Digital Blocks
Semiconductor IP

DB-DMAC-MC-AMBA
Multi-Channel DMA Controller

General Description

The Digital Blocks DB-DMAC-MC-AMBA Verilog RTL IP Core is a Multi-Channel DMA Controller supporting 1 – 16 independent data transfers. The Direct Memory Access (DMA) Controller IP Core contains 1 - 16 DMA Controller Engines (i.e. DMA Channels), with user selectable AMBA AXI4 / AXI3 / AHB5 Master Read/Write interconnects. The DB-DMAC-MC-AMBA excels at high data throughput on both small and large data sets. Standard IP releases of number of DMA Controller Engines are 1, 2, 4, 8, and 16.

Figure 1 depicts the DMA Controller IP Core. The individual internal DMA Controller Engines are geared to perform high-bandwidth data transfers among memory and peripherals via the AXI / AHB5 interconnects.
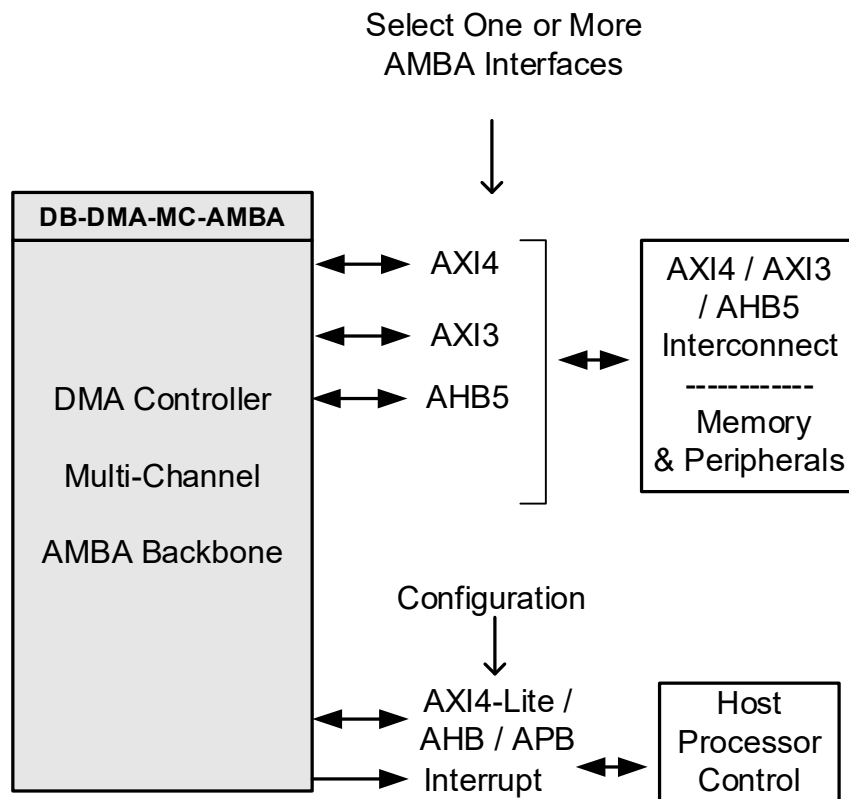

Figure 1: DB-DMA-MC-AMBA – DMA Controller - Multi-Channel

Features

- 1 - 16 Multi-Channel High Performance DMA Controller Engines:
    - High-Speed Finite State Machine Control
    - High Throughput to/from Memory via AMBA AXI / AHB5 on both small and large data sets
    - Dual-Port, Single-Clock FIFO, user parameterized in Depth x Width.
    - Optional Dual-Port, Dual-Clock FIFO design
- Supports following DMA transfers:
    - Memory-to-Memory
    - Memory-to-Peripheral
    - Peripheral-to-Memory
    - Peripheral-to-Peripheral
- Up to 16 DMA transfers in parallel
- Scatter Gather List (SGL):
    - processing of linked-list Descriptor nodes
    - supports non-contiguous data block transfers to a contiguous segment of memory and vice versa
- Variety of User DMA Transfer Control:
    - Link-List Processor for Autonomous & Chained Block Transfers (SGL)
    - CPU Software or external Hardware initiated transfers
- Targets PCIe or CPU DMA Controller in Linux environment as well as applications with unique peripheral data transfer requirements
- Arbiter – Round Robin (priority Arbitration Modes available – contact Digital Blocks)
- Individual Interface Data Widths: 8 / 16 / 32 / 64 / 128 / 256 / 512 / 1024.
- Programmable Data Burst Capability: 1, 4, 8, 16 on AXI3/AHB5 and up to 256 on AXI4
- AXI4 Quality of Service (QoS) programming per DMA Channel (Option)
- AXI4-Stream to AXI Memory Map Conversion – external Digital Blocks IP to connect-in AXI4-Stream Interface (Please Contact Digital Blocks for more information) (Option)
- Interrupt Controller – Signaling DMA Status - Transfer Done & Diagnostics
- Fully-synchronous, synthesizable Verilog RTL core, with rising-edge clocking, no gated clocks, and no internal tri-states, for easy integration into FPGA or ASIC design flows.

Verification Method

The DB-DMAC-MC-AMBA DMA Controller IP Core contains a test suite that programs the Controller and sources and receives with checking data transfers.

The DB-DMAC-MC-AMBA DMA Controller IP Core has been implemented in a variety of Digital Blocks IP, including the 2D Graphics Hardware Accelerator, and Low Latency / High-Speed Networking RTP/TCP/UDP/IP Protocol Stack Processor.

The DB-DMAC-MC-AMBA DMA Controller IP Core has been implemented in customer unique applications.

Customer Evaluation

Digital Blocks offers a variety of methods for prospective customers to evaluate the DB-DMAC-MC-AMBA DMA Controller IP Core. Please contact Digital Blocks for additional information.

Deliverables

The DB-DMAC-MC-AMBA is available in synthesizable RTL Verilog or a technology-specific netlist for FPGAs, along with Synopsys Design Constraints, a simulation test bench with expected results, datasheet, and user manual.

Ordering Information

Please contact Digital Blocks for additional technical, pricing, evaluation, and support information.

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