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# Preface

This preface introduces the AMBA® 3-compliant *PrimeCell High-Performance Matrix Technical Summary*. It contains the following sections:

- *About this summary* on page x
- *Feedback* on page xiv.

## About this summary

This is the *Technical Summary* (TS) for the *PrimeCell High-Performance Matrix* (HPM).

## Product revision status

The *mpn* identifier indicates the revision status of the product described in this summary, where:

- rn** Identifies the major revision of the product.
- pn** Identifies the minor revision or modification status of the product.

## Intended audience

This summary is written for system designers, system integrators, and programmers who are designing or programming a *System-on-Chip* (SoC) that uses the matrix.

## Using this summary

This summary is organized into the following chapters:

### Chapter 1 *Introduction*

Read this chapter for a high-level view of the matrix and a description of its features.

### Chapter 2 *Programmable Features*

Read this chapter for a description of the controllable matrix characteristics.

### Chapter 3 *Programmer's Model*

Read this chapter for a description of:

- the PrimeCell ID registers
- how to program *Quality of Service* (QoS) and arbitration
- how to read identity and configuration data.

**Glossary** Read the Glossary for definitions of terms used in this summary.

## Conventions

Conventions that this summary can use are described in:

- *Typographical* on page xi
- *Signals* on page xi

- *Numbering* on page xii.

## Typographical

The typographical conventions are:

<i>italic</i>	Highlights important notes, introduces special terminology, denotes internal cross-references, and citations.
<b>bold</b>	Highlights interface elements, such as menu names. Denotes signal names. Also used for terms in descriptive lists, where appropriate.
monospace	Denotes text that you can enter at the keyboard, such as commands, file and program names, and source code.
<u>monospace</u>	Denotes a permitted abbreviation for a command or option. You can enter the underlined text instead of the full command or option name.
<i>monospace italic</i>	Denotes arguments to monospace text where the argument is to be replaced by a specific value.
<b>monospace bold</b>	Denotes language keywords when used outside example code.
< <b>and</b> >	Enclose replaceable terms for assembler syntax where they appear in code or code fragments. For example: MRC p15, 0 <Rd>, <CRn>, <CRm>, <Opcode_2>

## Signals

The signal conventions are:

<b>Signal level</b>	The level of an asserted signal depends on whether the signal is active-HIGH or active-LOW. Asserted means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIGH for active-HIGH signals</li> <li>• LOW for active-LOW signals.</li> </ul>
<b>Lower-case n</b>	At the start or end of a signal name denotes an active-LOW signal.
<b>Prefix A</b>	Denotes global <i>Advanced eXtensible Interface</i> (AXI) signals.
<b>Prefix AR</b>	Denotes AXI read address channel signals.
<b>Prefix AW</b>	Denotes AXI write address channel signals.
<b>Prefix B</b>	Denotes AXI write response channel signals.

<b>Prefix C</b>	Denotes AXI low-power interface signals.
<b>Prefix H</b>	Denotes <i>Advanced High-performance Bus</i> (AHB) signals.
<b>Prefix P</b>	Denotes Advanced Peripheral Bus (APB) signals.
<b>Prefix R</b>	Denotes AXI read data channel signals.
<b>Prefix W</b>	Denotes AXI write data channel signals.

## Numbering

The numbering convention is:

**<size in bits>'<base><number>**

This is a Verilog method of abbreviating constant numbers. For example:

- 'h7B4 is an unsized hexadecimal value.
- 'o7654 is an unsized octal value.
- 8'd9 is an eight-bit wide decimal value of 9.
- 8'h3F is an eight-bit wide hexadecimal value of 0x3F. This is equivalent to b00111111.
- 8'b1111 is an eight-bit wide binary value of b00001111.

## Further reading

This section lists publications by ARM and by third parties.

ARM provides updates and corrections to its documentation. See <http://www.arm.com> for current errata sheets, addenda, and the Frequently Asked Questions list.

### ARM publications

This summary contains information that is specific to the HPM matrix. See the following documents for other relevant information:

- *PrimeCell High-Performance Matrix (PL301) Technical Reference Manual* (ARM DII 0397)
- *PrimeCell High-Performance Matrix (PL301) Integration Manual* (ARM DII 0157)
- *AMBA Designer (FD001) User Guide* (ARM DUI 0333)

- *AMBA Designer (FD001) PrimeCell High-Performance Matrix (PL301) User Guide Supplement (ARM DUI 0333 Supplement 1)*
- *AMBA AXI Protocol v1.0 Specification (ARM IHI 0022)*
- *AMBA 3 AHB-Lite Protocol v1.0 Specification (ARM IHI 0033)*
- *AMBA 3 APB Protocol v1.0 Specification (ARM IHI 0024).*

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

This chapter introduces the *High-Performance Matrix* (HPM). It contains the following sections:

- *About the High-Performance Matrix* on page 1-2
- *Key features* on page 1-4.

## 1.1 About the High-Performance Matrix

The HPM is a highly configurable auto-generated AMBA 3 bus subsystem, based around a high-performance AXI cross-bar switch known as the AXI bus matrix, and extended by AMBA infrastructure components. For information about these components, see the *PrimeCell High-Performance Matrix (PL301) Technical Reference Manual*.

This combination of IP provides support for other AMBA interface protocols including AHB-Lite and APB.

Use the AMBA Designer *Graphical User Interface* (GUI) based configuration tool to design your bus matrix. You can then generate, test, and profile complex AMBA bus systems in:

- a transaction-level modeling environment
- Verilog.

Figure 1-1 shows an example of the top-level hierarchy of an interconnect.

