

# Wireless Interface for FPGA BRAM System User Manual

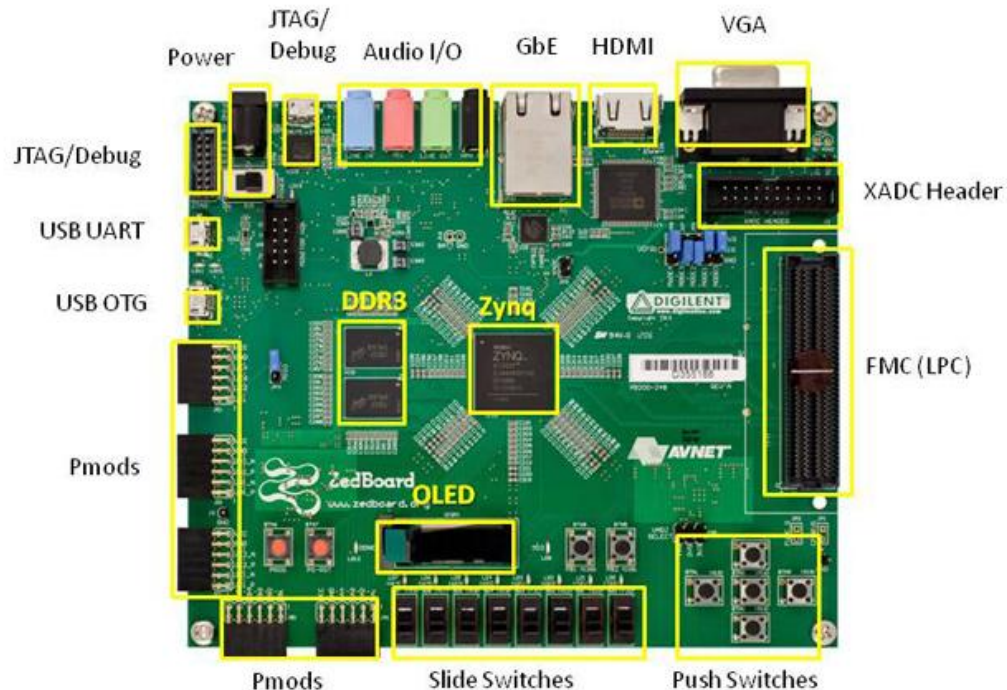
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## 1. Requirements:

1. A Computer with Arduino IDE and Xilinx Vivado installed.
2. A Computer running Linux
3. Digilent™ ZedBoard
4. NodeMCU
5. NodeMCU PMOD interface PCB
6. 2 MicroUSB cables
7. Router
8. Stable Internet connectivity

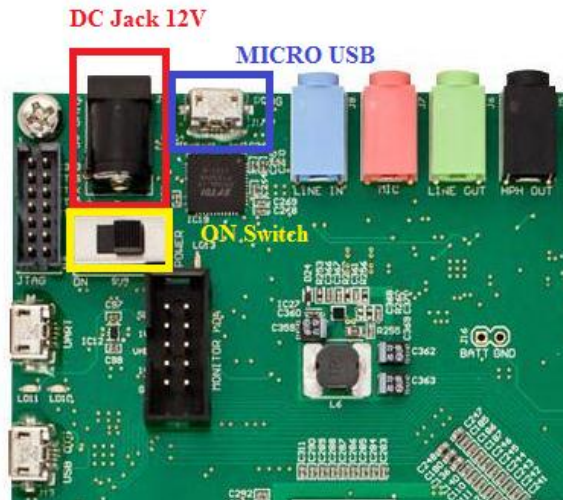
## 2. Hardware Connections

1. Place the Zedboard in the orientation as shown in the figure below.

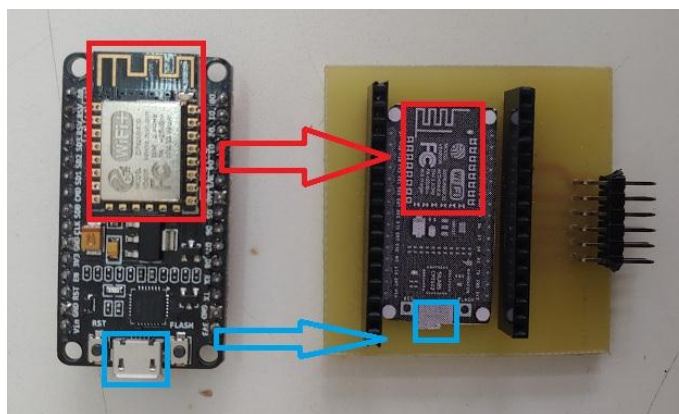


\* SD card cage and QSPI Flash reside on backside of board

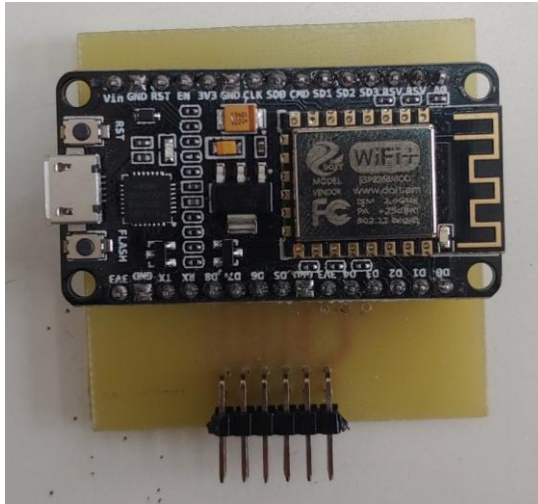
2. At the TOP LEFT of the board, connect the DC connector of 12V adapter into the DC Power jack. Plug the adapter into AC mains and turn it ON
3. Connect a microUSB cable to the PROG usb port as indicated by blue box in the figure below. Connect the USB cable to your PC.
4. Move the ON switch to the LEFT position to Turn ON the ZedBoard. This will be indicated by the Green Power LED turning ON



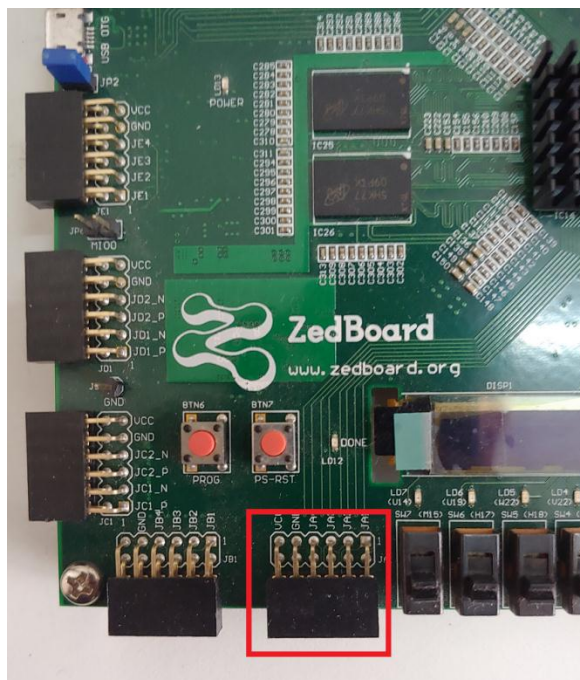
5. Now connect the NodeMCU to the NodeMCU interface PCB as shown in the figure below. Make sure to connect the board in the right orientation as shown on the picture on the PCB.



