

ECE385

DIGITAL SYSTEMS LABORATORY

Introduction to USB and EZ-OTG on Nios II

Embedded System with Nios II

In Lab 7, we introduced the Nios II embedded processor. We said in class that the Nios II is ideal for low speed tasks which would require a huge number of states/logic to do in hardware. USB enumeration for a HID device is one of these tasks, since the speed (for a human-interface device such as a keyboard) is very low, but there are a prohibitive number of states/cases to efficiently handle in hardware.

In Lab 8, the USB protocol is handled in the software on the Nios II, and the extracted keycode from the USB keyboard is then sent to the hardware for further use. In this tutorial, we will cover the software part of the project.

To start, download lab8_usb.zip provided on the course website. Create a folder, say, C:\ece385\lab8_usb, and extract all the zipped files into the folder.

In Quartus II, click on **File > Open Project...** and open lab8_usb.qpf in the folder we just created. This loads the hardware part of the project. Go to the **Files** tab in the **Project Navigator** on the upper left, we will see the included files: a few SystemVerilog source code files (that end with extension .sv), and a IP variation file, usb_system/synthesis/usb_system.qip. The QIP file describes a Nios processor, other IPs that it uses, and the connections between them. The resulting system is equivalent to a SystemVerilog module. In fact, we can see the generated Verilog source code, usb_system.v, by expanding the usb_system.qip item in Project Navigator. You may also view the system in a graphical user interface by going to **Tools > Qsys** and opening usb_system.qsys. In this lab, the QIP file is ready to use and requires no further modification.

Compile the project and program it onto the DE2-115 board. Sometimes the programmable file lab8_usb.sof may appear in a subfolder *output_files* instead of the *lab8_usb* root directory.

Go to **Tools > Nios II Software Build Tools for Eclipse** to launch the software development environment. Specify the workspace path to be the same as your Quartus II project, as shown in Figure 1.

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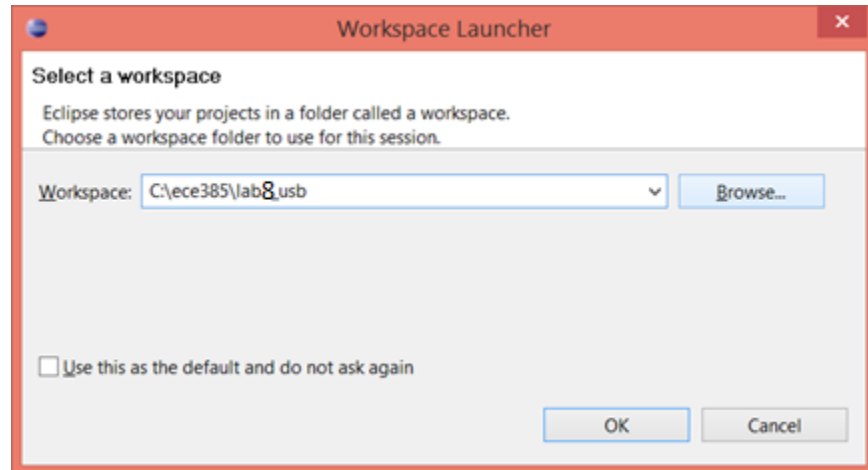


Figure 1

The Eclipse window will show up, as in Figure 2.

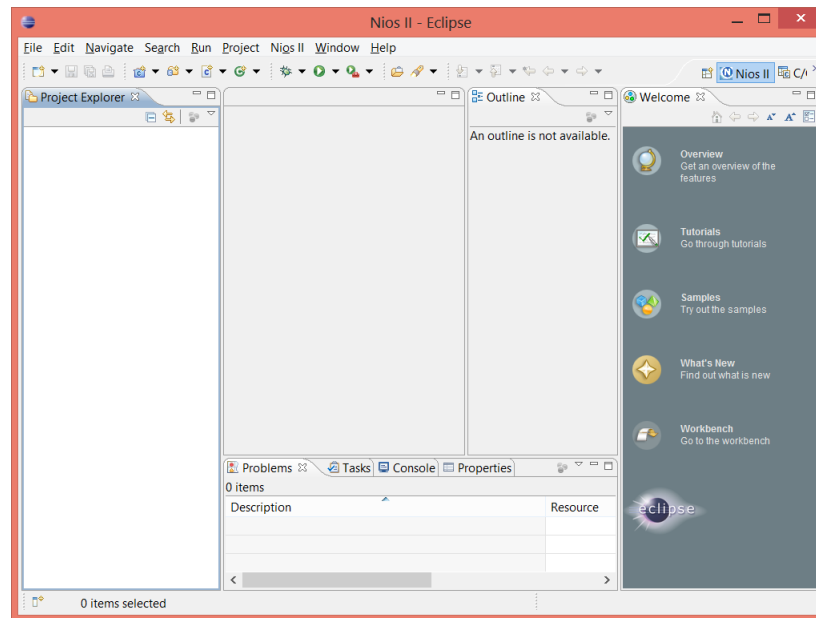


Figure 2

Set perspective to Nios II by going to **Menu > Window > Open Perspective > Other > Nios II** or by clicking on the **Nios II** icon on the upper right of the window.

