

## Introduction [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

The SmartFusion® 2 Microcontroller Subsystem (MSS) offers four different Fabric Interface Controller (FIC), depending on your device:

- DDR\_FIC
- SMC\_FIC
- FIC\_0
- FIC\_1

These interface blocks enable the MSS to interface with logic implemented in the FPGA fabric and vice-versa.

The DDR\_FIC is used when you configure the MSS DDR block (MDDR) such that the external DDR memory can be accessed from an FPGA fabric master through an Advanced eXtensible Interface (AXI) or two AHBLite Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture (AMBA®) interfaces.

The SMC\_FIC is used when you configure the MSS DDR block in the Single Date Rate (SDR) mode. In this configuration, the MSS accesses external SDR Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) or Asynchronous memories through a soft memory controller instantiated in the FPGA fabric, such as CoreSDR\_AXI. The SMC\_FIC is an AXI or AHBLite target AMBA interface. The DDR\_FIC and SMC\_FIC interfaces are mutually exclusive; only one is active at a time.

The FIC interfaces enable you to naturally extend the MSS AMBA Bus into the FPGA fabric. There are up to two FIC instances per MSS depending on the selected device. The first instance is named FIC\_0 (which is available on every device) and the second is named FIC\_1 (may not be present in the smaller devices). You can configure the FIC as either an APB3 or AHBLite AMBA interface depending on your design needs. In each mode, a master and a slave and bus interface is available. That is, a master in the fabric can interface to a slave in the MSS and a master in the MSS can interface to a target in the fabric.

Each Fabric Interface subsystem operates on a different clock frequency, defined as a ratio of the MSS main clock M3\_CLK.

The SmartFusion 2 architecture imposes rules related to clocking domains between the fabric interfaces and the FPGA fabric. This document provides guidance on how to properly construct such systems.

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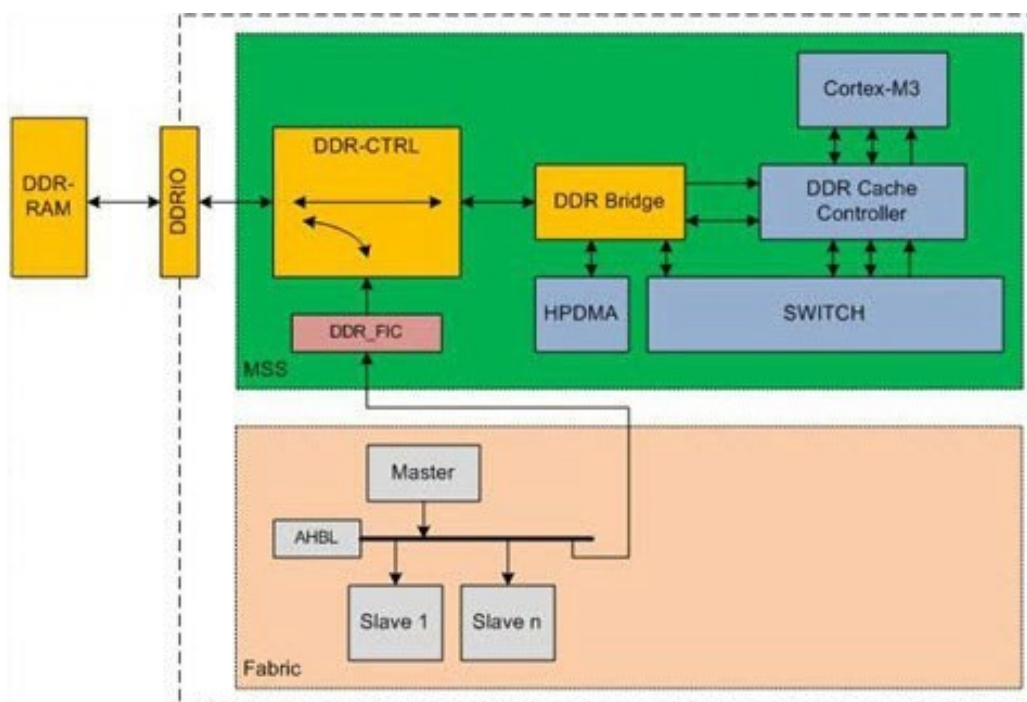
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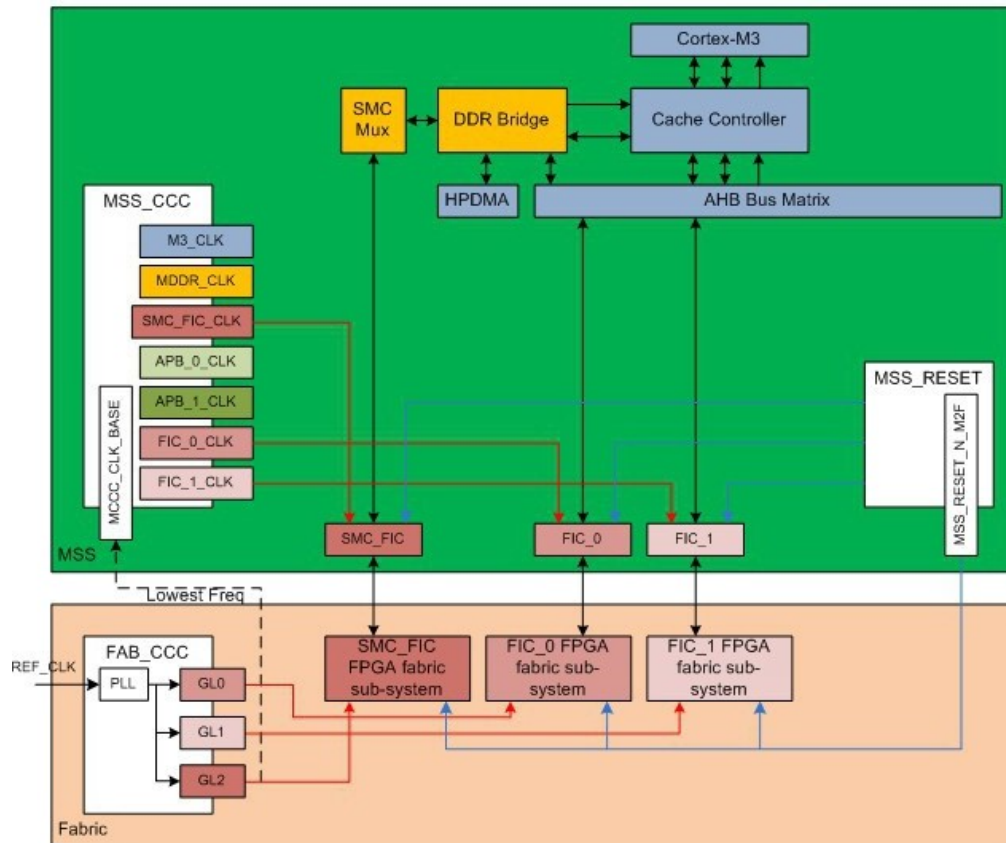
## 1. Overview [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

The following figures show how the MSS connects to the FPGA fabric through the various Fabric Interface Controllers (FIC). [Figure 1-1](#) shows the block diagram when DDR\_FIC is used (external DDR memory) to configure and [Figure 1-2](#) shows a block diagram of when SMC\_FIC is used (external SDR memory).

The following figures show the MSS sub-blocks essential to connect the MSS to the FPGA fabric. The FIC sub-block may or may not be used in your application. You may not be using the DDR\_FIC or SMC\_FIC interfaces in your design. However, this does not change the overall requirements for how to create a design with one or more FIC blocks used in the design.

**Figure 1-1.** MSS to FPGA Fabric Block Diagram—DDR\_FIC Mode



**Figure 1-2. MSS to FPGA Fabric Block Diagram—SMC\_FIC Mode**

The MSS contains the following blocks:

- AHB\_Bus matrix: All transactions in the MSS go through this block.
- DDR Controller: Interfaces with the DDR\_FIC.
- DDR\_FIC (SMC\_FIC) sub-block: Used if you enable the FPGA fabric to DDR path in the MSS\_MDDR configurator.
- FIC\_0 sub-block
- FIC\_1 sub-block: In larger devices only.
- FIC\_2 sub-block: For APB initialization of SerDes and external DDRs.
- MSS\_CCC sub-block needed to configure the FIC clocks relative to the MSS main clock (M3\_CLK).
- MSS\_RESET sub-block that generates the MSS internal resets as well as the MSS\_RESET\_N\_M2F signal that drives the FPGA fabric.

