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Introduction:

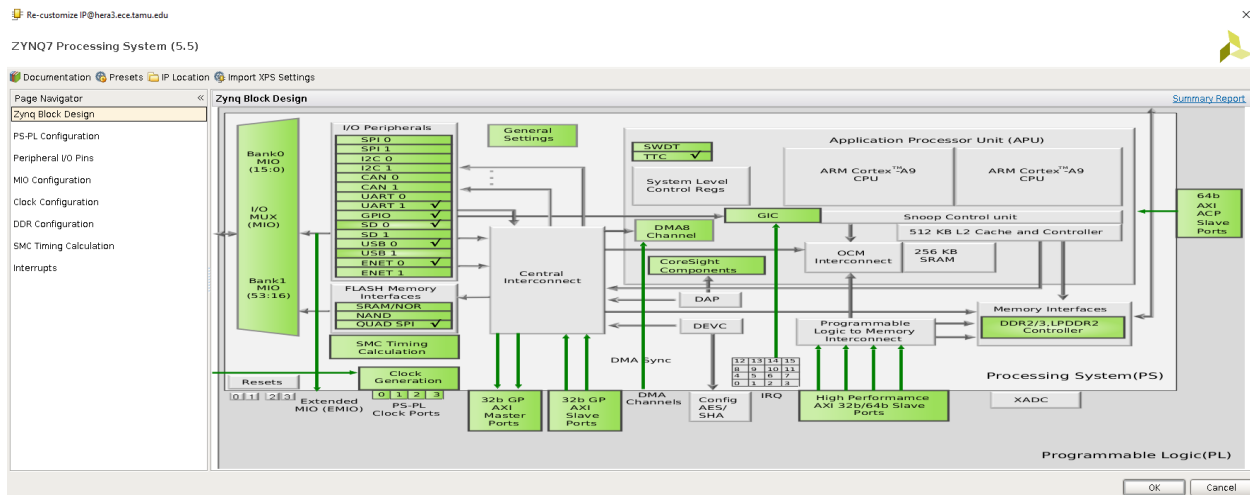
In this lab we will work on implementing the Linux operating system into our ZYBO board via SD card. We will be creating our microprocessor to be compatible with Linux. Using our FSBL and u-boot we are going to create an Zynq Boot Image. In this lab we will be creating each component to make our board load Linux from our SD card.

Procedure:

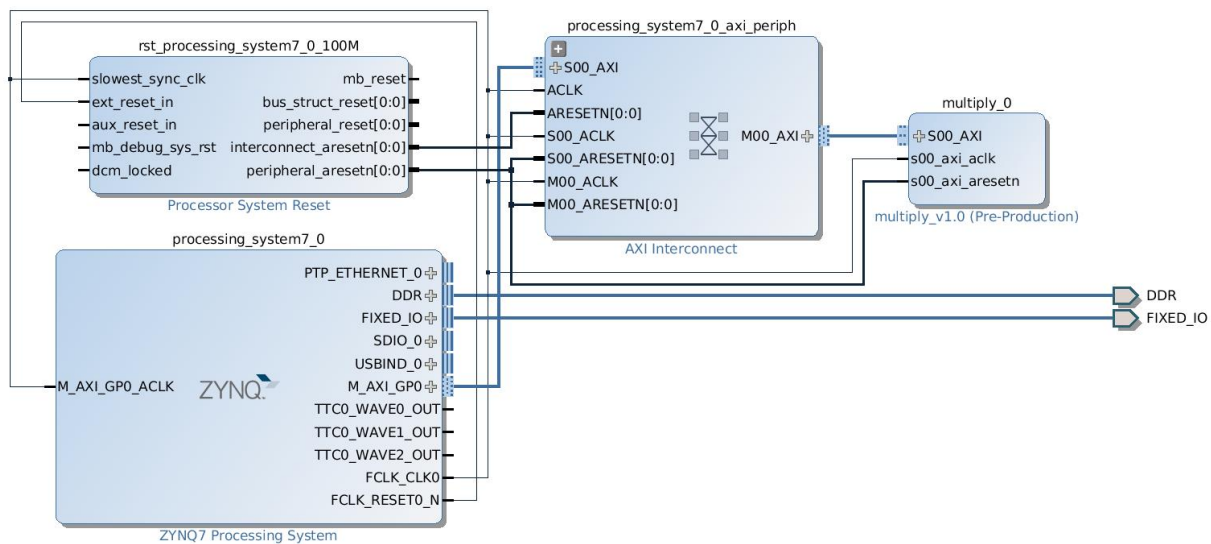
This lab will be like our previous lab, in which we implemented our own custom multiplication peripheral. We will be adding a SD card drive, a timer and a DDR3 controller.

