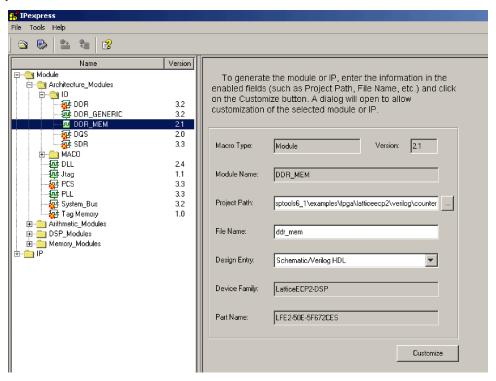
^{1.} Only 1x available when Mode is Bidirection or Tristate.



DDR_MEM

Figure 45 shows the main window when DDR_MEM is selected. Similar to the DDR_Generic, the only entry required here is the module name. Other entries are set to the project settings. The user may change these entries if desired. After entering the module name, click on **Customize** to open the **Configuration Tab** window as shown in Figure 46.

Figure 45. IPexpress Main Window for DDR_MEM

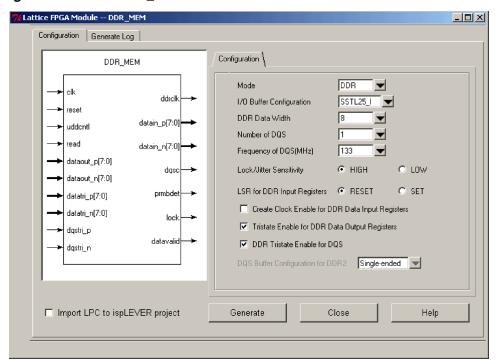




Configuration Tab

The Configuration Tab lists all user-accessible attributes with default values set. Upon completion, click **Generate** to generate source and constraint files. The user may choose to use the .lpc file to load parameters.

Figure 46. Configuration Tab for DDR MEM



The user can change the Mode parameter to choose either the DDR or DDR2 interface. The other configuration parameters will change according to the Mode selected. The Number of DQS parameter determines the number of DDR interfaces. The software will assume there are eight data bits for every DQS. The user can also choose the frequency of operation and the DDR DLL will be configured to this frequency.

The user has an option to enable the clock enable and tristate enables for the DDR registers. It is recommend that the Lock/Jitter be enabled if the DDR interface is running at 150MHz or higher.

The parameters available depend on the mode selected. Tables 13 and 14 describe all user parameters in the IPexpress GUI and their usage for modes DDR and DDR2.



Table 13. User Parameters in the IPexpress GUI when in DDR Mode

User Parameters	Description	Values/Range	Default
I/O Buffer Configuration	I/O Standard used for the Interface. This will also depend on the Mode selected.	SSTL25_I, SSTL25_II	SSTL25_I
Data Width	Width of the Data bus	8-64	8
Number of DQS	Number of DQS will determine the number of DQS Groups	1, 2, 4, 8	1
Frequency of DQS	DDR Interface Frequency. This is also input to the DDR DLL. The values will depend on the mode selected.	100MHz, 133MHz, 166MHz, 200MHz	200MHz
Lock/Jitter Sensitivity	DLL Sensitivity to Jitter	High, Low	High
LSR for DDR Input Register	LSR Control	RESET, SET	RESET
Create Clock Enable for DDR Input Register	Create Clock enable inputs to the block	On/Off	Off
Tri-state Enable for DDR Output Registers	Creates Tri-state control for the DDR data output registers.	On/Off	On
DDR Tristate enable for the DQS output	Creates Tristate control for DQS output	On/Off	On

