

# **Intel<sup>®</sup> Arria<sup>®</sup> 10 Avalon<sup>®</sup>-MM Interface for PCI Express\* Design Example User Guide**

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## 1 Quick Start Guide

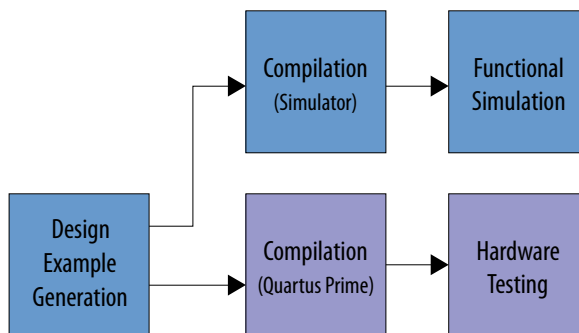
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The Intel® Arria® 10 Hard IP for PCI Express\* IP core includes a programmed I/O (PIO) design example to help you understand usage. The PIO example transfers memory from a host processor to a target device. It is appropriate for low-bandwidth applications. The design example includes an Avalon-ST to Avalon-MM Bridge. This component translates the TLPs received on the PCIe\* link to Avalon-MM memory reads and writes to the on-chip memory.

This design example automatically creates the files necessary to simulate and compile in the Quartus® Prime software. You can download the compiled design to the Arria 10 GX FPGA Development Kit. The design examples cover a wide range of parameters. However, the automatically generated design examples do not cover all possible parameterizations of the PCIe IP Core. If you select an unsupported parameter set, generations fails and provides an error message.

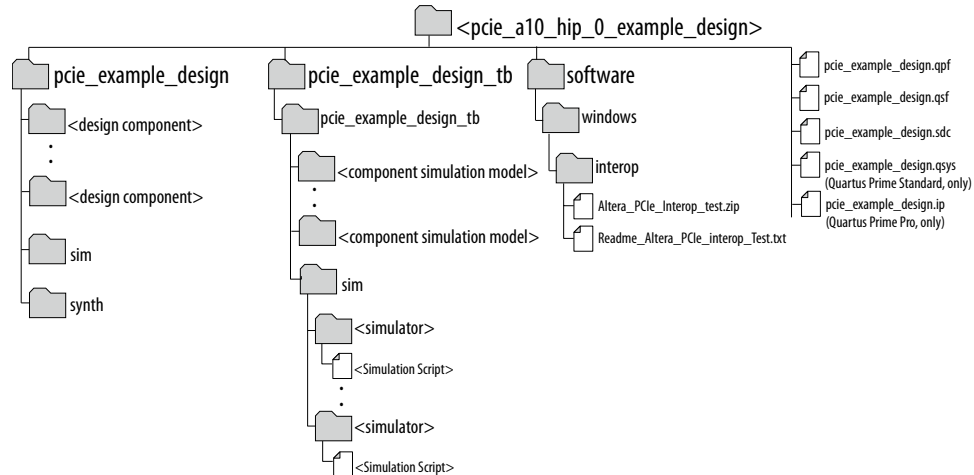
In addition, many static design examples for simulation are only available in the <install\_dir>/ip/altera/altera\_pcie/altera\_pcie\_a10\_ed/example\_design/a10 directory.

