

The FlexSPI configuration is defined by the boot object in the SPI code located at the start of the SPI flash.

For example the i.MX RT 1020 EVK has the following boot object for its IS25LP064A QSPI flash part:

```
const FLEXSPI_NOR_BOOT_CONFIGURATION __boot_config = {
    .memConfig = {
        .tag                = FLEXSPI_CFG_BLK_TAG,
        .version            = FLEXSPI_CFG_BLK_VERSION,
        .readSampleClkSrc =
kFlexSPIReadSampleClk_LoopbackFromDqsPad,
        .csHoldTime        = 3,
        .csSetupTime       = 3,
        // Enable DDR mode, word addressable, safe configuration,
differential clock
        //
        .deviceType        = kSerialNOR,
        .sflashPadType     = kSerialFlash_4Pads,
        .serialClkFreq     = kFlexSpiSerialClk_30MHz,
        .sflashA1Size      = FLEXSPI_FLASH_SIZE,
        .lookupTable = {
            // Read LUT
            //
            FLEXSPI_LUT_1PAD_SEQ_1(FLEXSPI_Command_SDR,
FAST_READ_QUAD_I_0) |
FLEXSPI_LUT_4PAD_SEQ_2(FLEXSPI_Command_RADDR_SDR,
ADDRESS_LENGTH_24BITS),
            FLEXSPI_LUT_4PAD_SEQ_1(FLEXSPI_Command_DUMMY_SDR,
0x06) | FLEXSPI_LUT_4PAD_SEQ_2(FLEXSPI_Command_READ_SDR, 0x04),
        },
    },
    .pageSize              = SPI_FLASH_PAGE_LENGTH,
    .sectorSize            = SPI_FLASH_SUB_SECTOR_LENGTH,

    .blockSize             = SPI_FLASH_BLOCK_LENGTH,
    .isUniformBlockSize = 0,
};
```

The configuration is usually supplied by the SPI flash manufacturer, configuring optially for the device in hand.

The ROM loader and configures the FlexSPI (pins, registers and look-up table) based on the information read here so that it can execute code directly from the SPI flash.

The look-up table entry defines (at least) the command to be used to read from the SPI flash, which is performed in quad mode for efficiency.

This is the setup resulting in the FlexSPI:

Name	Value	Access
+ MCR0	0x00000000	ReadWrite
+ MCR1	0xFFFFFFFF	ReadWrite
+ MCR2	0x200081F7	ReadWrite
+ AHBCR	0x00000078	ReadWrite
+ INTEN	0x00000000	ReadWrite
+ INTR	0x00000061	ReadWrite
+ LUTKEY	0x5AF05AF0	ReadWrite
+ LUTCR	0x00000001	ReadWrite
+ AHBRXBUF0CR0	0x80000020	ReadWrite
+ AHBRXBUF1CR0	0x80000020	ReadWrite
+ AHBRXBUF2CR0	0x80000020	ReadWrite
+ AHBRXBUF3CR0	0x80000020	ReadWrite
+ FLSHA1CR0	0x00002000	ReadWrite
+ FLSHA2CR0	0x00000000	ReadWrite
+ FLSHB1CR0	0x00000000	ReadWrite
+ FLSHB2CR0	0x00000000	ReadWrite
+ FLSHCR1A1	0x00020063	ReadWrite
+ FLSHCR1A2	0x00000063	ReadWrite
+ FLSHCR1B1	0x00000063	ReadWrite
+ FLSHCR1B2	0x00000063	ReadWrite
+ FLSHCR2A1	0x00000000	ReadWrite
+ FLSHCR2A2	0x00000000	ReadWrite
+ FLSHCR2B1	0x00000000	ReadWrite
+ FLSHCR2B2	0x00000000	ReadWrite
+ FLSHCR4	0x00000001	ReadWrite
+ IPCR0	0x00010000	ReadWrite
+ IPCR1	0x00060100	ReadWrite
+ IPCMD	0x00000000	ReadWrite
+ IPRXFCR	0x00000000	ReadWrite
+ IPTXFCR	0x00000000	ReadWrite
+ DLLCRA	0x00000100	ReadWrite
+ DLLCRB	0x00000100	ReadWrite
+ STS0	0x00000003	ReadOnly
+ STS1	0x00000000	ReadOnly
+ STS2	0x00000000	ReadOnly
+ LUT[0]	0x0A1804EB	ReadWrite
+ LUT[1]	0x26043206	ReadWrite
+ LUT[2]	0x00000000	ReadWrite
+ LUT[3]	0x00000000	ReadWrite

whereby also the FlexSPI QSPI mode pins are configured.

