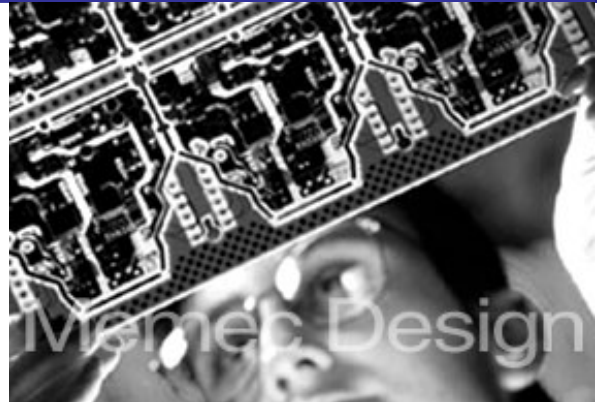


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Product Summary

Intended Use

- Medical systems
- Industrial controls: robotic, factory automation

Key Features

- Flexible slave VME controller
- Full interrupt controller (ROAK)
- Control signals for external drivers and drivers on chip
- Synchronous user side interface for registers, peripherals and memories
- User definable waitstates
- Synchronous, reliable design
- Expandible to full set of VME features
- Silicon proven design

Targeted Devices

- SX-A Family
- Axcelerator Family
- ProASIC^{PLUS} Family

General Description

The MC-ACT-VME2416 core is used as interface for the VME standard bus. One side contains all VME bus signals and the other side all the user signals. With the defined address and address modifier, the user allows any masters on the VME bus to access the IO, peripherals or memory placed on the user side.

The user has to describe two blocks which are connected to the "address decoding" and to the "user side". The "address decoding" is used to detect the access and to allow the transfer on the corresponding board. It allows the user to built its own address decoding without changing the code of the MC-ACT-VME2416.

The MC-ACT-VME2416 core provides a full interrupt controller based on seven interrupt lines connected to the bus. The system release the interrupt on the acknowledge (ROAK). The acknowledge is done on all boards connected on the bus through a daisy-chain.

A complete VHDL test bench verifies every functions and addressing mode and interrupts. These testbenches are built as a self testing regression-test suite.

Core Deliverables

- Netlist Version
 - Netlist compatible with the Actel Designer place and route tool
- RTL Version
 - VHDL Source Code
 - Test Bench
- All
 - User Guide

Synthesis and Simulation Support

- Synthesis: Synplicity
- Simulation: ModelSim
- Other tools supported upon request

