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Preface

This preface introduces the ARM PrimeCell Single Master DMA Controller (PL081) Technical Reference Manual. It contains the following sections:

- *About this manual* on page xii
- *Feedback* on page xvi.
About this manual

This is the Technical Reference Manual (TRM) for the ARM PrimeCell Single Master DMA Controller (PL081) (SMDMAC).

Product revision status

The rnpn identifier indicates the revision status of the product described in this manual, where:

- **rn** Identifies the major revision of the product.
- **pn** Identifies the minor revision or modification status of the product.

Intended audience

This manual is written for hardware and software engineers implementing System-on-Chip (SoC) designs. It provides information to enable designers to integrate the peripheral into a target system as quickly as possible. The manual describes the external functionality of the SMDMAC.

Using this manual

This manual is organized into the following chapters:

**Chapter 1 Introduction**
Read this chapter for an introduction to the SMDMAC.

**Chapter 2 Functional Overview**
Read this chapter for a description of the major functional blocks of the SMDMAC.

**Chapter 3 Programmer’s Model**
Read this chapter for a description of the SMDMAC registers and programming details.

**Chapter 4 Programmer’s Model for Test**
Read this chapter for an description of the logic in the SMDMAC for functional verification and production testing.

**Appendix A Signal Descriptions**
Read this appendix for details of the SMDMAC signals.
Appendix B DMA Interface

Read this appendix for a description of how to use the SMDMAC request and response interface.

Appendix C Scatter/Gather

Read this appendix for a description of scatter/gather through Linked List Items (LLIs).

Glossary

Read the Glossary for definitions of terms used in this manual.

Conventions

Conventions that this manual can use are described in:

- Typographical on page xiv
- Timing diagrams on page xiv
- Signals on page xiv
- Numbering on page xv.

Typographical

The typographical conventions are:

- italic Highlights important notes, introduces special terminology, denotes internal cross-references, and citations.

- bold Highlights interface elements, such as menu names. Denotes signal names. Also used for terms in descriptive lists, where appropriate.

- monospace Denotes text that you can enter at the keyboard, such as commands, file and program names, and source code.

- monospace Denotes a permitted abbreviation for a command or option. You can enter the underlined text instead of the full command or option name.

- monospace italic Denotes arguments to monospace text where the argument is to be replaced by a specific value.

- monospace bold Denotes language keywords when used outside example code.
<and> Angle brackets enclose replaceable terms for assembler syntax where they appear in code or code fragments. They appear in normal font in running text. For example:
- \[ \text{MRC p15, 0 <Rd>, <CRn>, <CRm>, <Opcode_2>} \]
- The Opcode_2 value selects which register is accessed.

**Timing diagrams**

The figure named *Key to timing diagram conventions* explains the components used in timing diagrams. Variations, when they occur, have clear labels. You must not assume any timing information that is not explicit in the diagrams.

Shaded bus and signal areas are undefined, so the bus or signal can assume any value within the shaded area at that time. The actual level is unimportant and does not affect normal operation.

![Timing Diagrams](image)

**Key to timing diagram conventions**

**Signals**

The signal conventions are:

- **Signal level**: The level of an asserted signal depends on whether the signal is active-HIGH or active-LOW. Asserted means HIGH for active-HIGH signals and LOW for active-LOW signals.
- **Lower-case n**: Denotes an active-LOW signal.
- **Prefix A**: Denotes global *Advanced eXtensible Interface* (AXI) signals:
- **Prefix AR**: Denotes AXI read address channel signals.
- **Prefix AW**: Denotes AXI write address channel signals.
Prefix B  Denotes AXI write response channel signals.
Prefix C  Denotes AXI low-power interface signals.
Prefix H  Denotes Advanced High-performance Bus (AHB) signals.
Prefix P  Denotes Advanced Peripheral Bus (APB) signals.
Prefix R  Denotes AXI read data channel signals.
Prefix W  Denotes AXI write data channel signals.
Suffix n  AHB HRESETn and APB PRESETn reset signals.

Numbering

The numbering convention is:

<size in bits>'<base><number>

This is a Verilog method of abbreviating constant numbers. For example:
- 'h7B4 is an unsized hexadecimal value.
- 'o7654 is an unsized octal value.
- 8'd9 is an eight-bit wide decimal value of 9.
- 8'h3F is an eight-bit wide hexadecimal value of 0x3F. This is equivalent to b00111111.
- 8'b1111 is an eight-bit wide binary value of b00011111.

Further reading

This section lists publications by ARM Limited, and by third parties.

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ARM publications

This manual contains information that is specific to the SMDMAC (PL081). See the following documents for other relevant information:
- AMBA® Specification (Rev 2.0) (ARM IHI 0011)
- ARM PrimeCell Single Master DMA controller (PL081) Design Manual (PL081 DDES 0000)
- ARM PrimeCell Single Master DMA controller (PL081) Integration Manual (PL081 INTM 0000).
Feedback

ARM Limited welcomes feedback on the SMDMAC (PL081) and its documentation.

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- the product name
- a concise explanation of your comments.

Feedback on this manual

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- the title
- the number
- the relevant page number(s) to which your comments apply
- a concise explanation of your comments.

ARM Limited also welcomes general suggestions for additions and improvements.
Chapter 1
Introduction

This chapter introduces the SMDMAC (PL081). It contains the following sections:

- About the SMDMAC on page 1-2
- Product revisions on page 1-4.
1.1 About the SMDMAC

The SMDMAC is an Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture (AMBA) compliant System-on-Chip (SoC) peripheral that is developed, tested, and licensed by ARM.

The SMDMAC is an AMBA AHB module, and connects to the Advanced High-performance Bus (AHB).

1.1.1 Features of the SMDMAC

The SMDMAC offers:

- Compliance to the AMBA Specification for easy integration into SoC implementation.

- Two DMA channels. Each channel can support a unidirectional transfer.

- 16 DMA requests. The SMDMAC provides 16 peripheral DMA request lines.

- Single DMA and burst DMA request signals. Each peripheral connected to the SMDMAC can assert either a burst DMA request or a single DMA request. The DMA burst size is set by programming the SMDMAC.

- Memory-to-memory, memory-to-peripheral, peripheral-to-memory, and peripheral-to-peripheral transfers.

- Scatter or gather DMA support through the use of linked lists. This means that the source and destination areas do not have to occupy contiguous areas of memory.

- Hardware DMA channel priority. Each DMA channel has a specific hardware priority. DMA channel 0 has the highest priority and channel 1 has the lowest priority. If requests from two channels become active at the same time, the channel with the highest priority is serviced first.

- AHB slave DMA programming interface. You program the SMDMAC by writing to the DMA control registers over the AHB slave interface.

- One AHB bus master for transferring data. This interface transfers data when a DMA request goes active.

- 32-bit AHB master bus width.

- Incrementing or non-incrementing addressing for source and destination.

- Programmable DMA burst size. The DMA burst size can be programmed to transfer data more efficiently. Usually, the burst size is set to half the size of the FIFO in the peripheral.
• Internal four-word FIFO per channel.

• Support for eight, 16, and 32-bit wide transactions.

• Big-endian and little-endian support. The SMDMAC defaults to little-endian mode on reset.

• Separate and combined DMA error and DMA count interrupt requests. You can generate an interrupt to the processor on a DMA error or when a DMA count has reached 0. This is usually used to indicate that a transfer has finished. Three interrupt request signals do this:
  — DMACINTTC signals when a transfer has completed.
  — DMACINTERR signals when an error has occurred.
  — DMACINTR combines both the DMACINTTC and DMACINTERR interrupt request signals. You can use the DMACINTR interrupt request in systems that have few interrupt controller request inputs.

• Interrupt masking. You can mask the DMA error and DMA terminal count interrupt requests.

• Raw interrupt status. You can read the DMA error and DMA count raw interrupt status prior to masking.

• Test registers for use in block and integration system level testing.

• Identification registers that uniquely identify the SMDMAC. An operating system can use these to automatically configure itself.
1.2 Product revisions

This section describes differences in functionality between product revisions of the SMDMAC (PL081):

Rel1v0-r1p1

Contains the following differences in functionality:

• correction of endianness behavior
• addition of new AHB-Lite Master
• improvement in performance.

r1p1-r1p2  The Revision bit field of the DMACPeriphID2 Register is now set to 0x1.
Chapter 2
Functional Overview

This chapter describes the major functional blocks of the SMDMAC (PL081). It contains the following sections:

- *SMDMAC functional description* on page 2-2
- *System considerations* on page 2-9
- *System connectivity* on page 2-10
- *Use with memory management unit based systems* on page 2-16.
2.1 SMDMAC functional description

The SMDMAC enables the following transactions:
- peripheral-to-memory
- memory-to-peripheral
- peripheral-to-peripheral
- memory-to-memory.

Each DMA stream provides unidirectional serial DMA transfers for a single source and destination.

For example, a bidirectional port requires one stream for transmit and one for receive. The source and destination areas can each be either a memory region or a peripheral, and can be accessed through the AHB master. Figure 2-1 shows a block diagram of the SMDMAC.
Note
For clarity, Figure 2-1 on page 2-2 does not show test logic.

The following sections describe the functions of the SMDMAC:

- **AHB slave interface**
- **Control logic and register bank**
- **DMA request and response interface**
- **Channel logic and channel register bank**
- **Interrupt request**
- **AHB master interface** on page 2-4
- **Channel hardware** on page 2-8
- **Test registers** on page 2-8
- **DMA request priority** on page 2-8.

### 2.1.1 AHB slave interface

All transactions on the AHB slave programming bus of the SMDMAC are 32-bit wide. This eliminates endian issues when programming the SMDMAC.

### 2.1.2 Control logic and register bank

The register block stores data written, or to be read across the AMBA AHB interface. This block programs the SMDMAC using an AMBA AHB slave interface.

### 2.1.3 DMA request and response interface

See Appendix B *DMA Interface* for information on the DMA request and response interface.

### 2.1.4 Channel logic and channel register bank

The channel logic and channel register bank contains registers and logic required for each DMA channel.

### 2.1.5 Interrupt request

The interrupt request generates interrupts to the ARM processor.
2.1.6 AHB master interface

The SMDMAC contains a full AHB master. Figure 2-2 shows a block diagram of the master connected into a system.

The AHB master can deal with all types of AHB transactions, including:

- Split, retry, and error responses from slaves. If a peripheral performs a split or retry, the SMDMAC stalls and waits until the transaction can complete.
- Locked transfers for source and destination of each stream.
- Setting of protection bits for transfers on each stream.

All AHB signals are connected as defined in the AHB specification. The AHB buses are required to be synchronous. In other words, they must use the same HCLK. Support for asynchronous AHB buses is not defined within the SMDMAC, and you must implement it through the use of wrappers, if required.

**Bus and transfer widths**

The default width for the AHB master is a 32-bit bus. Source and destination transfers can be of differing widths, and can be the same width or narrower than the physical bus width. The SMDMAC packs or unpacks data when appropriate. The SMDMAC uses HSIZE to indicate the width of a transfer, and if this fails to match the width expected by the peripheral, then the peripheral can assert an error on HRESP.
**Endian behavior**

The SMDMAC can cope with both little-endian and big-endian addressing. You can set the endianness of each AHB master individually.

Internally, the SMDMAC treats all data as a stream of bytes instead of 16-bit or 32-bit quantities. This means that when performing mixed-endian activity, where the endianness of the source and destination are different, byte swapping of the data within the 32-bit data bus occurs.

--- **Note** ---

If you do not require byte swapping, then avoid using different endianness between the source and destination addresses.

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Table 2-1 shows endian behavior for different source and destination combinations.

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Error conditions

An error during a DMA transfer is flagged directly by the peripheral by asserting an Error response on the AHB bus during the transfer. The SMDMAC automatically disables the DMA stream after the current transfer has completed, and can optionally generate an error interrupt to the CPU. You can mask this error interrupt.

2.1.7 Channel hardware

A dedicated hardware channel, including source and destination controllers, and a FIFO, supports each stream. This enables better latency than a DMA controller with only a single hardware channel shared between several DMA streams, and simplifies the control logic.

2.1.8 Test registers

Test registers are provided for integration testing.

You must not read from, or write to test registers during normal use.

The integration testing verifies that the SMDMAC has been connected into a system correctly, enabling you to both write to, and read from each input and output.

2.1.9 DMA request priority

DMA channel priority is fixed. DMA channel 0 has the highest priority and DMA channel 1 has the lowest priority.

If the SMDMAC is transferring data for the lower priority channel, and then the higher priority channel goes active, it completes the number of transfers delegated to the master interface by the lower priority channel before switching over to transfer data for the higher priority channel. In the worst case, this is as large as a one quadword.

Channel 1 in the SMDMAC is designed so that it cannot saturate the AHB bus. If it goes active, the SMDMAC relinquishes control of the bus, for a bus cycle, after four transfers of the programmed size, irrespective of the size of transfer. This enables other AHB masters to access the bus.

It is recommended that memory-to-memory transactions use the low priority channel. Otherwise, other, lower priority, AHB bus masters cannot access the bus during SMDMAC memory-to-memory transfer.
2.2 System considerations

Reducing the number of transactions that occur on the buses reduces the latency on the bus, improves system performance, and reduces power consumption. Therefore, the following design considerations are recommended:

- All memory transactions are, in the standard configuration, 32 bits wide to improve bus efficiency.
- Peripherals with natural word size less than 32 bits must contain byte or halfword packing hardware so that all transactions can be made 32 bits wide.
- Slow peripherals that normally use wait states must contain FIFOs so that data can be transferred at full speed using burst transfers.
2.3 System connectivity

Figure 2-3 shows how the SMDMAC connects to a system.

2.3.1 AHB interface

The AHB slave and master interface executes from HCLK.

2.3.2 AHB slave interface

The AHB slave interface programs the SMDMAC. Figure 2-3 shows the port-level connections of the AHB slave interface module.
2.3.3 AHB master interface

Unless otherwise stated, you must connect this interface as the AMBA Specification describes. You can set the various AHB signals while preforming DMA transfers.

Protection control

Software programs the HPROT[3:0] bits for each PrimeCell DMA channel. The bits are set:

- **HPROT[0]**, opcode, or data. This bit is hard-coded to Data = 1.
- **HPROT[1]**, user or privileged:
  0 = user
  1 = privileged.
  Programmed by software. See Channel Control Registers on page 3-20. During Linked List Item (LLI) loads, HPROT[1] is made 1, privileged.
- **HPROT[2]**, bufferable or nonbufferable:
  0 = nonbufferable
  1 = bufferable.
  Programmed by software. See Channel Control Registers on page 3-20. During LLI loads, HPROT[2] is made 0, nonbufferable.
- **HPROT[3]**, cacheable or noncacheable:
  0 = noncacheable
  1 = cacheable.
  Programmed by software. See Channel Control Registers on page 3-20. During LLI loads, HPROT[3] is made 1, cacheable.

