Multi-Boot User Guide for Nexus Platform

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Glossary

A glossary of terms used in this document.

Acronym	Definition
Alternative Boot	After the FPGA device has been configured, this pattern is loaded when the PROGRAMN pin is toggled or the Refresh instruction is issued. Up to four Alternative Boot patterns are possible.
Binary Hex Data File (.bin File)	The data image of the Hex data file in binary format. All Hex data files are converted into this format prior to consumption. This type of file is not printable.
Bitstream Data File (.bit File)	The configuration data file, for a single FPGA device, in the format that can be loaded directly into the FPGA device to configure the SRAM cells. The file is expressed in binary Hex format. The file is not printable.
Configure	Write the pattern into the SRAM fuses of the FPGA device and wake up.
Dual Boot	The device has two patterns, a Primary pattern and a Golden pattern, to choose to load.
EBR	Embedded Block RAM
FD-SOI (Fully Depleted Silicon On Insulator)	A process that uses an ultra-thin buried oxide layer.
Flash Lock	The feature provides protection to the Flash fuses against accidental erase or corruption. Most of the SPI Flash devices support Soft Lock. Lock choices include: • Whole device • Bottom half • Bottom quarter • Last sector Details can be found in the SPI Flash device data sheet.
Golden Boot	The guaranteed good pattern loaded into the FPGA device when booting failure occurs. It is also known as the root boot. Only one Golden Boot pattern is allowed.
Hex Data File (.exo, .mcs, .xtek Files)	The data record files that are in the format commonly known as Intel Hex, Motorola Hex or Extended Tektronix Hex. They are also known as addressed record files. The advantages include its small size and it is printable, and thus good for record keeping. This type of file is not directly consumable by the utilities supporting it.
LRAM	Large RAM
Multi-Boot Multiple Boot	The device has more than two patterns, a Primary pattern, a Golden pattern and some Alternative patterns, to choose to load.
Primary Boot	Upon power cycling, the FPGA device loads this pattern in first. Only one Primary pattern is allowed.
Program	Writes into the selected Flash cells state a logical zero (0) (close fuse).
RAM	Random Access Memory
Refresh	The action loads the pattern from a non-volatile source to configure the FPGA device.
Sector (Block)	The smallest number of bytes of Flash fuses can be erased at the same time by the erase command.
SPI	Stands for the Serial Peripheral Interface defined originally by Motorola.
SRAM	Static Random Access Memory

1. Introduction

CrossLink™-NX, Certus™-NX, CertusPro™-NX, and MachXO5™-NX families of low-power FPGAs can be used in a wide range of applications and are optimized for the bridging and processing needs in the Embedded Vision space. It is built on Lattice Nexus FPGA platform, using low-power 28-nm FD-SOI technology. For the subsequent part of this document, the Nexus devices refer to all CrossLink-NX, Certus-NX, CertusPro-NX, and MachXO5-NX device families.

The Nexus devices support various booting options for loading the configuration SRAM from a non-volatile memory for configuration flexibility and fail-safe configuration. CrossLink-NX, Certus-NX and CertusPro-NX families use an external memory while MachXO5-NX families only support internal flash memory for storage of configuration bitstreams. See Table 1.1 for details of the supported device families and parts.

Table 1.1. Supported Device Families and Parts

Device Family	Parts included in the Device Family
CrossLink-NX	LIFCL-17, LIFCL-33, LIFCL-33U, and LIFCL-40
Certus-NX	LFD2NX-9, LFD2NX-17, LFD2NX-28 and LFD2NX-40
CertusPro-NX	LFCPNX-100
MachXO5-NX	LFMXO5-15D, LFMXO5-25, LFMXO5-55T, LFMXO5-55TD and LFMXO5-100T

The Nexus devices support various configuration boot modes to mitigate risk during the field upgrade process and to allow flexibility of executing different patterns. Field upgrade disruptions may occur due to power disruption, communication interruption or bitstream pattern corruption. The Nexus devices support the following boot modes:

- Dual Boot mode – Switches to load from the second known good (Golden) pattern when the first pattern becomes corrupted.

- Ping-Pong Boot mode – Switches between two bitstream patterns based on your choice. If the system fails to boot from one of the bitstreams, it automatically boots from the second bitstream.

- Multi-Boot mode – Allows the system to dynamically switch between two to five bitstream patterns while still being protected with a Golden (sixth) pattern. Note that the MachXO5-NX family supports up to 3 bitstream patterns only inclusive of the Golden pattern.

The Nexus devices support these boot modes by combining all the bitstream patterns into a single boot image and storing it in a single external SPI Flash device (internal flash for MachXO5-NX families). This solution decreases cost, reduces board space, and simplifies field upgrades.

2. Resources

The Nexus devices are SRAM-based FPGAs. The volatile SRAM configuration memory must be loaded from a non-volatile memory that can store all the configuration data. The size of the configuration data is based on the amount of logic available in the FPGA, number of pre-initialized Embedded Block RAM (EBR) components and number of pre-initialized Large RAM (LRAM) Block components. A design using the largest device, with every EBR and LRAM pre-initialized with unique data values and generated without compression requires the largest amount of storage. The minimum SPI Flash densities required to support the different configuration boot modes are listed in Table 2.1, Table 2.2, and Table 2.3.

Table 2.1. Maximum Configuration Bitstream Size – Single Bitstream Boot Mode

Device	Configuration	Uncompressed[1]	SPI Mode
		Single Bitstream Size (Mb)	Minimum SPI Flash Size (Mb)
LIFCL-17, LFD2NX-9, LFD2NX-17	No LRAM, No EBR	2.817	4
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	3.273	4
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	5.517	8
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	5.873	8
LIFCL-40, LFD2NX-28, LFD2NX-40	No LRAM, No EBR	6.232	8
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	7.758	8
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	7.281	8
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	8.807	16
LFCPNX-100	No LRAM, No EBR	14.310	16
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	17.966	32
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	17.810	32
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	21.466	32
LFMXO5-25	No LRAM, No EBR	4.451	NA[2]
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	5.077	NA[2]
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	6.028	NA[2]
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	6.653	NA[2]
LFMXO5-15D	No LRAM, No EBR	4.494	NA[2]
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	5.12	NA[2]
	MAX LRAM, no EBR	6.071	NA[2]
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	6.696	NA[2]
LFMXO5-55T, LFMXO5-100T	No LRAM, No EBR	14.310	NA[2]
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	17.966	NA[2]
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	17.810	NA[2]
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	21.466	NA[2]
LFMXO5-55TD	No LRAM, No EBR	14.353	NA[2]
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	18.009	NA[2]
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	17.853	NA[2]
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	21.509	NA[2]
LIFCL-33, LIFCL-33U	No LRAM, No EBR	4.453	8
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	5.967	8
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	7.150	8
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	8.667	16

Notes:
1. Nexus devices support bitstream compression. Compression ratio depends on the bitstream. Therefore, Table 2.1 only provides uncompressed bitstream data.
2. MachXO5-NX family of devices boot from internal flash memory.

Table 2.2. Maximum Configuration Bitstream Size – Dual Boot Mode/Ping-Pong Mode

Device	Configuration	Uncompressed[1]		SPI Mode
		Single Bitstream Size (Mb)	2-Bitstream Size (Mb)	Minimum SPI Flash Size (Mb)
LIFCL-17, LFD2NX-9 LFD2NX-17	No LRAM, No EBR	2.817	5.634	8
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	3.273	6.546	8
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	5.517	11.034	16
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	5.873	11.746	16
LIFCL-40, LFD2NX-28 LFD2NX-40	No LRAM, No EBR	6.232	12.464	16
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	7.758	15.516	16
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	7.281	14.562	16
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	8.807	17.614	32
LFCPNX-100	No LRAM, No EBR	14.310	28.620	32
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	17.966	35.933	64
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	17.810	35.620	64
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	21.466	42.933	64
LFMXO5-25	No LRAM, No EBR	4.451	8.902	NA[2]
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	5.077	10.154	NA[2]
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	6.028	12.056	NA[2]
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	6.653	13.306	NA[2]
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	6.696	13.392	NA[2]
LFMXO5-15D	No LRAM, No EBR	4.494	8.988	NA[2]
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	5.120	10.240	NA[2]
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	6.071	12.142	NA[2]
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	6.696	13.392	NA[2]
LFMXO5-55T, LFMXO5-100T	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	14.310	28.620	NA[2]
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	17.966	35.932	NA[2]
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	17.810	35.620	NA[2]
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	21.466	42.932	NA[2]
LFMXO5-55TD	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	14.353	28.706	NA[2]
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	18.009	36.018	NA[2]
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	17.853	35.706	NA[2]
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	21.509	43.018	NA[2]
LIFCL-33, LIFCL-33U	No LRAM, No EBR	14.353	8.906	16
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	18.009	11.934	16
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	17.853	14.300	16
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	21.509	17.334	32

Notes:
1. Nexus devices support bitstream compression. Compression ratio depends on the bitstream. Therefore, Table 2.2 only provides uncompressed bitstream data.
2. MachXO5-NX family of devices boot from internal flash memory.

Table 2.3. Maximum Configuration Bitstream Size – Multi-Boot Mode

Device	Configuration	Uncompressed[1] Single Bitstream Size (Mb)	3-Bitstream Pattern[2]		4-Bitstream Pattern[2]		5-Bitstream Pattern[2]		6-Bitstream Pattern[2]	
			Minimum SPI Flash Size (Mb)							
LIFCL-17, LFD2NX-9, LFD2NX-17	No LRAM, No EBR	2.817	8.451	16	11.268	16	14.085	16	16.902	32
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	3.273	9.819	16	13.092	16	16.365	32	19.638	32
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	5.517	16.551	32	22.068	32	27.585	32	33.102	64
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	5.873	17.619	32	23.492	32	29.365	32	35.238	64
LIFCL-40, LFD2NX-28, LFD2NX-40	No LRAM, No EBR	6.232	18.696	32	24.928	32	31.160	32	37.392	64
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	7.758	23.274	32	31.032	32	38.790	64	46.548	64
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	7.281	21.843	32	29.124	32	36.405	64	43.686	64
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	8.807	26.421	32	35.228	64	44.035	64	52.842	64
LFCPNX-100	No LRAM, No EBR	14.310	42.930	64	57.240	64	71.550	128	85.861	128
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	17.966	53.899	64	71.865	128	89.832	128	107.798	128
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	17.810	53.430	64	71.240	128	89.050	128	106.861	128
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	21.466	64.399	128	85.865	128	107.332	128	128.798	256
LFMXO5-25	No LRAM, No EBR	4.451	13.353	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	5.077	15.231	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	6.028	18.084	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	6.653	19.959	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]
LFMXO5-15D	No LRAM, No EBR	4.494	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	5.120	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	6.071	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	6.696	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]
LFMXO5-55T, LFMXO5-100T	No LRAM, No EBR	14.310	42.930	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	17.966	53.898	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	17.810	53.430	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	21.466	64.398	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]	NA[4]	NA[3]

Device	Configuration	Uncompressed[1] Single Bitstream Size (Mb)	3-Bitstream Pattern[2]		4-Bitstream Pattern[2]		5-Bitstream Pattern[2]		6-Bitstream Pattern[2]	
			Minimum SPI Flash Size (Mb)							
LFMXO5-55TD	No LRAM, No EBR	14.353	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	18.009	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	17.853	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	21.509	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]	NA[5]	NA[3]
LIFCL-33, LIFCL-33U	No LRAM, No EBR	14.310	13.359	16	17.812	32	22.265	32	26.718	32
	No LRAM, MAX EBR	17.966	17.901	32	23.868	32	29.835	32	35.802	64
	MAX LRAM, No EBR	17.810	21.450	32	28.600	32	35.750	64	42.900	64
	MAX LRAM, MAX EBR	21.466	26.001	32	34.668	64	43.335	64	52.002	64

Notes:

1. CrossLink-NX/Certus-NX/CertusPro-NX/MachXO5-NX family of devices support bitstream compression. Compression ratio depends on the bitstream. Therefore, Table 2.3 only provides uncompressed bitstream data.
2. Includes Golden bitstream pattern.
3. MachXO5-NX family of devices boot from internal flash memory.
4. MachXO5-NX internal flash memory supports a maximum of three bitstreams.
5. LFMXO5-15D and LFMXO5-55TD support a maximum of two bitstreams.

3. Dual Boot Mode

The Nexus Device Dual Boot mode supports booting from two configuration patterns that reside in an external SPI Flash device (internal flash for MachXO5-NX family). One pattern is designated as the Primary pattern, and the second pattern is designated as the Golden pattern. When the device boots up, it attempts to boot from the Primary pattern. If loading of the Primary pattern fails, the device boots from the Golden pattern.
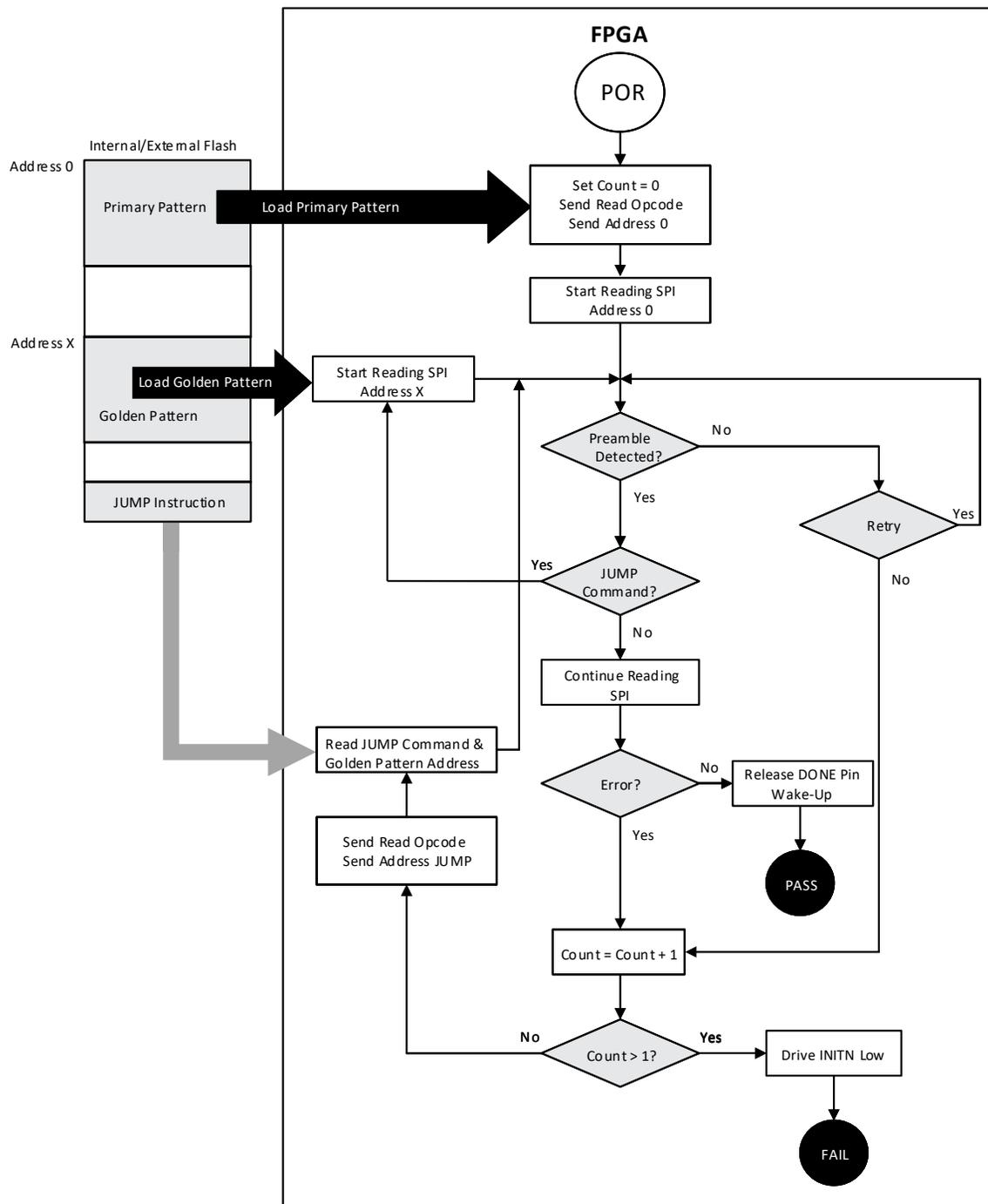
Figure 3.1. Nexus Device Dual Boot Flow Diagram

3.1. Description of the Nexus Device Dual Boot Flow Diagram

This flow is triggered either by power cycle, the PROGRAMN pin being toggled, or by the REFRESH instruction being received.