Next, we will import the provided software source code into the workspace. Right click on the blank space in Project Explorer on the left and select **Import...** (or alternatively, **Files > Import...**). Select **Nios II Software Build Tools Project > Import Nios II Software Build Project**, as shown in Figure 3, and Click **Next**.

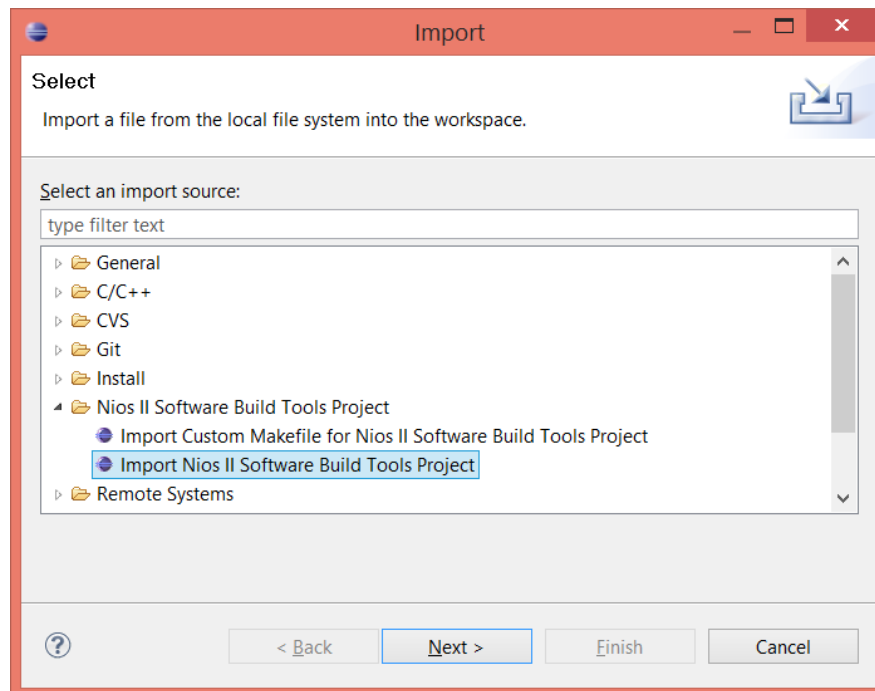


Figure 3

In the next screen Browse for the software\usb_kb folder in the project folder. Type in Project name as usb_kb, as shown in Figure 4. Make sure ***Clean project when importing*** is selected. Click ***Finish***. This is the main software program we will be working on.

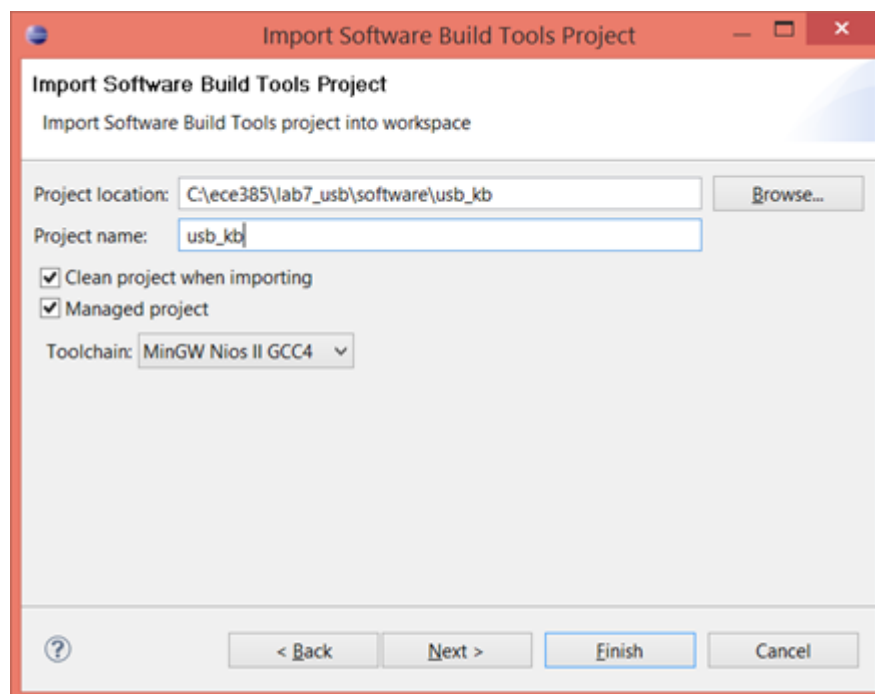


Figure 4

Import another project called *usb_kb_bsp* stored in *software\usb_kb_bsp*. The BSP project defines hardware information so the software can be compiled and run correctly.

