



# GBT-FPGA IP example design for AXKU041, AXKU15 V2.0 and AXU9EGB ALINX development boards

This repository is based on the original GBT-FPGA IP (<https://gitlab.cern.ch/gbt-fpga/gbt-fpga>) but has been ported to the ALINX AXKU041, AXKU15 V2.0 and AXU9EGB development boards. The main difference in the cases of ALINX AXKU041 and AXU9EGB is the use of a 125 MHz clock as a reference for the GBT modules, this change implies that the transmit/receive speed will be 5Gbit/sec and the framing frequency will be 41.66667 MHz in comparison with the 4.8Gbit/sec and 40 MHz of the original implementation base on a 120 MHz reference clock.

## AXKU041 GBT-FPGA example project

This example is based on the Kintex Ultrascale (KC105) example design, ported to the AXKU041 development board. Standard (TX/RX) and latency optimized (TX/RX) have been tested successfully with internal loopback, external fibre loopback and with connection to GBT-FPGA IP implemented on a AUX9EGB evaluation board. The latency optimized implementation has not been validated or measured for actual fixed latency (TODO), only functional tests have been done.

Clocks:

- QSFP\_REFCLK1: The 125MHz MGT reference clock is provided by the onboard SiT9102-125 located on the ALINX FH1224 fiber optic transceiver FMC card.
- USER\_CLK: 200 MHz clock used to generate 125 MHz free running clock.

Connections:

- QSFP1 (link 1-4) is used from ALINX FH1224 fiber optic transceiver FMC card. (SFP1 on board was also tested)
- QSFP2 (link 1-4) is used from ALINX FH1224 fiber optic transceiver FMC card.

## AXKU15 V2.0 GBT-FPGA example project

This example is based on the Kintex Ultrascale (KC105) example design, ported to the AXKU15 V2.0 development board. Standard (TX/RX) and latency optimized (TX/RX) have been tested successfully with internal loopback, external fibre loopback and with connection to GBT-FPGA IP implemented on a AXKU15 development board. The latency optimized implementation has not been validated or measured for actual fixed latency (TODO), only functional tests have been done.

Clocks:

- QSFP\_REFCLK1: The 120MHz MGT reference clock is provided by the onboard Si5332C located on the AXKU15 card.
- USER\_CLK: 200 MHz clock used to generate 120 MHz free running clock.

Connections:

- QSFP1 (link 1-4) is used from ALINX FH1224 fiber optic transceiver FMC card.
- QSFP2 (link 1-4) is used from ALINX FH1224 fiber optic transceiver FMC card.

## AUX9EGB GBT-FPGA example project

This example is based on the Kintex Ultrascale (KC105) example design, ported to the AUX9EGB development board. Standard (TX/RX) and latency optimized (TX/RX) have been tested successfully with internal loopback, external fibre loopback and with connection to GBT-FPGA IP implemented on a AXKU041 development board. The latency optimized implementation has not been validated or measured for actual fixed latency (TODO), only functional tests have been done.

Clocks:

- SFP\_REFCLK0: The 125MHz MGT reference clock is provided by the onboard SIT9102-125.
- USER\_CLK: 200 MHz - clock used to generate 125 MHz free running clock.

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[work@felix-server x86_64-e19-gcc13-opt]$ ./flxcard/flx-init -c0
2025-06-23 08:48:47 Opening card 0 (device 0)...
2025-06-23 08:48:47 Card type: FLX-15
2025-06-23 08:48:47 Firmware : GBT
2025-06-23 08:48:47 Clock   : Local
2025-06-23 08:48:47 FLX soft reset
2025-06-23 08:48:47 Configuring SI5332...
2025-06-23 08:48:48 SI5332 configured (73 registers)
2025-06-23 08:48:48 Links soft reset
2025-06-23 08:48:48 Setting up links...
2025-06-23 08:48:54 Done, number of links aligned: 2
2025-06-23 08:48:54 Initializing LTI...
2025-06-23 08:48:54 LTI alignment: NO
[work@felix-server x86_64-e19-gcc13-opt]$
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hw_vios				
hw_vio_1				
Name	Value	Activity	Direction	VIO
>  countWordReceived[1][31:0]	[U] 3812732222		Input	hw_vio_1
>  countWordReceived[2][31:0]	[U] 3922045336		Input	hw_vio_1
>  countBitsModified[1][31:0]	[U] 1507520503		Input	hw_vio_1
>  countBitsModified[2][31:0]	[U] 2154459208		Input	hw_vio_1
>  mgtReady_from_gbtExmplDsgn[1:2]	[H] 3		Input	hw_vio_1
>  gbtRxReady_from_gbtExmplDsgn[1:2]	[H] 3		Input	hw_vio_1
>  txAligned_from_gtbBank_latched[1:2]	[H] 3		Input	hw_vio_1
>  rxFrameClkReady_from_gbtExmplDsgn[1:2]	[H] 3		Input	hw_vio_1
>  rxDataFrom_gbtExmplDsgn[1:2]	[H] 0		Input	hw_vio_1
>  txAlignComputed_from_gtbBank[1:2]	[H] 3		Input	hw_vio_1
>  gbtRxReadyLostFlag_from_gbtExmplDsgn[1:2]	[H] 3		Input	hw_vio_1
>  rxExtDataWidebusErSeen_from_gbtExmplDsgn[1:2]	[H] 0		Input	hw_vio_1
>  rxDataErrorSeen_from_gbtExmplDsgn[1:2]	[H] 0		Input	hw_vio_1
>  rxBitSlipRstCount_from_gbtExmplDsgn[1:7:0]	[H] 00		Input	hw_vio_1
>  rxBitSlipRstCount_from_gbtExmplDsgn[2:7:0]	[H] 00		Input	hw_vio_1
latOptGbtBankTx_from_gbtExmplDsgn			Input	hw_vio_1
latOptGbtBankRx_from_gbtExmplDsgn			Input	hw_vio_1
txFrameClkPllLocked_from_gbtExmplDsgn			Input	hw_vio_1
txMatchFlag_from_gbtExmplDsgn			Input	hw_vio_1
reset_from_genRst			Input	hw_vio_1
shiftTxClock_from_vio	[B] 0		Output	hw_vio_1
txlsDataSel_from_user	[B] 0		Output	hw_vio_1
>  txShiftCount_from_vio[7:0]	[H] 00		Output	hw_vio_1
>  DEBUG_CLK_ALIGNMENT_debug[2:0]	[H] 0		Output	hw_vio_1
>  loopBack_from_user[2:0]	[H] 1		Output	hw_vio_1
>  testPatterSel_from_user[1:0]	[H] 3		Output	hw_vio_1
resetgbtpga_from_vio	0		Output	hw_vio_1
resetDataErrorSeenFlag_from_user	0		Output	hw_vio_1
rxBitSlipRstEvent_from_user	0		Output	hw_vio_1
manualResetRx_from_user	0		Output	hw_vio_1
manualResetTx_from_user	0		Output	hw_vio_1
clkMuxSel_from_user	0		Output	hw_vio_1
resetGbtRxReadyLostFlag_from_user	0		Output	hw_vio_1
rxEncoding_from_vio	[B] 0		Output	hw_vio_1
txEncoding_from_vio	[B] 0		Output	hw_vio_1
txPllReset	0		Output	hw_vio_1