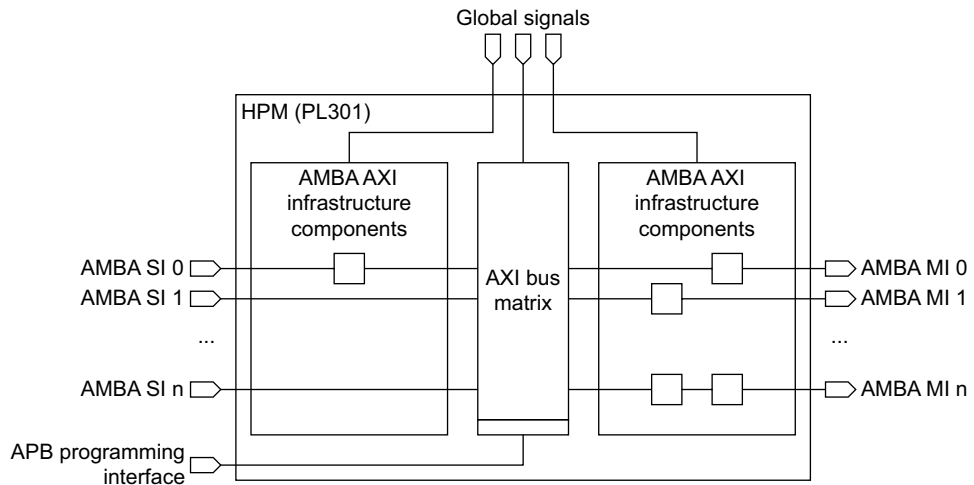


Figure 1-1 Example top-level hierarchy

### 1.1.1 Master and slave interfaces

The following terms apply in this summary:

- a master connects to a *Slave Interface* (SI)
- a slave connects to a *Master Interface* (MI).

See the *Glossary* for more information about masters, slaves, and their interfaces.



When describing interconnect sizes, this summary first refers to the number of masters that you can connect to the interconnect, followed by the number of slaves. Therefore, a 3 ° 4 interconnect interfaces to three AMBA masters and four AMBA slaves.

## 1.2 Key features

The bus matrix has:

- configurable number of SIs and MIs
- multi-layer AXI routing, suitable for high-performance applications
- sparse connection options to reduce gate count and improve security
- configurable AXI data widths
- configurable AHB-Lite data widths
- configurable address widths on AXI and AHB-Lite interfaces
- support for an AHB-Lite to AXI bridge optimized for use with memory controllers
- support for AMBA 2 APB and AMBA 3 APB at 32-bit data width
- decoded address register that you can configure for each SI
- flexible register stages to aid timing closure
- an arbitration mechanism that you can configure for each MI, implementing:
  - a fixed *Round-Robin* (RR) scheme
  - a programmable scheme that provides prioritized groups of *Least Recently Granted* (LRG) arbitration.
- a programmable *Quality of Service* (QoS) scheme
- an APB interface to provide access to programming registers
- support for multiple clock domains:
  - synchronous
  - asynchronous.
- configurable cyclic dependency schemes to enable a master to have outstanding transactions to more than one slave
- PrimeCell ID register to aid self-discovery in systems
- a configurable memory map
- TrustZone support
- AXI and AHB USER signal support

- auto-generated Verilog
- auto-generated RTL testbench
- AMBA Designer tool-based configuration.



# Chapter 2

## Programmable Features

This chapter describes the programmable features that you can manipulate. It contains the following sections:

- *Programmable Quality of Service (ProgQoS)* on page 2-2
- *Arbitration scheme* on page 2-4
- *Summary of MI options* on page 2-7.

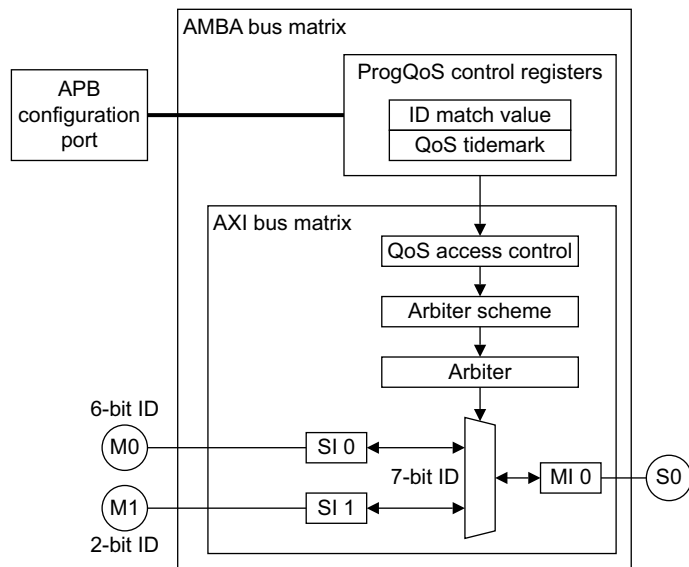
## 2.1 Programmable Quality of Service (ProgQoS)

The QoS scheme works by tracking the number of outstanding transactions, and when a specified number is reached, only permits transactions from particular, specified masters.

The QoS scheme only provides support for slaves that have a combined acceptance capability, such as the PrimeCell Dynamic Memory Controller (PL340).

The QoS scheme has no effect until the AXI bus matrix calculates that, at a particular MI, there are a number of outstanding transactions equal to the value stored in the QoS tidemark register. It then accepts transactions only from slave ports specified in the QoS access control register. This restriction remains until the number of outstanding transactions is again less than the value stored in the QoS tidemark register. See *QoS tidemark register* on page 3-5 and *QoS access control register* on page 3-6.

Figure 2-1 shows the implementation for an interconnect that supports two masters and one slave.



