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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to describe Nand Host Controller IP Integration details.

1.2 Reference Document

• iW-EMFBZ-DS-01-R1.0-REL1.2

1.3 Overview

Nand Flash Host Controller interfaces the User and NAND flash via FMC using FPGA GPIO's. So, this IP forms a bridge between the NAND flash and User (Nios processor), enabling the storing, reading and erasing the data in NAND flash. This IP will issue the necessary command address and controls all the necessary actions required to program, erase and read data using NAND flash.

1.4 Acronyms and Abbreviations

Table 1: Acronyms & Abbreviations

Term	Meaning				
FPGA	Field Programmable Gate Array				
GPIO	General purpose input output				
FMC	FPGA Mezzanine Card				
LUT	Look Up Table				
IO	Input and Output				
FF	Flip Flop				



2 IP Configuration and Instantiation

2.1 Example design

The NAND host controller IP example design mainly consists of

- 1. **Nios soft core:** User can provide the inputs to run the different tests using the bare metal code running in the Nios Soft processor. This will pass the different control signals to SD host controller based on the user selection.
- 2. **NAND Test Driver**: NAND test driver is responsible for generating the control signal for the NAND IP. The interface between the test driver and NAND IP is custom interface and these signals will be driven by the test driver based on the test cases selected by user.
- 3. **NAND IP**: NAND IP is the design under test and controls the access to the external NAND chip based on the inputs from test driver IP Configuration

Note:

- Example design is compiled for Arria-10 Gx dev. kit board with Quartus Prime Standard Edition 17.0 version.
- Example design currently supports single die.
- Read ID can be changed in test driver refer chapter 3.

2.2 IP Configuration

The Nand Flash Host Controller IP is instantiated in the design as shown in the figure below.

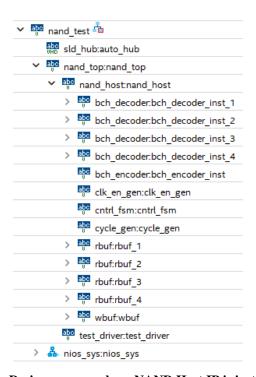


Figure 1 :Design sources where NAND Host IP is instantiated

• The NAND Host Controller's Example Design Project can be found in the following path E:\EMFBZ_Release1.4_NAND_Flash_Controller\iW-EMFBZ-PF-01-R1.0-REL1.4\iW-EMFBZ-FF-01-R1.0-REL1.2\iW-EMFBZ-ED-01-R1.0-REL1.2

Module nand_test is the top module of the project which integrates the top module of NAND IP and Nios Soft Processor. There are few timing parameters which can be modified by the user depending on which Nand flash IC to be used.

Module nand_top. v is the top module of NAND IP which integrates the test_driver. v module and the nand_host. v file.

```
// Parameters for for ISSI IS34MW04G084
parameter DW
parameter TPWR
                     = 20'd2000
parameter TRST
                    = 20'd25000
                     = 20'd1250 , //25u
parameter TR
                     = 20'd60 , //100ns
parameter TWB
                                 , //125u
parameter TR ECC
                    = 20'd6250
                     = 20'd50
                                 , //1us
parameter TFEAT
                     = 20'd37500 ,//750u
parameter TPROG
parameter TBERS
                     = 20'd500000, //10ms
                     = 20'd3
                                 , //60ns
parameter TWHR
                                   //Not Used
parameter TCCS
                     = 20'd40
```

Figure 2: Parameters for ISSI IS34MW04G084

- 1. The figure above shows the configurable parameters in nand_test. v file. Parameters like TRST device reset time, TPROG Maximum PROGRAM PAGE time and parameters which decides the timing parameters are controlled directly from the nand_test. v module as shown in the figure IS34MW04G084
- 2. User need to make the required changes depending upon the NAND flash IC.

NOTE: All the above parameters should be with respect to the frequency of 50MHz and values shown is for ISSI IS34MW04G084 part.