We start by creating a new project using Vivado and selecting ZYBO boards. Then we add “ZYNQ7 Processing System“, and we import the ‘ZYBO_zynq_def.xml’ from the 449NeededFiles directory.

We then run the block automation. Now we need to look our pins and only turn on SD 0 , UART 1 and TTC 0.



To add our multiplication IP, we need to copy it from our lab 3. We simply copy the repo folder and copy it into our lab 4 directory. We then add it to our IP library. Finally, we then add the block to our block diagram, and run connection automation. Our diagram should look like this:



We then create our HDL wrapper and generate our bitstream.

u-boot:

We first need to get the file and un tar it into our lab4 directory.

To compile our u-boot file, we need to use our tools from Vivado to compile it using the following command.

- Make CROSS_COMPILE=arm-xilinx-linux-gnueabi- zynq_zybo_config

This will configure our boot loader to our ZYBO board.

With this, we can now configure our u-boot by typing the following command.

- Make CROSS_COMPILE=arm-xilinx-linux-gueabi-

Once the compiler has finish we will end up with an ELF (Executable and Linkable File). In order for Xilinx SDK to recognize our file we need to add “.elf” at the end of our file.

Now we move on, and create our boot.bin file. We do this by exporting our bitstream, and launching SDK. We need to create our First Sage Bootloader(FSBL). We create a new project and use the Zynq FSBL template, and build all.

Now we work on creating our Image. We change the destination, to our lab 4 directory. We need to add our FSBL.elf as the bootloader, and system.bit and u-boot.elf as data files. We then create the image, and it'll appear

Linux Kernel:

We need to un tar the file “linux-3.14.tar.gz” into our lab 4 directory. Once we have the file into our directory, we need to configure our Linux Kernel for our ZYBO board. To compile this we use the following commands:

- Make ARCH=arm CROSS_COMPILE=arm-xilinx-linuxgnueabi- Xilinx_zynq_defconfig

- `make ARCH=arm CROSS_COMPILE=arm-xilinx-linux-gnueabi-`

once this is complete we should see the zImage in our directory. The image is however in a zip, to unzip this file we need to use the tools from our u-boot. We use the following command for that

first we add the u-boot tool to our path.

- `PATH=$PATH:<directory_to_u_boot>/tools`

With this, we can now go to our zimage and type the following commands in our terminal

- `Make ARCH=arm CROSS_COMPILE=arm-xilinx-linux-gnueabi-
UIMAGE_LOADADDR=0x8000 uImage.`

We also need a our .dtb file.

We need to edit our IP for multiply. Open the multiply in the .dts file and add the following

```
Multiply {
    Compatible = "ecen449,multiply";
    Reg=<0x43C00000 0X10000>;
};
```

This will store the address of our multiplier.

Finally we need to convert our .dts to .dtb.

We use the following command:

- `./scripts/dtc/dtc -I dts -O dtb -o ./devicetree.dtb arch/arm/boot/dts/zynq-zybo.dts`

Then we copy the ramdisk file for the ECEN449 directory. To crate our ramdisk8m file we type the following command.

- `./u-boot/tools/mkimage -A arm -T ramdisk -c gzip -d ./ramdisk8m.image.gz uramdisk.image.gz`

Once we completed this, we have all of our components to boot Linux into our board.

Boot Linux on ZYBO

To have a visual on the board, we have to use PICOCOM. We change the ZYBO board, to SD card. We launch PICOCOM by using the following commands:

- `Picocom -b 115200 -r -l /dev/ttyUSB1`

Once we have this, we upload our BOOT.bin, uImage, uramdisk.image.gz and devicetree.dtb into our SD card. Once it completes, we place the SD card into the board and reset the board.

