

Using Digilent Github Demo Projects

Overview

Digilent provides projects through Github that are designed to demonstrate different uses of our FPGA and Zynq boards. This guide will describe how to download and run these projects in Vivado 2016.

At the end of this tutorial you will have your demo project running on your board.

Prerequisites








Hardware

- A Digilent 7-Series FPGA or Zynq Board with a Supported Project
- USB Cables

Software

- **Xilinx Vivado 2016.X**
 - *Vivado 2016.4 is used in this tutorial*
- **Digilent Board Support Files**
 - Follow the *wiki guide* (<https://reference.digilentinc.com/vivado/boardfiles>) on how to install Board Support Files for Vivado 2016.X

Projects Supported by this Tutorial

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Cmod A7 35T	GPIO Demo	No	Wiki Link https://reference.digilentinc.com/learn/programmable-logic/tutorials/cmod-a7-gpio-demo/start	Github Link https://github.com/Digilent/Cmod-A7-35T-GPIO	ZIP Download https://github.com/Digilent/Cmod-A7-35T-GPIO/releases/download/v2016.4-1/Cmod-A7-35T-GPIO-2016.4-1.zip
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Nexys 4	Abacus Demo	No	Wiki Link https://reference.digilentinc.com/learn/programmable-logic/tutorials/nexys-4-abacus-demo/start	Github Link https://github.com/Digilent/Nexys-4-Abacus	ZIP Download https://github.com/Digilent/Nexys-4-Abacus/releases/download/v2016.4-1/Nexys-4-Abacus-2016.4-1.zip
Nexys 4	GPIO Demo	No	Wiki Link https://reference.digilentinc.com/learn/programmable-logic/tutorials/nexys-4-basic-user-demo/start	Github Link https://github.com/Digilent/Nexys-4-GPIO	ZIP Download https://github.com/Digilent/Nexys-4-GPIO/releases/download/v2016.4-1/Nexys-4-GPIO-2016.4-1.zip
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Sword	Basic I/O Demo	No	N/A	 Github Link https://github.com/Digilent/Sword-Basic-IO	 ZIP Download https://github.com/Digilent/Sword-Basic-IO/releases/download/v2016.4-2/Sword-Basic-IO-2016.4-2.zip

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Zybo	DMA Audio Demo	Yes	 Wiki Link (https://reference.digilentinc.com/learn/programmable-logic/tutorials/zybo-dma-audio-demo/start)	 Github Link (https://github.com/Digilent/Zybo-DMA)	 ZIP Download (https://github.com/Digilent/Zybo-DMA/releases/download/v2016.4-3/Zybo-DMA-2016.4-3.zip)
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Important

For further requirements, such as a serial terminal, external power supply, or other hardware, please review the project's wiki page.

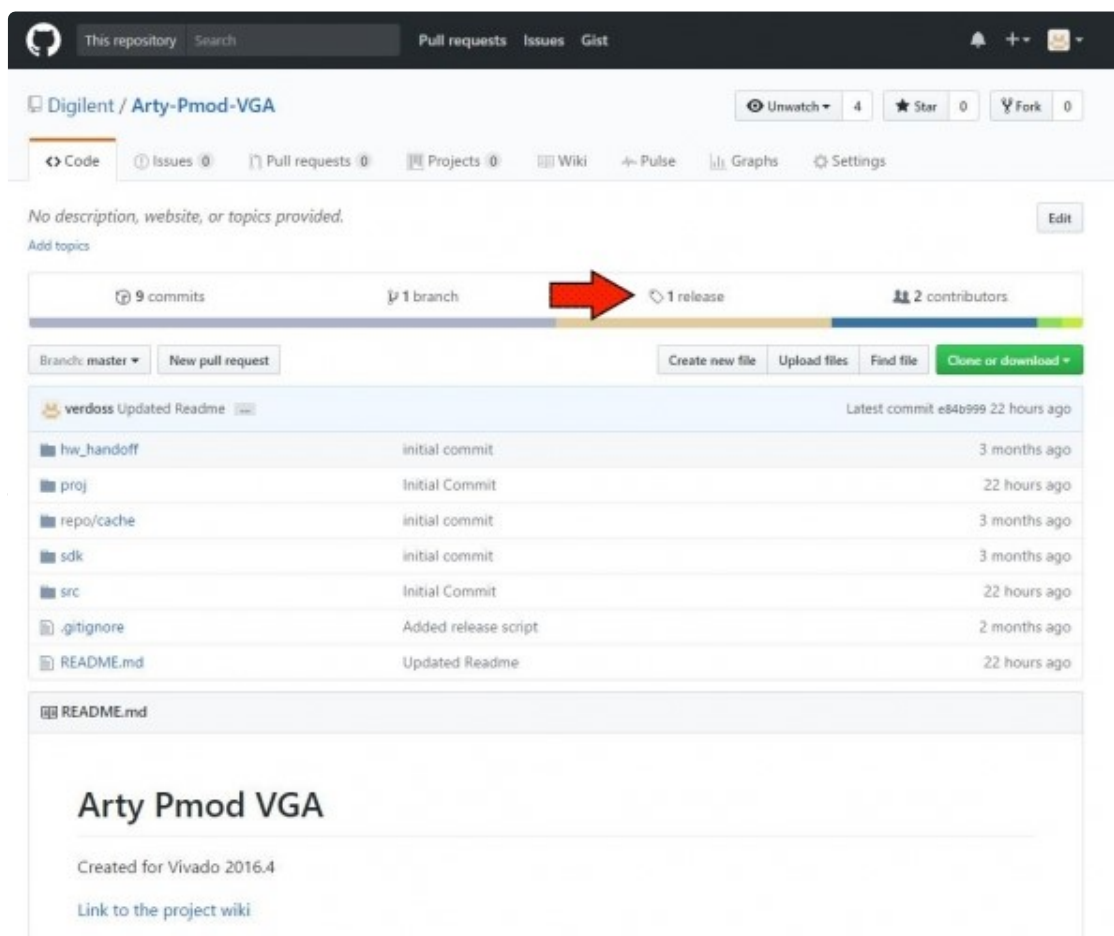
Tutorial

1. Download the Project ZIP from the Digilent Github

This step describes how to download a release from the Digilent Github, you can alternatively just download the project archive directly by clicking the link in the Projects Supported table above. The archive can be placed wherever you want, and will need to be extracted with **Right click → Extract All**.

Download from Github

1.1) From the demo repository landing page, for which a link is provided in the Projects Supported table above, select the **release** link.



The screenshot shows the Github repository page for 'Digilent / Arty-Pmod-VGA'. The repository has 4 stars, 0 forks, and 0 issues. The 'Code' tab is selected. The repository statistics bar shows 9 commits, 1 branch, 1 release (highlighted with a red arrow), and 2 contributors. Below the statistics bar, there is a table of files and their commit history. The 'README.md' file is highlighted.

File	Commit	Time
hw_handoff	initial commit	3 months ago
proj	Initial Commit	22 hours ago
repo/cache	initial commit	3 months ago
sdk	initial commit	3 months ago
src	Initial Commit	22 hours ago
.gitignore	Added release script	2 months ago
README.md	Updated Readme	22 hours ago

The 'README.md' file content is displayed below the table:

Arty Pmod VGA

Created for Vivado 2016.4

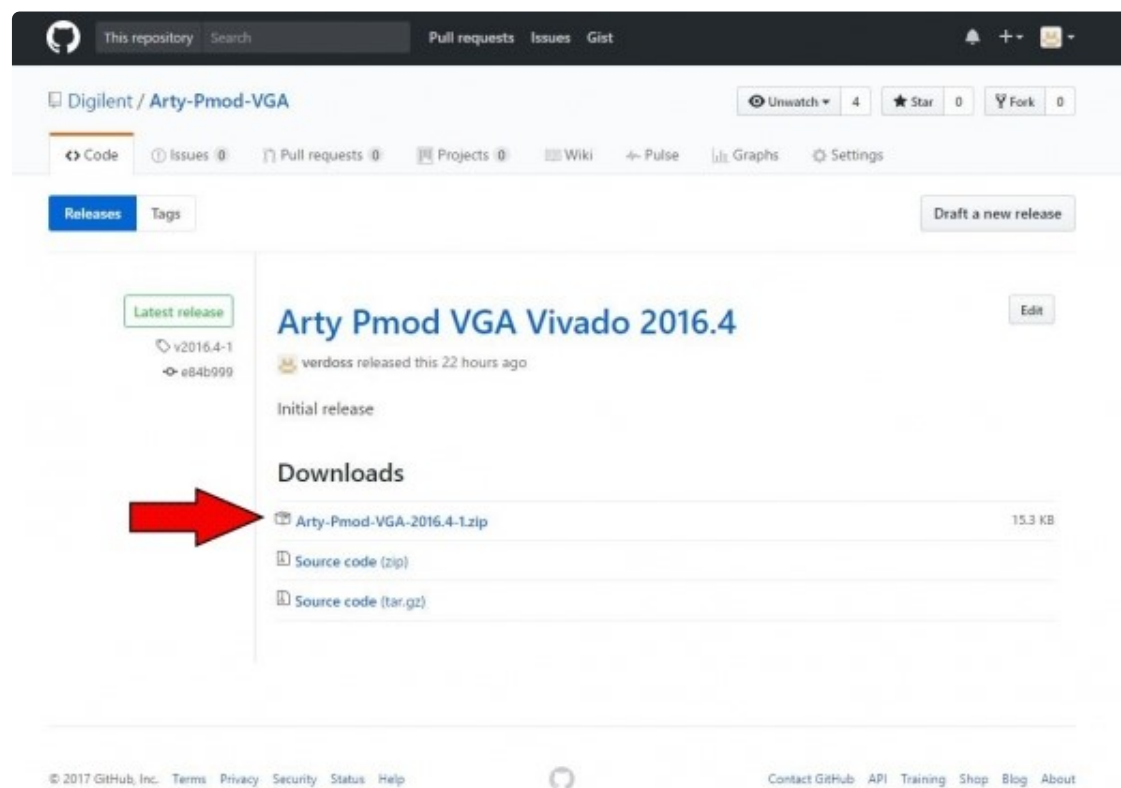
[Link to the project wiki](#)

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1.2) If the repository has multiple releases, select **Latest Release**, then click on the **project ZIP file** included in the Downloads section of the release to download it.

