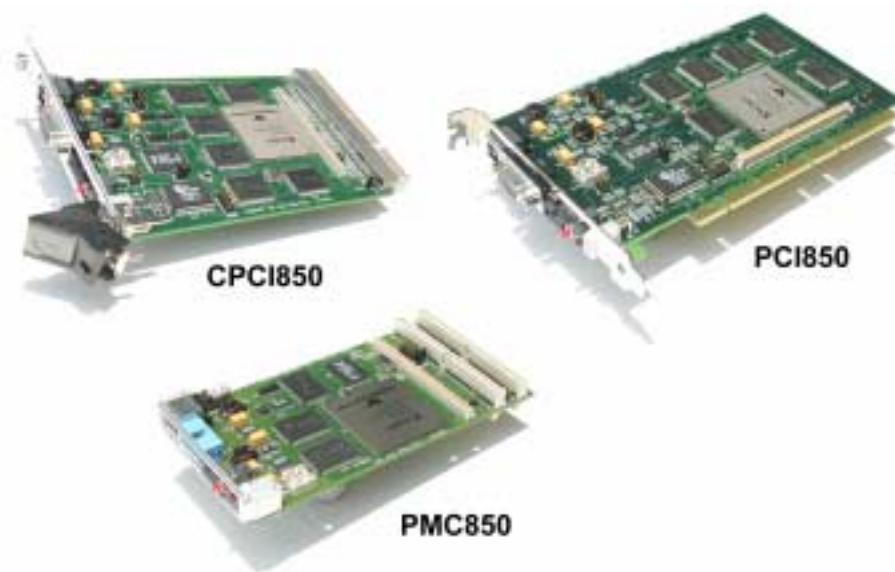


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CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

Silicon Control Inc. introduces the ultimate analyzer and exerciser for PCI, PMC and Compact PCI systems. The 850 family of analyzers represent our 3rd generation PCI analyzer combining high performance hardware with a sophisticated and intuitive software interface. The result is a powerful diagnostic tool for bus analysis - all on a single plug-in card!

1.1. FEATURES

The PCI850 analyzer provides a multitude of functions to help you analyze your system.

Analyzer

- ❑ 0 to 133 Mhz
- ❑ 533 Mhz Power Zoom
- ❑ 32 and 64 bit
- ❑ 16, 32, 64, 128MB Trace
- ❑ Complex Triggering
- ❑ Trace Qualification

Exerciser

- ❑ Memory, I/O, Configuration
- ❑ 32 and 64 bit
- ❑ Read, Write, Test, Compare

Stimulus

- ❑ Hardware Simulation
- ❑ Pattern Generation

Target Memory

- ❑ Windowed Bus Memory
- ❑ Programmed Response
- ❑ Split, Retry, Disconnect

Protocol Violation Checker

- ❑ Detects >50 Protocol Violations

Timing Violation Checker

- ❑ Checks Unstable Signals
- ❑ Setup and Hold Verification
- ❑ Glitch Detection

Performance Analysis

- ❑ Bus Utilization
- ❑ Transfer Rate
- ❑ Latency
- ❑ Burst Distribution
- ❑ Statistics

Compliance Testing

- ❑ PCISIG Checklist

Expansion Connector

1.2 QUICK START

This chapter provides a quick guide to installing and operating the analyzer with the AnalyzeIt! Windows software.

1.2.1. Hardware Installation

Insert the analyzer into an empty bus slot. Connect either the included RS232 or USB cable between the analyzer and a PC. If you are using the USB interface, the message “New Hardware Found” may appear after you connect the USB cable and apply power to the analyzer. If this message does not appear go to the Control Panel and Add New Hardware to install the drivers. The drivers are included on the CD ROM.

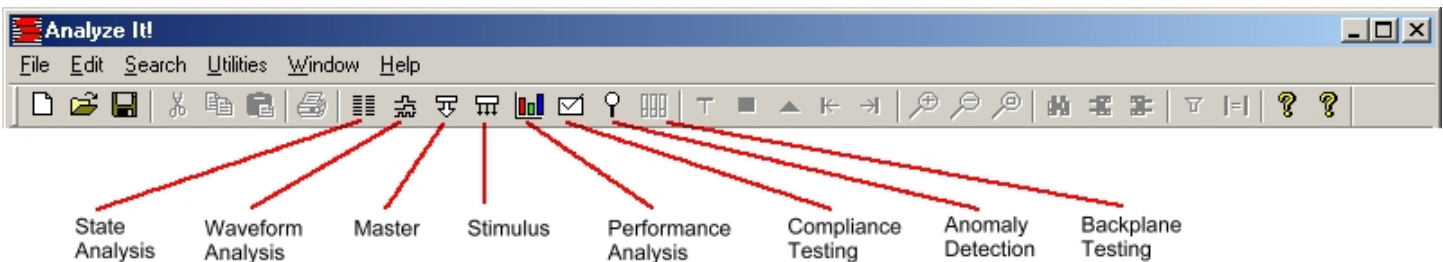
1.2.2. Software Installation

Install the AnalyzeIt! Software using the included CD or download the software from the Silicon Control web site at www.silicon-control.com.




1.2.3 Main Menu

Run the AnalyzeIt! Software. When using the RS232 port select Utilities then Setup to enter the COM port and baud rate. If the software cannot communicate with the analyzer it will enter a Demo mode.

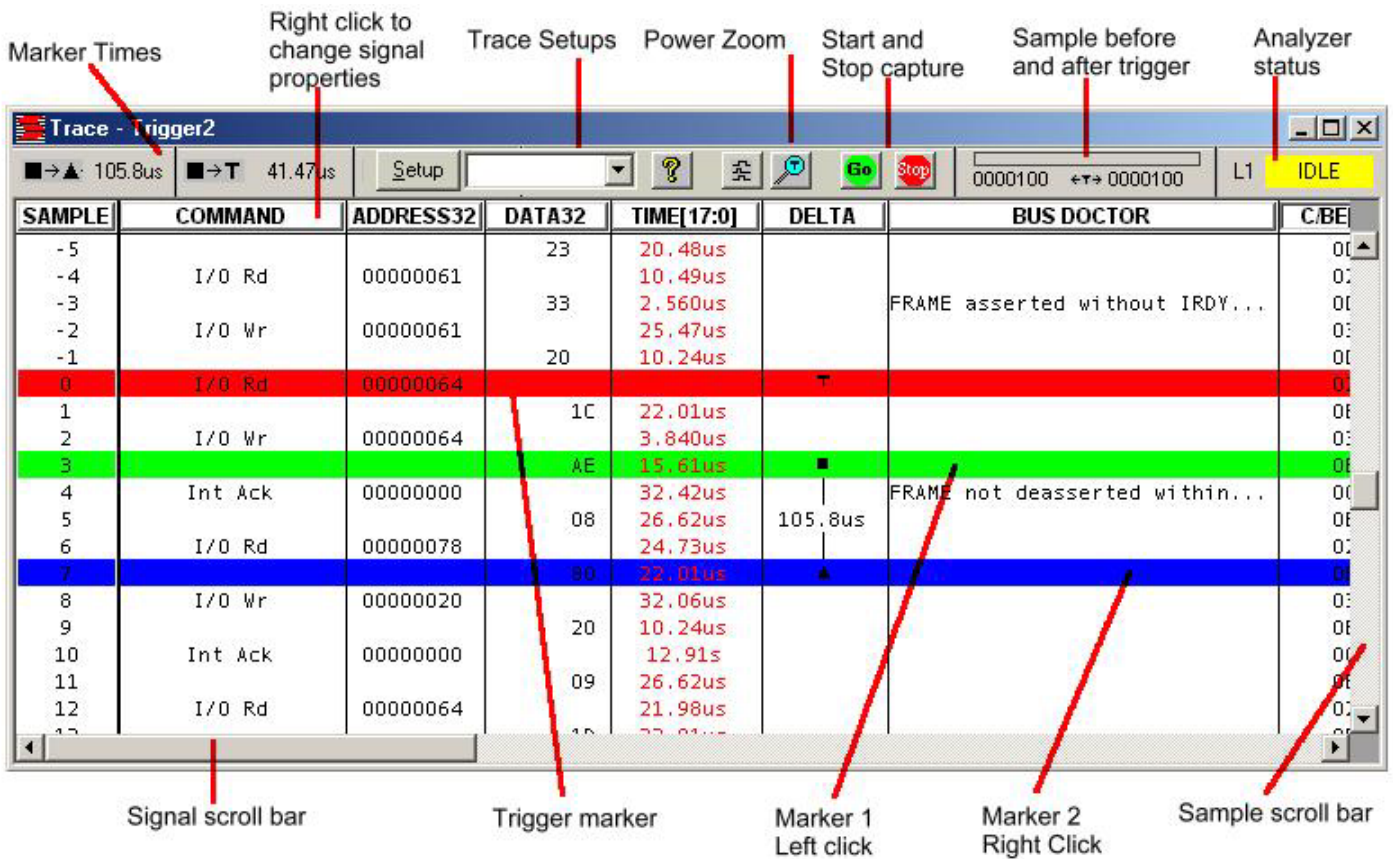
To start a new function, select **File** then **New** or click the function icons on the tool bar.



1.2.4. Capturing Bus Activity

To start capturing and viewing bus activity, select **File** in the main menu then **New**, **Capture**, and **State** or click the state display icon.  A blank state display appears. To start capturing activity, click the GO icon . A control bar indicates the buffer and trigger status and the samples before and after the trigger. Captured data fills the screen when the trace buffer fills or the STOP icon  is clicked.

1.2.5 State Display



1.2.6. Viewing Bus Activity


Use the sample scroll bar to view more data and the signal scroll bar to view more signals. The window may be resized to view more information. Add time markers by clicking directly in the data window. Left click for one marker, right click for another.

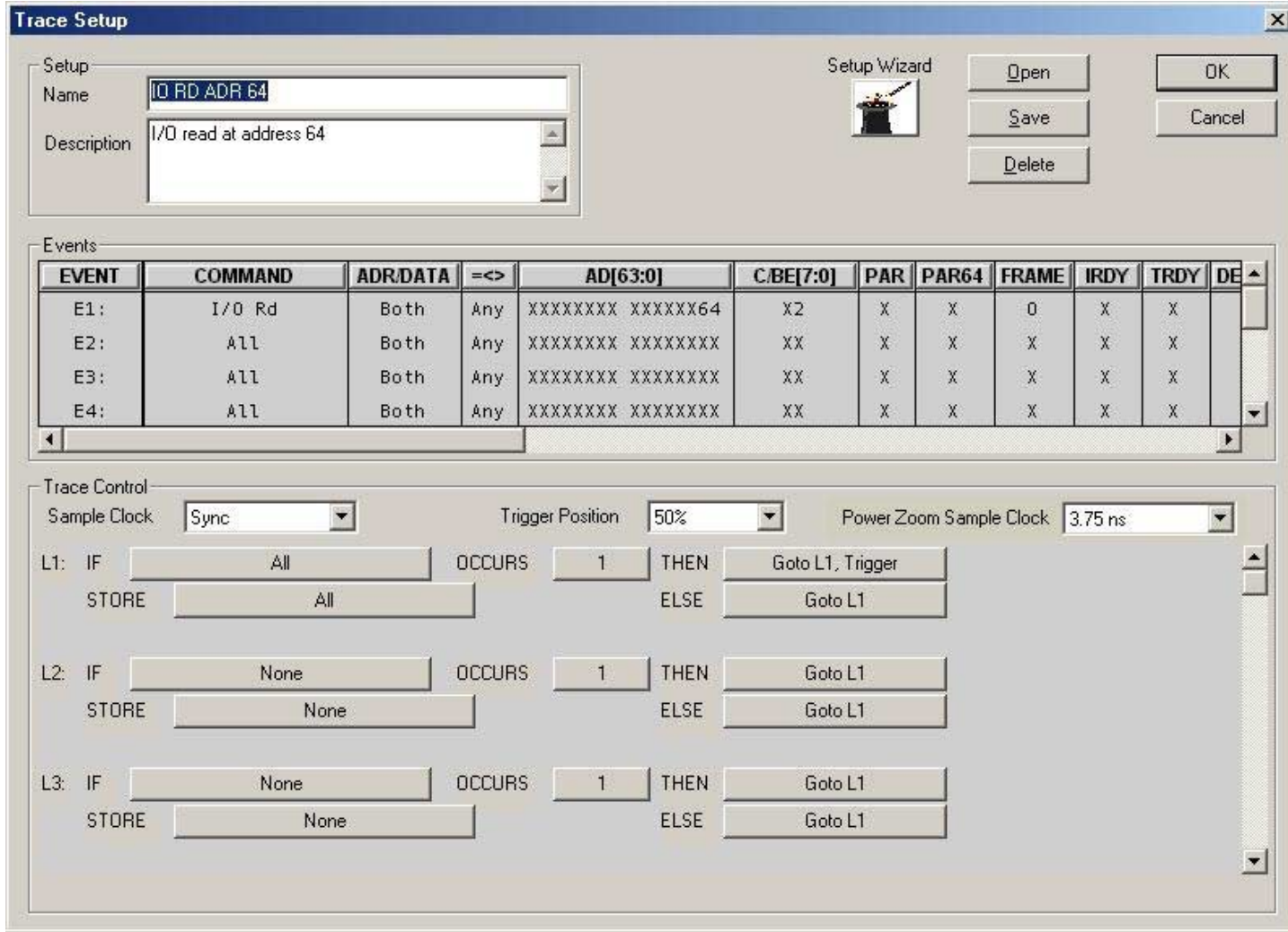
1.2.7. Changing the Display

Signals in the state display can be moved and resized. Click on the signal name and drag it to another position. Move the cursor over the edge of the signal box and drag the edge to resize it.

Right clicking on a signal name changes its properties. You can change the color and base, insert and delete signals, expand and collapse grouped signals and change the range of signals in a group.

1.2.8. Trace Setup

To control when and what bus activity to capture, click on the setup button . The setup window is divided into Event and Trace Control sections. Events specify what to look for on the bus and are used in the trace controls.



Events

To specify an event condition, click on the signal fields in the event section. An “X” (Don’t Care) means that the signal will not be used. Some fields such as COMMAND open a dialog box while others toggle through predefined states each time the field is clicked.


Trace Control

Trace controls specify how the analyzer captures bus activity. This multi-level structure provides a flexible way to setup simple or complex trace control.

Setups can be named, given a description, saved and used again. The Setup Wizard helps perform typical setups by asking a series of questions. Setup fields are filled in based on the answers to these questions.

1.2.9 Examples

Example – Trigger on a Memory Read at address 100 hex.

1. Click the Setup button  in a state or waveform window.

2. On the event labeled E1 set the fields as shown below:

EVENT	COMMAND	ADR/DATA	=<>	AD[63:0]
E1:	Mem Rd	Address	=	XXXXXXXX XXXXX100


3. On the trace control labeled L1 set the fields as shown below:

Sample Clock Trigger Position

L1: IF OCCURS THEN

STORE ELSE

4. Click the OK button  to send the setup to the analyzer.

5. Click the GO button  in the state or waveform window to start capturing data. Captured data will be displayed around the trigger sample.