**Figure 1. Development Steps for the Design Example**



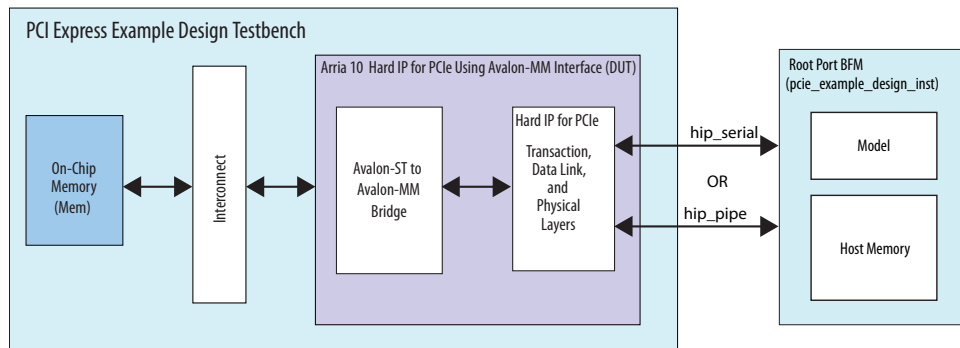
## 1.1 Directory Structure

Figure 2. Directory Structure for the Generated Design Example



## 1.2 Design Components for the Avalon-MM Endpoint

Figure 3. Block Diagram for the Qsys PIO Design Example Simulation Testbench



## 1.3 Generating the Design

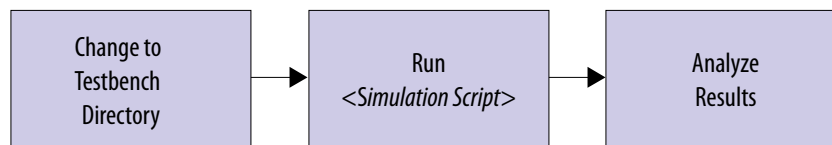
1. Launch Qsys.  
The **Open System** dialog box appears.
2. Click **New** to specify a Quartus Prime project name and custom IP variation name for your design. Then, click **Create**.
3. In the IP Catalog, locate and select **Arria 10 Hard IP for PCI Express**. The parameter editor appears.
4. On the **IP Settings tabs**, specify the parameters for your IP variation.
5. In the Connections panel, make the following connections:
  - a. coreclkout\_hip to refclk.



- b. rxm\_bar0 to refclk.
6. Remove the `clock_in` and `reset_in` components that were instantiated by default.
7. On the **Example Design** tab, the **PIO** design is available for your IP variation.
8. For **Example Design Files**, select the **Simulation** and **Synthesis** options.
9. For **Generated HDL Format**, only **Verilog** is available.
10. For **Target Development Kit** select the **Arria 10** FPGA Development Kit option.
11. Click **Generate Example Design**. The software generates all files necessary to run simulations and hardware tests on the **Arria 10 FPGA Development Kit**.

## 1.4 Simulating the Design

**Figure 4. Procedure**



1. Change to the testbench simulation directory.
2. Run the simulation script for the simulator of your choice. Refer to the table below.
3. Analyze the results.

**Table 1. Steps to Run Simulation**

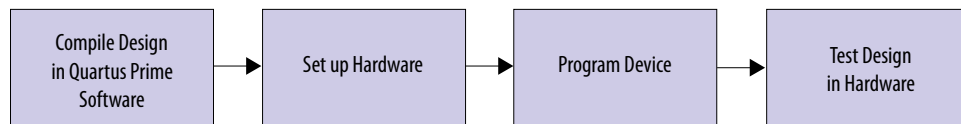
Simulator	Working Directory	Instructions
ModelSim*	<code>&lt;example_design&gt;/ pcie_example_design_tb/ pcie_example_design_tb/sim/ mentor/</code>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <code>do msim_setup.tcl</code></li> <li>b. <code>ld_debug</code></li> <li>c. <code>run -all</code></li> <li>d. A successful simulation ends with the following message, "Simulation stopped due to successful completion!"</li> </ol>
VCS*	<code>&lt;example_design&gt;/ pcie_example_design_tb/ pcie_example_design_tb/sim/ synopsys/vcs</code>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <code>sh vcs_setup.sh USER_DEFINED_SIM_OPTIONS=""</code></li> <li>b. A successful simulation ends with the following message, "Simulation stopped due to successful completion!"</li> </ol>
Cadence*	<code>&lt;example_design&gt;/ pcie_example_design_tb/ pcie_example_design_tb/sim/ cadence</code>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <code>sh ncsim_setup.sh USER_DEFINED_SIM_OPTIONS=""</code></li> <li>b. A successful simulation ends with the following message, "Simulation stopped due to successful completion!"</li> </ol>

