GETH Gigabit Ethernet MAC

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GETH Packet Filtering

- The main advantage is the unloading of the CPU SW Stacks by:
 - Pre-processing of data traffic in HW (no SW load)
 - Three levels of filters:
 - MAC addresses
 - VLAN Tags and PCP
 - Ethernet protocols AVB, PTP, TCP/UDP/IP Unicast and Multicast





GETH CRC and Pad generation



- > CRC and Pad generation for Transmission frame
 - When the number of bytes received falls below 64 bytes, the state machine automatically appends zeros to the Tx frame to make the data length exactly 46 bytes (if no VLAN is used) or 42 bytes (if VLAN tag is used).
 - The Transmit CRC Generator module calculate the CRC for the Frame Check Sequence (FCS) field before transmission to the TPE module.



GETH Multiple DMA Channels and Queues

- > Data traffic separated into 4 queues:
 - Up to 4 Tx queues sharing 4 KB FIFO
 - Up to 4 Rx queues sharing 8 KB FIFO
- Each queue can be connected to any CPU
- > Time Stamp Unit for IEEE 802.1AS:
 - HW unit for IEEE 802.1AS (PTP)
 - Required for clock synchronization
 - Supports master and slave mode
 - Supports 1-step time stamp
- All these features ensure a deterministic behavior of the Ethernet traffic





GETH QoS Support



- Shapers for QoS support
 - 4 Credit Based Shaper
 - IEEE 802.1Q compatible
 - 4 Time Based Shapers
 - For time triggered deterministic traffic
 - Each queue provides both shapers
 - Each shaper can be enabled / disabled individually



GETH System integration



The Gigabit Ethernet MAC can make use of the internal Flash/RAM for data storage and handling. The internal RAM is used as well for DMA Transmit / Receive descriptors and Ethernet Frame storage. The Interrupt Router handles all requests coming from the Ethernet, as example a received frame notification. Combined with the automotive AUTOSAR[™] software new Applications can be developed. Faster ECU Firmware updates, Service oriented communication via SOME/IP or Service and diagnosis via DoIP are just some examples.



Application example Firmware updates of multiple ECUs





Overview

 Firmware updates in cars can make use of Ethernet to exchange data much faster compared to other existing communication interfaces

Advantages

- The Gigabit Ethernet MAC allows with the high speed data transfer to update multiple ECUs in parallel in a car
- The faster update time saves money at line end programming and in field garage firmware updates

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