When the Dual Boot mode is selected, in addition to the standard CRC check, a time-out check is performed while reading the Primary pattern, the Golden pattern, and the JUMP command.

- Time-Out Check – the device searches for the preamble code 0xBDCD (0xBDB3 when Byte Wide Bit Mirror is enabled) from the Primary Pattern as part of the configuration protocol. The number of retries the device attempts is defined in Control Register 1 [3:2] (Table 3.1).
- Data Corruption Check – After the detection of the preamble code, the CRC engine is turned on to detect whether or not the bitstream is corrupted. This determines whether the Flash device has a corrupted Primary pattern or Golden pattern due to Flash program disruption or data loss.

Table 3.1. Control Register 1 [3:2] – Master Preamble Timer Retry Value

	Bit 3	Bit 2
No retry	0	0
Retry 1 time	0	1
Retry 3 times	1	0
Reserved	1	1

If the Primary pattern fails one of the two checks above, the device knows that the Primary pattern is not valid. It drives the INITN pin LOW briefly to indicate an error and resets the configuration engine. After clearing all the SRAM fuses, it drives the INITN pin HIGH, and reads the JUMP command that directs it to the location of the Golden pattern in the Flash.

If the JUMP command is corrupted, it also causes a configuration failure. It is important to note that a corrupted Golden pattern is not the only possible cause for Dual Boot configuration failure.

If the JUMP command is valid, the device stops the SPI clock, drives the INITN pin LOW, resets the configuration engine, and performs a Clear All operation. The device then drives the INITN pin HIGH after the completion of the Clear All action, restarts the SPI clock, and reads the Golden pattern from the Flash address designated in the JUMP command.

The device performs the same time-out check and CRC check when searching for the preamble code from the Golden pattern. If the Golden pattern is also corrupted, configuration fails. The device stops driving the SPI clock, and the INITN pin is driven LOW.

4. Ping-Pong Boot Mode

The Nexus Device Ping-Pong Boot mode supports booting from two configuration patterns that reside in an external SPI Flash device (internal flash for MachXO5-NX family). One pattern is designated as the Primary pattern and the second pattern is designated as the Secondary pattern. The device boots from the pattern assigned in the Jump table. The Jump table allows the device to boot from either the Primary pattern or the Secondary pattern without changing the physical location of the patterns within the Flash. Only the Jump table needs to be updated to change the boot pattern. The other pattern, by default, becomes the Golden pattern.
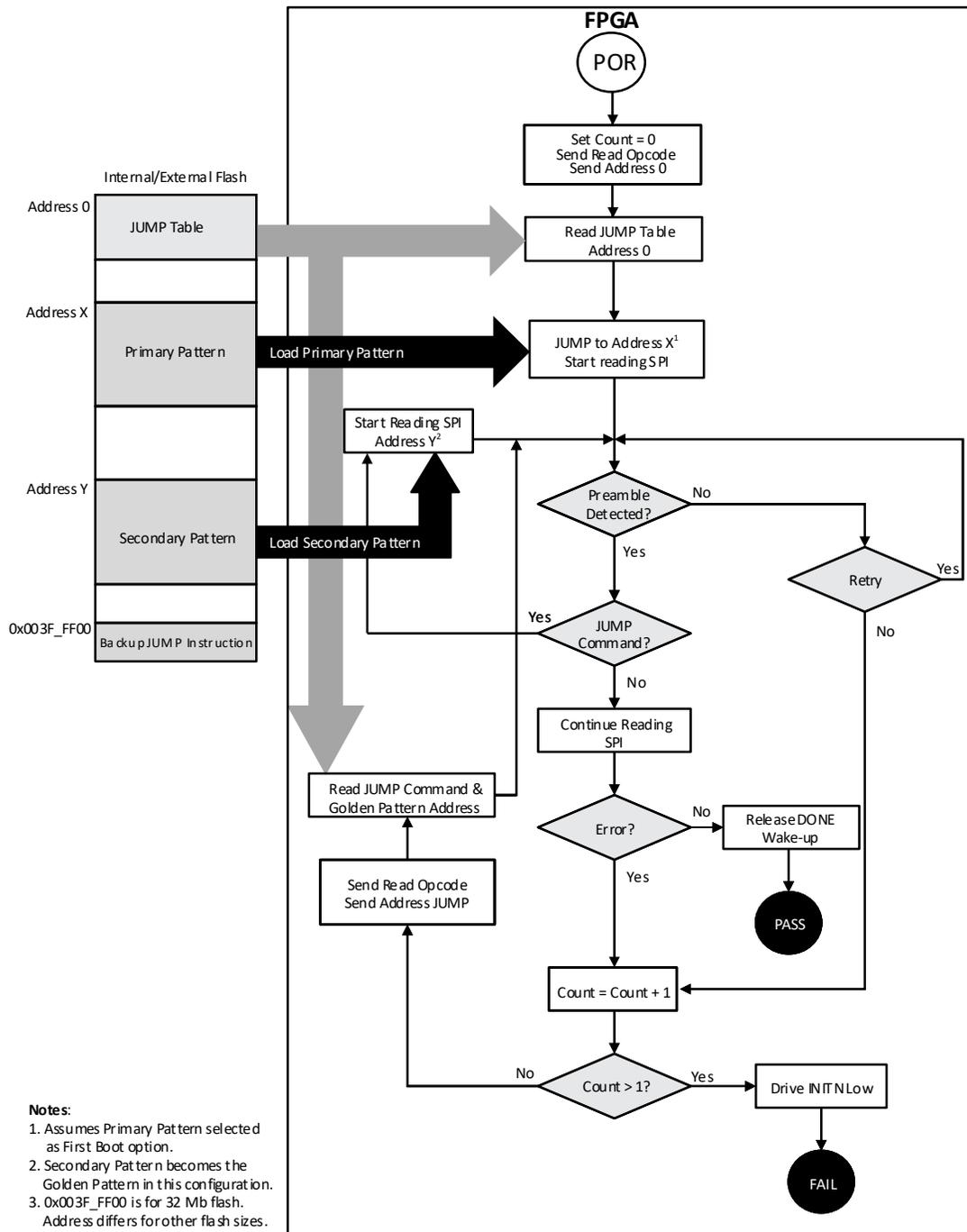

Figure 4.1. Ping-Pong Boot Flow Diagram

4.1. Description of the Ping-Pong Boot Flow Diagram

This flow is triggered either by power cycle, the PROGRAMN pin being toggled, or by the REFRESH instruction being received.

When Ping-Pong Boot mode is selected, in addition to the standard CRC checking, a time-out check is performed while reading the Primary pattern, the Secondary pattern, and the JUMP command.

- Time-Out Check – the device searches for the preamble code 0xBDCD (0xBDB3 when Byte Wide Bit Mirror is enabled) from the pattern designated as "First Boot" selection as part of the configuration protocol. The number of retries the device attempts is defined in Control Register 1 [3:2] (Table 4.1).
- Data Corruption Check – After the detection of the preamble code, the CRC engine is turned on to detect whether the bitstream is corrupted. This determines whether the Flash device has a corrupted Primary or Secondary Pattern due to Flash program disruption or data loss.

Table 4.1. Control Register 1 [3:2] – Master Preamble Timer Retry Value

	Bit 3	Bit 2
No retry	0	0
Retry 1 time	0	1
Retry 3 times	1	0
Reserved	1	1

If the "First Boot" pattern fails one of the two checks above, the device knows that the pattern is not valid. It drives the INITN pin LOW briefly to indicate an error and resets the configuration engine. After clearing all the SRAM fuses, it drives the INITN pin HIGH, and reads the JUMP command that directs it to the location of the other pattern, acting as the Golden pattern, in the Flash.

If the JUMP command is corrupted, it also causes a configuration failure. It is important to note that a corrupted Golden pattern is not the only possible cause for Ping-ping mode configuration failure.

If the JUMP command is valid, the device stops the SPI clock, drives the INITN pin LOW, resets the configuration engine, and performs a Clear All operation. The device then drives the INITN pin HIGH after the completion of the Clear All action, restarts the SPI clock, and reads the Golden pattern from the Flash address designated in the JUMP command.

The device performs the same time-out check and the CRC check when searching for the preamble code from the Golden Pattern. If the Golden Pattern is also corrupted, configuration fails, stops driving the SPI clock, and the INITN pin is driven LOW.

5. Multi-Boot Mode

The Nexus device Multi-Boot supports booting from up to six patterns that reside in an external SPI Flash device (up to three patterns for MachXO5-NX internal flash memory). The patterns include a Primary pattern, a Golden pattern, and up to four Alternate patterns, designated as Alternate pattern 1 to Alternate pattern 4.

The device boots by loading the Primary pattern from the internal or external Flash, depending on the device family. If loading of the Primary pattern fails, the device attempts to load the Golden pattern. When a reprogramming of the bitstream is triggered through the toggling of the PROGRAMN pin or receiving a REFRESH command, Alternate pattern 1 is loaded. Subsequent PROGRAMN/REFRESH event loads the next pattern defined in the Multi-Boot configuration. The bitstream pattern sequence, target address of the Golden pattern, and target addresses of the Alternate patterns are defined during the Multi-Boot configuration process in the Lattice Radiant™ Deployment Tool.

The Multi-Boot flow is similar to the Dual Boot flow (Figure 3.1). Each PROGRAMN/REFRESH event becomes a Dual Boot event with the addresses being different depending on the pattern being loaded.

6. Creating a PROM File

The various boot features on the Nexus devices are simple, requiring only one external SPI Flash device (MachXO5-NX uses internal flash), and flexible, due to the intelligent use of the JUMP command or table. The Lattice Radiant software provides a turn-key solution to implement this feature. The Lattice Deployment Tool, part of Lattice Radiant Software, merges the different patterns and the JUMP command and table into one PROM hex file with the .mcs file extension. The PROM hex file can later be programmed into the internal or external Flash device using Radiant Programmer or a third-party programmer.

6.1. Using Radiant Deployment Tool to Create a Dual Boot PROM Hex File

The following steps provide the procedure for generating a Dual Boot PROM hex file using the Radiant Deployment Tool.

1. Generate the Golden and Primary bitstream files in Lattice Radiant Software.
   - Primary bitstream file MCCLK_FREQ (SPI Master Clock Frequency) setting should not exceed the external Flash device normal/standard read speed. This is not applicable to MachXO5-NX device that uses internal flash memory.
   - MCCLK_FREQ can be configured using the Global tab of the Device Constraint Editor in Lattice Radiant software.
2. Invoke **Lattice Radiant Deployment Tool** from **Start > Lattice Radiant Programmer > Deployment Tool**.
3. In the **Radiant Deployment Tool** window, select **External Memory** as the **Function Type** and select **Dual Boot** as the **Output File Type** (Figure 6.1).
   - Note that the **External Memory** selection is also applicable to MachXO5-NX device that uses internal flash memory.
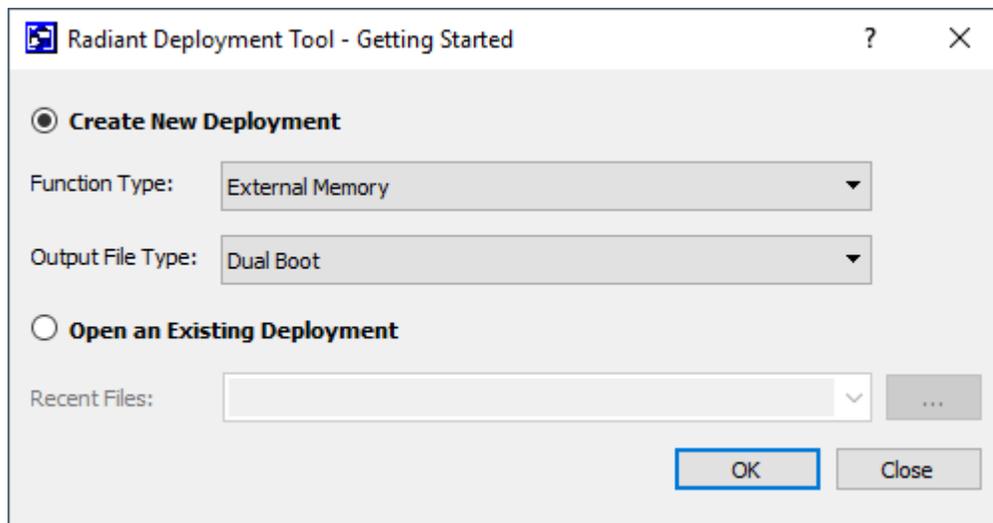4. Select **OK**.