The FPGA fabric contains:

- Three FIC subsystems (DDR\_FIC, FIC\_0 and FIC\_1)
- Fabric CCC and FAB\_CCC: Generates the clocks that drive the FPGA fabric FIC subsystem as well as the MCCC\_CLK\_BASE port on the MSS block.
- FAB\_CCC reference clock signal: This is one of the on-chip oscillators, an external crystal oscillator, a clock generated internally to the fabric or from outside the chip.

The block diagrams also show the clock network in red and the reset network in dark blue. This document discusses each of these blocks and describes how to connect the clocks and resets.

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The diagram illustrates the Microcontroller Subsystem architecture. A central AHB Bus Matrix connects various hardware components. Key components include:

- External Memory Configurator (DDR\_FIC and SMC\_FIC)**: Connected to the AHB Bus Matrix and the Cortex M0.
- Cortex M0**: The main microcontroller core, connected to the AHB Bus Matrix and the Clock Controller.
- Clock Controller**: Manages the system clock, connected to the Cortex M0 and the AHB Bus Matrix.
- DDR Bridge**: Connects the Cortex M0 to the External Memory Configurator.
- ENVM**: Environmental Variable Memory, connected to the AHB Bus Matrix.
- Peripheral Interfacing**: Includes USB (with USB\_PADS), Ethernet (with ETH\_MAC), and various other peripherals like MINUART\_0, MINUART\_1, SPI\_0, SPI\_1, I2C\_0, I2C\_1, CAN, OPD, and RTC.
- System Management**: Includes Oscillators, MSS\_CCC (with MSS\_CLK\_MGR), RESET Controller, Interrupt Management, SECDED, and Security.
- Fabric Interface Controller (FIC) Configurators**: Manage the Fabric Interface Controller (FIC) components, including FIC\_0, FIC\_1, and FIC\_2 (Peripheral Interfacing).

Legend:

- Hardware Configuration (Blue box)
- Disabled (Grey box)

### 3. SmartDesign and MSS Configurator Actions [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

There are several common actions referenced in this document; they are summarized in the following list:



**Tip:** If you are familiar with SmartDesign and the MSS, you can skip to the next section.

- **Instantiating a core:** The action of selecting a core from the Libero® SoC IP catalog, dragging and dropping that core onto a SmartDesign Canvas.
- **Configuring a core:** The action of opening the configurator for an instance of that core on the canvas. In the configurator dialog box, select a particular configuration and click OK to commit. As a result of that action, only ports pertinent to the current configuration are visible and available for use.
- **Instantiating a component:** The action of selecting a component in the Libero SoC Design Hierarchy, dragging and dropping that component onto a SmartDesign canvas.
- **Instantiating a custom AMBA compliant component:** The action of selecting an HDL+ component in the Libero SoC Design Hierarchy, dragging and dropping that component onto a SmartDesign canvas. Using the HDL+ feature enables you to add AMBA compliant Bus Interfaces (BIFs) to your regular HDL module.
- **Configuring a component:** The action of opening the configurator for a component instantiated on a SmartDesign Canvas or from the Design Hierarchy. In the configurator dialog box, select a particular configuration and click OK to commit. As a result of that action, all instances on that component in the Libero SoC project are affected and need to be updated. When an instance is updated with the latest component, only ports pertinent to the current configuration are visible and available for use.
- **Enabling an MSS sub-block:** Some MSS sub-blocks can be enabled or disabled, indicating that they are used in the current application. All unused sub-blocks must be disabled.
- **Configuring an MSS sub-block:** The action of opening the configurator for that sub-block in the MSS configurator. In the configurator dialog box, select a particular configuration and click OK to commit, then save the MSS configuration. As the result of these actions, the MSS component has a new configuration and potentially a new port interface. When the instance of the MSS is updated with the latest component, only the MSS ports pertinent to the current configuration are visible and available for use.
- **Creating a FPGA fabric subsystem:** The action of instantiating, configuring cores and components in a SmartDesign canvas and connecting them together and to the MSS component instantiated already in that particular SmartDesign.

## 4. Configuring the DDR\_FIC Subsystem [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

To configure or create a DDR\_FIC subsystem, perform the following steps:

1. Configure the MSS MDDR to expose the DDR\_FIC interface.
2. Create the FPGA fabric DDR\_FIC subsystem including instantiation/configuration/connectivity for the following buses:
  - AXI or AHBLite bus
  - AXI or AHBLite bus master(s)
  - Other masters and peripherals on the bus as required by your application.
  - Clocks and resets. For more information, see [Configuring the FIC Subsystem Clocks](#) and [Configuring the FIC Subsystem Reset](#) sections.

These steps are described in detail in the following sections:

### 4.1 Configure the MSS MDDR Sub-block to Expose the DDR\_FIC Bus Interface [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

The DDR\_FIC interface is exposed when your application needs to access the external DDR memory from the FPGA fabric. In this configuration, the MDDR subblock exposes the DDR\_FIC interface, which is a slave (Advanced eXtensible Interface (AXI)) or AHB-Lite Bus Interface (BIF). The following figure shows the MSS DDR configuration with access from FPGA Fabric.

**Figure 4-1.** MSS DDR Configuration with Access from FPGA Fabric

The screenshot shows the 'MSS DDR Configuration' window with the 'Memory Initialization' tab selected. At the top are three buttons: 'Import Configuration', 'Export Configuration', and 'Restore Defaults'. Below the tabs, the 'Memory Settings' section includes:
 

- Memory Type:** A dropdown menu set to 'DDR2'.
- Data Width:** A dropdown menu set to '8'.
- SECDED Enabled ECC:** An unchecked checkbox.
- Arbitration Scheme:** A dropdown menu set to 'Type-0'.
- Highest Priority ID:** A text input field containing '0'.
- Address Mapping:** A dropdown menu set to '{ROW,BANK,COLUMN}'.

 The 'Fabric Interface Settings' section is checked and contains three radio button options:
 

- Use an AXI interface:** Selected (indicated by a blue dot).
- Use an AHBLite Interface:** Unselected.
- Use two AHBLite Interfaces:** Unselected.

 The 'IO Drive Strength' section at the bottom has two radio button options:
 

- Half Drive Strength:** Selected (indicated by a blue dot).
- Full Drive Strength:** Unselected.

## 4.2 Create the FPGA Fabric DDR\_FIC Subsystem [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

Based on the FPGA bus connection type you selected—AXI, Single AHBLite or double AHB-Lite—you must create a subsystem that matches your selection.

### 4.2.1 DDR\_FIC/AXI Subsystem [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

To configure/create a DDR\_FIC/AXI subsystem, perform the following steps:

1. From the **Catalog** window, instantiate and configure the CoreAXI IP core. Enable the slots you plan to use for your application as well as the amount of memory per slot that matches your design requirements. Since you are addressing an external DDR memory, your slot size selection must match the space that you plan on addressing from the FPGA fabric master, see the following figure.

