Why the VXS and VPX Standards Matter in Embedded Computing Applications Integrated Device Technology

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RapidIO and PCI Express

RapidIO was designed for multiprocessing architectures and provides a rich feature set that fits well in critical embedded systems, while PCI Express has become a ubiquitous interconnect in computing environments and offers seamless attachment to a variety of peripherals. Designs for VXS- and VPX-based applications will often find both of these interconnects in the same system.



Who uses VXS and VPX standards?

Military and Industrial applications increasingly make use of serial interconnect technology to increase performance, while maintaining parallel interconnects such as VME for attachment to legacy devices. The VMEbus International Trade Association (VITA) VXS (VITA 41) and VPX (VITA 46) standards allow for a serial bus alongside the parallel VME bus thus providing backward compatibility with new performance levels. The two most popular serial interconnects in VXS- and VPX- based applications are Serial RapidIO® and PCI Express[®].

How can IDT help?

Several ways: with a wide array of RapidIO and PCI Express devices, along with a variety of devices specifically designed for computing environments, Integrated Device Technology is a leader in offering solutions for embedded computing applications. We design solutions with end-to-end system integration in mind. And at IDT, we understand embedded computing applications because top system designers trust us to deliver solutions to their real-time challenges every day.

Prove it.

The example shown above illustrates some of the IDT solutions that might be found in an embedded computing application employing multiple standards - in this case a VXS example.



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IDT Solution Description Key Benefits Serial RapidIO switches · Broad line of high-performance, low-latency switches Proven interoperability with leading RapidIO processor and www.IDT.com/go/SRIO • Ideal for aggregation of RapidIO-based processors and FPGAs in FPGA suppliers embedded applications • Low latency, high performance, with up to 10 Gbps bandwidth per port in each direction Flexible port and lane options for a variety of application types · Scalability in link bandwidth and power Available in extended temperature range through IDT partners **PCI Express switches** Industry's broadest and most comprehensive family of PCI Express • High performance and scalability; up to 64 lanes at 64 Gbps and up to 16 ports www.IDT.com/go/PCIe switching solutions Optimum resource utilization with partitionable switch architecture Optimized to maximize performance per watt for the most demanding Small footprint saves board space server, storage, communications, embedded and consumer application • Switches are available in Industrial temperature range -40 to +85 Tsi382 PCI Express to PCI bridge • A small form-factor, high performance forward bridge that connects • Greater application coverage, extensive interface flexibility supports three a single lane PCI Express (x1 PCle®) interface to the PCI bus standard types of address modes: transparent, opaque, and non-transparent www.IDT.com/go/PCIeBridges • PCIe Interface is compliant to the PCI Express Specification • IDT RapidIO Gen2 switches support up to 6.25 Gbaud per link and (Revision 1.1) a number of new RapidIO Gen2 specific features • 32-bit PCI interface can operate up to 66 MHz in PCI mode • Interface offers designers extensive flexibility by supporting three types Tsi384 PCI Express to PCI-X bridge A high-performance forward bridge that connects the PCI Express protocol to the PCI and PCI-X bus standards www.IDT.com/go/PCIeBridges of addressing modes: transparent, opague, and non-transparent · PCle interface supports 1, 2, or 4 lanes, enabling the bridge to offer • PCI / X interface operates up to 133 MHz in PCI-X mode, or up to 66 exceptional throughput performance up to 1 Gbps MHz in PCI mode Tsi148 VME bridge Next generation, high performance VMEbus system interconnect device Eases design constraints of VME Single Board Computers (SBCs) www.IDT.com/go/PCIXtoVME Fully compliant with the 2eSST and VME64 Extension standards • Provides the advantage of higher performance VME protocols, while preserving investment in VME boards that implement legacy protocols • Local bus supports either a 66 MHz PCI bus or a 133 MHz PCI-X bus interface PCI Express clock generators, • The IDT family of clock generation and clock buffering solutions is · IDT clock products meet or exceed the stringent PCIe SIG specifications the industry's broadest offering of high performance, low to ensure robust and error-free operation buffers and synthesizers power, PCI Express® Gen1 and Gen2 devices www.IDT.com/go/PCIe-Clocks · Broad family of products including clock synthesizers, fan-out buffers, Optimized for demanding applications in server, storage, zero delay buffers (ZDB), muxes, jitter attenuators, frequency translators communications and consumer products **Real-time clocks** Ultra low power clock/date devices with programmable time-of-day Cost-effective devices save board space by including fast and standard alarms and programmable square wave outputs I²C interface, time and date function, in a variety of packages www.IDT.com/go/RTC Offer high noise immunity, low current consumption, 12/24 hour • High noise immunity, low current consumption, 12/24 hour mode of operation, auto correction for leap year and programmable square wave mode of operation, auto correction for leap year and programmable square wave output output make these devices ideal for a wide range of design applications Ideal for a wide range of design applications • Enables long battery life with operation over an extended supply voltage range of 1.8V to 5.5V, a temperature range of -40°C to +85°C and consumes less than 1 A current **Frequency synthesizers** IDT is a leading provider of standard and semi-custom clock · Comprehensive families of clock solutions, including standard offsolutions, including clock generators and frequency synthesizers and clock generators the-shelf and semi-custom devices, speeding time to market and • The broad offering of IDT clock generators are used to produce a www.IDT.com/qo/ClockGen simplifying board design timing signal (known as a clock signal and behaves as such) for use in synchronizing a circuit's operation IDT frequency synthesizers, including the FemtoClock[®] family of low-noise, high-performance devices and the VersaClock® family of programmable synthesizers, are used to generate a range of frequencies from a single fixed timebase **Signal Integrity Products** IDT signal repeaters offer the industry a blend of top analog Repeaters are available for multiple protocols: SAS / SATA 6G, PCI performance, lower power, and the most system-level features Express Gen2, S-RIO 2.0, and USB 3.0 www.IDT.com/go/SIP optimized for demanding applications · Signal conditioning features include programmable input equalization Signal repeater products from IDT condition the high speed I / 0 and programmable output de-emphasis for extended distances and alleviate layout constraints in server, Advanced diagnostic and power saving features storage and bladed systems, providing a simpler, lower cost, · Built-in mux/demux for fail-over support and lower power solution than improving the chipset PHY

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¹ Common Frequency Synthesizer variants for embedded computing applications include 250 MHz, 156.25 MHz, 125 MHz and 100 MHz frequencies

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