

Interconnections Second Laboratory Session

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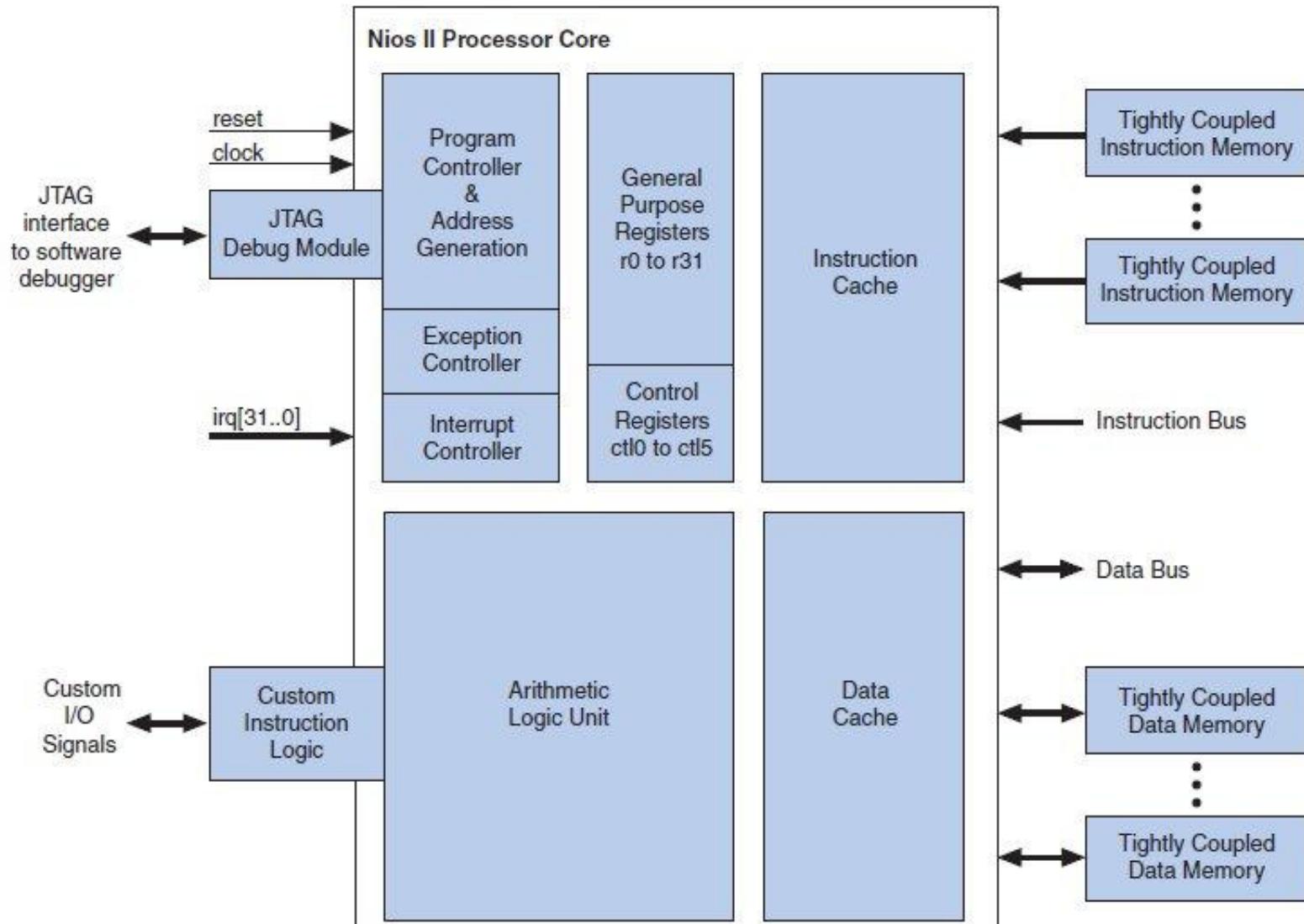
(Electronics for Embedded Systems)

Altera Nios II Processor

- Altera Nios II Processor
 - Soft processor
 - VHDL and Verilog sources
 - Intel/Altera does not sell Nios II integrated circuits
 - Synthesized to IC (rarely) or FPGA (Cyclone V or Cyclone 10 LP in our case)
 - Can be customized before synthesis
 - Trade offs between area (costs) and performance
 - Cache memory
 - Hardware multiplier and/or divider
 - Branch prediction
 - Custom instructions
 - Good compared to a standard microprocessor if the FPGA is needed for other reasons
 - Otherwise a normal microprocessor is cheaper and faster

Altera Nios II Processor

- Nios II Processor architecture
 - General purpose 32 bit RISC processor
 - Load & store architecture
 - 32 GP registers and 32 special registers
 - Integrated interrupt controller
 - ALU for arithmetic and logic functions
 - Modified Harvard architecture
 - Separate instruction and data caches
 - Common address space main memory



Altera Nios II Processor

- Altera Nios II Configuration Options
 - Different pipeline architecture
 - /e: economy, no pipeline
 - /s: standard, 5 stages (fetch, decode, execute, memory, writeback)
 - /f: fast, 6 stages (align after memory), branch prediction
 - Amount of cache
 - No cache, only I\$ (decide size), both I\$ and D\$ (decide size)
 - Implemented using M9K or M10K blocks
 - Multipliers and dividers
 - SW emulation or HW implementation
 - HW can be on LEs or using embedded multipliers on Cyclone V or Cyclone 10 LP
 - After configuration and synthesis
 - Check compilation report for area and timing analysis (define a timing constraint for the clock)
 - Performance do not depend on the maximum clock frequency only
 - NiosII/e @ 50MHz gives lower performance than NiosII/f @ 40 MHz

Altera Nios II Processor

- Altera Nios II Instruction Set Categories
 - Data transfer (ldw, stw, ldwio, stwio, mov)
 - Also for single bytes or words
 - Integer arithmetic and logic
 - Always applied to registers or immediate values (add, sub, mul, div, and, or, xor, rol, ror, sll, srl, sra)
 - Comparison and conditional branches
 - Always applied to registers and immediate values (eq, ne, ge, gt, le, lt)
 - Unconditional jump
 - call, jmp, br, ret
 - Other control instruction
 - trap, break, rdctl, wrctl, flush, sync, nop
 - You will be using C code to program the NiosII processor
 - If you want to use assembly code, it is fine
 - Use the asm construct in C

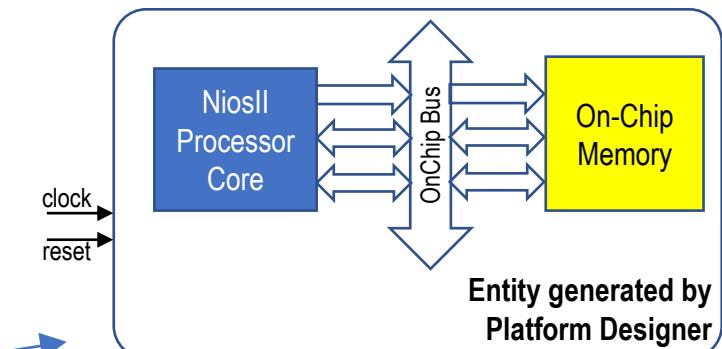
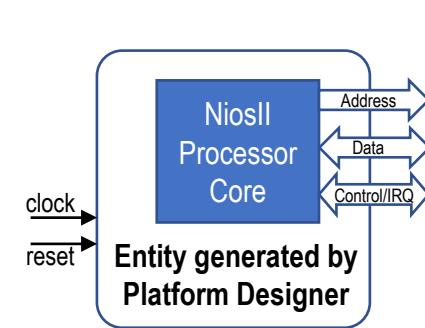
Altera Nios II Processor

- Altera Platform Designer
 - Launched within Quartus Prime
 - Older versions with similar interfaces
 - SOPC Builder (System On Programmable Chip), QSys
 - Generates a VHDL entity containing the processor
 - It can be the only entity in your design
 - It can be instantiated in a larger VHDL design
 - Allows you to graphically configure the Altera Nios II processor
 - Allows you to add other blocks to the system on the FPGA
 - On-chip memory (program and data)
 - On-chip peripherals and coprocessors
 - On-chip bus for internal communications
 - Automatically instantiated, configurable

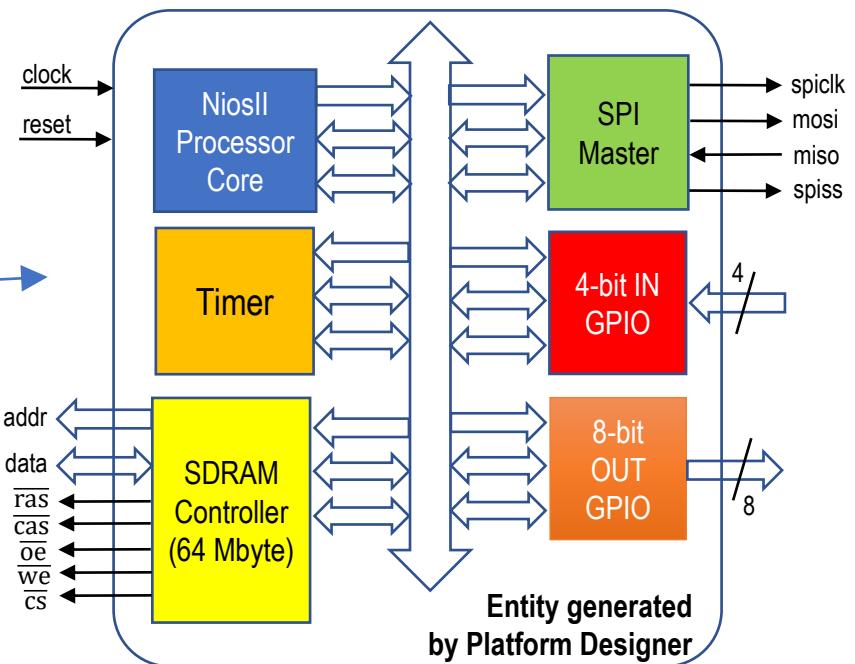
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- Altera Nios II Examples

- Processor core alone
 - Clock, reset, address, data, control, irq
 - Not used most of the times

