PCIe-SIO4BX2 Hardware User's Manual

Four Channel PCIe High Performance Serial I/O *Featuring RS422/RS485/RS232 Software Configurable Transceivers and 32K Byte FIFO Buffers (256K Byte total)*

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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

1.0 General Description

The PCIe-SIO4BX2 is a four channel serial interface card which provides high speed, full-duplex, multi-protocol serial capability for PCIe applications. The PCIe-SIO4BX2 combines multi-protocol Dual Universal Serial Controllers, deep external FIFOs, and software selectable multi-protocol transceivers to provide four fully independent synchronous/asynchronous serial channels. These features, along with a high performance one lane PCIe interface engine, give the PCIe-SIO4BX2 unsurpassed performance in a serial interface card.

Features:

- One Lane PCI Express (PCIe) Interface
- Four Independent RS422/RS485/RS232 Serial Channels
- Serial Mode Protocols Asynchronous, Monosync, Bisync, SDLC, HDLC, Nine-Bit, IEEE 802.3
- Synchronous Serial Data Rates up to 10Mbps
- Asynchronous Serial Data Rates up to 1Mbps
- Independent Transmit and Receive FIFOs for each Serial Channel 32K byte each
- Multi-protocol Transceivers support RS422/RS485 and RS232
- Parity and CRC detection capability
- Programmable Oscillators provide increased flexibility for Baud Rate Clock generation
- SCSI type 68 pin front edge I/O Connector
- Eight signals per channel, configurable as either DTE or DCE: 3 Serial Clocks (TxC, RxC, AuxC), 2 Serial Data signals (TxD, RxD), CTS, RTS, DCD
- Unused signals may be reconfigured as General Purpose IO
- Fast RS422/RS485 Differential Cable Transceivers Provide Data Rates up to 10Mbps
- RS232 Cable Transceivers Provide Data Rates up to 250kbps
- Industry Standard Zilog Z16C30 Multi-Protocol Universal Serial Controllers (USC®)
- Standard Cable to four DB25 connectors and Custom Cables available
- Available drivers include VxWorks, Win10, Linux, and Labview
- Industrial Temperature Option Available

Functional Diagram:

Figure 1-1 Block Diagram of PCIe-SIO4BX2

1.1 Z16C30 Universal Serial Controller

The PCIe-SIO4BX2 is designed around the Z16C30 Universal Serial Controller (USC). The Z16C30 is a dual channel multi-protocol serial controller which may be software configured to satisfy a wide variety of serial communications applications. The USC supports most common asynchronous and synchronous serial protocols. The USC provides many advanced features, including:

- Completely independent transmitter and receiver operation
- Odd/Even/Space/Mark parity
- Two 16-bit or one 32-bit CRC polynomial
- Eight Data Encoding methods NRZ, NRZB, NRZI-Mark, NRZI-Space, Biphase-Mark, Biphase-Space, Biphase-Level, and Differential Biphase-Level

1.2 Deep Transmit/Receive FIFOs

Data is transferred to/from the serial interface through Transmit and Receive FIFOs. Each of the four serial channels has an independent Transmit FIFO and a Receive FIFO for a total of eight separate on-board FIFOs. These FIFOs are always 32k bytes deep. FIFOs allow data transfer to continue to/from the IO interface independent of PCI interface transfers and software overhead. The required FIFO size may depend on several factors including data transfer size, required throughput rate, and the software overhead (which will also vary based on OS). Generally, faster baud rates (greater than 500kbps) will require deeper FIFOs. Deeper FIFOs help ensure no data is lost for critical systems.

The SIO4BX2 provides access to complete FIFO status to optimize data transfers. In addition to Empty and Full indicators, each FIFO has a programmable Almost Empty Flag and a programmable Almost Full Flag. These FIFO flags may be used as interrupt sources to monitor FIFO fill levels. In addition, real-time FIFO counters showing the exact number of words in the FIFO are also provided for each FIFO. By utilizing these FIFO counters, data transfers can be optimized to efficiently send and receive data.

1.3 Multiprotocol Transceivers

The SIO4BX2 data is transferred over the user interface using high-speed multiprotocol transceivers. These multiprotocol transceivers are software selectable as RS422/RS485, or RS232 on a per channel basis. Each channel direction may also be configured as DTE or DCE configuration. This allows for either full duplex or half duplex configurations.

1.4 PMC/PCI Interface

The control interface to the SIO4BX2 is through the PMC/PCI interface. An industry standard PCI9056 bridge chip from PLX Technology is used to implement PCI Specification 2.2. The PCI9056 provides the 32bit, 66MHz (264MBit/sec) interface between the PCI bus and the Local 32 bit bus. It also provides for high-speed DMA transfers to efficiently move data to and from the board.

1.5 General Purpose IO

Since some signals may not be used in all applications, the SIO4BX2 provides the flexibility to remap unused signals to be used as general purpose IO. For example, this would allow support for an application requiring DTR/DSR signals to be implemented on an unused DCD or TxAuxC signals. This also allows signals from unused channels to be available as general purpose IO.

1.6 Connector Interface

The SIO4BX2 provides a user IO interface through a front-side card edge connector. All four serial channels interface through this high-density, 68 pin SCSI-3 type connector, and are grouped to simplify separating the cable into four distinct serial connectors.

Standard cables are available from General Standards in various lengths to adapt the single 68 pin SCSI-3 connector into four DB25 connectors (one per channel). A standard cable is also available with a single 68 pin SCSI-3 connector on one end and open on the other. This allows the user to add a custom connector (or connect to a terminal block). General Standards will also work with customers to fabricate custom cables. Consult factory for details on custom cables.

1.7 New Features

The PCIe-SIO4BX2 has been enhanced with several new features. These include improved receive data status recording, timestamping of data, flexible FIFO memory allocation, sync/standard channel select, and channel reset.