Figure 6.1. Creating New Deployment for Dual Boot PROM Hex File

Step 1 of 4: Select Input File(s) window (Figure 6.2)

- Click the **File Name** fields to browse and select the two bitstream files to be used to create the PROM hex file.
- The **Device Family** and **Device** fields auto populate based on the bitstream files selected.
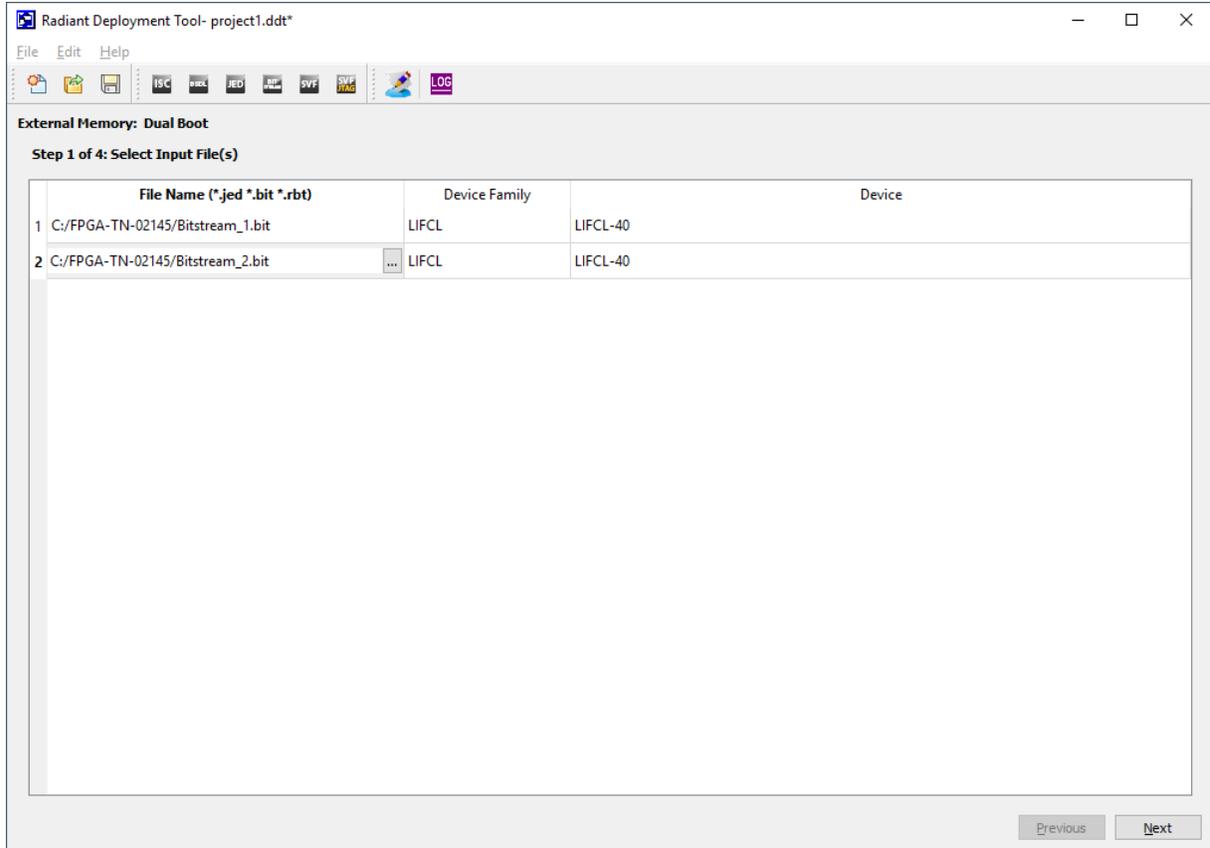- Select **Next**.

Figure 6.2. Select Input Files Window

Step 2 of 4: Dual Boot Options window (Figure 6.3)

- Select the **Output Format** (Intel Hex, Motorola Hex, or Extended Tektronix Hex).
- Select the **SPI Flash Size** (4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512, or 1024 Mb).
- Select **SPI Flash Read Mode** (Standard Read, Fast Read, Dual I/O SPI Flash Read or Quad I/O SPI Flash Read).
- The **Radiant Deployment Tool** automatically assigns the bitstream files selected in Step 1 to be used for the Golden pattern and Primary pattern.
    - Change the pattern options by clicking on the drop-down menu of the respective fields.
    - The Starting Address of the Golden pattern is automatically assigned.
    - Change the Starting Address of the Golden pattern by clicking on the drop-down menu.
- Select the following options as required.
    - **Byte Wide Bit Mirror** – Flips each byte in Intel, Extended Tektronix, or Motorola hexadecimal data files.

        For example, 0xCD (b1100 1101) can become 0xB3 (b1011 0011) when this is selected. You do not need to enable this setting if you program the .mcs file using Radiant Programmer. If you are using a third-party programmer, check with your vendor to understand if the byte wide bit mirror is needed.
    - **Retain Bitstream Header** – By default, Radiant Deployment Tool replaces the bitstream header information (name, version number, and date of the file) with 0xFF values.

        Selecting this option retains the header information that was generated as the header.
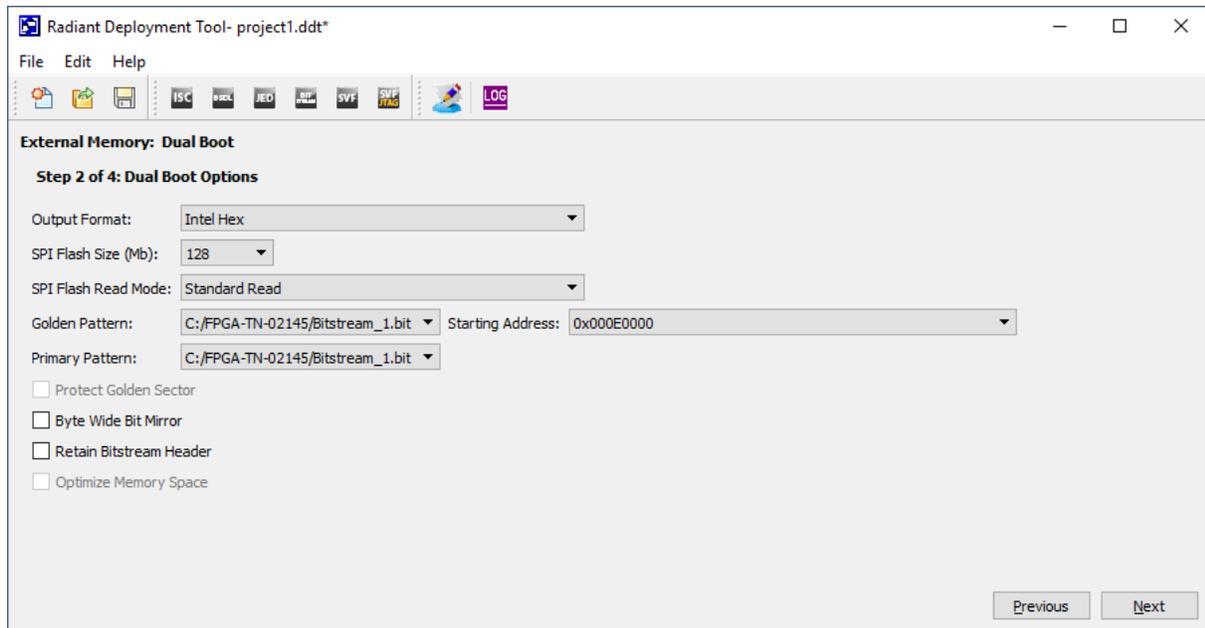- Select **Next**.

Figure 6.3. Dual Boot Options Window

Step 3 of 4: Select Output File(s) window (Figure 6.4)

- Specify the name of the output PROM hex file in the **Output File 1** field.
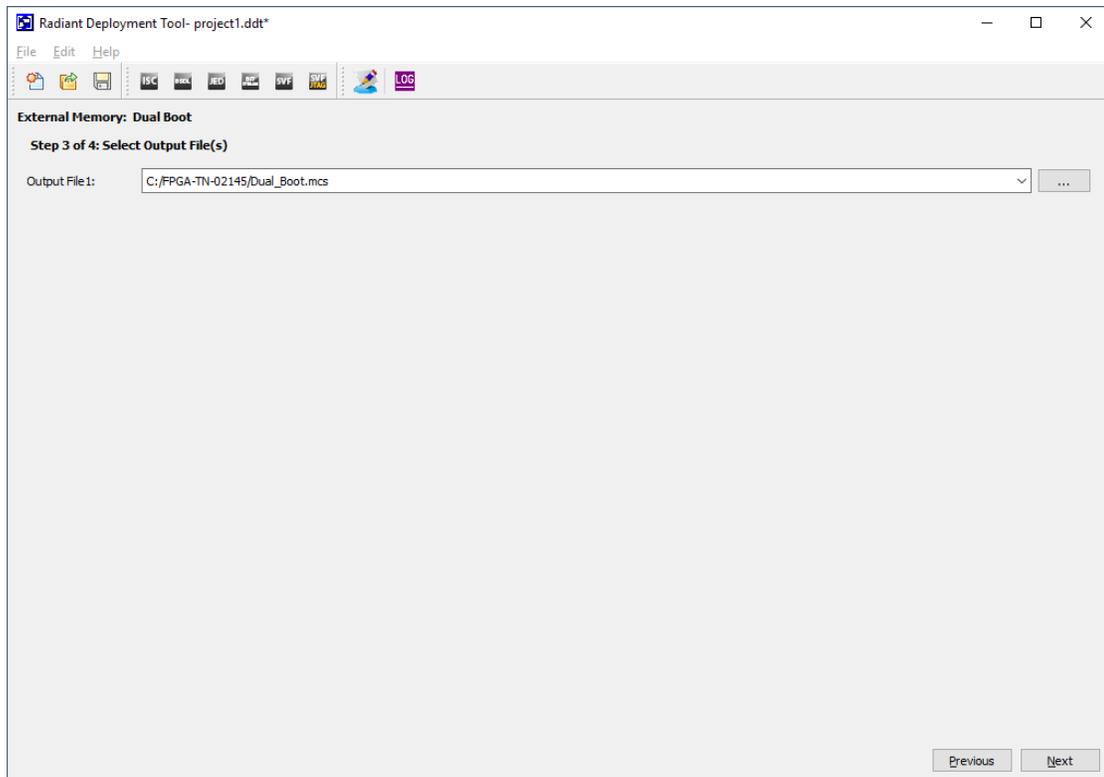- Select **Next**.

Figure 6.4. Select Output File Window

Step 4 of 4: Generate Deployment window (Figure 6.5)

- Review the summary information.
- If everything is correct, click the **Generate** button.
- The **Generate Deployment** pane should indicate that the PROM file was generated successfully.
- Save the deployment settings by selecting **File > Save**.
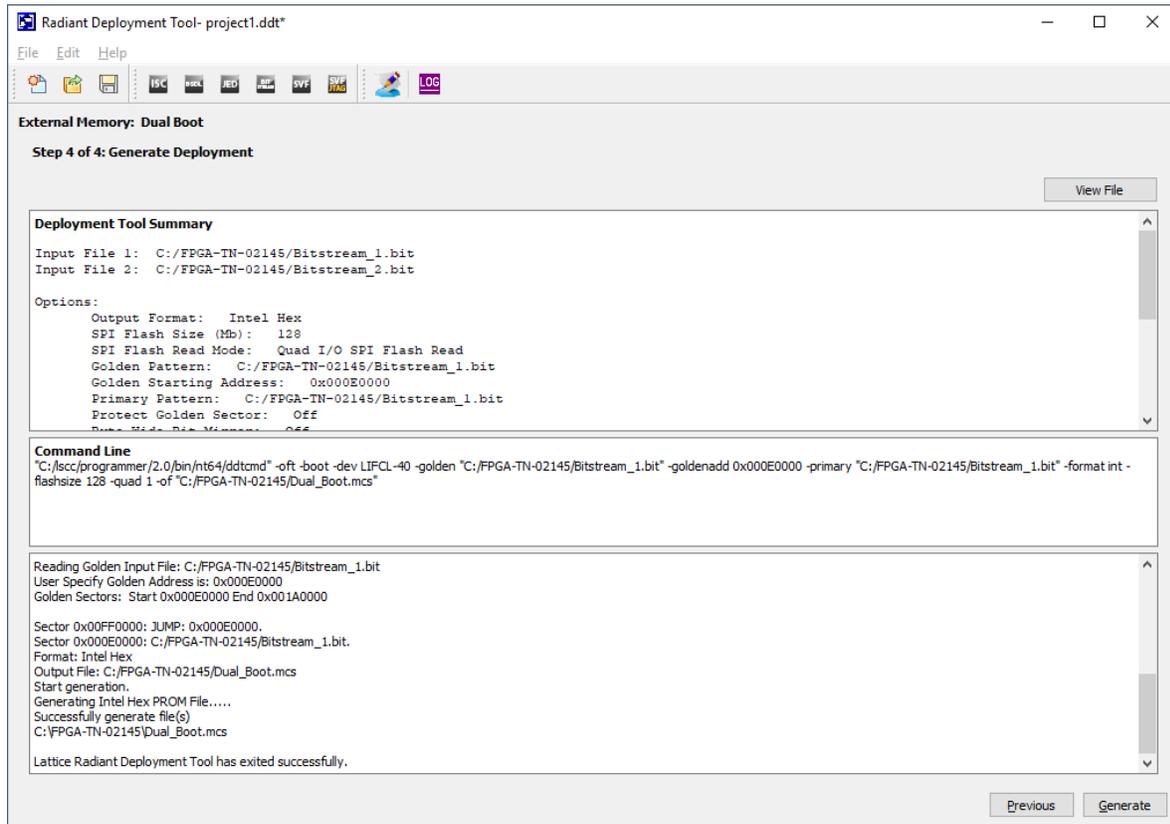- To exit, select **File > Exit**.

Figure 6.5. Generate Deployment Window

6.2. Using Radiant Deployment Tool to Create a Ping-Pong Boot PROM Hex File

The following steps provide the procedure for generating a Ping-Pong boot PROM hex file using the Radiant Deployment Tool.

1. Generate the Primary and Secondary bitstream files in Lattice Radiant software.
   - When the Primary or Secondary bitstream is the second boot option, it by default becomes the Golden bitstream.
   - Primary bitstream file MCCLK_FREQ (SPI Master Clock Frequency) setting should not exceed the external Flash device normal/standard read speed. This is not applicable to MachXO5-NX device that uses internal flash memory.
   - MCCLK_FREQ can be configured using the Global tab of the Device Constraint Editor in Lattice Radiant software.

2. Invoke **Lattice Radiant Deployment Tool** from **Start > Lattice Radiant Programmer > Deployment Tool**.

3. In the **Radiant Deployment Tool** window, select **External Memory** as the **Function Type** and select **Ping-Pong Boot** as the **Output File Type** (Figure 6.6).
   - Note that the **External Memory** selection is also applicable to MachXO5-NX device that uses internal flash memory.
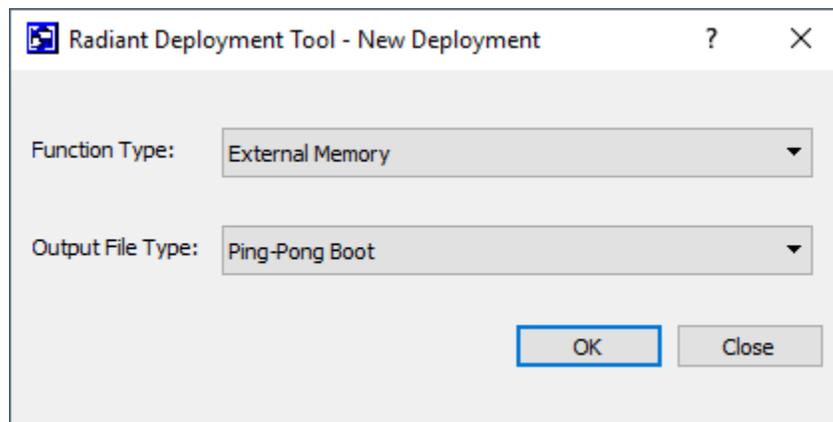
4. Select **OK**.