2.3 Steps to Instantiate NAND HOST IP

1) Instantiate the top module of Nios processor and Nand IP in the module nand_test. v is shown below,

```
nand_top # (
    .DW
                                  (DW
    .TPWR
                                (TPWR
                              (TRST
    .TRST
                               (TR
                           (TPROG
(TBERS
(TWB
(TFEAT
(TWHR
    .TPROG
    .TBERS
    .TWB
    .TFEAT
   .TWHR
                                (TCCS
    .TCCS
                                                           ))
nand top (
   and_top (
.clk_i (clk_i
.rst_n_i (rst_n_i
.addr_i (addr
.no_of_pgs_i (no_of_pgs
.test_case_i (test_case
.start_i (start
.copy_back_i (copy_back
.dst_addr_i (dst_addr
.status_o (status
    .erase_wr_done_o (erase_wr_done),
   .erase_wr_done_o (erase_wr_done),
.ack_sw_i (ack_sw ),
.nand_rb_n_i (nand_rb_n ),
.nand_ce_n_o (nand_ce_n ),
.nand_we_n_o (nand_we_n ),
.nand_cle_o (nand_cle_o ),
.nand_ale_o (nand_ale_o ),
.nand_wp_n_o (nand_wp_n_o ),
.nand_data_io (nand_data_io )
);
nios_sys nios_sys (
   .addr_0_export (addr[31:0] ),
.addr_1_export (addr[33:32] ),
.clk_clk (clk_i ),
.copy_back_export (copy_back ),
    .dst_addr_0_export (dst_addr[31:0]),
    .dst addr 1 export (dst addr[33:32]),
    .num_of_pg_export (no_of_pgs ),
   .reset_reset_n (rst_n_i
.start_export (start
.status_export (status
    .erase_wr_done_export(erase_wr_done ),
                                                                     ),
    .ack export (ack sw
    .test_case_export (test_case
                                                                      )
```

Figure 3: Instantiation of nios and nand top modules

System clock is given to clocking wizard whose output is 50MHz given to both NAND IP and Nios Soft processor.

nand_top. v is the top module of NAND IP which is used to integrate the test_driver. v module with nand host.v module.

```
nand host # (
    .TPWR
                                  (TPWR
    .TRST
                                 (TRST
   TRST
TR (TR
TPROG (TPROG
TBERS (TBERS
(TWB
   .TWB (TWB
.TFEAT (TFEAT
.TWHR (TWHR
.TCCS (TCCS
.DW (DW
.ECC_EN (1'b1
  nand host
    .ecc_complete_o (ecc_complete),
    .rd_data_vld_o (rd_data_vld ),
    .rd_data_o (rd_data ),
.rd_ready_i (rd_ready ),
   .wr_data_vld_i (wr_data_vld),
.wr_data_i (wr_data ),
.wr_ready_o (wr_ready ),
   .wr_ready_o (wr_ready ),
.nand_rb_ni (nand_rb_ni),
.nand_ce_n_o (nand_ce_n_o),
.nand_re_n_o (nand_re_n_o),
.nand_we_n_o (nand_we_n_o),
.nand_ale_o (nand_ale_o),
.nand_wp_n_o (nand_wp_n_o),
.nand_data_io (nand_data_io)
```

Figure 4: Nand host IP instantiation

2) Give the required clock, reset Pin/IO constraints for NAND Interface in the Quartus Prime Standard Edition Tool's Assignment→Pin Planner as shown in the Figure Below and compile the custom design with NAND host IP.

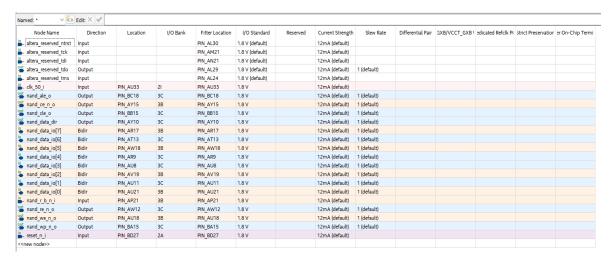


Figure 5:Pin Pin Constraints in the Quartus Pin Planner

NOTE: These constraints are in accordance to example design. Please change the pin constraints for NAND interface as required for custom design. And also define the constraints for clock, reset pins accordingly.