CHAPTER 2: LOCAL SPACE REGISTERS

2.0 Register Map

The SIO4BX2 is accessed through three sets of registers – PCI Registers, USC Registers, and GSC Firmware Registers. The GSC Firmware Registers and USC Registers are referred to as Local Space Registers and are described below. The PCI registers are discussed in Chapter 3.

The Local Space Registers are divided into two distinct functional register blocks – the GSC Firmware Registers and the USC Registers. The GSC Firmware Registers perform the custom board control functions, while the USC Registers map the Zilog Z16C30 registers into local address space. The register block for each USC channel is accessed at a unique address range. The table below shows the address mapping for the local space registers.

The GSC Firmware Registers are detailed in Section 2.1. The USC Registers are briefly touched on in Section 2.2 of this manual, but are described in much greater detail in the Zilog Z16C30 Users Manuals.

2.1 GSC Firmware Registers

The GSC Firmware Registers provide the primary control/status for the SIO4BX2 board. The following table shows the GSC Firmware Registers.

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2.1.1 Firmware Revision: Local Offset 0x0000

The Firmware ID register provides version information about the firmware on the board. This is useful for technical support to identify the firmware version. See Appendix B for more detailed information.

D15:8 Firmware Type ID $01 = \text{SIO4B Standard}$ **D7:0** Firmware Revision Firmware Version

D31:16 HW Board Rev E511 = PCIe-SIO4BX2 Rev A

2.1.2 Board Control: Local Offset 0x0004

The Board Control Register defines the general control functions for the board.

2.1.3 Board Status: Local Offset 0x0008

The Board Status Register gives general overall status for a board. The Board Jumpers (D1:D0) are physical jumpers which can be used to distinguish between boards if multiple SIO4 boards are present in a system.

2.1.4 Timestamp: Local Offset 0x000C

The timestamp will add a 24 bit timestamp value for each data value in the data stream.

2.1.5 Channel TX Almost Flags: Local Offset 0x0010 / 0x0020 / 0x0030 / 0x0040

Defines the Almost Full and Almost Empty Flags for the Tx FIFO. The Almost Full/Empty Flags are status bits in the Channel Control/Status Register, and are edge-triggered interrupt sources to the Interrupt Registers.

2.1.6 Channel RX Almost Flags: Local Offset 0x0014 / 0x0024 / 0x0034 / 0x0044

Defines the Almost Full and Almost Empty Flags for the Tx FIFO. The Almost Full/Empty Flags are status bits in the Channel Control/Status Register, and are edge-triggered interrupt sources to the Interrupt Registers.

2.1.7 Channel FIFO: Local Offset 0x0018 / 0x0028 / 0x0038 / 0x0048

The Channel FIFO Register passes serial data to/from the serial controller. The same register is used to access both the Transmit FIFO (writes) and Receive FIFO (reads).

2.1.8 Channel Control/Status: Local Offset 0x001C / 0x002C / 0x003C / 0x004C

The Channel Control/Status Register provides the reset functions and data transceiver enable controls, and the FIFO Flag status for each channel.

D7:0 Channel Control Bits

2.1.9 Channel Sync Detect Byte: Local Offset 0x0050 / 0x0054 / 0x0058 / 0x005C

The Sync Detect Byte allows an interrupt to be generated when the received data matches the Sync Detect Byte.

- **D31:8** RESERVED
- **D7:0** Channel Sync Detect Byte

If the data being loaded into the Receive FIFO matches this data byte, an interrupt request (Channel Sync Detect IRQ) will be generated. The interrupt source must be enabled in the Interrupt Control Register in order for an interrupt to be generated.

2.1.10 Interrupt Registers

There are 32 on-board interrupt sources (in addition to USC interrupts and PLX interrupts) which may be individually enabled. Four interrupt registers control the on-board interrupts – Interrupt Control, Interrupt Status, Interrupt Edge/Level, and Interrupt Hi/Lo. The 32 Interrupt sources are:

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For all interrupt registers, the IRQ source (IRQ31:IRQ0) will correspond to the respective data bit (D31:D0) of each register. $(D0 = IRQ0, D1 = IRQ1, ...D31 = IRQ31.)$

All FIFO interrupts are edge triggered active high. This means that an interrupt will be asserted (assuming it is enabled) when a FIFO Flag transitions from FALSE to TRUE (rising edge triggered) or TRUE to FALSE (falling edge). For example: If Tx FIFO Empty Interrupt is set for Rising Edge Triggered, the interrupt will occur when the FIFO transitions from NOT EMPTY to EMPTY. Likewise, if Tx FIFO Empty Interrupt is set as Falling Edge Triggered, the interrupt will occur when the FIFO transitions from EMPTY to NOT EMPTY.

All Interrupt Sources share a single interrupt request back to the PCI9056 PLX chip. Likewise, all USC interrupt sources share a single interrupt request back to the interrupt controller and must be further qualified in the USC.

2.1.11 Interrupt Control: Local Offset 0x0060

The Interrupt Control register individually enables each interrupt source. A '1' enables each interrupt source; a '0' disables. An interrupt source must be enabled for an interrupt to be generated.

2.1.12 Interrupt Status/Clear: Local Offset 0x0064

The Interrupt Status Register shows the status of each respective interrupt source. If an interrupt source is enabled in the Interrupt Control Register, a '1' in the Interrupt Status Register indicates the respective interrupt has occurred. The interrupt source will remain latched until the interrupt is cleared, either by writing to the Interrupt Status/Clear Register with a '1' in the respective interrupt bit position, or the interrupt is disabled in the Interrupt Control register. If an interrupt source is not asserted or the interrupt is not enabled, writing a '1' to that bit in the Interrupt Status/Clear Register will have no effect on the interrupt.

If the interrupt source is a level triggered interrupt (USC interrupt), the interrupt status may still be '1' even if the interrupt is disabled. This indicates the interrupt condition is true, regardless of whether the interrupt is enabled. Likewise, if a level interrupt is enabled and the interrupt source is true, the interrupt status will be reasserted immediately after clearing the interrupt, and an additional interrupt will be requested.