Figure 6.6. Creating New Deployment for Ping-Pong Boot PROM Hex File

Step 1 of 4: Select Input File(s) window (Figure 6.7)

- Click the **File Name** fields to browse and select the two bitstream files to be used to create the PROM hex file.

- The **Device Family** and **Device** fields auto-populate based on the bitstream files.
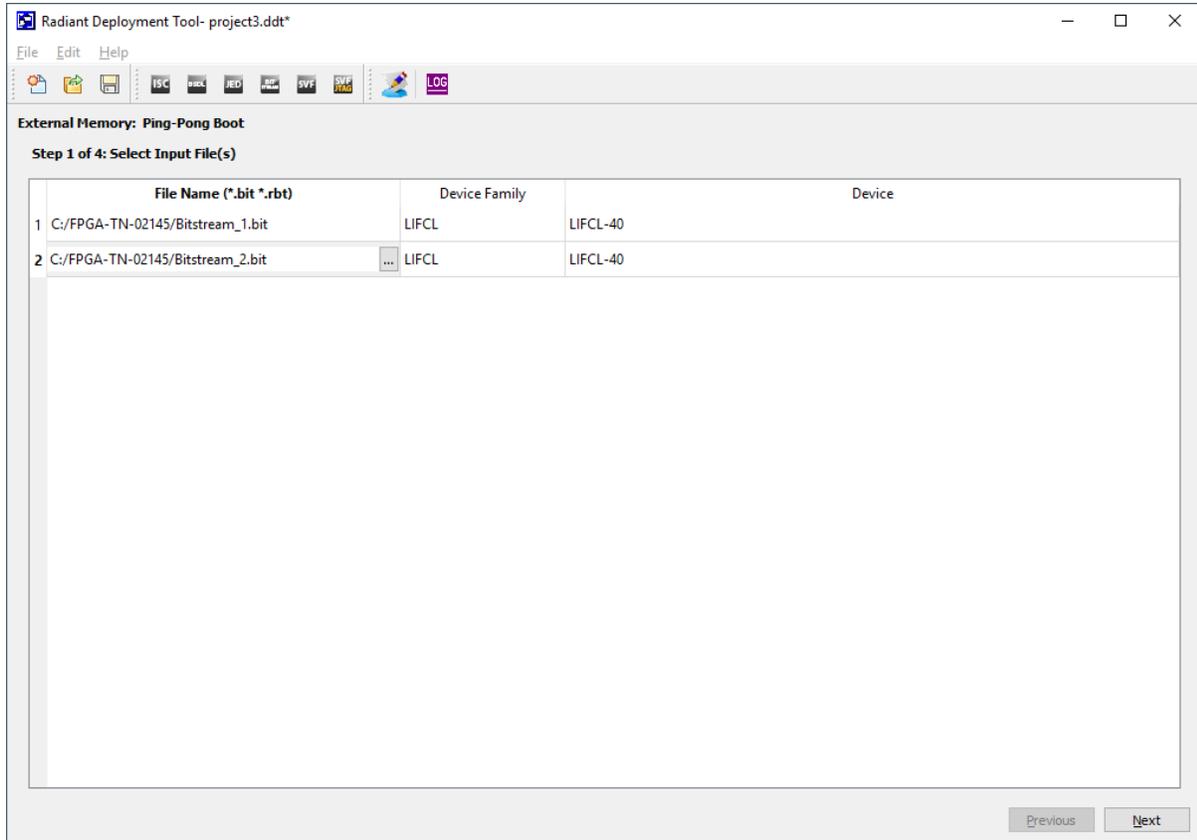
- Select **Next**.

Figure 6.7. Select Input Files Window

Step 2 of 4: Ping-Pong Boot Options window (Figure 6.8)

- Select the **Output Format** (Intel Hex, Motorola Hex, or Extended Tektronix Hex).
- Select the **SPI Flash Size** (4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256,512, or 1024 Mb).
- Select **SPI Flash Read Mode** (Standard Read, Fast Read, Dual I/O SPI Flash Read, or Quad I/O SPI Flash Read).
- The **Radiant Deployment Tool** automatically assigns the bitstream files selected in Step 1 to be used for Primary and Secondary Patterns.
  - Change the pattern options by clicking on the drop-down menu of the respective field.
  - The Starting Address of the Primary Pattern is automatically assigned and can be modified by clicking on the drop-down menu.
  - The Starting Address of the Secondary Pattern is automatically assigned and can be modified by clicking on the drop-down menu.
- Select the following options as required.
  - **Generate Jump Table Only** – Generates a JUMP table to select an image for booting without changing the physical location of the images in the internal or external SPI Flash.

    For example, a JUMP table file can be created to attempt to load Bitstream_2.bit file first. This new JUMP table file can be programmed to the internal or external Flash to overwrite the previous JUMP table file.

    The JUMP table is in .mcs format that carry the SPI Flash Read Mode setting, the Primary image boot address and the Secondary/Golden image boot address.
  - **Byte Wide Bit Mirror** – Flips each byte in Intel, Extended Tektronix, or Motorola hexadecimal data files.

    For example, 0xCD (b1100 1101) becomes 0xB3 (b1011 0011) when this is selected. You do not need to enable this setting if you program the .mcs file using Radiant Programmer. If you are using a third-party programmer, check with your vendor to understand if the byte wide bit mirror is needed.
  - **Retain Bitstream Header** – By default, Radiant Deployment Tool replaces the bitstream header information (name, version number and date of the file) with 0xFF values.

    Selecting this option retains the header information that was generated as the header.
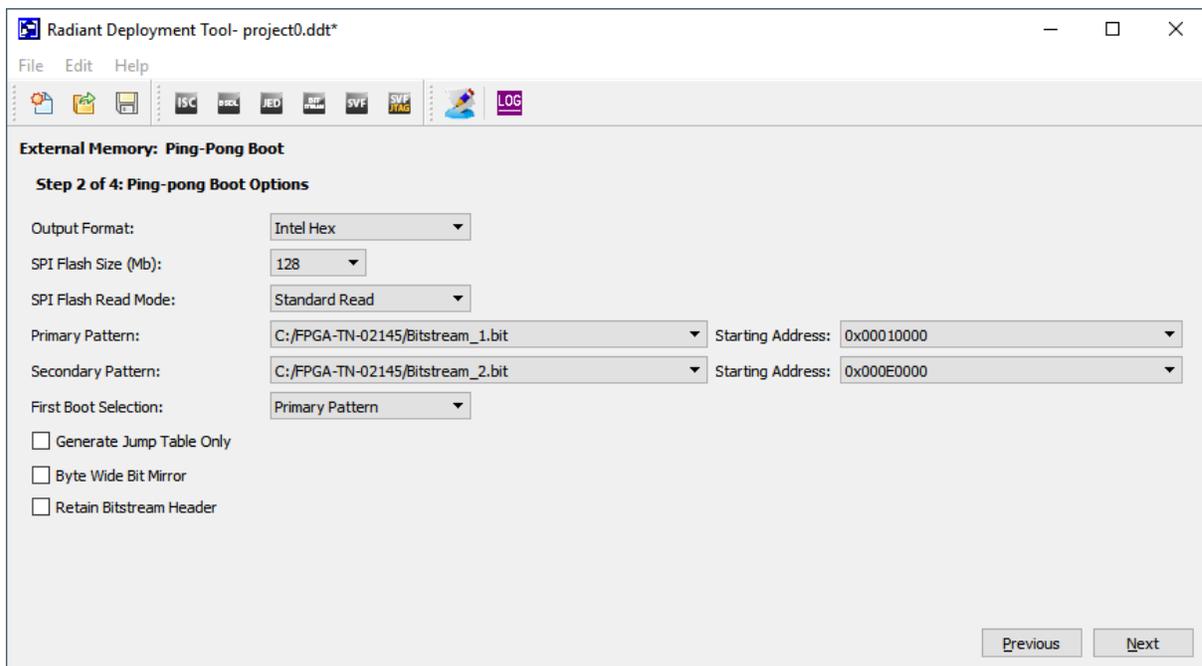- Select **Next**.

Figure 6.8. Ping-Pong Boot Options Window

Step 3 of 4: Select Output File(s) window (Figure 6.9)

- Specify the name of the output PROM hex file in the **Output File 1** field.
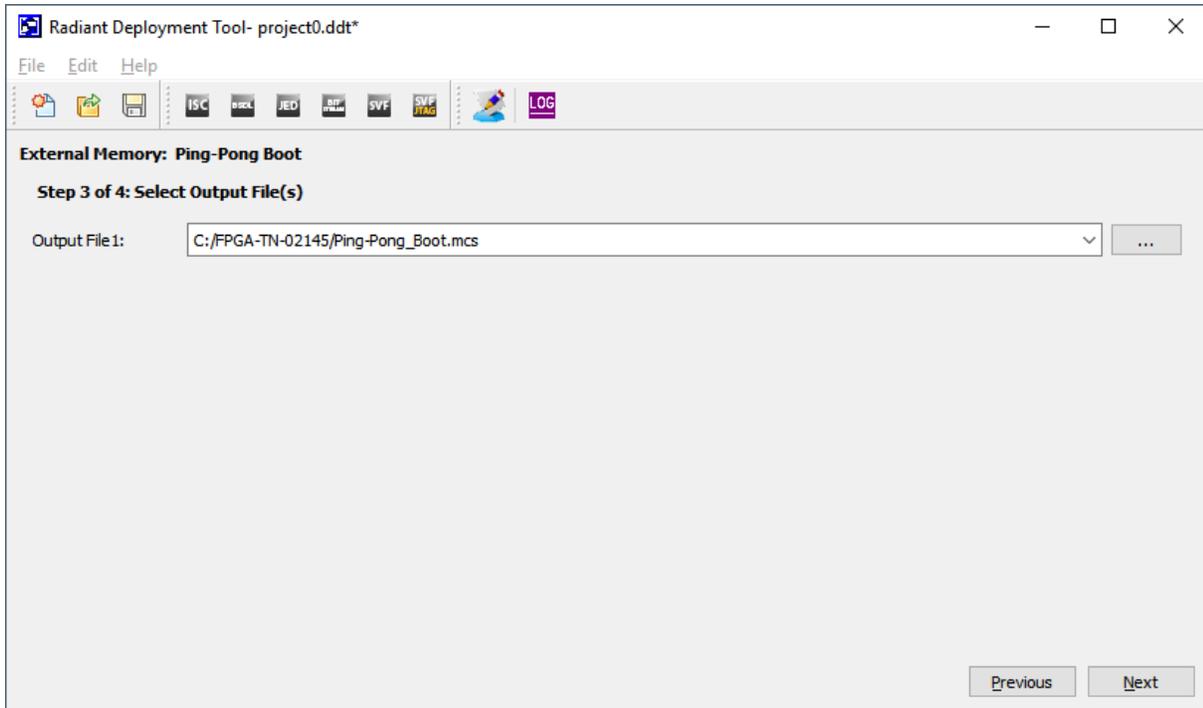- Select **Next**.

Figure 6.9. Select Output File Window

Step 4 of 4: Generate Deployment window (Figure 6.10)

- Review the summary information.
- If everything is correct, click the **Generate** button.
- The **Generate Deployment** pane should indicate the PROM file was generated successfully.
- Save the deployment settings by selecting **File > Save**.
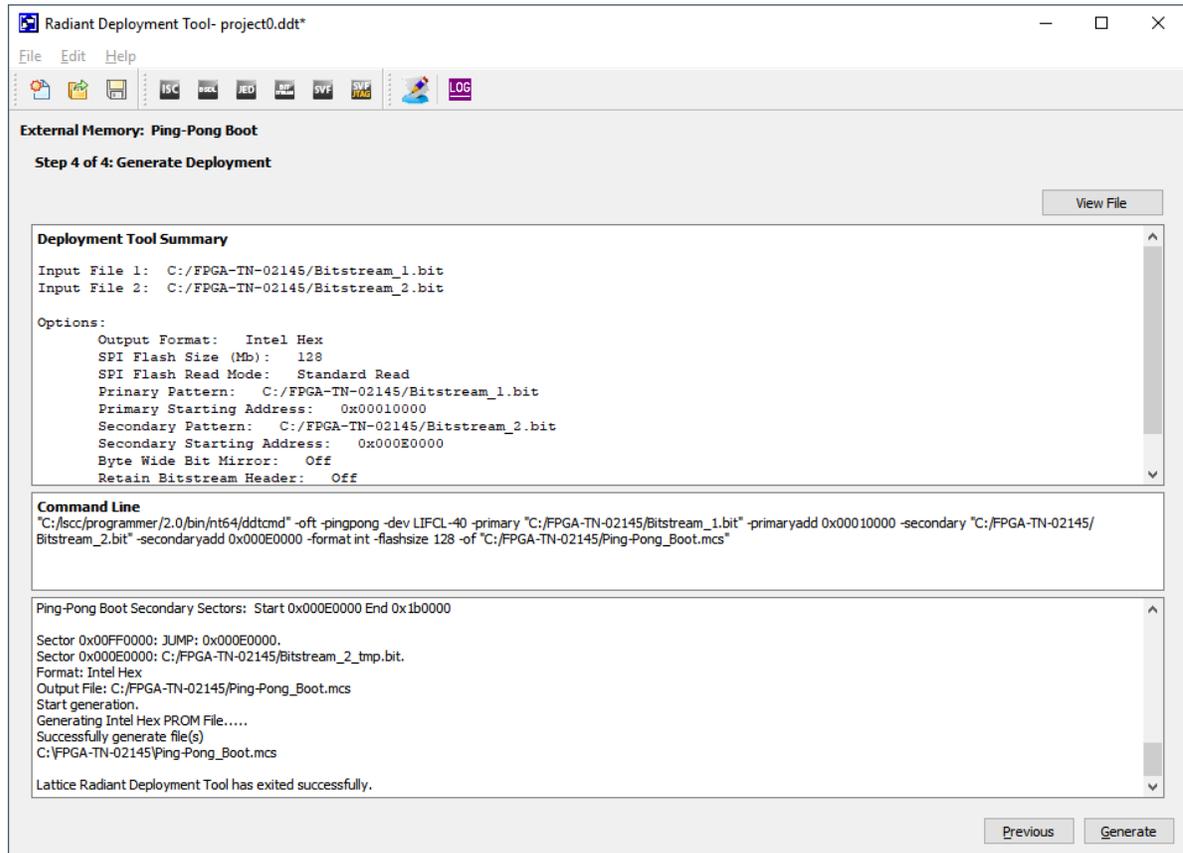- To exit, select **File > Exit**.

Figure 6.10. Generate Deployment Window

6.3. Using Radiant Deployment Tool to Create a Multi-Boot PROM Hex File

The following steps provide the procedure for generating a Multi-Boot PROM hex file using the Radiant Deployment Tool. This procedure is an example for four total bitstreams, Primary Pattern, Golden Pattern, Alternate Pattern 1, and Alternate Pattern 2.