Now we have two projects, *usb_kb*, and *usb_kb_bsp* in the Project Explorer. Right click on *usb_kb_bsp* and select **Nios II > Generate BSP**. This configures the compilation environment to be compatible with the hardware design. Click on the main project, *usb_kb*, and then go to **Project > Build All** to compile the program.

IMPORTANT:

Whenever the hardware part is changed, it needs to be compiled in Quartus II and programmed on the FPGA. If the programmer fails to load the .sof file on the FPGA, it's likely because the software is occupying the USB Blaster port. Simply stop the program or restart the FPGA board if this is the case.

On the software side, make sure to right click on *<project_name_bsp>* and select **Nios II > Generate BSP** so the latest hardware information is included in the Makefile. Then, compile the program again (**Build All**). Compatibility errors occur if you fail to do so!

To run the program on Nios II, click on **Run > Run Configurations...** to open up a dialog window, as shown in Figure 5.

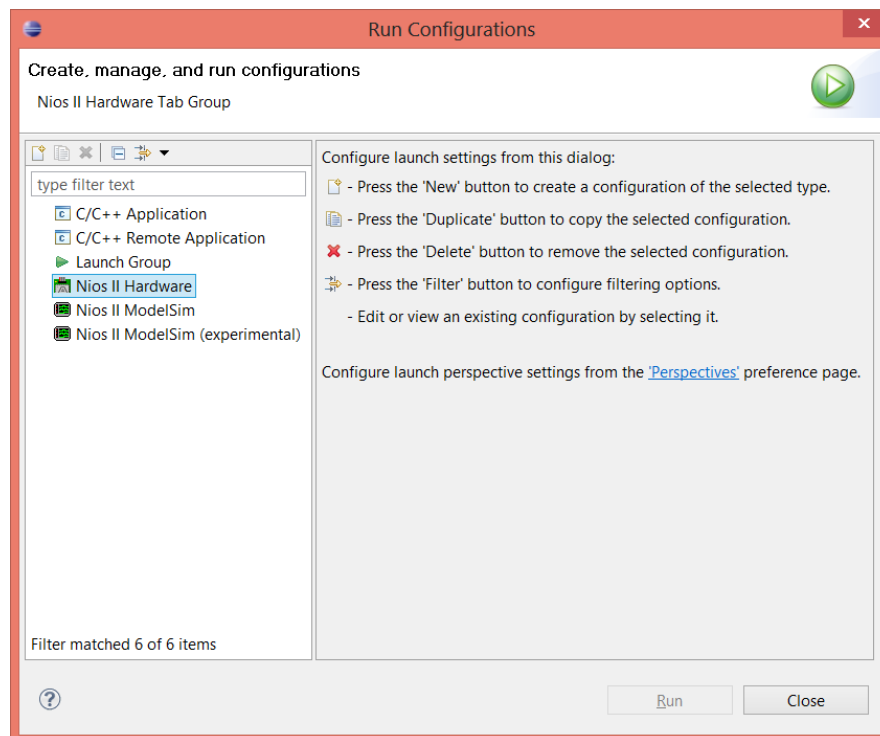


Figure 5

Right click on **Nios II Hardware** and select **New**. Type in the name of the configuration as **DE2-115**. In the **Project** tab, select Project name to be the project you are working with. The corresponding ELF file should automatically be set up. See Figure 6. The ELF file is the compiled software file that is downloaded into the system memory and run on Nios II.