2.1.13 Interrupt Edge/Level: Local Offset 0x0068

The Interrupt Edge Register is an information only (read only) register. This register can be used by a generic driver to determine if the interrupt source is edge or level triggered. Only the USC interrupts are level triggered. All other interrupt sources on the SIO4BX2 are edge triggered.

2.1.14 Interrupt Hi/Lo: Local Offset 0x006C

The Interrupt Edge Register is an information only register which denotes all interrupt sources as edge triggered. The Interrupt Hi/Lo Register defines each interrupt source as rising edge or falling edge. For example, a rising edge of the TX Empty source will generate an interrupt when the TX FIFO becomes empty. Defining the source as falling edge will trigger an interrupt when the TX FIFO becomes "NOT Empty".

2.1.15 Channel Pin Source: Local Offset 0x0080 / 0x0084 / 0x0088 / 0x008C

The Channel Pin Source Register configures the Output source for the Clocks, Data, RTS, and DCD outputs.

Pin Source Register

- **D31** Cable Transceiver Enable Setting this bit turns on the cable transceivers. If this bit is cleared, the transceivers are tristated.
- **D30** Termination Disable For RS422/RS485, the receive signals (RxC, RxD, RxAuxC, CTS, and DCD) have built in termination at the transceivers. These internal terminations may be disabled to allow external terminations (or no terminations) to be used. Setting this bit will disable the internal transceiver termination resistors.

D29 External Loopback Mode

When DCE/DTE Mode is enabled (Bit $D31=1$), this bit will automatically loopback the TxC/RxC, TxD/RxD, and RTS/CTS signals at the cable (transceivers enabled). This allows the transceivers to be tested in a standalone mode.

Notes:

- The DCE/DTE mode will select the set of signals (DCE or DTE) to be looped back
- Since the transceivers will be enabled in this mode, all external cables should be disconnected to prevent interference from external sources.

D28 DCE/DTE Mode When DCE/DTE Mode is enabled (Bit $D31=1$), this bit set the mode to DCE (1) or DTE (0). DCE/DTE mode changes the direction of the signals at the IO Connector.

D27:24 Transceiver Protocol Mode

D23 Internal Loopback Mode

When DCE/DTE Mode is enabled (Bit $D31=1$), this bit will automatically loopback the TxC/RxC, TxD/RxD, and RTS/CTS signals internal to the board.

D22 Reserved

D21:19 Cable TxD Output Control

Allows TxD output to be used as a general purpose output.

D18:17 Cable TxAuxC Output Control

Defines the Clock Source for the TxAuxC signal to the IO connector.

D16:15 Cable DCD Output Source

D14:13 Cable RTS Output Source

D12:11 USC_DCD Direction Setup

- If DCD is used as GPIO, set this field to '00' and set Pin Source Register D16:D15 for output / Pin Status Register D3 for input.
- If set, the DCD direction must agree with the USC DCD setup (USC IOCR D13:12) to ensure proper operation.
- If field set to '11' (Output), DCD Source field (D16:15) must be set to '00'.

D10:9 USC_CTS Direction Setup

- If CTS is used as GPIO, set this field to '00' and set Pin Source Register D14:D13 for output / Pin Status Register D2 for input.
- If set, the CTS direction must agree with the USC CTS setup (USC IOCR D15:14) to ensure proper operation.
- If field set to '11' (Output), RTS Source field (D14:13) must be set to '00'.

D8:6 Cable TxC Source

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D5:3 USC_RxC Source

The clock source must agree with the USC Clock setup (USC I/O Control Reg D5:3) to ensure the signal is not being driven by both the USC and the FPGA.

D2:0 USC_TxC Source

Since this signal is bidirectional (it may be used as either an input or output to the USC), the clock source must agree with the USC Clock setup (USC IO Control Reg D2:0) to ensure the signal is not being driven by both the USC and the FPGA.

2.1.16 Channel Pin Status: Local Offset 0x0090 / 0x0094 / 0x0098 / 0x009C

Unused inputs may be utilized as general purpose input signals. The Channel Pin Status Register allows the input state of all the IO pins to be monitored. Output signals as well as inputs are included to aid in debug operation.

2.1.13 Programmable Clock Registers: Local Offset 0x00A0 / 0x00A4 / 0x00A8 / 0xAC

The Programmable Clock Registers allow the user to program the on-board programmable oscillator and configure the channel clock post-dividers. As GSC should provide software routines to program the clock, the user should have no need to access these registers. See section 3.6 for more information.

2.1.14 FIFO Count Register: Local Offset 0x00D0 / 0x00D4 / 0x00D8 / 0x00DC

The FIFO Count Registers display the current number of words in each FIFO. This value, along with the FIFO Size Registers, may be used to determine the amount of data which can be safely transferred without over-running (or under-running) the FIFOs.

2.1.15 FIFO Size Register: Local Offset 0x00E0 / 0x00E4 / 0x00E8 / 0x00EC

The FIFO Size Registers display the sizes of the installed data FIFOs. This value is calculated at power-up This value, along with the FIFO Count Registers, may be used to determine the amount of data which can be safely transferred without over-running (or under-running) the FIFOs.

2.1.16 FW Type ID Register: Local Offset 0x00F8

This register allows boards to change functionality on each channel. Currently, a channel can only be defined as Standard or Sync. For SIO4BX-Sync information, please refer to the PCIe-SIO4BX2-SYNC manual.

2.1.17 Features Register: Local Offset 0x00FC (0x00197AF4)

The Features Register allows software to account for added features in the firmware versions. Bits will be assigned as new features are added. See Appendix B for more details.

2.2 Universal Serial Controller Registers

The internal registers of the Zilog Z16C30 Universal Serial Controller (USC) are memory mapped into Local Address space. It is beyond the scope of this manual to provide comprehensive USC programming information. For detailed programming information, please refer to the Zilog High Speed Communication Controller Product Specifications Databook for the Z16C30 and the Zilog Z16C30USC User's Manual. These manuals may be obtained directly from Zilog [\(www.zilog.com\)](http://www.zilog.com/), or copies of these manuals may be downloaded from the General Standards website [\(www.generalstandards.com\)](../../../Local%20Settings/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.IE5/XDZED7PS/users/steved/desktop/www.generalstandards.com).