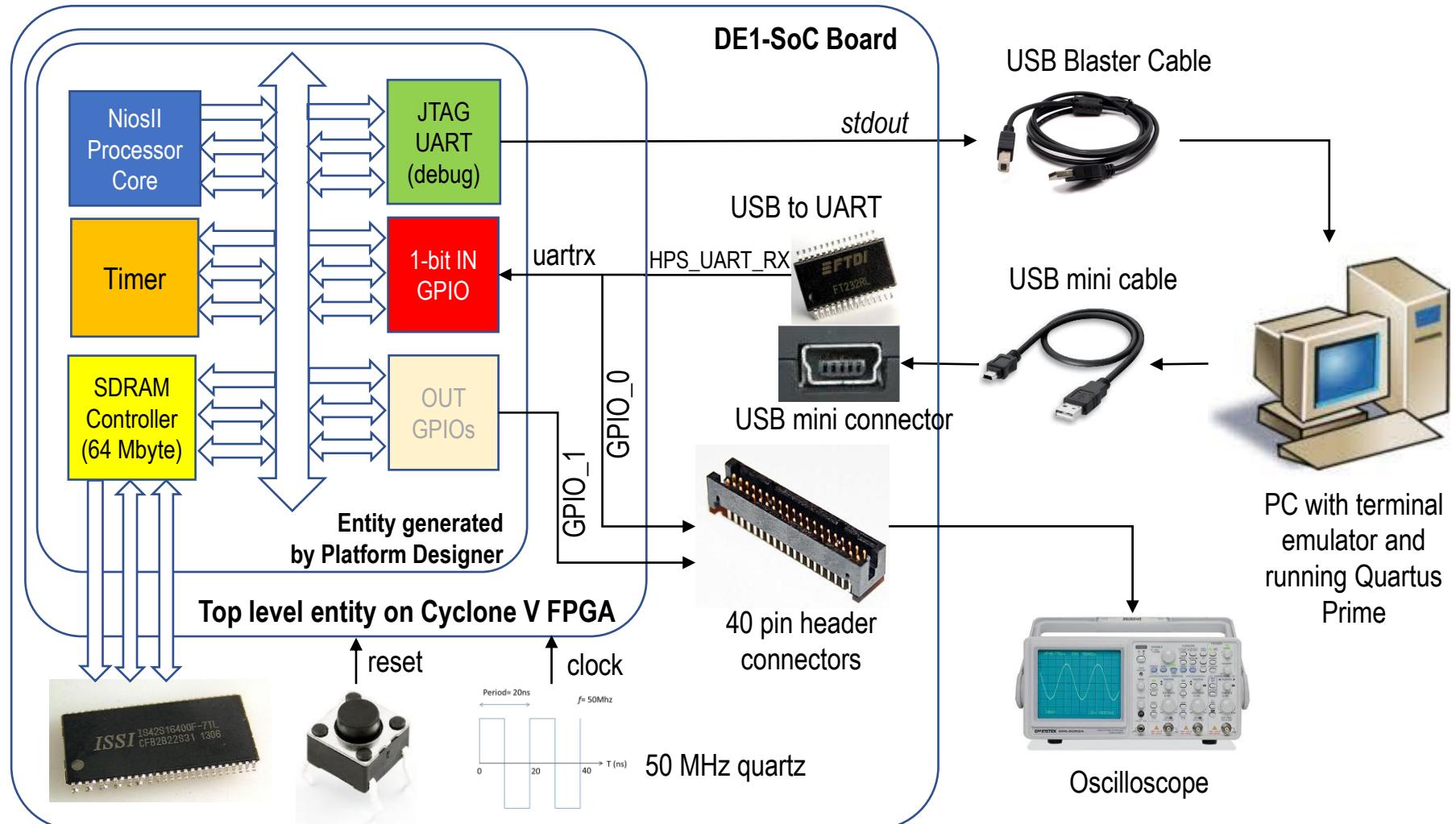


- Processor + bus + memory
 - Clock, reset
 - Minimal working system
 - But usually you need something more for input and output



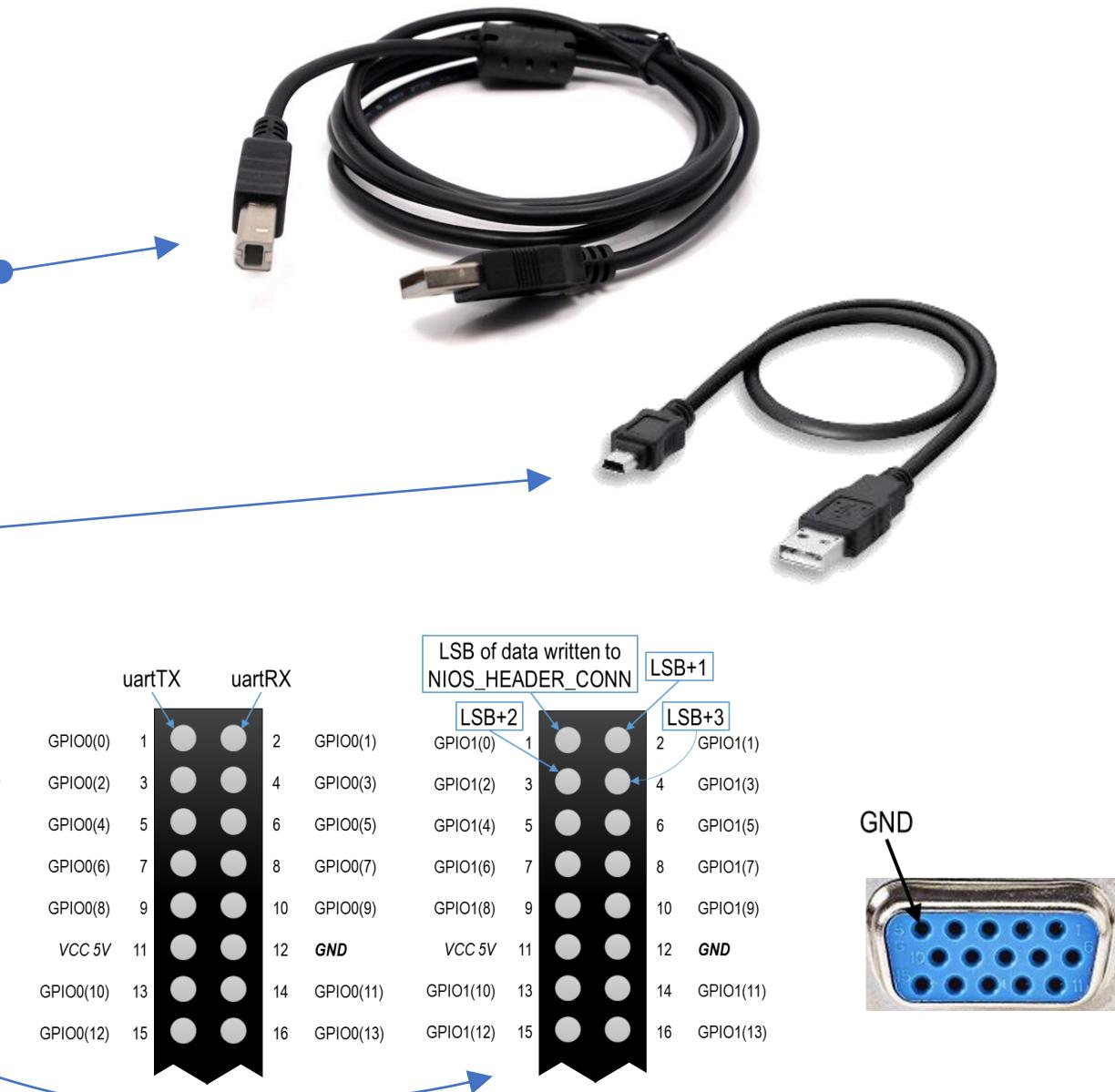
Altera Nios II Processor

- Altera Nios II Example for Software UART laboratory session



Altera Nios II Processor

- Connections on the DE1-SoC
 - USB type A Host-to-Device cable for JTAG
 - Programming the hardware
 - Downloading the software
 - Implement stdin and stdout over JTAG
 - USB mini cable for UART connection
 - Using the FTDI232R integrated circuit
 - Female/Male jumpers for the oscilloscope
 - To display UART RX and TX signals
 - On the left header connector
 - To display software controlled pins
 - On the right header connector
 - Power Supply



Altera Nios II Processor

- Altera Nios II Synthesis
 - Platform Designer generates a VHDL description of an entity
 - You can instantiate the entity in your VHDL design
 - It may be your top level entity
 - It can be part of a higher level entity
 - As a component using port map
 - Quartus Prime synthesizes the entity to the FPGA
 - Pin assignments
 - Timing constraints
 - Simulation is hard and slow
 - Need a full license for /s and /f
 - Device configuration
 - What happens now?

Altera Nios II Processor

- Altera Nios II Software development
 - Integrated Development Environment (IDE)
 - Based on Eclipse
 - Already contains many libraries (Board Support Package, BSP)
 - Write C code
 - Start from `main()` function
 - Standard C libraries
 - With some limitations
 - Debugging through JTAG interface
 - Don't use floating point arithmetic
 - Library handles
 - Processor initialization
 - Cache initialization (if present)
 - Peripheral initialization

Altera Nios II Processor

- Altera Nios II Software development
 - Board Support Package (BSP)
 - Based on the processor configuration
 - Processor boot at power-up (C Run-Time)
 - Assembler file crt0.s
 - Initialize Instruction and Data caches
 - Setup Global and Stack Pointers
 - Clear BSS segment (uninitialized global and static variables)
 - Call alt_main()
 - C file alt_main.c
 - Initialize interrupts
 - Initialize file descriptors
 - Initialize device drivers
 - Call main()

Altera Nios II Processor

- Altera Nios II Software development
 - Board Support Package (BSP)
 - Based on the processor configuration
 - Initialize device drivers
 - Configure device
 - Setup interrupt service routine
 - Provides header files and libraries to be included in your software
 - Macros to access devices
 - Functions to operate on devices
 - Any change in the hardware configuration requires to
 - Regenerate the BSP
 - Recompile the BSP
 - Recompile the application software that uses the BSP

Software UART Laboratory session

- Small Nios II system
 - Processor core
 - /e or any other
 - Get different performance
 - SDRAM Controller
 - External 64 MByte SDRAM
 - 1-bit input GPIO (General Purpose Input Output) for UART RX
 - Macro to read pin
 - Timer to measure time
 - Library functions to measure time
 - JTAG UART to send output to IDE
 - `fprintf(stdout, "...");`
- But there is a problem with the Cyclone V and the DE1-SoC board...