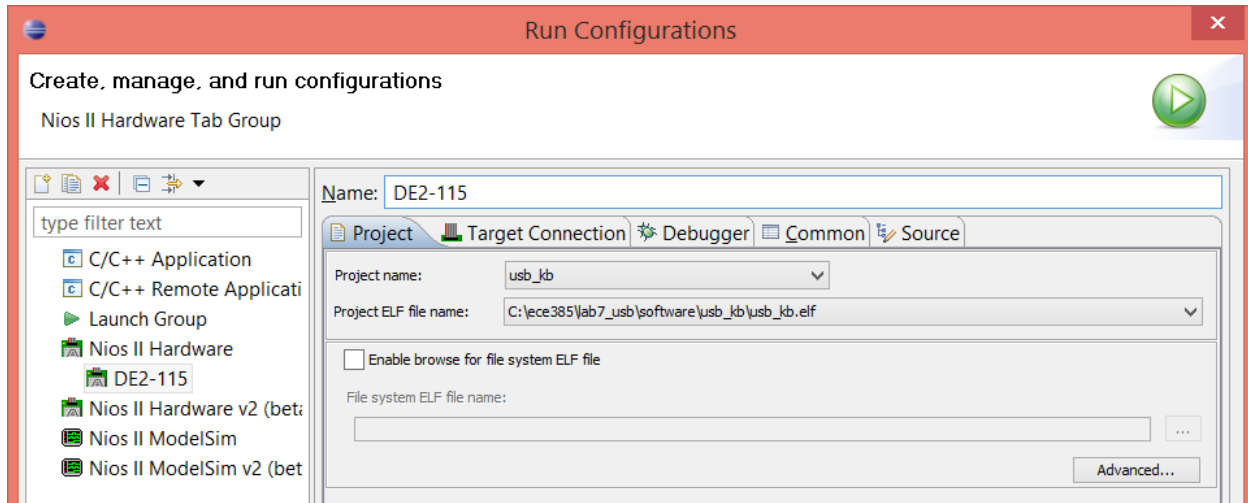


Figure 6

Go to the **Target Connection** tab. Click on Refresh Connections on the right. Make sure the **Processors** and the **Byte Stream Devices** are both **USB-Blaster on localhost**. If an error message “*Connected system ID hash not found on target at expected base address*” appears, check the options of *Ignore mismatched system ID* and *Ignore mismatched system timestamp*. See Figure 7.

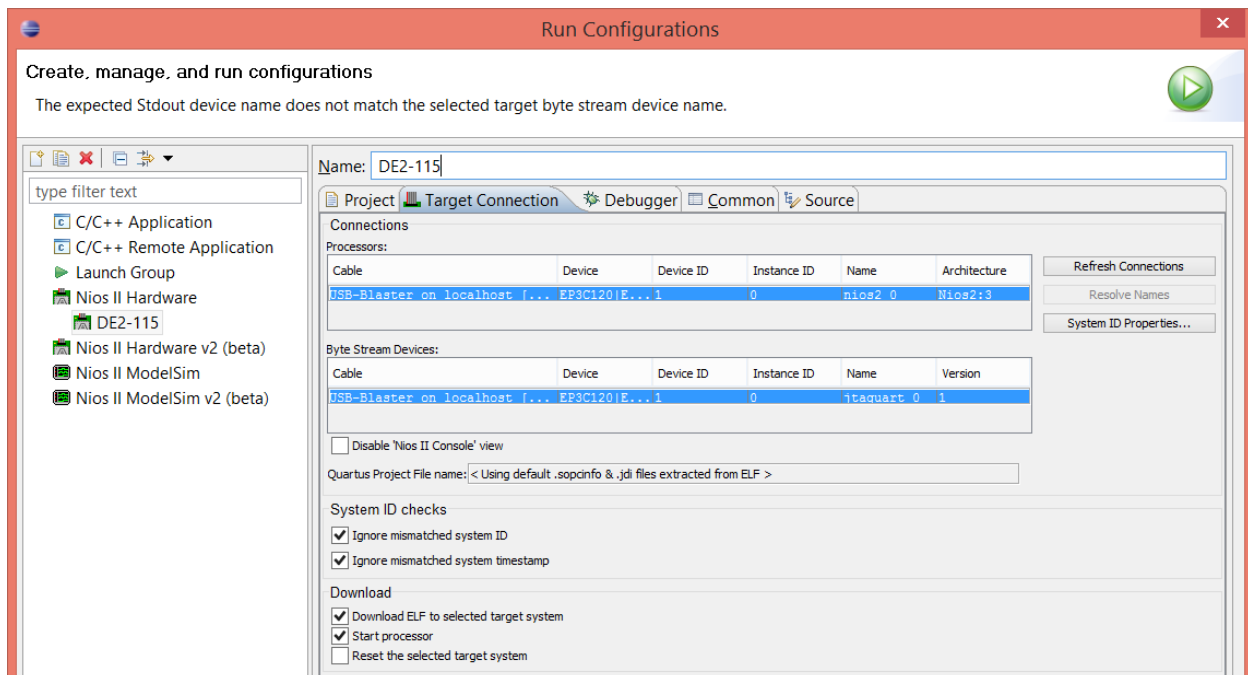


Figure 7

Go to the **Common** tab. Check both **Allocate console** and **File** under *Standard Input and Output*. Type in a path for your log file, such as `C:\ece385\lab8_usb\mylog.txt`, as shown in Figure 8. This will log some of the error/warning messages in case you encounter them, which helps a lot in troubleshooting.

