

# Interfacing to DDR SDRAM with CoolRunner-II CPLDs

# Summary

This document describes a reference design for interfacing CoolRunner<sup>™</sup>-II CPLDs with double data rate (DDR) SDRAM memory devices. The built reference design is capable of 100 MHz operation. The VHDL code described here can be found in VHDL Code, page 19.

# Introduction

CoolRunner-II CPLDs are the latest CPLD product offering from Xilinx. CoolRunner-II CPLDs combine high performance with low power operation. More information on the CoolRunner-II CPLD family can be found at <u>http://www.xilinx.com/cr2</u>.

Key features of the CoolRunner-II CPLD family include DualEDGE triggered registers, a global clock divider, and voltage referenced I/O standards including SSTL\_2. These features provide the capability to interface a CoolRunner-II CPLD with high speed memory devices such as DDR SDRAM. This document provides background information on DDR SDRAM devices and discusses the CPLD design capable of this interface.

# Signal Definitions

Table 1 defines the DDR SDRAM interface signals described in this document. Signal names are commonly used from both DDR SDRAM manufacturers as well as the described CPLD VHDL code.

Manufacturer Specification	Xilinx CPLD VHDL Code	Description				
СК	ddr_clk	Differential clock pair. All address and control				
CK#	ddr_clkn	signals sampled at crossing point of CK and CK#.				
CKE	ddr_cke	Clock enable.				
CS#	ddr_cs					
RAS#	ddr_ras	Command signals that define current operation.				
CAS#	ddr_cas	command signals that define current operation.				
WE#	ddr_we					
DM	ddr_dm	Mask signal for write data operations.				
BA[1:0]	ddr_ba[1:0]	2-bit bank address bus.				
A[11:0]	ddr_a[11:0]	12-bit row and column address bus.				
DQ[7:0]	ddr_dq[7:0]	Bidirectional 8-bit data bus.				
DQS	ddr_dqs	Bidirectional data strobe.				

#### Table 1: DDR SDRAM Signal Definitions

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# DDR SDRAM

DDR SDRAM memory devices provide a migration path from single data rate (SDR) memory devices for enhanced applications. DDR memory doubles the bandwidth of the device without increasing the clock speed or bus width. DDR SDRAM provides a source-synchronous data capture at a rate of twice the clock frequency. These devices utilize a 2n-prefetch architecture where the internal data bus is twice the size of the external data bus.

The core of a DDR SDRAM is similar to SDR SDRAM with identical address and control interfaces, bank structures and refresh requirements. The main difference between DDR and SDR SDRAM is in the actual data interface. SDR is fully synchronous using the positive edge of the clock. DDR is true source-synchronous and captures data twice per clock cycle with a bidirectional data strobe, DQS.

Data strobe signals were added to DDR devices to achieve higher data rates. Data strobes are non-free running signals that are controlled by the device which is driving data signals (e.g., DDR SDRAM or the CPLD). During write operations to the DDR, the controller drives the data strobe, DQS. During read operations, the DDR SDRAM drives DQS.

The following list is a summary of enhancements for DDR devices:

- DDR utilizes a differential pair for the system clock (CK and CK#)
- Data is transmitted on both positive and negative edges of the clock
- DDR devices incorporate an on-chip delay locked loop (DLL)
- Data strobes are added to improve data capture reliability
- SSTL-2 signaling techniques are used

# Xilinx Board Design

The reference design board built by Xilinx includes a CoolRunner-II XC2C256-6TQ144 CPLD and a Micron MT46V16M8 128 Mb DDR SDRAM. Figure 1 illustrates the interface signals between the CoolRunner-II CPLD and the DDR SDRAM memory device.

CoolRunner-II CPLD	CK   CK#   CKE   CS#   RAS#   CAS#   WE#   DM   BA[1:0]   A[11:0]   DQ[7:0]	Micron 128 Mb DDR SDRAM
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Figure 1: Block Diagram

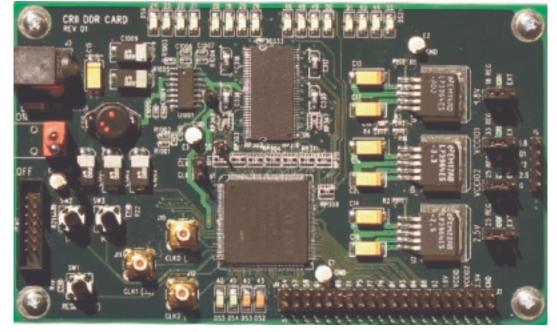


Figure 2 illustrates the constructed reference design board.