If everything is successful, we should see Linux booting up. We get the following screen

Starting kernel ...

```
Booting Linux on physical CPU 0x0
Linux version 3.18.0-xilinx (mauro31@lin16-424cvlb.ece.tamu.edu) (gcc version 4.9.1 (Sourcery CodeBench Lite 2014.11-30) ) #1 SMP PREEMPT Fri Sep 28 18:03:12 CDT 2018
CPU: ARMv7 Processor [413fc090] revision 0 (ARMv7), cr=18c5387d
CPU: PIPT / VIPT nonaliasing data cache, VIPT aliasing instruction cache
Machine model: Xilinx Zynq
cma: Reserved 16 MiB at 0x1e400000
Memory policy: Data cache writealloc
PERCPU: Embedded 10 pages/cpu @5fbd3000 s8768 r8192 d24000 u40960
Built 1 zonelists in Zone order, mobility grouping on. Total pages: 130048
Kernel command line: console=ttyPS0,115200 root=/dev/ram rw earlyprintk
PID hash table entries: 2048 (order: 1, 8192 bytes)
Dentry cache hash table entries: 65536 (order: 6, 262144 bytes)
Inode-cache hash table entries: 32768 (order: 5, 131072 bytes)
Memory: 492632K/524288K available (4659K kernel code, 258K rdata, 1616K rodata, 212K init, 219K bss, 31656K reserved, 0K highmem)
Virtual kernel memory layout:
   vector : 0xffff0000 - 0xffff1000   ( 4 kB)
   fixmap : 0xffc00000 - 0xffe00000   (2048 kB)
   vmalloc : 0x60800000 - 0xff000000   (2536 MB)
   lowmem  : 0x40000000 - 0x60000000   ( 512 MB)
   pkmap   : 0x3fe00000 - 0x40000000   ( 2 MB)
   modules : 0x3f000000 - 0x3fe00000   ( 14 MB)
   .text : 0x40000000 - 0x40626b1c   (6267 kB)
   .init : 0x40627000 - 0x4065c000   ( 212 kB)
   .data : 0x4065c000 - 0x4069cb60   ( 259 kB)
   .bss : 0x4069cb60 - 0x406d3a78   ( 220 kB)
Preemptible hierarchical RCU implementation.
   Dump stacks of tasks blocking RCU-preempt GP.
   RCU restricting CPUs from NR_CPUS=4 to nr_cpu_ids=2.
RCU: Adjusting geometry for rcu_fanout_leaf=16, nr_cpu_ids=2
NR_IRQS:16 nr_irqs:16 16
L2C-310 erratum 769419 enabled
L2C-310 enabling early BRESP for Cortex-A9
L2C-310 full line of zeros enabled for Cortex-A9
L2C-310 ID prefetch enabled, offset 1 lines
L2C-310 dynamic clock gating enabled, standby mode enabled
L2C-310 cache controller enabled, 8 ways, 512 kB
L2C-310: CACHE ID 0x410000c8, AUX_CTRL 0x76360001
ps7-slcr mapped to 60804000
zynq_clock_init: clkc starts at 60804100
Zynq clock init
sched clock: 64 bits at 325MHz, resolution 3ns, wraps every 3383112499200ns
ps7-ttc #0 at 60806000, irq=43
Console: colour dummy device 80x30
Calibrating delay loop... 1292.69 BogoMIPS (lpj=6463488)
pid_max: default: 32768 minimum: 301
Mount-cache hash table entries: 1024 (order: 0, 4096 bytes)
Mountpoint-cache hash table entries: 1024 (order: 0, 4096 bytes)
CPU: Testing write buffer coherency: ok
```

Results:

When we have Linux into our board, we should see the image above. If you type “ls”, to list all the files, we get the following:

```

can: netlink gateway (rev 20130117) max_hops=1
zynq_pm_ioremap: no compatible node found for 'xlnx,zynq-ddrc-a05'
zynq_pm_late_init: Unable to map DDRC IO memory.
Registering SWP/SWPB emulation handler
drivers/rtc/hctosys.c: unable to open rtc device (rtc0)
ALSA device list:
  No soundcards found.
RAMDISK: gzip image found at block 0
mmc0: new high speed SDHC card at address aaaa
mmcblk0: mmc0:aaaa SS08G 7.40 GiB
  mmcblk0: p1
EXT2-fs (ram0): warning: mounting unchecked fs, running e2fsck is recommended
VFS: Mounted root (ext2 filesystem) on device 1:0.
devtmpfs: mounted
Freeing unused kernel memory: 212K (40627000 - 4065c000)
Starting rcS...
++ Mounting filesystem
++ Setting up mdev
++ Starting telnet daemon
++ Starting http daemon
++ Starting ftp daemon
++ Starting dropbear (ssh) daemon
random: dropbear urandom read with 1 bits of entropy available
rcS Complete
zynq> ls
bin          lib          lost+found  proc        sys          var
dev          licenses    mnt         root        tmp
etc          linuxrc     opt         sbin        usr
zynq> cd bin
zynq> ls
addgroup      dnsdomainname  iplink      mt           setarch
adduser       dumpkmap       iproute     mv           sh
ash           echo           iprule      netstat      sleep
base64        ed             iptunnel    nice         stat
busybox       egrep          kill        pidof        stty
cat           false         linux32     ping         su
catv          fdflush       linux64     ping6        sync
chattr        fgrep          ln           pipe_progress tar
chgrp         fsync          login        powertop     touch
chmod         getopt         ls           printenv     true
chown         grep           lsattr      ps           umount
cp            gunzip         lzop         pwd           uname
cpio          gzip           makemime     reformime    uncompress
cttyhack      hostname       mkdir        rev          usleep
date          hush           mknod        rm           vi
dd            ionice         mktemp       rmdir        watch
delgroup      iostat         more          rpm          zcat
deluser       ip             mount        run-parts
df            ipaddr         mountpoint   scriptreplay
dmesg         ipcalc         mpstat       sed
zynq> █

```

Here we can see the initial files, that are in the board already.

Since this is running Linux we can use the same commands to navigate through the files.

Overall, the lab was a success and I was able to boot Linux from the FPGA board.

Conclusion:

In this lab I followed the steps necessary to design our microprocessor to run Linux. I started off by creating a Vivado project, copying the repo folder from our multiply from lab 3. Adding the necessary peripherals to the Zynq processor. Creating the HDL wrapper and making the bit stream. Launch SDK and create a zImage using the bit stream and our u-boot. Finally I created the uImage using our zImage. Edited our .dts file, and convert it to our .dtb file. lastly I copied the ramdisk file from the ECEN449 directory, and compile it for our board. I then use the sd card to store all of my components, and uploaded it into the zboard and use the PICOCOM command to visualize what was happening.

Questions:

Compared to lab 3, the lab 4 microprocessor system shown in Figure 1 has 512 MB of SDRAM. However, our system still includes a small amount of local memory. What is the function of the local memory? Does this 'local memory' exist on a standard motherboard? If so, where?

The local memory stores the bootloader that are being executed when launching the operating system. This bootloader once its running, it fetches the components from the disk.

