
SmartFusion2 MSS

MMUART Configuration



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Introduction

The SmartFusion2 Microcontroller Subsystem (MSS) provides two MMUART hard peripherals (APB_0 and APB_1 sub busses) with Full/Half Duplex, Asynchronous/Synchronous mode and Modem interface option.

On the MSS Canvas, you must enable (default) or disable each MMUART instance based on whether it is being used in your current application. Disabled MMUART instances are held in reset (lowest power state). By default, ports of enabled MMUART instances are configured to connect to the device Multi Standard I/Os (MSIOs). Note that MSIOs allocated to a MMUART instance are shared with other MSS peripherals. These shared I/Os are available to connect to MSS GPIOs and other peripherals when the MMUART instance is disabled or if the MMUART instance ports are connected to the FPGA fabric.

The functional behavior of each MMUART instance must be defined at the application level using the SmartFusion2 MSS MMUART Driver provided by Microsemi.

In this document, we describe how you to configure the MSS MMUART instances and define how the peripheral signals are connected.

For more details about the MSS MMUART hard peripherals, please refer to the SmartFusion2 User Guide.

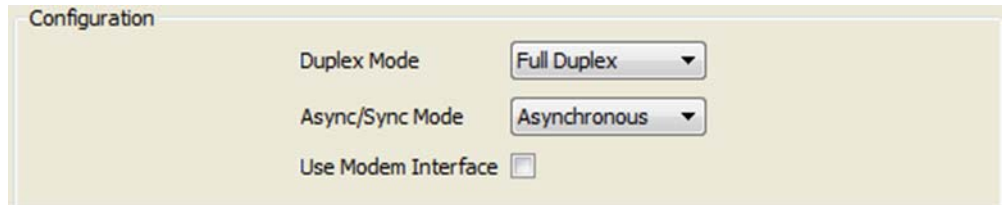
1 – Configuration Options

Duplex Mode:

- Full Duplex - Provides two signals for serial data, RXD and TXD
- Half Duplex - Provides a single signal for serial data, TXD_RXD

Async/Sync Mode - Selecting Synchronous mode provides a CLK signal.

Modem Interface - Selecting the Modem interface enables access to individual ports in the MODEM port group.



The image shows a configuration window titled "Configuration". It contains three settings:

- Duplex Mode**: A dropdown menu currently set to "Full Duplex".
- Async/Sync Mode**: A dropdown menu currently set to "Asynchronous".
- Use Modem Interface**: A checkbox that is currently unchecked.

Figure 1-1 • MMUART Configuration Options

2 – Peripheral Signals Assignment Table

The SmartFusion2 architecture provides a very flexible schema for connecting peripheral signals to either MSIOs or the FPGA fabric. Use the signal assignment configuration table to define what your peripheral is connected to in your application. The assignment table has the following columns (Figure 2-1):

MSIO - Identifies the peripheral signal name configured in a given row.

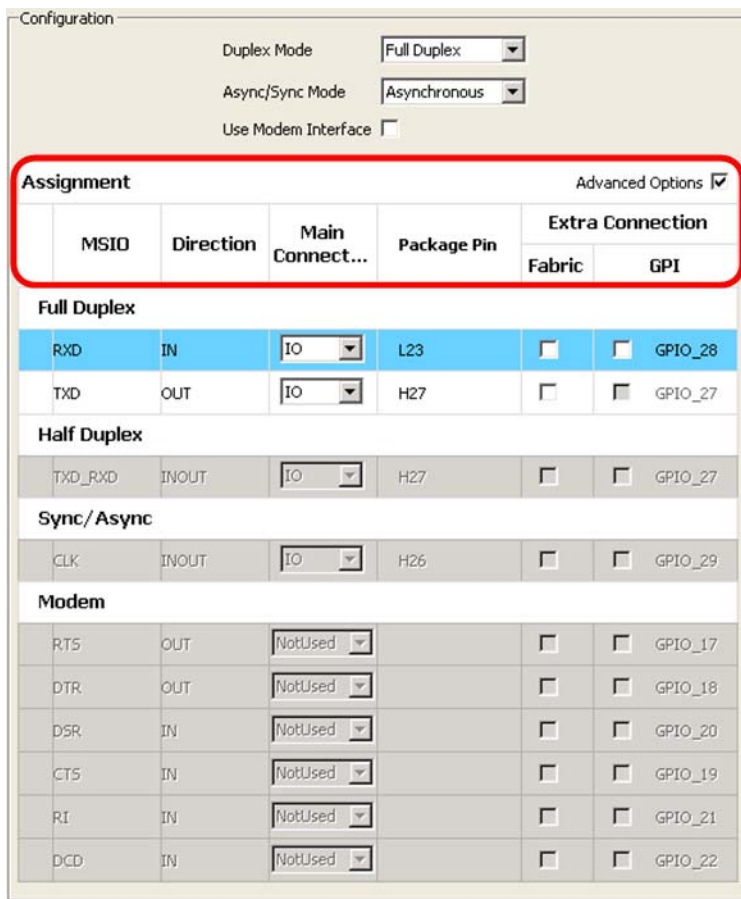
Main Connection - Use the drop-down list to select whether the signal is connected to an MSIO or the FPGA fabric.