Figure 2: CPLD DDR Design Board

Figure 3 shows a block diagram of the reference design board including all external components to the CPLD and DDR SDRAM. The board was tested with a Micron 128 Mb DDR SDRAM (MT56V32M8). However, note that most DDR SDRAM devices have identical pinouts, regardless of the manufacturer. This board was designed such that it could accommodate any 128 Mb DDR SDRAM in a 4 Meg x 8 x 4 bank configuration.

A Micro Linear ML6554 bus termination regulator is used to generate termination voltage (V<sub>TT</sub>) and reference voltage (V<sub>REF</sub>), as required by the SSTL\_2 JEDEC standard. The ML6554 is a switching regulator capable of sourcing or sinking up to 3A of current while regulating an output V<sub>TT</sub> and V<sub>REF</sub> voltages to within 3% or less.

The board also utilizes three National Semiconductor LP3964 regulators to create 1.8V, 2.5V, and 3.3V power rails from a single 5V external AC adapter input. The 1.8V rail is used to power the V<sub>CC</sub> (core) of the CoolRunner-II CPLD. The 2.5V rail is used to power the ML6554 and the DDR SDRAM. This rail is also used to power I/O Bank #2 of the CoolRunner-II device (all DDR

SDRAM interface signals are connected to Bank #2). A 3.3V rail powers I/O Bank #1 of the CoolRunner-II CPLD. Bank #1 contains clock inputs, miscellaneous buttons, and LED's.

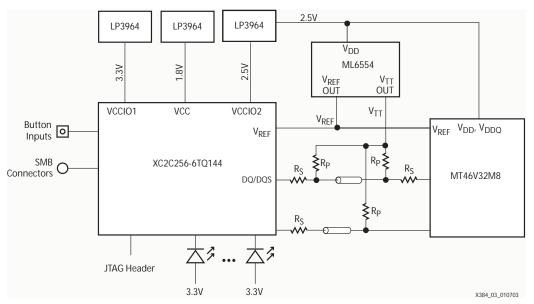


Figure 3: Board Block Diagram

## SSTL\_2 Termination

SSTL\_2 stands for Series Stub Terminated Logic for 2.5V, and it was also defined and standardized within JEDEC. Although SSTL\_2 signaling is applicable for many different applications, SSTL\_2 is particularly optimized for the main memory environment, which has long stubs off the motherboard bus due to the DIMM routing traces.

The SSTL\_2 standard is a high speed signaling specification that uses parallel termination schemes. The use of parallel termination is important, since it allows proper termination of the bus transmission lines, which reduces signal reflections. This ultimately allows for higher possible clock rates.

Two choices for implementing the parallel termination scheme are shown in Figure 4 and Figure 5. In Figure 4, the bus is terminated at the receiver with a single resistor. In Figure 5, the bus is terminated at both ends (receiver and transmitter) with resistors. These termination schemes reduce reflections on the bus, which will provide faster rise and fall times, and will reduce the signal settling time. The SSTL\_2 standard allows for both types of termination schemes.

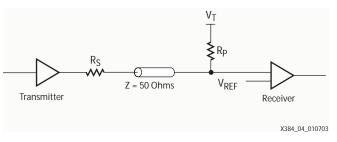


Figure 4: Single Ended SSTL\_2 Termination

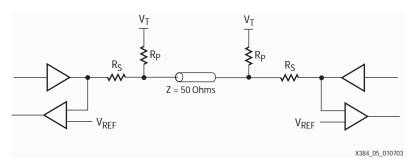


Figure 5: Double Ended SSTL\_2 Termination

Generally, single-series single-parallel terminations work well with unidirectional signals such as address and control lines (as shown in Figure 4). For bidirectional signals, such as DQ and DQS, double-series double-parallel terminations usually produce slightly better results (as shown in Figure 5). The reference design board follows this model, where all unidirectional DDR SDRAM signals are single-series single-parallel terminated, and all bidirectional DDR SDRAM signals are double-series double-parallel terminated.

