Lattice FPGA Project Weekly Progress Report - Week 4

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Last Week (time in hours)

- Team Review
 - Xiang and Mohammed worked on PDS to send to Roy and Rahul. Implementing feedback now
- Nathaniel Fraly
 - Yosys, Icestorm, and NextPNR tool setup (2)
 - Debian Linux environment setup (10)
- Riley Cox
 - Yosys, Icestorm, and NextPNR tool setup and working with bitstream generation (4)
 - RISC-V core research (3)
 - Icicle RISC-V core build and verification (2)
- Mohammad Alshaiji
 - Successfully completed synthesis using Yosys on WSL Debian (3)
 - Researched SPI implementation and identified some IP cores for further research
 (3)
 - Read further through IEEE papers (2)
- Xiang Li
 - Revise PDS(3)
 - Set up Yosys (1)
 - Research on SPI cores (3)
- Haoyang Han
 - Research power monitor (3)
 - Choose the right power monitor (1)
 - Set up Yosys (1)
 - Research on SPI cores (3)

Next week

- o Team Plan
 - Familiarize with Icicle RISC-V core, get SPI module implementation started
- Nathaniel Fraly
 - Get OpenSource Toolchain verified functional
 - Verify Icicle default persistence (is program stored in volatile or non-volatile memory)
 - Get Icicle core on FPGA board (Dual w/ Riley)
 - Assist w/ PDS as needed to meet the deadline.
- o Riley Cox
 - Need to get Lattice Radiant setup and working
 - Need to modify current version of Icicle to work for UPduino V2.1
- Mohammad Alshaiji
 - Get Icestorm setup and read further through the documentation
 - Get upduino V2.1 and V3.1 comparison to Rahul before Tuesday
 - Assist with PDS
 - Implement SPI IP on upduino board
 - Get Radiant toolchain installed and setup
- Xiang Li
 - Finish PDS

- Figure out how to implement SPI inside a core
- Learn about SPI core code
- Haoyang Han
 - Get power monitor and start debugging
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Blocked

- o Team Blocks
 - Differences between UPDuino v2.1 and v3.0 need to be documented so implementation can move forward. Weekly progress reports being done last-minute, Nathan to implement team policy to prevent reoccurence.
- Nathaniel Fraly
 - Issues with Linux environment not working on personal hardware. Need to fix bootloader issues and SecureBoot issues, or move to a different environment solution. Perfect environment is useless if it doesn't start working until April.
- o Riley Cox
 - The Icicle RISC-V core for UPduino is meant for V1.0 boards, the board I have is a V2.1 so there are changes that need to be made to get it working to be able to see output on the serial monitor.
 - Need to get USB tunneling working for WSL on desktop, currently using a laptop with Arch to program board.
- Mohammad Alshaiji
 - Need to get a test bitstream using Icestorm and Yosys and ensure functioning with arduino board.
- Xiang Li
 - WSL can't directly visit USB device
 - ST7735R datasheet hard to read
- Haoyang Han
 - There are so many different types of power monitors, it can be hard to find the right one