Direction - Indicates if the signal direction is IN, OUT or INOUT.

Package Pin - Shows the package pin associated with the MSIO when the signal is connected to an MSIO.

Extra Connections - Use the Advanced Options check-box to view the extra connection options:

- Select the Fabric option to observe into the FPGA fabric a signal that is connected to an MSIO.
- Select the GPIO option to observe an input direction signal - from either the FPGA fabric or an MSIO - using an MSS GPIO.



Configuration						
Duplex Mode		Full Duplex				
Async/Sync Mode		Asynchronous				
Use Modem Interface		☐				
Assignment						Advanced Options ☒
MSIO	Direction	Main Connect...	Package Pin	Extra Connection		
				Fabric	GPI	
Full Duplex						
RXD	IN	IO	L23	☐	☐	GPIO_28
TXD	OUT	IO	H27	☐	☐	GPIO_27
Half Duplex						
TXD_RXD	INOUT	IO	H27	☐	☐	GPIO_27
Sync/Async						
CLK	INOUT	IO	H26	☐	☐	GPIO_29
Modem						
RTS	OUT	NotUsed		☐	☐	GPIO_17
DTR	OUT	NotUsed		☐	☐	GPIO_18
DSR	IN	NotUsed		☐	☐	GPIO_20
CTS	IN	NotUsed		☐	☐	GPIO_19
RI	IN	NotUsed		☐	☐	GPIO_21
DCD	IN	NotUsed		☐	☐	GPIO_22

Figure 2-1 • I2C Peripheral Signals Assignment Table

3 – Connectivity Preview

The Connectivity Preview panel on the right of the MSS MMUART Configurator dialog shows a graphical view of the current connections for the highlighted signal row (Figure 3-1).

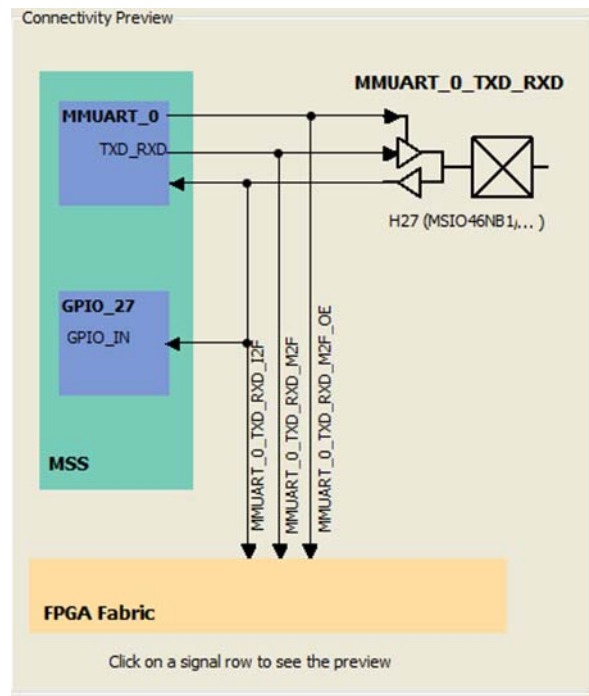


Figure 3-1 • I2C Connectivity Preview

4 – Resource Conflicts

Because MSS peripherals (MMUART, I2C, SPI, CAN, GPIO, USB, Ethernet MAC) share MSIO and FPGA fabric access resources, the configuration of any of these peripherals may result in a resource conflict when you configure an instance of the current peripheral. Peripheral configurators provide clear indicators when such a conflict arises.

Resources used by a previously configured peripheral result in three types of feedback in the current peripheral configurator:

- **Information** - If a resource used by another peripheral does not conflict with the current configuration, an information icon appears in the connectivity preview panel, on that resource. A tooltip on the icon provides details about which peripheral uses that resource.
- **Warning/Error** - If a resource used by another peripheral conflicts with the current configuration, a warning or error icon appears in the connectivity preview panel, on that resource. A tooltip on the icon provides details about which peripheral uses that resource.

When errors are displayed you will not be able to commit the current configuration. You can either resolve the conflict by using a different configuration or cancel the current configuration using the Cancel button.

When warnings are displayed (and there are no errors), you can commit the current configuration. However, you cannot generate the overall MSS; you will see generation errors in the Libero SoC log window. You must resolve the conflict that you created when you committed the configuration by re-configuring either of the peripherals causing the conflict.