**Figure 2-1 Example implementation of ProgQoS control registers for 2|1 interconnect**

**Note**

When there is only one master, the QoS logic is removed as an optimization. However, the APB configuration interface enables you to program QoS parameters, but they have no effect.

For the programmer's model, see *Programmable Quality of Service (ProgQoS)* on page 3-5.

## 2.2 Arbitration scheme

In the HPM, you can configure each MI separately to have an arbitration scheme that is either:

- a non-programmable RR scheme
- a programmable LRG scheme.

The AW and AR channels have separate arbiters and can be programmed, if applicable, and interrogated separately through the APB programming interface, but both AW and AR channels are configured identically. Because the AW and AR channels are arbitrated separately, an MI can permit simultaneous read and write transactions from different SIs.

The arbitration mechanism registers the arbitration decision for use in the subsequent cycle. An arbitration decision taken in the current cycle does not affect the current cycle.

If no SIs are active, the arbiter adopts default arbitration, that is, the highest priority SI. If this occurs and then the highest priority interface becomes active in the same cycle as, or before any other SI, then this does not constitute a grant to an active SI and the arbitration scheme does not change its state.

If a QoS provision is enabled and active, only a subset of SIs is permitted to win arbitration, and it cannot be guaranteed that the default arbitration is among these. In these circumstances, no transaction is permitted to use the default arbitration, and arbitration must occur when there is an active SI.

### 2.2.1 Round-robin (RR) scheme

In the RR scheme, you can choose, at design time:

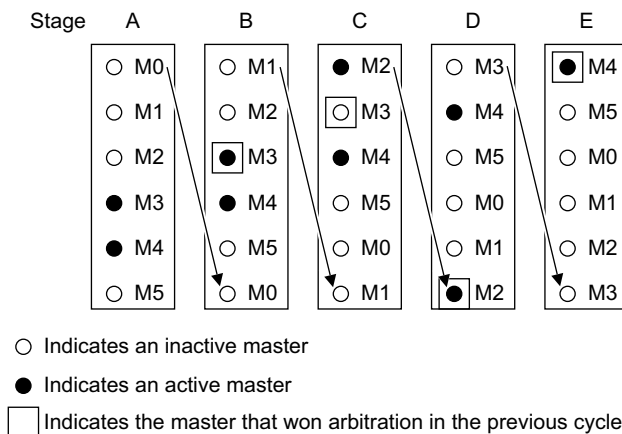
- the number of slots that are used
- the SI to which they are allocated
- their order.

There must be at least one slot per connected SI and there can be up to 32 slots. By allocating multiple slots for a SI, you can allocate access to the slave, on average, in proportion to the number of slots. If the slots are appropriately ordered, this can also reduce the maximum time before a grant is guaranteed. The SI associated with a slot can be interrogated from the APB programming interface, but it cannot be changed.

Whenever arbitration is granted to an active SI, the slots are rotated so that the slot currently in the highest priority position becomes the lowest, and all other slots move to a higher priority but maintain their relative order, as Figure 2-2 on page 2-5 shows. This means that if an SI is the highest priority active SI, but is not the highest priority interface, then it continues to win the arbitration until it becomes the highest priority interface, and then the lowest priority interface subsequently.



Because the arbitration value is registered, the arbitration decision made in this cycle is used in the next cycle. This means that if the SI that currently holds the arbitration is still the highest priority active SI in this cycle, wins the arbitration again regardless of whether or not it is active in the next cycle as shown by the status of M3 in stages A, B, and C of Figure 2-2.



**Figure 2-2 Example operation of RR arbitration scheme**

## 2.2.2 Least Recently Granted (LRG) scheme

In the LRG scheme, each connected SI has a single slot associated with it, but each interface also has a priority value. This priority value, whose post-reset value can be configured at design time and programmed or interrogated through the APB programming interface, can make the arbiter behave as:

- a pure LRG scheme
- a fixed priority encoder
- a combination of the two.

All masters with the same priority form a priority group. As a result of arbitration, a master can move within its priority group but cannot leave its group, and no new masters can join the group.

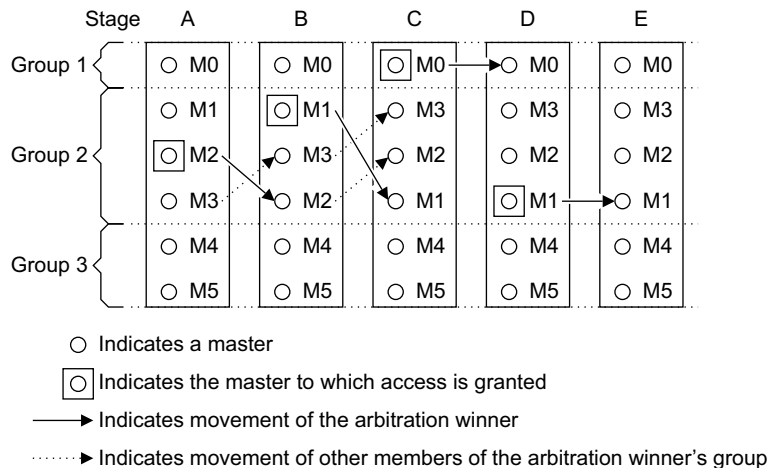
Arbitration is granted to the highest priority group from which a member is trying to win access, and within that group, to the highest master at that time. When a master wins arbitration, it is relegated to the bottom of its group to ensure that it cannot prevent other masters in its group from accessing the slave.

If you configure all master priorities to different levels, the arbiter implements a fixed priority scheme. This occurs because in this case, each master is in a group of its own, and therefore, masters maintain their ordering.

If all master priorities are the same, then an LRG scheme is implemented. The reason that it behaves as an LRG is because the process of relegating the master that was last granted access, to the bottom of its group, results in the masters being ordered from the LRG master at the top, to the *Most Recently Granted* (MRG) at the bottom.