1.2.7. Other Functions

To create other windows go to File and then New on the main menu or click on the function's icon on the main tool bar.

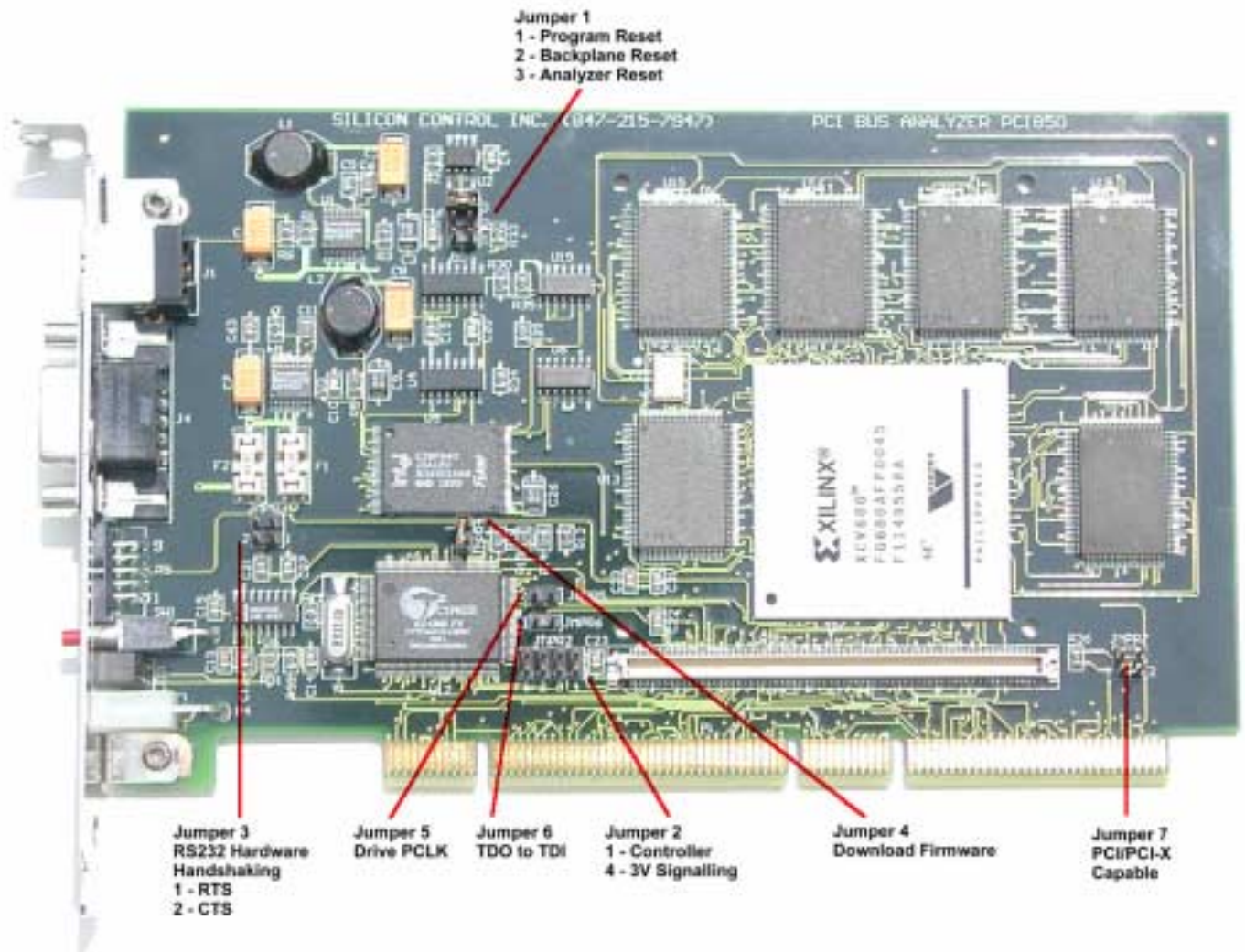
- ❑ The waveform display represents captured data in a graphical display and has many of the same features as the state display.
- ❑ Use the Master and Stimulus functions to transfer data onto the bus.
- ❑ Performance analysis includes 5 functions for measuring Bus Utilization, Transfer Rate, Latency, Burst Distribution and Statistics.
- ❑ The Compliance function performs automatic testing using a series of predefined tests to verify conformance to the PCI specification.
- ❑ Anomaly detection checks for protocol and timing violations and can be used to trigger and qualify captured trace data.
- ❑ Target memory provides a windowed bus memory with programmed responses.
- ❑ Configuration scanning identifies and analyzes devices in a system.

**CHAPTER 2
INSTALLATION**

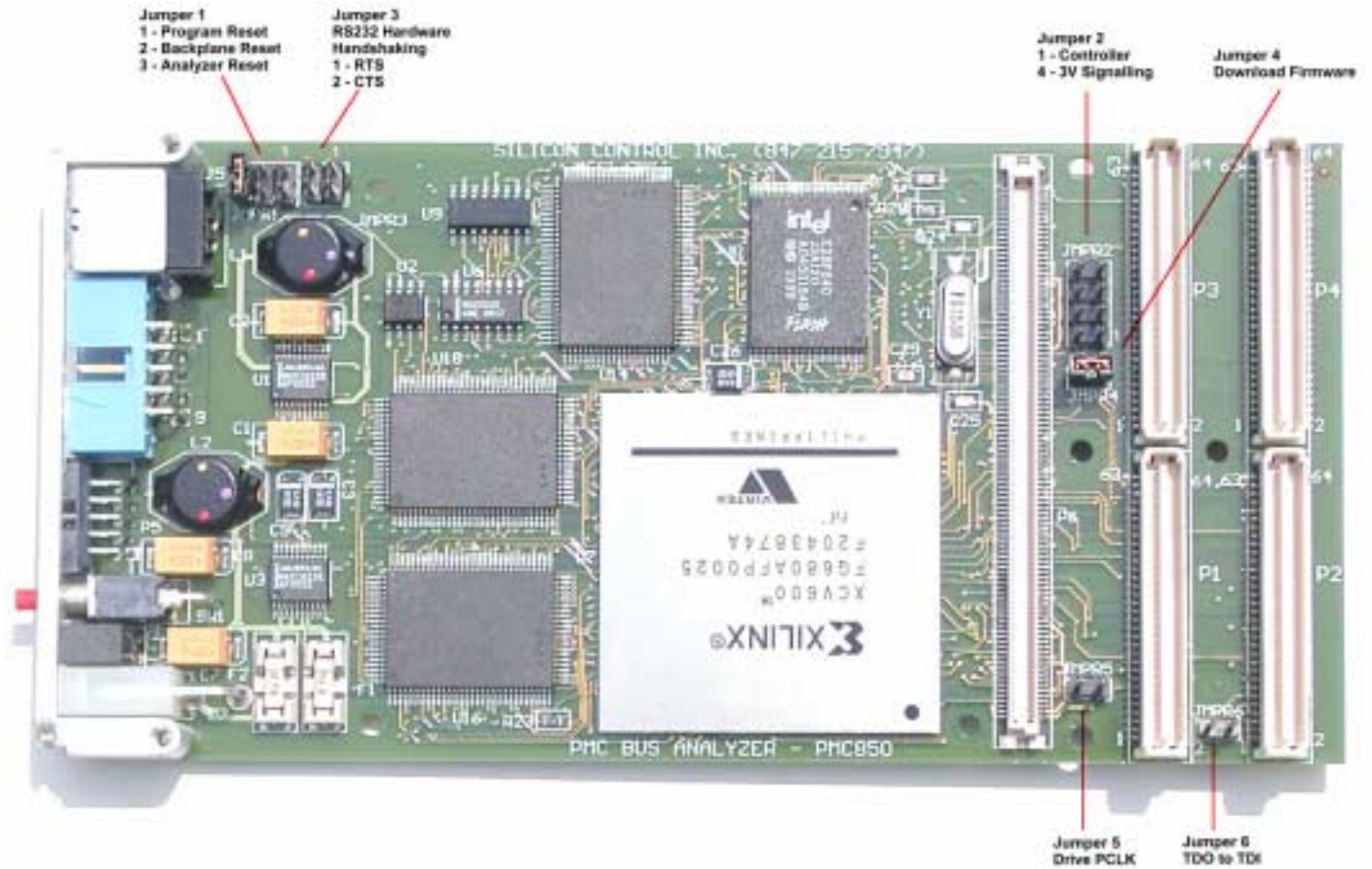
2.1 HARDWARE INSTALLATION

2.1.1 Jumpers

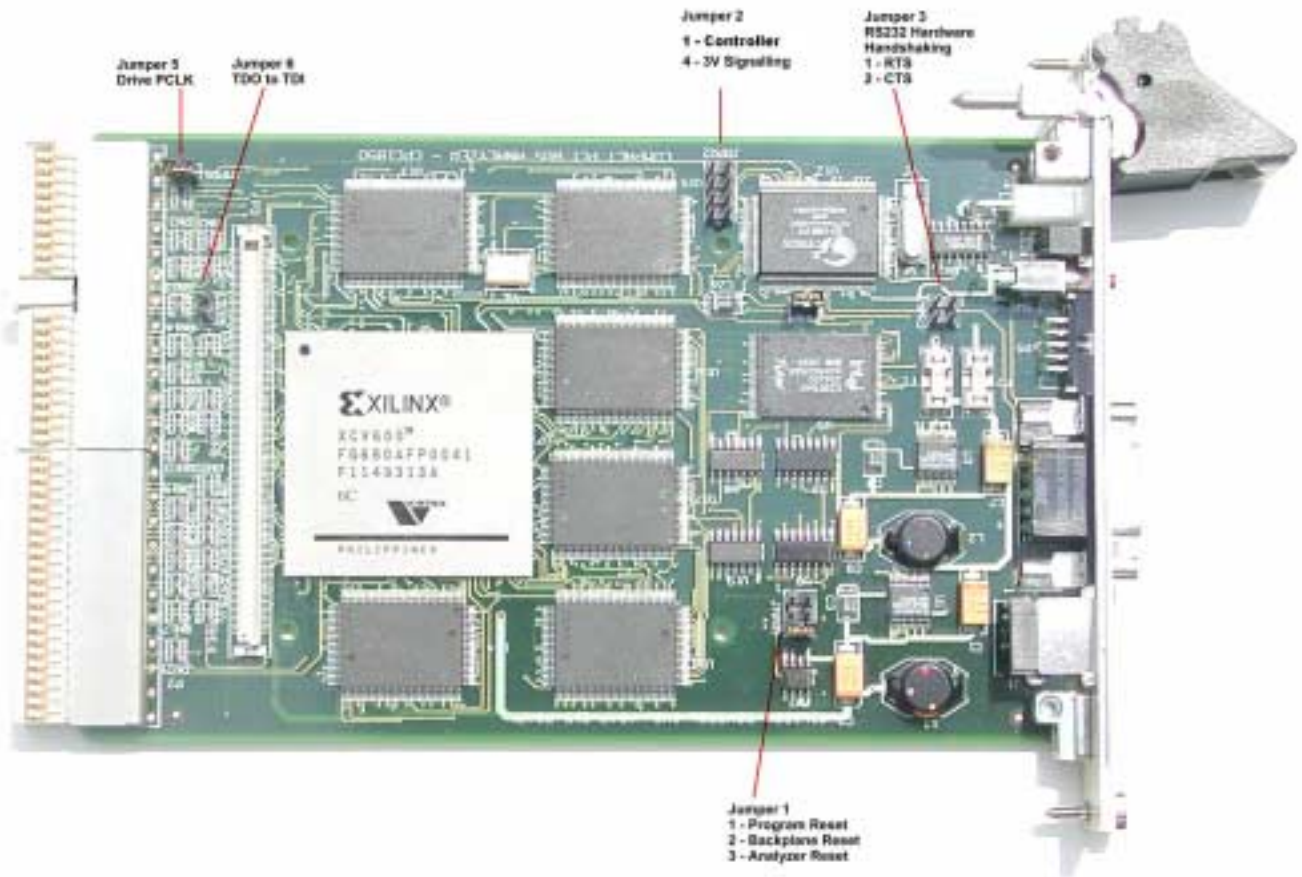
Jumpers on the analyzer provide configuration options for setting interfaces, hardware handshaking, reset control, driving the system clock and jumping the JTAG signals TDI to TDO. The location of these jumpers is shown below.



PCI850 Analyzer Jumpers



PMC850 Analyzer Jumpers



CPCI850 Analyzer Jumpers

Jumper 1 – Reset Jumper

<u>Position</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	User Controlled Backplane Reset –Generates a system reset through the AnalyzeIt! Software.
2	Power Up and Pushbutton System Reset – Generates a system reset at power up or when the pushbutton is pressed.
3 (default)	Power Up and Pushbutton Analyzer Reset – Generates an analyzer reset at power up or when the pushbutton is pressed.

Jumper 2 – Baud Rate and 3.3V Signaling

<u>Position</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Controller – Insert this jumper when the analyzer is a controller. The GNT and IDSEL signals are driven. Also use Jumper 5 to drive the system clock.
4	3.3V Signaling – Insert this jumper when the analyzer is being installed in a 3.3V system.

Jumper 3 – RS232 Hardware Handshaking

<u>Position</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	RTS control
2	CTS control

Jumper 5 – Drive PCLK

Installing this jumper enables the on board analyzer clock generator to drive the system clock. The frequency of the clock generator is specified by the AnalyzeIt! Software.

Jumper 6 – TDI to TDO

Installing this jumper connects the JTAG signals TDI to TDO to connect this daisy-chained signal.

Jumper 7 – PCI / PCI-X Capability (*Only on PCI850)

This jumper controls the PCIXCAP backplane signal which indicates if the card is PCI-X capable and the system clock frequency. A PCI-X system interrogates this signal at power up to determine the capabilities of each card in a backplane. The system then adjusts it’s clock frequency and operating mode (conventional PCI or PCI-X) so all boards will work in the system.

<u>Position 1</u>	<u>Position 2</u>	<u>Description</u>
OUT	IN	Conventional PCI
IN	OUT	PCI-X 66 Mhz
OUT	OUT	PCI-X 133 Mhz

2.1.2. Front Panel



USB	A standard Type B connector operating at 12Mb/sec.
RS232	A female DB9 connector operating at up to 57.6K baud with RTS and CTS hardware handshaking.
Trigger IN/OUT	A 10 pin shrouded male IDC connector on 2mm centers with a keyed slot. The signals include 1 ground, 1 trigger output and 8 trigger inputs.
Pushbutton Reset	Resets the analyzer / system based on Jumper 1 settings.
LEDs	The green LED illuminates after a successful power up and self-test diagnostics. The red LED illuminates for approximately 1 second at power up and indicates that hardware is being configured. If the red LED stays on an error occurred during configuration.
External Power	A 2-pin power connector provides external power to the analyzer. The power supply voltage range must be between 4.5V and 5.5V and capable of supplying a minimum current of 2.8 Amps.