Both serial loader and application run from RAM and include SPI flash drivers. The driver will match the SPI flash chip that the board uses and allow the programs to read, write and delete data in the SPI flash using standard interface routines (these allow updating applications in SPI flash, operating uParameter and uFileSystem or FAT in the SPI memory area).

The following explains how the Flash loaders operate, based on the example of the i.MX RT 1062 OEM board from Embedded Artists, which uses the ATXP032 EcoXip High Performance Low-Power Octal Flash:

- The “BM” loader supplies the manufacturer's boot configuration so that the SPI flash based code can operate.

- The serial loader or application then call the ATXP032 SPI Flash driver initialisation `fnCheckATXPXXX`

which enters the FlexSPI look up table that will be required by the application's use of the device. It requests the ID of the chip to verify that it can be correctly detected and optionally sets write protection on the area of the SPI flash that is used by the “B” and serial loader so that run away application code could not inadvertently cause corruption to their code source.

Notes: `fnInitSpiFlash()` repeats the low level FlexSPI initialisation that the ROM loader would have done and is therefore theoretically superfluous. It is however left in the code as reference or as additional means of adjusting these if ever required.

The look-up table is located in the file `spi_flash_ATXP.h`, along with defines for the SPI flash's command set which are shared by the boot configuration. The command interface routine `fnSPI_command_ATXP()` is used to convert between the generic flash driver's commands (to read, write, delete etc.) and the SPI flash's own specific command set.

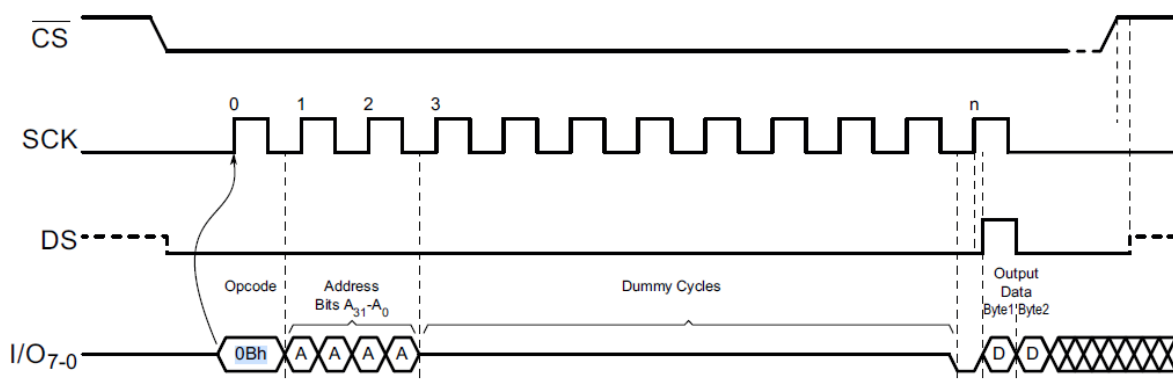
An example of entries in the look up table are:

```

{ // Fast read octal mode - SDR
  NOR_CMD_LUT_SEQ_IDX_READ_FAST_OCTAL,
  {
    FLEXSPI_LUT_8PAD_SEQ_1(FLEXSPI_Command_SDR, FAST_READ) |
    FLEXSPI_LUT_8PAD_SEQ_2(FLEXSPI_Command_RADDR_DDR, ADDRESS_LENGTH_32BITS),
    FLEXSPI_LUT_8PAD_SEQ_1(FLEXSPI_Command_DUMMY_DDR, (ECOCHIP_READ_NON_SPI_DUMMY_CYCLES
    * 2 + 1)) | FLEXSPI_LUT_8PAD_SEQ_2(FLEXSPI_Command_READ_DDR, 0x80),
  },
},

