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## **Getting Started Guide**

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# About This Guide

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The *Virtex-5® FPGA Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Wrapper Getting Started Guide* provides information about generating an embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC for Virtex-5 FPGA devices, customizing and simulating the wrapper files utilizing the provided example design, and running the design files through implementation using the Xilinx tools.

## Contents

This guide contains the following chapters:

- [Preface, “About this Guide”](#) introduces the organization and purpose of this guide and the conventions used in this guide.
- [Chapter 1, “Introduction”](#) describes the Virtex-5 FPGA Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC wrapper and related information, including recommended design experience, additional resources, technical support, and submitting feedback to Xilinx.
- [Chapter 2, “Quick Start Example Design,”](#) describes how to quickly generate the example design using the CORE Generator™ Graphical User Interface (GUI) software.
- [Chapter 3, “Customizing the Core,”](#) describes the CORE Generator software customization options.
- [Chapter 4, “Detailed Example Design,”](#) provides detailed information about the example design and demonstration test bench.
- [Appendix A, “Using the Client Side FIFO,”](#) describes the operation of the example design client side FIFO.
- [Appendix B, “Ethernet MAC Clocking,”](#) describes the provided clocking scheme for each interface.
- [Appendix C, “Constraining the Example Design,”](#) describes the timing and placement constraints included with the example design.
- [Appendix D, “SGMII Receiver Elastic Buffer,”](#) defines the SGMII capabilities for the core.

## Conventions

This document uses the following conventions. An example illustrates each convention.

### Typographical

The following typographical conventions are used in this document:

Convention	Meaning or Use	Example
Courier font	Messages, prompts, and program files that the system displays	speed grade: - 100
<b>Courier bold</b>	Literal commands that you enter in a syntactical statement	<b>ngdbuild</b> design_name
<i>Italic font</i>	References to other manuals	See the <i>Development System Reference Guide</i> for more information.
	Emphasis in text	If a wire is drawn so that it overlaps the pin of a symbol, the two nets are <i>not</i> connected.
<text in brackets>	User-defined variable for directory names.	<component_name>
Square brackets [ ]	An optional entry or parameter. However, in bus specifications, such as <b>bus[7:0]</b> , they are required.	<b>ngdbuild</b> [option_name] design_name
	Also used with pipe symbol to indicate either one or the other.	client_loopback_[8   16].v
Braces { }	A list of items from which you must choose one or more	<b>lowpwr</b> = {on   off}
Vertical bar	Separates items in a list of choices	<b>lowpwr</b> = {on   off}
Vertical ellipsis . . .	Repetitive material that has been omitted	IOB #1: Name = QOUT' IOB #2: Name = CLKIN' . . .
Horizontal ellipsis ...	Repetitive material that has been omitted	<b>allow block</b> block_name loc1 loc2 ... locn;

## Online Document

The following conventions are used in this document:

Convention	Meaning or Use	Example
Blue text	Cross-reference link to a location in the current document	See the section “ <a href="#">Additional Resources</a> ” for details. See “ <a href="#">Title Formats</a> ” in Chapter 1 for details.
<a href="#">Blue, underlined text</a>	Hyperlink to a website (URL)	Go to <a href="http://www.xilinx.com">www.xilinx.com</a> for the latest speed files.



## Introduction

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This chapter introduces the Virtex-5 FPGA Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC (Ethernet MAC) wrapper and provides related information, including recommended design experience, additional resources, technical support, and submitting feedback to Xilinx. The Ethernet MAC wrapper supports Verilog HDL and VHDL.

### System Requirements

#### Windows

- Windows XP® Professional 32-bit/64-bit
- Windows Vista® Business 32-bit/64-bit

#### Linux

- Red Hat® Enterprise WS 4.0 32-bit/64-bit
- Red Hat Enterprise Desktop 5.0 32-bit/64-bit (with Workstation option)
- SUSE Linux Enterprise (SLE) v10.1 32-bit/64-bit

#### Software

- ISE® 10.1

### About the Ethernet MAC Wrapper Core

The Ethernet MAC wrapper is included in the latest IP Update on the Xilinx IP Center. For detailed information about the core, visit the Ethernet MAC wrapper [product page](#). The Ethernet MAC wrapper is provided to all licensed Xilinx ISE customers free of charge and is generated using the Xilinx CORE Generator v10.1 or higher.

### Designs Using RocketIO Transceivers

RocketIO™ transceivers are defined by device family in the following way:

- For Virtex-5 LXT and SXT devices, RocketIO GTP transceivers
- For Virtex-5 FXT and TXT devices, RocketIO GTX transceivers

Throughout this guide, the term *RocketIO transceiver* is used to represent any or all of the RocketIO transceivers; select the RocketIO transceiver specific to the desired target device.

## Recommended Design Experience

Although the Ethernet MAC wrapper is fully verified, the challenge associated with implementing a complete design varies depending on the configuration and functionality of the application. For best results, previous experience building high performance, pipelined FPGA designs using Xilinx implementation software and user constraint files (UCF) is recommended. Contact your local Xilinx representative for a closer review and estimation for your specific requirements.

## Additional Resources

For additional details and updates, see the *Virtex-5 FPGA Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC User Guide*, available from [www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/virtex-5\\_user\\_guides.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/virtex-5_user_guides.htm).

## Technical Support

The fastest method for obtaining specific technical support for the Ethernet MAC wrapper is through the [www.xilinx.com/support](http://www.xilinx.com/support) website. Questions are routed to a technical support team with specific expertise using the Ethernet MAC wrapper.

Xilinx provides technical support for use of this product as described in the *Virtex-5 FPGA Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Data Sheet*, *Virtex-5 FPGA Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Getting Started Guide*, and the *Virtex-5 FPGA Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC User Guide*. Xilinx does not guarantee timing, functionality, or support of this product for designs that do not follow these guidelines.

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# Quick Start Example Design

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This chapter provides instructions for generating the Ethernet MAC wrapper using the CORE Generator GUI.

## Overview

The Ethernet MAC wrapper consists of the following:

- A wrapper file that assigns the attributes of each Ethernet MAC to the values selected in the Core Generator GUI. In addition, unused inputs are tied low and unused outputs are disconnected.
- An example design with a three-level hierarchy:
  - The block-level wrapper instantiates the Ethernet MAC wrapper and the interface logic for each of the selected physical interfaces.
  - The LocalLink wrapper connects the transmit and receive client interfaces of each selected Ethernet MAC to a LocalLink FIFO.
  - The example design wrapper connects the FIFOs so that data received at the client looped back to the transmitter. A small address-swap module is also instantiated to swap the source and destination addresses of the incoming frame. Clock management logic including DCMs and Global Clock Buffer instances, where required, is also included.
- A demonstration test bench to exercise the wrappers and the example design. This injects frames into the physical interface receiver of each selected Ethernet MAC and monitors the data that is output at the transmitter.

Figure 2-1 displays the example design and test bench provided with the Ethernet MAC wrapper. The example design has been tested with Xilinx ISE 10.1, Cadence® IUS v6.1, Mentor Graphics® ModelSim® 6.3c, and Synopsys® VCS 2006.06-SP1.

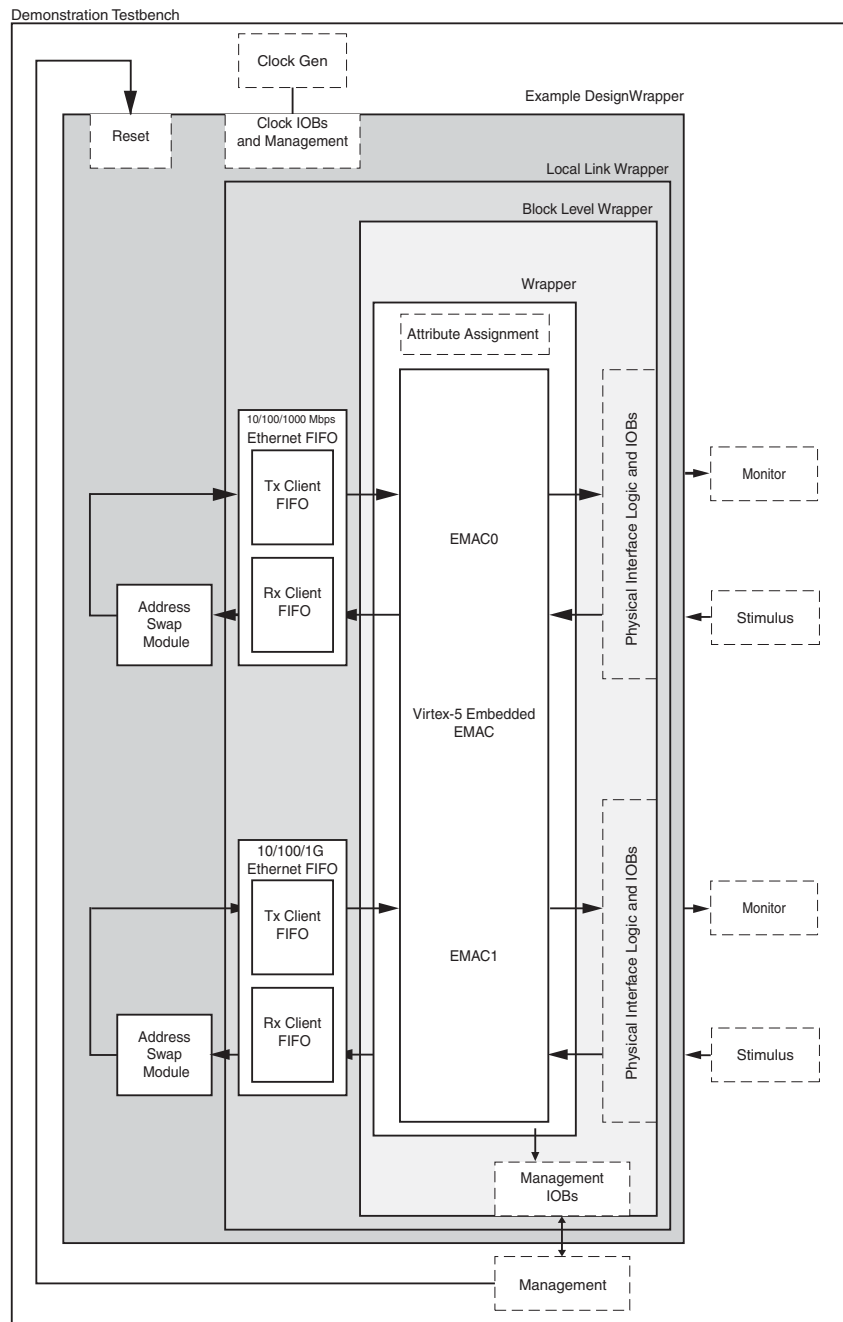


Figure 2-1: Default Example Design and Test Bench



## Generating the Ethernet MAC Wrapper

To generate the Ethernet MAC wrapper and example design, do the following:

1. Start the CORE Generator.

For help starting and using the CORE Generator tool, the *CORE Generator Guide* at <http://toolbox.xilinx.com/docsan/xilinx9/help/iseguide/mergedProjects/coregen/coregen.htm>.

2. Choose File > New Project.

3. Set the following project options:

- From Target Architecture, select Virtex-5.

**Note:** If an unsupported silicon family or part is selected, the Ethernet MAC wrapper is not displayed in the taxonomy tree.

- For Design Entry, select either VHDL or Verilog; for Vendor, select Other.

4. After creating the project, locate the directory containing the Ethernet MAC wrapper in the taxonomy tree. The project appears under one of the following:

- Communications & Networking /Ethernet
- Communications & Networking /Networking
- Communications & Networking /Telecommunications

5. Double-click Virtex-5 Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Wrapper. The initial customization screen appears.

**Virtex5 Embedded Tri-mode Ethernet MAC Wrapper** v1.5

Component Name:

**Shared Interfaces**

Host interface configuration.

**Host Type**

The host interface type is shared between the two EMACs.

☐ DCR  
☐ Host  
☒ None

**DCR-specific options**

DCR Base Address (EMAC 0):

DCR Base Address (EMAC 1):

**Enable EMACs**

☒ Enable EMAC 0  
☒ Enable EMAC 1

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[Finish](#)
[Cancel](#)

Figure 2-2: Virtex-5 Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Wrapper Main Screen

6. In the Component Name field, enter a name for the core instance, and then click Finish to generate the example design using the default values.

The wrapper and its supporting files, including the example design, are generated in your project directory. For a detailed description of the design example files and directories, see [Chapter 4, “Detailed Example Design.”](#)

A functional simulation directory is created that contains scripts to simulate the example design using the structural hdl models. For more information see [“Functional Simulation,” page 19.](#)

## Implementing the Example Design

The HDL example design can be processed using the Xilinx implementation toolset. The generated output files include several scripts to assist the user in running the Xilinx software.

In the examples below, *<project\_dir>* is the CORE Generator project directory and *<component\_name>* is the name entered in the Component Name field.

Open a command prompt or shell in your project directory, then enter the following commands:

### For Linux

```
% cd <component_name>/implement
% ./implement.sh
```

### For Windows

```
ms-dos> cd <component_name>\implement
ms-dos> implement.bat
```

These commands execute a script that synthesizes, builds, maps, and place-and-routes the example design. The resulting files are placed in the results directory.

These commands start a script that synthesizes the HDL example design and builds the design. The script also maps and place-and-routes the example design. It then creates gate-level netlist HDL files in both VHDL and Verilog, along with associated timing information (SDF) files.

## Running the Simulation

### Functional Simulation

To run the functional simulation you must have the Xilinx Simulation Libraries compiled for your system. For more information, see *Compiling Xilinx Simulation Libraries (COMPXLIB)* in the *Xilinx ISE Synthesis and Verification Design Guide*, which can be obtained from [www.xilinx.com/support/software\\_manuals.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/support/software_manuals.htm). In addition, use the following guidelines to determine the simulator required for your design:

### Virtex-5 Devices

Virtex-5 device designs require either a Verilog LRM-IEEE 1364-2005 encryption-compliant simulator or a SWIFT-compliant simulator.

- For a Verilog LRM-IEEE 1364-2005 encryption-compliant simulator, ModelSim v6.3c is currently supported.
- For a SWIFT-compliant simulator, Cadence IUS v6.1 and Synopsys VCS 2006.06-SP1 are currently supported.

In the simulation examples that follow, *<project\_dir>* is the CORE Generator project directory, and *<component\_name>* is the component name as entered in the core customization dialog box.

## VHDL Simulation

To run a VHDL functional simulation:

- Launch the simulator and set the current directory to  
`<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/functional`
- For ModelSim map the UNISIM library:  
`ModelSim> vmap unisim <path to compiled libraries>/unisim`
- Launch the simulation script:  
`ModelSim> do simulate_mti.do`  
`IUS> ./simulate_ncsim.sh`

The scripts compile the example design files and the demonstration test bench, add some relevant signals to a wave window, then run the simulation to completion. At this point, you can review the simulation transcript and waveform to observe the operation of the Ethernet MACs.

## Verilog Simulation

To run a Verilog functional simulation:

- Launch the simulator and set the current directory to  
`<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/functional`
- For ModelSim map the UNISIM library:  
`ModelSim> vmap unisims_ver <path to compiled libraries>/unisims_ver`
- Launch the simulation script:  
`ModelSim> do simulate_mti.do`  
`IUS> ./simulate_ncsim.sh`

The scripts compile the example design files and the demonstration test bench, add some relevant signals to a wave window, then run the simulation to completion. At this point, you can review the simulation transcript and waveform to observe the operation of the Ethernet MACs.

## Timing Simulation

To run the gate-level simulation you must have the Xilinx Simulation Libraries compiled for your system. For more information, see *Compiling Xilinx Simulation Libraries (COMPXLIB)* in the *Xilinx ISE Synthesis and Verification Design Guide*, which can be obtained from [http://www.xilinx.com/support/software\\_manuals.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/support/software_manuals.htm).

In the simulation examples that follow, *<project\_dir>* is the CORE Generator project directory; *<component\_name>* is the component name as entered in the core customization dialog box.

## VHDL Simulation

To run a VHDL timing simulation:

- Launch the simulator and set the current directory to  
`<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/timing`
- For ModelSim map the SIMPRIM library:  

```
ModelSim> vmap simprim <path to compiled libraries>/simprim
```
- Launch the simulation script:  

```
ModelSim> do simulate_mti.do
```

```
IUS> ./simulate_ncsim.sh
```

The scripts compile the gate-level model and the demonstration test bench, add some relevant signals to a wave window, then run the simulation to completion. At this point, you can review the simulation transcript and waveform to observe the operation of the Ethernet MACs.

## Verilog Simulation

To run a Verilog timing simulation:

- Launch the ModelSim simulator and set the current directory to  
`<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/timing`
- For ModelSim map the SIMPRIM library:  

```
ModelSim> vmap simprims_ver <path to  
compiled_libraries>/simprims_ver
```
- Launch the simulation script:  

```
ModelSim> do simulate_mti.do
```

```
IUS> ./simulate_ncsim.sh
```

The scripts compile the gate-level model and the demonstration test bench, add some relevant signals to a wave window, then run the simulation to completion. At this point, you can review the simulation transcript and waveform to observe the operation of the Ethernet MACs.

## What's Next?

For detailed information about the example design, including guidelines for modifying the design and extending the test bench, see [Chapter 4, "Detailed Example Design."](#)



## Customizing the Core

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This chapter describes Virtex-5 FPGA Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Wrapper GUI to customize the functions of the core.

### Ethernet MAC Wrapper Screens

The Ethernet MAC Wrapper GUI consists of several screens. The first screen is used to set core parameters and enable one or both Ethernet MACs. Subsequent screens are used to configure all enabled EMACs. Note that if both EMACs are enabled, the subsequent screens are displayed twice—once each for each enabled EMAC.

- **Core Configuration Options: Screen 1.** Used to name the core, select the desired interface, and enable the number of EMACs.
- **EMAC Configuration Options: Screen 2.** Used to select the PHY interface, speed, data width, global buffer usage, management data (MDIO) bus enable, and flow control configuration for the specified EMAC. If both EMACs are enabled, this screen is displayed twice; once for each enabled EMAC.
- **EMAC Configuration: Screen 3.** Used to set transmitter, receiver, and address filter configuration. If both EMACs are enabled, this screen is displayed twice; once for each enabled EMAC.
- **MDIO/EMAC Configuration: Screen 4.** This screen is only displayed if the Enable Management Data (MDIO) option is selected on the first screen.

## Core Configuration Options: Screen 1

Use the initial configuration screen to define the core name, select options for shared interfaces and host type, and enable one or both EMACs.