The peripheral configurators implement the following rules to determine if a conflict should be reported as an error or a warning.

1. If the peripheral being configured is the GPIO peripheral then all conflicts are errors.
2. If the peripheral being configured is not the GPIO peripheral then all conflicts are errors unless the conflict is with a GPIO resource in which case conflicts will be treated as warnings.

Error Example

The USB peripheral is used and uses the device PAD bounded to package pin H27. Configuring the MMUART_0 peripheral such that the TXD_RXD port is connected to an MSIO will result in an error.

Figure 4-1 shows the error icon displayed in the connectivity assignment table for the TXD_RXD port.

	TXD_RXD	INOUT	IO	H27
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Figure 4-1 • Error Displayed in the Connectivity Assignment Table

Figure 4-2 shows the error icon displayed in the preview panel on the PAD resource for the TXD_RXD port.

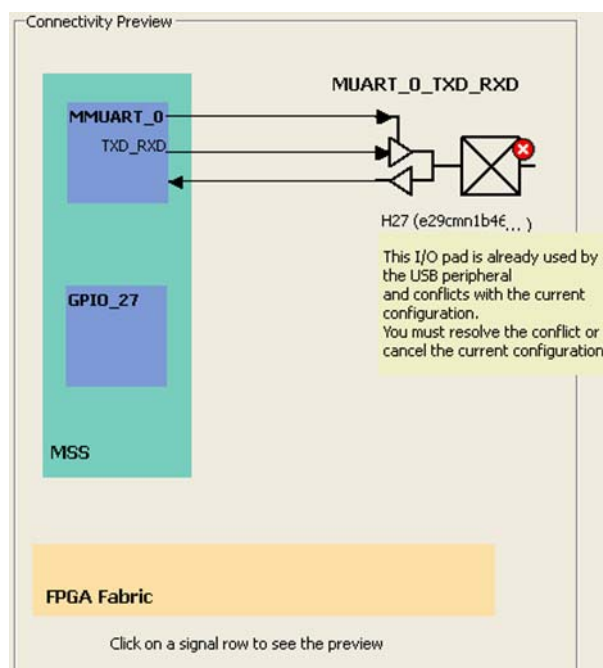


Figure 4-2 • Error in the Preview Panel

Warning Example

The GPIO peripheral is used and uses the device PAD bounded to package pin H27 (GPIO_27). Configuring the MMUART_0 peripheral such that the TXD_RXD port is connected to an MSIO will result in a warning.

Figure 4-3 shows the warning icon displayed in the connectivity assignment table for the TXD_RXD port.



Figure 4-3 • Warning Displayed in the Connectivity Assignment Table

Figure 4-4 shows the warning icon displayed in the preview panel on the PAD resource for the TXD_RXD port.

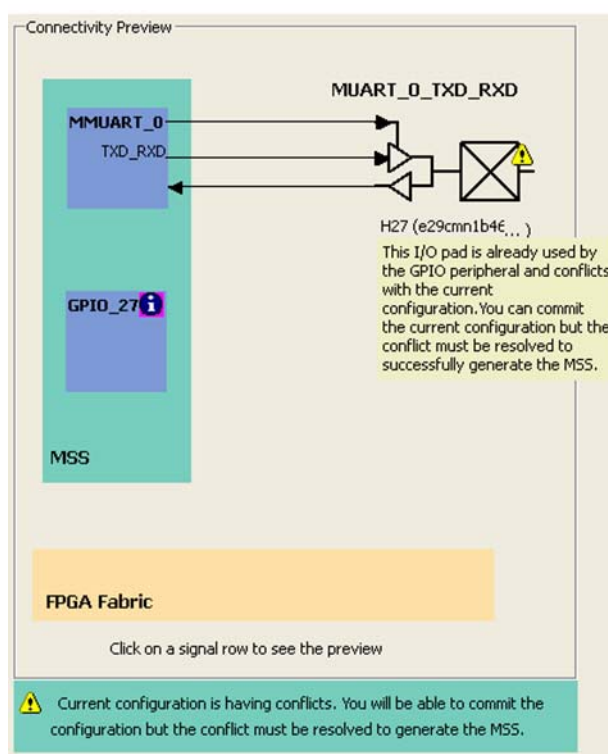


Figure 4-4 • Warning in the Preview Panel

Information Example

The USB peripheral is used and uses the device PAD bounded to package pin H27 (Figure 4-5). Configuring the MMUART_0 peripheral such that the TXD_RXD port is connected to the FPGA fabric does not result in a conflict. However, to indicate that the PAD associated with the TXD_RXD port (but not used in this case), the information icon is displayed in the preview panel. A tooltip associated with the icon provides a description of how the resource is used (USB in this case).