Important

Make sure that you download the project-2016.4-x.zip, not the source code archive.



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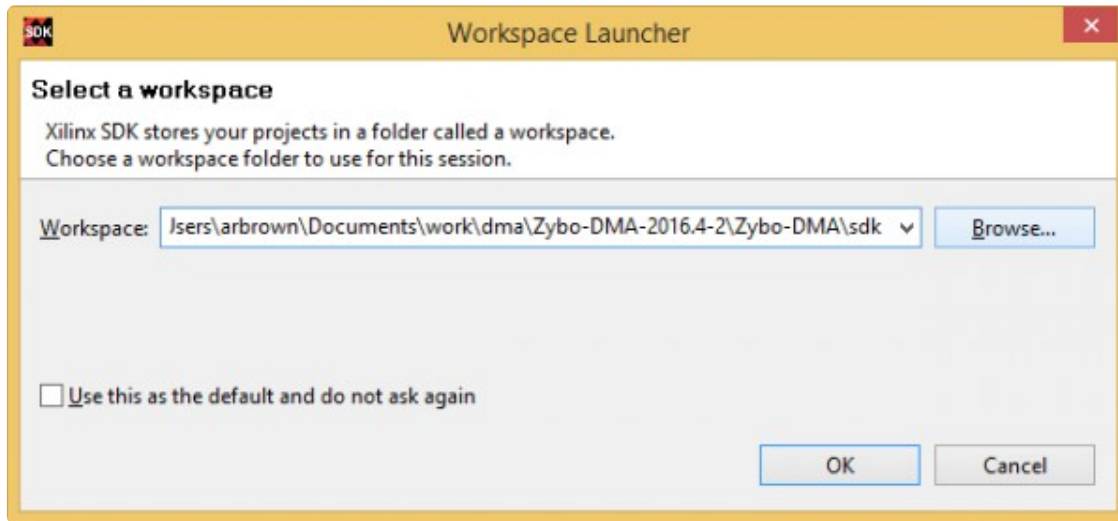
1.3) All of the necessary files are included within each project folder, with relative file paths established, so as long as the files aren't moved around within the folder, you can move and run the project from any location.

2. Open the Project

Select the “SDK Hardware Handoff” option if your project supports Vivado SDK and you want to jump directly in, otherwise select the “Vivado” option. Review the Supported Projects table above to determine if the project is an SDK project.

SDK Hardware Handoff

2.1) Find and Launch Xilinx SDK. This will open a “Select Workspace” dialog. Click **Browse**, then find and select the “sdk” directory of your project.

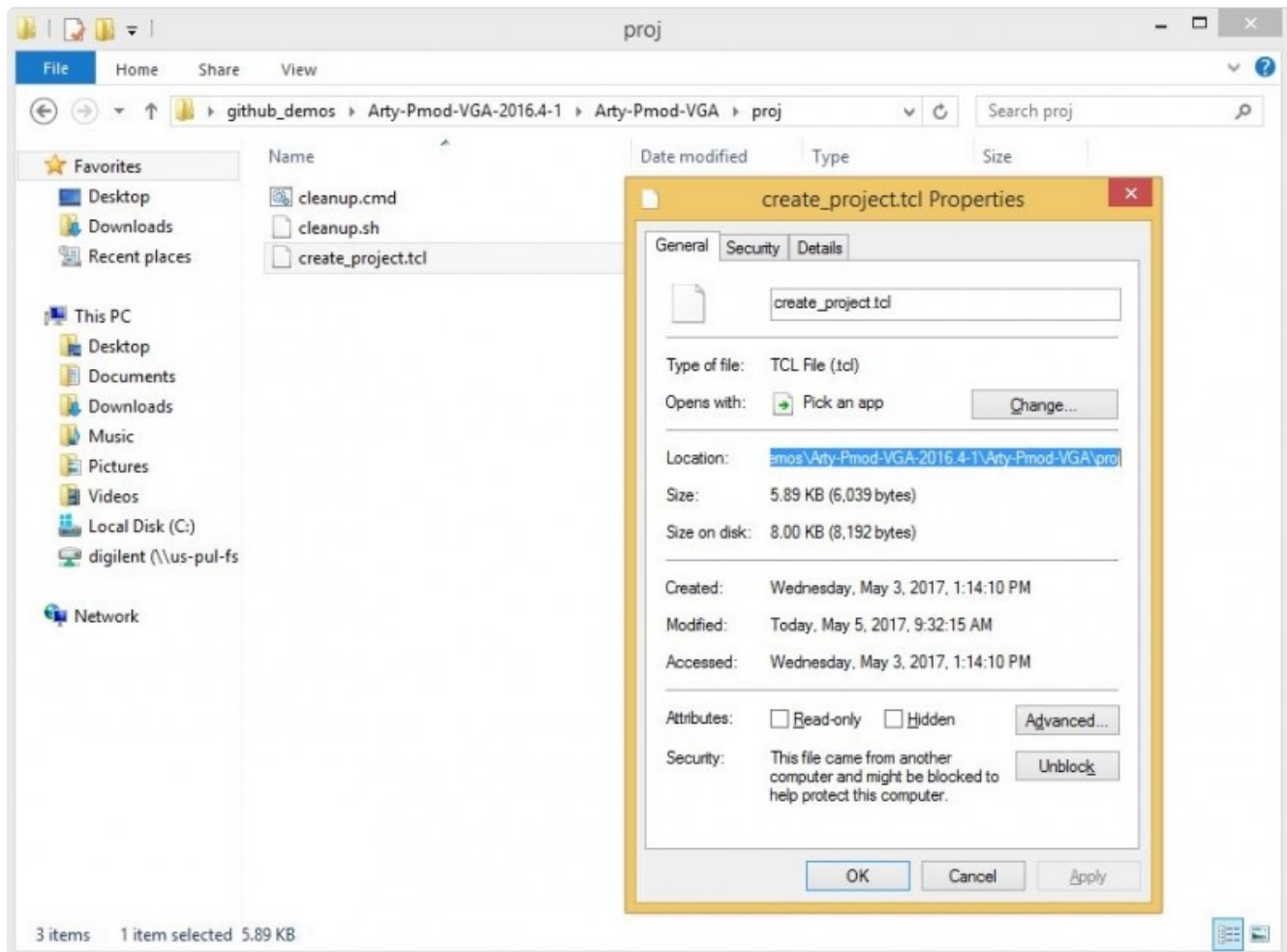


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2.2) Click **Ok** to finish launching SDK.

Vivado

2.1) Within the project folder there will be several subfolders named “hw_handoff”, “proj”, “src”, “repo”, and “sdk”. Go into the “proj” folder, right click the “create_project” file and select **Properties**. Highlight and copy the file's location.



(https://reference.digilentinc.com/_detail/playground/tcl_address.jpg?id=learn%3Aprogrammable-logic%3Atutorials%3Agithub-demos%3Astart)

2.2) Open Vivado and find the Tcl Console on the bottom of the window. Enter the letters 'cd' (change directory) and paste the file path you copied earlier. Select the “proj” folder from the drop down menu to make sure that Vivado converts the path's back slashes '\\' to forward slashes '/ '.

Important

Vivado will not recognize paths that include back slashes, be very careful to make sure that it is properly converted.



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2.3) Enter the command “source ./create_project.tcl”, this will set up the project for you within the proj directory you previously cd'd into.

3. Generate Bitstream

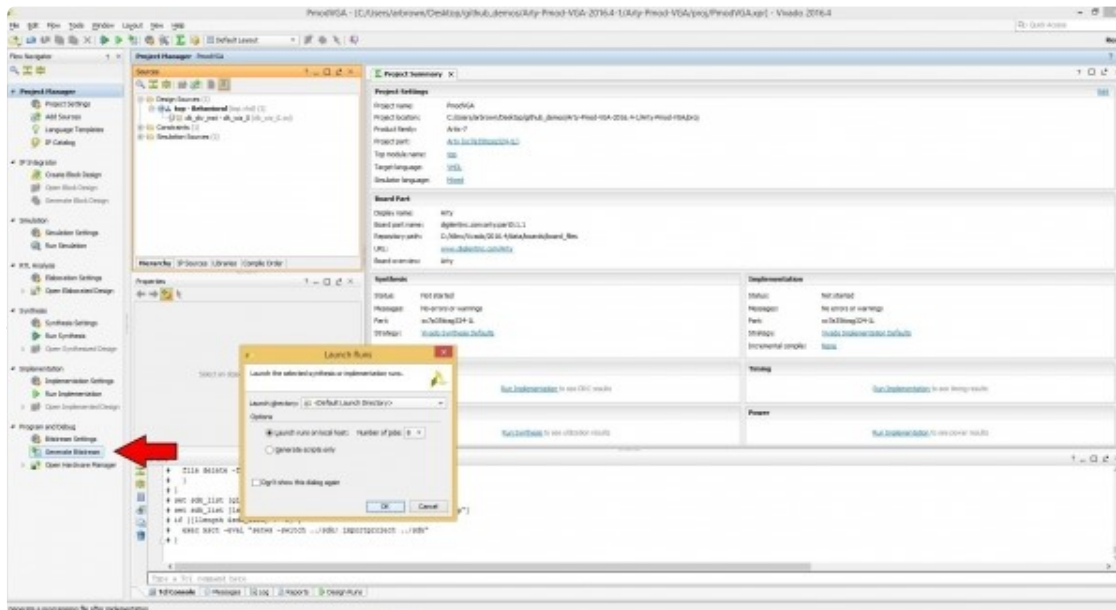
Skip this step if you previously selected the “SDK Hardware Handoff” option.

