

CS220 Lab#1

Introduction to Spartan-3E

and

Xilinx ISE

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Sketch

- Brief on Xilinx Spartan-3E FPGA
- Xilinx Integrated Synthesis Environment (ISE)
 - Example implementation of a full adder
 - Verilog HDL
 - Schematic

Field-programmable gate array

- Two-dimensional array of generic logic/storage cells interconnected by programmable switches
 - Each cell can be programmed to carry out simple combinational functions
 - The interconnection switches can be programmed to decide how the result of one function is input to another function or stored in memory
 - Typically the programming bits are downloaded to the FPGA and the circuit is ready
 - Done in the field as opposed to in the fabrication facility; hence the name FPGA

Field-programmable gate array

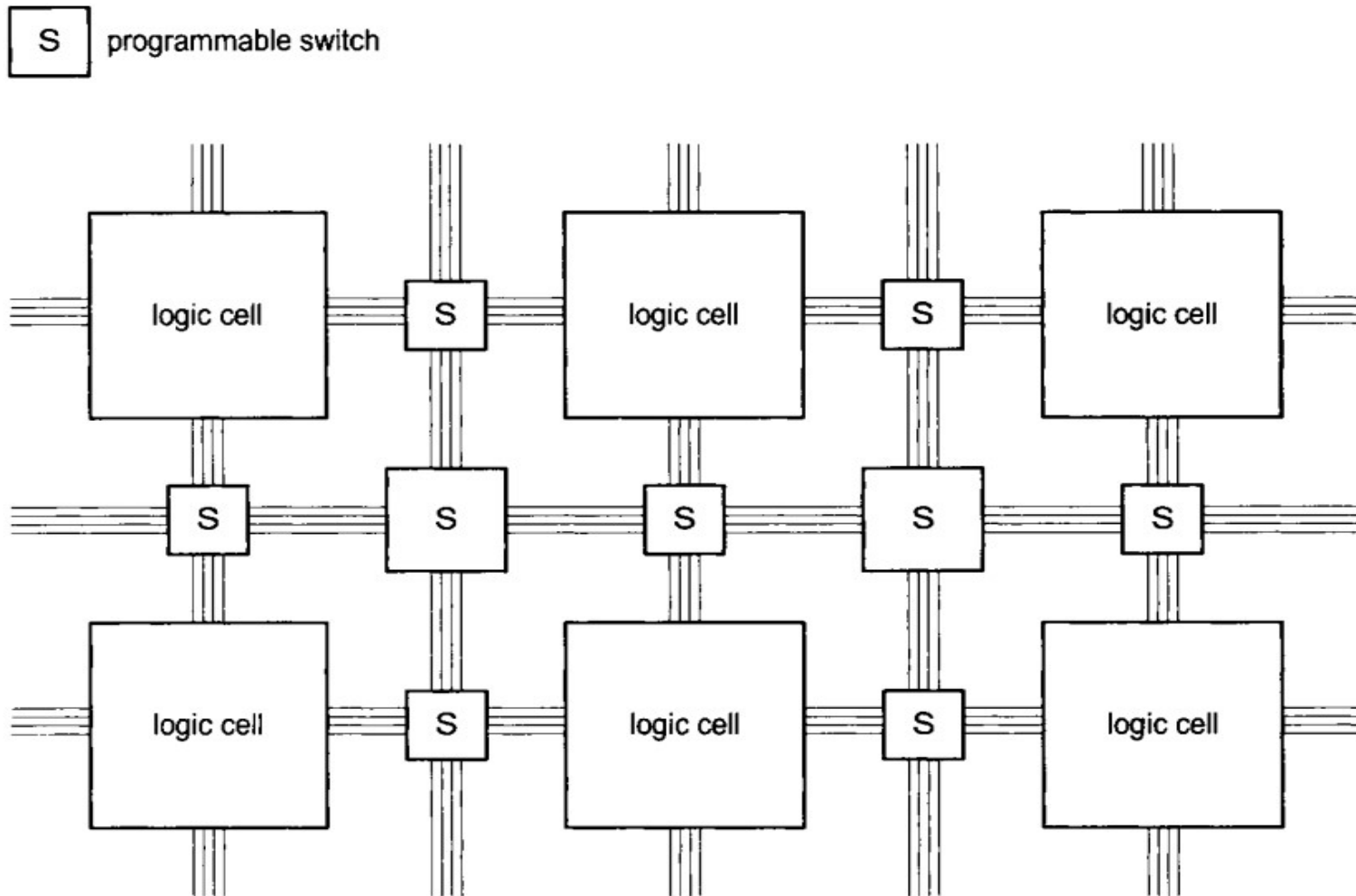


Image source: Chu. FPGA Prototyping by Verilog Examples

Xilinx Spartan 3E FPGA

- A 2D array of configurable logic blocks (CLBs)
 - Each CLB has four logic/memory slices
 - Two four-input 16-entry look-up table (LUT) function generators (can store any four-input function)
 - Two registers
 - Two multiplexors
 - Arithmetic logic and carry (two full adders)
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 - Everything of a logic slice
 - Two 16-bit memory blocks (RAM16)
 - Two 16-bit shift registers (SRL16)