**Figure 4-2.** CoreAXI Configuration

Configuring COREAXI\_0 (COREAXI - 2.1.101)

Configuration

Memory space

Memory space: 16, 256MB slots beginning at address 0x00000000

AXI data width: 64

Enable master access

|                                                                |                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| M0 can access slave slot 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | M0 can access slave slot 1 <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| M0 can access slave slot 2 <input type="checkbox"/>            | M0 can access slave slot 3 <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| M0 can access slave slot 4 <input type="checkbox"/>            | M0 can access slave slot 5 <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| M0 can access slave slot 6 <input type="checkbox"/>            | M0 can access slave slot 7 <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| M0 can access slave slot 8 <input type="checkbox"/>            | M0 can access slave slot 9 <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| M0 can access slave slot 10 <input type="checkbox"/>           | M0 can access slave slot 11 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| M0 can access slave slot 12 <input type="checkbox"/>           | M0 can access slave slot 13 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| M0 can access slave slot 14 <input type="checkbox"/>           | M0 can access slave slot 15 <input type="checkbox"/> |

Select AXI channel ID width: 4

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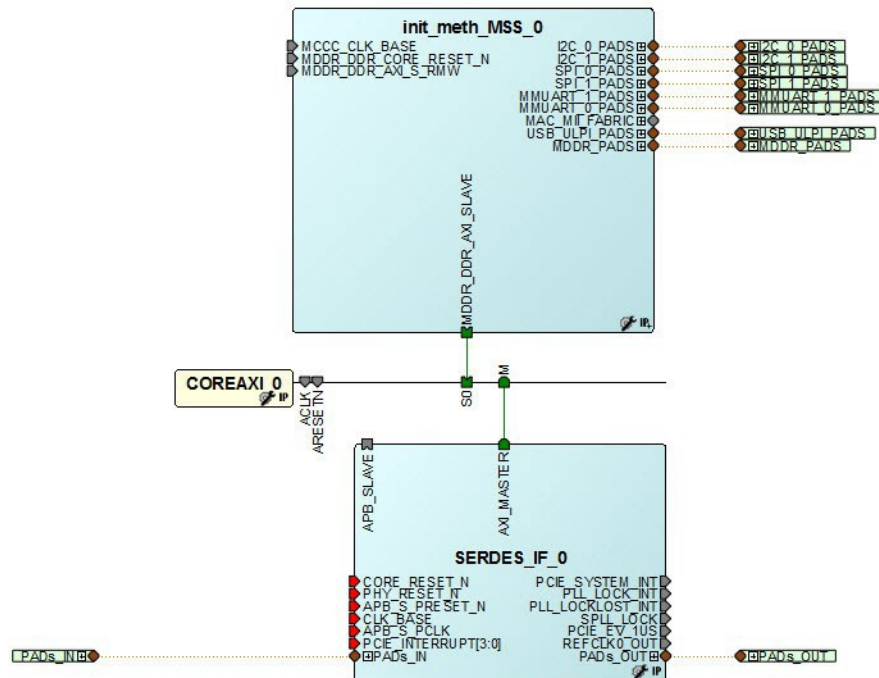
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2. Instantiate and configure the AMBA AXI-compliant master core or component that is intended to master to the AXI bus. If your application requires more than one master onto the CoreAXI bus, instantiate the second master also.
3. Connect the subsystem:
  - a. Connect the CoreAXI mirrored-master Bus Interface (BIF) port M0 (M1) to the master BIF port of your master core instance(s).
  - b. Connect the MSS DDR\_FIC slave BIF port—MDDR\_DDR\_AXI\_SLAVE—to the proper CoreAXI bus mirrored-slave slot as per your memory map requirement. If you have other slaves on that bus, connect them, as per your memory map.
  - c. Clocks and resets. For more information, see [Configuring the FIC Subsystem Clocks](#) and [Configuring the FIC Subsystem Reset](#) sections.

The following figure shows the DDR\_FIC AXI subsystem.

Figure 4-3. DDR\_FIC AXI Subsystem



#### 4.2.2 DDR\_FIC/Single-AHBLite Subsystem [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

To configure/create a DDR\_FIC/Single-AHBLite subsystem, perform the following steps:

1. From the **Catalog** window, instantiate and configure the CoreAHBLite IP core. Enable the slots that you plan to use for your application as shown the following figure. In this example, CoreAHBLite is configured to address one 4GB of DDR RAM memory space using slot0 from master M0. Since you are addressing an external DDR memory, your slot size selection must match the amount of DDR memory space that you plan on addressing from the FPGA fabric master.

**Figure 4-4.** Core AHBLite—Combined Region Master Configuration

Configuration

Memory space

Memory space: 4GB addressable space apportioned into 16 slave slots, each of size 256MB

Address range seen by slave connected to huge (2GB) slot interface:

0x00000000 - 0x7FFFFFFF

Allocate memory space to combined region slave

Slot 0: ☐ Slot 1: ☐ Slot 2: ☐ Slot 3: ☐

Slot 4: ☐ Slot 5: ☐ Slot 6: ☐ Slot 7: ☐

Slot 8: ☐ Slot 9: ☐ Slot 10: ☐ Slot 11: ☐

Slot 12: ☐ Slot 13: ☐ Slot 14: ☐ Slot 15: ☐

Enable Master access

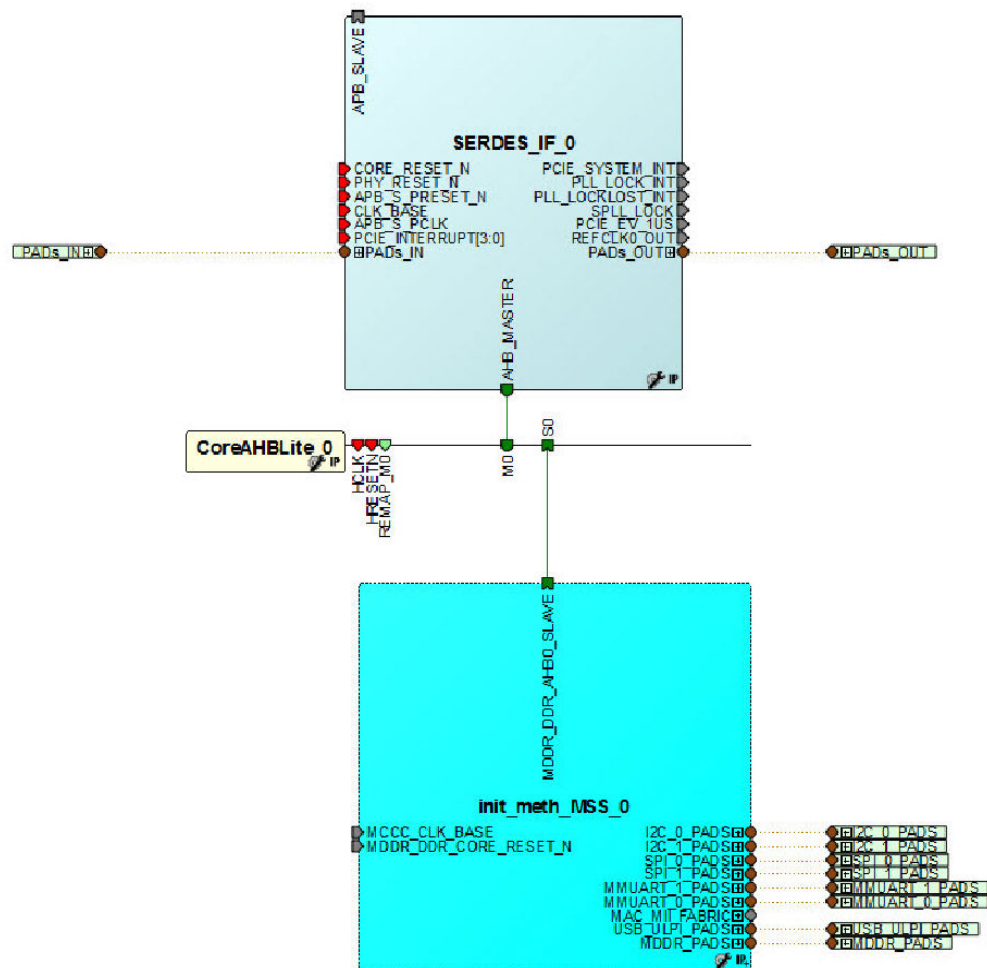
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| M0 can access slot 0:                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | M1 can access slot 0:                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | M2 can access slot 0:                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | M3 can access slot 0:                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| M0 can access slot 1:                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | M1 can access slot 1:                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | M2 can access slot 1:                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | M3 can access slot 1:                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| M0 can access slot 6:                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | M1 can access slot 6:                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | M2 can access slot 6:                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | M3 can access slot 6:                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| M0 can access slot 7:                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | M1 can access slot 7:                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | M2 can access slot 7:                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | M3 can access slot 7:                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| M0 can access slot 8:                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | M1 can access slot 8:                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | M2 can access slot 8:                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | M3 can access slot 8:                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| M0 can access slot 9:                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | M1 can access slot 9:                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | M2 can access slot 9:                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | M3 can access slot 9:                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| M0 can access slot 12:                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | M1 can access slot 12:                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | M2 can access slot 12:                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | M3 can access slot 12:                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| M0 can access slot 15:                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | M1 can access slot 15:                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | M2 can access slot 15:                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | M3 can access slot 15:                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| M0 can access slot 16 (combined/huge): | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | M1 can access slot 16 (combined/huge): | <input type="checkbox"/> | M2 can access slot 16 (combined/huge): | <input type="checkbox"/> | M3 can access slot 16 (combined/huge): | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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2. Instantiate and configure the AMBA AHBLite compliant master core or component that is intended to Master to the CoreAHBLite bus. If your application requires more than one master onto the CoreAHBLite bus, instantiate the additional masters also. Up to four masters are supported on the CoreAHBLite bus.
3. Connect the subsystem:
  - a. Connect the CoreAHBLite mirrored-master BIF port M0 (M1) to the master BIF port of your master core instance(s).
  - b. Connect the MSS DDR\_FIC slave BIF port—MDDR\_DDR\_AHB0\_SLAVE—to the proper CoreAHBLite bus mirrored-slave slot (S0 in this example) as per your memory map requirement. If you have other slaves on that bus, connect them as per your memory map. Clocks and resets. For more information, see [Configuring the FIC Subsystem Clocks](#) and [Configuring the FIC Subsystem Reset](#) sections.

