

Vivado Tutorial 3 Implementing the Design

Introduction

This tutorial continues with the previous tutorial. You will perform static timing analysis. You will implement the design with the default settings and generate a bitstream. Then you will open a hardware session and program the FPGA. You will use on-board UART of the Nexys4 DDR or the Basys3 board to validate your design.

Objectives

After completing this tutorial, you will be able to:

- Implement the design
- Generate various reports and analyze the results
- Run static timing analysis
- Generate bitstream and verify the functionality in hardware

Procedure

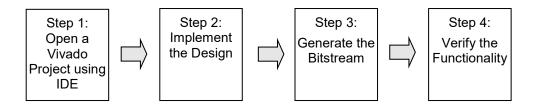
This tutorial is broken into steps that consist of general overview statements providing information on the detailed instructions that follow. Follow these detailed instructions to progress through the tutorial.

Note: The FPGA board equipped in Embedded Tutorial (Brickyard 215) is Nexys4 DDR.





General Flow



Open a Vivado Project using IDE

Step 1

1-1. Launch Vivado and open the tutorial2 project. Save the project as tutorial3 in the *<CSE320_tutorial3>* directory making sure that the create subdirectory option is selected. Set the flatten_hierarchy setting to rebuilt. Create new synthesis run naming it as synth_2.

<CSE320_tutorial3> refers to the vivado project directory, e.g. c:\xup\digital\CSE320_tutorial2 and <CSE320_tutorial3_source> refers to the source file directory, e.g. c:\xup\digital\CSE320_tutorial2_source. Reference to **<board>** means either the **Nexys4 DDR** or the **Basys3**.

- **1-1-1.** Start the Vivado if necessary and open the tutorial2 project (tutorial2.xpr) you created in the previous tutorial using the **Open Project** link in the Getting Started page.
- **1-1-2.** Select **File > Save Project As** ... to open the *Save Project As* dialog box. Enter **tutorial3** as the project name. Make sure that the *Create Project Subdirectory* option is checked, the project directory path is **<CSE320_tutorial3>** and click **OK**.
- **1-1-3.** Click on the **Synthesis Settings** in the *Flow Navigator* pane.
- **1-1-4.** Make sure that the *flatten_hierarchy* is set to **rebuilt**, which allows the design hierarchy to be preserved for synthesis, and then rebuilt which is more useful for design analysis because many logical references will be maintained.



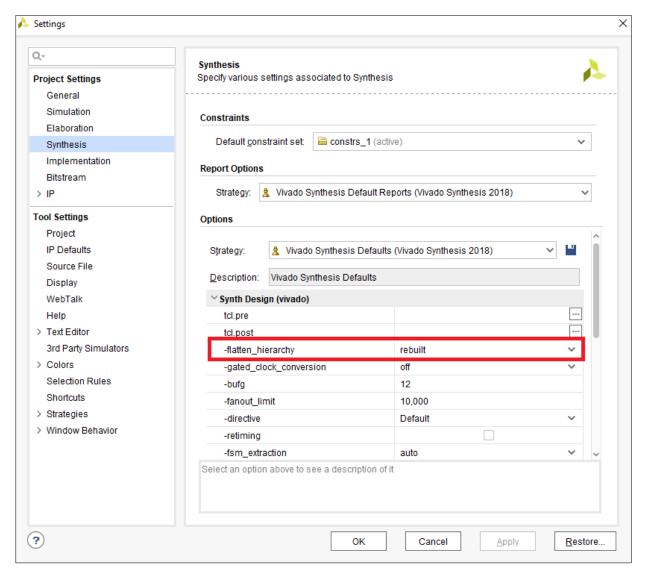


Figure 1. Setting hierarchy to rebuilt

1-1-5. Click OK.

A Create New Run dialog box will appear asking you if a new run should be created. Click **Yes** and then **OK** to create the new run with **synth_2** name.

1-2. Synthesize the design. Generate the timing summary and analyze the design.

1-2-1. Click on **Run Synthesis** under the *Synthesis* tasks of the *Flow Navigator* pane.

The synthesis process will be run on the uart_led.v and all its hierarchical files. When the process is completed a *Synthesis Completed* dialog box with three options will be displayed.

1-2-2. Select the *Open Synthesized Design* option and click **OK** as we want to look at the synthesis output.



- **1-2-3.** Click on **Report Timing Summary** under the *Synthesized Design* tasks of the *Flow Navigator* pane.
- 1-2-4. Leave all the settings unchanged, and click OK to generate a default timing report, timing_1.