The LRG and fixed priority modes concurrently exist when the master priority value registers are programmed with a combination of identical and unique values. You can mix priority groups that contain one member with priority groups that contain more than one member in an arbitrary manner. The arbiter places no restriction on the number of groups or their membership.

Figure 2-3 shows the movement of masters within their priority groups.



**Figure 2-3 Example operation of LRG arbitration scheme**

## 2.3 Summary of MI options

Table 2-1 summarizes the standard MI options.

**Table 2-1 MI configuration options summary (continued)**

Option	Description
Address range, high memory	Upper bound of the address region of the MI. See the <i>PrimeCell High-Performance Matrix (PL301) Technical Reference Manual</i> .
Address range, low memory	Lower bound of the address region of the MI. See the <i>PrimeCell High-Performance Matrix (PL301) Technical Reference Manual</i> .
Address range, remap move	Defines the behavior of the address remapping scheme for the MI, activated via the <b>REMAP</b> bus. See the <i>PrimeCell High-Performance Matrix (PL301) Technical Reference Manual</i> .
Clock domain crossing	Provides an appropriate clock domain crossing bridge. See the <i>PrimeCell High-Performance Matrix (PL301) Technical Reference Manual</i> .
Interface data width	Number of bits for the data bus. This is limited to 32 bits for APB. See the <i>PrimeCell High-Performance Matrix (PL301) Technical Reference Manual</i> .
Interface protocol	When not set to AXI, instantiates either an AXI to AHB or AXI to APB bridge component as appropriate. See the <i>PrimeCell High-Performance Matrix (PL301) Technical Reference Manual</i> .
Name	Name of the MI and associated top-level ports. See the <i>PrimeCell High-Performance Matrix (PL301) Technical Reference Manual</i> .
Number	Number of the MI. This must be unique and determines the cyclic priority and the layout of the QoS register interface.
Peripheral register slices	Enables you to register the external inputs and outputs of the HPM appropriately for timing closure improvement by placing the required number of register slices between the boundary of the interconnect and the AXI core. See the <i>PrimeCell High-Performance Matrix (PL301) Technical Reference Manual</i> .
Programmable QoS	Configures the HPM to use the programmable QoS scheme. See <i>Programmable Quality of Service (ProgQoS)</i> on page 2-2.
Remap range, bit	Assigns the bit of the <b>REMAP</b> bus that is used for the remap alias. The least significant bit takes priority if more than one bit is active. See the <i>PrimeCell High-Performance Matrix (PL301) Technical Reference Manual</i> .
Remap range, high memory	Upper bound of the aliased address region of the MI when the relevant bit of the <b>REMAP</b> bus is HIGH. See the <i>PrimeCell High-Performance Matrix (PL301) Technical Reference Manual</i> .

**Table 2-1 MI configuration options summary (continued) (continued)**

<b>Option</b>	<b>Description</b>
Remap range, low memory	Lower bound of the aliased address region of the MI when the relevant bit of the <b>REMAP</b> bus is HIGH. See the <i>PrimeCell High-Performance Matrix (PL301) Technical Reference Manual</i> .
Write interleave capability	Number of active write transactions for which the MI is capable of transmitting data. See the <i>PrimeCell High-Performance Matrix (PL301) Technical Reference Manual</i> .
Write issuing capability	Maximum number of active write transactions that the MI can generate at any one time. See the <i>PrimeCell High-Performance Matrix (PL301) Technical Reference Manual</i> .

Table 2-2 summarizes the MI options you require for each active APB peripheral slot if you configure an APB bridge.

**Table 2-2 MI configuration options summary for an APB bridge**

<b>Option</b>	<b>Description</b>
APB interface, slot ID	Identifies the peripheral slot and indicates that it is to be connected to a peripheral.
APB interface, name	The name of the slot, to be appended to the APB signal names at the HPM top-level.
APB interface, version	Configures the APB protocol version for the slot. This can be 2.0 or 3.0.

# Chapter 3

## Programmer's Model

This chapter describes the registers that you can access by using the APB programming interface on the AMBA 3 bus matrix. It contains the following subsections:

- *About the programmer's model* on page 3-2
- *Arbitration* on page 3-3
- *Programmable Quality of Service (ProgQoS)* on page 3-5
- *Configuration and ID registers* on page 3-7.

### 3.1 About the programmer's model

Table 3-1 lists the PL301 registers.

**Table 3-1 PL301 register summary**

Address	Type	Width	Reset value	Name	Description
0x400 <sup>a</sup>	R/W	32	0x00000000	QoS Tidemark for MI 0	See <i>Programmable Quality of Service (ProgQoS)</i> on page 3-5
0x404 <sup>b</sup>	R/W	32	0x00000000	QoS Access Control for MI 0	See <i>Programmable Quality of Service (ProgQoS)</i> on page 3-5
0x408 <sup>c</sup>	R/W	32	Configured	AR channel arbitration value for MI 0	See <i>Arbitration</i> on page 3-3
0x40C <sup>d</sup>	R/W	32	Configured	AW channel arbitration value for MI 0	See <i>Arbitration</i> on page 3-3
0x800 - 0xFBC	-	-	-	Reserved	-
0xFC0	RO	32	0x000000nn <sup>e</sup>	PrimeCell Configuration Register 0	See <i>Configuration registers</i> on page 3-7
0xFC4	RO	32	0x000000nn <sup>f</sup>	PrimeCell Configuration Register 1	
0xFC8	RO	32	0x00000000	PrimeCell Configuration Register 2	
0xFCC	RO	32	0x00000000	PrimeCell Configuration Register 3	
0xFD0 - 0xFDC	-	-	-	Reserved	
0xFE0	RO	8	0x01	PrimeCell Peripheral Register 0	See <i>PrimeCell Peripheral ID Registers 0-3</i> on page 3-8
0xFE4	RO	8	0x13	PrimeCell Peripheral Register 1	
0xFE8	RO	8	0x14	PrimeCell Peripheral Register 2	
0xFEC	RO	8	0x00	PrimeCell Peripheral Register 3	
0xFF0	RO	8	0x0D	PrimeCell ID Register 0	See <i>PrimeCell ID Registers 0-3</i> on page 3-10
0xFF4	RO	8	0xF0	PrimeCell ID Register 1	
0xFF8	RO	8	0x05	PrimeCell ID Register 2	
0xFFC	RO	8	0xB1	PrimeCell ID Register 3	