Peripherals can interpret the HPROT information when required to help perform efficient transactions. For example:

- You can use the HPROT[1] user or privileged bit protect certain peripherals or memory spaces from User mode transactions.
- You can use the HPROT[2] bufferable or nonbufferable bit to indicate to an AMBA bridge that the write can complete in zero wait states on the source bus. This is without waiting for it to arbitrate for the destination bus, and for the slave to accept the data.
An AMBA bridge can use the HPROT[3] cacheable or noncacheable bit so that on the first read of a burst of eight, it can transfer the whole burst of eight reads on the destination bus, rather than passing the transactions through one at a time.
Lock control

Set the lock bit by programming bit 16 in the DMACCxConfiguration Register. See Channel Configuration Registers on page 3-23.

When a burst occurs, the AHB arbiter must not degrant the master during the burst until the lock is deasserted. You can lock the SMDMAC for a single burst, such as a long source fetch burst or a long destination drain burst. The SMDMAC does not usually assert the lock continuously for a source fetch burst followed by a destination drain burst.

There are situations when the SMDMAC asserts the lock for source transfers followed by destination transfers. This is possible when internal conditions in the SMDMAC permit it to perform a source fetch followed by a destination drain back-to-back, and when the following conditions are both met:
- Source width = destination width, and,
- Source burst size is a minimum of 4.

Bus width

The source width, SWidth, or destination width, DWidth, values in the DMACCxControl register program the HSIZE[1:0] bits.

2.3.4 Interrupt generation logic

The SMDMAC generates individual maskable active HIGH interrupts. A combined interrupt output is also generated as an OR function of the individual interrupt requests.

You can use the single combined interrupt with a system interrupt controller that provides another level of masking on a per-peripheral basis. This enables you to use modular device drivers that always know where to find the interrupt source control register bits.

You can also use the individual interrupt requests with a system interrupt controller that provides masking for the outputs of each peripheral. In this way, a global interrupt service routine can read the entire set of sources from one wide register in the system interrupt controller. This is useful where the time to read from the peripheral registers is significant compared to the CPU clock speed in a real-time system.

The peripheral supports both these methods.
2.3.5 Interrupt controller connectivity

You can connect the interrupt request signals of the SMDMAC to an interrupt controller in one of two ways:

- For higher performance systems, you must connect the DMACINTERR and DMACINTTC interrupt request signals to the interrupt controller.

- For higher performance systems, you must connect the DMACINTERR and DMACINTTC interrupt request signals to the interrupt controller. For lower performance systems, where the interrupt controller has fewer interrupt request input lines, you can use the DMACINTR interrupt request signal.

For more information, see Interrupt requests on page 3-37.

Figure 2-4 and Figure 2-5 show connections for higher and lower performance systems respectively.

![Figure 2-4 Connection for higher performance systems](image1)

![Figure 2-5 Connection for lower performance systems](image2)
2.3.6 DMA request and response connectivity

Figure 2-6 shows how you connect the DMA request and response signals to a peripheral. However, some peripherals do not use all of these signals. You can leave output signals that you do not require unconnected. You must tie input signals that you do not require LOW.

See Appendix B DMA Interface for more information on the DMA request and response interface. Figure 2-6 shows an example of a peripheral that uses all the DMA request and grant signals.

Figure 2-7 shows a simple example of connectivity.
2.4 Use with memory management unit based systems

When using the SMDMAC with a Memory Management Unit (MMU) based system, application code running on the ARM core in virtual memory creates and manages the scatter/gather linked list, and the SMDMAC reads it in physical memory. Ensure that the area of memory you use for the linked list is flat-mapped, that is where virtual addresses and physical addresses are the same.
Chapter 3
Programmer’s Model

This chapter describes the SMDMAC (PL081) registers and provides details required when programming the microcontroller. It contains the following sections:

- *About the programmer’s model* on page 3-2
- *Programming the SMDMAC* on page 3-3
- *Summary of SMDMAC registers* on page 3-6
- *Register descriptions* on page 3-8
- *Address generation* on page 3-34
- *Scatter/gather* on page 3-35
- *Interrupt requests* on page 3-37
- *SMDMAC data flow* on page 3-40.
3.1 About the programmer’s model

The SMDMAC enables peripheral-to-memory, memory-to-peripheral, peripheral-to-peripheral, and memory-to-memory transactions. Each DMA stream is configured to provide unidirectional DMA transfers for a single source and destination. For example, a bidirectional serial port requires one stream for transmit, and one for receive. The source and destination areas can each be either a memory region or a peripheral, and can be accessed through the AHB master.

The base address of the SMDMAC is not fixed, and can be different for any particular system implementation. However, the offset of any particular register from the base address is fixed.

3.1.1 Register fields

The following applies to the registers used in the SMDMAC:

- You must not access reserved or unused address locations because this can result in unpredictable behavior of the device.

- You must write reserved or unused bits of registers as zero, and ignored on read unless otherwise stated in the relevant text.

- A system or power-on reset resets all register bits to a logic 0 unless otherwise stated in the relevant text.

- Unless otherwise stated in the relevant text, all registers support read/write accesses. A write updates the contents of a register, and a read returns the contents of the register.

- You can only access registers defined in this document using word reads, and word writes, unless otherwise stated in the relevant text.
3.2 Programming the SMDMAC

All transactions on the AHB Slave programming bus must be 32 bits wide. This eliminates endian issues when programming the SMDMAC.

3.2.1 Enabling the SMDMAC

To enable the SMDMAC, set the DMA Enable bit in the DMACConfiguration Register. See Configuration Register on page 3-16.

3.2.2 Disabling the SMDMAC

To disable the SMDMAC:

1. Read the DMACEnbldChns Register, and ensure that all the DMA channels have been disabled. If any channels are active, see Disabling a DMA channel.

2. Disable the SMDMAC by writing 0 to the DMA Enable bit in the DMACConfiguration Register. See Configuration Register on page 3-16.

3.2.3 Enabling a DMA channel

To enable the DMA channel, set the Channel Enable bit in the relevant DMA channel Configuration Register. See Channel Configuration Registers on page 3-23.

Note

You must fully initialize the channel before you enable it. Additionally, you must set the Enable bit of the SMDMAC before you enable any channels.

3.2.4 Disabling a DMA channel

You can disable a DMA channel in the following ways:

- Write directly to the Channel Enable bit.
  
  Note

  You lose any outstanding data in the FIFOs if you use this method.

- Use the Active and Halt bits in conjunction with the Channel Enable bit.

- Wait until the transfer completes. The channel is then automatically disabled.
Disabling a DMA channel and losing data in the FIFO

Clear the relevant Channel Enable bit in the relevant channel Configuration Register. See Channel Configuration Registers on page 3-23. The current AHB transfer, if one is in progress, completes and the channel is disabled. You lose any data in the FIFO.

Disabling a DMA channel without losing data in the FIFO

To disable a DMA channel without losing data in the FIFO:

1. Set the Halt bit in the relevant channel Configuration Register. See Channel Configuration Registers on page 3-23. This causes any subsequent DMA requests to be ignored.

2. Poll the Active bit in the relevant channel Configuration Register until it reaches 0. This bit indicates whether or not there is any data in the channel that has to be transferred.

3. Clear the Channel Enable bit in the relevant channel Configuration Register.

3.2.5 Set up a new DMA transfer

To set up a new DMA transfer:

1. If the channel is not set aside for the DMA transaction:
   a. Read the DMACEnbldChns Register and determine the channels that are inactive. See Enabled Channel Register on page 3-12.
   b. Choose an inactive channel that has the required priority.

2. Program the SMDMAC.

3.2.6 Halting a DMA channel

Set the Halt bit in the relevant DMA channel Configuration Register. The current source request is serviced. Any subsequent source DMA requests are ignored until the Halt bit is cleared.
3.2.7 Programming a DMA channel

To program a DMA channel:

1. Choose a free DMA channel with the priority required. DMA channel 0 has the highest priority, and DMA channel 1 the lowest priority.

2. Clear any pending interrupts on the channel to be used by writing to the DMACIntTCClr Register, see *Interrupt Terminal Count Clear Register* on page 3-9, and DMACIntErrClr Register, see *Interrupt Error Clear Register* on page 3-10. The previous channel operation might have left interrupts active.

3. Write the source address into the DMACCxSrcAddr Register. See *Channel Source Address Registers* on page 3-18.

4. Write the destination address into the DMACCxDestAddr Register. See *Channel Destination Address Registers* on page 3-19.

5. Write the address of the next LLI into the DMACCxLLI Register. See *Channel Linked List Item Register* on page 3-19. If the transfer consists of a single packet of data, then you must write 0 into this register.

6. Write the control information into the DMACCxControl Register. See *Channel Control Registers* on page 3-20.

7. Write the channel configuration information into the DMACCxConfiguration Register. See *Channel Configuration Registers* on page 3-23. If the Enable bit is set, then the DMA channel is automatically enabled.
3.3 Summary of SMDMAC registers

Table 3-1 lists the SMDMAC registers.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Base offset</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Reset</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DMACIntStatus</td>
<td>0x000</td>
<td>RO</td>
<td>0x0</td>
<td>See <em>Interrupt Status Register</em> on page 3-8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACIntTCStatus</td>
<td>0x004</td>
<td>RO</td>
<td>0x0</td>
<td>See <em>Interrupt Terminal Count Status Register</em> on page 3-8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACIntTCClear</td>
<td>0x008</td>
<td>WO</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>See <em>Interrupt Terminal Count Clear Register</em> on page 3-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACIntErrorStatus</td>
<td>0x00C</td>
<td>RO</td>
<td>0x0</td>
<td>See <em>Interrupt Error Status Register</em> on page 3-10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACIntErrClr</td>
<td>0x010</td>
<td>WO</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>See <em>Interrupt Error Clear Register</em> on page 3-10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACRawIntTCStatus</td>
<td>0x014</td>
<td>RO</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>See <em>Raw Interrupt Terminal Count Status Register</em> on page 3-11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACRawIntErrorStatus</td>
<td>0x018</td>
<td>RO</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>See <em>Raw Error Interrupt Status Register</em> on page 3-11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACEnbldChns</td>
<td>0x01C</td>
<td>RO</td>
<td>0x0</td>
<td>See <em>Enabled Channel Register</em> on page 3-12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACSoftBReq</td>
<td>0x020</td>
<td>R/W</td>
<td>0x0000</td>
<td>See <em>Software Burst Request Register</em> on page 3-13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACSoftSReq</td>
<td>0x024</td>
<td>R/W</td>
<td>0x0000</td>
<td>See <em>Software Single Request Register</em> on page 3-14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACSoftLBRq</td>
<td>0x028</td>
<td>R/W</td>
<td>0x0000</td>
<td>See <em>Software Last Burst Request Register</em> on page 3-14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACSoftLSReq</td>
<td>0x02C</td>
<td>R/W</td>
<td>0x0000</td>
<td>See <em>Software Last Single Request Register</em> on page 3-15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACCConfiguration</td>
<td>0x030</td>
<td>R/W</td>
<td>0b0000</td>
<td>See <em>Configuration Register</em> on page 3-16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACSync</td>
<td>0x034</td>
<td>R/W</td>
<td>0x0000</td>
<td>See <em>Synchronization Register</em> on page 3-17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACC0SrcAddr</td>
<td>0x100</td>
<td>R/W</td>
<td>0x00000000</td>
<td>See <em>Channel Source Address Registers</em> on page 3-18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACC0DestAddr</td>
<td>0x104</td>
<td>R/W</td>
<td>0x00000000</td>
<td>See <em>Channel Destination Address Registers</em> on page 3-19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACC0LLI</td>
<td>0x108</td>
<td>R/W</td>
<td>0x00000000</td>
<td>See <em>Channel Linked List Item Register</em> on page 3-19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACC0Control</td>
<td>0x10C</td>
<td>R/W</td>
<td>0x00000000</td>
<td>See <em>Channel Control Registers</em> on page 3-20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACC0Configuration</td>
<td>0x110</td>
<td>R/W</td>
<td>0x00000000</td>
<td>See <em>Channel Configuration Registers</em> on page 3-23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACC1SrcAddr</td>
<td>0x120</td>
<td>R/W</td>
<td>0x00000000</td>
<td>See <em>Channel Source Address Registers</em> on page 3-18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACC1DestAddr</td>
<td>0x124</td>
<td>R/W</td>
<td>0x00000000</td>
<td>See on page 3-19 <em>Channel Destination Address Registers</em> on page 3-19</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 3-1 Register summary (continued)

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Base offset</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Reset</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DMACC1LLI</td>
<td>0x128</td>
<td>R/W</td>
<td>0x00000000</td>
<td>See Channel Linked List Item Register on page 3-19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACC1Control</td>
<td>0x12C</td>
<td>R/W</td>
<td>0x00000000</td>
<td>See Channel Control Registers on page 3-20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACC1Configuration</td>
<td>0x130</td>
<td>R/Wa</td>
<td>0x00000000</td>
<td>See Channel Configuration Registers on page 3-23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACITCR</td>
<td>0x500</td>
<td>R/W</td>
<td>0x0</td>
<td>See Test Control Register on page 4-4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACITOP1</td>
<td>0x504</td>
<td>R/W</td>
<td>0x0000</td>
<td>See Integration Test Output Register 1 on page 4-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACITOP2</td>
<td>0x508</td>
<td>R/W</td>
<td>0x0000</td>
<td>See Integration Test Output Register 2 on page 4-5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACITOP3</td>
<td>0x50C</td>
<td>R/W</td>
<td>0x0</td>
<td>See Integration Test Output Register 3 on page 4-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACPeriphID0</td>
<td>0xFE0</td>
<td>RO</td>
<td>0x81</td>
<td>See Peripheral ID Register 0 on page 3-27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACPeriphID1</td>
<td>0xFE4</td>
<td>RO</td>
<td>0x10</td>
<td>See Peripheral ID Register 1 on page 3-27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACPeriphID2</td>
<td>0xFE8</td>
<td>RO</td>
<td>0x05</td>
<td>See Peripheral ID Register 2 on page 3-28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACPeriphID3</td>
<td>0xFEC</td>
<td>RO</td>
<td>0x00</td>
<td>See Peripheral ID Register 3 on page 3-29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACPCellID0</td>
<td>0xFF0</td>
<td>RO</td>
<td>0x00</td>
<td>See PrimeCell ID Register 0 on page 3-30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACPCellID1</td>
<td>0xFF4</td>
<td>RO</td>
<td>0xF0</td>
<td>See PrimeCell ID Register 1 on page 3-32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACPCellID2</td>
<td>0xFF8</td>
<td>RO</td>
<td>0x05</td>
<td>See PrimeCell ID Register 2 on page 3-32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACPCellID3</td>
<td>0xFFC</td>
<td>RO</td>
<td>0xB1</td>
<td>See PrimeCell ID Register 3 on page 3-33</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

a. Bit[17] is read-only.
3.4 Register descriptions

This section describes the SMDMAC registers with the exception of the test registers that Chapter 4 *Programmer’s Model for Test* describes. Table 3-1 on page 3-6 provides cross references to individual registers.