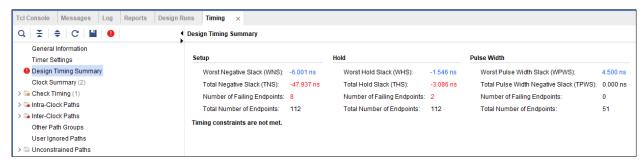


Figure 2. Timing report for the Nexys4 DDR

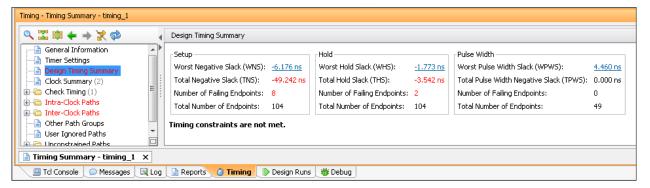


Figure 2. Timing report for the Basys3

- 1-2-5. Click on the link beside the Worst Negative Slack (WNS) and see the 8 failing paths.
- **1-2-6.** Double-click on the Path 23 to see a detailed view of the path. The path report shows four sections: (i) Summary, (ii) Source Clock Path, (iii) Data Path, and (iv) Destination Clock Path.
- **1-2-7.** Select Path 23 in the timing summary panel, or the Path summary view, right-click, and select **Schematic**.

The schematic for the output data path will be displayed.





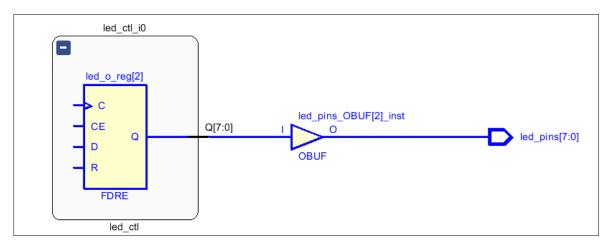


Figure 3. The output data path

1-2-8. In order to see how the Source Clock Path is made up in schematic form, double-click on left end of the C pin of the FDRE in the schematic.

This will show the net between the BUFG and C port of the FDRE.

1-2-9. Similarly, double-click on the left end of the BUFG to see the path between IBUF and BUFG.

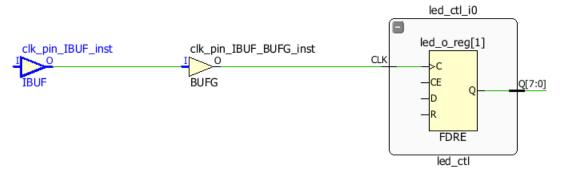


Figure 4. Source to clock port of the FDRE

1-2-10. Finally, double-click on the input pin of IBUF to see the path between the clock input pin and the IBUF.

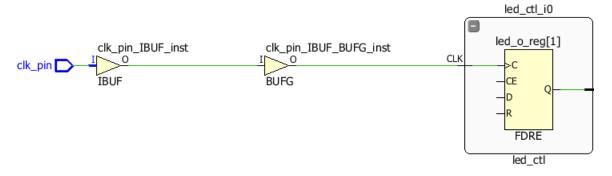


Figure 5. The schematic view of the source clock path

This corresponds to the Source Clock Path in the timing report.



Source Clock Path				
Delay Type	Incr (ns)	Path (Location	Netlist Resource(s)
(clock clk_pin rise edge)	(r) 10.000	10.000		
	(r) 0.000	10.000	Site: E3	clk_pin
net (fo=0)	0.000	10.000		∠ clk_pin
			Site: E3	clk_pin_IBUF_inst/I
IBUF (Prop ibuf I O)	(r) 1.482	11.482	Site: E3	<pre>clk_pin_IBUF_inst/O</pre>
net (fo=1, unplaced)	0.803	12.285		∠ clk_pin_IBUF
				clk_pin_IBUF_BUFG_inst/l
BUFG (Prop bufg I O)	(r) 0.096	12.381		<pre>dclk_pin_IBUF_BUFG_inst/O</pre>
net (fo=50, unplaced)	0.584	12.965		∠ led_ctl_i0/CLK
FDRE				led_ctl_i0/led_o_reg[2]/C

Figure 6. The source clock path for the Nexys4 DDR

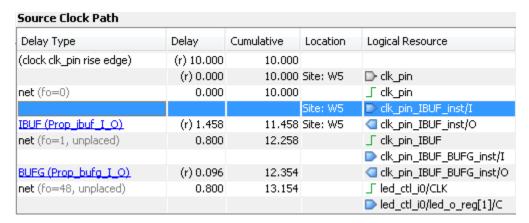


Figure 6. The source clock path for the Basys3

Since the virtual clock is synchronized to but slower (12 ns) than the clk_pin period (10 ns), the *worst* case data path delay includes the clock period of the clk_pin clock source.