1. Generate all the bitstream files needed in Lattice Radiant Software.
   - Primary bitstream file MCCLK_FREQ (SPI Master Clock Frequency) setting should not exceed the external Flash device normal/standard read speed. This is not applicable to MachXO5-NX device that uses internal flash memory.
   - MCCLK_FREQ can be configured under the Global tab of the Device Constraint Editor in Lattice Radiant software.

2. Invoke **Lattice Radiant Deployment Tool** from **Start > Lattice Radiant Programmer > Deployment Tool**.

3. In the Radiant Deployment Tool window, select **External Memory** as the **Function Type** and select **Advanced SPI Flash** as the **Output File Type** (Figure 6.11).
   - Note that the **External Memory** selection is also applicable to MachXO5-NX device that uses internal flash memory.
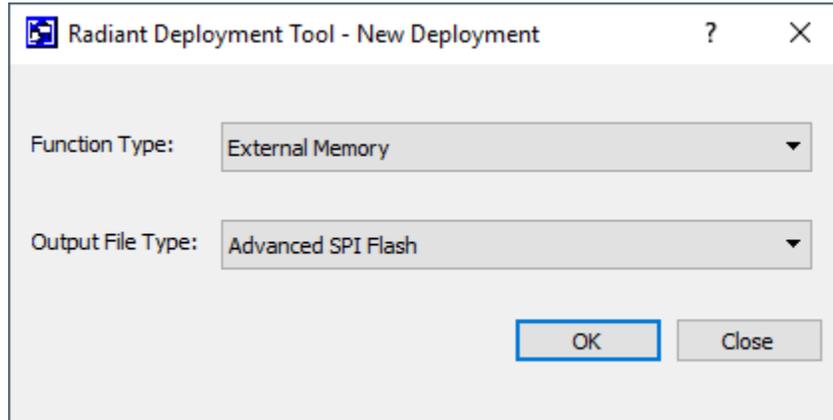
4. Select **OK**.

Figure 6.11. Creating New Deployment for Multi-Boot

Step 1 of 4: Select Input File(s) window (Figure 6.12)

- Click the **File Name** field to browse and select the primary bitstream file to be used to create the PROM hex file.
- The **Device Family** and **Device** fields auto populates based on the bitstream files selected.
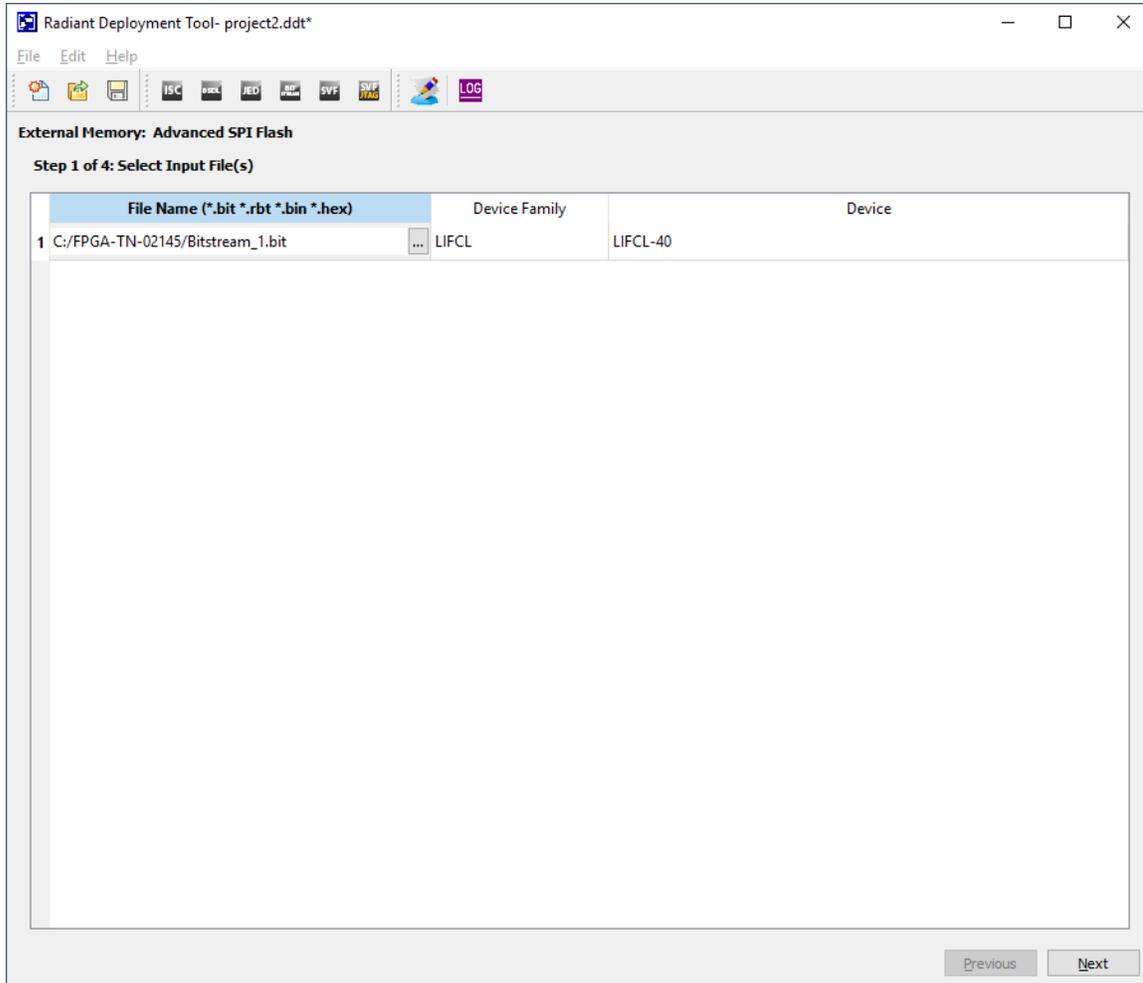- Select **Next**.

Figure 6.12. Select Input File Window

Step 2 of 4: Advanced SPI Flash Options window (Figure 6.13)

- Go to the **Options** tab.

- Select the **Output Format** (Intel Hex, Motorola Hex, or Extended Tektronix Hex).

- Select the **SPI Flash Size** (4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512, and 1024 Mb).

- Select **SPI Flash Read Mode** (Standard Read, Fast Read, Dual I/O SPI Flash Read, or Quad I/O SPI Flash Read).

- Select the following options as required:

    - **Byte Wide Bit Mirror** – Flips each byte in Intel, Extended Tektronix, or Motorola hexadecimal data files.

      For example, 0xCD (b1100 1101) becomes 0xB3 (b1011 0011) when this is selected. You do not need to enable this setting if you program the .mcs file using Radiant Programmer. If you are using a third-party programmer, check with your vendor to understand if the byte wide bit mirror is needed.

    - **Retain Bitstream Header** – By default, Radiant Deployment Tool replaces the bitstream header information (name, version number, and date of the file) with 0xFF values. Selecting this option retains the header information that is generated as the header.

    - **Optimize Memory Space** – By default, the Radiant Deployment Tool uses the worst case file size for SPI Flash memory space allocation.

    a. Worst case size is an uncompressed bitstream with maximum EBR and PCS. This allows maximum flexibility for field upgrades. If a new Primary Pattern file size grows significantly due to less compression or adding EBR blocks, it is guaranteed to fit in the sectors already allocated for Primary Pattern.

    b. When this option is selected, the Radiant Deployment Tool uses the actual file size for the address allocation. This reduces wasted SPI Flash space and may allow for a smaller Flash device. If one or more of the new patterns have smaller compression ratio or more EBR/PCS, the new pattern(s) can encroach into another pattern bitstream memory space. If this occurs, the entire SPI Flash needs to be erased/ re-programmed with a new Hex file.

- Go to the **Multiple Boot** tab (Figure 6.14).

- Select the **Multiple Boot** option.

- Click on the **Golden Pattern** browse button to select the Golden Pattern bitstream.

    - The Starting Address of the Golden Pattern is automatically assigned. Change the Starting Address of the Golden Pattern by clicking on the drop-down menu.

- Select the following option as required:

  Protect Golden Sector – By default, the golden sector, where the Golden Pattern is stored, is located immediately after the primary sector to save SPI Flash space. When this option is selected, the Golden Pattern location is moved to the first sector in the upper half of the SPI Flash. The new location is reflected in the Golden Patten Starting Address field. This protects the Golden Pattern from accidental erase/reprogram by protecting the upper half of the SPI Flash when it is programmed.

- In the **Number of Alternate Patterns** field, select the number of alternate patterns to include through the drop-down menu.

- In the **Alternate Pattern 1** field, click on the browse button to select the first alternate pattern.

    - The Starting Address of Alternate Pattern 1 is automatically populated. You can change the Starting Address of Alternate Pattern 1 by clicking on the drop-down menu.

- The **Next Alternate Pattern to Configure** field is automatically populated.

    - This is the pattern that is loaded during the next PROGRAMN/REFRESH event. You can change the pattern by clicking on the drop-down menu.

- In the **Alternate Pattern 2** field, click on the browse button to select the second alternate pattern.

    - The Starting Address of Alternate Pattern 2 is automatically populated. You can change the Starting Address of Alternate Pattern 2 by clicking on the drop-down menu.

- The **Next Alternate Pattern to Configure** field is automatically populated.

    - This is the pattern that is loaded during the next PROGRAMN/REFRESH event. You can change the pattern by clicking on the drop-down menu.
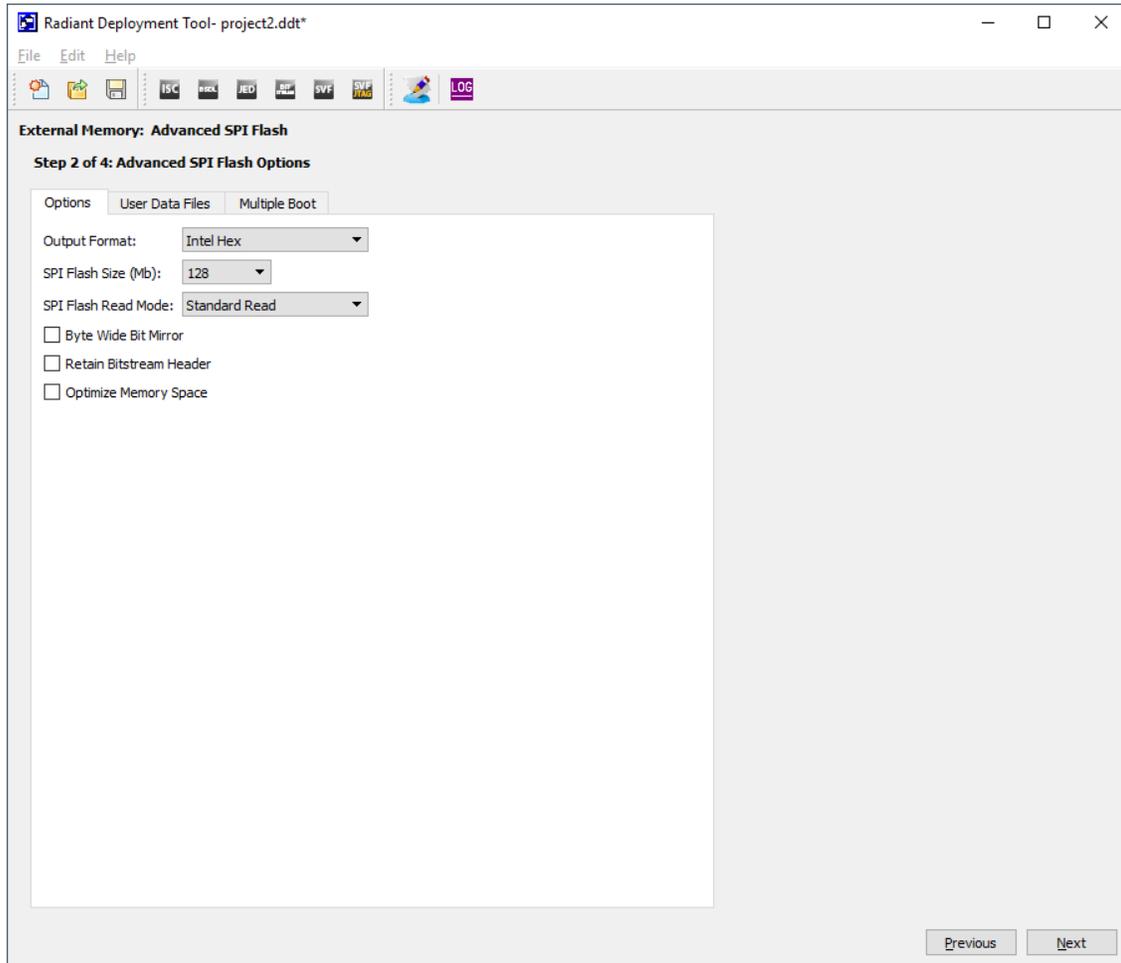
- Select **Next**.

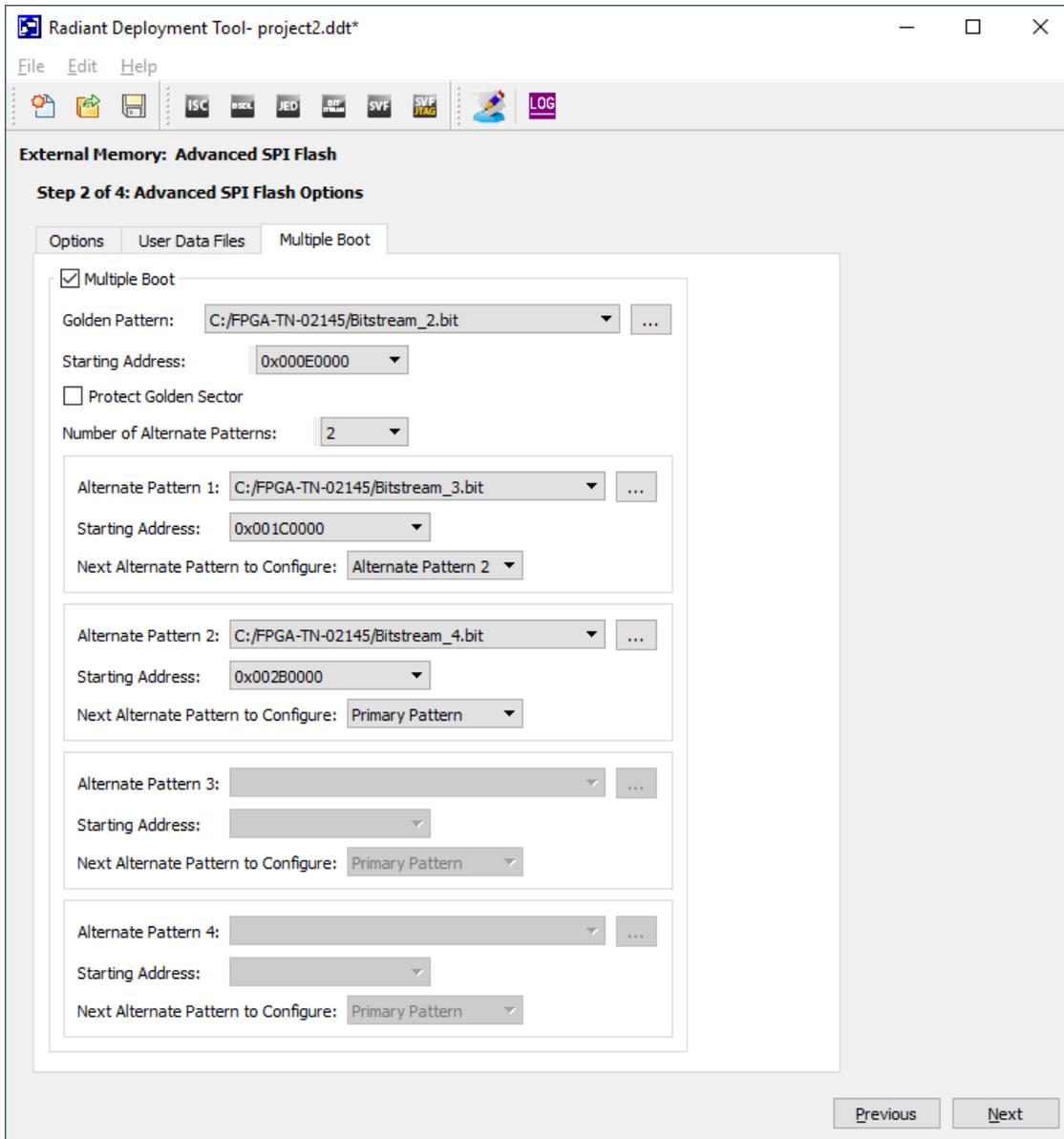**Figure 6.13. Advanced SPI Flash Options – Options Tab Window**

Figure 6.14. Advanced SPI Flash Options – Multiple Boot Tab Window

Step 3 of 4: Select Output File(s) window (Figure 6.15)

- Specify the name of the output PROM hex file in the **Output File 1** field.

