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# CRIMSON USER MANUAL

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# Preface

## *Crimson*

CRIMSON is a high performance, wide band, high gain, direct conversion quadrature software defined radio transceiver and signal processing platform. It has four channels, each comprised of independent receive and transmit blocks, capable of processing up to 322MHz of instantaneous RF bandwidth from DC to 6GHz and synchronized using a JESD204B subclass 1 link to ensure deterministic latency. Data may be processed on the device itself (we have an Altera Arria V ST FPGA SoC on-board), or sent over low latency dual 10GB Ethernet links by connecting the integrated SFP+ headers to a compatible 10GBASE-R network device.

Crimson is intended for advanced signal processing and data collection applications.

## *Congratulations!*

Congratulations on your purchase of the PER VICES CRIMSON Transceiver! This manual is intended to provide you with useful information regarding the safe operation and use of your new Transceiver. Although it may be updated from time to time, you'll always be able to find the latest version on the Per Vices website<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.pervices.com>

In building CRIMSON, we aimed to provide advanced capabilities at the lowest possible price. This product aims to provide a sophisticated platform capable of advanced RF Signal processing and includes a robust, and fully integrated, RF chain.

Our hope is that you will find CRIMSON to be a useful and dependable companion in your engineering, development, and research efforts.

We welcome your feedback; please feel free to contact us at:  
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# *Obligatory Warnings*

The following section contains important safety and regulatory information. Please pay attention to the following disclaimers, warnings, and cautions.

*This device is intended for engineering, research, or science laboratory use only - it is not for open office or residential use!*

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## *Product Functionality*

Every effort has been made to ensure that the device you receive is fully functional - each device is fully tested prior to shipping. However, risk of damage or loss is transferred immediately upon delivery to you - we do not generally accept returns or refunds on successfully delivered packages. That being said, we do want to ensure your

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experience with Per Vices and Crimson is a pleasant one and we encourage you to contact us at [SOLUTIONS@PERVICES.COM](mailto:SOLUTIONS@PERVICES.COM) if you have any problems.

### *Specifications*

Every effort has been made to test and measure the validity of this equipment. However, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of specifications, and they may change at any time.

### *Warnings*





WARNING  
RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK



Do not attempt to modify or touch this device while powered.  
Ensure host computer is properly grounded during operation.  
Disconnect AC power during installing or removal.



WARNING  
HOT SURFACE



This circuit board may become very hot during operation.  
Contact should be avoided.



WARNING  
LABORATORY USE ONLY



This device has not been approved by any agency or approvals body for Electrical Safety, Electromagnetic Compatibility, or Telecommunications at the time of distribution. Research use only!



ATTENTION  
OBSERVE ESD PRECAUTIONS



This device contains electrostatically sensitive components: it may be damaged by static discharges. Observe ESD precautions & proper grounding when handling, installing, or removing device.



ATTENTION  
RF TRANSMITTER



This device is capable of RF transmission on bands or frequencies subject to regulatory oversight. Operators are responsible to ensure use of this device meets local regulatory and legal standards, as they may apply to you and the band of interest.

*This device is intended for test and measurement use only.*



# Specifications and Interfaces

CRIMSON is a wide band, high gain, direct conversion quadrature transceiver and signal processing platform. Using analogue and digital conversion, it is capable of processing signal bandwidths up to 322MHz from approximately DC to 6GHz. CRIMSON is compatible with GnuRadio, and includes source code for many of its drivers and peripherals.

As CRIMSON is capable of Digital Down/Up Conversion, superhet architectures can be implemented using Digital Down/Up Conversion on the FPGA.

## Absolute Maximum Ratings

Stresses beyond those listed in table 1, Absolute Ratings, may cause permanent damage to the device. These ratings are stress specifications only; functional operation of the product at these conditions is not implied - exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods of time may affect reliability and is not recommended.

Specification	min	max	units
Operating Temperature	5	85	C
Storage Temperature	0	70	C
Input RF Power		15	dBm

Table 1: Absolute Ratings: Exposure or sustained operation at absolute ratings may permanently damage CRIMSON. Ensure fan intake vents (located on both sides of the device) are not blocked during operation.

## Observed Performance

CRIMSON is a very flexible radio and signal processing platform that supports high bandwidth communications over a wide tuning range. The hardware and signal processing capabilities may be configured to support a very wide variety of applications, each with their own figures of merit. It is therefore fairly challenging to provide uniform performance specifications across those different configurations.

To provide a general idea of what this product is capable of, table 2 on page 15 provides some conservative figures of the out-of-box performance of this product. Configuration of the product towards a specific application may see you exceed some of these figures at the

expense of others. For more information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

### *External Interfaces*

CRIMSON has a number of user accessible external interfaces through which the device can connect to external sources and sinks. Speaking broadly, management functions are generally carried out over a web page, hosted by the CRIMSON transceiver, and accessible using the management Ethernet port on the front face of the device, and data is sent over the 10Gbps SFP+ ports. Receive and transmit antennas connect to the SMA connectors on the front of the device. Other peripherals ports provide access or the capability to improve functionality.

**10/100 Management Port** This connects to a Linux system that is running on the Hard Processing System located on the FPGA silicon, and provides a unified interface by which to control and configure the remaining devices.

**10GBASE-R SFP+** There are two SFP+ ports on the front panel of the device that use 10GBASE-R encoding to directly communicate with an optical module and interface with a ten gigabit network. These ports directly interface with the FPGA fabric and support high bandwidth, low latency, communication between the ADCs and DACs.

**50Ω SMA** There are a number of standard SMA headers, which are used to connect to external antennas, sinks, or sources, including:

- Rx** The four independent receive channels may be connected to an external source or antenna
- Tx** The four independent transmit channels may be connected to external antennas or sinks
- Ext. Ref** An external 10MHz reference may be applied to this port in lieu of the default, internal, 10MHz reference
- Ext. Sync** An external sync may be applied to this port to synchronize the time keeping across multiple devices, using the features provided in the LMK04828 chip
- Ext. VCO** For the most demanding applications, an external VCO may be used to drive the LMK04828

It is important to note that not all 10Gbps NICs support 10GBASE-R protocols - it's important that you ensure the card you select supports communication using 10GBASE-R. If you have questions about this, please don't hesitate to ask us!

outputs. This implies a completely external synchronization solution

- USB 2.0 A USB port is provided that connects to the Linux system running on the Hard Processor System.
- Micro-SD slot The FPGA and Hard Processor System may be re-booted or configured using an external Micro-SD card.
- Mini-SIM slot A Mini-SIM card may be connected, with its contacts directly interfacing to the FPGA fabric.
- ICE320 Power A standard «computer» cable plugs into this power to power the unit. The power supply accepts 120V or 240V.

### *Operating System*

CRIMSON may be used with any operating system. After physically connecting the CRIMSON Transceiver to an external network or computer using its dedicated Ethernet management port, you may configure the device using the provided web interface. It is also possible to SSH into the small Linux distribution running on the processor on-board.

### *Network Interface Card (NIC) Requirements*

CRIMSON uses a 10-gigabit Ethernet connection to quickly send and receive data. The CRIMSON uses a 10GBASE-R PHY that interfaces with the SFP+ port using a single, 10.3125Gbps serial lane and a scrambled 64B/66B coding scheme. It is very important to ensure that network devices or interfaces intended to be used to connect to CRIMSON support 10GBASE-R. The 10GBASE-R family includes 10GBASE-KR, 10GBASE-SR, 10GBASE-LR, and 10GBASE-ER interfaces.

Note that Crimson also requires active cabling: using passive, direct connect, SFP+ cables is not supported. We recommend using active optical cabling (AOC) with integrated SFP+ transceivers. Alternatively, you may also choose to use a fibre cable and a compatible 10GBASE-R SFP+ optical transceiver module.

If you have any questions or concerns about NIC card requirements, please do not hesitate to contact us!

### *Mechanical*

CRIMSON conforms to a 1U form factor and 19-inch+ rack. A mechanical drawing is included in the Appendix.

There is a significant difference between a 10GBASE-X interface (4 serial lanes specified to 3.125Gbps using 8b/10b coding), and the 10GBASE-R interface (1 serial lanes specified to 10.3125Gbps using 64b/66b coding) that CRIMSON uses. Although both standards may expose the same mechanical SFP+ interface (and thereby allowing you to mechanically connect the two interfaces) the standards are fundamentally incompatible. Connecting Crimson (10GBASE-R) to a network card that only supports 10GBASE-X or 10GBASE-T will not work.

### *RF Chain*

Simulated RF chain performance, based on component specifications, yield the simulated performance indicated in table 3 on page 16.

As both the receive and transmission chains use variable stages the figures were calculated using midpoint references for attenuation and gain stages - with proper tuning and calibration, you should expect better values. More information on the specific RF chain used may be found in the System Architecture chapter on page 17.

Specification	min	nom	max	units
Temperature				
Operating Temperature		60		C
Common Radio				
RF Tuning (HMC833)	25		6000	MHz
Dyn. Range	10		70	dB
SFDR			65	dB
Receive Radio				
RF Input Power		-20		dBm
Noise Figure	3.5		11	dB
Power Gain	Low	-4.5		65
	High	-15		55
Group Delay (Radio Chain)	Low		13.7	ns
	High		16	ns
ADC (Receive Converter)				
Independent Channels		4		-
ADC resolution		16		bits
ADC Sample Rate		322.265625		MSPS
Rx Sampling Bandwidth		322.265625		MHz
Latency (input to serial)		50		ns
Receive DSP and FPGA Specifications (Default firmware)				
Decimation ( $\frac{f_s}{n}$ )	1		256	-
Latency (FPGA DSP)	102		180	ns
Transmit Radio				
Transmit Power	Low	-10		20
	High			
Group Delay (radio chain)	Low		4.3	ns
	High		8.9	ns
DAC (Transmit Converter)				
Tx Output Bandwidth		322.265625		MHz
DAC resolution		16		bits
DAC Sample Rate		322.265625		MSPS
Latency (serial to output)	50	655	804	ns
Transmit DSP and FPGA Specifications				
Interpolation ( $n \cdot f_s$ )	1		256	-
Latency (FPGA DSP)	96		174	ns
Digital				
FPGA - Arria V ST SOC	5ASTMD3E3F31			-
On Board Processor Core	ARM Cortex-A9 MP			
LPDDR2 RAM	4			Gb
NAND Flash (x8)	4			Gb
Networking				
10GBASE-R, Full Duplex	each		8	Gbps
Default IP, SFP+ Port A		10.10.10.2		-
Default IP, SFP+ Port B		10.10.11.2		-
Internal Reference (10 MHz)				
Frequency Calibration	-5		5	ppb

Table 2: Observed Performance. These specifications reference observations taken during internal use and development. Calibration Measurements relative to 20°C

Specification	Value	units
Input Parameters		
Input Power	-55	dBm
Frequency	2000	MHz
Analysis B/W	150	MHz

Specification	Value	units
Rx Chain Analysis		
SFDR	40-55	dB
IMD	-69	dB
IIP <sub>3</sub>	-23.5	dB
SNR	33.8	dB
Rx Sensitivity	-85	dBm
Input P <sub>1</sub> dB	-43	dBm
Tx Chain Analysis		
Power Gain		dB
SFDR		dB

Table 3: These specifications are intended to serve as a broad guide, with variable gain and attenuation stages set at mid-points. As variable stages are adjusted, performance generally improves.