However, it should be noted, that double-series double-parallel termination schemes require resistors or resistor packs on both ends of the signal. This approach will undoubtedly increase component counts, which will also slightly increase board cost. It will also make PC board layout more difficult. In most applications, a designer will achieve maximum benefits from the use of a single-series single-parallel termination scheme.

# DDR SDRAM Description

## Initialization

DDR SDRAMs require specific power up and initialization steps. Operation is not guaranteed without meeting these requirements. Figure 6 illustrates the initialization steps used in this reference design for the DDR SDRAM device.

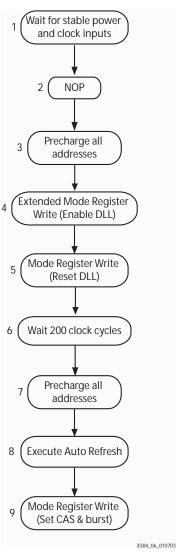


Figure 6: Initialization Sequence

After waiting for power supplies and clock inputs to stabilize (approximately 200  $\mu$ s), a NOP operation is performed. In step 3, a PRECHARGE command is issued to all banks in the DDR SDRAM. Next, a write to the Extended Mode Register is performed to enable the DDR SDRAM DLL. In step 5, a write to the Mode Register will reset the DLL. For more information on the Mode Register and Extended Mode Register, refer to **Customizing**, page 7.

Once the DLL is reset, the controller must wait 200 clock cycles for the DLL to lock. Next, a PRECHARGE ALL command is issued, placing the device in the all banks idle state. In this idle state, an AUTO REFRESH command is issued. The last step is a write to the Mode Register to set operating parameters such as CAS latency and burst length. After all these steps have been completed, the DDR SDRAM is ready for normal operation.

## Customizing

The operation of each DDR SDRAM can be customized by writing different values to the mode register and extended mode register. Each register allows the designer to set parameters for interfacing with the DDR SDRAM device.

#### Mode Register

Writing to the mode register allows the user to specify operating parameters. A write is performed by the controller with a LOAD MODE REGISTER command to the SDRAM. The data to write into the mode register is read from the address lines during the operation.

The mode register allows the following parameters to be specified:

- Burst length
- Burst type
- CAS latency
- Operating mode

#### **Extended Mode Register**

The extended mode register controls functions beyond the mode register such as DLL enable/disable and output drive strength. A write to the extended mode register is performed with a LOAD MODE REGISTER command and asserting the bank address lines (BA1 = 0 and BA0 = 1).

## Operations

Table 2 describes the commands of the DDR SDRAM supported in this reference design.

Command	Description
NOP	Deselect DDR SDRAM. No new commands executed.
LOAD MODE REGISTER	Defines operating mode of SDRAM.
ACTIVE	Opens row in specified bank for access.
READ	Initiates burst read operation.
WRITE	Initiates burst write operation.
BURST TERMINATE	Terminates a burst read.
PRECHARGE	Deactivates open row in specified bank.
AUTO REFRESH	Retains data in SDRAM.

#### Table 2: DDR Commands

DDR SDRAM is organized in banks, where each bit location can be represented with a row and column address. Prior to a READ or WRITE instruction, the specified row location must be opened for access. This is accomplished by issuing an ACTIVE command with the row address on the address lines of the DDR SDRAM, A[11:0]. Once the row is opened for access, the READ or WRITE command is issued with the column address on the address lines, A[11:0].

#### Write Cycle

Due to the source-synchronous nature of the DDR SDRAM interface, the controller must drive the data strobe, DQS, during a WRITE operation. With the setup and hold time requirements on

TO T1 T2 T2n Τ3 CK# CK COMMAND WRITE NOF NOP NO ADDRESS tposs DQS DQ DM

the DDR data inputs, the data strobe, DQS, must be center-aligned with the data, DQ. The interface signals associated with a WRITE command are shown in Figure 7.

Figure 7: Write Cycle (from Micron MT45V16M8 data sheet)

#### **Read Cycle**

During a read operation, the DDR SDRAM will drive the DQ and DQS signals. The generated DQS signal is edge-aligned with the data, DQ. Since DQS is edge aligned with DQ, data cannot be reliably captured with respect to the DQS signal. Schemes such as phase shifting DQS or using a half-phase or quarter-phase clock are necessary for the controller to reliably capture data. Figure 8 illustrates the timing when a CAS latency of 2 is implemented with a burst length of 4.