6. Your connected unit should look like this:

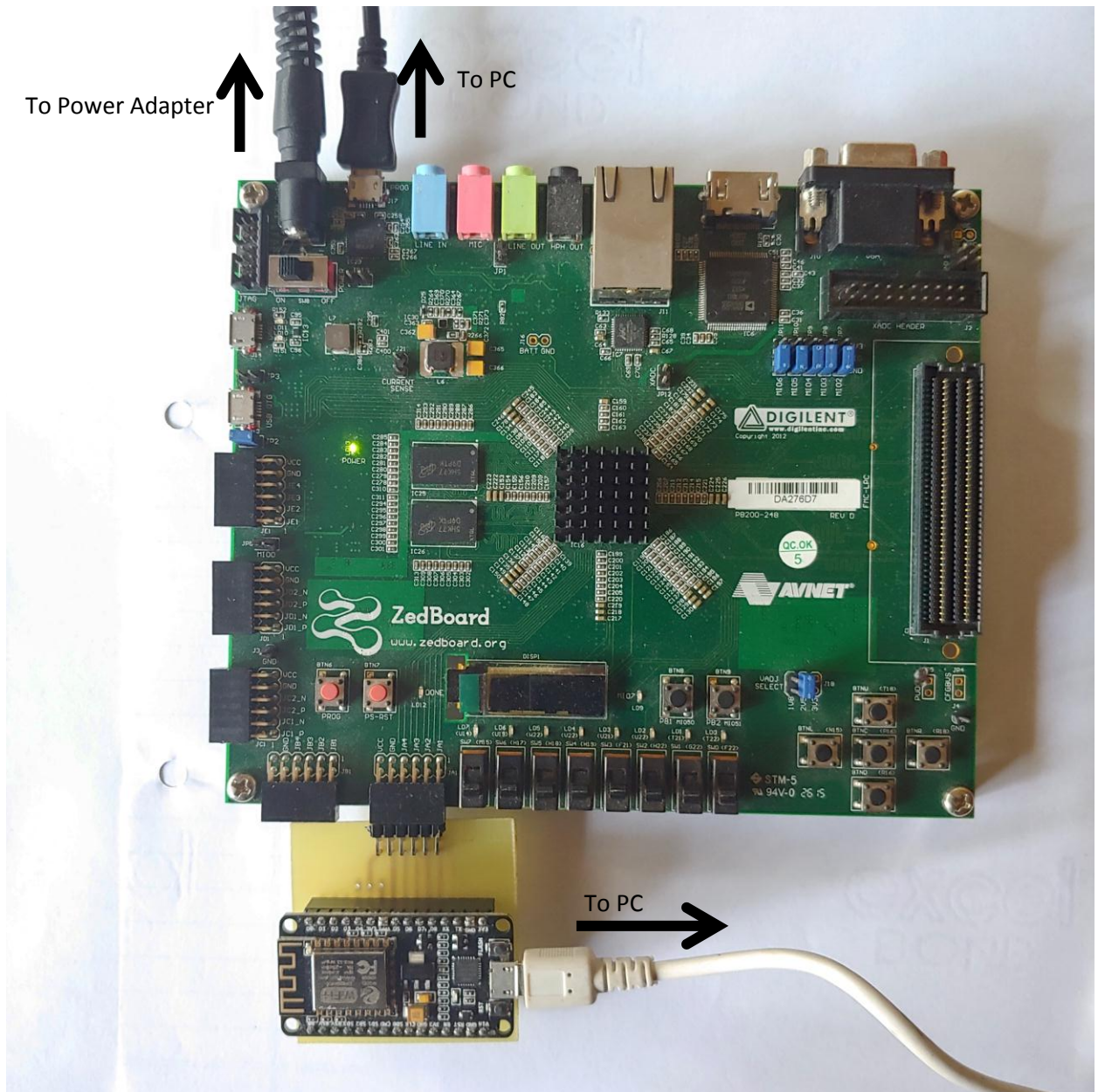


7. Connect a microUSB cable to the port on the NodeMCU. Connect the other end of the cable to your PC.
8. Connect the NodeMCU PCB to the JA1 PMOD connector as shown in the figure





9. Your Completed connections should look like this



### 3. Downloading the required files

#### Download the required files on both Windows and Linux PC

##### A. Windows

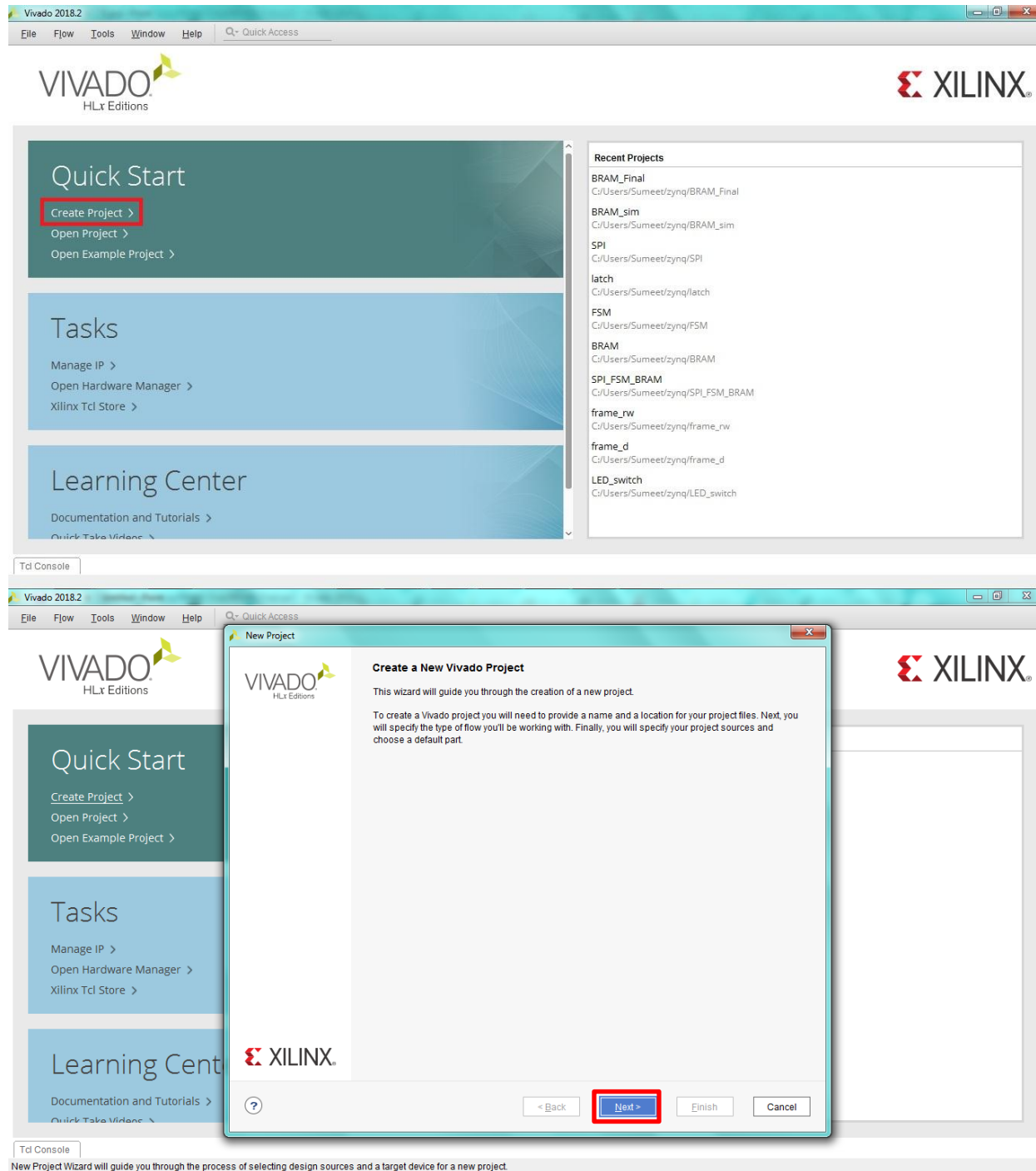
1. You will be using Vivado and Arduino IDE on your Windows PC and Linux Client on Linux PC.
2. On your windows PC, go to [https://github.com/Sumeetk96/FPGA\\_interface](https://github.com/Sumeetk96/FPGA_interface)
3. Click the green colored “download or clone” button on the top right of the window
4. Click Download ZIP. All the code files will be downloaded as a zip file in your Downloads folder.
5. Extract the zip file to get the main folder FPGA\_interface

##### B. Linux

1. Make sure that your PC is connected to the internet.
2. Open Terminal.
3. Change directory to Downloads by entering command  
*cd Downloads*
4. Install git on your PC using the command  
*sudo apt-get install git*
5. Clone the repository using the command  
*git clone https://github.com/Sumeetk96/FPGA\_interface*
6. Go to the folder containing the code using the command  
*cd FPGA\_interface/Linux\_client*

## 4. Programming the ZedBoard

1. Open Xilinx Vivado.
2. Create Project.



3. In project name, enter BRAM\_operations. Note down the location enclosed by the red box in the figure below. This is the location of your project. You will require this in the future.

**New Project**

**Project Name**  
Enter a name for your project and specify a directory where the project data files will be stored.

Project name:

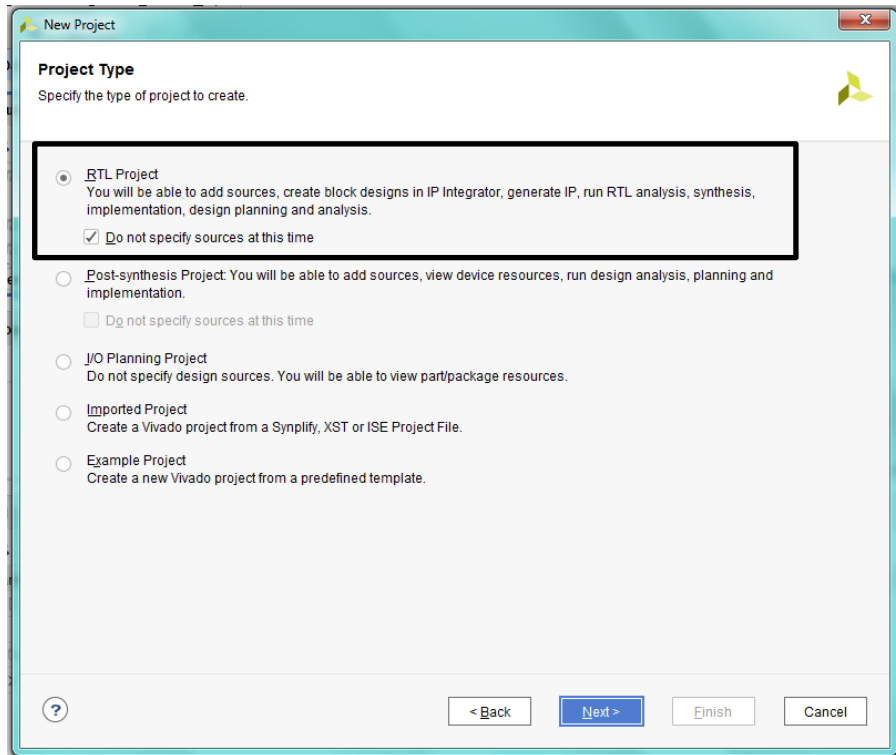
Project location:

