

# SC3050 Advanced Computer Architecture

## LAB-1

In this lab, you need to find the area and time complexity of arithmetic circuits like adders and multipliers and circuits for basic logic operations for different bit-widths. Besides, you will experiment with the **functionality of ALU** as well as the area and time complexity of ALU of different bit-widths. You need to find out which of the arithmetic or logic circuits affect the area and time complexity of ALU significantly, and **the impact of word-length on such complexity**. You are provided with parametrizable Verilog code where the bit-width can be changed. You should also understand the Verilog code completely and should develop competence to write the code which would be required in your projects.

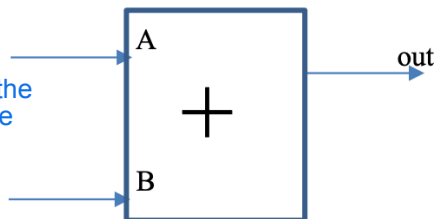
### PART I: ARITHMETIC CIRCUITS

In this part of the Lab, we consider a simple adder and a multiplier. You will experiment with the functionality of each arithmetic circuit and find their area and time complexity for different bit-widths.

#### ARITHMETIC CIRCUITS DESCRIPTION

1. **Adder:** The function of an adder is to add two input operands (A and B) to produce output (out). You can change the bit width of inputs to find the area and delay complexity of the adders of different bit-width.

observation is that the increase is linear, where as the number of bits used increase, the LUT also increase to accomodate to the compute.



what is so special about this lab? The ALU scales exponentially, but not as a high rate as a multiplier. Is the intent to compare to a complex x86 architecture where it must handle multiplication vs a simple RISC that only does logical ops?

Figure-1: Block diagram of adder.

2. **Multiplier:** The function of the multiplier is to multiply two input operands (A and B) to produce the output (out). Assuming both A and B to be W-bit words in 2's complement representation, we can find that 'out' is a (2W)-bit word in 2's complement representation.

it is interesting how the multiplier unit doesnt scale well as we increase the number of bits used for compute Both the LUT and time taken drastically increases as we increase # bit.

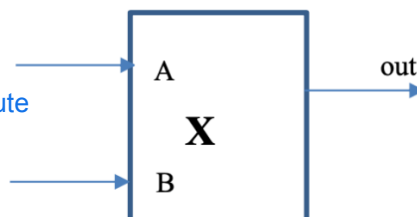


Figure-2: Block diagram of multiplier.

## ARITHMETIC CIRCUITS SYNTHESIS, TESTING AND ANALYSIS

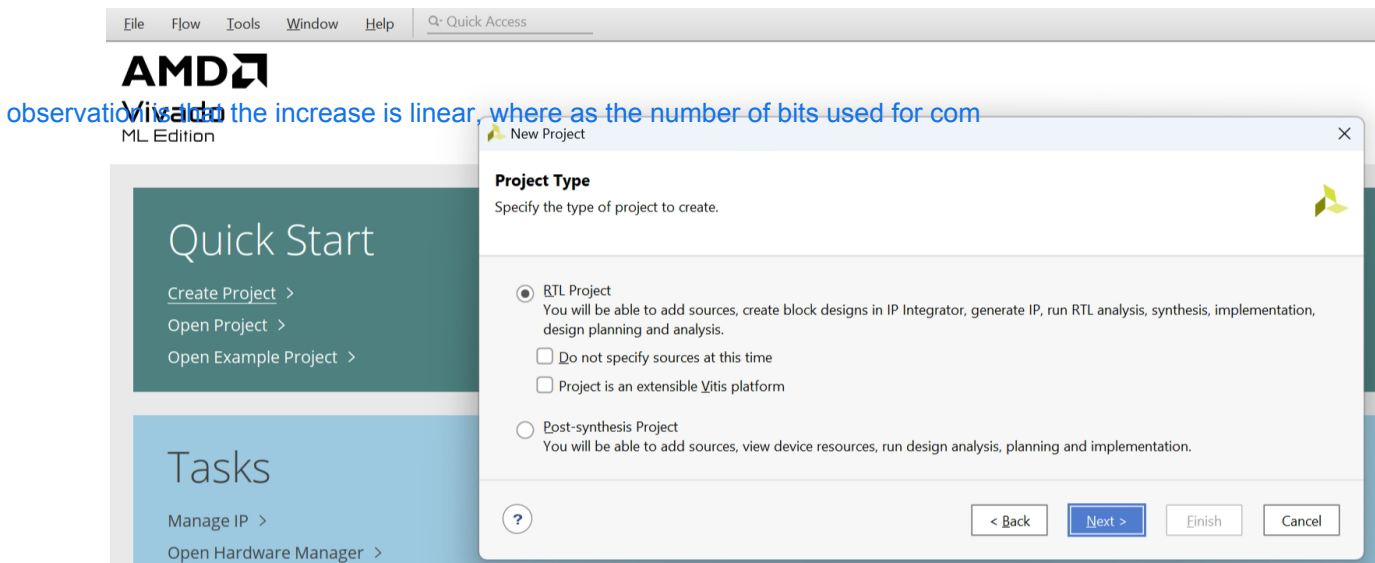
- 1) You will be given the Verilog codes of an adder and a multiplier. You have to generate the test bench and test whether the Verilog modules give correct results.
- 2) You need to take the input bit-width 8, 16, 32 and 64 and find out the number of slices used and the **maximum combinational path delay** of adders and multipliers of different bit-widths. You need to plot area (vs) bit-width as well as delay (vs) bit-width for the adder and the multiplier modules.

To find out whether the design is functioning correctly you need to synthesis code and to see if that gives the correct results. Besides you need to analyze the increase in complexity (in terms of number of slices and computational delay) of adder and multiplier along with the increase in bit-width. For that you proceed as follows.