Generate Bitstream

3.1) Click **Generate Bitstream** on the left hand menu towards the bottom. In the “Launch Runs” dialog, make sure **Launch runs on local host** is selected and click **OK**. In the “No Implementation Results Available” dialog, click **Yes** to run synthesis and implementation.

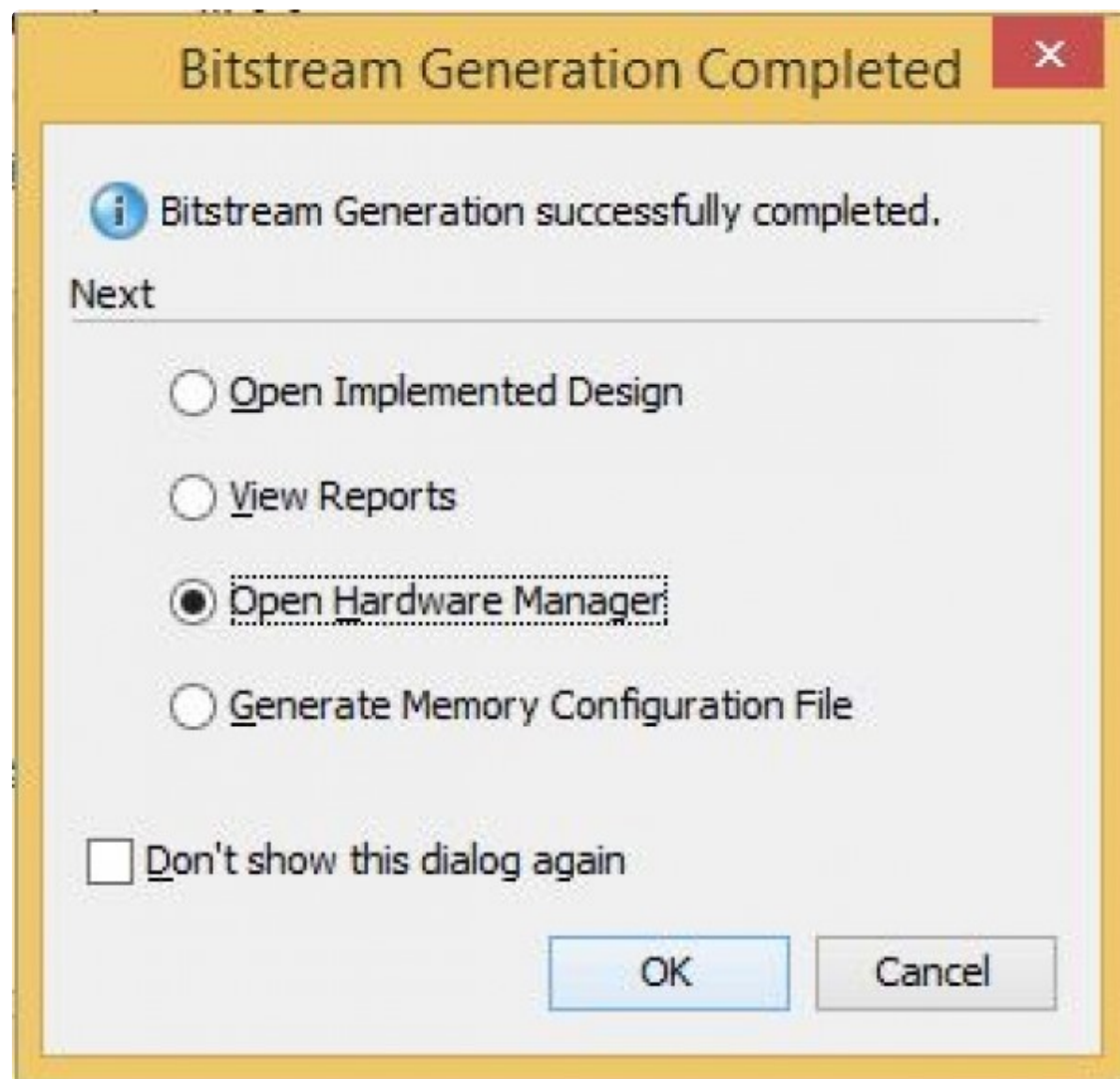
Tip

If your computer has multiple CPU cores, you can increase the number of jobs to make this process faster.



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3.2) When this process has finished, which may take a while, in the “Bitstream Generation Completed” dialog you will be presented with several options. You can **Open Implemented Design** to view how your design will be placed onto the FPGA. **View Reports** will show you a number of different diagnostics on your project, including how the resources of your board will be used. **Open Hardware Manager** is used to program the bitstream onto the board (this will not be used for the SDK flow). **Generate Memory Configuration File** creates a file that can be used to program the bitstream from local memory on your device.



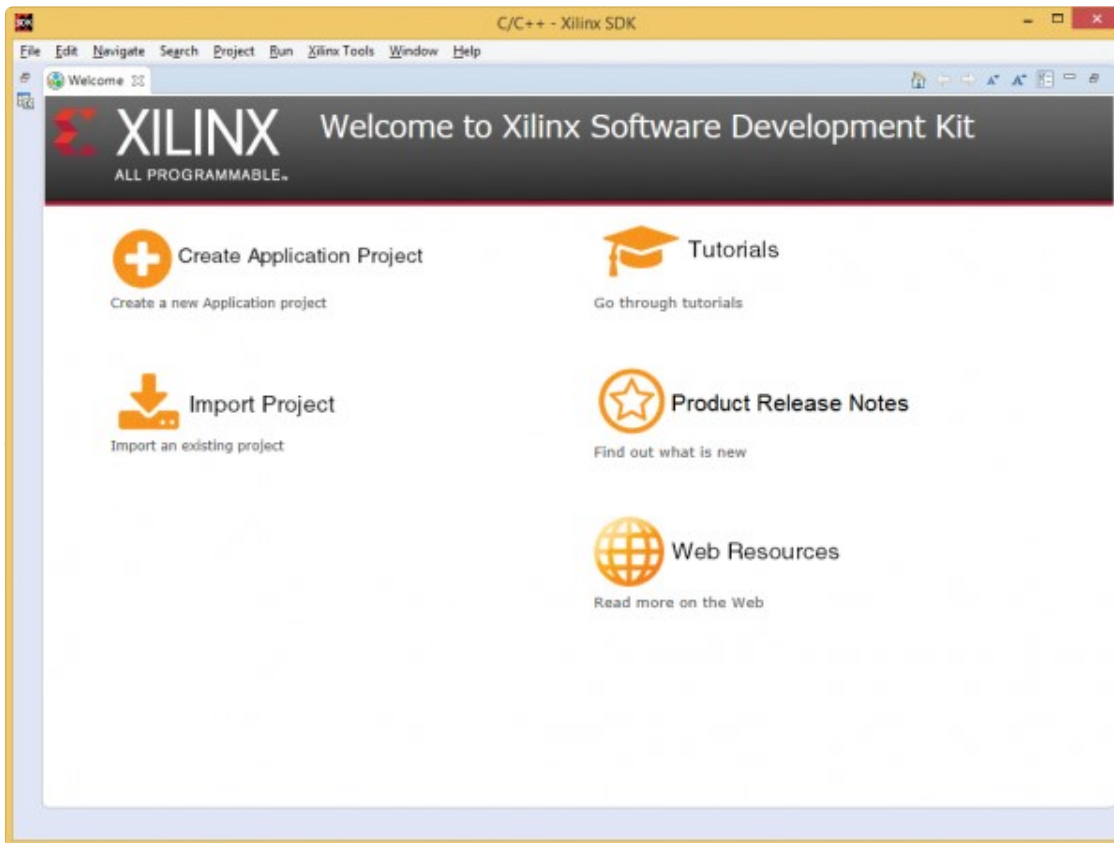
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4. Import SDK Projects

Skip this step if your project doesn't support SDK.

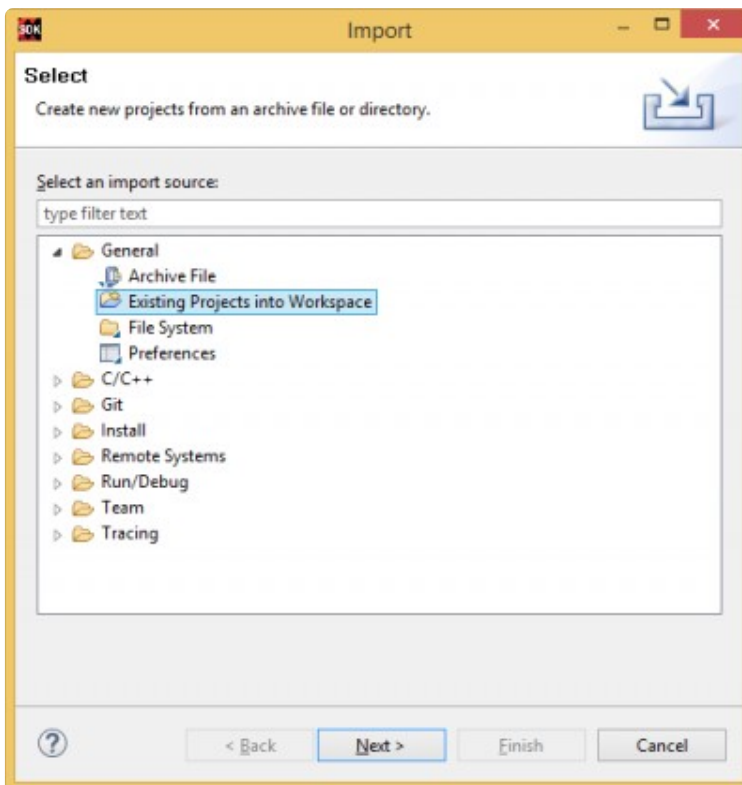
SDK Hardware Handoff

4.1) In SDK's main page, click the **Import Projects** button.