**Figure 5. Partial Transcript from Successful Avalon-ST PIO Simulation Testbench**

```
# INFO:          60504 ns          New Link Speed: 8.0GT/s
# INFO:          60576 ns  RP PCI Express Link Control Register (0040):
# INFO:          60576 ns          Common Clock Config: System Reference Clock Used
# INFO:          61640 ns  RP PCI Express Link Capabilities Register (01606483):
# INFO:          61640 ns          Maximum Link Width: x8
# INFO:          61640 ns          Supported Link Speed: 8.0GT/s or 5.0GT/s or 2.5GT/s
# INFO:          61640 ns          L0s Entry: Supported
# INFO:          61640 ns          L1 Entry: Not Supported
# INFO:          61640 ns          L0s Exit Latency: 2 us to 4 us
# INFO:          61640 ns          L1 Exit Latency: Less Than 1 us
# INFO:          61640 ns          Port Number: 01
# INFO:          61768 ns  RP PCI Express Device Control Register (5010):
# INFO:          61768 ns          Error Reporting Enables: 0
# INFO:          61768 ns          Relaxed Ordering: Enabled
# INFO:          61768 ns          Max Payload: 128 Bytes
# INFO:          61768 ns          Extended Tag: Disabled
# INFO:          61768 ns          Max Read Request: 4KBytes
# INFO:          61768 ns  RP PCI Express Device Status Register (0000):
# INFO:          62096 ns  Configuring Bus 000, Device 000, Function 00
# INFO:          62096 ns  RP Read Only Configuration Registers:
# INFO:          62096 ns          Vendor ID: 1172
# INFO:          62096 ns          Device ID: E001
# INFO:          62096 ns          Revision ID: 01
# INFO:          62096 ns          Class Code: FF0000
# INFO:          62096 ns          Interrupt Pin: INTA# used
# INFO:          62784 ns  BAR Address Assignments:
# INFO:          62784 ns  BAR   Size   Assigned Address  Type
# INFO:          62784 ns  BAR0   Disabled
# INFO:          62784 ns  BAR1   Disabled
# INFO:          62784 ns  ExpROM Disabled
# INFO:          66680 ns  Completed configuration of Endpoint BARs.
# INFO:          67728 ns  TASK:downstream_loop
# INFO:          68584 ns  Passed: 0004 same bytes in BFM mem addr 0x00000040 and 0x00000840
# INFO:          69448 ns  Passed: 0004 same bytes in BFM mem addr 0x00000040 and 0x00000840
# INFO:          70296 ns  Passed: 0004 same bytes in BFM mem addr 0x00000040 and 0x00000840
# INFO:          71160 ns  Passed: 0004 same bytes in BFM mem addr 0x00000040 and 0x00000840
# INFO:          72008 ns  Passed: 0004 same bytes in BFM mem addr 0x00000040 and 0x00000840
# INFO:          72864 ns  Passed: 0004 same bytes in BFM mem addr 0x00000040 and 0x00000840
# INFO:          73720 ns  Passed: 0004 same bytes in BFM mem addr 0x00000040 and 0x00000840
# INFO:          74568 ns  Passed: 0004 same bytes in BFM mem addr 0x00000040 and 0x00000840
# INFO:          75432 ns  Passed: 0004 same bytes in BFM mem addr 0x00000040 and 0x00000840
# INFO:          76280 ns  Passed: 0004 same bytes in BFM mem addr 0x00000040 and 0x00000840
# SUCCESS: Simulation stopped due to successful completion!
```

