
AES256XTS IP Core Data Sheet

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AES256-XTS IP Core

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Product Specification

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Features

- Support AES-XTS mode standard.
- Support 256-bit key size.
- Support input data width 128-bit.
- Support Ciphertext Stealing.
- Peak throughput rate at 128Mbits/MHz.
- Speed up to 44.8 Gbps or 5.6 GBps @350MHz.
- Customized service for reduce resource by support 128-bit data alignment only.

Core Facts

Provided with Core	
Documentation	User Guide, Design Guide
Design File Formats	Encrypted File
Instantiation Templates	VHDL
Reference Designs & Application Notes	Quartus Project, See Reference Design Manual
Additional Items	Demo on A10SoC, Agilex F-Series development kit
Support	
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Table 1: Example Implementation Statistics for Encryption

Family	Example Device	Fmax (MHz)	ALMs	Registers ¹	Design Tools
Agilex F-Series	AGFB014R24A2E2VR0	350	13251.0	6718	Quartus 20.4
Arria10 SX	10AS066N3F40E2SGE2	280	12595.7	5624	Quartus 20.4
Stratix10 GX ²	1SG280HU2F50E1VG	300	13106.0	19116	Quartus 20.4

Table 2: Example Implementation Statistics for Decryption

Family	Example Device	Fmax (MHz)	ALMs	Registers ¹	Design Tools
Agilex F-Series	AGFB014R24A2E2VR0	350	15138.1	9764	Quartus 20.4
Arria10 SX	10AS066N3F40E2SGE2	280	13631.0	5954	Quartus 20.4
Stratix10 GX ²	1SG280HU2F50E1VG	300	14838.6	9201	Quartus 20.4

Notes:

- 1) Actual logic resource is dependent on percentage of unrelated logic.
- 2) The results were obtained from implementation in the same environment, but have not been tested on the actual board.

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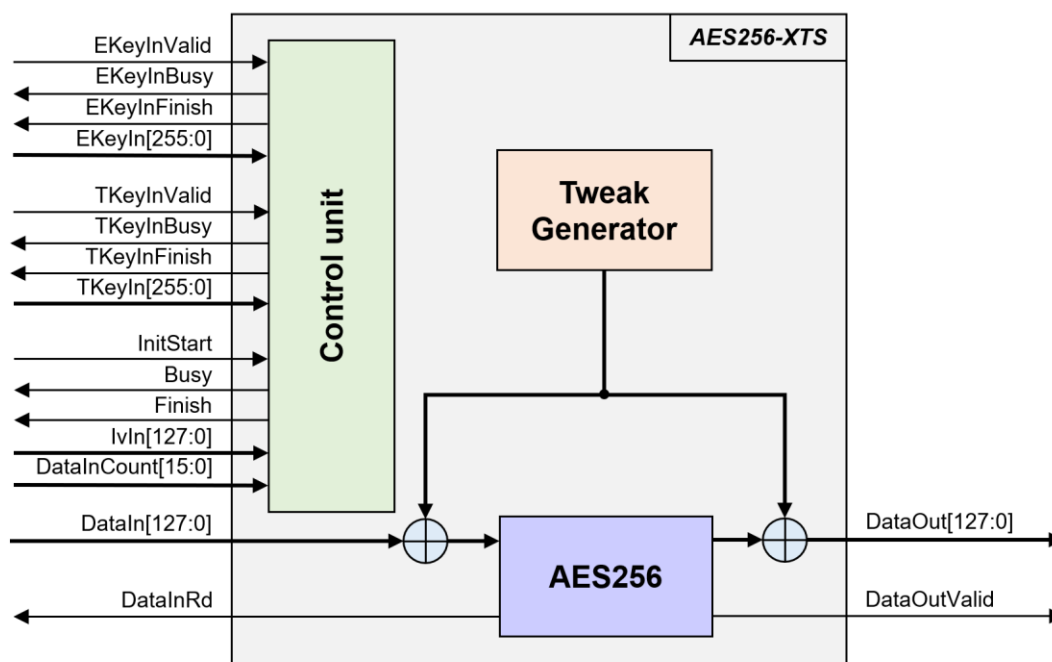


Figure 1: Block Diagram

General Description

AES256-XTS IP Core (AES256XTSIP) implements the advanced encryption standard (AES) with XEX Tweakable Block Cipher with Ciphertext Stealing (XTS) which is widely used in protecting the confidentiality of data on storage devices.

AES256XTSIP works with 256-bit encryption key and 256-bit tweakable key. According to this “ciphertext stealing” method, it can encrypt or decrypt sequences of arbitrary lengths of data block. Where the data length must be more than or equal to 128 bits or 16 bytes.