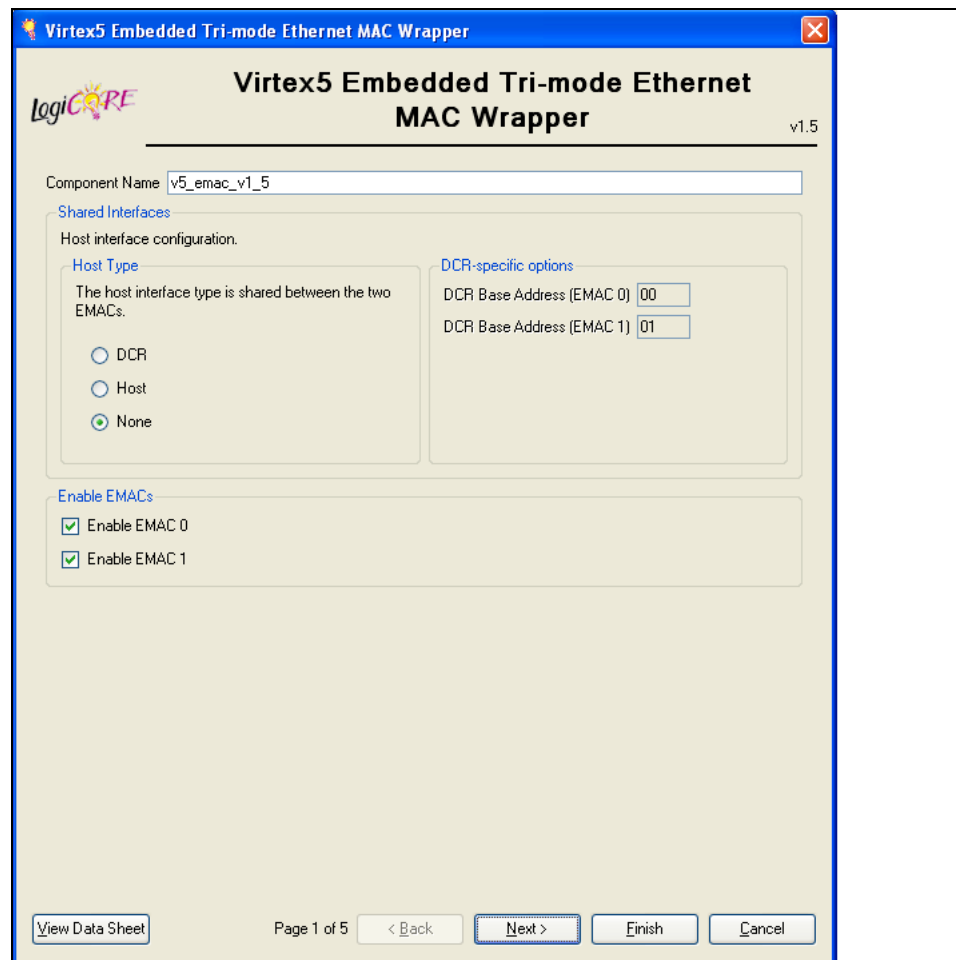


Figure 3-1: Core Configuration Options

### Component Name

Enter the base name of the output files generated for the core. The name must begin with a letter and be composed of the following characters: a to z, 0 to 9, and “\_.”

### Host Type

Select the core host bus interface in one of the following ways:

- **Device Control Registers (DCR).** Accesses the configuration registers through DCR interface. When the DCR bus is used to access the internal registers of the Ethernet MAC, the DCR bus bridge in the host interface translates commands carried over the DCR bus into Ethernet MAC host bus signals. The resulting signals are input into one of the Ethernet MACs.
- **Host.** Accesses the Host Interface through the fabric. When the generic host bus is used, the HOSTEMAC1SEL signal selects either the host access of EMAC0 or EMAC1.



When HOSTEMAC1SEL is asserted, the host accesses EMAC1. HOSTEMAC1SEL acts as the host address bit 10. If only one Ethernet MAC is used, this signal can be tied off to use either one of the Ethernet MACs during the power-up FPGA configuration.

- **None.** The Ethernet MACs are configured using attributes set depending on the configuration options selected in the GUI, and are loaded into the Ethernet MACs on power-up or when reset is asserted. If None is selected, the transmit and receive engines must be enabled to ensure proper operation of the Ethernet MAC.

## Enable EMACs

Select one or both to enable one or both EMACs; at least one EMAC must be enabled to generate a core. Note that in this chapter, the EMAC configuration screens (screens 2, 3, and 4) define options for EMAC 0 only. Note that if EMAC 1 is also enabled, an additional set of configuration screens appear for EMAC 1 after configuration of EMAC 0 is complete.

## DCR-specific Options

**EMAC 0** and **EMAC 1.** Enter a unique address for each enabled EMAC in the DCR Base Address field.

## EMAC Configuration Options: Screen 2

This EMAC configuration screen lets you determine the Physical (Phy) interface, speed, data width, global buffer usage, management data (MDIO) bus enable, and flow control configuration for the specified EMAC. Some options on this screen are dimmed depending on the Phy Interface selected; not all options are available with all Phy interface types.

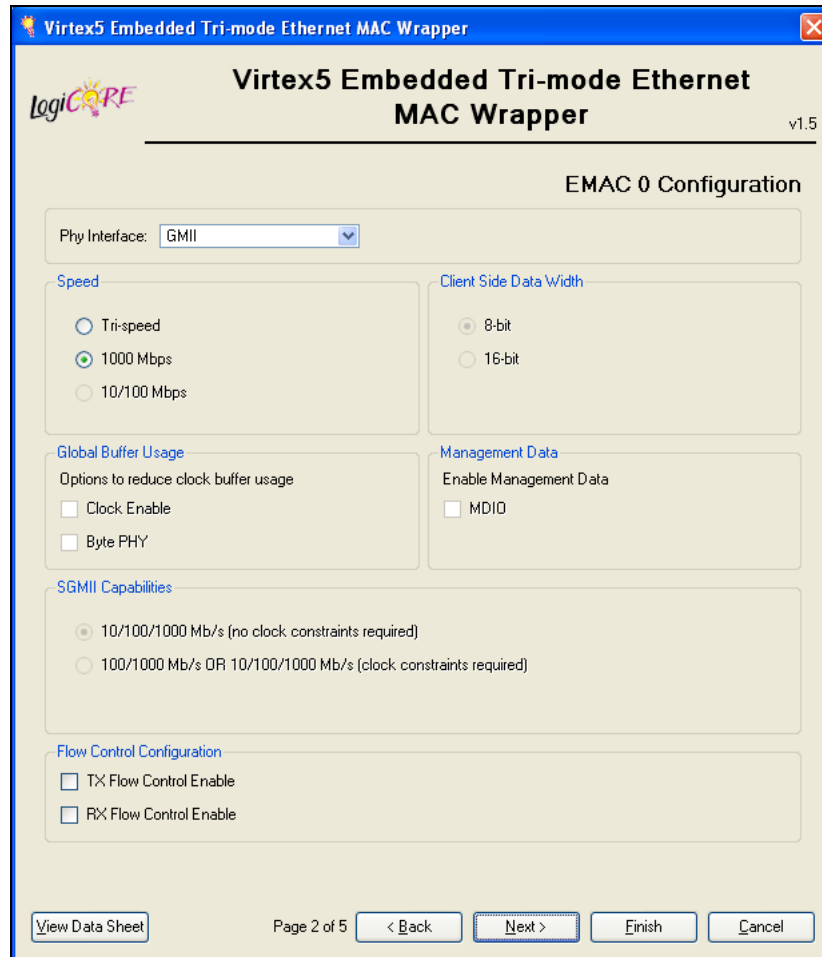


Figure 3-2: EMAC Configuration Options

## PHY Interface

Select the Phy interface type from the drop-down list:

- MII
- GMII
- RGMII v1.3
- RGMII v2.0
- SGMII
- 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA

## Speed

Configures the core to run at a single or tri-speed rate.

- **Tri-speed.** Configures the core to run at a tri-speed rate.
- **1000 Mbps.** Configures the core to run at a single rate.
- **10/100 Mbps.** Configures the core to run at 10 or 100 Mbps.

## Client Side Data Width

- **8-bit.** An 8-bit data width is available for all interface types.
- **16-bit.** A 16-bit client interface is available for the 100BASE-X PCS/PMA interface, which enables the EMAC to operate at 250 MHz, while the logic in the FPGA fabric is clocked at 125 MHz. The 16-bit option yields a 2.5 Gbps line rate.

## Global Buffer Usage

- **Clock Enable.** Selecting Clock Enable reduces the number of BUFs by requiring the user logic to use a separate clock-enable signal. See the *Virtex-5 FPGA Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC User Guide* for more information about determining the clock-enable signal setup. This option is available for 10 or 100 Mbps operation using the MII interface as well as for Tri-speed operation in GMII and RGMII modes.
- **Byte PHY.** In Tri-Speed GMII mode, selecting Byte PHY reduces the number of BUFs by adding the Byte PHY to the physical side logic. See the *Virtex-5 FPGA Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC User Guide* for more information about Byte PHY mode.

## Management Data

**MDIO.** When selected, the MDIO option enables the MDIO ports on the core to access the registers in the internal and external PHY. When the MDIO option is selected for one or both EMACs, an MDIO configuration screen appears (for each EMAC) before generating the core. When unselected, the MDIO configuration screen is not displayed.

## SGMII Capabilities

- **10/100/1000 Mbps (no clock constraints required).** Default setting; provides the implementation using the Receiver Elastic Buffer in FPGA fabric. This alternative Receiver Elastic Buffer utilizes a single block RAM to create a buffer twice as large as the one present in the RocketIO transceiver, subsequently consuming extra logic resources. However, this default mode provides reliable SGMII operation under all conditions.
- **10/100/1000 Mbps OR 100/1000 Mbps (clock constraints required).** Uses the receiver elastic buffer present in the RocketIO transceivers. This is half the size and can potentially under- or overflow during SGMII frame reception at 10 Mbps operation. However, there are logical implementations where this can be proven reliable: if so it is favored because of its lower logic utilization.

For detailed information about SGMII capabilities, see [Appendix D, “SGMII Receiver Elastic Buffer.”](#)

## Flow Control Configuration

Allows both the receive and transmit flow control to be enabled or disabled. Flow control is disabled by default.

- **Tx Flow Control Enable.** Enable transmit flow control.
- **Rx Flow Control Enable.** Enable receive flow control.

## EMAC Configuration: Screen 3

The next EMAC configuration screen defines the configuration of each EMAC. For each enabled EMAC, a separate screen is provided, with the selected EMAC displayed at the top of the screen.

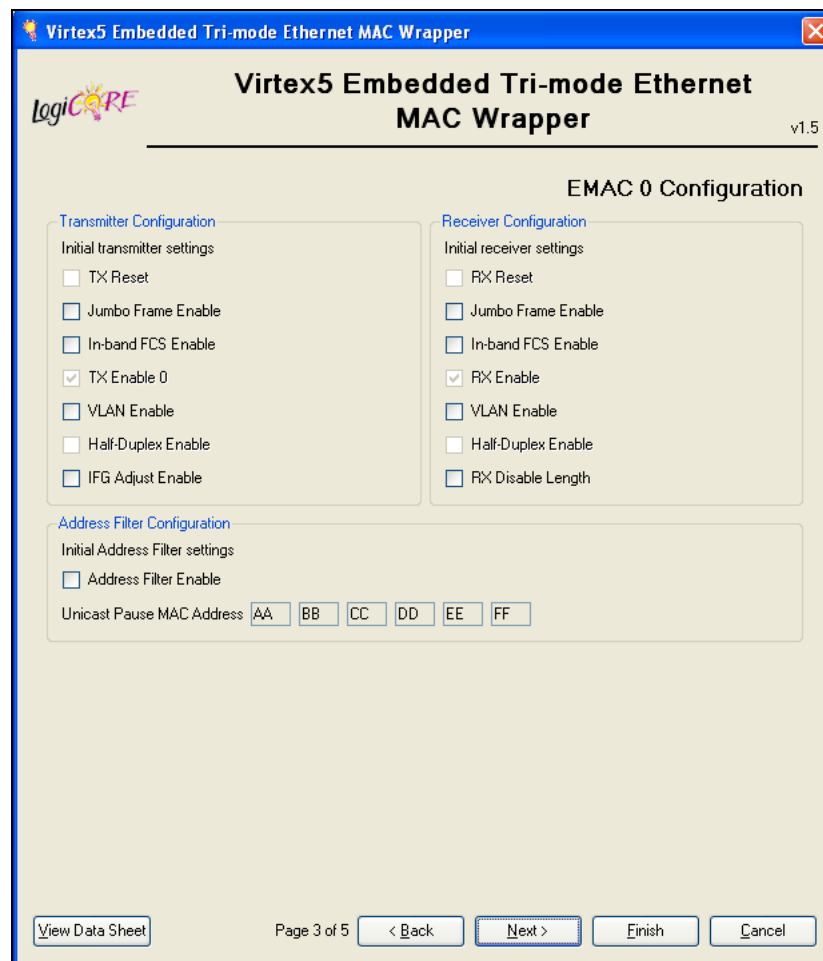


Figure 3-3: EMAC Configuration Options

## Transmitter Configuration

Transmitter configuration refers to the Ethernet MAC configuration registers located at 0x280. Initial values for several bits of this register can be set using the GUI. Changes to the register bits can be written using one of the host interfaces, if enabled. For more information, see "Configuration Registers," in the *Virtex-5 FPGA Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet Ethernet MAC User Guide*.

- **TX Reset.** When Host type is set to None, the Initial value of this bit cannot be changed.
- **Jumbo Frame Enable.** When selected, the transmitter sends frames greater than the maximum length specified in the *IEEE Std 802.3-2002*. When unselected, the transmitter sends only frames less than the specified maximum length.
- **In-band FCS Enable.** When selected, this bit sets the Ethernet MAC transmitter to be ready for the FCS field from the client.
- **TX Enable 0.** When Host type is set to None, the Initial value of this bit cannot be changed.
- **VLAN Enable.** When selected, the VLAN transmitter allows transmission of the VLAN-tagged frames.
- **Half-Duplex Enable.** When selected, the transmitter operates in half-duplex mode (applicable only for 10 and 100 Mbps). When unselected, the transmitter operates in full-duplex mode.
- **IFG Adjust Enable.** When selected, the transmitter reads the value of `CLIENTEMAC#TXIFGDELAY` at the start of frame transmission and adjusts the IFG.

## Receiver Configuration

Receiver configuration refers to the Ethernet MAC configuration registers located at 0x240. Initial values for several bits of this register can be set using the GUI. Changes to the register bits may be written using one of the host interfaces, if enabled. For more information, see “*Configuration Registers*,” in the *Virtex-5 FPGA Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet Ethernet MAC User Guide*.

- **RX Reset.** When Host type is set to None, the Initial value of this bit cannot be changed.
- **Jumbo Frame Enable.** When selected, the Ethernet MAC receiver accepts frames over the maximum length specified in the *IEEE Std 802.3-2002* specification. When unselected, the receiver accepts only frames up to the specified maximum.
- **In-band FCS Enable.** When selected, the receiver passes the FCS field up to the client. When unselected, the FCS field is not passed to the client. In either case, the FCS is verified on the frame.
- **RX Enable.** When Host type is set to None, the Initial value of this bit cannot be changed.
- **VLAN Enable.** When selected, the receiver accepts VLAN tagged frames. The maximum payload length increases by four bytes.
- **Half-Duplex Enable.** When selected, the receiver operates in half-duplex mode. When unselected, the receiver operates in full-duplex mode.
- **RX Disable Length.** When selected, disables the Length/Type field check on the frame.

## Address Filter Configuration

The Unicast Pause MAC Address (entered by the user) is used by the EMAC to compare the destination address of any incoming flow control frames, and as the source address for any outbound flow control frames.

The address is ordered for the least significant byte in the register to have the first byte transmitted or received, for example, an EMAC address of AA-BB-CC-DD-EE-FF is entered as FF-EE-DD-CC-BB-AA.

## MDIO/EMAC Configuration: Screen 4

The MDIO Configuration screen is only displayed if the 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII PHY interface is selected and the Enable Management Data (MDIO) option is selected in the “Management Data” section of the first EMAC configuration screen.

If both EMACs are enabled identically, the screen appears twice; if only one EMAC uses the 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII PHY interface and MDIO option, the screen appears only once for the enabled EMAC.

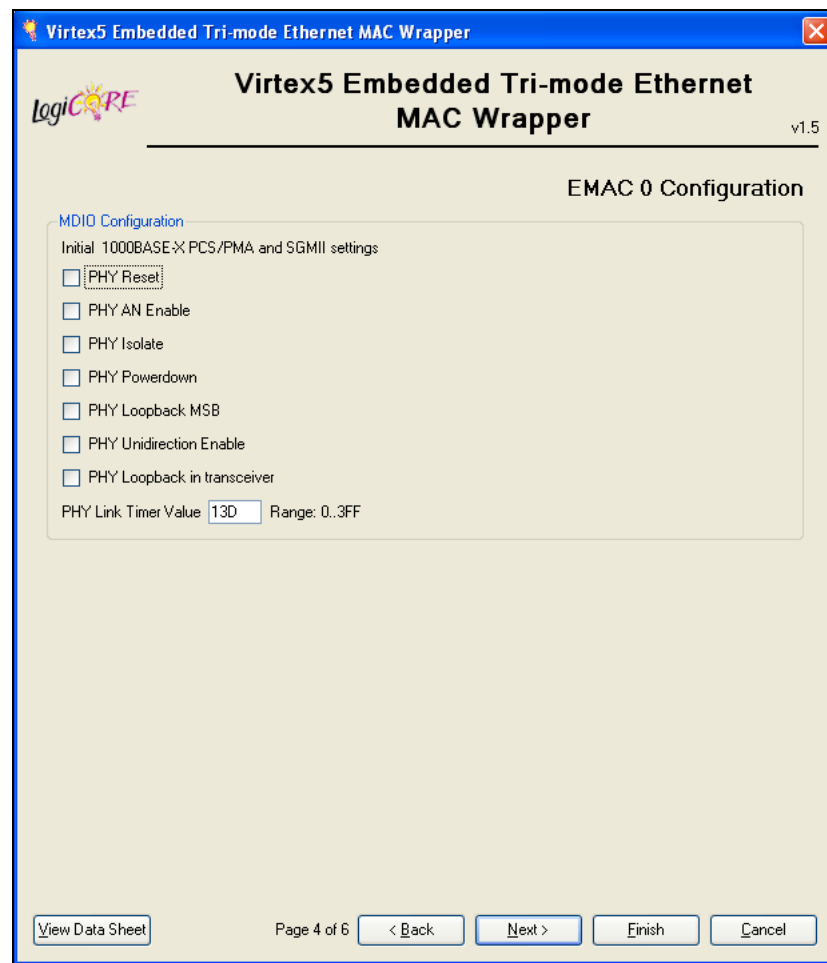


Figure 3-4: MDIO Configuration

### MDIO Configuration

- **PHY Reset.** If selected, the PHY is reset.
- **PHY AN Enable.** If selected, auto-negotiation is enabled.
- **PHY Isolate.** If selected, the PHY is electrically isolated.
- **PHY Powerdown.** If selected, the PHY powers down.
- **PHY Loopback MSB.** If selected, the PHY loopback is enabled.
- **PHY Unidirection Enable.** If selected, the PHY is capable of transmitting data regardless of whether a valid link has been established.