Some specific setup information may be needed for a driver to interface to the USC. Typically, the driver will handle the hardware specific characteristics and the end user will only need to be concerned with the driver interface - the following hardware setup information may be safely ignored. If you aren't sure if you need this information, you probably don't.

2.2.1 USC Reset

The four serial channels are implemented in two Z16C30 Universal Serial Controllers – Channels 1 and 2 share one USC, and Channels 3 and 4 share the other. This implementation is important to realize since resetting a Z16C30 chip will have an effect on two serial channels. Since the USC chips are typically reset upon initialization, this means a "Reset USC" for Channel 1 will also "Reset USC" for Channel 2. In addition to making the second reset redundant and unnecessary, a Reset USC on one channel may inadvertently adversely affect normal operation on the second channel. Therefore, care must be exercised when resetting a USC (USC Reset bit in the Board Control Register), especially in multithreaded environments.

Since the USC Reset physically resets the USC, the first access to the USC following the reset must reinitialize the BCR in the USC. To complete the Reset process, the user should write data 0x00 to USC base address offset 0x100 or 0x300 to correctly initialize the BCR. Following this initial byte write, the USC may be accessed normally.

Due to the ability for a USC Reset to affect two channels, it is recommended that a single USC Channel be Reset via the RTReset bit of the USC Channel Command/Address Register (CACR).

2.2.2 8-Bit USC Register Access

As the USC has a configurable bus interface, the USC must be set to match the 8-bit non-multiplex interface implementation of the SIO4BX2. This setup information must be programmed into the USC Bus Configuration Register (BCR) upon initial power up and following every hardware reset of the USC. The BCR is accessible only following a USC hardware reset – the first write to the USC following a USC Reset programs the BCR. Even though the Zilog manual states the BCR has no specific address, the driver must use the channel USC base address – 0x100 for Ch 1 & Ch 2, 0x300 for Ch 3 & Ch 4 – as the BCR address. Failure to do so may result in improper setup. Since the user interface to the USC is an 8 bit interface, the software only needs to set the lower byte to 0x00 (hardware implementation will program the upper byte of the BCR).

2.2.3 USC Data Transfer

Although the Z16C30 USC contains 32 byte internal FIFOs for data transfer, these are typically not used on the SIO4BX2. Since the SIO4BX2 has much deeper external FIFOs (or internal FPGA FIFOs), the internal USC FIFOs are setup to immediately transfer data to/from the external FIFOs. Immediate transfer of received data to the external FIFOs eliminates the possibility of data becoming "stuck" in the USC internal receive FIFOs, while bypassing the USC internal transmit FIFOs ensures better control of the transmit data.

In order to automatically transfer data to and from the external FIFOs, the USC should use DMA to request a data transfer whenever one byte is available in the USC internal FIFOs. This "DMA" should not be confused with the DMA of data from the SIO4BX2 external FIFOs to the PCI interface. To accomplish the USC-to-External FIFO DMA transfer, the TxReq/RxReq pins should be set as DMA Requests in the IOCR, and the TxAck/RxAck pins should be set as DMA Acknowledge inputs in the HCR. In addition, the Tx Request Level should be set to 0x1F (31) using TCSR/TICR and the Rx Request Level should be set to 0 using RCSR/RICR. See Z16C30 manual for further details on programming the DMA request levels.

2.2.4 USC Register Memory Map

To access the USC in 8-bit mode, the driver is required to access the upper and lower bytes of each register independently. The odd address byte will access the upper byte of each register (D15-D8), and the even address byte will access the lower byte (D7-D0). Each USC register must be accessed independently as a byte access– the software cannot perform word or long word accesses to the USC registers.

The USC register map is provided below. The Channel Offset Address depicted is from the Channel Base Address $-(Ch 1$ Base Address = 0x100, Ch 2 Base Address = 0x200, Ch 3 Base Address = 0x300, Ch 4 Base Address = 0x400). For further programming details, please refer to the Zilog Z16C30 data books.

CHAPTER 3: PROGRAMMING

3.0 Introduction

This section addresses common programming questions when developing an application for the SIO4. General Standards has developed software libraries to simplify application development. These libraries handle many of the low-level issues described below, including Resets, FIFO programming, and DMA. These libraries may default the board to a "standard" configuration (one used by most applications), but still provide low-level access so applications may be customized. The following sections describe the hardware setup in detail for common programming issues.

3.1 Resets

Each serial channel provides control for four unique reset sources: a USC Reset, a Channel Reset, a Transmit FIFO Reset, and a Receive FIFO Reset. All resets are controlled from the GSC Channel Control/Status Registers. In addition, a Board Reset has been implemented in the Board Control Register. This board reset will reset all local registers to their default state as well as reset all FIFOs and USCs (all channels will be reset).

It is important to realize that since each Zilog Z16C30 chip contains two serial channels, a USC Reset to either channel will reset the entire chip (both channels affected). Due to the limitation of a USC Reset to affecting two channels, it is recommended that a single USC Channel be Reset via the RTReset bit of the USC Channel Command/Address Register (CCAR), as well as the Channel Reset.

The FIFO resets allow each individual FIFO (Tx and Rx) to be reset independently. Setting the FIFO reset bit will clear the FIFO immediately.

3.2 FIFOs

Deep transmit and receive FIFOs are the key to providing four high speed serial channels without losing data. Several features have been implemented to help in managing the on-board FIFOs. These include FIFO flags (Empty, Full, Almost Empty and Almost Full) presented as both real-time status bits and interrupt sources, and individual FIFO counters to determine the exact FIFO fill level. DMA of data to/from the FIFOs provides for fast and efficient data transfers.

