

The QorIQ P4080 multicore processor is extremely flexible and can be configured to meet many system application needs. The processor's e500mc cores, leveraging advanced virtualization technology, can work as eight symmetric multiprocessing (SMP) cores, or eight completely asymmetric multiprocessing (AMP) cores, or they can be operated with varying degrees of independence with a combination of SMP and AMP groupings. Full processor independence, including the ability to independently boot and reset each e500mc core, is a defining characteristic of the device. The ability of the cores to run different operating systems (OSes), or run OS-less, provides the user with significant flexibility in partitioning between control, datapath and applications processing. It also simplifies consolidation of functions previously spread across multiple discrete processors onto a single device.

Advanced virtualization technology brings a new level of hardware partitioning through an embedded hypervisor that allows system developers to ensure software running on any CPU only accesses the resources (memory, peripherals, etc.) that it is explicitly authorized to access. The embedded hypervisor enables safe and autonomous operation of multiple individual operating systems, allowing them to share system resources, including processor cores, memory and other on-chip functions.

Ecosystem and Developer Environment

Developers creating solutions with Power Architecture technology have long benefited from a vibrant support ecosystem, including high-quality tools, OSes and network protocol stacks. Freescale has collaborated with our partners on the QorIQ P4080 processor to continue our strong ecosystem heritage. This helps to ensure that the enablement tools are available to cost-effectively meet the unique development challenges of multicore architectures and speed your time to market.

To this end, Freescale has partnered with Virtutech to offer a robust, innovative hybrid simulation environment that provides a controlled, deterministic and fully reversible environment for the development, debugging and benchmarking of software for complex multicore-based architectures. The hybrid simulator combines Virtutech's fast, functional Simics™ model, with a detailed performance model of the platform. This combination enables fast hardware concept testing and evaluation, as well as performance verification and helps accelerate your development cycle, provide more flexible debug capability and improve the overall quality of your software.

Freescale has also engineered capabilities into the QorIQ P4080 to enable advanced debugging while working in tandem with its ecosystem partners to assure availability of tools that can take advantage of these features. These capabilities include integrated instruction trace, watchpoint triggers, cross-event triggers, performance monitoring and other debug features as defined by the Power® ISA. These features enable dynamic debug essential for providing visibility into complex interactions that may occur among tasks running on different cores.

QorIQ P4080 Technical Specifications

- Eight high-performance Power Architecture e500mc cores, each with a 32 KB instruction and data L1 cache and a private 128 KB L2 cache
 - Three levels of instruction: user, supervisor and hypervisor
 - Independent boot and reset
 - Secure boot capability
- 2 MB shared L3 CoreNet platform cache
- Hierarchical interconnect fabric
 - CoreNet fabric supporting coherent and non-coherent transactions with prioritization and bandwidth allocation amongst CoreNet end-points

- 800 Gbps coherent read bandwidth
- Queue manager fabric supporting packet-level queue management and quality of service scheduling
- Two 64-bit DDR2/DDR3 SDRAM memory controllers with ECC and interleaving support
- Datapath Acceleration Architecture incorporating acceleration for the following functions:
 - Packet parsing, classification and distribution
 - Queue management for scheduling, packet sequencing and congestion management
 - Hardware Buffer Management for buffer allocation and de-allocation
 - Cryptographic Security Acceleration (SEC 4.0)
 - RegEx Pattern Matching (PME 2.0)
- Ethernet interfaces
 - Two 10 Gbps Ethernet (XAUI) controllers
 - Eight 1 Gbps Ethernet (SGMII) controllers
- High-speed peripheral interfaces
 - Three PCI Express® V2.0 controllers/ports running at up to 5 GHz
 - Two Serial RapidIO® 1.2 controllers/ports running at up to 3.125 GHz
- Additional peripheral interfaces
 - Two USB controllers with ULPI interface to external PHY
 - SD/MMC
 - SPI controller
 - Four I²C controllers
 - Two dual UARTs
 - Enhanced local bus controller (eLBC)
- Multicore programmable interrupt controller (PIC)
- Two 4-channel DMA engines

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