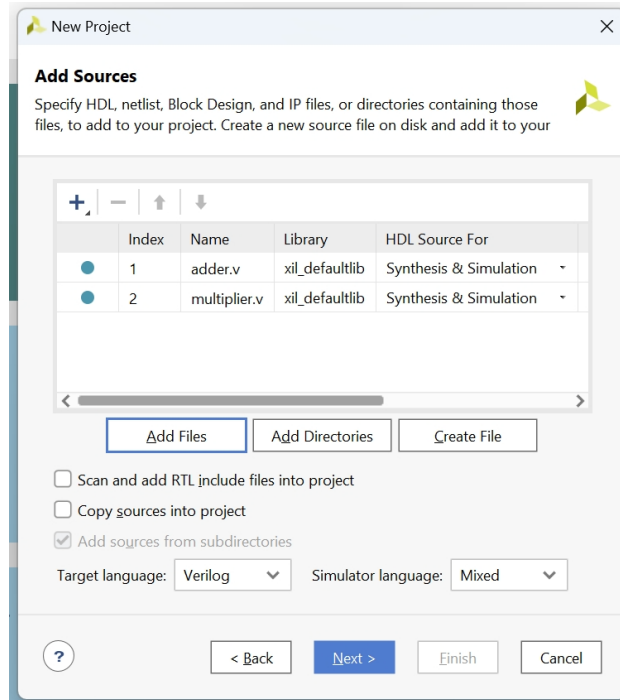
### **Section A: Introduction to Vivado.**

In this section, we will introduce how to use Vivado for synthesis, simulation, testing and analysis for the **Adder** operator.

- 1) Open Vivado to create a new project by clicking “Create Project” and name the project as “SC3050\_lab1”. Keep the default Project Type as RTL Project as shown below and click Next.



- 2) This will create a folder by the name “SC3050\_lab1”. You may click on “Add Files” the “+” symbol” to add the files “adder.v” and “multiplier.v” to this folder in the “Add Source” window (Here, you are highly suggested to copy all the project files to the project folder, including the Verilog files (.v) and text files (.txt)):



**New Project**

**Add Sources**  
Specify HDL, netlist, Block Design, and IP files, or directories containing those files, to add to your project. Create a new source file on disk and add it to your

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	1	adder.v	xil_defaultlib	Synthesis & Simulation
	2	multiplier.v	xil_defaultlib	Synthesis & Simulation

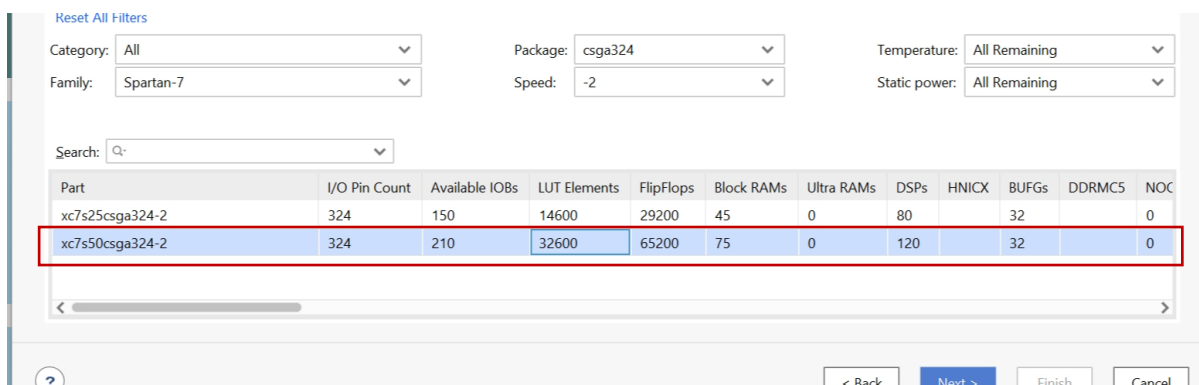
☐ Scan and add RTL include files into project  
☐ Copy sources into project  
☒ Add sources from subdirectories

Target language: Verilog    Simulator language: Mixed

3) Click Next and Add Constraints (optional) window will open. You may skip it by clicking on Next. This will bring you to choose the “Default Part” for project.

4) The project settings are as below:

- In the field “Family”: select > Spartan7
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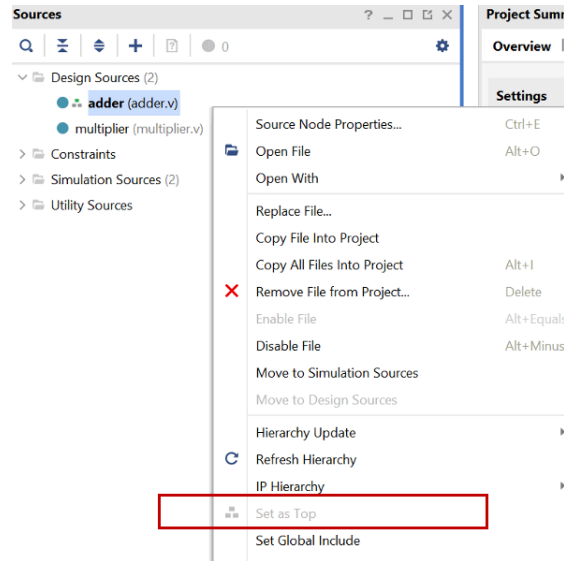
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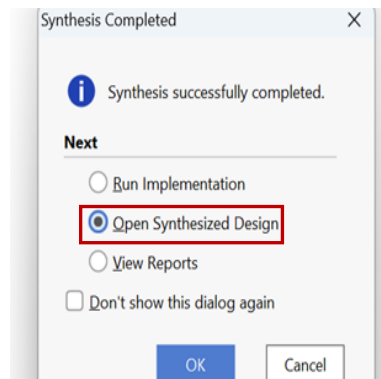
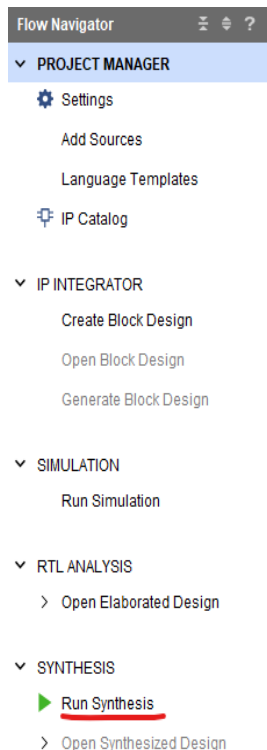
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xc7s50csga324-2	324	210	32600	65200	75	0	120	32	0		

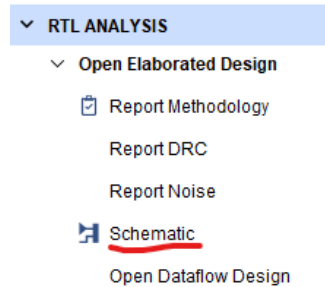
5) Once the project is open, double click the adder module and go through your “adder.v” code to understand that. In order to synthesize “adder.v” right click it and select “Set as Top” to make it the top module. The tree like symbol beside “adder.v” indicates that it is the top module.