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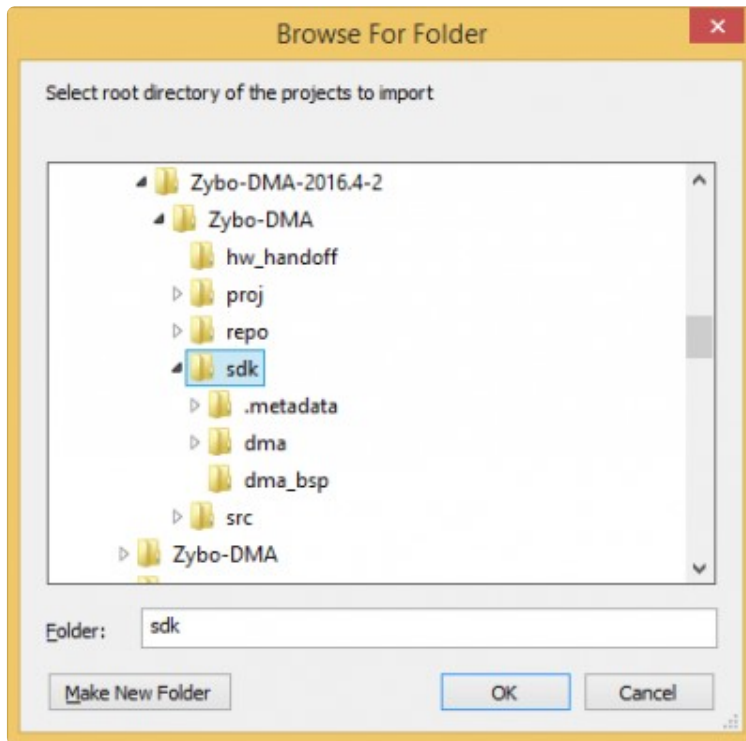
4.2) In the "Import" dialog, under the "General" dropdown, select "Existing projects into workspace". Then click **Next**.



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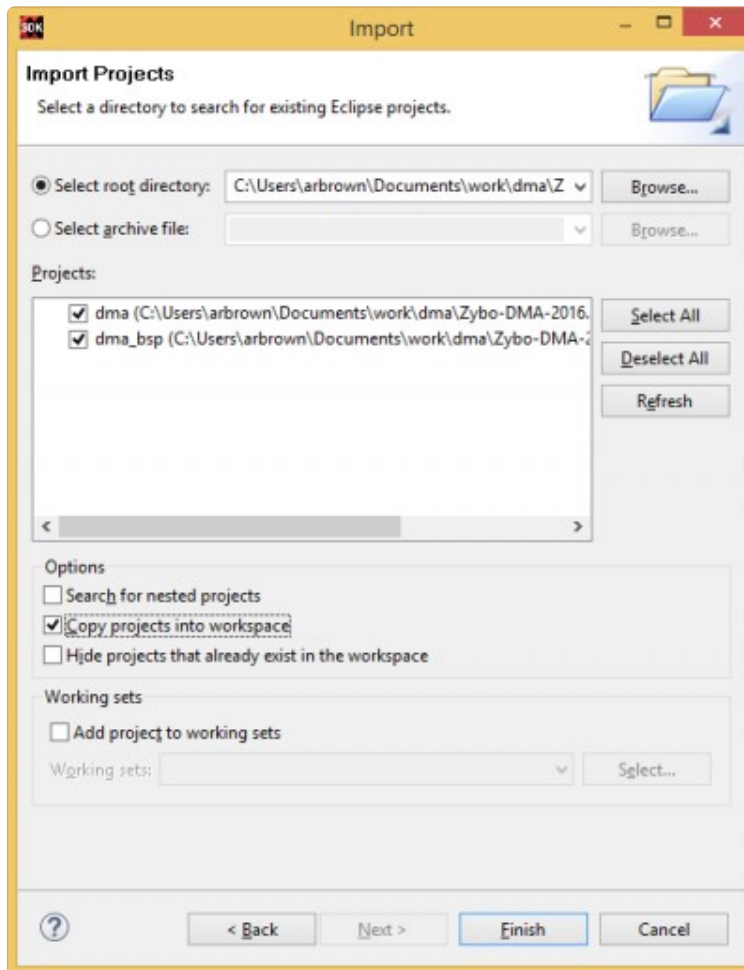
4.3) In the “Import Projects” dialog, make sure that the **Select root directory** option is checked. Then click **Browse**.



(https://reference.diligentinc.com/_detail/playground/bd-

[import-dialog-2.png?id=learn%3Aprogrammable-logic%3Atutorials%3Agithub-demos%3Astart](#))

4.4) Find and select the “sdk” subdirectory of your project and click **Ok**.



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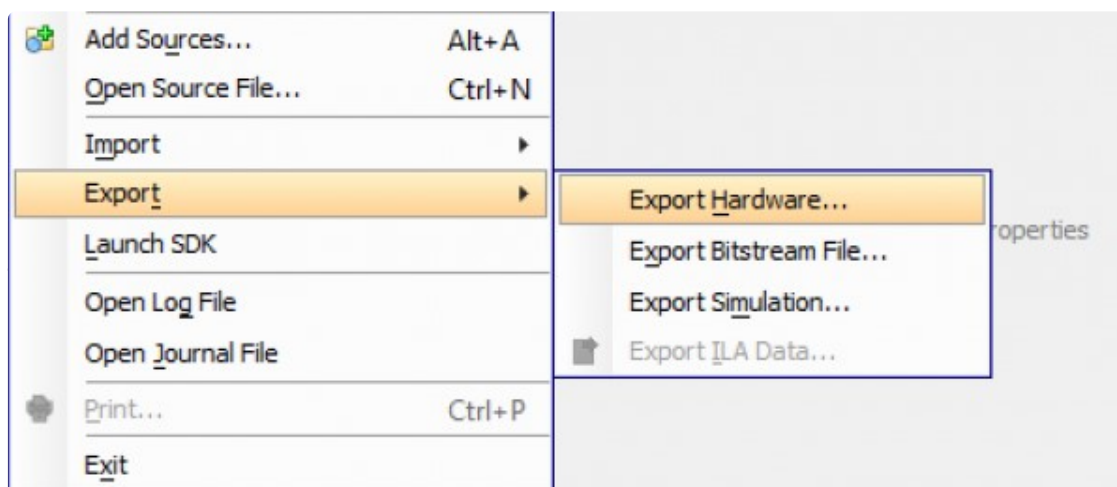
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4.5) Back in “Import Projects”, make sure that the hw_handoff, application, and application board support package (BSP) projects are all checked, then click **Finish** to open the projects in SDK.

Launch from Vivado

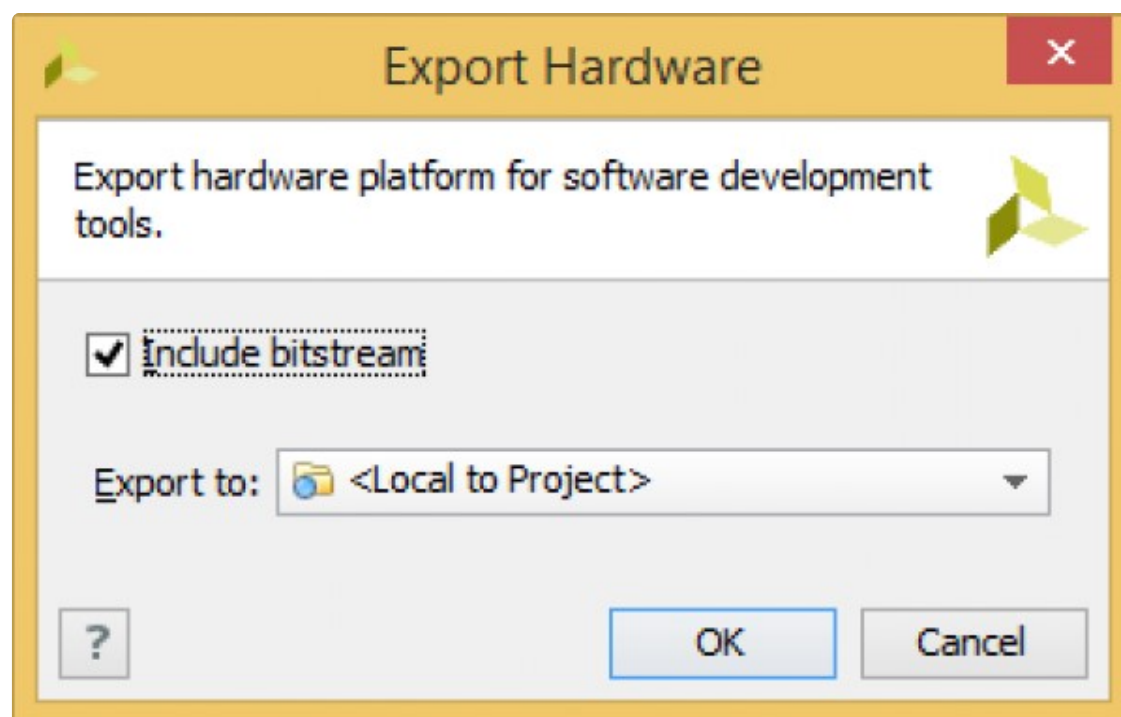
4.1) If the “Generate Bitstream Complete” dialog is still open, click **Cancel**.

