

Aussie Chip Collective Getting Started Guide

This guide will make use of resources generated by others, full credit to them for generating these resources.

1) Getting the tools up and going

- Harald Pretl from Johannes Kepler University has put together a docker container with most of the open-source tools pre-installed eliminating the need for you to install them and deal with all the library dependencies 😊. This docker container can be found here:
 - ❖ <https://github.com/iic-jku/IIC-OSIC-TOOLS>
 - ❖ The instructions on how to install the docker container can be found in the readme.
- The guide to install the docker container and other required software on most operating systems can be found here:
 - ❖ <https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/linux-postinstall/>

Once you have the container up and running, it's time to start designing!

2) How to use the open-source tools

Example Designs

- The Aussie Chip Collective GitHub contains a few excellent examples:
 - ❖ Digital design flow using open road (credit to Samuel Tensingh):
 - https://github.com/AussieChipCollective/Designs/tree/main/gf180_openroad_spi
 - ❖ Analog (credit to Julian Keledjian):
 - gm/id characterisation:
 - <https://github.com/AussieChipCollective/Analog-Design-Toolkit>
 - 1GHz OTA example:
 - https://github.com/JulianKeledjian/SKY130A_1GHz_OTA/tree/ad16b42547c619b571f888ca8866e6ddf6314657

Course

- Harald has an excellent open-source analog design course available here:
 - ❖ https://iic-jku.github.io/analog-circuit-design/analog_circuit_design.html

Playlists & Videos

- Marcin Maślanka has some great playlists on his YouTube channel.
 - ❖ Below is an example of a simple analogue flow for the IHP SG13G2 PDK:
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3h651cNu78w&list=PLtzXUac_Lg4jstfqzxlK9bqxuxauoRiMO
 - ❖ Below is an example of a simple analogue flow for the SKY130 PDK:
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gv3alqswtkk&list=PLtzXUac_Lg4htlryCzLlrDcrKopoCz_dT
- Psychogenic Technologies also has some useful instructional videos on how to use the open-source analog tools for a more complicated design:
 - ❖ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eu_crbcBdNM&ab_channel=PsychogenicTechnologies

Other Resources:

- Tiny tapeout also has some useful resources:
 - ❖ <https://tinytapeout.com/>

If you have any questions, feel free to ask them on Discord.