- **PHY Loopback in Transceiver.** If selected, loopback occurs in the RocketIO transceiver. Otherwise loopback occurs in the Ethernet MAC.
- **PHY Link Timer Value.** Programmable auto negotiation link timer value.
















## Detailed Example Design

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This chapter provides detailed information about working with the example design, including a description of files and the directory structure generated by the CORE Generator software, the purpose and contents of the implementation scripts, the contents of the example HDL wrappers, and the operation of the demonstration test bench.

### Directory Structure and File Descriptions

The Virtex-5 FPGA Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core directories and their associated files are defined in the sections that follow. To go to a specific directory, click a link below.

-  [<project directory>](#)  
Top-level project directory; user-defined name
  -  [<project directory>/<component name>](#)  
Core release notes file
    -  [<component name>/doc](#)  
Product documentation
    -  [<component name>/example\\_design](#)  
Verilog and VHDL (or whichever, if it's only one) design files
      -  [<component name>/example\\_design/client](#)  
Support files for the example client loopback logic
      -  [<component name>/example\\_design/client/fifo](#)  
Files for the FIFO instances in the LocalLink client
      -  [<component name>/example\\_design/physical](#)  
Files that describe the physical interfaces of the Ethernet MAC
    -  [<component name>/implement](#)  
Implementation script files
      -  [implement/results](#)  
Results directory, created after implementation scripts are run, and contains implement script results
    -  [<component name>/simulation](#)  
Test bench HDL (Verilog or VHDL)
      -  [simulation/functional](#)  
Functional simulation scripts
      -  [simulation/timing](#)  
Timing simulation scripts

## <project directory>

The <project directory> contains all the CORE Generator project files.

**Table 4-1: Project Directory**

Name	Description
<project_dir>	
<component_name>.xco	As an output file, the XCO file is a log file which records the settings used to generate a particular instance of the Ethernet MAC wrapper. An XCO file is generated by the CORE Generator System for each core that it creates in the current project directory. An XCO file can also be used as an input to the CORE Generator.
<component_name>_flist.txt	A text file listing all the output files produced when the wrapper and example design files were generated in the CORE Generator.

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## <project directory>/<component name>

The <component name> directory contains the release notes file provided with the core, which may include last-minute changes and updates.

**Table 4-2: Component Name Directory**

Name	Description
<project_dir>/<component_name>	
v5_emac_readme.txt	Virtex-5 FPGA Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Wrapper release notes text file.

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## <component name>/doc

The doc directory contains Ethernet MAC documentation. For detailed information about the Virtex-5 FPGA Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC, see the *Virtex-5 FPGA Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC User Guide*, available from [www.xilinx.com/bvdocs/userguides/ug194.pdf](http://www.xilinx.com/bvdocs/userguides/ug194.pdf).

**Table 4-3: Doc Directory**

Name	Description
<project_dir>/<component_name>/doc	
v5_emac_ds550.pdf	<i>Virtex-5 FPGA Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Wrapper Data Sheet.</i>

Table 4-3: Doc Directory (Continued)

Name	Description
v5_emac_gsg340.pdf	Virtex-5 Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Wrapper Getting Started Guide.

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## <component name>/example\_design

The example design directory and its sub-directories contain the support files necessary for a Verilog or VHDL implementation of the example design. See “Example Design,” page 43 for more information. The main Embedded Ethernet MAC Wrapper file and the top-level file for the example design are contained in this directory.

Table 4-4: Example Design Directory

Name	Description
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design	
<component_name>.v[hd]	Ethernet MAC wrapper file.
<component_name>_block.v[hd]	Block-level Ethernet MAC wrapper with instantiation of physical interface circuitry.
<component_name>_locallink.v[hd]	Top-level example design with a LocalLink client interface provided by the instantiation of the receive and transmit FIFOs.
<component_name>_example_design.v[hd]	Top-level example design providing a simple loopback function and clock buffer instantiation.
<component_name>_example_design.ucf	UCF for the design. See Appendix C, “Constraining the Example Design” for more information.

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## <component name>/example\_design/client

This directory contains the support files necessary for the example client loopback logic, which is connected to the Ethernet MAC client interfaces. The 8-bit versions of the following files are only present when an 8-bit client interface is selected. Similarly, the 16-bit versions are only present when a 16-bit client interface is selected.

Table 4-5: Example Design Directory

Name	Description
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/client	
address_swap_module_[8   16].v[hd]	The client loopback instances this to swap the source and destination addresses of the incoming frames.

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## <component\_name>/example\_design/client/fifo

This directory contains the files for the FIFO instantiated in the LocalLink client wrapper. For more information about the FIFO see “10 Mbps, 100 Mbps, 1 Gbps Ethernet FIFO,” page 44.

**Table 4-6: Example Design Directory**

Name	Description
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/client/fifo	
eth_fifo_[8   16].v[hd]	The FIFO top level, which instantiates the transmit and receive client FIFOs.
tx_client_fifo_[8   16].v[hd]	The transmit client FIFO. Takes data from the client in LocalLink format, stores it, and sends it to the MAC.
rx_client_fifo_[8   16].v[hd]	The receive client FIFO. Reads in and stores data from the MAC before outputting it to the client in LocalLink format.

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## <component\_name>/example\_design/physical

This directory contains the files that describe the physical interfaces of the Ethernet MAC. Appropriate files are delivered by the CORE Generator depending on the options selected.

**Table 4-7: Example Design Directory**

Name	Description
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/physical	
gmii_if.v[hd]	If GMII is selected on one or both Ethernet MACs without the Advanced Clocking option (Byte PHY).
gmii_byte_phy_if.v[hd]	If GMII is selected on one or both Ethernet MACs with the Byte PHY Advanced Clocking option.
mii_if.v[hd]	If MII is selected on one or both of the Ethernet MACs.
mii_byte_phy_if.v[hd]	If MII is selected on one or both Ethernet MACs with the Byte PHY Advanced Clocking option.
rgmii_if.v[hd]	If RGMII version 1.3 is selected on one or both of the Ethernet MACs.
rgmii_v2_0_if.v[hd]	If RGMII version 2.0 is selected on one or both of the Ethernet MACs.

Table 4-7: Example Design Directory (Continued)

Name	Description
gtp_dual_1000X.v[hd]	If a Virtex-5 LXT or SXT device is targeted and a SGMII or 1000Base-X PCS/PMA interface is selected on one or both Ethernet MACs, these files collectively connect the RocketIO GTP transceivers to the physical interface.
gtx_dual_1000X.v[hd]	If a Virtex-5 FXT or TXT device is targeted and an SGMII or 1000Base-X PCS/PMA interface is selected on one or both Ethernet MACs, these files collectively connect the RocketIO GTX transceivers to the physical interface.
rx_elastic_buffer.v[hd]	If the Tri-speed SGMII interface and SGMII Capabilities 10/100/1000 Mb/s (no clock constraints required) options are selected (Screen 2 of the GUI), the clock correction has to be implemented in the fabric to prevent buffer errors from occurring in long frames at 10 Mbps. This file implements a clock correction buffer using a RAMB18.

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## <component name>/implement

The implement directory contains the core implementation script files.

Table 4-8: Implement Directory

Name	Description
<project_dir>/<component_name>/implement	
implement.bat	A Windows batch file that processes the example design through the Xilinx tool flow.
implement.sh	A Linux shell script that processes the example design through the Xilinx tool flow.
xst.scr	The XST script file for the top-level example design.
xst.prj	The XST project file for the design; it enumerates all the HDL files that need to be synthesised.

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## implement/results

The results directory is created by the implement scripts and is used to run the example design files and the Ethernet MAC wrapper file through the Xilinx implementation tools. After these scripts are run, timing simulation files appear in the directory.

**Table 4-9: Results Directory**

Name	Description
<project_dir>/<component_name>/implement/results	
routed.v[hd]	The back-annotated simprim based Verilog or VHDL design. Used for timing simulation.
routed.sdf	The timing information for simulation is contained in this file.

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## <component name>/simulation

The simulation directory and its sub-directories provide the files necessary to test a Verilog or VHDL implementation of the example design.

**Table 4-10: Simulation Directory**

Name	Description
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation	
demo_tb.v[hd]	The Verilog or VHDL demonstration test bench for the Ethernet MAC wrapper.
configuration_tb.v[hd]	The configuration test bench is instantiated in demo_tb.vhd. It provides stimuli to configure the Ethernet MACs via the selected management interface.
emac0_phy_tb.v[hd]	The physical interface test bench for EMAC0. This stimulates the receiver ports and monitors the transmitter ports of the EMAC0 physical interface. This is instantiated in demo_tb.vhd and is only present when EMAC0 is selected.
emac1_phy_tb.v[hd]	The physical interface test bench for EMAC1. This stimulates the receiver ports and monitors the transmitter ports of the EMAC1 physical interface. This is instantiated in demo_tb.vhd and is only present when EMAC1 is selected.

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## simulation/functional

The functional directory contains functional simulation scripts provided with the core.

**Table 4-11: Functional Directory**

Name	Description
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/functional	
simulate_mti.do	A ModelSim macro file that compiles the example design sources and the structural simulation model then runs the functional simulation to completion.
wave_mti.do	A ModelSim macro file that opens a wave windows and adds interesting signals to it. It is called used by the simulate_mti.do macro file.
simulate_ncsim.sh	An IUS script file that compiles the example design sources and the structural simulation model and then runs the functional simulation to completion.
wave_ncsim.sv	An IUS macro file that opens a wave window and adds interesting signals to it.
simulate_vcs.sh	VCS script file that compiles the Verilog sources and runs the simulation to completion.
vcs_commands.key	The file sourced by VCS at the start of simulation; it configures the simulator.
vcs_session.tcl	VCS macro file that opens a wave window and adds signals of interest. It is called by the simulate_vcs.sh script file.

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## simulation/timing

The timing directory contains timing simulation scripts provided with the core.

**Table 4-12: Timing Directory**

Name	Description
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/timing	
simulate_mti.do	A ModelSim macro file that compiles the Verilog or VHDL timing model and demo test bench then runs the timing simulation to completion.
wave_mti.do	A ModelSim macro file that opens a wave windows and adds interesting signals to it. It is called used by the simulate_mti.do macro file.

Table 4-12: Timing Directory (Continued)

Name	Description
<code>simulate_ncsim.sh</code>	An IUS script file that compiles the Verilog or VHDL timing model and demo test bench and then runs the timing simulation to completion.
<code>wave_ncsim.sv</code>	An IUS macro file that opens a wave window and adds interesting signals to it.
<code>simulate_vcs.sh</code>	VCS script file that compiles the Verilog timing model and runs the simulation to completion.
<code>vcs_commands.key</code>	The file sourced by VCS at the start of simulation; it configures the simulator.
<code>vcs_session.tcl</code>	VCS macro file that opens a wave window and adds signals of interest. It is called by the <code>simulate_vcs.sh</code> script file.

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## Implementation and Test Scripts

### Setting up for Simulation

The Xilinx UniSim and SmartModel libraries must be mapped into the simulator. If the UniSim and SmartModel libraries are not set up for your environment, go to [Answer Record 15338](#) for assistance compiling Xilinx simulation models and for setting up the simulator environment.

### Virtex-5 Device Requirements

Virtex-5 device designs require either a Verilog LRM-IEEE 1364-2005 encryption-compliant simulator or a SWIFT-compliant simulator.

- For a Verilog LRM-IEEE 1364-2005 encryption-compliant simulator, ModelSim v6.3c is currently supported.
- For a SWIFT-compliant simulator, Cadence IUS v6.1 and Synopsys VCS 2006.06-SP1 are currently supported.

### Implementation Scripts for Timing Simulation

The implementation script, generated in the `implement` directory, is either a shell script or batch file that processes the example design through the Xilinx tool flow.

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/implement
```

Figure 4-1 shows a block diagram of the design.

#### Linux

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/implement/implement.sh
```

#### Windows

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/implement/implement.bat
```



The implement script performs the following steps:

1. The HDL example design is synthesised using XST.
2. Ngdbuild is run to produce an NGD file containing the entire design. A constraints file is also used at this stage to constrain the clocks to operate at the correct speed for Ethernet implementations. This file also contains constraints to control any clock domain crossings present in the design and example pin placements where appropriate.

For detailed information about the constraints files, see [Appendix C, "Constraining the Example Design."](#)

3. The design is placed-and-routed on the target device.
4. Static timing analysis is performed on the routed design using **trce**.
5. A bitstream is generated.
6. Netgen runs on the routed design to generate Verilog and VHDL netlists and timing information in the form of SDF files.

The Xilinx tool flow generates several output and report files. These files are saved in the following directory which is created by the implement script:

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/implement/results
```

## Test Scripts For Timing Simulation

The test script macro that automates the simulation of the test bench. The test scripts do the following:

- Compile the gate-level netlist
- Compile the demonstration test bench
- Start a simulation of the test bench
- Open a Wave window and adds some signals of interest (wave\_mti.do, wave\_ncsim.sv, vcs\_session.tcl)
- Run the simulation to completion

### For ModelSim

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/timing/simulate_mti.do
```

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/timing/simulate_mti.do
```

### For IUS

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/timing/simulate_ncsim.sh
```

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/timing/simulate_ncsim.sh
```

## For VCS

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/timing/simulate_vcs.sh
```

## Test Scripts For Functional Simulation

The test script that automates the functional simulation of the test bench. The test scripts do the following:

- Compile the Ethernet MAC wrapper
- Compile the example design files
- Compile the demonstration test bench
- Start a simulation of the test bench with no timing information
- Open a Wave window and adds some signals of interest (wave\_mti.do, wave\_ncsim.sv, vcs\_session.tcl)
- Run the simulation to completion

## For ModelSim

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/functional/simulate_mti.do
```

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/functional/simulate_mti.do
```

## For IUS

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/functional/simulate_ncsim.sh
```

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/functional/simulate_ncsim.sh
```

## For VCS

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/functional/simulate_vcs.sh
```

## Example Design

### HDL Example Design

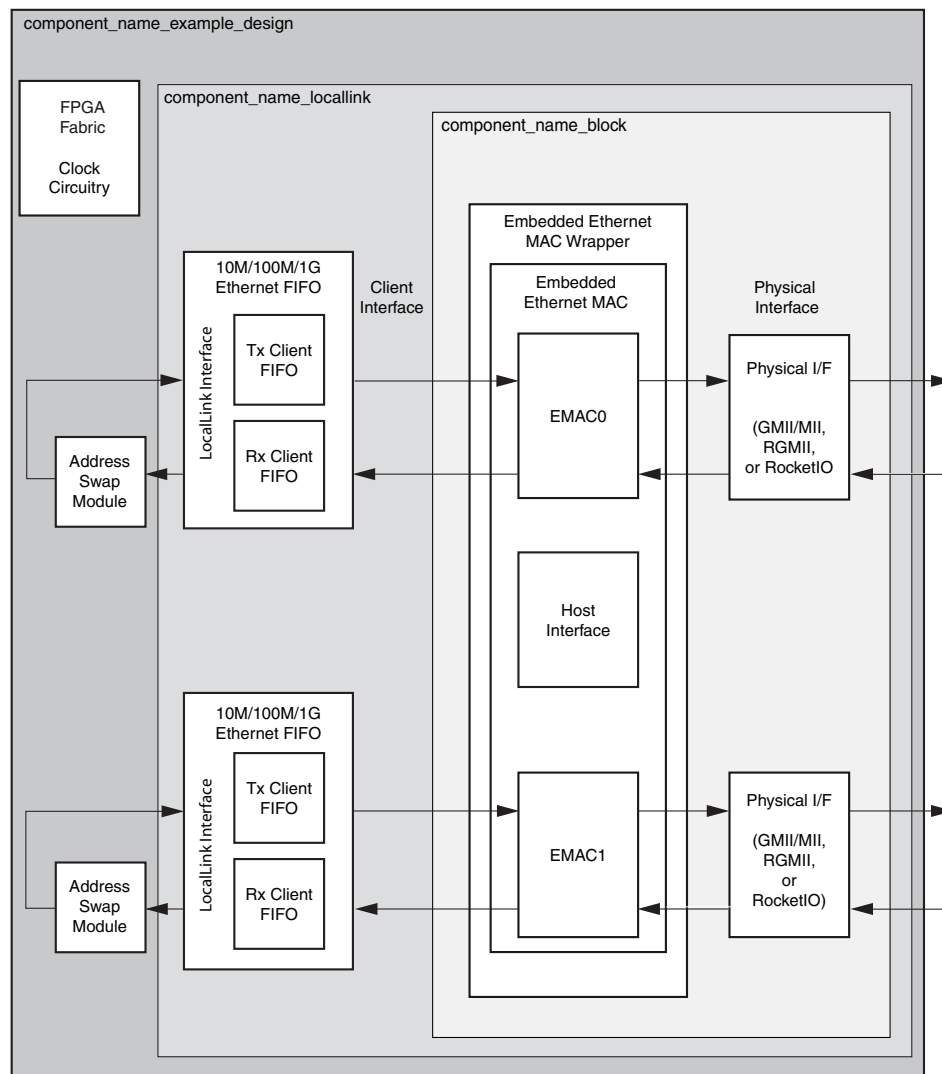


Figure 4-1: HDL Example Design

The top-level example design for the Ethernet MAC wrapper is defined in the following files:

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/  
<component_name>_example_design.v
```

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/  
<component_name>_example_design.vhd
```

The HDL example design contains the following:

- An instance of the Ethernet MAC wrapper
- An instance of the block level EMAC wrapper containing GMII/MII, RGMII, SGMII or 1000Base-X PCS/PMA interface logic
- An instance of the LocalLink wrapper containing transmit and receive LocalLink FIFOs
- An instance of the top-level example design containing an address swap module, which loops the received data back to the transmitter. Clock management logic including DCMs and Global Clock Buffer instances where required, is also instantiated. This allows the functionality of the core to be demonstrated either using a simulation package, as discussed in this guide, or in hardware, if placed on a suitable board

## 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps, 1 Gbps Ethernet FIFO

The 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps, 1 Gbps Ethernet FIFO is defined in the following files:

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/client/fifo/
eth_fifo_[8/16/8,16].v
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/client/fifo/
tx_client_fifo_[8/16/8,16].v
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/client/fifo/
rx_client_fifo_[8/16/8,16].v
```

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/client/fifo/
eth_fifo_[8/16/8,16].vhd
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/client/fifo/
tx_client_fifo_[8/16/8,16].vhd
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/client/fifo/
rx_client_fifo_[8/16/8,16].vhd
```

The 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps, 1 Gbps Ethernet FIFO contains an instance of `tx_client_fifo` to connect to the Ethernet MAC client side transmitter interface, and an instance of the `rx_client_fifo` to connect to the Ethernet MAC client receiver interface. Both transmit and receive FIFO components implement a LocalLink user interface, through which the frame data can be read and written.