- Select **Next**.

Figure 6.15. Select Output File Window
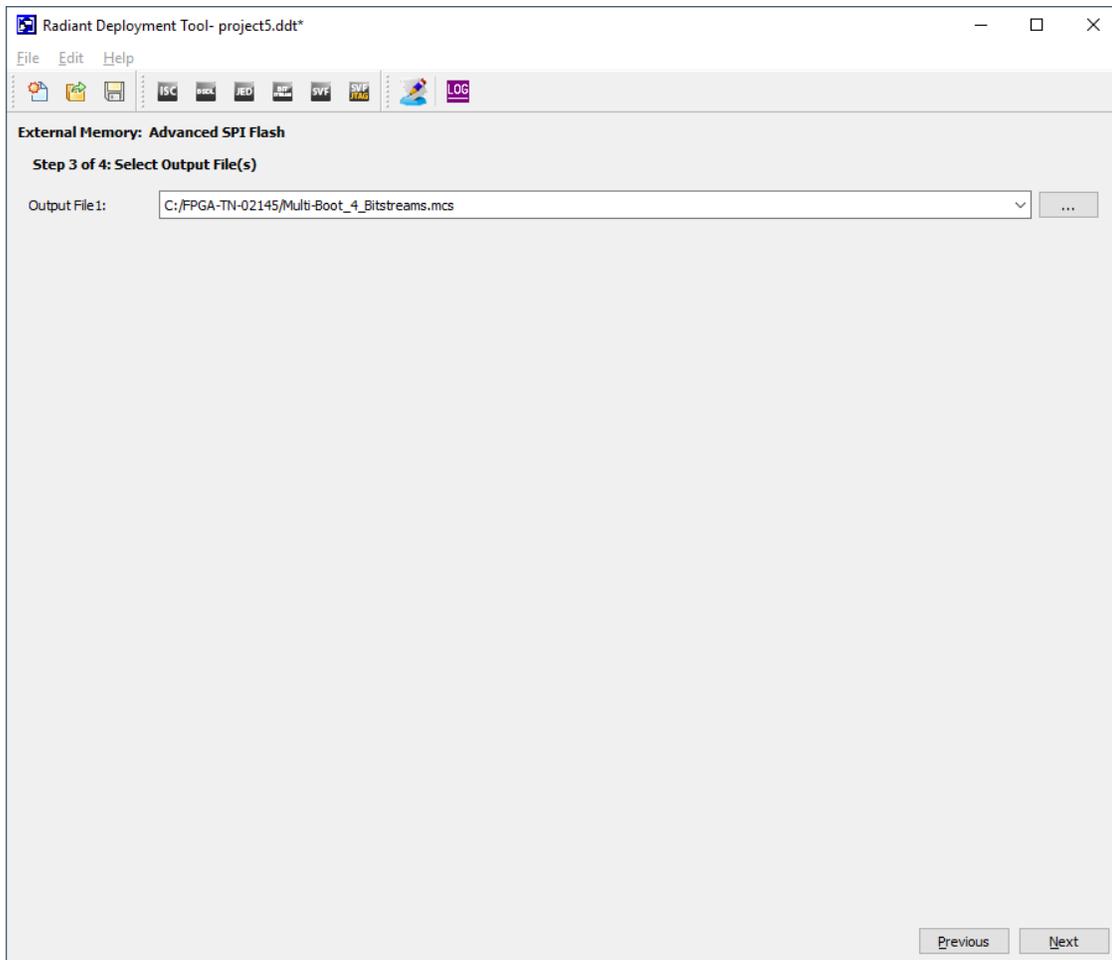
Step 4 of 4: Generate Deployment window (Figure 6.16)

- Review the summary information.
- If everything is correct, click the **Generate** button.
- The **Generate Deployment** pane should indicate the PROM file is generated successfully.
- Save the deployment settings by selecting **File > Save**.
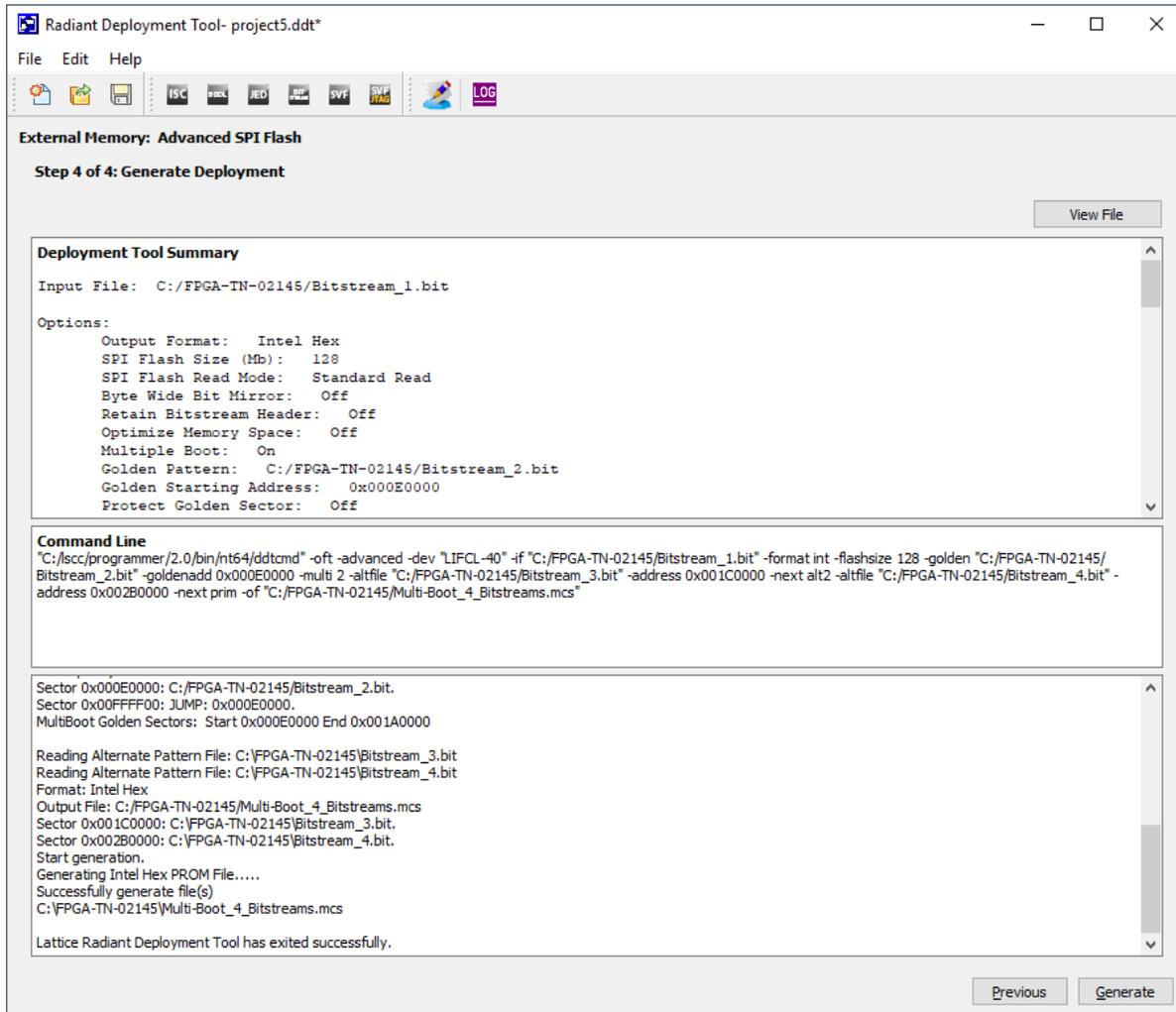- To exit, select **File > Exit**.

Figure 6.16. Generate Deployment Window

7. Programming the Dual Boot, Ping-Pong Boot, or Multi-Boot Pattern into the External SPI Flash Device

The following procedure is for programming a Dual Boot, Ping-Pong Boot, or Multi-Boot Pattern into the SPI Flash Device using Radiant Programmer:

1. Connect power to the board and connect a download cable from the board to the PC.

2. Invoke Radiant Programmer using one of the following methods:
   - In Radiant Software window, select **Tools > Programmer**;
   - In Radiant Software window, select the **Programmer** icon ( ) in the Radiant toolbar;
   - In the Windows Start menu, select **Start > Lattice Radiant Programmer > Radiant Programmer**;
   - In the Windows Start menu, select **Start > Lattice Radiant Software > Radiant Programmer**.

3. Radiant Programmer – Getting Started window opens (Figure 7.1).
   - Select **Create a New Project from a Scan**, or **Create a new blank project**, or Select **Open an existing programmer project**.
   - Select **Detect Cable** to scan the PC to determine what cable is connected. Or, manually select the type of Cable and Port.
   - Select **OK**.

4. Select the Operation field by moving the cursor over it and double clicking the left mouse button.

5. The **Device Properties** window opens (Figure 7.2).
   - For **Target Memory**, select **External SPI Flash Memory (SPI Flash)**.
   - For **Port Interface**, select **JTAG2SPI**.
     CrossLink-NX/Certus-NX/CertusPro-NX and Radiant Programmer automatically takes care of the details to connect the JTAG port pins to the SPI interface pins and to program the external SPI Flash device via the JTAG port.
   - For **Access Mode**, select **Direct Programming**.
   - For **Operation**, select **Erase, Program, Verify**.
   - For Programming File, browse to select the .mcs file.
   - In the **SPI Flash Options** field, specify the **Family**, **Vendor**, **Device**, and **Package** of the Flash device used on the board.
   - For **Data File Size (Bytes)**, click on the **Load from File** button.
   - Click the **OK** button.

6. Program the external Flash device with one of the following methods:
   - In the **Radiant Programmer** window, select **Run > Program Device**.
   - In the **Radiant Programmer** window, click on the **Program** Device icon ( ) in the toolbar.
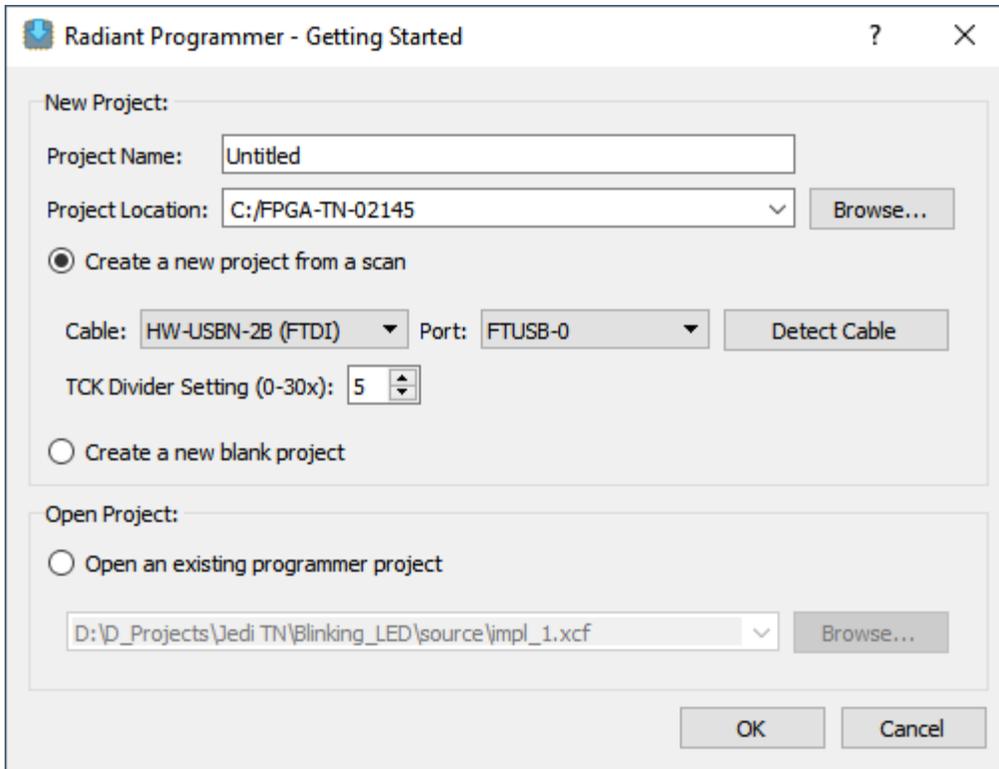
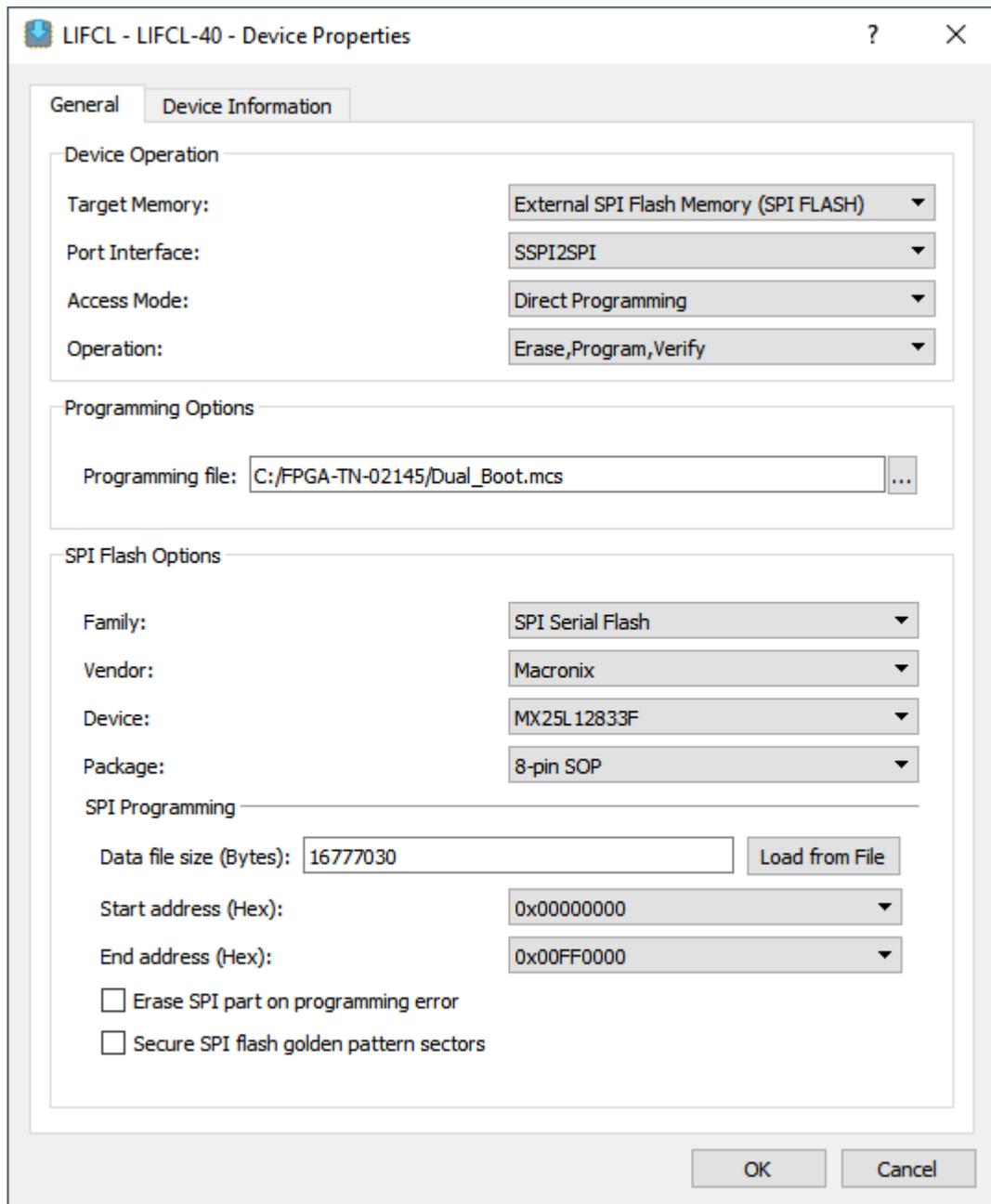**Figure 7.1. Radiant Programmer – Getting Started Window**