Table 14. User Parameters in the IPexpress GUI when in DDR2 Mode

User Parameters	Description	Values/Range	Default
I/O Buffer Configuration	I/O Standard used for the Interface. This will also depend on the Mode selected.	SSTL18_I, SSTL18_II	SSTL18_I
Data Width	Width of the Data bus	8-64	8
Number of DQS	Number of DQS will determine the number of DQS Groups	1, 2, 4, 8	1
Frequency of DQS	DDR Interface Frequency. This is also input to the DDR DLL. The values will depend on the mode selected.	166MHz, 200MHz, 266MHz	200MHz
Lock/Jitter Sensitivity	DLL Sensitivity to Jitter	High, Low	High
LSR for DDR Input Register	LSR Control	RESET, SET	RESET
Create Clock Enable for DDR Input Register	Create Clock enable inputs to the block	On/Off	Off
Tri-state Enable for DDR Output Registers	Creates Tri-state control for the DDR data output registers.	On/Off	On
DDR Tristate enable for the DQS output	Creates Tristate control for DQS output	On/Off	On
DQS Buffer Configuration for DDR2	DQS Buffer can be configured as Differential	On/Off	Off



FCRAM ("Fast Cycle Random Access Memory") Interface

FCRAM is a DDR-type DRAM, which performs data output at both the rising and falling edges of the clock. FCRAM devices operate at a core voltage of 2.5V with SSTL Class II I/O. It has enhanced both the core and peripheral logic of the SDRAM. In FCRAM the address and command signals are synchronized with the clock input, and the data pins are synchronized with the DQS signal. Data output takes place at both the rising and falling edges of the DQS. DQS is in phase with the clock input of the device. The DDR SDRAM and DDR FCRAM controller will have different pinouts.

LatticeXP2 devices can implement the FCRAM interface using dedicated DQS logic, input DDR registers and output DDR registers, as described in the Implementing Memory Interfaces section of this document. Generation of address and control signals for FCRAM are different than in DDR SDRAM devices. Please refer to the FCRAM data sheets to see detailed specifications. Toshiba, Inc. and Fujitsu, Inc. offer FCRAM devices in 256Mb densities. They are available in x8 or x16 configurations.

Board Design Guidelines

The most common challenge associated with implementing DDR memory interfaces is the board design and layout. It is required that users strictly follow the guidelines recommended by memory device vendors.

Some of the common recommendations include matching trace lengths of interface signals to avoid skew, proper DQ-DQS signal grouping, proper termination of the SSTL2 or SSTL18 I/O Standard, proper VREF and VTT generation decoupling and proper PCB routing.

The following documents include board layout guidelines:

- www.idt.com, IDT, PCB Design for Double Data Rate Memory
- www.motorola.com, AN2582, Hardware and Layout Design Considerations for DDR Interfaces

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- · www.toshiba.com, DDR FCRAM Data Sheet
- www.fujitsu.com, DDR FCRAM Data Sheet
- RD1019, QDR Memory Controller Reference Design
- IPUG35, DDR1 & DDR2 SDRAM Controller (Pipelined Versions) User's Guide

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Date	Version	Change Summary
March 2017	1.5	Updated IDDRX2B section. Corrected port name from "QB1" to "QA0" in Figure 34, ID DRX2B Waveform.
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		Updated document template.
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		Updated text in DQS Transition Detect section under Memory Read Implementation.
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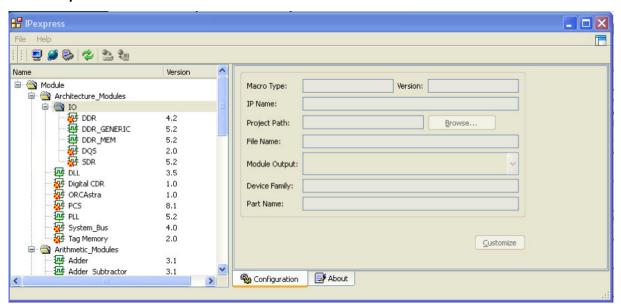


Appendix A. DDR Generation using Diamond IPexpress

The IPexpress tool in the Lattice Diamond design software can be used to configure and generate the DDR Memory Interface and Generic DDR Module. The tool will generate an HDL module that contains the DDR primitives. This module can be using in the top level design.

Figure 47 shows the main window of IPexpress. The DDR_Generic and DDR_MEM options under **Architechture > IO** are used to configure the DDR modules.

