XC3000 Series
Field Programmable Gate Arrays
(XC3000A/L, XC3100A/L)

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Product Description

Features

- Complete line of four related Field Programmable Gate Array product families
  - XC3000A, XC3000L, XC3100A, XC3100L
- Ideal for a wide range of custom VLSI design tasks
  - Replaces TTL, MSI, and other PLD logic
  - Integrates complete sub-systems into a single package
  - Avoids the NRE, time delay, and risk of conventional masked gate arrays
- High-performance CMOS static memory technology
  - Guaranteed toggle rates of 70 to 370 MHz, logic delays from 7 to 1.5 ns
  - System clock speeds over 85 MHz
  - Low quiescent and active power consumption
- Flexible FPGA architecture
  - Compatible arrays ranging from 1,000 to 7,500 gate complexity
  - Extensive register, combinatorial, and I/O capabilities
  - High fan-out signal distribution, low-skew clock nets
  - Internal 3-state bus capabilities
  - TTL or CMOS input thresholds
  - On-chip crystal oscillator amplifier
- Unlimited reprogrammability
  - Easy design iteration
  - In-system logic changes
- Extensive packaging options
  - Over 20 different packages
  - Plastic and ceramic surface-mount and pin-grid-array packages
  - Thin and Very Thin Quad Flat Pack (TQFP and VQFP) options
- Ready for volume production
  - Standard, off-the-shelf product availability
  - 100% factory pre-tested devices
  - Excellent reliability record
- Complete Development System
  - Schematic capture, automatic place and route
  - Logic and timing simulation
  - Interactive design editor for design optimization
  - Timing calculator
  - Interfaces to popular design environments like Viewlogic, Cadence, Mentor Graphics, and others

Additional XC3100A Features

- Ultra-high-speed FPGA family with six members
  - 50-85 MHz system clock rates
  - 190 to 370 MHz guaranteed flip-flop toggle rates
  - 1.55 to 4.1 ns logic delays
- High-end additional family member in the 22 X 22 CLB array-size XC3195A device
- 8 mA output sink current and 8 mA source current
- Maximum power-down and quiescent current is 5 mA
- 100% architecture and pin-out compatible with other XC3000 families
- Software and bitstream compatible with the XC3000, XC3000A, and XC3000L families

XC3100A combines the features of the XC3000A and XC3100 families:

- Additional interconnect resources for TBUFs and CE inputs
- Error checking of the configuration bitstream
- Soft startup holds all outputs slew-rate limited during initial power-up
- More advanced CMOS process

Low-Voltage Versions Available

- Low-voltage devices function at 3.0 - 3.6 V
- XC3000L - Low-voltage versions of XC3000A devices
- XC3100L - Low-voltage versions of XC3100A devices

Device	Max Logic Gates	Typical Gate Range	CLBs	Array	User I/Os Max	Flip-Flops	Horizontal Longlines	Configuration Data Bits
XC3020A, 3020L, 3120A	1,500	1,000 - 1,500	64	8 x 8	64	256	16	14,779
XC3030A, 3030L, 3130A	2,000	1,500 - 2,000	100	10 x 10	80	360	20	22,176
XC3042A, 3042L, 3142A, 3142L	3,000	2,000 - 3,000	144	12 x 12	96	480	24	30,784
XC3064A, 3064L, 3164A	4,500	3,500 - 4,500	224	16 x 14	120	688	32	46,064
XC3090A, 3090L, 3190A, 3190L	6,000	5,000 - 6,000	320	16 x 20	144	928	40	64,160
XC3195A	7,500	6,500 - 7,500	484	22 x 22	176	1,320	44	94,984

Introduction

XC3000-Series Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs) provide a group of high-performance, high-density, digital integrated circuits. Their regular, extendable, flexible, user-programmable array architecture is composed of a configuration program store plus three types of configurable elements: a perimeter of I/O Blocks (IOBs), a core array of Configurable Logic Bocks (CLBs) and resources for interconnection. The general structure of an FPGA is shown in Figure 2. The development system provides schematic capture and auto place-and-route for design entry. Logic and timing simulation, and in-circuit emulation are available as design verification alternatives. The design editor is used for interactive design optimization, and to compile the data pattern that represents the configuration program.