Xilinx Spartan 3E FPGA

- A 2D array of configurable logic blocks (CLBs)
- I/O blocks (IOB)
 - Controls I/O between logic/storage and the user interfaces (slide switches, LEDs, LCD, etc.)
- Block RAM (random access memory)
 - Each block can store 18K bits
- Multiplier blocks
 - Each multiplier operates on two 18-bit inputs
- Digital clock manager (DCM)
 - Routes clock throughout the FPGA

Xilinx Spartan 3E FPGA

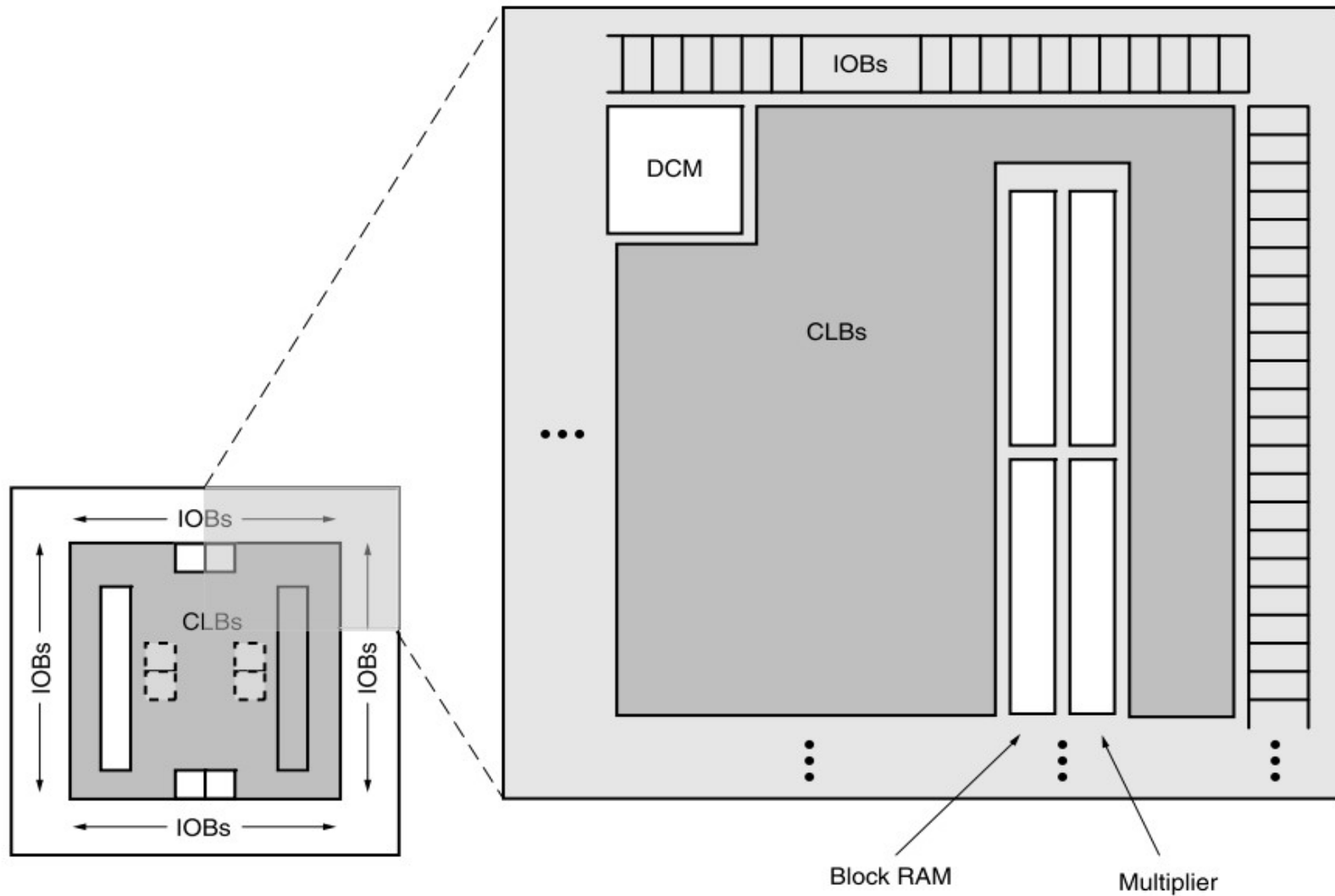
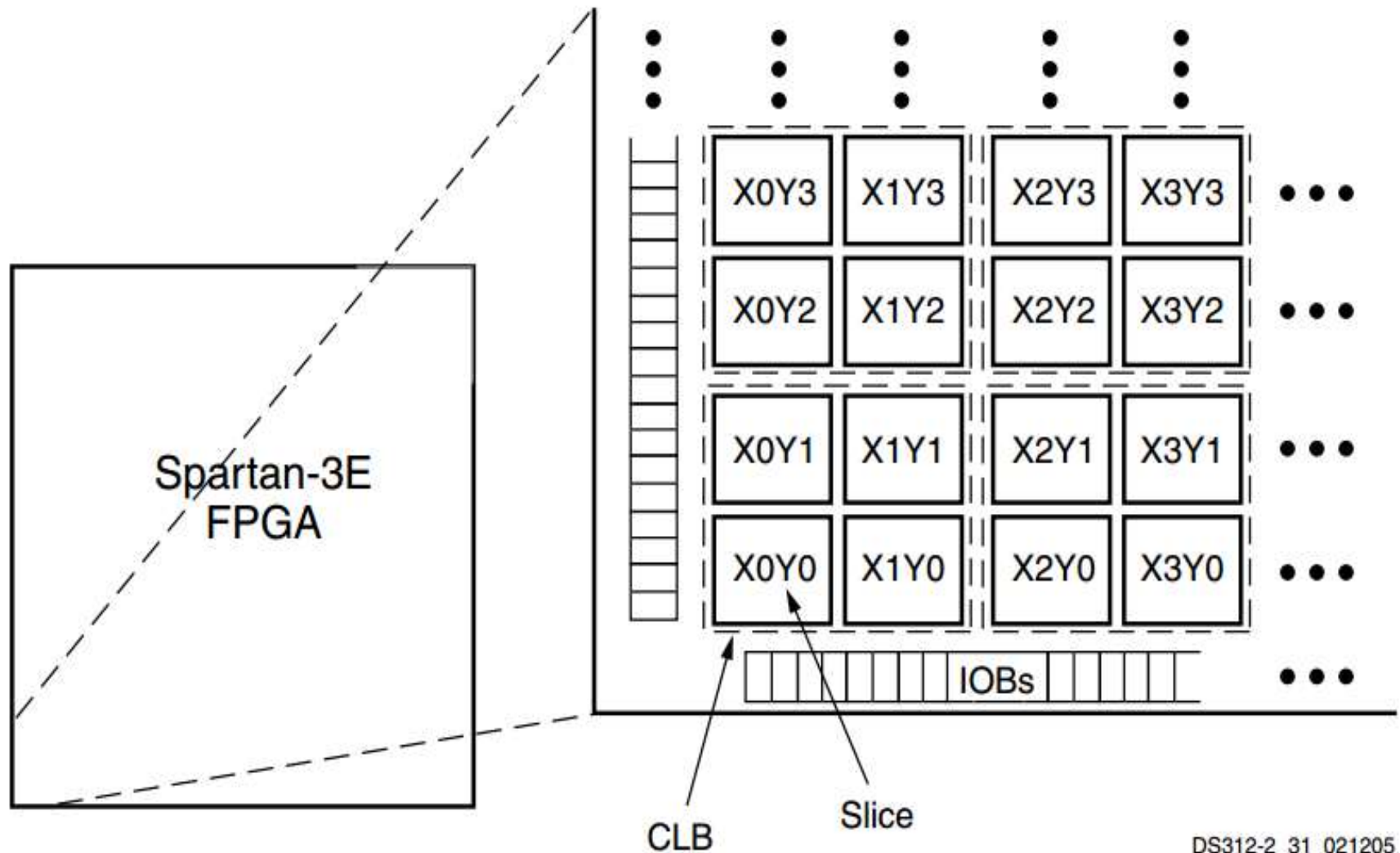