- a. Address allocation for QoS Tidemark is  $0x400 + 0x20 \times n$ , where  $n$  is the number of the relevant MI.
- b. Address allocation for QoS Access Control is  $0x404 + 0x20 \times n$ , where  $n$  is the number of the relevant MI.
- c. Address allocation for AR channel arbitration control registers is  $0x408 + (0x20 \times N)$ , where  $N$  is the number of the relevant MI.
- d. Address allocation for AW channel arbitration control registers is  $0x40C + (0x20 \times N)$ , where  $N$  is the number of the relevant MI.
- e. Where  $nn$  is the number of SIs configured in the range  $0x01-0x20$ .
- f. Where  $nn$  is the number of MIs configured in the range  $0x01-0x20$ .

## 3.2 Arbitration

This section describes arbitration and contains the following subsections:

- *Programmer's view and operation*
- *Programmer's model.*

### 3.2.1 Programmer's view and operation

You can configure and program the arbitration scheme by writing values to registers accessed through the APB SI on the HPM. The configuration controls the reset state of the arbitration scheme and is hard-wired, but programming can override it.

### 3.2.2 Programmer's model

The arbitration schemes are configured, programmed, and interrogated on a per-master-interface basis, and the programmer's model reflects this. The arbitration programming and interrogation in the APB programming interface address map, are in the per-master-interface address space, at offset 0x400. The interfaces are spaced at 0x20 intervals from this base. See *Arbitration scheme* on page 2-4.

You cannot write to the RR scheme and so although the arbiters operate separately, interrogating the AW channel's data returns the same data as the AR channel. The LRG scheme enables the AR and AW channels to be programmed differently, thus the data for the AR channel is located at offset 0x8 within the individual interface's space and for the AW channel at offset 0xC.

This section contains the following subsections:

- *Writes*
- *Reads* on page 3-4.

#### Writes

Because there is insufficient space in the MI address map allocation to address each arbitration slot individually, the number of the slot being accessed is encoded in the most significant byte of the write data being written.

To write a new priority value into the LRG scheme, the write data is comprised as follows:

- the SI number for which the priority value applies is encoded in bits [7:0] of the write data
- the priority value is encoded in bits [15:8] of the write data

- the slot for which the data is to be written is encoded in bits [31:24] of the write data.

It is important to ensure that a value is written only to the slot that already contains the priority value for the SI whose priority you want to modify - writes are ignored if this is not the case. This behavior is required because the arbitration system must maintain exactly one slot for each SI for correct operation.

You cannot program the RR scheme so writes are completed but are ignored.

## Reads

To read from a particular slot, the slot number must be registered before the read occurs. This is done by using a specially formatted write access. This write access must have bits [31:8] of its write data set to `0xFF0000`, making it a write access to slot 255, and bits [7:0] of the write data set to the read slot whose value is to be returned.

The format of the returned data depends on the arbitration scheme. The RR scheme returns the SI number that occupies that slot in the LSB of the read data. The LRG scheme returns the priority and SI number in the same positions as they occupy in write data.



### 3.3 Programmable Quality of Service (ProgQoS)

This section describes the ProgQoS and contains the following subsections:

- *Address map*
- *QoS tidemark register*
- *QoS access control register* on page 3-6.

See also *Programmable Quality of Service (ProgQoS)* on page 2-2.

#### 3.3.1 Address map

The per-master-interface register space starts at  $0x400$  and extends to  $0x7FC$ . Each MI that is configured to support QoS filtering contains the registers at the following offsets:

$0x0$  – QoS Tidemark  
 $0x4$  – QoS Access Control

When more than one MI with QoS support is included, the register maps for each interface are stacked at  $0x20$  intervals. The AMBA Designer MI number configuration option determines the address offset for any particular MI.

It is recommended that you assign low MI numbers to MIs that require QoS support. This approach aligns well with the cyclic priority scheme because MIs that require QoS support are typically those that can be considered high-ranking slaves. See the *PrimeCell High-Performance Matrix (PL301) Technical Reference Manual*.

There are two registers for each SI:

- *QoS tidemark register*
- *QoS access control register* on page 3-6.

#### 3.3.2 QoS tidemark register

You can program this with the number of outstanding transactions that are permitted before the QoS scheme becomes active.

If a value is written to this register that is larger than the combined acceptance capability of the attached slave, then the QoS scheme never becomes active for this MI. If a value of 0 is written to this register, then the QoS scheme is turned off for this MI. This behavior ensures that it is impossible to block all transactions completely by accidental mis-programming.

### 3.3.3 QoS access control register

A 1 in any bit of this register indicates that the SI corresponding to the bit position is permitted to use the reserved slots of the connected combined acceptance capability of the slaves.

The maximum value that you can write to this register is:

$$(2^{\text{total number of SIs}}) - 1$$

———— **Note** —————

If you attempt to write a value containing 1s in positions that do not correspond to SIs, then these bits are ignored and are not set in the register.