Software UART Laboratory session

- Large Nios II system
 - The real system is much more complex
 - The Cyclone V FPGA contains a dual core ARM processor
 - The UART lines (RX and TX) on the DE1-SoC are connected to the ARM processor
 - Not to the FPGA fabric
 - To make the UART lines (RX and TX) available to the FPGA
 - Need to customize the ARM processor in Platform Designer
 - Configure it to route those signals to the FPGA fabric
 - Generate a preloader for the ARM processor
 - Store it in a MicroSD Card
 - Insert the MicroSD Card in the reader of the DE1-SoC board before switching it on
 - When switched on
 - The ARM processor boots and configures the UART lines to the FPGA fabric
 - You can now program the FPGA with the Nios II processor

Software UART Laboratory session

- Large Nios II system
 - The whole process of creating the system is pretty long
 - Cannot be done in the 3 hours of the laboratory session
 - I provide you a full project that includes
 - The Platform Designer system
 - ARM Processor configuration
 - Nios II Processor configuration
 - A number of peripherals
 - More than those listed before
 - It can be used for other purposes
 - A top-level VHDL entity (`uarthwsw.vhd`)
 - It instantiates the Platform Designer system
 - It make all the needed connections
 - It is already compiled and verified (compilation alone takes 10 minutes on my laptop)

Software UART Laboratory session

- Large Nios II system
 - Examine the code for the top-level entity
 - GPIO_0(1) shows the HPS_UART_RX signal if you want to see it on the oscilloscope
 - GPIO_1(0) can be written by the Nios II processor (can be shown on the oscilloscope)
 - You can write the HPS_UART_TX signal from the Nios II processor
 - It will also appear on GPIO_0(0) if you want to see it on the oscilloscope
 - You can use the LEDs
 - You can use the 7 segment displays
 - The 7 segment display encoder is also already designed
 - Don't worry about the I2C signals
 - They are not used in this lab
 - Unless you want to experiment
 - They are connected to an accelerometer with I2C slave interface

Software UART Laboratory session

- Large Nios II system
 - Examine the code for the top-level entity
 - The Nios II processor includes a hardware UART peripheral
 - Not used in this laboratory session
 - It will be used in the next laboratory session
 - The Nios II processor includes a hardware I2C peripheral
 - Not used in this laboratory session
 - It will NOT be used in the next laboratory session either
 - Unless you want to experiment
 - The Nios II processor includes a hardware SPI peripheral
 - Not used in this laboratory session
 - It will NOT be used in the next laboratory session either
 - Unless you want to experiment

Software UART Laboratory session

- Large Nios II system
 - Examine the code for the top-level entity
 - The system includes a VGA oscilloscope
 - It draws the UART lines over time on a VGA monitor
 - Useful to perform the laboratory session at home
 - Separate instructions on how to use it
 - It is not really straightforward
 - The real oscilloscope in the laboratory is somewhat easier
 - The same hardware project will be used for the 3rd laboratory session
 - UART using a processor peripheral
 - Select the right components using switch SW(9)
 - SW(9) = 0 → 2nd laboratory session (this one)
 - SW(9) = 1 → 3rd laboratory session (next time)
 - Keep SW(9) = 0 for this laboratory session

Software UART Laboratory session

- Reading a GPIO pin
 - NIOS_UARTRX is the name given to the PIO in Platform Designer
 - val is a 32-bit integer variable, but the PIO is a single bit
 - The most significant 31 bits may contain random data
 - Need to mask unwanted bits using logical operators
 - More detailed explanation when describing processor peripherals
- Writing is similar
 - Use it if you want to write to the HPS_UART_TX
 - Use it if you want to write pins of the header connector

```
int val;  
/* Read data from pin */  
val = IORD_ALTERA_AVALONPIO_DATA(NIOS_UARTRX_BASE);  
/* Keep only least significant bit (mask the others) */  
val = val & 0x01;
```

```
int val = 0x01;  
/* Write data to pins */  
IOWR_ALTERA_AVALONPIO_DATA(NIOS_UARTTX_BASE, val);  
val = 0x05;  
/* Write data to header connector pins */  
IOWR_ALTERA_AVALONPIO_DATA(NIOS_HEADER_CONN_BASE, val);
```

Software UART Laboratory session

- Using the timer
 - It is a counter that counts clock ticks
 - `alt_timestamp_freq()` returns the number of ticks per second
 - Using a 50 MHz clock it returns 50.000.000
 - Start the timer
 - `(void) alt_timestamp_start();`
 - Clears the counter
 - Read the timer
 - `int t1 = alt_timestamp();`
 - Reads the counter value
 - Examples
 - Measure elapsed time
 - Wait for a certain time

```
int ticksPerSec = alt_timestamp_freq();
int t1 = alt_timestamp();
/* Some code here to be measured */
int t2 = alt_timestamp();
int nticks = t2 - t1;
printf("Number of ticks: %d\n", nticks);
printf("Number of us: %d\n", (nticks * 1000000) / ticksPerSec);
```

```
/* Wait n microseconds */
int ticksPerSec = alt_timestamp_freq();
int n = 8;
int nticks = (ticksPerSec / 1000000) * n;
alt_timestamp_start();
while (alt_timestamp() < nticks) { /* Do nothing */ }
```

Software UART Laboratory session

- Controlling the LEDs
 - Write a value to the NIOS_LEDs GPIO included in the system
 - There are only 10 LEDs, so the variable should not exceed the value 0x3FF (1023_{10})
 - Higher significant bits are simply ignored
- Controlling the 7-segment displays
 - Write a value to the NIOS_7SEG GPIO included in the system
 - Each 7-segment display shows an hexadecimal character of 4 bits (0 to F)
 - The variable should not exceed the value 0xFFFFFFF (16777215_{10})
 - Higher significant bits are simply ignored

```
int val = 0x15A; /* Maximum 10 bits */  
/* Write data to the LED pins */  
IOWR_ALTERA_AVALON_PIO_DATA(NIOS_LEDs_BASE, val);
```

```
int val = 0x2B73C8; /* Maximum 24 bits */  
/* Write data to the 7-seg display pins */  
IOWR_ALTERA_AVALON_PIO_DATA(NIOS_7SEG_BASE, val);
```

Software UART Laboratory session

- What should the software do?
 - Implement the UART RX protocol by reading the GPIO pin
 - While pin is high (UART idle) do nothing
 - When pin becomes low, start timer
 - After half bit, sample START BIT (check that it is still low)
 - Restart timer (or compute subsequent sampling instants)
 - Loop n times (where n is the number of bits of a character):
 - After one bit time, sample bit (in the middle), restart timer
 - After one bit time, sample parity or STOP BITS
 - Return to the beginning
 - You may make the software configurable (e.g., using #define) for
 - Baud Rate
 - Number of bits in the character
 - Presence and kind of parity
 - Number of STOP bits

Software UART Laboratory session

- Beware of integer arithmetic
 - Avoid underflowing a division
 - Example: $1/2 * 10 = 0$
 - Use parenthesis
 - First multiply at the numerator, then divide
 - Example: $(1 * 10)/2 = 5$
 - Avoid overflowing the timer ticks
 - They are on 32 bits, and roll back to 0 when the end is reached
- Bits arrive LSB first
 - Use bit masking to store them in the correct position
 - Use shifts and logic operations
- Baud rate may not be exact
 - Quartz tolerance
 - Integer division and software delays
 - Try to compute your real tolerance

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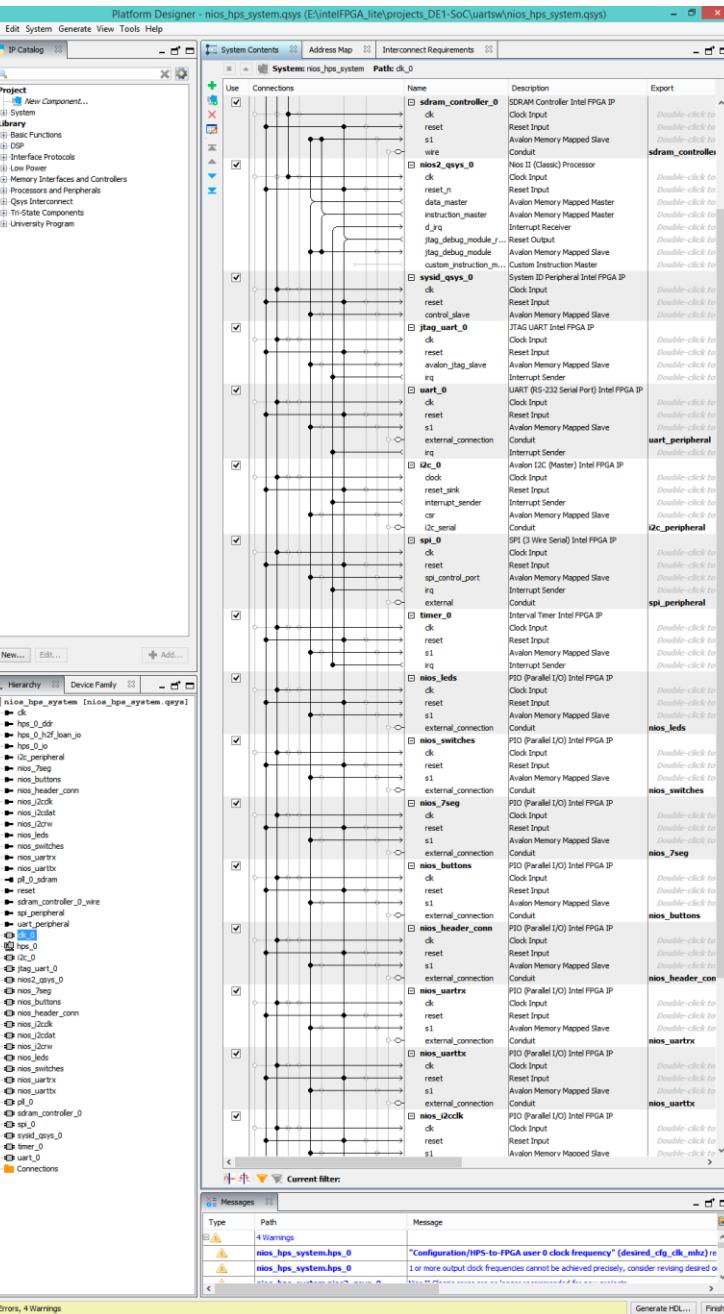
- How fast can you go without errors?
 - Try different Baud Rates
 - Start with 300, which should be easy to handle
 - Then increase it till you get wrong results
 - Need to change it in the SW for the NiosII and in the terminal emulator program on the PC
 - Need to recompile the SW when you change a #define
 - Look for optimizations
 - Precompute values (if possible) before entering a loop
 - Avoid multiplications if you can use additions
 - Division is implemented in a SW library, not in HW!
 - Loop unrolling increases performance
 - Avoids incrementing a loop variable
 - Avoids testing and jumping to the beginning of the loop

Software UART Laboratory session

- Step by Step instructions
 - Copy the provided project on your laptop or on the desktop PC of the lab
 - Open the uarthwsw/uarthwsw.qpf project
 - Open the uarthwsw/uarthwsw.vhd file of the project
 - This is the top-level entity
 - Look at the entity ports
 - There are many, some are commented out
 - Look at the components and their instances
 - The Platform Designer system u0
 - The Seven-segment display drivers hd*i*
 - The VGA oscilloscope v0
 - Look at the signal assignments

