

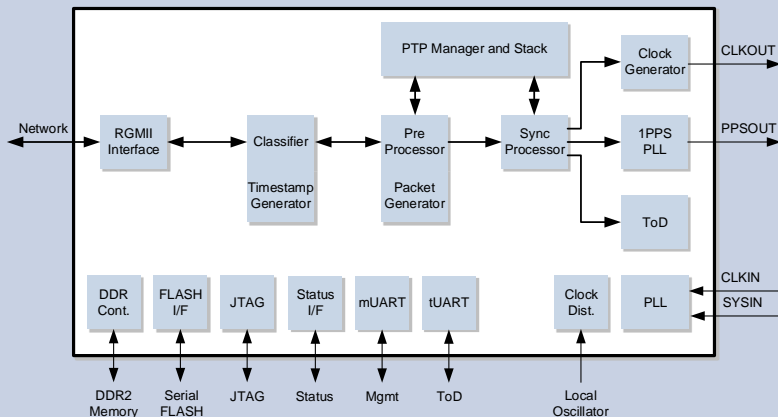
IPC9000

IEEE 1588 Boundary, Slave and Master Clock - Chip on FPGA

About IPC9000

The IPC9000 utilizes IPClock's state-of-the-art technology for IEEE 1588 v2 optimized for providing high quality frequency synchronization and Time of Day (ToD) over packet switched networks. Clock synchronization is required by many applications. For example, Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS) frequency-division duplexing (FDD) requires the synchronization of frequency while Long-Term Evolution (LTE) requires frequency synchronization, phase alignment and accurate time of day (ToD). The IPC9000 is a chip on FPGA leveraging Xilinx® Spartan™ 6 FPGA supporting 8MB of FLASH memory and 64MB of DDR II memory. The IPC9000 is an application-agnostic, cost effective, reliable and standard compliant IEEE 1588 boundary, slave and master clock, designed for enabling applications requiring high synchronization level. The IPC9000 is designed for easy field upgrades to support future enhancements as well as future clock synchronization standards.

IPC9000 Functional Block Diagram



The IPC9000 can be set to operate as either IEEE 1588 Boundary Clock or Ordinary Clock master or Ordinary Clock slave. The IEEE 1588 protocol is a bidirectional protocol requiring all ports to transmit and receive IEEE 1588 packets. Each packet received its time-stamp by the Timestamp Generator and classified by the Classifier. In the case the packet is IEEE 1588 packet it is sent to the Pre-Processor along with its timestamp. The Pre-Processor is transferring the received general packets to the PTP Manager and Stack for further processing. In the case of IEEE 1588 event packet the Pre-Processor compensate for part of the packet network impairments and prepare the data for the Sync Processor. The Sync Processor is comprised of a suite of algorithms that processes the data and controls the 1PPS PLL, the programmable clock output of the Clock Generator, and the ToD. The ToD is communicating with the ToD UART utilizing the NMEA protocol for either providing or getting the ToD from a GPS. The IEEE 1588 packets are transmitted by the Packet Generator which is controlled by the PTP Manager and Stack. Each packet transmitted is time-stamped by the Timestamp Generator and this timestamp is either embedded into the packet or sent to the Pre-Processor depending on the packet type and selected mode of operation.

Main Features and Benefits

- Standalone IEEE 1588 v2 standard compliant Boundary Clock (BC) and Master/Slave chip on FPGA
- Excellent synchronization performance over most extreme packet transport network conditions
- Slave ToD alignment error is better than $\pm 1\mu\text{sec}$ on a managed 10-switch GbE network under ITU-T G.8261 conditions (*)
- Slave frequency accuracy performance is better than 16ppb on a managed 10-switch GbE network under ITU-T G.8261 conditions (*)
- Adaptive to network impairments
- Provides precision holdover
- Slave meets 3G, 4G-LTE frequency and ToD accuracy
- Hybrid IEEE 1588/SyncE support. Requires external SyncE PLL.
- Supports APTS (Assisted Partial Timing Support)
- Supports up to 64 slaves/channels
- Supports Unicast/Multicast
- Supports one step / two steps
- Low total cost of ownership
- Zero touch approach can make external CPU redundant
- Upgradeable by software
- Easy adding of enhancements and supporting emerging clock synchronization standards
- Operates with either TCXO or OCXO (10MHz, 12.8MHz or 20MHz)
- Interfacing generic PHY
- Modes of operation: Free run, Trace, Lock and Holdover
- Utilize Xilinx's Spartan 6 FPGA - XC6SLX45
- 324 pin BGA, 15 mm x 15 mm, 0.8 mm pitch RoHS package

(*) The performance tested under the ITU-T G.8261 tests suite provide an indication for IPClock's technology capabilities and is not guaranteed across all types of network elements and networks conditions. Please contact IPClock's support for more information.

Typical Application Example: Master, Boundary & Slave Clocks for Cellular Backhauling

