The OpenLane 2 Documentation

Note

This documentation pertains to the infrastructure library available at https://github.com/efabless/openlane2. To disambiguate it from the flow designed for use with OpenMPW and chiplgnite the landing page refers to this release as "OpenLane 2."

See the FAQ for more info on which version of OpenLane you should be using.

OpenLane 2 is a powerful and versatile infrastructure library that enables the construction of digital ASIC implementation flows based on open-source and commercial EDA tools. It includes a reference flow (Classic BETA) that is built entirely using open-source EDA tools, and allowing designers to abstract the underlying tools and configure their behavior with a single configuration file. OpenLane 2 also supports the ability to freely extend or modify flows using Python scripts and utilities.

Currently, OpenLane 2 and its default flow support all variants of the open-source Skywater PDK and some variants of the open-source GlobalFoundries PDK. See Using PDKs for more info.

Here are some of the key benefits of using OpenLane 2:

- **Flexibility and extensibility**: OpenLane 2 is designed to be flexible and extensible, allowing designers to customize flows to meet their specific needs. This can be done by writing Python scripts and utilities, or by modifying the existing configuration file.
- **Open source**: OpenLane 2 is an open-source project, which means that it is freely available to use and modify. This makes it a good choice for designers who are looking for a cost-effective and transparent solution.
- **Community support**: OpenLane capitalizes on OpenLane's existing community of users and contributors. This means that there is a wealth of resources available to help designers get started and troubleshoot any problems they encounter.

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