BOTSIM 3.1 - IP Editing Guide

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1.0 Overview

The Rojobot 3.1 IP Block is created using the PicoBlaze soft core KCPSM6 provided by Xilinx. The IP block is broken up into two parts. The top level parts can be edited in the Vivado IP Packager. The rojobot firmware has to be edited externally and recompiled before it can be loaded into the IP Packager.

The top level IP interface:

Rojobot31 0.v - IP Interface File

Bot31 top.v - Top level Rojobot module

Bot31_if.v - 8-Bit interface module between KCPSM6 and external ports

The Picoblaze Core:

Bot31_pgm.psm - The unassembled Rojobot firmware

KCPSM6.v - The picoblaze soft core

Rom form.v - The provided ROM template used for assembly

Bot31_pgm.v - The assembled Rojobot firmware

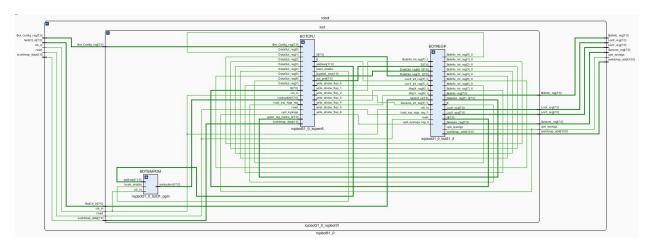
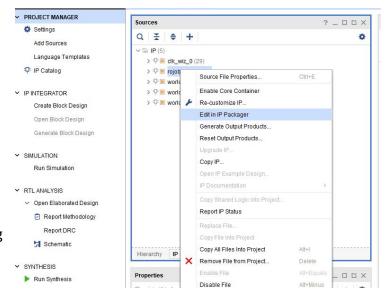


Figure 0 - Rojobot RTL Schematic

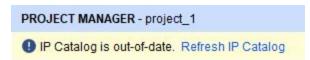
2.0 Vivado IP Packager

The first step is to open the IP source in the vivado IP Packager. This will create a new project and unlock the design files for editing. The three top level files can be edited at this point. Some useful changes include adding additional ports using bot31_if.v, intercepting rojobot outputs, and adjusting the synchronization between the rojobot and the external project.

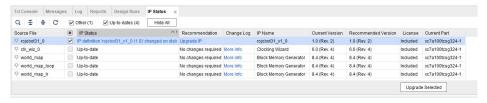


Once you have finished editing the IP sources you can follow the below steps to rebuild the IP block:

- 1. Save all of the edited files.
- 2. Close the IP Packager project.
- 3. Refresh the IP Catalog



- 4. At the bottom there should now be an IP Status report
- 5. Click the "upgrade selected" button at the bottom of the report.



- 6. Click the rerun link and make sure all of your IP shows up-to-date in the report.
- 7. You can now run synthesis. It should re-synthesize the IP source first.

3.0 Assembling the Rojobot Firmware

The rojobot firmware uses the KCPSM6 assembler. Information about it and the design files can be found on Xilinx's website. You should get a zip file containing the KCPSM6 application and various guides and tools to help you with the process.

https://www.xilinx.com/products/intellectual-property/picoblaze.html

JTAG_Loader	6/30/2014 09:08	File folder	
Miscellaneous	6/30/2014 09:08	File folder	
Reference_Designs	9/5/2014 08:45	File folder	
ROM_form_templates	6/30/2014 09:13	File folder	
UART_and_PicoTerm	6/30/2014 09:19	File folder	
Verilog	6/30/2014 09:13	File folder	
all_kcpsm6_syntax.psm	5/16/2014 07:57	PSM File	51 KE
🔊 kcpsm6	5/16/2014 09:35		114 KE
kcpsm6.vhd	5/21/2014 01:44	MTI.vhdl	109 KE
kcpsm6_assembler_readme	6/27/2014 07:12	Text Document	26 KE
kcpsm6_design_template.vhd	9/23/2011 03:40	MTI.vhdl	18 KE
KCPSM6_session_log	12/8/2020 16:22	Text Document	3 KE
KCPSM6_User_Guide_30Sept14	8/21/2014 06:05	Adobe Acrobat D	2,749 KE
Known_lssues_and_Workarounds	6/30/2014 06:42	Text Document	33 KE
PicoBlaze_Design_in_Vivado	7/1/2014 05:33	Adobe Acrobat D	4,173 KE
READ_ME_FIRST	9/5/2014 09:11	Text Document	45 KE
Reference_Design_License	9/28/2010 01:33	Adobe Acrobat D	8 KE
ROM form.vhd	3/15/2013 10:00	MTI.vhdI	157 KE

Figure 2 - KCPSM6 Design Files

You will also need to download the BotSim31 zip file containing the Bot31_pgm.psm firmware and ROM_form.v files. You can edit the psm file using your preferred text editor.

Once you have finished editing the firmware you can follow the below steps to reassemble the file:

- 1. Make sure that both the psm and ROM form file are located in the same folder.
- Start kcpsm6 and enter the file name, for example: RojobotPSM\bot31 pgm.psm
- 3. We don't recommend changing the psm filename unless you also want to deal with filename changes in vivado.
- 4. The assembler does some basic assembly code checks but should not be heavily relied upon.

- 5. The assembler will output three files, you will only need the bot31 pgm.v file.
- 6. Follow the first paragraph in section 2 for opening the IP packager.
- 7. Locate the bot31_pgm.v file in vivado. You can look at its properties to see its file location.
- 8. Replace the bot31_pgm.v with your newly assembled version either by using file explorer or if you prefer the "replace file" option in vivado. Note that the replace file points to the new source location.

Figure 3 - Example RCPSM6 Assembler Output

- 9. Follow steps 1-7 of the IP packager section to rebuild the IP block.
- 10. Congratulations, you now have customized the Rojobot firmware.