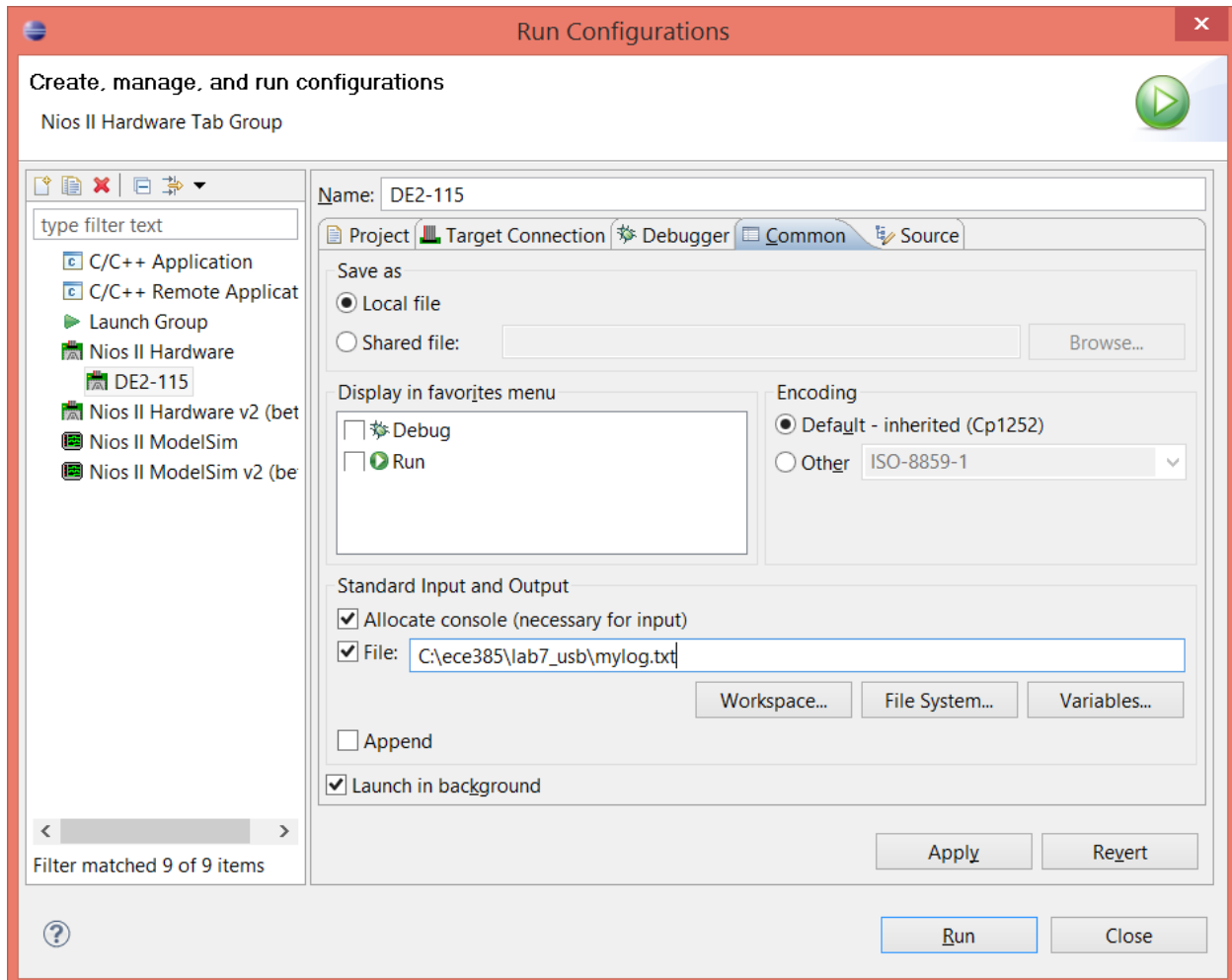


Figure 8

Click **Run** to run the program. A Nios II console should appear on the bottom of the Eclipse environment. Standard I/O is made on the Nios II console on your PC, transmitted via the USB Blaster cable to the DE2-115 board and to the program running on the Nios II processor.

USB Host Programming with the EZ-OTG (CY7C67200) Chip

The Cypress EZ-OTG (CY7C67200) chip handles the USB protocol. OTG stands for On-The-Go, which is an add-on specification on top of the standard USB 2.0 standard that allows not only PCs but also other mobile devices to act as a USB Host. The EZ-OTG chip itself contains a RISC microprocessor (CY16), RAM, and ROM (BIOS), as shown on the left in Figure 9. The RAM can be accessed through direct memory access (DMA) at addresses 0x0000 – 0x3FFF. The Serial

Interface Engines (SIEs) are the front end of the USB controller and are where the USB ports are attached. The connections between EZ-OTG and the DE2-115 FPGA board are made through the Host Port Interface (HPI), which are shown as the connections in the center of Figure 9. The noteworthy pins are HPI_D[15:0], which is the 16-bit parallel data bus; HPI_INT, which indicates the event of interrupt; HPI_A[1:0], which indicates the addresses to four port registers on the chip. Each of the port registers control some important functionalities on EZ-OTG, some of which will be used later. The port registers and the addresses are listed in Table 1.