# System Architecture

## Overview

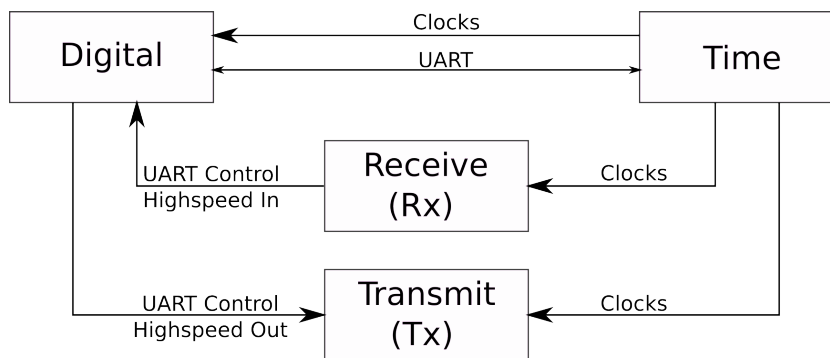


Figure 1: Overall system block diagram.

CRIMSON uses a highly modular design consisting of four boards, each connected using shielded, high speed cabling, to support its operation (Figure 1). The digital board provides an interface to the control and configures the receive, transmit, and time boards, along with high speed connections to the receive (Rx) and transmit (Tx) boards. Clock distribution extends from the Time board, which provides a very clean and stable clock distribution network. The default receive and transmit boards each comprise of four fully independent channels.

## Digital board

The CRIMSON digital board provides the digital processing that powers the CRIMSON transceiver. It consists of an Altera Arria V ST SOC FPGA, which includes an ARM Cortex-A9 processor on the FPGA, and an Atmel ATxMega Microcontroller (Figure 2 on the next page). The HPS portion of the board hosts the web server by which we can configure CRIMSON, along with an Atmel ATxmega256A3 microcontroller, which is used to communicate with the Rx, Tx, and time module. A separate, high speed, link allows serial data to be

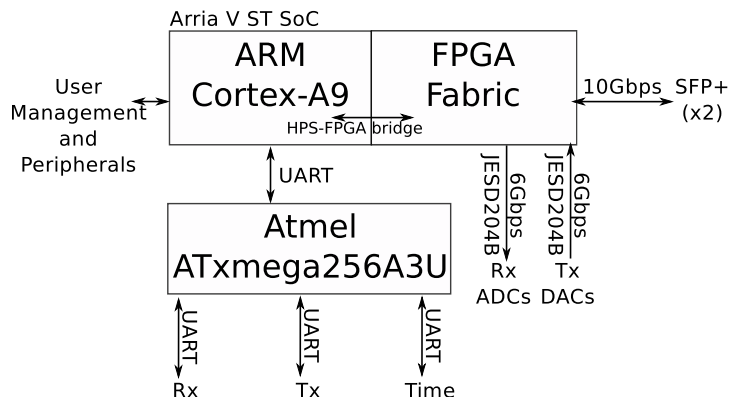


Figure 2: Digital board system block diagram.

shared between the Rx and Tx boards and directly with the FPGA fabric, along with the 10Gbps interface (accessed using the SFP+ ports on the front of the device). Other peripherals, including USB devices, are accessed through the HPS portion of the FPGA.

### Time Board

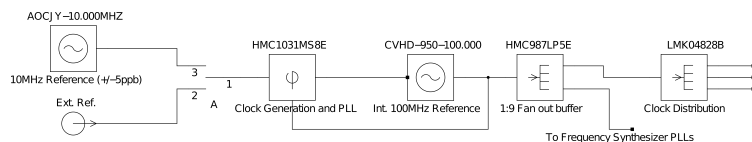


Figure 3: Time Board Architecture

Clock distribution on the CRIMSON transceiver is fairly robust (See Figure 3). Our internal reference source is an oven-controlled crystal oscillator (OCXO) that provides a very stable (5ppb) and accurate 10MHz signal. The reference clock is used as an input to the HMC1031MS8 Clock Generator with integer-N PLL to lock our external, ultra-low phase noise Crystec CVHD-950-100.000 100MHz TCXO to the long term stability of our OCXO. This improves output clock jitter and phase noise while preserving the stability and accuracy of our 10MHz reference - ultimately leading to superior frequency stability, data convertor signal-to-noise ratio (SNR), and digital PHY bit-error rates (BER).

This stable 100MHz output is fed through a 1:9 fan out buffer, whose primary output drives a Texas Instruments LMK04828B Clock Distribution chip. The remaining outputs are fed to the frequency synthesizers on the Rx and Tx boards, as well as providing clean, 100MHz clocks for the digital board.

The outputs of the LMK04828 are used to generate the JESD204B device and system clocks required to ensure deterministic latency (subclass 1).

### Receive Board Radio Chain

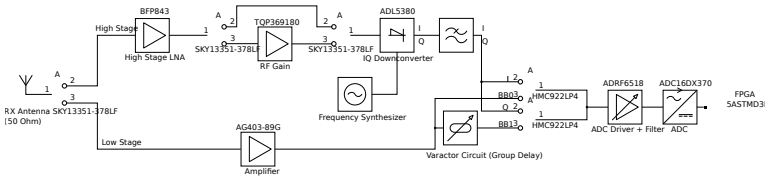


Figure 4: Rx Board RF Channel

The CRIMSON receive board consists of a radio front end terminating with the Texas Instruments dual channel ADC16DX370 analog-to-digital converter, as shown in Figure 4. This architecture is duplicated four times, once for each channel.

### Transmit Board Radio Chain

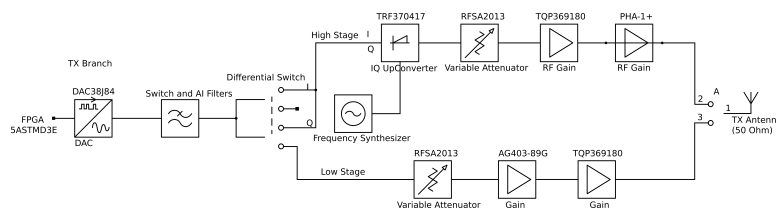


Figure 5: Tx Board RF Channel

The CRIMSON transmit board consists of a radio front end originating with the Texas Instruments quad channel DAC38J84 digital-to-analog converter, as shown in Figure 5. The radio front end is duplicated four times, but with channels A and B connecting to one DAC, and channels C and D connecting to another DAC.



# *Installation*

Installation comprises of two parts; physically installing the unit (attaching antennas, cables, power), configuring the network on your host computer, and building and installing the Per Vices libUHD library.

## *Physical Installation*

Physical installation comprises of three steps;

1. Attaching the antennas to the Transmit and Receive ports labeled RXA - RXD for the receive and TXA - TXD for the transmit.
2. Physically connecting an RJ-45 cable from the Management port on CRIMSON to the client computer, and then connecting the 10GBASE-R cables to the host computer.
3. Connecting the power plug of the CRIMSON unit, and turning on the unit.

## *Default Crimson Network Configuration*

CRIMSON boasts three network ports. The Management port is used to configure the device, while data is sent over the two SFP+ ports. Each SFP+ data port is connected to a specific antenna port. The default configuration has data on channels A and C sent over SFP+ A, and channels B and D sent over SFP+ B, as illustrated in Figure 6 on the next page. The default network values are listed in Table 4 on the following page, while the default recommended client networking configuration is on Table 5 on the next page.

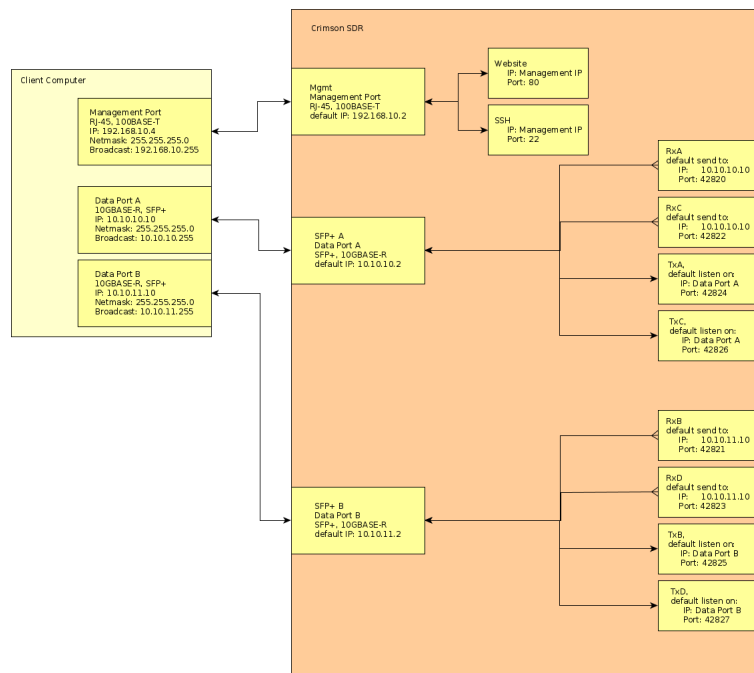


Figure 6: Default networking set up for CRIMSON. The destination IP addresses for receive ports may be modified using the web GUI. The default configuration sees information from Rx A sent to the destination IP address of 10.10.10.