A single memory address is used to access both transmit and receive FIFOs for each channel. Data written to this memory location will be written to the transmit FIFO, and data read from this location retrieves data from the receive FIFO. Individual resets for the FIFOs are also provided in the Channel Control/Status Register.

3.2.1 FIFO Flags

Four FIFO flags are present from each on-board FIFO: FIFO Empty, FIFO Full, FIFO Almost Empty, and FIFO Almost Full. These flags may be checked at any time from the Channel Control/Status Register. Note these flags are presented as active low signals ('0' signifies condition is true). The Empty and Full flags are asserted when the FIFO is empty or full, respectively. The Almost Empty and Almost Full flags are software programmable such that they may be asserted at any desired fill level. This may be useful in determining when a data transfer is complete or to provide an indicator that the FIFO is in danger of overflowing and needs immediate service.

The Almost Flag value represents the number of bytes from each respective "end" of the FIFO. The Almost Empty value represents the number of bytes from empty, and the Almost Full value represents the number of bytes from full (NOT the number of bytes from empty). For example, the default value of "0x0007 0007" in the FIFO Almost Register means that the Almost Empty Flag will indicate when the FIFO holds 7 bytes or fewer. It will transition as the 8th byte is read or written. In this example, the Almost Full Flag will indicate that the FIFO contains (FIFO Size – 7) bytes or more. For the standard 32Kbyte FIFO, an Almost Full value of 7 will cause the Almost Full flag to be asserted when the FIFO contains $32761 (32k - 7)$ or more bytes of data.

The values placed in the FIFO Almost Registers take effect immediately, but should be set while the FIFO is empty (or the FIFO should be reset following the change). Note that this is different than the method for FIFO Flag programming which has previously been implemented on SIO4 boards. No FIFO programming delay is necessary.

3.2.2 FIFO Counters

The FIFO Size and FIFO count registers can be used to determine the exact amount of data in a FIFO as well as the amount of free space remaining in a FIFO. The size of each FIFO is auto-detected following a board reset. Realtime FIFO counters report the exact number of data words currently in each FIFO. By utilizing this information, the user can determine the exact amount of data which can safely be transferred to the transmit FIFOs or transferred from the receive FIFO. This information should help streamline data transfers by eliminating the need to continuously check empty and full flags, yet still allow larger data blocks to be transferred.

3.2.3 FIFO Size

Unlike previous SIO4 boards which had ordering options for different FIFO sizes, the PCIe-SIO4BX2 always uses 32k byte deep FIFOs.

3.3 Board vs. Channel Registers

Since four serial channels are implemented on a single board, some registers apply to the entire board, while others are unique to each channel. It is intended that each channel can act independently, but the user must keep in mind that certain accesses will affect the entire board. Typically, the driver will adequately handle keeping board and channel interfaces separate. However, the user must also be mindful that direct access to certain registers will affect the entire board, not just a specific channel.

The Board Control and Board Status registers provide board level controls. Fundamentally, a board reset will do just that, reset all the GSC registers and FIFOs to their default state. Interrupt control is also shared among all registers, although local bits are segregated by channel. The device driver should take care of appropriately handling the inter-mixed channel interrupts and pass them on to the application appropriately.

3.4 Programmable Oscillator / Programmable Clocks

Four On-Board Programmable Oscillators provide each channel with a unique programmable clock source. In order to program the oscillator, it is necessary to calculate and program values for different clock frequencies. General Standards has developed routines to calculate the necessary values for a given setup and program the clock generator. These routines are written in C, but may be ported for user specific applications. Contact GSC for help in porting these routines.

The default clock configuration at power-up for the programmable clock on all channels is 20MHz.

See Appendix A for more detailed information concerning programming the on-board clock frequencies.

3.5 Clock Setup

Figure 3-1 shows the relationship of the various clock sources on the SIO4BX2 board. These clock sources can be most simply viewed in three sections: On-Board Programmable Clocks, IO Connector Clocks, and USC Clocks.

The Programmable Clocks consist of a one on-board programmable PLL (with post divider) per channel. This allows each channel to have a unique programmable clock (ProgClk).

The IO Connector Clocks consist of a Receive Clock (RxC), a Transmit Clock (TxC), and a bidirectional Auxiliary Clock (AuxC) for each channel. RxC is always an input and may be used as a clock source for either TxC or the USC Clocks. The Auxiliary clock may be set as an input (RxAuxC) or output (TxAuxC).

TxC is always an output. It may be generated from ProgClk, inverted ProgClk, RxC, RxAuxC, either of the USC clocks (USC_TxC or USC_RxC), or forced hi or low (for software control). The TxC Source is controlled by bits D8-D6 of the Pin Source Register.

The USC Clocks (USC RxC and USC TxC) are bidirectional signals. Even though the names of these clocks seem to imply a receive clock and a transmit clock, both clocks are fully programmable and identical in function – either clock may be used for transmit or receive. The USC clocks may be sourced from either the USC or the FPGA (via the Pin Source register). The user must be careful to ensure that both the USC and Pin Source Register are setup to agree. If a USC clock is set as an output in the USC, it should be programmed as an input in the Pin Source register. Likewise, if a USC clock source is driven from the Pin Source register, the user should program the pin as an input to the USC.

Figure 3-1 – Clock Configuration

The programmable clocks on the SIO4BX2 provides flexibility to handle almost any clock configuration scenario. However, this flexibility can also complicate the clock setup, especially for simple setups. The following guidelines are typical asynchronous and synchronous setups which should work for most setups.

In asynchronous mode, the clock does not need to be transmitted with the data. Therefore, the USC Clock pins will be used for the input baud rate clock. Since the RxC and TxC pins have identical functions, the RxC and TxC pins may be used interchangeably. The async baud rate clock will be $16x / 32x / or 64x$ the actual baud rate due to the async oversampling. This oversample rate is set in the USC Channel Mode Register when async mode is selected. The simplest method will be to program the channel programmable clock to be 16/32/64 times the desired baud rate and use this clock as the source for the TxC/RxC pin. Section 2.1.11 describes how to program the Pin Source Register to set TxC / RxC = Programmable Clock. The USC should be programmed such that TxC / RxC is an input (in the USC I/O Control Register), and the USC baud rate generator will be bypassed completely. If both Rx and Tx are operating at the same baud rate, the same USC clock pin can be used for both the transmit and receive clocks.

