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# MicroBlaze Booting From QSPI Flash – Via STARTUPE3

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Target Board : KU105

# Introduction

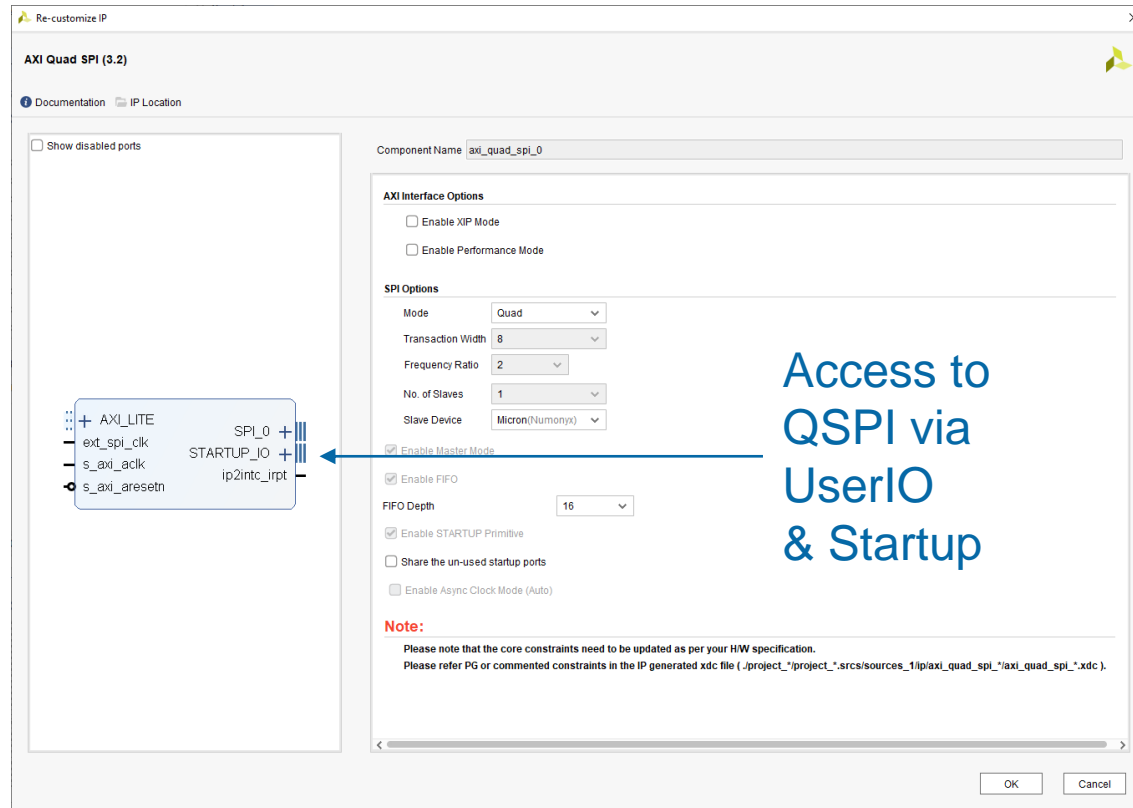
Devices in the UltraScale and UltraScale+ range have dedicated pins for QSPI Configuration (UG575) compared to Seven Series (UG475) which mixes dedicated and user IO.

This means post configuration access to the configuration QSPI for software applications using a bootloader is slightly different.

