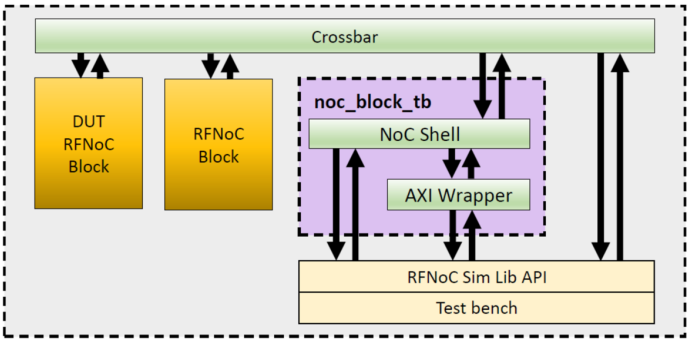

Installation of UHD (4.0), GNU Radio (3.8) & RFNOC on Ubuntu 20.04

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The "**RF Network on Chip (RFNOC)**" FPGA development framework is supported on the 3rd Generation USRP devices and the typical installation process for the "**RFNOC 4**" includes the following software tools to be installed as prerequisites

1. Ubuntu 20.04
2. Xilinx Vivado 2019.1 (Design Edition)
3. USRP Hardware Driver (UHD - 4.0)
4. GNU Radio (GRC - 3.8)
5. gr-ettus

Before installing the necessary software tool, update the Ubuntu packages installed on the system.

Command:

sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get upgrade

Installing the Package Dependencies

***Step 1**: Installing the necessary package dependencies required for building UHD, GNU Radio & gr-ettus*

Command:

sudo apt install git cmake g++ libboost-all-dev libgmp-dev swig python3-numpy python3-mako python3-sphinx python3-lxml doxygen libfftw3-dev libsdl1.2-dev libgsl-dev libqwt-qt5-dev libqt5opengl5-dev python3-pyqt5 liblog4cpp5-dev libzmq3-dev python3-yaml python3-click python3-click-plugins python3-zmq python3-scipy python3-gi python3-gi-cairo gobject-introspection gir1.2-gtk-3.0 build-essential libusb-1.0-0-dev python3-docutils python3-setuptools python3-ruamel.yaml python-is-python3

***Step 2**: Installing the Package Dependencies for Xilinx Vivado*

Command:

sudo apt install libtinfo5 libncurses5

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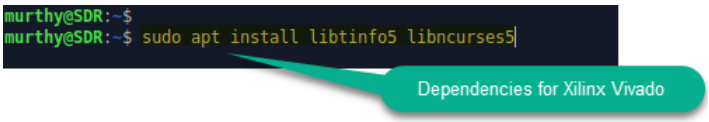

Installing Xilinx Vivado

***Step 3**: RFNOC development framework looks for "**Xilinx Vivado**" in its default installation location. So, create a directory in "**/opt**" for installation.*

Command:

sudo mkdir /opt/Xilinx

sudo chmod -R 777 /opt/Xilinx

Example Image:

***Step 4**: Running Xilinx Setup*

Command:

cd ~/Downloads/Xilinx_Vivado_SDK_2019.1_0524_1430/

./xsetup

Example Image:

***Step 5**: Executing the Xilinx Installation.*

- From this step on-wards, the GUI interface is supported to run the Xilinx Vivado installation process.
- Point the installation location to "**/opt/Xilinx**", and proceed the installation.