## 1.5 Compiling and Testing the Design in Hardware

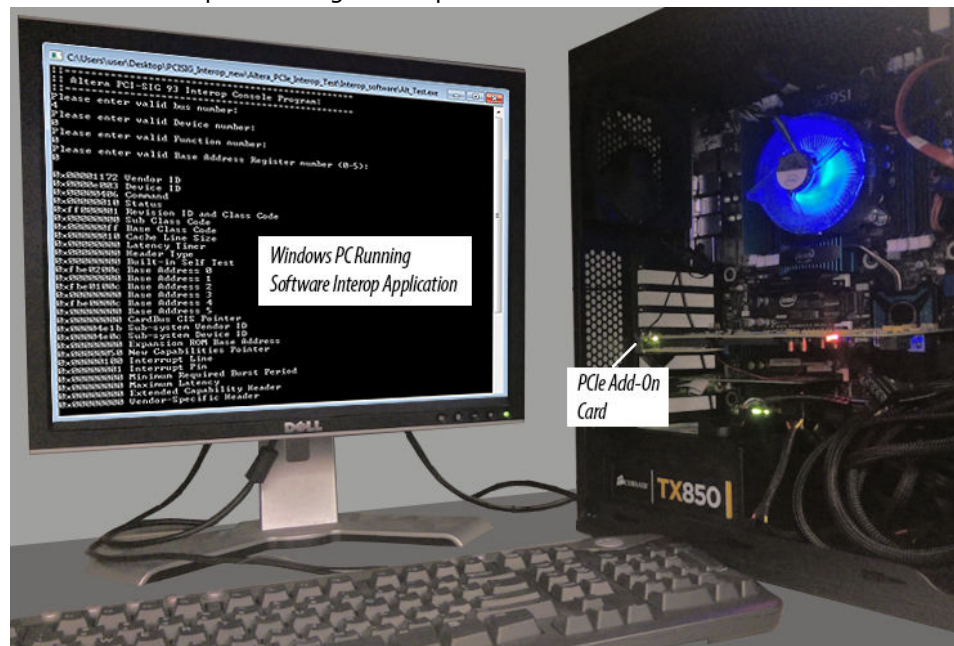
**Figure 6. Procedure**





**Figure 7. Software Application to Test the PCI Express Design Example on the Arria 10 GX FPGA Development Kit**

A software application running on a Windows PC performs the same hardware test for all of the PCI Express Design Examples.



The software application to test the PCI Express Design Example on the Arria 10 GX FPGA Development Kit is available on both 32- and 64-bit Windows platforms. This program performs the following tasks:

1. Prints the Configuration Space, lane rate, and lane width.
2. Writes 0x00000000 to the specified BAR at offset 0x00000000 to initialize the memory and read it back.
3. Writes 0xABCD1234 at offset 0x00000000 of the specified BAR. Reads it back and compares.

If successful, the test program displays the message 'PASSED'

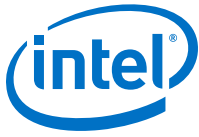
Follow these steps to compile the design example in the Quartus Prime software:

1. Launch the Quartus Prime software and open `<example_design>pcie_example_design.qpf`.
2. On the **Processing** > menu, select **Start Compilation**.

The timing constraints for the design example and the design components are automatically loaded during compilation.

Follow these steps to test the design example in hardware:

1. In the `<example_design>/software/windows/interop` directory, unzip `Altera_PCIE_Interop_Test.zip`.



*Note:* You can also refer to `readme_Altera_PCIE_interop_Test.txt` file in this same directory for instructions on running the hardware test.

2. Install the Intel FPGA Windows Demo Driver for PCIe on the Windows host machine, using **altera\_pcie\_win\_driver.inf**.