	SFP+ Interface		Management
	Port A	Port B	Mgmt
CRIMSON IP Address	10.10.10.2	10.10.11.2	192.168.10.2
Radio Channels	A C	B D	-
Destination IP (Rx)	10.10.10.10	10.10.11.10	-
Rx UDP Ports	42820, 42822	42821, 42823	-
Source IP (Tx)	any	any	-
Tx UDP Ports	42824, 42826	42825, 42827	-

Table 4: Default CRIMSON Interface Addresses, including UDP destination ports for SFP+ headers.

	SFP+ Interface		Management
	Port A	Port B	Mgmt
Host Address	10.10.10.10	10.10.11.10	192.168.10.4
Net Mask	255.255.255.0	255.255.255.0	255.255.255.0
Broadcast	10.10.10.255	10.10.11.255	192.168.10.255
MTU	9000	9000	1500

Table 5: Host computer network configuration used in Figure <>, and used in default configuration.

## Configuring Your IP Address to access the Management Site

In order to access the web interface, you shall need to configure your IP address to share the same sub net (setting your machine to an IP of 192.168.10.4, and net mask of 255.255.255.0 should work), and then type the IP address into the browser; 192.168.10.2. This should bring up the default connection screen for CRIMSON (shown in Figure 7).



Figure 7: Home page of CRIMSON Web UI, accessible through connection to the management port.

You can reconfigure the IP address, and host name, by clicking on the «Debug» tab of the home page.

You can also SSH into CRIMSON with user name root and by default there is no password set up.

### Arch Linux

You can assign a static IP address in the console:

```
# ip addr add XXX.XXX.XXX.XXX/YY broadcast ZZZ.ZZZ.ZZZ.ZZZ
dev interface
```

For example:

```
# ip addr add 192.168.10.3 broadcast 192.168.10.255 dev eth0
```

### Debian/Ubuntu/Kubuntu

Log in as root and open a terminal

Make a backup of your /etc/network/interfaces file by typing the following in the console:

```
cp /etc/network/interfaces /etc/network/interfaces.backup
```

Then open vi by typing:

```
vi /etc/network/interfaces
```

Press «i» to enter into insert (editing) mode, and scroll down until you find your network interface card in the file. This usually starts with ethX for a wired network card (wireless cards generally start with wlanX or wifiX). This line generally holds a default value of «**dhcp**», which you need to replace with «**static**», after which you add the appropriate address, netmask, and network parameters. See table 6 for a specific example that illustrates the change that needs to be made. Once you have made the appropriate change, you can type «:wq» from within vi to save (write) your changes to the file and exit.

After making your changes, you may need to cycle your internet adapter. You may do this by typing the following command:

```
ifdown etho; ifup etho
```

Note: if you are remotely logged into the machine, it's possible this may bring down the network adapter you are using - therefore, ensure you have correctly identified your adapter prior to making this change.

Old	<...> iface etho inet dhcp <...>
New	<...> iface etho inet static address 192.168.10.3 netmask 255.255.255.0 network 192.168.10.3 <...>

Table 6: Sample line replacement within /etc/network/interfaces

### *Windows (generic)*

The following describes the generic method of changing your IP address using a Windows machine.

- Go to Control Panel
- View Network Connections
- Right click on Local Area Connection and click on Properties
- Under the Networking tab select Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4) and click on Properties
- Select «Use the following IP address»
- Populate the IP address and subnet mask as described above
- Click OK

### *Configuring Your Data SFP+ IP Addresses*

Assuming that the 10GBASE-R network card has already been installed into your host computer, the following instructions will guide you in properly configuring the SFP+ ports. From here, we will assume that the SFP+ port A is named XXXNXY. The IP address for this port will need to be configured to 10.10.10.10.



*Arch Linux*

You can assign a static IP address in the console:

```
# ip addr add XXX.XXX.XXX.XXX/YY broadcast ZZZ.ZZZ.ZZZ.ZZZ
dev interface
```

For example, referencing Table 5 on page 22;

```
# ip addr add 10.10.10.10/24 broadcast 255.255.255.0 dev XXXNXY
```

Type «**ip addr show**» into the console and the following output should appear to indicate that the link is up:

```
5: XXXNXY: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 9000
qdisc mq state UP group default qlen 1000 link/ether NN:NN:NN:NN:NN:NN
brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
```

You can now ping the SFP+ Port A address 10.10.10.2 to ensure proper operation by typing the following into the console:

```
# ping -I XXXNXY 10.10.10.2
PING 10.10.10.2 (10.10.10.2) from 10.10.10.10 XXXNXY: 56(84) bytes of
data.
64 bytes from 10.10.10.2: icmp_seq=1 ttl=5 time=0.922 ms
64 bytes from 10.10.10.2: icmp_seq=2 ttl=5 time=1.03 ms
...
```

In the event that 10.10.10.2 is not responding, you can type the following command into the console to check which IP address the port is linked to (shown as XX.XX.XX.XX):

```
# ping -I XXXNXY -b 255.255.255.255
WARNING: pinging broadcast address
PING 255.255.255.255 (255.255.255.255) from 10.10.10.10 XXXNXY:
56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from XX.XX.XX.XX: icmp_seq=1 ttl=5 time=0.759 ms
64 bytes from XX.XX.XX.XX: icmp_seq=2 ttl=5 time=0.846 ms
...
```

To configure SFP+ Port B, repeat the above instructions but replace IP addresses as shown in Table 5 on page 22.

*Debian/Ubuntu/Kubuntu*

Log in as root and open a terminal

Make a backup of your /etc/network/interfaces file by typing the following in the console:

```
cp /etc/network/interfaces /etc/network/interfaces.backup
```

Then open vi by typing:

```
vi /etc/network/interfaces
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Press «i» to enter into insert (editing) mode, and scroll down until you find your network interface card in the file. This line generally holds a default value of «**dhcp**», which you need to replace with «**static**», after which you add the appropriate address, netmask, and network parameters. See table 7 for a specific example that illustrates the change that needs to be made. Once you have made the appropriate change, you can type «:wq» from within vi to save (write) your changes to the file and exit.

After making your changes, you may need to cycle your internet adapter. You may do this by typing the following command:

```
ifdown XXXNXY; ifup XXXNXY
```

Note: if you are remotely logged into the machine, it's possible this may bring down the network adapter you are using - therefore, ensure you have correctly identified your adapter prior to making this change.

Old	<...> iface XXXNXY inet dhcp <...>
New	<...> iface XXXNXY inet static address 10.10.10.10 netmask 255.255.255.0 network 10.10.10.10 <...>

Table 7: Sample line replacement within /etc/network/interfaces

To configure SFP+ Port B, repeat the above instructions but replace IP addresses as shown in 5 on page 22.

### *Windows (generic)*

Please refer to the previous Windows (generic) IP address configuration section.

### *Building the UHD Drivers*

To fully realize the potential of Crimson, you'll need to build and install the UHD drivers. To do this, you will have compile the Per Vices libUHD sources.

### *Obtaining the Per Vices UHD Sources*

You may easily download the Per Vices UHD sources from github. From the command line;

```
$ git clone https://github.com/pervices/uhd.git
```

*Download the dependencies*

Once you have downloaded the Per Vices UHD repository, you may want to confirm that you have all the dependencies required. Detailed instructions, including the dependencies are available here;

[http://files.ettus.com/manual/page\\_build\\_guide.html](http://files.ettus.com/manual/page_build_guide.html)

Note: In order to use Crimson with UHD, you must download the Per Vices UHD version, as it contains all the required modifications needed to support the Per Vices drivers.

*Quick Install Instructions*

We really recommend that you carefully read the UHD build instructions. But if you're impatient, feeling lucky, and confident that you have all the dependencies, here's what you should be able to do;

```
#download the dependencies
$ git clone https://github.com/pervices/uhd.git
#enter the host directory
cd <uhd-repository-directory>/host
mkdir build
cd build
#run cmake with the appropriate compile flags
cmake .. -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=/usr/ \
-DPYTHON_EXECUTABLE=/usr/bin/python2 \
-DENABLE_EXAMPLES=OFF \
-DENABLE_UTILS=ON \
-DENABLE_TESTS=OFF \
-DENABLE_E100=ON
make -j4
make install
```



## *Use and Operation*

This device is designed to be used and configured over a dedicated management port. The primary user interface can either be the a web UI, or you may directly configure the device over SSH.

### *Web UI*

You may access the web interface by typing the IP address of the device in your browser. This directs you to a SCADA-like interface where you can easily visualize and configure the radio chain and DSP carried out on the device.

### *SSH and Command Line*

You may also access and configure the device over SSH using command line parameters. This is primarily done using two programs; «uart-app» and «mem». The uart-app programs allow you to send commands over the UART bus to radio peripherals (like ADCs, DACs, or Amplifiers), and the mem application allows you to read and write to the memory space shared between the HPS and the FPGA.

### *CRIMSON uart-app*

CRIMSON uses a number of MCUs, located on the Rx, Tx, Synthesizer, and Digital boards, to communicate and interface with various peripheral devices. This is done through a UART bus between the ARM Hard Processor System on the FPGA and the Atmel MCU on the digital board. The digital board has three other UART busses and forwards or processes requests through to the Rx, Tx, and Synthesizer board. You can directly poll and send commands to the MCU through the uart-app utility.

For example, to return a list of available commands on the synthesizer board, you might type;