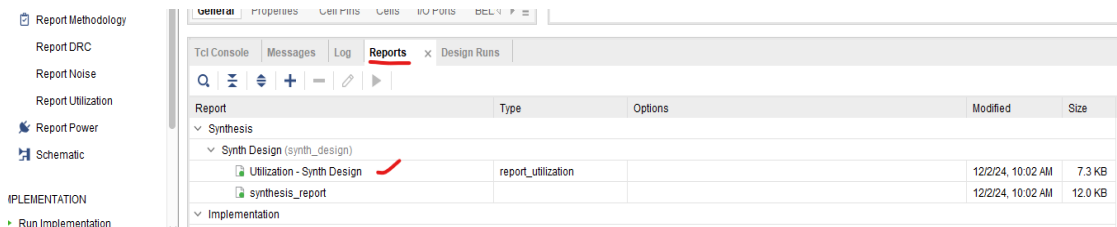
- 6) To synthesize the “adder.v” code and to see the schematic diagram of the adder, click on to the “Run Synthesis” tab under “SYNTHESIS” in the left most “Flow Navigator” column. This process will initiate the synthesis of the code as can be seen in the synthesis report (number of Look Up Table (LUT) slices which is a measure of area and delay of the circuit) and also will give the schematic of the code. When the synthesis is completed, select “Open Synthesized Design” to view the designs.



- 7) View the RTL schematic, click on “Schematic” under “RTL ANALYSIS” in the left most “Flow Navigator” column.



- 8) The schematic can be seen. Click into the main module diagram to go into the circuit diagram of adder. You can re-verify the functionality by checking the circuit diagram. You can also know the amount of hardware (LUTs) used by clicking “Schematic” tab under “SYNTHESIS” to view the technology schematic.
- 9) The synthesis result can be found by clicking on “Utilization – Synth Design” in the “Reports” tab at the bottom section.



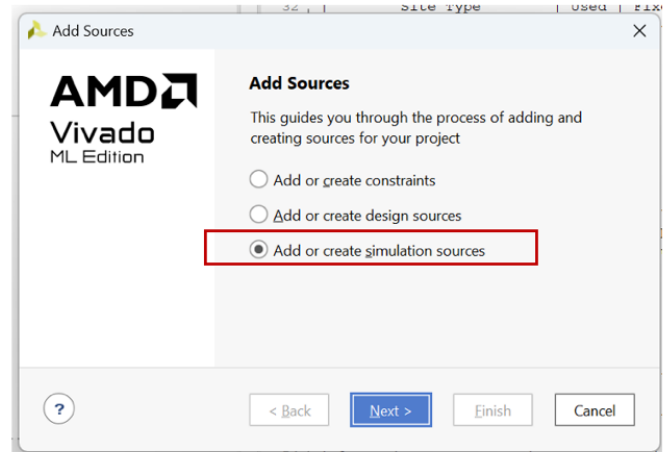
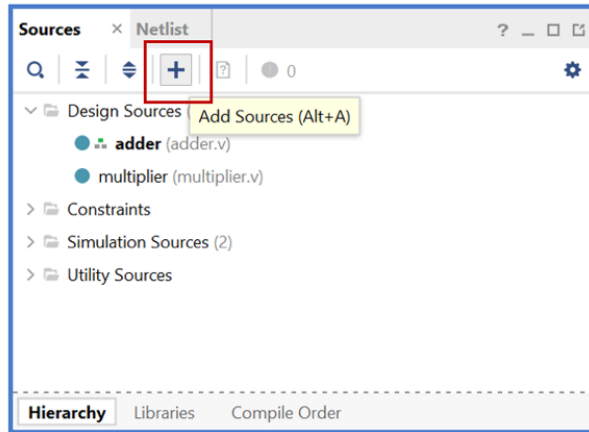
You can check the number of LUT slices used, and the corresponding utilization percentage.

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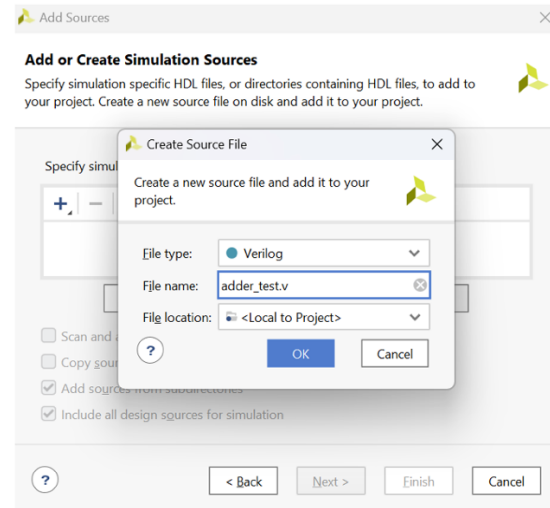
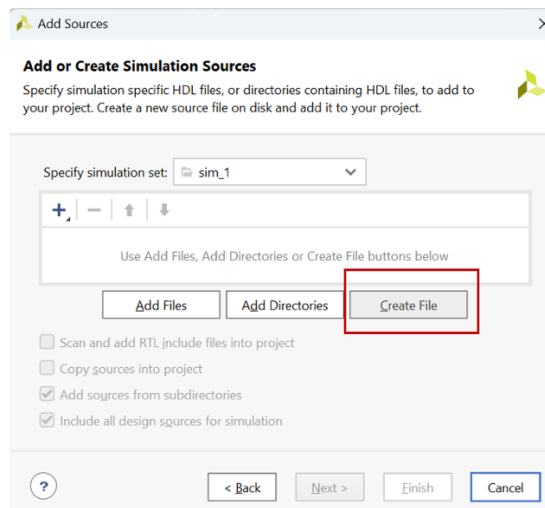
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32 | Site Type | Used | Fixed | Prohibited | Available | Util% |
33 |-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
34 | Slice LUTs* | 8 | 0 | 0 | 32600 | 0.02 |
35 | LUT as Logic | 8 | 0 | 0 | 32600 | 0.02 |
36 | LUT as Memory | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9600 | 0.00 |
37 | Slice Registers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65200 | 0.00 |
38 | Register as Flip Flop | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65200 | 0.00 |

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- 10) To do simulation of the code, we need a test bench. In Vivado, we can create a test bench by clicking on the “+” symbol in the “Sources” column to add sources, and then select “Add or create simulation sources” in the “Add Sources” window.