Figure 4-5. DDR\_FIC AHBLite Subsystem



#### 4.2.3 DDR\_FIC/Two AHBLite Subsystem [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

When you select the two **AHBLite Interfaces** option for the MDDR, an additional BIF—**MDDR\_DDR\_AHB1\_SLAVE** BIF—is exposed at the MSS component for you to connect to the new slave.

For this configuration, repeat the steps for a single AHBLite configuration for the **MDDR\_DDR\_AHB1\_SLAVE** BIF interface exposed on the MSS component.

## 5. Configuring the SMC\_FIC Subsystem [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

Although the SMC\_FIC can be used as an AXI or AHBLite bus interface, this document only describes how to use the SMC\_FIC interface configured in AXI mode to connect to the CoreSDR\_AXI core. That core is an AXI-based SDR RAM controller used to connect, in this case, the MSS to an external SDR memory component. You can easily infer how to use the AHBLite interface from the following description; the steps are very similar. The AXI interface is a more efficient interface and is the preferred option.

To configure/create a SMC\_FIC subsystem, perform the following steps:

1. Configure the MSS MDDR to expose the SMC\_FIC interface.
2. Create the FPGA fabric DDR\_FIC subsystem, including instantiation/configuration/connectivity for:
  - CoreAXI bus
  - CoreSDR\_AXI
  - Other masters and peripherals on the bus as required by your application.
  - Clocks and resets. For more information, see [Configuring the FIC Subsystem Clocks](#) and [Configuring the FIC Subsystem Reset](#) sections.

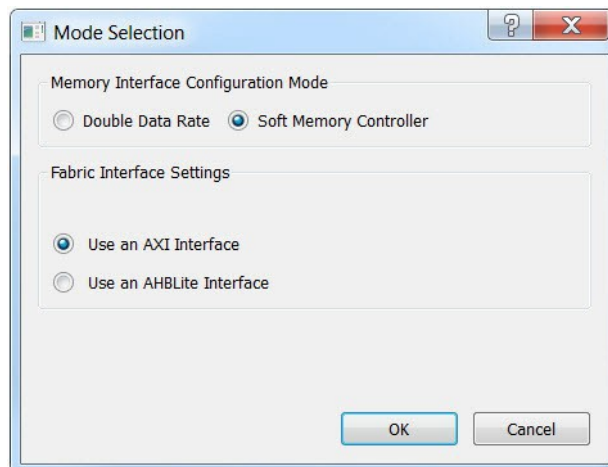
These steps are described in detail in the following sections:

### 5.1 Configuring the MSS MDDR Sub-block to Expose the SMC\_FIC Bus Interface [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

The SMC\_FIC interface is exposed when your application needs to access an external SDR memory through the FPGA fabric. In this configuration, the MDDR sub-block exposes the SMC\_FIC interface, which is a master AXI or AHBL BIF, see the following figure.

1. Right-click the MDDR controller inside the MSS configurator and choose **Configure**.
2. Select **Use an AXI Interface**.
3. Click **OK**.

**Figure 5-1.** MDDR Soft Memory Controller Configuration



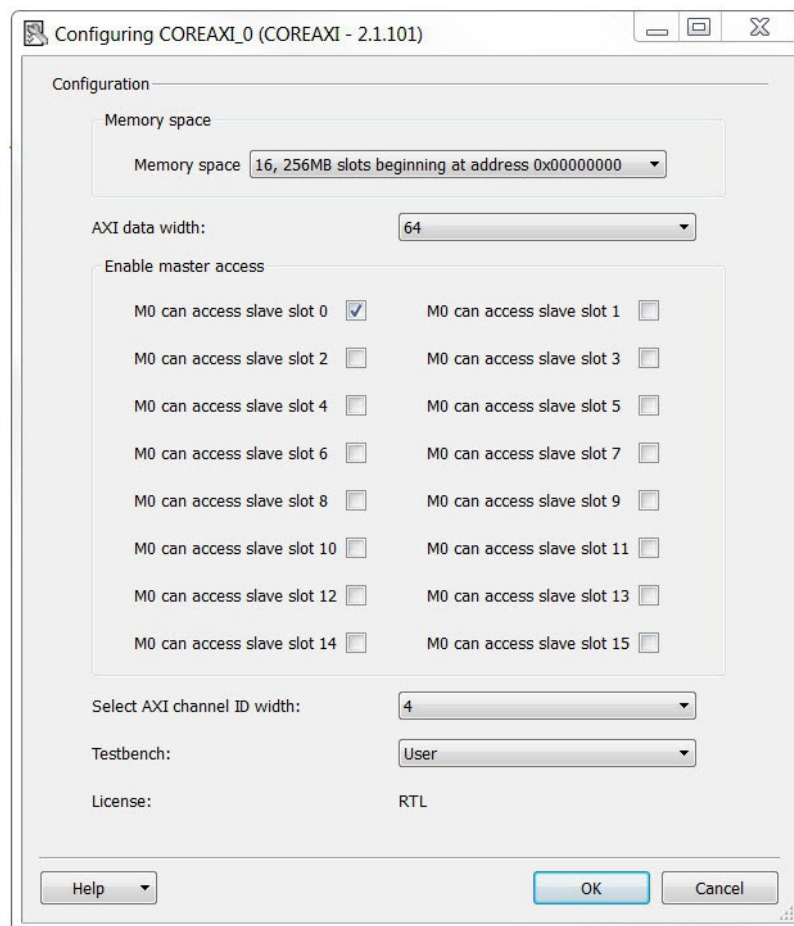
4. To update the MSS component, right-click the MSS Component and select **Update Instances with Latest Component** option. The MDDR\_SMC\_AXI\_MASTER is exposed as a BIF port of the MSS component.