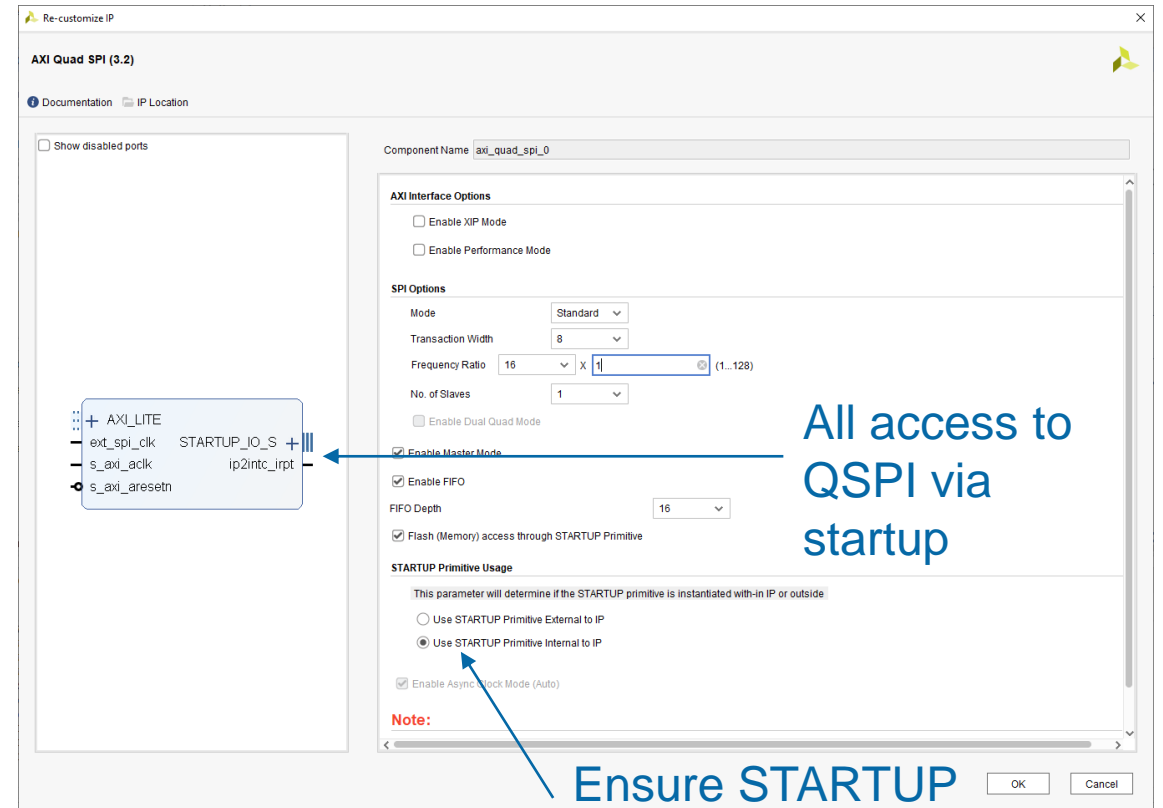
Seven Series – Mix of user IO and Configuration pins

UltraScale / UltraScale+ - Access via configuration pins

# Seven Series Difference



Access to  
QSPI via  
UserIO  
& Startup



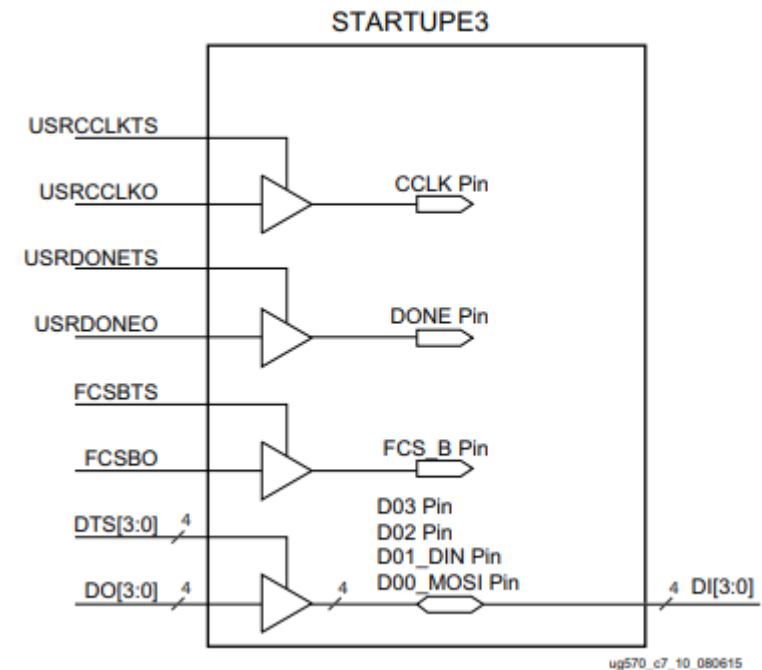
All access to  
QSPI via  
startup

Ensure STARTUP  
is internal to the  
IP

# STARTUPE3 Concept

Control of dedicated configuration pins allows post-configuration access to the flash. When the flash is only used for configuration the FPGA design does not require the STARTUPE3

STARTUPE3 adds the ability to control the D00-D03 pins and the FCS\_B pin. To access the FLASH post Configuration.