```

Read Array — 0Bh Command in Octal Mode DDR



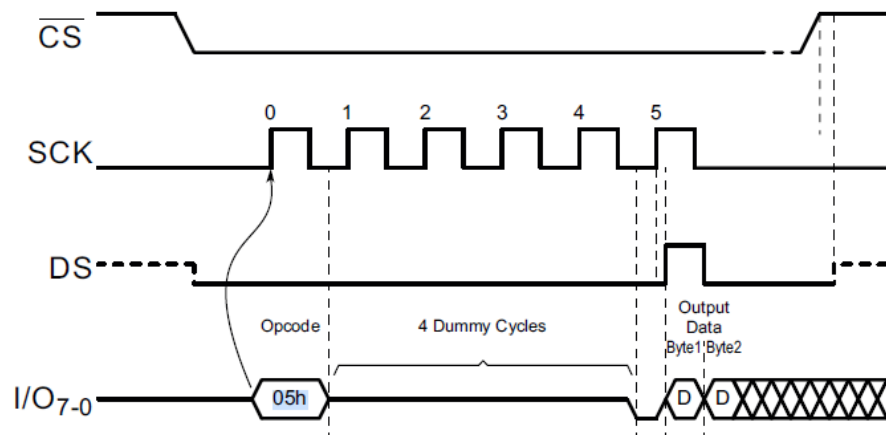
It is seen that the lookup table entry describes the command operation, starting with sending a FAST_READ command (called Read Array by the chip's manufacturer), followed by 4 bytes to address the data to be read, and a certain number of dummy cycles (these are defined in the device's data sheet and recommended by the manufacturer's boot configuration) and finally continuous reads of the data. Lthou 128 bytes reads are specified in the look-up table the actual FlexSPI operation allows the length to be specified at each use, thus overwriting this setting. All operations are in octal mode, using all 8 data bits of the device.

```

{ // Read status register
  NOR_CMD_LUT_SEQ_IDX_READSTATUSREG,
  {
    FLEXSPI_LUT_8PAD_SEQ_1(FLEXSPI_Command_SDR, READ_STATUS_REGISTER_1) |
    FLEXSPI_LUT_8PAD_SEQ_2(FLEXSPI_Command_DUMMY_DDR, 0x08),
    FLEXSPI_LUT_8PAD_SEQ_1(FLEXSPI_Command_READ_DDR, 1) |
    FLEXSPI_LUT_1PAD_SEQ_2(FLEXSPI_Command_STOP, 0x08),
  },
},

```

Read Status Register Byte 1 in Octal Mode — DDR



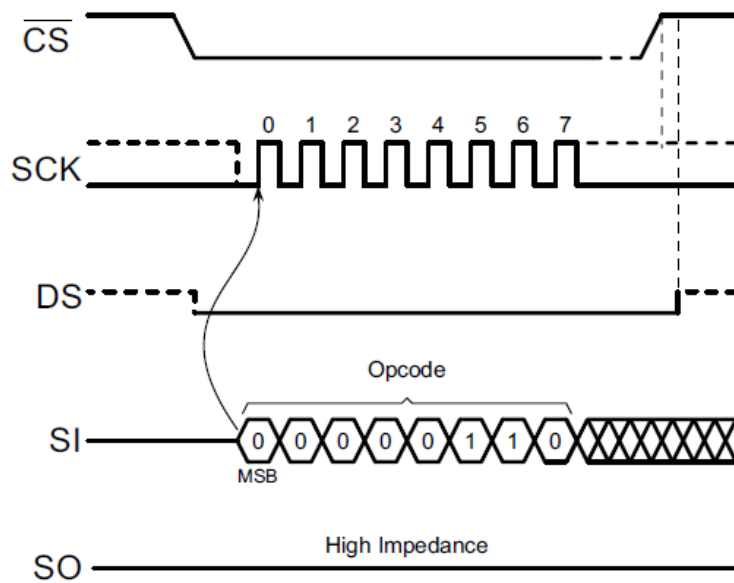
This look-up table entry specifies a status register read in octal mode, starting with a write of the read stats command (0x05), 4 dummy cycles, the read of a single bytes and then termination.

```

{ // Write enable
  NOR_CMD_LUT_SEQ_IDX_WRITEENABLE,
  {
    FLEXSPI_LUT_1PAD_SEQ_1(FLEXSPI_Command_SDR, WRITE_ENABLE) |
    FLEXSPI_LUT_1PAD_SEQ_2(FLEXSPI_Command_STOP, 0x00),
    0,
  },
},

```

Write Enable



Although the write enable command can be sent in octal mode the look-up table entry uses a single data line method. It specifies the write of the command byte 0x06 and then termination.

It can be seen from these examples that the look-up table entries can be constructed fairly easily based on the timing sequences specified in the data chip's sheet.