## 5.2 Create the FPGA Fabric SMC\_FIC Subsystem [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

To configure/create the FPGA Fabric SMC\_FIC subsystem, perform the following steps:

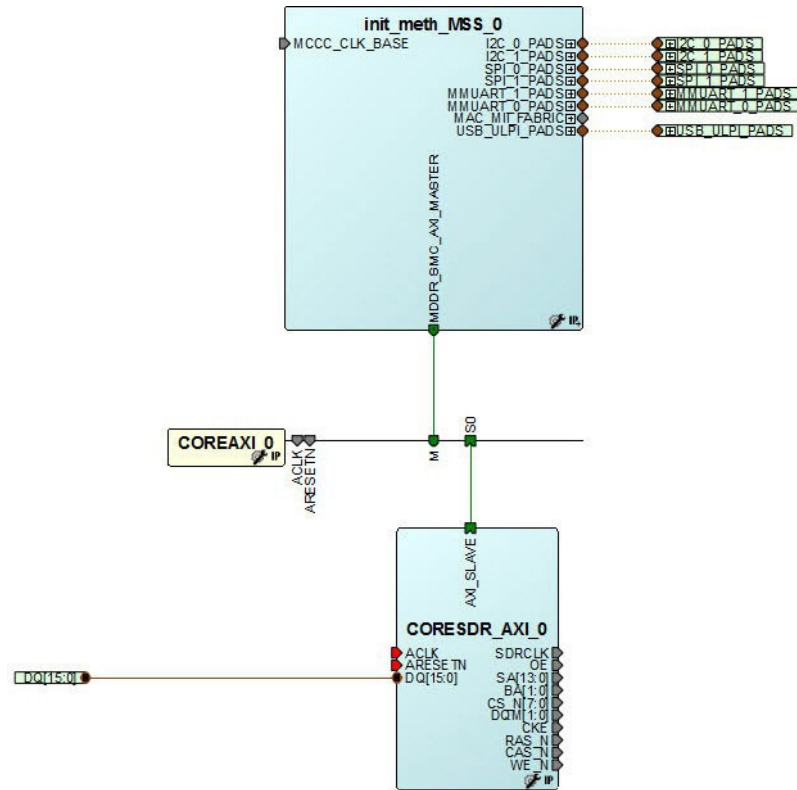
1. Instantiate and configure the CoreAXI such that the master slot M0 is enabled for the slave slot S0, see the following figure. Since you are addressing an external memory through a soft memory controller, your slot size selection must match the amount of external memory space that you plan on addressing from the Arm® Cortex®-M3 processor or any master writing to that external memory through the MSS DDR bridge.

**Figure 5-2.** CoreAXI Configuration—SMC\_FIC Mode



2. From the IP Catalog, instantiate and configure CoreSDR\_AXI to match your external memory parameters.
3. Connect the subsystem, as shown in the following figure:
  - Connect the MSS SMC\_FIC master BIF port—MDDR\_SMC\_AXI\_MASTER—to the CoreAXI bus mirrored-master M0.
  - Connect the CoreAXI mirrored-slave port S0 to the slave BIF port of the CoreSDR\_AXI core instance.
  - Clocks and resets. For more information, see [Configuring the FIC Subsystem Clocks](#) and [Configuring the FIC Subsystem Reset](#) sections.

Figure 5-3. SMC\_FIC Subsystem Connections



## 6. Configuring the FIC Subsystems [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

To configure/create an FIC subsystem, perform the following steps:

1. Configure the MSS FIC to expose the FIC interface.
2. Create the FPGA fabric FIC subsystem including instantiation/configuration/connectivity for:
  - APB3 or AHBLite bus
  - APB3 and AHBLite compliant master and/or peripherals configuration and connection onto the bus as required by your application.
  - Clocks and resets. For more information, see [Configuring the FIC Subsystem Clocks](#) and [Configuring the FIC Subsystem Reset](#) sections.

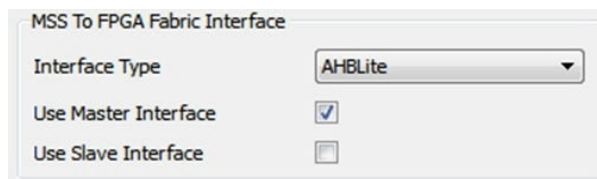
These steps are described in detail in the following sections.

### 6.1 Configure the MSS FIC Sub-Block [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

To configure the MSS FIC sub-block, perform the following steps:

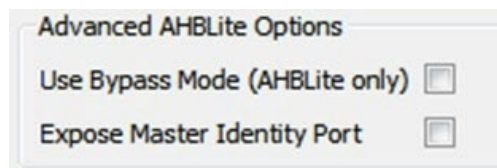
1. Invoke the FIC configurator and right-click on FIC\_0 or FIC\_1 to open the FIC configurator.
2. In the configurator for the MSS to FPGA Fabric Interface configuration group select the following options:
  - **Interface Type:** The type of AHBLite or APB3 interface.
  - **Use Master Interfaces:** This option let you select whether you intend to use the interface as a master of the FPGA fabric.
  - **Use Slave Interfaces:** This option let you select whether you intend to use the interface as a slave mastered by the FPGA fabric.

Figure 6-1. MSS to FPGA Fabric Interface Options



3. If you are using an AHBLite Interface you can also use the **Advanced AHBLite Options** option to select the bypass mode or expose the master ID port if you selected the interface to act as a master of the fabric, see the following figure.

Figure 6-2. Advanced AHBLite Options



### 6.2 Create the FPGA Fabric FIC Subsystem [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

For each FIC interface exposed—Master and Slave, you must instantiate a bus (CoreAHBLite or CoreAPB3) that matches the type you selected. Depending on the interface role (master/slave) and type (AHBLite/APB3). The following configurations must be applied to the bus.

#### 6.2.1 Master/AHBLite [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

To instantiate and configure the CoreAHBLite bus, perform the following steps:

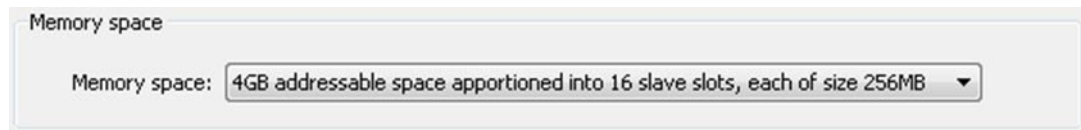
1. Select the **Memory Space** option that matches your requirements.
  - If you need less than 16 MB of address space of all your peripherals, select the option in the following figure. This mode provides 16 16 MB slots that connects up to 16 AHBLite slaves.

**Figure 6-3.** Master/AHBLite Memory Space Configuration—16 MB per Slot



- If you need more than 16 MB and less than 256 MB of address space for any of your peripherals, select the option as shown in the following figure. This mode provides 16 256 MB slots that connects up to 16 AHBLite slaves.

**Figure 6-4.** Master/AHBLite Memory Space Configuration—256 MB per Slot



2. Enable the slots that you are using for your application as per the following figure. It is recommended to use the M1 to slot accesses, see the following figure.

 **Important:** Use M1 if you create a multi master subsystem where you have a master in the fabric that requires the remap feature and thus needs to be connected to M0.

- If you have selected the 16 MB per slot option, there are no restrictions on which slots are used.
- If you have selected the 256 MB per slot option, only the slots compatible with the FIC instance fabric memory address regions selection can be used. Each FIC memory address region is 256 MB in size. The six FIC memory regions are summarized in the following figure.

The six FIC memory regions and their slots are listed in the following table.