3.4.1 Interrupt Status Register

The DMACIntStatus Register, with address offset of 0x000, is read-only and shows the status of the interrupts after masking. A HIGH bit indicates that a specific DMA channel interrupt request is active. Either error, or terminal count interrupt requests can generate the request. Figure 3-1 shows the register bit assignments.

![Figure 3-1 DMACIntStatus Register bit assignments](image)

Table 3-2 lists the register bit assignments.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Function</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:2]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[1:0]</td>
<td>IntStatus</td>
<td>Status of the DMA interrupts after masking</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

3.4.2 Interrupt Terminal Count Status Register

The DMACIntTCStatus Register, with address offset of 0x004, is read-only and indicates the status of the terminal count after masking. You must use this register in conjunction with the DMACIntStatus Register if the combined interrupt request, DMACINTR, requests interrupts. If you use the DMACINTTC interrupt request, then you only have to read the DMACIntTCStatus Register to ascertain the source of the interrupt request. Figure 3-2 on page 3-9 shows the register bit assignments.
3.4.3 Interrupt Terminal Count Clear Register

The DMACIntTCClear Register, with address offset of 0x008, is write-only and clears a terminal count interrupt request. When writing to this register, each data bit that is set HIGH causes the corresponding bit in the status register to be cleared. Data bits that are LOW have no effect on the corresponding bit in the register. Figure 3-3 shows the register bit assignments.

![Figure 3-3 DMACIntTCClear Register bit assignments](image)

Table 3-4 lists the register bit assignments.

**Table 3-4 DMACIntTCClear Register bit assignments**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Function</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:2]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[1:0]</td>
<td>IntTCClear</td>
<td>Terminal count request clear</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
3.4.4 Interrupt Error Status Register

The DMACIntErrorStatus Register, with address offset of 0x00C, is read-only and indicates the status of the error request after masking. You must use this register in conjunction with the DMACIntStatus Register if the combined interrupt request, DMACINTR, requests interrupts. If you use the DMACINTERR interrupt request, you only have to read the DMACIntErrorStatus Register. Figure 3-4 shows the register bit assignments.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Function</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:2]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[1:0]</td>
<td>IntErrorStatus</td>
<td>Interrupt error status</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 3-5 lists the register bit assignments.

Figure 3-4 DMACIntErrorStatus Register bit assignments

3.4.5 Interrupt Error Clear Register

The DMACIntErrClr Register, with address offset of 0x010, is write-only and clears the error interrupt requests. When writing to this register, each data bit that is HIGH causes the corresponding bit in the status register to be cleared. Data bits that are LOW have no effect on the corresponding bit in the register. Figure 3-5 shows the register bit assignments.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Function</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:2]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[1:0]</td>
<td>IntErrClr</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figure 3-5 DMACIntErrClr Register bit assignments
Table 3-6 lists the register bit assignments.

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<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Function</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:2]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[1:0]</td>
<td>IntErrClr</td>
<td>Interrupt error clear</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 3.4.6 Raw Interrupt Terminal Count Status Register

The DMACRawIntTCStatus Register, with address offset of 0×014, is read-only and indicates the DMA channel that is requesting a transfer complete, terminal count interrupt, prior to masking. A HIGH bit indicates that the terminal count interrupt request is active prior to masking. Figure 3-6 shows the register bit assignments.

Table 3-7 lists the register bit assignments.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Function</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:2]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[1:0]</td>
<td>RawIntTCStatus</td>
<td>Status of the terminal count interrupt prior to masking</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Figure 3-6 DMACRawIntTCStatus Register bit assignments

Table 3-7 lists the register bit assignments.

### 3.4.7 Raw Error Interrupt Status Register

The DMACRawIntErrStatus Register, with address offset of 0×018, is read-only and indicates the DMA channel that is requesting an error interrupt prior to masking. A HIGH bit indicates that the error interrupt request is active prior to masking. Figure 3-7 on page 3-12 shows the register bit assignments.
3.4.8 Enabled Channel Register

The DMACEnbldChns Register, with address offset of 0x01C, is read-only and indicates the DMA channel that is enabled, as the Enable bit in the DMACCxConfiguration Register indicates. A HIGH bit indicates that a DMA channel is enabled. A bit is cleared on completion of the DMA transfer. Figure 3-8 shows the register bit assignments.

Table 3-9 lists the register bit assignments.

Table 3-9 DMACEnbldChns Register bit assignments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Function</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:2]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[1:0]</td>
<td>EnabledChannels</td>
<td>Channel enable status</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
3.4.9 Software Burst Request Register

The DMACSoftBReq Register, with address offset of 0x020, is read/write and enables software to generate DMA burst requests. You can generate a DMA request for each source by writing a 1 to the corresponding register bit. A register bit is cleared when the transaction has completed. Writing 0 to this register has no effect. Reading the register indicates the sources that are requesting DMA burst transfers. Either a peripheral or the software request register can generate a request. Figure 3-9 shows the register bit assignments.

![Figure 3-9 DMACSoftBReq Register bit assignments](image)

Table 3-10 lists the register bit assignments.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Function</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:16]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[15:0]</td>
<td>SoftBReq</td>
<td>Software burst request</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

--- Note ---

It is recommended not to use software and hardware peripheral requests at the same time.

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### 3.4.10 Software Single Request Register

The DMACSoftSReq Register, with address offset of 0x024, is read/write and enables software to generate DMA single requests. You can generate a DMA request for each source by writing a 1 to the corresponding register bit. A register bit is cleared when the transaction has completed. Writing 0 to this register has no effect. Reading the register indicates the sources that are requesting single DMA transfers. Either a peripheral or the software request register can generate a request. Figure 3-10 shows the register bit assignments.

![Figure 3-10 DMACSoftSReq Register bit assignments](image)

Table 3-11 lists the register bit assignments.

<table>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:16]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[15:0]</td>
<td>SoftSReq</td>
<td>Software single request</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

--- **Note** ---

It is recommended not to use software and hardware peripheral requests at the same time.

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### 3.4.11 Software Last Burst Request Register

The DMACSoftLBReq Register, with address offset of 0x028, is read/write and enables software to generate DMA last burst requests. You can generate a DMA request for each source by writing a 1 to the corresponding register bit. A register bit is cleared when the transaction has completed. Writing 0 to this register has no effect. Reading the register indicates the sources that are requesting last burst DMA transfers. Either a peripheral or the software request register can generate a request.

Figure 3-11 on page 3-15 shows the register bit assignments.
3.4.12 Software Last Single Request Register

The DMACSoftLSReq Register, with address offset of 0x02C, is read/write and enables Software to generate DMA last single requests. You can generate a DMA request for each source by writing a 1 to the corresponding register bit. A register bit is cleared when the transaction has completed. Writing 0 to this register has no effect. Reading the register indicates the sources that are requesting last single DMA transfers. Either a peripheral or the software request register can generate a request. Figure 3-12 shows the register bit assignments.

**Figure 3-12 DMACSoftLSReq Register bit assignments**

Table 3-13 lists the register bit assignments.

**Table 3-13 DMACSoftLSReq Register bit assignments**

<table>
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<th>Name</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:16]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[15:0]</td>
<td>SoftLSReq</td>
<td>Software last single request</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
3.4.13 Configuration Register

The DMAC Configuration Register, with address offset of 0x030, is read/write and configures the operation of the SMDMAC. You can alter the endianness of the AHB master interface by writing to the M bit of this register. The AHB master interface is set to little-endian mode on reset. Figure 3-13 shows the register bit assignments.

Table 3-14 lists the register bit assignments.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Function</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:2]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[1]</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>AHB Master endianness configuration:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>0 = little-endian mode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1 = big-endian mode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This bit is reset to 0. Disabling the SMDMAC reduces power consumption.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[0]</td>
<td>E</td>
<td>SMDMAC enable:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>0 = disabled</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1 = enabled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This bit is reset to 0. Disabling the SMDMAC reduces power consumption.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
3.4.14 Synchronization Register

The DMACSync Register, with address offset of 0x034, is read/write and enables or disables synchronization logic for the DMA request signals. The DMA request signals consist of the DMACBREQ[15:0], DMACSREQ[15:0], DMACLBREQ[15:0], and DMACLSREQ[15:0]. A bit set to 0 enables the synchronization logic for a particular group of DMA requests. A bit set to 1 disables the synchronization logic for a particular group of DMA requests. This register is reset to 0, synchronization logic enabled.

Note

You must use synchronization logic when the peripheral generating the DMA request runs on a different clock to the SMDMAC. For peripherals running on the same clock as the SMDMAC, disabling the synchronization logic improves the DMA request response time. If necessary, you must synchronize the DMA response signals, DMACCLR and DMACTC, in the peripheral.

Figure 3-14 shows the register bit assignments.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit Name</th>
<th>Function</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:16]</td>
<td>Read undefined.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[15:0] DMACSync</td>
<td>DMA synchronization logic for DMA request signals enabled or disabled. A LOW bit indicates that the synchronization logic for the DMACBREQ[15:0], DMACSREQ[15:0], DMACLBREQ[15:0], and DMACLSREQ[15:0] request signals is enabled. A HIGH bit indicates that the synchronization logic is disabled.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
3.4.15 Channel registers

The channel registers program a DMA channel. These registers consist of:

- two DMACCxSrcAddr Registers
- two DMACCxDestAddr Registers
- two DMACCxLLI Registers
- two DMACCxControl Registers
- two DMACCxConfiguration Registers.

When performing scatter/gather DMA, the first four registers are automatically updated.

Channel Source Address Registers

The two read/write DMACCxSrcAddr Registers, DMACC0SrcAddr and DMACC1SrcAddr, with address offsets of $0x100$ and $0x120$ respectively, contain the current source address, byte-aligned, of the data to be transferred. Software programs each register directly before the appropriate channel is enabled. When the DMA channel is enabled, this register is updated:

- as the source address is incremented
- by following the linked list when a complete packet of data has been transferred.

Reading the register when the channel is active does not provide useful information. This is because by the time software has processed the value read, the channel might have progressed. It is intended to be read-only when the channel has stopped, when it shows the source address of the last item read.

--- Note ---

You must align the source and destination addresses to the source and destination widths.

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Table 3-16 shows the bit assignments of the DMACCxSrcAddr Registers.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Function</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:0]</td>
<td>SrcAddr</td>
<td>DMA source address</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Channel Destination Address Registers

The two read/write DMACCxDestAddr Registers, DMACC0DestAddr and DMACC1DestAddr, with address offsets of 0x104 and 0x124 respectively, contain the current destination address, byte-aligned, of the data to be transferred. Software programs each register directly before the channel is enabled. When the DMA channel is enabled, the register is updated as the destination address is incremented, and by following the linked list when a complete packet of data has been transferred.

Reading the register when the channel is active does not provide useful information. This is because by the time software has processed the value read, the channel might have progressed. It is intended to be read-only when a channel has stopped, and shows the destination address of the last item read. Table 3-17 shows the bit assignments for these registers.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit Name</th>
<th>Function</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:0]</td>
<td>DestAddr DMA destination address</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Channel Linked List Item Register

The two read/write DMACCxLLI Registers, DMACC0LLI and DMACC1LLI, with address offsets of 0x108 and 0x128 respectively, contain a word-aligned address of the next LLI. If the LLI is 0, then the current LLI is the last in the chain, and the DMA channel is disabled when all DMA transfers associated with it are completed.

Note Programming this register when the DMA channel is enabled has unpredictable side effects.

Figure 3-15 shows the register bit assignments.
Table 3-18 lists the register bit assignments.

### Table 3-18 DMACCxLLI Register bit assignments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Function</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:2]</td>
<td>LLI</td>
<td>Linked list item. Bits [31:2] of the address for the next LLI. Address bits [1:0] are 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[1]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined. Write as zero.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[0]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined. Write as zero.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note**

To make loading the LLIs more efficient for some systems, you can make the LLI data structures four-word aligned.

### Channel Control Registers

The two read/write DMACCxControl Registers, DMACC0Control and DMACC1Control, with address offsets of 0x10C and 0x12C respectively, contain DMA channel control information such as the transfer size, burst size, and transfer width. Software programs each register directly before the DMA channel is enabled. When the channel is enabled, the register is updated by following the linked list when a complete packet of data has been transferred.

Reading the register while the channel is active does not give useful information. This is because by the time software has processed the value read, the channel might have progressed. It is intended to be read-only when a channel has stopped.

Figure 3-16 shows the register bit assignments.

![Figure 3-16 DMACCxControl Register bit assignments](image-url)
Table 3-19 lists the register bit assignments.

Table 3-19 DMACCxControl Register bit assignments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Function</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31]</td>
<td>I</td>
<td><em>Terminal count</em> interrupt enable bit. It controls whether the current LLI is expected to trigger the terminal count interrupt.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[27]</td>
<td>DI</td>
<td>Destination increment. When set, the destination address is incremented after each transfer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[26]</td>
<td>SI</td>
<td>Source increment. When set, the source address is incremented after each transfer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[23:21]</td>
<td>DWidth</td>
<td>Destination transfer width. Transfers wider than the AHB master bus width are illegal. The source and destination widths can be different from each other. The hardware automatically packs and unpacks the data when required.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[20:18]</td>
<td>SWidth</td>
<td>Source transfer width. Transfers wider than the AHB master bus width are illegal. The source and destination widths can be different from each other. The hardware automatically packs and unpacks the data when required.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[17:15]</td>
<td>DBSize</td>
<td>Destination burst size. Indicates the number of transfers that make up a destination burst transfer request. You must set this value to the burst size of the destination peripheral, or if the destination is memory, to the memory boundary size. The burst size is the amount of data that is transferred when the DMACBREQ signal goes active in the destination peripheral. The burst size is not related to the AHB HBURST signal.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[14:12]</td>
<td>SBSIZE</td>
<td>Source burst size. Indicates the number of transfers that make up a source burst. You must set this value to the burst size of the source peripheral, or if the source is memory, to the memory boundary size. The burst size is the amount of data that is transferred when the DMACBREQ signal goes active in the source peripheral. The burst size is not related to the AHB HBURST signal.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[11:0]</td>
<td>TransferSize</td>
<td>Transfer size. A write to this field sets the size of the transfer when the SMDMAC is the flow controller. This value counts down from the original value to zero, and so its value indicates the number of transfers left to complete. A read from this field provides the number of transfers still to be completed on the destination bus. Reading the register when the channel is active does not give useful information because by the time the software has processed the value read, the channel might have progressed. Only use it when a channel is enabled, and then disabled. The <em>ARM PrimeCell Single-Master DMA Controller (PL081) Design Manual</em> provides more information on how to use this field. Program the transfer size value to zero if the SMDMAC is not the flow controller. If you program the TransferSize to a non-zero value, the DMAC might attempt to use this value instead of ignoring the TransferSize.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 3-20 lists the values of the DBSize or SBSize bits, and the corresponding burst sizes.