Figure 4-2 illustrates a simple frame transfer across the LocalLink. For more information about the FIFO, see [Appendix A, "Using the Client Side FIFO."](#)

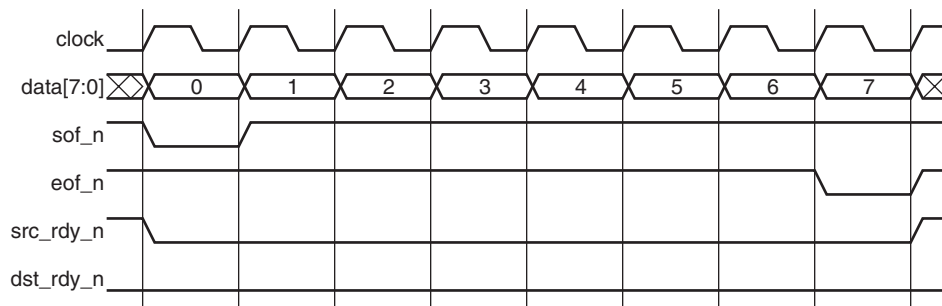


Figure 4-2: Frame Transfer across LocalLink Interface

## rx\_client\_fifo

The `rx_client_fifo` is built around 2 Dual Port block RAMs, providing a total memory capacity of 4096 bytes of frame data. The receive FIFO will write in data received through the Ethernet MAC. If the frame is marked as good, that frame will be presented on the LocalLink interface for reading by the user, (in this case the `tx_client_fifo` module). If the frame is marked as bad, that frame is dropped by the receive FIFO.

If the receive FIFO memory overflows, the frame currently being received will be dropped, regardless of whether it is a good or bad frame, and the signal `rx_overflow` will be asserted. Situations in which the memory may overflow are:

- The FIFO may overflow if the receiver clock is running at a faster rate than the transmitter clock or if the inter-packet gap between the received frames is smaller than the inter-packet gap between the transmitted frames. If this is the case, the Tx fifo cannot read data from the rx fifo as fast as it is being received.
- The FIFO size of 4096 bytes limits the size of the frames that it can store without error. If a frame is larger than 4000 bytes, the FIFO can overflow and data will be lost. For this reason, it is recommended that the example design not be used with the Ethernet MAC in jumbo frame mode for frames larger than 4000 bytes.

## tx\_client\_fifo

The `tx_client_fifo` is built around 2 Dual Port block RAMs, providing a total memory capacity of 4096 bytes of frame data. When a full frame has been written into the transmit FIFO, the FIFO presents data to the MAC transmitter. On receiving the acknowledge signal from the Ethernet MAC, the rest of the frame is transmitted providing there is no retransmit request output by the Ethernet MAC. If a retransmission request is received, the frame is queued for retransmission.

If the FIFO memory fills to capacity, the `dst_rdy_out_n` signal is used to halt the LocalLink interface writing data until space becomes available in the FIFO. If the FIFO memory fills but no full frames are available for transmission, that is, if a frame larger than 4000 bytes is written into the FIFO, the FIFO asserts `tx_overflow` and continues to accept the rest of the frame from the user. The overflow frame is dropped by the FIFO to ensure that the LocalLink interface does not lock up.

## Address Swap Module

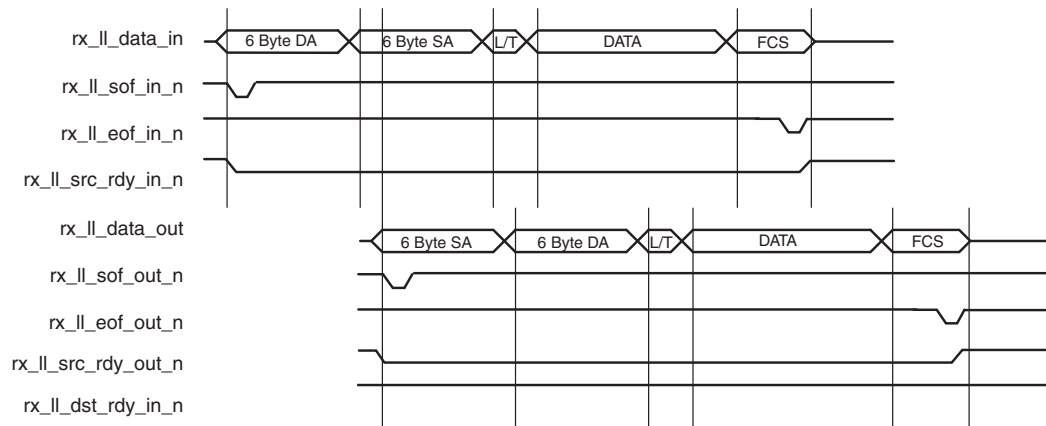


Figure 4-3: Modification of Frame Data by Address Swap Module

The address swap module is described in the following files:

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/client/  
address_swap_module_[8|16|8,16].v
```

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/client/  
address_swap_module_[8|16|8,16].vhd
```

The address swap module takes frame data from the Ethernet MAC LocalLink client interface. The module swaps the destination and source addresses of each frame (as shown in Figure 4-3) to ensure that the outgoing frame destination address matches the source address of the link partner. The module transmits the frame control signals with an equal latency to the frame data.

## Physical Interface

An appropriate Physical Interface is provided for each selected EMAC0/EMAC1. This connects the physical interface of the Ethernet MAC block to the I/O of the FPGA, and as required, contains the following components:

- For GMII/MII, this component contains Input/Output block (IOB) buffers and IOB flip-flops.
- For RGMII, this component contains IOB buffers and IOB Double-Data Rate flip-flops. IODELAYS are also instantiated on the receiver data input. These are configured in *FIXED* mode and align the received data with the clock. If RGMII v2.0 is selected, an IODELAY is used to delay the transmitter clock output by the 2ns required by the specification.
- For 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII, this component instantiates and connects the RocketIO transceivers.

## Demonstration Test Bench

### Test Bench Functionality

The demonstration test bench, illustrated in [Figure 4-4](#), is a simple VHDL or Verilog program to exercise the example design and the core itself.

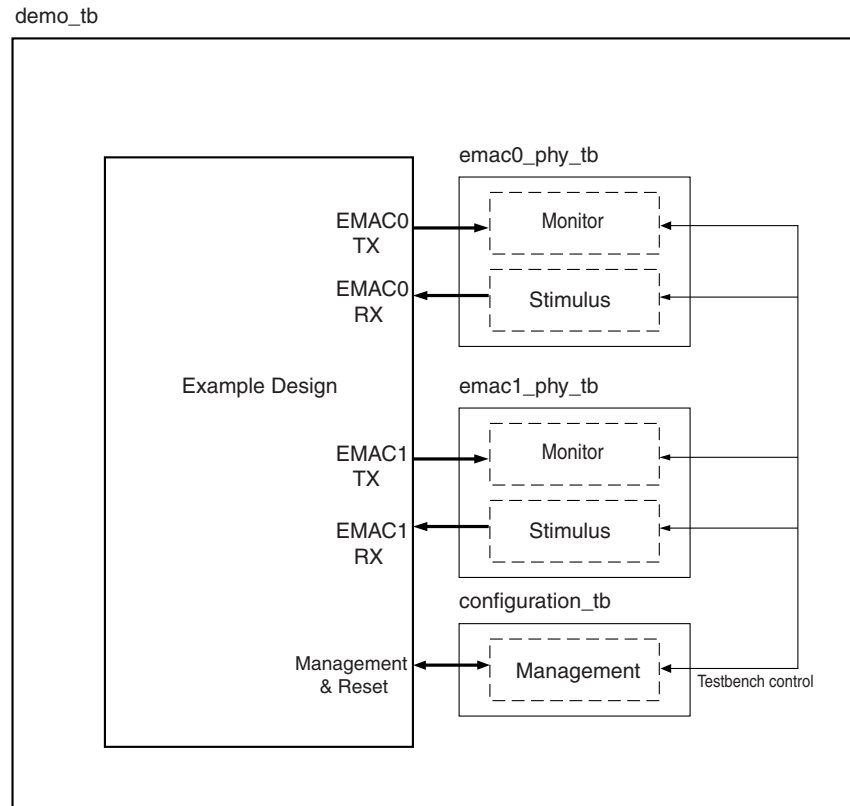


Figure 4-4: Demonstration Test Bench

The demonstration test bench is defined in the following files:

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/demo_tb.v
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/configuration_tb.v
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/emac0_phy_tb.v
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/emac1_phy_tb.v
```

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/demo_tb.vhd
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/configuration_tb.vhd
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/emac0_phy_tb.vhd
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/emac1_phy_tb.vhd
```

The top-level test bench (demo\_tb.vhd, demo\_tb.v) consists of the following:

- Clock generators

- A control mechanism to manage the interaction of management, stimulus, and monitor blocks.

The configuration test bench (`configuration_tb.vhd`, `configuration_tb.v`) consists of the following:

- A management block to exercise the host or DCR interfaces (if selected) or to configure the Ethernet MACs through the configuration vector
- Semaphores to indicate configuration status to the top level test bench

The physical layer test benches (`emac0/1_phy_tb.vhd`, `emac0/1_phy_tb.v`) *each* consist of the following:

- A stimulus block, which connects to the physical receiver interface of the example design
- A monitor block to check data returned through the physical transmitter interface

## Demonstration Test Bench Tasks

The demonstration test bench performs the following tasks:

- Input clock signals are generated.
- A reset is applied to the example design.
- The selected Ethernet MACs are configured through the management or configuration interface, setting up the MDC clock frequency, disabling auto-negotiation in SGMII and 1000Base-X PCS/PMA modes, and disabling flow control.
- The configuration test bench then sets the speed of the selected Ethernet MACs.
- If EMAC0 is selected to run at 1000 Mbps or in Tri-Speed mode, the following four frames are pushed into the EMAC0 receiver interface at 1 Gbps:
  - + The first frame is a minimum length frame
  - + The second frame is a type frame
  - + The third frame is an errored frame
  - + The fourth frame is a padded frame
- If EMAC1 is selected to run at 1000 Mbps or in Tri-Speed mode, the same four frames are applied to the EMAC1 receiver interface simultaneously.
- The frames received at the transmitter of each Ethernet MAC interface are checked against the stimulus frames to ensure data is the same. The monitor process takes into account the source/destination address field and FCS modifications resulting from the address swap module.
- If applicable, the selected Ethernet MACs are configured through the management interface to run at 100 Mbps. The same four frames are then sent to the receiver interface and checked against the stimulus frames.
- If applicable, the selected Ethernet MACs are then configured through the management interface to run at 10 Mbps. The same four frames are then sent to the receiver interface and checked against the stimulus frames.



## Changing the Test Bench

### Changing Frame Data

The contents of the frame data passed into the Ethernet MAC receivers can be modified by changing the DATA fields for each frame defined in the test bench. More frames can be added by defining a new frame of data.

### Changing Frame Error Status

Errors can be inserted into any of the pre-defined frames by changing the ERROR field to '1' in any column of that frame. When an error is introduced into a frame, the BAD\_FRAME field for that frame must be set in order to disable the monitor checking for that frame. The error currently written into the third frame can be removed by setting all ERROR fields for the frame to '0' and unsetting the BAD\_FRAME field.

### Changing the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Configuration

The configuration of the Ethernet MACs used in the demonstration test bench can be altered.

**Caution:** Certain Ethernet MAC configurations cause the test bench either to result in failure or cause processes to run indefinitely. Be sure to determine which configurations can be used safely with the test bench.

The Ethernet MACs can be reconfigured by adding more steps in the test bench management process to write new configurations to the Ethernet MAC.



## Using the Client Side FIFO

The example design provided with the Ethernet MAC wrapper contains a LocalLink FIFO used to interface to the client side of the Ethernet MAC. The source code for the FIFO is provided and can be used and adjusted for user applications.

The 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps, 1 Gbps Ethernet FIFO consists of independent transmit and receive FIFOs embedded in a top-level wrapper. [Figure A-1](#) shows how the FIFO fits into a typical implementation. Each FIFO is built around 2 Dual Port block RAMs providing a memory capacity of 4096 bytes in each FIFO.

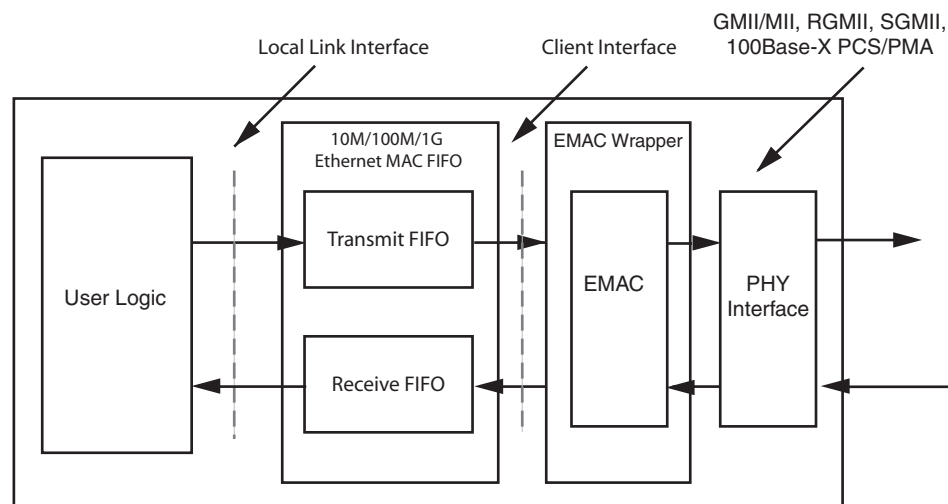


Figure A-1: Typical 10M/100M/1G Ethernet FIFO Implementation

## Overview of LocalLink Interface

Data is transferred on the LocalLink interface from source to destination, with the flow governed by the four active low control signals `sof_n`, `eof_n`, `src_rdy_n`, and `dst_rdy_n`. The flow of data is controlled by the `src_rdy_n` and `dst_rdy_n` signals. Only when these signals are asserted simultaneously is data transferred from source to destination. The individual packet boundaries are marked by the `sof_n` and `eof_n` signals. For more information on the LocalLink interface, see Xilinx [Application Note XAPP691](#). [Figure A-2](#) shows the transfer of an 8-byte frame.

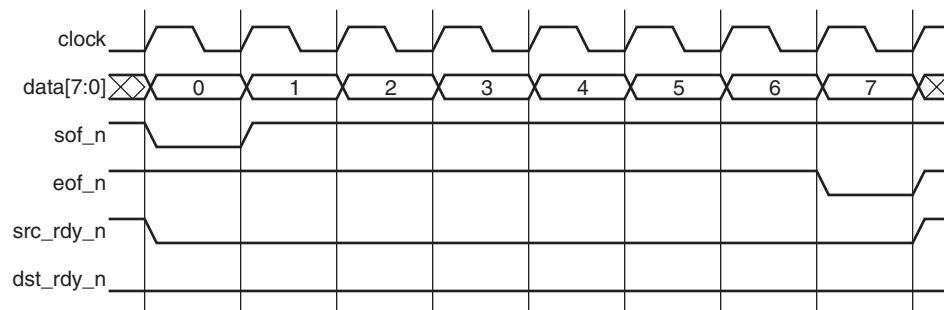


Figure A-2: Frame Transfer across LocalLink Interface

Figure A-3 illustrates frame transfer of a 5-byte frame, where both the `src_rdy_n` and `dst_rdy_n` signals are used to control the flow of data across the interface.

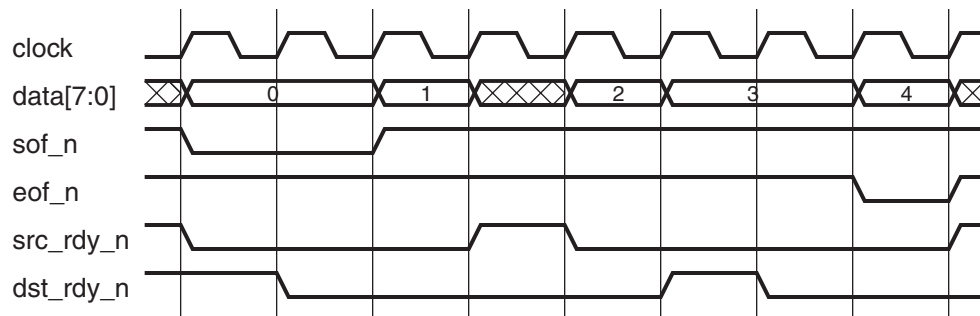


Figure A-3: Frame Transfer with Flow Control

## Receive FIFO Operation

The receive FIFO takes data from the client interface of the Ethernet MAC core and converts it into LocalLink format. See the *Virtex-5 FPGA Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC User Guide* for a description of the Ethernet MAC receive client interface. If the frame is marked as good by the Ethernet MAC, that frame is presented on the LocalLink interface for reading by the user. If the frame is marked as bad, that frame is dropped by the FIFO.

### LocalLink Interface

Table A-1 describes the receive FIFO LocalLink interface.