3 Design modification to be done for Custom Board

- Update the FPGA part number according to the FPGA device available in the custom board
- Update the complete design for the selected FPGA device
- Update the NAND flash timing parameters according to the device selected.
- Make sure that 50Mhz input is provided properly to the design. If the clock available is other than 50Mhz, use the clocking wizard to generate the 50Mhz clock as done in example design.
- Update the pin constraints for NAND interface, clock and reset pins in the Quartus Pin Planner
- Recompile the design to generate the new binaries and use the .sopcinfo file to create the new application project in Nios Eclipse tool.
- Read ID parameters in Example design for ISSI IS34MW04G084 is given in figure below

The device contains ID codes that identify the device type and the manufacturer.

Part No.	1 st Cycle (Maker Code)	2 nd Cycle (Device Code)	3 rd Cycle	4 th Cycle	5 th Cycle	6th ~ 9th Cycle
IS34/35MW04G164(X16)	C8h	BCh	90h	55h	54h	7Fh
IS34/35MW04G084 (X8)	C8h	ACh	90h	15h	54h	7Fh

Figure 6: Read ID table snap from micron DATA sheet

• User can change these parameters in accordance to the Device ID in test driver.



4 Test setup

4.1 Quartus Prime SJ 17.0

This section explains the procedure and detailed information for installing the Quartus Prime SJ 17.0 in the host PC and import the application project. Refer the below link to install the Quartus Prime SJ 17.0 in the host PC. https://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/software-kit/669514/intel-quartus-prime-standard-edition-design-software-version-17-0-for-windows.html

4.2 Test Requirements

- Intel Arria 10 GX FPGA Development kit- 10AX115S2F45I1SG
- USB type A to Micro B cable
- Host PC
- Power supply
- iWave FMC daughter card

4.3 Launching Eclipse tool

- The project path should be imported to Eclipse workspace. For Example: ...\E:\EMFBZ_Release1.4_NAND_Flash_Controller\iW-EMFBZ-PF-01-R1.0-REL1.4\iW-EMFBZ-SF-01-R1.0-REL1.4\iW-EMFBZ-SC-01-R1.0-REL1.4\iW_EMFBZ_nios_REL_1.2
- Launch Nios II Software Build tool for Eclipse 17.0 by selecting workspace path of the project directory and click the OK button as shown in the figure below

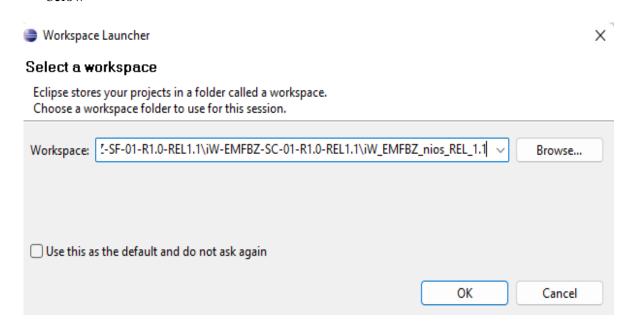


Figure 7: Workspace launcher window of Eclipse tool

The new Eclipse tool window opens as illustrated below

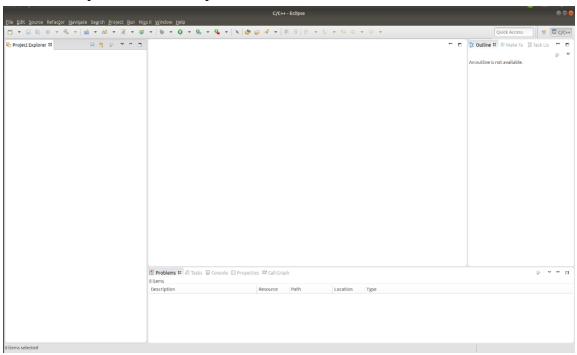


Figure 8: NiosII Eclipse tool window

 Once Nios Eclipse is launched go to File --> New--> Nios II Application and BSP from Template. The new Eclipse tool window opens as shown below