After your Linux system boots, navigate through the various directories. Determine which of these directories are writable. (Note that the man page for 'ls' may be helpful). Test the permissions by typing 'touch' in each of the directories. If the file, , is created, that directory is writable. Suppose you are able to create a file in one of these directories. What happens to this file when you restart the ZYBO board? Why?

```
zynq> ls -l
total 24
drwxr-xr-x  2 12319  300          2048 Jan  1 00:13 bin
drwxr-xr-x  6 root    0          2500 Jan  1 00:14 dev
drwxr-xr-x  4 12319  300          1024 Jan  1 00:00 etc
drwxr-xr-x  3 12319  300          2048 Jul 12 2012 lib
drwxr-xr-x 11 12319  300          1024 Jan  9 2012 licenses
lrwxrwxrwx  1 12319  300              11 Jan  9 2012 linuxrc -> bin/busybox
drwx----- 2 root    0          12288 Jan  9 2012 lost+found
drwxr-xr-x  2 12319  300          1024 Aug 21 2010 mnt
drwxr-xr-x  2 12319  300          1024 Aug 21 2010 opt
dr-xr-xr-x 53 root    0              0 Jan  1 00:00 proc
drwxr-xr-x  2 12319  300          1024 Jul 12 2012 root
drwxr-xr-x  2 12319  300          1024 Jan  9 2012 sbin
dr-xr-xr-x 12 root    0              0 Jan  1 00:00 sys
drwxrwxrwt  2 root    0              40 Jan  1 00:00 tmp
drwxr-xr-x  5 12319  300          1024 Mar 30 2012 usr
drwxr-xr-x  4 12319  300          1024 Oct 25 2010 var
zynq> █
```

```
mauro31@lin16-424cvlb:~$  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
dr-xr-xr-x 12 root 0 0 Jan 1 00:00 sys  
drwxrwxrwt 2 root 0 40 Jan 1 00:00 tmp  
drwxr-xr-x 5 12319 300 1024 Mar 30 2012 usr  
drwxr-xr-x 4 12319 300 1024 Oct 25 2010 var  
zynq> cd proc  
zynq> touch textfile.txt  
touch: textfile.txt: No such file or directory  
zynq> cd sys  
zynq> touch textfile.txt  
touch: textfile.txt: No such file or directory  
zynq> cd etc  
-/bin/ash: cd: can't cd to etc  
zynq> cd lib  
-/bin/ash: cd: can't cd to lib  
zynq> cd /  
zynq> cd sys  
zynq> touch textfile.txt  
touch: textfile.txt: Permission denied  
zynq> ls  
block class devices fs module  
bus dev firmware kernel power  
zynq> pwd  
/sys  
zynq> cd /  
zynq> ls  
bin lib lost+found proc sys var  
dev licenses mnt root tmp  
etc linuxrc opt sbin usr  
zynq> cd bin  
zynq> ls  
addgroup dnsdomainname ipcalc mpstat sed  
adduser dumpkmap iplink mt setarch  
ash echo iproute mv sh  
base64 ed iprule netstat sleep  
busybox egrep iptunnel nice stat  
cat false kill pidof stty  
catv fdflush linux32 ping su  
chattr fgrep linux64 ping6 sync  
chgrp fsync ln pipe_progress tar  
chmod getopt login powerTop touch  
chown grep ls printenv true  
cp gunzip lsattr ps umount  
cpio gzip lzop pwd uname  
cttyhack helloworld.txt makemime uncompress  
date hostname mkdir rev usleep  
dd hush mknod rm vi  
delgroup ionice mktemp rmdir watch  
deluser iostat more rpm zcat  
df ip mount run-parts  
dmesg ipaddr mountpoint scriptreplay  
zynq>
```

```
mauro31@lin16-424cvlb:~$  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
zynq> cd /  
zynq> ls  
bin lib lost+found proc sys var  
dev licenses mnt root tmp  
etc linuxrc opt sbin usr  
zynq> touch testingfile.txt  
zynq> ls  
bin linuxrc root usr  
dev lost+found sbin var  
etc mnt sys  
lib opt testingfile.txt  
licenses proc tmp  
zynq> mkdir testdir  
zynq> ls  
bin linuxrc root tmp  
dev lost+found sbin usr  
etc mnt sys var  
lib opt testdir  
licenses proc testingfile.txt  
zynq> touch helloworld.cpp  
zynq> ls  
bin licenses proc testingfile.txt  
dev linuxrc root tmp  
etc lost+found sbin usr  
helloworld.cpp mnt sys var  
lib opt testdir  
zynq>
```


If we use the `ls -l` command into our board Linux, we can see the permissions of each directory. If we do, have permission a “w” will be placed in front of the directory file. If we reset the board, we go back to zero and all our files get deleted, since it boots up from the beginning.

If you were to add another peripheral to your system after compiling the kernel, which of the above steps would you have to repeat? Why?

To add another peripheral, I would go back to our block diagram and add this peripheral. Once that has been done, I run the connection automation. I must recreate a new bit stream, which means I have to re-create the u-image. Lastly I re-generate a new .dtb tree. Other than that it should all be the same.