- 11) Select “Create File” and name the test bench as “adder\_test.v” in the “Create Source File” window. Keep the file type as “Verilog” and File location as “<Local to Project>”, and click on “OK” to create the test bench.



- 12) Once the test bench file is generated, you may double click on it and manually insert the main code (shown below) to the file. Then below the “//Add stimulus here” section, you may add the code inputs (next page, in the gray box) in the program:

```

23 module adder_test;
24
25     //Inputs
26     reg [7:0] a;
27     reg [7:0] b;
28
29     //Outputs
30     wire [7:0] out;
31
32     //Instantiate the Unit Under Test (UUT)
33     adder uut (
34         .a(a),
35         .b(b),
36         .out(out)
37     );
38
39     initial begin
40         //Initialize Inputs
41         a = 0;
42         b = 0;
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44         //Wait 100 ns for global reset to finish
45         #100;
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47         //Add stimulus here
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49     end
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51 endmodule

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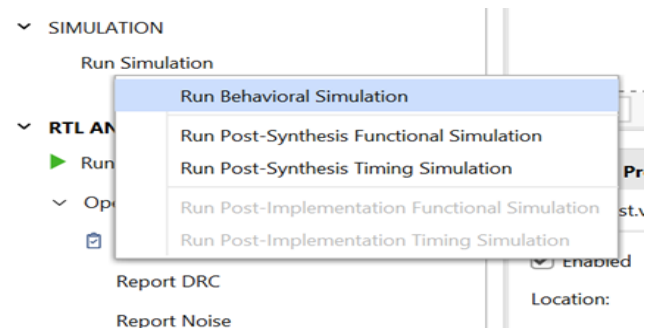
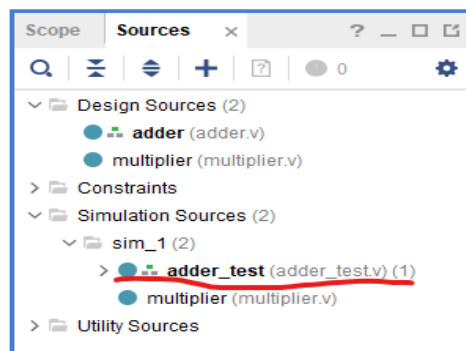
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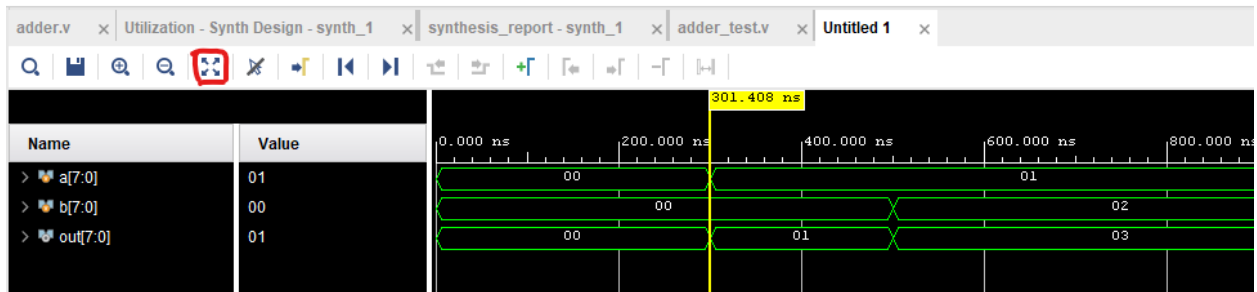
#200 a=8'h01; //after 200ns make a=1;
#200 b=8'h02; //after 200ns make b=2;

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- 13) To do simulation of the same, select the file to be simulated and click “Run Simulation” under the “Flow Navigator -> SIMULATION” tab and select “Run Behavioral Simulation”. This will generate the output waveform; you may verify whether the functionality of adder is correct.



- 14) You may verify the output by clicking zoom fit (marked with a red box) on the simulation window and by seeing the value of **a** changes to 1 at 300ns and the value of **b** changes to 2 at 500ns in the waveform.

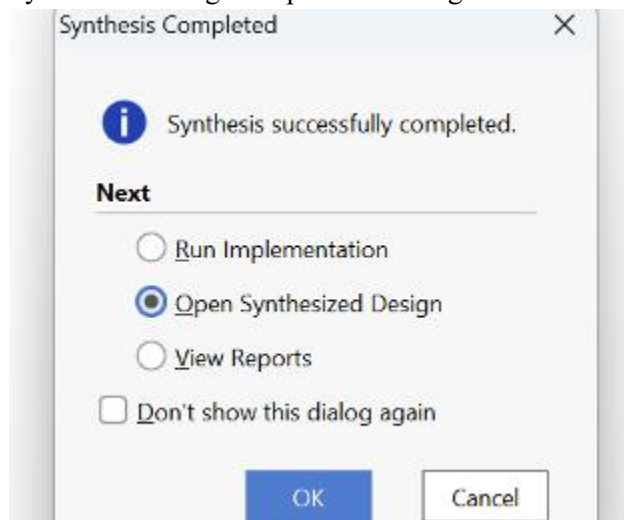


- 15) Note that the underlying adder.v code was 8 bit and the simulation also was done for 8 bit adder. If we are simulating for a 16 bit adder, then the adder.v should be for 16 bit and the simulation file also should be for 16 bit adder

### Section B: Experiments on Adder

The **adder** code is parametrizable. That means you can change the bit-width of the adder by changing the value for parameter **DSIZE**. If parameter **DSIZE** is set to 8, then after synthesis an eight-bit adder circuit will be created in the FPGA. If the parameter **DSIZE** =64, then the bit-width of the operands of the adder would be 64 bit.

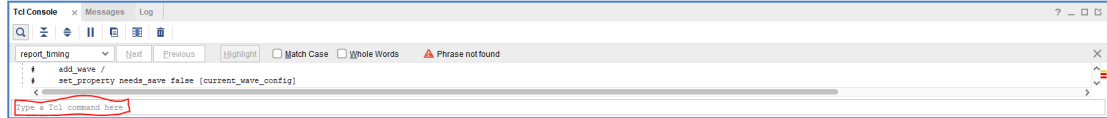
- 1) Set the parameter **DSIZE** 8, 16, 32 and 64 one by one and note the number of slices used and delay (in ns) in different cases. You need to synthesis each time (steps 5-13) after you change the parameter value to find out the number of slices and delay in ns. After synthesis “Open Synthesized design to update the design and its RTL and timing.



Plot the graph, area (vs) bit-width as well as delay (vs) bit-width for the adder module.

- 2) To view the “Delay in ns”, you may manually type command “report\_timing -max\_paths 1 -delay\_type max” in the “TCL Console” as shown to access the “Timing Report” of each synthesis.

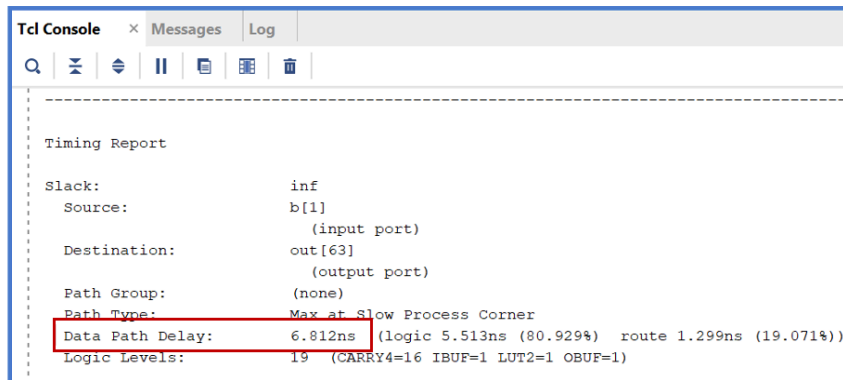




After **EACH** synthesis, you need to insert and run the following command to see the timing report