Figure 7.2. Radiant Programmer – Device Properties Window

8. Programming the Dual Boot, Ping-Pong Boot, or Multi-Boot Pattern into the Internal Flash

Radiant Programmer provides the flexibility for you to program various programming files at the different sections of the internal flash for respective purposes. Table 8.1 shows the programming options available for Direct FLASH Programming mode in Radiant Programmer.

Table 8.1. Programming Options for Direct FLASH Programming Mode in Radiant Programmer

Programming Options	Input File	Description
Flash Header/Dual Image[1]	.mcs	There are 2 type of .mcs files allowed: • The *_header.mcs that consists of only JUMP table for Ping-pong boot. Radiant automatically generate *_header.mcs when running Export Bitstream File in a MachXO5-NX project. The primary and secondary location of the *_header.mcs is based on the PRIMARY_BOOT and SECONDARY_BOOT settings in Device Constraint Editor. • The .mcs file generated for Dual Boot, Ping-pong Boot or Multi-Boot using Deployment Tool as described in Section 6. When you select this type of .mcs file, the Programmer will disable all other programming options automatically.
CFG0	.jed	The *_0.jed configuration bitstream file that is generated by Radiant automatically when running Export Bitstream File, provided the CUR_DESIGN_BOOT_LOCATION in Device Constraint Editor is set to IMAGE_0.
UFM0	.jed	The *_u0.jed bitstream file that is generated by Radiant automatically when running Export Bitstream File, provided the UFM0 is initialized in Flash Access IP in the design.
CFG1	.jed	The *_1.jed configuration bitstream file that is generated by Radiant automatically when running Export Bitstream File, provided the CUR_DESIGN_BOOT_LOCATION in Device Constraint Editor is set to IMAGE_1.
UFM1	.jed	The *_u1.jed bitstream file that is generated by Radiant automatically when running Export Bitstream File, provided the UFM1 is initialized in Flash Access IP in the design.
CFG2	.jed	The *_2.jed configuration bitstream file that is generated by Radiant automatically when running Export Bitstream File, provided the CUR_DESIGN_BOOT_LOCATION in Device Constraint Editor is set to IMAGE_2.
UFM2	.jed	The *_u2.jed bitstream file that is generated by Radiant automatically when running Export Bitstream File, provided the UFM2 is initialized in Flash Access IP in the design.
UserData0-7[2]	.mcs	The *_ud0-7.mcs file that is generated by Radiant automatically when running Export Bitstream File, provided the USERDATAx is initialized in Flash Access IP in the design.
JUMP Command[1]	.mcs	The *_tail.mcs is generated by Radiant automatically when running Export Bitstream File. The JUMP address is following the SECONDARY_BOOT setting in the Device Constraint Editor.

Notes:

1. This option is available for Radiant Programmer version 2023.2 and onwards.
2. In Radiant Programmer 2023.1 and older version, UserData is from 0 to 8.

The following procedure is for programming various programming files into the MachXO5-NX device internal flash using Radiant Programmer:

1. Connect power to the board and connect a download cable from the board to the PC.

2. Invoke Radiant Programmer using one of the following methods:
   - In Radiant Software window, select **Tools > Programmer**;
   - In Radiant Software window, select the **Programmer** icon ( ) in the Radiant toolbar;
   - In the Windows Start menu, select **Start > Lattice Radiant Programmer > Radiant Programmer**;
   - In the Windows Start menu, select **Start > Lattice Radiant Software > Radiant Programmer**.

3. **Radiant Programmer – Getting Started** window opens (Figure 7.1).
   - Select **Create a New Project from a Scan**, or **Create a new blank project**, or **Select Open an existing programmer project**.
   - Select **Detect Cable** to scan the PC to determine what cable is connected. Or, manually select the type of Cable and Port.
   - Click **OK**.

4. Select the Operation field by moving the cursor over it and double clicking the left mouse button.

5. The **Device Properties** window opens (Figure 8.1).
   - For **Target Memory**, select **Flash Configuration Memory**.
   - For **Port Interface**, select **JTAG**.
   - For **Access Mode**, select **Direct FLASH Programming**.
   - For **Operation**, select **Erase, Program, Verify**.
   - For **Other Programming Options**, select the appropriate files according to Table 8.1.
   - Click the **OK** button.
   - Refer to MachXO5-NX Programming and Configuration User Guide (FPGA-TN-02271) for designation of primary boot and secondary boot.

6. Program the internal Flash device with one of the following methods:
   - In the Radiant Programmer window, select **Run > Program** Device.
   - In the Radiant Programmer window, click on the **Program** Device icon ( ) in the toolbar.
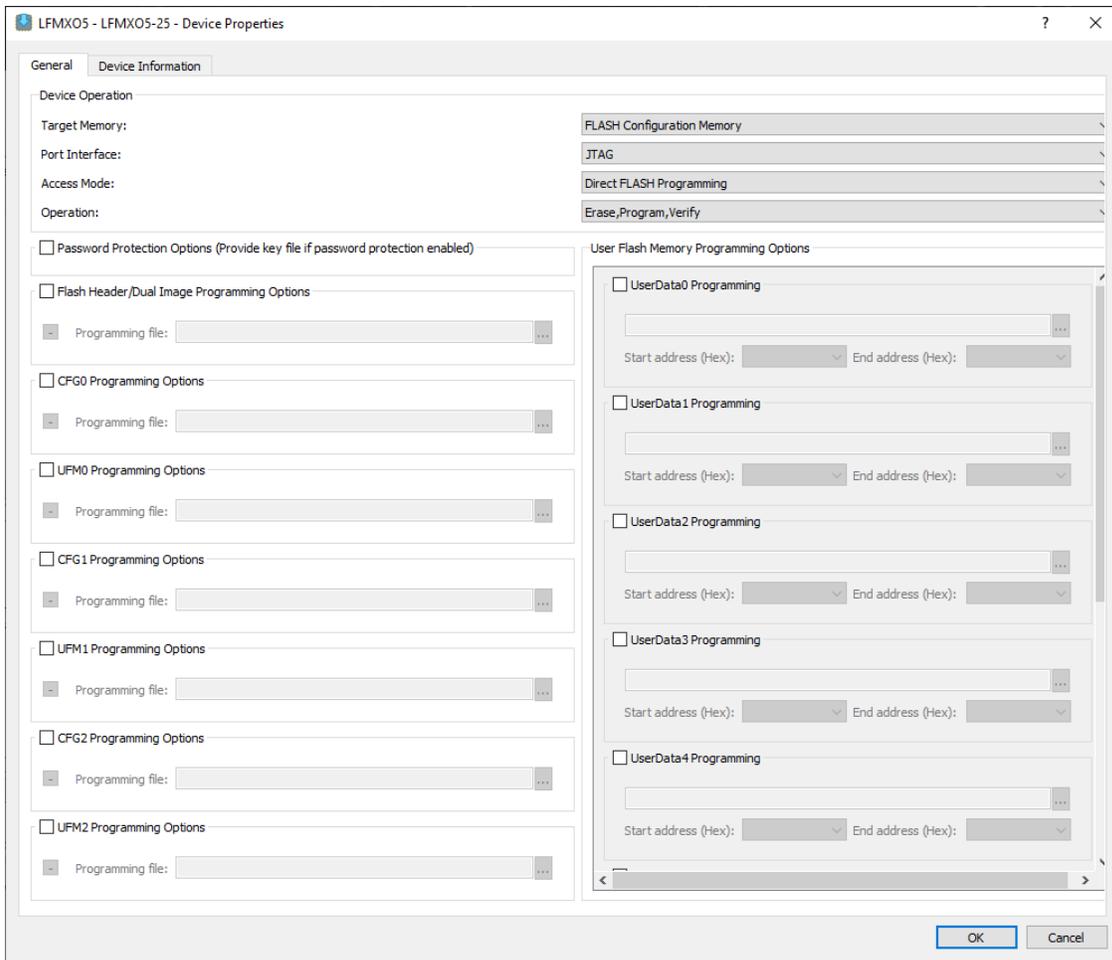
Figure 8.1. Radiant Programmer – Device Properties Window

9. Corrupting Primary Image to Test Dual Boot, Ping-pong Boot, or Multi-Boot

There are several ways to corrupt the Primary image to test if the device will fall back to the Golden image correctly:

- You can corrupt the .mcs file that is generated using Deployment Tool as described in Creating a PROM File section.
- You can use JTAG2SPI bridge in the Radiant Programmer to write junk data to the address space where Primary image is located in the external flash.
- In the MachXO5-NX design, you can use the Flash Access IP to write a byte in the CFG page where Primary image is located.

9.1. Corrupting Generated .mcs File using Deployment Tool

This section describes the first method of corrupting the .mcs file before programming it to the internal or external flash of Nexus devices.

1. Open the .mcs file. The .mcs file is in Intel Hex format, you can open it with any text editor, each line in an Intel Hex file has the same basic pattern like this:

   :NNAAAATT[DDDDDDDDDD]CC

   where,

:	Start of a line marker
NN	Number of data bytes on the line
AAAA	Address in bytes
TT	Type: • 00 indicates data type • 01 indicates end of file • Other types like 02 and 04 for extended address line
DD	Data bytes, the number of bytes depend on the NN value
CC	Checksum (2s-complement of number of bytes+address+type+data)

2. Identify the address location that you want to corrupt in the .mcs file and modify it. For example, below line is the 16 bytes at location 0x01A0, with the checksum 0x88. You can modify any data bytes in the line and recalculate the checksum after the modification.

   :1001A000**000000FFFFFFFF4700000080F00EC244**88 → Original line in .mcs file.

   For example, if you corrupt the location 0x01AF from 0x44 to 0xFF, the checksum is calculated by:

   a. Summing up every byte except checksum:

   b. 0x10 + 0x01 + 0xA0 + 0xFF + 0xFF + 0xFF + 0xFF + 0x47 + 0x80 + 0xF0 + 0x0E + 0xC2 + **0xFF (corrupted value)** = 0x833, omit the carry bit, the balance become 0x33.

   c. Invert all the bit of 0x33, the value is 0xCC.

   d. Adding 1 to 0xCC = 0xCD, this is the new calculated checksum.

3. Replace the original line with the new line that has the corrupted byte.

   :1001A000**000000FFFFFFFF4700000080F00EC2FF**CD → New line to replace the original line in .mcs file.

4. Then, you can proceed to program the corrupted .mcs file to the external or internal flash by following the instructions in Programming the Dual Boot, Ping-Pong Boot, or Multi-Boot Pattern into the External SPI Flash Device and Programming the Dual Boot, Ping-Pong Boot, or Multi-Boot Pattern into the Internal Flash sections.

5. After the programming is successful, reconfigure or power cycle the FPGA. You should be able to observe the FPGA is now loading the Golden image instead of the Primary image. You can identify which image is loaded to the FPGA by observing the functionality of the design or using the Radiant Programmer to read the Status Register as shown in Figure 9.1.
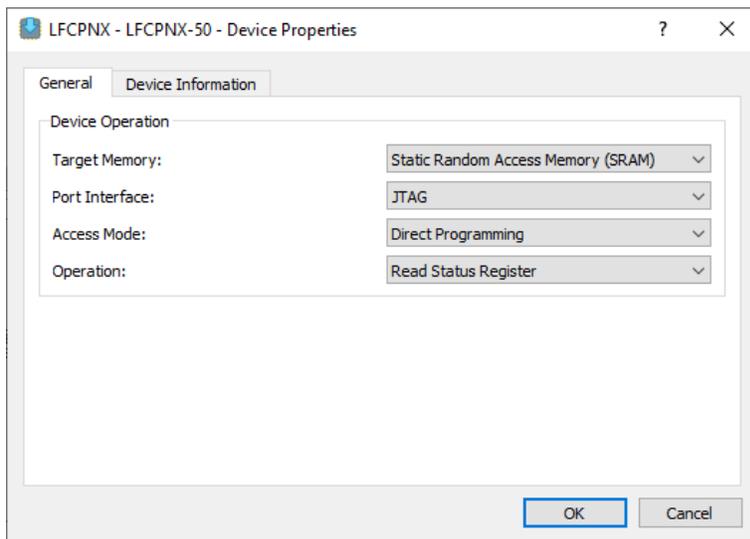

Figure 9.1. Reading Device Status Register using Radiant Programmer

9.2. Example of Corrupting Preamble of Primary Image in Dual Boot

This section provides the example of corrupting the preamble of the Primary image in Dual Boot .mcs, and the expected Status Register value after the device falls back to Golden image upon corruption of Primary image is detected during configuration.