```
#uart-app "help -v"
```

Board: DIG

Usage: [cmd] [-|-][arg1] [-|-][arg2]...

Commands:

*fpga* Commands for controlling the FPGA.

[r|rst] Resets the FPGA through the reset pin.

*dsp* Configure the DSP features (FPGA/SW).

[c|chan] Specify which channel a,b,c,d OR bit mask. MUST specify first.

[s|stage] Enable the interpolator/decimator stage (1 - 5). SHOULD specify second.

[h|chain] Specify which chain ADC(1), DAC(0). SHOULD specify third.

[e|en] Enable(1) disable(0) the stage.

[f|freq] Specify the frequency of the NCO.

*fwd* Forward messages to the other boards.

[b|board] Forward to RX(0), TX(1), SYNTH(2), echo(3).

[m|msg] Forward message, max 25 chars.

*switch* Switches the UART communication to another board.

[t|tx] Switches to the TX board.

[r|rx] Switches to the RX board.

[s|synth] Switches to the Synth board.

*jesd* Executes any JESD required commands.

[s|sync] Re-sync all of the boards' sysref syncs.

*status* Provides the status of the board.

[f|fpga] Reads the status of the FPGA.

[e|eth] Reads the status of the 10G ethernet PHY.

[r|ret] Reads the return value of the last function that was called.

[p|pwr] Reads the current enabled power rails and pgood status.

[i|i2c] Reads the status byte for the i2c register.

*test* Executes test vectors.

[f|fpga] Runs specified test vector of the FPGA.

*[e|eth]* Runs specified test vector of the 10G ethernet PHY.

*board* Controls the board level functions. Sequential exec of arguments.

*[i|init]* Rewrite all regs for entire board.

*[d|demo]* Turn on outputs (per channel).

*[e|diag]* Runs diagnostic on peripheral (per channel). Should print all registers.

*[m|mute]* Turn off outputs (per channel).

*[r|reset]* Power cycle peripherals and runs board init (per channel).

*[k|kill]* Turn off peripherals. *[p|panic]* Turns everything off.

*[v|version]* Prints out the software and hardware version.

*[l|led]* Blinks the LED a specified number of times.

*[t|temp]* Provides the temperature (0-1).

*[a|ram]* Provides the amount of RAM left (bytes).

*boot* Bootloader options.

*[e|enter]* Enter the boot loader.

*exit* Doesn't do anything, place holder.

*[-|-]* No argument necessary.

*help* Prints out the help menu for the board.

*[v|verbose]* Prints out in verbose mode. 1 to enable.

Switching to a different board, and typing the "help -v" operator provides you with board specific commands and configuration utilities for the respective peripherals.

## CRIMSON *mem*

If you choose to directly interface with the device over SSH, the *mem* tool is a helpful utility that allows you to read and write registers from the command line. The *mem* tool supports the following options:

```
mem [mr|mw|md|rr|rw|rd|rl] [address|reg_name|verbosity]
[value|length]
```

Where,

*mr* memory read

*mw* memory write

*md* memory

*rr* raw read

*rw* raw write

*rd* read double

*rl* read long

*address* the memory address in question

*reg\_name* the register memomic (as defined in the Crimson Register Map).

*value* hex value to write

*length* length (in bytes) of a read



# Crimson Device Data Format

Crimson uses complex, signed, 32-bit integers to communicate data over the SFP+ ports.

## Data Format

Data are transmitted in IQ pairs. Each IQ pair is 32 bits, with the I and Q components represented by two 16 bit signed integers. The specific format is represented in Table 8. To read this data inside GNU radio, you can use a flow chart similar to that shown in Figure 8.

Bit Position	31:24	23:16	15:8	7:0
Representation	Re[7:0]	Re[15:8]	Im[7:0]	Im[15:8]

Table 8: Data structure

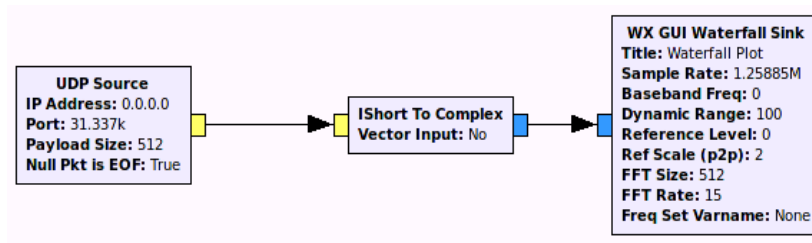


Figure 8: Sample gnuradio data sink, visualizing waterfall data.



# CRIMSON *Register Map*

The following pages detail the CRIMSON registermap. This is used to configure various parameters on the FPGA, and includes 10Gbps backhaul, and JESD204B parameters between the FPGA and converter devices.



sys0 (0x0000) - System Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
sys0	0x0000	31:4	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		3:0	opr_mode	Operation mode of the system: 0000: Normal Operation 0001: Loopback. This mode will route RXn->TXn bypassing DSP engine 0010: Reserved ... 1110: Reserved 1111: Set System Reset (Enable system reset)	0x0	RW

sys1 (0x0010) - System Register, Default: 0xffff003f						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
sys1	0x0010	31:16	rx_rdy	Displays the status of the transceiver reset controller. Bits are asserted when respective transceiver is out of reset and ready to receive data: 31:24 = TX7..TX0 23:16 = RX7..RX0	0xffff	RO
		15:7	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RO
		6	rst_ctr1_busy	Busy signal for System Reset controller. Asserted while reset sequence is in progress, and deasserted once reset sequence complete.	0x0	RO
		5	jesd_pll_lock_l	PLL lock status for the left transceiver bank. Asserted when PLL is locked.	0x1	RO
		4	jesd_pll_lock_r	PLL lock status for the right transceiver bank. Asserted when PLL is locked.	0x1	RO
3:0	rx_alldv_aliigned	Indicates that all lanes for this device are aligned: bit 0 = ADC A is aligned bit 1 = ADC B is aligned bit 2 = ADC C is aligned bit 3 = ADC D is aligned			0xf	RO

sys2 (0x0020) - System Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
sys2	0x0020	31:4	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		3:0	pack_mode	Specifies the data packing order for SFP+. Each data packet will consist of 64'b which is equivalent to four 16'b samples. The supported modes are: 0000: Reserved 0001: [A0A1A2A3] 0010: [B0B1 B2 B3] 0011: [A0B0A1B 1] 0100: [C0C 1C2C3] 0101: [A0C0A1C1] 0110: [B0C0B 1C 1] 0111: Reserved 1000: [D0D1D2D3 ] 1001: [A0D0 A1 D1] 1010: [B0D0 B1D1] 1011: Reserved 1100: [C0D0C 1 D1] 1101: Reserved ... 1110: Reserved 1111: [A0B0C 0D0]	0x0	RW

net0 (0x0200) - SFP+ A Register, Default: 0x05780002						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net0	0x0200	31:16	pl_size	Payload size for SFPA.	0x0578	RW
		15:3	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		2	sel	IP Protocol 0: IPv4 1: IPv6	0x0	RW
		1	crs_en	CRC Enable 0: Disable 1: Enable	0x1	RW
		0	rst	Active HIGH Reset. SFPa block will be placed in reset.	0x0	RW

net1 (0x0210) - SFP+ A Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net1	0x0210	31:0	ipv6_src_ip_uu	Most significant 32'b of IPv6 Crimson address.	0x0	RW

net2 (0x0220) - SFP+ A Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net2	0x0220	31:0	ipv6_src_ip_ul	2nd most significant 32'b of IPv6 Crimson address.	0x0	RW

net3 (0x0230) - SFP+ A Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net3	0x0230	31:0	ipv6_src_ip_lu	2nd least significant 32'b of IPv6 Crimson address.	0x0	RW

net4 (0x0240) - SFP+ A Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net4	0x0240	31:0	ipv6_src_ip_ll	Least significant 32'b of IPv6 Crimson address.	0x0	RW

net5 (0x0250) - SFP+ A Register, Default: 0x0a0a0a02						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net5	0x0250	31:0	ipv4_src_ip	IPv4 Crimson address.	0x0a0a0a02	RW

net6 (0x0260) - SFP+ A Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net6	0x0260	31:0	ipv6_dest_ip_uu	Most significant 32'b of IPv6 destination address. (Deprecated)	0x0	RW

net7 (0x0270) - SFP+ A Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net7	0x0270	31:0	ipv6_dest_ip_ul	2nd most significant 32'b of IPv6 destination address. (Deprecated)	0x0	RW

net8 (0x0280) - SFP+ A Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net8	0x0280	31:0	ipv6_dest_ip_lu	2nd least significant 32'b of IPv6 destination address. (Deprecated)	0x0	RW

net9 (0x0290) - SFP+ A Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net9	0x0290	31:0	ipv6_dest_ip_ll	Least significant 32'b of IPv6 destination address. (Deprecated)	0x0	RW

net10 (0x02a0) - SFP+ A Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net10	0x02a0	31:0	ipv4_dest_ip	IPv4 destination address. (Deprecated)	0x0	RW

net11 (0x02b0) - SFP+ A Register, Default: 0x0000aa00						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net11	0x02b0	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	mac_addr_u	Most significant 16'b of Crimson MAC address	0xaa00	RW

net12 (0x02c0) - SFP+ A Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net12	0x02c0	31:0	mac_addr_l	Lower 32'b of Crimson MAC address	0x00000000	RW

net13 (0x02d0) - SFP+ A Register, Default: 0x00007a69						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net13	0x02d0	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	src_port	UDP source port	0x7a69	RW

net14 (0x02e0) - SFP+ A Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net14	0x02e0	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	dest_port	UDP destination port (Deprecated)	0x0	RW

net15 (0x02f0) – SFP+ B Register, Default: 0x05780002						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net15	0x02f0	31:16	pl_size	Payload size for SFPB.	0x0578	RW
		15:3	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		2	sel	IP Protocol 0: IPv4 1: IPv6	0x0	RW
		1	crc_en	CRC Enable 0: Disable 1: Enable	0x1	RW
		0	rst	Active HIGH Reset. SFPB block will be placed in reset.	0x0	RW

net16 (0x300) – SFP+ B Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net16	0x300	31:0	ipv6_src_ip_uu	Most significant 32'b of IPv6 Crimson address.	0x0	RW

net17 (0x310) – SFP+ B Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net17	0x310	31:0	ipv6_src_ip_ul	2nd most significant 32'b of IPv6 Crimson address.	0x0	RW

net18 (0x320) – SFP+ B Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net18	0x320	31:0	ipv6_src_ip_lu	2nd least significant 32'b of IPv6 Crimson address.	0x0	RW

net19 (0x330) – SFP+ B Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net19	0x330	31:0	ipv6_src_ip_ll	Least significant 32'b of IPv6 Crimson address.	0x0	RW

net20 (0x340) – SFP+ B Register, Default: 0x0a0a0b02						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net20	0x340	31:0	ipv4_src_ip	IPv4 Crimson address.	0x0a0a0b02	RW

net21 (0x350) – SFP+ B Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net21	0x350	31:0	ipv6_dest_ip_uu	Most significant 32'b of IPv6 destination address. (Deprecated)	0x0	RW

net22 (0x360) – SFP+ B Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net22	0x360	31:0	ipv6_dest_ip_ul	2nd most significant 32'b of IPv6 destination address. (Deprecated)	0x0	RW

net23 (0x370) – SFP+ B Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net23	0x370	31:0	ipv6_dest_ip_lu	2nd least significant 32'b of IPv6 destination address. (Deprecated)	0x0	RW

net24 (0x380) – SFP+ B Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net24	0x380	31:0	ipv6_dest_ip_ll	Least significant 32'b of IPv6 destination address. (Deprecated)	0x0	RW

net25 (0x390) – SFP+ B Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net25	0x390	31:0	ipv4_dest_ip	IPv4 destination address. (Deprecated)	0x0	RW

net26 (0x3a0) – SFP+ B Register, Default: 0x0000aa00						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net26	0x3a0	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	mac_addr_u	Most significant 16'b of Crimson MAC address	0xaa00	RW

net27 (0x3b0) – SFP+ B Register, Default: 0x00000001						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net27	0x3b0	31:0	mac_addr_l	Lower 32'b of Crimson MAC address	0x00000001	RW

net28 (0x3c0) – SFP+ B Register, Default: 0x00007a6a						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net28	0x3c0	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	src_port	UDP source port	0x7a6a	RW

net29 (0x3d0) – SFP+ B Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
net29	0x3d0	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	dest_port	UDP destination port (Deprecated)	0x0	RW

<b>rx0 (0x0400) – Rx Chain A Register, Default: 0x00000000</b>						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rx0	0x0400	31:0	phase_word	Phase increment for the NCO.	0x0	RW

<b>rx1 (0x0410) – Rx Chain A Register, Default: 0x000000ff</b>						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rx1	0x0410	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	decimation	DSP decimation by a factor of up to 256.	0xff	RW

<b>rx2 (0x0420) – Rx Chain A Register, Default: 0x00000000</b>						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rx2	0x0420	31:0	iq_amp	IQ amplitude for the input signal.	0x0	RW

<b>rx3 (0x0430) – Rx Chain A Register, Default: 0x00000000</b>						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rx3	0x0430	31:0	iq_phase	IQ phase for the input signal.	0x0	RW

<b>rx4 (0x0440) – Rx Chain A Register, Default: 0x00000000</b>						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rx4	0x0440	31:14	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		13	revphase	Reverse the phase. Active HIGH signal.	0x0	RW
		12:9	dest_sink	Specifies the destination sink for the data for RX Channel: 000: SFPA 0001: SFPB 0010: Loopback (redirects data to TX channel) 0011: Reserved ... 1111: Reserved	0x0	RW
		8	enable	Enables RX Channel	0x0	RW
		7:5	rx_mode	Determines bandwidth of the output signals: 000: High band 001: Base band 010: Reserved ... 111: Reserved	0x0	RW
		4	signd	Determines the signedness of the output: 0: Signed 1: Unsigned	0x0	RW
		3	conv	Determines the conversion of the block: 0: Down conversion 1: Up conversion	0x0	RW
		2	end	Determines the endianness of the output data: 0: Big Endian 1: Little Endian	0x0	RW
		1	rst_dsp	Active HIGH reset. When asserted, the RXA_DSP block will be in reset.	0x0	RW
		0	rst_pkr	Active HIGH reset. When asserted, the RXA_DSP data packer block will be in reset.	0x0	RW

<b>rx5 (0x0450) – Rx Chain A Register, Default: 0x0a0a0a0a</b>						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rx5	0x0450	31:0	ipv4_dest_ip	IPv4 destination address.	0x0a0a0a0a	RW

<b>rx6 (0x0460) – Rx Chain A Register, Default: 0x0000ffff</b>						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rx6	0x0460	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	mac_addr_u	Most significant 16'b of destination MAC address	0xffff	RW

<b>rx7 (0x0470) – Rx Chain A Register, Default: 0xfffffff</b>						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rx7	0x0470	31:0	mac_addr_l	Lower 32'b of destination MAC address	0xfffffff	RW

<b>rx8 (0x0480) – Rx Chain A Register, Default: 0x0000a744</b>						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rx8	0x0480	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	port	Destination UDP port for data streaming.	0xa744	RW

rxb0 (0x0500) – Rx Chain B Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxb0	0x0500	31:0	phase_word	Phase increment for the NCO.	0x0	RW

rxb1 (0x0510) – Rx Chain B Register, Default: 0x000000ff						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxb1	0x0510	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	decimation	DSP decimation by a factor of up to 256.	0xff	RW

rxb2 (0x0520) – Rx Chain B Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxb2	0x0520	31:0	iq_amp	IQ amplitude for the input signal.	0x0	RW

rxb3 (0x0530) – Rx Chain B Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxb3	0x0530	31:0	iq_phase	IQ phase for the input signal.	0x0	RW

rxb4 (0x0540) – Rx Chain B Register, Default: 0x00000200						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxb4	0x0540	31:14	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		13	revphase	Reverse the phase. Active HIGH signal.	0x0	RW
		12:9	dest_sink	Specifies the destination sink for the data for RX Channel: 0000: SFPA 0001: SFPB 0010: Loopback (redirects data to TX channel) 0011: Reserved ... 1111: Reserved	0x1	RW
		8	enable	Enables RX Channel	0x0	RW
		7:5	rx_mode	Determines bandwidth of the output signals: 000: High band 001: Base band 010: Reserved ... 111: Reserved	0x0	RW
		4	signd	Determines the signedness of the output: 0: Signed 1: Unsigned	0x0	RW
		3	conv	Determines the conversion of the block: 0: Down conversion 1: Up conversion	0x0	RW
		2	end	Determines the endianness of the output data: 0: Big Endian 1: Little Endian	0x0	RW
		1	rst_dsp	Active HIGH reset. When asserted, the RXB_DSP block will be in reset.	0x0	RW
		0	rst_pkr	Active HIGH reset. When asserted, the RXB_DSP data packer block will be in reset.	0x0	RW

rxb5 (0x0550) – Rx Chain B Register, Default: 0x0a0a0b0a						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxb5	0x0550	31:0	ipv4_dest_ip	IPv4 destination address.	0x0a0a0b0a	RW

rxb6 (0x0560) – Rx Chain B Register, Default: 0x0000ffff						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxb6	0x0560	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	mac_addr_u	Most significant 16'b of destination MAC address	0xffff	RW

rxb7 (0x0570) – Rx Chain B Register, Default: 0xffffffff						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxb7	0x0570	31:0	mac_addr_l	Lower 32'b of destination MAC address	0xffffffff	RW

rxb8 (0x0580) – Rx Chain B Register, Default: 0x0000a745						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxb8	0x0580	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	port	Destination UDP port for data streaming.	0xa745	RW



rxc0 (0x0600) – Rx Chain C Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxc0	0x0600	31:0	phase_word	Phase increment for the NCO.	0x0	RW

rxc1 (0x0610) – Rx Chain C Register, Default: 0x000000ff						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxc1	0x0610	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	decimation	DSP decimation by a factor of up to 256.	0xff	RW

rxc2 (0x0620) – Rx Chain C Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxc2	0x0620	31:0	iq_amp	IQ amplitude for the input signal.	0x0	RW

rxc3 (0x0630) – Rx Chain C Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxc3	0x0630	31:0	iq_phase	IQ phase for the input signal.	0x0	RW

rxc4 (0x0640) – Rx Chain C Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxc4	0x0640	31:14	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		13	revphase	Reverse the phase. Active HIGH signal.	0x0	RW
		12:9	dest_sink	Specifies the destination sink for the data for RX Channel: 0000: SFPA 0001: SFPA 0010: Loopback (redirects data to TX channel) 0011: Reserved ... 1111: Reserved	0x0	RW
		8	enable	Enables RX Channel	0x0	RW
		7:5	rx_mode	Determines bandwidth of the output signals: 000: High band 001: Base band 010: Reserved ... 111: Reserved	0x0	RW
		4	signd	Determines the signedness of the output: 0: Signed 1: Unsigned	0x0	RW
		3	conv	Determines the conversion of the block: 0: Down conversion 1: Up conversion	0x0	RW