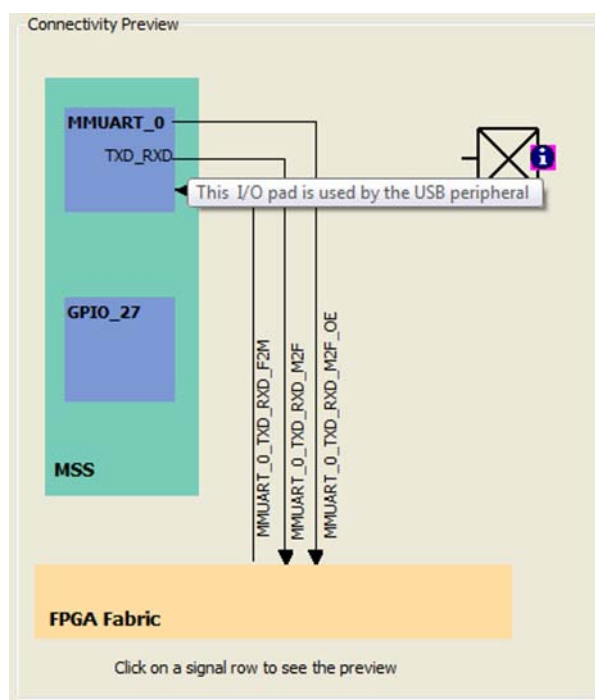


Figure 4-5 • Information Displayed in the Preview Panel

5 – Port Description

Table 5-1 • Port Description

Port Name	Port Group	Direction	Description
TXD	MMUART_<n>_PADS MMUART_<n>_FABRIC	Out	Serial output data in Full Duplex mode. This is the data that will be transmitted from Core16550. It is synchronized with the BAUDOUT output pin.
RXD	MMUART_<n>_PADS MMUART_<n>_FABRIC	In	Serial Input Data in Full Duplex mode. This is the data that will be transmitted into Core16550. It is synchronized with the PCLK input pin.
TXD_RXD	MMUART_<n>_PADS MMUART_<n>_FABRIC	Inout	Serial output and input data in Half Duplex mode.
CLK	MMUART_<n>_CLK MMUART_<n>_FABRIC_CLK	Inout	Clock in synchronous mode.
RTS	MMUART_<n>_MODEM_PADS MMUART_<n>_FABRIC_MODEM	Out	Request to Send. This active high output signal is used to inform the attached device (modem) that Core16550 is ready to send data. It is programmed by the CPU via the Modem Control Register.
DTR	MMUART_<n>_PADS_MODEM MMUART_<n>_FABRIC_MODEM	Out	Data Terminal Ready. This active high output signal informs the attached device (modem) that Core16550 is ready to establish a communications link. It is programmed by the CPU via the Modem Control Register.
DSR	MMUART_<n>_PADS_MODEM MMUART_<n>_FABRIC_MODEM	In	Data Set Ready. This active high signal is an input indicating when the attached device (modem) is ready to set up a link with Core16550. Core16550 passes this information to the CPU via the Modem Status Register. This register also indicates if the DSR signal has changed since the last time the register was read.
CTS	MMUART_<n>_PADS_MODEM MMUART_<n>_FABRIC_MODEM	In	Clear to Send. This active high signal is an input showing when the attached device (modem) is ready to accept data. Core16550 passes this information to the CPU via the Modem Status register. This register also indicates if the CTS signal has changed since the last time the register was read.

Table 5-1 • Port Description

Port Name	Port Group	Direction	Description
RI	MMUART_<n>_PADS_MODEM MMUART_<n>_FABRIC_MODEM	in	Ring Indicator. This active high signal is an input showing when the attached device (modem) has sensed a ring signal on the telephone line. Core16550 passes this information to the CPU via the Modem Status Register. This register also indicates when the RI trailing edge was sensed.
DCD	MMUART_<n>_PADS_MODEM MMUART_<n>_FABRIC_MODEM	In	Data Carrier Detect. This active high signal is an input indicating when the attached device (modem) has detected a carrier. Core16550 passes this information to the CPU via the Modem Status Register. This register also indicates if the DCD signal has changed since the last time the register was read.

Note

- Port names have the name of the MMUART instance as a prefix, e.g. MMUART_<n>_TXD_RXD.
- Fabric 'main connection' input ports names have "F2M" as a suffix, e.g. MMUART_<n>_RXD_F2M.
- Fabric 'extra connection' input ports names have "I2F" as a suffix, e.g. MMUART_<n>_TXD_RXD_I2F.
- Fabric output and output-enable ports names have "M2F" and "M2F_OE" as a suffix, e.g. MMUART_<n>_TXD_RXD_M2F and MMUART_<n>_TXD_RXD_M2F_OE.
- PAD ports are automatically promoted to top throughout the design hierarchy.

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