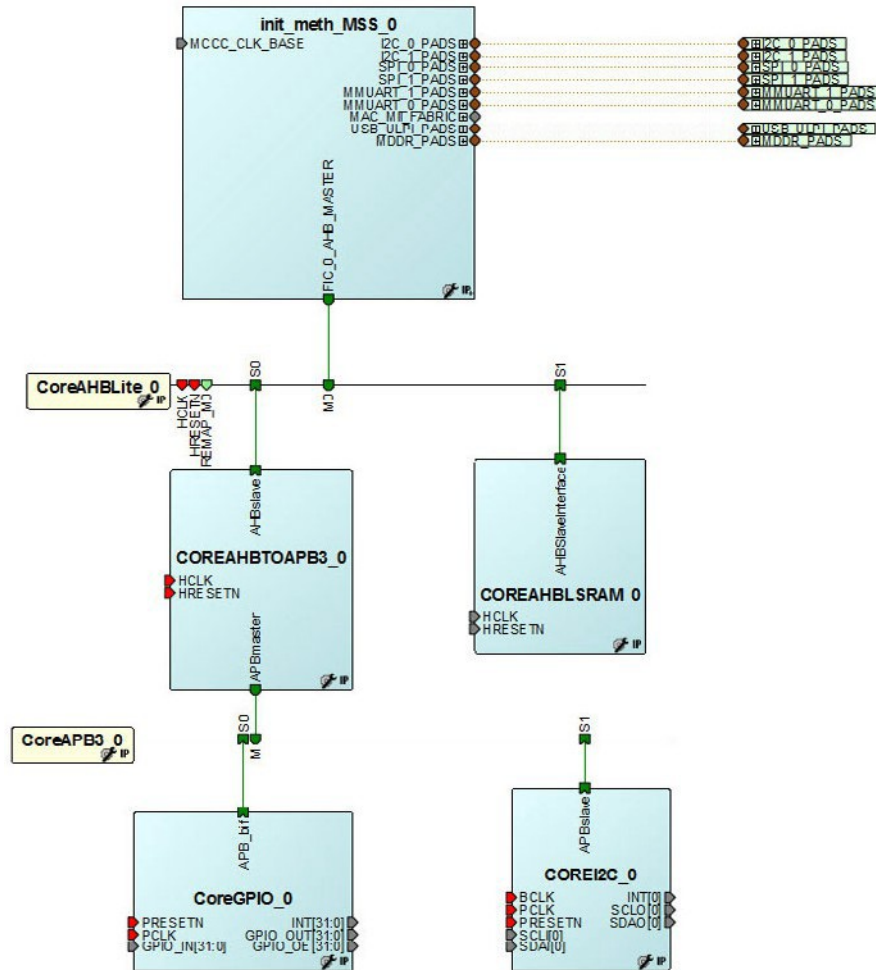
**Table 6-1.** FIC Memory Regions

| Memory Address Region | Compatible Slots |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 30000000-3FFFFFFF     | 3                |
| 50000000-5FFFFFFF     | 5                |
| 70000000-7FFFFFFF     | 7                |
| 80000000-8FFFFFFF     | 8                |
| 90000000-9FFFFFFF     | 9                |
| F0000000-FFFFFFF      | 15 (F)           |

**Figure 6-5.** Master/AHBLite—Master Access Configuration

| Enable Master access  |                          |                       |                                     |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| M0 can access slot 0: | <input type="checkbox"/> | M1 can access slot 0: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| M0 can access slot 1: | <input type="checkbox"/> | M1 can access slot 1: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| M0 can access slot 2: | <input type="checkbox"/> | M1 can access slot 2: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| M0 can access slot 3: | <input type="checkbox"/> | M1 can access slot 3: | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| M0 can access slot 4: | <input type="checkbox"/> | M1 can access slot 4: | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

3. Instantiate and configure AHBLite compliant peripheral cores and/or custom AHBLite compliant components.
4. To connect the subsystem, perform the following steps:
  - a. Connect the CoreAHBLite mirrored-master BIF port M1 to the MSS master BIF port—FIC\_0/1\_AHB\_MASTER, see the following figure.
  - b. Connect the AHBLite slaves to the proper slots as per your memory map requirement. Clocks and resets. For more information, see [Configuring the FIC Subsystem Clocks](#) and [Configuring the FIC Subsystem Reset](#) sections.

**Figure 6-6.** FIC Master/AHBLite Subsystem

### 6.2.2 Master/APB3 [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

To instantiate and configure the CoreAPB3 bus, perform the following steps:

1. Select the **Address Configuration** options as shown in the following figure. This mode provides sixteen 16 MB slots that connects up to 16 APB3 compliant slaves. If you need slots with more memory, you can combine multiple slaves to build a larger slot. For more information, see [CoreAPB3 User's Guide](#).

**Figure 6-7.** Master/APB3 Address Configuration

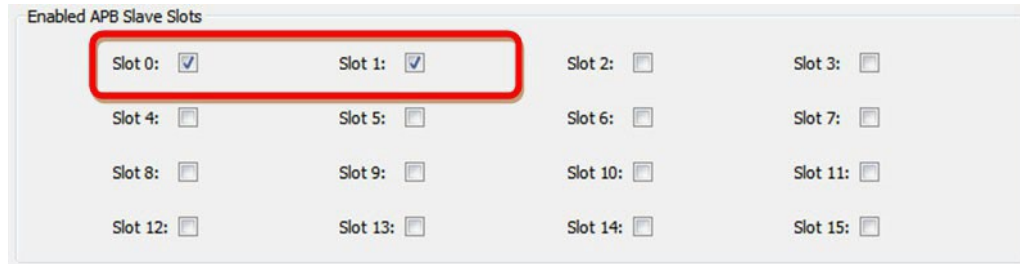
Address Configuration

Number of address bits driven by master:
28

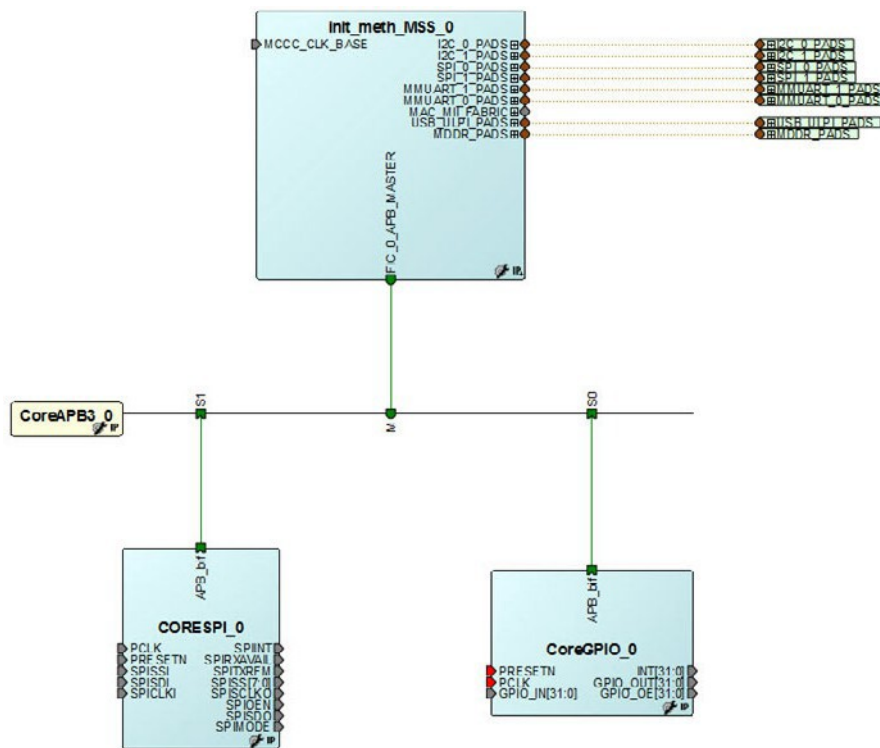
Position in slave address of upper 4 bits of master address:
[27:24] (Ignored if master address width >= 32 bits)

Indirect Addressing:
Not in use

2. Enable the slots that you are using for your application, as shown in the following figure.

**Figure 6-8.** Master/APB3 Slave Slots Configuration

3. Instantiate and configure APB3 compliant peripheral cores and/or custom APB3 compliant components.
4. To connect the subsystem, perform the following steps:
  - a. Connect the CoreAPB3 mirrored-master BIF port to the MSS master BIF port—FIC\_0/1\_APB\_MASTER, see the following figure.
  - b. Connect the APB3 slaves to the proper slots as per your memory map requirement. For more information on clocks and resets, see [Configuring the FIC Subsystem Clocks](#) and [Configuring the FIC Subsystem Reset](#) sections.

**Figure 6-9.** FIC Master/APB3 Subsystem

### 6.2.3 Slave/AHBLite [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

Slave/APB3 interfaces are available for configuration. A fabric AHBLite master connected through a CoreAHBLite bus and the FIC Slave AHBLite interface can access MSS peripherals and other memory spaces.