For synchronous modes, the clock is transmitted and received on the cable along with the data. This can present a problem since the USC only has two clock pins. Since one clock is necessary for receive clock and the other is necessary for the transmit clock, there is no clock pin available for an input to the USC baud rate generators. The on-board programmable clocks provide a solution for this situation. By using the programmable oscillator and the programmable clock post-divider, the on-board programmable clock can usually be set directly to the desired transmit baud rate. The USC TxC pin and the Cable TxC are both set equal to the Programmable Clock in the Pin Source Register. The USC RxC pin is used for the receive clock from the cable interface, so it will be set to the

cable RxC in the Pin Source Register. Since the FPGA will source both USC clocks, they must be programmed as inputs in the USC I/O Control Register.

The preceding suggestions should work for most applications. The default Pin Source Register value should set the clocks to work with both scenarios – USC TxC pin = Programmable Clock, USC RxC Pin = Cable RxC, Cable TxC $=$ Programmable Clock. (For async, use USC TxC is input clock).

3.6 Multiprotocol Transceiver Control

The SIO8BX2 has multiprotocol transceivers which allow RS422/RS485 and RS232 modes. The mode is set by the Protocol Mode field in the Pin Source Register.

3.7 DCE/DTE Mode

As all signals are bidirectional, the DCE or DTE mode will set the direction for each signal. For the transceivers to be configured as either DTE or DCE, set the DCE/DTE Enable bit in the Pin Source register (D31). The following table gives the input/output configuration for each signal: The DCD and AuxC direction is set in the Pin Source register fields, independent of DCE/DTE mode.

3.8 Loopback Modes

For normal operation, the Cable Transceiver Enable bit of the Pin Source Register will turn on the cable transceivers, and the DTE/DCE Mode bit will set the transceiver direction. These bits must be set before any data is transmitted over the user interface.

Additionally, there are several ways to loopback data to aid in debug operations. Data may be physically looped back externally by connecting one channel to another. For DB25 cable applications, this simple loopback method will requires a gender changer to connect one channel to another. One channel will be set to DTE mode, the other to DCE mode. Data sent from one channel will be received on the other.

An External Loopback mode (External Loopback bit set in the Pin Source Register) is also provided to loop back data on the same channel without requiring any external cabling. In this mode, the DTE/DCE mode will control the location for the transmit signals (TxC, TXD, RTS), and the receive signals will use these same signals as the receive inputs. Since signals are transmitted and received through the transceivers, this mode allows the setup to be verified (including signal polarity) without any external connections. Since external signals could interfere with loopback operation, all cables should be disconnected when running in external loopback mode.

An Internal Loopback Mode is also provided which loops back on the same channel internal to the board. This provides a loopback method which does not depend on DTE/DCE mode or signal polarity. This can remove cable transceiver and signal setup issues to aid in debugging. If the Cable Transceivers are enabled, the transmit data will still appear on the appropriate transmit pins (based on DTE/DCE Mode setting). The Pin Status register will not reflect internally looped back signals, only signals to/from the transceivers.

3.9 General Purpose IO

Unused signals at the cable may be used for general purpose IO. The Pin Source and Pin Status Registers provide for simple IO control of all the cable interface signals. For outputs, the output value is set using the appropriate field in the Pin Source Register. All inputs can be read via the Pin Status register.

3.10 Interrupts

The SIO4BX2 has a number of interrupt sources which are passed to the host CPU via the PCI Interrupt A. Since there is only one physical interrupt source, the interrupts pass through a number of "levels" to get multiplexed onto this single interrupt. The interrupt originates in the PCI9056 PCI Bridge, which combines the internal PLX interrupt sources (DMA) with the local space interrupt. The driver will typically take care of setting up and handling the PCI9056 interrupts. The single Local Interrupt is made up of the interrupt sources described in Section 2.1.10. In addition, the Zilog USC contains a number of interrupt sources which are combined into a single Local Interrupt. The user should be aware that interrupts must be enabled at each level for an interrupt to occur. For example, if a USC interrupt is used, it must be setup and enabled in the USC, enabled in the GSC Firmware Interrupt Control Register, and enabled in the PCI9056. In addition, the interrupt must be acknowledged and/or cleared at each level following the interrupt.

3.11 PCI DMA

The PCI DMA functionality allows data to be transferred between host memory and the SIO4BX2 onboard FIFOs with the least amount of CPU overhead. The PCI9056 bridge chip handles all PCI DMA functions, and the device driver should handle the details of the DMA transfer. (Note: DMA refers to the transfer of Data from the on-board FIFOs over the PCI bus. This should not be confused with the DMA mode of the USC – transfer of data between the USC and the on-board FIFOs. This On-Board DMA is setup by the driver and should always be enabled).

There are two PCI DMA modes – Demand Mode DMA and Non-Demand Mode DMA. Demand Mode DMA refers to data being transferred on demand. For receive, this means data will be transferred as soon as it is received into the FIFO. Likewise, for transmit, data will be transferred to the FIFOs as long as the FIFO is not full. The disadvantage to Demand Mode DMA is that the DMA transfers are dependent on the user data interface. If the user data transfer is incomplete, the Demand mode DMA transfer will also stop. If a timeout occurs, there is no way to determine the exact amount of data transferred before it was aborted.

Non-Demand Mode DMA does not check the FIFO empty/full flags before or during the data transfer – it simply assumes there is enough available FIFO space to complete the transfer. If the transfer size is larger than the available data, the transfer will complete with invalid results. This is the preferred mode for DMA operation. The FIFO Counters may be used to determine how much space is available for DMA so that the FIFO will never over/under run. Demand Mode DMA requires less software control, but runs the risk of losing data due to an incomplete transfer. The GSC library uses this method (Non-Demand DMA and checking the FIFO counters) as the standard transfer method.