The line below shows the preamble value of 0xFFFFBDB3, note that 0xFFFFBDCD in the .mcs is due to the reversed bit order of every byte, this is the expected .mcs format adopted by Radiant Programmer.

:10017000FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF**FFFFBDCD**FF03 → Original line in .mcs file.

Corrupting the preamble:

:10017000FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF**FFFFFFFF**FF8F → New line to replace the original line in .mcs file.

1. Program the corrupted .mcs file to the device as described in Programming the Dual Boot, Ping-Pong Boot, or Multi-Boot Pattern into the External SPI Flash Device and Programming the Dual Boot, Ping-Pong Boot, or Multi-Boot Pattern into the Internal Flash sections.

2. Reconfigure or power cycle the FPGA.

3. Read the Status Register using Programmer as shown in Figure 9.1.

Figure 9.2 shows the Status Register value after the device falls back to Golden image. The **INITN** and **DONE** set to **1** indicate that the device is in user mode. The **BSE Error 1 Code** is **b0100**, which indicates the preamble error in previous bitstream execution. The **SPIm Fail** set to **1** indicates the failure to load the Primary image from the SPI flash due to the corruption.

	Global Locked	PWD Write Locked	PWD Read Locked	AES Write Locked	AES Read Locked	FEA Write Locked	FEA Read Locked	PUB Write Locked	PUB Read Locked	I2C/I3C Locked	SSPI Locked	JTAG Locked	Dry Run Auth Done	Auth Done	Authentication Mode (1)	Authentication Mode (0)	Reserved	INIT Bus ID Error	Reserved	INITN	Key Destroy Pass	BSE Timeout	Slave SPI Timeout	Version	Flow Through Mode	Bypass Mode	BSE Error 1 Code (3)	BSE Error 1 Code (2)	BSE Error 1 Code (1)	BSE Error 1 Code (0)	Dry Run Done	UDS Programmed
Default	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chip Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

	WDT Busy	Invalid Command	ID Error	EXEC Error	BSE Error Code (3)	BSE Error Code (2)	BSE Error Code (1)	BSE Error Code (0)	SPIm Fail	Std PreAmble	Enc PreAmble	Lattice PreAmble	SDM Enable	UID Enable	PWD All	PWD Enable	Decrypt Only	WDT Reboot	Fail Flag	Busy Flag	Read Enable	Write Enable	ISC Enable	DONE	Reserved	Erase Enable	PWD Protect	JTAG Active	CONFIG Target Selection (2)	CONFIG Target Selection (1)	CONFIG Target Selection (0)	TRAN Mode
Default	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chip Value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Figure 9.2. Device Status Register Value after Fall Back to Golden Image

10. Use Case Restrictions

10.1. Ping-pong Boot Limitation

If the bitstream corruption happens at the 32-bit preamble of the primary image, the configuration engine will not load the secondary image correctly, both the BSE Error Code and BSE Error 1 Code in Device Status Register will show a preamble error. You can recover it by reprogramming the external or internal flash memory with a good image via the JTAG or SSPI port. It is recommended that you use Dual-Boot configuration if your application requires you to update the user image remotely.

10.2. Soft Error Detection and Correction (SEDC) Use Case

If your design is using the SEDC feature, you need to ensure all images are implementing the SEDC feature. Mixing images with and without the SEDC feature in your design (for Dual Boot, Ping-pong Boot or Multi-Boot application) is not supported and will result in failure when reconfiguring the FPGA with another image that is triggered by the user or due to image corruption.

Refer to SED/SEC User Guide for Nexus Platform (FPGA-TN-02076) for more detail.

References

For more information, refer to:

- CrossLink-NX Family Devices Web Page
- Certus-NX Family Devices Web Page
- CertusPro-NX Family Devices Web Page
- MachXO5-NX Family Devices Web Page
- Lattice Nexus Platform Web Page
- MachXO5-NX Programming and Configuration User Guide (FPGA-TN-02271)
- SED/SEC User Guide for Nexus Platform (FPGA-TN-02076)

For Boards, Demos, IP Cores, and Reference Designs for Lattice Nexus Devices, refer to:

- Boards, Demos, IP Cores, and Reference Designs for CrossLink-NX Devices
- Boards, Demos, IP Cores, and Reference Designs for Certus-NX Devices
- Boards, Demos, IP Cores, and Reference Designs for CertusPro-NX Devices
- Boards, Demos, IP Cores, and Reference Designs for MachXO5-NX Devices

Other References:

- Lattice Insights for Training Series and Learning Plans
- Lattice Radiant Software Web Page

Technical Support Assistance

Submit a technical support case through www.latticesemi.com/techsupport.

For frequently asked questions, refer to the Lattice Answer Database at
www.latticesemi.com/Support/AnswerDatabase.

Revision History

Revision 1.9, August 2024

Section	Change Summary
Introduction	Table 1.1. Supported Device Families and Parts: • added LFD2NX-9 and LFD2NX-28 to Certus-NX family; • added LFMXO5-15D and LFMXO5-55TD to MachXO5-NX family.

Resources	• Table 2.1. Maximum Configuration Bitstream Size – Single Bitstream Boot Mode:
	  • added LFD2NX-9 and LFD2NX-28 to related existing devices;
	  • added LFMXO5-15D, LFMXO5-55TD, and their related information.
	• Table 2.2. Maximum Configuration Bitstream Size – Dual Boot Mode/Ping-Pong Mode:
	  • added LFD2NX-9 and LFD2NX-28 to related existing devices;
	  • added LFMXO5-15D, LFMXO5-55TD, and their related information.
	• Table 2.3. Maximum Configuration Bitstream Size – Multi-Boot Mode:
	  • added LFD2NX-9 and LFD2NX-28 to related existing devices;
	  • added LFMXO5-15D, LFMXO5-55TD, and their related information;
	  • updated Note 1 and added Note 5.

Ping-Pong Boot Mode	Figure 4.1. Ping-Pong Boot Flow Diagram: • added 0x003F_FF00; • added Note 3.

Revision 1.8, February 2024

Section	Change Summary
All	• Updated the mentions of *CrossLink-NX, Certus-NX, CertusPro-NX, and MachXO5-NX device families* as *Nexus devices* or *devices*. • Updated the mentions of *CrossLink-NX/Certus-NX/CertusPro-NX/MachXO5-NX family* as *Nexus device* or *device*. • Updated the mentions of *CrossLink-NX/Certus-NX/CertusPro-NX/MachXO5 NX part* to *device*. • Made editorial fixes.
Introduction	• Added the sentence: *For the subsequent part of this document, the Nexus devices refer to all CrossLink-NX, Certus-NX, CertusPro-NX, and MachXO5-NX device families* in the first paragraph of this section. • Added the sentence: *Note that the MachXO5-NX family supports up to 3 bitstream patterns only inclusive of the Golden pattern* to the Multi-Boot Mode's description.
Resources	• Removed *an external* from the sentence: *The volatile SRAM configuration memory must be loaded from an external non-volatile memory that can store all the configuration data*. • Removed *or embedded flash* from the sentence: *The minimum SPI Flash densities or embedded flash required to support the different configuration boot modes are listed in Table 2.1, Table 2.2, and Table 2.3*.
Dual Boot Mode	Updated section header names and figure caption in this section.
Ping-Pong Boot Mode	Updated section header names and figure caption in this section.
Multi-Boot Mode	Updated section header names in this section.
Creating a PROM File	• Added the phrase *(MachXO5-NX uses internal flash)* to the sentence: *The various boot features on the Nexus devices are simple, requiring only one external SPI Flash device (MachXO5-NX uses internal flash), and flexible, due to the intelligent use of the JUMP command or table.* • Added the phrase *with the .mcs file extension* to the sentence: *The Lattice Deployment Tool, part of Lattice Radiant Software, merges the different patterns and the JUMP command and table into one PROM hex file with the .mcs file extension.*

Section	Change Summary
	• Updated steps *1* and *3* of Using Radiant Deployment Tool to Create a Dual Boot PROM Hex File, Using Radiant Deployment Tool to Create a Ping-Pong Boot PROM Hex File, and Using Radiant Deployment Tool to Create a Multi-Boot PROM Hex File sections. • Updated the description of *Byte Wide Bit Mirror* in Using Radiant Deployment Tool to Create a Dual Boot PROM Hex File, Using Radiant Deployment Tool to Create a Ping-Pong Boot PROM Hex File, and Using Radiant Deployment Tool to Create a Multi-Boot PROM Hex File sections. • Replaced *the Lattice* to *Radiant* in Using Radiant Deployment Tool to Create a Ping-Pong Boot PROM Hex File section header. • Updated the description of *Generate Jump Table Only* in Using Radiant Deployment Tool to Create a Ping-Pong Boot PROM Hex File section.
Programming the Dual Boot, Ping-Pong Boot, or Multi-Boot Pattern into the Internal Flash	• Replaced *Embedded Flash* with *Internal Flash*. • Added the sentences: *Radiant Programmer provides the flexibility for you to program various programming files at the different sections of the internal flash for respective purposes. Table 8.1 shows the programming options available for Direct FLASH Programming mode in Radiant Programmer t*o this section. • Added Table 8.1. Programming Options for Direct FLASH Programming Mode in Radiant Programmer. • Replaced the phrases *a Dual Boot, Ping Pong Boot, or Multi-Boot Pattern* with *various programming* files and *embedded Flash, such as a MachXO5-NX device* with *MachXO5-NX device internal flash* in the sentence: *The following procedure is for programming various programming files into the MachXO5-NX device internal flash using Radiant Programmer*. • Replaced the sentence: *For CFGx Programming Files, browse to select the .jed files* with *For Other Programming Options, select the appropriate files according to Table 8.1.* • Updated Figure 8.1.
Corrupting Primary Image to Test Dual Boot, Ping-pong Boot, or Multi-Boot	Added this section.
Use Case Restrictions	Added this section.
References	Added references to MachXO5-NX Programming and Configuration User Guide (FPGA-TN-02271) and SED/SEC User Guide for Nexus Platform (FPGA-TN-02076).

Revision 1.7, December 2023

Section	Change Summary
Disclaimers	Updated this section.
Inclusive Language	Newly added this section.
Creating a PROM File	• In the Using Radiant Deployment Tool to Create a Dual Boot PROM Hex File section, added 1024 Mb support for SPI Flash Size in Step 2 of 4: Dual Boot Options window. • In the Using the Lattice Deployment Tool to Create a Ping-Pong Boot PROM Hex File section, added 1024 Mb support for SPI Flash Size in Step 2 of 4: Ping-Pong Boot Options window. • In the Using Radiant Deployment Tool to Create a Multi-Boot PROM Hex File section, added 1024 Mb support for SPI Flash Size in Step 2 of 4: Advanced SPI Flash Options window.

Revision 1.6, August 2023

Section	Change Summary
Introduction	Added LIFCL-33U to Table 1.1. Supported Device Families and Parts.
Resources	• Table 2.1. Maximum Configuration Bitstream Size – Single Bitstream Boot Mode: added LIFCL-33U and its data. • Table 2.2. Maximum Configuration Bitstream Size – Dual Boot Mode/Ping-Pong Mode: added LIFCL-33U and its data. • Table 2.3. Maximum Configuration Bitstream Size – Multi-Boot Mode: added LIFCL-33U and its data.
References	Newly added section

Revision 1.5, March 2023

Section	Change Summary
Introduction	Added support to the LFMXO5-55T and LFMXO5-100T parts in the description.
Resources	• Removed MachXO5-NX from the SRAM support. • Added embedded flash support for different configuration boot modes. • Added LFMXO5-55T and LFMXO5-100T device support in Table 2.1. Maximum Configuration Bitstream Size – Single Bitstream Boot Mode, Table 2.2. Maximum Configuration Bitstream Size – Dual Boot Mode/Ping-Pong Mode, and Table 2.3. Maximum Configuration Bitstream Size – Multi-Boot Mode.
Creating a PROM File	Removed MachXO5-NX family from the various boot features support.
Programming the Dual Boot, Ping-Pong Boot, or Multi-Boot Pattern into the External SPI Flash Device	• Updated the section title adding external. • Removed the MachXO5-NX family support from this section.
Programming the Dual Boot, Ping-Pong Boot, or Multi-Boot Pattern into the Internal Flash	Newly added section.
Technical Support Assistance	Added the frequently asked questions website link.

Revision 1.4, June 2022

Section	Change Summary
Introduction	Added CrossLink-NX-33 (LIFCL-33) device support.
Resources	• Added CrossLink-NX-33 device support. • Added CrossLink-NX-33 (LIFCL-33) device and its related data to Table 2.1. Maximum Configuration Bitstream Size – Single Bitstream Boot Mode, Table 2.2. Maximum Configuration Bitstream Size – Dual Boot Mode/Ping-Pong Mode, and Table 2.3. Maximum Configuration Bitstream Size – Multi-Boot Mode.

Revision 1.3, March 2022

Section	Change Summary
All	Changed the document title to *Multi-Boot User Guide for Nexus Platform*.
Introduction	Added MachXO5-NX family support.
Resources	• Added MachXO5-NX family support. • Added MachXO5-NX device and its related data to Table 2.1. Maximum Configuration Bitstream Size – Single Bitstream Boot Mode, Table 2.2. Maximum Configuration Bitstream Size – Dual Boot Mode/Ping-Pong Mode, and Table 2.3. Maximum Configuration Bitstream Size – Multi-Boot Mode.

Section	Change Summary
Dual Boot Mode	• Added MachXO5-NX device family support. • Updated Figure 3.1. Nexus Device Dual Boot Flow Diagram changing to Internal/External Flash.
Ping-Pong Boot Mode	• Added MachXO5-NX device family support. • Updated Figure 4.1. Ping-Pong Boot Flow Diagram changing to Internal/External Flash.
Multi-Boot Mode	Added MachXO5-NX family support.
Creating a PROM File	
Programming the Dual Boot, Ping-Pong Boot, or Multi-Boot Pattern into the External SPI Flash Device	

Revision 1.2, May 2021

Section	Change Summary
Introduction	Added support for CertusPro-NX device family.
Resources	
Dual Boot Mode	
Ping-Pong Boot Mode	
Multi-Boot Mode	
Creating a PROM File	
Programming the Dual Boot, Ping-Pong Boot, or Multi-Boot Pattern into the External SPI Flash Device	
Resources	Added resources details for CertusPro-NX device family to Table 2.1, Table 2.2, and Table 2.3.

Revision 1.1, May 2020

Section	Change Summary
All	Changed the document title to "Multi-Boot Usage Guide for Nexus Platform".
Introduction	Added support for the Nexus platform including Certus-NX and CrossLink-NX device families.
Resources	
Dual Boot Mode	
Ping-Pong Boot Mode	
Multi-Boot Mode	
Creating a PROM File	
Programming the Dual Boot, Ping-Pong Boot, or Multi-Boot Pattern into the External SPI Flash Device	
Resources	Added resources details for Certus-NX device family in Table 2.1, Table 2.2, and Table 2.3.

Revision 1.0, January 2020

Section	Change Summary
All	Initial release.

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