Important: When supplying external power the F1 fuse must be removed and the F2 fuse installed. Carefully remove a fuse from the fuse holder with a pliers or similar device.

2.1.3. Cables

USB – An 8 foot USB cable is included with a Type A connector on the PC side and a Type B connector on the analyzer side.

RS232 – An 8 foot RS232 cable is included with a DB9 female connector on the PC side and a DB9 male connector on the analyzer side.

Trigger – A 10 pin trigger input/output ribbon cable is included with a 10-pin IDC connector on the analyzer side and individual test clips on the other side. The test clips are color coded as follows:

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Color</i>
Ground	Black
Trigger Out	Yellow
Trigger In (8)	Red

Power – This cable provides external power to the analyzer and consists of a 2 wire molded power connector with un-terminated red and black heavy gauge wires. The red wire must be connected to a voltage source between 4.5V and 5.5V with a minimum current capability of 2.8A. The black wire connects to ground.

Important: When supplying external power the F1 fuse must be removed and the F2 fuse installed. Carefully remove a fuse from the fuse holder with a pliers or similar device.

2.1. SOFTWARE INSTALLATION

2.2.1. PC Requirements

The system requirements for a PC running the AnalyzeIt! Software is as follows:

<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Pentium 3 Processor	Pentium 3 Processor at 600Mhz
2GB Hard Drive	5GB Hard Drive
64MB RAM	128K RAM
CD ROM Drive	CD ROM Drive
USB or Serial port	USB or Serial port
15" Monitor	17" Monitor
Mouse	Mouse

2.2.2 Software Installation

2.2.2.1 AnalyzeIt! Software

Install the AnalyzeIt! Software using the included CD or download the software from the Silicon Control web site at www.silicon-control.com.

After inserting the CD into the drive, browse for the file AnalyzeIt! The file is a self-extracting executable file. To install the software double click the file. Follow the installation instructions on the screen. You will have to restart your computer after installation.

2.2.2.2 USB Drivers

If you are using the USB interface, the message "New Hardware Found" may appear after you connect the USB cable and apply power to the analyzer. If this message does not appear go to the Control Panel and Add New Hardware to install the drivers. The drivers are included on the CD ROM.

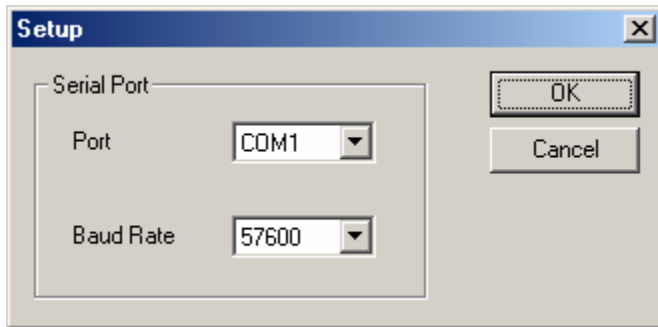
2.2.2.3 Software Updates

The latest up to date software is available on Silicon Control's web site at www.silicon-control.com. Download the AnalyzeIt! Software into a folder on your computer. The downloaded file is a self-extracting executable file. To install the software double click the file.

2.2.3. Initial Setup

Run the software by double clicking the AnalyzeIt! Icon on the desktop or go to Start – Programs – AnalyzeIt! The analyzer has both RS232 and USB interfaces. You must select which interface before using the analyzer. The AnalyzeIt software will come up in a demo mode if it cannot communicate with the analyzer. You can then set the interface you are using and restart the software. The new interface setting will be used the next time you start the software.

To configure the RS232 or USB port, click on **Utilities** in the Main Menu and select **Setup**.



For the RS232 interface, enter the COM port number and the baud rate you are using. The board rate of the analyzer will be automatically adjusted to match the software setting. Select USB if using the USB port.

Note: If you are having communication problems using the RS232 interface try lowering the baud rate. The speed of this interface may be influenced by the PC speed and cable type and length.

**CHAPTER 3
CAPTURING BUS ACTIVITY**

3.1 State Display

The state display presents captured bus activity in a column form and is best used when viewing data transfers. Signals can be moved, inserted, deleted and color and radix defined. Grouped signals such as address can be collapsed and expanded and their range specified.

To open a state display, select File - New or Open - Capture - State. You can also click on the State display icon in the main toolbar.



The screenshot shows the 'Trace - Trigger2' window with a state display table. Annotations with red arrows point to various UI elements:

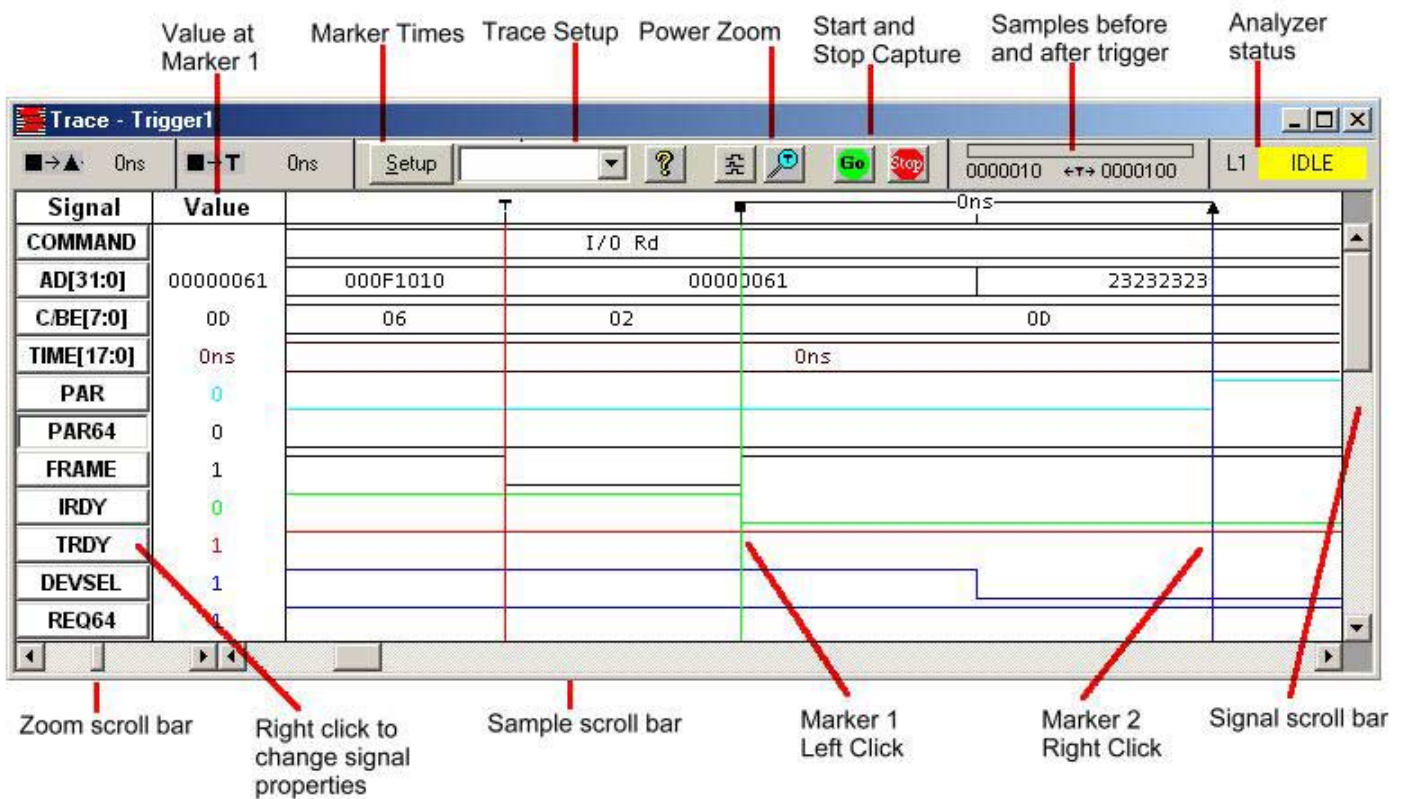
- Marker Times:** Points to the '105.8us' and '41.47us' values in the toolbar.
- Right click to change signal properties:** Points to the 'Setup' button in the toolbar.
- Trace Setup:** Points to the dropdown menu in the toolbar.
- Power Zoom:** Points to the magnifying glass icon in the toolbar.
- Start and Stop capture:** Points to the 'Go' and 'Stop' buttons in the toolbar.
- Sample before and after trigger:** Points to the '0000100' and '0000100' values in the toolbar.
- Analyzer status:** Points to the 'L1 IDLE' status indicator in the toolbar.
- Signal scroll bar:** Points to the horizontal scroll bar at the bottom left.
- Trigger marker:** Points to the vertical line in the table at sample 0.
- Marker 1 Left click:** Points to the left mouse button icon in the table.
- Marker 2 Right Click:** Points to the right mouse button icon in the table.
- Sample scroll bar:** Points to the vertical scroll bar on the right side of the table.

SAMPLE	COMMAND	ADDRESS32	DATA32	TIME[17:0]	DELTA	BUS DOCTOR	C/BE
-5			23	20.48us			00
-4	I/O Rd	00000061		10.49us			00
-3			33	2.560us		FRAME asserted without IRDY...	00
-2	I/O Wr	00000061		25.47us			00
-1			20	10.24us			00
0	I/O Rd	00000064			T		00
1			1C	22.01us			0E
2	I/O Wr	00000064		3.840us			00
3			AE	15.61us			0E
4	Int Ack	00000000		32.42us		FRAME not deasserted within...	00
5			08	26.62us	105.8us		0E
6	I/O Rd	00000078		24.73us			00
7			80	22.01us			0E
8	I/O Wr	00000020		32.06us			00
9			20	10.24us			0E
10	Int Ack	00000000		12.91s			00
11			09	26.62us			0E
12	I/O Rd	00000064		21.98us			00

3.2 Waveform Display

The timing display represents trace data as waveforms for timing analysis. A numeric value is provided on top of each waveform. As in the state display, signals can be moved, inserted, deleted and color and radix defined. Grouped signals such as address can be collapsed and expanded and their range specified. A zoom is provided to get a better look at waveform relationships.

To open a waveform display, select File - New or Open - Capture - Waveform. You can also click on the Waveform display icon in the main toolbar.



3.3 Signal Properties

Signals in the state and waveform display have many properties and functions.

Moving – Click on a signal and drag it to another position

Sizing – Drag the edge of a signal box to size the signal field

Color – Right click on the signal name and select color to change the color of the data displayed

Base - Right click on the signal name and select base (Hex, Octal, Binary) to change the radix

Change - Right click on the signal name and select Change Signal to change to another signal

Expand - Right click on the signal name and select Expand to expand a bussed signal into individual signals.

Collapse – Select a number of signals with the same bus name (i.e. AD[0], AD[1], AD[2]). Two methods to select multiple signals are:

1. Hold the Ctrl key with the mouse to select more than one signal
2. To select a range of signals, click on one signal then hold the Shift key and select another signal

Right click on one of the selected signal names and select Collapse to collapse them into a single bussed signal.

Insert - Right click on the signal name and select Insert to insert a new signal

Delete - Right click on the signal name and select Delete to remove the signal

Insert Blank - Right click on the signal name and select Insert Blank to insert a blank field. This is useful for separating groups of signals for better clarity.

3.4 Control Bar



The control bar provides information and control while capturing and displaying trace data.

Go Button – Starts the capture of bus activity.

Stop Button – Stops the capture of bus activity and displays captured trace data. A Stop occurs automatically if the trace buffer fills.

Number of Samples Before and After the Trigger – When capturing bus activity these values are constantly updated to reflect the amount of data stored in the trace buffer. When reading trace data this display indicates your position within the trace buffer.

Analyzer Status – Indicates the current state of the analyzer.

IDLE – not capturing or reading trace data

ACTIVE – capturing trace data

READING – reading trace data

Power Zoom Button – Opens a high speed timing window that displays trace data around the trigger event.

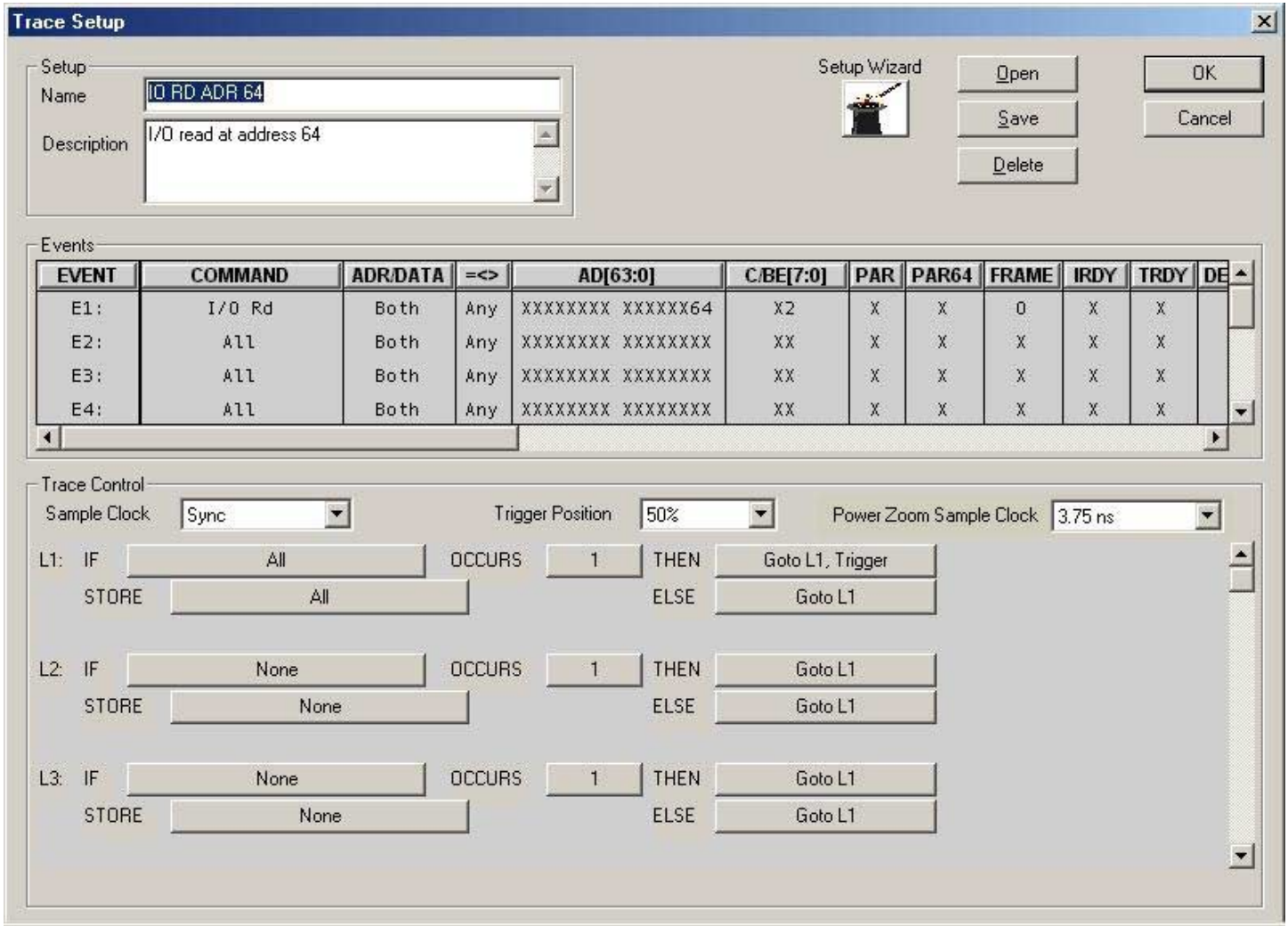
Setup Button and Drop Down List – Click the Setup button to modify a new or saved setup. The drop down list is a quick way to select previously saved setups.

