

The PVP-643L card combines a multichannel digital receiver with FPGA-based signal processing elements, on a standard PCI Express[®] (PCIe[®]) card. When installed in a customer's host system, such as a rack-mount server or other PCIe host, a PVP-643L provides a complete IF-to-DMA path for receiving wireless signals, processing them in an FPGA, and sending results to host CPU(s) via PCI Express.

After external equipment mixes radio signals down to an appropriate intermediate frequency (IF), the signals are filtered and then input to the PVP card. The PVP-643L has four input channels, which are sampled to 12-bit resolution using a programmable sampling clock between 100 and 250 megasamples per second. Onboard sample clock generation is provided, or customers may supply their own clock via the external clock input port. Using a simple application programming interface (API), customers can access the sampled radio signals, and write VHDL or Verilog code to process the signals. Results can be forwarded to host CPUs using the direct memory access API. Each FPGA contains 1024 DMA write engines, for pushing data to the host, and 1024 DMA read engines, for pulling data from the host. On the host side, the job of interfacing to each FPGA is handled by a Linux device driver supplied with the card. Convenient access to the device drivers is provided by a set of C routines called the application API.

In summary, the PVP-643L provides four digital receivers supplying two FPGA processing elements on an industrystandard PCI Express card. Take full advantage of these features, and jump start your signal processing project today!



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PVP-643L Product Specifications

Digital Receiver	Made in the U.S.A.
Number of Channels	4
Resolution	12 bits
Sampling Frequency	100 to 250 MHz
Receiver Bandwidth	50 to 250 MHz
Impedance	50 Ω
Connector Type	MMCX jack (e.g. Amphenol 908-24100)
Clocking	
Sample Rate	Programmable
Sample Rate Range	100 to 250 Msps
Internal Reference Clock	±2.5 ppm frequency stability
External Reference Clock	+10 dBm sine wave at desired sampling frequency
External Clock Connector	MMCX jack (e.g. Amphenol 908-24100)
Processing	
Operating System	Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) release 6.2
Radio Data API	VHDL-93
Host Data API	VHDL-93
Linux Device Driver	C, using the GNU compiler (gcc-4.4.6-3.el6.x86 64)

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Application API	C, using the GNU compiler (gcc-4.4.6-3.el6.x86 64)
FPGA Development Tool	Xilinx ISE [™] version 13.3
Development Interface	JTAG using Xilinx Platform Cable USB (Model DLC9G)
Development Connector	Molex 87832-1420 (standard Xilinx JTAG connector)
Firmware Storage	Xilinx Platform Flash XL (1 per FPGA, 128 Mb each)
Number of FPGAs	3 (Virtex-6 XC6VLX240T)

Host Interface

Interface Type	PCI Express version 1.1 (Gen1)
Signaling Rate	2.5 Gbit/sec per lane
Number of Active Lanes	1 to 16 lanes per card, 1 to 2 lanes per FPGA
PCIe Connector	x16 standard PCIe card edge connector
Configuration Registers	PCI [™] Type 0 (Endpoint) Configuration Space
Data Transfer	DMA
Number of DMA Engines	1024 per FPGA

Electro-Mechanical

Card Size (exact)	PCIe standard height, full length, x16 graphics add-in card
Card Size (approx.)	12.3 by 4.4 by 0.8 inches
Front Panel Bracket	Included (aka I/O bracket)
Power Consumption	Processing dependent; 225 Watts, maximum
Power Connectors	2 PEG-6 standard PCIe connectors (e.g. Molex 39-28-8060)
Power Connector Location	Factory option (fixed or floating)

With the purchase of a PVP-643L card and software development kit license, customers receive the following items: one (1) PVP-643L card with installed front panel, four (4) coaxial cables for MMCX-to-SMA adaption, an FPGA software development kit using VHDL, and a C software development kit including Linux device drivers and API routines for use on the host system.

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