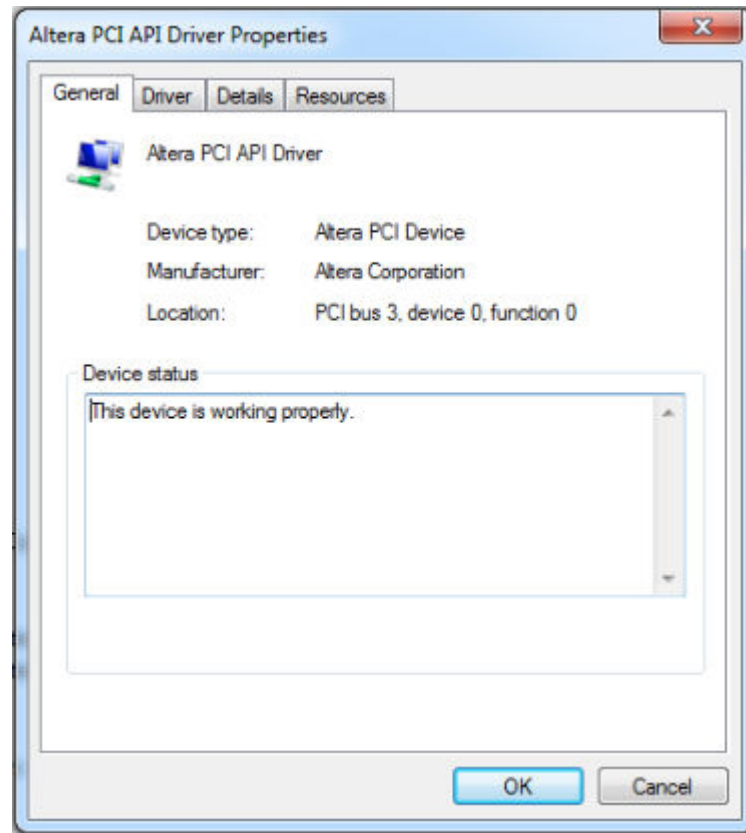
*Note:* If you modified the default Vendor ID or Device ID specified in the component GUI, you must also modify them in **altera\_pcie\_win\_driver.inf**.

- a. In the `<example_design>` directory, launch the Quartus Prime software and compile the design (**Processing > Start Compilation**).
- b. Connect the development board to the host computer.
- c. Configure the FPGA on the development board using the generated `.sof` file (**Tools > Programmer**).
- d. Open the Windows Device Manager and scan for hardware changes.
- e. Select the Intel FPGA listed as an unknown PCI device and point to the appropriate 32- or 64-bit driver (**altera\_pcie\_win\_driver.inf**) in the **Windows\_driver** directory.
- f. After the driver loads successfully, a new device named **Altera PCI API Device** appears in the Windows Device Manager.
- g. Determine the bus, device, and function number for the **Altera PCI API Device** listed in the Windows Device Manager.
  - i. Expand the tab, **Altera PCI API Driver** under the devices.
  - ii. Right click on **Altera PCI API Device** and select **Properties**.
  - iii. Note the bus, device, and function number for the device. The following figure shows one example.





**Figure 8. Determining the Bus, Device, and Function Number for New PCIe Device**



3. In the `<example_desing/software/windows/interop/Altera_PCIe_Interop_Test/Interop_software` directory, click `Alt_Test.exe`.
4. When prompted, type the bus, device, and function numbers and select the BAR number (0-5) you specified when parameterizing the IP core.  
*Note:* The bus, device, and function numbers for your hardware setup may be different.
5. The test displays the message, PASSED, if the test is successful.

#### Related Links

[Arria 10 GX FPGA Development Kit](#)



## 2 Design Example Description

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### 2.1 Creating a SignalTap II Debug File to Match Your Design Hierarchy

For Arria 10 devices, the Quartus Prime Standard Edition software generates two files, `build_stp.tcl` and `<ip_core_name>.xml`. You can use these files to generate a SignalTap® II file with probe points matching your design hierarchy.

The Quartus Prime software stores these files in the `<IP core directory>/synth/debug/stp/` directory.

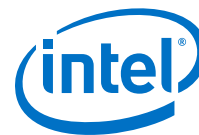
Synthesize your design using the Quartus Prime software.