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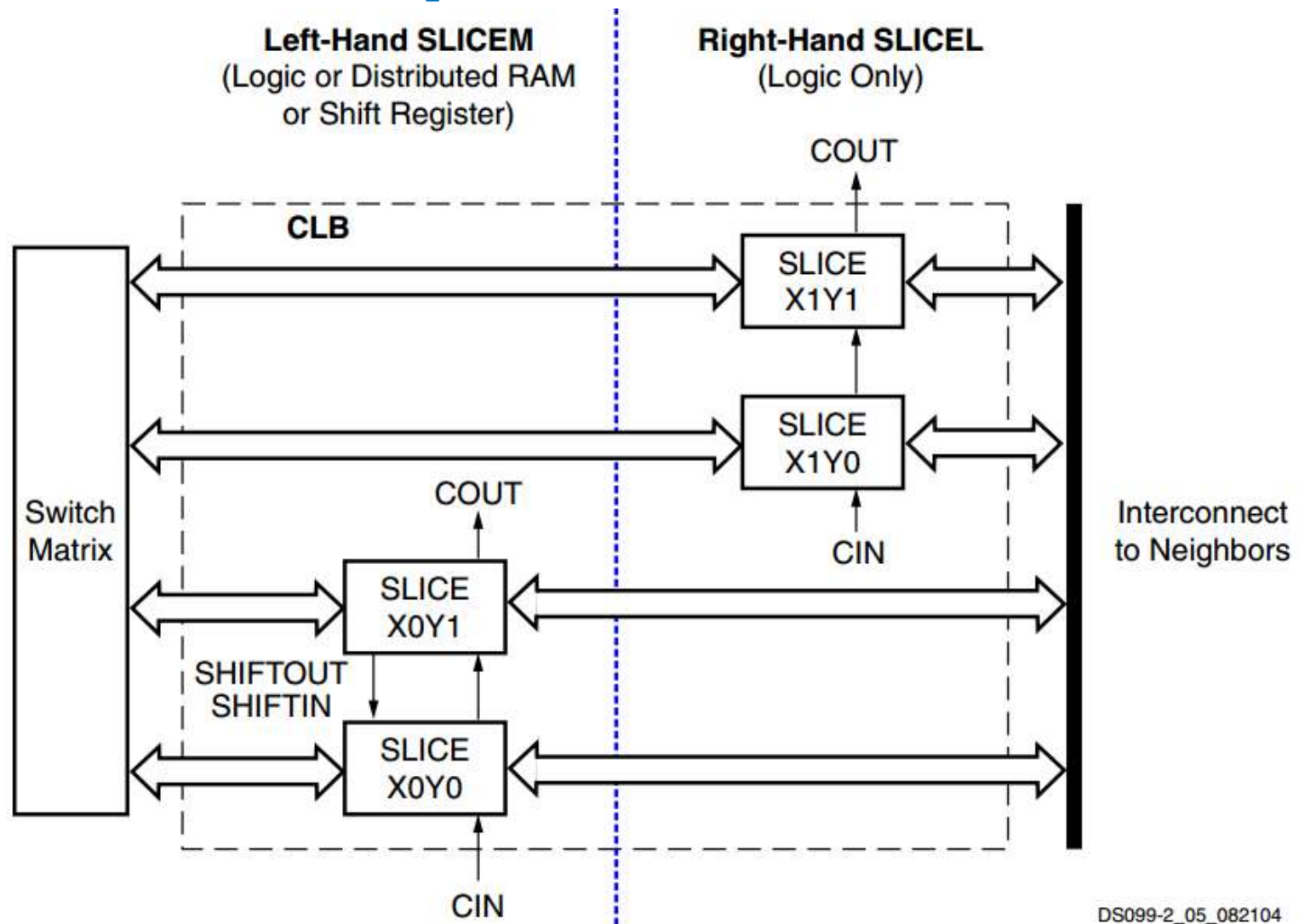