**Table 3-20 Source or destination burst size**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit value of DBSize or SBSize</th>
<th>Source or destination burst request size</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0b000</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0b001</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0b010</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0b011</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0b100</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0b101</td>
<td>64</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0b110</td>
<td>128</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0b111</td>
<td>256</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 3-21 lists the values of the SWidth or DWidth bits, and the corresponding width.

**Table 3-21 Source or destination transfer width**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit value of SWidth or DWidth</th>
<th>Source or destination width</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0b000</td>
<td>Byte, 8-bit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0b001</td>
<td>Halfword, 16-bit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0b010</td>
<td>Word, 32-bit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0b011</td>
<td>Reserved</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0b100</td>
<td>Reserved</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0b101</td>
<td>Reserved</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0b110</td>
<td>Reserved</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0b111</td>
<td>Reserved</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Protection and access information

AHB access information is provided to the source and destination peripherals when a transfer occurs. The transfer information is provided by programming the DMA channel, the Prot bit of the DMACCxControl Register, and the Lock bit of the DMACCxConfiguration Register. Software programs these bits, and peripherals can use this information if necessary. Three bits of information are provided. Table 3-22 lists the purposes of these three protection bits.

Table 3-22 Protection bits

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[0]</td>
<td>Privileged or User</td>
<td>Indicates whether the access is in user, or privileged mode:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>0 = user mode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1 = privileged mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This bit controls the AHB HPROT[1] signal.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[1]</td>
<td>Bufferable or not bufferable</td>
<td>Indicates whether the access is bufferable, or not bufferable:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>0 = not bufferable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1 = bufferable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This bit indicates that you can buffer the access.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>You can, for example, use this bit to indicate to an AMBA bridge that</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>the read can complete in zero wait states on the source bus without</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>waiting for it to arbitrate for the destination bus, and for the slave</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>to accept the data.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This bit controls the AHB HPROT[2] signal.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[2]</td>
<td>Cacheable or not cacheable</td>
<td>Indicates whether the access is cacheable or not cacheable:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>0 = not cacheable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1 = cacheable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This indicates that the access can be cached.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>You can, for example, use this bit to indicate to an AMBA bridge that</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>when it sees the first read of a burst of eight, it can transfer the</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>whole burst of eight reads on the destination bus, rather than pass the</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>transactions through one at a time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>This bit controls the AHB HPROT[3] signal.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Channel Configuration Registers

The two DMACCxConfiguration Registers, DMACC0Configuration and DMACC1Configuration, with address offsets of 0x110 and 0x130 respectively, are read/write with the exception of bit[17]. This bit is read-only. Use these to configure the DMA channel.

Note

The registers are not updated when a new LLI is requested.
Figure 3-17 shows the register bit assignments.

![Figure 3-17 DMACCxConfiguration Register bit assignments]

Table 3-23 lists the register bit assignments.

### Table 3-23 DMACCxConfiguration Register bit assignments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Function</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:19]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined. Write as zero.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[18]</td>
<td>H</td>
<td>Halt:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>0 = enable DMA requests</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1 = ignore subsequent source DMA requests.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>The contents of the channel FIFO are drained. You can use this value with the Active and Channel Enable bits to cleanly disable a DMA channel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[17]</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>Active:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>0 = there is no data in the FIFO of the channel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1 = the FIFO of the channel has data.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>You can use this value with the Halt and Channel Enable bits to cleanly disable a DMA channel. Writing to this bit has no effect.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[16]</td>
<td>L</td>
<td>Lock. When set, this bit enables locked transfers. For details of how lock control works, see Lock control on page 2-13.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[15]</td>
<td>ITC</td>
<td>Terminal count interrupt mask. When cleared, this bit masks out the terminal count interrupt of the relevant channel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[14]</td>
<td>IE</td>
<td>Interrupt error mask. When cleared, this bit masks out the error interrupt of the relevant channel.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 3-23 DMACCxConfiguration Register bit assignments (continued)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Function</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[13:11]</td>
<td>FlowCtrl</td>
<td>Flow control and transfer type. This value indicates the flow controller and transfer type. The flow controller can be:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• SMDMAC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• source peripheral</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• destination peripheral.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>The transfer type can be:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• memory-to-memory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• memory-to-peripheral</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• peripheral-to-memory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• peripheral-to-peripheral.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[10]</td>
<td></td>
<td>Read undefined. Write as zero.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[9:6]</td>
<td>DestPeripheral</td>
<td>Destination peripheral. This value selects the DMA destination request peripheral. This field is ignored if the destination of the transfer is to memory.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[4:1]</td>
<td>SrcPeripheral</td>
<td>Source peripheral. This value selects the DMA source request peripheral. This field is ignored if the source of the transfer is from memory.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[0]</td>
<td>E</td>
<td>Channel enable. Reading this bit indicates whether a channel is currently enabled or disabled:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>0 = channel disabled</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1 = channel enabled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>You can also find the Channel Enable bit status by reading the DMACEnbldChns Register.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>You enable a channel by setting this bit.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>You can disable a channel by clearing the Enable bit. This causes the current AHB transfer, if one is in progress, to complete, and</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>the channel is then disabled. You lose any data in the channels FIFO. Restarting the channel by setting the Channel Enable bit has</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>unpredictable effects, and you must fully re-initialize the channel.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>The channel is also disabled, and Channel Enable bit cleared, when the last LLI is reached, or if a channel error is encountered.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>If you want to disable a channel without losing data in a channel’s FIFO, you must set the Halt bit so that subsequent DMA requests are</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>ignored. You must then poll the Active bit until it reaches 0, indicating that there is no data left in the channel’s FIFO. Finally,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>you can clear the Channel Enable bit.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

a. These bits are programmed with the binary value of the request line and not a mask value. For example, if the request is located on bit [7], set the register bits to 4'b0111 and not 4'b1000.
Table 3-24 lists the bit values of the three flow control and transfer type bits.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit value</th>
<th>Transfer type</th>
<th>Controller</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>000</td>
<td>Memory-to-memory</td>
<td>PrimeCell DMA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>001</td>
<td>Memory-to-peripheral</td>
<td>PrimeCell DMA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>010</td>
<td>Peripheral-to-memory</td>
<td>PrimeCell DMA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>011</td>
<td>Source peripheral-to-destination peripheral</td>
<td>PrimeCell DMA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>100</td>
<td>Source peripheral-to-destination peripheral</td>
<td>Destination peripheral</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>101</td>
<td>Memory-to-peripheral</td>
<td>Peripheral</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>110</td>
<td>Peripheral-to-memory</td>
<td>Peripheral</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>111</td>
<td>Source peripheral-to-destination peripheral</td>
<td>Source peripheral</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**3.4.16 Peripheral Identification Registers**

The DMACPeriphID0-3 Registers, with address offsets of 0xFE0, 0xFE4, 0xFE8, and 0xFEC respectively, are four 8-bit registers that span address locations 0xFE0-0xFEC. You can treat the registers conceptually as a 32-bit register. The read-only registers provide the following options of the peripheral:

**PartNumber[11:0]** This identifies the peripheral. The three digits product code is 0x081.

**Designer ID[19:12]**

This is the identification of the designer. ARM Limited is 0x41 (ASCII A).

**Revision[23:20]**

This is the revision number of the peripheral. The revision number starts from 0.

**Configuration[31:24]**

This is the configuration option of the peripheral.

Figure 3-18 on page 3-27 shows the bit assignments for these registers.
Figure 3-18 Peripheral Identification Register bit assignments

The following sections describe the four, 8-bit DMACPeriphID0-3 registers:

- Peripheral ID Register 0
- Peripheral ID Register 1
- Peripheral ID Register 2 on page 3-28
- Peripheral ID Register 3 on page 3-29.

Peripheral ID Register 0

The DMACPeriphID0 Register, with address offset of 0xFE0, is hard-coded, and the fields within the register determine the reset value. Figure 3-19 shows the register bit assignments.

Table 3-25 lists the register bit assignments.

Table 3-25 DMACPeriphID0 Register bit assignments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:8]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[7:0]</td>
<td>PartNumber0</td>
<td>These bits read back as 0x81</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Peripheral ID Register 1

The DMACPeriphID1 Register, with address offset of 0xFE4, is hard-coded and the fields within the register determine the reset value. Figure 3-20 on page 3-28 shows the register bit assignments.
Figure 3-20 DMACPeriphID1 Register bit assignments

Table 3-26 lists the register bit assignments.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:8]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[7:4]</td>
<td>Designer0</td>
<td>These bits read back as 0x1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[3:0]</td>
<td>PartNumber1</td>
<td>These bits read back as 0x0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Peripheral ID Register 2

The DMACPeriphID2 Register, with address offset of 0xFE8, is hard-coded and the fields within the register determine the reset value. Figure 3-21 shows the register bit assignments.

Figure 3-21 DMACPeriphID2 Register bit assignments

Table 3-27 lists the register bit assignments.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:8]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[7:4]</td>
<td>Revision</td>
<td>These bits read back as 0x1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[3:0]</td>
<td>Designer1</td>
<td>These bits read back as 0x4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Peripheral ID Register 3

The DMACPeriphID3 Register, with address offset of 0xFEC, is hard-coded and the fields within the register determine the reset value. Figure 3-22 shows the register bit assignments.

![Figure 3-22 DMACPeriphID3 Register bit assignments](image)

Table 3-28 lists the register bit assignments. The value of this register for this peripheral is 0x00.

### Table 3-28 DMACPeriphID3 Register bit assignments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:8]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[7]</td>
<td>Configuration</td>
<td>Indicates the number of DMA source requestors for the SMDMAC configuration: 0 = 16 DMA requestors 1 = 32 DMA requestors. This is set to 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[6:4]</td>
<td>Configuration</td>
<td>Indicates the AHB master bus width: 000 = 32-bit wide 001 = 64-bit wide 010 = 128-bit wide 011 = 256-bit wide 100 = 512-bit wide 101 = 1024-bit wide. This is set to 000.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[3]</td>
<td>Configuration</td>
<td>Indicates the number of AHB masters: 0 = one AHB master interface 1 = two AHB master interfaces. This is set to 0.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
3.4.17 PrimeCell Identification Registers

The DMACPCellID0-3 Registers, with address offsets of 0xFF0, 0xFF4, 0xFF8, and 0xFFC respectively, are four 8-bit wide registers, that span address locations 0xFF0-0xFFC. You can treat the registers conceptually as a 32-bit register. The register is a standard cross-peripheral identification system. The DMACPCellID Register is set to 0xB105F00D. Figure 3-23 shows the bit assignments for the DMACPCellID0-3 Registers.

The following subsections describe the four, 8-bit PrimeCell Identification Registers:
- **PrimeCell ID Register 0**
- **PrimeCell ID Register 1** on page 3-32
- **PrimeCell ID Register 2** on page 3-32
- **PrimeCell ID Register 3** on page 3-33.

**PrimeCell ID Register 0**

The DMACPCellID0 Register, with address offset of 0xFF0, is hard-coded and the fields within the register determine the reset value. Figure 3-24 on page 3-31 shows the register bit assignments.
Figure 3-24 DMACPCellID0 Register bit assignments

Table 3-29 lists the register bit assignments.

Table 3-29 DMACPCellID0 Register bit assignments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:8]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[7:0]</td>
<td>DMACPCellID0</td>
<td>These bits read back as 0x00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
PrimeCell ID Register 1

The DMACPCellID1 Register, with address offset of 0xFF4, is hard-coded and the fields within the register determine the reset value. Figure 3-25 shows the register bit assignments.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:8]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[7:0]</td>
<td>DMACPCellID1</td>
<td>These bits read back as 0xF0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figure 3-25 DMACPCellID1 Register bit assignments

Table 3-30 lists the register bit assignments.

PrimeCell ID Register 2

The DMACPCellID2 Register, with address offset of 0xFF8, is hard-coded and the fields within the register determine the reset value. Figure 3-26 shows the register bit assignments.

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<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:8]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[7:0]</td>
<td>DMACPCellID2</td>
<td>These bits read back as 0x05</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figure 3-26 DMACPCellID2 Register bit assignments

Table 3-31 lists the register bit assignments.
**PrimeCell ID Register 3**

The DMACPCellID3 Register, with address offset of 0xFFC, is hard-coded and the fields within the register determine the reset value. Figure 3-27 shows the register bit assignments.

![Figure 3-27 DMACPCellID3 Register bit assignments](image)

Table 3-32 lists the register bit assignments.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:8]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[7:0]</td>
<td>DMACPCellID3</td>
<td>These bits read back as 0x81</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 3-32 DMACPCellID3 Register bit assignments
3.5 Address generation

Address generation can be either incrementing or non-incrementing. Address wrapping is not supported. Bursts do not cross the 1KB address boundary.
3.6 Scatter/gather

Scatter/gather is supported through the use of linked lists. This means that the source and destination areas do not have to occupy contiguous areas in memory. Where you do not require scatter/gather, you must set the DMACCxLLI Register to 0. For more details on scatter/gather DMA, see Appendix C Scatter/Gather.

3.6.1 Linked list items

An LLI consists of four words. These words are organized in the following order:
1. DMACCxSrcAddr.
2. DMACCxDestAddr.
3. DMACCxLLI.
4. DMACCxControl.

Note

The DMACCxConfiguration DMA channel Configuration Register is not part of the linked list item.

3.6.2 Programming the SMDMAC for scatter/gather DMA

To program the SMDMAC for scatter/gather DMA:

1. Write the LLIs for the complete DMA transfer to memory. Each linked list item contains four words:
   • source address
   • destination address
   • pointer to next LLI
   • control word.

   The last LLI has its linked list word pointer set to 0.

2. Choose a free DMA channel with the priority required. DMA channel 0 has the highest priority, and DMA channel 1 has the lowest priority.