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## 7. Configuring the FIC Subsystem Clocks [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

To create the proper clock configuration and connectivity, perform the following settings:

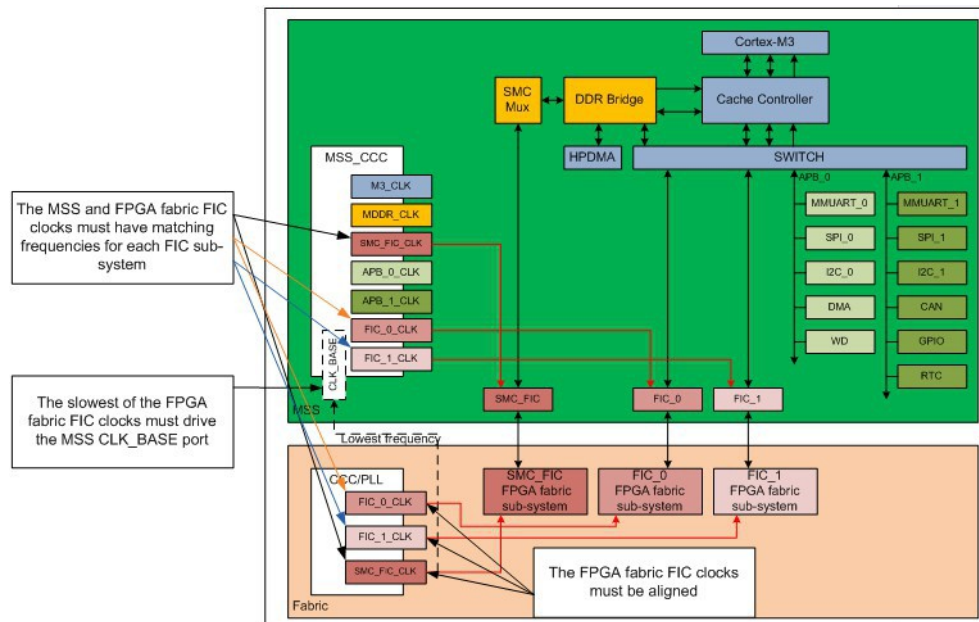
- Configure the MSS CCC FIC clocks.
- Instantiate and configure an FPGA fabric CCC core.
- Connect the clock networks for each FIC subsystem.
- Connect the MSS CLK\_BASE port to the correct FPGA fabric FIC subsystem clock network.

The SmartFusion 2 architecture imposes a number of rules that must be followed for all FIC subsystems to interact between the MSS logic and FPGA fabric logic. The following are the defined rules:

- Each FPGA fabric FIC subsystem must be driven by a clock whose clock frequency matches the frequency defined, for that particular subsystem, in the MSS CCC configurator.
- All FPGA fabric FIC subsystem clocks must be precisely aligned. The clocks may be of different frequencies, but the rising edges of the slower clocks must be aligned to the rising edges of the fastest clocks.
- The FPGA fabric FIC subsystem clock with the smallest frequency must drive the MSS CLK\_BASE.
- If the fabric clocks are derived from a fabric CCC (with PLL), the fabric CCC LOCK output must be connected to the MSS\_CCC\_CLK\_BASE\_PLL\_LOCK port. The MSS CCC Fabric Alignment Clock Circuitry (FACC) monitors the CLK\_BASE PLL LOCK signal to ensure that the CLK\_BASE is stable before switching from the standby clock (clock used during device boot up) to the user-configured clock derived from CLK\_BASE.

The following figure shows the subsystem clock rules.

**Figure 7-1. Subsystem Clock Rules**



To configure the clock networks for all your FIC subsystems, perform the following steps:

### 7.1 Configure the MSS CCC Sub-Block [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

For each FIC block (FIC\_0, FIC\_1 and DDR\_FIC/SMC\_FIC) used in your design, select the clock divisors in the MSS Clock Configurator (MSS\_CCC) as shown in the following figure.

**Figure 7-2.** MSS CCC FIC Clock Configuration

**Clock Source**

CLK\_BASE 50.000 MHz

☒ Monitor FPGA Fabric PLL Lock (CLK\_BASE\_PLL\_LOCK)

**Cortex-M3 and MSS Main Clock**

M3\_CLK 100.000 MHz 100.000 MHz

**MDDR Clocks**

✓ MDDR\_CLK = M3\_CLK \* 1 100.000 MHz

✓ DDR\_SMC\_FIC\_CLK = MDDR\_CLK / 1 100.000 MHz

**MSS APB\_0/1 Sub-busses Clocks**

✓ APB\_0\_CLK = M3\_CLK / 1 100.000 MHz

✓ APB\_1\_CLK = M3\_CLK / 1 100.000 MHz

**FPGA Fabric Interface Clocks**

✓ FIC\_0\_CLK = M3\_CLK / 2 50.000 MHz

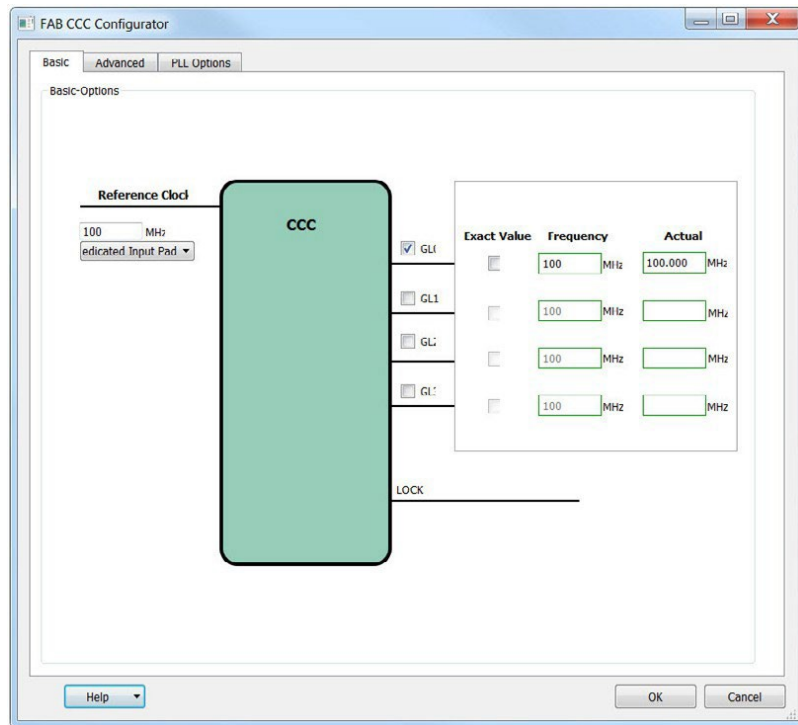
✓ FIC\_1\_CLK = M3\_CLK / 1 100.000 MHz

**➔ Important:** The CLK\_BASE field is not editable. The CLK\_BASE frequency, as imposed by the SmartFusion 2 architecture, must be the minimum frequency of all FIC clock frequencies and is automatically computed by the MSS CCC configurator. For more details on CLK\_BASE configuration, see [Connect the FPGA Fabric FIC Subsystems Clock Networks](#) section.

## 7.2 Configure the FPGA Fabric FIC Clocks [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

Instantiate a fabric CCC (with PLL) and configure it to satisfy the FIC subsystem clock rules described in the [Configuring the FIC Subsystem Clocks](#) section. You typically need to associate a global output (GLx) for each of the FIC clocks, specify for each output its frequency (matching the frequencies defined in the MSS CCC) and have all global outputs derived from the output of the PLL to ensure the phase alignment see the following figure.

**➔ Important:** If two FIC subsystems have the same frequencies, you do not need to generate two independent global outputs from the fabric CCC, one is sufficient.

**Figure 7-3. Fabric CCC with PLL**

### 7.3 Connect the FPGA Fabric FIC Subsystems Clock Networks [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

Connect each fabric CCC global output GLx to the respective FIC subsystem.

### 7.4 Connect the MSS CLK\_BASE Port [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

Connect the slowest of the fabric CCC global output GLx to the MSS CLK\_BASE port.

### 7.5 Connect the MSS MCCC\_CLK\_BASE\_PLL\_LOCK Port [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

Connect the fabric CCC LOCK output to the MSS MCCC\_CLK\_BASE\_PLL\_LOCK port.