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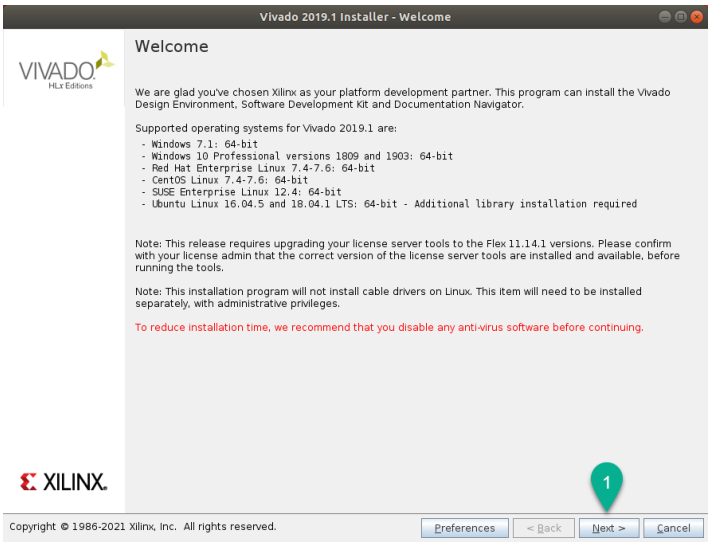