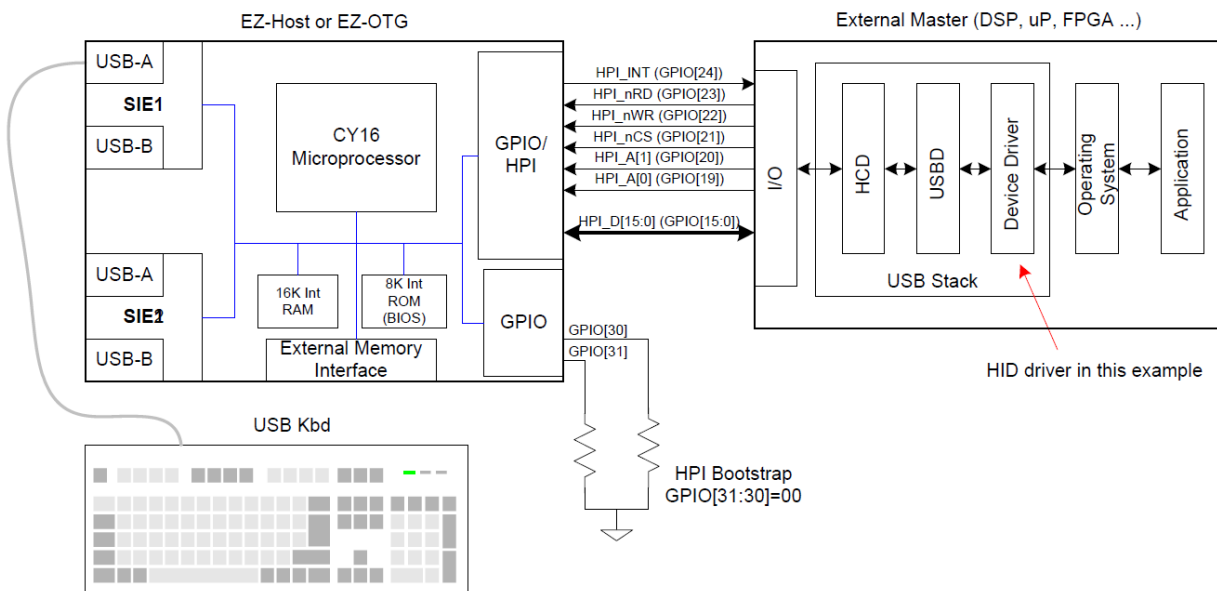


Figure 9

Port Registers	HPI A [1]	HPI A [0]	Access
HPI DATA	0	0	RW
HPI MAILBOX	0	1	RW
HPI ADDRESS	1	0	W
HPI STATUS	1	1	R

Table 1

We need to program and configure EZ-OTG in order to make it act as a Host Controller and establishes a connection with the USB keyboard. In the program, we will do the following:

- Set up the EZ-OTG chip.
- Detect connection and assign an address to the connected device.
- Identify device type from descriptors.
- Set configuration.
- Poll keyboard data.

In the Nios II system, most of the peripheral IPs are memory-mapped, that is, we are able to read and write from these IPs via memory access functions. Two important functions (provided by Altera, defined in *HAL/inc/io.h*) that read and write from the peripherals are introduced here:

`IORD(base, offset):`

Read and return data from the memory location specified by (base address + offset). Offset is word-wise, that is, an offset of 1 is equivalent to a 32-bit or 4-byte offset in the address.

`IOWR(base, offset, data):`

Write data to the memory location specified by (base address + offset).

Hint: In Eclipse, right click on a function/variable name and choose Open Declaration will lead you to the function/variable. This is very helpful when you need to trace your source code in multiple files.

By using these functions, we can communicate with the EZ-OTG. The standard procedure of reading is:

1. Write the address to access to `HPI_ADDR`.
2. EZ-OTG will fetch the data from the specified address (e.g. an address in the RAM) and make it ready to be transferred via `HPI_DATA`.
3. Read from `HPI_DATA`.
4. (Optional: continuous read) EZ-OTG will load the data at the next available address to `HPI_DATA`, that is, if more data are to be read from the next address, we can simply read again from `HPI_DATA` without giving the next address.

Similarly, the procedure of writing is:

1. Write the address to access to `HPI_ADDR`.
2. Write data to `HPI_DATA` in 16-bit little endian words.
3. EZ-OTG will store the data to the specified address (e.g. an address in the RAM).
4. (Optional: continuous write) If more data are to be written into the next address, we can simply write again to `HPI_DATA`. EZ-OTG will store the data into the next available address.

To further simplify the procedure, we define two helper functions in `USB.c` as follows:

```
alt_u16 UsbRead(alt_u16 Address)
{
    IOWR(CY7C67200_BASE, HPI_ADDR, Address);
    return IORD(CY7C67200_BASE, HPI_DATA);
}

void UsbWrite(alt_u16 Address, alt_u16 Data)
{
    IOWR(CY7C67200_BASE, HPI_ADDR, Address);
    IOWR(CY7C67200_BASE, HPI_DATA, Data);
}
```

These functions perform a single read/write without utilizing the continuous read/write feature. Here, `alt_u16` is Altera's built-in data type of a 16-bit unsigned integer.