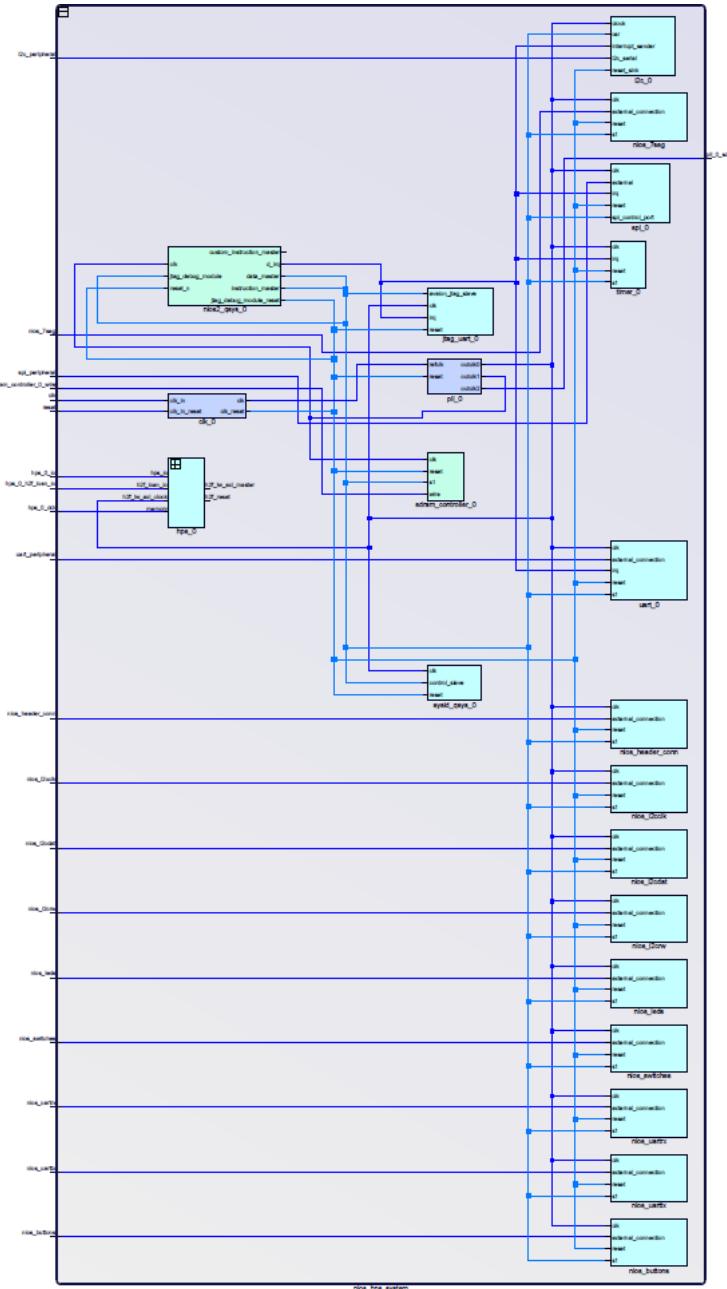
Software UART Laboratory session

- Step by Step instructions
 - Open the Platform Designer (in the Tools menu)
 - Load the nios_hps_system.qsys system
 - Look at the various components
 - nios2_qsys_0: Nios II processor
 - nios_uartrx: GPIO to read the UART_RX line
 - ...
 - Look at their interconnections
 - Clocks and reset
 - Data and Instruction Masters
 - IRQ lines
 - Conduit
 - These are the external connections of the Platform Designer system
 - If you double click on a component you can see its parameters



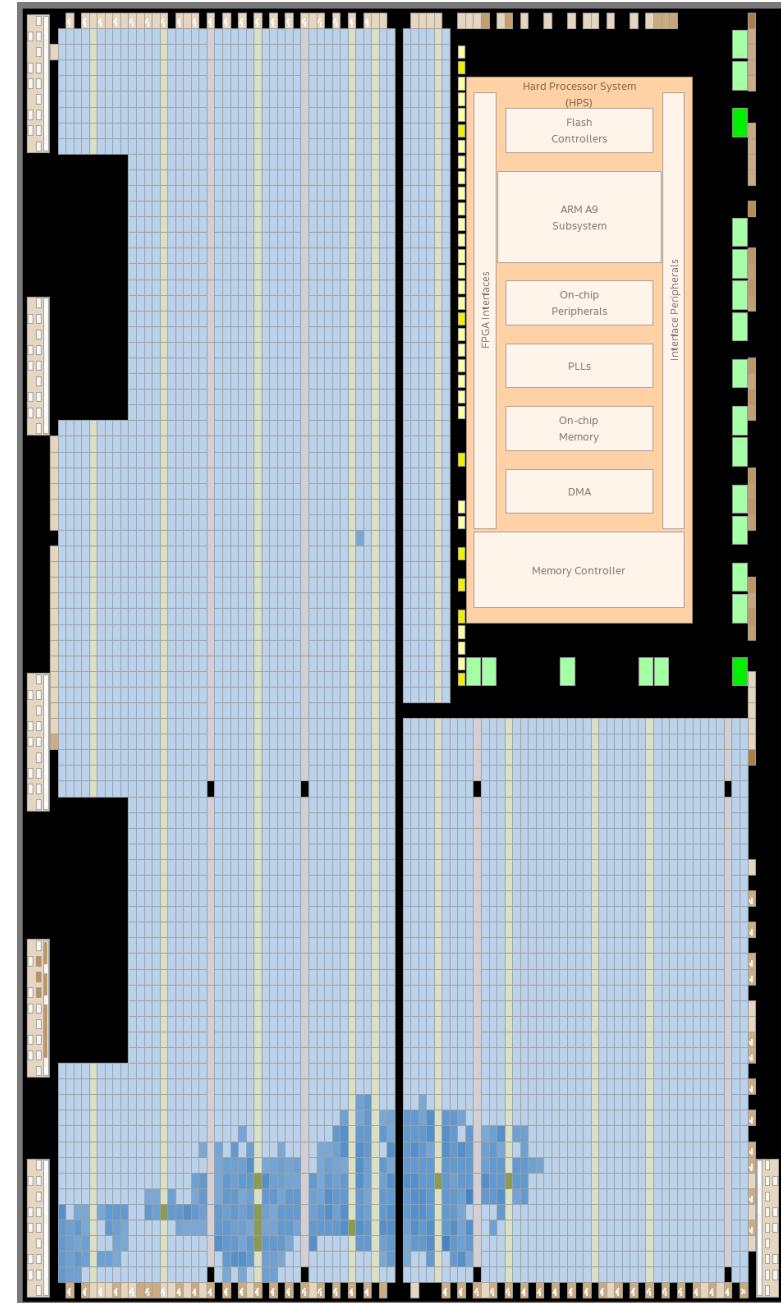
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- Step by Step instructions
 - Still in Platform Designer
 - Select View → Schematic
 - You see the same system as a block diagram
 - If you hover the mouse over a block
 - You see a popup list of all interconnections
 - If you hover the mouse over an interconnections
 - You see a popup list of all connected blocks
 - The master is driving the connection
 - In the Hierarchy tab on the left
 - List of all blocks and interconnections
 - Details of all wires and their directions
 - You must expand blocks



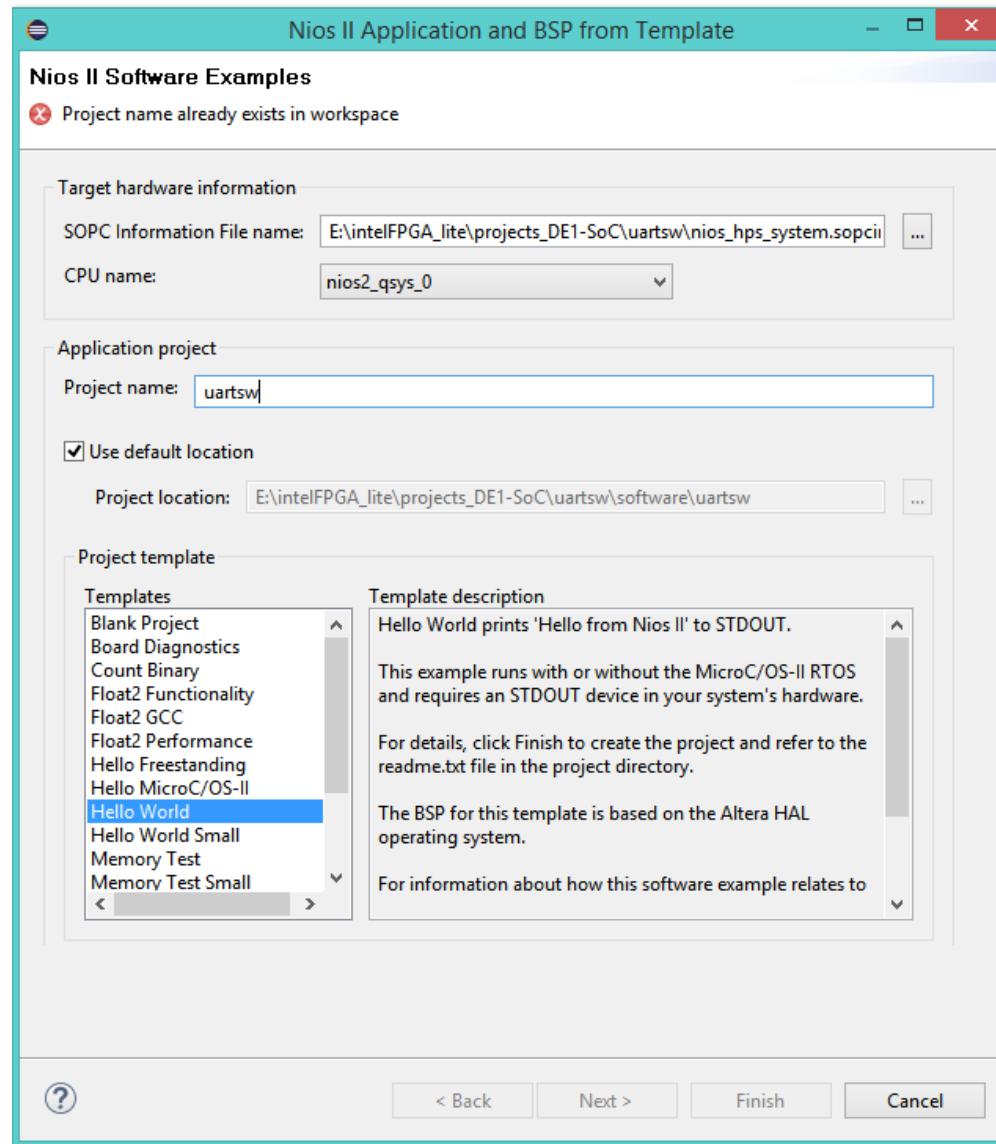
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- Step by Step instructions
 - Open the Chip Planner (under Tools menu in Quartus Prime)
 - The ARM processor is in the top right
 - The Nios II and all peripherals are at the bottom
 - Most of the FPGA is unused
 - The selected Nios II Processor is very simple
 - You can change it in Platform Designer
 - Then regenerate the system
 - Instantiate it in the top-level entity
 - Recompile the entire design
 - DON'T DO IT in the lab, it takes a long time
 - Insert the MicroSD Card in the DE1-SoC card reader
 - Switch on the board
 - Program the board