AES256XTSIP consists of AES256XTSENC module which is the encryption module and AES256XTSDEC module which is the decryption module. Each module contains a Tweak Generator and AES256 for encryption/decryption.

Functional Description

According to AES256XTSENC and AES256XTSDEC, the interface signals and operation are the same, therefore AES256XTS is used to represent the interface signals and operation of both modules.

Table 3: Interface signals of AES256XTS

Signal name	Dir	Description
RstB	In	IP core system reset. Active low.
Clk	In	IP core system clock.
version[31:0]	Out	32-bit version number of AES256XTS.
Encryption Key setting signals		
EKeyInValid	In	EKeyInValid is a user signal to specify data valid of EKeyIn. Assert to '1' to indicate that EKeyIn is valid and start encryption key setting.
EKeyInBusy	Out	EKeyInBusy specifies busy status of encryption key setting. Assert to '1' after user set EKeyInValid, until the last cycle of operation. EKeyInValid or InitStart will be ignored while EKeyInBusy is '1'.
EKeyInFinish	Out	EKeyInFinish specifies finish status of encryption key setting. Assert to '1' at the last cycle of operation.
EKeyIn[255:0]	In	EKeyIn is 256-bit key data for encryption/decryption. EKeyIn must be valid when EKeyInValid is asserted to '1'.
Tweakable Key setting signals		
TKeyInValid	In	TKeyInValid is a user signal to specify data valid of TKeyIn. Assert to '1' to indicate that TKeyIn is valid and start tweakable key setting.
TKeyInBusy	Out	TKeyInBusy specifies busy status of tweakable key setting. Assert to '1' after user set TKeyInValid, until the last cycle of operation. TKeyInValid or InitStart will be ignored while TKeyInBusy is '1'.
TKeyInFinish	Out	TKeyInFinish specifies finish status of tweakable setting. Assert to '1' at the last cycle of operation.
TKeyIn[255:0]	In	TKeyIn is 256-bit key data for encryption tweakable. TKeyIn must be valid when TKeyInValid is asserted to '1'.
Encryption/Decryption control signals		
InitStart	In	InitStart is a user signal to start AES256XTS operation.
Busy	Out	Busy specifies busy status of operation. Busy is active after user set InitStart, until operation is done. EKeyInValid or TKeyInValid or InitStart will be ignored while Busy is '1'.
Finish	Out	Finish specifies finish status of AES256XTS. Assert to '1' at the last cycle of operation.
IvIn[127:0]	In	IvIn is 128-bit IV data for generate tweak. IvIn must be valid when InitStart is asserted to '1'.
DataInCount[15:0]	In	DataInCount is the number of input data in byte. DataInCount must be valid when InitStart is asserted to '1'.
Data control signals		
DataInRd	Out	DataInRd is a control signal to read DataIn.
DataIn[127:0]	In	DataIn is 128-bit input data. DataIn must be valid when DataInRd is asserted to '1'.
DataOutValid	Out	DataOutValid specifies data valid for DataOut. Assert to '1' when DataOut is valid.
DataOut[127:0]	Out	DataOut is 128-bit data output of AES256XTS. Valid when DataOutValid is asserted to '1'.

AES256XTS operation is as simple as 2 steps to use as below.

1. Key setting

Key setting is the first step to use AES256XTS. As shown in Figure 2. In the key setting process consists of encryption key setting and tweakable key setting, the two processes are completely independent of each other. AES256XTS is started encryption key setting process when EKeyInValid='1' and takes 14 clocks cycles to finish the process (EKeyInBusy='0'). After that, this EKeyIn is used for every encryption/decryption and can be changed via EKeyInValid is asserted to '1'. AES256XTS is started tweakable key setting process when TKeyInValid='1' and takes 14 clocks cycles to finish the process (TKeyInBusy='0'). After that, this TKeyIn is used for every encryption/decryption and can be changed via TKeyInValid is asserted to '1'.

