



FCQ1 - P101X QorIQ implementation

This course covers NXP QorIQs P1010 & P1014

Objectives

- The course clarifies the architecture of the P1010 and P1014, particularly the operation of the coherency module that interconnects the e500 to memory and high-speed interfaces.
- Cache coherency protocol is introduced in increasing depth.
- The e500 core is viewed in detail, especially the SPE unit that enable vector processing.
- The boot sequence and the clocking are explained.
- The course focuses on the hardware implementation of the P101X.
- A long introduction to DDR SDRAM operation is done before studying the DDR3/3L SDRAM controller.
- An in-depth description of the PCI-Express port is done.
- The course explains how to implement QoS on GigaEthernet controllers.

- ACSYS has developed an optimized SPE based FFT coded in assembler language.
- Performance for 1024 complex floating point single precision samples is:
 - - 91_386 core clock cycles without reverse ordering, 94_124 with reverse ordering
- Performance for 4096 complex floating point single precision samples is:
 - - 470_778 core clock cycles without reverse ordering, 511_227 with reverse ordering
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A more detailed course description is available on request at formation@ac6-formation.com

Prerequisites and related courses

- Experience of a 32-bit processor or DSP is mandatory.
- The following courses could be of interest:
 - Ethernet and switching, reference [N1 - Ethernet and switching](#)course
 - IEEE1588, reference [N2 - IEEE1588 - Precise Time Protocol](#)course
 - PCI express gen2, reference [IC4 - PCI Express 3.0](#)course
 - USB Full Speed High Speed and USB On-The-Go, reference [IP2 - USB 2.0](#)course
 - SD / MMC, reference [IS2 - eMMC 5.0](#)course
 - Serial-ATA, reference [IS3 - Serial ATA III](#)course
 - CAN bus, reference [IA1 - CAN bus](#)course

Course Environment

- Theoretical course
 - PDF course material (in English) supplemented by a printed version for face-to-face courses.
 - Online courses are dispensed using the Teams video-conferencing system.
 - The trainer answers trainees' questions during the training and provide technical and pedagogical assistance.
- At the start of each session the trainer will interact with the trainees to ensure the course fits their expectations and correct if needed

Target Audience

- Any embedded systems engineer or technician with the above prerequisites.

Course Outline

INTRODUCTION TO P1010

SOC ARCHITECTURE

- Address map, ATMU, OCEAN configuration
- Local vs external address spaces, inbound and outbound address decoding
- Access control unit

THE e500 CORE

THE INSTRUCTION PIPELINE

- Dual-issue superscalar control, out-of-order execution
- Execution units
- Dynamic branch prediction
- Execution timing

DATA AND INSTRUCTION PATHS

- Load store unit, data buffering between LSU and CCB
- Store miss merging and store gathering
- Memory access ordering
- Lock acquisition and import barriers

THE MEMORY MANAGEMENT UNIT

- Thread vs process
- The first level MMU and the second level MMU, consistency between L1 and L2 TLBs
- TLB software reload, page attributes WIMGE
- Process protection, variable number of PID registers and sharing
- 36-bit real addressing

CACHES

- The L1 caches
- Level 2 cache, partition into L2 cache plus SRAM
- Snooping mechanism
- Stashing mechanism
- L2 cache locking
- ECC protection

PROGRAMMING

- Differences between the new Book E architecture and the classic PowerPC architecture
- Floating Point units, Double-Precision FP
- Signal Processing APU (SPU): implementation of the SIMD capability without using a separate unit
- PowerPC EABI: sections, C-to-assembly interface

EXCEPTIONS

- Critical versus non critical
- Handler table

- Syndrome registers
- Core timers

DEBUGGING

- Performance monitoring
- JTAG emulation
- Watchpoint logic

INFRASTRUCTURE

RESET, CLOCKING AND INITIALIZATION

- Voltage configuration selection
- Power-on reset sequence, using the I2C interface to access serial ROM
- Power-on reset configuration
- Power management
- Secure boot and trust architecture

e500 COHERENCY MODULE

- I/O arbiter
- CCB arbiter
- Global data multiplexor

DDR3/DDR3L SDRAM MEMORY CONTROLLER

- On-Die termination
- Calibration mechanism
- Mode registers initialization, bank selection and precharge
- Command truth table
- Bank activation, read, write and precharge timing diagrams, page mode
- Introduction to the DDR-SDRAM controller
- Initial configuration following Power-on-Reset
- Timing parameters programming

INTEGRATED FLASH CONTROLLER

- Functional muxing of pins between NAND, NOR, and GPCM
- Data Buffer Control
- Normal GPCM FSM
- NOR flash FSM
- Generic ASIC FSM
- NAND flash FSM

PCI EXPRESS INTERFACE

- 1-lane PCI Express interface
- Modes of operation, Root Complex / Endpoint
- Transaction ordering rules
- Programming inbound and outbound ATMUs
- Configuration, initialization

SATA CONTROLLER

- Electrical specification
- Native command queuing, command descriptor

- Interrupt coalescing
- Port multiplier operation
- Initialization steps

PROGRAMMABLE INTERRUPT CONTROLLER

- Interrupt sources
- Integrated timers
- Per-CPU register usage
- Nesting implementation

INTEGRATED DMA CONTROLLER

- Priority between the 4 channels
- Support for cascading descriptor chains
- Scatter / gathering
- Selectable hardware enforced coherency

PERFORMANCE MONITOR AND DEBUG FEATURES

- Event counting
- Threshold events
- Chaining, triggering
- Watchpoint facility
- Trace buffer

INPUTS/OUTPUTS

THE ETHERNET CONTROLLERS

- Address recognition, pattern matching
- Buffer descriptors management
- Physical interfaces: RGMII, SGMII
- Buffer descriptor management
- Layer 2 acceleration
- 256-entry hash table
- Direct queuing of four flows
- Management of VLAN
- Quality of service
- Filer programming
- IEEE1588 compliant time-stamping

TDM INTERFACE

- Hardware interface
- Program options for frame sync and clock generation
- Network mode of operation with up to 128 time-slots
- DMA configuration
- TDM power-down feature
- Configuring the TDM for I2S Operation

ENHANCED SECURE DEVICE HOST CONTROLLER

- Storing and executing commands targeting the external card
- Multi-block transfers
- Moving data by using the dedicated DMA controller
- Dividing large data transfers

- Card insertion and removal detection

USB CONTROLLER

- Dual-role (DR) operation
- EHCI implementation
- ULPI interfaces to the transceiver
- Dedicated DMA channels
- Endpoints configuration

SECURITY ENGINE

- Introduction to DES and 3DES algorithms
- Data packet descriptors
- Crypto channels
- Link tables
- XOR acceleration

FLEXCAN MODULES

- Message buffers, mask registers
- Time Stamp based on 16-bit free-running timer
- Short latency time due to an arbitration scheme for high-priority messages

LOW SPEED PERIPHERALS

- Description of the NS16552 compliant DUART
- I2C controllers
- Enhanced SPI