The FPGA user logic functions and interconnections are determined by the configuration program data stored in internal static memory cells. The program can be loaded in any of several modes to accommodate various system requirements. The program data resides externally in an EEPROM, EPROM or ROM on the application circuit board, or on a floppy disk or hard disk. On-chip initialization logic provides for optional automatic loading of program data at power-up. The companion XC17XX Serial Configuration PROMs provide a very simple serial configuration program storage in a one-time programmable package.

The XC3000 Field Programmable Gate Array families provide a variety of logic capacities, package styles, temperature ranges and speed grades.

XC3000 Series Overview

There are now four distinct family groupings within the XC3000 Series of FPGA devices:

- XC3000A Family
- XC3000L Family
- XC3100A Family
- XC3100L Family

All four families share a common architecture, development software, design and programming methodology, and also common package pin-outs. An extensive Product Description covers these common aspects.

Detailed parametric information for the XC3000A, XC3000L, XC3100A, and XC3100L product families is then provided. (The XC3000 and XC3100 families are not recommended for new designs.)

Here is a simple overview of those XC3000 products currently emphasized:

- **XC3000A Family** — The XC3000A is an enhanced version of the basic XC3000 family, featuring additional interconnect resources and other user-friendly enhancements.
- **XC3000L Family** — The XC3000L is identical in architecture and features to the XC3000A family, but operates at a nominal supply voltage of 3.3 V. The XC3000L is the right solution for battery-operated and low-power applications.
- **XC3100A Family** — The XC3100A is a performance-optimized relative of the XC3000A family. While both families are bitstream and footprint compatible, the XC3100A family extends toggle rates to 370 MHz and in-system performance to over 80 MHz. The XC3100A family also offers one additional array size, the XC3195A.
- **XC3100L Family** — The XC3100L is identical in architectures and features to the XC3100A family, but operates at a nominal supply voltage of 3.3V.

Figure 1 illustrates the relationships between the families. Compared to the original XC3000 family, XC3000A offers additional functionality and increased speed. The XC3000L family offers the same additional functionality, but reduced speed due to its lower supply voltage of 3.3 V. The XC3100A family offers substantially higher speed and higher density with the XC3195A.

New XC3000 Series Compared to Original XC3000 Family

For readers already familiar with the original XC3000 family of FPGAs, the major new features in the XC3000A, XC3000L, XC3100A, and XC3100L families are listed in this section.

All of these new families are upward-compatible extensions of the original XC3000 FPGA architecture. Any bitstream used to configure an XC3000 device will configure the corresponding XC3000A, XC3000L, XC3100A, or XC3100L device exactly the same way.

The XC3100A and XC3100L FPGA architectures are upward-compatible extensions of the XC3000A and XC3000L architectures. Any bitstream used to configure an XC3000A or XC3000L device will configure the corresponding XC3100A or XC3100L device exactly the same way.

Improvements in the XC3000A and XC3000L Families

The XC3000A and XC3000L families offer the following enhancements over the popular XC3000 family:

The XC3000A and XC3000L families have additional interconnect resources to drive the I-inputs of TBUFs driving horizontal Longlines. The CLB Clock Enable input can be driven from a second vertical Longline. These two additions result in more efficient and faster designs when horizontal Longlines are used for data bussing.

During configuration, the XC3000A and XC3000L devices check the bit-stream format for stop bits in the appropriate positions. Any error terminates the configuration and pulls INIT Low.

When the configuration process is finished and the device starts up in user mode, the first activation of the outputs is automatically slew-rate limited. This feature, called Soft Startup, avoids the potential ground bounce when all out-puts are turned on simultaneously. After start-up, the slew rate of the individual outputs is, as in the XC3000 family, determined by the individual configuration option.