```
report_timing -max_paths 1 -delay_type max
```

Then in the generated “Timing Report”, you can find the value of “Delay in ns” in the “Data Path Delay” row as shown below:



so delay in this context refers to the data path delay which is also related to LUT. since LUT determines the area and delay of the circuit.

- 3) To synthesize and to see its circuit diagram you need to make it as the top module and **repeat from steps 5-13**. You may have to provide input values of proper bit-width to the testbench program for adder in order to verify the same. Note that the bit-width of the inputs is same as the bit-width parameter that you have set in the code. To view the technology schematic, follow the **step 8**, and click ‘Schematic’ under “RTL ANALYSIS”.

Parameter: <b>DSIZE</b>	BIT-WIDTH	No of LUT slices	LUT Util %	Delay in ns
8	8			
16	16			
32	32			
64	64			

Table 1: Slices and delay for adder

(Please make sure to implement all the experiments and fill out Table 1 in the last page of this manual. You’ll need to submit the outcomes at the end of this lab.)

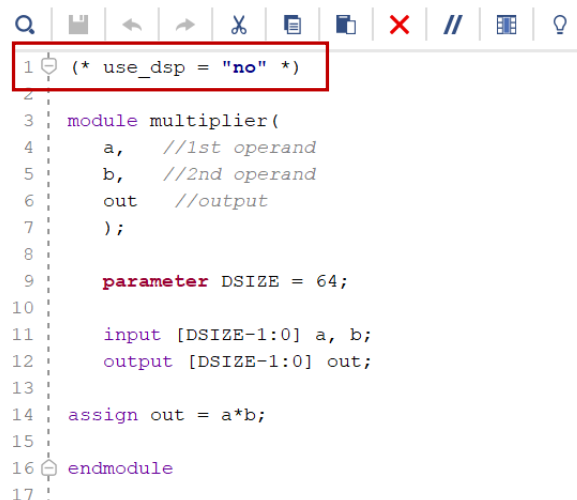
## Section C: Experiments on Multiplier

The given **Multiplier** code is also parametrizable. That means you can change the bit-width of the operands of multiplier by changing the value for parameter **DSIZE**; If parameter **DSIZE**=8, then the bit-width of the operands in multiplier is 8 bit. If parameter **DSIZE**=64, then the bit-width of the operands of the multiplier would be 64 bit.

- 1) Set the parameter **DSIZE** 8, 16, 32 and 64(one by one) and note the number of slices occupied and delay in terms of (ns) for all cases. You need to synthesis each time (steps 5-13) after you change the parameter value to find out the number of slices and delay in ns. Plot the graph, area (vs) bit-width as well as delay (vs) bit-width for the multiplier module.
- 2) To view the “Delay in ns”, you may manually type command in the “TCL Console” to access the “Timing Report” of each synthesis. After **EACH** synthesis, you may insert and run the following command.

```
report_timing -max_paths 1 -delay_type max
```

- 3) To synthesize and to see its circuit diagram **set it as the top module** (indicated in step 5) and repeat from steps 5-13. You have to add respective input values to the testbench program for multiplier in order to verify the same. Note that the bit-width of the inputs is the same as the bit-width parameter that you set in the code. To view the technology schematic and the increased bit-width of the multiplier, follow the step 8, and click ‘Schematic’ under “RTL ANALYSIS”.
- 4) Before doing step 6 (the synthesis), you may double click on the “multiplier.v” to view the code, make sure the top line looks like the following:

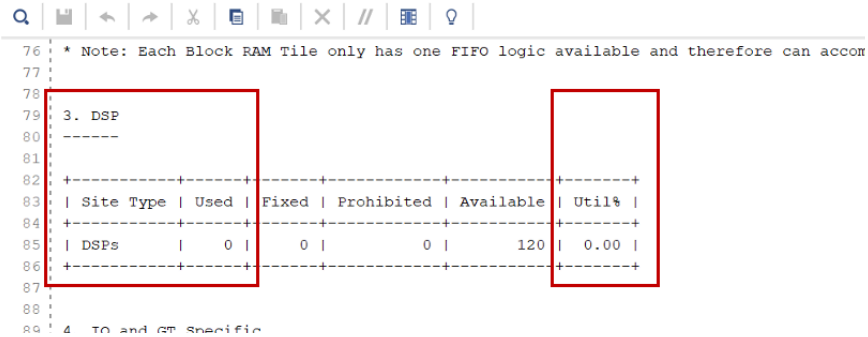