Source Clock Path									
Delay Type	Incr (ns)	F	Path (Locatio		ı	Netlist Resource(s)		
(clock clk_pin rise edge)	(r) 10.00	0	10.000						
	(r) 0.00	0	10.000	8	Site: E3		clk_pin		
net (fo=0)	0.00	0	10.000				∠ clk_pin		
				8	Site: E3		clk_pin_IBUF_in	st/l	
IBUF (Prop ibuf I O)	(r) 1.482		11.482	Site: E3			d clk_pin_IBUF_inst/O		
net (fo=1, unplaced)	0.80	3	12.285				∠ clk_pin_IBUF		
							clk_pin_IBUF_B	UFG_ins	t/I
BUFG (Prop bufq I O)	(r) 0.09	(r) 0.096					<pre>d clk_pin_IBUF_BUFG_inst</pre>		t/O
net (fo=50, unplaced)	0.58	0.584					∠ led_ctl_i0/CLK		
FDRE							led_ctl_i0/led_o_reg[2]/C		
Data Path									
Delay Type	Incr (ns)	Path (Lo	cati	i Netlist Resource(s)			
FDRE (Prop fdre C Q)	(r) 0.478	13	13.443			{	· led_ctl_i0/led_o_reg[2]/Q		
net (fo=1, unplaced)	0.803	3 14.246		1	√ led_pins_OBUF[2]				
				Sit	13		led_pins_OBUF[2]	_inst/l	
OBUF (Prop obuf I O)	(r) 3.728	17	17.973		Sit13 - led_		led_pins_OBUF[2]	_inst/O	
net (fo=0)	0.000	17	17.973			1	→ led_pins[2]		
				Sit	13	-(led_pins[2]		
Arrival Time		17	17.973						
Destination Clock Path									
Delay Type	Incr (ns	5)) Path		(Loca		Netlist Resourc		
(clock virtualck rise edge	(r) 12.	000	12.0	00					
ideal clock network latence	y 0 .	0.000		12.000					
clock pessimism	0.000		12.000						
clock uncertainty	-0.	-0.025		75					
output delay	-0.	-0.000		75					
Required Time			11.9	75					

Figure 7. Worst failing path for the Nexys4 DDR



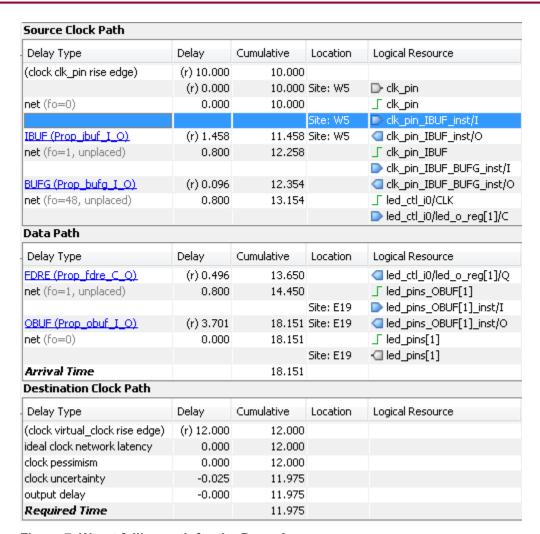


Figure 7. Worst failing path for the Basys3

1-3. Change the design constraint to constrain the virtual clock period to 10ns. Re-synthesize the design and analyze the results.

1-3-1. Click **Edit Timing Constraints** under the Synthesized Design.

The Timing Constraints GUI will appear, showing the design has two create clocks, four inputs, and one output constraints. It also shows the constraints in the text form in the All Constraints section.



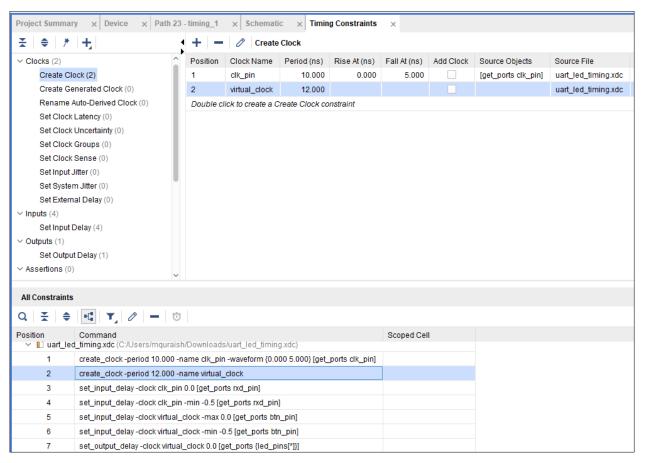


Figure 8. Timing Constraints showing 12 ns Virtual Clock period defined

1-3-2. Click in the Period cell of the virtual_clock and change the period from 12 to 10



1-3-3. Click Apply.