Improvements in the XC3100A and XC3100L Families

Based on a more advanced CMOS process, the XC3100A and XC3100L families are architecturally-identical, performance-optimized relatives of the XC3000A and XC3000L families. While all families are footprint compatible, the XC3100A family extends achievable system performance beyond 85 MHz.

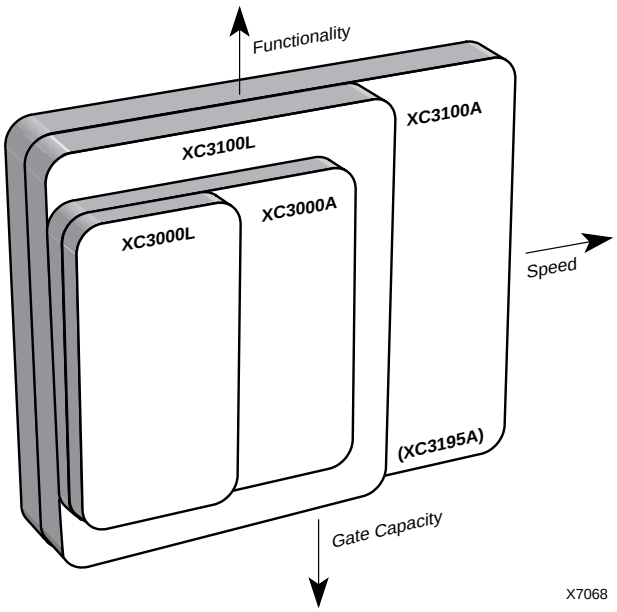

Figure 1: XC3000 FPGA Families

Detailed Functional Description

The perimeter of configurable Input/Output Blocks (IOBs) provides a programmable interface between the internal logic array and the device package pins. The array of Configurable Logic Blocks (CLBs) performs user-specified logic functions. The interconnect resources are programmed to form networks, carrying logic signals among blocks, analogous to printed circuit board traces connecting MSI/SSI packages.

The block logic functions are implemented by programmed look-up tables. Functional options are implemented by program-controlled multiplexers. Interconnecting networks between blocks are implemented with metal segments joined by program-controlled pass transistors.

These FPGA functions are established by a configuration program which is loaded into an internal, distributed array of configuration memory cells. The configuration program is loaded into the device at power-up and may be reloaded on command. The FPGA includes logic and control signals to implement automatic or passive configuration. Program data may be either bit serial or byte parallel. The development system generates the configuration program bitstream used to configure the device. The memory loading process is independent of the user logic functions.

Configuration Memory

The static memory cell used for the configuration memory in the Field Programmable Gate Array has been designed specifically for high reliability and noise immunity. Integrity of the device configuration memory based on this design is assured even under adverse conditions. As shown in Figure 3, the basic memory cell consists of two CMOS inverters plus a pass transistor used for writing and reading cell data. The cell is only written during configuration and only read during readback. During normal operation, the cell provides continuous control and the pass transistor is off and does not affect cell stability. This is quite different from the operation of conventional memory devices, in which the cells are frequently read and rewritten.