State/Waveform Button – This button changes the window between state and waveform displays. It also allows you to open another state or waveform display, which contains the same data as the first display and whose position is linked together.

Marker Time Display – The time from the Trigger to Marker1, Trigger to Marker 2 and Marker1 to Marker 2 is displayed.

3.5 Setups

The type of information captured in the trace buffer is controlled by setup information. Clicking the Setup button in the control bar allows you to specify this information.



The setup window is divided into 3 main sections: Setup Utilities, Events, and Trace Control.

Setup Utilities – These are general setup functions:

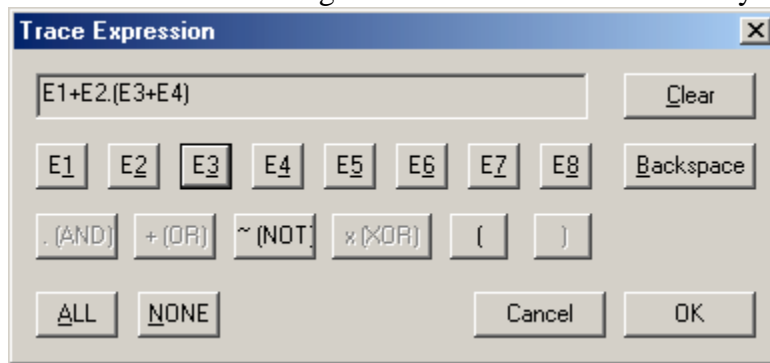
1. Specify a setup Name
2. Give a setup Description
3. Open, Save and Delete setups
4. Use the Setup Wizard to assist in defining setups

Events – Events are bus conditions that are of interest to you. They are used in the trace controls for triggering, trace qualification and decision-making. Each event specifies a complete set of bus signals and their state. Click on a field in the event section to change a signal. Grouped signals such as AD[63:0] open a dialog box while individual signals rotate through preset selections when clicked. The signal fields can be moved, sized and changed to customize the event display. See Signal Properties in section 3.3 for a complete list of signal properties.

Trace Control – Trace controls specify how the analyzer captures bus activity. This multi-level structure provides a flexible way to setup simple or complex trace control.

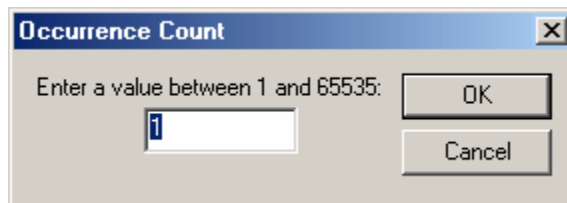
Each level has the following fields:

IF: This field defines an event or logical combination of events that you want to look for.

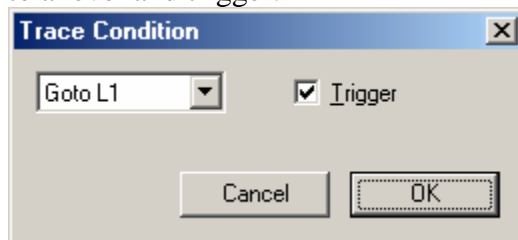


When you select the IF field an expression generator helps you construct an event condition.

OCCURS: The number of times the event occurs.



THEN: If the event in the IF field occurs the number of times in the OCCURS field you can jump to a level and trigger.



ELSE: If the event in the IF field DOES NOT occur you can jump to a level and trigger.

STORE: An event or logical combination of events specifies what to store in the trace buffer.

The trace control section also sets the sample clocks and trigger position.

Sample Clock



The analyzer samples the bus using either the bus clock or a high precision analyzer clock.

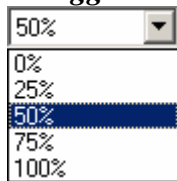
Clk samples on every positive edge of the system clock.

Sync samples on the system clock when address and data are valid.

Transfer samples on the system clock during a data transfer

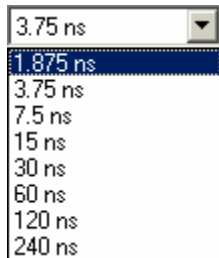
The remaining selections are periodic intervals based on an analyzer clock.

Trigger Position



The trigger position defines the amount of information stored in the trace buffer before and after a defined event called the trigger. Once a trigger is encountered a trigger position of 0% stores all events starting at the beginning of the trace buffer.

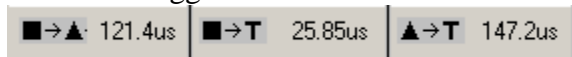
Power Zoom Sample Clock



The power zoom sample clock specifies the sample rate of the high speed trace buffer. This buffer samples bus signals around the trigger point and is displayed by clicking on the power zoom button in the state or waveform display.

3.6 Time Markers

Time measurements on the state and waveform displays are performed using markers. Left click on data in the display window to place one marker. Right click to place another marker. The time between the markers is displayed on the data display. The control bar in the state and waveform window also shows the time from the trigger to each marker and from marker to marker.



3.7 Searching and Jumping


Searching – To find information in the trace buffer use the search features on the main tool bar. After defining search criteria you can search forward or backward through the trace buffer. The search starts at the 1st marker position.

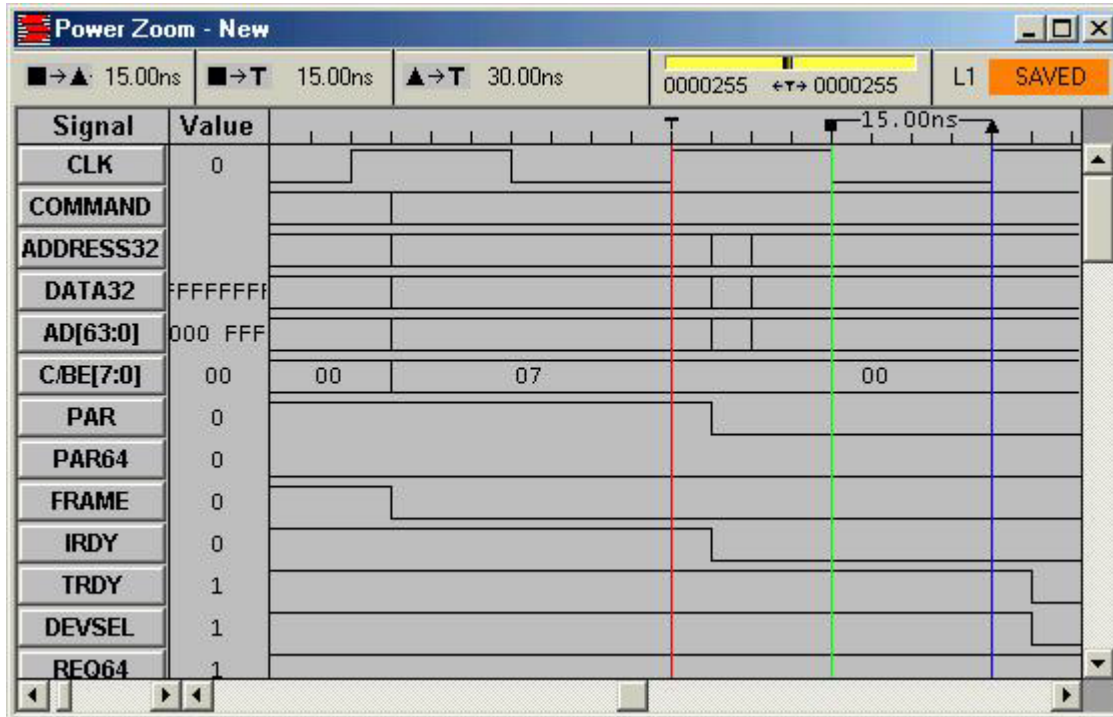


Jumping – Use the jump features on the main tool bar to quickly move to specific samples in the trace buffer. Jump to the start, end, trigger, marker 1 and marker 2.




3.8 Power Zoom

The power zoom is a small high speed trace buffer that captures bus signals around the trigger event. To open this window click the power zoom button  in the state or waveform display. The power zoom window has the same features as the waveform display such as moving, inserting, deleting and changing the signals in the display. Timing measurements can be made using markers by right and left clicking directly on the display.



3.9 Saving Captured Data

To save trace data, select File and Save or Save As or click the Save icon  in the main tool bar. Trace data is saved in a text format that can be opened later or read in a word processor, database or spread sheet. The file name is given a .tra file extension.

3.10 Printing

To print state and waveform data select File and Print or click the print icon  in the main tool bar.

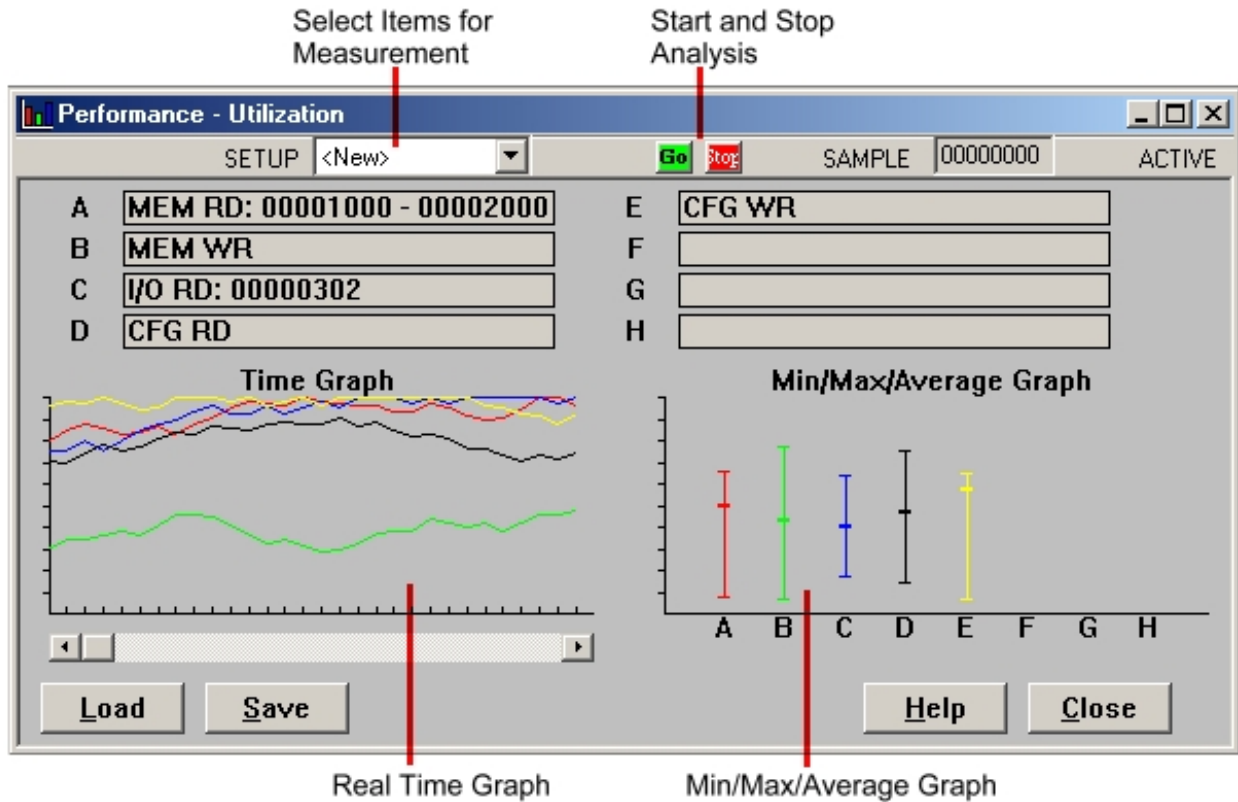
CHAPTER 4
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Time graphs and histograms give an overview of system performance, bottlenecks and problem areas.

There are 5 performance analysis measurements:

1. Utilization - Computes the percentage of time a signal is active.
2. Transfer Rate - Computes the speed of signals in MB/sec.
3. Latency - Computes the delay of signals in microseconds.
4. Burst Distribution - Computes the amount of data transferred in a burst transfer.
5. Statistics - Counts the number of occurrences of selected signals.

Dedicated hardware counters accumulate occurrences of selected items. The counter data is plotted on a real time graph. The minimum, maximum and average values are computed from this data and displayed on a separate bar chart.



4.1 Performance Display

The performance display consists of a moving time graph and an average/min/max bar or pie chart. The time graph shows the current measurement and is updated at fixed time intervals specified by the user. The bar chart averages this moving data and tracks the min and max values. A scroll bar under the time graph lets you review the previous data.

4.2 Setup

Click the setup button to select signals for performance analysis. These can include bus signals, group signals and address ranges. To start the performance measurements click on GO icon.

4.3 Utilization

Utilization measurements compute the percentage of time a signal is active. This measurement identifies the resources that are using the bus. These can include address usage, command type and overall idle and busy times.

4.4 Transfer Rate

The transfer rate measurement measures in MB/s the speed of data transfers. These measurements can be specified for specific address ranges and cycles.

4.5 Latency

The efficiency of data transfers in a system depend upon the latencies involved. Measurements are taken of master, target, address, data and arbitration to provide a look at latencies that slow a bus down.

4.6 Burst Distribution

The amount of data transferred during each cycle is measured and displayed in 8 ranges. The ranges include single byte transfers and up.

4.7 Statistics

Statistics can be obtained for any bus signal or group of signals. For example the number of memory reads, memory writes, writes to an address or address range can be counted.

