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# 1 I/O Editor

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The I/O Editor displays all assigned and unassigned I/O macros and their attributes in a spreadsheet-like format. Use the I/O Editor to view, sort, filter, select and set I/O attributes of the SmartFusion2, IGLOO2, RTG4, or PolarFire device.

The I/O attributes can be viewed by port name or by package pin. Click the Ports View tab to view I/O attributes by port name. Click the Pin View tab to view I/O attributes by pin name.

The I/O Editor provides the following views for I/O assignment and planning:

- Port View - I/O spreadsheet sorted by port name
- Pin View - I/O spreadsheet sorted by pin number
- Package View - Package pin graphical view of the device

**Note:** The following views are available for PolarFire devices only:

- Memory View - I/O view specific to the memory interface
- IOD View - I/O view specific to the IOD Lane Controller interface
- XCVR View - I/O view specific to the transceiver interface
- Floorplanner View - Detailed cell level device view of the entire chip

**Note:** This user guide shows a PolarFire device in the example figures.

## 1.1 Invoking the I/O Editor

The design must be in the post-synthesis state before the I/O Editor can be invoked. A warning message appears if the I/O Editor is invoked in the pre-synthesis state.

The I/O Editor can be invoked in two ways:

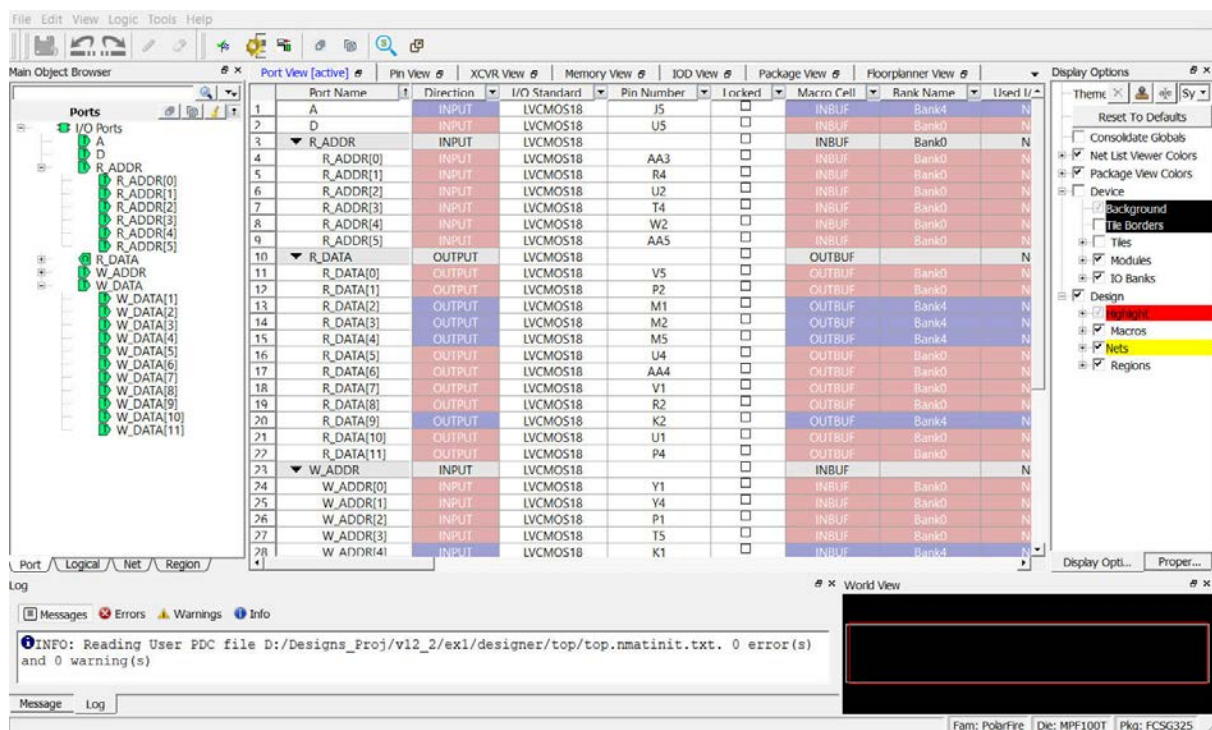
1. Invoke I/O Editor from the Constraint Manager (**Design Flow window > Manage Constraints > Open Manage Constraints View > Constraint Manager > I/O Attributes > Edit > Edit with I/O Editor**).
2. Invoke I/O Editor from the Constraint Manager (**Design Flow window > Manage Constraints > Open Manage Constraints View > Constraint Manager > I/O Attributes > View**).

The **Edit with I/O Editor** option in the Constraint Manager allows you to save or commit your changes to PDC files, whereas the **View** option shows the post-Place and Route design including the final placement and the I/O attributes in read-only mode. You cannot save or commit any changes made in the I/O Editor opened using the **View** option.

However, you can export and save the physical constraints using **File > Export Physical Constraint (PDC)** in both options and save them. These constraints can later be used in your design as input files, depending on the design's requirement.

The I/O Editor opens with view tabs across the top of the graphical interface, as shown in the following figure.

**Figure 1 • I/O Editor**



## 2 Port View

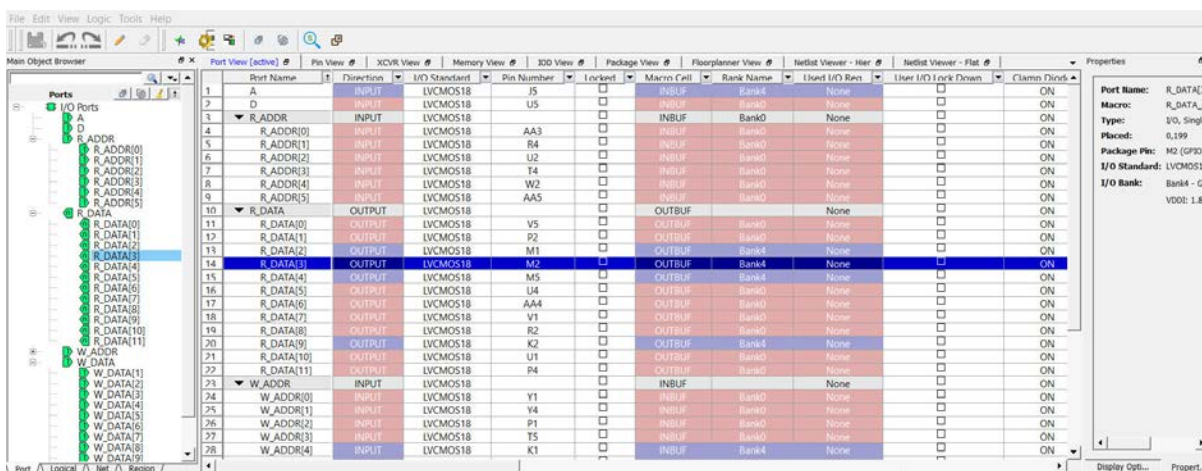
The Port view displays the I/O attributes in a spreadsheet-like format. Each row corresponds to an I/O port in the design, sorted by the port name. The column headings specify the names of the I/O attributes in your design. The first few column headings are standard and common for all families. The remaining columns display family-specific attributes. Only attributes applicable to a specific device appear in the I/O Editor attributes table. For some I/O attributes, you will choose from a drop-down menu; for others, you might enter a value and for others, the field is read-only and not editable.

The display in the columns can be sorted alphabetically, numerically or filtered.

In the I/O Editor, the ports are displayed in a spreadsheet-like format and also in the Design Tree View window under the Port tab. A port selected in the Port tab in the Design Tree view is also selected in the Port View spreadsheet and vice versa. [Figure 2 • Port View](#) shows the DM[0] selected in the spreadsheet and the Design Tree port view.

The Port View also displays the memory width and data rate of the DDR instance in the design (if it exists in the design) in the top left row under the Port Name column as shown in the following figure.

**Figure 2 • Port View**



Port Name	Direction	I/O Standard	Pin Number	Locked	Macro Cell	Bank Name	User I/O Rec	User I/O Lock Down	Clam Dirs
1 A	INPUT	LVCMS18	J5		INBUF	Bank4	None		ON
2 D	INPUT	LVCMS18	U5		INBUF	Bank0	None		ON
3 R_ADDR	INPUT	LVCMS18			INBUF	Bank0	None		ON
4 R_ADDR[0]	INPUT	LVCMS18	AA3		INBUF	Bank0	None		ON
5 R_ADDR[1]	INPUT	LVCMS18	B4		INBUF	Bank0	None		ON
6 R_ADDR[2]	INPUT	LVCMS18	U2		INBUF	Bank0	None		ON
7 R_ADDR[3]	INPUT	LVCMS18	T4		INBUF	Bank0	None		ON
8 R_ADDR[4]	INPUT	LVCMS18	W2		INBUF	Bank0	None		ON
9 R_ADDR[5]	INPUT	LVCMS18	AA5		INBUF	Bank0	None		ON
10 R_DATA	OUTPUT	LVCMS18			OUTBUF	Bank4	None		ON
11 R_DATA[0]	OUTPUT	LVCMS18	V5		OUTBUF	Bank0	None		ON
12 R_DATA[1]	OUTPUT	LVCMS18	P2		OUTBUF	Bank0	None		ON
13 R_DATA[2]	OUTPUT	LVCMS18	M1		OUTBUF	Bank4	None		ON
14 R_DATA[3]	OUTPUT	LVCMS18	M2		OUTBUF	Bank4	None		ON
15 R_DATA[4]	OUTPUT	LVCMS18	M5		OUTBUF	Bank4	None		ON
16 R_DATA[5]	OUTPUT	LVCMS18	U4		OUTBUF	Bank0	None		ON
17 R_DATA[6]	OUTPUT	LVCMS18	AA4		OUTBUF	Bank0	None		ON
18 R_DATA[7]	OUTPUT	LVCMS18	V1		OUTBUF	Bank0	None		ON
19 R_DATA[8]	OUTPUT	LVCMS18	R2		OUTBUF	Bank0	None		ON
20 R_DATA[9]	OUTPUT	LVCMS18	K2		OUTBUF	Bank4	None		ON
21 R_DATA[10]	OUTPUT	LVCMS18	U1		OUTBUF	Bank0	None		ON
22 R_DATA[11]	OUTPUT	LVCMS18	P4		OUTBUF	Bank0	None		ON
23 W_ADDR	INPUT	LVCMS18			INBUF	Bank0	None		ON
24 W_ADDR[0]	INPUT	LVCMS18	Y1		INBUF	Bank0	None		ON
25 W_ADDR[1]	INPUT	LVCMS18	Y4		INBUF	Bank0	None		ON
26 W_ADDR[2]	INPUT	LVCMS18	P1		INBUF	Bank0	None		ON
27 W_ADDR[3]	INPUT	LVCMS18	T5		INBUF	Bank0	None		ON
28 W_ADDR[4]	INPUT	LVCMS18	K1		INBUF	Bank4	None		ON

**Note:** Refer to the following documents for more information about the I/O standards supported by each attribute:

[PDC Commands User Guide \(SmartFusion2, IGLOO2, and RTG4\)](#)

[PDC Commands User Guide \(PolarFire\)](#)

### 2.1 Port Name

This is the port list of the design. The ports of the design are displayed in a structured manner according to group name/functions. Ports can be expanded or collapsed. The port list can be sorted, or filtered, in a way similar to the Windows spreadsheet operations. Take for example, entering RESET in the match field in the filter returns a list of port names with the RESET in the port name.

### 2.2 Direction

Non-editable field that denotes Input, Output, or Inout.

## 2.3 I/O Standard

This field specifies the I/O standard the device supports. Different I/O types have different I/O standards. The pull-down list displays the valid I/O standards for that particular type of I/Os. The list of valid I/O standards is limited to what the I/O bank (to which the I/O belongs) can support.

## 2.4 Pin Number

This is the package pin number specific to the die and package of the device.

## 2.5 Locked

Set this option to lock all I/O banks so the I/O Bank Assigner cannot unassign and reassign the technologies in the design.

## 2.6 Macro Cell

This is a read-only field that identifies the name of the Macro cell associated with the Port.

## 2.7 Bank Name

This is a read-only field to identify the I/O bank the I/O pin is associated with. Depending on the device size, devices may have, six, or eight I/O Banks (Bank 0 through Bank 7) user I/O banks. Each pin is associated with an I/O bank. The I/O banks on the north side of the device support only HSIO. Each I/O bank has dedicated I/O supplies and grounds. Each I/O within a given bank shares the same VDDI power supply, and the same VREF reference voltage. Only compatible I/O standards can be assigned to a given I/O bank.

## 2.8 User I/O Lock Down

If checked, the current pin assignment cannot be changed during layout.

## 2.9 I/O State in Flash Freeze Mode

By default, all I/Os become tristated when the device goes into Flash\*Freeze mode. You can override this default behavior by setting one of the following two values:

- LAST\_VALUE - When set to this value, it preserves the previous state of the I/O. This means the I/O remains in the same state in which it was functioning before the device went into Flash\*Freeze mode.
- LAST VALUE\_WP - When set to this value, it preserves the last value with weak pull-up.

## 2.10 Clamp Diode

PolarFire devices have internal PCI clamp diodes for both HSIO and GPIO. PCI clamp diodes help reduce the voltage level at the input, and are mainly used when the voltage overshoot exceeds the maximum allowable limit. If signaling levels of the receiver are greater than the VDDI<sub>x</sub> of the bank, the clamp diode must be off to support hot-socketing insertion.

For GPIO, use this field to program the clamp diode to be ON or OFF.

For HSIO, the internal clamp diode is always ON by default.

## 2.11 Resistor Pull

Use this field to allow inclusion of a weak resistor for either pull-up or pull-down of the input or output buffer. The available options are None, Up (pull-up), Down (pull-down), or Hold. The default value is None.

**Note:** Not all I/O standards have a selectable resistor pull option.

## 2.12 I/O available in Flash\*Freeze mode

Use this field to indicate if the I/O is available or unavailable in Flash\*Freeze mode. The default value is "no" and the I/O is unavailable in Flash\*Freeze mode.

## 2.13 Schmitt Trigger

GPIO and HSIO can be configured as a Schmitt Trigger input. When configured as ON, it exhibits a hysteresis that helps to filter out the noise at the receiver and prevents double-glitching caused by noisy input edges. Default configuration is OFF (Schmitt Trigger disabled).by noisy input edges.

## 2.14 Vcm Input Range

Use this field to set the Vcm input range.

**TDirection:** Input

## 2.15 On-Die Termination

On-Die Termination (ODT) is an option used to terminate input signals in PolarFire devices. Terminating input signals helps to maintain signal quality, save board space, and reduces external component costs. In SmartFusion2, IGLOO2, RTG4, and PolarFire FPGAs, ODT is available in receive mode and also in bidirectional mode when the I/O acts as an input. If ODT is not used or not available, the I/O standards may require external termination for better signal integrity.

ODT can be a pull-up, pull-down, differential, or Thévenin termination with both static and dynamic control available, and is set using either the Libero SoC software I/O attribute editor or by using a PDC command.

In addition, ODT can be controlled dynamically for individual I/Os as well as for all I/Os in a lane simultaneously on a per-lane basis.

## 2.16 Odt Static

On-die termination (ODT) is the technology where the termination resistor for impedance matching in transmission lines is located inside a semiconductor chip instead of on a printed circuit board. Possible values are listed in the table below.

Value	Description
on	Yes, the termination resistor for impedance matching is located inside the chip.
off	No, the termination resistor is on the printed circuit board.

## 2.17 ODT Dynamic

**Note:** This option is supported for RTG4 production devices only.

This option is used to opt in or out of the dynamic odt set on a bank. Possible value are listed in the table below.

Value	Description
ODT_STATIC=On ODT_DYNAMIC=On	Illegal
ODT_STATIC=On ODT_DYNAMIC=Off	The ODT resistor is always turned on.

Value	Description
ODT_STATIC=Off ODT_DYNAMIC=Off	The ODT resistor is always turned off.
ODT_STATIC=Off ODT_DYNAMIC=On	The ODT resistor is On or Off based on the ODT Dynamic bank setting.

The following I/O standards are supported:

LVDS, RSDS, MINILVDS, LVPECL, HSTLI, HSTLII, SSTL15I, SSTL15II, SSTL18I, SSTL18II, HSTL18I, HSTL18II, LPDDR1, LPDDR2

## 2.18 ODT Value

If the ODT option is turned on, the ODT Value (ohm) field can be set to any one of the values in the pull-down list. The ODT Value varies with different I/O standards.

## 2.19 Odt Imp (ohm)

On-die termination (ODT) is the technology where the termination resistor for impedance matching in transmission lines is located inside a semiconductor chip instead of on a printed circuit board.

Port Configuration (PC) bits are static configuration bits set during programming to configure the I/O(s) as per your choice. Refer to your device datasheet for a full range of possible values.

## 2.20 Low Power Exit

For single ended I/Os, the Lower Power Exit value can be set from the drop-down list. The supported values for Single Ended IOs are Off, Wake On Change, Wake On 0, Wake On 1. The default is Off.

The diff I/Os are marked as read-only fields and will be set to off.