USB Keyboard Enumeration

The keyboard enumeration procedure is done in *main.c*, following the **Example Data Transfer to Enumerate a USB** section in the **Cypress Using HPI in Coprocessor Mode with OTG-Host (AN6010)** document. The steps are summarized as follows:

Step 1a: Initialize EZ-Host/EZ-OTG registers.

Step 1b: Configure SIE1 as a host.

Step 2: USB_RESET.

Step 3: Set address.

Step 4: Get device descriptor.

Step 5: Get configuration descriptor (1).

Step 6: Get configuration descriptor (2).
(Get device info.)

Step 7: Set configuration.

(Make class requests.)

Step 8: Get HID descriptor (Class 0x21).

Step 9: Get report descriptor (Class 0x22).

And finally poll keyboard data.

Each step requires a series of reads and writes on the EZ-OTG registers and RAM. In the end of Steps 1-2, COMM_EXEC_INT (0xCE01) is written to HPI_MAILBOX to issue an execution, as shown in Figure 6 of the **AN6010** document. In the rest of the steps, a list of Transaction Descriptors (TDs) is written into the RAM, and then `UsbWrite(HUSB_SIE1_pCurrentTDPtr, Address)` is called to specify the start address of the TDs in the RAM so EZ-OTG can process the TDs. After the TDs are read and processed, EZ-OTG will set the SIE1msg bit of the HPI_STATUS register to 1 to indicate successful execution. The bit fields in HPI_STATUS are explained in Table 4 of the **AN6010** document. If the SIE1msg bit is not set to 1, the program should make another attempt to transfer the TDs and have EZ-OTG process them again.

TASK: Complete Steps 3 through 9 in main.c by calling the appropriate functions defined in USB.c and USB.h.

Hint: All tasks in the software part are marked with comment “// TASK:” in the source code.

Most of these functions are provided and defined, but we will complete Step 3’s `UsbSetAddress()` here to have a better understanding of how to work with TDs. Below is the pseudo code for `UsbSetAddress()`.

```
void UsbSetAddress ()
{
    Specify the start address of the TDs as 0x0500 by writing this value to HPI_ADDR.

    // TD #1
    Write the base address of data buffer (bit fields 0x00-0x01).
    Write the port number (bit field 0x02) and data length (bit field 0x03).
    Write the device address (bit field 0x05), PID as SETUP and endpoint number as 0 (bit field 0x04).
```

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Write the transaction status (bit field 0x07) and TD control (bit field 0x06).
 Write the residue (bit field 0x09) and active flag (bit field 0x08).
 Write the pointer to next TD (bit fields 0x0A-0x0B).
 (See Tables 6 and 7 in **AN6010** for more details.)

```
// TD #2
```

Write the bRequest (bit field 0x01) and bmRequestType (bit field 0x00).
 Write the wValue (bit fields 0x02-0x03).
 Write the wIndex (bit fields 0x04-0x05).
 Write the wLength (bit fields 0x06-0x07).
 (See Tables 8 and 9 in **AN6010** for more details.)

```
// TD #3
```

Write the base address of data buffer (bit fields 0x00-0x01)
 Write the port number and data length (bit fields 0x02-0x03)
 Write the device address (bit field 0x05), PID as IN and endpoint number as 0 (bit fields 0x04)
 Write the transaction status (bit field 0x07) and TD control (bit field 0x06).
 Write the residue (bit field 0x09) and active flag (bit field 0x08).
 Write the pointer to next TD (bit fields 0x0A-0x0B).
 (See Tables 10 and 11 in **AN6010** for more details.)

```
    UsbWrite(HUSB_SIE1_pCurrentTDPtr, 0x0500); //HUSB_SIE1_pCurrentTDPtr
}
```

Note that each data write is a 16-bit word in little endian, which means two 8-bit fields should be combined to form a 16-bit word, with the first bit field placed in the lower bits. For example, two fields 0xAA followed by 0xBB should be combined into a word as 0xBBAA.

TASK: Complete the UsbSetAddress() function in USB.c. Do this by following the above pseudo code and the values in the table below from the AN6010 documentation.

Hint: Use the code given in UsbGetDeviceDesc1() with Tables 12 and 13 in the **AN610** document as a guide to complete USBSetAddress().