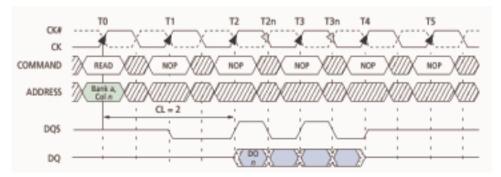


Figure 8: Read Cycle (from Micron MT45V16M8 data sheet)

#### Precharge

The PRECHARGE command deactivates the open row in a particular bank or all banks. After a PRECHARGE, the specific row address must be activated with an ACTIVE command prior to use. The Micron DDR SDRAM has two types of precharge: Auto and Self. Auto precharge is done by asserting A[10] during a WRITE or READ operation. Auto precharge will automatically perform a precharge on the open row after the READ or WRITE operation is complete. Self

precharge is a separate command and must be initiated by the controller. Figure 9 illustrates the PRECHARGE instruction.

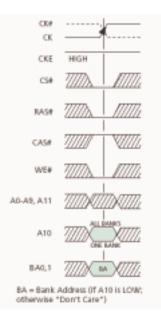


Figure 9: Precharge Command (from Micron MT45V16M8 data sheet)

#### Refresh

The DDR SDRAM requires a periodic REFRESH instruction to maintain data in the SDRAM. The required interval between REFRESH commands is 15.625  $\mu$ s. There is also the option to issue up to eight REFRESH commands every 140.6  $\mu$ s.

# CPLD Design

A CoolRunner-II CPLD is utilized as the controller for interfacing to the Micron DDR SDRAM memory in this reference design. In addition to interfacing to the DDR SDRAM, the CPLD is responsible for these functions:

- Generating test logic for write and read operations
- Sequencing through the initialization steps of the DDR SDRAM
- Creating interrupts to issue a refresh command
- Interfacing to board logic buttons and LEDs

To implement write and read operations, test logic is generated by the CPLD. For the purpose of modeling a system interface, a LFSR was created in the CPLD. The LFSR data is used by the CPLD as the data to write into the DDR SDRAM. To model the system address for a 128 Mb SDRAM, the 23-bit address scheme shown in Table 3 is assumed.

#### Table 3: System Addressing Scheme

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Bit	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
#																							
	Bank Row Address Address										С	olum	n Ac	dres	SS								
	"X"								Lo	oad N	/lode	Reg	jister										

Figure 10 illustrates the main logic blocks in the CPLD. The initialization and test operations are handled by the command state machine. The command state machine is responsible for generating the command, data, and address signals to the DDR control logic. The DDR controller state machine interprets the command and asserts the correct signals to the DDR

SDRAM. The DDR logic block is responsible for all DDR control signals, including the differential clock pair, data signals, and address signals. For more detail on the DDR control logic, refer to **DDR Controller**, page 12.