Table A-1: Receive FIFO LocalLink Interface

Signal	Direction	Clock Domain	Description
rx_ll_clock	Input	N/A	Read clock for LocalLink interface
rx_ll_reset	Input	rx_ll_clock	Synchronous reset
rx_ll_data_out[7:0]	Output	rx_ll_clock	Data read from FIFO

Table A-1: Receive FIFO LocalLink Interface (Continued)

Signal	Direction	Clock Domain	Description
rx_ll_sof_out_n	Output	rx_ll_clock	Start of frame indicator
rx_ll_eof_out_n	Output	rx_ll_clock	End of frame indicator
rx_ll_src_rdy_out_n	Output	rx_ll_clock	Source ready indicator
rx_ll_dst_rdy_in_n	Input	rx_ll_clock	Destination ready indicator
rx_fifo_status[3:0]	Output	rx_ll_clock	FIFO memory status

If the receive FIFO memory overflows, the frame currently being received is dropped, regardless of its status (good or bad), and the `rx_overflow` is asserted. Frames continue to be dropped until space is made available in the FIFO by reading data out. The FIFO status signal indicates the occupancy of the FIFO.

## Transmit FIFO Operation

The transmit FIFO accepts frames in LocalLink format and stores them in block RAM for transmission through the EMAC. When a full frame is written into the transmit FIFO, the FIFO presents the data to the Ethernet MAC transmitter client interface. On receiving the acknowledge signal from the Ethernet MAC, the rest of the frame is transmitted. For a description of the Ethernet MAC transmit client interface, see the *Virtex-5 FPGA Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC User Guide*.

## LocalLink Interface

Table A-2 defines the transmit FIFO LocalLink interface signals.

Table A-2: Transmit FIFO LocalLink Interface

Signal	Direction	Clock Domain	Description
tx_ll_clock	Input	N/A	Write clock for LocalLink interface
tx_ll_reset	Input	tx_ll_clock	Synchronous reset
tx_ll_data_in[7:0]	Input	tx_ll_clock	Write data to be sent to transmitter
tx_ll_sof_in_n	Input	tx_ll_clock	Start of frame indicator
tx_ll_eof_in_n	Input	tx_ll_clock	End of frame indicator
tx_ll_src_rdy_in_n	Input	tx_ll_clock	Source ready indicator
tx_ll_dst_rdy_out_n	Output	tx_ll_clock	Destination ready indicator
tx_fifo_status[3:0]	Output	tx_ll_clock	FIFO memory status

In half-duplex operation, if the client interface collision signal is asserted by the EMAC, the current frame transmission is terminated. If the retransmit signal is also asserted, the FIFO re-queues the frame for transmission.

If the FIFO memory fills to capacity, the `dst_rdy_out_n` signal is used to halt the LocalLink interface writing in data until space becomes available in the FIFO. If the FIFO memory

fills to capacity but no frames are available for transmission, that is, if a frame larger than 4000 bytes is written into the FIFO, the FIFO asserts the `tx_overflow` signal and continues to accept the rest of the frame from the user. The overflow frame is dropped by the FIFO to ensure that the LocalLink interface does not lock up.

## Clock Requirements

The FIFO is designed to work with the client clocks running at speeds in the range of 125 MHz to 1.25 MHz. The `rx_ll_clock` should be no slower than the clock on the receiver client interface and the `tx_ll_clock` should be no slower than the clock on the transmitter client interface. For this reason, it is suggested that the `rx_ll_clock` and `tx_ll_clock` are always 125 MHz or faster.

## User Interface Data Width Conversion

Conversion of the user interface 8-bit data path to a 16, 32, 64, or 128 bit data path can be made by connecting the LocalLink interface directly to the Parameterizable LocalLink FIFO ([XAPP691](#)).

# Ethernet MAC Clocking

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The Ethernet MAC example design provides clocking schemes for each supported interface. This chapter provides details about the supplied clocking schemes. Clocking is implemented in the `<component_name>_example_design.v/vhd` file. For more information about Ethernet MAC clock management, see the *Virtex-5 FPGA Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC User Guide*. In the following examples, # refers to the Ethernet MAC number (EMAC0 or EMAC1).

## Single-Speed Clocking

### 1000Base-X PCS/PMA: Virtex-5 LXT and SXT Devices

In PCS/PMA and SGMII modes ([Figure B-1](#)) the user supplies a high quality differential clock to the RocketIO GTP transceiver. This is input to the wrappers on the CLK\_DS port. This clock can be shared between multiple instantiations of the wrappers.

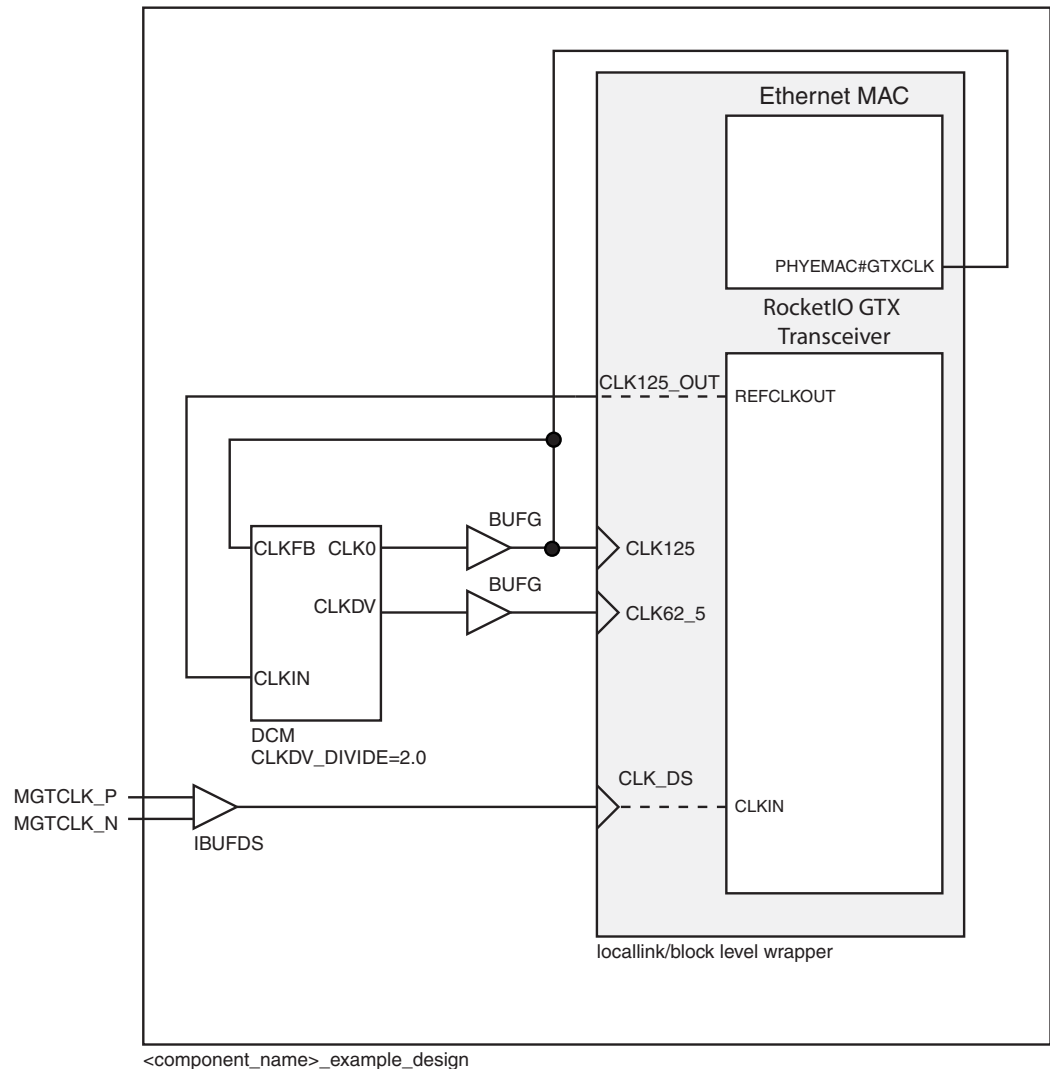
A 125 MHz clock is used to drive the transmit and receive sections of the wrappers. This is supplied via a BUFG and input on the CLK125 port. The REFCLKOUT output from the transceiver is made available to the user and can be used to drive CLK125. This clock can be shared between multiple instantiations of the wrappers.





## 1000Base-X PCS/PMA: Virtex-5 FXT and TXT Devices

The RocketIO transceiver in Virtex-5 FXT and TXT devices requires an additional 62.5 MHz clock input. This drives the transceiver 2-byte internal data path. This clock should be generated from REFCLKOUT via a DCM as illustrated in [Figure B-2](#).



**Figure B-2: PCS/PMA/SGMII Clocking at 1000 Mbps: Virtex-5 FXT and TXT Devices**

When operating at 2000 Mbps using the 16-bit client mode (Figure B-3) an additional 250 MHz clock (CLK250) is input to the wrappers. This is used to clock the RocketIO transceiver and the physical side of the Ethernet MAC. CLK250 is generated from the REFCLKOUT output of the transceiver through a DCM and can be shared between multiple instantiations of the wrappers.

The diagram illustrates the internal structure of a RocketIO GTX Transceiver, which is part of a LocalLink/Block-level wrapper. It shows the following components and connections:

- DCM (Digital Clock Manager):** A central block with inputs `CLKFB`, `CLK0`, and `CLKIN`, and output `CLKFX`. It is configured with `CLKFX_MULTIPLY = 2`.
- IBUFDS (Input Buffer with Differential Sense):** Receives external signals `MGTCLK_P` and `MGTCLK_N` and outputs a differential clock signal `CLK_DS` to the `CLKIN` input of the RocketIO GTX Transceiver.
- BUFG (Buffer with Global Enable):** Two buffers are shown. One takes `CLK0` as input and outputs `CLK125`. The other takes `CLKFX` as input and outputs `CLK250`.
- RocketIO GTX Transceiver:** The main block containing:
  - Ethernet MAC:** Contains the `PHYEMAC#GTxCLK` output, which is connected to the `CLK125_OUT` input of the transceiver.
  - REFCLKOUT:** A reference clock output that is connected to the `CLK125` input of the transceiver.
  - Internal Clocks:** The transceiver has inputs for `CLK125` and `CLK250`, and an output for `CLKIN` (which is also the input from the IBUFDS).

The diagram shows the complex clocking scheme required for the RocketIO GTX Transceiver, involving a DCM, input buffers, and multiple clock paths within the wrapper.

**Figure B-3: PCS/PMA Clocking at 2000 Mbps**

## GMII/RGMII at 1000 Mbps

Figure B-4 shows the clocking for a parallel interface (GMII or RGMII) operating at 1000 Mbps. TX\_CLK\_# clocks the transmitter circuitry and is driven by a high quality 125 MHz clock. This can be shared between multiple instantiations of the wrappers.

The receiver is driven by the input clock from the PHY chip via an IDELAY element. The IDELAY is used to align the clock to the data inputs as they enter the FPGA. The delayed clock is routed through a BUFG (or BUFR) and cannot be shared between multiple Ethernet MACs.

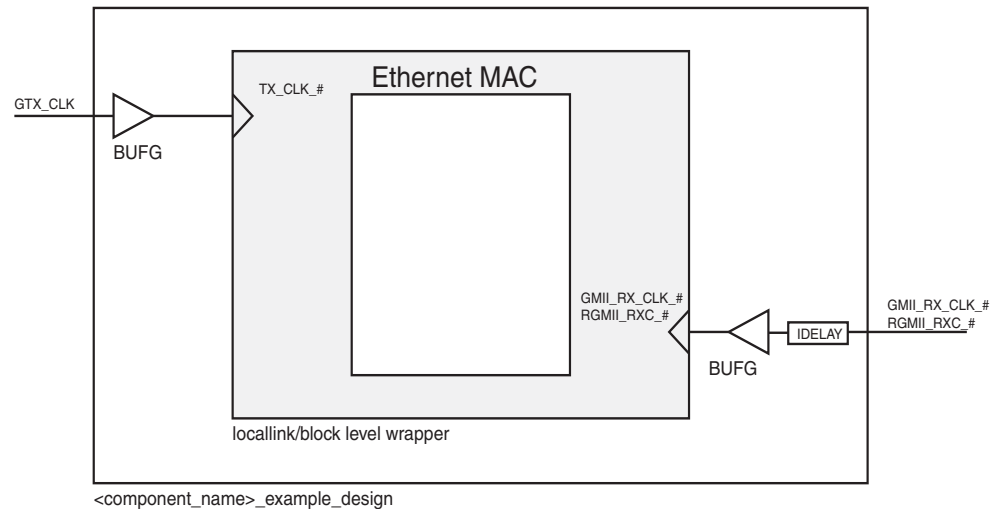


Figure B-4: GMII/RGMII Clocking at 1000 Mbps

## Multi-Speed Clocking

This section illustrates the clocking for the Ethernet MAC wrapper when operating at multiple speeds. For most interfaces, the Ethernet MAC supplies a clock output that can be used to drive the client logic at all speeds. The frequency of the clock output is dependent on the setting of the speed selection bits in the Ethernet MAC Mode Configuration Register.

For the implementation of some interfaces the Ethernet MAC `EMAC#SPEEDIS10100` output is exposed at the wrapper interface. This is asserted when the Ethernet MAC is operating at 10 or 100 Mbps. This signal can be used to select between different clock inputs depending on the current speed of operation. For information about the Ethernet MAC signals and register definitions please see the *Virtex-5 FPGA Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC User Guide*.

## SGMII at Multiple Speeds: Virtex-5 LXT and SXT Devices

For SGMII operation at multiple speeds the user supplies the high quality differential clock (CLK\_DS) and 125 MHz reference clock (CLK125) described in Figure B-1. These are used to clock the RocketIO transceiver and the physical side of the Ethernet MAC and can be shared between multiple instantiations of the wrappers.

In addition a 1.25/12.5/125 MHz client clock (CLIENT\_CLK\_#) must be supplied. This is used to drive the client logic at all 3 speeds. The EMAC#CLIENTTXCLIENTCLKOUT output from the EMAC is made available to the user on the CLIENT\_CLK\_OUT\_# port and this is used to drive CLIENT\_CLK\_#. This clock cannot be shared between multiple Ethernet MACs unless they all operate at the same speed. Figure B-5 shows the supplied clocking scheme.

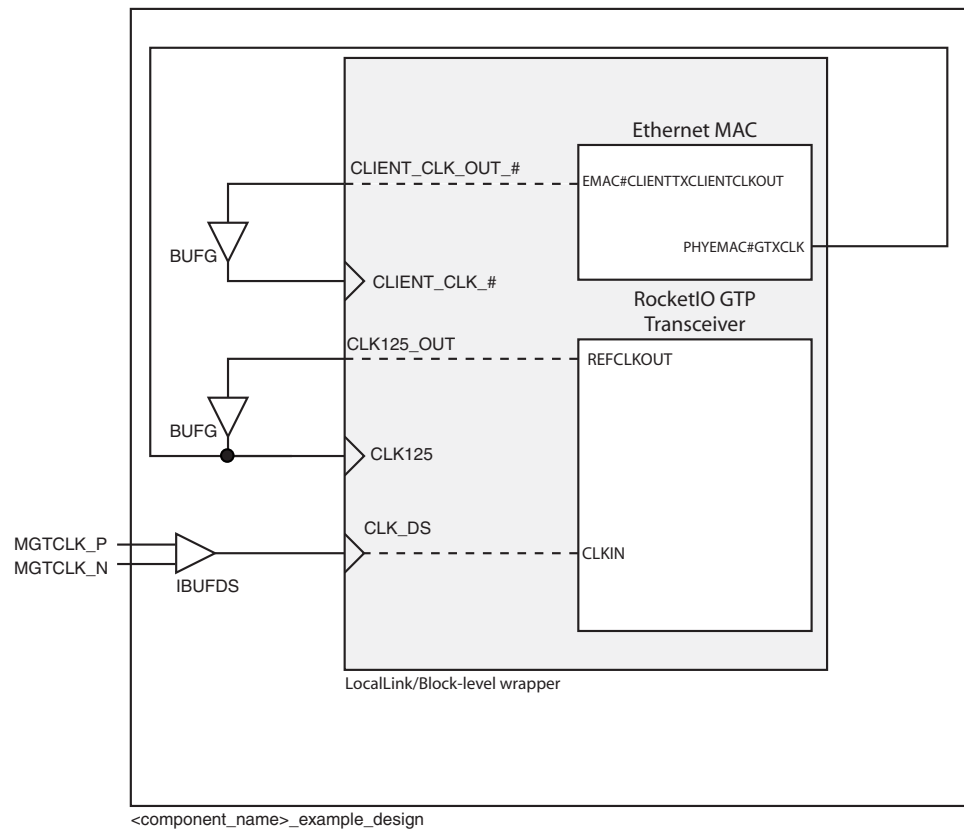


Figure B-5: SGMII Clocking at 10/100/1000 Mbps: Virtex-5 LXT and SXT Devices

## SGMII at Multiple Speeds: Virtex-5 FXT and TXT Devices

For SGMII implementation in Virtex-5 FXT and TXT devices the user supplies the high-quality differential clock (CLK\_DS) and 125 MHz reference clock (CLK125). These are used to clock the RocketIO GTX transceiver and the physical side of the Ethernet MAC and can be shared between multiple instantiations of the wrappers.

The RocketIO GTX transceiver also requires a 62.5MHz clock input. This drives the transceiver 2-byte internal data path. This clock should be generated from REFCLKOUT via a DCM. In addition a 1.25/12.5/125 MHz client clock (CLIENT\_CLK\_#) must be supplied. This is used to drive the client logic at all 3 speeds. The EMAC#CLIENTTXCLIENTCLKOUT output from the EMAC is made available to the user on the CLIENT\_CLK\_OUT\_# port and this is used to drive CLIENT\_CLK\_#. This clock cannot be shared between multiple Ethernet MACs unless they all operate at the same speed. Figure B-6 shows the supplied clocking scheme.