## 2.21 Input Delay

Sets the Input Delay.

Input Delay applies to all I/O standards. The range of values supported varies depending on the device selected. The default value is OFF.

**Note:** This attribute will not appear in the I/O attributes and cannot be used in the PDC for some I/Os with dynamic delays, such as DDR I/Os.

## 2.22 Slew

The slew rate is the amount of rise or fall time an input signal takes to get from logic low to logic high or vice versa. It is commonly defined to be the propagation delay between 10% and 90% of the signal's voltage swing. The I/O Editor supports slew rate control in non-differential output mode. Turning the slew rate on results in faster slew rate, which improves the available timing margin. When slew rate is turned off, the device uses the default slew rate to reduce the impact of simultaneous switching noise (SSN). By default, the slew control is OFF. Not all I/O standards support the slew rate control.

## 2.23 Pre-Emphasis

The pre-emphasis rate is the amount of rise or fall time an input signal takes to get from logic low to logic high or vice versa. It is commonly defined to be the propagation delay between 10% and 90% of the signal's voltage swing. Possible values are shown in the table below.

Value	Description
NONE	Sets to none (default)
MIN	Sets to minimum
MEDIUM	Sets to medium
MAX	Sets to maximum

## 2.24 Output Drive

Use the Output Drive (mA) field to set the output drive strength. The output drive strength that can be set is different with different I/O standards and can vary from 1 to 20 mA. Select the drive strength value from the list of valid values in the pull-down list.

## 2.25 Impedance

Use the Impedance (Ohm) field in the I/O Editor to program the output impedance values. Note that the Impedance value is different with different I/O standards and can vary from 22 to 240 Ohm. Click on this field to open the pull-down list to see the valid values.

## 2.26 Output Load

The Output Load (pF) field indicates the output capacitance value based on the I/O standard. If necessary, you can double-click on the respective I/O port to change the output capacitance value to improve timing definition and analysis. Output capacitance affects output propagation delay.

SmartTime, Timing-driven layout, and Backannotation automatically uses the modified delay model for delay calculations.

## 2.27 Source Termination

The Source Termination (Ohm) field is the Near End termination for a differential output I/O. The default is OFF.

**Direction:** Output

## 2.28 Output Delay

Sets the Output Delay.

Output Delay applies to all I/O standards. The default value is OFF.

**Direction:** Output

**Note:** This attribute will not appear in the I/O attributes and cannot be used in the PDC for some I/Os with dynamic delays, such as DDR I/Os.

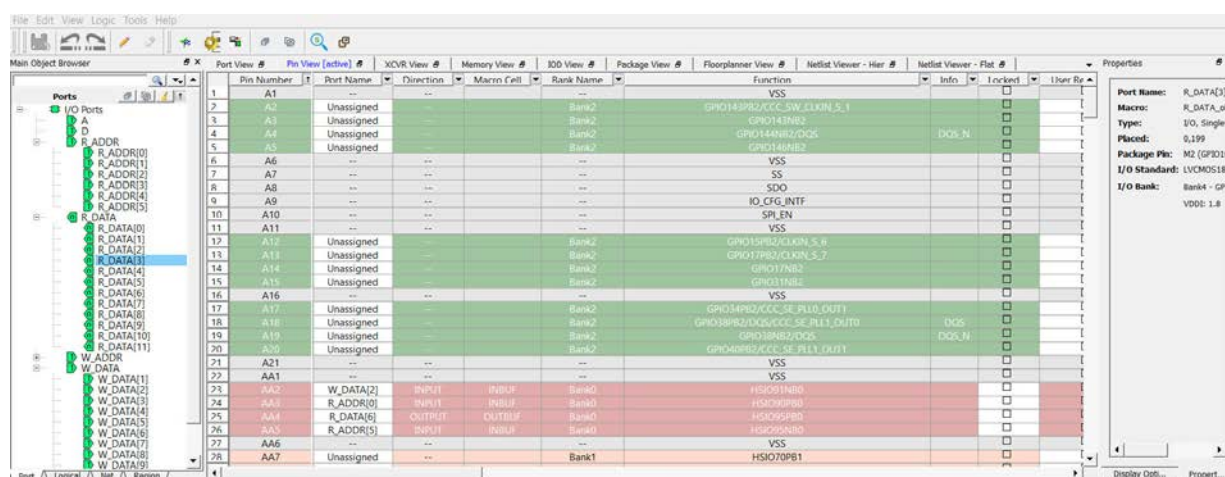


## 3 Pin View

The Pin view displays the I/O attributes of I/O attributes in a spreadsheet-like format. Each row corresponds to an I/O macro (port) in the design, sorted by Pin number. The column headings specify the names of the I/O attributes in your design. The first few column headings are standard and common for all families. The remaining columns display family-specific attributes. Only attributes applicable to a specific device appear in the I/O Editor attributes. For some I/O attributes, you will choose from a drop-down menu; for others, you may enter a value and for the rest, the field is read-only and not editable.

The display in the columns can be sorted alphabetically, numerically or filtered. See the following figure.

**Figure 3 • Pin View**



Pin Number	Port Name	Direction	Macro Cell	Rank Name	Function
1	A1	Unassigned		Bank2	VSS
2	A2	Unassigned		Bank2	GPIO14APB2/KCC_SW_EJKN_5_1
3	A3	Unassigned		Bank2	GPIO14INB2
4	A4	Unassigned		Bank2	GPIO14ANB2/DQS
5	A5	Unassigned		Bank2	GPIO14INB2
6	A6	Unassigned			VSS
7	A7	Unassigned			VSS
8	A8	Unassigned			SDO
9	A9	Unassigned			IO_CFG_INTF
10	A10	Unassigned			SPLN
11	A11	Unassigned			VSS
12	A12	Unassigned		Bank2	GPIO14APB2/KCC_SW_EJKN_5_8
13	A13	Unassigned		Bank2	GPIO17PB2/CLOCK_5_7
14	A14	Unassigned		Bank2	GPIO17NB2
15	A15	Unassigned		Bank2	GPIO17NB2
16	A16	Unassigned			VSS
17	A17	Unassigned		Bank2	GPIO14PB2/KCC_SE_PL10_OUT1
18	A18	Unassigned		Bank2	GPIO14PB2/KCC_SE_PL11_OUT0
19	A19	Unassigned		Bank2	GPIO14PB2/KCC_SE_PL11_OUT1
20	A20	Unassigned		Bank2	GPIO14PB2/KCC_SE_PL11_OUT1
21	AA1	Unassigned			VSS
22	AA1	Unassigned			VSS
23	AA2	W_DATA[2]	INPUT	Bank0	H5IO1NB0
24	AA3	R_ADDR[0]	INPUT	Bank0	H5IO1PB0
25	AA4	R_DATA[6]	OUTPUT	Bank0	H5IO1PB0
26	AA5	R_ADDR[5]	INPUT	Bank0	H5IO1PB0
27	AA6	Unassigned			VSS
28	AA7	Unassigned		Bank1	H5IO7PB1

**Note:** Refer to the following documents for more information about the I/O standards supported by each attribute:

[PDC Commands User Guide \(SmartFusion2, IGLOO2, and RTG4\)](#)

[PDC Commands User Guide \(PolarFire\)](#)

### 3.1 Pin Number

This is the read-only package pin number specific to the die and package of the device.

### 3.2 Port Name

This is an editable field for the assignment of a port to that particular pin number. It contains a pull-down list of the assignable and available Ports for the pin. Select Unassigned to leave the pin unassigned.

### 3.3 Direction

Non-editable field that denotes Input, Output, or Inout.

### 3.4 Macro Cell

This is a read-only field that identifies the name of the macro cell associated with the port.



## 3.5 Bank Name

This is a read-only field to identify the I/O bank the I/O pin is associated with. Devices may have five, six, or eight I/O banks (Bank 0 through Bank 7) user I/O banks, depending on the device size. Each pin is associated with an I/O bank. The I/O banks on the north side of the device support only HSIO. Each I/O bank has dedicated I/O supplies and grounds. Each I/O within a given bank shares the same  $V_{DDI}$  power supply, and the same  $V_{REF}$  reference voltage. Only compatible I/O standards can be assigned to a given I/O bank.

## 3.6 Function

The function name identifies the functions of the pin/port. This is the same as what is listed in the Public Pin Assignment Table (PPAT) for the selected device and package. For details, see the device datasheet of the die/package.

The function name may contain the following information:

- Type of I/O: GPIO or HSIO
- Special-purpose I/Os: for example, XCVR
- The I/O Bank Number
- Positive/Negative Pad of differential I/Os
- VSS or Ground

## 3.7 Info

## 3.8 Locked

Set this option to lock all I/O banks, so the I/O Bank Assigner cannot unassign and re-assign the technologies in the design.

## 3.9 User Reserved

For the I/O pin you want to reserve for use in another design, check the User Reserved checkbox to reserve it. When a pin is reserved, you cannot assign it to a port.

## 3.10 Dedicated

If checked, the pin is reserved for some special functionality, such as UJTAG, Power, XVC Reference Clock, device reset, and clock functions.

## 3.11 Vref

Any GPIO and HSIO pad on the device can be configured to act as an external  $V_{REF}$  to supply all inputs within a bank. Use this field to configure the I/O as  $V_{REF}$  to other I/Os. When an I/O pad is configured as Vref (voltage referenced), all I/O buffer modes and terminations on that pad are disabled.

## 3.12 User I/O Lock Down

If checked, the current pin assignment cannot be changed during layout.

## 3.13 I/O State in Flash Freeze Mode

By default, all the I/Os become tristated when the device goes into Flash\*Freeze mode. You can override this default behavior by setting its value to one of the following two values:

- LAST\_VALUE - When set to this value, it preserves the previous state of the I/O. This means the I/O remains in the same state in which it was functioning before the device went into Flash\*Freeze mode.
- LAST\_VALUE\_WP - When set to this value, it preserves the last value with weak pull-up.

## 3.14 Clamp Diode

PolarFire devices have internal PCI clamp diodes for both HSIO and GPIO. PCI clamp diodes help reduce the voltage level at the input, and are mainly used when the voltage overshoot exceeds the maximum allowable limit. If signaling levels of the receiver are greater than the  $V_{DDIX}$  of the bank, the clamp diode must be off to support hot-socketing insertion.

For GPIO, use this field to program the clamp diode to be ON or OFF.

For HSIO, the internal clamp diode is always on by default.

## 3.15 Resistor Pull

Use this field to allow inclusion of a weak resistor for either pull-up or pull-down of the input or output buffer. The available options are None, Up (pull-up), Down (pull-down), or Hold. The default value is None.

**Note:** Not all I/O standards have a selectable resistor pull option.

## 3.16 I/O available in Flash\*Freeze mode

Use this field to indicate if the I/O is available or unavailable in Flash\*Freeze mode. The default value is "no" and the I/O is unavailable in Flash\*Freeze mode.

## 3.17 Schmitt Trigger

GPIO and HSIO can be configured as a Schmitt Trigger input. When enabled as such (YES), it exhibits a hysteresis that helps to filter out the noise at the receiver and prevents double-glitching caused by noisy input edges. Default value is OFF

## 3.18 Vcm Input Range

Values for all I/O standards are MID, LOW. The default is MID.

## 3.19 On-Die Termination

On-Die Termination (ODT) is an option used to terminate input signals in PolarFire devices. Terminating input signals helps to maintain signal quality, save board space, and reduces external component costs. In PolarFire FPGAs, ODT is available in receive mode and also in bidirectional mode when the I/O acts as an input. If ODT is not used or not available, the I/O standards may require external termination for better signal integrity.

ODT can be a pull-up, pull-down, differential, or Thévenin termination with both static and dynamic control available, and is set using either the Libero SoC software I/O attribute editor or by using a PDC command.

In addition, ODT can be controlled dynamically for individual I/Os as well as for all I/Os in a lane simultaneously on a per-lane basis.

## 3.20 ODT Static

On-die termination (ODT) is the technology where the termination resistor for impedance matching in transmission lines is located inside a semiconductor chip instead of on a printed circuit board. Possible values are listed in the table below.

Value	Description
on	Yes, the termination resistor for impedance matching is located inside the chip.
off	No, the termination resistor is on the printed circuit board.

## 3.21 ODT Dynamic

**Note:** This option is supported for RTG4 production devices only.

This option is used to opt in or out of the dynamic odt set on a bank. Possible value are listed in the table below.

Value	Description
ODT_STATIC=On ODT_DYNAMIC=On	Illegal
ODT_STATIC=On ODT_DYNAMIC=Off	The ODT resistor is always turned on.
ODT_STATIC=Off ODT_DYNAMIC=Off	The ODT resistor is always turned off.
ODT_STATIC=Off ODT_DYNAMIC=On	The ODT resistor is On or Off based on the ODT Dynamic bank setting.

The following I/O standards are supported:

LVDS, RSDS, MINILVDS, LVPECL, HSTLI, HSTLII, SSTL15I, SSTL15II, SSTL18I, SSTL18II, HSTL18I, HSTL18II, LPDDR1, LPDDR2

## 3.22 ODT Value

If ODT option is turned on, the ODT Value (Ohm) field can be set to any one of the values in the pull-down list. The ODT Value varies with different I/O standards.

Values vary depending on the I/O standard.

## 3.23 ODT Imp (ohm)

On-die termination (ODT) is the technology where the termination resistor for impedance matching in transmission lines is located inside a semiconductor chip instead of on a printed circuit board.

Port Configuration (PC) bits are static configuration bits set during programming to configure the I/O(s) as per your choice. Refer to your device datasheet for a full range of possible values.

## 3.24 Low Power Exit

For single ended I/Os, the Lower Power Exit value can be set from the drop-down list. The supported values for Single Ended IOs are Off, Wake On Change, Wake On 0, Wake On 1. The default is Off.

The diff I/Os are marked as read-only fields and will be set to off.

## 3.25 Input Delay

Sets the Input Delay.

Input Delay applies to all I/O standards. The range of values supported varies depending on the device selected. The default value is OFF.

**Note:** This attribute will not appear in the I/O attributes and cannot be used in the PDC for some I/Os with dynamic delays, such as DDR I/Os.

## 3.26 Slew

The slew rate is the amount of rise or fall time an input signal takes to get from logic low to logic high or vice versa. It is commonly defined to be the propagation delay between 10% and 90% of the signal's voltage swing. The I/O Editor supports slew rate control in non-differential output mode. Turning the slew rate on results in faster slew rate, which improves the available timing margin. When slew rate is turned off, the device uses the default slew rate to reduce the impact of simultaneous switching noise (SSN). By default, the slew control is OFF. Not all I/O standards support the slew rate control.

**Note:** Slew rate control is not available in PolarFire HSIO buffers. However, these buffers have built-in PVT-compensated slew rate controllers for optimized signal integrity.

## 3.27 Pre-Emphasis

The pre-emphasis rate is the amount of rise or fall time an input signal takes to get from logic low to logic high or vice versa. It is commonly defined to be the propagation delay between 10% and 90% of the signal's voltage swing. Possible values are shown in the table below.

Value	Description
NONE	Sets to none (default)
MIN	Sets to minimum
MEDIUM	Sets to medium
MAX	Sets to maximum

## 3.28 Output Drive

Use the Output Drive (mA) field to set the output drive strength. The output drive strength that can be set is different with different I/O standards and can vary from 1 to 20 mA. Select the drive strength value from the list of valid values in the pull-down list.

## 3.29 Impedance

Use the Impedance (Ohm) field in the I/O Editor to program the output impedance values. Note that the Impedance value is different with different I/O standards and can vary from 22 to 240 Ohm. Click on this field to open the pull-down list to see the valid values.

## 3.30 Output Load

The Output Load (pF) field indicates the output capacitance value based on the I/O standard. If necessary, you can double-click on the respective I/O port to change the output capacitance value to improve timing definition and analysis. Output capacitance affects output propagation delay.

SmartTime, Timing-driven layout and Backannotation automatically uses the modified delay model for delay calculations.

## 3.31 Source Termination

The Source Termination (Ohm) field is the Near End termination for a differential output I/O.

The default is OFF.

**Direction:** Output

## 3.32 Output Delay

Sets the Output Delay.

Output Delay applies to all I/O standards. The range of values supported varies depending on the device selected. The default value is OFF. The default value is OFF.