4.2) In the top toolbar, select **File** → **Export** → **Export Hardware**.



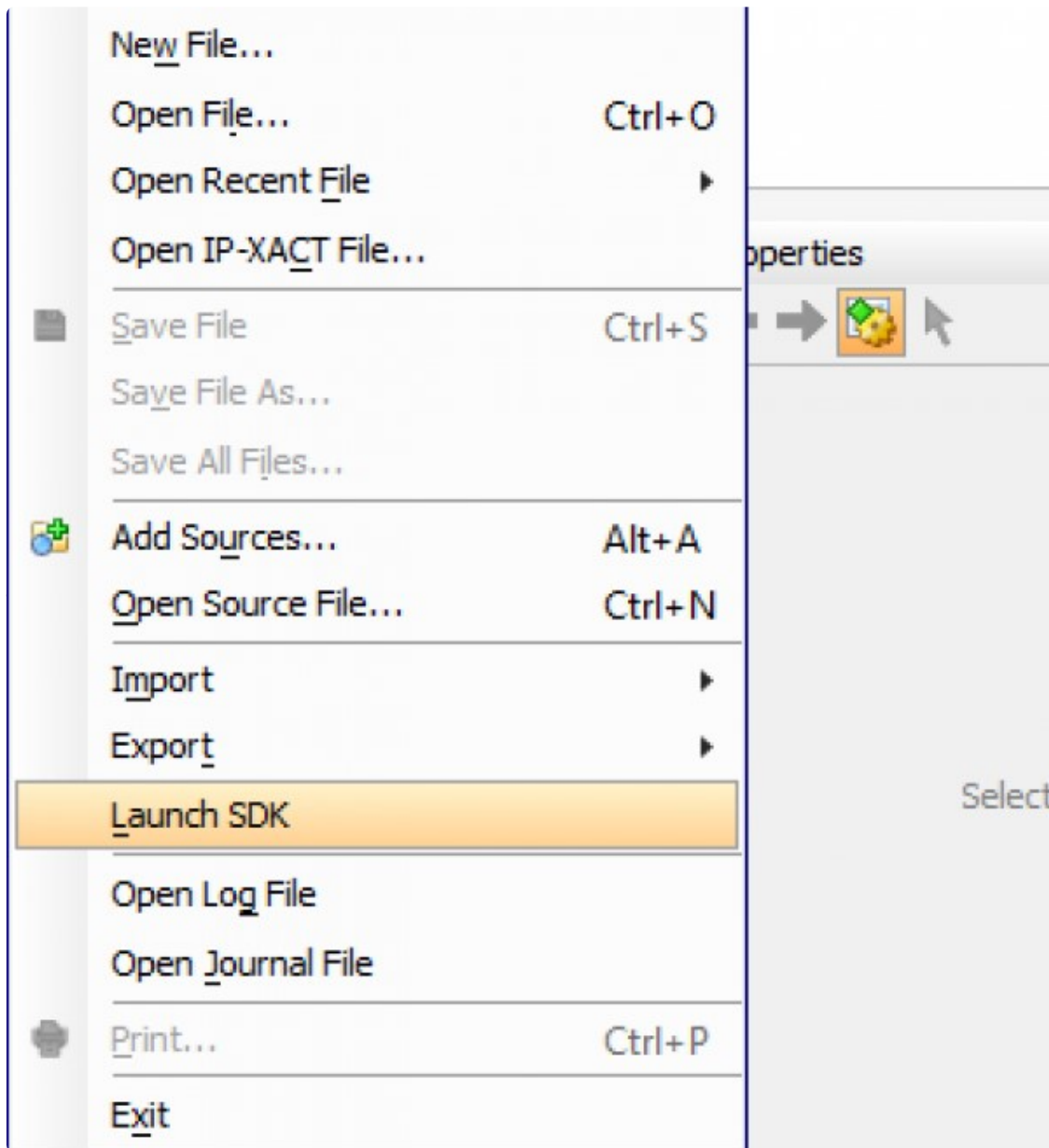
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4.3) Make sure that the “Include bitstream” checkbox is checked and that the hardware platform will be exported to **<Local to Project>**. Click **OK**.



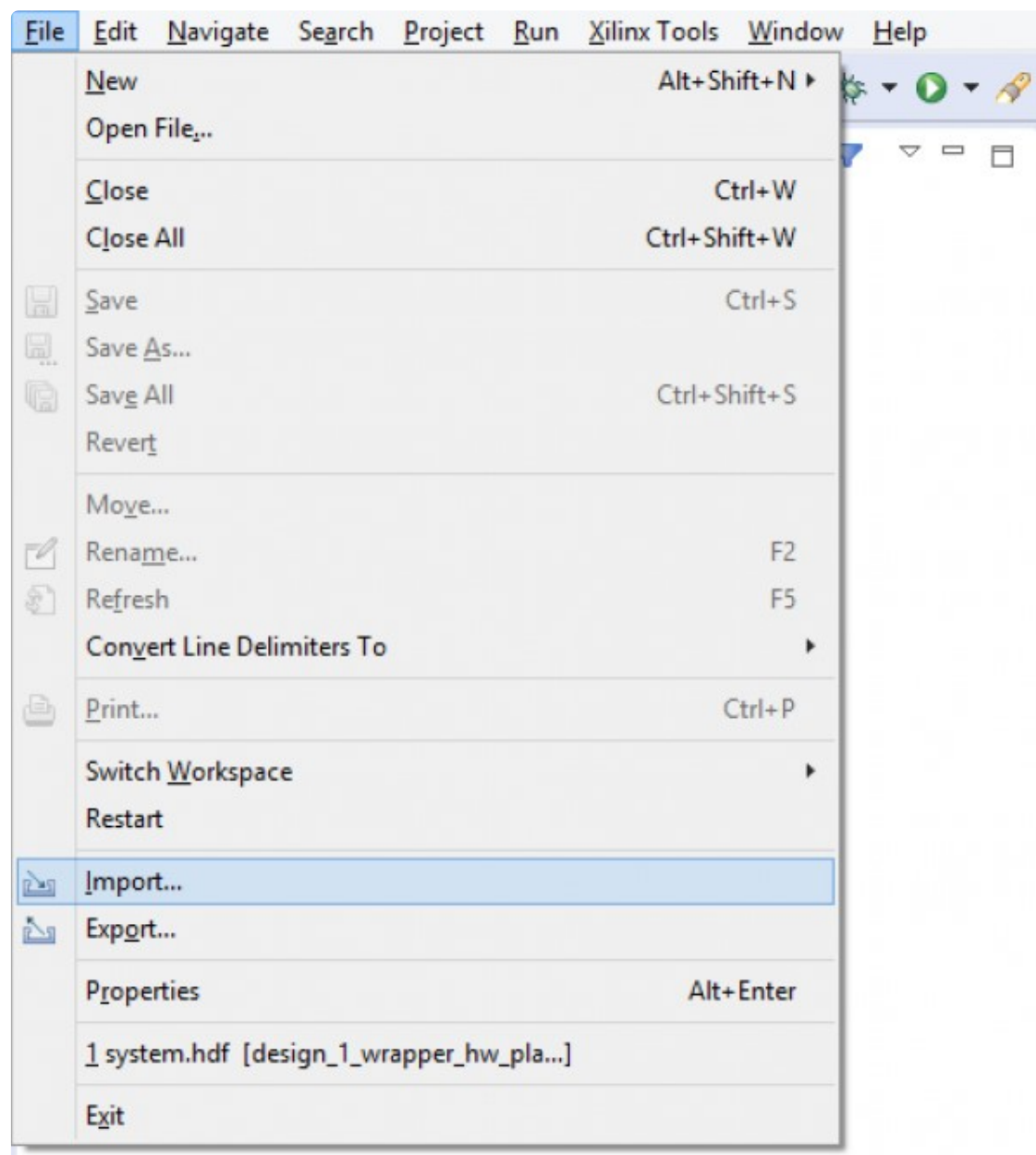
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4.4) In the top toolbar, select File → Launch SDK, make sure that “Exported location” and “Workspace” are set to **<Local to Project>**. Click **Ok**.