		2	end	Determines the endianness of the output data: 0: Big Endian 1: Little Endian	0x0	RW
		1	rst_dsp	Active HIGH reset. When asserted, the RXC_DSP block will be in reset.	0x0	RW
		0	rst_pkr	Active HIGH reset. When asserted, the RXC_DSP data packer block will be in reset.	0x0	RW

rxc5 (0x0650) – Rx Chain C Register, Default: 0x0a0a0a0a						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxc5	0x0650	31:0	ipv4_dest_ip	IPv4 destination address.	0x0a0a0a0a	RW

rxc6 (0x0660) – Rx Chain C Register, Default: 0x0000ffff						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxc6	0x0660	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	mac_addr_u	Most significant 16'b of destination MAC address	0xffff	RW

rxc7 (0x0670) – Rx Chain C Register, Default: 0xffffffff						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxc7	0x0670	31:0	mac_addr_l	Lower 32'b of destination MAC address	0xffffffff	RW

rxc8 (0x0680) – Rx Chain C Register, Default: 0x0000a746						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxc8	0x0680	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	port	Destination UDP port for data streaming.	0xa746	RW

rxd0 (0x0700) – Rx Chain D Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxd0	0x0700	31:0	phase_word	Phase increment for the NCO.	0x0	RW

rxd1 (0x0710) – Rx Chain D Register, Default: 0x000000ff						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxd1	0x0710	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	decimation	DSP decimation by a factor of up to 256.	0xff	RW

rxd2 (0x0720) – Rx Chain D Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxd2	0x0720	31:0	iq_amp	IQ amplitude for the input signal.	0x0	RW

rxd3 (0x0730) – Rx Chain D Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxd3	0x0730	31:0	iq_phase	IQ phase for the input signal.	0x0	RW

rxd4 (0x0740) – Rx Chain D Register, Default: 0x00000200						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxd4	0x0740	31:14	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		13	revphase	Reverse the phase. Active HIGH signal.	0x0	RW
		12:9	dest_sink	Specifies the destination sink for the data for RX Channel: 0000: SFP A 0001: SFP B 0010: Loopback (redirects data to TX channel) 0011: Reserved ... 1111: Reserved	0x1	RW
		8	enable	Enables RX Channel	0x0	RW
		7:5	rx_mode	Determines bandwidth of the output signals: 00: High band 001: Base band 010: Reserved ... 111: Reserved	0x0	RW
		4	signd	Determines the signedness of the output: 0: Signed 1: Unsigned	0x0	RW
		3	conv	Determines the conversion of the block: 0: Down conversion 1: Up conversion	0x0	RW
		2	end	Determines the endianness of the output data: 0: Big Endian 1: Little Endian	0x0	RW
		1	rst_dsp	Active HIGH reset. When asserted, the RXD_DSP block will be in reset.	0x0	RW
		0	rst_pkr	Active HIGH reset. When asserted, the RXD_DSP data packer block will be in reset.	0x0	RW

rxd5 (0x0750) – Rx Chain D Register, Default: 0x0a0a0b0a						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxd5	0x0750	31:0	ipv4_dest_ip	IPv4 destination address.	0x0a0a0b0a	RW

rxd6 (0x0760) – Rx Chain D Register, Default: 0x0000ffff						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxd6	0x0760	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	mac_addr_u	Most significant 16'b of destination MAC address	0xffff	RW

rxd7 (0x0770) – Rx Chain D Register, Default: 0xffffffff						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxd7	0x0770	31:0	mac_addr_l	Lower 32'b of destination MAC address	0xffffffff	RW

rxd8 (0x0780) – Rx Chain D Register, Default: 0x0000a747						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rxd8	0x0780	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	port	Destination UDP port for data streaming.	0xa747	RW

**txa0 (0x0800) – TX Chain A Register, Default: 0x00000000**

Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txa0	0x0800	31:0	phase_word	Phase increment for the NCO.	0x0	RW

**txa1 (0x0810) – TX Chain A Register, Default: 0x000000ff**

Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txa1	0x0810	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	interpolation	DSP interpolation by a factor of up to 256.	0xff	RW

**txa2 (0x0820) – TX Chain A Register, Default: 0x00000000**

Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txa2	0x0820	31:0	iq_amp	IQ amplitude for the input signal.	0x0	RW

**txa3 (0x0830) – TX Chain A Register, Default: 0x00000000**

Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txa3	0x0830	31:0	iq_phase	IQ phase for the input signal.	0x0	RW

**txa4 (0x0840) – TX Chain A Register, Default: 0x00000000**

Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txa4	0x0840	31:14	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		13	revphase	Reverse the phase. Active HIGH signal.	0x0	RW
		12:9	src_sink	Specifies the source sink for the data for TX Channel: 0000: SFP 0001: SFPB 0011: Reserved ... 1111: Reserved	0x0	RW
		8	enable	Enables TX Channel	0x0	RW
		7:5	tx_mode	Determines bandwidth of the output signals: 000: High band 001: Base band 010: Reserved ... 111: Reserved	0x0	RW
		4	signd	Determines the signedness of the output: 0: Signed 1: Unsigned	0x0	RW
		3	conv	Determines the conversion of the block: 0: Down conversion 1: Up conversion	0x0	RW
		2	end	Determines the endianness of the output data: 0: Big Endian 1: Little Endian	0x0	RW
		1	rst_dsp	Active HIGH reset. When asserted, the TXA_DSP block will be in reset.	0x0	RW
		0	rst_pkr	Active HIGH reset. When asserted, the TXA_DSP data packer block will be in reset.	0x0	RW

**txa5 (0x0850) – TX Chain A Register, Default: 0x0000a748**

Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txa5	0x0850	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	port	Destination UDP port for data streaming.	0xa748	RW

**txb0 (0x0900) – TX Chain B Register, Default: 0x00000000**

Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txb0	0x0900	31:0	phase_word	Phase increment for the NCO.	0x0	RW

**txb1 (0x0910) – TX Chain B Register, Default: 0x000000ff**

Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txb1	0x0910	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	interpolation	DSP interpolation by a factor of up to 256.	0xff	RW

**txb2 (0x0920) – TX Chain B Register, Default: 0x00000000**

Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txb2	0x0920	31:0	iq_amp	IQ amplitude for the input signal.	0x0	RW

**txb3 (0x0930) – TX Chain B Register, Default: 0x00000000**

Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txb3	0x0930	31:0	iq_phase	IQ phase for the input signal.	0x0	RW

**txb4 (0x0940) – TX Chain B Register, Default: 0x00000200**

Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txb4	0x0940	31:14	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		13	revphase	Reverse the phase. Active HIGH signal.	0x0	RW
		12:9	src_sink	Specifies the source sink for the data for TX Channel: 0000: SFP 0001: SFPB 0011: Reserved ... 1111: Reserved	0x1	RW
		8	enable	Enables TX Channel	0x0	RW
		7:5	tx_mode	Determines bandwidth of the output signals: 000: High band 001: Base band 010: Reserved ... 111: Reserved	0x0	RW
		4	signd	Determines the signedness of the output: 0: Signed 1: Unsigned	0x0	RW
		3	conv	Determines the conversion of the block: 0: Down conversion 1: Up conversion	0x0	RW
		2	end	Determines the endianness of the output data: 0: Big Endian 1: Little Endian	0x0	RW
		1	rst_dsp	Active HIGH reset. When asserted, the TXB_DSP block will be in reset.	0x0	RW
		0	rst_pkr	Active HIGH reset. When asserted, the TXB_DSP data packer block will be in reset.	0x0	RW

**txb5 (0x0950) – TX Chain B Register, Default: 0x0000a749**

Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txb5	0x0950	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	port	Destination UDP port for data streaming.	0xa749	RW

txc0 (0x0a00) – TX Chain C Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txc0	0x0a00	31:0	phase_word	Phase increment for the NCO.	0x0	RW

txc1 (0x0a10) – TX Chain C Register, Default: 0x000000ff						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txc1	0x0a10	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	interpolation	DSP interpolation by a factor of up to 256.	0xff	RW

txc2 (0x0a20) – TX Chain C Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txc2	0x0a20	31:0	iq_amp	IQ amplitude for the input signal.	0x0	RW

txc3 (0x0a30) – TX Chain C Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txc3	0x0a30	31:0	iq_phase	IQ phase for the input signal.	0x0	RW

txc4 (0x0a40) – TX Chain C Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txc4	0x0a40	31:14	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		13	revphase	Reverse the phase. Active HIGH signal.	0x0	RW
		12:9	src_sink	Specifies the source sink for the data for TX Channel: 0000: SFP 0001: SFPB 0011: Reserved ... 1111: Reserved	0x0	RW
		8	enable	Enables TX Channel	0x0	RW
		7:5	tx_mode	Determines bandwidth of the output signals: 000: High band 001: Base band 010: Reserved ... 111: Reserved	0x0	RW
		4	signd	Determines the signedness of the output: 0: Signed 1: Unsigned	0x0	RW
		3	conv	Determines the conversion of the block: 0: Down conversion 1: Up conversion	0x0	RW
		2	end	Determines the endianness of the output data: 0: Big Endian 1: Little Endian	0x0	RW
		1	rst_dsp	Active HIGH reset. When asserted, the TXC_DSP block will be in reset.	0x0	RW
		0	rst_pkr	Active HIGH reset. When asserted, the TXC_DSP data packer block will be in reset.	0x0	RW

txc5 (0x0a50) – TX Chain C Register, Default: 0x0000a74a						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txc5	0x0a50	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	port	Destination UDP port for data streaming.	0xa74a	RW

txd0 (0x0b00) – TX Chain D Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txd0	0x0b00	31:0	phase_word	Phase increment for the NCO.	0x0	RW

txd1 (0x0b10) – TX Chain D Register, Default: 0x000000ff						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txd1	0x0b10	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	interpolation	DSP interpolation by a factor of up to 256.	0xff	RW

txd2 (0x0b20) – TX Chain D Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txd2	0x0b20	31:0	iq_amp	IQ amplitude for the input signal.	0x0	RW

txd3 (0x0b30) – TX Chain D Register, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txd3	0x0b30	31:0	iq_phase	IQ phase for the input signal.	0x0	RW

txd4 (0x0b40) – TX Chain D Register, Default: 0x00000200						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txd4	0x0b40	31:14	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		13	revphase	Reverse the phase. Active HIGH signal.	0x0	RW
		12:9	src_sink	Specifies the source sink for the data for TX Channel: 0000: SFP 0001: SFPB 0011: Reserved ... 1111: Reserved	0x1	RW
		8	enable	Enables TX Channel	0x0	RW
		7:5	tx_mode	Determines bandwidth of the output signals: 000: High band 001: Base band 010: Reserved ... 111: Reserved	0x0	RW
		4	signd	Determines the signedness of the output: 0: Signed 1: Unsigned	0x0	RW
		3	conv	Determines the conversion of the block: 0: Down conversion 1: Up conversion	0x0	RW
		2	end	Determines the endianness of the output data: 0: Big Endian 1: Little Endian	0x0	RW
		1	rst_dsp	Active HIGH reset. When asserted, the TXD_DSP block will be in reset.	0x0	RW
		0	rst_pkr	Active HIGH reset. When asserted, the TXD_DSP data packer block will be in reset.	0x0	RW

txd5 (0x0b50) – TX Chain D Register, Default: 0x0000a74b						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
txd5	0x0b50	31:16	reserved	Reserved	0x0	RW
		15:0	port	Destination UDP port for data streaming.	0xa74b	RW

rsvd0 (0x0f00) – Reserved Registers, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rsvd0	0x0f00	31:0	reserved	Reserved Read-Write Register	0x0	RW

rsvd1 (0x0f10) – Reserved Registers, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rsvd1	0x0f10	31:0	reserved	Reserved Read-Write Register	0x0	RW

rsvd2 (0x0f20) – Reserved Registers, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rsvd2	0x0f20	31:0	reserved	Reserved Read-Write Register	0x0	RW

rsvd3 (0x0f30) – Reserved Registers, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rsvd3	0x0f30	31:0	reserved	Reserved Read-Write Register	0x0	RW

rsvd4 (0x0f40) – Reserved Registers, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rsvd4	0x0f40	31:0	reserved	Reserved Read-Write Register	0x0	RW

rsvd5 (0x0f50) – Reserved Registers, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rsvd5	0x0f50	31:0	reserved	Reserved Read-Write Register	0x0	RW

rsvd6 (0x0f60) – Reserved Registers, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rsvd6	0x0f60	31:0	reserved	Reserved Read-Write Register	0x0	RW

rsvd7 (0x0f70) – Reserved Registers, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rsvd7	0x0f70	31:0	reserved	Reserved Read-Write Register	0x0	RW

rsvd8 (0x0f80) – Reserved Registers, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rsvd8	0x0f80	31:0	reserved	Reserved Read-Only Register	0x0	RO

rsvd9 (0x0f90) – Reserved Registers, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rsvd9	0x0f90	31:0	reserved	Reserved Read-Only Register	0x0	RO

rsvd10 (0x0fa0) – Reserved Registers, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rsvd10	0x0fa0	31:0	reserved	Reserved Read-Only Register	0x0	RO

rsvd11 (0x0fb0) – Reserved Registers, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rsvd11	0x0fb0	31:0	reserved	Reserved Read-Only Register	0x0	RO

rsvd12 (0x0fc0) – Reserved Registers, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rsvd12	0x0fc0	31:0	reserved	Reserved Read-Only Register	0x0	RO

rsvd13 (0x0fd0) – Reserved Registers, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rsvd13	0x0fd0	31:0	reserved	Reserved Read-Only Register	0x0	RO

rsvd14 (0x0fe0) – Reserved Registers, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rsvd14	0x0fe0	31:0	reserved	Reserved Read-Only Register	0x0	RO

rsvd15 (0x0ff0) – Reserved Registers, Default: 0x00000000						
Register Name	Address (Hex)	Bit	Name	Function	Default	Access
rsvd15	0x0ff0	31:0	reserved	Reserved Read-Only Register	0x0	RO



# Updating Crimson

This chapter discusses the procedure required to update the CRIMSON transceiver firmware. Speaking broadly, Crimson has two primary firmware sources: the FPGA firmware (containing the Linux file system and FPGA firmware), and the MCU firmware (the Atmel processor code used to control and configure the radio and time boards). This chapter explains the procedure to update the MCU firmware, and configure the FPGA firmware to program the MCU.

More information on the architecture behind Crimson may be found in [on page 17](#).

## *MCU Firmware*

The MCU code is responsible for controlling the various components on each radio board. When a command is issued from the digital board, the MCU interprets the command and configures or adjusts the various components on the board to the desired mode of operation.

The capability exists to update this code through the existing UART interface, the optimal update method takes advantage of the exposed SATA headers to directly update the Atmel Controller. The following provides the recommended procedure to update the MCU firmware.

### *Automatic MCU Update Pre-requisites*

In order to automatically update from CRIMSON, you require;

1. Firmware binaries (eg; rx.hex, tx.hex)

The actual MCU firmware and binaries are available from Per Vices. If you are updating from the MCU, you only require the application binaries (rx.hex, tx.hex, synth.hex, dig.hex). Please contact us for more information.

2. A client terminal with SSH and SCP installed.

*Automatic MCU Update Procedure*

1. Copy the firmware binaries over to CRIMSON, and place them within the `/home/root/pv_mcu` directory. If you are using the default configuration, and wish to update all the MCUs, you may use the following scp invocation;