Verification

- Test Bench

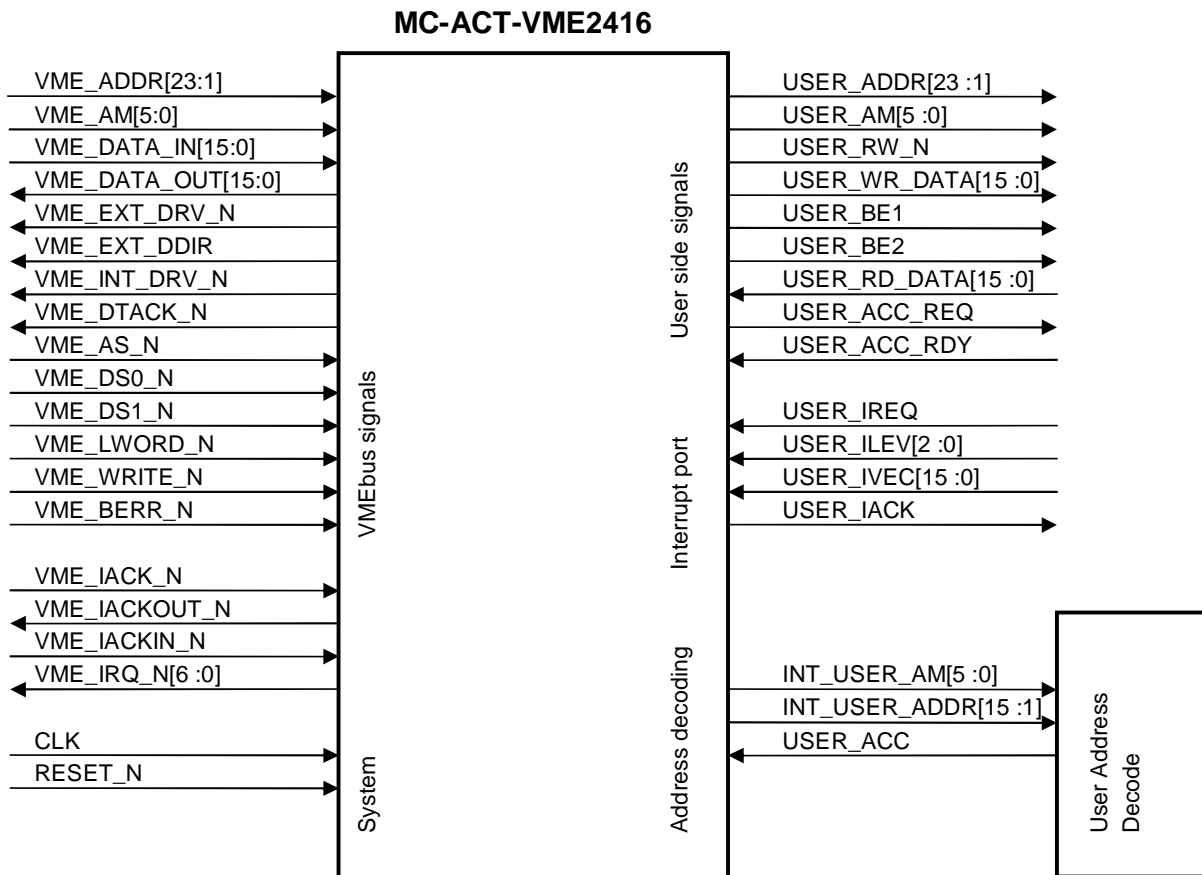


Figure 1: MC-ACT-VME2416 Pinout

Functional Description

The falling edge of VME_AS (address strobe) will synchronize all the addresses (VME_ADDR and VME_AM) allowing the controller to decode them in order to define if the present board is addressed or not. Since this moment, all signals on the VME bus have to be stable and the controller will execute the command depending on the control signals (VME_DS0_N, VME_DS1_N, VME_WRITE_N, VME_IACK_N). The VME master has to release the VME_AS_N signal at the end of a transfer to execute a new command.

WRITE DATA TRANSFER

When the VME_WRITE_N defines a write data transfer, the controller will assign the address (VME_ADDR) on the USER_ADDR bus, the address modifier (VME_AM) on the USER_AM bus and the data (VME_DATA) on the USER_DATA bus. The signals VME_DS0_N and VME_DS1_N select the corresponding data location according the following table (for this model of VME controller-MC-ACT-VME2416-, the signals VME_LWORD and VME_ADDR01 are don't care):

Data Locations Selected	VME_DS0_N	VME_DS1_N	VME_ADDR01	VME_LWORD_N
VME_DATA_IN(7:0)	low	high	X	X
VME_DATA_IN(15:8)	high	low	X	X
VME_DATA_IN(15:0)	low	low	X	X

To execute the transfer on the user part, the controller will active a request signal (USER_ACC_REQ) with valid control signals. The data locations selected are enabled with the signals USER_BE1 (bits 7:0) and USER_BE2 (bits 15:8). The transfer will be ended with the acknowledge of the user part (USER_ACC_ACK).

Once the transfer executed, the controller will acknowledge the data transfer on the VME bus with the VME_DTACK_N. When seeing this acknowledge, the master will release the VME_AS_N signal ending the actual data transfer.

READ DATA TRANSFER

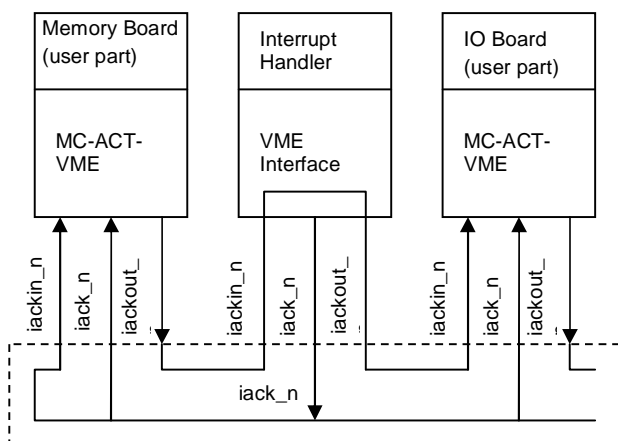
When the VME_WRITE_N defines a read data transfer, the controller will assign the address (VME_ADDR) on the USER_ADDR bus and the address modifier (VME_AM) on the USER_AM bus. As the write data transfer, the signals USER_BE1/2 are depending on the VME_DS0/1_N.