CHAPTER 4: PCI INTERFACE

4.0 PCI Interface Registers

The PMC/PCI interface is handled by a PCI9056 I/O Accelerator from PLX Technology. The PCI interface is compliant with the 5V, 66MHz 32-bit PCI Specification 2.2. The PCI9056 provides dual DMA controllers for fast data transfers to and from the on-board FIFOs. Fast DMA burst accesses provide for a maximum burst throughput of 264MB/s to the PCI interface. To reduce CPU overhead during DMA transfers, the controller also implements Chained (Scatter/Gather) DMA, as well as Demand Mode DMA.

Since many features of the PCI9056 are not utilized in this design, it is beyond the scope of this document to duplicate the PCI9056 User's Manual. Only those features, which will clarify areas specific to the PCIe-SIO4BX2 are detailed here. Please refer to the PCI9056 User's Manual (See Related Publications) for more detailed information. Note that the BIOS configuration and software driver will handle most of the PCI9056 interface. Unless the user is writing a device driver, the details of this PCI Interface Chapter may be skipped.

4.1 PCI Registers

The PLX 9056 contains many registers, many of which have no effect on the SIO4BX2 performance. The following section attempts to filter the information from the PCI9056 manual to provide the necessary information for a SIO4BX2 specific driver.

The SIO4BX2 uses an on-board serial EEPROM to initialize many of the PCI9056 registers after a PCI Reset. This allows board specific information to be preconfigured correctly.

4.1.1 PCI Configuration Registers

The PCI Configuration Registers allow the PCI controller to identify and control the cards in a system.

PCI device identification is provided by the Vendor ID/Device ID (Addr 0x0000) and Sub-Vendor ID/Sub-Device ID Registers (0x002C). The following definitions are unique to the General Standards SIO4BX2 boards. All drivers should verify the ID/Sub-ID information before attaching to this card. These values are fixed via the Serial EEPROM load following a PCI Reset, and cannot be changed by software.

The configuration registers also setup the PCI IO and Memory mapping for the SIO4BX2. The PCI9056 is setup to use PCIBAR0 and PCIBAR1 to map the internal PLX registers into PCI Memory and IO space respectively. PCIBAR2 will map the Local Space Registers into PCI memory space, and PCIBAR3 is unused. Typically, the OS will configure the PCI configuration space.

For further information of the PCI configuration registers, please consult the PLX Technology PCI9056 Manual.

4.1.2 Local Configuration Registers

The Local Configuration registers give information on the Local side implementation. These include the required memory size. The SIO4BX2 memory size is initialized to 4k Bytes. All other Local Registers initialize to the default values described in the PCI9056 Manual.

4.1.3 Runtime Registers

The Runtime registers consist of mailbox registers, doorbell registers, and a general-purpose control register. The mailbox and doorbell registers are not used and serve no purpose on the SIO4BX2. All other Runtime Registers initialize to the default values described in the PCI9056 Manual.

4.1.4 DMA Registers

The Local DMA registers are used to setup the DMA transfers to and from the on-board FIFOs. DMA is supported only to the four FIFO locations. The SIO4BX2 supports both Demand (DREQ# controlled) and Non-Demand mode DMA. Both Channel 0 and Channel 1 DMA are supported.

4.1.4.1 DMA Channel Mode Register: (PCI 0x80 / 0x94)

The DMA Channel Mode register must be setup to match the hardware implementation.

CHAPTER 5: HARDWARE CONFIGURATION

5.0 Board Layout

The following figure is a drawing of the physical components of the PCIe-SIO4BX2:

Figure 5-1: Board Layout – Top

5.1 Board ID Jumper J2

Jumper J2 allows the user to set the Board ID in the Board Status Register (See Section 2.1.3). This is useful to uniquely identify a board if more than one SIO4BX2 card is in a system. When the Board ID jumper is installed, it will read '1' in the Board Status Register. The Board Status Register bit will report '0' when the jumper is removed. Refer to Figure 5-1 for Jumper J2 location.

5.2 Termination Resistors

The PCIe-SIO4BX2 transceivers have built in termination resistors for the RS422/RS485 mode. The built in RS422/RS485 termination is a 120 Ohm parallel termination. If desired, the internal termination resistors may be disabled by setting bit D30 in the Pin Source Register.

The board is designed with socketed external parallel termination (if a different value than the internal termination is required). The external termination resistors are 8 pin SIPs. There are 8 termination SIPs – RP1-RP4, RP7-RP10. The external parallel resistors are for RS422/RS485 termination only. Refer to Figure 5-1 for resistor pack locations.

Please contact quotes@generalstandards.com if a different termination value is required.

5.3 LEDs

Five bicolor LEDs (D1-D5) are accessible via software. Refer to Figure 5-1 for these LED locations.

LED D1 is controlled from the Board Control Register. LED D1 Red is controlled by D25, and LED D1 Green is controlled D24

The remaining 4 LEDs are controlled from D23:D20 of the four Channel Control Registers. Each Channel Control Register controls 1 LED. If D23:D22="10", the Red LED will turn off. Likewise, if D23:D22="11", the Red LED will turn on. D21:D20 controls the Green LED in the pair.

LED D2 is controlled by Ch 4 LED D3 is controlled by Ch 3 LED_D4 is controlled by Ch 2 LED D5 is controlled by Ch 1

Additionally, if all the LED controls are set to 0 in all four of the Channel Control Registers (power up default), the LEDs will display the lower 4 bits of the firmware revision in Green LED D2 to LED D5.

LED D6 displays the PCIe link status. It will be off for "No PCIe Link" and on when the PCIe link is established. (Note: for Rev NR PCB, the D6 will be $On = No$ Link / Off = Link).