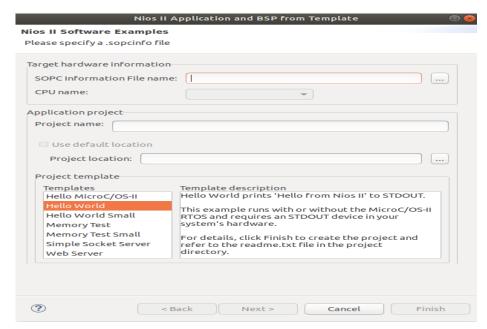


Figure 9: NiosII Application and BSP template -1



• The FPGA (. sopcinfo) file can be found in the following path

• As shown in the figure, fill the "Target Hardware information" and "Application project" sections. In the project templates click on Blank project and click finish. This creates the Nios Application and BSP template directory on the Host PC

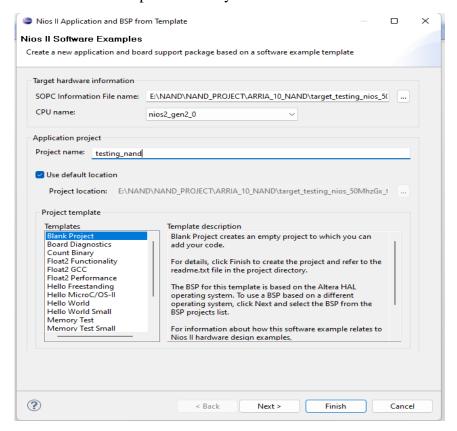


Figure 10: NiosII Application and BSP template -2

Copy the source code to application directory
 (For eg: E:\EMFBZ_Release1.4_NAND_Flash_Controller\iW-EMFBZ-PF-01-R1.0-REL1.4\iW-EMFBZ-SF-01-R1.0-REL1.4\iW-EMFBZ-SC-01-R1.0-REL1.4\iW_EMFBZ_nios_REL_1.2\hello_world.c and save it by pressing Ctrl+S on your keyboard



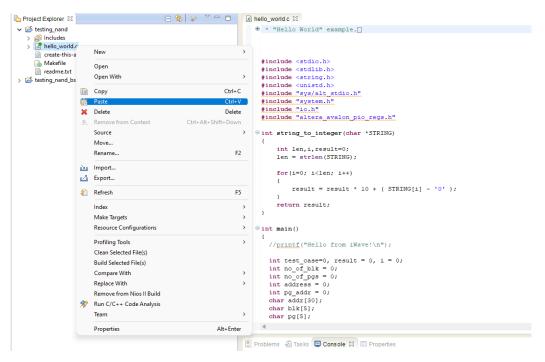


Figure 11: Copy the source code to application directory

- Build the Nios Application by pressing Ctrl-B on your keyboard
- Generate the BSP by right clicking on application.bsp→ Nios II→Generate BSP. The Nios Application takes some duration to generate it



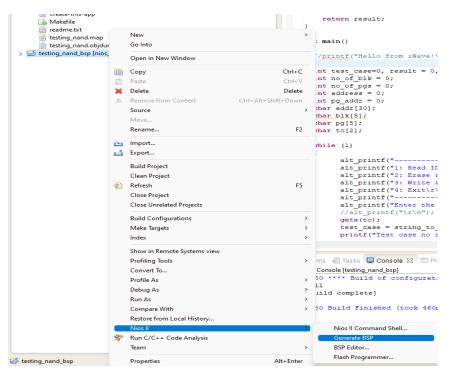


Figure 12: Generate the BSP

4.4 Nios Programming

This section explains the step-by-step procedure to program the binaries into platform using USB blaster cable

NOTE:

The connection shown in the figure below is made for the Intel Arria 10 GX FPGA Development kit to the HOST PC and it varies for other user boards.