Note that since the timing constraint has changed, a warning message in the console pane is displayed to rerun the report.

Report is out of date because timing data has been modified. <u>Rerun</u>

1-3-4. Click on Rerun.

Notice that setup timing violations are gone. However, there are still 2 failing paths for the Hold.



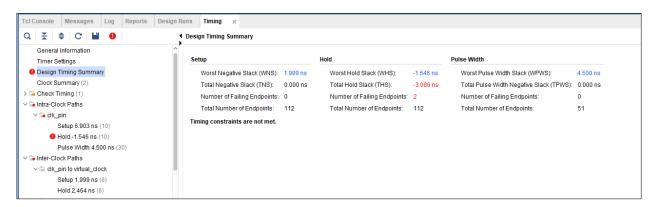


Figure 9. Setup timing met for the Nexys4 DDR

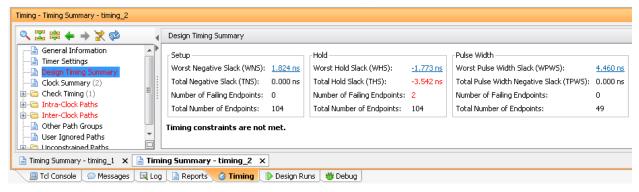
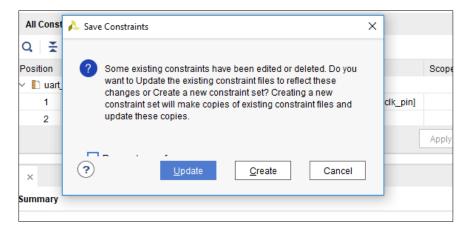


Figure 9. Setup timing met for the Basys3

- **1-3-5.** Click on the WHS link to see the paths.
- **1-3-6.** Double-click on the first path to see the timing compositions. Notice that the clock path delay does not include the entire clock period.
- 1-3-7. Select File > Save Constraints...

Click OK.

Notice that the Synthesis Out-of-Date status is displayed on the top-right corner. When asked to update the existing constraints file, click on update option.



Next select uart led timing.xcd as the constraints file to update its contents and click OK.



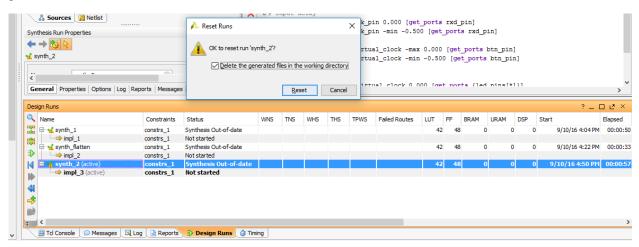


Note: Accurate hold time check requires accurate estimation of the clock network delay. Since physical design information will by only available after "Implementation", the hold time check at the "Synthesis" stage is usually inaccurate. We could ignore the hold time violations here.

Implement the Design

Step 2

- 2-1. Run the implementation after saving the synthesis run. Perform the timing analysis.
- **2-1-1.** In the Design Runs tab, right-click on the synth_2 and select **Reset Runs**. Make sure the generated files are deleted. Click **Reset**.



- 2-1-2. Click the Closed Design button in the status bar. If prompted, do not save anything.
- **2-1-3.** Click on the **Run Implementation** in the *Flow Navigator* pane.
- **2-1-4.** Click **OK** when prompted to run the synthesis first before running the implementation process.

When the implementation is completed, a dialog box will appear with three options.

- **2-1-5.** Select the *Open Implemented Design* option and click **OK**.
- 2-2. View the amount of FPGA resources consumed by the design using Report Utilization.
- 2-2-1. In the Flow Navigator pane, select Open Implemented Design > Report Utilization.

The Report Utilization dialog box opens.

2-2-2. Click OK.

The utilization report is displayed at the bottom of the Vivado IDE. You can select any of the resources on the left to view its corresponding utilization.





2-2-3. Select Slice LUTs to view how much and which module consumes the resource.