Figure 47. IPexpress Main Window



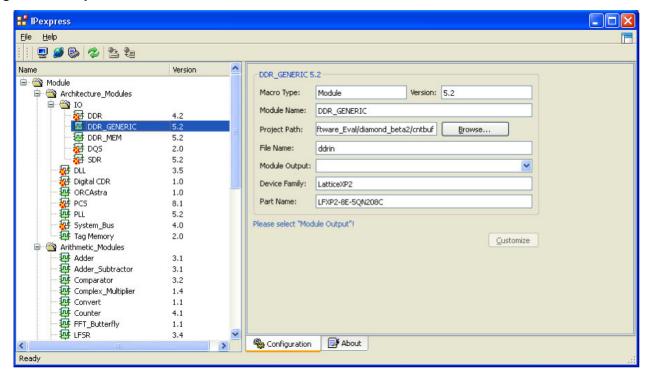
DDR Generic

Figure 48 shows the main window when DDR_Generic is selected. The only entry required in this window is the module name. Other entries are set to the project settings.

The user may change these entries if desired. After entering the module name, click on **Customize** to open the Configuration Tab window as shown in Figure 49.



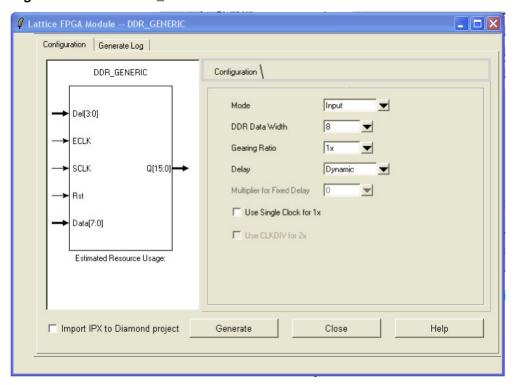
Figure 48. IPexpress Main Window for DDR_Generic



Configuration Tab

The Configuration Tab lists all user-accessible attributes with default values set. Upon completion, click **Generate** to generate source and constraint files. The user may choose to use the .lpx file to load parameters.

Figure 49. Configuration Tab for DDR_Generic





The user can change the Mode parameter to choose either the Input, Output, Bi-directional or Tristate DDR module. The other configuration parameters will change according to the mode selected. The Delay parameter is only available for Input and Bi-directional modes. Similarly, the Multiplier for the Fixed Delay parameter is only available when the Delay parameter is configured to Fixed.

Table 15. User Parameters in the IPexpress GUI

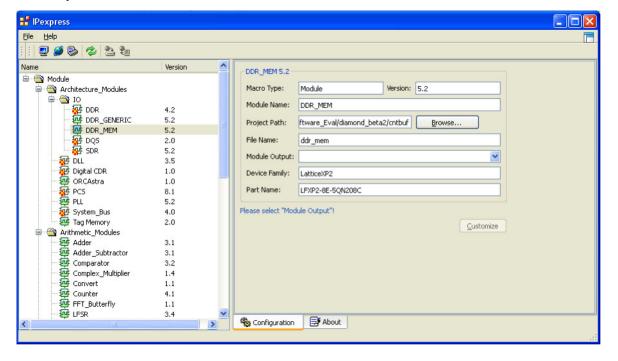
User Parameters	Description	Values/Range	Default
Mode	Mode selection for the DDR block.	Input, Output, Bidirectional, Tristate	Input
Data Width	Width of the data bus.	1-64	8
Gearing Ratio	Gearing ratio selection.	1x, 2x ¹	1x
Delay	Input delay configuration	Dynamic, Fixed, Fixed XGMII	Dynamic
Multiplier for Fixed Delay	Fixed delay setting. Available only when delay is configured as fixed.	0-15	0
Use Single Clk for 1x	Allows for the selection of a single clock for the gearing logic.	On/Off	Off

^{1.} Only 1x available when Mode is Bidirection or Tristate.