# STARTUPE3

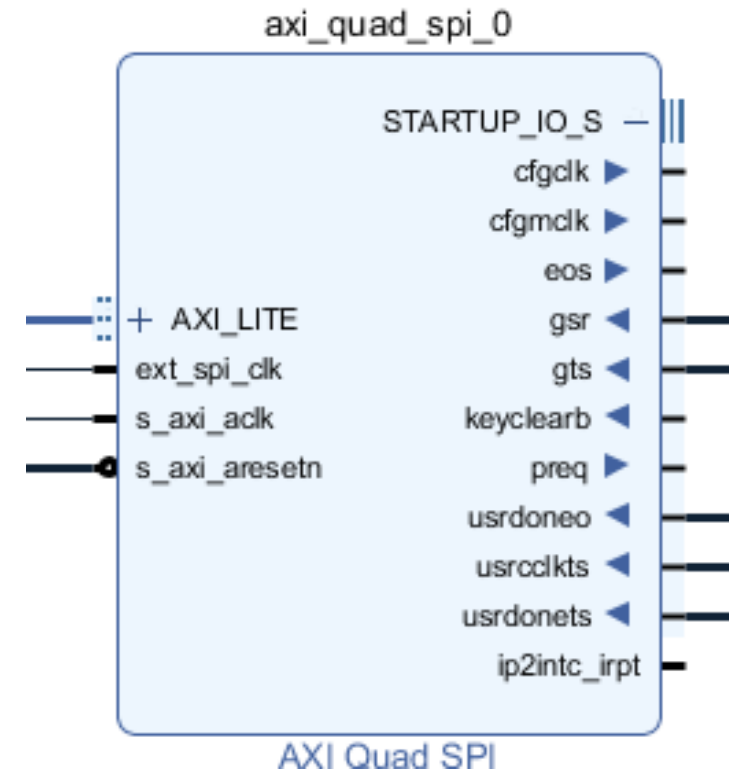
Using the STARTUPE3 will make available several additional configuration pins. Outputs can be ignored but inputs should be addressed.

