# Introduction

The Xilinx® LogiCORE™ 50G IEEE 802.3 Reed-Solomon Forward Error Correction IP core implements the Reed-Solomon Forward Error Correction (RS-FEC) sublayer as described in the 25/50G Ethernet Consortium Schedule 3 (v1.6) section 3.2.3 [Ref 1].

# Additional Documentation

A product guide is available for this core. Access to this material can be requested by clicking on this registration link:

www.xilinx.com/member/50g_rs_fec.html

# Features

- Low latency design

- Configuration and status bus

- Selectable AXI4-Lite interface for status output

- Example reference design demonstrating the use of the core with the GTY transceivers

- ECC RAM option

| LogiCORE IP Facts Table | |
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| **Core Specifics** | |
| Supported Device Family[1] | UltraScale+™ Virtex® UltraScale™ |
| Supported User Interfaces | AXI4-Lite, Configuration and Status bus |
| **Provided with Core** | |
| Design Files | Encrypted RTL |
| Example Design | Verilog |
| Test Bench | Not Provided |
| Constraints File | Xilinx Constraints File |
| Simulation Model | Encrypted Verilog |
| Supported S/W Driver | N/A |
| **Tested Design Flows**[2] | |
| Design Entry | Vivado® Design Suite |
| Simulation | For supported simulators, see the Xilinx Design Tools: Release Notes Guide. |
| Synthesis | Vivado® Design Suite |
| **Support** | |
| Provided by Xilinx at the Xilinx Support web page | |

**Notes:**
1. For a complete listing of supported devices, see the Vivado IP catalog.
2. For the supported versions of the tools, see the Xilinx Design Tools: Release Notes Guide.

# Overview

The RS-FEC layers of the 25/50G Ethernet Consortium Schedule 3 [Ref 1] define more than just the RS encoder/decoder. They define several stages of synchronization, alignment and transcoding which are necessary for the layer to communicate with preceding and subsequent layers. The functional block diagram of the core is shown in Figure 1.
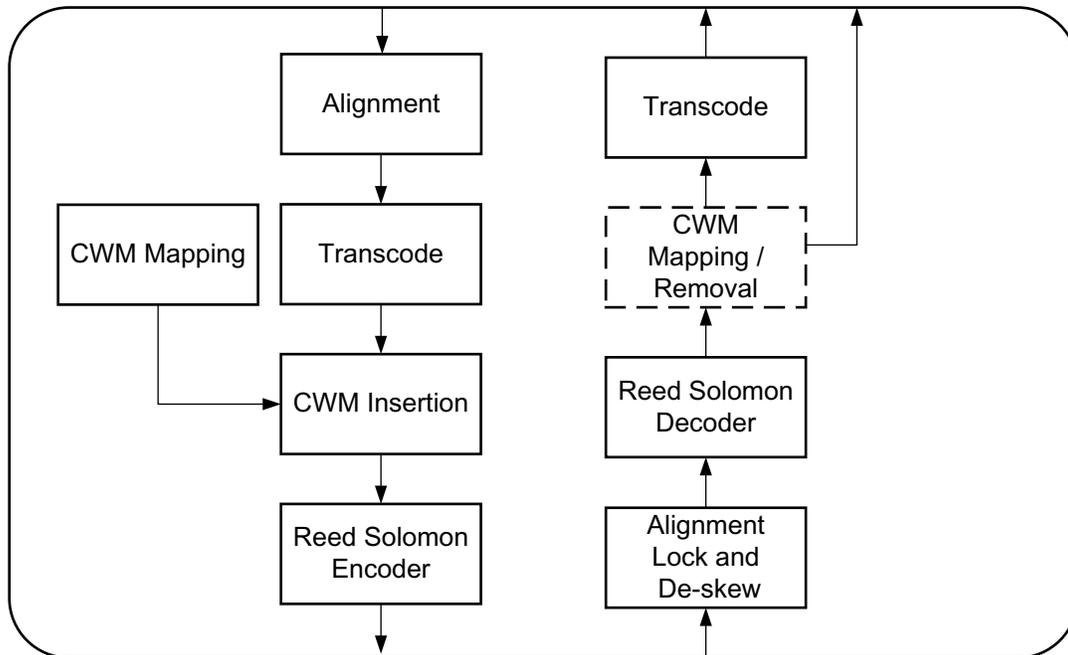


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*Figure 1:* **Core Block Diagram**

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For more information, visit the 50G Ethernet Subsystem product web page.

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## Evaluation

A full system hardware evaluation license is available for this core. The evaluation version of the core operates in the same way as the full version for several hours, dependent on clock frequency (approximately 10 hours at 391 MHz). Operation is then disabled and the data output does not change. If you notice this behavior in hardware, it probably means you are using an evaluation version of the core. The Xilinx tools warn that an evaluation license is being used during netlist implementation. If a full license is installed for the core to run on hardware, delete the old files and recreate the core from new.

# References

This document provides supplemental material useful with this product brief:

1. *25/50G Ethernet Consortium Schedule 3 specification*, (http://25gethernet.org/)

# Revision History

The following table shows the revision history for this document:

| Date | Version | Revision |
|---|---|---|
| 10/05/2016 | 1.0 | Updated to align with Product Guide (PG234) updates. |
| 04/06/2016 | 1.0 | Initial Xilinx release. |

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