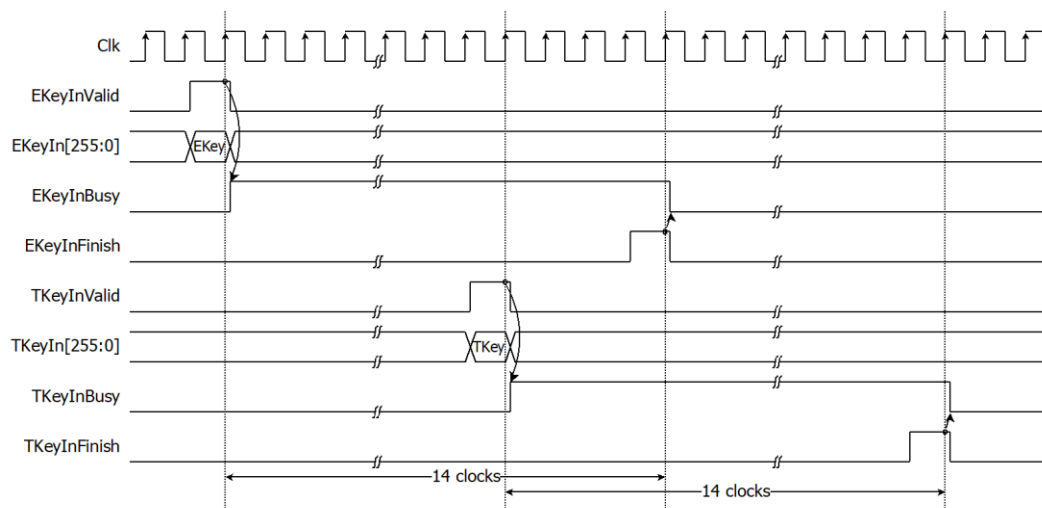


Figure 2: AES256XTS key setting timing diagram

2. Encryption/Decryption control

As shown in Figure 3 and Figure 4. After Encryption key setting process and Tweak key setting process, AES256XTS starts the process when InitStart is asserted to '1' where IvIn and DataInCount must be valid. Busy is set to be '1' in the next cycle. DataIn[127:0] must be set and valid when DataInRd is asserted to '1'. User need to prepare 128-bit DataIn. Encrypted data is set to DataOut[127:0] signal, while DataOutValid signal is set to be '1'. Finish is active only one clock at the last cycle of operation and DataInBusy is cleared to '0' in the next cycle.