☒ Create project subdirectory

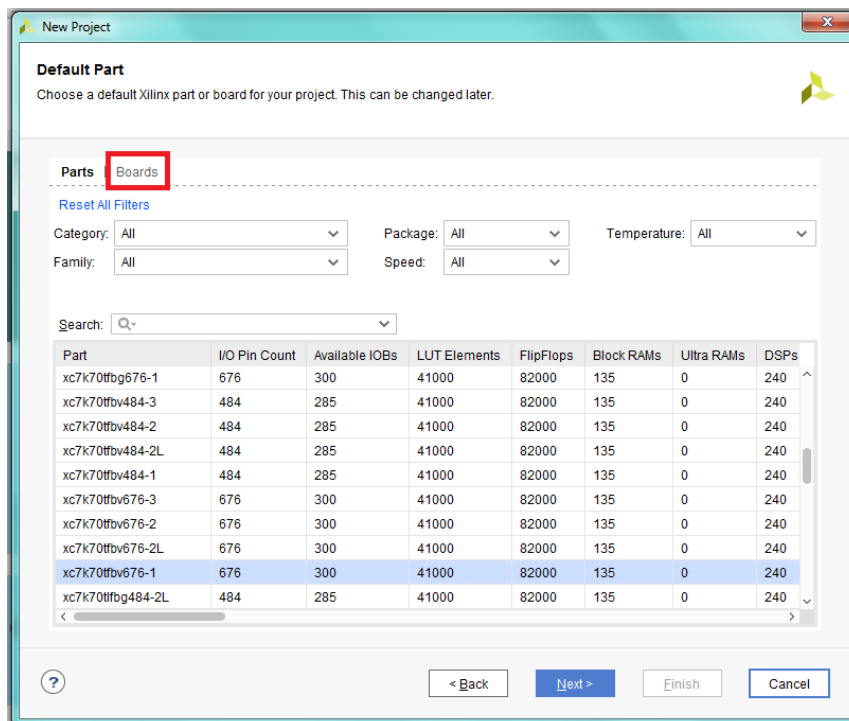
Project will be created at:

? < Back Next > Finish Cancel

4. Select RTL Project and check “Do not specify sources”. Click next

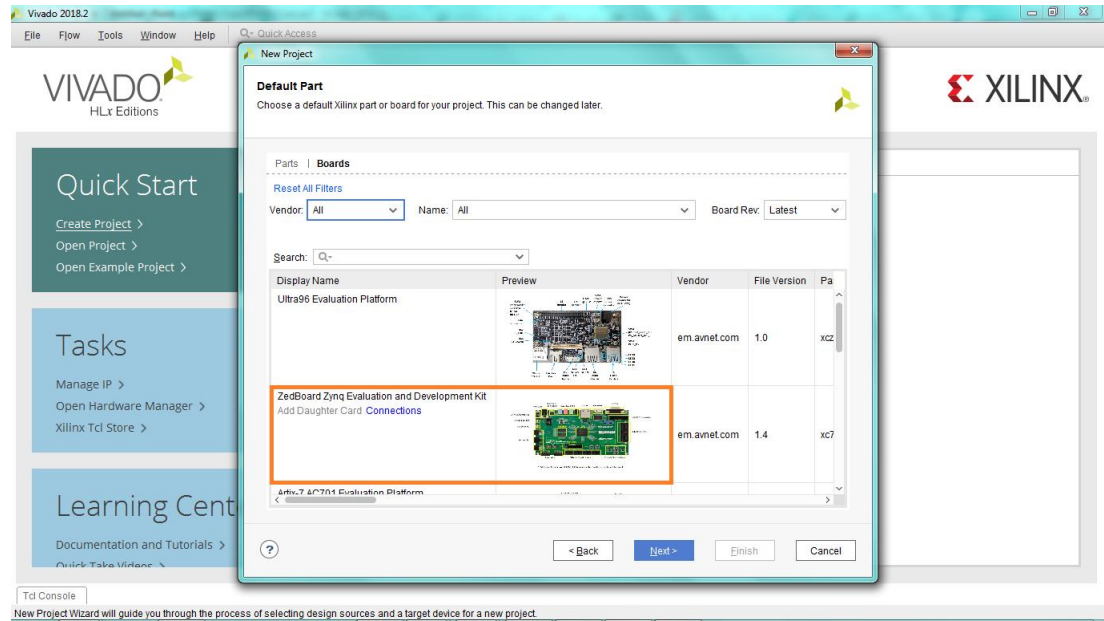


5. First, click on Boards, as shown in the red box.





6. Click on Zedboard as shown in the orange box. Click Next.



7. Click Finish. Your project will be created.

8. In the downloaded folder, go to FPGA\_interface->Zedboard->Design\_files

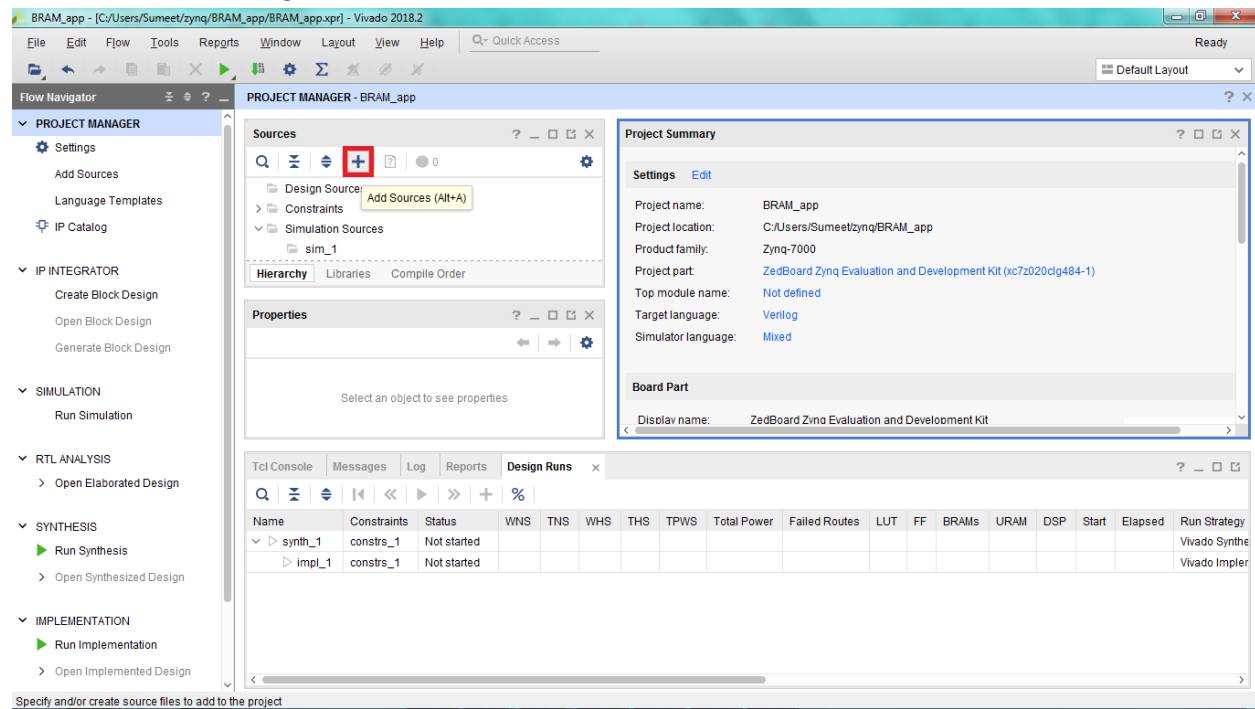
9. Copy all the files from the folder.

10. Now navigate to the project folder location you noted down [here](#)

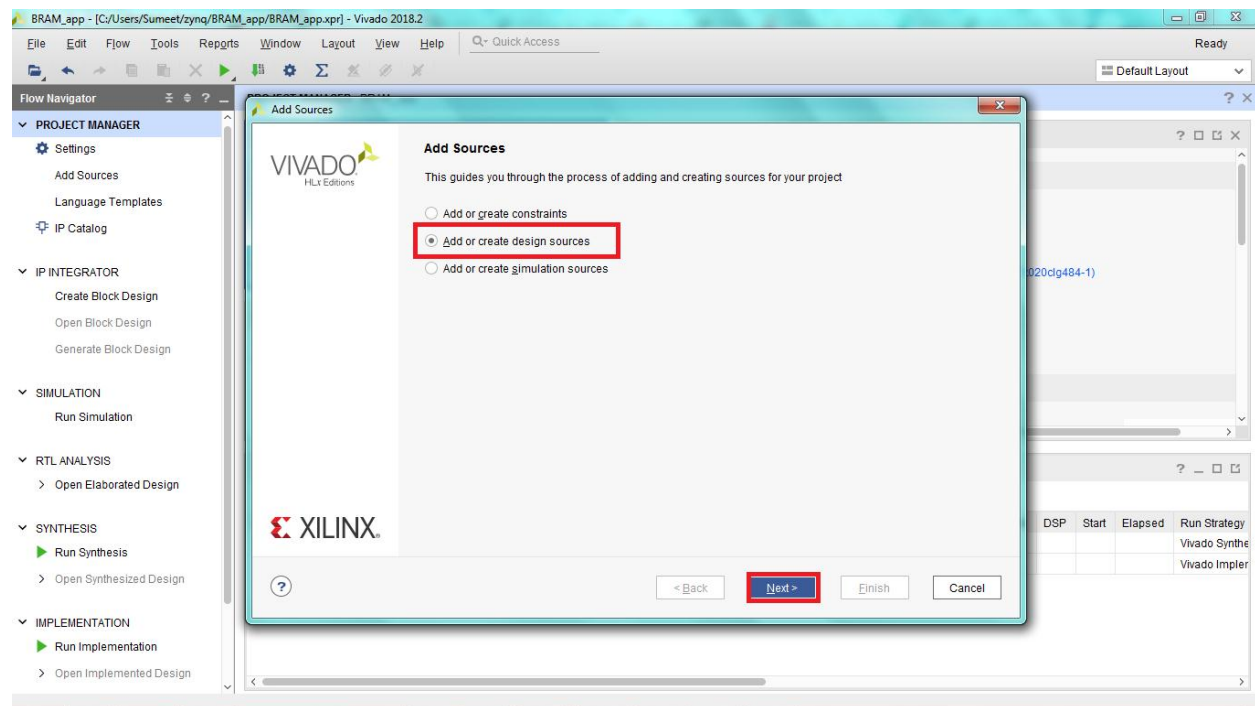
11. Paste all the files in the folder: BRAM\_operations.