```
1 (* use_dsp = "no" *)
2
3 module multiplier(
4     a,    //1st operand
5     b,    //2nd operand
6     out   //output
7 );
8
9     parameter DSIZE = 64;
10
11     input  [DSIZE-1:0] a, b;
12     output [DSIZE-1:0] out;
13
14     assign out = a*b;
15
16 endmodule
17
```

In Vivado, inserting the following code snippet at the top line of a Verilog file can avoid the usage of DSP.

```
(* use_dsp = "no" *)
```

You may also double check the usage of DSP after you synthesize the code. Click on “Utilization – Synth Design” in the “Reports” tab at the bottom section and navigate to the “DSP” section, make sure the DSP usage is 0.



```

76 * Note: Each Block RAM Tile only has one FIFO logic available and therefore can accom
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79 3. DSP
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82 +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
83 | Site Type | Used | Fixed | Prohibited | Available | Util% |
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85 | DSPs      | 0    | 0     | 0          | 120     | 0.00 |
86 +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
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89 4. IO and GT Specific

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5) Continue with the rest of the steps as earlier.

Parameter: <b>DSIZE</b>	BIT-WIDTH	No of LUT slices	LUT Util %	Delay in ns
8	8			
16	16			
32	32			
64	64			

Table 2: Slices and delay for multiplier

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## **PART II: ARITHMETIC LOGIC UNIT(ALU)**

### **ARITHMETIC LOGIC UNIT (ALU) SPECIFICATIONS**

In this part of the Lab, we consider a simple ALU that performs the computation for eight arithmetic and logical operation. The seven operations are: ADD, SUB, AND, XOR, COM, MUL and ADDI as described in Table 1.

**Table 1 - Description of ALU Operations**

<b>Instruction</b>	<b>Equation</b>	<b>Operation</b>	<b>Description</b>
ADD	$A+B$	Addition	Addition of A and B, where both A and B are in 2's complement representation
SUB	$A-B$	Subtraction	Subtraction of A and B, where both A and B are in 2's complement representation
AND	$A \& B$	Logical AND	Bit-wise AND of A, B
XOR	$A \wedge B$	Logical XOR	Bit-wise XOR of A, B
ORR	$A   B$	Logical OR	Bit-wise OR of A, B
PassB	B	Only allow B to pass to output	Used for conditional branch; whether to check whether the content is equal to zero or not

A and B are the data input ports of the ALU to feed maximum of two operands to the ALU. The ALU has 3-bit control input to perform one out of the 6 possible instructions which the ALU can perform. The information is also listed in Table 2. The encoding of the 6 instructions is listed in Table 3.

**Table 2 - Port List Specification. The bit-width to be varied from 8 bit to 64 bit.**

<b>Port Name</b>	<b>Port Direction</b>	<b>Description</b>
A	Input	First operand
B	Input	Second operand
op	Input	Indicates the ALU about the operation to be performed
Out	Output	Output of the operation

**Table 3 - ALU operation encoding**

<b>Operation</b>	<b>'op' value</b>
ADD	000
SUB	001
AND	010
XOR	011
ORR	100
PassB	101

### **ALU IMPLEMENTATION, TESTING AND ANALYSIS**

For this assignment,

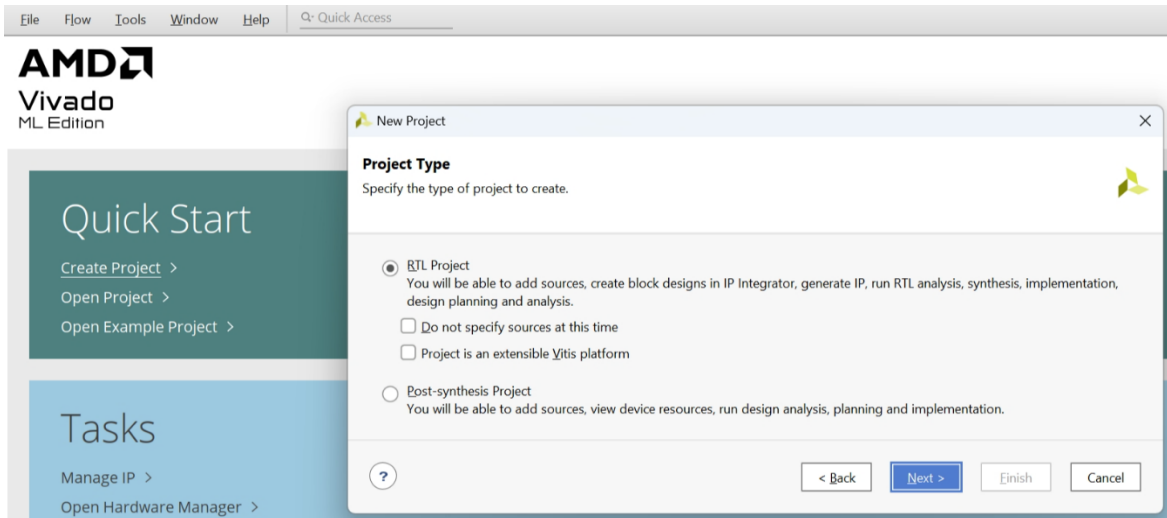
- You are given the Verilog code as well as the test bench for ALU. You have to test whether the ALU gives correct results.
- You need to set the input bit-width to 8, 16, 32 and 64 (one by one) and find out the number of slices used and the maximum combinational path delay in each case. You need to plot area (vs) bit-width as well as delay (vs) bit-width for the ALU module. In FPGA you cannot find area directly so instead of area you can take number of slices, which would be considered proportional to the area.