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Xilinx Spartan 3E FPGA

- Five family members
 - 100K, 250K, 500K, 1200K, and 1600K logic gates
 - We will use XC3S500E
 - 500K gates
 - 1164 CLBs (4656 slices); 46 rows, 34 columns
 - Some CLB rows and columns are taken up by block RAM, multiplier blocks, DCM
 - 360K-bit block RAM (20 RAM blocks, each 18K bits)
 - 20 multiplier blocks
 - 4 DCMs

Xilinx ISE

- Rest of the slides go over multiple examples demonstrating how to use Xilinx ISE
 - Can simulate Verilog code
 - Can synthesize hardware on Spartan-3E FPGA
 - Synthesizing a hardware means programming the FPGA so that it models the desired hardware
 - A subset of the CLBs, RAM blocks, multipliers, and the switches will participate in implementing the specified hardware
- In this lab, you will do two syntheses
 - Full adder: Verilog to synthesis
 - Full adder: Mixed Verilog and schematic to synthesis
 - Each synthesis task carries two marks

Xilinx ISE

- Insert your USB stick in the USB drive and accept ok when it prompts for opening the medium
- Create a new directory/folder in your USB stick
 - You may call it CS220Labs
 - For today's lab, create two directories/folders under CS220Labs
 - You may name them Lab1_1, Lab1_2

Xilinx ISE

- Open a terminal and enter the command `/opt/Xilinx/14.7/ISE_DS/ISE/bin/lin64/ise`
 - Will start Xilinx ISE
- Click ok on “Tip of the Day” panel

Xilinx ISE

- In the Xilinx Project Navigator
 - Click on File->New Project
 - In Location box, write /media/CS220Labs/Lab1_1
 - In Name box, write full_adder
 - Select HDL in top-level source type
 - Click on Next
 - For Evaluation Development Board, select Spartan-3E Starter Board
 - Leave everything else unchanged and click Next
 - Click Finish

Xilinx ISE

- In the Xilinx Project Navigator
 - Click on Project->New Source
 - Select Verilog Module from left menu
 - Write full_adder in File name box
 - Tick the Add to project box
 - Click Next
 - Leave everything blank in the next page and click on Next
 - Click Finish
 - full_adder.v should automatically open in the right pane of Xilinx Project Navigator
 - You need to fill in the module full_adder

Xilinx ISE

```
module full_adder(a, b, cin, sum, cout
);

input a;
input b;
input cin;

output sum;
wire sum;
output cout;
wire cout;

assign sum = a^b^cin;
assign cout = (a & b) | (b & cin) | (cin & a);

endmodule
```


Xilinx ISE

- In the Xilinx Project Navigator
 - Save your Verilog module by clicking the save icon in the menu bar above
 - Up to this point the procedure is same for simulation and synthesis
 - We will now explore how to simulate the full adder design using the Xilinx ISim simulator

Xilinx ISE: Simulation

- In the Xilinx Project Navigator
 - We need to build a top-level environment Verilog module
 - Project -> New Source
 - Select Verilog Test Fixture from the left menu
 - Write full_adder_top in File name
 - Tick Add to project box
 - Click Next
 - Click Next
 - Click Finish
 - The code for full_adder_top.v will open automatically for editing