12. Go to Vivado window.

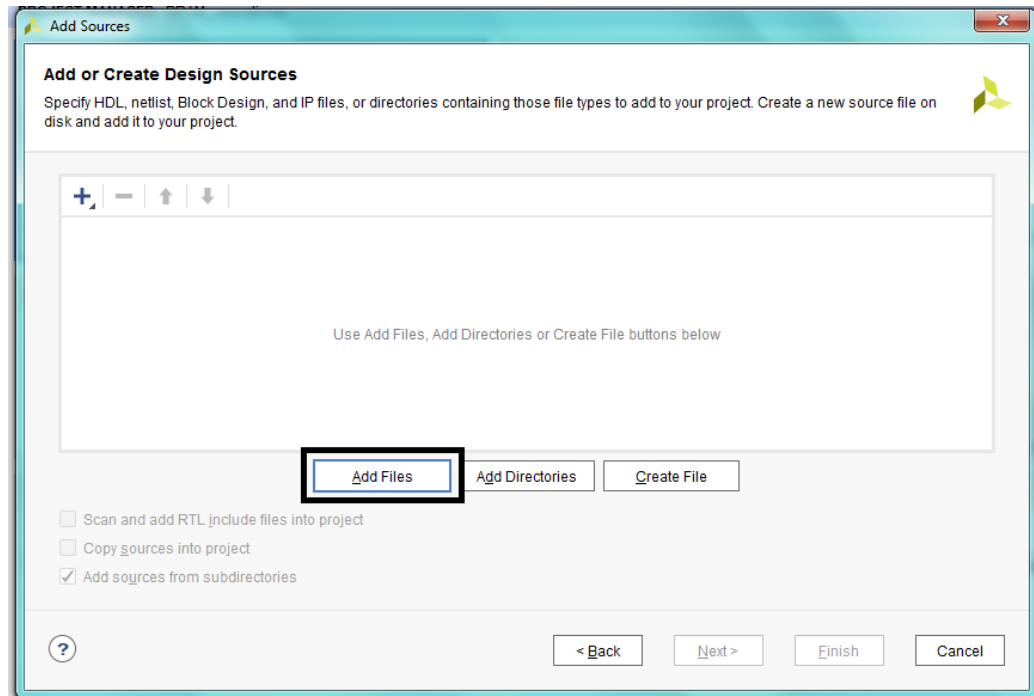
### 13. Click on the small '+' sign



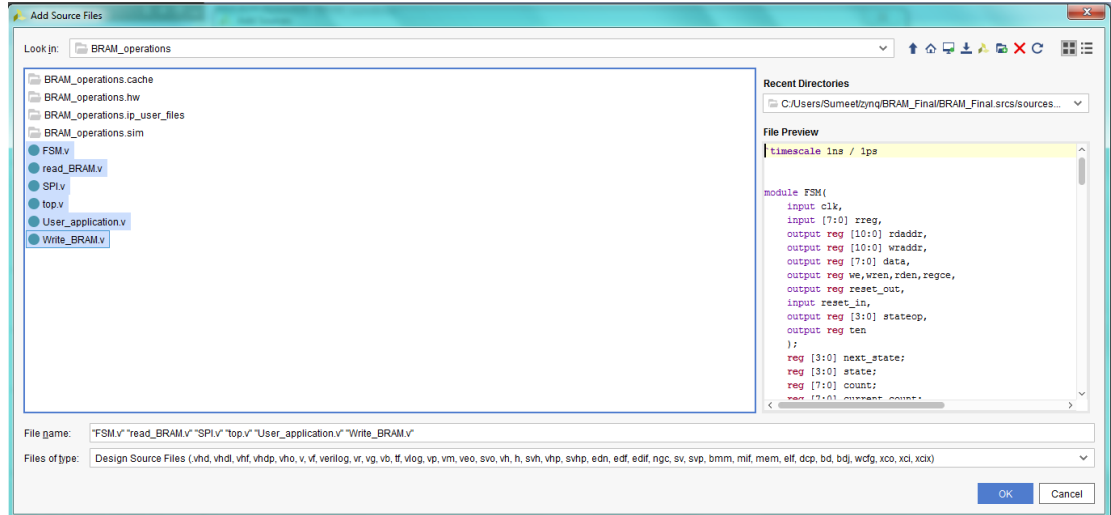
### 14. Click on “Add or create design sources” and click next



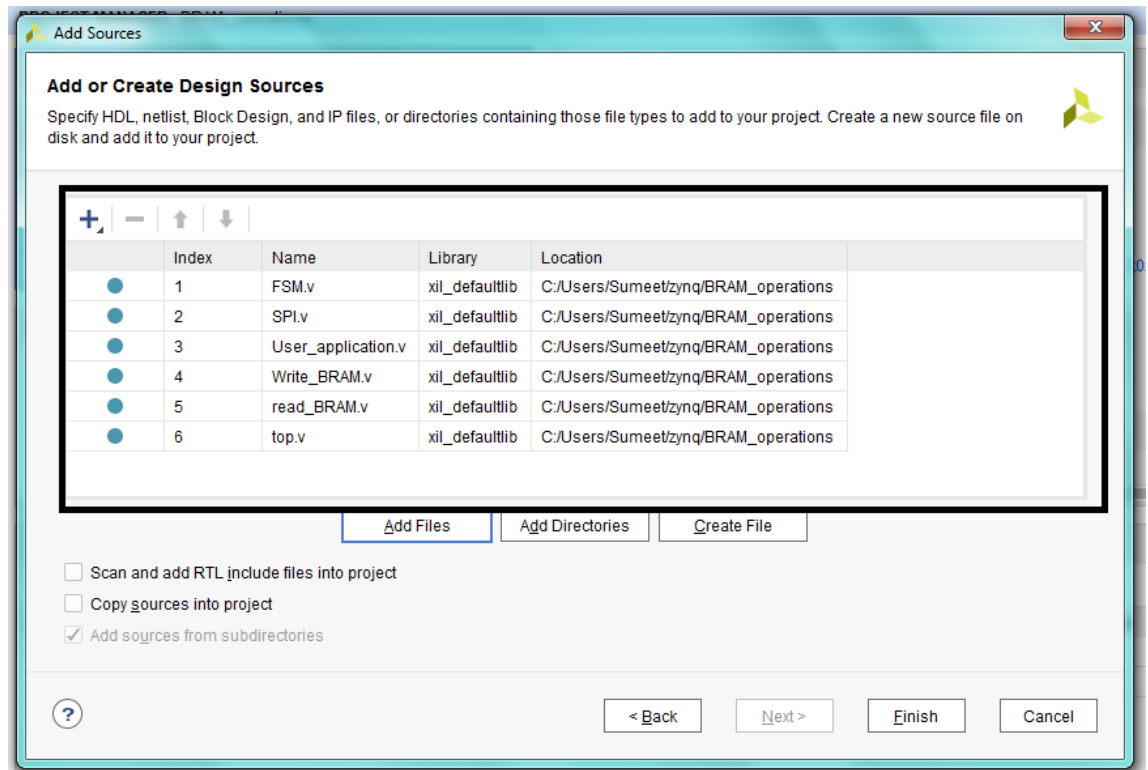
15. Click on Add Files



16. Navigate to your project folder BRAM\_operations and select all .v files using shift+down arrow and click OK.



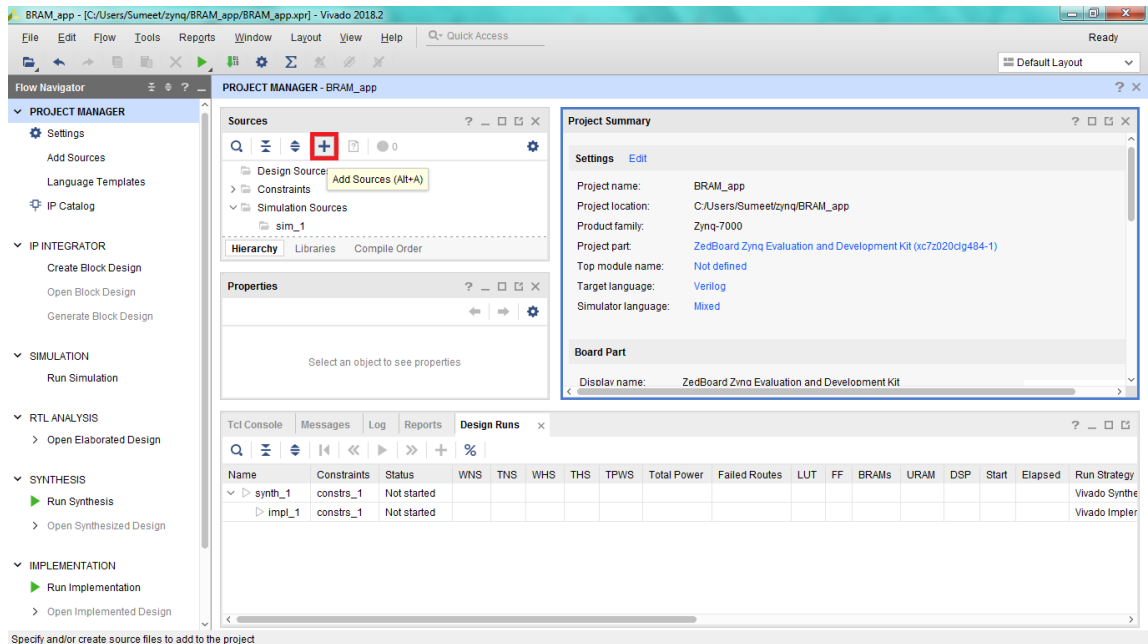
17. You can see that the files have been added. Click Finish.