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Changes to these values occur on the first possible arbitration time after they are written.

## 3.4 Configuration and ID registers

The bus matrix APB interface must be capable of auto-discovery, and requires PrimeCell ID registers and configuration registers.

A standard structure is required, but it also assists intelligent programming of the programmable parts of the following:

- arbitration policy
- QoS policy.

It does this by making data available on the number of MIs and SIs in the bus matrix.

———— **Note** —————

The number of MIs does not include the MI to which the default slave is attached because this is not exposed.

### 3.4.1 Configuration registers

These are four 32-bit read-only registers at address 0xFC0-0xFCC. The register at:

- 0xFC0 is hard-coded and identifies how many MIs are configured in the HPM
- 0xFC4 is hard-coded and identifies how many SIs are configured in the HPM.

The registers at 0xFC8 and 0xFCC read as zeros.

Table 3-2 lists the register bit assignments.

**Table 3-2 Configuration registers bit assignments**

Bits	Name	Description
[31:8]	-	Undefined
[7:0]	Config	Identifies how many MIs or SIs are configured in the HPM

Figure 3-1 shows the register bit assignments.



**Figure 3-1 Configuration registers bit assignments**

### 3.4.2 PrimeCell Peripheral ID Registers 0-3

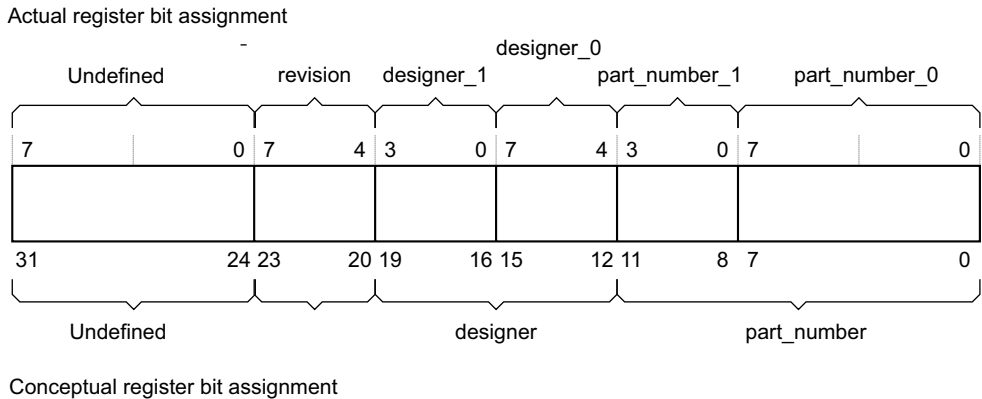
The `periph_id` registers are four eight-bit read-only registers, that span address locations `0xFE0-0xFEC`. The registers can conceptually be treated as a single register that holds a 32-bit peripheral ID value. An external master reads them to determine the HPM version of the device.

Table 3-3 lists the register bit assignments.

**Table 3-3 `periph_id` Register bit assignments**

Bits	Name	Description
[31:24]	-	Undefined
[23:20]	-	The peripheral revision number is revision-dependent.
[19:12]	designer	Designer's ID number. This is <code>0x41</code> for ARM.
[11:0]	part_number	Identifies the peripheral. The part number for PL301 is <code>0x301</code> .

Figure 3-2 shows the correspondence between bits of the `periph_id` registers and the conceptual 32-bit Peripheral ID Register.



**Figure 3-2 `periph_id` Register bit assignments**

The following sections describe the `periph_id` Registers:

- *Peripheral Identification Register 0* on page 3-9
- *Peripheral Identification Register 1* on page 3-9
- *Peripheral Identification Register 2* on page 3-9
- *Peripheral Identification Register 3* on page 3-10.

## Peripheral Identification Register 0

The `periph_id_0` Register is hard-coded and the fields within the register determine the reset value. Table 3-4 lists the register bit assignments.

**Table 3-4 periph\_id\_0 Register bit assignments**

Bits	Name	Description
[31:8]	-	Read undefined
[7:0]	<code>part_number_0</code>	These bits read back as <code>0x01</code>

## Peripheral Identification Register 1

The `periph_id_1` Register is hard-coded and the fields within the register determine the reset value. Table 3-5 lists the register bit assignments.

**Table 3-5 periph\_id\_1 Register bit assignments**

Bits	Name	Description
[31:8]	-	Read undefined
[7:4]	<code>designer_0</code>	These bits read back as <code>0x1</code>
[3:0]	<code>part_number_1</code>	These bits read back as <code>0x3</code>

## Peripheral Identification Register 2

The `periph_id_2` Register is hard-coded and the fields within the register determine the reset value. Table 3-6 lists the register bit assignments.

**Table 3-6 periph\_id\_2 Register bit assignments**

Bits	Name	Description
[31:8]	-	Read undefined.
[7:4]	<code>revision</code>	These bits read back as the revision number. This can be between 0 and 15: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>0x1 = r1p0</code></li> <li>• <code>0x2 = r1p1</code></li> </ul>
[3:0]	<code>designer_1</code>	These bits read back as <code>0x4</code> .

### Peripheral Identification Register 3

The `periph_id_3` register is hard-coded and the fields within the register determine the reset value. Table 3-7 lists the register bit assignments.

**Table 3-7 `periph_id_3` Register bit assignments**

Bits	Name	Description
[31:8]	-	Read undefined.
[7:4]	-	Reserved for future use. Read undefined.
[3:0]	Reserved	Always zero.

### 3.4.3 PrimeCell ID Registers 0-3

The PrimeCell ID value is a 32-bit value. However, to ensure that it is accessible in all systems, the 32 bits are implemented as four 8-bit registers that can be accessed separately as the least significant eight bits of addresses `0xFF0`, `0xFF4`, `0xFF8`, and `0xFFC`.