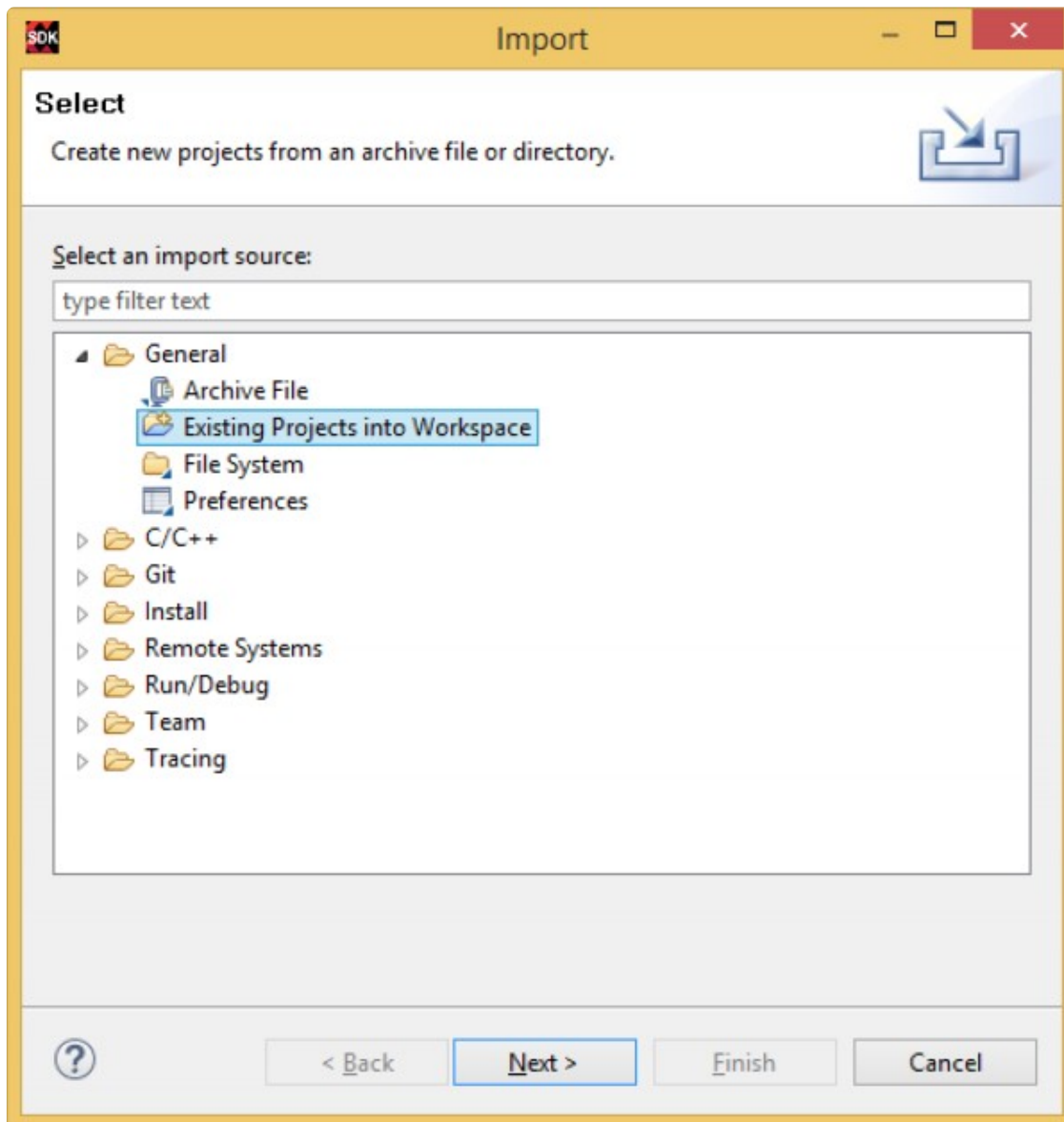
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4.5) In SDK, from the top toolbar, select **File** → **Import**.



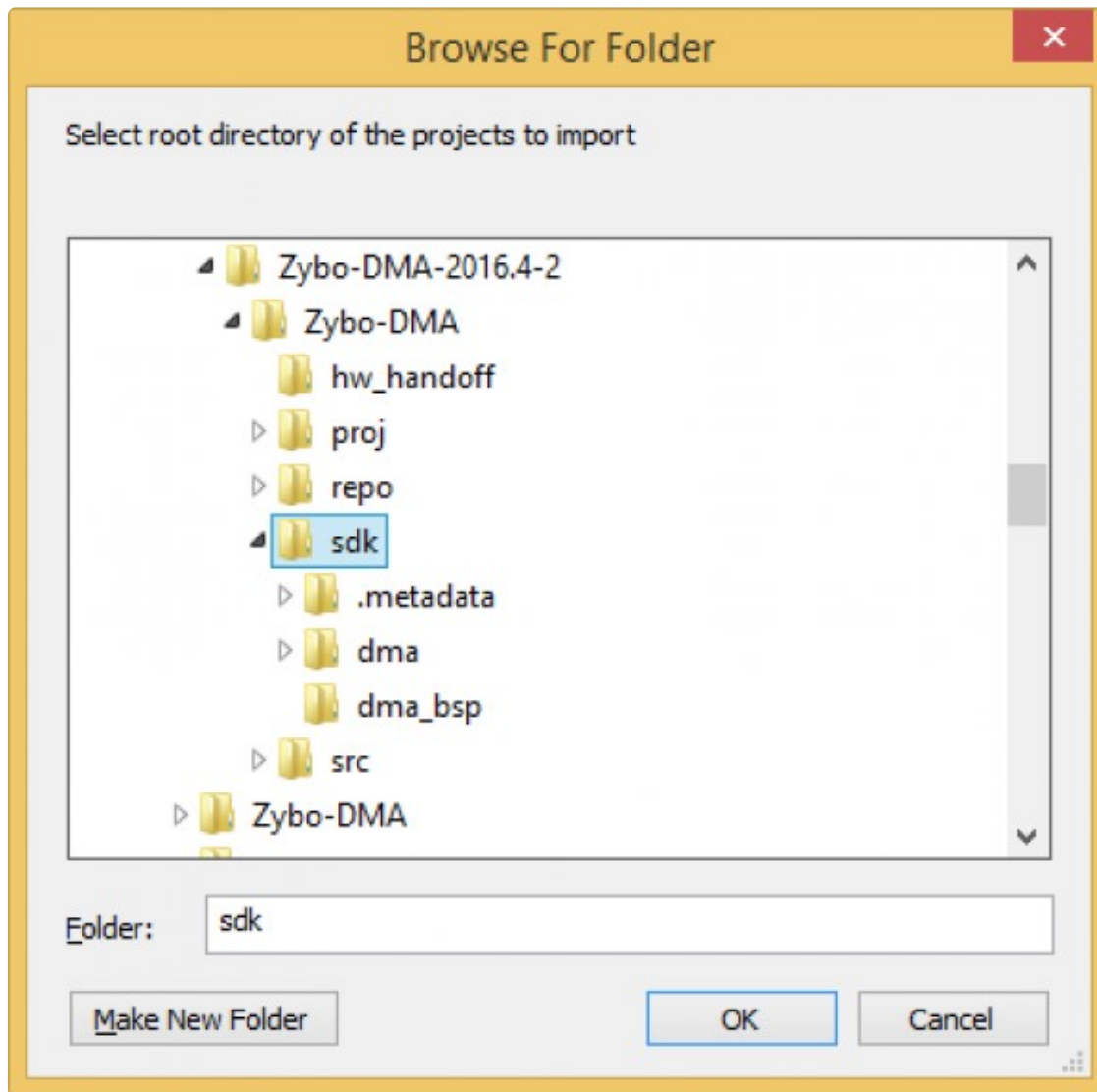
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4.6) In the “Select an import source” dialog dropdowns, select **General** → **Existing Projects into Workspace**, then click **Next**.



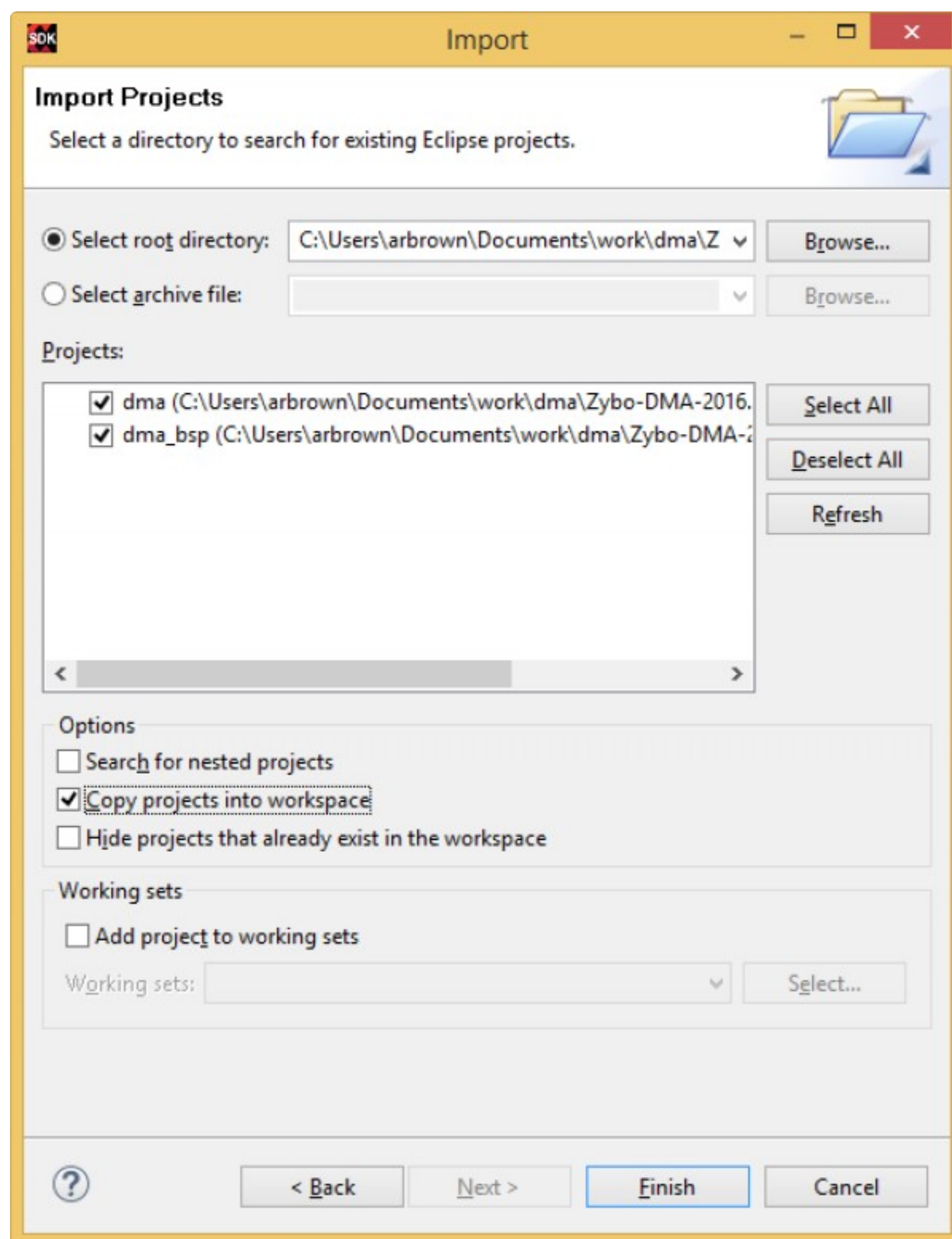
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4.7) In the “Import Projects” dialog, click **Browse** next to “select root directory”, then find and select the “sdk” subdirectory of your project. Click **Ok**.