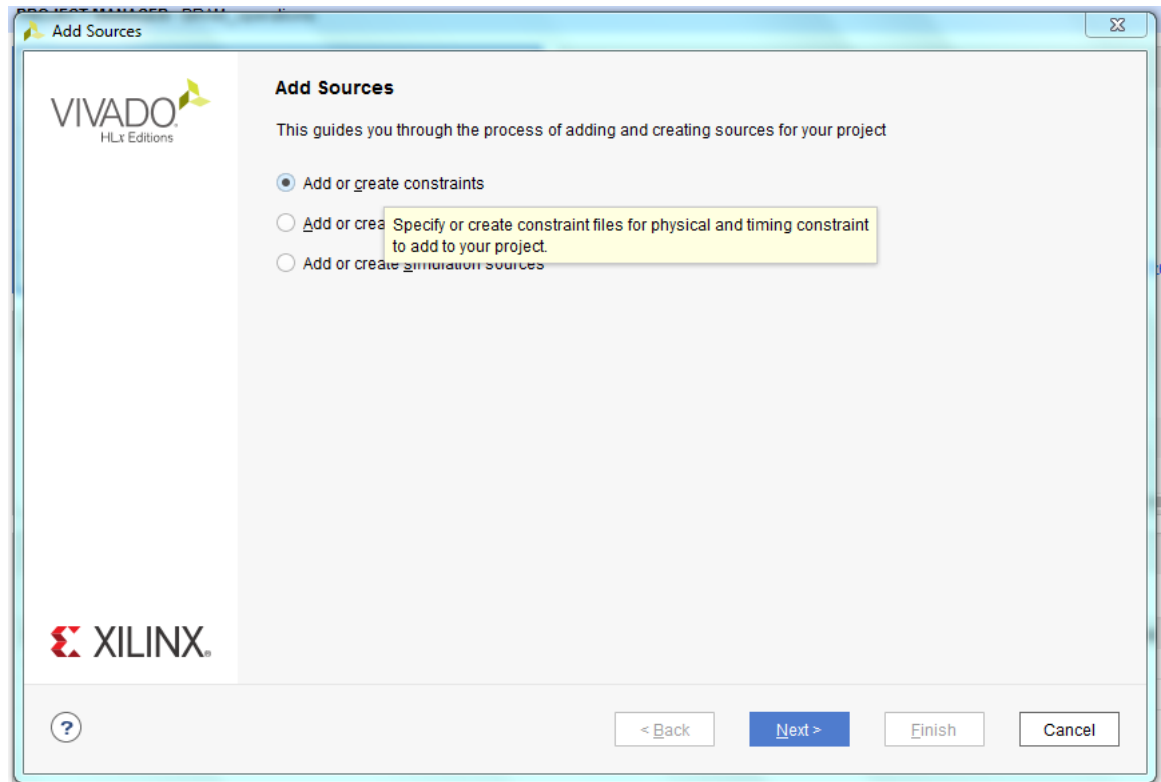
18. Copy the file FPGA\_interface-master->Zedboard -> Constraints-> bram\_fsm.xdc

19. Paste the file to your project folder BRAM\_operations where you previously copied your .v files

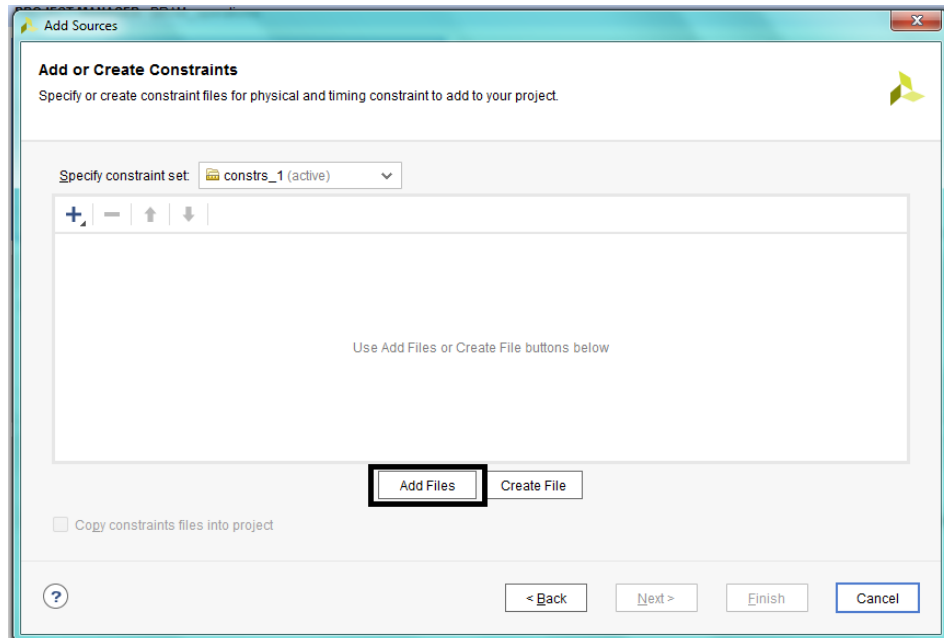
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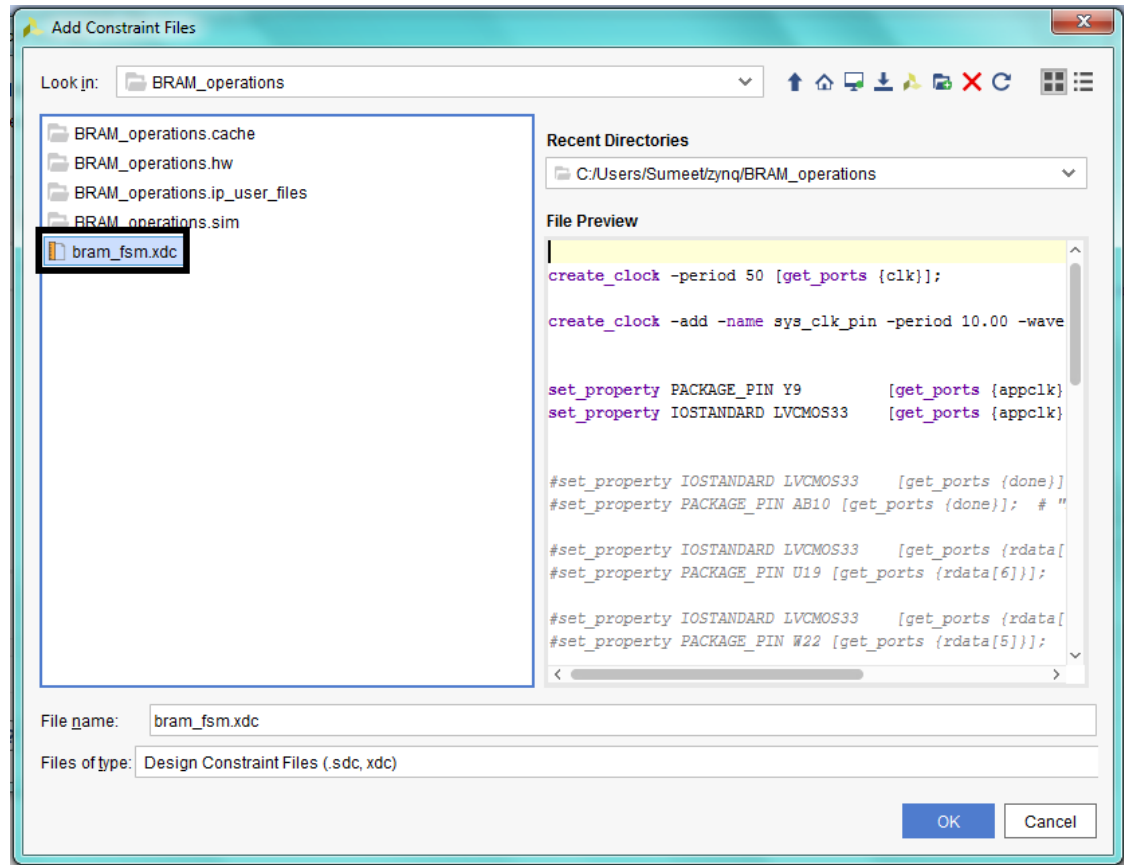
21. Add or create constraints. Click Next



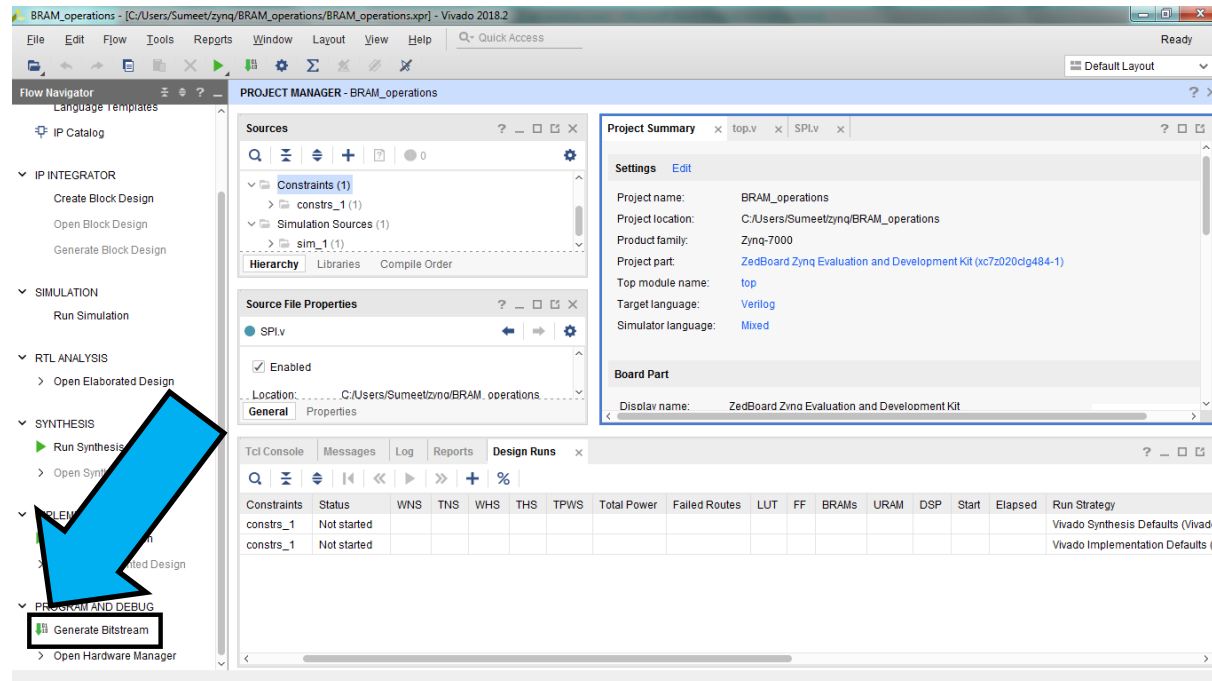
22. Click on Add files.