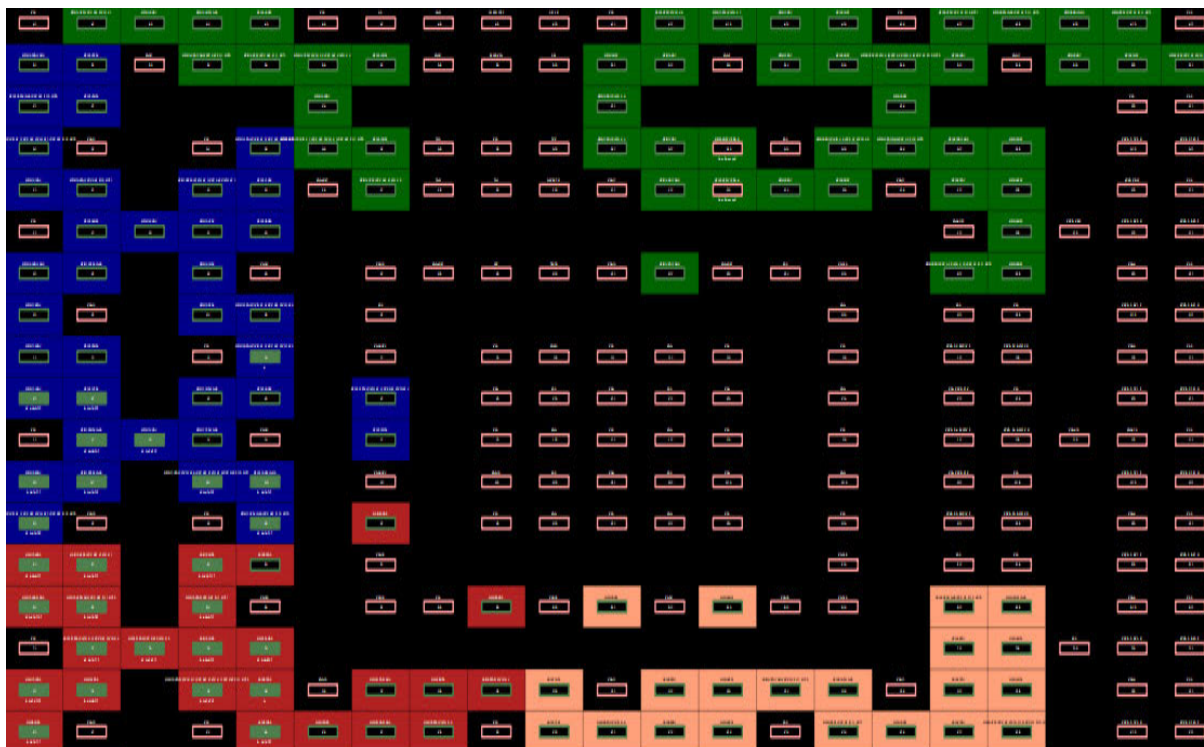
Direction: Output

**Note:** This attribute will not appear in the I/O attributes and cannot be used in the PDC for some I/Os with dynamic delays, such as DDR I/Os.

## 4 Package View

The Package View displays the Package pin views of the particular die/package of the PolarFire device. The color for the display of the pins are determined by the settings in Display Options. The following figure shows the regular pins in green, special pins in blue, reserved pins in red and unconnected pins in grey.

**Figure 4 • Package View**



## 5 Interface-Specific I/Os and Views

The PolarFire architecture is designed and optimized to support Memory interface, IOD interface and Transceiver interface. The I/O Editor for PolarFire provides three special views specifically for I/O assignments of these interfaces.

For optimal QOR (Quality of Result) and timing performance, the architecture of the PolarFire silicon requires the Memory Interface, IOD Interface and Transceiver Interface be placed in specific and pre-defined locations of the chip. Assignment of these interfaces are checked against PolarFire DRC rules and illegal assignments are flagged.

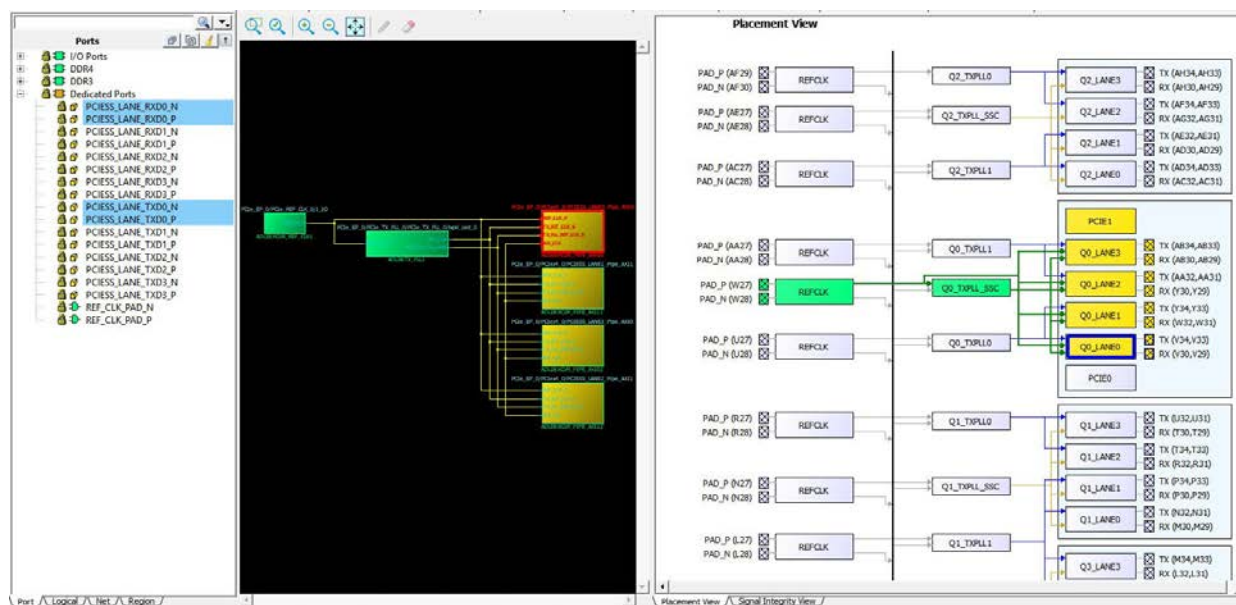
The I/O Editor is a graphical user interface (GUI) tool designed to make Interface I/O pin assignments graphically and user-friendly, as an alternative to writing PDC commands. When the pin assignment is committed and saved in I/O Editor, a PDC file is created. This PDC file can then be passed to the Place and Route tool as a Physical Design Constraint.

### 5.1 Interface-Specific I/O Views

In addition to the Pin view, Port view and Package view, the I/O Editor provides three views specific to PolarFire-supported interfaces I/Os:

- Memory View - for I/O pin assignments of Memory interfaces such as DDR3/4, LPDDR3, and QDR.
- XCVR View - Presents a physical view of the Transceiver connectivity, including Transceiver lanes, and Reference Clock (REFCLK), and TransmitPLL lines.
- IOD Lane Controller View - Presents the I/O Digital block view, used for non-memory interfaces using the FPGA I/Os.

Figure 5 • I/O Editor - XCVR View





## 6 Memory Interface View

The Memory Interface view presents a spreadsheet-like view of the I/Os available in the PolarFire silicon for different Memory interface types.

### 6.1 Memory Type

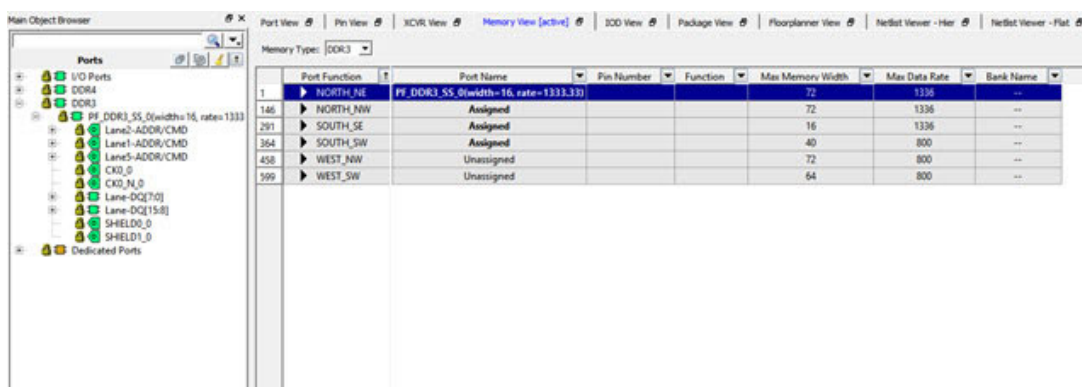
The supported Memory Interface types include:

- DDR3
- DDR4
- LPDDR3
- QDRII+

Use the pull-down menu to select the type of Memory Interface used in the design. Only the specific type of memory used in the design are displayed in the pull-down list.

The Ports view also displays the memory width and data rate of the DDR instance in the design (if it exists in the design) in the top left row under the Port Name column, as shown in the following figure.

**Figure 6 • Memory Interface Type Menu**



Port Function	Port Name	Pin Number	Function	Max Memory Width	Max Data Rate	Bank Name
1 NORTH_NE	PF_DDR3_SS_0[width=16, rate=1333.333]			72	1336	---
146 NORTH_NW	Assigned			72	1336	---
291 SOUTH_SE	Assigned			16	1336	---
364 SOUTH_SW	Assigned			40	800	---
458 WEST_NW	Unassigned			72	800	---
599 WEST_SW	Unassigned			64	800	---

### 6.2 Edge\_Anchors for Memory Placement

The PolarFire silicon architecture requires that the Memory interface be placed in specific and pre-defined locations of the chip to achieve optimal QOR (Quality of Result) and timing performance. These specific location are called Edge\_Anchors and are used to identify the specific location in the PolarFire chip for optimal Memory Interface I/O placement. See the [PolarFire FPGA DDR Memory Controller User Guide](#) for a mapping of DDR memory interface types to Edge\_Anchor locations. The Edge\_Anchors are as follows:

- NORTH\_NE
- NORTH\_NW
- SOUTH\_SE
- SOUTH\_SW
- WEST\_NW
- WEST\_SW

The ports for each Edge\_Anchor is represented by a different color for easy identification. The list of possible Edge\_Anchors is context-sensitive to the Memory Interface type and represents the legal and optimal locations for the specific Memory interface type. The list of Edge\_Anchors for DDR4, for example, is different from the list for DD2/DDR3. DDR4 has fewer locations (Edge\_Anchors) for I/O placement than DDR2/DD3.



## 6.3 Memory Interface View Columns

The Memory Interface view detects the type of Memory Interface in the design and presents the ports in the Ports View. The Memory Interface view displays the following I/O information in the view. Each of the column can be sorted (ascending/descending order) or filtered:

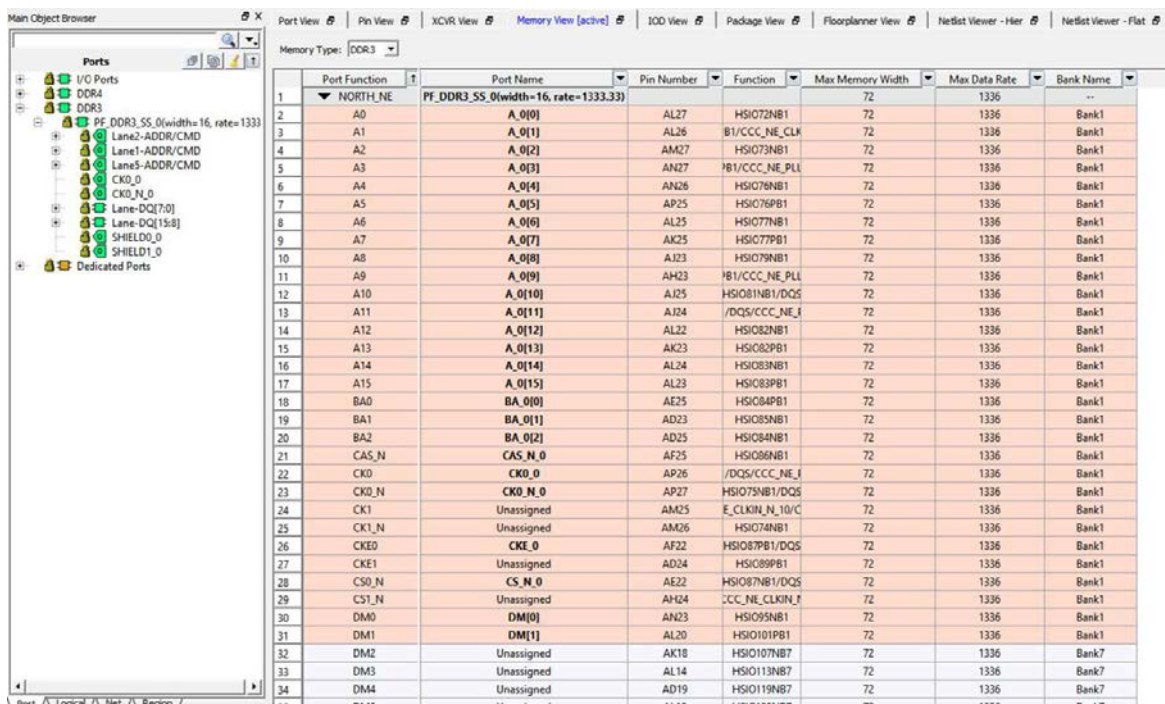
- Port Function - The formal port name of the Memory Interface. The ports specific to the memory interface type are loaded into the Port view.
- Port Name - The port name of the Memory Interface instance in the design.
- Pin Number - The package pin number assigned to the port of the Memory Interface
- Function - A more descriptive function name of the Port which identifies the type of I/O (for example, HSIO for High-speed I/Os or GPIO (General-purpose IO)
- Max Memory Width - The maximum memory width of the DDR. This is a fixed read-only value specific to the Edge\_Anchor and is different with different Edge\_Anchors.
- Max Data Rate - The maximum data rate in Mbps. This is a fixed read-only value specific to the Edge\_Anchor and is different with different Edge\_Anchors.

**Note:** When making DDR placement, refer to the memory width and data rate of the DDR Memory used in the design (as displayed in the Ports View). Make sure that the Edge\_Anchor location where you want to place the DDR memory can accommodate the DDR memory in terms of the memory width and the data rate. This will avoid invalid placement.

- Bank Name - the I/O bank name of the port
- High-speed I/O Clocks - specifies the number of High Speed I/O clocks

The Pin Number and Function are the same as what are listed in the PPAT for the selected device and package. The PPAT for each PolarFire package are provided in the PolarFire\_<package> Pinouts file on the [PolarFire Documentation](#) web page.

Figure 7 • Memory Interface View



Port Function	Port Name	Pin Number	Function	Max Memory Width	Max Data Rate	Bank Name
NORTH_NE	PF_DDR3_SS_0[width=16, rate=1333.33]			72	1336	--
A0	A_0[0]	AL27	HSIO72NB1	72	1336	Bank1
A1	A_0[1]	AL26	B1/CCC_NE_CLK	72	1336	Bank1
A2	A_0[2]	AM27	HSIO73NB1	72	1336	Bank1
A3	A_0[3]	AN27	B1/CCC_NE_PLL	72	1336	Bank1
A4	A_0[4]	AN26	HSIO76NB1	72	1336	Bank1
A5	A_0[5]	AP25	HSIO76PB1	72	1336	Bank1
A6	A_0[6]	AL25	HSIO77NB1	72	1336	Bank1
A7	A_0[7]	AK25	HSIO77PB1	72	1336	Bank1
A8	A_0[8]	AJ23	HSIO79NB1	72	1336	Bank1
A9	A_0[9]	AH23	B1/CCC_NE_PLL	72	1336	Bank1
A10	A_0[10]	AJ25	HSIO81NB1/DQS	72	1336	Bank1
A11	A_0[11]	AJ24	/DQS/CCC_NE_PLL	72	1336	Bank1
A12	A_0[12]	AL22	HSIO82NB1	72	1336	Bank1
A13	A_0[13]	AK23	HSIO83PB1	72	1336	Bank1
A14	A_0[14]	AL24	HSIO83NB1	72	1336	Bank1
A15	A_0[15]	AL23	HSIO83PB1	72	1336	Bank1
BA0	BA_0[0]	AE25	HSIO84PB1	72	1336	Bank1
BA1	BA_0[1]	AD23	HSIO85NB1	72	1336	Bank1
BA2	BA_0[2]	AD25	HSIO84NB1	72	1336	Bank1
CAS_N	CAS_N_0	AF25	HSIO86NB1	72	1336	Bank1
CK0_0	CK0_0	AP26	/DQS/CCC_NE_PLL	72	1336	Bank1
CK0_N	CK0_N_0	AP27	HSIO75NB1/DQS	72	1336	Bank1
CK1	Unassigned	AM25	E_CLKIN_N_10/C	72	1336	Bank1
CK1_N	Unassigned	AM26	HSIO74NB1	72	1336	Bank1
CKE0	CKE_0	AF22	HSIO87PB1/DQS	72	1336	Bank1
CKE1	Unassigned	AD24	HSIO89PB1	72	1336	Bank1
CS0_N	CS_N_0	AE22	HSIO87NB1/DQS	72	1336	Bank1
CS1_N	Unassigned	AH24	CCC_NE_CLKIN_N	72	1336	Bank1
DM0	DM[0]	AN23	HSIO95NB1	72	1336	Bank1
DM1	DM[1]	AL20	HSIO101PB1	72	1336	Bank1
DM2	Unassigned	AK18	HSIO107NB7	72	1336	Bank7
DM3	Unassigned	AL14	HSIO113NB7	72	1336	Bank7
DM4	Unassigned	AD19	HSIO119NB7	72	1336	Bank7

## 6.4 Making I/O Assignments

To make I/O assignment for the Memory Interface instance in the design:

1. Select the Memory Interface type from the drop-down menu.
2. From the Ports tab in the Design Tree View, drag the Memory Interface instance and let the mouse hover over one of the Edge\_Anchor locations available for the Memory Interface type. A tooltip reports whether it is a legal or illegal location for the Interface instance.
3. Drop the Interface instance into a legal Edge\_Anchor location.