```
cd <firmware_directory>
```

```
scp {rx,tx,synth,dig}.hex root@192.168.10.2:/home/root/pv_mcu
```

If you have changed the default management IP address, then you will have to use that address.

2. Having copied the MCU binaries, we much now program them. This is done from within CRIMSON. Accordingly, we need to SSH into the machine, and then run the MCU update routine located in the `/home/root/pv_mcu` directory;

```
ssh root@192.168.10.2
# cd /home/root/pv_mcu
# ./flash.sh all
```

You may update a specific board by specifying it; rx, tx, synth, dig.

3. Once the process is completed, restart CRIMSON.

*Manual MCU Update Pre-requisites*

You require the following programs and items prior to updating the MCU firmware;

1. avrdude

avrdude is a program that allows you to program Atmel MCUs. It is generally available in the package repositories of most Linux distributions. It is also available from: <http://savannah.nongnu.org/projects/avrdude/> . We presently use version 6.1.

2. Firmware binaries (eg; rx.hex, rx-boot.hex)

The actual MCU firmware and binaries are available from Per Vices. Please contact us for more information. In order to fully program each board, you may require up to two binaries files per board; one to program the board boot-loader (identified by the `-boot` suffix), and an application binary (eg., `<rx.hex, tx.hex, dig.hex, or synth.hex`).

3. Programming dongle

A programming dongle is required to interface between the custom SATA header and an AVR-type programmer. You may build your own, or request one to be provided (on a limited basis). One SATA programming dongle is provided for the receive (Rx), transmit (Tx), and time (Synth) boards. A separate, mini-SAS type programmer is provided for the digital board.



### Manual MCU Firmware Update Procedure

1. Unplug the CRIMSON chassis, and remove the cover.
2. Locate the relevant board firmware header (see Figures 9 on the next page and 12 on page 51).
  - (a) For the Receive (Rx), Transmit (Tx), or Time board (Synth), this is the SATA data header located beside the SATA power header.
  - (b) For the Digital (Dig) board, the Rx port mini-SAS port doubles as the MCU programming header. You will need to carefully unplug the Rx Mini-SAS connector in order to insert the programming dongle.
3. Mate the programming dongle with the appropriate board programming port.
4. Program the application firmware, taking care to *ensure you program the correct board with the correct firmware*.

Your specific programmer and port may vary, requiring you to modify the port (-P) and controller (-c) options.

We use an **avrispmkII** compatible programmer over a **usb** connection, and want to program the **rx.hex** application firmware to the receive (Rx) board. We can use the following avrdude syntax;

```
avrdude -P usb -c avrispmkII -p x256a3u -B 8 \
-U application:w:rx.hex
```

Syntax notes:

We use a programmer controller (-c) that is **avrispmkII** compatible, and using a port (-P) **usb** connection, and setting a bit clock period in nanoseconds (-B) to 8. The part (-p) is an ATxmega256A3U, specified as **x256a3u**, and we carry out a memory operation (-U) that writes the *application* binary **rx.hex** to memory.

5. (Optional) Program the board boot-loader.
 

Your specific programmer and port may vary, requiring you to modify the port (-P) and controller (-c) options.

We use an **avrispmkII** compatible programmer over a **usb** connection, and want to program the **rx-boot.hex** boot loader to the receive (Rx) board. We can use the following avrdude syntax;