## DETAILS

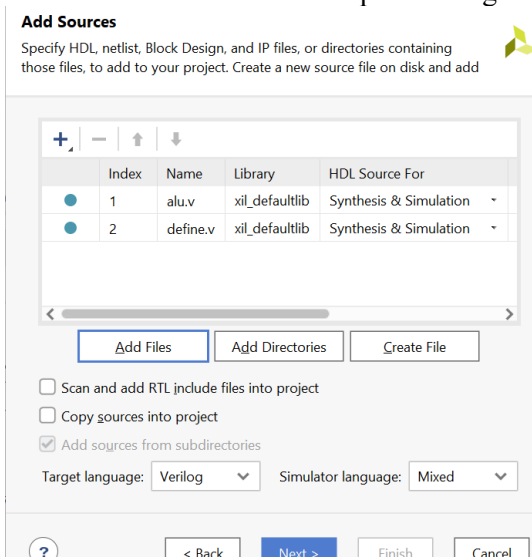
### Section A: ALU Vivado Project

The given ALU code is parametrizable but initialized to 8 bits. To find out whether the design is functioning correctly you need to synthesis code and to see if that gives the correct results. For that you can proceed as follows.

- 1) Open Vivado to create a project by clicking “Create Project” and name the project as “SC3050\_lab1\_alu”. Keep the default Project Type as below:

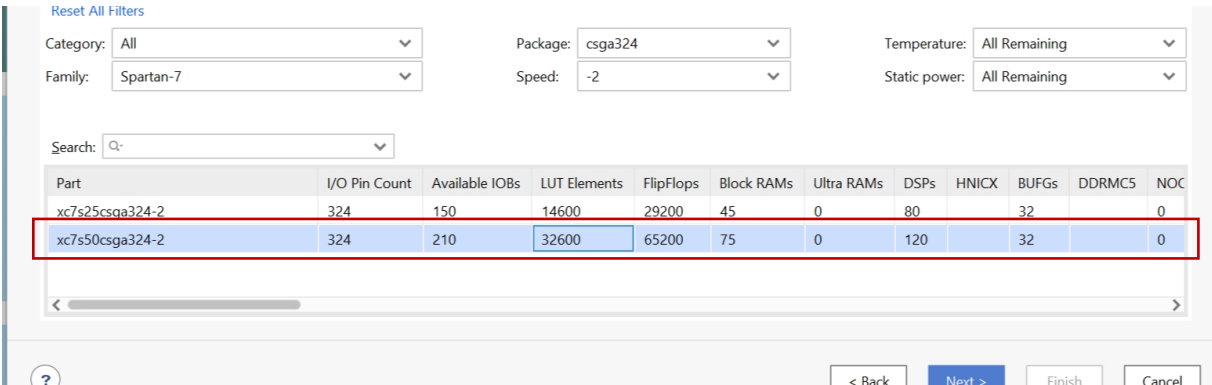


- 2) This will create a folder by the name “SC3050\_lab1\_alu”. You may add the files ‘alu.v’, ‘define.v’ to this folder in the “Add Source” window for now. (Here, you are highly suggested to copy all the project files to the folder, including the Verilog files (.v) and text files (.txt) if needed) The description of all the files are: The “alu.v” file has the code for ALU and the “define.v” file has the user variables in “alu.v”. The “alutest.v” provides the input test vectors listed in “input.txt” to test the code in “alu.v”. The output is being written to “output.txt”.



- 3) In the next Add Constraints (optional) window, you may skip it by clicking on Next.

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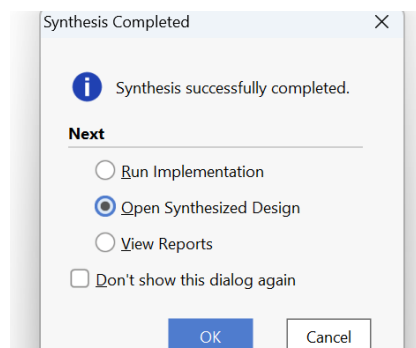


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- 5) Once the project is open, double click the alu module and go through your “alu.v” code to understand the functionalities provided by the given ALU and how it is achieved. Before synthesizing the code, make sure the following code is already added at the top line to avoid the usage of DSP.

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- 6) To synthesize the “alu.v” code and to see the schematic diagram of it, make it “top module” and click on to the “Run Synthesis” tab under “SYNTHESIS” in the left most “Flow Navigator” column. This process will initiate the synthesis of the code as can be seen in synthesis report (number of Look Up Table (LUT) slices which is a measure of area and delay of the circuit) and also will give the schematic of the code. When the synthesis is completed, select “Open Synthesized Design” to view the designs.



- 7) To view the RTL schematic, click on “Schematic” under “RTL ANALYSIS” in the left most “Flow Navigator” column.

- ▼ **RTL ANALYSIS**
  - ▶ Run Linter
  - ▼ Open Elaborated Design
    - 📄 Report Methodology
    - Report DRC
    - Report Noise
    - 🔗 Schematic
    - Open Dataflow Design