**Notes:** DRC rules are enforced. Drag-and-drop I/O placement that violates the DRC rules are reported in the Log window. For Memory Interface, the DRC checks the Data Width and the Data Rate compliance\*. If the specific location cannot accommodate the Data Width or the Data Rate of the Memory interface, no I/O assignment is made. An error is reported in the Log Window with a message that explains why the assignment is not accepted. In the following figure, the DRC error message reports that the ddr3 instance requires 64 ports, but the SOUTH\_SE location can accommodate only 58 pins.

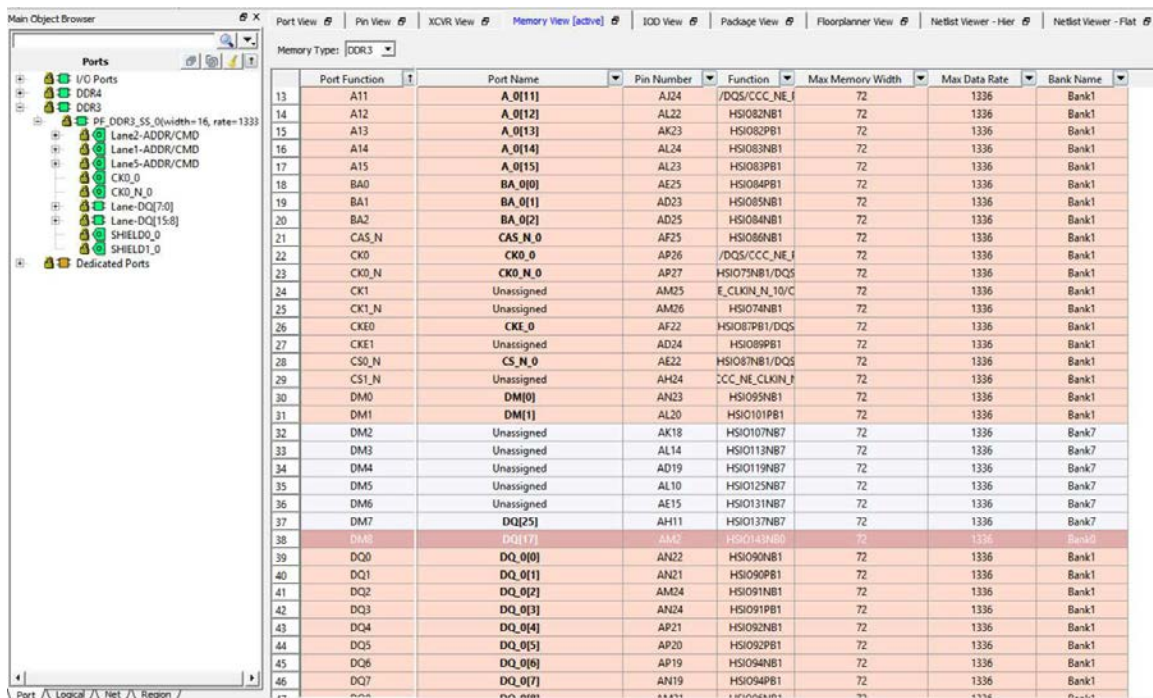
**Note:**\*Data Rate compliance will be enforced in a later release.

**Figure 8 • DRC Checks In Log Window**



4. Check that no DRC error messages are reported in the Log window and the I/O assignments are accepted ([Figure 9 • Memory Interface Assignments Accepted](#)). The Lock icon in the Ports tab indicates that the I/O assignment is accepted and locked.

Figure 9 • Memory Interface Assignments Accepted



Port Function	Port Name	Pin Number	Function	Max Memory Width	Max Data Rate	Bank Name
A11	A_0[11]	AL34	/DQS/CC_NE_I	72	1336	Bank1
A12	A_0[12]	AL22	HSIO82NB1	72	1336	Bank1
A13	A_0[13]	AK23	HSIO82PB1	72	1336	Bank1
A14	A_0[14]	AL24	HSIO83NB1	72	1336	Bank1
A15	A_0[15]	AL23	HSIO83PB1	72	1336	Bank1
BA0	BA_0[0]	AE25	HSIO84PB1	72	1336	Bank1
BA1	BA_0[1]	AD23	HSIO85NB1	72	1336	Bank1
BA2	BA_0[2]	AD25	HSIO84NB1	72	1336	Bank1
CAS_N	CAS_N_0	AF25	HSIO86NB1	72	1336	Bank1
CK0	CK0_0	AP26	/DQS/CC_NE_I	72	1336	Bank1
CK0_N	CK0_N_0	AP27	HSIO79NB1/DQS	72	1336	Bank1
CK1	Unassigned	AM25	E_CLKIN_N_10/C	72	1336	Bank1
CK1_N	Unassigned	AM26	HSIO74NB1	72	1336	Bank1
CKE0	CKE_0	AF22	HSIO87PB1/DQS	72	1336	Bank1
CKE1	Unassigned	AD24	HSIO89PB1	72	1336	Bank1
CS0_N	CS_N_0	AE22	HSIO87NB1/DQS	72	1336	Bank1
CS1_N	Unassigned	AH24	/CC_NE_CLKIN_N	72	1336	Bank1
DM0	DM[0]	AN23	HSIO95NB1	72	1336	Bank1
DM1	DM[1]	AL20	HSIO101PB1	72	1336	Bank1
DM2	Unassigned	AK18	HSIO107NB7	72	1336	Bank7
DM3	Unassigned	AL14	HSIO113NB7	72	1336	Bank7
DM4	Unassigned	AD19	HSIO119NB7	72	1336	Bank7
DM5	Unassigned	AL10	HSIO125NB7	72	1336	Bank7
DM6	Unassigned	AE15	HSIO131NB7	72	1336	Bank7
DM7	DQ[25]	AH11	HSIO137NB7	72	1336	Bank7
DM8	DQ[17]	AK02	HSIO143NB0	72	1336	Bank0
DQ0	DQ_0[0]	AN22	HSIO90NB1	72	1336	Bank1
DQ1	DQ_0[1]	AN21	HSIO90PB1	72	1336	Bank1
DQ2	DQ_0[2]	AM24	HSIO91NB1	72	1336	Bank1
DQ3	DQ_0[3]	AN24	HSIO91PB1	72	1336	Bank1
DQ4	DQ_0[4]	AP21	HSIO92NB1	72	1336	Bank1
DQ5	DQ_0[5]	AP20	HSIO92PB1	72	1336	Bank1
DQ6	DQ_0[6]	AP19	HSIO94NB1	72	1336	Bank1
DQ7	DQ_0[7]	AN19	HSIO94PB1	72	1336	Bank1

## 6.5 IO\_PDC File

When the I/O assignment is committed and saved in the I/O Editor, the assignment is saved in a PDC file in the <project\_folder/constraints/io/user.pdc file. The PDC file contains set\_io commands on each of the DDR Memory Interface I/O.

The following figure shows PDC file generation after Memory interface I/O assignment in the I/O Editor.