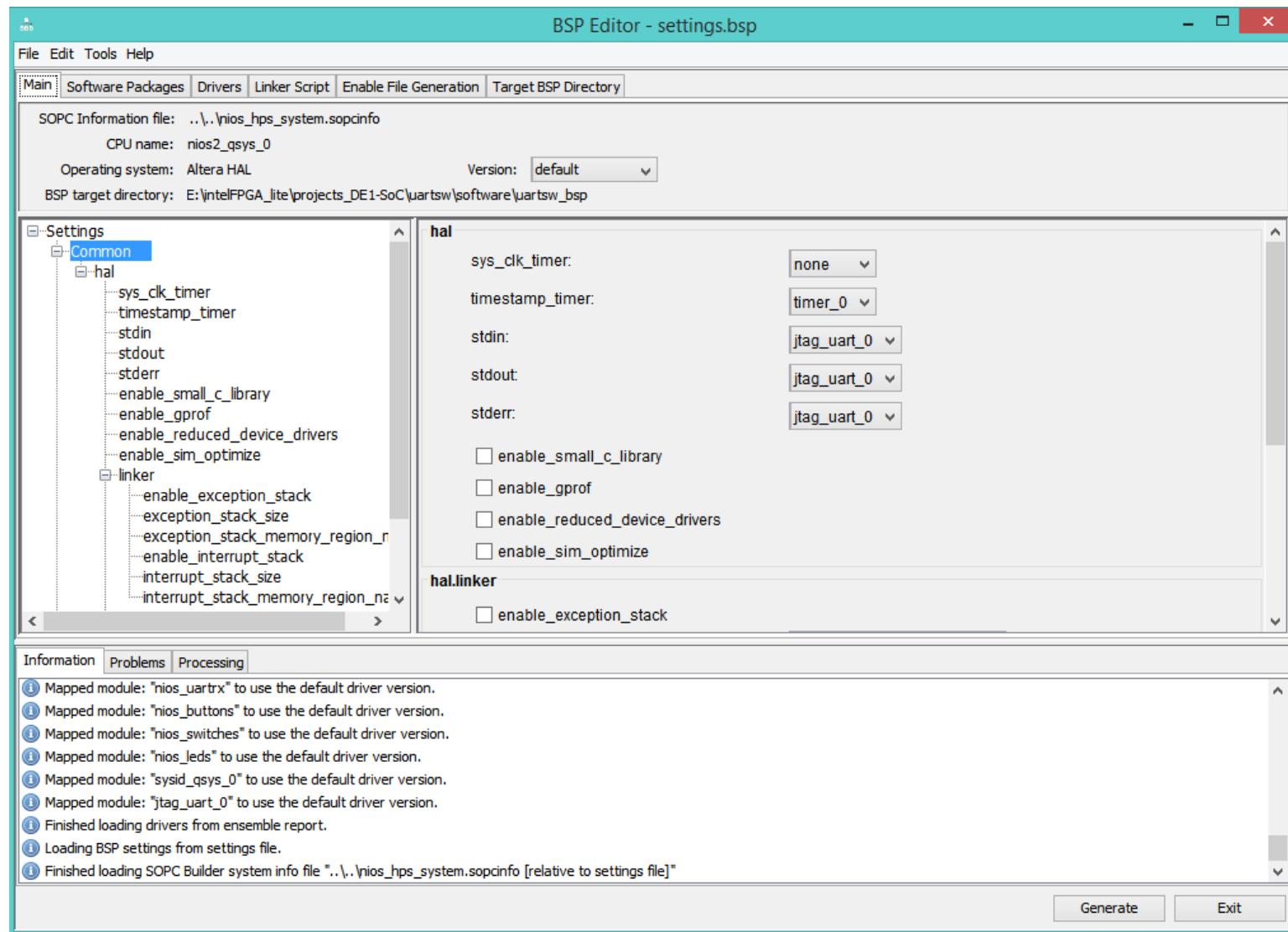
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- Step by Step instructions
 - Start the Nios II Software Build Tools for Eclipse
 - It is in the Tools menu in Quartus Prime
 - Or you can run it from the Windows taskbar
 - Choose a new directory for the workspace
 - Create it in the project directory
 - Create a new Nios II Application and BSP
 - File → New Nios II Application and BSP from template
 - Select the nios_hps_system.sopcinfo file in the Target hardware information
 - Give a name to the project
 - Choose a location
 - Choose the Hello World template
 - Also create a new BSP (after clicking Next)
 - With default parameters
 - Click Finish



Software UART Laboratory session

- Step by Step instructions
 - Check the BSP configuration
 - Run it by right-clicking on the software project and choosing Nios II → BSP Editor...
 - Verify stdout
 - Should be the jtag_uart_0
 - Verify sys_clk_timer
 - Should be none
 - Verify timestamp_timer
 - Should be timer_0
 - If you make any change then click on Generate before exiting