• Connect the USB blaster cable from the host PC to the Micro USB connector of the Intel Arria 10 GX FPGA Development kit and power on the board as shown in the figure below

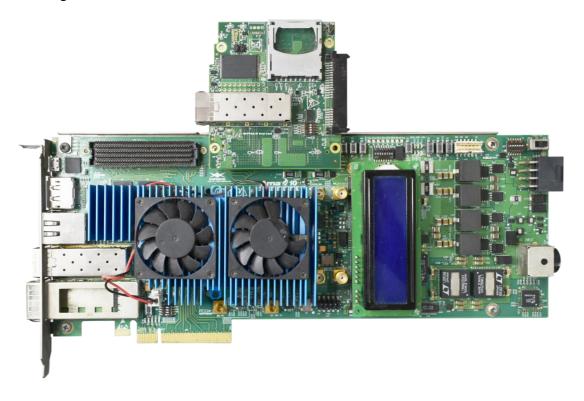


Figure 13: Test Setup of Intel Arria 10 GX FPGA Development kit with iW_FMC card

 Click on Nios II→Quartus Prime Programmer in the tool bar of Nios Eclipse window

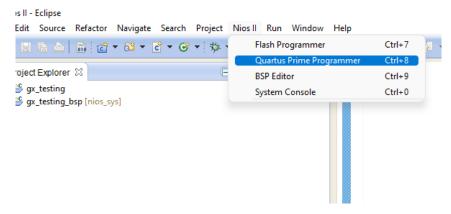


Figure 14: Programming .sof file in Quartus Prime Programmer

• Click on hardware setup on the left most side of Quartus Prime Programmer and select the On-board USB Blaster II as shown in the



Add Device.

Add D

figure below and give close.

Figure 15: Selecting On-board USB Blaster II

- Once the USB Blaster II is selected, Click Autodetect present on the left most end of Quartus Prime Programmer and select the required device part number → 10AX115S2
- Chang the .sof file by right clicking on the 1st device as shown in the figure below

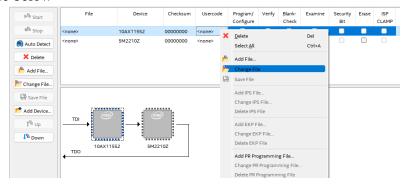


Figure 16:Programming with .sof file

.sof file is present in the following path ...E:\EMFBZ_Release1.4_NAND_Flash_Controller\iW-EMFBZ-PF-01-R1.0-REL1.4\iW-EMFBZ-FF-01-R1.0-REL1.2\iW-EMFBZ-BN-01-R1.0-REL1.2\ nand_test.sof

• Tick the 1st device and give start for Nios Programming.

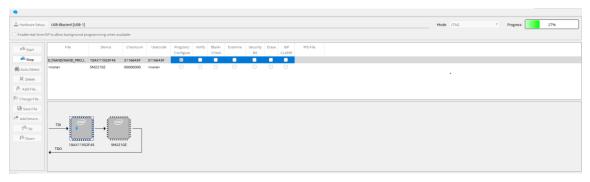


Figure 17: Nios Programming in Quartus Prime Programmer

 In the Nios Eclipse window, right click on the Application and click on Run → Run Configurations as shown below to open the Run Configurations dialog box.

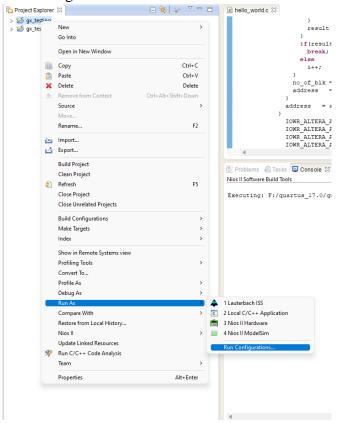


Figure 18: Run the Application

• Select the project name and .elf file name as shown in the figure below



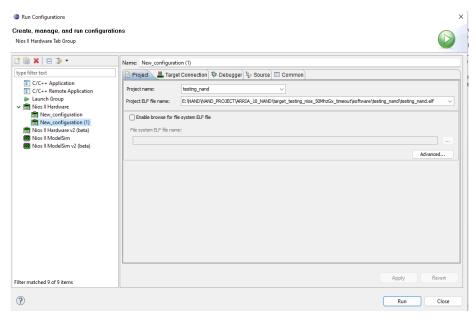


Figure 19: Selecting the project name and .elf file name

 Go to the "Target Connection" tab and make sure there is USB Blaster connection in the "Connection" section by clicking on the Refresh Connections button as shown below