Xilinx ISE: Simulation

- In the Xilinx Project Navigator
 - Remove the initial block and insert the following code; leave everything else unchanged

```
always @(sum or cout) begin
    $display("time=%d: %b + %b + %b = %b, cout = %b\n", $time, a, b, cin,
            sum, cout);
end
```

```
initial begin
    a = 0; b = 0; cin = 0;
    #5
    a = 0; b = 1; cin = 0;
    #5
    a = 1; b = 0; cin = 1;
    #5
    a = 1; b = 1; cin = 1;
    #5
    $finish;
end
```

Xilinx ISE: Simulation

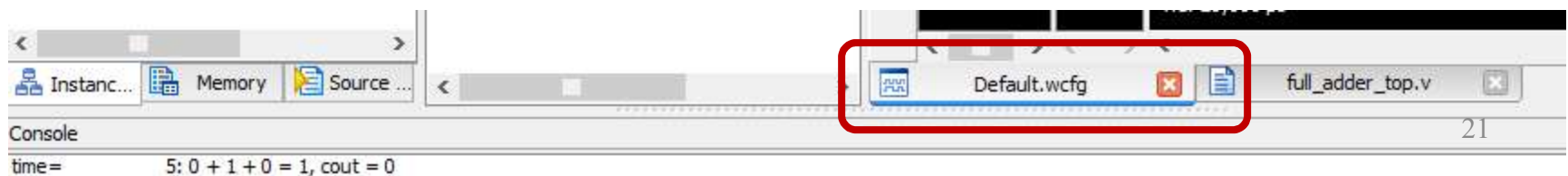
- In the Xilinx Project Navigator
 - Save the top-level module
 - On left top side, change View from Implementation to Simulation



- Select full_adder_top in the Hierarchy pane just below the View
- In the lower left pane, the ISim Simulator option should appear; expand that option by clicking on +

Xilinx ISE: Simulation

- In the Xilinx Project Navigator
 - Double-click Behavioral Check Syntax under ISim Simulator
 - If you see a green tick, syntax check passed
 - If not, see the errors in the dialog box at the bottom and fix them; rerun syntax check
 - Double-click Simulate Behavioral Model
 - ISim will open; check the results in the bottom box
 - Click on Default.wcfg to get a visual display of the simulation; zoom to full view



Xilinx ISE: Synthesis

- Synthesis on FPGA does not require a top-level module
 - The FPGA board provides the environment
 - The inputs are provided through switches and buttons
 - The outputs are observed through LEDs
 - The inputs and outputs are specified through a user constraints file (UCF)
- Close ISim and switch to ISE Project Navigator
 - Change View from Simulation to Implementation

Xilinx ISE: Synthesis

- We will map the three inputs on three slide switches in the FPGA board
- We will map the two outputs on two LEDs
- Need to know the FPGA pin numbers connecting to the switches and the LEDs
- Refer to Xilinx Spartan-3E user guide
 - <https://www.cse.iitk.ac.in/users/mainakc/2024Spring/lec220/ug230.pdf>
 - Download and save it for future use

Xilinx ISE: Synthesis

- Pages 15 and 16 of Spartan-3E user guide discuss the slide switches
 - The UCF location constraints specify the pin numbers (L13, L14, H18, N17) and IO standards of the switches
 - Note the location of the switches on your FPGA board (should be in one of the corners)

```
NET "SW<0>" LOC = "L13" | IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL | PULLUP ;  
NET "SW<1>" LOC = "L14" | IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL | PULLUP ;  
NET "SW<2>" LOC = "H18" | IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL | PULLUP ;  
NET "SW<3>" LOC = "N17" | IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL | PULLUP ;
```

Figure 2-2: UCF Constraints for Slide Switches

- We will tie "a" to L13, "b" to L14, and "cin" to H18 (SW0, SW1, SW2)

Xilinx ISE: Synthesis

- Pages 19 and 20 of Spartan-3E user guide discuss the discrete LEDs

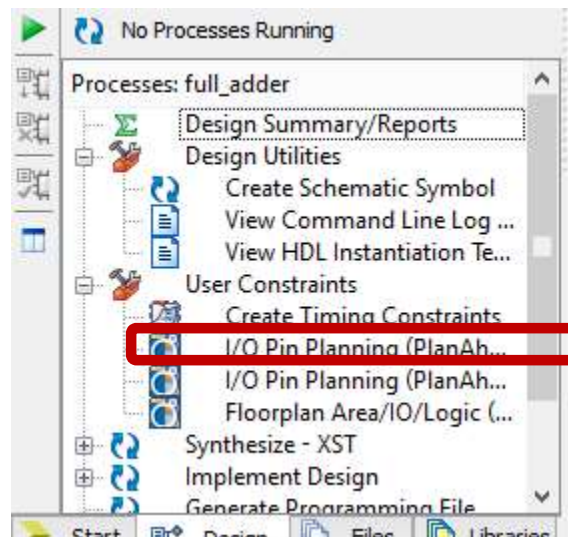
NET	"LED<7>"	LOC = "F9"		IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL		SLEW = SLOW		DRIVE = 8	;
NET	"LED<6>"	LOC = "E9"		IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL		SLEW = SLOW		DRIVE = 8	;
NET	"LED<5>"	LOC = "D11"		IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL		SLEW = SLOW		DRIVE = 8	;
NET	"LED<4>"	LOC = "C11"		IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL		SLEW = SLOW		DRIVE = 8	;
NET	"LED<3>"	LOC = "F11"		IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL		SLEW = SLOW		DRIVE = 8	;
NET	"LED<2>"	LOC = "E11"		IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL		SLEW = SLOW		DRIVE = 8	;
NET	"LED<1>"	LOC = "E12"		IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL		SLEW = SLOW		DRIVE = 8	;
NET	"LED<0>"	LOC = "F12"		IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL		SLEW = SLOW		DRIVE = 8	;