23. Select the bram\_fsm.xdc file and click OK. Then Click finish.

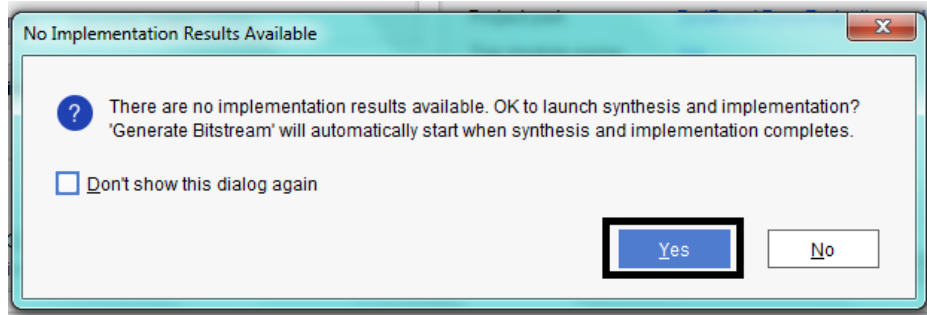


24. Click on "Generate Bitstream"

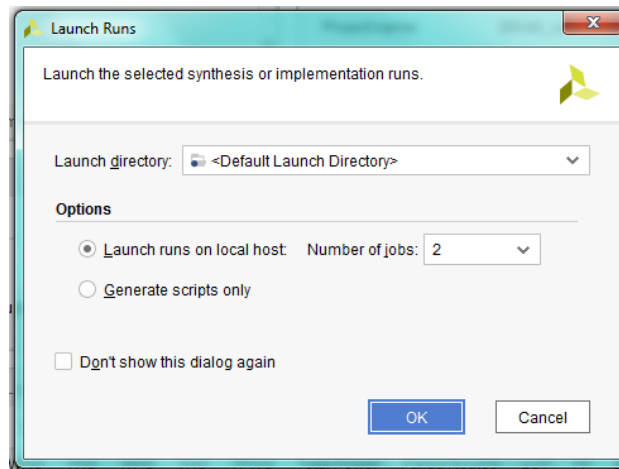




25. Click Yes on this popup

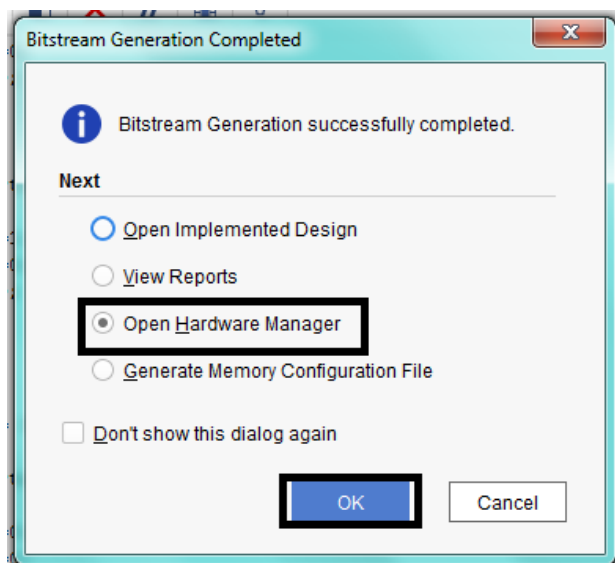


26. Click OK

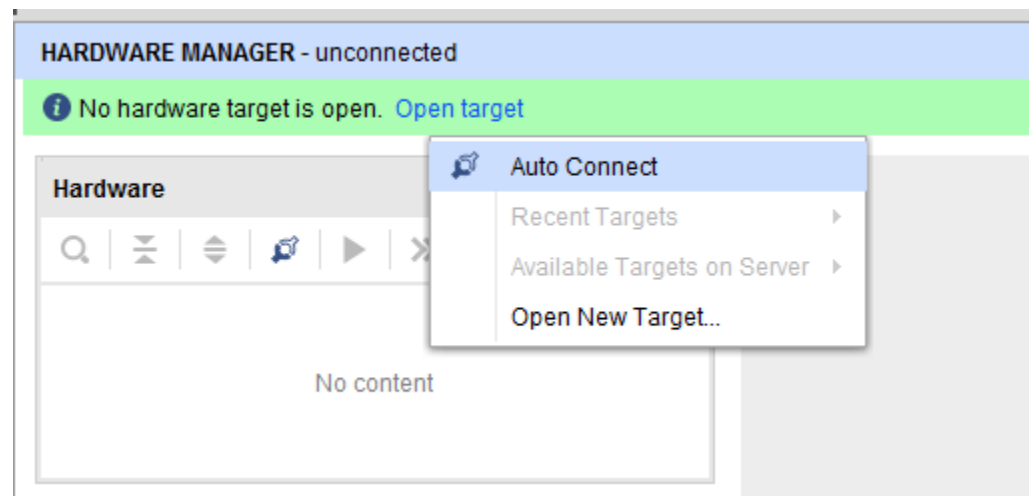


27. Vivado will now generate the output products required to program the FPGA. You can track the progress in the top right of the window. This will take some time.

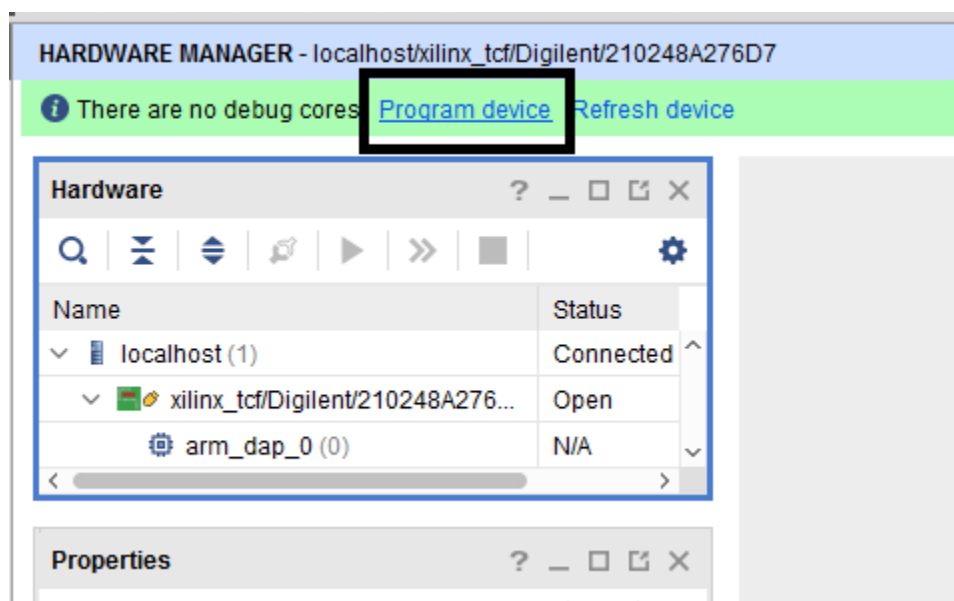
28. On completion of bitstream generation, you will see the following dialog box. Click on "Open Hardware Manager" and press OK.