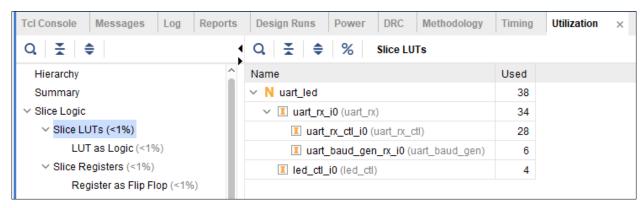


Figure 10. Resource utilization for the Nexys4 DDR

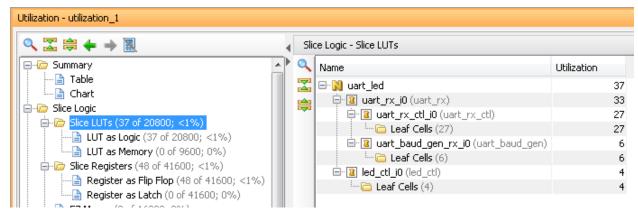


Figure 10. Resource utilization for the Basys3

- 2-3. Generate a timing summary report.
- **2-3-1.** In the Flow Navigator, under Implementation > Implemented Design, click **Report Timing Summary**

The Report Timing Summary dialog box opens.

2-3-2. Leave all the settings unchanged and click **OK** to generate the report.

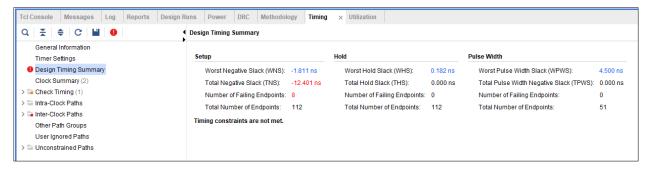


Figure 11. The timing summary report showing timing violations for the Nexys4 DDR



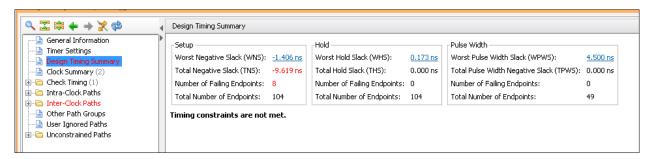


Figure 11. The timing summary report showing timing violations for the Basys3

- **2-3-3.** Click on the WNS link to see a detailed report to determine the failing path entries.
- **2-3-4.** Double-click on the first failing path to see why it is failing.



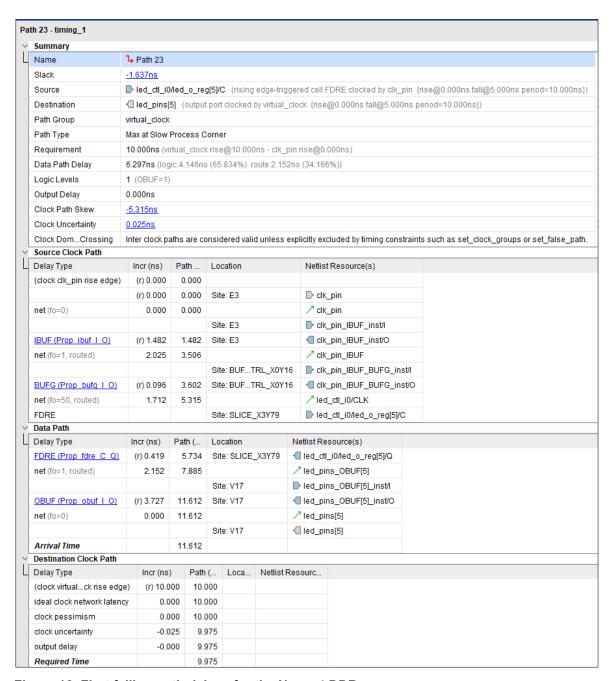


Figure 12. First failing path delays for the Nexys4 DDR



Delay	Cumulative	Location	Logical Resource	
(r) 0.000	0.000			
(r) 0.000	0.000	Site: W5	D clk_pin	
0.000	0.000		₄√ clk_pin	
		Site: W5	clk_pin_IBUF_inst/I	
(r) 1.458	1.458	Site: W5	<pre>dk_pin_IBUF_inst/O</pre>	
1.967	3,425		_ clk_pin_IBUF	
		Site: BUFGCTRL_X0Y0	clk_pin_IBUF_BUFG_inst/I	
(r) 0.096	3.521	Site: BUFGCTRL_X0Y0	<pre>dk_pin_IBUF_BUFG_inst/O</pre>	
1.624	5.145		_ led_ctl_i0/CLK	
		Site: SLICE_X1Y21	led_ctl_i0/led_o_reg[5]/C	
Delay	Cumulative	Location	Logical Resource	
(r) 0.419	5.564	Site: SLICE_X1Y21	<pre>d led_ctl_i0/led_o_reg[5]/Q</pre>	
2.128	7.692		√ led_pins_OBUF[5]	
		Site: U15	led_pins_OBUF[5]_inst/I	
(r) 3.689	11.381	Site: U15	<pre>led_pins_OBUF[5]_inst/O</pre>	
0.000	11.381			
		Site: U15	d led_pins[5]	
	11.381			
Delay	Cumulative	Location	Logical Resource	
(r) 10.000	10.000			
0.000	10.000			
0.000	10.000			
-0.025	9.975			
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Figure 12. First failing path delays for the Basys3