### 7.6 Timing Analysis Requirements [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

Perform post-layout static timing analysis to make sure that the design meets the timing requirements defined in the MSS CCC and FPGA fabric CCC Configurators. You may have to change M3\_CLK or increase the clock ratio between the MSS and the fabric to get a design that passes static timing analysis.

## 8. Configuring the FIC Subsystem Reset [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

To configure the FIC subsystem reset, perform the following steps:

1. To expose the MSS\_RESET\_N\_M2F port, from the MSS Configurator, configure the MSS reset sub block.

**Figure 8-1.** Configure the MSS Reset Sub-Block



2. Connect the MSS\_RESET\_N\_M2F port to all FPGA fabric FIC subsystems reset ports.

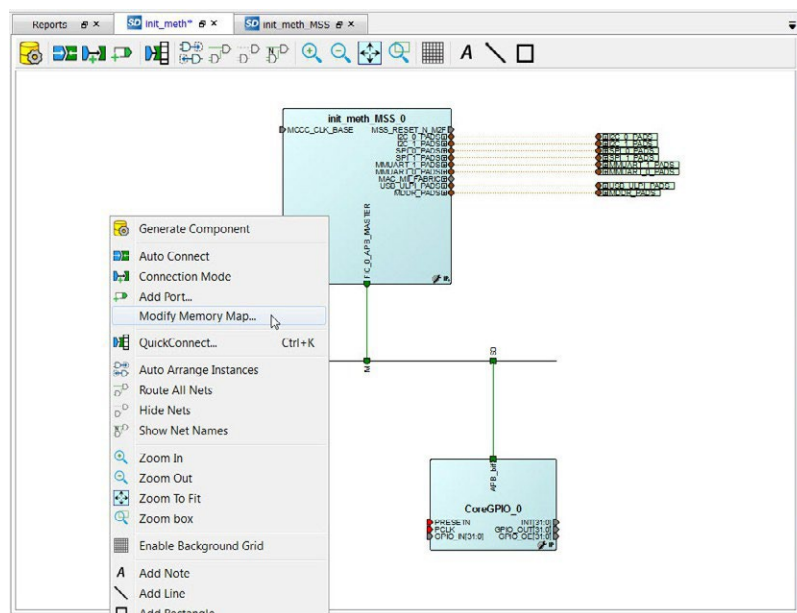
## 9. Configuring the System Memory Map [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

Each peripheral (AMBA® AXI, AHBLite and APB3 slaves) is identified by an address from the FIC subsystem's master point of view. We usually refer to the overall relationships between masters and slaves of a subsystem as the memory map of that subsystem. The memory map of a subsystem can be edited in SmartDesign. You can also view the final memory map of your system when you generate the entire system. The memory map is part of the Datasheet generated for the "root" of your design upon generation.

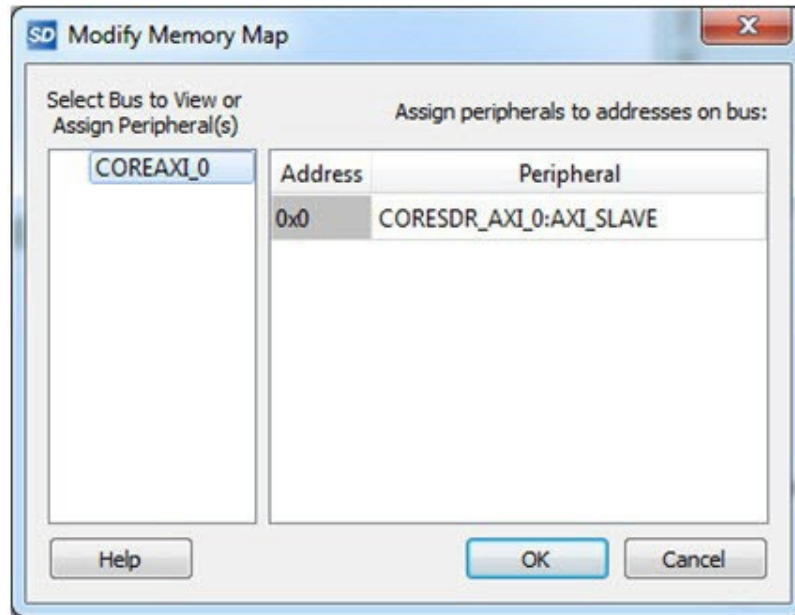
### 9.1 Configuring the Memory Map (Generic SmartDesign Behavior) [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

In SmartDesign, a peripheral is assigned an address on a bus based on the base address of that bus in the subsystem and the slot number on that bus times the slot size. Changing the slot number for a peripheral affects its address accordingly. Changing the slot assignment for a peripheral is done by manually by connecting the peripheral's slave BIF to a particular bus mirrored slave BIF (slot) using the SmartDesign connectivity tools available in the canvas. This is also done by editing the memory map using the **Modify Memory Map**, as shown in the following figure.

**Figure 9-1.** Modify Memory Map from SmartDesign Canvas

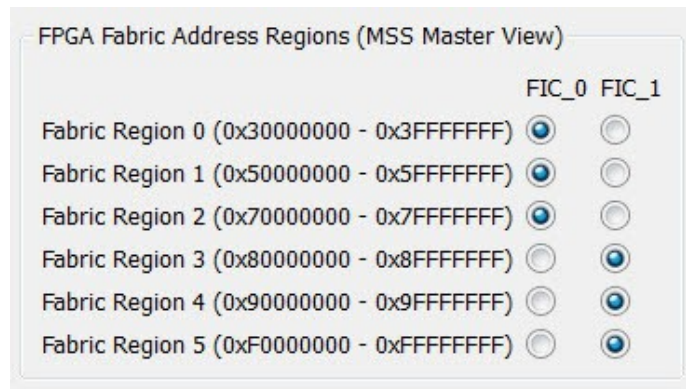


The **Modify Memory Map** dialog box appears.

**Figure 9-2.** Modify Memory Map Dialog Box

## 9.2 Configuring the Memory Regions for the FIC Interfaces (MSS Master View) [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

There are six 256 MB regions defined as FIC Regions 0 to 5 in the MSS memory map. Each of these regions are allocated to the FIC\_0 or FIC\_1 slave interfaces in a mutually exclusive fashion. You can select to which FIC (0 or 1) slave interface you assign those regions by using the radio button next to each region in the FPGA Fabric Address Regions (MSS Master View) group box in the following figure.

**Figure 9-3.** FPGA Fabric Address Regions—MSS Master View

## 9.3 Memory Map Computation General Formula [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

The possible base addresses for the FIC fabric interfaces are 0x30000000, 0x50000000, 0x70000000, 0x80000000, 0x90000000 and 0xF0000000. For details on how to configure each FIC instance to map to these addresses, See [Configuring the FIC Subsystems](#).

For AHBLite, the slot size can either be 16 MB (0x01000000) or 256 MB (0x10000000).

When using 16 MB per slot, all slots from 0 to 16 can be used; the address of client peripheral can be computed as the FIC memory region base address + (slot number × 0x01000000). In this configuration, all regions are aliases of each other as the AHBLite core does not decode the address bits [31:28]; the slots are decoded using address bits [27:24].

When using 256 MB per slot, only slots 3, 5, 7, 8, 9 and F are used; the address of client peripheral is computed as the FIC memory region base address + (slot number  $\times$  0x10000000). In this configuration, all regions uniquely address different slots as the AHBLite core decodes the slots using address bits [31:28]. In this configuration, to simplify the memory map equation, the base address is 0x00000000, instead of one of the six fixed address defined.

Example 1 (16 MB Slot Configuration):

Using memory region 0x50000000, if the peripheral is at slot number 7, then its address is:  $0x50000000 + (0x7 \times 0x01000000) = 0x57000000$

Example 2 (256 MB Slot Configuration):

Using memory region 0x50000000, if the peripheral is at slot number 15, then its address is:  $0x00000000 + (0xF \times 0x10000000) = 0xF0000000$

### 9.3.1 Viewing the Final Memory Map [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

At this time, Libero SoC does not generate a correct memory map for systems using the SmartFusion 2 MSS.

## 10. Revision History [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

The revision history describes the changes that were implemented in the document. The changes are listed by revision, starting with the most current publication.

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