Figure 2-11: UCF Constraints for Eight Discrete LEDs

- We will map “sum” to F12 and “cout” to F9 (LED0 and LED7)
- Notice location of the LEDs in your FPGA board
 - Should be above the slide switches

Xilinx ISE: Synthesis

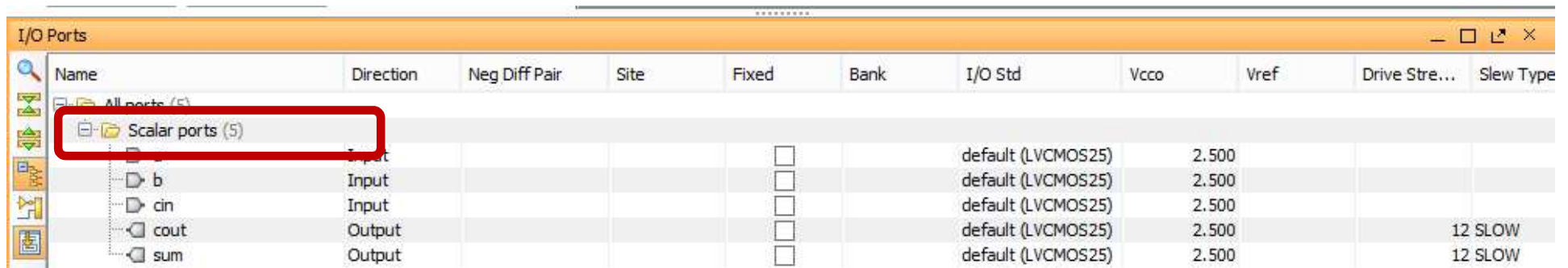
- Let's come back to the Xilinx ISE Project Navigator and prepare the UCF
 - Expand the User Constraints option in the second pane on the left by clicking +
 - Double-click I/O Pin Planning (PlanAhead) – Pre-Synthesis



- This will launch PlanAhead (click on Yes)

Xilinx ISE: Synthesis

- Close the Welcome to PlanAhead pane by clicking Close
- In I/O Ports pane expand the Scalar ports by clicking +
 - This will list the inputs and outputs of the full_adder module



Name	Direction	Neg Diff Pair	Site	Fixed	Bank	I/O Std	Vcco	Vref	Drive Stre...	Slew Type
All ports (5)										
Scalar ports (5)										
b	Input			<input type="checkbox"/>		default (LVCMOS25)	2.500			
cin	Input			<input type="checkbox"/>		default (LVCMOS25)	2.500			
cout	Output			<input type="checkbox"/>		default (LVCMOS25)	2.500			12 SLOW
sum	Output			<input type="checkbox"/>		default (LVCMOS25)	2.500			12 SLOW

Xilinx ISE: Synthesis

- PlanAhead pin assignment
 - For each input (a, b, cin), select its row, and set Site (L13, L14, H18), check Fixed, set I/O Std to LVTTTL, and Pull Type to PULLUP
 - For each output (sum, cout), select its row, and set Site (F12 and F9), check Fixed, Set I/O Std to LVTTTL, and Drive Strength to 8

Name	Direction	Neg Diff Pair	Site	Fixed	Bank	I/O Std	Vcco	Vref	Drive Stre...	Slew Type	Pull Type
a	Input		L13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		1 LVTTTL*	3.300				PULLUP*
b	Input		L14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		1 LVTTTL*	3.300				PULLUP*
cin	Input		H18	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		1 LVTTTL*	3.300				PULLUP*
cout	Output		F9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		0 LVTTTL*	3.300		8* SLOW		NONE
sum	Output		F12	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		0 LVTTTL*	3.300		8* SLOW		NONE

- Save by clicking the save icon located at top left corner (below File)
- File->Exit->Ok (this will close PlanAhead)

Xilinx ISE: Synthesis

- PlanAhead tip
 - Ensure that all fields for a pin as specified in the user guide are filled in
 - For example, if the user guide specifies PULLUP or PULLDOWN for a pin, you cannot leave that unspecified in PlanAhead

Xilinx ISE: Synthesis

- Return back to the ISE Project Navigator
 - Next step is to synthesize and implement the design
 - Double-click on Synthesize – XST option in the second pane on the left (below User Constraints option which you expanded)
 - Once you get a green tick indicating completion of synthesis, you can click on Design Summary (Synthesized) at the bottom of the pane on the right
 - See how many CLB slices and LUTs your design has consumed