Note: Compared to delays from the Synthesis report, the net delays in the Implementation report are actual delays (rather than an estimated figure). This indicates that the overhead of interconnects after placement and routing may cause the timing to fail again if you have small slacks in Synthesis.

At this point we can ignore these setup time violations with respect to LED outputs. Because the LED display are actually not sequential logics. Therefore, neither setup nor hold time needs to be checked at the LED outputs. We set the output delay in the constraint file just for illustration purposes. We can also set the output delay to -2 ns to make the timings meet.

- **2-3-5.** Select **Implemented Design > Edit Timing Constraints** the *Flow Navigator* pane.
- **2-3-6.** Select the *Set Output Delay* entry in the left pane, and change the Delay Value on virtual clock to **-2.000** ns.
- 2-3-7. Click Apply.
- 2-3-8. Click **Rerun** link to re-run the timing report.

Observe that the timing violations of the Intra-clock paths are gone.



- **2-3-9.** Expand the **Intra-Clock Paths** folder on the left, expand *clk_pin*, and select the Setup group to see the list of 10 worst case delays on the right side.
- **2-3-10.** Double-click on the any path to see how that is made up of. Also right-click on it and select **Schematic.**

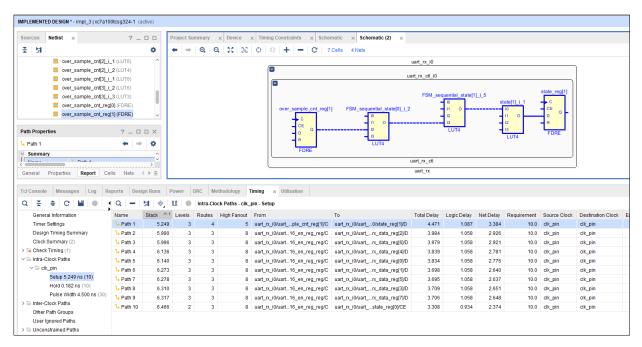


Figure 13. Schematic view of the worst path delay

2-3-11. Click on the **Device** tab and see the highlighted path in the view.





You will have to zoom-in to see the path.

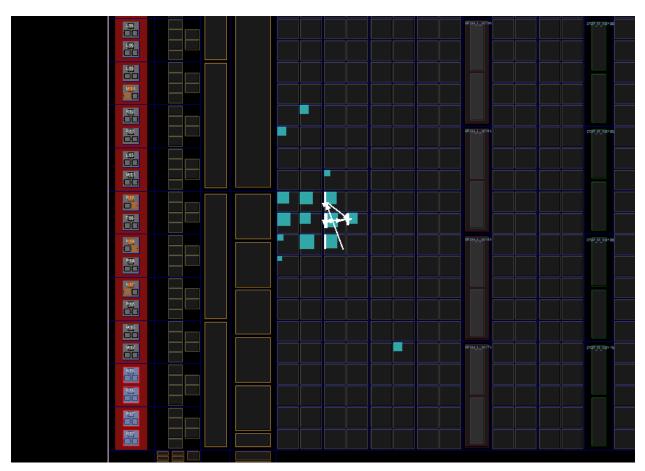


Figure 14. Path displayed in the Device view

2-3-12. Select Implemented Design > Report Clock Networks.

2-3-13. Click OK.

The Clock Networks report will be displayed in the Console pane showing two clock net entries.

2-3-14. Select *clk_pin* entry and observe the selected nets in the Device view.

The clock nets are spread across multiple clock regions.