3. Write the first linked list item, previously written to memory, to the relevant channel in the SMDMAC.

4. Write the channel configuration information to the channel Configuration Register and set the Channel Enable bit. The SMDMAC then transfers the first, and then subsequent packets of data when each linked list item is loaded.
5. You can generate an interrupt at the end of each LLI depending on the Terminal Count bit in the DMACCxControl Register. If this bit is set, an interrupt is generated at the end of the relevant LLI. You must then service the interrupt request, and you must set the relevant bit in the DMACIntTCClear Register to clear the interrupt.

If so, you must service this interrupt request, and you must set the relevant IntTCClear bit in the DMACIntTCClr Register clear the interrupt request interrupt.
3.7 Interrupt requests

Interrupt requests can be generated when an AHB error is encountered, or at the end of a transfer, terminal count, after all the data corresponding to the current LLI has been transferred to the destination. You can mask the interrupts by programming the relevant bits on the relevant DMACCxControl and DMACCxConfiguration Channel Registers.

Interrupt status registers are provided to group the interrupt requests from all the DMA channels prior to interrupt masking, DMACRawIntTCStatus and DMACRawIntErrorStatus, and after interrupt masking, DMACIntTCStatus and DMACIntErrorStatus. The DMACIntStatus Register combines both the DMACIntTCStatus and DMACIntErrorStatus requests into a single register to enable the source of an interrupt to be quickly found. Writing to the DMACIntTCClear or the DMACIntErrClr Registers with a bit set HIGH enables selective clearing of interrupts.

The SMDMAC provides two interrupt request connection schemes. See Interrupt controller connectivity on page 2-14. The simplest connection scheme has a combined error and end of transfer complete interrupt request. To find the source of an interrupt, you must read both the DMACIntStatus and DMACIntTCStatus Registers.

For faster interrupt response, you can use an alternate connection scheme. This scheme uses separate interrupt requests for the error and transfer complete requests. To find the source of an interrupt, you must read one of either the DMACIntTCStatus or DMACIntErrorStatus Registers.

3.7.1 Combined terminal count and error interrupt sequence flow

When the DMACINTR interrupt request is used, you must:

1. Wait until the combined interrupt request from SMDMAC goes active.
   Assuming the interrupt is enabled in the interrupt controller, and in the processor, the processor branches to the interrupt vector address and enters the interrupt service routine.

2. Read the interrupt controller’s status register and determine whether the source of the request was the SMDMAC.

3. Read the DMACIntStatus Register to determine the channel that generated the interrupt.
   If more than one request is active, it is recommended that you check the highest priority channels first.
4. Read the DMACIntTCStatus Register to determine whether the interrupt was generated because of the end of the transfer, terminal count, or because of an error occurring.
   A HIGH bit indicates that the transfer completed.

5. Read the DMACIntErrorStatus Register to determine whether the interrupt was generated because of the end of the transfer, terminal count, or because of an error occurring.
   A HIGH bit indicates that an error occurred.

6. Write a 1 to the relevant bit in the DMACIntTCClear Register, or the DMACIntErrClr Register to clear the interrupt request.

### 3.7.2 Terminal count interrupt sequence flow

When you use the separate interrupt requests, **DMACINTTC** and **DMACINTERR**, you must:

1. Wait until the terminal count DMA interrupt request goes active.
   Assuming the interrupt is enabled in the interrupt controller and in the processor, the processor branches to the interrupt vector address and enters the interrupt service routine.

2. Read the interrupt controllers status register to determine that the source of the interrupt request was the SMDMAC asserting the **DMACINTTC** signal.

3. Read the DMACIntTCStatus Register to determine the channel that generated the interrupt.
   If more than one request is active, it is recommended that you service the highest priority channel first.

4. Service the interrupt request.

5. Write a 1 to the relevant bit in the DMACIntTCClear Register to clear the interrupt request.
3.7.3 Error interrupt sequence flow

When you use the separate interrupt requests, DMACINTTC and DMACINTERR, you must use the following procedure:

1. Wait until the interrupt request, because of a DMA channel error, goes active.
2. Assuming the interrupt is enabled in the interrupt controller, and in the processor, the processor branches to the interrupt vector address and enters the interrupt service routine.
3. Read the interrupt controller’s status register and determine that the source of the request was the SMDMAC asserting the DMACINTERR signal.
4. Read the DMACIntErrorStatus Register to determine the channel that generated the interrupt.
   If more than one request is active, it is recommended that you check the highest priority channels first.
5. Service the interrupt request.
6. Write a 1 to the relevant bit in the DMACIntErrClr Register to clear the interrupt request.

3.7.4 Interrupt polling sequence flow

The SMDMAC interrupt request signal is either masked out, disabled in the interrupt controller, or disabled in the processor. When polling the SMDMAC, you must:

1. Read the DMACIntStatus Register.
   If none of the bits are HIGH, repeat this step, otherwise go to step 2. If more than one request is active, it is recommended that you check the highest priority channels first.
2. Read the DMACIntTCStatus Register to determine whether the interrupt was generated because of the end of the transfer, terminal count, or because of an error occurring.
   A HIGH bit indicates that the transfer completed.
3. Service the interrupt request.
4. For an error interrupt, write a 1 to the relevant bit of the DMACIntErrClr Register to clear the interrupt request.
   For a terminal count interrupt, write a 1 to the relevant bit of the DMACIntTCClr Register.
3.8 SMDMAC data flow

This section describes the SMDMAC data flow sequences for:
- Peripheral-to-memory, or memory-to-peripheral DMA flow
- Peripheral-to-peripheral DMA flow on page 3-41
- Memory-to-memory DMA flow on page 3-42.

3.8.1 Peripheral-to-memory, or memory-to-peripheral DMA flow

For a peripheral-to-memory or memory-to-peripheral DMA flow, the following sequence occurs:

1. Program and enable the DMA channel.
2. Wait for a DMA request.
3. The SMDMAC starts transferring data when:
   a. The DMA request goes active.
   b. The DMA stream has the highest pending priority.
   c. The SMDMAC is the bus master of the AHB bus.
4. If an error occurs while transferring the data, an error interrupt is generated and the DMA stream is disabled, and the flow sequence ends.
5. Decrement the transfer count if the SMDMAC is controlling the flow control.
6. If the transfer has completed, indicated by the transfer count reaching 0 if the SMDMAC is performing flow control, or by the peripheral setting the
   DMAACLREQ or DMACLSREQ signals if the peripheral is performing flow control:
   a. The SMDMAC asserts the DMACTC signal.
   b. The terminal count interrupt is generated. This interrupt can be masked.
   c. If the DMACCxLLI Register is not 0, then reload the following registers
      and go back to step 2:
      DMACCxSrcAddr
      DMACCxDestAddr
      DMACCxLLI
      DMACCxControl
      However, if DMACCxLLI is 0, the DMA stream is disabled and the flow sequence ends.
3.8.2 Peripheral-to-peripheral DMA flow

For a peripheral-to-peripheral DMA flow, the following sequence occurs:

1. Program and enable the DMA channel.
2. Wait for a source DMA request.
3. The SMDMAC starts transferring data when:
   a. The DMA request goes active.
   b. The DMA stream has the highest pending priority.
   c. The SMDMAC is the bus master of the AHB bus.
   If errors occur while transferring data, error interrupts are generated, then ended.
4. Decrement the transfer count if the SMDMAC is controlling the flow control.
5. If the transfer has completed, indicated by the transfer count reaching 0 if the SMDMAC is performing flow control, or by the peripheral setting the DMACLBREQ or DMACLSREQ signals if the peripheral is performing flow control:
   a. The SMDMAC asserts the DMACTC signal to the source peripheral.
   b. Subsequent source DMA requests are ignored.
6. When the destination DMA request goes active, and there is data in the SMDMAC FIFO, transfer data into the destination peripheral.
7. If an error occurs while transferring the data, an error interrupt is generated and the DMA stream is disabled, and the flow sequence ends.
8. If the transfer has completed, it is indicated by the transfer count reaching 0 if the SMDMAC is performing flow control, or by the peripheral setting the DMACLBREQ or DMACLSREQ signals if the peripheral is performing flow control. The following happens:
   a. The SMDMAC asserts the DMACTC signal to the destination peripheral.
   b. The terminal count interrupt is generated. This interrupt can be masked.
   c. If the DMACCxLLI Register is not 0, then reload the following registers and go back to step 2:
      DMACCxSrcAddr
      DMACCxDestAddr
      DMACCxLLI
      DMACCxControl.
      However, if DMACCxLLI is 0, the DMA stream is disabled and the flow sequence ends.
3.8.3 Memory-to-memory DMA flow

For a memory-to-memory DMA flow the following sequence occurs:

1. Program and enable the DMA channel.

2. Transfer data whenever the DMA channel has the highest pending priority, and the SMDMAC becomes the bus master of the AHB bus.

3. If an error occurs while transferring the data, generate an error interrupt and disable the DMA stream.

4. Decrement the transfer count.

5. If the count has reached zero:
   a. Generate a terminal count interrupt. The interrupt can be masked.
   b. If the DMACCxLLI Register is not 0, then reload the following registers and go back to step 2:
      DMACCxSrcAddr
      DMACCxDestAddr
      DMACCxLLI
      DMACCxControl.
      However, if DMACCxLLI is 0, the DMA stream is disabled and the flow sequence ends.
Chapter 4
Programmer’s Model for Test

This chapter describes the additional logic for integration testing. It contains the following sections:

- *SMDMAC test harness overview* on page 4-2
- *Scan testing* on page 4-3
- *Test register descriptions* on page 4-4
- *Integration test* on page 4-7.
4.1 SMDMAC test harness overview

The additional logic for functional verification and integration vectors enables:

- capture of input signals to the block
- stimulation of the output signals.

The integration vectors provide a way of verifying that the SMDMAC is correctly wired into a system. This is done by separately testing two groups of signals:

**AMBA signals**

Test these by checking the connections of all the address data bits.

**Intra-chip signals, such as interrupt sources**

The tests for these signals are system-specific, and enable you to write the necessary tests. Additional logic is implemented enabling you to read/write to each intra-chip input/output signal.

Test registers control these test features. This enables you to test the SMDMAC in isolation from the rest of the system using only transfers from the AMBA AHB.
4.2 Scan testing

The SMDMAC is designed to simplify:

- insertion of scan test cells
- use of *Automatic Test Pattern Generation* (ATPG).

This is the recommended method for manufacturing test.
4.3 Test register descriptions

This section describes the SMDMAC test registers. Table 3-1 on page 3-6 provides cross references to individual registers.

4.3.1 Test Control Register

The DMACITCR Register, with address offset of 0x500, is read/write. It selects test mode and is cleared on reset. The register enables you to test the SMDMAC using TIC block level tests, and BIST integration and system level tests. Figure 4-1 shows the register bit assignments.

Table 4-1 lists the bit assignments for this register.

![Figure 4-1 DMACITCR Register bit assignments](image)

Table 4-1 DMACITCR Register bit assignments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:1]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[0]</td>
<td>T</td>
<td>Test mode enable. Multiplex the test registers to control the input and output lines: 0 = normal operation 1 = test registers multiplexed onto input and outputs.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
4.3.2 Integration Test Output Register 1

The DMACITOP1 Register, with address offset of 0x504, is a read/write register. It controls and reads the DMACLR[15:0] output lines in test mode. Figure 4-2 shows the register bit assignments.

<table>
<thead>
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<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:16]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[15:0]</td>
<td>DMACLR</td>
<td>You can set the DMACLR[15:0] response outputs to a certain value in test mode by writing to the register. A read returns the value on the outputs, after the test multiplexor.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 4-2 DMACITOP1 Register bit assignments

4.3.3 Integration Test Output Register 2

The DMACITOP2 Register, with address offset of 0x508, is a read/write register. It controls and reads the DMACTC[15:0] output lines in test mode. Figure 4-3 shows the register bit assignments.

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>[31:16]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[15:0]</td>
<td>DMACTC</td>
<td>You can set the DMACTC[15:0] response outputs to a certain value in test mode by writing to the register. A read returns the value on the outputs, after the test multiplexor.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 4-3 DMACITOP2 Register bit assignments
4.3.4 Integration Test Output Register 3

The DMACITOP3 Register, with address offset of 0x50C, is a read/write register. It controls and reads the interrupt request output lines in test mode. Figure 4-4 shows the register bit assignments.

![Figure 4-4 DMACITOP3 Register bit assignments](image)

Table 4-4 lists the register bit assignments.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[31:2]</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Read undefined.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[1]</td>
<td>E</td>
<td>You can set the DMACINTERR interrupt request to a certain value in test mode by writing to the register. A read returns the value on the output, after the test multiplexor.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[0]</td>
<td>TC</td>
<td>You can set the DMACINTTC interrupt request to a certain value in test mode by writing to the register. A read returns the value on the output, after the test multiplexor.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note

The DMACINTR interrupt request signal combines both interrupt requests, DMACINTTC and DMACINTERR, into one interrupt request signal. Therefore, if you set either the TC or the E bits, then DMACINTR is active.
4.4 Integration test

You can set the non-AMBA intra-chip input signals to certain values, and you can read
the output signals using test registers. You can use the test control register,
DMACITCR, to set the test multiplexors into test mode.

4.4.1 Input signals

You can set the input signals as follows:

DMACBREQ[15:0]
Set this signal using the DMACSoftBReq Register. You can read the
status of the DMACBREQ inputs, after they are combined with
SoftBReq, by reading the DMACSoftBReq Register.

DMACSREQ[15:0]
Set this signal using the DMACSoftSReq Register. You can read the
status of the DMACSREQ inputs, after they are combined with
SoftSReq, by reading the DMACSoftSReq Register.

DMACLBREQ[15:0]
Set this signal using the DMACSoftLBReq Register. You can read the
status of the DMACLBREQ inputs, after they are combined with
SoftLBReq, by reading the DMACSoftLBReq Register.

DMACLSREQ[15:0]
Set this signal using the DMACSoftLSReq Register. You can read the
status of the DMACLSREQ inputs, after they are combined with
SoftLSReq, by reading the DMACSoftLSReq Register.

4.4.2 Output signals

You can set the output signals as follows:

DMACCLR[15:0]
Set this signal by writing to the DMACTOP1 Register. A read returns the
value on the outputs, after the test multiplexor.

DMACTC[15:0]
Set this signal by writing to the DMACTOP2 Register. A read returns the
value on the outputs, after the test multiplexor.
DMACINTERR

Set this signal by writing to the DMACITOP3 Register. A read returns the value on the outputs, after the test multiplexor.