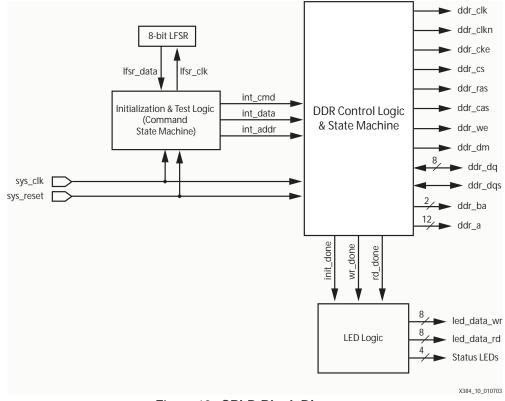


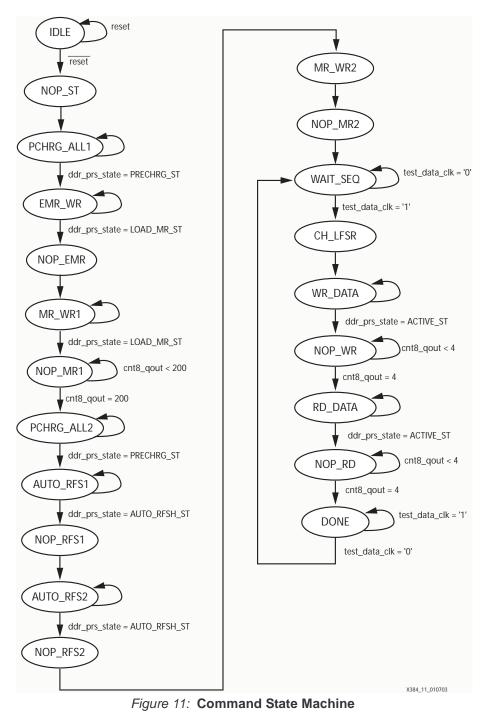
Figure 10: CPLD Block Diagram

## Initialization and Test Logic (Command State Machine)

The requirements for correct power up and initialization of the DDR SDRAM are shown in **Initialization**, page 6. The initialization and test logic is implemented in the command state machine of the CoolRunner-II CPLD. This state machine is shown in Figure 11 and described in Table 4. The states through WAIT\_SEQ are required for proper initialization. The purpose of the states after WAIT\_SEQ is to generate test logic to the DDR SDRAM.

Initialization is complete once the state machine has progressed through to the WAIT\_SEQ state. At this point, the test logic states rely on a test data clock, test\_data\_clk. This clock is a low frequency clock at approximately 1 Hz. The low frequency clock is for demonstration purposes only and allows the user to view the test data written into and read from the DDR SDRAM on the LED displays. Actual implementation of this DDR controller would not include the states beyond WAIT\_SEQ, as the data would be supplied externally from the CPLD.

Progression of the states in the initialization sequence (up to the WAIT\_SEQ state) is done by reading the state value of the DDR controller state machine, represented by ddr\_prs\_state



signal. Once the DDR controller state machine is executing the current instruction, the next operation can be performed by the command state machine.

Table 4 describes the function of each state in the command state machine shown in Figure 11. The default instruction issued to the DDR controller is a NOP instruction.

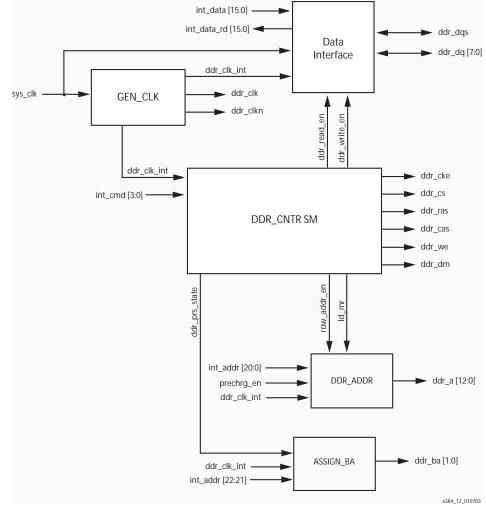
State Name	Function
IDLE	No operations executed. Wait for end of reset condition.
NOP_ST	Issue NOP operation.
PCHRG_ALL1	Issue PRECHARGE ALL (banks) operation.
EMR_WR	Issue write to extended mode register with LOAD_MR instruction to enable DLL.
NOP_EMR	Issue NOP instruction. Wait for end of LOAD_MR instruction.
MR_WR1	Issue write to mode register with LOAD_MR instruction to reset DLL.
NOP_MR1	Issue NOP instruction. Wait for 200 clock cycles to lock DLL.
PCHRG_ALL2	Issue PRECHARGE ALL (banks) instruction.
AUTO_RFS1	Issue AUTO REFRESH instruction.
NOP_RFS1	Issue NOP. Wait after AUTO REFRESH instruction (T <sub>RFC</sub> )
AUTO_RFS2	Issue AUTO REFRESH instruction.
NOP_RFS2	Issue NOP. Wait after AUTO REFRESH instruction (T <sub>RFC</sub> )
MR_WR2	Write user options into mode register with LOAD MR instruction.
NOP_MR2	Issue NOP. Wait for end of LOAD MR instruction.
WAIT_SEQ	Wait for rising edge of test clock, test_data_clk.
CH_LFSR	Clock LFSR. Register data to write to DDR.
WR_DATA	Write test data to DDR. Issue WRITE instruction.
NOP_WR	Issue NOP. Wait for end of WRITE burst.
RD_DATA	Issue READ instruction.
NOP_RD	Issue NOP. Wait for end of READ burst.
DONE	Issue NOP. Increment bank address counter. Wait for falling edge of test clock, test_data_clk.

