
SmartFusion2 MSS

DDR Bridge Configuration



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Configuration Options

The DDR bridge is a data bridge between four AHB bus masters and a single AXI bus slave. It accumulates AHB writes into write combining buffers prior to bursting out to external DDR memory. It also includes read combining buffers, enabling AHB masters to efficiently read data from the external DDR memory from a local buffer. The DDR bridge optimizes reads and writes from multiple masters to a single external DDR memory. Data coherency rules between the four masters and the external DDR memory are implemented in the hardware.

The DDR bridge contains three write combining / Read buffers and one read buffer. All buffers within the DDR bridge are implemented with latches and are not subject to the single event upsets (SEU's) that SRAM exhibits. For complete details please refer to the Microsemi SmartFusion2 User's Guide.

Configuration Options

Write Buffer Timing Out Counter - This is a 10-bit timer interface used to configure the timeout register in the write buffer module (Figure 1). Once the timer reaches the timeout value, a flush request is generated by the flush controller and if the response has been received for a previous write request from the write arbiter, this request is posted to the write arbiter. This register is common for all buffers.

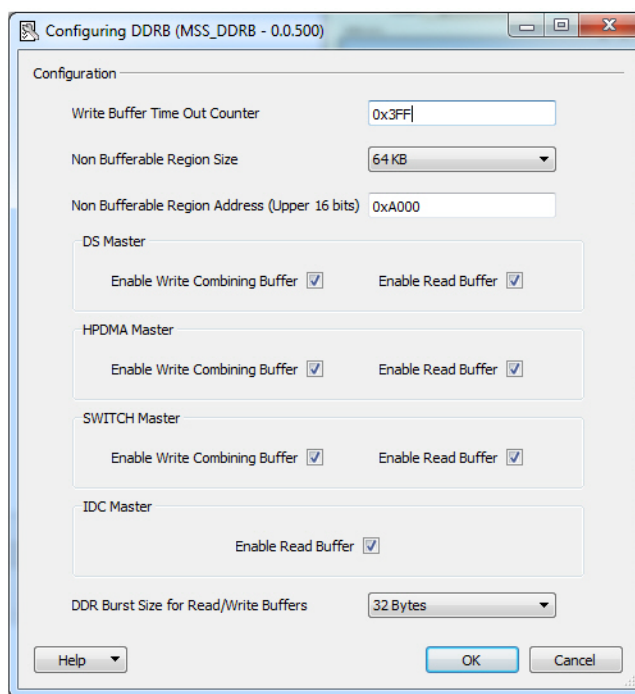


Figure 1 • Configuring DDR Bridge

Non Bufferable Region Size - Use this option to set the size of non-bufferable address region.

Non Bufferable Region Address - Use this option to set the base address of a non-bufferable address region. Bits [15:(N - 1)] of this signal are compared with AHB address [31:(N + 15)] to check whether address is in non-bufferable region. The value of N depends on the non-bufferable region size, so the base address is defined according to the DDRB_NB_SZ register that holds the non-bufferable region size value defined in this configurator.

Enabling Write Combining Buffer - Use these options to enable the Write Combining Buffers for the DS, HPDMA and AHB Bus (SWITCH) Masters.

Enabling Read Buffer - Use these options to enable the Read Buffers for the DS, HPDMA and AHB Bus (SWITCH) and IDC Masters.

DDR Burst Size For Read/Write Buffers - Use this to configure the write buffer and read buffer size as per DDR burst size. The IDC read buffer has a fixed size of 32 bytes. Other buffers can be configured to 16-byte or 32-byte size.

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Website

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Contacting the Customer Technical Support Center

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