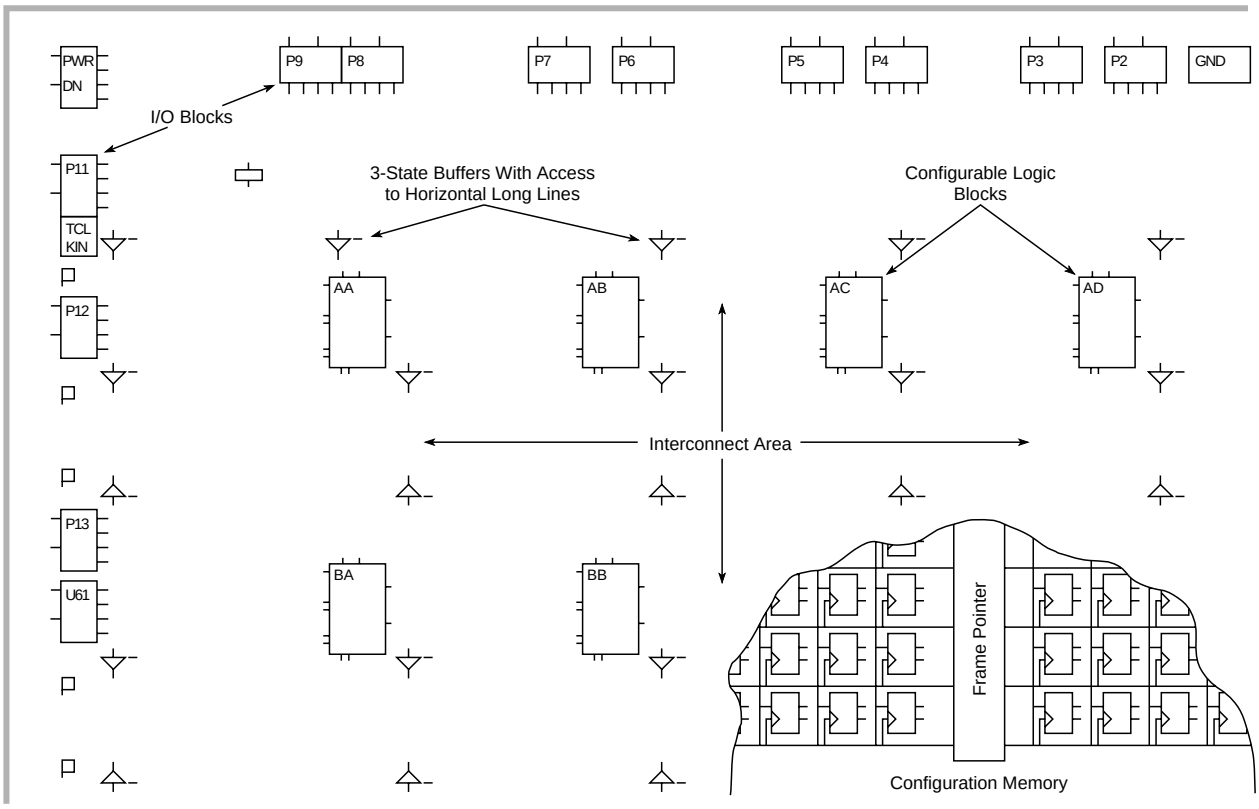

Figure 2: Field Programmable Gate Array Structure.
It consists of a perimeter of programmable I/O blocks, a core of configurable logic blocks and their interconnect resources. These are all controlled by the distributed array of configuration program memory cells.

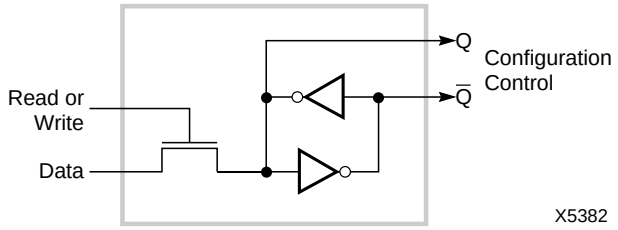

Figure 3: Static Configuration Memory Cell.
It is loaded with one bit of configuration program and controls one program selection in the Field Programmable Gate Array.

The memory cell outputs Q and $\overline{Q}$ use ground and V_{CC} levels and provide continuous, direct control. The additional capacitive load together with the absence of address decoding and sense amplifiers provide high stability to the cell. Due to the structure of the configuration memory cells, they are not affected by extreme power-supply excursions or very high levels of alpha particle radiation. In reliability testing, no soft errors have been observed even in the presence of very high doses of alpha radiation.

The method of loading the configuration data is selectable. Two methods use serial data, while three use byte-wide data. The internal configuration logic utilizes framing information, embedded in the program data by the development system, to direct memory-cell loading. The serial-data framing and length-count preamble provide programming compatibility for mixes of various FPGA device devices in a synchronous, serial, daisy-chain fashion.