Xilinx ISE: Synthesis

- In the ISE Project Navigator
 - Double-click Implement Design option (just below Synthesize – XST)
 - Once this step completes successfully, you can go back to the Design Summary (Implemented) tab and select Pinout Report from the left menu
 - Check that a, b, cin, sum, cout are mapped to the correct pins
 - Double-click Generate Programming File option (just below Implement Design option on the second left pane)
 - This will generate the bits needed to program the FPGA so that it can implement your design

Xilinx ISE: Synthesis

- In the ISE Project Navigator
 - Double-click Configure Target Device option (just below Generate Programming File)
 - Click ok
 - This will launch iMPACT, the Xilinx tool for programming the FPGA
 - In the FPGA board, the JTAG jumpers need to be configured correctly first
 - Page 26 of the user guide shows the correct jumper configuration (you need to keep only the middle jumper connected)
 - DO NOT LOSE ANY OF THE JUMPERS; BEFORE RETURNING THE BOARD, REMEMBER TO PLACE THE JUMPERS BACK

Xilinx ISE: Synthesis

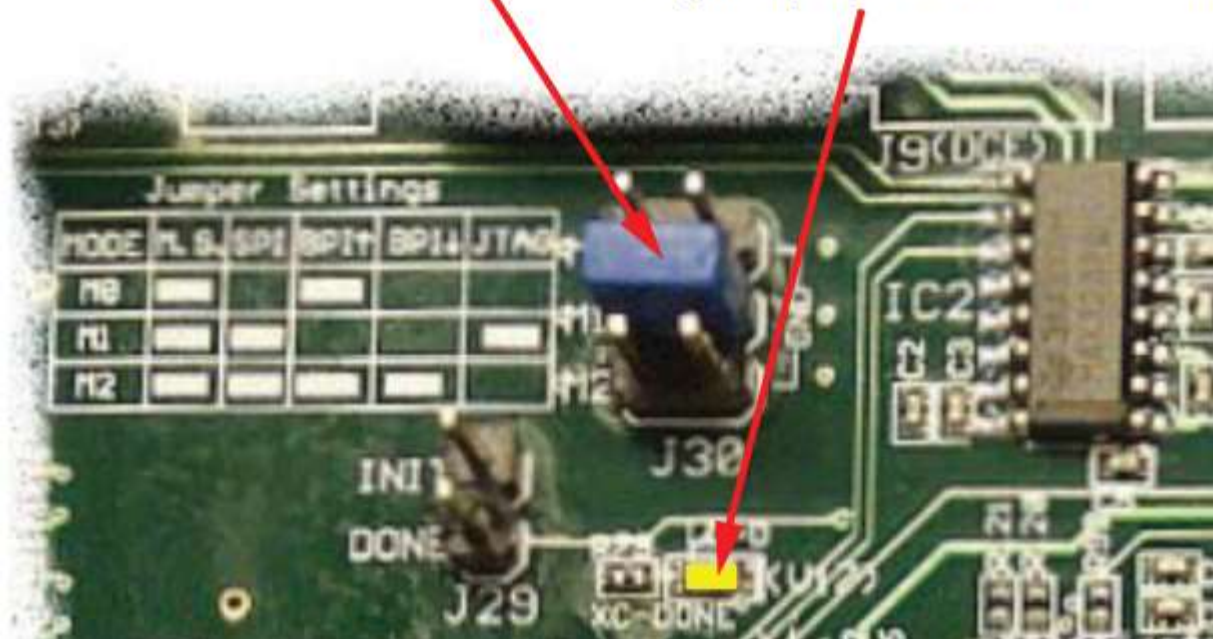
- JTAG jumper configuration

Configuration Mode Jumper Settings (Header J30)

Select between three on-board configuration sources

DONE Pin LED

Lights up when FPGA successful



Xilinx ISE: Synthesis

- After doing the jumper setting, power on the FPGA board
 - The red LED beside the power switch should light up
 - Connect the USB cable between the computer and the FPGA board
 - The green LED beside the cable port on the FPGA board should light up indicating a healthy connection
- In iMPACT menu
 - Double-click on Boundary Scan
 - Right-click on the main area and select Initialize Chain; select Yes

Xilinx ISE: Synthesis

- In iMPACT
 - Automatically a file selection will open for programming the FPGA
 - Select
/media/CS220Labs/Lab1_1/full_adder/full_adder.bit
 - It will ask you if you want to attach a PROM; say No
 - Select Bypass for the next one
 - Select Bypass for the next one too
 - A Programming Properties selection menu will open
 - Click on Apply and then Ok
 - You will see a chain of three devices
 - The green one is the FPGA; the other two are memory devices which we bypassed

Xilinx ISE: Synthesis

- Right-click on the green FPGA
 - Select Program
 - If the FPGA is programmed correctly it will say Program Succeeded and you will see the orange Done LED light up
- Now the FPGA is running your hardware
 - We need to give inputs and observe the outputs
 - Use the slide switches to provide values for a, b, cin
 - Check if the correct LEDs glow
- This concludes the first assignment of Lab1