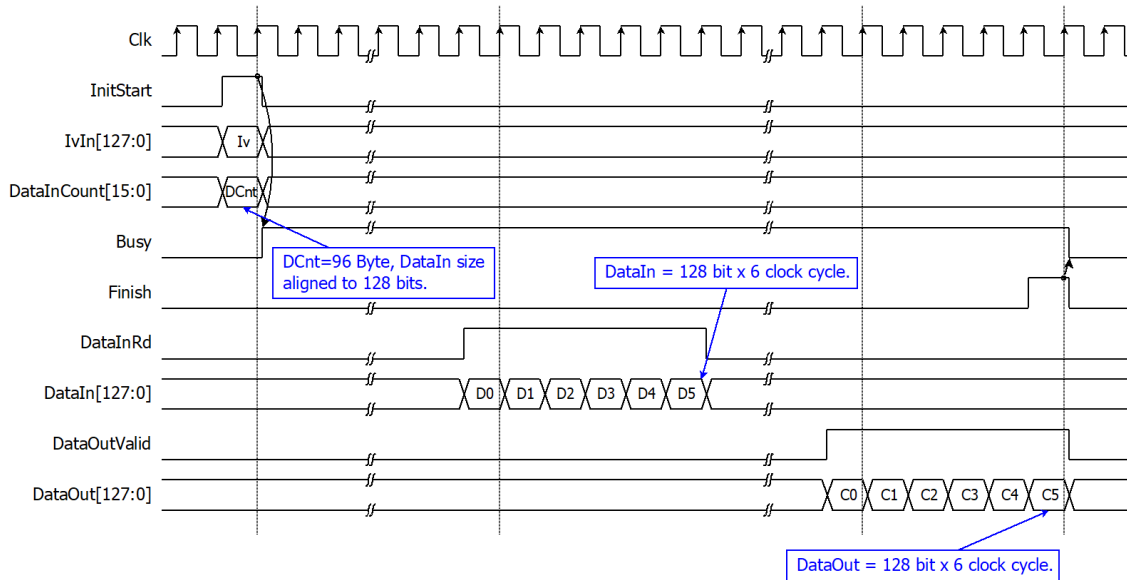


Figure 3: Example of a 96-byte data encryption/decryption timing diagram

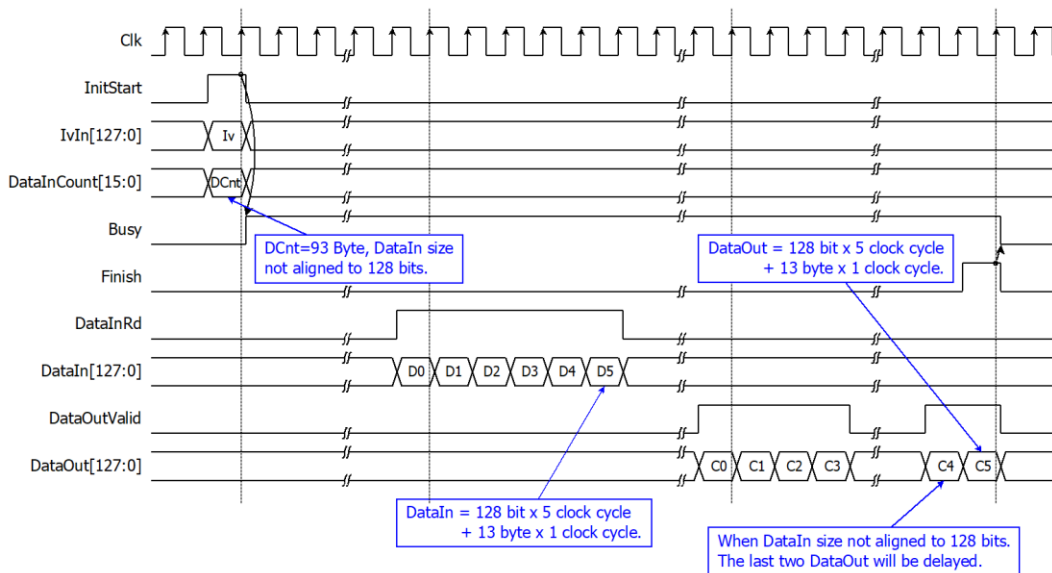


Figure 4: Example of a 93-byte data encryption/decryption timing diagram

According to DataIn has a bus size of 128 bits, it can receive data a maximum of 128 bits per clock cycle. For example, if the user wants to encrypt 31-byte data. Figure 5 shows data arrangement of 31 bytes divided into DataIn0 and DataIn1. When DataInRd is asserted to '1', user must be sent DataIn0 followed by DataIn1 in the next cycle.

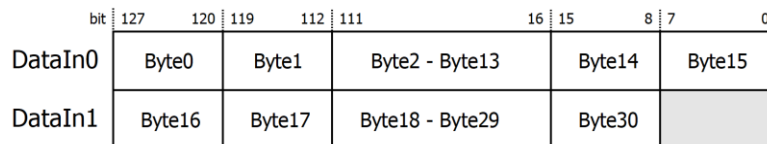


Figure 5: Data arrangement of 31 bytes for encryption/decryption

For the best performance of encryption/decryption process, Figure 6 shows timing diagram of continuous and pipelining encryption/decryption. If the user wants to encrypt with the same key as the previous operation, user can use Finish signal to generate Initstart in the next cycle for start next encryption/decryption without key setting.

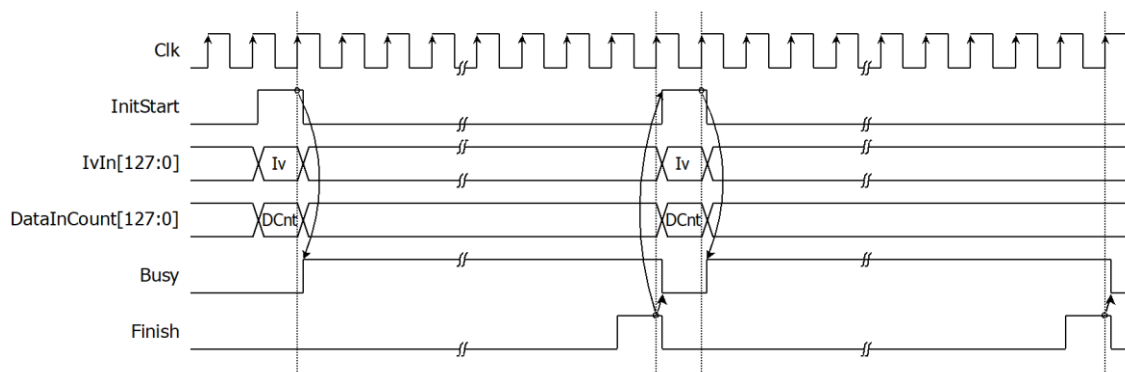


Figure 6: Timing diagram of encryption/decryption process

Verification Methods

AES256-XTS IP Core functionality were verified on real board design by using Agilex F-Series development kit and Arria10 SoC development board.

Recommended Design Experience

The user must be familiar with HDL design methodology to integrate this IP into system.

Ordering Information

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Revision History

Revision	Date	Description
1.00	30/Nov/2022	New release
1.01	15/Feb/2023	- Add feature for customized service - Add more resource information