I/O Block

Each user-configurable IOB shown in Figure 4, provides an interface between the external package pin of the device and the internal user logic. Each IOB includes both registered and direct input paths. Each IOB provides a programmable 3-state output buffer, which may be driven by a registered or direct output signal. Configuration options allow each IOB an inversion, a controlled slew rate and a high impedance pull-up. Each input circuit also provides input clamping diodes to provide electrostatic protection, and circuits to inhibit latch-up produced by input currents.

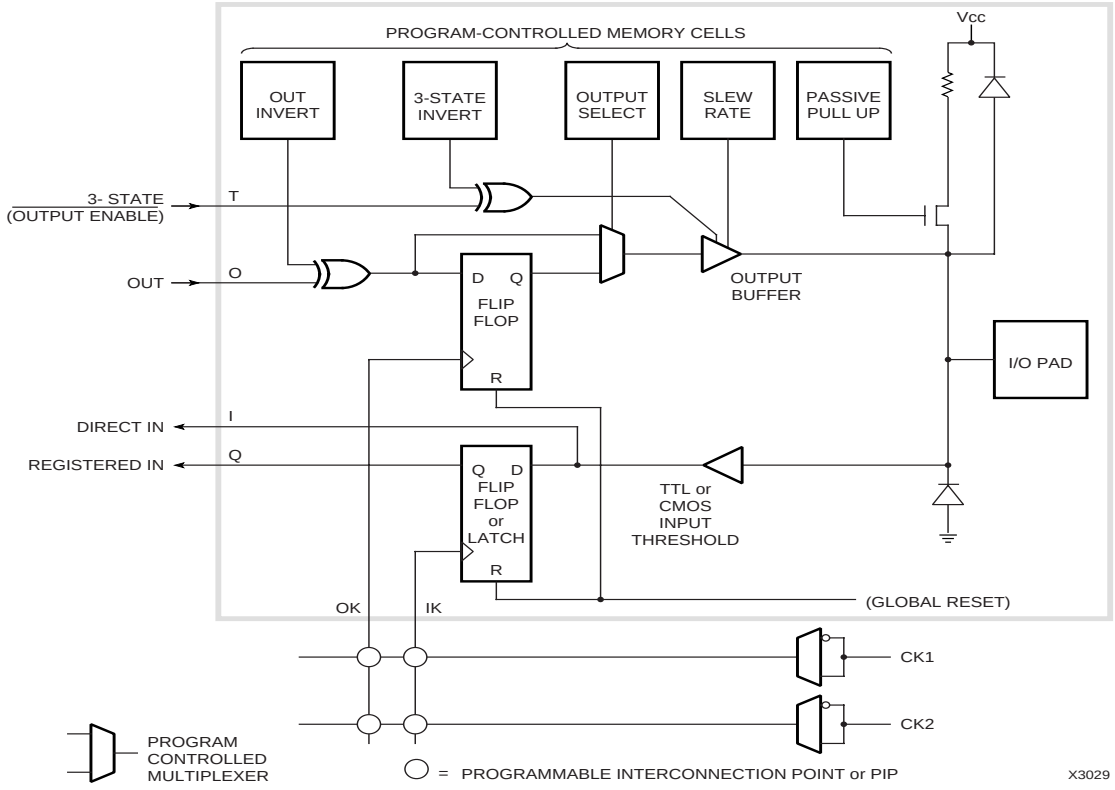

Figure 4: Input/Output Block.
Each IOB includes input and output storage elements and I/O options selected by configuration memory cells. A choice of two clocks is available on each die edge. The polarity of each clock line (not each flip-flop or latch) is programmable. A clock line that triggers the flip-flop on the rising edge is an active Low Latch Enable (Latch transparent) signal and vice versa. Passive pull-up can only be enabled on inputs, not on outputs. All user inputs are programmed for TTL or CMOS thresholds.

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