Table 4: Command State Machine State Description

## **DDR Controller**

The CPLD DDR SDRAM control logic is shown in Figure 12. The DDR control logic includes the DDR controller state machine, generation of the differential clock pair, and generation of the address and data signals to the DDR. Figure 12 illustrates the interface between the DDR controller state machine and other DDR functional blocks in the CPLD.

The DDR controller state machine, DDR\_CNTR, is responsible for driving the DDR SDRAM control signals and internal control signals that represent the instruction currently being executed. The current command to execute is represented by the int\_cmd signal generated from the command state machine (illustrated in Figure 11). The GEN\_CLK component creates the differential clock pair to the DDR SDRAM, ddr\_clk and ddr\_clkn. The data interface block represents the logic to read and write the data (DQ) and data strobe (DQS) signals. The

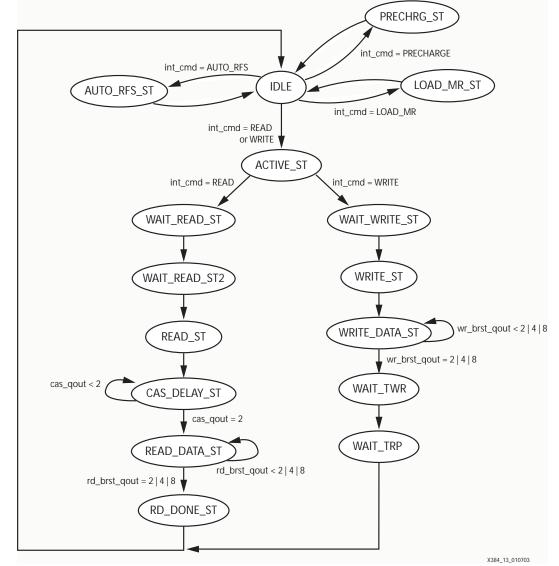


DDR\_ADDR block is responsible for assigning the DDR address, ddr\_a. The ASSIGN\_BA block is responsible for assigning the DDR bank address lines, ddr\_ba.

Figure 12: DDR Control Logic Block Diagram

A detailed description of the DDR controller state machine (DDR\_CNTR SM block shown in Figure 12) is illustrated in Figure 13. The DDR controller state machine remains in the IDLE state waiting for the next instruction to execute. The next instruction to execute is asserted from the command state machine and represented in the int\_cmd signal. For AUTO REFRESH, PRECHARGE and LOAD MODE REGISTER instructions, a single state transition occurs.

In this design, auto precharge is utilized. With this assumption, an ACTIVE command must be issued prior to any READ or WRITE operation. When the DDR controller state machine



receives a new READ or WRITE instruction, an ACTIVE command is asserted to the DDR prior to the READ or WRITE sequence.

Figure 13: DDR Controller State Machine

The function of each state in the DDR controller is described in Table 5.

Table 5:	DDR	Controller	State	Machine	State Description
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State Name	Function
IDLE	Assert NOP instruction control signals to DDR. Determines next operation to execute based on the value of int_cmd signal.
AUTO_RFS_ST	Assign DDR command values to execute AUTO REFRESH instruction. Auto refresh retains data in DDR SDRAM.
PRECHRG_ST	Assign DDR command values to execute PRECHARGE instruction. Precharge command deactivates specified row in one bank or all banks.