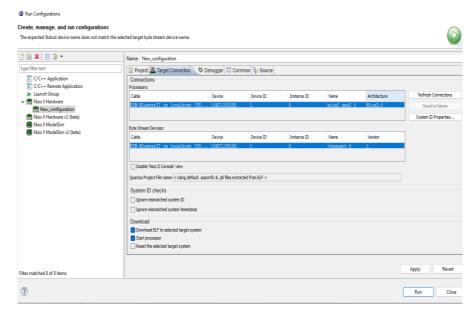


Figure 20: Target Connection tab setting

• Click Apply and Run button in the "Run Configuration" window to start the application.



5 Test Procedure

This section provides the information about how to run the different Nand operations.

- Connect the micro-USB cable (On-board USB Blaster) from the Development kit to the PC
- Power ON the Board, program the binaries into platform using micro-USB cable and give Run Configurations (Refer 2 section). Wait until the Nios II Console appears as shown below

```
1: Read ID
2: Erase & Read Back
3: Write & Read Back
4: Exit
```

Figure 21: Nios II Console prints

5.1 Read ID

• Enter '1' in Nios Console to perform the Read ID operation

```
1: Read ID
2: Erase & Read Back
3: Write & Read Back
4: Exit
------
Enter the choice:
1
Test case no is 1
Test Passed
```

Figure 22: Read ID

5.2 Erase block

- Enter '2' in Nios Console to perform the NAND erase operation
- Enter the block address to be erased in Hex
- Enter the number of blocks to be erased Note:
 - The number of blocks to be erased includes the start block also. If the start block is 0th block and number of blocks =5, the erase operation happens for the blocks 0,1,2,3 and 4.
 - To understand how the start block is calculated using the block address, user can refer the array addressing table in ISSI NAND flash



- memory datasheet (ISSI IS34MW04G084).
- The IS34MW04G084 consist of 2 planes with page size of 2K in 1 plane making it a 4G NAND Device
- To select the appropriate block for Erase operation, user needs to send the appropriate address to NAND.NAND addressing table is given below
- Start block starts from 0 to 4095.Addition of start block and number of blocks should not exceed total number of blocks i.e., start_block + number_blocks <= 4095

Figure 23: Block Erase

Explaining Erase and Read Back test case with example:

The Block address given by user will be decoded to know which block has to be erased and read back.

	1/0 0	I/O 1	1/0 2	I/O 3	I/O 4	1/0 5	I/O 6	1/0 7	Address
1st cycle	Ao	A ₁	A ₂	A ₃	A4	A ₅	As	A ₇	Column Address
2 nd cycle	A ₈	A ₉	A ₁₀	A ₁₁	*L	*L	*L	*L	Column Address
3 rd cycle	A12	A13	A14	A15	A16	A ₁₇	A18	A19	Row Address
4th cycle	A ₂₀	A ₂₁	A ₂₂	A ₂₃	A ₂₄	A ₂₅	A ₂₆	A ₂₇	Row Address
5 th cycle	A28	A29	*L	*L	*L	*L	*L	*L	Row Address

Figure 24: Address decoding in ISSI IS34MW04G084

NOTE: The page size of the ISSI IS34MW04G084 is 2K.

The address that the user provides is 3rd,4th,5th address as shown in above figure.

1. If the user enters block address as 598d i.e.,256h - Bit [16:6] becomes the block address i.e., 9th block (block ranges 0-4095) required for



erase operation.

Number of blocks includes start block (9th block): start block (9th block) + no of blocks should be <= 4095

All the 64 pages belonging to the erased block will be read and the result of the operation will be displayed after the 2nd test case is completed.

2. If the user enters page address as 64d i.e.,40h - Bit [16:6] becomes the block address i.e., 1st block (block ranges 0-4095) required for erase operation.

Number of blocks includes start block (1^{st} block): start block (1^{st} block) + no_of_blocks should be <= 4095 All the 64 pages belonging to the erased block will be read and the result of the operation will be displayed after the 2^{nd} test case is completed.