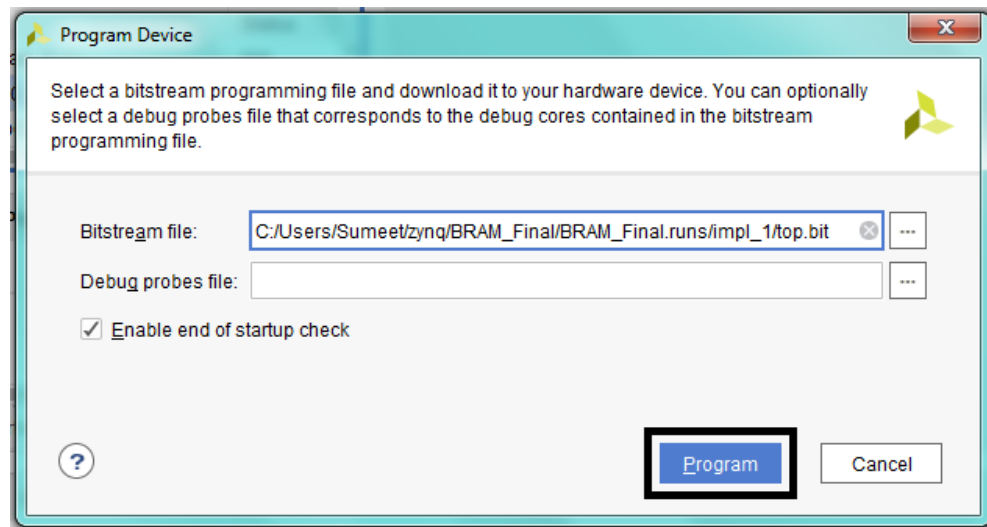
29. Click Open Target -> Auto Connect



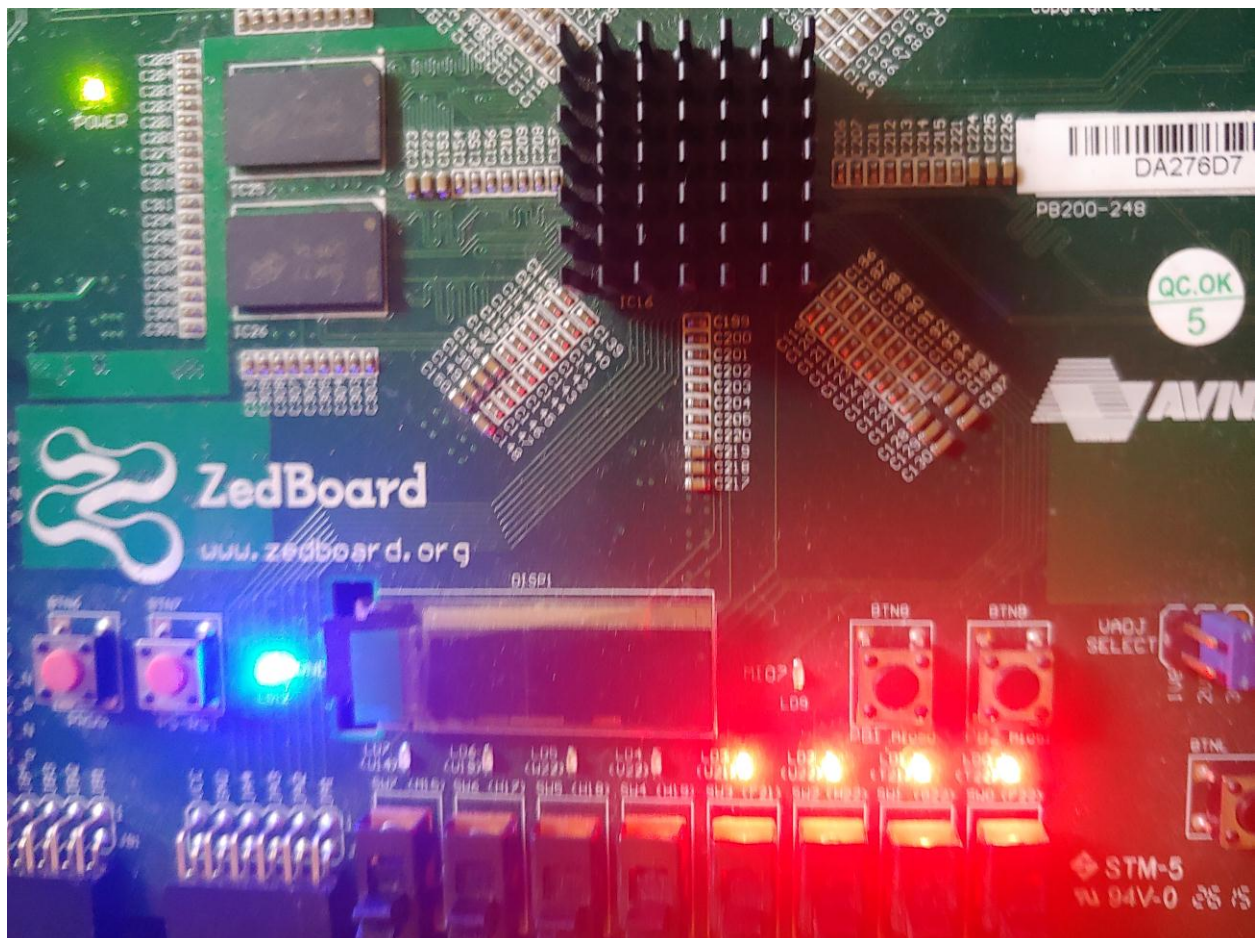
30. Click Program Device



31. Click Program

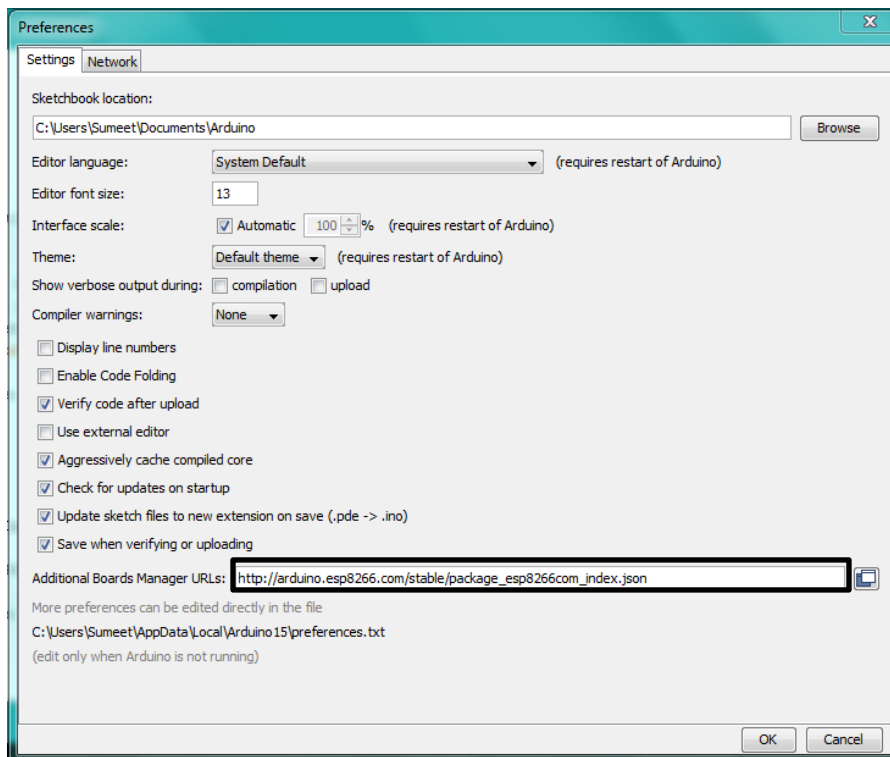


32. Once Programmed, the Blue 'DONE' LED on the Zedboard along with 4 RED LEDs will turn ON.



## 5. Programming the NodeMCU

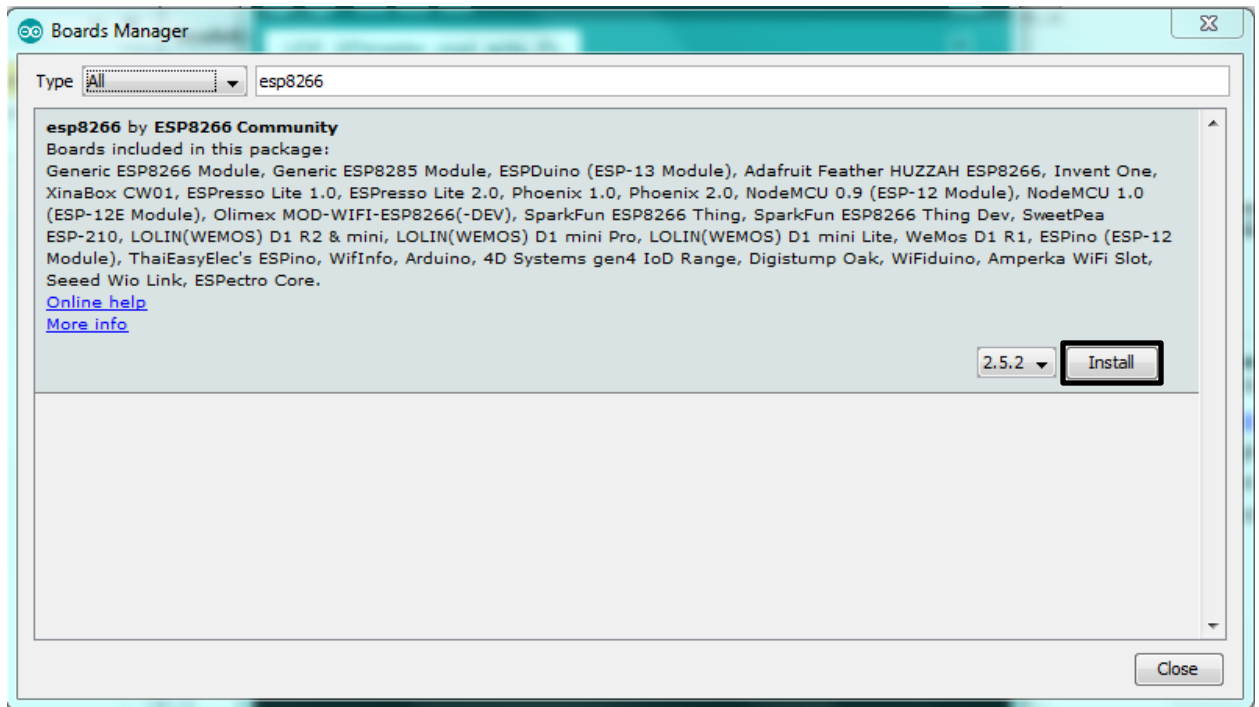
1. Before starting the procedure, make sure you have a stable internet connection.
2. The first step in setting up NodeMCU is downloading board files in Arduino IDE. To do so, first open Arduino IDE and go to File -> Preferences.
3. In the Additional Boards Manager URLs field, paste the following URL



[http://arduino.esp8266.com/stable/package\\_esp8266com\\_index.json](http://arduino.esp8266.com/stable/package_esp8266com_index.json) and press OK

4. Now go to Tools -> Board -> Boards Manager and wait for platforms index to be downloaded. You can track progress at the bottom of the window.