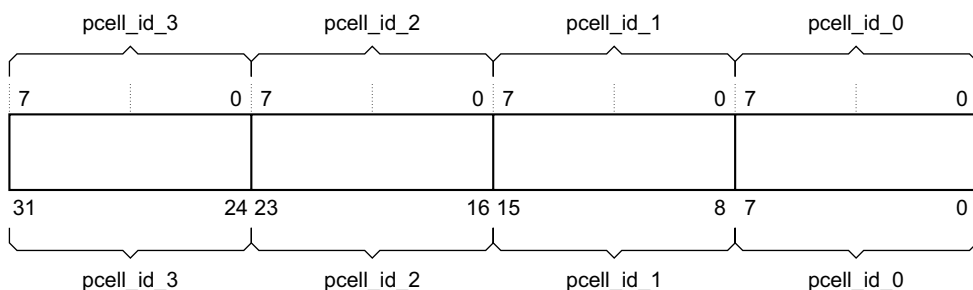
The registers can conceptually be treated as a single register that holds a 32-bit PrimeCell ID value. You can use the register for automatic BIOS configuration. The `pcell_id` Register is set to `0xB105F00D`. You can access the register with one wait state. Table 3-8 lists the register bit assignments.

**Table 3-8 `pcell_id` Register bit assignments**

<b><code>pcell_id_0-3</code> register</b>				
Bits	Reset value	Register	Bits	Description
-	-	<code>pcell_id_3</code>	[31:8]	Read undefined
[31:24]	<code>0xB1</code>	<code>pcell_id_3</code>	[7:0]	These bits read back as <code>0xB1</code>
-	-	<code>pcell_id_2</code>	[31:8]	Read undefined
[23:16]	<code>0x05</code>	<code>pcell_id_2</code>	[7:0]	These bits read back as <code>0x05</code>
-	-	<code>pcell_id_1</code>	[31:8]	Read undefined
[15:8]	<code>0xF0</code>	<code>pcell_id_1</code>	[7:0]	These bits read back as <code>0xF0</code>
-	-	<code>pcell_id_0</code>	[31:8]	Read undefined
[7:0]	<code>0x0D</code>	<code>pcell_id_0</code>	[7:0]	These bits read back as <code>0x0D</code>

Figure 3-3 shows the register bit assignments.

Actual register bit assignment



Conceptual register bit assignment

**Figure 3-3 pcell\_id Register bit assignments**

The following subsections describe the pcell\_id Registers:

- *PrimeCell Identification Register 0*
- *PrimeCell Identification Register 1* on page 3-12
- *PrimeCell Identification Register 2* on page 3-12
- *PrimeCell Identification Register 3* on page 3-12.

**Note**

You cannot read these registers in the Reset state.

### PrimeCell Identification Register 0

The pcell\_id\_0 Register is hard-coded and the fields within the register determine the reset value. Table 3-9 lists the register bit assignments.

**Table 3-9 pcell\_id\_0 Register bit assignments**

Bits	Name	Function
[31:8]	-	Reserved, read undefined
[7:0]	pcell_id_0	These bits read back as 0x00

## PrimeCell Identification Register 1

The pcell\_id\_1 Register is hard-coded and the fields within the register determine the reset value. Table 3-10 lists the register bit assignments.

**Table 3-10 pcell\_id\_1 Register bit assignments**

Bits	Name	Function
[31:8]	-	Reserved, read undefined
[7:0]	pcell_id_1	These bits read back as 0xF0

## PrimeCell Identification Register 2

The pcell\_id\_2 Register is hard-coded and the fields within the register determine the reset value. Table 3-11 lists the register bit assignments.

**Table 3-11 pcell\_id\_2 Register bit assignments**

Bits	Name	Function
[31:8]	-	Reserved, read undefined
[7:0]	pcell_id_2	These bits read back as 0x05

## PrimeCell Identification Register 3

The pcell\_id\_3 Register is hard-coded and the fields within the register determine the reset value. Table 3-12 lists the register bit assignments.

**Table 3-12 pcell\_id\_3 Register bit assignments**

Bits	Name	Function
[31:8]	-	Reserved, read undefined
[7:0]	pcell_id_3	These bits read back as 0xB1



# Glossary

This glossary describes some of the terms used in technical documents from ARM.

## **Advanced eXtensible Interface (AXI)**

A bus protocol that supports separate address/control and data phases, unaligned data transfers using byte strobes, burst-based transactions with only start address issued, separate read and write data channels to enable low-cost DMA, ability to issue multiple outstanding addresses, out-of-order transaction completion, and easy addition of register stages to provide timing closure. The AXI protocol also includes optional extensions to cover signaling for low-power operation.

AXI is targeted at high-performance, high clock frequency system designs and includes a number of features that make it very suitable for high speed sub-micron interconnect.

## **Advanced High-performance Bus (AHB)**

A bus protocol with a fixed pipeline between address/control and data phases. It only supports a subset of the functionality provided by the AMBA AXI protocol. The full AMBA AHB protocol specification includes a number of features that are not commonly required for master and slave IP developments and ARM recommends only a subset of the protocol is usually used. This subset is defined as the AMBA AHB-Lite protocol.

*See also* Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture and AHB-Lite.

**Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture (AMBA)**

A family of protocol specifications that describe a strategy for the interconnect. AMBA is the ARM open standard for on-chip buses. It is an on-chip bus specification that describes a strategy for the interconnection and management of functional blocks that make up a *System-on-Chip* (SoC). It aids in the development of embedded processors with one or more CPUs or signal processors and multiple peripherals. AMBA complements a reusable design methodology by defining a common backbone for SoC modules.