DMACINTTC

Set this signal by writing to the DMACITOP3 Register. A read returns the value on the outputs, after the test multiplexor.
Appendix A
Signal Descriptions

This appendix describes the signals that interface with the SMDMAC. It contains the following sections:

- DMA interrupt request signals on page A-2
- DMA request and response signals on page A-3
- AHB slave signals on page A-4
- AHB master signals on page A-6
- AHB master bus request signals on page A-8
- Internal scan test control signal descriptions on page A-9.
A.1 DMA interrupt request signals

Table A-1 describes the DMA interrupt request signals.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Destination</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DMACINTERR</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>Interrupt controller</td>
<td>DMA error interrupt request to interrupt controller.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACINTR</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>Interrupt controller</td>
<td>DMA request to interrupt controller. This signal combines the DMACINTERR and DMACINTTC requests.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACINTTC</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>Interrupt controller</td>
<td>DMA count interrupt request to interrupt controller.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
A.2 DMA request and response signals

Table A-2 describes the DMA request and response signals.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Source/destination</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DMACBREQ[15:0]</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>DMA peripheral</td>
<td>DMA burst transfer requesta.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACLBREQ[15:0]</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>DMA peripheral</td>
<td>DMA last burst transfer requestb.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACCLR[15:0]</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>DMA peripheral</td>
<td>DMA request clear.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACLSREQ[15:0]</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>DMA peripheral</td>
<td>DMA last single transfer requestc.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACSREQ[15:0]</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>DMA peripheral</td>
<td>DMA single transfer requestd.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DMACTC[15:0]</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>DMA peripheral</td>
<td>DMA terminal count. Indicates that the transaction is complete and the packet of data is transferred.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

a. The peripheral must not issue a new DMACBREQ request while DMACCLR is HIGH.
b. The peripheral must not issue a new DMACLBREQ request while DMACCLR is HIGH.
c. The peripheral must not issue a new DMACLSREQ request while DMACCLR is HIGH.
d. The peripheral must not issue a new DMACSREQ request while DMACCLR is HIGH.
A.3 AHB slave signals

Table A-3 describes the AHB slave signals.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Source/destination</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HADDR[11:2]</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>AHB master</td>
<td>The system address bus.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HCLK</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>Clock generator</td>
<td>This clock times all bus transfers. All signal timings are related to the rising edge of HCLK.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HRDATA[31:0]</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>AHB master</td>
<td>The read data bus transfers data from bus slaves to the bus master during read operations. A minimum data bus width of 32 bits is recommended. However, you can easily extend this to enable higher bandwidth operation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HREADYIN</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>External slave</td>
<td>When HIGH, the HREADYIN signal indicates that a transfer has finished on the bus. You can drive this signal LOW to extend a transfer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HREADYOUT</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>AHB master</td>
<td>When HIGH, the HREADYOUT signal indicates that a transfer has finished on the bus. You can drive this signal LOW to extend a transfer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HRESETn</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>Reset controller</td>
<td>The bus reset signal is active LOW and resets the system and the bus. This is the only active LOW signal.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| HRESP[1:0] | Output| AHB master | The transfer response provides additional information on the status of a transfer. Four different responses are provided:
  - OKAY
  - ERROR
  - RETRY
  - SPLIT.
  The SMDMAC only generates the OKAY and ERROR responses. |
| HSELDMAC   | Input| Decoder            | The SMDMAC AHB slave has its own slave select signal. This signal indicates that the current transfer is intended for the selected slave. This signal is a combinatorial decode of the address bus. |
| HSIZE[2:0] | Input| AHB master         | Indicates the size of the transfer. All transfers to and from the SMDMAC must be 32-bit, HSIZE[2:0] = 0b010. |
### Table A-3 AHB slave signal descriptions (continued)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Source/destination</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HTRANS</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>AHB master</td>
<td>Transfer type. This can be:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• IDLE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• BUSY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• NONSEQUENTIAL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• SEQUENTIAL.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>You must connect this signal to HTRANS[1] on the AHB interface. HTRANS[0] is not used.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HWDATA[31:0]</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>AHB master</td>
<td>The write data bus transfers data from the master to the bus slaves during write operations. A minimum data bus width of 32 bits is recommended. However, you can easily extend this to enable higher bandwidth operation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HWRITE</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>AHB master</td>
<td>Transfer direction. When HIGH, this signal indicates a write transfer, and when LOW, a read transfer.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## A.4 AHB master signals

Table A-4 describes the AHB master signals.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Source/destination</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HADDRM[31:0]</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>AHB slave</td>
<td>32-bit system address bus.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HBURSTM[2:0]</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>AHB slave</td>
<td>Indicates whether the transfer is a burst transfer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HLOCKDMACM</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>AHB slave</td>
<td>This signal indicates to the arbiter that the requesting master is going to perform a number of indivisible transfers. It also indicates that the arbiter must not grant the bus to another bus master when the first of the locked transfers has commenced.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HPROTM[3:0]</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>AHB slave</td>
<td>Protection control. Provides information about a bus access.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HRDATAM[31:0]</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>AHB slave</td>
<td>The read data bus transfers data from bus slaves to the bus master during read operations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HREADYINM</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>AHB slave</td>
<td>When HIGH, the HREADY signal indicates that a transfer has finished on the bus. You can drive this signal LOW to extend a transfer.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| HRESPM[1:0]  | Input  | AHB slave          | The transfer response provides additional information on the status of a transfer. Four different responses are provided:
- OKAY
- ERROR
- RETRY
- SPLIT.
The slave uses the OKAY response to indicate that the transfer has completed successfully.
The slave uses the ERROR response to indicate that an error has occurred.
The SMDMAC then asserts the Error Interrupt request.
The slave uses the RETRY and SPLIT responses to indicate that the data is not ready. The SMDMAC must retry the transfer later. |
### Table A-4 AHB master signal descriptions (continued)

<table>
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<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Source/destination</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</table>
| HSIZEM[2:0]| Output   | AHB slave          | Indicates the size of the transfer. This is typically:  
|            |          |                    | - byte, 8-bit  
|            |          |                    | - halfword, 16-bit  
|            |          |                    | - word, 32-bit  
|            |          |                    | The SMDMAC enables 8, 16, and 32-bit transfer widths:  
|            |          |                    | 8-bit: HSIZE[2:0] = 0b000  
|            |          |                    | 16-bit: HSIZE[2:0] = 0b001  
|            |          |                    | 32-bit: HSIZE[2:0] = 0b010. |
| HTRANSN[1:0]| Output  | AHB slave         | Indicates the type of the current transfer. This can be:  
|               |          |                    | - NONSEQUENTIAL  
|               |          |                    | - SEQUENTIAL  
|               |          |                    | - IDLE  
|               |          |                    | - BUSY. |
| HWDATAM[31:0]| Output  | AHB slave          | The write data bus transfers data from the master to the bus slaves during write operations. |
| HWREITEM    | Output   | AHB slave          | When HIGH, this signal indicates a write transfer, and when LOW, a read transfer. |
**A.5 AHB master bus request signals**

Table A-5 describes the AHB master bus request signals.

**Table A-5 AHB master bus request signal descriptions**

<table>
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<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Source/destination</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HBUSREQDMACM</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>Arbiter</td>
<td>Bus request signal that the SMDMAC uses to request the AHB bus.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HGRANTDMACM</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>Arbiter</td>
<td>This signal indicates that the DMA master is selected. The master gains bus ownership when <strong>HGRANTDMAC</strong> and <strong>HREADY</strong> are HIGH on the rising edge of <strong>HCLK</strong>.</td>
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A.6 Scan test control signals

Table A-6 describes the internal scan test control signals.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Source/destination</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>SCANENABLE</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>Scan controller</td>
<td>Scan enable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCANINHCLK</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>Scan controller</td>
<td>Scan data input for HCLK domain</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCANOUTHCLK</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>Scan controller</td>
<td>Scan data output for HCLK domain</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Appendix B
DMA Interface

This section describes the DMA request and response interface. It contains the following sections:

- *DMA request signals* on page B-2
- *DMA response signals* on page B-3
- *Flow control* on page B-4
- *Transfer types* on page B-5
- *Signal timing* on page B-16
- *Functional timing diagram* on page B-17
- *SMDMAC transfer timing diagram* on page B-18.
B.1 DMA request signals

Peripherals use the DMA request signals to request a data transfer. The DMA request signals indicate:

- whether a single word or a burst, multi-word, transfer of data is required
- whether the transfer is the last in the data packet.

The DMA request signals to the SMDMAC for each peripheral are:

**DMACBREQ**  Burst request signal. This causes a programmed burst number of words to be transferred.

**DMACSREQ**  Single transfer request signal. This causes a single word to be transferred. The SMDMAC transfers a single word to or from the peripheral.

**DMACLBREQ**  Last burst request signal.

**DMACLSREQ**  Last single transfer request signal.

--- **Note** ---

If a peripheral transfers only bursts of data, it is not necessary to connect the single transfer request signal. If a peripheral transfers only single words of data, it is not necessary to connect the burst request signal.
B.2 DMA response signals

The DMA response signals indicate whether the transfer initiated by the DMA request signal has completed. You can also use the response signals to indicate whether a complete packet has been transferred.

The DMA response signals from the SMDMAC for each peripheral are:

- **DMACCLR** DMA clear or acknowledge signal.
- **DMACTC** DMA terminal count signal.

The SMDMAC uses the **DMACCLR** signal to acknowledge a DMA request from the peripheral.

The SMDMAC uses the **DMACTC** signal to indicate to the peripheral that the DMA transfer is complete.

--- Note

Some peripherals do not require connection to the DMA terminal count signal.
B.3 Flow control

The peripheral that controls the length of the packet is known as the *flow controller*. The flow controller is usually the SMDMAC, where software programs the packet length before the DMA channel is enabled. If the packet length is unknown when the DMA channel is enabled, you can use either the source or destination peripherals as the flow controller.

For simple or low-performance peripherals that know the packet length, that is, when the peripheral is the flow controller, a simple way to indicate that a transaction has completed is for the peripheral to generate an interrupt and enable the processor to reprogram the DMA channel.

For higher performance peripherals, where the peripheral is the flow controller, use the SMDMAC flow control signals:

- **DMACLBREQ** — DMA last burst request.
- **DMACLSEQ** — DMA last single request.

When the DMA is transferred:

1. The **DMACTC** signal goes active to indicate that the transfer has finished.
2. A TC interrupt is generated, if enabled.
3. The SMDMAC moves on to the next LLI.
B.4 Transfer types

The SMDMAC enables four transfer types:

- memory-to-peripheral
- peripheral-to-memory
- memory-to-memory
- peripheral-to-peripheral.

Each transfer type can have either the peripheral or the SMDMAC as the flow controller, so there are eight possible control scenarios.

Table B-1 indicates the request signals used for each type of transfer.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Transfer direction</th>
<th>Request generator</th>
<th>Flow controller</th>
<th>Request signals used</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Memory-to-peripheral</td>
<td>Peripheral</td>
<td>SMDMAC</td>
<td>DMACBREQ</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Memory-to-peripheral</td>
<td>Peripheral</td>
<td>Peripheral</td>
<td>DMACBREQ, DMACSREQ, DMACLBREQ, DMACLSREQ</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Peripheral-to-memory</td>
<td>Peripheral</td>
<td>SMDMAC</td>
<td>DMACBREQ, DMACSREQ</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Peripheral-to-memory</td>
<td>Peripheral</td>
<td>Peripheral</td>
<td>DMACBREQ, DMACSREQ, DMACLBREQ, DMACLSREQ</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Memory-to-memory</td>
<td>SMDMAC</td>
<td>SMDMAC</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Source peripheral-to-destination peripheral</td>
<td>Source peripheral and destination peripheral</td>
<td>Source peripheral</td>
<td>Source, DMACBREQ, DMACSREQ, DMACLBREQ, DMACLSREQ Destination, DMACBREQ</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Source peripheral-to-destination peripheral</td>
<td>Source peripheral and destination peripheral</td>
<td>Destination peripheral</td>
<td>Source, DMACBREQ, DMACSREQ, DMACLBREQ, DMACLSREQ Destination, DMACBREQ</td>
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<td>Source peripheral-to-destination peripheral</td>
<td>Source peripheral and destination peripheral</td>
<td>SMDMAC</td>
<td>Source, DMACBREQ, DMACSREQ, DMACLBREQ, DMACLSREQ Destination, DMACBREQ</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
B.4.1 Peripheral-to-memory transaction under SMDMAC flow control

For transactions comprising bursts, use the burst request signal **DMACBREQ**, as Figure B-1 shows.

![Figure B-1 Peripheral-to-memory transaction comprising bursts](image)

For transactions comprising single requests, use the single request signal **DMACSREQ** as Figure B-2 shows.

![Figure B-2 Peripheral-to-memory transaction comprising single requests](image)

For transactions that are not a multiple of the burst size, use both the burst and single request signals as Figure B-3 shows.

![Figure B-3 Peripheral-to-memory transaction comprising bursts and single requests](image)

The two request signals are not mutually exclusive. The SMDMAC monitors **DMACBREQ**, while the amount of data left to transfer is greater than the burst size, and commences a burst transfer, from the peripheral, when requested to do so. When the amount of data left is less than the burst size, the SMDMAC monitors **DMACSREQ** and commences single transfers when requested.
B.4.2 Memory-to-peripheral transaction under SMDMAC flow control

For transactions comprising bursts, use the burst request signal DMACBREQ, as Figure B-4 shows.

![Figure B-4 Memory-to-peripheral transaction comprising bursts](image1)

For transactions comprising single requests, use the burst request signal DMACBREQ, and setting the burst size to 1, as Figure B-5 shows.

![Figure B-5 Memory-to-peripheral transaction comprising single requests](image2)

For transactions that are not a multiple of the burst size, use only the burst request signal as Figure B-6 shows. The DMA controller works out the amount of data to transfer, based on the transfer size.

![Figure B-6 Memory-to-peripheral transaction comprising bursts that are not multiples of the burst size](image3)

Only DMACBREQ is required. The PrimeCell DMA controller transfers full bursts of data, while the amount of data left to transfer is greater than the burst size. When the amount of data left is less than the burst size, the PrimeCell DMA controller again monitors DMACBREQ and transfers the rest of the data when requested.

B.4.3 Memory-to-memory transaction under SMDMAC flow control

Software programs a DMA channel memory-to-memory transfer. When enabled, the DMA channel commences transfers without DMA requests. It continues until one of the following occurs:

- all the data is transferred
- software disables the channel.
Note

You must program memory-to-memory transfers with a low channel priority, otherwise the other DMA channels cannot access the bus until the memory-to-memory transfer has finished, or other AHB masters cannot perform any transaction.

Figure B-7 shows memory-to-memory transaction under DMA flow control.

![Figure B-7 Memory-to-memory transaction under DMA flow control](image)

B.4.4 Peripheral-to-peripheral transfer under SMDMAC flow control

For transactions that are a multiple of the burst size, use the burst request signal DMACBREQ, as Figure B-8 shows.