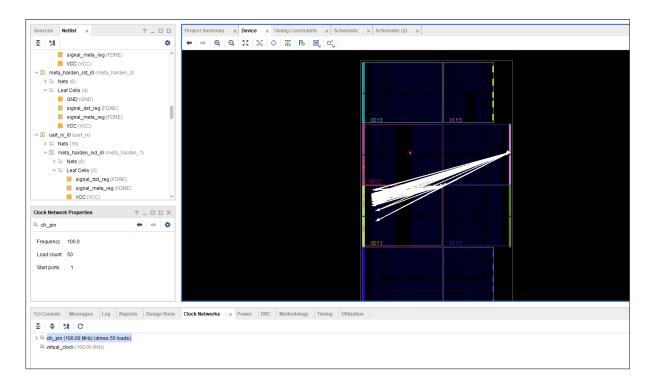


Figure 15. Clock nets for the Nexys4 DDR

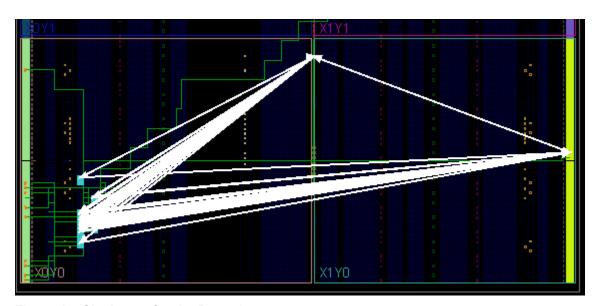


Figure 15. Clock nets for the Basys3

2-3-15. Now, let's check come timing results of the internal logics. Select *clk_pin* entry under the *Intra-Clock Paths* in the Timing Summary tab. Select the worst case path that has the smallest setup time slack. Check out the detail **Summary** and observe the selected path in the **Device** view to understand the results.





Generate the Bitstream

Step 3

3-1. Generate the bitstream.

3-1-1. In the Flow Navigator, under Program and Debug, click Generate Bitstream.

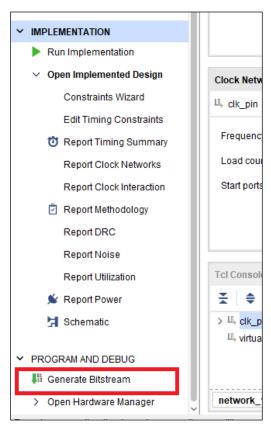


Figure 16, Generating the bitstream

- **3-1-2.** Click **Save** to save the constraints since the timing constraints had been changed and then click **Yes** to reset the runs and re-run all the processes.
- **3-1-3.** The write_bitstream command will be executed (you can verify it by looking in the Tcl console).
- **3-1-4.** Click **Cancel** when the bitstream generation is completed.

Verify the Functionality

Step 4

- 4-1. Connect the board and power it ON. Open a hardware session, and program the FPGA.
- **4-1-1.** Make sure that the micro-USB cable is connected to the JTAG PROG connector (next to the power supply connector). Make sure that the jumper on the board is set to select USB power (JP3 for the Nexys4 DDR and JP2 for the Basys3).



4-1-2. Select the *Open Hardware Manager* option and click **OK**.

The Hardware Manager window will open indicating "unconnected" status.

4-1-3. Click on the Open a new hardware target link.

You can also click on the **Open recent target** link if the board was already targeted before.



Figure 17. Opening new hardware target

- **4-1-4.** Click **Next** to see the Hardware Server Settings form.
- **4-1-5.** Click **Next** with the Target Hardware selected.

The JTAG cable which uses the digilent_plugin should be detected and identified as a hardware target. It will also show the hardware devices detected in the chain.

- 4-1-6. Click Next and Finish.
- **4-1-7.** The Hardware Session status changes from Unconnected to the server name and the device is highlighted. Also notice that the Status indicates that it is not programmed.
- **4-1-8.** Select the device in the *Hardware Device Properties*, and verify that the **uart_led.bit** is selected as the programming file in the General tab.
- 4-2. Program the FPGA and verify the functionality using a terminal program.
- **4-2-1.** Start a terminal emulator program such as TeraTerm or HyperTerminal.
- **4-2-1.1.** google teraterm for windows and install the program (can use this link http://teraterm.en.lo4d.com/download). Install the software





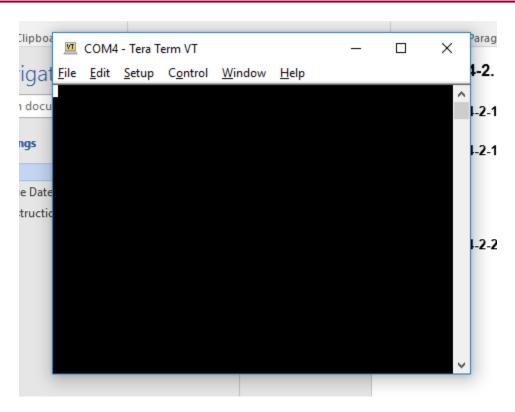


Figure 18. Teraterm window

4-2-2. Select an appropriate COM port (you can find the correct COM number using the Control Panel). If more than one COM ports are given, use both of them and one should work.