**Figure 10 • PDC File Generation after Memory Interface I/O Assignment in I/O Editor**

```

set_io -port_name {DQ[24]} \
  -pin_name AG11 \
  -fixed true \
  -ODT_VALUE 60 \
  -DIRECTION INOUT \

set_io -port_name {DQ[25]} \
  -pin_name AH11 \
  -fixed true \
  -DIRECTION INOUT \

set_io -port_name {DQ[26]} \
  -pin_name AG12 \
  -fixed true \
  -DIRECTION INOUT \

set_io -port_name {DQ[27]} \
  -pin_name AH12 \
  -fixed true \
  -DIRECTION INOUT \

set_io -port_name {DQ[28]} \
  -pin_name AJ10 \
  -fixed true \
  -DIRECTION INOUT \

set_io -port_name {DQ[29]} \
  -pin_name AJ11 \
  -fixed true \
  -DIRECTION INOUT \

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## 6.6 Removing I/O Assignments

To remove a DDR Memory Interface I/O assignment:

1. Select the Port tab in the Design Tree view.
2. Right-click the Memory Interface in the Design Tree view.
3. Select Unplace <memory\_interface\_name>

See the following figure.

**Figure 11 • Removing Memory Interface I/O Assignment**

The screenshot shows the 'Main Object Browser' window. On the left, a tree view lists various ports under the 'Ports' category, including I/O Ports, DDR4, DDR3, Lane2-ADDR/CMD, Lane1-ADDR/CMD, CK0\_0, CK0\_N\_0, Lane-DQ[7:0], Lane-DQ[15:8], SHIELD0\_0, SHIELD1\_0, and Dedicated Ports. The 'PF\_DDR3\_SS\_0[width=16, rate=1333.33]' port is selected.

A context menu is open over the selected port, showing options: 'Place Ports', 'Unplace From location', 'Lock Placement', 'Unlock Placement', and 'Region Assign'. The 'Unplace From location' option is highlighted.

The main area displays a table of port details for 'PF\_DDR3\_SS\_0[width=16, rate=1333.33]':

	Port Function	Port Name	Pin Number	Function	Max Memory Width	Max Data Rate	Bank Name
1	NORTH1_NE	PF_DDR3_SS_0[width=16, rate=1333.33]			72	1336	--
2	A0	A.[0]	AL27	HSlO7ZNB1	72	1336	Bank1
3	A1	A.[0]1	AL26	B1/CCC_NE_CLK	72	1336	Bank1
4	A2	A.[0]2	AM27	HSlO7ZNBI	72	1336	Bank1
		A.[0]3	AN27	B1/CCC_NE_PLI	72	1336	Bank1
		A.[0]4	AN26	HSlO7ZNB1	72	1336	Bank1
		A.[0]5	AP25	HSlO7ZPB1	72	1336	Bank1
		A.[0]6	AL25	HSlO7ZNB1	72	1336	Bank1
		A.[0]7	AK25	HSlO7ZPB1	72	1336	Bank1
		A.[0]8	AJ23	HSlO7ZNB1	72	1336	Bank1
		A.[0]9	AH23	B1/CCC_NE_PLI	72	1336	Bank1
		A.[0]10	AJ25	HSlO81NB1/DQS	72	1336	Bank1
		A.[0]11	AJ24	/DQS/CCC_NE_F	72	1336	Bank1
		A.[0]12	AL22	HSlO8ZNB1	72	1336	Bank1
		A.[0]13	AK23	HSlO8ZPB1	72	1336	Bank1
		A.[0]14	AL24	HSlO8ZNB1	72	1336	Bank1
		A.[0]15	AL23	HSlO8ZPB1	72	1336	Bank1
18	BA0	BA.[0]0	AE25	HSlO8APB1	72	1336	Bank1
19	BA1	BA.[0]1	AD23	HSlO8SBN1	72	1336	Bank1
20	BA2	BA.[0]2	AD25	HSlO8ABN1	72	1336	Bank1
21	CAS_N	CAS_N_0	AF25	HSlO86NB1	72	1336	Bank1
22	CK0	CK0_0	AP26	/DQS/CCC_NE_F	72	1336	Bank1
23	CK0_N	CK0_N_0	AP27	HSlO7SNB1/DQS	72	1336	Bank1
24	CK1	Unassigned	AM25	E_CLKIN_N_10/C	72	1336	Bank1
25	CK1_N	Unassigned	AM26	HSlO74NB1	72	1336	Bank1
26	CKE0	CKE_0	AF22	HSlO87PB1/DQS	72	1336	Bank1
27	CKE1	Unassigned	AD24	HSlO89PB1	72	1336	Bank1
28	CSO_N	CS_N_0	AE22	HSlO87NB1/DQS	72	1336	Bank1
29	CST_N	Unassigned	AH24	/CC_NE_CLKIN_F	72	1336	Bank1
30	DM0	DM[0]	AN23	HSlO9SBN1	72	1336	Bank1
31	DM1	DM[1]	AL20	HSlO101PB1	72	1336	Bank1
32	DM2	Unassigned	AK18	HSlO107NB7	72	1336	Bank7
33	DM3	Unassigned	AL14	HSlO113NB7	72	1336	Bank7
34	DM4	Unassigned	AD19	HSlO119NB7	72	1336	Bank7

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## 7 XCVR View

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The XCVR View allows the user to make assignments for Transceiver Lanes, Reference Clocks and Transmit PLLs. It presents the following views:

- A schematic view of the Reference Clock (REFCLK), the TransmitPLL and the Transceiver Lanes they drive ([Figure 12 · XCVR Interface - Schematic View](#)).
- A graphical placement view of the REFCLK, its connection from the PADS, to the TransmitPLL, to the Transceiver Lanes. ([Figure 13 · XCVR Interface - Graphical Placement View](#)).
- A Signal Integrity View for a Transceiver Lane, showing TX Emphasis Amplitude, TX Impedance, TX Transmit Common Mode Adjustment, RX and TX Polarity, RX Insertion Loss, RX CTLE, RX Termination, RX P/N Board Connection, and RX Loss of Signal Detector (Low and High) ([Figure 14 · I/O Editor - XCVR View - Signal Integrity View](#)).



**Figure 12 • XCVR Interface - Schematic View**

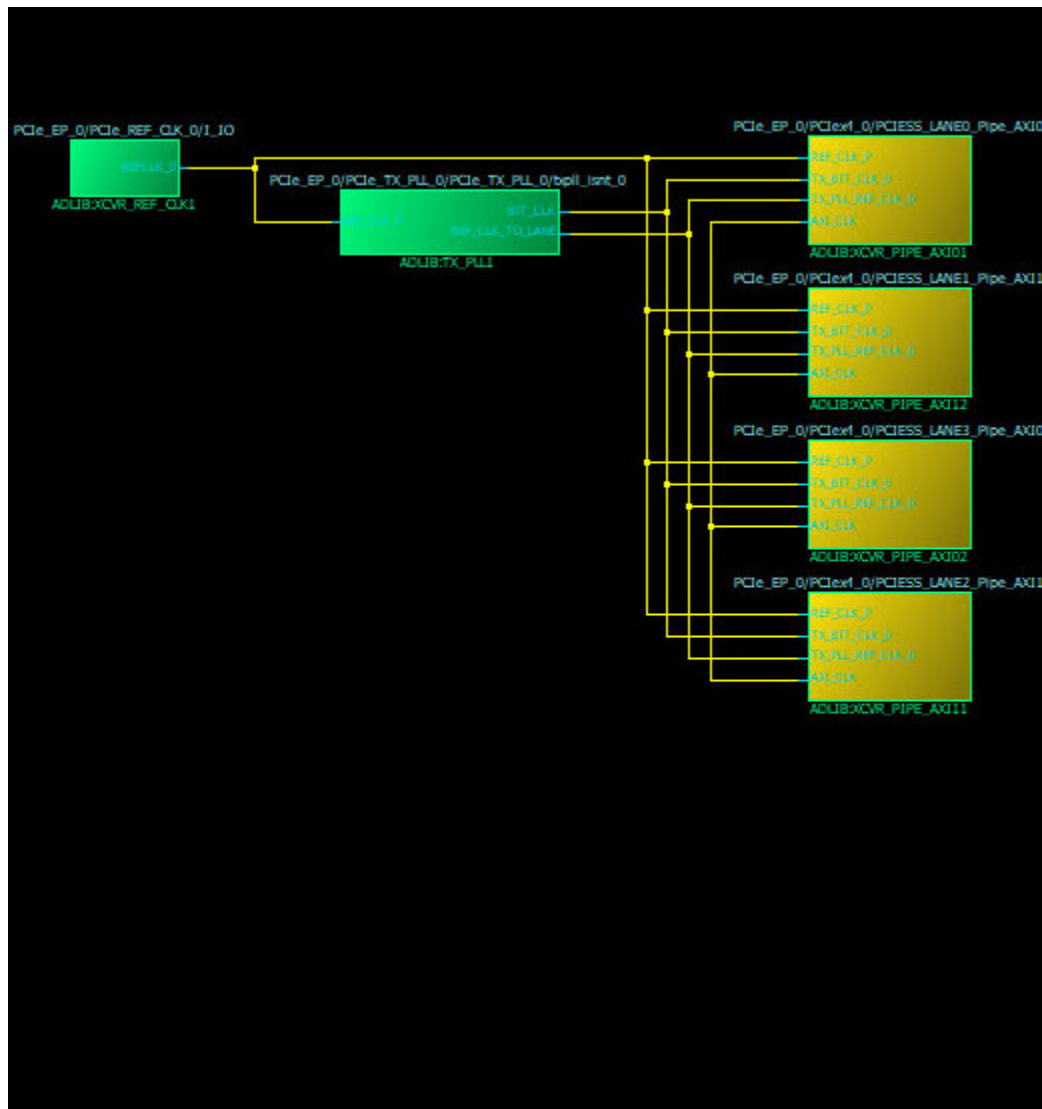


Figure 13 • XCVR Interface - Graphical Placement View

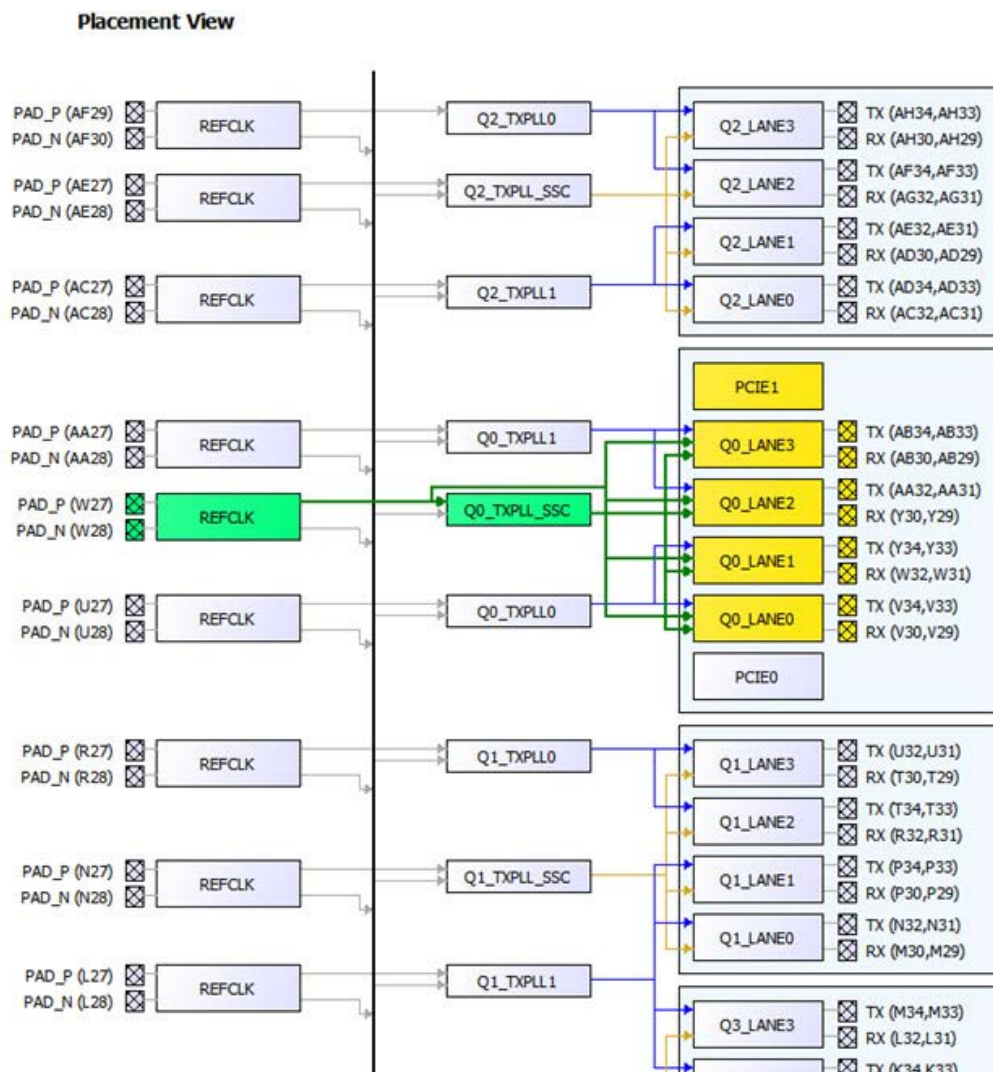
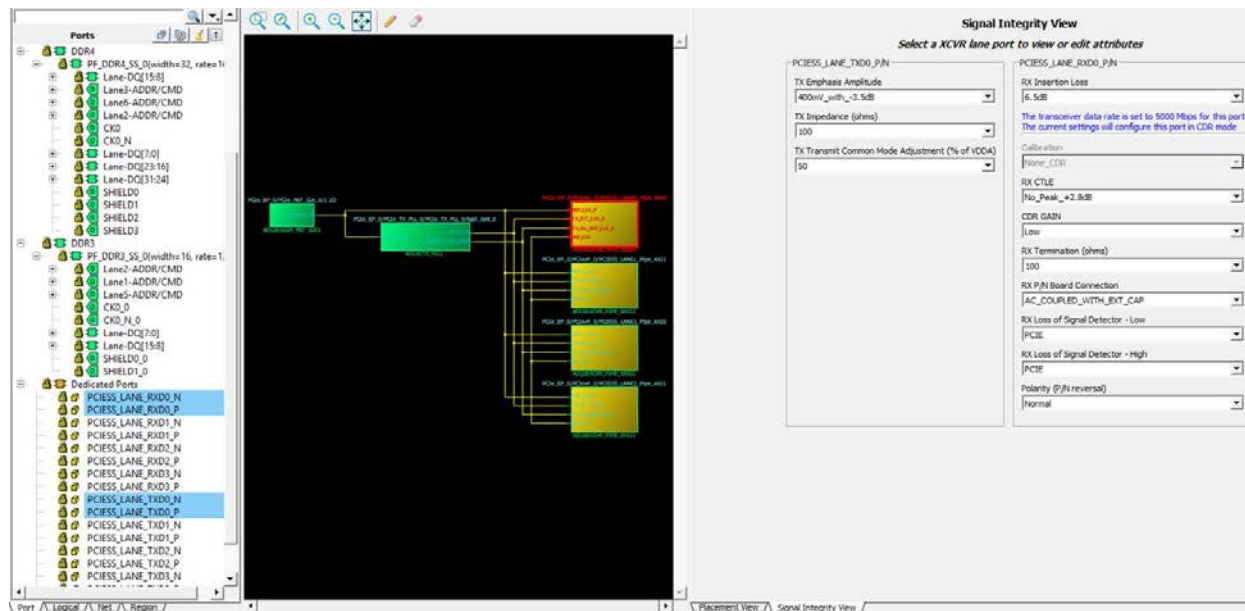




Figure 14 • I/O Editor - XCVR View - Signal Integrity View



The Signal Integrity View for a Transceiver Lane shows the following:

- TX Emphasis Amplitude
- TX Impedance
- TX Transmit Common Mode Adjustment
- RX and TX Polarity, RX Insertion Loss, RX CTLE
- RX Termination
- RX P/N Board Connection
- RX Loss of Signal Detector (Low and High)

## 7.1 XCVR Interface I/O Assignment

To make XCVR Interface I/O assignment, use the XCVR view in the I/O Editor to make assignment in the following order:

1. Transceiver Lanes
2. TX PLL
3. REFCLK

## 7.2 Direct Versus Cascaded Connection

The PolarFire XCVR reference clock network provides rich connectivity to the TX\_PLL and Transceiver lanes. The connectivity allows the user to share common reference clock inputs to reduce fanout buffers on the board and reduce costs.

The two types of connections between the reference clock and the TX \_PLL and Transceiver lanes are as follows:

- Direct Connection
- Cascaded Connection

Direct connections are used when the reference clock pin and the TX\_PLL or the Transceiver lanes are in the same Quad location.

Cascaded connections are used when the reference clock pin and the TX\_PLL or the Transceiver lanes are not in the same quad location. Cascade connections are only available going from the top of the device towards the bottom.

The cascaded connection is denoted in the XCVR view by the black vertical line down the middle of the placement view.

**Note:** A REFCLK can connect to all the lanes beside or below it in any quad (down the cascade path) but not those above it (up the cascade path).

The red lines denote cascaded REFCLK connection to the TX\_PLL and the Transceiver lanes in the quad.

Connection/Assignment up the Cascade path (from REFCLK to TX\_PLL and Transceiver lanes which are above the REFCLK) are illegal and indicated by red lines in the XCVR view.

Each Reference Clock (REFCLK) has a direct dedicated connection to its corresponding TX\_PLL and to the lane that the TX\_PLL drives in the same quad.