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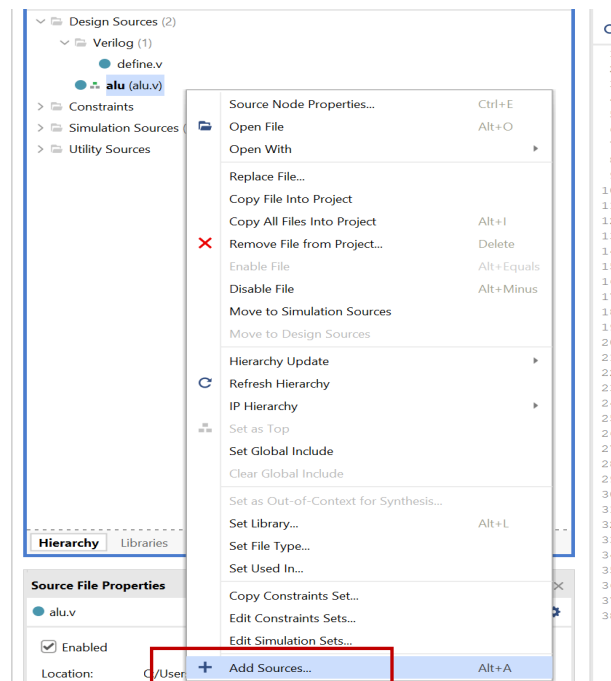
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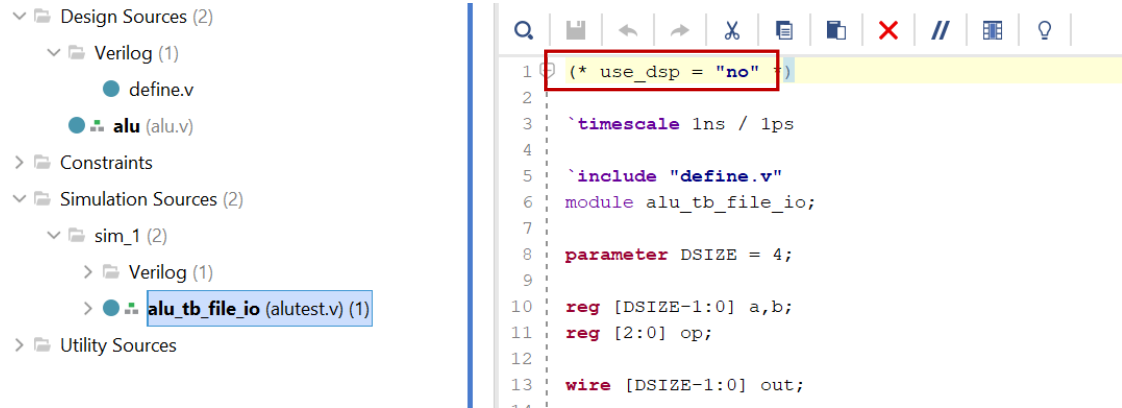
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- 10) To do simulation of the code we need a test bench. We can add the test bench to alu.v by right clicking the file and select “Add Sources”.



- 11) In the “Add Sources” window, select “Add or create simulation sources”. In the next window, select “Add Files” to add the given “alutest.v” file to your folder.
- 12) After the test bench is added, click on “Simulation Sources” and double click on “alu\_tb\_file\_io(alutest.v)” to read the code and make sure the DSP usage is disabled.



- 13) To do simulation and test the ALU, click “Run Simulation” under the “SIMULATION” tab and select “Run Behavioral Simulation”. **The ‘alutest.v’ is initialized to bit-width 4, but can be changed to different bit-widths. Note that you need to change the values in ‘define.v’ accordingly. As the DSIZE of test bench is 4, the DSIZE in “define.v” should be 4.**
- 14) Copy the “input.txt” and paste the same into “... \SC3050\_lab1\_alu.sim\sim\_1\behav\xsim”, under SC3050\_lab1\_alu folder. The simulator will open, but as we had given the input as text file and has programmed the ‘alutest.v’ to give the output as text file, you can go and check the ‘output.txt’ file in the folder “SC3050\_lab1\_alu\SC3050\_lab1\_alu.sim\sim\_1\behav\xsim”. You can see the results of the inputs that you have given.

## **Section B: Experiments on ALU**

The ALU code is parametrizable, so we can change the bit-width of the ALU by changing the value for parameter DSIZE: If parameter DSIZE=8, then the bit-width of the operands of ALU is 8 bit. If parameter DSIZE=8, then the bit-width of the operands of ALU is 8 bit.

- 1) Change the parameter DSIZE from 8, 16, 32 and 64 (one by one) and note the number of slices occupied and delay in terms of (ns).

Parameter: <b>DSIZE</b>	BIT-WIDTH	No of LUT slices	LUT Util %	Delay in ns
8	8			
16	16			
32	32			
64	64			

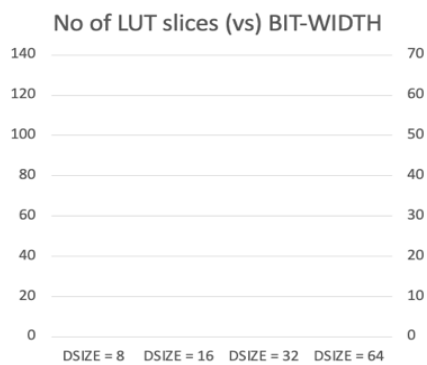
Table 3: Slices and delay for ALU



**(Please make sure to implement all the experiments and fill out Table 3 in the last page of this manual. You'll need to submit the outcomes at the end of this lab.)**

### CHALLENGE (Optional)

- 1) Plot a graph on the number of LUT slices (vs) bit-width as well as delay (vs) bit-width for the adder module for DSIZE=8, 16, 32 and 64.
- 2) Plot a graph on the number of LUT slices (vs) bit-width as well as delay (vs) bit-width for the multiplier module for DSIZE =8, 16, 32 and 64.
- 3) Plot a graph on the number of LUT slices (vs) bit-width as well as delay (vs) bit-width for the ALU module for DSIZE=8, 16, 32 and 64.



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## EVALUATION

Please fill the three tables based on the experiments.

Parameter: <b>DSIZE</b>	BIT-WIDTH	No of LUT slices	LUT Util %	Delay in ns
8	8	8	0.02	5.440
16	16	16	0.05	5.636
32	32	32	0.10	6.028
64	64	64	0.20	6.812

Table 1: Slices and delay for adder

Parameter: <b>DSIZE</b>	BIT-WIDTH	No of LUT slices	LUT Util %	Delay in ns
8	8	31	0.10	7.168
16	16	146	0.45	9.128
32	32	634	1.94	10.223
64	64	2162	6.63	12.643

Table 2: Slices and delay for multiplier

Parameter: <b>DSIZE</b>	BIT-WIDTH	No of LUT slices	LUT Util %	Delay in ns
8	8			
16	16			
32	32			
64	64			

Table 3: Slices and delay for ALU

## CHALLENGE (Optional, no marks)

- Plot a graph on the number of LUT slices (vs) bit-width as well as delay (vs) bit-width for the adder module for DSIZE=8, 16, 32 and 64.
- Plot a graph on the number of LUT slices (vs) bit-width as well as delay (vs) bit-width for the multiplier module for DSIZE =8, 16, 32 and 64.
- Plot a graph on the number of LUT slices (vs) bit-width as well as delay (vs) bit-width for the ALU module for DSIZE=8, 16, 32 and 64.

