

Introduction

The LogiCORE™ IP FIT core is a peripheral that generates a strobe (interrupt) signal at fixed intervals and is not attached to any bus. The Fixed Interval Timer (FIT) generates an interrupt every C_NO_CLOCKS. The interrupt signal is held high for one clock cycle. The core begins operation immediately after FPGA configuration unless the clock is held or a reset is connected to the FIT.

Features

- Configurable number of clock cycles between interrupts
- Configurable inaccuracy in clock intervals between interrupts
- Optional reset

LogiCORE IP Facts				
Core Specifics				
Supported Device Family ⁽¹⁾	Spartan®-3, Spartan-3E, Spartan-6, Spartan-3A/3A DSP/3AN, Automotive Spartan-3/3A/3A DSP/3E, Virtex®-4, Virtex-5, Virtex-6			
Resources Used	I/O	LUTs	FFs	Block RAMs
	n	n	n	n
Special Features	N/A			
Provided with Core				
Documentation	Product Specification			
Design File Formats	VHDL			
Constraints File	N/A			
Verification	N/A			
Instantiation Template	N/A			
Additional Items	N/A			
Design Tool Requirements				
Xilinx Implementation Tools	ISE® 12.1			
Verification	N/A			
Simulation	Mentor Graphics ModelSim v6.5c and above			
Synthesis	XST			
Support				
Provided by Xilinx, Inc.				

1. For a complete list of supported devices, see the 12.1 release notes for this core.

Fit Parameters

The FIT parameters are listed and described in [Table 1](#).

Table 1: FIT Parameters

Parameter Name	Feature/Description	Allowable Values	Default Value	Tool Assigned	VHDL Type
C_FAMILY	Device Family	spartan3, spartan3e, spartan6, spartan3a, spartan3adsp, spartan3an, aspartan3, aspartan3a, aspartan3adsp, aspartan3e, virtex4, virtex5, virtex6	virtex5	Yes	string
C_NO_CLOCKS	The number of clock cycles between strobes	>1	6216	No	integer
C_INACCURACY	The allowed inaccuracy in the number of clock cycles between strobes. Expressed in per thousands.	≥0	0	No	integer
C_EXT_RESET_HIGH	Level of reset	0 = active low 1 = active high	1	No	integer

Allowable Parameter Combinations

There are no restrictions on allowable parameter combinations. The core tries to implement the counter in the most efficient way using SRL16 primitives. But for certain values of C_NO_CLOCKS, the core can not implement the timer using the SRL16. In this case, a normal bit counter will be implemented. To use SRL16, the value of C_NO_CLOCKS must be able to be factored into values between 2 and 128. 128 uses 7 SRL16 primitives, which is the same as the 7 LUTs a normal counter would use and thus after that point it is no longer more efficient to use the SRL16. To enable the use of SRL16 as compared to bit counters, an inaccuracy can be set using the parameter C_INACCURACY. The inaccuracy value specifies the range of valid clock intervals that can be generated. The core then tests each value in this range to check if it can be factorized.

FIT I/O Signals

The I/O signals for the FIT are listed in [Table 2](#).

Table 2: FIT I/O Signals

Signal Name	Interface	I/O	Initial State	Description
Clk	N/A	I	N/A	Clock
Rst	N/A	I	N/A	Optional reset
Interrupt	N/A	O	0	Interrupt signal

The Rst port can be left unconnected or tied to ground and less resources will be used. The reset logic when using the SRL16 doubles the resource usage, but in most cases this will still be smaller than using a normal bit counter. When using the counter the reset logic adds 1 LUT. When resetting the SRL16 the reset signal must be asserted for 17 cycles. When resetting the bit counter the reset must only be asserted for one cycle.

Parameter - Port Dependencies

Not Applicable.

FIT Register Descriptions

Not applicable.

FIT Interrupt Descriptions

The FIT generates an interrupt every C_NO_CLOCKS. The interrupt signal is held high for one clock cycle. The core begins operation immediately after FPGA configuration if the reset is not connected. If the reset is connected and asserted the FIT begins operation after the reset is released. To reset the SRL16 primitives the reset must be asserted for a minimum of 17 cycles. To reset the bit counter implementation the reset need only be asserted for one clock cycle.

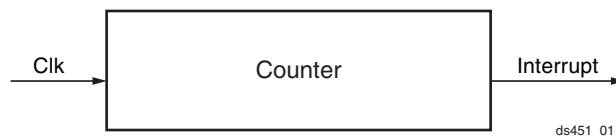


Figure 1: FIT Block Diagram

Design Implementation

Design Tools

The FIT design is generated by the EDK tools.

XST is the synthesis tool used for synthesizing the FIT. The NGC netlist output from XST is then input to the Xilinx Foundation[®] tool suite for actual device implementation.

Target Technology

The target technology is an FPGA listed in the [Supported Device Family \(1\)](#) field of the LogiCORE IP Facts table.

Device Utilization and Performance Benchmarks

The device utilization depends on the configured parameter values. For optimal device utilization the C_NO_CLOCKS should factor into numbers less than or equal to 16 and the reset should not be used.

Specification Exceptions

Not applicable.

Reference Documents

None

Support

Xilinx provides technical support for this LogiCORE product when used as described in the product documentation. Xilinx cannot guarantee timing, functionality, or support of product if implemented in devices that are not defined in the documentation, if customized beyond that allowed in the product documentation, or if changes are made to any section of the design labeled *DO NOT MODIFY*.

Revision History

The following table shows the revision history for this document.

Date	Version	Description of Revisions
02/11/03	1.0	Initial Release
01/26/04	1.1	Update to copyright and trademarks
08/03/04	1.2	Converted document format
8/17/04	1.3	Updated for Gmm; updated trademarks and supported device family list
9/28/04	1.4	Updated for fit_timer_v1_01_a
4/2/05	1.5	Updated for EDK 7.1.1 SP1; updated supported device family listing.
04/24/09	1.6	Replaced references to supported device families and tool name(s) with hyperlink to PDF file; converted to current DS template.
04/19/10	1.7	Created v1.01b for 12.1 release.

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