1. To open the Tcl console, click **View > Utility Windows > Tcl Console**.
2. Type the following command in the Tcl console:  
`source <IP core directory>/synth/debug/stp/build_stp.tcl`
3. To generate the STP file, type the following command:  
`main -stp_file <output stp file name>.stp -xml_file <input xml_file name>.xml -mode build`
4. To add this SignalTap II file (**.stp**) to your project, select **Project > Add/Remove Files in Project**. Then, compile your design.
5. To program the FPGA, click **Tools > Programmer**.
6. To start the SignalTap II Logic Analyzer, click **Quartus Prime > Tools > SignalTap II Logic Analyzer**.

The software generation script may not assign the SignalTap II acquisition clock in `<output stp file name>.stp`. Consequently, the Quartus Prime software automatically creates a clock pin called `auto_stp_external_clock`. You may need to manually substitute the appropriate clock signal as the SignalTap II sampling clock for each STP instance.

7. Recompile your design.
8. To observe the state of your IP core, click **Run Analysis**.

You may see signals or SignalTap II instances that are red, indicating they are not available in your design. In most cases, you can safely ignore these signals and instances. They are present because software generates wider buses and some instances that your design does not include.



## 2.2 Arria 10 Development Kit Conduit Interface

The Arria 10 Development Kit conduit interface signals are optional signals that allow you to connect your design to the Arria 10 FPGA Development Kit. Enable this interface by selecting **Enable Arria 10 FPGA Development Kit connection** on the **Configuration, Debug, and Extension Options** tab of the component GUI. The devkit\_status output port includes signals useful for debugging.

**Table 2.**

Signal Name	Direction	Description
devkit_status[255:0]	Output	<p>The devkit_status[255:0] bus comprises the following status signals :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• devkit_status[1:0]: current_speed</li> <li>• devkit_status[2]: derr_cor_ext_rcv</li> <li>• devkit_status[3]: derr_cor_ext_rpl</li> <li>• devkit_status[4]: derr_err</li> <li>• devkit_status[5]: rx_par_err</li> <li>• devkit_status[7:6]: tx_par_err</li> <li>• devkit_status[8]: cfg_par_err</li> <li>• devkit_status[9]: dlup</li> <li>• devkit_status[10]: dlup_exit</li> <li>• devkit_status[11]: evl28ns</li> <li>• devkit_status[12]: evlvs</li> <li>• devkit_status[13]: hotrst_exit</li> <li>• devkit_status[17:14]: int_status[3:0]</li> <li>• devkit_status[18]: l2_exit</li> <li>• devkit_status[22:19]: lane_act[3:0]</li> <li>• devkit_status[27:23]: ltssmstate[4:0]</li> <li>• devkit_status[35:28]: ko_cpl_spc_header[7:0]</li> <li>• devkit_status[47:36]: ko_cpl_spc_data[11:0]</li> <li>• devkit_status[48]: rxfc_cplbuf_ovf</li> <li>• devkit_status[49]: reset_status</li> <li>• devkit_status[255:50]: Reserved</li> </ul>
devkit_ctrl[255:0]	Input	<p>The devkit_ctrl[255:0] bus comprises the following status signals. You can optionally connect these pins to an on-board switch for PCI-SIG compliance testing, such as bypass compliance testing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• devkit_ctrl[0]:test_in[0] is typically set to 1'b0</li> <li>• devkit_ctrl[4:1]:test_in[4:1] is typically set to 4'b0100</li> <li>• devkit_ctrl[6:5]:test_in[6:5] is typically set to 2'b01</li> <li>• devkit_ctrl[31:7]:test_in[31:7] is typically set to 25'h3</li> <li>• devkit_ctrl[63:32]:is typically set to 32'b0</li> <li>• devkit_ctrl[255:64]:is typically set to 192'b0</li> </ul>



## A Document Revision History

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**Table 3. Revision History**

Date	Version	Changes Made
2017.03.15	16.1.1	Rebranded as Intel.
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