The controller will active a request signal (USER_ACC_REQ) until the acknowledge (USER_ACC_ACK) coming from the user part. The read data have to be valid during this acknowledge.

Once ready, the data are transferred on the VME_DATA_OUT bus and acknowledged with the signal VME_DTACK_N. When seeing this acknowledge, the master will release the VME_AS_N signal ending the actual data transfer.

INTERRUPT

The interrupts on the VME bus are generated by the different modules connected on the bus and are acknowledged through a daisy-chain interrupt line as shown on the figure below:



Between the user part and the VME controller, the transfer of interrupt information is based on the request/acknowledge protocol.

When an interrupt occurs on the user part, it generates an interrupt request on the VME controller through the signal USER_IREQ. Depending on the value defined by the user part on the vector USER_ILEV, the VME controller activates an interrupt on the respective interrupt line VME_IRQ_N(x) (USER_ILEV = 1 -> VME_IRQ_N(1), USER_ILEV = 7 -> VME_IRQ_N(7)). Interrupt level 7 has the highest priority and interrupt level 1 has the lowest.

Since there, the interrupt handler acknowledges the interrupt by asserting a low state on the signal VME_IACK_N. This signal will be transmitted to all modules and as well in the first module of the daisy-chain. The modules which didn't generate an interrupt just assert the VME_IACKIN_N signal to the VME_IACKOUT_N. A module which generated an interrupt will detect the acknowledge at the falling edge and compare the VME_ADDR(3:1) with the interrupt level register (USER_ILEV) to determine if it has the priority (depending on the level) to execute the interrupt or not. In case of not, it will assign the VME_IACKIN_N to VME_IACKOUT_N. In the other case (the corresponding module has the priority), the high state is asserted to the VME_IACKOUT_N signal in order to break the daisy-chain and avoid other modules taking the interrupt acknowledge. During the acknowledge, the module transfers the interrupt vector register defined by the user (USER_IVEC) on the VME data bus (VME_DATA_OUT). When the data are valid, the VME controller drives the VME_DTACK_N signal low, allowing the master and interrupt handler executing next commands.

On the user part, the interrupt is acknowledged with the signal USER_IACK which clears the pending interrupt request.

Device Requirements

Family	Device	Utilization			Performance
		COMB	SEQ	Total	
SX-A	SX32A-STD	66 (4%)	135 (13%)	201 (7%)	138 MHz
ProASIC ^{PLUS}	APA150-STD	n/a	n/a	295 (5%)	112 MHz
Axcelerator	AX500-STD	65 (2%)	135 (5%)	200 (3%)	159 MHz

Table 1: Device Utilization and Performance

Verification and Compliance

Complete functional and timing simulation has been performed on the VME using ModelSim 5.5e. This core has also been used successfully in customer designs.

Signal Descriptions

The following signal descriptions define the IO signals.