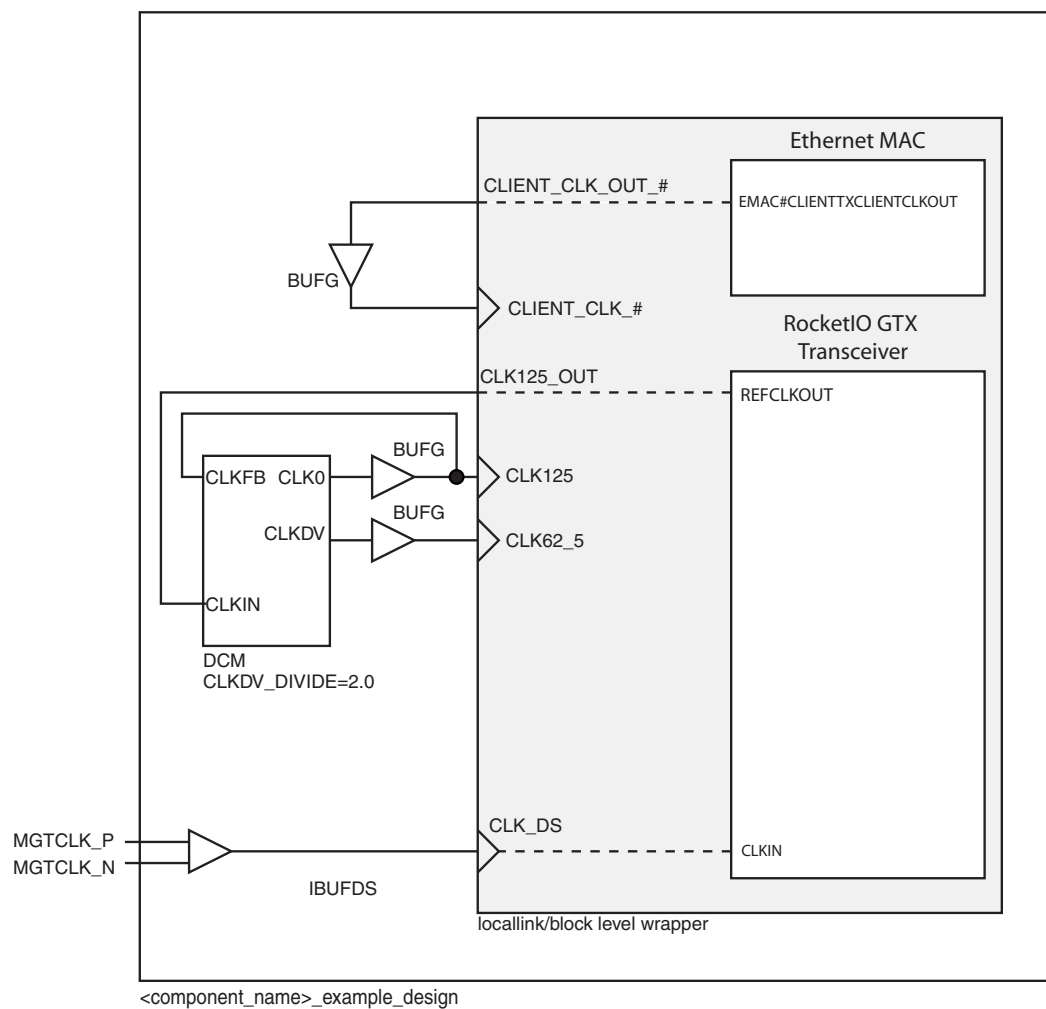


Figure B-6: **SGMII Clocking at 10/100/1000 Mbps: Virtex-5 FXT and TXT Devices**

## GMII/MII/RGMII at Multiple Speeds

There are a variety of clocking schemes available when using a parallel PHY interface at multiple speeds. Figure B-7 and Figure B-8 show the default method, where the user supplies 1.25/12.5/125 MHz clocks for the transmit and receive client interfaces and 2.5/25/125 MHz clocks for the physical interface. The signals are generated from the clock outputs of the Ethernet MAC.

Because this method uses a large amount of clocking resources, Xilinx recommends that you use the clock enable or Byte PHY methods shown in Figure B-9, Figure B-10, and Figure B-11.

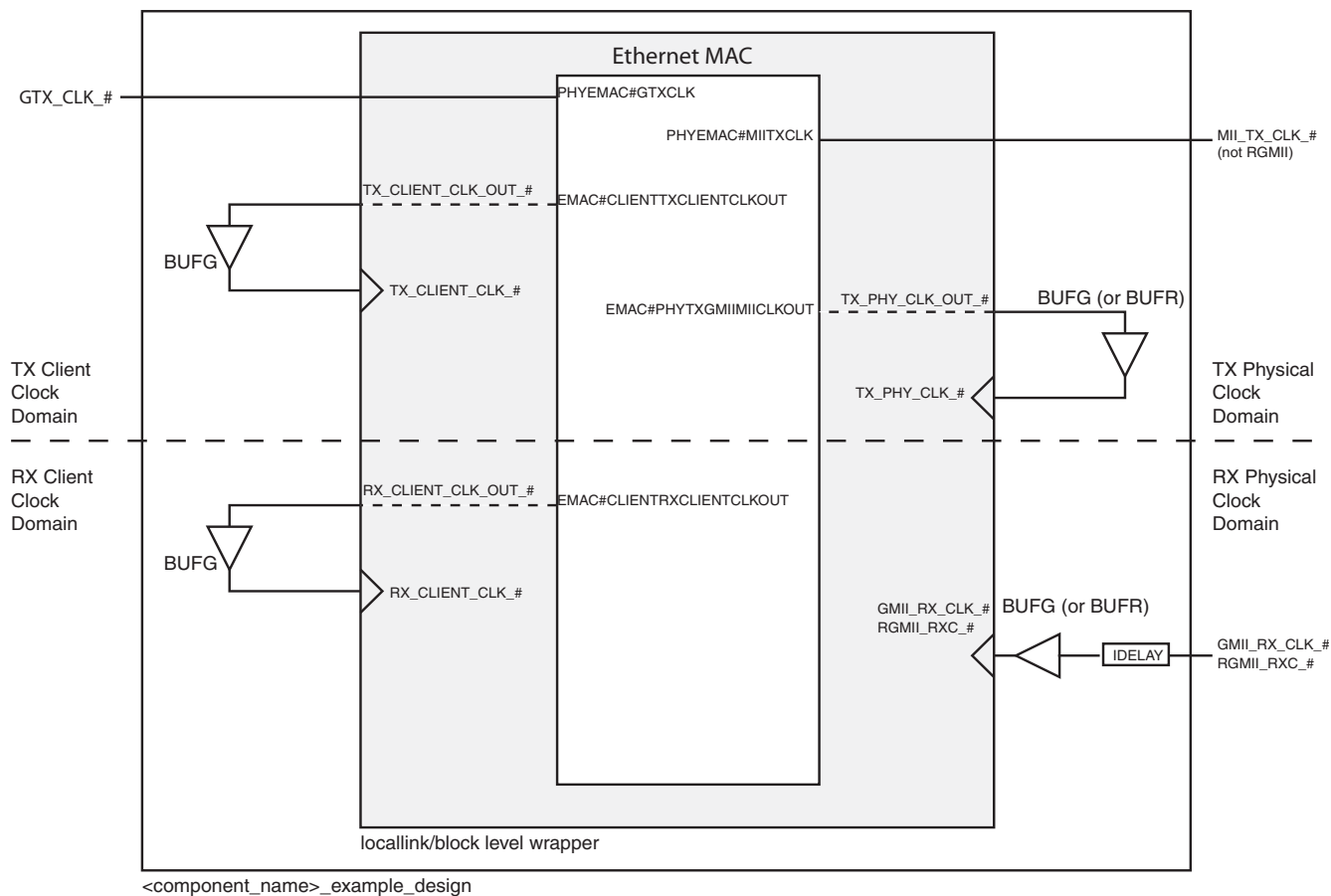


Figure B-7: GMII/RGMII Clocking at 10/100/1000 Mbps

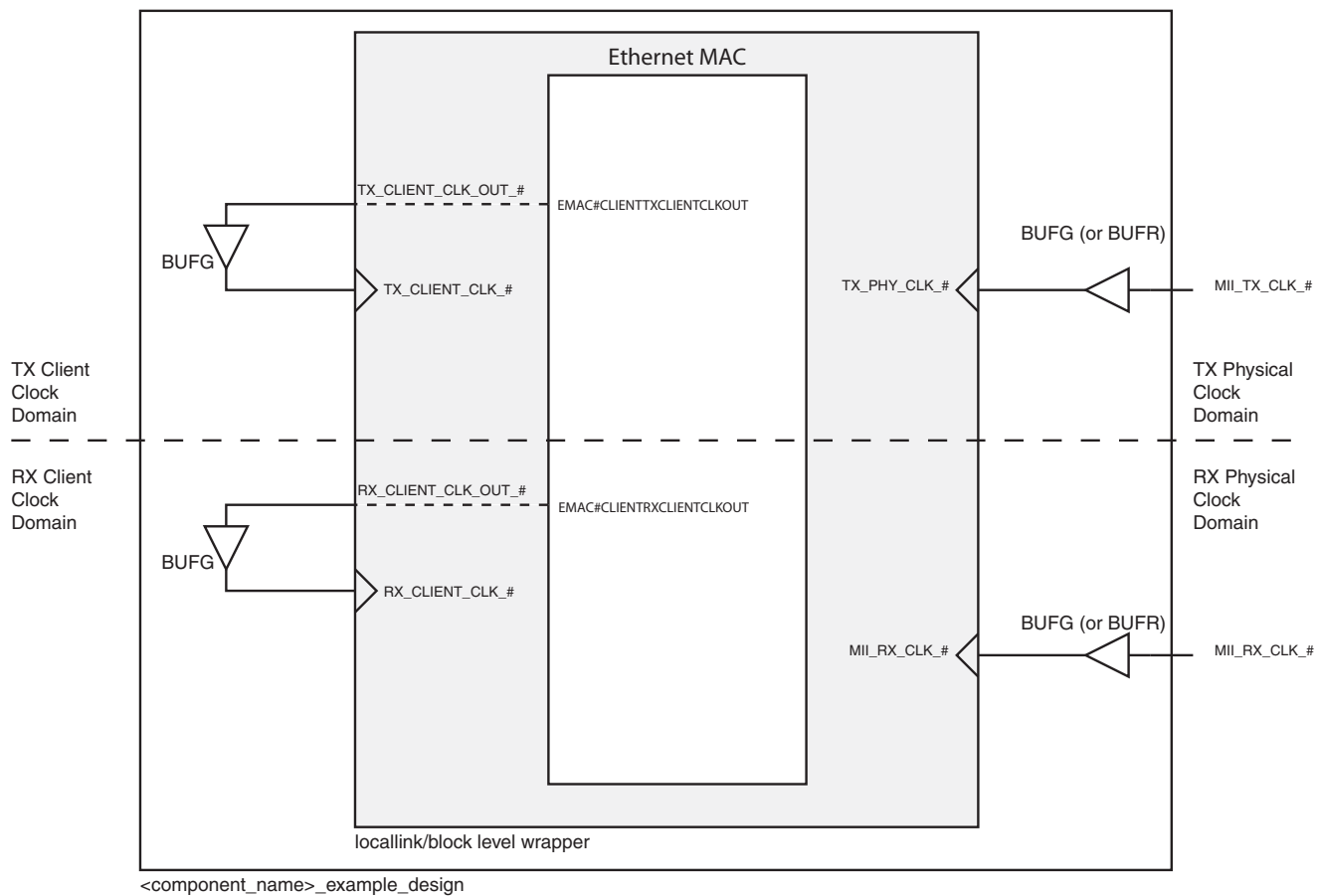


Figure B-8: MII Clocking at 10/100 Mbps

## GMII/MII at Multiple Speeds with Clock Enable

Clock enable mode is used to reduce the amount of clocking resources that are used when running at multiple speeds with a parallel interface (Figure B-9). In this mode the transmitter clock is supplied from a high quality 125 MHz reference clock (GTX\_CLK\_#) at 1000 Mbps and from the 2.5/25 MHz TX input clock from the PHY (MII\_TX\_CLK\_#) at 10/100 Mbps. The receiver is clocked by the 2.5/25/125 MHz receiver clock from the PHY (GMII/MII\_RX\_CLK\_#). In GMII mode an IDELAY element is also used to align the clock to the data inputs as they enter the FPGA.

The clock enable outputs (tx\_enable\_#\_i and rx\_enable\_#\_i) are used by the 8-bit client logic in order to maintain the correct data rate through the system. At 1000 Mbps the clock enables are held high. At slower speeds the clock enables are high on each alternate clock cycle. This gives a data throughput of 100 Mbps on the 25 MHz clock and 10 Mbps on the 2.5 MHz clock.

If the MII interface is used (10/100 Mbps only) the BUFGMUX is replaced by a BUFG with MII\_TX\_CLK\_# as its input. It should be noted that, together with the receiver clock, the transmitter clock must still be constrained to run at 125 MHz even if the design does not operate at 1000Mbps.

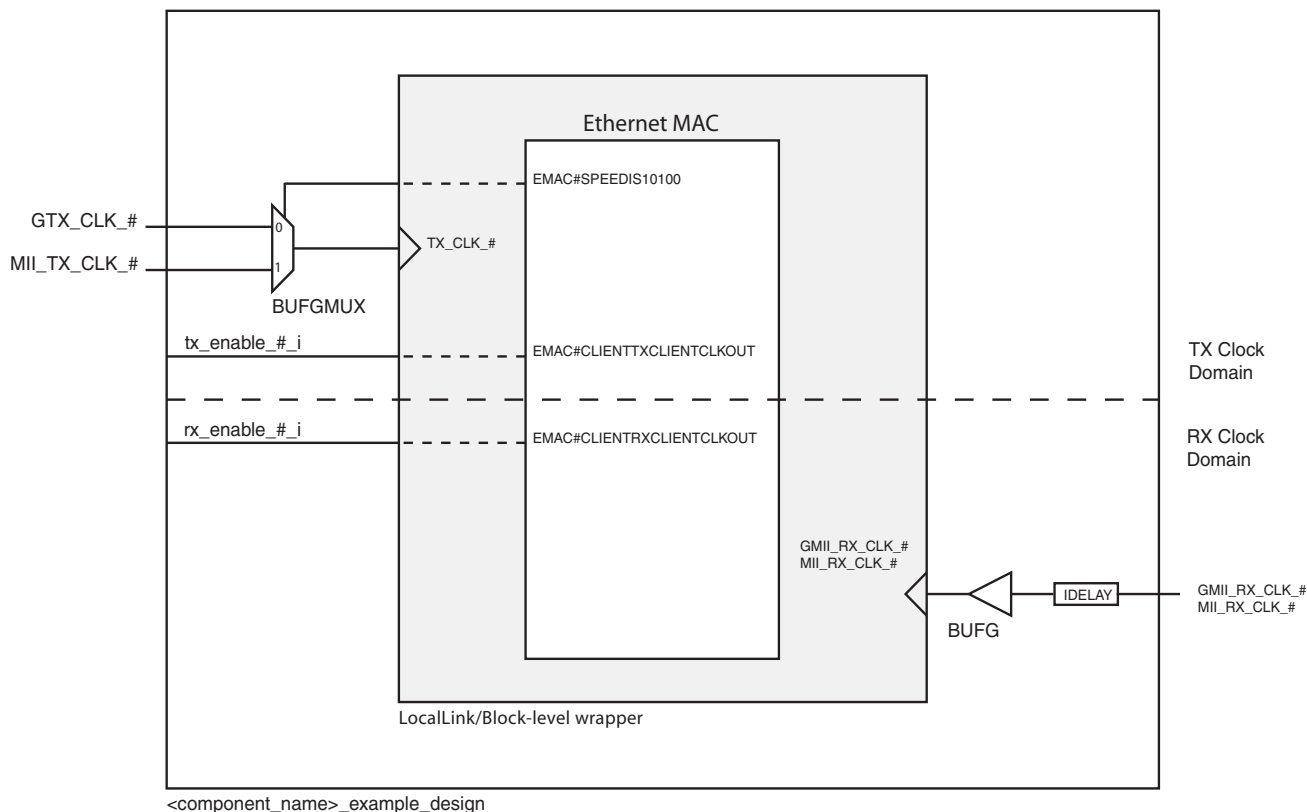


Figure B-9: GMII/MII Clocking at 10/100/1000 Mbps with Clock Enables



## RGMII at Multiple Speeds with Clock Enable

Figure B-10 shows the clocking scheme used when running at multiple speeds with the RGMII interface. In this case, the transmit clock runs at 2.5, 25, or 125 MHz depending on the speed of operation. The TX\_CLK\_OUT\_# output carries the EMAC#CLIENTTXCLIENTCLKOUT output from the Ethernet MAC and is used to drive the transmitter input clock (TX\_CLK\_#).

The receiver is clocked by the input clock from the PHY through an IDELAY and a BUFG. The IDELAY element is used to align the clock to the data inputs as they enter the FPGA. Clock enables are used to control the data throughput at the client interface.

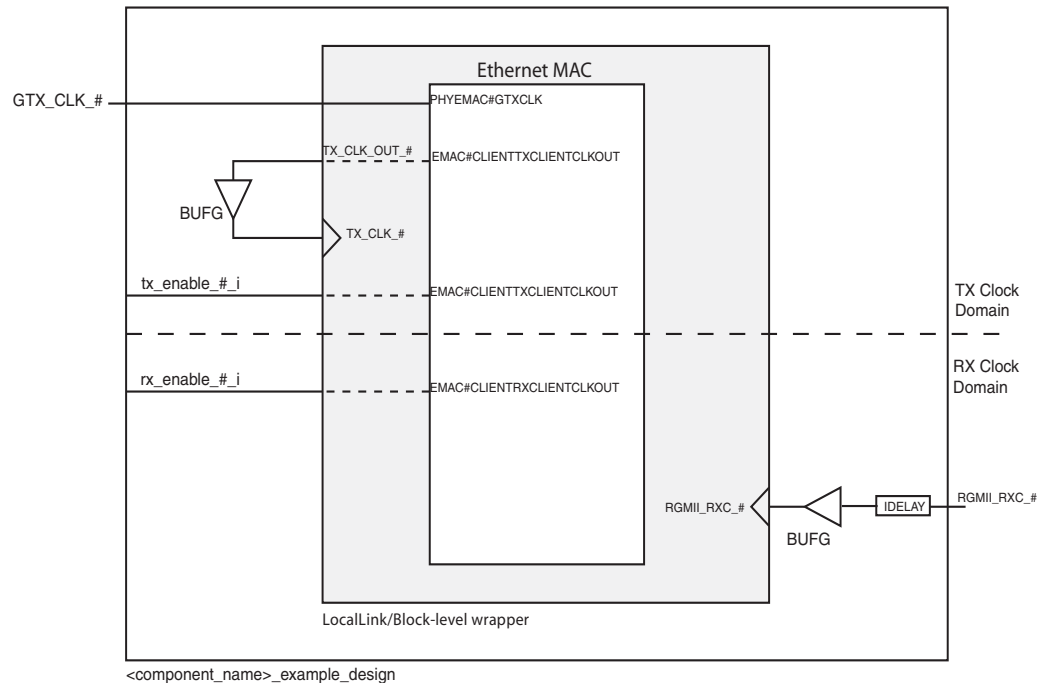


Figure B-10: RGMII Clocking at 10/100/1000 Mbps with Clock Enable

## GMII/MII at Multiple Speeds with Byte PHY

An alternative to clock enable is to use Byte PHY mode, illustrated in Figure B-11. This has advantages for MII operation at 10/100 Mbps as the transmit and receive clocks do not need to be constrained to run at 125 MHz. In addition the client circuitry does not need to be clock enabled.