Software UART Laboratory session

- Step by Step instructions
 - Change the hello_world.c code
 - It is in the project folder
 - Begin with simple code
 - Then add further details
 - Code should never terminate
 - Compile the design and the BSP
 - Use Project → Build All
 - You should get no errors
 - Check the tab Problems

```
Nios II - uartsw/hello_world.c - Eclipse

File Edit Source Refactor Navigate Search Project Run Nios II Window Help
Quick Access Nios II
Project Explorer   system.h hello_world.c
system.h
17 #include <stdio.h>
18 #include "system.h"
19 #include "sys/alt_timestamp.h"
20 #include "altera_avalon_pio_regs.h"
21
22 //##define USEUART
23
24 #ifndef USEUART
25 int main()
26 {
27     printf("Ciao da Claudio\n");
28     int ticksPerSecond = alt_timestamp_freq();
29     int microsec20 = (ticksPerSecond / 1000000) * 20;
30     int microsec40 = (ticksPerSecond / 1000000) * 40;
31     int outval = 0;
32     while (1) {
33         alt_timestamp_start();
34         IOWR_ALTERA_AVALON_PIO_DATA(NIOS_HEADER_CONN_BASE, outval);
35         outval = 1 - outval;
36         while (alt_timestamp() < microsec20) { /* Wait for 20us */ }
37         IOWR_ALTERA_AVALON_PIO_DATA(NIOS_HEADER_CONN_BASE, outval);
38         outval = 1 - outval;
39         while (alt_timestamp() < microsec40) { /* Wait for 20us */ }
40         IOWR_ALTERA_AVALON_PIO_DATA(NIOS_HEADER_CONN_BASE, outval);
41         outval = 1 - outval;
42         IOWR_ALTERA_AVALON_PIO_DATA(NIOS_HEADER_CONN_BASE, outval);
43         outval = 1 - outval;
44     }
45     return 0; // Never reach this line
46 }
47#endif

Outline
stdio.h
system.h
sys/alt_timestamp.h
altera_avalon_pio_regs.h
main() : int
stdio.h
system.h
sys/alt_timestamp.h
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NBIT
NSTOPBIT
NOPARITY
EVENPARITY
ODDPARITY
PARITY
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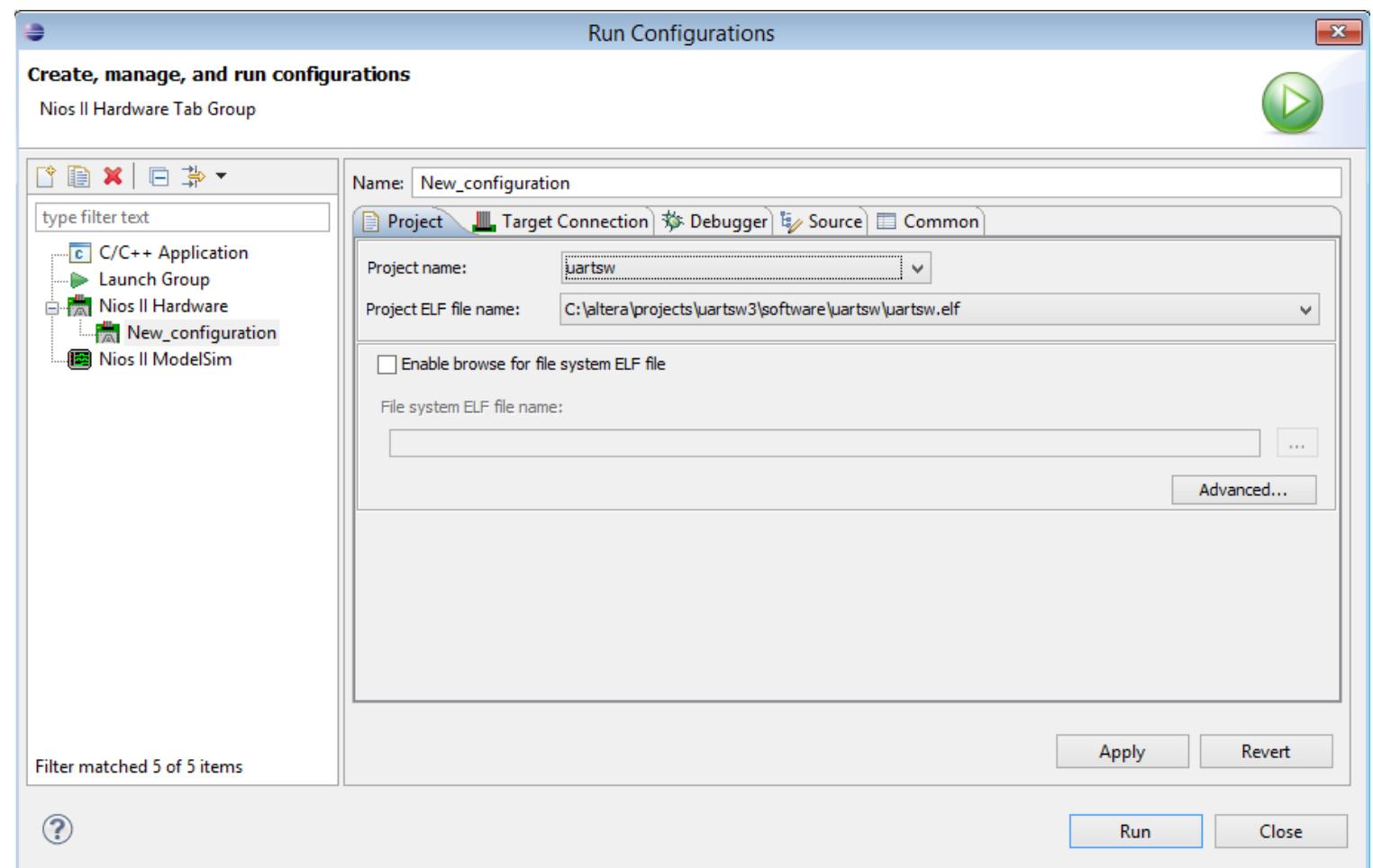
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[BSP build complete]

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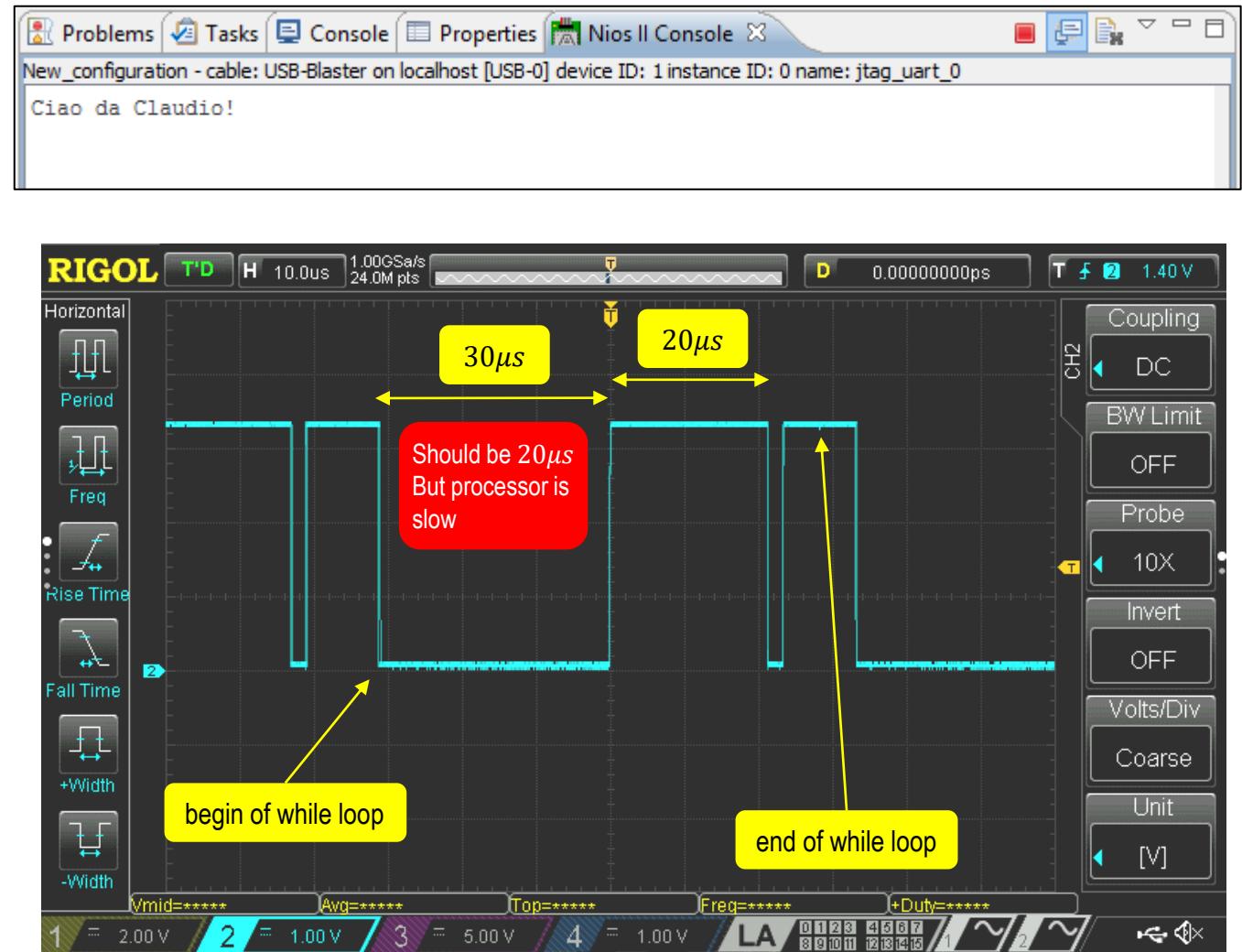
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- Step by Step instructions
 - Create a Run Configuration
 - Provide the project name
 - Check the ELF name
 - Check the Target Connection
 - Run the software
 - Read output on the Nios II console
 - Connect an oscilloscope if you have any output on the header connector



Software UART Laboratory session

- Step by Step instructions
 - Example output on the Nios II console
 - Example output on the oscilloscope
 - Blue waveform is the GPIO1(0) pin
 - It is alternatively written with the values 1 and 0 in the software
 - One square is $10\mu s$
 - One clock cycle is 20 ns
 - Even using the timer, some operations cause significant delays



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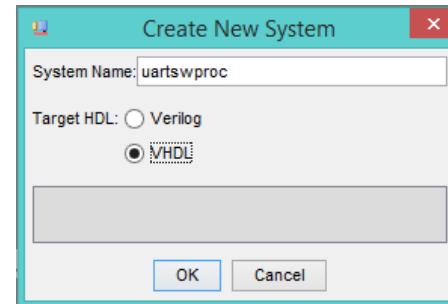
- Old hardware design instructions
 - Before 2020, with the DE2 board
 - Not to be used with the DE1-SoC board