GSR – Global Set Reset - Tie Low

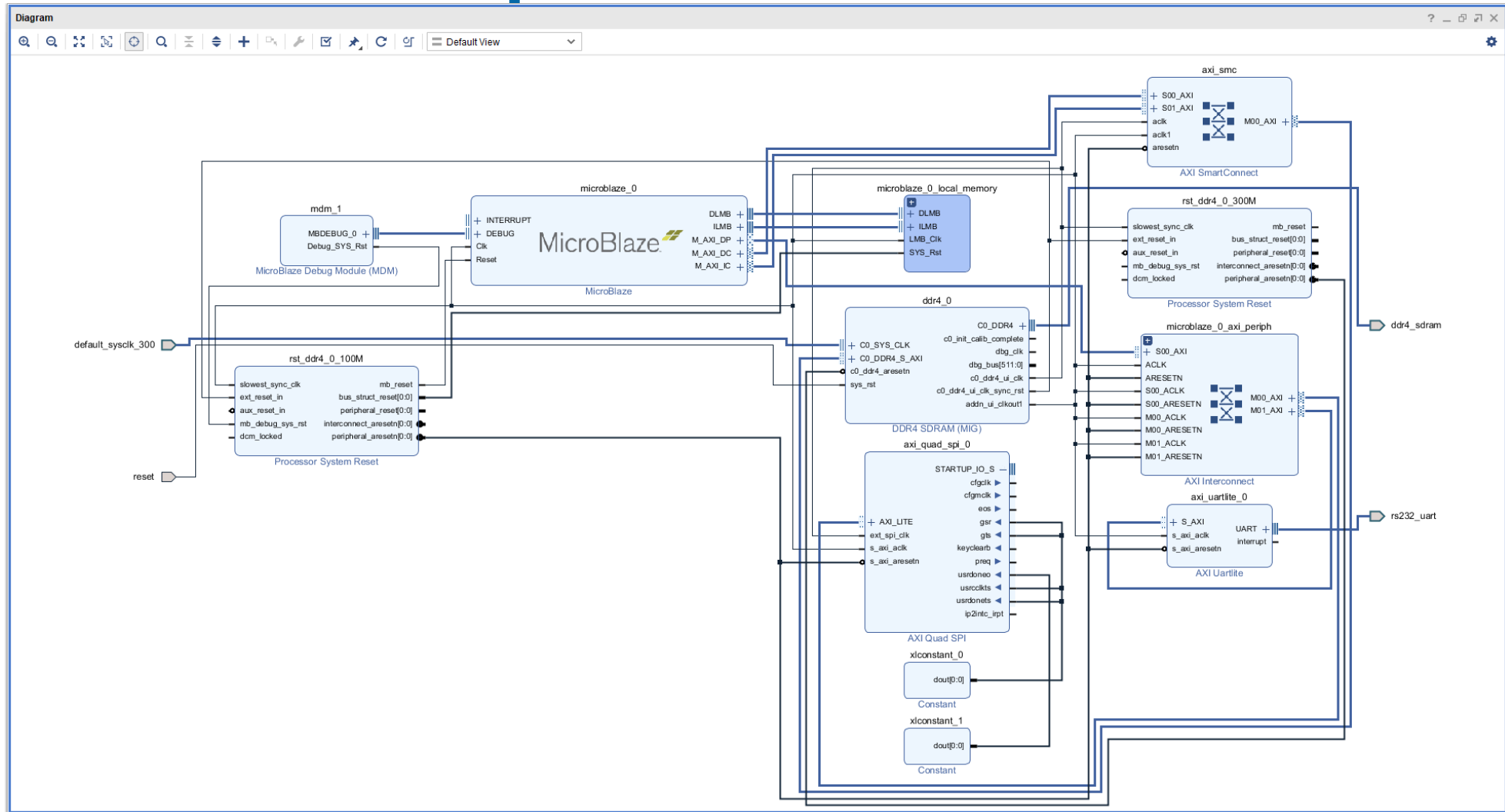
GST – Global IO Tristate – Tie Low

USRCCLKTS – Enable CCL – Tie Low

USRDONETS – User Done – Tie High



# KCU105 Example



# Software Development

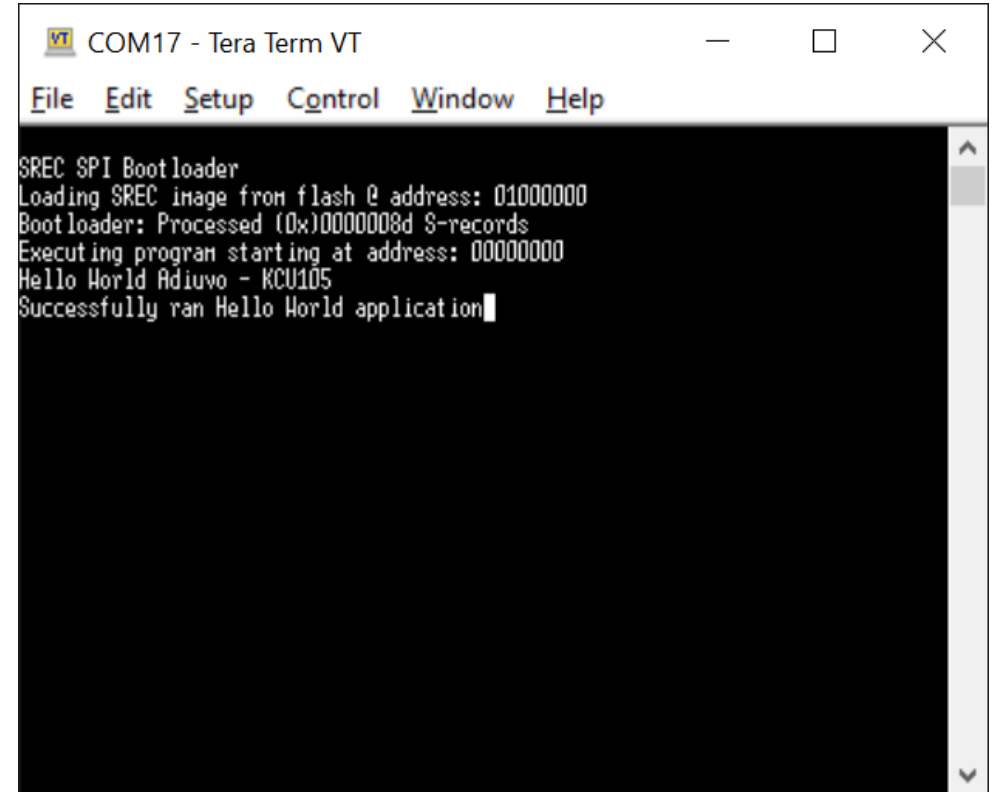
Software Development Flow is identical previous development flow.

Reference Material - User Guides

[UG570](#)

[UG575](#)

[UG475](#)



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COM17 - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
SREC SPI Bootloader
Loading SREC image from flash @ address: 01000000
Bootloader: Processed (0x)0000008d S-records
Executing program starting at address: 00000000
Hello World Adiuvo - KCU105
Successfully ran Hello World application
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