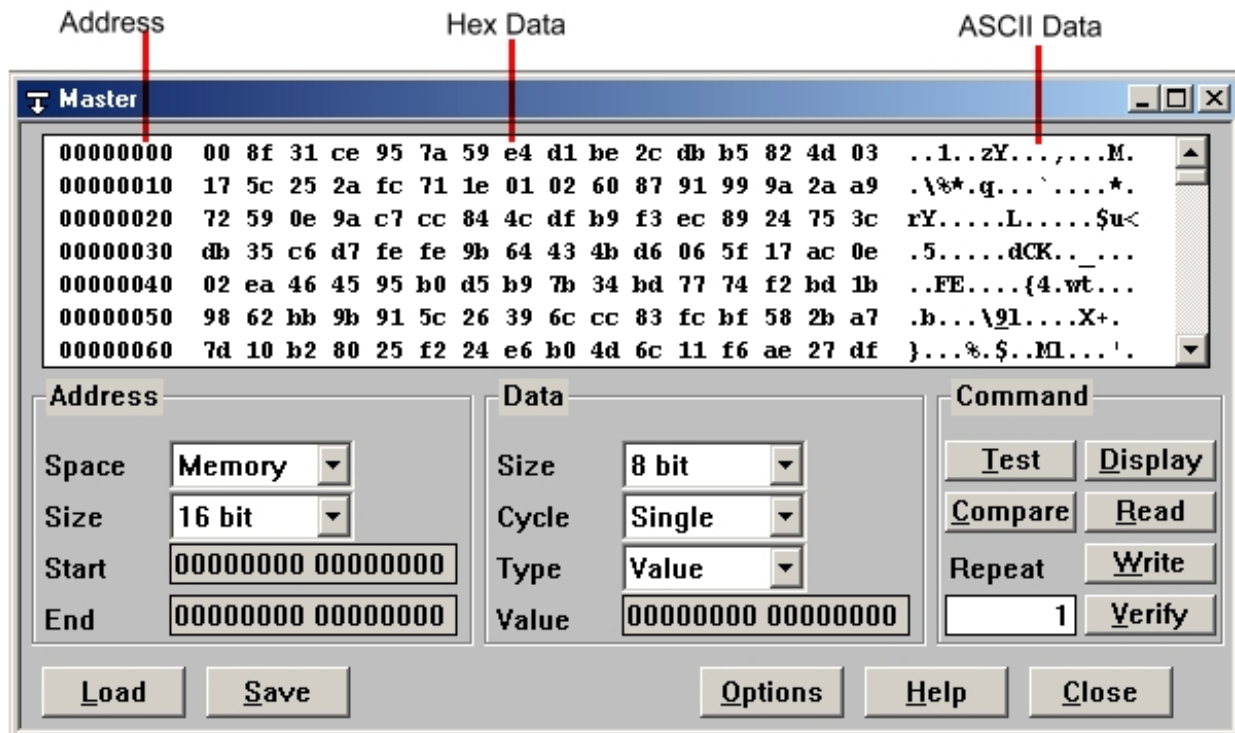
4.8 Saving and Loading Performance Data

Performance data can be saved to a file by clicking the Save button. To look at previously saved data click the Load button. Saved performance files have a .per extension.

**CHAPTER 5
MASTER**

The Master functions perform memory, I/O and configuration data transfers across the bus. The user has complete control over many aspects of the transfer including:

- Address: space, size and range
- Data: size, cycle, type and value
- Command: read, write, test, compare, verify



5.1 Data Display

The data display is divided into 3 sections:

- Address** – the starting address of the data line in hexadecimal.
- Hex Data** – the data read from the bus in hexadecimal, 16 bytes per line.
- ASCII Data** – the ASCII equivalent of the hex data, a period is a non-ASCII character.

5.2 Address Setup

The address setup section specifies the address used for read and writes. The fields are as follows:

- Space** – Memory, I/O, Configuration
- Size** – 8, 16, 32, 64 bit
- Start** – Starting address in hexadecimal.
- End** – Ending address in hexadecimal

5.3 Data Setup

The data setup section specifies the data used for reads and writes. The fields are as follows:

Size – 8, 16, 32, 64 bit

Cycle – single, burst

Single cycle transfers perform one read or write at a time through the address range. Arbitration takes place for each data transfer of the specified size.

Type – value, file, target

During a bus write command the data used is specified in the Type field.

Value - uses the data in the Value field.

File - uses data stored in a data file that may have been previously saved with the Save button in the Master window

Target – uses data in the target memory on the analyzer

Value – data value in hexadecimal

5.4 Commands

The commands used in the master functions are:

Read – reads data from a target on the bus

Write – writes data to a target on the bus

Verify – writes data to a target and reads it back for verification

Test – writes out test patterns and reads them back for verification

Compare – reads data and compares it with the data specified in the data setup

5.5 Saving and Loading Data

Read data and setup information can be saved to a file by clicking the Save button. To look at previously saved data click the Load button. Saved master files have a .mst extension.

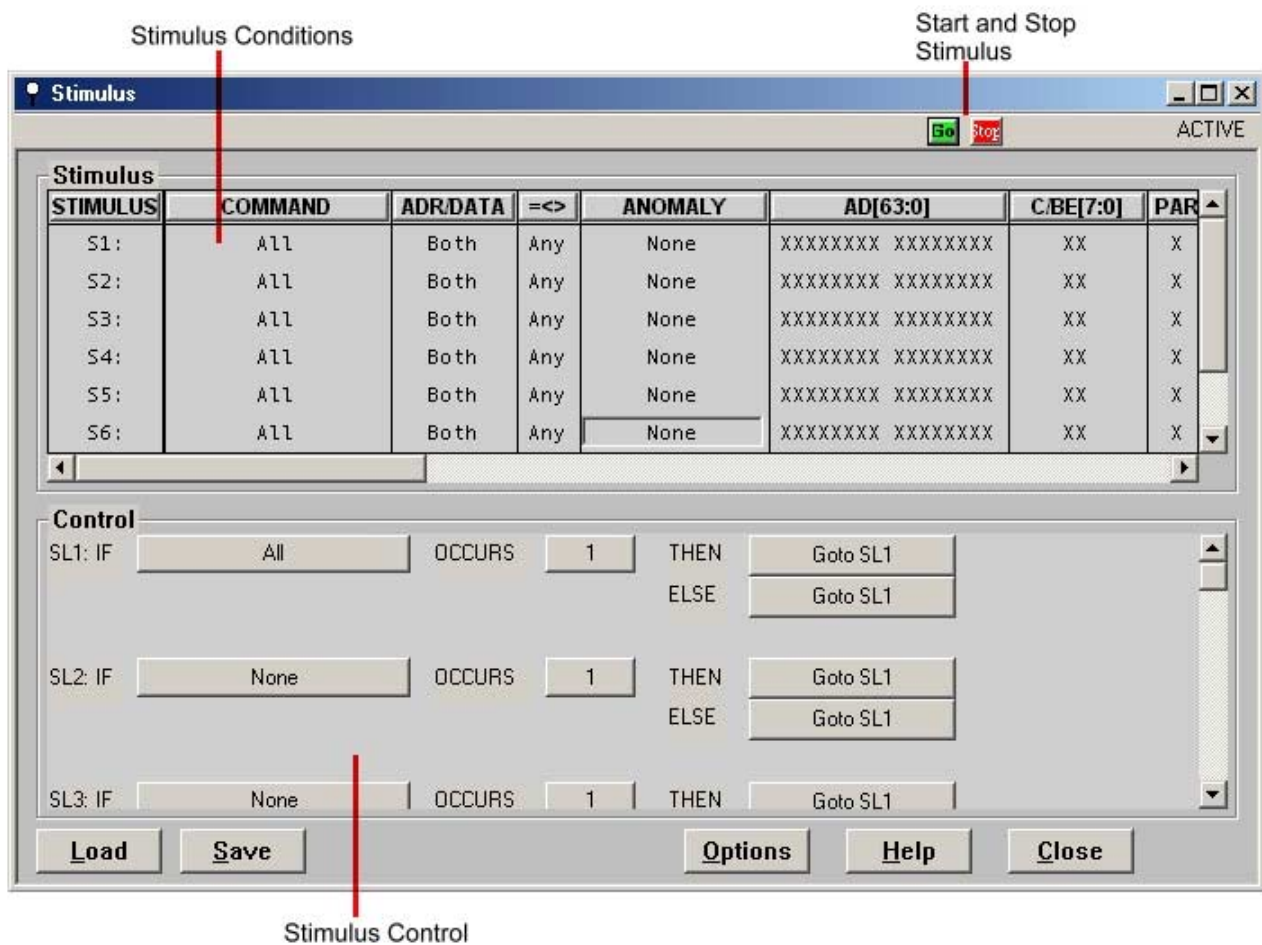
5.6 Options

No options are available.

**CHAPTER 6
STIMULUS**

The analyzer has the ability to generate signal patterns on the bus. These features provide hardware simulation and test system response to events.

Stimulus is driven onto the bus under control of a 16 level sequencer. At each level any combination of bus signals can be specified along with an activation time and wait time synchronized to the system clock. These levels can then be linked together to form complex stimuli. Initiation of this stimulus can be controlled manually or in response to a bus event.



6.1 Stimulus Conditions

Each stimulus condition specifies which signals drive the bus and their drive level. The drive states are:

- X – do not drive the bus
- 0 – drive the bus to a low state
- 1 – drive the bus to a high state

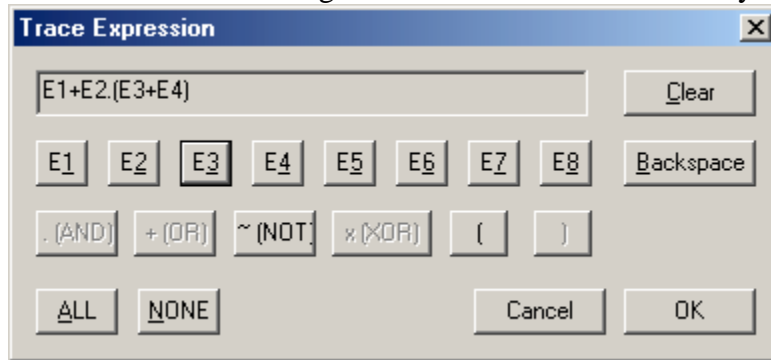
The stimulus signal fields can be moved, sized and changed to customize the stimulus display. See Signal Properties in section 3.3 for a complete list of signal properties.

6.2 Stimulus Control

Stimulus controls specify how the analyzer stimulates bus activity. This multi-level structure provides a flexible way to setup simple or complex stimulus control.

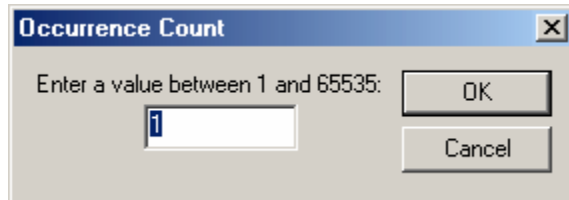
Each level has the following fields:

IF: This field defines an event or logical combination of events that you want to look for.

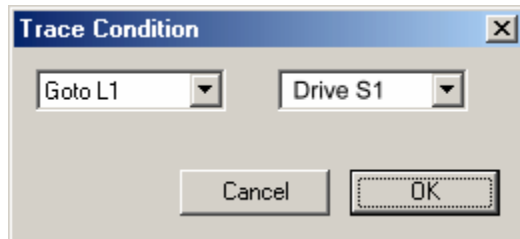


When you select the IF field an expression generator helps you construct an event condition.

OCCURS: The number of times the event occurs.



THEN: If the event in the IF field occurs the number of times in the OCCURS field you can jump to a level and drive a stimulus condition.



ELSE: If the event in the IF field DOES NOT occur you can jump to a level and drive a stimulus condition.

6.3 Saving and Loading Stimulus

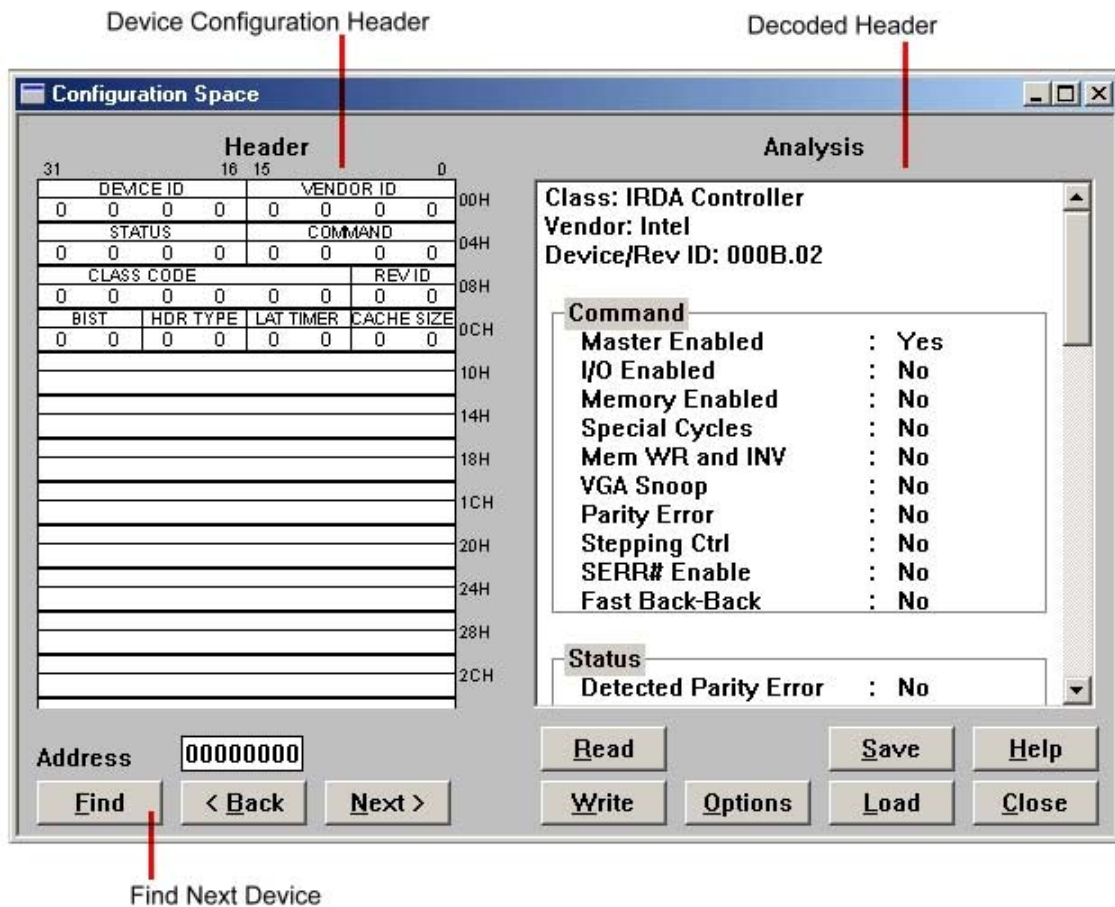
Stimulus conditions and controls can be saved to a file by clicking the Save button. To look at previously saved stimulus click the Load button. Saved stimulus files have a .stm extension.

6.4 Options

No options are available.