Selecting a dedicated connection or a cascaded connection depends on the trade-off you want to make. A direct dedicated connection from the REFCLK to the TX\_PLL gives better signal integrity for the Transceiver whereas a cascaded connection reduces external components and reduces overall power.

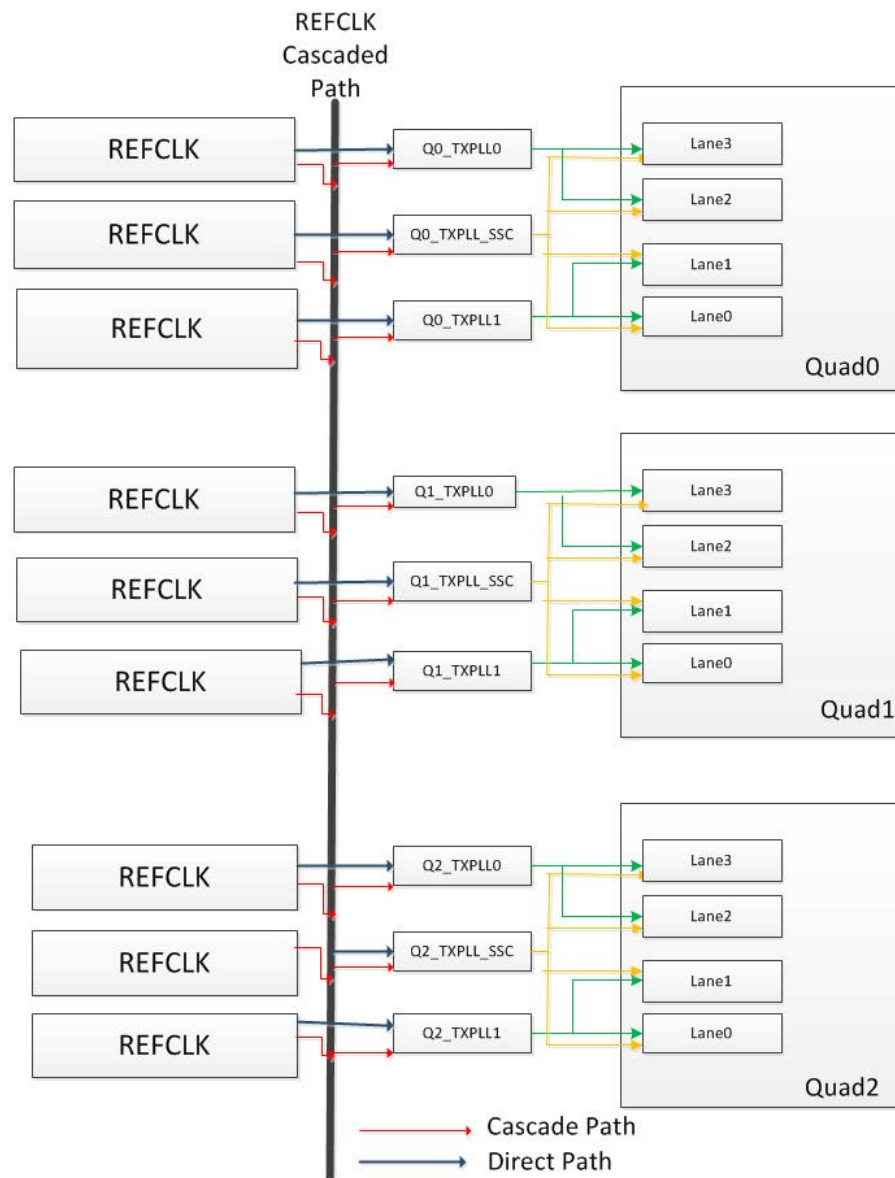
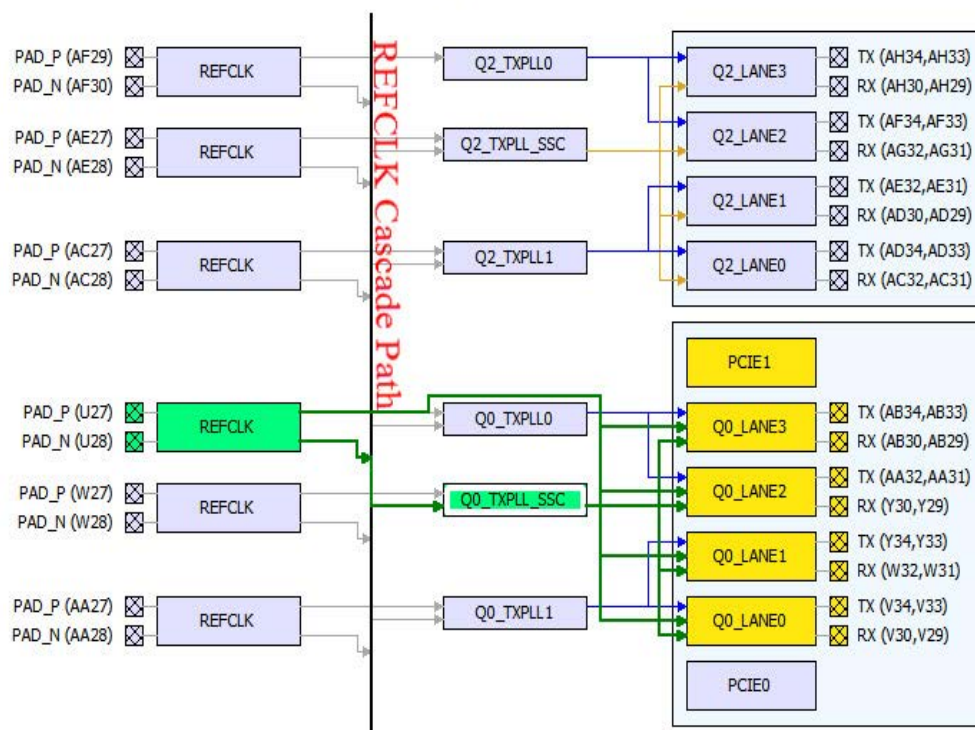
**Figure 15 • Direct Dedicated Path and Cascade Path**


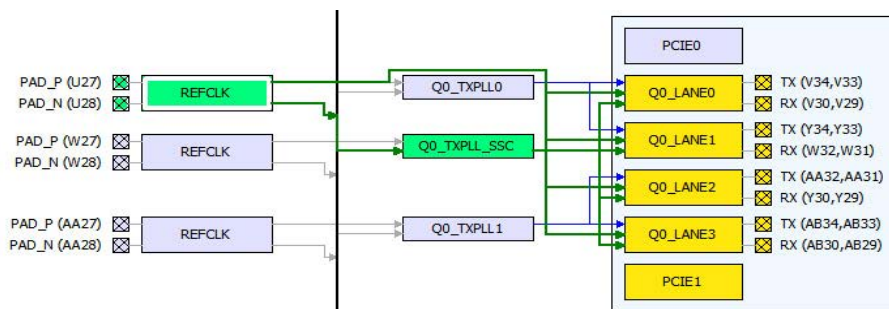
Figure 16 • XCVR View



## 7.3 Reference Clock (REFCLK) I/O Assignments

To make I/O assignments, click and drag the REFCLK pin from the Schematic View to the pin location you desire in the Graphical Placement View. If the assignment is legal (no DRC violations), green lines appear to denote the accepted connection between the REFCLK pin through the Q(x)\_TXPLL\_SSC to the Transceiver lanes.

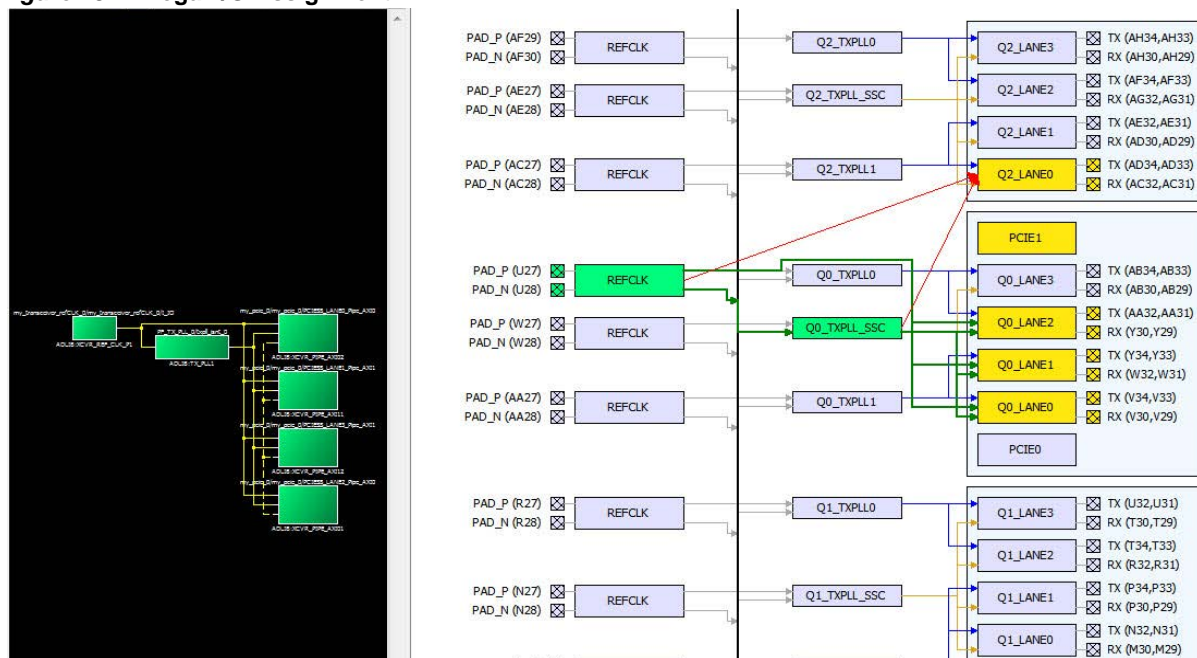
Figure 17 • Legal and Accepted Reference Clock I/O Assignment



If the I/O assignment violates the DRC rule, the assignment is not accepted. Red arrows denotes DRC violations. The following figure shows two illegal assignments:

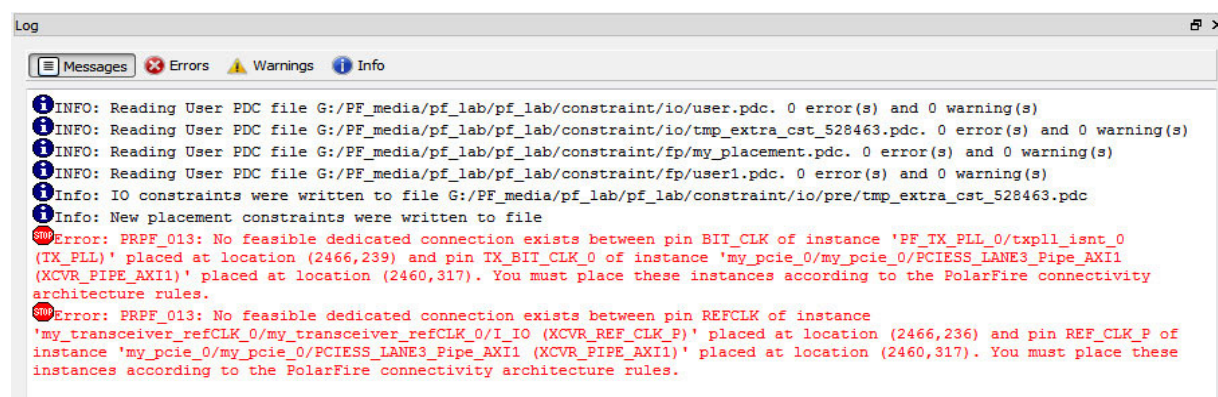
- From the Reference Clock (REFCLK) to the Lanes (Red arrow from REFCLK to the Q2\_Lane0)
- From the Transmit PLL to the lanes (Red arrow from TXPLL\_SSC to Q2\_Lane0)

Figure 18 • Illegal I/O Assignment



An error message appears in the Log window to identify the DRC rules violated. In this case, there is no feasible dedicated connection from the REFCLK to the Lane and from the Transmit PLL to the Lanes.

Figure 19 • Log Window Message



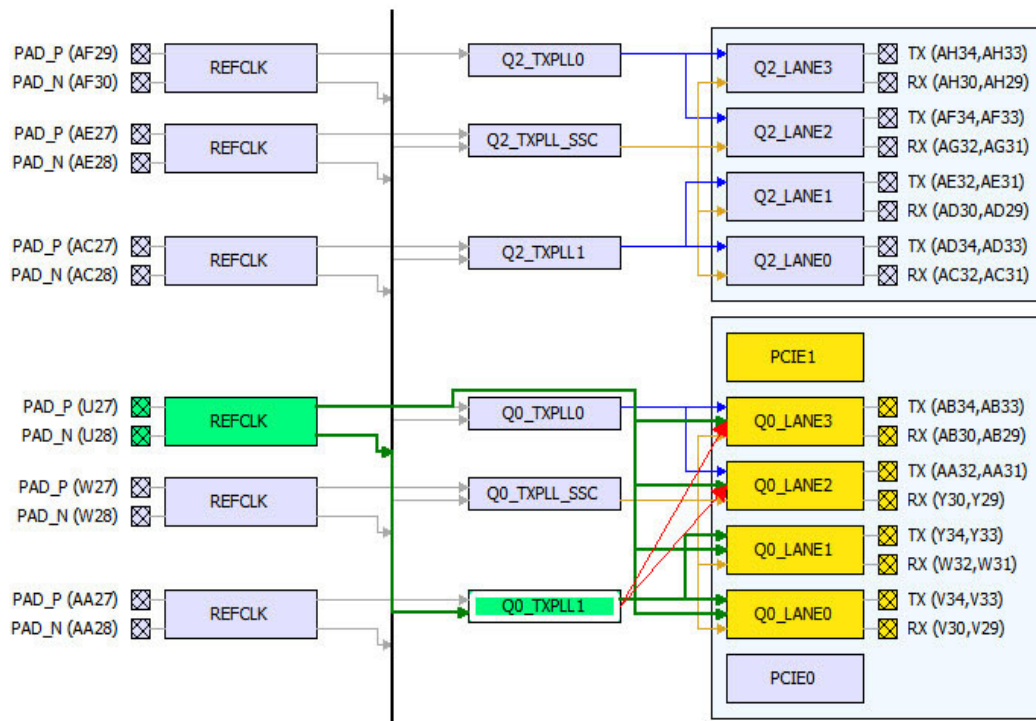
**Notes:** I/O assignments can be made for REFCLK, TXPLL and Transceiver Lanes for all Transceiver protocols except the PCIe Protocol. For the PCIe Protocol, Transceiver Lanes are assigned to pre-defined locations and cannot be removed.

## 7.4 Transmit PLL Assignment

Drag and drop the Transmit PLL instance into the desired location. Illegal locations are flagged with error messages in the Log window and the illegal connections are indicated by red lines.

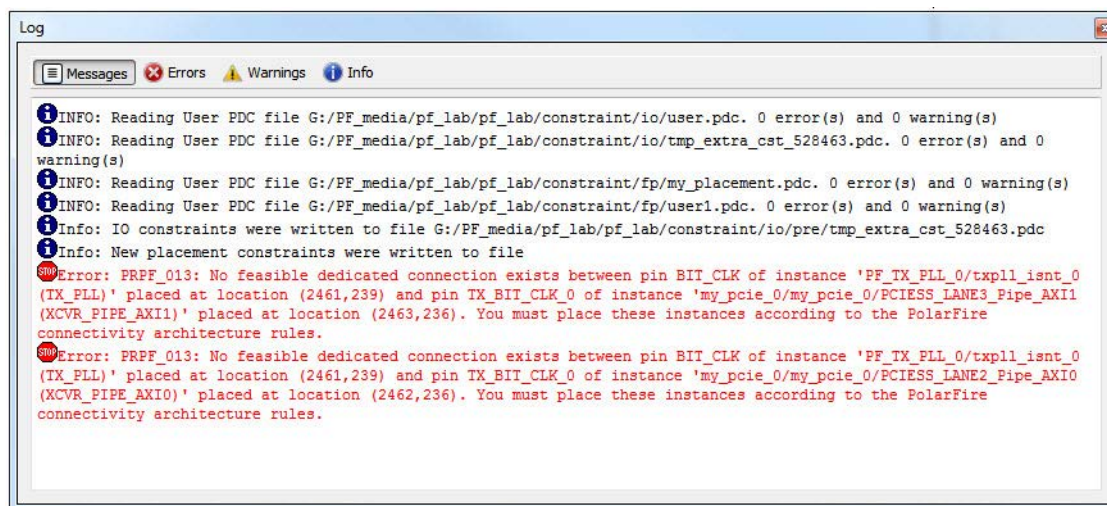


Figure 20 • Illegal Transmit PLL to Lane Assignment



The Log window displays two error messages about the illegal assignments, one for each illegal connection. In this case, the assignment is illegal because there are no feasible dedicated connections.

Figure 21 • Log Window



## 7.5 Placement DRC Rules

The I/O Editor enforces the DRC rules when Transceivers are placed. Any illegal connection is highlighted as a red line in the Placement View and a corresponding message is displayed in the Log window.

Lane assignments are always legal. DRC rules are enforced for the following:

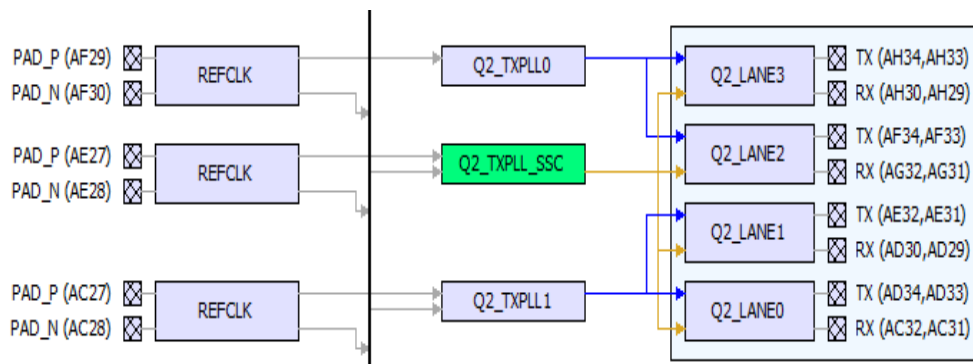
- Connection from Transmit PLL (TXPLL) to the Lanes

- Connection from the Reference Clock (REFCLK) to the Transmit PLL (TXPLL)
- Connection from the Reference Clock (REFCLK) to the Lanes

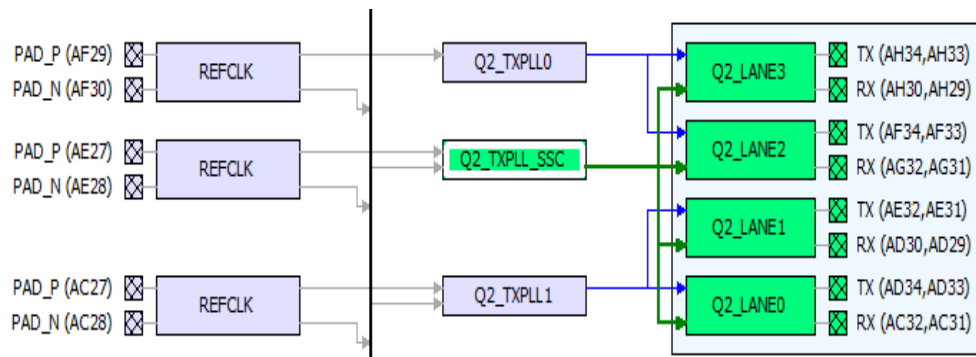
## 7.5.1 DRC - TXPLL to LANES Connectivity

A TXPLL\_SSC can connect to all the lanes of a quad (shown in brown lines in the Placement View).

**Figure 22 • TXPLL Connection To All Four Lanes Before Placement**

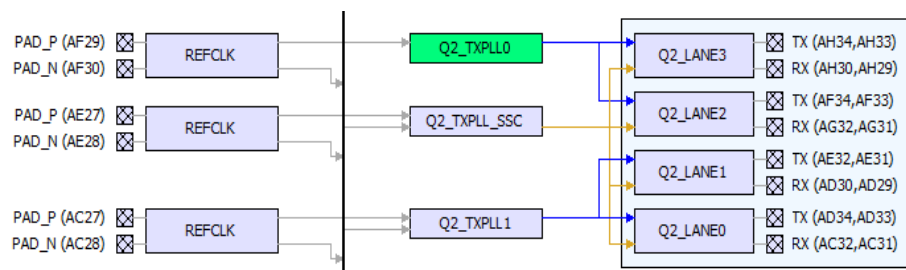
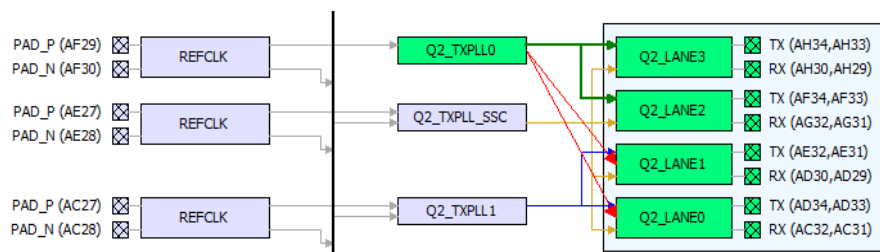


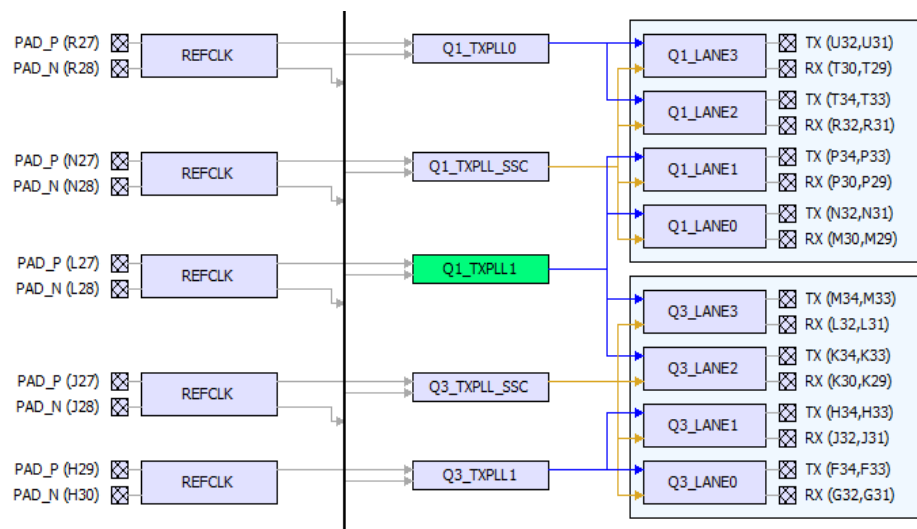
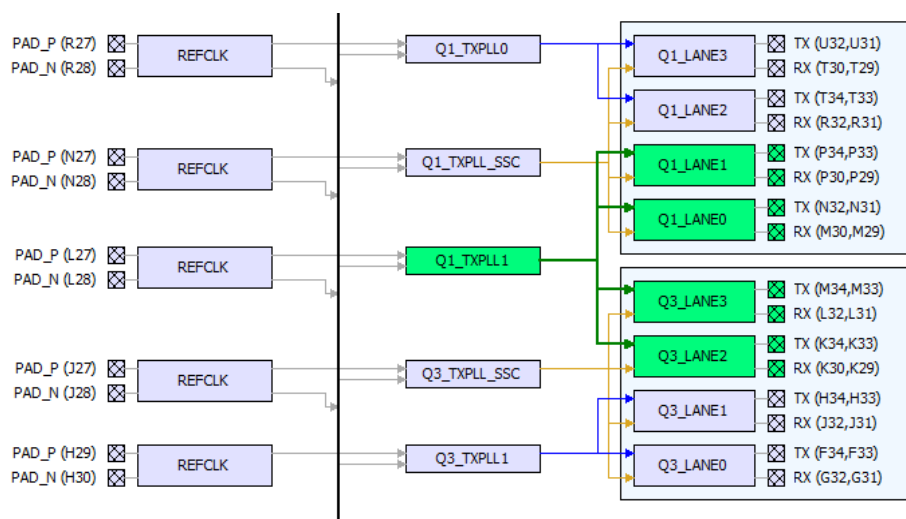
**Figure 23 • TXPLL Connection To All Four Lanes After Placement**



A TXPLL (non-SSC) can connect to two lanes beside it normally (shown in blue lines in the Placement View)



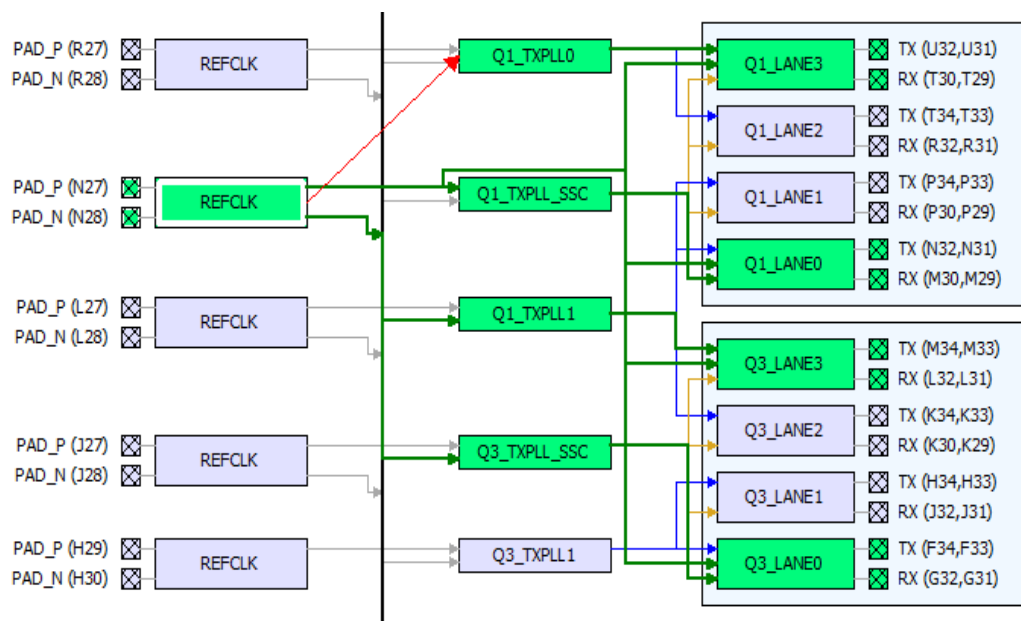
**Figure 24 • TXPLL Connection To Two Lanes (Before Placement)**

**Figure 25 • TXPLL Connection To Two Lanes (After Placement)**


**Figure 26 • Q1\_TXPLL1 to Four Lanes Connection (Before Placement)**

**Figure 27 • Q1\_TXPLL1 to Four Lanes Connection (After Placement)**


## 7.5.2 DRC - REFCLK to TXPLL Connectivity

A REFCLK can connect to all the TXPLLs beside and below it (down the Cascade Path) in the Placement View. A REFCLK cannot connect to a TXPLL above it (up the Cascade Path).

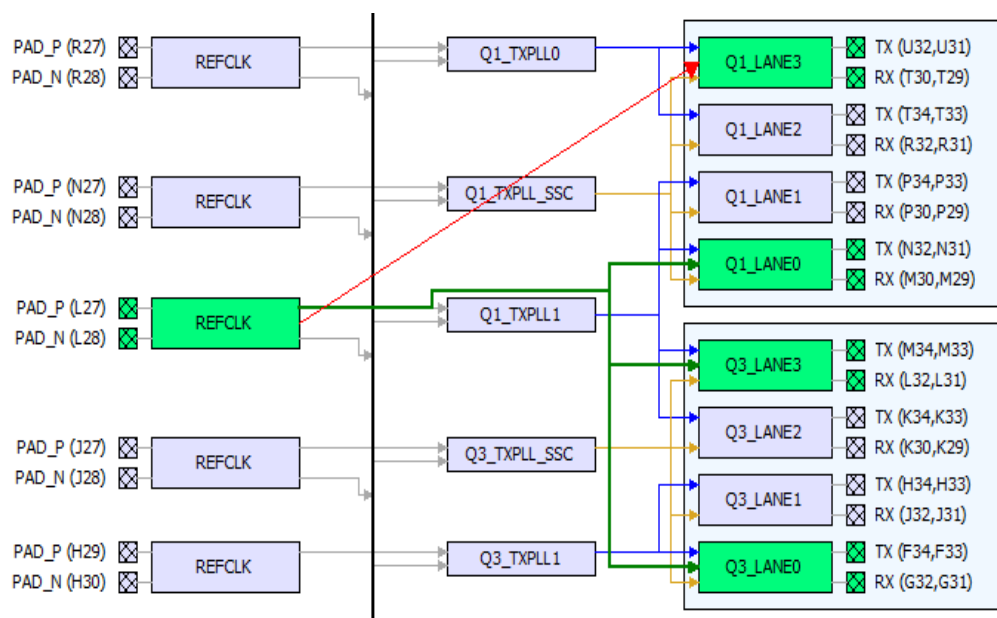
A cascade path (represented by the vertical line beside the REFCLKs) is used for the REFCLK to connect to all the TXPLLs below it and the Lanes below it in the Placement View.

**Figure 28 • Illegal Connection From REFCLK to TXPLL Up the Cascade Path**


## 7.5.3 REFCLK To Lanes Connectivity

The REFCLK of a quad can connect to all Lanes of the TXPLL (in addition to that which the REFCLK can connect to), and also all the other Lanes below it (from different quads as well). Connection up the Cascade path is illegal.

Green arrows indicate legal connection and red arrows indicate illegal connection from the REFCLK to the Lanes.

**Figure 29 • REFCLK To Lanes Connection - Legal (Down the Cascade Path) and Illegal (Up the Cascade Path)**


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## 8 IOD View

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The IOD lane controller handles the complex operations necessary for the high-speed interfaces, such as DDR memory interfaces and CDR interfaces. To bridge the lane clock to the bank clock, the lane controller is used to control an I/O FIFO in each IOD. This I/O FIFO interfaces with DDR memory by utilizing the DQS strobe on the lane clock. The lane controller can also delay the lane clock using a PVT-calculated delay code from the DLL to provide a 90° shift. Certain I/O interfaces require a lane controller to handle the clock-domain that results with higher gear ratios.

The lane controller also provides the functionality for the IOD CDR. Using the four phases from the CCC PLL, the lane controller creates eight phases and selects the proper phase for the current input condition with the input data. A divided-down version of the recovered clock is provided to the fabric (DIVCLK).

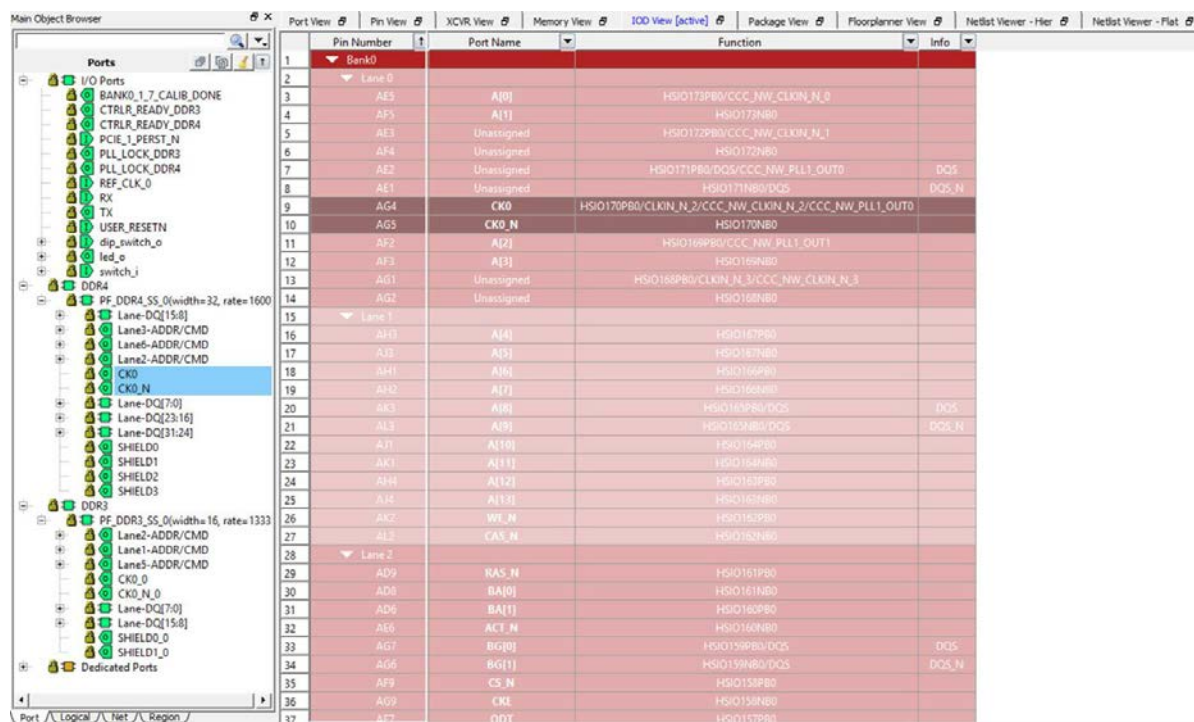
In the I/O Editor, the IOD View allows I/O assignments for IOD (I/O Digital) Interface blocks. Libero SoC currently supports CDR and RX\_DDR\_L\_A/TX\_DDR\_G\_A generic IOD interface. Future releases will add in more interfaces. The IOD views presents a hierarchical view of the generic IOD based on Bank and Lanes. In PolarFire silicon, there may be up to eight banks per chip and six lanes per bank. Bigger dies may have even more lanes per bank.

**Notes:** The actual number of banks and the number of lanes per bank vary with the die.

When the I/O Editor opens the IOD view, it detects the specific IOD Interface standards, groups the I/Os into specific banks/lanes and populates the spreadsheet-like table with the I/O names (specific to the IOD Interface) accordingly.