**Advanced Peripheral Bus (APB)**

A simpler bus protocol than AXI and AHB. It is designed for use with ancillary or general-purpose peripherals such as timers, interrupt controllers, UARTs, and I/O ports. Connection to the main system bus is through a system-to-peripheral bus bridge that helps to reduce system power consumption.

**AHB**

*See* Advanced High-performance Bus.

**AHB-Lite**

A subset of the full AMBA AHB protocol specification. It provides all of the basic functions required by the majority of AMBA AHB slave and master designs, particularly when used with a multi-layer AMBA interconnect. In most cases, the extra facilities provided by a full AMBA AHB interface are implemented more efficiently by using an AMBA AXI protocol interface.

**Aligned**

A data item stored at an address that is divisible by the number of bytes that defines the data size is said to be aligned. Aligned words and halfwords have addresses that are divisible by four and two respectively. The terms word-aligned and halfword-aligned therefore stipulate addresses that are divisible by four and two respectively.

**AMBA**

*See* Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture.

**APB**

*See* Advanced Peripheral Bus.

**Architecture**

The organization of hardware and/or software that characterizes a processor and its attached components, and enables devices with similar characteristics to be grouped together when describing their behavior, for example, Harvard architecture, instruction set architecture, ARMv6 architecture.

**AXI**

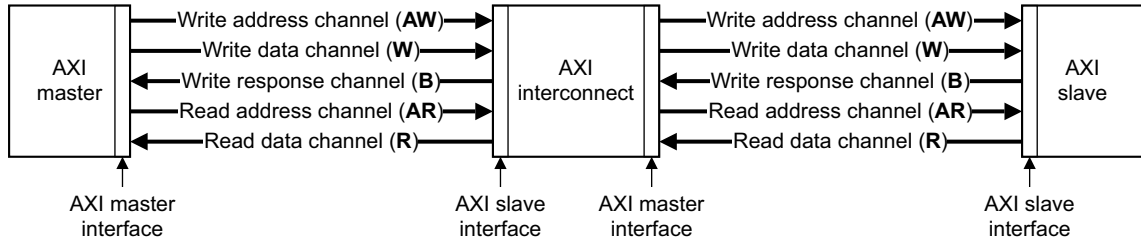
*See* Advanced eXtensible Interface.

**AXI channel order and interfaces**

The block diagram shows:

- the order in which AXI channel signals are described

- the MI and SI conventions for AXI components.



### AXI terminology

The following AXI terms are general. They apply to both masters and slaves:

#### Active read transaction

A transaction for which the read address has transferred, but the last read data has not yet transferred.

#### Active transfer

A transfer for which the **xVALID** handshake has asserted, but for which **xREADY** has not yet asserted.

#### ———— Note ————

The letter **x** in the signal name denotes an AXI channel as follows:

<b>AW</b>	Write address channel.
<b>W</b>	Write data channel.
<b>B</b>	Write response channel.
<b>AR</b>	Read address channel.
<b>R</b>	Read data channel.

#### Active write transaction

A transaction for which the write address or leading write data has transferred, but the write response has not yet transferred.

#### Completed transfer

A transfer for which the **xVALID/xREADY** handshake is complete.

**Payload** The non-handshake signals in a transfer.

**Transaction** An entire burst of transfers, comprising an address, one or more data transfers and a response transfer (writes only).

**Transmit** An initiator driving the payload and asserting the relevant **xVALID** signal.

**Transfer** A single exchange of information. That is, with one **xVALID/xREADY** handshake.

The following AXI terms are MI attributes. To obtain optimum performance, they must be specified for all components with an AXI MI:

**Combined issuing capability**

The maximum number of active transactions that an MI can generate. This is specified instead of write or read issuing capability for MIs that use a combined storage for active write and read transactions.

**Read ID capability**

The maximum number of different **ARID** values that an MI can generate for all active read transactions at any one time.

**Read ID width**

The number of bits in the **ARID** bus.

**Read issuing capability**

The maximum number of active read transactions that an MI can generate.

**Write ID capability**

The maximum number of different **AWID** values that an MI can generate for all active write transactions at any one time.

**Write ID width**

The number of bits in the **AWID** and **WID** buses.

**Write interleave capability**

The number of active write transactions for which the MI is capable of transmitting data. This is counted from the earliest transaction.

**Write issuing capability**

The maximum number of active write transactions that an MI can generate.

The following AXI terms are SI attributes. To obtain optimum performance, they must be specified for all components with an AXI SI

**Combined acceptance capability**

The maximum number of active transactions that an SI can accept. This is specified instead of write or read acceptance capability for SIs that use a combined storage for active write and read transactions.

**Read acceptance capability**

The maximum number of active read transactions that an SI can accept.

**Read data reordering depth**

The number of active read transactions for which an SI can transmit data. This is counted from the earliest transaction.

**Write acceptance capability**

The maximum number of active write transactions that an SI can accept.

**Write interleave depth**

The number of active write transactions for which the SI can receive data. This is counted from the earliest transaction.

**Halfword**

A 16-bit data item.

**Multi-layer**

An interconnect scheme similar to a cross-bar switch. Each master on the interconnect has a direct link to each slave. The link is not shared with other masters. This enables each master to process transfers in parallel with other masters. Contention only occurs in a multi-layer interconnect at a payload destination, typically the slave.

**Processor**

A processor is the circuitry in a computer system required to process data using the computer instructions. It is an abbreviation of microprocessor. A clock source, power supplies, and main memory are also required to create a minimum complete working computer system.

**Unaligned**

A data item stored at an address that is not divisible by the number of bytes that defines the data size is said to be unaligned. For example, a word stored at an address that is not divisible by four.

**Word**

A 32-bit data item.