CHAPTER 7 CONFIGURATION SCANNING

An automatic scan of configuration space identifies the boards in a system and displays the configuration information. A search is performed of all configuration registers and the results are displayed and decoded for easy identification. The values of the configuration registers are displayed in one window and the decoded meaning in another window. Vendor names, type of board, version numbers, etc. are displayed for easy interpretation.



7.1 Configuration Header

The configuration header window displays binary configuration data. The first 16 bytes are the same for every device. The Header Type field, in the upper 16 bytes, define the format of the data that follows. The display automatically adjusts the format based on the Header Type field.

7.2 Configuration Analysis

The raw information in the configuration header is analyzed and the results are displayed in an analysis window. The device class and vendor ID is looked up and the other fields are decoded.

7.3 Finding Devices

Several buttons search for devices in the configuration space. The FIND button scans the configuration space to locate the next device. The NEXT and BACK buttons also locate devices before or after the current device.

7.4 Saving and Loading Configuration Information

Configuration information can be saved to a file by clicking the Save button. To look at previously saved configurations click the Load button. Saved configuration files have a .cfg extension.

7.5 Reading and Writing Configuration

The READ and WRITE buttons provide a convenient way of modifying and displaying configuration space.

7.6 Options

No options are available.

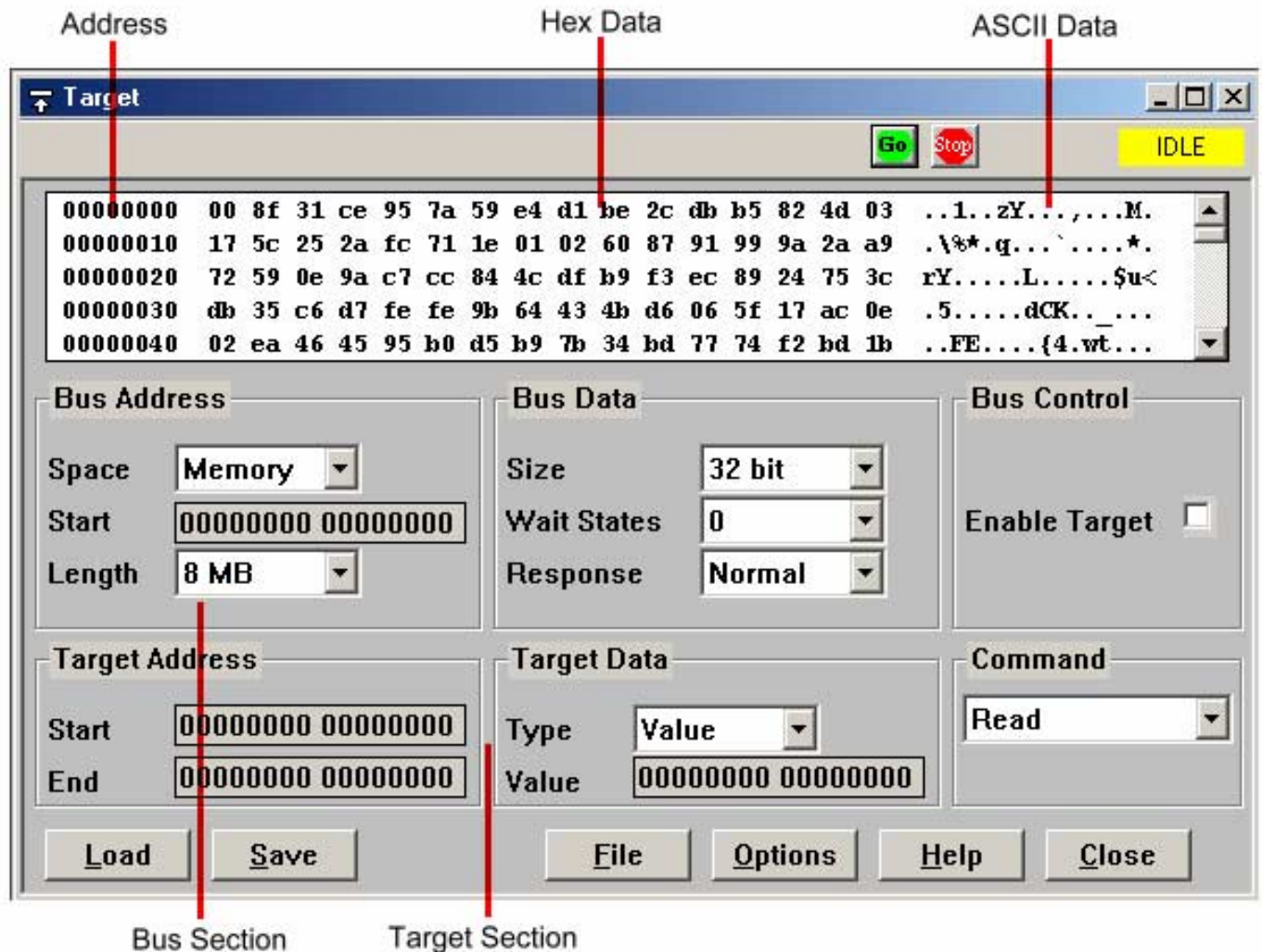
CHAPTER 8 TARGET MEMORY

The target memory provides a windowed bus memory that is accessible by other bus masters. The memory can be configured for different addresses, data and responses to a master.

The target window is divided into 3 sections:

1. Display section shows the value of the data in the target memory.
2. Bus section controls the bus address, data and responses of the target memory to an initiator.
3. Target section allows the user to read and write directly into the target memory from the analyzer.

The target memory is not accessible on the bus until the Enable Target checkbox is checked.



8.1 Data Display Section

The data displayed in this section is the result of performing a read of target memory in the target section. The data display is divided into 3 sections:

Address – the starting address of the data line in hexadecimal.

Hex Data – the data read from target memory in hexadecimal, 16 bytes per line.

ASCII Data – the ASCII equivalent of the hex data, a period is a non-ASCII character.

8.2 Bus Section

The bus section controls the bus address, data and responses of the target memory to an initiator.

Bus Address Setup

The address setup section specifies the bus address window. The fields are as follows:

Space – Memory, I/O, Configuration

Start – Starting address

Length – length in MB (*note: if the length is zero the target address is equal to the start address*)

Data Setup

The data setup section specifies the data used for writes to target memory. The fields are as follows:

Size – 8, 16, 32, 64 bit

Wait States – number of wait states between data phases

Response – Normal, Retry or Disconnect

Bus Control

A checkbox enables bus access to the target memory. The target memory is not accessible on the bus until the Enable Target checkbox is checked. Always disable this checkbox when changing bus setup parameters and re-enable when finished.

8.3 Target Section

The target section controls the data that is read and written to the target memory.

Target Address

Start and End Address – The start and end address of the target memory.

Target Data

Type – value, file

During a bus write command the data used is specified in the Type field.

Value - uses the data in the Value field.

File - uses data stored in a data file that may have been previously saved with the Save button in the Target window

Value – data value in hexadecimal

Command

Read or Write command.

8.4 Saving and Loading Data

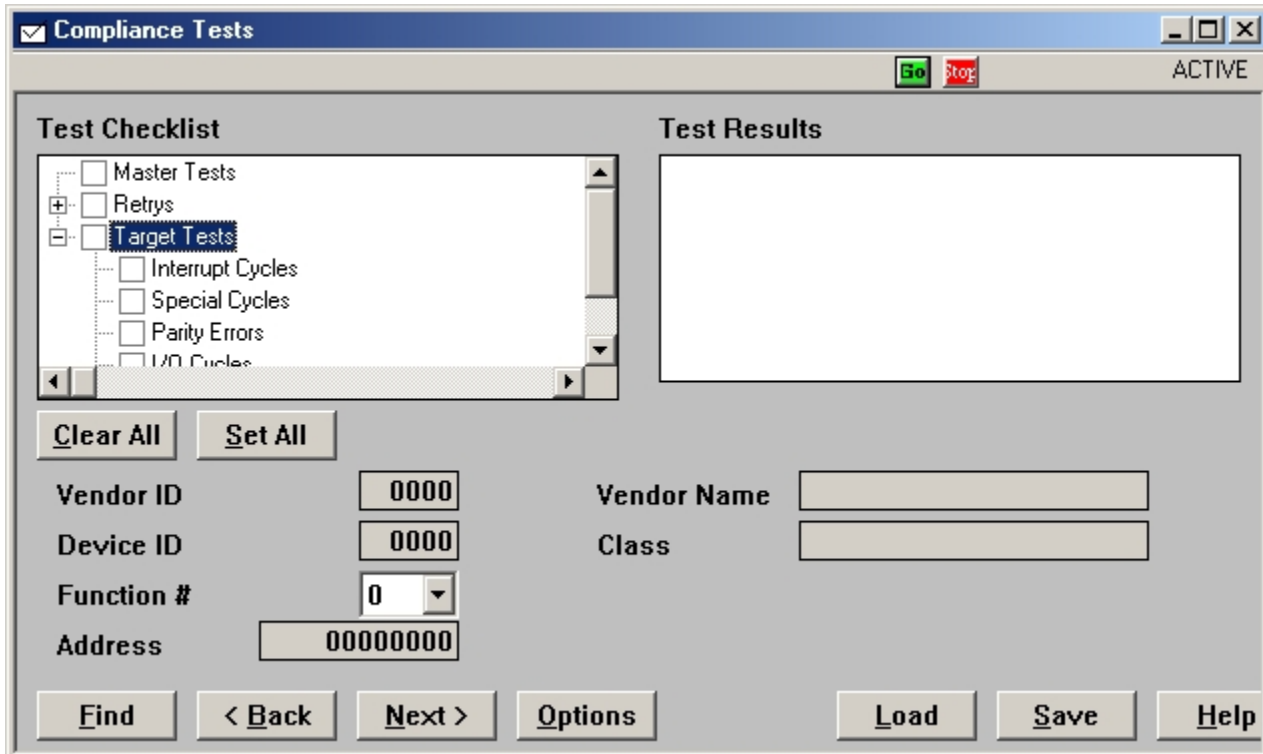
Read data and setup information can be saved to a file by clicking the Save button. To look at previously saved data click the Load button. Saved target files have a .tgt extension.

8.5 Options

No options are available.

**CHAPTER 9
COMPLIANCE TESTING**

Compliance testing is performed based on the PCISIG compliance checklist. A complete suite of master and target tests are performed automatically. During some tests the user is prompted to change the system setup or initiate a bus cycle from the device under test.



9.1 Test Checklist

The test checklist allows the selection of specific tests. A checklist tree structure groups tests into categories. Clicking the “+” sign next to a category expands the checklist into individual tests. Individual tests can be checked. Clicking the “-” sign next to a category compresses the checklist back into a single category. Checking a category selects all the tests under that selection. The Clear All button removes all the checkmarks while the Set All button marks every test.

9.2 Test Results

Results of the compliance tests are displayed in the test results window as the tests are being performed. A scroll bar allows the viewing of previous test results.

9.3 Saving and Loading Test Results

Compliance test information can be saved to a file by clicking the Save button. To look at previously saved test data click the Load button. Saved compliance test files have a .cpl extension.

9.4 Finding Devices

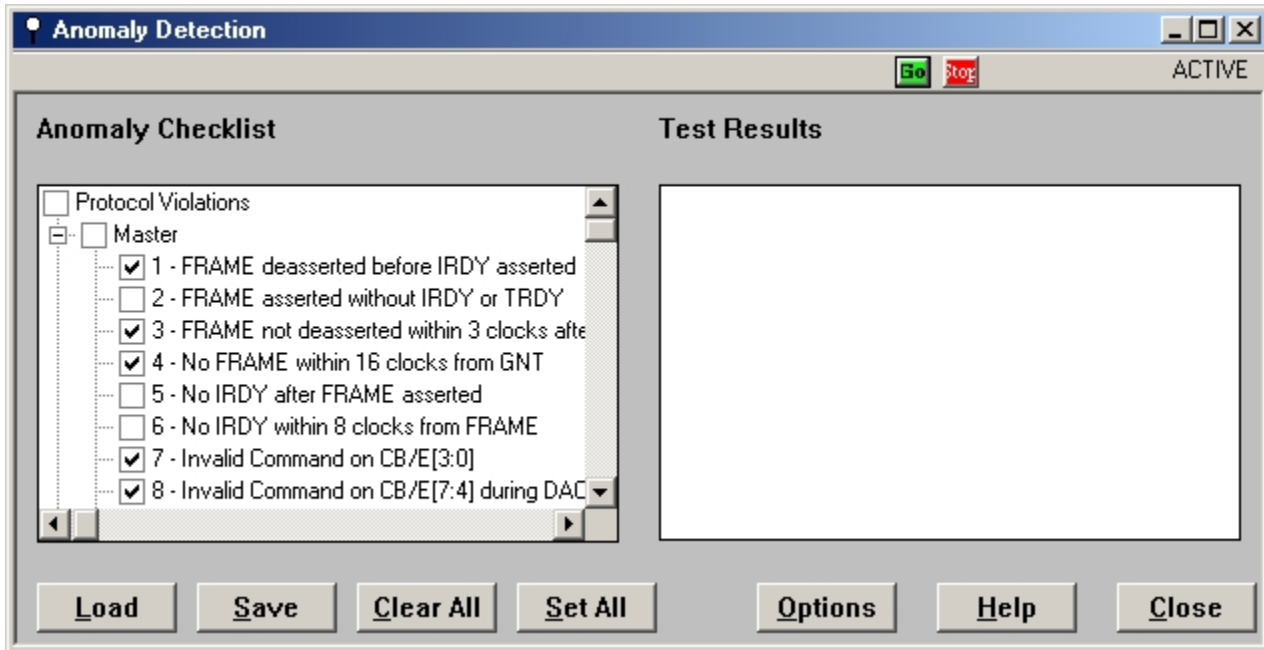
Before performing a compliance test a scan of the configuration space is done to find a device to be tested. The FIND button locates a device. To test another device use the NEXT or BACK buttons.

9.5 Options

No options are available.

**CHAPTER 10
PROTOCOL CHECKING**

The analyzer continuously monitors and detects over 100 protocol and timing violations. Dedicated hardware checks setup and hold times, unstable signals and glitches on lines. Protocol checking screens for illegal signal assertions referenced to the PCI specification.



10.1 Anomaly Checklist

The anomaly checklist allows the selection of specific tests. A checklist tree structure groups anomalies into categories. Clicking the “+” sign next to a category expands the checklist into individual anomalies. Individual anomalies can be checked. Clicking the “-” sign next to a category compresses the checklist back into a single category. Checking a category selects all the anomalies under that selection. The Clear All button removes all the checkmarks while the Set All button marks every anomaly.

10.2 Test Results

Results of the anomaly checking are displayed in the test results window as the tests are being performed. A scroll bar allows the viewing of previous test results.

10.3 Saving Results

Anomaly test information can be saved to a file by clicking the Save button. To look at previously saved anomaly data click the Load button. Saved anomaly test files have an .adt extension.