(https://reference.digilentinc.com/_detail/playground/bd-import-dialog-2.png?id=learn%3Aprogrammable-logic%3Atutorials%3Agithub-demos%3Astart)

4.8) Make sure that the application and application board support package (BSP) projects are checked, then click **Finish**.



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Tip

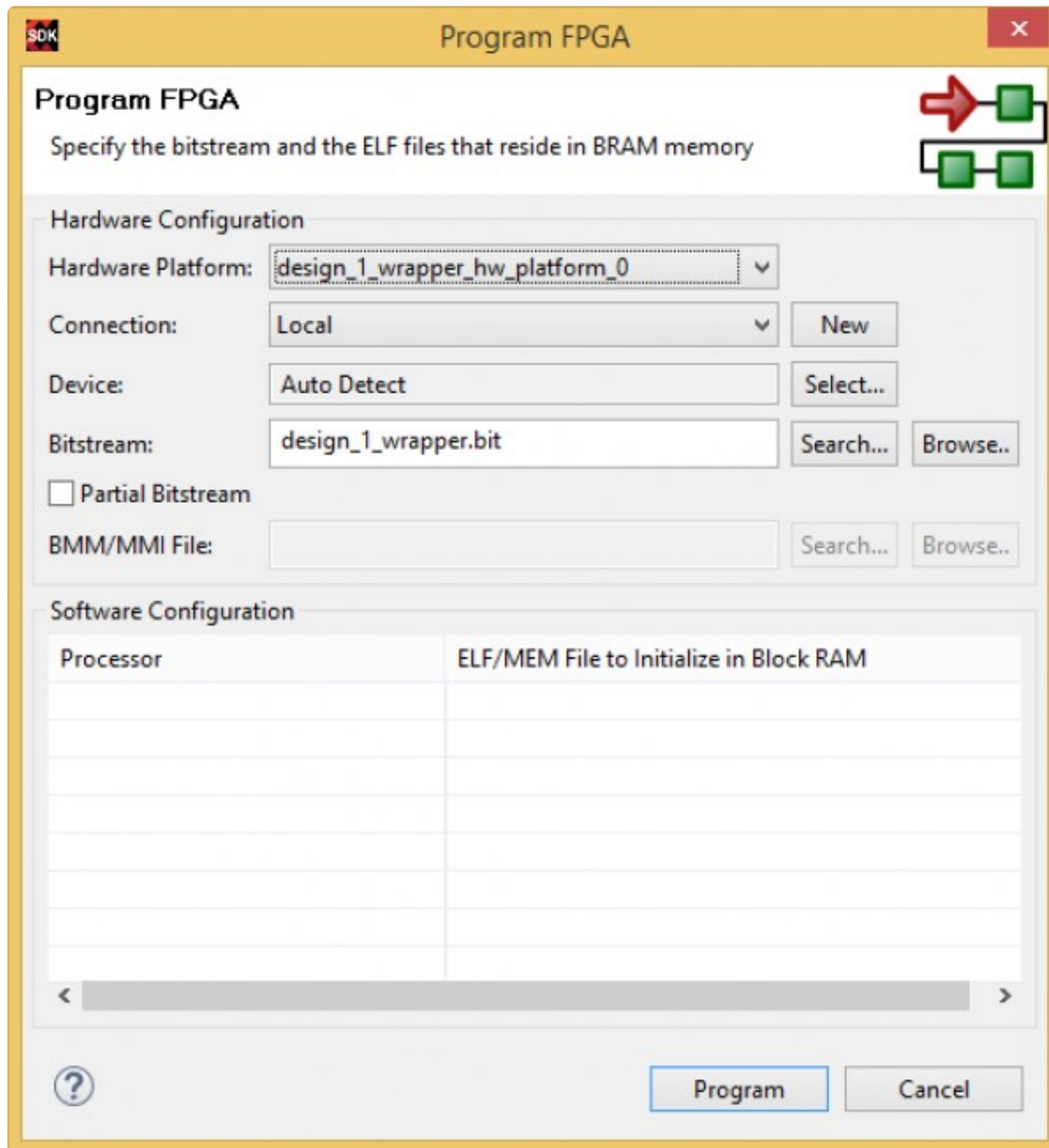
Many apparent errors at this stage can be solved by right-clicking the bsp project and selecting Re-generate BSP Sources.

5. Run the Project

If you have opened your project in SDK in previous steps, select the “SDK” option, otherwise, select “Vivado”.

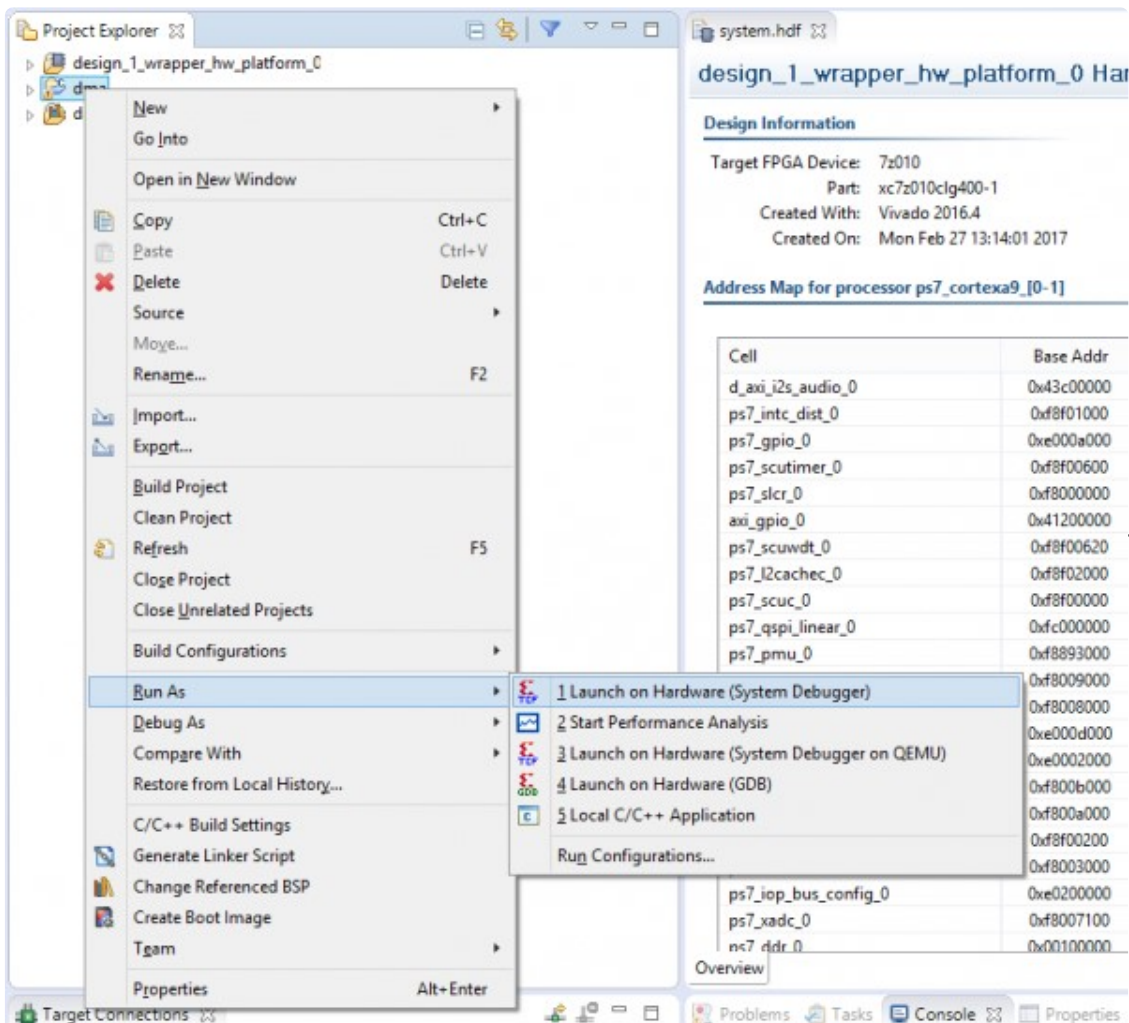
SDK

- 5.1) Ensure your board is turned on and connected to your computer with a USB cable.
- 5.2) Revisit the project's wiki page to check for extra requirements, such as setting up a serial terminal, or connecting additional cables.
- 5.3) Select **Program FPGA** from the Xilinx Tools dropdown in the toolbar. Then click **Program**.



(https://reference.digilentinc.com/_detail/playground/bd-program-dialog.png?id=learn%3Aprogrammable-logic%3Atutorials%3Agithub-demos%3Astart)

5.4) Right click on the application project - the one that doesn't end with “_hw_platform” or “_bsp” - and under “Run As”, select **Launch on Hardware (System Debugger)**.