Signal	Direction	Description
CLK	Input	Clock: System clock. This clock is provided by the user side interface which is part of the 40MHz clock domain.
RESET_N	Input	System reset: Asynchronous system reset, active low.
VME_ADDR[23:1]	Input	VME Address Bus: The smallest addressable unit is the byte location. Masters use address lines to select the data which has to be accessed
VME_AM[5:0]	Input	VME Address Modifier Bus: Allow the master to pass additional binary information to the slave during data transfer cycles.
VME_DATA_IN[15:0]	Input	VME Data Bus In: 16 write data lines are available. Depending on the control signals, only one byte can be used for the transfer on the user part.
VME_DATA_OUT[15:0]	Output	VME Data Bus Out: 16 read data lines. For each access, the 16 data bits are read.
VME_EXT_DRV_N	Output	VME External Data Drive: Active low drive enable signal for external bidirectional data bus drivers.
VME_INT_DRV_N	Output	VME Internal Data Drive: Active low drive enable signal for internal bidirectional data bus drivers.
VME_EXT_DDIR	Output	VME External Data Direction: Direction control signal for internal bidirectional data bus drivers. High indicates data to VME bus and low from VME bus.
VME_LWORD_N	Input	VME Long Word: Active low signal indicating long word access. This signal is not used in the MC-ACT-VME2416.
VME_DTACK_N	Output	VME Data Acknowledge: This active low signal acknowledges the data transfer. It has to be connected to an open collector driver.
VME_AS_N	Input	VME Address Strobe: clocks with falling edge the internal synchronization signals like VME_ADDR and VME_AM. It is also used as data signal for access start detection.
VME_DS0_N	Input	VME Data Strobe 0: Active low signal used for the selected location part of the data. Data strobe 0 is dedicated to the data[7:0].
VME_DS1_N	Input	VME Data Strobe 1: Active low signal used for the selected location part of the data. Data strobe 1 is dedicated to the data[15:8].
VME_WRITE_N	Input	VME Read/Write: Active low signal which is used by the master to indicate the data direction.
VME_BERR_N	Input	VME Bus Error: Active low signal driven by other modules indicating that the data transfer was unsuccessful.
VME_IACK_N	Input	VME Interrupt Acknowledge: When driven low, the VME_IACKIN_N causes the IACK daisy-chain driver, located in slot 1, to propagate a falling edge down the interrupt acknowledge daisy-chain.
VME_IACKIN_N	Input	VME Interrupt Acknowledge Input Daisy-Chain: This active low signal is used as input of the module for the daisy-chain interrupt acknowledge.
VME_IACKOUT_N	Output	VME Interrupt Acknowledge Output Daisy-Chain: This active low signal is used as output of the module for the daisy-chain interrupt acknowledge.
VME_IRQ_N[6:0]	Output	VME Interrupt Request Lines: Interrupters request interrupts by driving an interrupt request line low. VME_IRQ_N[7] has the highest priority. These signals have to be connected to open collector drivers.
INT_USER_ADDR[23:1]	Output	Registered VME Address Bus: Synchronized on the falling edge of VME_AS_N. This bus is used to decode the address and to active an access signal on the user part.
INT_USER_AM[5:0]	Output	Registered VME Address Modifier Bus: Synchronized on the falling edge of VME_AS_N. This bus is used to decode the address modifier and to active an access signal on the user part.
USER_ACCESS	Input	User Access Signal: The user has 50 ns time to decode the address and asserting the USER_ACCESS signal when addressed.

Signal	Direction	Description
USER_ACC_REQ	Output	User Access Request: Active high signal which requests for an access on the VME bus. Valid until USER_ACC_RDY acknowledges the request (or VME bus error occurs).
USER_ACC_RDY	Input	User Side Acknowledgement Signal: Acknowledge the request of the access on the VME bus of the user part.
USER_ADDR[23:1]	Output	User Address: Address used for the access on the user part.
USER_AM[5:0]	Output	User Address Modifier: Address modifier used for the access on the user part.
USER_WR_DATA[15:0]	Output	User Write Data: The MSB data [15:8] are valid while USER_BE2 is high and LSB data [7:0] while USER_BE1 is high.
USER_RD_DATA[15:0]	Input	User Read Data: The read data has to be valid when USER_ACC_RDY is high.
USER_RW_N	Output	User Read/Write Signal: A low signal indicates that the data are written in the user part and a low signal, that the data are read.
USER_BE1	Output	User Byte 1 Enable: Active high signal enabling the low byte [7:0] of the data.
USER_BE2	Output	User Byte 2 Enable: Active high signal enabling the high byte [15:8] of the data.
USER_IREQ	Input	User Interrupt request: This active high signal indicates that an interrupt is pending on a VME interrupt will be generated. It will return to zero with USER_IACK active.
USER_IACK	Output	User Interrupt Acknowledge: An active one event which indicates the end of a valid interrupt acknowledge cycle.
USER_ILEV[2:0]	Input	User Interrupt Level: This bus indicates the level of priority of the pending interrupt. It will generate the corresponding VME_IRQ.
USER_IVEC[15:0]	Input	User Interrupt Vector: The interrupt vector will be transmitted on the VME data bus during the acknowledgement of the interrupt.

Table 2: VME Core Signal List

Recommended Design Experience

For the source version, users should be familiar with HDL entry and Actel design flows. Users should be familiar with Actel Libero v2.2 Integrated Design Environment (IDE) and preferably with Synplify and ModelSim.

Ordering Information

Part Number	Description
MC-ACT-VME2416-NET	Core Netlist
MC-ACT-VME2416-VHD	Core VHDL

Table 3: Core Part Numbers

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