10.4 Trace Controls

The trace controls of the state and waveform display incorporate the anomaly checklist. Anomalies can be used as in the trigger and trace qualification when capturing trace activity. An anomaly event field specifies the use of the anomalies selected in the checklist.

10.5 Options

No options are available.

CHAPTER 11 BACKPLANE TEST
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The backplane test checks for shorts and the ability to drive signals high and low in an open backplane. This test will not run correctly if other boards are plugged into the backplane. The name of the signal is displayed as it is being tested. If a short or drive problem is encountered it is listed in a test results window.

11.1 Short Test

The short test checks for shorts between signals by pulsing each bus signal and monitoring every other signal for that pulse. If a pulse is detected on a signal not being driven it is considered a short and displayed in the test results window.

11.2 Drive Test

The drive test checks for a signals ability to be driven low and high. A low to high pulse and high to low pulse is driven onto each bus signal while it is monitored. If the monitored pulse does not match the pulse driving the signal a drive test error is flagged and displayed in the test results window.

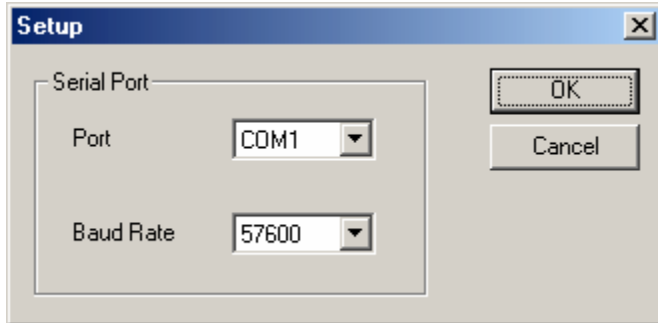
Important: This test requires the system clock. This can be driven from the bus or generated by the analyzer by inserting jumper B5.

**CHAPTER 12
UTILITIES**

The Utilities menu provides for general maintenance, setup and information functions.

12.1 Setup

To configure the RS232 or USB port, click on **Utilities** in the Main Menu and select **Setup**.

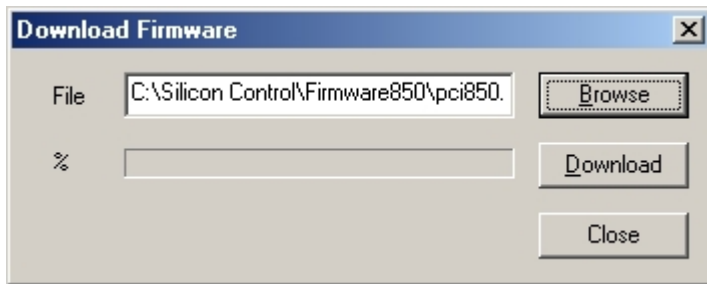


For the RS232 interface, enter the COM port number and the baud rate you are using. The board rate of the analyzer will be automatically adjusted to match the software setting. Select USB if using the USB port.

Note: If you are having communication problems using the RS232 interface try lowering the baud rate. The speed of this interface may be influenced by the PC speed and cable type and length.

12.2 Download Firmware

The analyzer firmware resides in a Flash memory that can be reprogrammed. Updates are available on Silicon Control’s web site at www.silicon-control.com. Downloading firmware into the analyzer can take up to 20 minutes.



12.3 Board Information

This function reads basic information from the analyzer. The model number, trace memory size, hardware version and firmware version is displayed.

<p style="text-align: center;">CHAPTER 5 MISCELLANEOUS</p>
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13.1 Online Help

Help on the operation of the analyzer and software is available in the help menu. A contents page presents help in a book form or use index to find information from keywords.

13.2 Expansion Connector

A 200 pin expansion connector provides for add on boards. All bus signals are available on the connector as well as analyzer control and data signals. A 500 Mhz timing module and board test module are currently available.

Protocol Violations Checked**Master**

- 1 FRAME deasserted before IRDY asserted
- 2 FRAME asserted without IRDY or TRDY
- 3 FRAME not deasserted within 3 clocks after STOP
- 4 No FRAME within 16 clocks from GNT
- 5 No IRDY within 8 clocks from FRAME
- 6 No TRDY or STOP within 16 clocks from initial data phase
- 7 No TRDY within 8 clocks after initial data phase
- 8 No IRDY after FRAME asserted
- 9 DEVSEL deasserted before transaction complete
- 10 Invalid Command on CB/E[3:0]
- 11 Invalid Command on CB/E[7:4] during DAC cycle
- 12 IRDY asserted during turnaround cycle
- 13 Address PAR error
- 14 Data PAR error
- 15 Address PAR64 error
- 16 Data PAR64 error
- 17 No PERR after parity error
- 18 Improper Master Abort - IRDY deasserted before TRDY/STOP asserted
- 19 FRAME asserted before GNT
- 20 STOP not deasserted after FRAME deasserted
- 21 FRAME and IRDY high when STOP is asserted
- 22 STOP not asserted when FRAME asserted

Target

- 23 No target turnaround
- 24 Lock not released
- 25 STOP deasserted with FRAME deasserted
- 26 PERR asserted during special cycle
- 27 PERR asserted during address cycle
- 28 TRDY asserted during target abort
- 29 LOCK asserted after target abort
- 30 IRDY asserted when FRAME deasserted
- 31 TRDY asserted before DEVSEL
- 32 IRDY asserted before DEVSEL
- 33 STOP asserted before DEVSEL
- 34 LOCK asserted during address phase

General

- 35 Maximum write completion time exceeded
- 36 REQ to GNT time > 15 clocks
- 37 REQ to GNT time > 30 clocks
- 38 REQ to GNT time > 45 clocks
- 39 REQ to GNT time > 60 clocks
- 40 REQ to GNT time > 90 clocks
- 41 Improper fast back-back cycle
- 42 AD[1:0] not 0 during MWI cycle
- 43 REQ64 not asserted with FRAME
- 44 ACK64 not asserted with DEVSEL
- 45 Master Abort during DEVSEL
- 46 FRAME deasserted after DAC cycle
- 47 Target responding to invalid command
- 48 Target response before DEVSEL
- 49 Address does not match Byte Enables

Timing Violations Checked**Unstable Signals**

- 50 AD[7:0] Unstable during address phase
- 51 AD[15:8] Unstable during address phase
- 52 AD[23:16] Unstable during address phase
- 53 AD[31:24] Unstable during address phase
- 54 AD[39:32] Unstable during address phase
- 55 AD[47:40] Unstable during address phase
- 56 AD[55:48] Unstable during address phase
- 57 AD[63:56] Unstable during address phase
- 58 AD[7:0] Unstable during data phase
- 59 AD[15:8] Unstable during data phase
- 60 AD[23:16] Unstable during data phase
- 61 AD[31:24] Unstable during data phase
- 62 AD[39:32] Unstable during data phase
- 63 AD[47:40] Unstable during data phase
- 64 AD[55:48] Unstable during data phase
- 65 AD[63:56] Unstable during data phase
- 66 CBE[3:0] Unstable during address phase
- 67 CBE[7:4] Unstable during address phase
- 68 CBE[3:0] Unstable during data phase
- 69 CBE[7:4] Unstable during data phase

Setup and Hold

- 70 AD[7:0] not valid within 12ns of clock
- 71 AD[15:8] not valid within 12ns of clock
- 72 AD[23:16] not valid within 12ns of clock
- 73 AD[31:24] not valid within 12ns of clock
- 74 AD[39:32] not valid within 12ns of clock
- 75 AD[47:40] not valid within 12ns of clock
- 76 AD[55:48] not valid within 12ns of clock
- 77 AD[63:56] not valid within 12ns of clock
- 78 CBE[3:0] not valid within 12ns of clock
- 79 CBE[7:4] not valid within 12ns of clock
- 80 DEVSEL not valid within 12ns of clock
- 81 FRAME not valid within 12ns of clock
- 82 IRDY not valid within 12ns of clock
- 83 TRDY not valid within 12ns of clock
- 84 LOCK not valid within 12ns of clock
- 85 STOP not valid within 12ns of clock
- 86 REQ64 not valid within 12ns of clock
- 87 ACK64 not valid within 12ns of clock
- 88 PERR not valid within 12ns of clock
- 89 PAR not valid within 12ns of clock
- 90 PAR64 not valid within 12ns of clock

General

- 91 CLK Period < 15ns (66 Mhz system)
- 92 CLK Period < 30ns (33 Mhz system)
- 93 CLK High < 6ns (66 Mhz system)
- 94 CLK Low < 6ns (66 Mhz system)
- 95 CLK High < 11ns (33 Mhz system)
- 96 CLK Low < 11ns (33 Mhz system)
- 97 Glitches on CLK
- 98 RESET high to first Configuration access invalid
- 99 RESET high to first FRAME active invalid
- 100 RESET to REQ64 time invalid
- 101 Glitches on RESET

Performance Analysis

- Functions: Bus Utilization
 Transfer Rate
 Latency
 Burst Distribution
 Statistics

- Measurement Displays:
 Moving Time Graph
 Average Bar Chart
 Minimum Bar Chart
 Maximum Bar Chart

- Number of Measurements:
 8 Simultaneous Conditions

- Measurement Conditions:
 All Bus Signals
 Commands
 Address Ranges
 Initiator Specific
 Target Specific
 Arbitration Specific

Compliance Testing

- Test Conditions: PCISIG Checklist

- Test Type: Automatic/Manual

Front Panel Interfaces

RS232 Port: DB9 connector, 110 to 115K Baud
(cable included)

USB Port: Series B connector, 12 MB/s
(cable included)

Indicators: GO LED, User LED

Pushbutton: Reset Analyzer or System

External Power: 2 Conductor front panel
(cable included)

Trigger: 10 pin socket (8 in, 1 out, 1 ground)
(cable included)

Fuses: Main power and External power

Power Requirements

Operating—5V at 3 amps max
Standby—5V at 1 Amp max
Generated on-board— 3.3V and 2.5V

Dimensions:

PCI850—PCI Short Card
PMC850— Single slot PMC card
CPCI850— 3U Compact PCI card

Ordering Information:

PCI Analyzers

PCI850-1	128K Sample Trace Buffer 1 MB Target Memory
PCI850-2	256K Sample Trace Buffer 2 MB Target Memory
PCI850-3	512K Sample Trace Buffer 4 MB Target Memory
PCI850-4	1 M Sample Trace Buffer 8 MB Target Memory

Compact PCI Analyzers

CPCI850-1	128K Sample Trace Buffer 1 MB Target Memory
CPCI850-2	256K Sample Trace Buffer 2 MB Target Memory
CPCI850-3	512K Sample Trace Buffer 4 MB Target Memory
CPCI850-4	1 M Sample Trace Buffer 8 MB Target Memory

PMC Analyzers

PMC850-1	128K Sample Trace Buffer 1 MB Target Memory
PMC850-2	256K Sample Trace Buffer 2 MB Target Memory
PMC850-3	512K Sample Trace Buffer 4 MB Target Memory
PMC850-4	1 M Sample Trace Buffer 8 MB Target Memory

All analyzers include Windows and API software, cables, carrying case and manuals.

Appendix B

PCI Bus Analyzer

Application Programming Interface

Version 1.1

Scope

This document describes the communications interface to the Silicon Controls PCI8XX and PCI6XX bus analyzers. The interface is intended for use by custom applications that wish to programatically control the operation of the analyzer. Communications functions are provided to configure the communications port, send commands and return responses. It is the responsibility of the custom application to format commands and parse data that is returned.

Environment

The API is provided as a library to be linked with a custom C or C++ application. The library has been compiled with the Microsoft Developer Studio compiler, version 6. The library may be used on Windows 9X, NT and 2000 systems. Note that not all Windows operating systems support the USB analyzer interface.

The API uses the Microsoft multi-threaded run-time library. Applications that use the API should specify code generation with the multi-threaded or multi-threaded DLL library.

Directories

The API is delivered with the following directory structure:

Docs	The API interface document.
PciApi	The API library code, with debug and release builds.
Sample	Sample console application which reads setup memory.
Sample2	Sample console application which starts and stops a trace, and reads trace samples.
TestApp	Test application which provides a GUI interface to exercise the API.

References

“PCI850 Interface Document”

Overview

The API starts with a set of functions to manage the communications port. *PciInitPort* is used to specify the port to use, which may be a serial port or USB interface. If a serial port is requested, the baud rate is also specified. The *PciClosePort* function is called when the communications port is no longer needed.

The custom application is the master of the communications channel. All commands are initiated by the application, and any data from the analyzer is sent as a response to a command.

Two levels of communications are provided by the API. A low-level interface is available through the *PciWriteRawData* and *ReadRawData* interfaces. Data is sent without modification by the *PciWriteRawData* function. Data from the analyzer is then read by calling *PciReadRawData* repeatedly until all expected data has been received.

A higher-level interface is also available which implements a series of commands, and interprets the responses. An example of such a command would be reading a portion of the analyzer Setup memory and placing the data in a user supplied buffer. This operation would require a series of commands to set the setup memory address, length, and initiate the read operation. The returned responses would also need to be parsed to test for valid acknowledgements and to extract the returned data. This sequence of commands and responses is handled automatically by this higher-level interface. Functions in the higher-level interface start with *PciAllocCommand*, which is used to create a command request. The application receives a pointer to the request, and is required to fill in certain parameters in the request. *PciSendCommand* is then called to initiate the request. The application can then call *PciWaitForCompletion* if it wishes to wait for the command to be completed. Or a callback function may be specified when the request is allocated, which will be called when the command is complete, or if an error occurs.

Function Reference

PciInitPort

Prototype:

```
t_pciComError PciInitPort(char *portName, int baud);
```

Parameters:

portName - A string that specifies the communications port to use to communicate with the analyzer. Valid strings are of the form “COM#” (# = 1, 2, 3, ...) or “USB”.
 baud - If the portName is “COM#”, this parameter specifies the baud rate. Valid values are 9600, 19200, 28800, 38400, and 57600.

Returns:

PCICOM_SUCCESS, or error code as specified in pciComError.h.

Description:

This function initializes a communications channel to the analyzer. A serial port (specified by “COM#”), or a USB interface may be specified. For a serial port, the specified baud rate is used to configure the port. This baud rate is also used to configure the analyzer serial port.

This function also starts a thread to receive data from the specified port.

PciClosePort

Prototype:

```
void PciClosePort();
```

Parameters:

None

Returns:

None

Description:

This function terminates the communications channel to the analyzer.

PciWriteRawData

Prototype:

```
t_pciComError PciWriteRawData(unsigned char *data, int len);
```

Parameters:

data - One or more bytes of data to send to the analyzer.

len - Number of bytes to be sent.

Returns:

PCICOM_SUCCESS, or error code as specified in pciComError.h.

Description:

This function writes the specified data bytes to the analyzer. The function does not return until all bytes have been sent.

PciReadRawData

Prototype:

```
t_pciComError PciReadRawData(unsigned char *data, int bufferSize,  
int *retLen);
```

Parameters:

data - Pointer to a buffer to receive the data from the analyzer.

bufferSize - Size of data buffer.