See the following figure for an example of the IOD View.

Figure 30 • IOD View



Pin Number	Port Name	Function	Info
1	Bank0		
2	Lane 0		
3	AE5	A[8]	HSIO173PB0/CCC_NW_CLKIN_N_0
4	AF5	A[1]	HSIO173NB0
5	AE3	Unassigned	HSIO172PB0/CCC_NW_CLKIN_N_1
6	AF4	Unassigned	HSIO172NB0
7	AE2	Unassigned	HSIO171PB0/DO5/CCC_NW_PLL1_OUT0
8	AE1	Unassigned	HSIO171NB0/DO5
9	AG4	CK0	HSIO170PB0/CLKIN_N_2/CCC_NW_CLKIN_N_2/CCC_NW_PLL1_OUT0
10	AG5	CK0_N	HSIO170NB0
11	AF2	A[2]	HSIO169PB0/CCC_NW_PLL1_OUT1
12	AF3	A[3]	HSIO169NB0
13	AG1	Unassigned	HSIO168PB0/CLKIN_N_3/CCC_NW_CLKIN_N_3
14	AG2	Unassigned	HSIO168NB0
15	Lane 1		
16	AF0	A[4]	HSIO167PB0
17	AF0	A[5]	HSIO167NB0
18	AF1	A[6]	HSIO166PB0
19	AF2	A[7]	HSIO166NB0
20	AK3	A[8]	HSIO165PB0/DO5
21	AL3	A[9]	HSIO165NB0/DO5
22	AF1	A[10]	HSIO164PB0
23	AK1	A[11]	HSIO164NB0
24	AF4	A[12]	HSIO163PB0
25	AF5	A[13]	HSIO163NB0
26	AK2	WT_N	HSIO162PB0
27	AL2	CAS_N	HSIO162NB0
28	Lane 2		
29	AD9	RAS_N	HSIO161PB0
30	AD0	BA[0]	HSIO161NB0
31	AD6	BA[1]	HSIO160PB0
32	AE6	ACT_N	HSIO160NB0
33	AG7	BG[0]	HSIO159PB0/DO5
34	AG6	BG[1]	HSIO159NB0/DO5
35	AF9	CS_N	HSIO158PB0
36	AG9	CK0	HSIO158NB0
37	ACT	ODT	HSIO157PB0

## 8.1 Generic I/O Assignments

Drag the I/O port from the Ports tab and drop it to the spreadsheet-like table to make the I/O assignment. The multi-line comment shows the locations where you can legally place the I/O port. Green indicates legal placements, and red indicates illegal placements. Illegal assignments are not allowed.

## 8.2 DRC Rules

The I/O Editor enforces DRC rules. More DRC rules will be implemented in future releases. The following is a list of the more common DRC rules enforced by the I/O Editor.

1. All I/Os of the same logical lane must be placed within the same physical lane.
2. For any one physical lane, only one logical lane is allowed to be placed.
3. Non-logical lane I/Os can be placed in any physical lane.
4. For RGMII Interface, the \*\_RXC port must be placed on the DQS\_P side of the physical lane.
5. When the CDR is placed in a physical lane, the DQS\_N slot is reserved and is not available to the user for I/O placement.

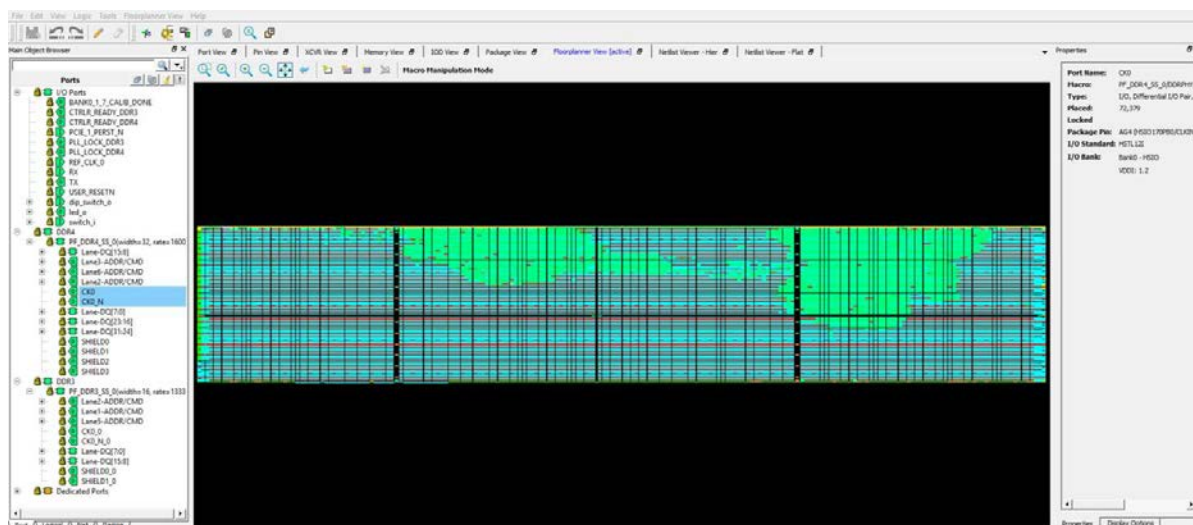
See [UG0686: PolarFire FPGA User I/O User Guide](#) for more DRC rules for IOD I/O placement.

## 9 Floorplanner View

The Floorplanner View displays all design elements in one window. The selections you make in the views are reflected in the window. The color scheme used in the canvas is dependent on the layers and colors you have selected in the Display Options window.

The following figure shows the Floorplanner View.

Figure 31 • Floorplanner View



### 9.1 Operation Modes

The Floorplanner View has two modes of operation. Click the **Macro Manipulation Mode** button to switch between Macro Manipulation Mode and Region Manipulation modes:

- Macro Manipulation Mode**  
 Use this mode to work with macros, such as assigning macros to location or unassigning placed macros from locations. You can also view properties of selected macros in the Floorplanner View from the properties window. You can select multiple macros by pressing the <CTRL> key and selecting required macros.
- Region Manipulation Mode**  
 Use this mode to work on regions such as resizing, renaming, or deleting regions, or assigning and unassigning macros or nets to regions.

#### 9.1.1 Display Modes

The Display Options window configures the display of the Floorplanner View. Three display options are available as follows:

- Fill Device Cells
- Use Cluster Mode
- Consolidate Globals

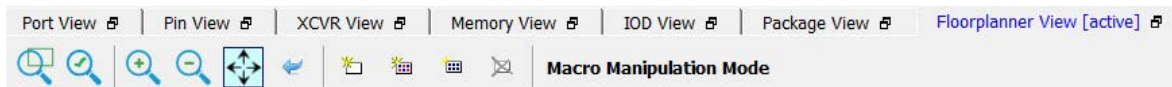
You can also see the colors for different component types (nets, modules, pins, etc.) in the Display Options window.



## 9.1.2 Floorplanner View Icons











The icons available across the top of the Floorplanner View window allows you to zoom in, zoom out, assign I/O banks, runs DRC checks, create regions for placement.









**Figure 32 • Floorplanner View Icons**



The following table lists the functions of each icon.

Table 1 • Floorplanner View Icons

Icon	Name	Function
	Rubber Band Zoom	Rubber Band Zoom - Drags out an area to enlarge/zoom into.
	Rubber Band Select	Rubber Band Select an area to Zoom into. Click in the Floorplanner View and drag the mouse to delineate an area. Release the mouse and all macros inside the delineated area are selected. Works in the Macro Manipulation Mode.
	Zoom In	Zoom In to canvas.
	Zoom Out	Zoom Out of canvas.
	Zoom to Fit	Zoom to fit the canvas size.
	Zoom to Location	Zoom to a Location Specified by X-Y co-ordinates.
	Zoom to fit Selection	Zoom to fit selected macros and ports. When enabled, the view attempts to center the view on the selected and placed ports.
	Check Design Rules	Run the Prelayout Checker, a preliminary check of the netlist for possible Place and Route issues.
	Check DRC Rules for Selected Interfaces	Check the DRC Rules for selected interfaces.
	I/O Bank Settings	Set the I/O bank to specific I/O Technology.

Icon	Name	Function
	Auto Assign I/O Bank	Run the Auto I/O Bank and Globals Assigner. Assigns a voltage to every I/O Bank that does not have a voltage assigned to it and if required, a VREF pin.
	Collapse Visible Views	Collapse the visible views.
	Expand Selected Items in Visible Views	Expand selected Items in the visible views.
	Create Empty	Create an empty user region.
	Create Inclusive	Create an inclusive user region.
	Create Exclusive	Create an Exclusive user region.
	Delete	Delete the selected user region.
	Show Nets For Macros	Show all nets connected to the macro. There are often many nets attached to the macro, and it is off by default.

An object or a collection of the objects in the Design View window can be selected and placed in any location that is legal.

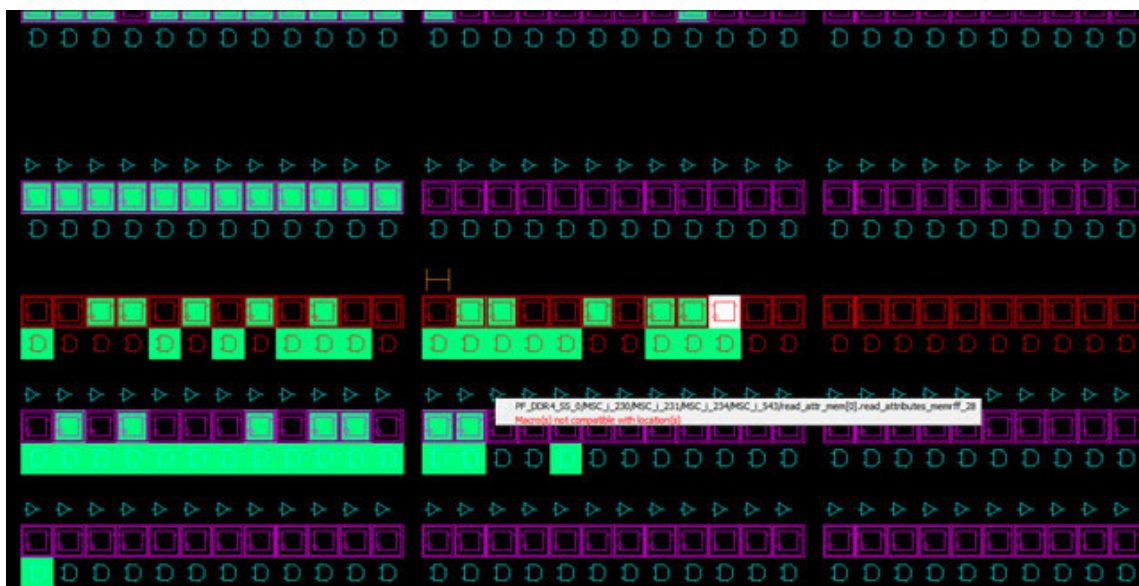
The following figure shows an example of a successful placement into the Floorplanner View.

Figure 33 • Floorplanner View - Successful Placement



The following figure shows an example of an unsuccessful placement attempt into the Floorplanner View.

Figure 34 • Floorplanner View - Unsuccessful Placement Attempt

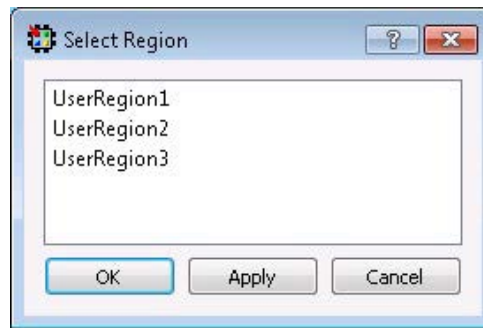


### 9.1.3 Region Assignments

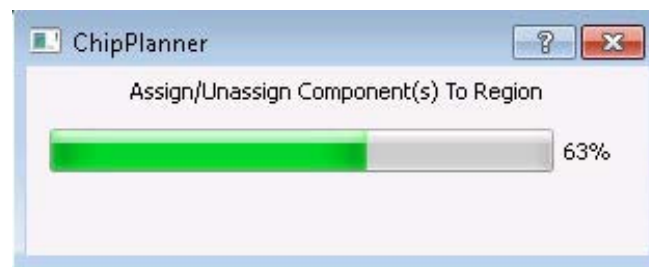
When you right-click an item in one of the tabs in the Main Object Browser, you can choose from available options, which can include placing an item to a location, unplacing an item from a location, locking the placement, and assigning a region.

Multiple items can be selected and assigned to the same region at the same time. You can also select a region assignment by right-clicking an item and choosing **Region Assign**. The dialog box shown below opens. This option is not available for objects in the Region tab.