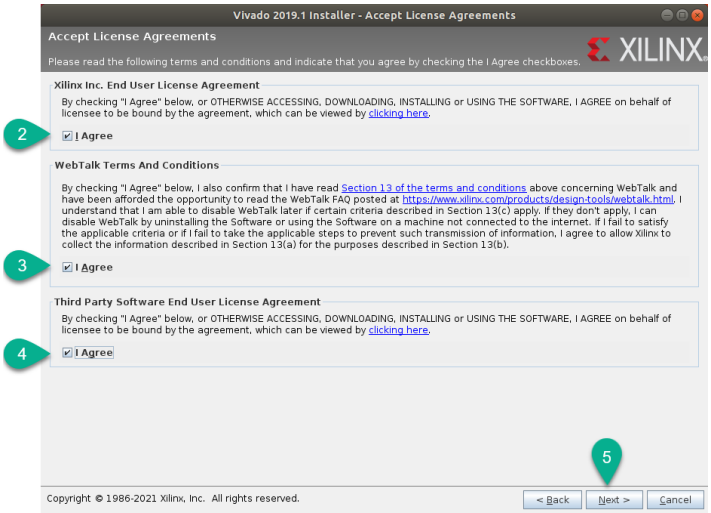

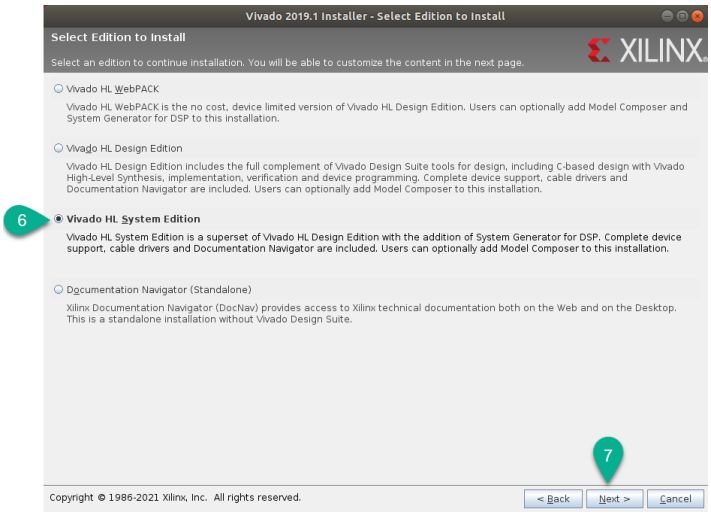
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Vivado HL Design Edition
Vivado HL Design Edition includes the full complement of Vivado Design Suite tools for design, including C-based design with Vivado High-Level Synthesis, implementation, verification and device programming. Complete device support, cable drivers and Documentation Navigator are included. Users can optionally add Model Composer to this installation.
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Documentation Navigator (Standalone)
Xilinx Documentation Navigator (DocNav) provides access to Xilinx technical documentation both on the Web and on the Desktop. This is a standalone installation without Vivado Design Suite.
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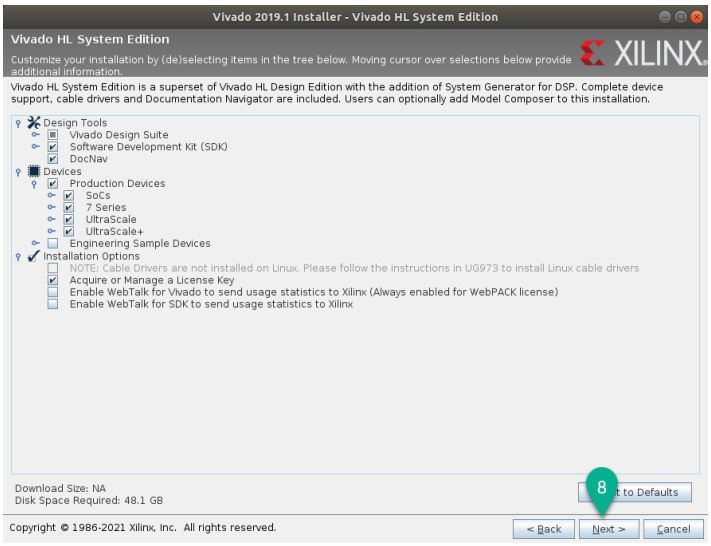
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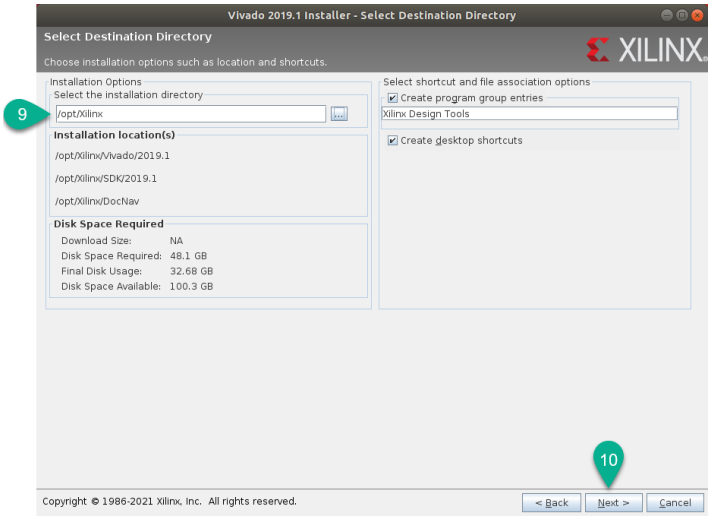
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/opt/Xilinx/SDK/2019.1
/opt/Xilinx/DocNav
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Disk Space Required: 48.1 GB
Final Disk Usage: 32.68 GB
Disk Space Available: 100.3 GB
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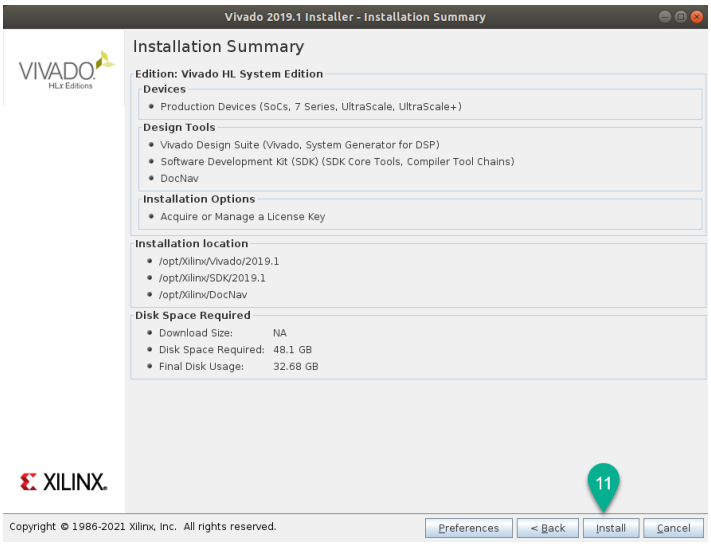


Installing USRP Hardware Driver (UHD 4.0)

***Step 6**: Cloning the USRP Hardware Driver (UHD 4.0 branch) from Ettus Research GitHub repository.*

Command:

git clone - -branch UHD-4.0 https://github.com/ettusresearch/uhd.git uhd

Example Image:

***Step 7**: Creating build directory for executing the build process and running cmake to create the make files required for the build process.*

Command:

cd /uhd/host/

mkdir build

cd build

cmake ..