Returns:

retLen - Number of bytes copied to the data buffer.

PCICOM_SUCCESS, or error code as specified in pciComError.h.

Description:

This function checks if any data has been received from the analyzer. The data is copied, up to a maximum of bufferSize bytes, to the buffer specified by the data parameter. The retLen parameter is set to the number of bytes copied by this function.

This function will not wait for data to be received. It will return immediately, and retLen will be set to zero if no received data is available.

PciAllocCommand

Prototype:

```
t_pciCommand *ciAllocCommand(t_pciCommandType commandType,
                             void (*callback)(t_pciCommand *cmd), long gpValue);
```

Parameters:

commandType - Indicates the type of command to perform with the analyzer.
callback - Specifies a function to be called when the command completes, or when an error occurs. This parameter may be NULL if no callback is required.
gpValue - General purpose 32-bit value which will be passed to callback function. The application may use the value for any purpose. Note that the callback function is also passed a pointer to the command structure.

Returns:

t_pciCommand - A pointer to the command structure is returned if the function is successful. Otherwise, NULL is returned.

Description:

This function allocates a command structure to perform an analyzer operation. The type of command is specified by the **commandType** parameter, according to the following table. The caller is responsible for setting the other parameters in the command structure according to the table.

The **t_pciCommand** structure is defined as follows. Normally, the caller only fills in the **m_param** values, as required for the specified command.

```
typedef struct
{
    t_PciCommandType  m_command;
    t_CommandError    m_error;      // Indicates result of operation
    long              m_gpVal;
    void              (*m_callback)(t_pciCommand *cmd);
    long              m_param[MAX_PCI_PARAMS];
} t_pciCommand;
```

This function does not initiate the command. The **SendCommand** function must be called to start sending the command.

t_pciCommandType	m_param[0]	m_param[1]	m_param[2]	Description
c_readSetup	address	length	pointer to buffer	Reads length bytes from setup memory into buffer.
c_writeSetup	address	length	Pointer to buffer	Writes length bytes from buffer to setup memory.
c_readTraceBeforeTrigger	Sample index	number of samples to read	pointer to buffer	Reads trace data samples before the trigger and places them in the buffer.
c_readTraceAfterTrigger	Sample index	number of samples to read	Pointer to buffer	Reads trace data samples after the trigger and places them in the buffer.
c_readHSTraceBeforeTrigger	sample index	number of samples to read	pointer to buffer	Reads high speed trace data samples before the trigger and places them in the buffer.
c_readHSTraceAfterTrigger	sample index	number of samples to read	pointer to buffer	Reads high speed trace data samples after the trigger and places them in the buffer.
c_traceGo	n/a	n/a	n/a	Starts trace capture.
c_traceStop	n/a	n/a	n/a	Stops trace capture.
c_startSearch	n/a	n/a	n/a	Starts trace search.
c_stopSearch	n/a	n/a	n/a	Stops trace search.
c_perfGo	n/a	n/a	n/a	Starts performance measurements.
c_perfStop	n/a	n/a	n/a	Stops performance measurements.
c_anomalyGo	n/a	n/a	n/a	Starts anomaly detection.

c_anomalyStop	n/a	n/a	n/a	Stops anomaly detection.
c_complianceTestGo	n/a	n/a	n/a	Starts compliance test.
c_complianceTestStop	n/a	n/a	n/a	Stops compliance test.
c_startConfigScan	n/a	n/a	n/a	Starts configuration scan.
c_stopConfigScan	n/a	n/a	n/a	Stops configuration scan.
c_exerciserGo	n/a	n/a	n/a	Starts exerciser.
c_exerciserStop	n/a	n/a	n/a	Stops exerciser.
c_stimulusGo	n/a	n/a	n/a	Starts stimulus.
c_stimulusStop	n/a	n/a	n/a	Stops stimulus.
c_writeFlash	address	length	Pointer to buffer	Writes length bytes from buffer to flash memory at the specified address.

PciSendCommand

Prototype:

```
t_pciComError PciSendCommand(t_pciCommand *cmd);
```

Parameters:

cmd - Command to perform. This is a pointer returned by the AllocCommand function.

Returns:

PCICOM_SUCCESS, or error code as specified in pciComError.h.

Description:

This function initiates the command specified by the cmd structure. If another command is already in progress, this command is added to a queue. This function returns without waiting for the comand to complete.

If specified when PciAllocCommand was called, the callback function will be called when the command completes, or when an error is encountered processing the command. The PciWaitForCompletion function may also be called to wait for any pending commands to be completed.

PciWaitForCompletion

Prototype:

```
t_pciComError PciWaitForCompletion();
```

Parameters:

None

Returns:

PCICOM_SUCCESS, or error code as specified in pciComError.h.

Description:

This function waits for any current or pending commands to complete before returning. A timeout error may be returned by this function if command processing does not complete within a maximum time period.

PciGetErrorString

Prototype:

```
char *PciGetErrorString(t_pciComError errCode);
```

Parameters:

None

Returns:

Pointer to string which describes the error code.

Description:

This function translates an error code to a descriptive string. A pointer to the string is returned.

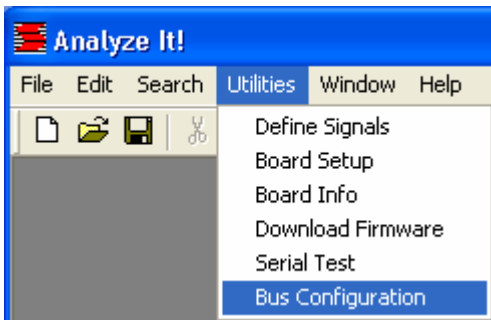
Appendix C PCI-X Capability

Overview

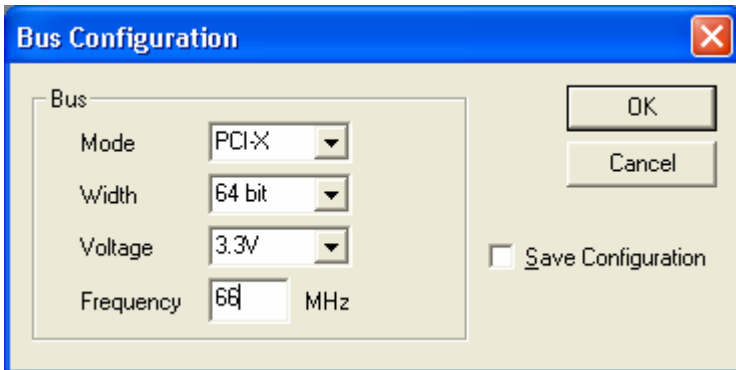
The 850 bus analyzers operate in both conventional and PCI-X modes. When PCI-X mode is selected the analyzer automatically incorporates the PCI-X protocols in all of the analyzer functions. These include state and waveform displays, performance analysis, master and stimulus generation, anomaly detection and compliance testing. This section describes the analyzers PCI-X capabilities.

Selecting PCI-X mode

To select PCI-X mode click Utilities in the main menu and then Bus Configuration.



The following Bus Configuration window opens and allows you to select PCI-X operation in the mode field. The frequency displayed is measured by the analyzer at power up. The other parameters can be set by the user. If the Save Configuration box is checked the current bus configuration parameters will be saved and used the next time the AnalyzeIt software is opened.



State and Waveform Analysis

The state and waveform functions sample and display bus transfers differently in PCI-X mode than conventional PCI mode. The PCI-X protocol adds an attribute phase and changes the meaning of the command bits.

Sampling

When SYNC sampling is selected in PCI-X mode the analyzer samples address, attribute and data phases. The additional attribute phase is sampled at the positive clock edge following the address phase. All other sampling modes are identical to conventional PCI.

Attribute Display

An attribute signal field and the decoding of this field automatically appear in the state and waveform display in PCI-X mode. The information in the attribute phase consists of the following:

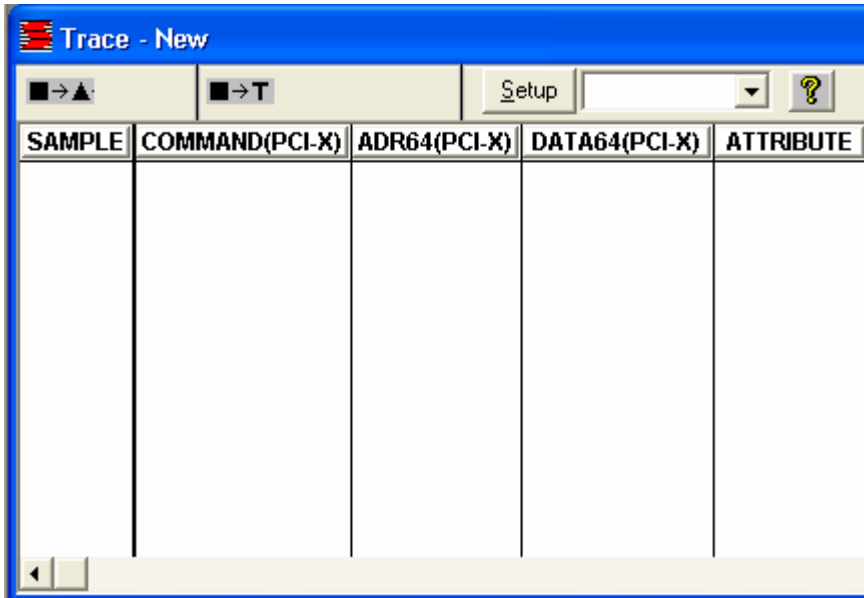
- Tag
- Bus Number
- Device Number
- Function Number
- Byte Count

A separate signal field is displayed for each of these parameters in the state and waveform display.

SAMPLE	ATTRIBUTE	TAG(PCI-X)	BUS#(PCI-X)	DEVICE#(PCI-X)	FUNCTION#(PCI-X)	BYTE CNT(PCI-X)

Command/Byte Enable Display

The command definitions in PCI-X are different than conventional PCI. The analyzer automatically decodes the C/BE signals in the command field to reflect the PCI-X definitions.

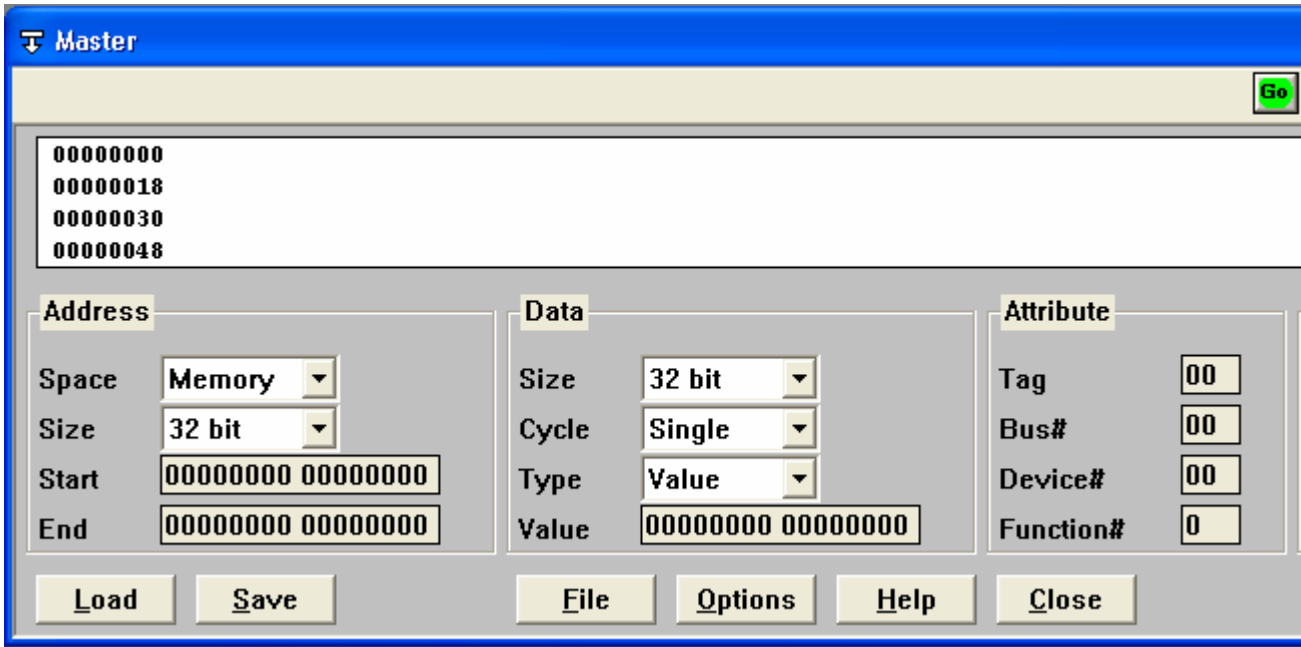


The screenshot shows a software window titled "Trace - New" with a blue title bar. Below the title bar is a toolbar with several icons: a square with a right arrow, a square with a right arrow and a triangle, a "Setup" button, a dropdown arrow, and a question mark icon. Below the toolbar is a table with five columns: "SAMPLE", "COMMAND(PCI-X)", "ADDR64(PCI-X)", "DATA64(PCI-X)", and "ATTRIBUTE". The table is currently empty. At the bottom left of the window, there is a scroll bar.

SAMPLE	COMMAND(PCI-X)	ADDR64(PCI-X)	DATA64(PCI-X)	ATTRIBUTE
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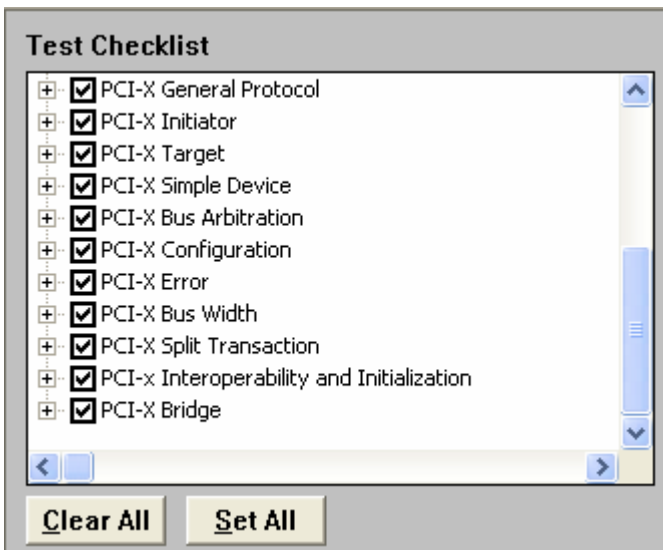
Master Features

In PCI-X mode the master window also reflects the addition of attribute information in the setup parameters for master transfers. When a read or write is performed the analyzer adds the attribute phase which contains the information provided in this window.



Compliance and Anomaly Detection

These features include additional tests for PCI-X protocol and timing.



Performance Analysis

Sampling and calculations for performance analysis is modified for PCI-X mode. The attribute phase affects the sampling of data and the type of bus cycle.