 - To use UART with the Nios II processor the HPS (ARM9 processor) should also be included in the design
 - Can be used with the DE1-SoC if you don't need to access UART but just want to have a Nios II processor
 - Can be used with a Cyclone 10 LP
 - Can be used with other boards (DE0, DE10, ...)
- All pictures are for Quartus 11.0sp1 and SOPC Builder
 - But Platform Designer is not so different from SOPC Builder

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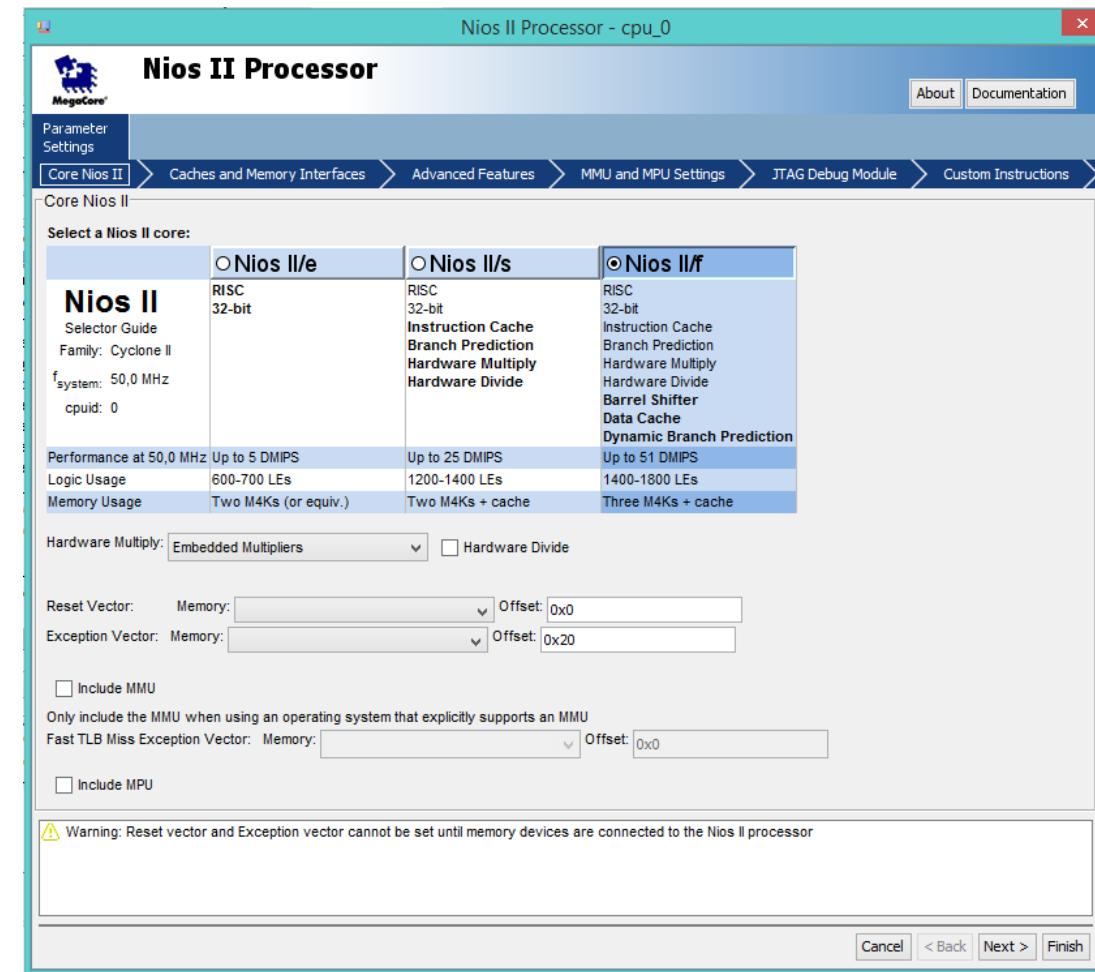
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- Don't use for Cyclone V on DE1-SoC
- May be used for Cyclone 10 LP

- Step by Step instructions

- Create a new project
 - Top level entity uartsw
- Launch SOPC Builder
 - Top level entity uartswproc
 - VHDL language



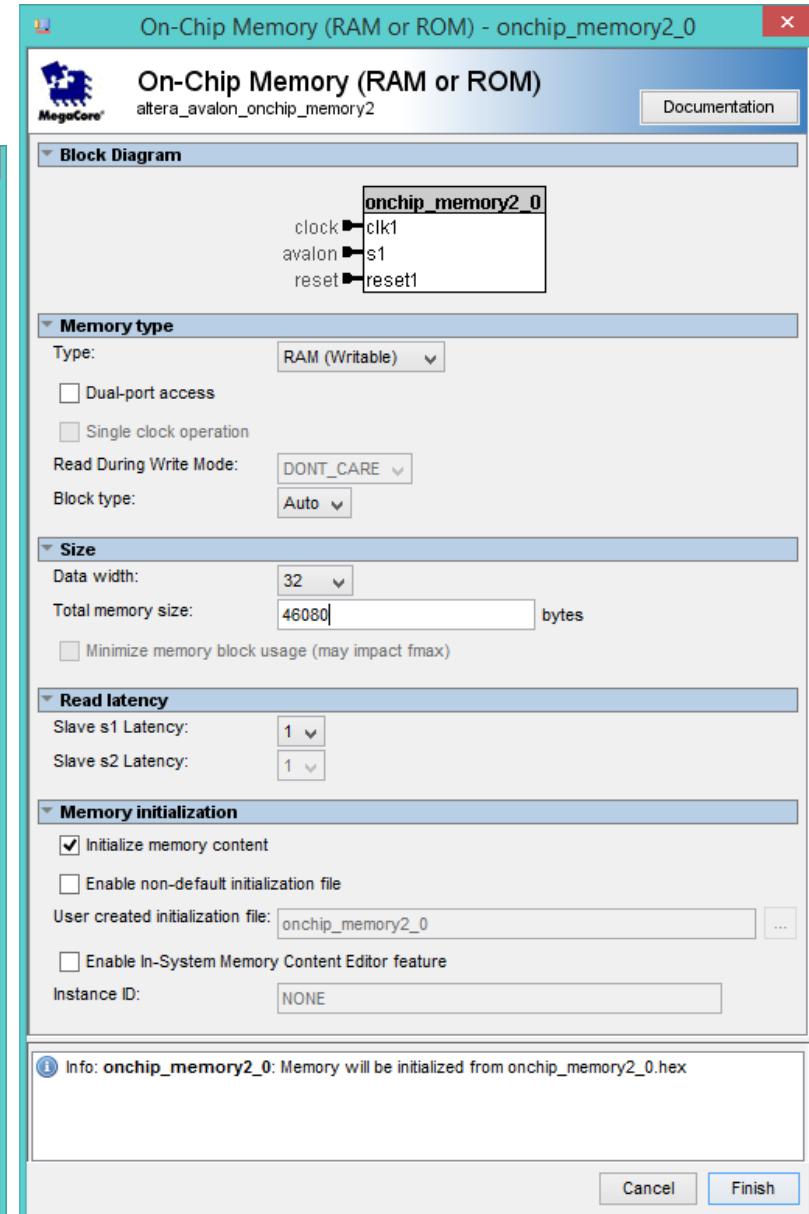
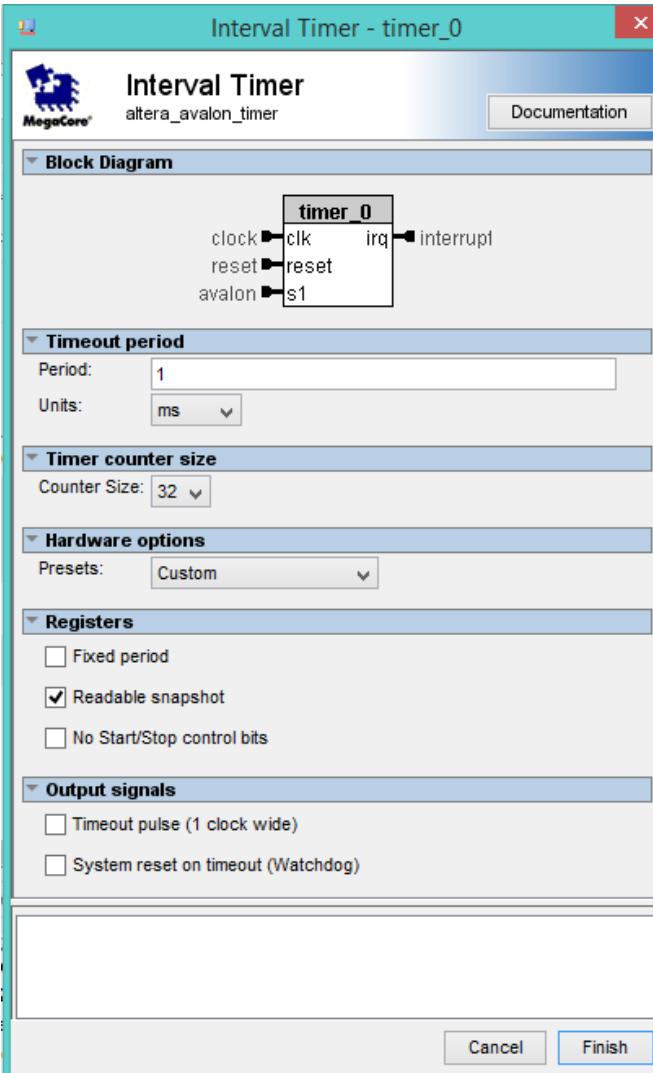
- Instantiate a Nios II processor
 - Choose kind of processor (/e, /s, /f)
 - Setup Caches and Memory Interfaces
 - Setup JTAG Debug Module
 - Setup multipliers and divider implementation options



Software UART Laboratory session

- Step by Step instructions
 - Instantiate an On-Chip RAM Memory
 - Choose size (at least 40 Kbytes)
 - Max size depends on size of caches
 - They all use M4K blocks in the FPGA
 - Instantiate an Interval Timer
 - Choose period
 - Choose counter size
 - Enable reading a snapshot

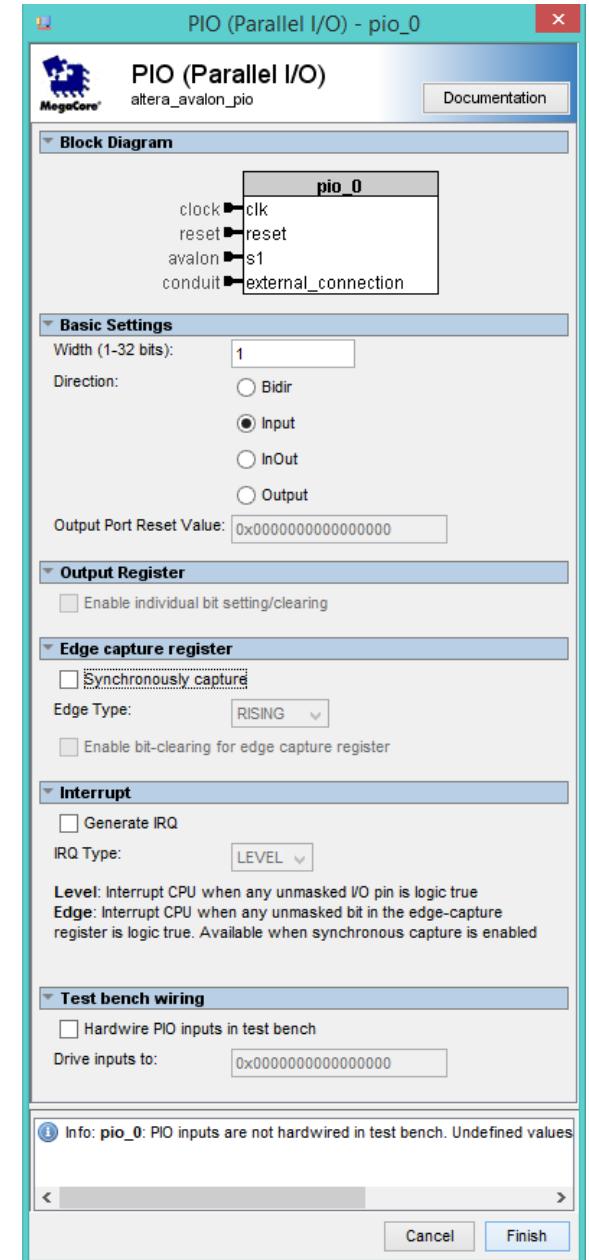
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Software UART Laboratory session

- Step by Step instructions
 - Instantiate a Parallel I/O (PIO)
 - 1-bit input to read the UART line
 - Don't enable the edge capture register
 - Don't enable IRQ generation
 - Unless you want to use interrupts
 - You need the external SDRAM in this case
 - 1-bit output for the oscilloscope
 - Only if you plan to generate a waveform on an output pin on the header connector
 - Useful for debugging
 - Any other output PIO to control LEDs or 7-Seg Displays
 - Write values using software
 - Instantiate a SysID peripheral
 - Not strictly needed, but sometimes helps avoiding problems

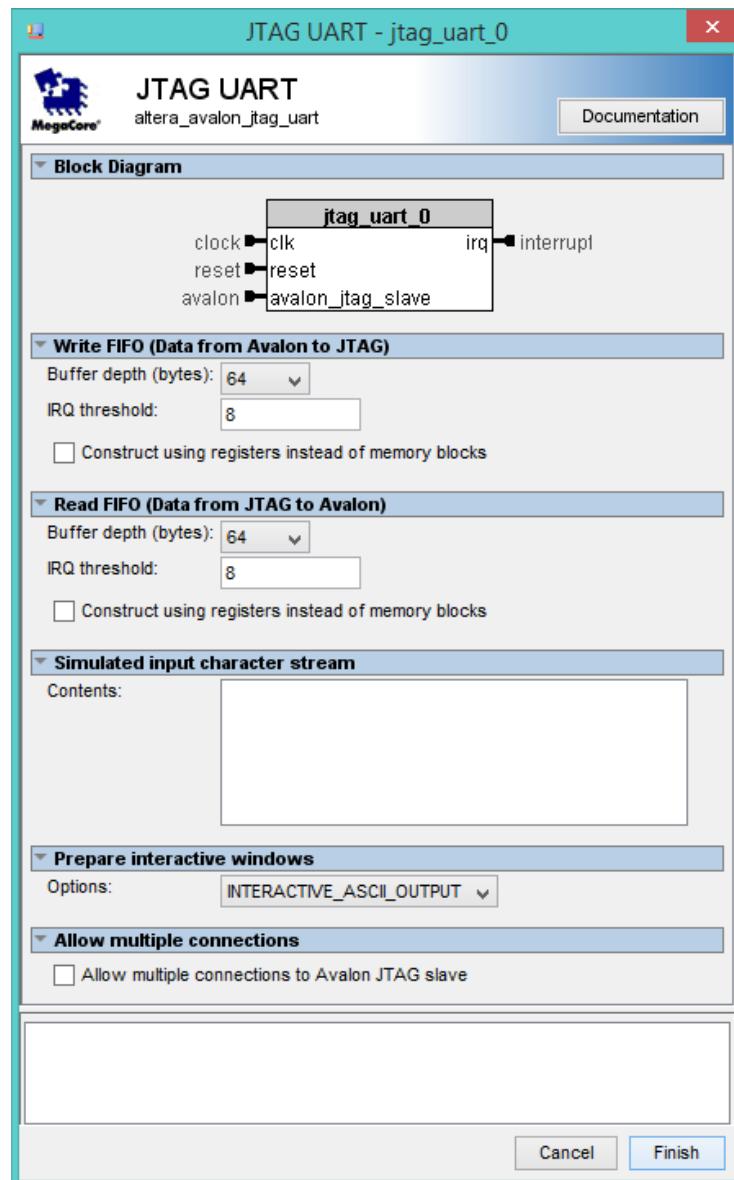
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Software UART Laboratory session

- Step by Step instructions
 - Instantiate a JTAG UART
 - Useful for debugging
 - Implements stdio over the Board-to-PC USB connections
 - Allows printf to show on the PC screen
 - This UART is NOT the one you must develop in software
 - JTAG pins are pre-assigned
 - You don't need to set them in the Pin Planner
 - Assign Base Addresses
 - Assign IRQ numbers
 - Assign Reset and Exception vectors
 - In the microprocessor configuration window

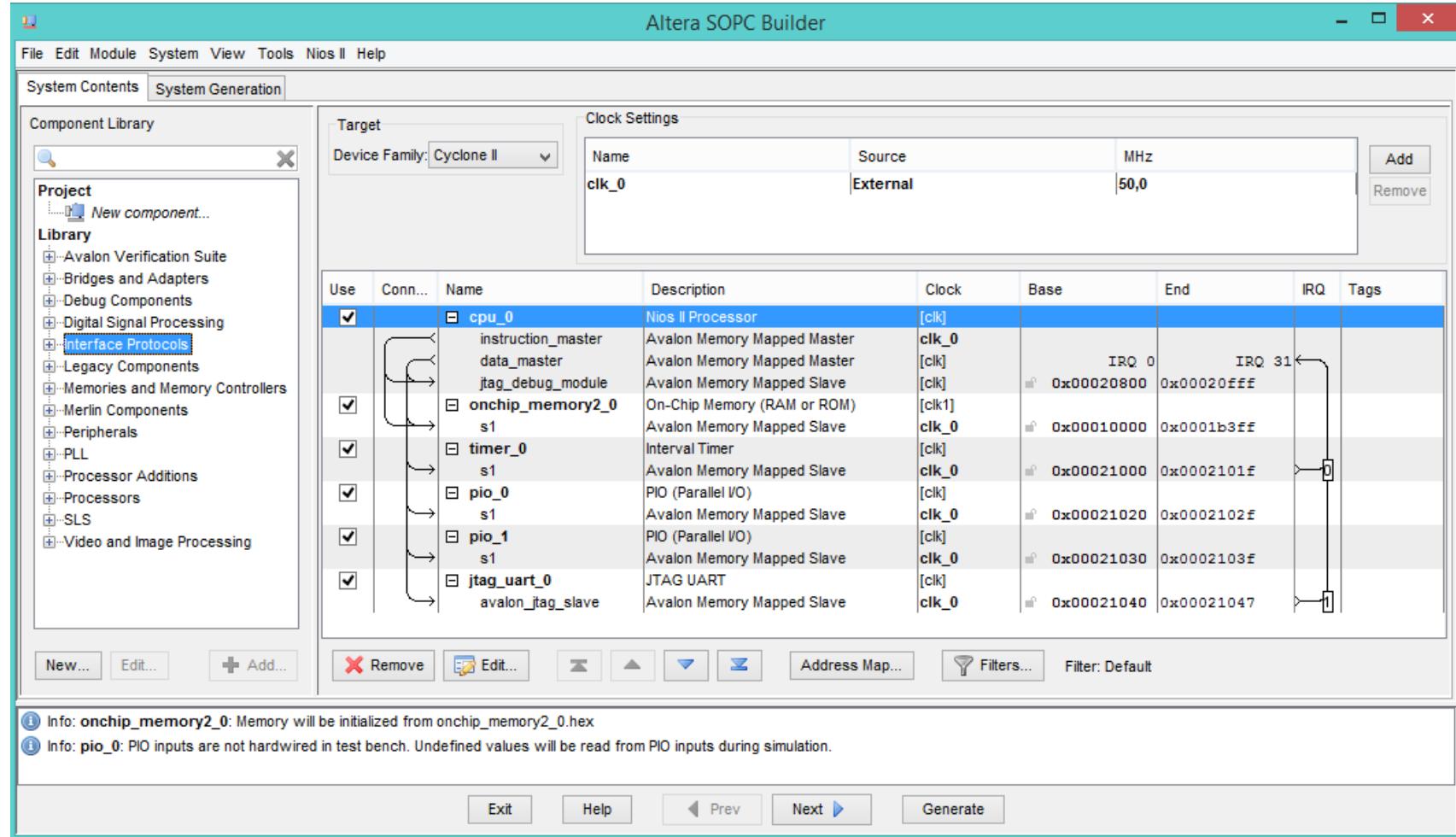
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- Step by Step instructions
 - Check final design
 - Save and generate VHDL code



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- Step by Step instructions
 - Create top level entity
 - Instantiate processor
 - Add any additional hardware