Notes for healthy FPGA

- Always power on the FPGA after doing the jumper setting
 - Never change jumper setting with the FPGA powered on
- Always connect the USB cable after powering on the FPGA
- Always power off the FPGA before disconnecting the USB cable
 - Do not pull out the USB cable when the FPGA is powered on
- Keep all jumpers connected to the board when you are not using the board

Xilinx ISE: Synthesis

- Save the iMPACT project
 - /media/CS220Labs/Lab1_1/full_adder/full_adder.i
pf
- File->Exit
 - Agree to save when it asks
 - This will close iMPACT
- We will now start the second assignment

Xilinx ISE: Assignment#2

- We will learn how to create schematics of digital design in Xilinx
- Start a new project in Project Navigator
 - File -> New Project
 - Location: /media/CS220Labs/Lab1_2
 - Name: full_adder_schematic
 - Top-level Source Type: Schematic
 - Click Next
 - Select Evaluation Board
 - Click Next
 - Click Finish

Xilinx ISE: Assignment#2

- Idea of the assignment
 - We will create a Verilog module to define a two input xor gate
 - We will use this xor gate to create a schematic of the full-adder
 - Next we will simulate this by writing a Verilog Test Fixture
 - We will also synthesize it on FPGA

Xilinx ISE: Assignment#2

- In Xilinx ISE Project Navigator
 - Project -> New Source -> Verilog Module
 - Name: myxor
 - Next, Next, Finish

```
module myxor(x, y, z);  
    input x;  
    input y;  
    output z;  
    wire z;  
  
    assign z = (x & ~y) | (~x & y);  
endmodule
```

Xilinx ISE: Assignment#2

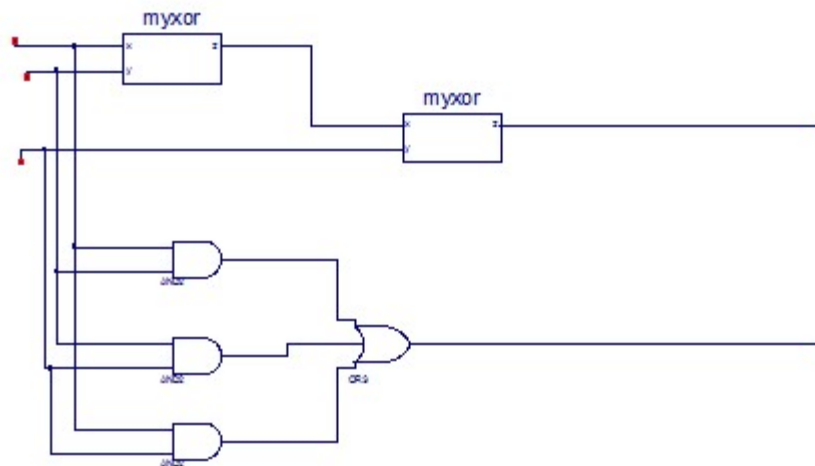
- In Xilinx ISE Project Navigator
 - To be able to use myxor in a schematic, we need to create a symbol for it
 - Select myxor (myxor.v) in left upper pane
 - Expand Design Utilities in left lower pane and double-click Create Schematic Symbol
 - Project -> New Source -> Schematic
 - File name: fuller_adder_sch
 - Click Next, Finish
 - The schematic drawing board will open now
 - You can add components by selecting the Symbols tab at the bottom of the left pane

Xilinx ISE: Assignment#2

- In Xilinx ISE Project Navigator
 - Select General category and title from symbols
 - Place the title box at the left bottom corner of the drawing board
 - Right-click on the title box and select Object properties
 - Put Full adder as the NameFieldText
 - Click Apply and ok
 - Select your project path in category and myxor from symbol
 - Place two myxor symbols on the drawing board
 - Select Logic category
 - From symbol, select three and2 and one or3 gates⁴³

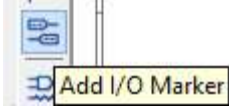
Xilinx ISE: Assignment#2

- In Xilinx ISE Project Navigator
 - Connect the gates to build the full adder
 - Use the wiring icon to draw wires 



- Use the I/O Marker icon to name the inputs and outputs
- Right-click on a marker, select Object Properties

Xilinx ISE: Assignment#2

- In Xilinx ISE Project Navigator
 - Use the I/O Marker icon to name the inputs and outputs The image shows the Xilinx I/O Marker icon, which is a small blue square with a white 'I/O' symbol. Below it is a yellow tooltip box with the text 'Add I/O Marker'.
 - Place a I/O Marker on a terminal by selecting the I/O Marker icon and then clicking on the terminal
 - Right-click on a placed marker of a terminal, select Object Properties, change Name under Nets
 - Click Apply and then Ok
 - Name the inputs a, b, cin
 - Name the outputs sum, cout
 - Save the schematic by clicking the save icon

Xilinx ISE: Assignment#2

- In Xilinx ISE Project Navigator
 - Next we will simulate the design and then synthesize
 - This procedure is same as the previous assignment starting from slide 18
 - Follow the steps from there