![Figure B-8 Peripheral-to-peripheral transaction comprising bursts](image)

For transactions comprising single transfers, use the single request signal DMACSREQ, as Figure B-9 shows.

![Figure B-9 Peripheral-to-peripheral transaction comprising single transfers](image)

When the transaction is not a multiple of the burst size, use the following signals as Figure B-10 on page B-9 shows:

- the single and burst request signals, DMACBREQ and DMACSREQ, of the source peripheral
- the burst request signal, DMACBREQ, of the destination peripheral.
Figure B-10 Peripheral-to-peripheral transaction comprising bursts and single requests

The source peripheral follows the same procedure as *Peripheral-to-memory transaction under SMDMAC flow control* on page B-6 describes. The destination peripheral follows the same procedure that *Memory-to-peripheral transaction under peripheral flow control* describes. The next LLI is loaded when all read/write transfers are complete. You can use the DMACTC signal to indicate to the peripherals when the last data has been transferred.

**B.4.5 Memory-to-peripheral transaction under peripheral flow control**

For transactions that are a multiple of the burst size, use the burst request and last burst request signals, DMACBREQ and DMACLBREQ, as Figure B-11 shows.

Figure B-11 Memory-to-peripheral transaction under peripheral flow control comprising bursts

The DMACBREQ and DMACLBREQ signals are mutually exclusive. You must assert the DMACLBREQ signal to perform the last burst transfer.

For transactions comprising single transfers, use the single request signal and last single request signals, DMACSREQ and DMACLSREQ, as Figure B-12 shows.

Figure B-12 Memory-to-peripheral transaction under peripheral flow control comprising single transfers
The **DMACSREQ** and **DMACLSREQ** signals are mutually exclusive. You must assert the **DMACLSREQ** signal to perform the last single transfer.

For transactions that use burst transfers, and where the transaction is not a multiple of the burst size, use the single and burst request signals, **DMACBREQ**, **DMACLBREQ**, **DMACSREQ**, and **DMACLSREQ**, as Figure B-13 shows.

![Figure B-13 Memory-to-peripheral transaction under peripheral flow control comprising bursts and single transfers](image)

The four request signals in Figure B-13 are created mutually exclusive to each other. Each is asserted only when required. This means, for example, that a **DMACSREQ** is not replaced by a **DMACBREQ** when more data arrives if the **DMACSREQ** has not been serviced in time. The SMDMAC has no knowledge of the total length of transfer, and initiates burst or single transfers to and from the peripheral as requested.

The peripheral asserts burst requests using **DMACBREQ** until the amount of data still to be transferred is less than or equal to the burst size. At this point, if the remaining data is equal to the burst size, then a burst request is issued using **DMACLBREQ**. Otherwise, single requests are issued on **DMACSREQ** until the last data item is ready. After this, **DMACLSREQ** is used instead.

When a last request, **DMACLBREQ** or **DMACLSREQ**, is made, the SMDMAC initiates the appropriate transfer, then moves onto the next LLI.

### B.4.6 Peripheral-to-memory transactions under peripheral flow control

For transactions comprising bursts, use the burst request and last burst request signals, **DMACBREQ** and **DMACLBREQ**, as Figure B-14 shows.

![Figure B-14 Peripheral-to-memory transaction under peripheral flow control comprising bursts](image)
The **DMACBREQ** and **DMACLBREQ** signals are mutually exclusive. You must assert the **DMACLBREQ** signal to perform the last burst transfer. For transactions comprising single transfers, use the single request and last single request signals, **DMACSREQ** and **DMACLSREQ**, as Figure B-15 shows.

![Figure B-15 Peripheral-to-memory transaction under peripheral flow control comprising single transfers](image)

The **DMACSREQ** and **DMACLSREQ** signals are mutually exclusive. You must assert the **DMACLSREQ** signal to perform the last single transfer.

For transactions that use burst transfers, and where the transaction is not a multiple of the burst size, use the single and burst request signals, **DMACBREQ**, **DMACLBREQ**, **DMACSREQ**, and **DMACLSREQ**, as Figure B-16 shows.

![Figure B-16 Peripheral-to-memory transaction under peripheral flow control comprising bursts and single transfers](image)

The four request signals are created mutually exclusive to each other. Each is only asserted when required. This means, for example, that a **DMACSREQ** is not replaced by a **DMACBREQ** when more data arrives if the **DMACSREQ** has not been serviced in time. The SMDMAC has no knowledge of the total length of transfer and initiates bursts or single transfers to and from the peripheral as requested.

The peripheral asserts burst requests using **DMACBREQ** until the amount of data still to be transferred is less than or equal to the burst size. At this point, if the remaining data is equal to the burst size, a burst request using **DMACLBREQ** is issued. Otherwise, single requests are issued on **DMACSREQ** until the last data item is ready, when **DMACLSREQ** is used. When a last request, **DMACLBREQ** or **DMACLSREQ**, is made, the SMDMAC initiates the appropriate transfer, then moves onto the next LLI.
B.4.7 Peripheral-to-peripheral transactions under source peripheral flow control

For transactions that are a multiple of the burst size, use the following signals as Figure B-17 shows:

- the source burst request and last burst request signals, DMACBREQ and DMACLBREQ
- the destination burst request signal DMACBREQ.

![Figure B-17 Peripheral-to-peripheral transaction under source peripheral flow control comprising bursts](image)

The source signals, DMACBREQ and DMACLBREQ, are mutually exclusive. You must assert the DMACLBREQ signal to perform the last burst transfer.

For transactions comprising single transfers, use the following signals as Figure B-18 shows:

- the source single request signal and last single request signal, DMACSREQ and DMACLSREQ
- the destination burst request signal, DMACBREQ.

![Figure B-18 Peripheral-to-peripheral transaction under source peripheral flow control comprising single transfers](image)

The source DMACSREQ and DMACLSREQ signals are mutually exclusive. You must assert the DMACLSREQ signal to perform the last single transfer.

For transactions that use burst transfers, and where the transaction is not a multiple of the burst size, use the following signals as Figure B-19 on page B-13 shows:

- the source single and burst request signals, DMACBREQ, DMACLBREQ, DMACSREQ, and DMACLSREQ.
- the destination burst request signal, DMACBREQ.
The SMDMAC has no knowledge of the length of the packet. Requests from the source peripheral are generated in the same way as Peripheral-to-memory transactions under peripheral flow control on page B-10 describes. The SMDMAC initiates AHB reads, from the source peripheral to the SMDMAC internal FIFO, when requested, if there is space in the FIFO.

When a last request, DMACLBREQ or DMACLSREQ, is made, the appropriate read transfer is initiated and no more reads are performed until the next LLI is loaded. Writes from the SMDMAC FIFO to the destination peripheral are initiated when requested by the destination DMACBREQ if there is sufficient data in the FIFO. The SMDMAC is aware when the read operations have completed, as signaled by the source peripheral, and transfers any remaining data in the FIFO appropriately, using burst transfers of the defined burst length or less. When all the read/write transactions have completed, the next LLI is loaded.

### B.4.8 Peripheral-to-peripheral transactions under destination peripheral flow control

For transactions that are a multiple of the burst size, use the following signals as Figure B-20 shows:

- the source burst transfer request DMACBREQ
- the source single transfer request DMACSREQ, if necessary
- the destination burst transfer request DMACBREQ
- the last burst transfer request DMACLBREQ.
The destination signals, \texttt{DMACBREQ} and \texttt{DMACLBREQ}, are mutually exclusive. You must assert the \texttt{DMACLBREQ} signal to perform the last burst transfer.

For transactions comprising single transfers, use the following signals as Figure B-21 shows:

- the source single transfer request signal, \texttt{DMACSREQ}
- the source burst transfer request signal, \texttt{DMACBREQ}, if necessary
- the destination single transfer request signal, \texttt{DMACSREQ}
- the last single transfer request signal, \texttt{DMACLSREQ}.

![Figure B-21 Peripheral-to-peripheral transaction under destination peripheral flow control comprising single transfers](image)

The destination signals, \texttt{DMACSREQ} and \texttt{DMACLSREQ}, are mutually exclusive. You must assert the \texttt{DMACLSREQ} signal to perform the last single transfer.

For transactions that use burst transfers, and where the transaction is not a multiple of the burst size, use the following signals as Figure B-22 shows:

- the source single transfer request signal, \texttt{DMACSREQ}
- the source burst transfer request signal, \texttt{DMACBREQ}
- the destination single transfer request signals, \texttt{DMACSREQ}, and \texttt{DMACLSREQ}
- destination burst transfer request signals, \texttt{DMACBREQ}, and \texttt{DMACLBREQ}.

![Figure B-22 Peripheral-to-peripheral transaction under destination peripheral flow control comprising bursts and single transfers](image)
The SMDMAC has no knowledge of the length of the packet. Requests from the destination peripheral are generated exactly as Memory-to-peripheral transaction under peripheral flow control on page B-9 describes.

When data is requested by destination peripheral, the SMDMAC transfers the required amount from the source peripheral as soon as the data is available. DMACBREQ and DMACSREQ DMA requests from the source peripheral signal data availability. When the destination peripheral indicates a last request, DMACLBREQ or DMACLSREQ, the SMDMAC transfers the required data from the source peripheral as soon as it is available. The SMDMAC then completes the write to the destination peripheral.

When all the read/write transactions have completed, the next LLI is loaded.

--- Caution ---

If the destination peripheral width is smaller than the source peripheral width, then you must take care, otherwise you can lose data at the end of a data transfer.

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For peripheral-to-peripheral transfers, with the destination as the flow controller, data is only transferred from the source peripheral when the destination peripheral requests it. If the source peripheral transfer width is 32 bits, and the destination peripheral transfer width is 8 bits, the following sequence can be envisaged:

1. Destination peripheral raises DMACSREQ, one byte of data to be transferred.
2. Source peripheral raises DMACSREQ and is serviced. This fetches one word data, four bytes.
3. One byte is transferred to the destination peripheral.
4. Destination peripheral raises DMACLSREQ, last single request.
5. One byte is transferred to the destination peripheral.
6. The transaction is now complete. Therefore, out of the four bytes retrieved from the source peripheral, two are transferred to the destination peripheral, but two more are left in the channel FIFO in the SMDMAC. This data is then lost.
B.5 Signal timing

The timing behavior of the DMA signals is as follows:

**DMA request signal DMAC{L}(B/S)REQ**

Informs the SMDMAC that a peripheral is ready to proceed with a DMA transfer of the indicated size.

Active HIGH. Sampled by the SMDMAC on the positive edge of **HCLK**. The DMA request signals are used in conjunction with the **DMACCLR** signal to perform handshaking.

**DMA Acknowledge or Clear DMACCLR**

Indicates to the slave that a DMA transfer has completed.

Active HIGH.

**DMA Terminal Count DMACTC**

Indicates to the slave that the end of packet has been reached.

Active HIGH.

--- Note ----------------

If the DMA request source does not use the same clock as the SMDMAC, then you must synchronize the request by setting the relevant bit in the DMACSync register.
B.6 Functional timing diagram

A peripheral asserts a DMA request and holds it active. The SMDMAC asserts the DMACCLR signal when the last data item has been transferred. When the peripheral sees that the DMACCLR signal has gone active, it takes the DMA request signal inactive. The SMDMAC deasserts the DMACCLR signal when the DMA request signal goes inactive as Figure B-23 shows.

![Functional timing diagram]

Figure B-23 DMA interface timing
B.7 SMDMAC transfer timing diagram

Figure B-24 shows the state of the SMDMAC response and request signals, AHB interface signals, and interrupt request signals for a complete DMA transfer.
Appendix C
Scatter/Gather

This section describes scatter/gather through LLI. It contains the following section:

- Scatter/gather through linked list operation on page C-2.
C.1 Scatter/gather through linked list operation

A series of linked lists define the source and destination data areas. Each LLI controls
the transfer of one block of data, and then optionally loads another LLI to continue the
DMA operation, or stops the DMA stream. The first LLI is programmed into the
SMDMAC.

The data to be transferred, described by a LLI, referred to as the packet of data, usually
requires one or more DMA bursts, to each of the source and destination.

Figure C-1 shows an example of an LLI. A rectangle of memory has to be transferred
to a peripheral. The addresses of each line of data are given, in hexadecimal, at the
left-hand side of the figure. The LLIs describing the transfer are to be stored
contiguously from address 0x20000.

The first LLI, stored at 0x20000, defines the first block of data to be transferred. This is
the data stored between addresses 0x0A200 and 0x0AE00:

- source start address 0x0A200
- destination address set to the destination peripheral address
- transfer width, word, 32-bit
- transfer size, 3072 bytes, 0xC00
- source and destination burst sizes, 16 transfers
- next LLI address, 0x20010.

The second LLI, stored at 0x20010, describes the next block of data to be transferred:

- source start address 0x0B200
- destination address set to the destination peripheral address
- transfer width, word, 32-bit
- transfer size, 3072 bytes, 0xC00
- source and destination burst sizes, 16 transfers
- next LLI address, 0x20020.

A chain of descriptors is built up, each one pointing to the next in the series. To initialize
the DMA stream, the first LLI, 0x20000, is programmed into the SMDMAC. When the
first packet of data has been transferred, the next LLI is automatically loaded.
The final LLI is stored at 0x20070 and contains:

- source start address 0x11200
- destination address set to the destination peripheral address
- transfer width, word, 32-bit
- transfer size, 3 072 bytes, 0xC00
- source and destination burst sizes, 16 transfers
- next LLI address, 0x0.

Because the next LLI address is set to zero, this is the last descriptor, and the DMA channel is disabled after transferring the last item of data. The channel is probably set to generate an interrupt at this point to indicate to the ARM processor that the channel can be reprogrammed.
Glossary

This glossary describes some of the terms used in technical documents from ARM Limited.

Abort

A mechanism that indicates to a core that the value associated with a memory access is invalid. An abort can be caused by the external or internal memory system as a result of attempting to access invalid instruction or data memory. An abort is classified as either a Prefetch or Data Abort, and an internal or External Abort.

See also Data Abort, External Abort and Prefetch Abort.

Advanced eXtensible Interface (AXI)

A bus protocol that supports separate address/control and data phases, unaligned data transfers using byte strobes, burst-based transactions with only start address issued, separate read and write data channels to enable low-cost DMA, ability to issue multiple outstanding addresses, out-of-order transaction completion, and easy addition of register stages to provide timing closure.

The AXI protocol also includes optional extensions to cover signaling for low-power operation.

AXI is targeted at high performance, high clock frequency system designs and includes a number of features that make it very suitable for high speed sub-micron interconnect.
Advanced High-performance Bus (AHB)
A bus protocol with a fixed pipeline between address/control and data phases. It only supports a subset of the functionality provided by the AMBA AXI protocol. The full AMBA AHB protocol specification includes a number of features that are not commonly required for master and slave IP developments and ARM Limited recommends only a subset of the protocol is usually used. This subset is defined as the AMBA AHB-Lite protocol.