When running at all three speeds, the transmitter circuitry is driven by the 125 MHz reference clock at 1000 Mbps and by the MII\_TX\_CLK\_# input from the PHY at slower speeds. However, at the slower speeds the frequency of MII\_TX\_CLK\_# is divided by 2. A similar setup is used for the receiver circuitry. If the design does not run at 1000 Mbps, the BUFG MUXs are replaced by BUFGs that take the divided MII\_TX\_CLK\_# and MII\_RX\_CLK signals as inputs, as illustrated in Figure B-12.

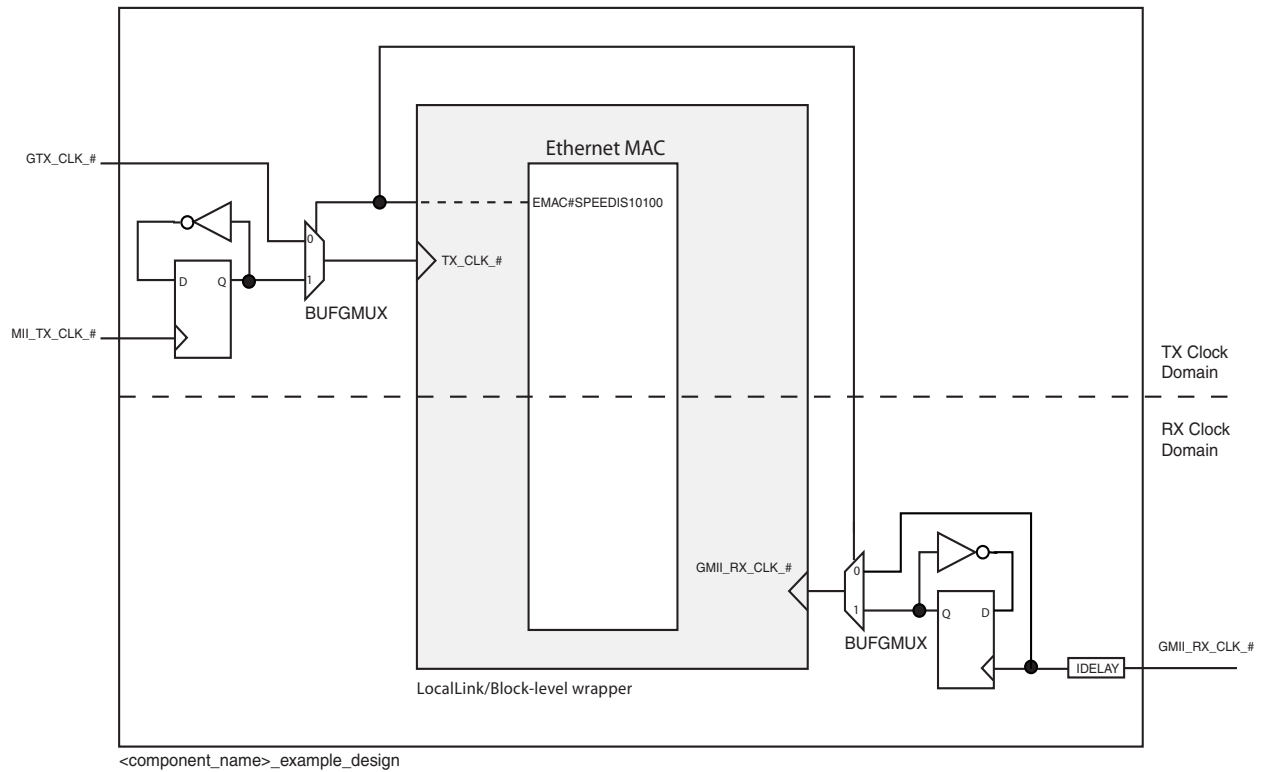


Figure B-11: GMII Clocking at 10/100/1000 Mbps with Byte PHY

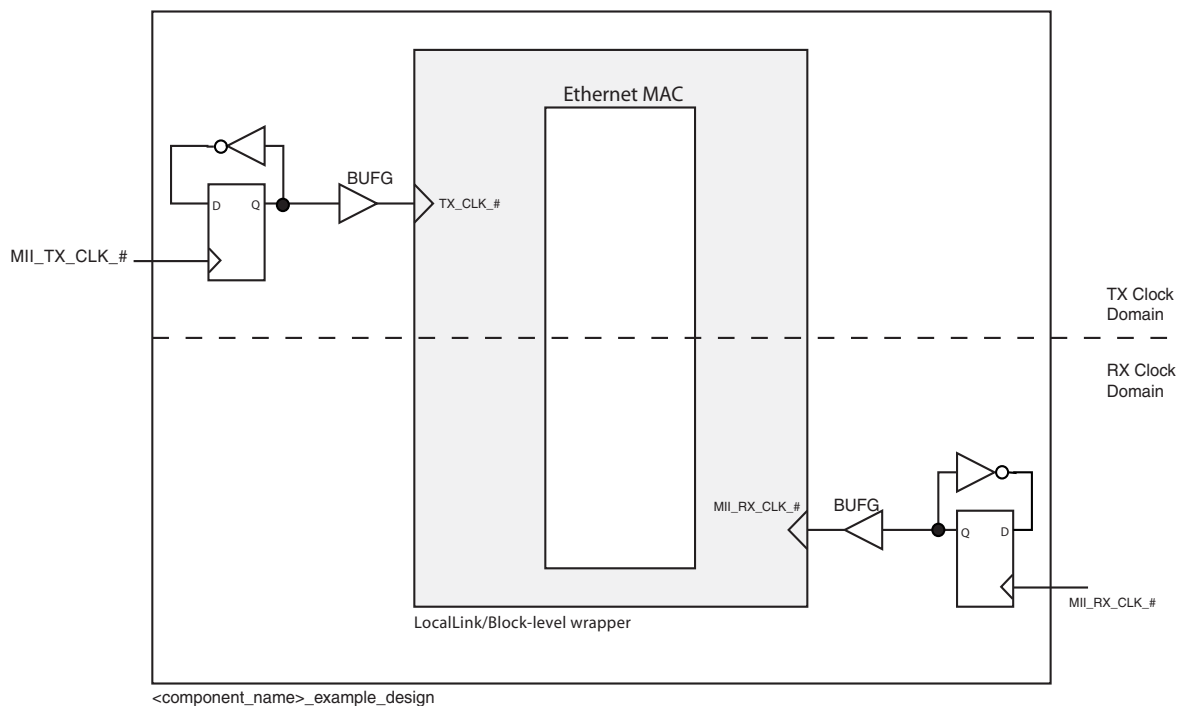


Figure B-12: MII Clocking at 10/100 Mbps with Byte PHY

## Constraining the Example Design

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An example UCF file, separated into three sections, is provided with the HDL example design, and provides examples of constraint requirements for the block, LocalLink, and example\_design levels. In all the examples, (#) represents the Ethernet MAC number (EMAC0 or EMAC1).

### Block Level Constraints

The block level UCF file (<component\_name>\_block.ucf) contains the constraints for the clocks in the design. For more information on the clocking schemes used for the various physical interfaces please see [Appendix B, "Ethernet MAC Clocking."](#)

### PCS/PMA/SGMII Clock Constraints

The following constraints must be used with a RocketIO transceiver. This constrains the Ethernet MAC input clock to run at 125MHz.

```
# 125MHz clock input from BUFG
NET "CLK125" TNM_NET = "clk_gtp";
TIMEGRP "<component_name>_gtp_clk" = "clk_gtp";
TIMESPEC "TS_<component_name>_gtp_clk" = PERIOD
"<c_component_name>_gtp_clk" 7700 ps HIGH 50 %;
```

If SGMII is selected and the device is to operate at 10/100/1000 Mbps, the CLIENT\_CLK\_# input must be constrained to run at 125MHz.

```
# EMAC# Tri-speed clock input from BUFG
NET "CLIENT_CLK_#" TNM_NET = "clk_client#";
TIMEGRP "<component_name>_gtp_clk_client#" = "clk_client#";
TIMESPEC "TS_<component_name>_gtp_clk_client#" = PERIOD
"<component_name>_gtp_clk_client#" 7700 ps HIGH 50 %;
```

When the Ethernet MAC is used in overclocking mode (Client Interface Width = 16-bit) then the CLK250 input should be constrained to run at 250MHz.

```
# 250MHz clock input from DCM
NET "CLK250" TNM_NET = "clk_2x";
TIMEGRP "<component_name>_gtp_clk_2x" = "clk_2x";
TIMESPEC "TS_<component_name>_gtp_clk_2x" = PERIOD
"<component_name>_gtp_clk_2x" 3700 ps HIGH 50 %;
```

If a Virtex-5 LXT or SXT device is targeted and the Ethernet MAC is configured in No Clock SGMII mode, the following constraints should be applied to constrain the recovered clock and remove meta-stability in the fabric buffer.

```
#-----
# EMAC# Fabric Rx Elastic Buffer Timing Constraints: -
#-----
NET "GTP_DUAL_1000X_inst?RXRECCLK_#_BUFR" TNM_NET = "clk_rec_clk#";
TIMEGRP "<component_name>_client_rec_clk#" = "clk_rec_clk#";
TIMESPEC "TS_<component_name>_rec_clk#" = PERIOD
"<component_name>_client_rec_clk#" 7700 ps HIGH 50 %;

# Control Gray Code delay and skew
NET "GTP_DUAL_1000X_inst?rx_elastic_buffer_inst_#?wr_addr_gray<?>"
MAXDELAY = 6 ns;

# Reduce clock period to allow 3 ns for metastability settling time
INST "GTP_DUAL_1000X_inst?rx_elastic_buffer_inst_#?rd_wr_addr_gray*"
TNM = "rx_graycode_#";
INST "GTP_DUAL_1000X_inst?rx_elastic_buffer_inst_#?rd_occupancy*"
TNM = "rx_binary_#";
TIMESPEC "ts_rx_buf_meta_protect_#" = FROM "rx_graycode_#" TO
"rx_binary_#" 5 ns;
```

If a Virtex-5 FXT or TXT device is targeted and the Ethernet MAC is configured in *No Clock SGMII* mode, the following constraints should be applied to constrain the recovered clock and remove meta-stability in the fabric buffer.

```
#-----
# EMAC# Fabric Rx Elastic Buffer Timing Constraints: -
#-----
NET "GTX_DUAL_1000X_inst?RXRECCLK_#_BUFR" TNM_NET = "clk_rec_clk#";
TIMEGRP "<component_name>_client_rec_clk#" = "clk_rec_clk#";
TIMESPEC "TS_<component_name>_rec_clk#" = PERIOD
"<component_name>_client_rec_clk#" 7700 ps HIGH 50 %;
# Control Gray Code delay and skew
NET "GTX_DUAL_1000X_inst?rx_elastic_buffer_inst_#?wr_addr_gray<?>"
MAXDELAY = 6 ns;
# Reduce clock period to allow 3 ns for metastability settling time
INST "GTX_DUAL_1000X_inst?rx_elastic_buffer_inst_#?rd_wr_addr_gray*"
TNM = "rx_graycode_#";
INST "GTX_DUAL_1000X_inst?rx_elastic_buffer_inst_#?rd_occupancy*"
TNM = "rx_binary_#";
TIMESPEC "ts_rx_buf_meta_protect_#" = FROM "rx_graycode_#" TO
"rx_binary_#" 5 ns;
```

## GMII/RGMII 1000 Mbps Clock Constraints

If GMII or RGMII are selected and the speed is set to 1000 Mbps then the following constraints should be applied to the design.

```
# EMAC# TX Clock input from BUFG
NET "TX_CLK_#" TNM_NET = "clk_tx#";
TIMEGRP "<component_name>_gtx_clk#" = "clk_tx#";
TIMESPEC "TS_<component_name>_gtx_clk#" = PERIOD
"<component_name>_gtx_clk#" 7700 ps HIGH 50 %;

# EMAC# RX PHY Clock
NET "GMII_RX_CLK_#" TNM_NET = "phy_clk_rx#";
TIMEGRP "<component_name>_gclk_phy_rx#" = "phy_clk_rx#";
```

```
TIMESPEC "TS_<component_name>_gclk_phy_rx#" = PERIOD
"<component_name>_gclk_phy_rx#" 7700 ps HIGH 50 %;
```

If the Ethernet MAC is configured in RGMII mode `RGMIIRXC_#` replaces `GMII_RX_CLK_#`.

## GMII/MII/RGMII 10/100/1000 Mbps Clock Constraints

If the design is used in multi-speed mode the constraints are dependant on whether clock enable or byte PHY modes are being used.

If the clock enable or Byte PHY options are selected then the following constraints should be applied to the design.

```
# EMAC0 TX Clock input from BUFG
NET "TX_CLK_#" TNM_NET = "clk_tx#";
TIMEGRP "<component_name>_tx_clk#" = "clk_tx#";
TIMESPEC "TS_<component_name>_tx_clk#" = PERIOD
"<component_name>_tx_clk#" 7700 ps HIGH 50 %;

# EMAC0 RX PHY Clock
NET "GMII_RX_CLK_#" TNM_NET = "phy_clk_rx#";
TIMEGRP "<component_name>_clk_phy_rx#" = "phy_clk_rx#";
TIMESPEC "TS_<component_name>_clk_phy_rx#" = PERIOD
"<component_name>_clk_phy_rx#" 7700 ps HIGH 50 %;
```

If MII is selected, these constraints can be relaxed in Byte PHY mode.

If no advanced clocking options are selected then the following constraints are included in the `<component_name>_block.ucf` file.

```
# EMAC# TX Client Clock input from BUFG
NET "TX_CLIENT_CLK_#" TNM_NET = "clk_client_tx#";
TIMEGRP "<component_name>_client_clk_tx#" = "clk_client_tx#";
TIMESPEC "TS_<component_name>_client_clk_tx#" = PERIOD
"<component_name>_client_clk_tx#" 7700 ps HIGH 50 %;

# EMAC# RX Client Clock input from BUFG
NET "RX_CLIENT_CLK_#" TNM_NET = "clk_client_rx#";
TIMEGRP "<component_name>_client_clk_rx#" = "clk_client_rx#";
TIMESPEC "TS_<component_name>_client_clk_rx#" = PERIOD
"<component_name>_client_clk_rx#" 7700 ps HIGH 50 %;

# EMAC# TX PHY Clock input from BUFG
NET "TX_PHY_CLK_#" TNM_NET = "clk_phy_tx#";
TIMEGRP "<component_name>_phy_clk_tx#" = "clk_phy_tx#";
TIMESPEC "TS_<component_name>_phy_clk_tx#" = PERIOD
"<component_name>_phy_clk_tx#" 7700 ps HIGH 50 %;

# EMAC# RX PHY Clock
NET "GMII_RX_CLK_#" TNM_NET = "phy_clk_rx#";
TIMEGRP "<component_name>_clk_phy_rx#" = "phy_clk_rx#";
TIMESPEC "TS_<component_name>_clk_phy_rx#" = PERIOD
"<component_name>_clk_phy_rx#" 7700 ps HIGH 50 %;
```

If the Ethernet MAC is configured in RGMII mode `RGMIIRXC_#` replaces `GMII_RX_CLK_#`. In MII mode `MII_RX_CLK_#` replaces `GMII_RX_CLK_#`. If MII is selected, these constraints can be relaxed.

## GMII IDELAY\_VALUE Constraints

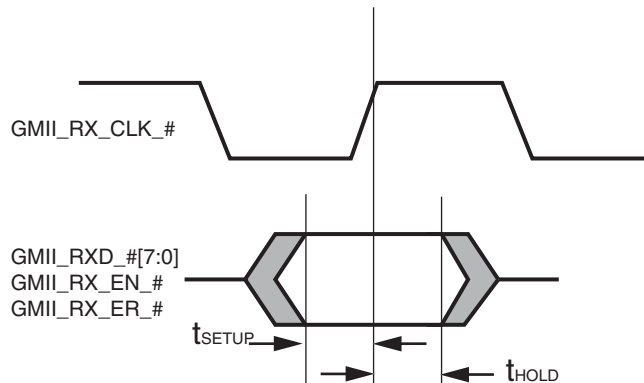


Figure C-1: Input GMII Timing

Figure C-1 and Table C-1 illustrate the input setup and hold time window for the input GMII signals. These are the worst-case data valid window presented to the FPGA device pins.

Table C-1: Input GMII Timing

Symbol	Min	Max	Units
t <sub>SETUP</sub>	2.00	-	ns
t <sub>HOLD</sub>	0.00	-	ns

There is, in total, a 2 ns data valid window of guaranteed data that is presented across the GMII input bus. This must be correctly sampled by the FPGA.

In order to do this IDELAY elements are placed on the GMII\_RX\_CLK\_#, GMII\_RXD\_#[7:0], GMII\_RX\_EN\_# and GMII\_RX\_ER\_# inputs. The IDELAY\_VALUE parameters of these elements is set in the UCF file so that the data is sampled correctly. The constraints shown below are for the example placement given.

```
# Data and control inputs
INST "*gmii#?ideldv" IDELAY_VALUE = 38;
INST "*gmii#?ideld0" IDELAY_VALUE = 38;
INST "*gmii#?ideld1" IDELAY_VALUE = 38;
INST "*gmii#?ideld2" IDELAY_VALUE = 38;
INST "*gmii#?ideld3" IDELAY_VALUE = 38;
INST "*gmii#?ideld4" IDELAY_VALUE = 38;
INST "*gmii#?ideld5" IDELAY_VALUE = 38;
INST "*gmii#?ideld6" IDELAY_VALUE = 38;
INST "*gmii#?ideld7" IDELAY_VALUE = 38;
INST "*gmii#?ideler" IDELAY_VALUE = 38;

# Clock input
INST "*gmii_rxc#_delay" IDELAY_VALUE = 0;
```

Setup and hold information is included in the timing report when the trce command is invoked with the -u option. This gives information that can be used to set the IDELAY\_VALUE parameters correctly.