```
2344 -- altera message_off 10034 10035 10036 10037 10230 10240 10030
2345 library altera;
2346 use altera.altera_europa_support_lib.all;
2347
2348 library ieee;
2349 use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
2350 use ieee.std_logic_arith.all;
2351 use ieee.std_logic_unsigned.all;
2352
2353 entity uartswproc is
2354 port (
2355   -- 1) global signals:
2356   signal clk_0 : IN STD_LOGIC;
2357   signal reset_n : IN STD_LOGIC;
2358
2359   -- the_pio_0
2360   signal in_port_to_the_pio_0 : IN STD_LOGIC;
2361
2362   -- the_pio_1
2363   signal out_port_from_the_pio_1 : OUT STD_LOGIC
2364 );
2365 end entity uartswproc;
2366
2367
2368 architecture europa of uartswproc is
2369 component cpu_0_jtag_debug_module_arbitrator is
2370
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File uartswproc.vhd generated by SOPC Builder

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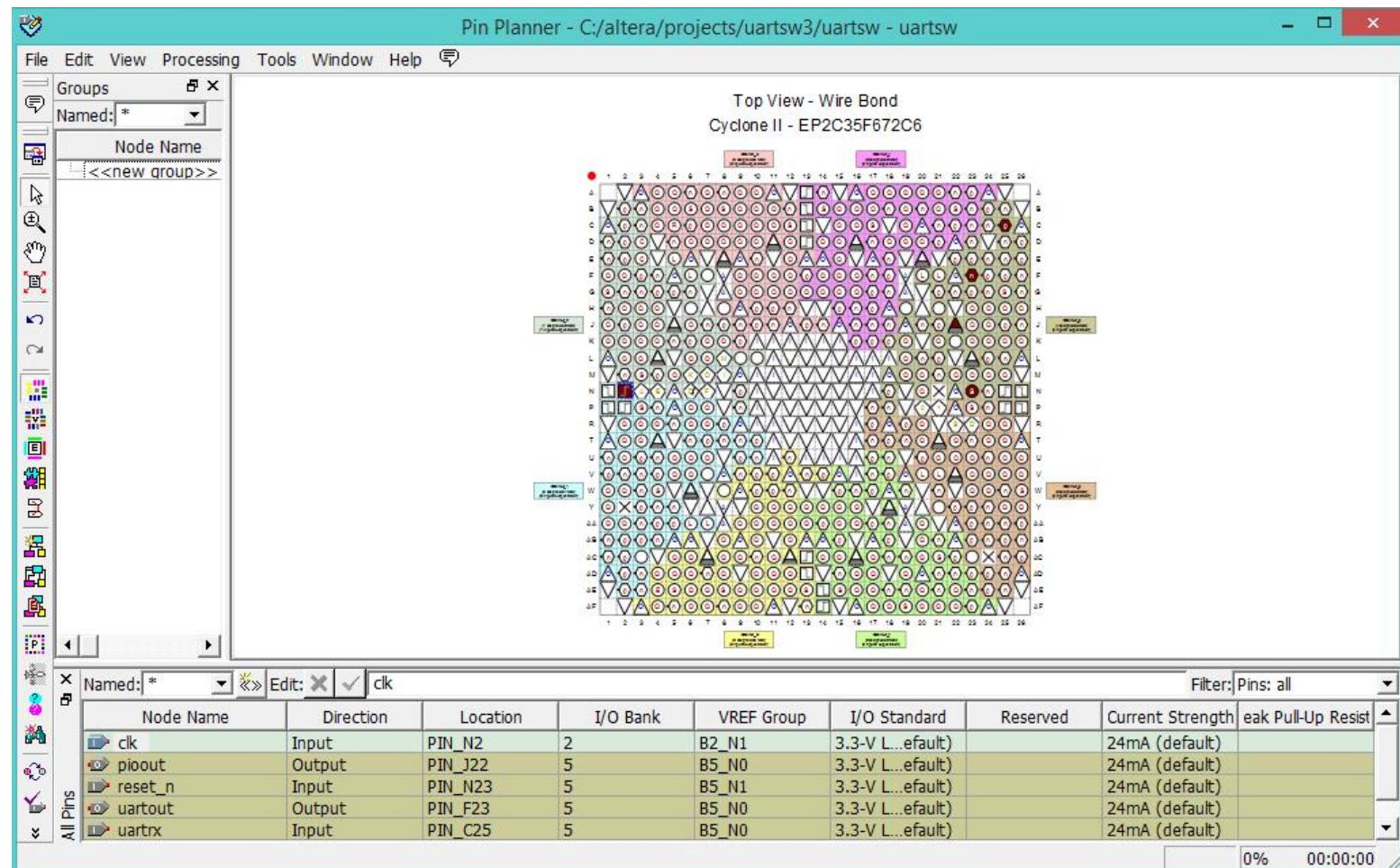
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1 library ieee;
2 use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
3 use ieee.std_logic_arith.all;
4 use ieee.std_logic_unsigned.all;
5
6 entity uartsw is
7 port (
8   signal clk : IN STD_LOGIC;
9   signal reset_n : IN STD_LOGIC;
10  signal uartrx : IN STD_LOGIC;
11  signal uartout: out std_logic;
12  signal pioout: out std_logic
13 );
14 end entity uartsw;
15
16 architecture struct of uartsw is
17
18 component uartswproc is
19 port (
20   -- 1) global signals:
21   signal clk_0 : IN STD_LOGIC;
22   signal reset_n : IN STD_LOGIC;
23   -- the_pio_0
24   signal in_port_to_the_pio_0 : IN STD_LOGIC;
25   -- the_pio_1
26   signal out_port_from_the_pio_1 : OUT STD_LOGIC
27 );
28 end component uartswproc;
29
30 begin
31
32 myproc: uartswproc port map (clk, reset_n, uartrx, pioout);
33   uartout <= uartrx;
34
35 end architecture struct;
```

File uartsw.vhd written by you

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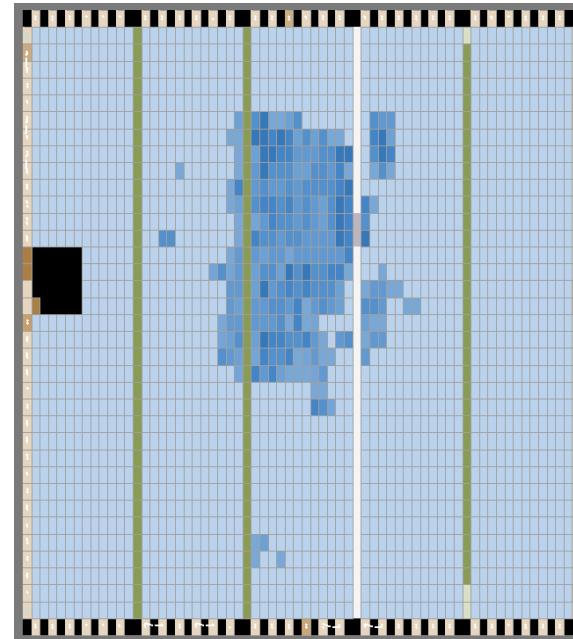
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- Step by Step instructions
 - Assign pins
 - Clock
 - Reset
 - To a push button
 - UART RX line
 - Any other pin that you decided to use
 - Header connector
 - LEDs
 - 7-Seg Displays
 - Switches
 - Add timing constraints
 - Clock @ 20ns



Software UART Laboratory session

- Step by Step instructions
 - Compile design
 - Check reports
 - Check Chip Planner
 - Check Timing Analysis
 - Program the board



Flow Summary	
Flow Status	Successful - Thu Nov 08 14:45:43 2018
Quartus II Version	11.0 Build 208 07/03/2011 SP 1 SJ Web Edition
Revision Name	uartsw
Top-level Entity Name	uartsw
Family	Cyclone II
Device	EP2C35F672C6
Timing Models	Final
Total logic elements	3,148 / 33,216 (9 %)
Total combinational functions	2,833 / 33,216 (9 %)
Dedicated logic registers	1,895 / 33,216 (6 %)
Total registers	1895
Total pins	5 / 475 (1 %)
Total virtual pins	0
Total memory bits	391,232 / 483,840 (81 %)
Embedded Multiplier 9-bit elements	4 / 70 (6 %)
Total PLLs	0 / 4 (0 %)

Slow Model Fmax Summary				
	Fmax	Restricted Fmax	Clock Name	Note
1	83.25 MHz	83.25 MHz	clock	

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