5.3 Page Write

- Enter '3' in Nios Console to perform the Nand write operation
- Enter the page address to be Programmed and Read in Hex
- Enter the number of pages to be Programmed and Read
- Incremental 8-bit data (00 FF) is written to a particular page

```
1: Read ID
2: Erase & Read Back
3: Write & Read Back
4: Exit

Enter the choice:
3
Test case no is 3
Page Program and Read Back Test
Make sure the blocks belongs to pages to be programmed and read are erased

Enter the page address to be programmed and read (Should be less than or equal to 2,62,143):
0
Start Page can vary from 0 to 63 since 1 block has 64 pages
Start Page is: 0

Enter Number of Pages to be Programmed and Read(no of pages includes start page & start_page + no_of_pgs should be <= 2,62,143)
2
Programming 2 Pages
All Pages Programmed and Successfully Read Back. Test Passed
```

Figure 25: Page Write

Note:

- In case of pages of a particular block targeted for write operation, make sure that the block is erased 1st (erase operation is not taken care internally in case of write).
- If the page has to rewritten, Block belonging to the particular page has to be erased again and then written.
- Start page starts from 0 to 63. Addition of start page and number of pages should not exceed total number of pages (i.e., 64*4096= 2,62,144 which is 0



to 2,62,143) i.e., start_page + number_pages <= 2,62,143

Explaining Write and Read Back test case with example:

The page address given by user will be decoded to know page has to be written and read back. The address that the user provides is 3rd,4th,5th address as shown in Figure 18.

- 1. If the user enters page address as 64d i.e.,40h bit [5:0] becomes the page address (cannot go beyond 2,62,143value) indicating the start page as 0th page (page ranges from 0 − 63). Bit [16:6] becomes the block address i.e., 1st block (block ranges 0-4095).
 - Number of pages includes start page (0^{th} page): start page (0^{th} page) + no_of_pgs should be <= 2,62,143
 - All the 64 pages belonging to that block will be read and the result will be displayed after the 3rd test case is completed.
- 2. If the user enters page address as 2,62,143i.e., 3ffff bit [5:0] indicates the start page as 63rd page. Bit [16:6] becomes 4095th block.

Number of pages includes start page (63rd page): start page (63rd page) + no_of_pgs should be <= 2,62,143

All the 64 pages belonging to that block will be read and the result will be displayed after the 3rd test case is completed.

5.4 Exit

Enter '4' in Nios Console to guit the application

```
1: Read ID
2: Erase & Read Back
3: Write & Read Back
4: Exit
-----
Enter the choice:
4
Test case no is 4
Exiting from Test.
```

Figure 26: Exit

Each test case mentioned above indicates the status(result) as follows. Test case 4 is simply to exit out and doesn't have status.

- 1. Timeout error = Failed with Time out error
- 2. Data mismatch error = Failed due to data mismatch
- 3. Read Status Failed = Failed due to Read Status Failure
- 4. Ecc error = Failed Due to ECC Error
- 5. Test passed = Test Passed without any error

NOTE:



- The NIOS tool hangs very often. There is a possibility that once the test case is finished, it will hang there and prevent the user from performing the subsequent test case. User needs to close the NIOS tool and run the application again.
- Avoid switching tabs in between test case. You can use stop button present in the NIOS Console if you have to switch the tab to avoid the hang in the NIOS tool
- In case the Nios tool hangs in between the operation (for ex: after any operation, if the user cannot provide any input in the NIOS Console) user needs to program and run the NIOS application again.



6 Resource Utilization

The table below shows the resource utilization summary for Arria-10 Gx dev. kit. for NAND flash Controller IP with BCH encoder and decoder.

Table 2: Resource Utilization for device for Arria-10 Gx dev. Kit.

Resource	Utilization	Available
LUT	14386	427200
LOGIC REGISTERS	7737	854400
M20K BLOCK	624	2713

NOTE: Above Resource Utilization table includes the BCH Algorithm implemented for NAND flash Host Controller IP.