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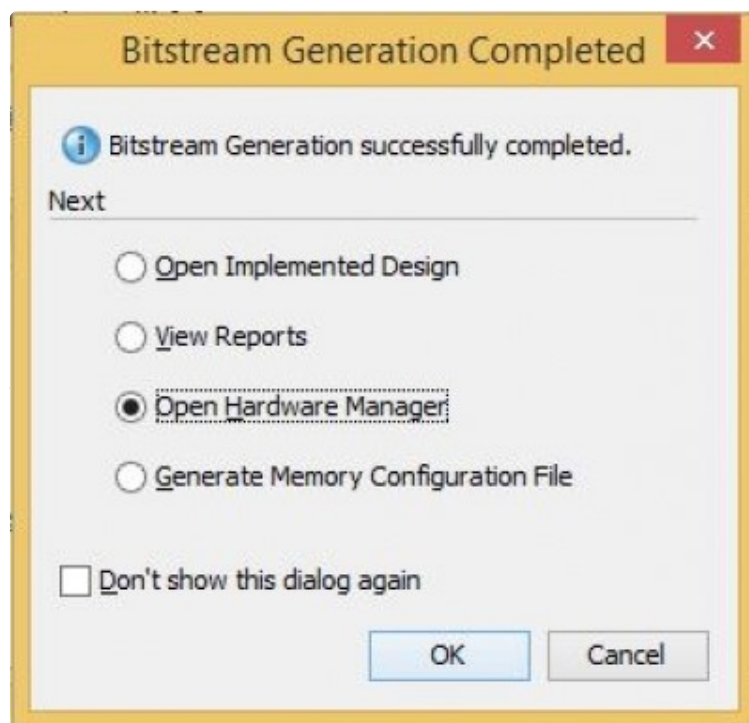
5.5) The project will now be programmed and running on your board and you can return to the project's wiki page to verify functionality.

Vivado

5.1) Ensure your board is turned on and connected to your computer with a USB cable.

5.2) Revisit the project's wiki page to check for extra requirements, such as setting up a serial terminal, or connecting additional cables.

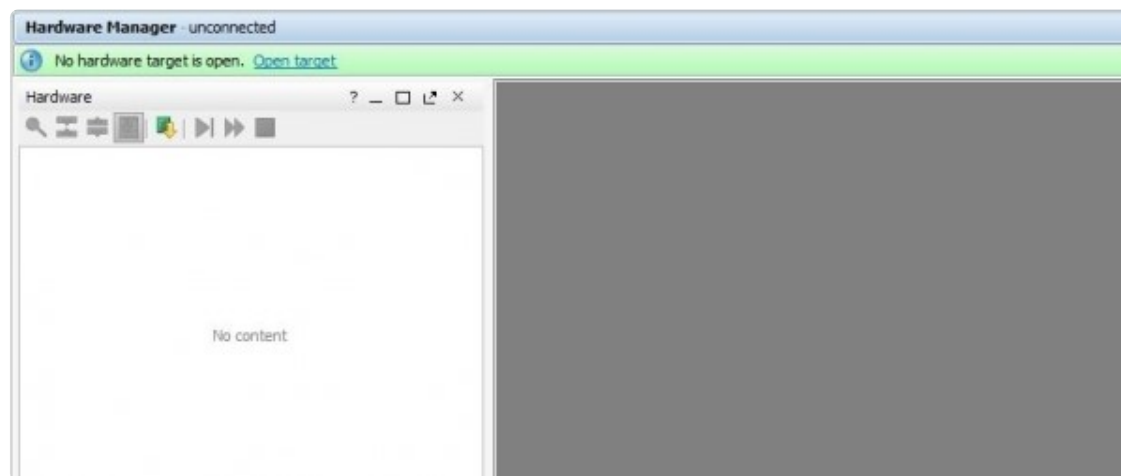
5.3) In the Generate Bitstream Complete dialog, select “Open Hardware Manager”, then click **Ok**. If the dialog is no longer open, select **Hardware Manager** from the Program and Debug section of the Flow Navigator to the left, just underneath **Generate Bitstream**.



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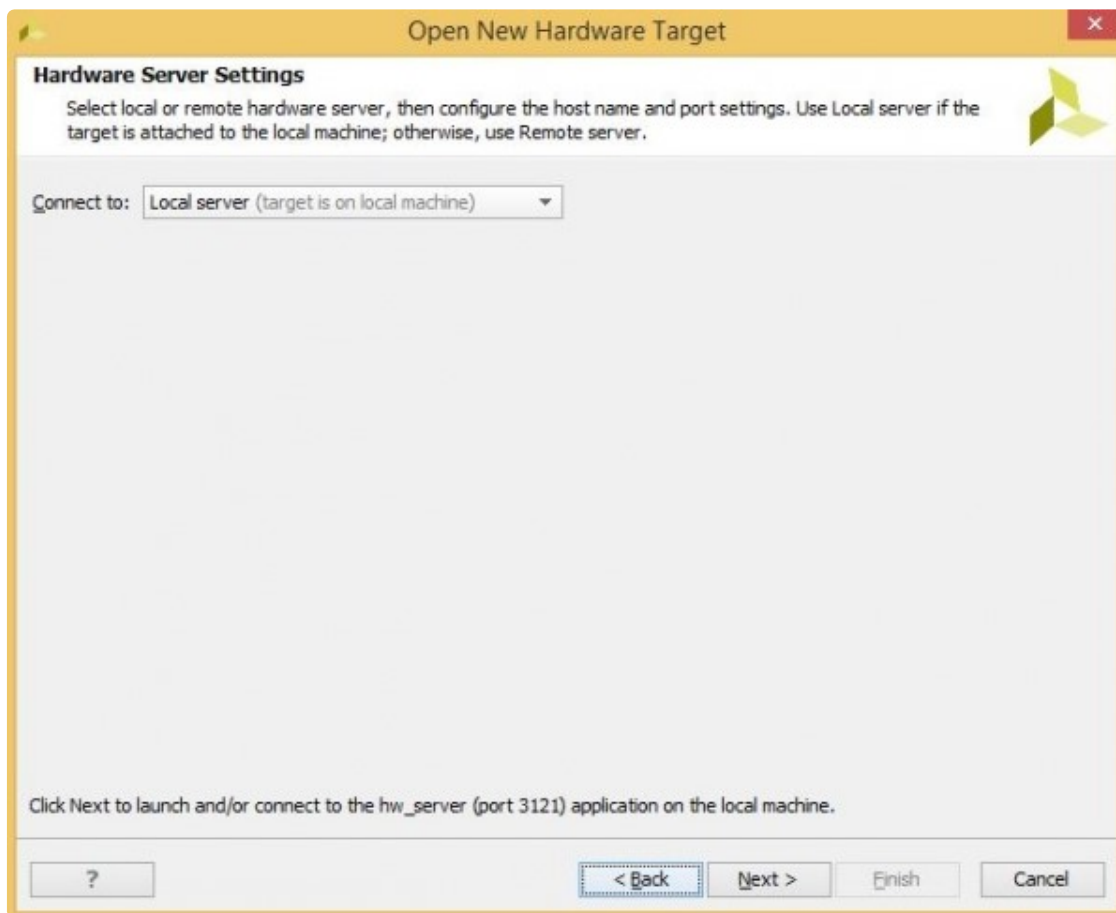
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5.4) Select **Open Target** from the green bar at the top. In the drop down menu that this creates, select **Open New Target**.



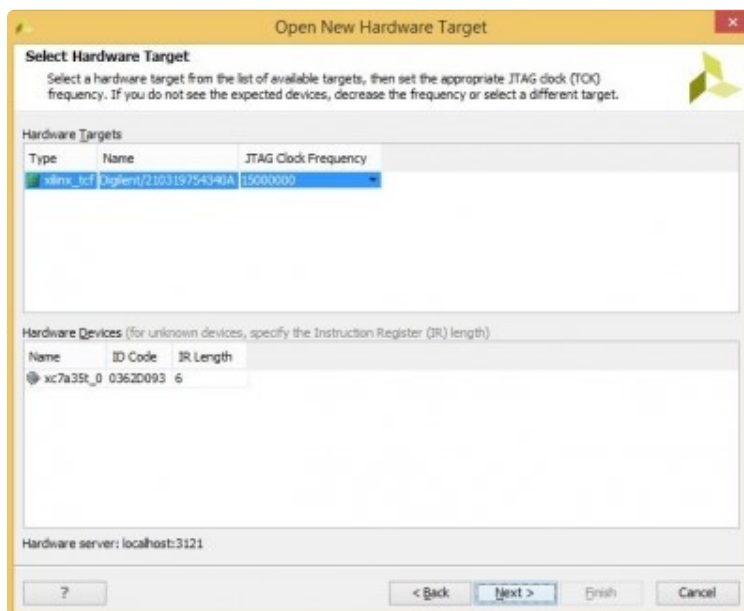
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5.5) Make sure that **Local server** is selected in the “Connect to” drop down, then click **Next**.



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5.6) Make sure that your board shows up in the “Hardware Targets” list, then click **Next** and **Finish**.



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5.7) Select **Program Device** from the green bar, then select your device from the dropdown list (there will usually only be one device listed). Then click **Program**.

Important

If nothing shows up in the “Bitstream file” text box, click the ... button to the right, navigate to “proj/*.runs/impl_1” subdirectory of your project and select the “*.bit” file.



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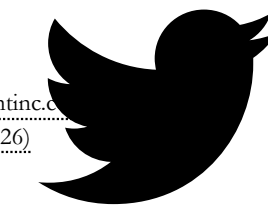
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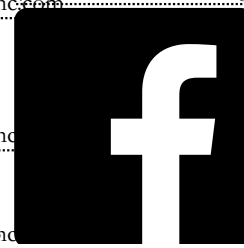
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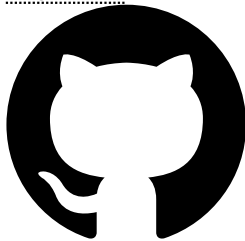
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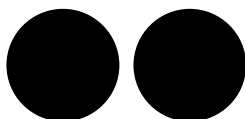
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