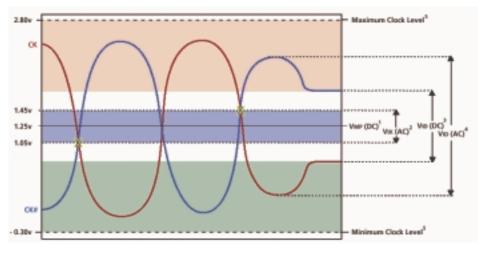
State Name	Function
LOAD_MR_ST	Assign DDR command to execute LOAD MODE REGISTER. The mode register or extended mode register can be written to in this state, determined by bank address, ddr_ba signal.
ACTIVE_ST	Assign DDR command value to execute an ACTIVE command. Asserts row_addr_en for DDR_ADDR block to assign row address on ddr_a signal.
WAIT_READ_ST	Execute NOP instruction. Necessary to meet timing specification for $T_{RCD}.$
WAIT_READ_ST2	Execute NOP instruction. Necessary to meet timing specification for $T_{RCD}.$
READ_ST	Issue READ instruction by assigning DDR signals.
CAS_DELAY_ST	Wait for specified CAS latency of READ operation. Enable CAS latency counter, cas_cnt_en, is asserted.
READ_DATA_ST	Read data from DDR SDRAM. Assert ddr_read_en signal to data interface logic block. Enable rd_brst_qout counter. Remain in this state for length of specified burst to capture all data.
RD_DONE_ST	Done with read operation. Assert rd_done flag for LED logic.
WAIT_WRITE_ST	Execute NOP instruction. Necessary to meet timing specification for $T_{RCD}.$
WRITE_ST	Assign WRITE command values to DDR SDRAM to issue WRITE instruction.
WRITE_DATA_ST	Enable data write to DDR SDRAM by asserting ddr_write_en signal to data interface logic block. Enable wr_brst_qout counter. Wait for end of write burst length.
WAIT_TWR	Execute NOP instruction. Necessary to meet timing specification for write recovery, ${\rm T}_{\rm WR}.$
WAIT_TRP	Execute NOP instruction. Necessary to meet timing specification for precharge command period, $\rm T_{\rm RP}$

Table 5: DDR Controller State Machine State Description (Continued)

## **Clock Generation**

The DDR SDRAM must be supplied with a differential clock pair, CK and CK#. This differential clock pair requirement has been added to DDR devices to increase accuracy caused by clock

jitter. DDR SDRAM uses the crossing point of CK and CK# as defined by the JEDEC standard shown in Figure 14.



#### Notes:

- 1. V<sub>MP</sub> (DC) = Clock Input Mid-Point Voltage
- 2.  $V_{IX}$  (AC) = Clock Input Crossing Point Voltage
- 3. V<sub>ID</sub> (DC) = Clock Input Differential Voltage
- 4. V<sub>ID</sub> (AC) = Clock Input Differential Voltage
- 5. Refer to Micron MT46V16M8 data sheet for more information.

Figure 14: SSTL\_2 Clock Requirements (from Micron MT45V16M8 data sheet)

All address and control signals are sampled on the crossing of the positive edge of CK and negative edge of CK#. Output data (DQ and DQS) is referenced to all crossings of CK and CK#.

Figure 15 illustrates the CPLD configuration for generating CK and CK#, ddr\_clk and ddr\_clkn. The 180 degree phase difference in the clock pair is created with the reset or preset conditions on the TFF component. The buffers in Figure 15 are shown to illustrate the timing characteristics of the CoolRunner-II device. For more information on the timing of CoolRunner-II, refer to the CoolRunner-II Timing Model Application Note.

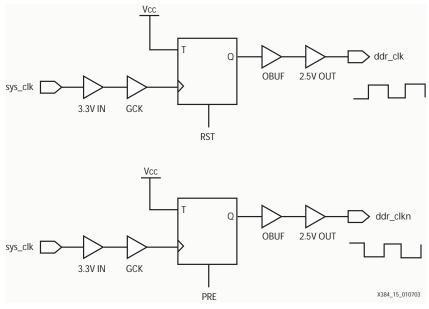


Figure 15: CPLD Clock Generation

#### **Clock Timing**

Figure 16 illustrates the timing characteristics for the CPLD clock generation. This design utilizes the system clock, sys\_clk, as the 2x input clock. The DDR differential clock pair, ddr\_clk and ddr\_clkn, are generated using the rising edge of sys\_clk thereby creating a 1x clock output.

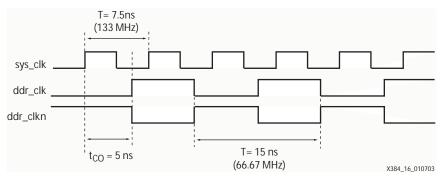


Figure 16: Clock Timing

The generation of the differential clock pair, ddr\_clk and ddr\_clkn, is based on an asynchronous delay through the CPLD. Due to the propagation delay in creating ddr\_clk and ddr\_clkn, a phase difference is induced between the differential clock pair and the 2x system clock, sys\_clk. This delta is labeled as  $T_{CO}$  in Figure 16. The delay accrued in generating ddr\_clk and ddr\_clk and ddr\_clk will vary due to several factors. One factor is the target size and speed grade CoolRunner-II device. Each CoolRunner-II device will have different characteristics based on density and timing characteristics. Other factors such as temperature variance, supply voltage, and process variation will effect  $T_{CO}$  in creating the differential clock pair.