Example Image:

***Step 8**: Building & Installing the UHD to the default prefix "**/usr/local/lib**", and updating the shared library cache.*

Command:

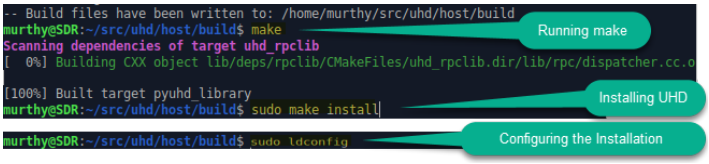
make

make test

sudo make install

sudo ldconfig

Example Image:



Installing GNU Radio

Step 9*: Cloning the GNU Radio (branch – 3.8) from GNU Radio GitHub repository.*

Command:

git clone - -branch maint-3.8 - -recursive https://github.com/gnuradio/gnuradio.git gnuradio

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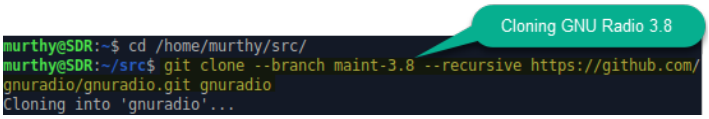


Step 10*: Creating build directory for executing the build process and running cmake to create the make files required for build process.*

Command:

cd /gnuradio/

mkdir build

cd build

cmake ..

Example Image:

Step 11*: Building and Installing the GNU Radio to the default prefix "**/usr/local/lib**", and updating the shared library cache.*

Command:

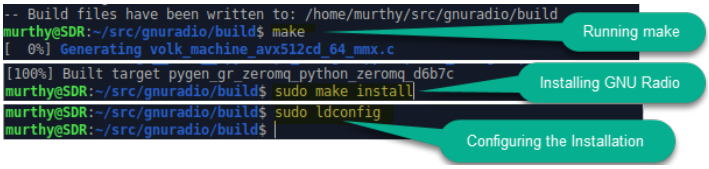
make

make test

sudo make install

sudo ldconfig

Example Image:



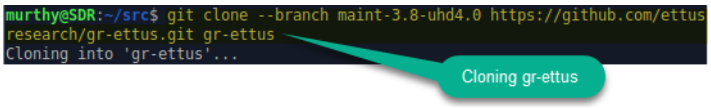
Installing gr-ettus

Step 12*: Cloning the gr-ettus from Ettus Research GitHub repository.*

Command:

git clone - -branch maint-3.8-uhd4.0 https://github.com/ettusresearch/gr-ettus.git gr-ettus

Example Image:



Step 13*: Creating build directory for executing the build process and running cmake to create the make files required for build process.*

Command:

cd /gr-ettus/

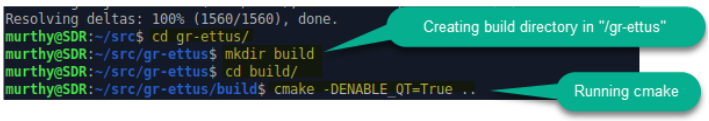
mkdir build

cd build

cmake -DENABLE_QT=True ..

Note: "**-DENABLE_QT=True**" in cmake process will enable the "**gr-fosphor**" installation for RFNOC.