See also Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture and AHB-Lite.

Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture (AMBA)
A family of protocol specifications that describe a strategy for the interconnect. AMBA is the ARM open standard for on-chip buses. It is an on-chip bus specification that details a strategy for the interconnection and management of functional blocks that make up a System-on-Chip (SoC). It aids in the development of embedded processors with one or more CPUs or signal processors and multiple peripherals. AMBA complements a reusable design methodology by defining a common backbone for SoC modules.

Advanced Peripheral Bus (APB)
A simpler bus protocol than AXI and AHB. It is designed for use with ancillary or general-purpose peripherals such as timers, interrupt controllers, UARTs, and I/O ports. Connection to the main system bus is through a system-to-peripheral bus bridge that helps to reduce system power consumption.

AHB
See Advanced High-performance Bus.

AHB-Lite
A subset of the full AMBA AHB protocol specification. It provides all of the basic functions required by the majority of AMBA AHB slave and master designs, particularly when used with a multi-layer AMBA interconnect. In most cases, the extra facilities provided by a full AMBA AHB interface are implemented more efficiently by using an AMBA AXI protocol interface.

Aligned
A data item stored at an address that is divisible by the number of bytes that defines the data size is said to be aligned. Aligned words and halfwords have addresses that are divisible by four and two respectively. The terms word-aligned and halfword-aligned therefore stipulate addresses that are divisible by four and two respectively.

AMBA
See Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture.

APB
See Advanced Peripheral Bus.

Application Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC)
An integrated circuit that has been designed to perform a specific application function. It can be custom-built or mass-produced.
Architecture
The organization of hardware and/or software that characterizes a processor and its attached components, and enables devices with similar characteristics to be grouped together when describing their behavior, for example, Harvard architecture, instruction set architecture, ARMv6 architecture.

ARM instruction
A word that specifies an operation for an ARM processor to perform. ARM instructions must be word-aligned.

ASIC
See Application Specific Integrated Circuit.

ATB bridge
A synchronous ATB bridge provides a register slice to facilitate timing closure through the addition of a pipeline stage. It also provides a unidirectional link between two synchronous ATB domains.

An asynchronous ATB bridge provides a unidirectional link between two ATB domains with asynchronous clocks. It is intended to support connection of components with ATB ports residing in different clock domains.

ATPG
See Automatic Test Pattern Generation.

Automatic Test Pattern Generation (ATPG)
The process of automatically generating manufacturing test vectors for an ASIC design, using a specialized software tool.

AXI
See Advanced eXtensible Interface.

Beat
Alternative word for an individual transfer within a burst. For example, an INCR4 burst comprises four beats.

See also Burst.

BE-8
Big-endian view of memory in a byte-invariant system.

See also BE-32, LE, Byte-invariant and Word-invariant.

BE-32
Big-endian view of memory in a word-invariant system.

See also BE-8, LE, Byte-invariant and Word-invariant.

Big-endian
Byte ordering scheme in which bytes of decreasing significance in a data word are stored at increasing addresses in memory.

See also Little-endian and Endianness.
**Big-endian memory**  
Memory in which:

- a byte or halfword at a word-aligned address is the most significant byte or halfword within the word at that address
- a byte at a halfword-aligned address is the most significant byte within the halfword at that address.

*See also* Little-endian memory.

**Block address**  
An address that comprises a tag, an index, and a word field. The tag bits identify the way that contains the matching cache entry for a cache hit. The index bits identify the set being addressed. The word field contains the word address that can be used to identify specific words, halfwords, or bytes within the cache entry.

*See also* Cache terminology diagram on the last page of this glossary.

**Burst**  
A group of transfers to consecutive addresses. Because the addresses are consecutive, there is no requirement to supply an address for any of the transfers after the first one. This increases the speed at which the group of transfers can occur. Bursts over AMBA are controlled using signals to indicate the length of the burst and how the addresses are incremented.

*See also* Beat.

**Byte**  
An 8-bit data item.

**Cache**  
A block of on-chip or off-chip fast access memory locations, situated between the processor and main memory, used for storing and retrieving copies of often used instructions and/or data. This is done to greatly increase the average speed of memory accesses and so improve processor performance.

*See also* Cache terminology diagram on the last page of this glossary.

**Cache hit**  
A memory access that can be processed at high speed because the instruction or data that it addresses is already held in the cache.

**Cache line**  
The basic unit of storage in a cache. It is always a power of two words in size (usually four or eight words), and is required to be aligned to a suitable memory boundary.

*See also* Cache terminology diagram on the last page of this glossary.

**Cache miss**  
A memory access that cannot be processed at high speed because the instruction/data it addresses is not in the cache and a main memory access is required.

**Cache set**  
A cache set is a group of cache lines (or blocks). A set contains all the ways that can be addressed with the same index. The number of cache sets is always a power of two.

*See also* Cache terminology diagram on the last page of this glossary.
| **Cache way** | A group of cache lines (or blocks). It is $2^n$ where $n$ is the number of index bits in size. See also Cache terminology diagram on the last page of this glossary. |
| **Cold reset** | Also known as power-on reset. Starting the processor by turning power on. Turning power off and then back on again clears main memory and many internal settings. Some program failures can lock up the processor and require a cold reset to enable the system to be used again. In other cases, only a warm reset is required. See also Warm reset. |
| **Coprocessor** | A processor that supplements the main processor. It carries out additional functions that the main processor cannot perform. Usually used for floating-point math calculations, signal processing, or memory management. |
| **Core** | A core is that part of a processor that contains the ALU, the datapath, the general-purpose registers, the Program Counter, and the instruction decode and control circuitry. |
| **CoreSight** | The infrastructure for monitoring, tracing, and debugging a complete system on chip. |
| **Data Abort** | An indication from a memory system to the core of an attempt to access an illegal data memory location. An exception must be taken if the processor attempts to use the data that caused the abort. See also Abort, External Abort, and Prefetch Abort. |
| **Data cache** | A block of on-chip fast access memory locations, situated between the processor and main memory, used for storing and retrieving copies of often used data. This is done to greatly increase the average speed of memory accesses and so improve processor performance. |
| **Direct Memory Access (DMA)** | An operation that accesses main memory directly, without the processor performing any accesses to the data concerned. |
| **DMA** | See Direct Memory Access. |
| **Endianness** | Byte ordering. The scheme that determines the order that successive bytes of a data word are stored in memory. An aspect of the system’s memory mapping. See also Little-endian and Big-endian |
| **Event** | 1 (Simple) An observable condition that can be used by an ETM to control aspects of a trace.  
2 (Complex) A boolean combination of simple events that is used by an ETM to control aspects of a trace. |
Exception

A fault or error event that is considered serious enough to require that program execution is interrupted. Examples include attempting to perform an invalid memory access, external interrupts, and undefined instructions. When an exception occurs, normal program flow is interrupted and execution is resumed at the corresponding exception vector. This contains the first instruction of the interrupt handler to deal with the exception.

Exception vector

See Interrupt vector.

External Abort

An indication from an external memory system to a core that the value associated with a memory access is invalid. An external abort is caused by the external memory system as a result of attempting to access invalid memory.

See also Abort, Data Abort and Prefetch Abort.

Fast context switch

In a multitasking system, the point at which the time-slice allocated to one process stops and the one for the next process starts. If processes are switched often enough, they can appear to a user to be running in parallel, in addition to being able to respond quicker to external events that might affect them.

In ARM processors, a fast context switch is caused by the selection of a non-zero PID value to switch the context to that of the next process. A fast context switch causes each Virtual Address for a memory access, generated by the ARM processor, to produce a Modified Virtual Address that is sent to the rest of the memory system to be used in place of a normal Virtual Address. For some cache control operations Virtual Addresses are passed to the memory system as data. In these cases no address modification takes place.

Fraction

The floating-point field that lies to the right of the implied binary point.

Halfword

A 16-bit data item.

High vectors

Alternative locations for exception vectors. The high vector address range is near the top of the address space, rather than at the bottom.

Ignore (IGN)

Must ignore memory writes.

Index

See Cache index.

Instruction cache

A block of on-chip fast access memory locations, situated between the processor and main memory, used for storing and retrieving copies of often used instructions. This is done to greatly increase the average speed of memory accesses and so improve processor performance.

Interrupt handler

A program that control of the processor is passed to when an interrupt occurs.
**Interrupt vector**  
One of a number of fixed addresses in low memory, or in high memory if high vectors are configured, that contains the first instruction of the corresponding interrupt handler.

**Joint Test Action Group (JTAG)**  
The name of the organization that developed standard IEEE 1149.1. This standard defines a boundary-scan architecture used for in-circuit testing of integrated circuit devices. It is commonly known by the initials JTAG.

**JTAG**  
See Joint Test Action Group.

**Little-endian**  
Byte ordering scheme in which bytes of increasing significance in a data word are stored at increasing addresses in memory.

See also Big-endian and Endianness.

**Little-endian memory**  
Memory in which:

- a byte or halfword at a word-aligned address is the least significant byte or halfword within the word at that address
- a byte at a halfword-aligned address is the least significant byte within the halfword at that address.

See also Big-endian memory.

**Memory Management Unit (MMU)**  
Hardware that controls caches and access permissions to blocks of memory, and translates virtual addresses to physical addresses.

**Microprocessor**  
See Processor.

**MMU**  
See Memory Management Unit.

**Modified Virtual Address (MVA)**  
A Virtual Address produced by the ARM processor can be changed by the current Process ID to provide a Modified Virtual Address (MVA) for the MMUs and caches.

**Multi-layer**  
An interconnect scheme similar to a cross-bar switch. Each master on the interconnect has a direct link to each slave, The link is not shared with other masters. This enables each master to process transfers in parallel with other masters. Contention only occurs in a multi-layer interconnect at a payload destination, typically the slave.

**Multi-master AHB**  
Typically a shared, not multi-layer, AHB interconnect scheme. More than one master connects to a single AMBA AHB link. In this case, the bus is implemented with a set of full AMBA AHB master interfaces. Masters that use the AMBA AHB-Lite protocol must connect through a wrapper to supply full AMBA AHB master signals to support multi-master operation.
MVA
See Modified Virtual Address.

PA
See Physical Address.

Physical Address (PA)
The MMU performs a translation on Modified Virtual Addresses (MVA) to produce the Physical Address (PA) that is given to the AMBA bus to perform an external access. The PA is also stored in the data cache to avoid the necessity for address translation when data is cast out of the cache.

See also Fast Context Switch Extension.

Power-on reset
See Cold reset.

Prefetching
In pipelined processors, the process of fetching instructions from memory to fill up the pipeline before the preceding instructions have finished executing. Prefetching an instruction does not mean that the instruction has to be executed.

Prefetch Abort
An indication from a memory system to the core that an instruction has been fetched from an illegal memory location. An exception must be taken if the processor attempts to execute the instruction. A Prefetch Abort can be caused by the external or internal memory system as a result of attempting to access invalid instruction memory.

See also Data Abort, External Abort and Abort.

Processor
A processor is the circuitry in a computer system required to process data using the computer instructions. It is an abbreviation of microprocessor. A clock source, power supplies, and main memory are also required to create a minimum complete working computer system.

Read
Reads are defined as memory operations that have the semantics of a load. That is, the ARM instructions LDM, LDRD, LDC, LDR, LDRT, LDRSH, LDRH, LDRSB, LDRB, LDRBT, LDREX, RFE, STREX, SWP, and SWPB, and the Thumb instructions LDM, LDR, LDRSH, LDRH, LDRSB, LDRB, and POP.

Java instructions that are accelerated by hardware can cause a number of reads to occur, according to the state of the Java stack and the implementation of the Java hardware acceleration.

Region
A partition of instruction or data memory space.

Reserved
A field in a control register or instruction format is reserved if the field is to be defined by the implementation, or produces Unpredictable results if the contents of the field are not zero. These fields are reserved for use in future extensions of the architecture or are implementation-specific. All reserved bits not used by the implementation must be written as 0 and read as 0.

SCREG
The currently selected scan chain number in an ARM TAP controller.
SDF

See Standard Delay Format.

Set

See Cache set.

Tag

The upper portion of a block address used to identify a cache line within a cache. The block address from the CPU is compared with each tag in a set in parallel to determine if the corresponding line is in the cache. If it is, it is said to be a cache hit and the line can be fetched from cache. If the block address does not correspond to any of the tags, it is said to be a cache miss and the line must be fetched from the next level of memory.

See also Cache terminology diagram on the last page of this glossary.

Thumb instruction

A halfword that specifies an operation for an ARM processor in Thumb state to perform. Thumb instructions must be halfword-aligned.

Thumb state

A processor that is executing Thumb (16-bit) halfword aligned instructions is operating in Thumb state.

Trap

An exceptional condition in a VFP coprocessor that has the respective exception enable bit set in the FPSCR register. The user trap handler is executed.

Unaligned

A data item stored at an address that is not divisible by the number of bytes that defines the data size is said to be unaligned. For example, a word stored at an address that is not divisible by four.

Undefined

Indicates an instruction that generates an Undefined instruction trap. See the ARM Architecture Reference Manual for more details on ARM exceptions.

Unpredictable

Means that the behavior of the ETM cannot be relied on. Such conditions have not been validated. When applied to the programming of an event resource, only the output of that event resource is Unpredictable.

Unpredictable behavior can affect the behavior of the entire system, because the ETM is capable of causing the core to enter debug state, and external outputs can be used for other purposes.

Unpredictable

For reads, the data returned when reading from this location is unpredictable. It can have any value. For writes, writing to this location causes unpredictable behavior, or an unpredictable change in device configuration. Unpredictable instructions must not halt or hang the processor, or any part of the system.

VA

See Virtual Address.
Virtual Address (VA)
The MMU uses its page tables to translate a Virtual Address into a Physical Address. The processor executes code at the Virtual Address, that might be located elsewhere in physical memory.

See also Fast Context Switch Extension, Modified Virtual Address, and Physical Address.

Way
See Cache way.

Word
A 32-bit data item.

Write
Writes are defined as operations that have the semantics of a store. That is, the ARM instructions SRS, STM, STRD, STC, STRT, STRH, STRB, STRBT, STREX, SWP, and SWPB, and the Thumb instructions STM, STR, STRH, STRB, and PUSH.

Java instructions that are accelerated by hardware can cause a number of writes to occur, according to the state of the Java stack and the implementation of the Java hardware acceleration.

Cache terminology diagram
The diagram illustrates the following cache terminology:

- block address
- cache line
- cache set
- cache way
- index
- tag.