DDR MEM

Figure 50 shows the main window when DDR_MEM is selected. Similar to DDR_Generic, the only entry required is the module name. Other entries are set to the project settings. The user may change these entries if desired. After entering the module name, click on **Customize** to open the Configuration Tab window as shown in Figure 51.

Figure 50. IPexpress Main Window for DDR_MEM

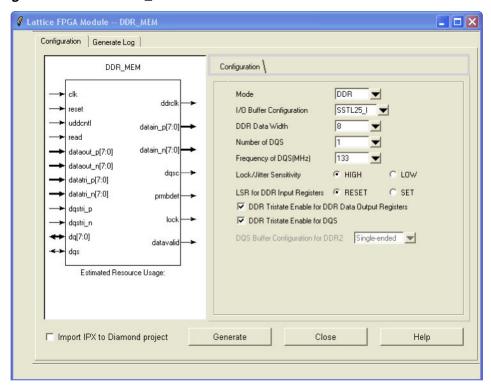




Configuration Tab

The Configuration Tab lists all user-accessible attributes with default values set. Upon completion, click Generate to generate source and constraint files. The user may choose to use the .lpx file to load parameters.

Figure 51. Configuration Tab for DDR MEM



The user can change the Mode parameter to choose either the DDR or DDR2 interface. The other configuration parameters will change according to the Mode selected. The Number of DQS parameter determines the number of DDR interfaces. The software will assume there are eight data bits for every DQS. The user can choose the frequency of operation and the DDR DLL will be configured to this frequency.

The user has the option to enable the clock enable and tristate enables for the DDR registers. It is recommend that the Lock/Jitter be enabled if the DDR interface is running at 150 MHz or higher.

The parameters available depend on the mode selected. Tables 16 and 17 describe all user parameters in the IPexpress GUI and their usage for modes DDR and DDR2.



Table 16. User Parameters in the IPexpress GUI when in DDR Mode

User Parameters	Description	Values/Range	Default
I/O Buffer Configuration	I/O Standard used for the Interface. This will also depend on the Mode selected.	SSTL25_I, SSTL25_II	SSTL25_I
Data Width	Width of the Data bus	8-64	8
Number of DQS	Number of DQS will determine the number of DQS Groups	1, 2, 4, 8	1
Frequency of DQS	DDR Interface Frequency. This is also input to the DDR DLL. The values will depend on the mode selected.	100MHz, 133MHz, 166MHz, 200MHz	200MHz
Lock/Jitter Sensitivity	DLL Sensitivity to Jitter	High, Low	High
LSR for DDR Input Register	LSR Control	RESET, SET	RESET
Create Clock Enable for DDR Input Register	Create Clock enable inputs to the block	On/Off	Off
Tri-state Enable for DDR Output Registers	Creates Tri-state control for the DDR data output registers.	On/Off	On
DDR Tristate enable for the DQS output	Creates Tristate control for DQS output	On/Off	On

Table 17. User Parameters in the IPexpress GUI when in DDR2 Mode

User Parameters	Description	Values/Range	Default
I/O Buffer Configuration	I/O Standard used for the Interface. This will also depend on the Mode selected. SSTL18_I, SSTL18_II		SSTL18_I
Data Width	Width of the Data bus	8-64	8
Number of DQS	Number of DQS will determine the number of DQS Groups	1, 2, 4, 8	1
Frequency of DQS	DDR Interface Frequency. This is also input to the DDR DLL. The values will depend on the mode selected.	166MHz, 200MHz, 266MHz	200MHz
Lock/Jitter Sensitivity	DLL Sensitivity to Jitter	High, Low	High
LSR for DDR Input Register	LSR Control	RESET, SET	RESET
Create Clock Enable for DDR Input Register	Create Clock enable inputs to the block	On/Off	Off
Tri-state Enable for DDR Output Registers	Creates Tri-state control for the DDR data output registers.	On/Off	On
DDR Tristate enable for the DQS output	Creates Tristate control for DQS output	On/Off	On
DQS Buffer Configuration for DDR2	DQS Buffer can be configured as Differential	On/Off	Off