Example Image:



Step 14*: Building and Installing the gr-ettus to the default prefix "**/usr/local/lib**", and updating the shared library cache.*

Command:

make

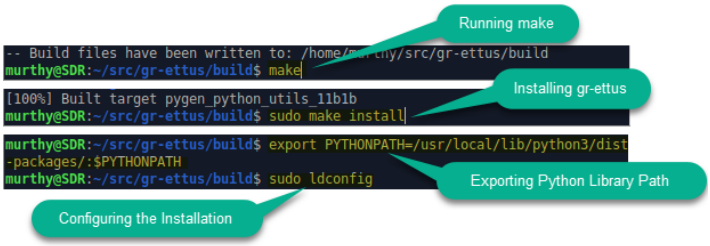
make test

sudo make install

export PYTHONPATH=/usr/local/lib/python3/dist-packages/:$PYTHONPATH

sudo ldconfig

Example Image:



Validating the Installations

***Step 15**: Set the default "**Python Path**" for UHD, GNU Radio & gr-ettus in the "**.bashrc**".*

- The location of the "**.bashrc**" file is "**/home/*user_name*/.bashrc**".
- Open the "**.bashrc**" file and add the below python path at the end of the file and save.

Python Path:

export PYTHONPATH=/usr/local/lib/python3/dist-packages/:$PYTHONPATH

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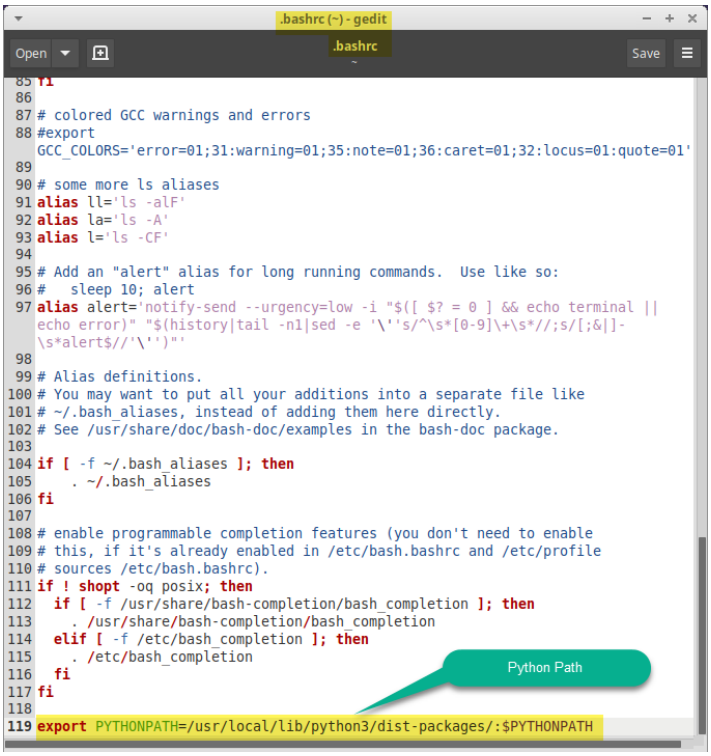

***Step 16**: Validating the UHD Installation.*

The Installation can be validated without the USRP connected to the system by running the following commands.

Command:

uhd_config_info - -version

Command Response:

UHD 4.0.0.0-133-g7ec04886

(or)

Command:

uhd_find_devices

Command Response:

[info] [UHD] Linux; GNU C++ version 9.3.0; Boost_107100; UHD_4.0.0.0-133-g7ec04886

No UHD Devices Found

Example Image:

***Step 17**: Validating the GNU Radio Installation.*

Command:

gnuradio_config_info - -version

Command Response:

V3.8.2.0-199-gcba012fb

Example Image:

***Step 18**: Validating the gr-ettus Installation.*

Command:

rfnocmodtool help

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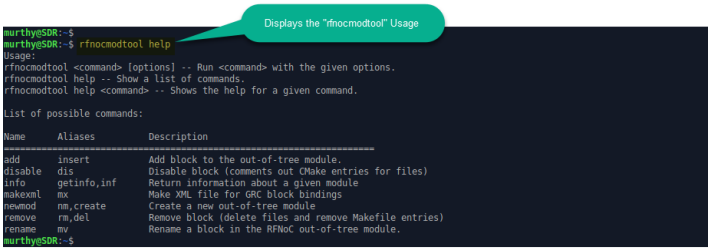

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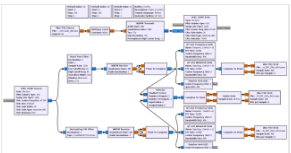

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