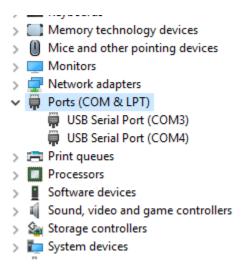


Figure 19, COM ports shown in control panel->device manager

4-2-3. In teraterm, select setup->Serial port.. Set the COM port for 115200 baud rate communication. Keep other options default.





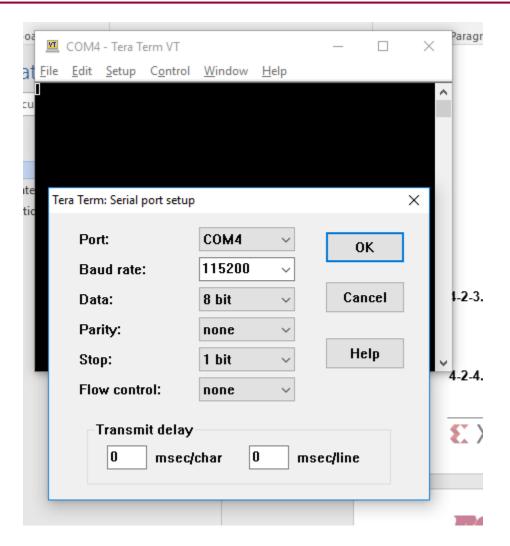


Figure 20, COM ports settings for baudrate

4-2-4. In teraterm window select setup->terminal and check echo box. This prints whatever is typed in teraterm terminal window.





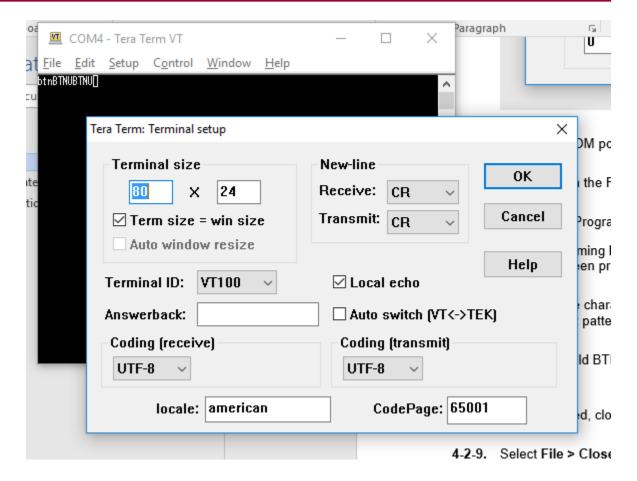


Figure 21, COM ports settings for terminal

- 4-2-5. Right-click on the FPGA entry in the Hardware window and select Program Device...
- **4-2-6.** Click on the Program button.

The programming bit file will be downloaded and the DONE light will be turned ON when the FPGA has been programmed.

- **4-2-7.** Type in some characters in the terminal emulator window and see the corresponding ASCII equivalent bit pattern displayed on the LEDs. Eg. When A is typed it displays (01000001)₂ its binary equivalent.
- **4-2-8.** Press and hold BTNU push button on the board and see the the upper four bits are swapped with the lower four bits on the LEDs.
- **4-2-9.** When satisfied, close the terminal emulator program and power OFF the board.
- 4-2-10. Select File > Close Hardware Manager. Click OK.
- **4-2-11.** Close the **Vivado** program by selecting **File > Exit** and click **OK**.

Conclusion





In this tutorial, you learned about many of the reports available to designers in the Vivado IDE. You had the opportunity to learn basic design analysis tools including the Schematic viewer, delay path properties and reports viewer, Device viewer, and selecting primitive parents. You also learned about the basic timing report options that are at your disposal. You verified the functionality in hardware by typing characters on the host machine and seeing the LED pattern changes.

Due Date

Refer to Canvas.

Instructions on submission

- 1. A submission should include:
 - project folder
 - the bit file generated for FPGA programming: **xx.bit** (copy to the outside of project folder)
- 2. Compress the files into a zip archive file named **cse320-firstname_lastname-tut03.zip**. Note that other codes or any temporary build files should not be included in the submission.
- 3. Submit the zip archive to Canvas by the due date and time.
- 4. Failure to follow these instructions may cause TA or instructor to deduct points while grading your assignment.