```
avrdude -P usb -c avrispmkII -B 8 -e \
-p x256a3u -U boot:w:rx-boot.hex -U fuse2:w:oxBF:m
```

Syntax notes:

We use a programmer controller (-c) that is **avrispmkII** compatible, and using a port (-P) **usb** connection, and setting a bit clock period in nanoseconds (-B) to 8, after first performing a chip erase (-e). The part (-p) is an ATxmega256A3U, specified as **x256a3u**, and we carry

Remember to confirm that you are burning the correct *application* firmware file to the correct board!

Remember to confirm that you are burning the correct *boot loader* firmware file to the correct board!

out a memory operation (-U) that writes the **xboot-boot.hex** file to the boot loader, and subsequently carrying out another memory operation (-U) to set the fuses to (**fuse2:w:0xBF:m**).

6. Congratulations! You should have successfully updated the Crimson MCU firmware.

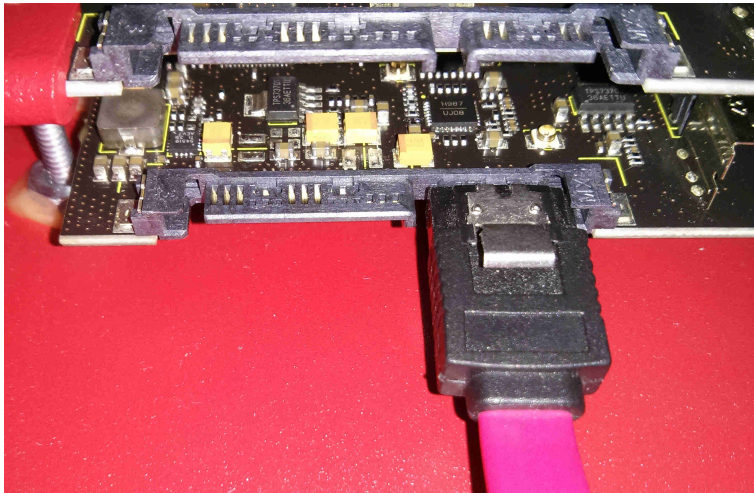


Figure 9: The MCU programming header location on the Receive (Rx) board.

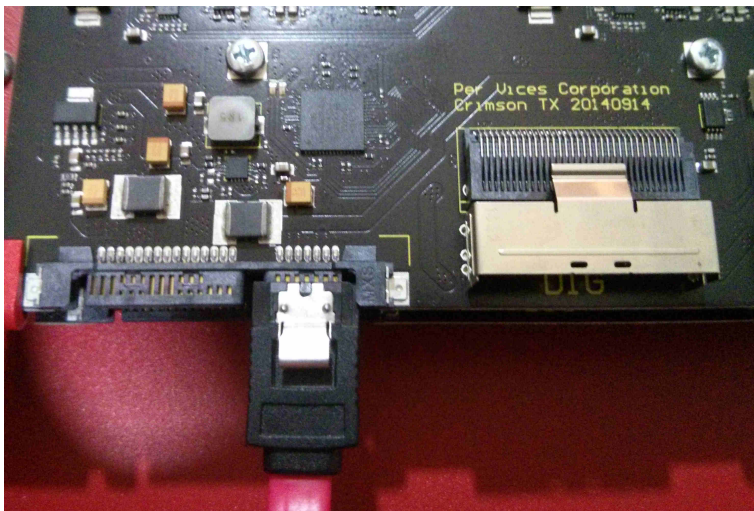


Figure 10: The MCU programming header location on the Transmit (Tx) board.

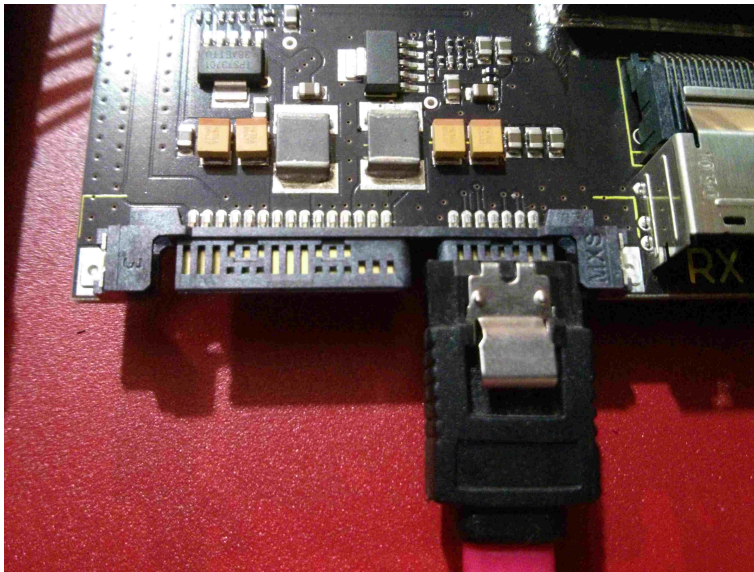


Figure 11: The MCU programming header location on the Time (Synth) board.



Figure 12: MCU programming header location on the Digital (Dig) board. It shares the same port as the mini-SAS cable going to the Rx board.





Figure 13: A sample debug adapter mated with an Atmel Programmer.

### *FPGA Firmware*

The FPGA firmware used by Crimson is stored on the provided Crimson SD card, and is loaded onto the FPGA during boot. This procedure describes how to replace or update the FPGA code stored on the SD card.

It is also possible to update the FPGA firmware using the command line, or directly over JTAG using a USB Blaster.

### *FPGA Update Pre-requisites*

You require the items prior to updating the FPGA firmware stored on the FPGA firmware;

#### 1. FPGA Binaries (soc\_system.rbf)

This contains the FPGA firmware, as a raw binary file (rbf) named soc\_system.rbf. If you are compiling from source, or from within Quartus 2, you will have to convert the default output file (with an .sof extension - SRAM object file) to an appropriate RBF file. To do this, compile the project first. After compiling the project, open the Convert Programmer menu (File > Convert Programming Files) and use the settings shown in Figure 14 on the next page.

Updating firmware using the USB Blaster is not recommended if you are also using the SoC, as it may adversely impact SoC operation.

## 2. Crimson SD Card

The SD Card shipped with your CRIMSON platform.

## 3. Mini SD Card Reader

All CRIMSON transceivers ship with a USB card reader. Alternatively, you may use your own.

## 4. A computer to copy over the SD Card.

In order to copy over the SD Card, you will need a computer to copy the updated or generated FPGA firmware to the SD Card.

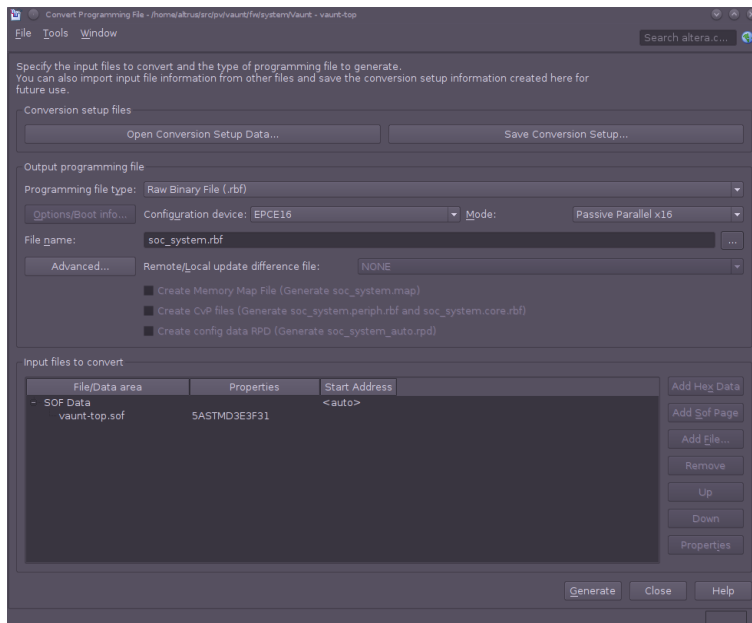


Figure 14: Quartus 2 IDE Convert Programming Files GUI. The settings illustrate the conversion of the default (.sof) file format to the desired raw binary file (.rbf), with a mode of Passive Parallel x16, and an output filename of soc\_system.rbf.

## FPGA Update Procedure

1. If you are generating from your own Quartus Project, ensure that you have converted the newly generated source code to a Raw Binary File (see Figure 14).
2. Confirm the file name is:  
soc\_system.rbf
3. Power down CRIMSON, and remove the mini SD Card.
4. Insert the SD Card into the provided USB mini-SD Card reader, and place the assembly into a computer.
5. Identify the partition containing the existing soc\_system.rbf file.

The SD Card contains three partitions. Depending on your operating system, the number of viewable partitions may vary. Using a reasonable operating system, you should be able to view three partitions, eg;

**sdX1 - partition 1- type b - W95 FAT32 partition (This contains the RBF file!)**

sdX2 - partition 2 - type 83 - Linux ext3 partition (Contains SoC file system)

sdX2 - partition 3 - type a3 - UBOOT and boot loader (It's best not to touch this)

6. Once you identify the correct partition, replace the existing RBF file with the new one, and *cleanly unmount the partition*.
7. Remove the USB mini-SD Card adapter from your computer, and pull out the mini-SD Card. Insert the bare SD card back into the Crimson mini-SD Card receptacle.
8. Congratulations! You should have successfully updated the Crimson FPGA code.

You must ensure you cleanly unmount the partition. You risk corrupting the firmware image (and possibly even Crimson), if you simply remove the USB key without first unmounting (safely removing) the USB key! For added security, type, «sync» to flush filesystem buffers prior to removing the SDCard.

## *FPGA Signal Tap*

So you're swimming along, developing your own FPGA firmware when disaster strikes! There's a problem in your code. Despite your countless hours simulating your code, you've discovered a bug. Worse, you aren't sure exactly where it might lie, though you suspect that the problem might come from that new code that Laura (from accounting) introduced. Before escalating the issue (or poisoning your relationship with your colleague), you want to debug the issue with Signal Tap. The following procedure indicates how to attach a USB Blaster to CRIMSON.

### *FPGA Signal Tap Pre-requisites*

You require the items prior to updating the FPGA firmware stored on the FPGA firmware;

1. Altera USB Blaster (or clone) with serial input.
2. CRIMSON Transceiver Platform

### *FPGA Signal Tap Attachment Procedure*

1. Remove the cover from CRIMSON.
2. Locate the Signal Tap header on the digital board (see Figure 15 on the next page).

Default boards may not include a Signal Tap header; in which case you shall have to solder on a dual row 10 position header.

3. Attach the Signal Tap header to the Jumpers.
4. Congratulations! You have successfully attached a USB Blaster to CRIMSON.

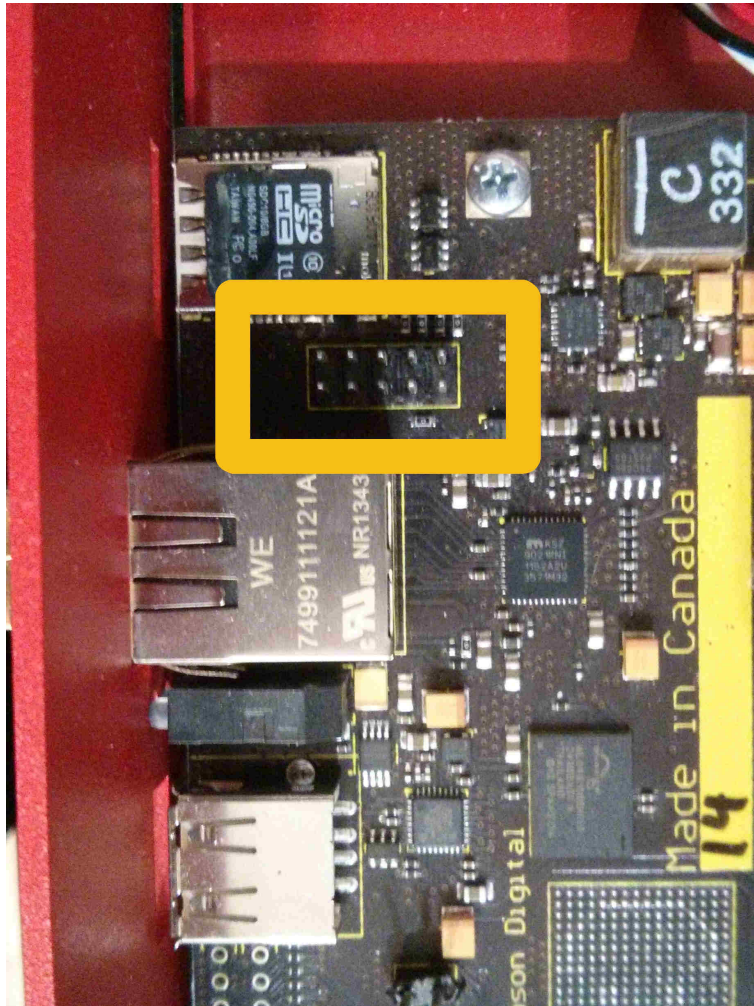


Figure 15: FPGA JTAG header location on digital board. You may use this jumper to attach a USB Blaster 2 device on to Crimson, which enables you to use Signal Tap or carry out JTAG searches.



## *Last Chapter*