**Figure 35 • Select Region Dialog Box**



.The progress of all Region Assign and Unassign commands is shown (see the example below).



**Note:** This dialog only shows the progress, and does not give the user the opportunity to cancel the operation. Closing the dialog does not terminate the operation.

## 9.2 Netlist Views

Two windows are available for viewing the netlist (a schematic view of the design used to trace the nets and debug) of the design.

- Post-Synthesis Hierarchical View (Netlist Viewer - Hier)
- Post-compile flattened Netlist View (Netlist Viewer - Flat)

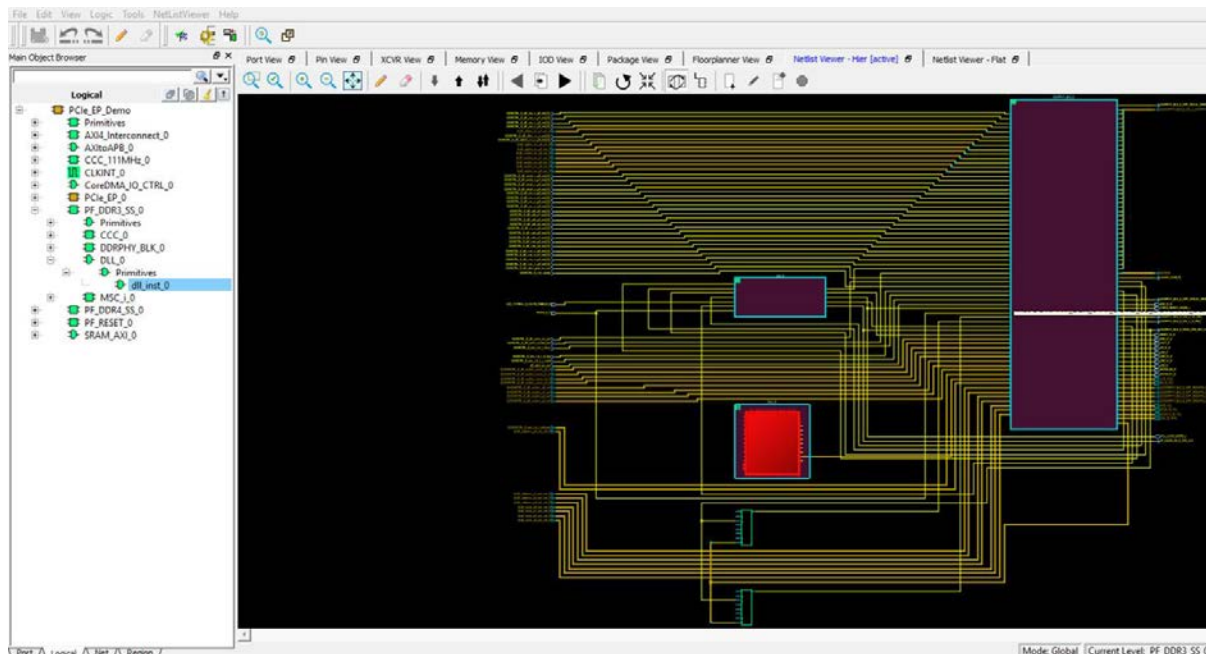
Separate tabs for Hierarchical View and Flattened Netlist View make it easy to switch between the different views.

### 9.2.1 Netlist Viewer - Hier

The Post-Synthesis Hierarchical View (Netlist Viewer - Hier) is a hierarchical view of the netlist after synthesis and after technology mapping to the Microsemi FPGA technology. Click on the Canvas to load the 'Hierarchical view' in Netlist Viewer - Hier. The Chip Planner loads the netlist into the system memory and displays it in the window.

When the netlist is loaded for the first time into memory, a pop-up progress bar indicates the progress of the loading process, which may incur some runtime penalty for a large netlist.

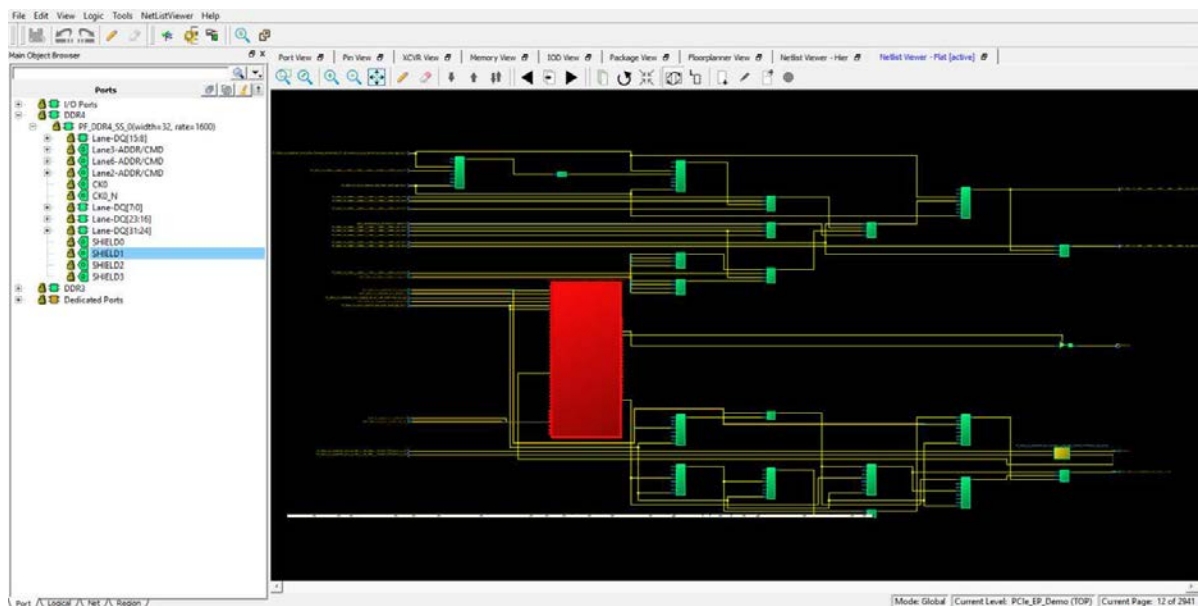
Figure 36 • Netlist Viewer - Hier View



## 9.2.2 Netlist Viewer - Flat

This is the flattened (non-hierarchical) netlist generated after synthesis, technology mapping and further optimization based on the DRC rules of the device family and/or die. Click on the Canvas to load the 'Flat' view in the Netlist Viewer - Flat window. The Chip Planner loads the netlist into the system memory and displays it in the window as shown in the following figure.

Figure 37 • Netlist Viewer - Flat View (Flattened Netlist)

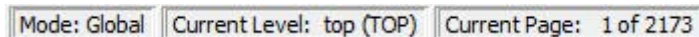


### 9.2.2.1 Display Across Multiple Pages

Hierarchical or flattened netlists can span multiple pages, in which case the first page is displayed when it opens.

The current page number and the total number of pages are displayed in the status bar at the lower right corner of the window.

**Figure 38 • Status Bar**



To go to different pages of the Netlist view, use the left-pointing arrow or right-pointing arrow



### 9.2.3 Netlist Viewer Features

See the [Netlist Viewer Interface User Guide](#) for details about Netlist Viewer features.

### 9.2.4 Chip Planner Features

See the [Chip Planner User Guide](#) for details about Chip Planner features.

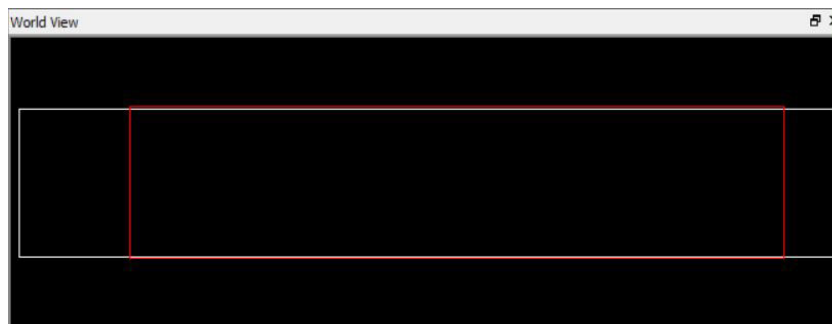


## 10 Other I/O Editor Windows

### 10.1 World View Window

The World View shows a red rectangle which reflects what is visible in the Floorplanner View in the context of the die. Changing what is visible in the canvas also changes the red rectangle. Changing the size or position of the red rectangle changes what is seen in the Floorplanner View.

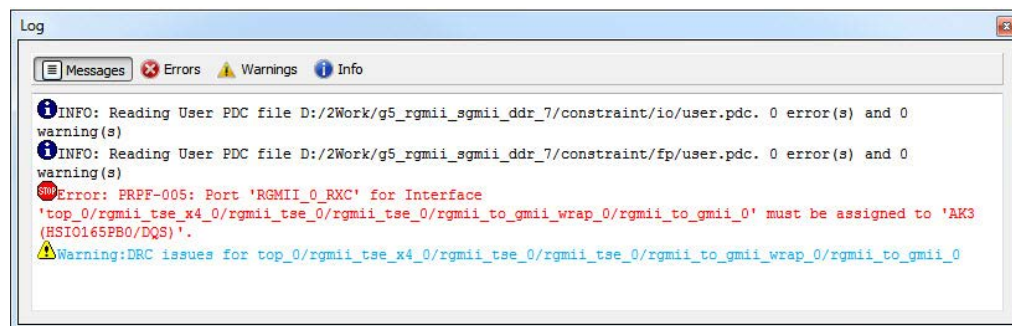
**Figure 37 • World View Window**



### 10.2 Log Window

The Log window displays all messages generated by I/O Editor. You can filter the messages according to the type of message: Error, Warning, and Info. If you have made and saved changes in I/O Editor, the Log window displays the name and location of the PDC file(s) which have been edited/updated to reflect the changes.

**Figure 38 • Log Window**



### 10.3 Object Window

The Object window (Main Object Browser) includes the following tabs:

- Port

- Logical
- Net
- Region







Press **Ctrl-F** to open a floating window for the active tab. See the following example.

**Figure 39 • Floating Object Window Tab Example**



The following table lists the Object window icons.

**Table 11 • Object Window Icons**

Icon	Description
	Collapse everything in the tree.
	Expand selected.
	Clear the filter and refresh the tree reflecting no filters.
	Change sort order and allow additional filtering.
	Dock. Present except when already docked. This command docks the filter browser next to the Main Object Browser.
	Float. Present when docked or maximized. Causes the window to float.

## 10.4 Display Options Window

The Display Options window configures the display of the selected view. Three display options are available as follows:

- Fill Device Cells
- Use Cluster Mode
- Consolidate Globals

## 10.5 Properties Window

The Properties window displays the properties of the design elements. What is displayed in the Properties window is dependent on what is selected in the design view. Properties displayed may include the following, depending on the type of design elements:

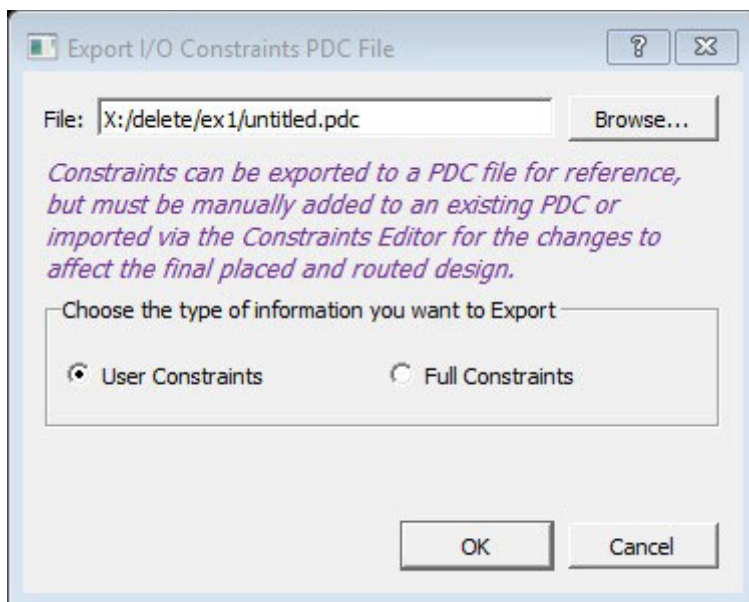
- Macro/Component Name - Full Macro or component name based on selection.
- Cell Type - Resource type based on design element selection.
- Placed (Location) - X-Y coordinates where device element is placed.
- Resource Usage Table - A table showing resources based on component and macro selection.
- Region Attached Table - A table showing region to which selected macro/component is assigned.
- User region (if any) it is attached to.
- Nets Table - A table showing pins and nets which is associated with the selected macro along with fanout value.
- Locked/Unlocked (Placement) - The selected port is locked or unlocked.
- Port - Port name to which the I/O macro is assigned (only shown for I/O port macros).
- I/O Technology Standard - I/O Technology which is associated with the selected I/O macro (only shown for I/O port macros).
- I/O Bank- I/O bank to which the selected I/O macro is assigned (only shown for I/O port macros).
- Pin (Package Pin) - Pin to which the macro is assigned (only shown for I/O port macros).

Not all properties in the list are displayed. The list of displayed properties varies with the type of design element selected.

## 11 Export Physical Constraints (PDC)

The I/O Editor allows you to export the physical constraints (I/O Constraints and Floorplan Constraints) of the design in a PDC file to any file location on your disk. You can export the User constraints or the Full constraints of the design. The IO PDC files can be exported (**File > Export Physical Constraint (PDC) > I/O Constraint**) as shown below.

**Figure 1 • Export I/O Constraints PDC File Dialog Box**



The fp.pdc file can be exported (**File > Export Physical Constraint (PDC) > Floorplan Constraint**) as shown below.

**Figure 2 • Export Floorplanner Constraints PDC File Dialog Box**