## RGMII IDELAY\_VALUE Constraints

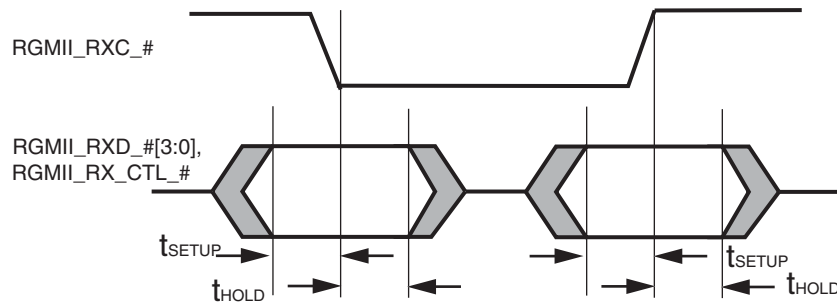


Figure C-2: RGMII Input Timing

Figure C-2 and Table C-2 illustrate the input setup and hold time window for the input RGMII signals. These are the worst-case data valid window presented to the FPGA device pins.

Table C-2: Input RGMII Timing

Symbol	Min	Max	Units
$t_{\text{SETUP}}$	1.00	-	ns
$t_{\text{HOLD}}$	1.00	-	ns

There is, in total, a 2 ns data valid window of guaranteed data that is presented across the RGMII input bus. This must be correctly sampled by the FPGA.

In order to do this IDELAY elements are placed on the RGMII\_RXC\_#, RGMII\_RXD\_#[3:0] and RGMII\_RX\_CTL\_# inputs. The IDELAY\_VALUE parameters of these elements is set in the UCF file so that the data is sampled correctly. The constraints shown below are for the example placement given.

```
# Data and control inputs
INST "*rgmii#?rgmii_rx_ctl_delay" IDELAY_VALUE = 25;
INST "*rgmii#?rgmii_rx_d0_delay" IDELAY_VALUE = 25;
INST "*rgmii#?rgmii_rx_d1_delay" IDELAY_VALUE = 25;
INST "*rgmii#?rgmii_rx_d2_delay" IDELAY_VALUE = 25;
INST "*rgmii#?rgmii_rx_d3_delay" IDELAY_VALUE = 25;

# Clock input
INST "*rgmii_rxc#_delay" IDELAY_VALUE = 0;
```

Setup and hold information is included in the timing report when the trce command is invoked with the -u option. This gives information that can be used to set the IDELAY\_VALUE parameters correctly.

## LocalLink Level Constraints

The LocalLink level UCF file (<component\_name>\_locallink.ucf) includes constraints to handle clock domain crossing in the client FIFOs.

```
# EMAC1 LocalLink client FIFO constraints.

INST "*client_side_FIFO_emac#?tx_fifo_i?rd_tran_frame_tog"
TNM = "tx_fifo_rd_to_wr_1";
INST "*client_side_FIFO_emac#?tx_fifo_i?rd_retran_frame_tog"
TNM = "tx_fifo_rd_to_wr_1";
INST "*client_side_FIFO_emac#?tx_fifo_i?rd_col_window_pipe_1"
TNM = "tx_fifo_rd_to_wr_1";
INST "*client_side_FIFO_emac#?tx_fifo_i?rd_addr_txfer*"
TNM = "tx_fifo_rd_to_wr_1";
INST "*client_side_FIFO_emac#?tx_fifo_i?rd_txfer_tog"
TNM = "tx_fifo_rd_to_wr_1";
INST "*client_side_FIFO_emac#?tx_fifo_i?wr_frame_in_fifo"
TNM = "tx_fifo_wr_to_rd_1";

TIMESPEC "TS_tx_fifo_rd_to_wr_#" = FROM "tx_fifo_rd_to_wr_#" TO
"tx_local_link_clock_#" 8000 ps DATAPATHONLY;
TIMESPEC "TS_tx_fifo_wr_to_rd_#" = FROM "tx_fifo_wr_to_rd_#" TO
"tx_client_clk_#" 8000 ps DATAPATHONLY;

# Reduce clock period to allow 3 ns for metastability settling time
INST "*client_side_FIFO_emac#?tx_fifo_i?wr_tran_frame_tog"
TNM = "tx_metastable_#";
INST "*client_side_FIFO_emac#?tx_fifo_i?wr_rd_addr*"
TNM = "tx_metastable_#";
INST "*client_side_FIFO_emac#?tx_fifo_i?wr_txfer_tog"
TNM = "tx_metastable_#";
INST "*client_side_FIFO_emac#?tx_fifo_i?frame_in_fifo"
TNM = "tx_metastable_#";
INST "*client_side_FIFO_emac#?tx_fifo_i?wr_retran_frame_tog*"
TNM = "tx_metastable_#";
INST "*client_side_FIFO_emac#?tx_fifo_i?wr_col_window_pipe_0"
TNM = "tx_metastable_#";

TIMESPEC "ts_tx_meta_protect_#" = FROM "tx_metastable_#" 5 ns
DATAPATHONLY;

INST "*client_side_FIFO_emac#?tx_fifo_i?rd_addr_txfer*"
TNM = "tx_addr_rd_#";
INST "*client_side_FIFO_emac#?tx_fifo_i?wr_rd_addr*"
TNM = "tx_addr_wr_#";
TIMESPEC "TS_tx_fifo_addr_#" = FROM "tx_addr_rd_#" TO "tx_addr_wr_#"
10ns;
```



## Example Design Level Constraints

The top-level example design UCF file (<component\_name>\_example\_design.ucf) sets the part to a 5v1x50tff1136-1 device. This should be changed to the desired Virtex-5 FPGA.

The file also contains example placement and IO standard specification. In addition constraints are provided for the management interface and IODELAY controller clocks.

### GMII/MII Interface

The GMII and MII interfaces are specified to operate at the LVTTTL standard.

```
# GMII Logic Standard Constraints
INST "gmii_txd_#<?>"      IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;
INST "gmii_tx_en_#"        IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;
INST "gmii_tx_er_#"        IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;
INST "gmii_rxd_#<?>"      IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;
INST "gmii_rx_dv_#"        IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;
INST "gmii_rx_er_#"        IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;
INST "gmii_tx_clk_#"        IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;
INST "gmii_rx_clk_#"        IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;
INST "mii_tx_clk_#"         IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;
```

### RGMII v2.0 Interface

The RGMII version 2.0 interface is constrained to operate at the HSTL\_I standard.

```
INST "rgmii_txd_#<?>"      IOSTANDARD = HSTL_I;
INST "rgmii_tx_ctl_#"       IOSTANDARD = HSTL_I;
INST "rgmii_rxd_#<?>"      IOSTANDARD = HSTL_I;
INST "rgmii_rx_ctl_#"       IOSTANDARD = HSTL_I;
INST "rgmii_txc_#"          IOSTANDARD = HSTL_I;
INST "rgmii_rxc_#"          IOSTANDARD = HSTL_I;
```

### Example Placement

Example pin placement is specified for the GMII and RGMII interfaces. For all interfaces the clock inputs are constrained to banks that contain global clock capable inputs.

```
INST "rgmii_rxd_#<0>"      LOC = "BANK4";
INST "rgmii_rxd_#<1>"      LOC = "BANK4";
INST "rgmii_rxd_#<2>"      LOC = "BANK4";
INST "rgmii_rxd_#<3>"      LOC = "BANK4";
INST "rgmii_rx_ctl_#"       LOC = "BANK4";

INST "rgmii_rxc_#"          LOC = "AF18";

INST "GTX_CLK"              LOC = "BANK4";
INST "REFCLK"               LOC = "BANK4";
```

When a serial IO interface is selected, the transceiver is placed in a specific GTP\_DUAL or GTX\_DUAL site. This should be changed to the transceiver that is being used:

#### For Virtex-5 LXT and SXT Devices

```
INST "*GTP_DUAL_1000X_inst?GTP_1000X" LOC = "GTP_DUAL_X0Y2";
```

```
INST "MGTCLK_N" LOC = "Y3";
INST "MGTCLK_P" LOC = "Y4";
```

### For Virtex-5 FXT Devices

```
INST "*GTX_DUAL_1000X_inst?GTX_1000X" LOC = "GTX_DUAL_X0Y3";
INST "MGTCLK_N" LOC = "Y3";
INST "MGTCLK_P" LOC = "Y4";
```

### For Virtex-5 TXT Devices

```
INST "*GTX_DUAL_1000X_inst?GTX_1000X" LOC = "GTX_DUAL_X1Y5";
INST "MGTCLK_N" LOC = "V3";
INST "MGTCLK_P" LOC = "V4";
```

## GMII/RGMII IODELAY Controller Clock Constraint

In GMII and RGMII modes a 200MHz clock must be provided to control the IODELAY components. This is constrained in the <component\_name>\_example\_design.ucf file.

```
NET "*refclk_bufg_i" TNM_NET = "clk_ref_clk";
TIMEGRP "ref_clk" = "clk_ref_clk";
TIMESPEC "TS_ref_clk" = PERIOD "ref_clk" 5000 ps HIGH 50 %;
```

## Host Interface Clock Constraint

If the optional host interface is selected, the following clock constraint is applied in <component\_name>\_example\_design.ucf. The host interface can share any of the other Ethernet MAC clocks.

```
NET "*host_clk_i" TNM_NET = "host_clock";
TIMEGRP "clk_host" = "host_clock";
TIMESPEC "TS_clk_host" = PERIOD "clk_host" 10000 ps HIGH 50 %;
```

## DCR Interface Clock Constraint

If the optional DCR interface is selected, the following clock constraint is applied in <component\_name>\_example\_design.ucf. The DCR interface can share any of the other Ethernet MAC clocks.

```
NET "*dcr_clk_i" TNM_NET = "host_clock";
TIMEGRP "clk_host" = "host_clock";
TIMESPEC "TS_clk_host" = PERIOD "clk_host" 10000 ps HIGH 50 %;
```

## SGMII Receiver Elastic Buffer

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### SGMII Capabilities

The Ethernet MAC wrapper GUI provides two SGMII Capabilities options:

- **10/100/1000 Mbps (no clock constraints required).** Default setting; provides the implementation using the Receiver Elastic Buffer in FPGA fabric. This alternative Receiver Elastic Buffer utilizes a single block RAM to create a buffer twice as large as the one present in the transceiver, subsequently consuming extra logic resources. However, this default mode provides reliable SGMII operation under all conditions.
- **10/100/1000 Mbps OR 100/1000 Mbps (clock constraints required).** Uses the receiver elastic buffer present in the RocketIO transceivers. This is half the size and can potentially under- or overflow during SGMII frame reception at 10 Mbps operation. However, there are logical implementations where this can be proven reliable: if so it is favored because of its lower logic utilization.

### FPGA Fabric Rx Elastic Buffer Requirement

[Figure D-1](#) illustrates a simplified diagram of a common situation where the core, in SGMII mode, is interfaced to an external PHY device. Separate oscillator sources are used for the FPGA and the external PHY. The Ethernet specification uses clock sources with a tolerance of 100 parts per million (ppm). In [Figure D-1](#), the clock source for the PHY is slightly faster than the clock source to the FPGA. For this reason, during frame reception, the receiver elastic buffer (shown here as implemented in the RocketIO transceiver) starts to fill.

Following frame reception, in the interframe gap period, idles will be removed from the received data stream to return the Rx Elastic Buffer to half full occupancy: this is performed by the clock correction circuitry (see the [Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Transceiver User Guide](#) and [Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Transceiver User Guide](#)).

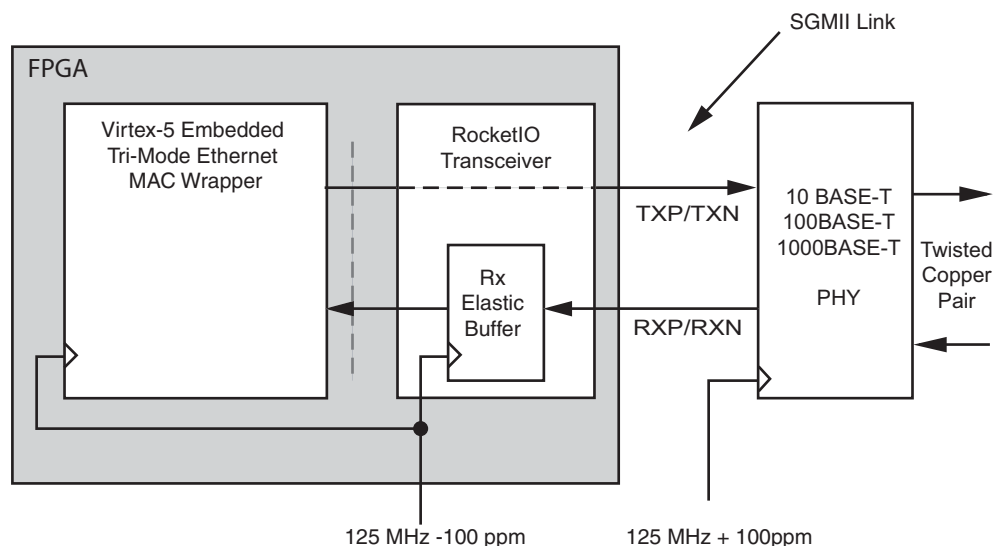


Figure D-1: SGMII Implementation: Separate Clock Sources

## Analysis

Assuming separate clock sources, each with a tolerance of 100 ppm, the maximum frequency difference between the two devices can be 200 ppm. It can be shown that this translates into a full clock period difference every 5000 clock periods.

Relating this to an Ethernet frame, a single byte of difference every 5000 bytes of received frame data occurs, causing the Rx Elastic Buffer to either fill or empty by an occupancy of one.

The maximum sized Ethernet frame (non-jumbo) is of size 1522 bytes for a VLAN frame:

- At 1 Gbps operation, this translates into 1522 clock cycles
- At 100 Mbps operation, this translates into 15220 clock cycles (since each byte is repeated 10 times)
- At 10 Mbps operation, this translates into 152200 clock cycles (since each byte is repeated 100 times).

Considering the 10 Mbps case, we would need  $152200/5000 = 31$  FIFO entries in the Elastic Buffer above and below the half way point to guarantee that the buffer will not under or overflow during frame reception. This assumes that frame reception begins when the buffer is exactly half full.

The size of the Rx Elastic Buffer in the RocketIOs is of size 64 entries. However, we cannot assume that the buffer is exactly half-full at the start of frame reception. Additionally, the underflow and overflow thresholds are not exact. See the RocketIO User Guides, available from [www.xilinx.com](http://www.xilinx.com):

- *Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Transceiver User Guide (UG196)*
- *Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Transceiver User Guide (UG198)*

To guarantee reliable SGMII operation at 10 Mbps (non-jumbo frames), the RocketIO Elastic Buffer must be bypassed and a larger buffer implemented in the FPGA fabric. The fabric buffer, provided by the example design, is twice the size and so nominally provides 64 entries above and below the half full threshold. This has been proven to cope with standard (non-jumbo) Ethernet frames at all three SGMII speeds.

## The RocketIO Rx Elastic Buffer

The Elastic Buffer in the RocketIO can be used reliably under the following conditions:

- When 10 Mbps operation is not required (for example, when connecting the core to the 1-Gigabit Ethernet MAC to provide only 1 Gbps operation). Please note that both 1 Gbps and 100 Mbps operation are guaranteed.
- When the clocks are closely related (see below).

If any uncertainty exists, select the FPGA fabric Rx Elastic Buffer Implementation.

## Closely Related Clock Sources

### Scenario 1

Figure D-2 illustrates a simplified diagram of a common situation where the core, in SGMII mode, is interfaced to an external PHY device. Note that a common oscillator source is used for both the FPGA and the external PHY.

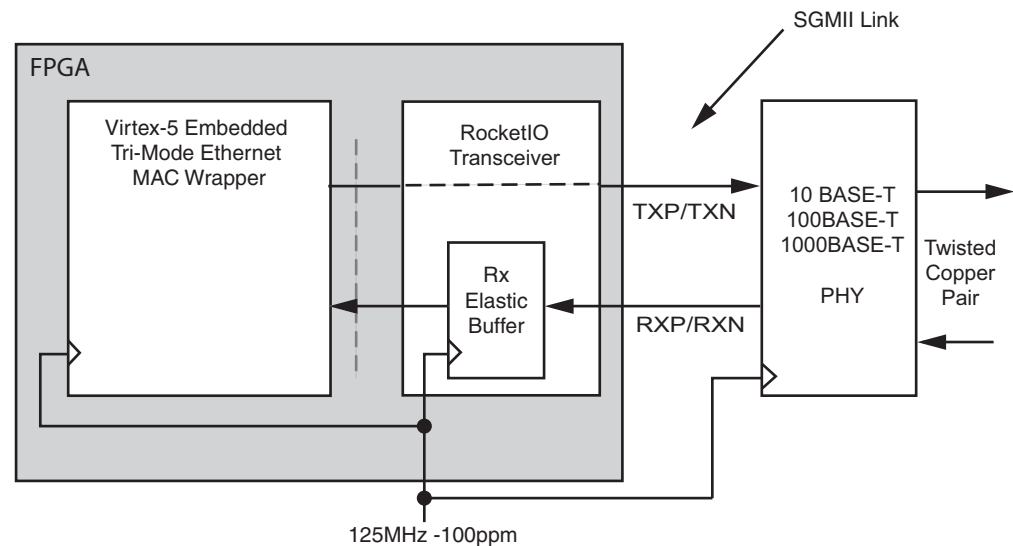


Figure D-2: SGMII Implementation: Shared Clock Sources

If the PHY device sources the receiver SGMII stream synchronously from the shared oscillator (check PHY data sheet), then the RocketIO will receive data at exactly the same rate as that used by the core: the receiver elastic buffer will neither empty nor fill, having the same frequency clock on either side.

In this situation, the receiver elastic buffer will not under or overflow and the elastic buffer implementation in the RocketIO should be used to save logic resources.

## Scenario 2

Now consider again the case illustrated by [Figure D-1](#). However, this time, assume that the clock sources used are both 50 ppm. Now the maximum frequency difference between the two devices is 100 ppm. It can be shown that this translates into a full clock period difference every 10000 clock periods, resulting in a requirement for 16 FIFO entries above and below the half-full point. It can be demonstrated that this provides reliable operation with the RocketIO Rx Elastic Buffers. Again, see the PHY data sheet to ensure that the PHY device sources the receiver SGMII stream synchronously to its reference oscillator.

## Jumbo Frame Reception

A jumbo frame is an Ethernet frame that is deliberately larger than the maximum-size Ethernet frame allowed in the *IEEE802.3* specification. Jumbo frames require special consideration to reliably receive frames. [Table D-1](#) defines the maximum-size jumbo frames that can be received reliably when using the Receiver Elastic Buffer.

**Table D-1: Maximum Frame Sizes for Fabric Rx Elastic Buffers (100 ppm Clock Tolerance)**

Standard/Speed	Maximum Frame Size
1000BASE-X (1 Gbps only)	280000
SGMII (1 Gbps)	280000
SGMII (100 Mbps)	28000
SGMII (10 Mbps)	2800