## **Read Operation**

The CPLD design described here does not utilize the data strobe, DQS, during READ operations. Instead, the clock domain is utilized to capture data in a READ cycle. In a READ instruction, the DDR SDRAM drives the data signals, DQ, and the data strobe, DQS. The CPLD is responsible for capturing the data. The data strobe, DQS, is edge-aligned with the data, DQ. The valid window for a single data bit is from one CK/CK# edge to the next. Compensation due to process and environment must be accounted for with multiple DQ signals. The DDR SDRAM device specifies an access time, tAC, for which all data bits are valid. To calculate setup and hold times,  $T_{AC}$  (MAX) and  $T_{AC}$  (MIN) are used to determine the timing budget. The following shows the equation for the data valid window.

 $DVW = 1/2 * T_{CK} - T_{AC} (MAX) + T_{AC} (MIN)$ 

The parameter,  $T_{CK}$  represents the period of the DDR clock. For example, with a 66.67 MHz DDR clock,  $T_{CK}$  = 15 ns. In this design, the DVW = 6 ns.

Figure 17 illustrates how the 2x clock, sys\_clk, is used to capture data in the data valid window for READ operations. Point A represents when the CPLD captures the first data byte,  $D_0$ , from

 $\begin{array}{c} A \\ sys_clk \\ ddr_clk \\ ddr_clkn \\ DQ [7:0] \\ DQS \\ \hline T = 6 ns \\ DVW \end{array}$ 

the DDR SDRAM. At point B, the second byte,  $D_1$ , (in a burst of 2) is captured and registered into the CPLD.

Figure 17: Data Valid Window

## **Device Utilization**

The DDR reference design board utilizes a CoolRunner-II XC2C256-6TQ144 device. The DDR controller, initialization and test logic fits into this device with the utilization results shown in Table 6.

Table 6:	<b>CoolRunner-II Board Design Utilization</b>	ı
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Parameter	Used	Available	% Utilization
I/O Pins	56	118	47%
Macrocells	208	256	81%
Product Terms	441	896	49%
Registers	187	256	73%
Function Block Inputs	361	640	56%

# Processor Interface

The DDR SDRAM design described in this document includes the high level control logic that would normally be the responsibility of a system processor. The high level logic in this CPLD design includes the initialization functions and test logic generation. These functions are typically controlled by a system processor. In this type of application, the system design would be as illustrated in Figure 18.

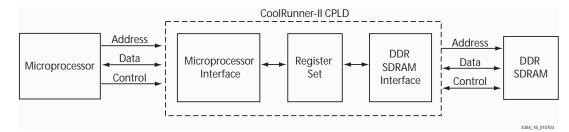


Figure 18: Application Design Block Diagram

The processor connects to the CPLD via a register set. The CPLD is an addressable module on the processor system bus. An example CPLD register set is shown in Table 7 and provides the communication link between the DDR SDRAM interface of the CPLD and the microprocessor.

Table 7: Example Register Set

Register	Function
Status Register	Provides status to processor such as done, data ready, and/or interrupts pending.
Control Register	Sets up parameters such as interrupt enables, clock divisors, clock phases and polarities, and/or start/stop of data transfers.
Data Input Register	Data to DDR SDRAM from processor during a write operation.
Data Output Register	Data from DDR SDRAM in a processor read operation.

For more information on creating a custom microprocessor or microcontroller interface, refer to application notes: XAPP349 and XAPP388 found on <u>http://www.xilinx.com</u>.

## **Device Utilization**

Table 8 illustrates the utilization numbers for a stand alone implementation of the DDR controller targeted to a CoolRunner-II 128 macrocell device.

Table	8:	<b>CoolRunner-II DDR Design Utilization</b>	۱
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Parameter	Used	Available	% Utilization
Falalletei	USeu	Available	
I/O Pins	78	100	78%
Macrocells	60	128	47%
Product Terms	138	448	31%
Registers	50	128	39%
Function Block Inputs	103	320	32%

# **VHDL Code**

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# Conclusion

CoolRunner-II CPLD features such as DualEDGE triggered flops and clock divider make them the ideal target device for interfacing with DDR SDRAM memory.

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