The remaining LED (D7) displays the firmware status. This LED should flash at power up or after a PCIe reset, then it will turn off. The LED should be off during normal operation.

5.4 Interface Connector

User I/O Connector: 68-pin SCSI connector (female) (P2) Part Number: AMP/TYCO 787170-7 Mating Connector: AMP/TYCO 749111-6 (or equivalent)

Note: RS422/RS485 mode or RS232 mode is set on a per channel basis

Table 1- Front Panel (P2) IO Connections

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CHAPTER 6: ORDERING OPTIONS

6.0 Ordering Information

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6.1 Interface Cable

General Standards Corporation can provide an interface cable for the SIO4BX2 board. This standard cable is a twisted pair cable for increased noise immunity. Several standard cable lengths are offered, or the cable length can be custom ordered to the user's needs. Versions of the cable are available with connectors on both ends, or the cable may be ordered with a single connector to allow the user to adapt the other end for a specific application. A standard cable is available which will breakout the serial channels into eight DB25 connectors. Shielded cable options are also available. Please consult our sales department for more information on cabling options and pricing.

6.2 Device Drivers

General Standards has developed many device drivers for The SIO4BX2 boards, including VxWorks, Windows, Linux, and LabView. As new drivers are always being added, please consult our website [\(www.generalstandards.com\)](http://www.generalstandards.com/) or consult our sales department for a complete list of available drivers and pricing.

6.3 Custom Applications

Although the SIO4BX2 board provides extensive flexibility to accommodate most user applications, a user application may require modifications to conform to a specialized user interface. General Standards Corporation has worked with many customers to provide customized versions based on the SIO4BX2 boards. Please consult our sales department with your specifications to inquire about a custom application

APPENDIX A: PROGRAMMABLE OSCILLATOR PROGRAMMING

The 4 on-baord clock frequencies are supplies via two Cypress Semiconductor CY22393 Programmable Clock Generatosr. In order to change the clock frequencies, this chip must be reprogrammed. This document supplies the information necessary to reprogram the on-board clock frequencies. GSC has developed routines to calculate and program the on-board oscillator for a given set of frequencies, so it should not be necessary for the user need the following information – it is provided for documentation purposes. Please contact GSC for help in setting up the onboard oscillator.

The CY22393 contains several internal address which contain the programming information. GSC has mirrored this data internal to the FPGA (CLOCK RAM) to allow the user to simply setup the data in the FPGA RAM and then command the on-board logic to program the clock chip. This isolates the user from the hardware serial interface to the chip. For detailed CY22393 programming details, please refer to the Cypress Semiconductor CY22393 dat sheet.

For the SIO4BX2, a second programmable oscillator has been added to assure that each channel has a dedicated PLL. (The older SIO4BX uses 3 PLLs in a single CY22393 to generate all four clocks). To implement this, a second CLOCK RAM block was added. CLOCK RAM1 programs the first CY22393 (using CLKA=Ch1_Clk, CLKB=Ch2_Clk, CLKC=Ch3_Clk), and CLOCK_RAM2 programs the second CY22393 (using CLKD=Ch4_Clk). Since the original SIO4BX (with a single CY22393) used CLKD for Ch4_Clk, the same code can be made to support both schemes by simply programming CLKD of the first CY22393.

Each CLOCK RAM block is accessed through 2 registers – Address Offset at local offset 0x00A0 and Data at local ffset at 0x00A4 (CLOCK RAM1) or 0x00AC (CLOCK RAM2). The user simply sets the RAM Address register to the appropriate offset, then reads or writes the the RAM data. The Programmable Osc Control/Status register allows the user to program the CY22393 or setup the clock post-dividers.

The GSC Local Programmable Clock Registers are defined as follows:

0x00A0 – RAM Address Register

Defines the internal CLOCK RAM address to read/write

0x00A4 – RAM Data1 Register

Provides access to the CLOCK RAM1 pointed to by the RAM Addr Register.

0x00AC – RAM Data2 Register

Provides access to the CLOCK RAM2 pointed to by the RAM Addr Register.

0x00A8 – Programmable Osc Control/Status Register

Provides control to write the contents of the CLOCK RAM to the CY22393 and setup additional postdividers for the input clocks.

Control Word (Write Only)

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Status Word (Read Only)

Channel Clock Post-Dividers:

The Control Word defines 4 fields for Channel Clock Post-dividers. These post-dividers will further divide down the input clock from the programmable oscillator to provide for slow baud rates. Each 4 bit field will allow a post divider of 2[^]n. For example, if the post-divider value=0, the input clock is not post-divided. A value of 2 will provide a post-divide of 4 (2^2). This will allow for a post-divide value of up to 32768 (2^4 15) for each input clock. Bit D7 of the Control word qualifies writes to the post-divide registers. This allows other bits in the command register to be set while the post-divide values are maintained.

Channel Clock Measurement:

The Control Word defines 4 bits which will select one of the 4 channel clocks (input clock + post-divide) for a measurement. This will allow the user feedback as to whether the programmable oscillator was programmed correctly. To measure a clock, select the clock to measure in the Control word, and also clear Bit D6 to allow for readback of the result. Read back the Status Word until D2 is set. Status Word D31-D8 should contain a value representing $1/10$ the measured clock frequency (Value $*$ 10 = Measured Frequency in MHz). Keep in mind that this value will not be exactly the programmed frequency due to the 100ppm (0.01%) accuracy of the on-board reference.

The Internal RAM is defined as follows: RAM Address 0x08–0x57 correspond directly to the CY22393 registers.

APPENDIX B: FIRMWARE REVISIONS / FEATURES REGISTER

Since SIO4 boards can exist across multiple form factors and with various hardware features, the firmware/features registers attempt to help identify the exact version of a SIO4 board. This appendix provides a more detailed breakdown of what the firmware and features registers, and detail differences between the firmware revisions.

Firmware Register - Local Offset 0x00 (0xE5100100)

Feature Register - Local Offset 0xFC (0x00197AF4)