5. Type esp8266 in the search bar of the boards manager. Select the latest version



6. Click install and wait for the board files to be downloaded. You can track the progress at the bottom of the window. Close the window on completion of installation.
7. Go to tools -> Board -> NodeMCU 1.0 (ESP-12E Module).
8. At this point connect your NodeMCU board to your computer with a micro USB cable.
9. To test whether your board is working, go to file->Examples->01. Basics->Blink

10. Once the sketch is opened, click the verify button



11. On successful compilation, click the Upload button.



12. Track the progress in the console below the editor.
13. On successful upload, you will see a blue LED on the NodeMCU blinking. This means that you are ready to use the board.

## Connecting the NodeMCU to a Wi-Fi Network.

1. It is recommended that you use a wireless router for Wi-Fi. If the Wi-Fi router is unavailable, create a mobile hotspot and note down the network name (SSID) and password. You will need these later.
2. On your PC, open Downloads->FPGA\_interface -> NodeMCU -> UDP\_SPImaster\_read\_write\_PL.txt
3. Copy the entire code.
4. In Arduino IDE, press Ctrl + N to open a new sketch.

5. Paste the code from UDP\_SPImaster\_read\_write\_PL.txt in the editor window.
6. Save the code under an appropriate filename.
7. Near the Top of the code, you will find a field which is to be modified by the user.

```
#include <ESP8266WiFi.h>
#include <WiFiUdp.h>
#include<SPI.h>
/*****TO BE MODIFIED BY USER*****/

const char* ssid = "Hotspot";      //Enter the ssid of your WIFI Network
const char* password = "Passwerd"; //Enter the password of your network

/*****/
long Start_Time = 0;
```

8. In this field, replace the word “Hotspot” by the name of your Wi-Fi network (SSID) and the word “Passwerd” with the password of your network. Make sure your SSID and password are enclosed in double quotes as shown below. These names are case sensitive.

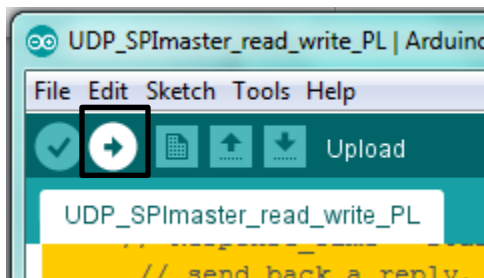
```
UDP_SPImaster_read_write_PL

#include <ESP8266WiFi.h>
#include <WiFiUdp.h>
#include<SPI.h>
/*****TO BE MODIFIED BY USER*****/

const char* ssid = "belkin.32af";      //Enter the ssid of your WIFI Network
const char* password = "4eb9c6e4"; //Enter the password of your network

/*****/
#define packetlen 250
    long Start_Time = 0;
    long Stop_Time = 0;
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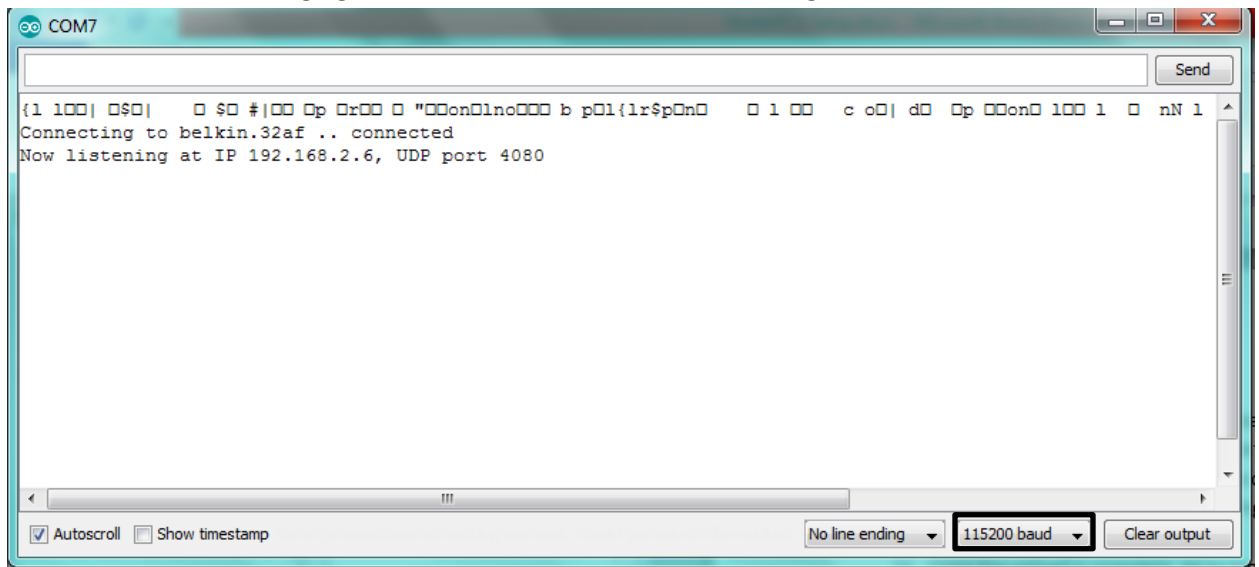
9. Once you have made these changes click the upload button.



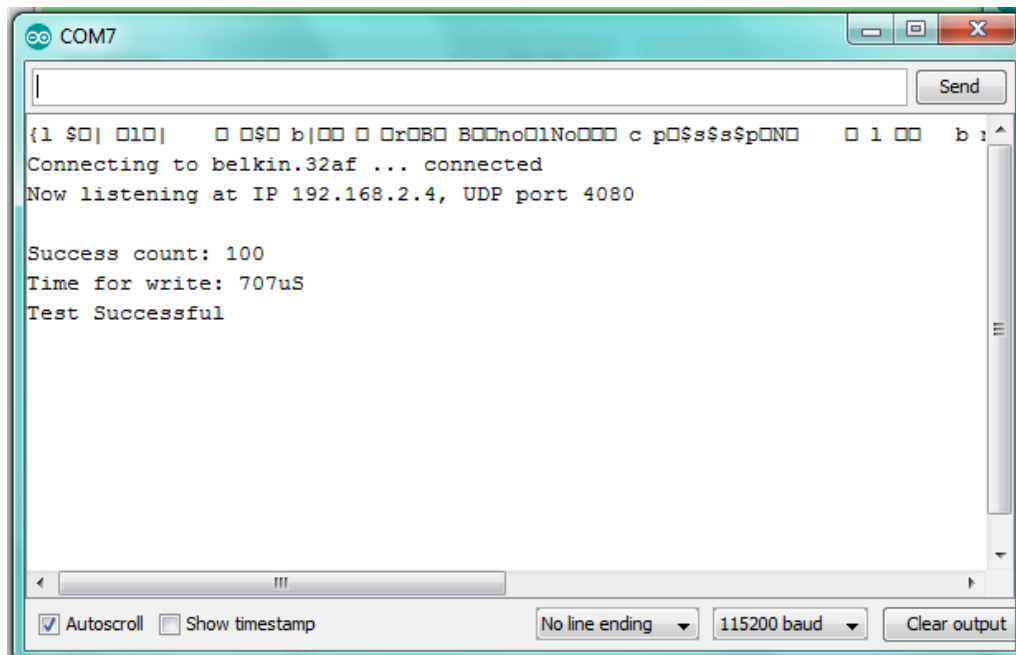
10. You can track the progress of the upload at the bottom of the window. You will see a message: “Uploading...” This means that the sketch has compiled successfully and is being uploaded to the NodeMCU. Wait for the upload to complete.  
Note: If you see a message: “Uploading to IO Board” click the upload button again. This will happen very rarely.
11. Once the upload is complete, go to tools->Serial monitor or press Ctrl+shift+M to open serial monitor.



12. As shown in the following figure, set the baud rate at the bottom right to 115200.



13. Press 'RST' button on the NodeMCU.
14. You will see the following text in the Serial monitor window if you enter the SSID and password correctly in the code.
- Connecting to belkin.32af ..... connected  
Now listening at IP **192.168.2.6**, UDP port 4080
- Here, "belkin.32af" is the name of your network and "192.168.2.6" is the IP of the server created by the NodeMCU. Your serial monitor will display data other than the one shown above. The highlighted text is the IP of you NodeMCU server.
15. Note down the IP assigned to the NodeMCU. You will need it later.
16. Your serial Monitor should look like this. (Press ctrl+shift+m to open)



## 6. Running the Linux Client

1. Connect the Linux PC to the same network as the NodeMCU.
2. First, we need to make sure that the NodeMCU is accessible. To do this, first open terminal in Linux.
3. On the terminal type the command "ping <IP of NodeMCU>". For example : ping 192.168.2.6
4. This will initiate a ping sequence which will give you the time required by packets to reach the NodeMCU.
5. After a couple of iterations, press ctrl+Z to exit the sequence.
6. Open udp\_PL.c using the command  
`gedit udp_PL.c`
7. Near the top of the code after the include statements, there is a field to be modified by user.
8. Change the #define SERVER to the IP of the NodeMCU server you noted down [here](#)
9. Save the file.
10. Compile the C file using the command:  
`cc udp_PL.c -o udp`
11. On success, an executable file with the name udp will be created on the in the directory.
12. To run this file, use the command: `./udp`
13. Press the RST button on your NodeMCU and observe Serial Monitor.
14. When the program is run, you will be made to choose between read and write. Enter 'w' to write data. Choose a location, for example, 1 and enter your desired data.
15. On successful write, you will be given a choice to read or write again. This time, enter 'r' to read data. When an address is requested, enter the same address where you wrote the data, i. e. 1. You will be asked the number of bytes to be read. Ask for the number of bytes same as the length of the message you sent. For example, if you sent "Hello" as a message, you will need to ask for 5 bytes to be read as "Hello" contains 5 characters.
16. On a successful read, you will be presented with the fetched data.