DMA Back-End Driver

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Overview

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The DMA Back-End Driver includes support for a) device registers and memory reads and writes, b) DMA read and write transfers, c) low-level performance statistics, d) PnP and Power Management events (Windows), and e) legacy, MSI and MSI-X interrupts.

The DMA Back-End Driver creates and manages descriptor chains in system memory. The DMA core then fetches and executes these descriptor chains. This approach enables the descriptor chain size to be maximized while minimizing the need for large descriptor memories in the DMA core.

Companion Windows and Linux Expresso DMA drivers are available. API compatibility simplifies application porting.

IP Core customization services are also available.

Highlights

- Works with Northwest Logic AXI DMA Back-End core to provide high-performance, scatter-gather DMA operation
- Fully supports overlapped DMA operation
- Windows and Linux versions use common API
- Supports Packet/Block and Addressed/Non-addressed transfers
- Supports 32 and 64-bit system addressing
- Supports legacy, MSI, MSI-X interrupts
- Performs parameter checking
- Can be quickly customized to create an application-specific driver
- Includes Command Line Interface (CLI) test application

Deliverables

- Driver source code (C)
- Developer’s guide
- Expert technical support
- Maintenance updates
PCI Express Solution

*Options include the Expresso DMA Bridge core, DMA Back-End core or AXI DMA Back-End core

**PCI Express Platform**
Rambus, joined by the team at Northwest Logic, offers a complete solution for PCIe applications.

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- Includes CLI test application
- Delivered as source code
- Customization and integration services available