Field Description		Value for USB Keyboard Example
0x00-01	Base Address of Data Buffer (BaseAddress)	0x050C
0x02-03	Port Number and Data Length	0x0008
0x04	PID (SETUP) and Endpoint Number (0)	0xD0
0x05	Device Address (DevAdd)	0x00
0x06	TD Control	0x01
0x07	Transaction Status	0x00
0x08	Active Flag, Transfer Type, Retry Count	0x13
0x09	Residue	0x00
0x0A-0B	Pointer to Next TD (NextTDPointer)	0x0514

Byte Address	Byte Value	Word Value	Byte Address	Byte Value	Word Value
0x0500	0x0C	0x050C	0x0506	0x01	0x0001
0x0501	0x05		0x0507	0x00	
0x0502	0x08	0x0008	0x0508	0x13	0x0013
0x0503	0x00		0x0509	0x00	
0x0504	0xD0	0x00D0	0x050A	0x14	0x0514
0x0505	0x00		0x050B	0x05	

Ref. Table 6 and 7 from the **AN610** document needed to complete **USBSetAddress()** TD#1

Field Description		Value for USB Keyboard Example
0x00	bmRequestType	0x00
0x01	bRequest	0x05
0x02-03	wValue	0x0002
0x04-05	wIndex	0x0000
0x06-07	wLength	0x0000

Byte Address	Byte Value	Word Value	Byte Address	Byte Value	Word Value
0x050C	0x00	0x0500	0x0510	0x00	0x0000
0x050D	0x05		0x0511	0x00	
0x050E	0x02	0x0002	0x0512	0x00	0x0000
0x050F	0x00		0x0513	0x00	

Ref. Tables 8 and 9 from **AN610** document needed to complete **USBSetAddress()** TD#2

Field Description		Value for our USB Keyboard Example
0x00-01	Base Address of Data Buffer (BaseAddress)	0x0000 (don't care)
0x02-03	Port Number and Data Length	0x0000
0x04	PID (IN) and Endpoint Number (0)	0x90
0x05	Device Address (DevAdd)	0x00
0x06	TD Control	0x41
0x07	Transaction Status	0x00
0x08	Active Flag, Transfer Type, Retry Count	0x13
0x09	Residue	0x00
0x0A-0B	Pointer to Next TD (NextTDPointer)	0x0000 (NULL)

Byte Address	Byte Value	Word Value	Byte Address	Byte Value	Word Value
0x0514	0x00	0x0000	0x051A	0x41	0x0041
0x0515	0x00		0x051B	0x00	
0x0516	0x00	0x0000	0x051C	0x13	0x0013
0x0517	0x00		0x051D	0x00	
0x0518	0x90	0x0090	0x051E	0x00	0x0000
0x0519	0x00		0x051F	0x00	

Ref. Tables 10 and 11 from **AN610** document needed to complete **USBSetAddress()** TD#3

Next, we will go to the section “get device info” for keyboard identification. The keyboard interface descriptor is stored in the RAM starting from address 0x0565 after Step 6 is done. We need to check if the protocol code (byte 7) is 0x01 to determine whether the connected device is indeed a keyboard.

TASK: Check the device type by reading from the appropriate memory location for byte 7 of the interface descriptor. Since HID devices can only have protocol code of 0x00, 0x01, or 0x02, you may check only the last two bits by ANDing the variable with 0x03 to obtain this information.

Hint: A helper function, `UsbPrintMem()`, is provided so you can print out the content of the EZ-OTG RAM. This can help you identify the correct byte to read by comparing the content with the HID specification.

Part	Offset/Size (Bytes)	Description	Sample Value
<i>bLength</i>	0/1	Size of this descriptor in bytes.	0x09
<i>bDescriptorType</i>	1/1	Interface descriptor type (assigned by USB).	0x04
<i>bInterfaceNumber</i>	2/1	Number of interface. Zero-based value identifying the index in the array of concurrent interfaces supported by this configuration.	0x00
<i>bAlternateSetting</i>	3/1	Value used to select alternate setting for the interface identified in the prior field.	0x00
<i>bNumEndpoints</i>	4/1	Number of endpoints used by this interface (excluding endpoint zero). If this value is zero, this interface only uses endpoint zero.	0x01
<i>bInterfaceClass</i>	5/1	Class code (HID code assigned by USB).	0x03
<i>bInterfaceSubClass</i>	6/1	Subclass code. 0 No subclass 1 Boot Interface subclass	0x01
<i>bInterfaceProtocol</i>	7/1	Protocol code. 0 None 1 Keyboard 2 Mouse	0x01
<i>iInterface</i>	8/1	Index of string descriptor describing this interface.	0x00

Ref. Appendix E.3 in the **USB HID Specification**

Next, we will fetch the keyboard's packet size by reading the endpoint descriptor, available starting from address 0x0577. The endpoint descriptor's format is available in Appendix E.5 in the **USB HID Specification**.

TASK: Get the data packet size by reading from the appropriate memory location for bytes 4-5 of the endpoint descriptor.

Hint: Unfortunately, some keyboards do not generate a correct endpoint descriptor. Since the data packet size is required to correctly fetch keyboard data, our program will fail to read keycodes if this information is incorrect. Utilize the `UsbPrintMem()` function to check the content being read.

In the worst case, hard code the data size according to the keycode format to make the program work. i.e. set `data_size = 0x08;`

Part	Offset/Size (Bytes)	Description	Sample Value
<i>bLength</i>	0/1	Size of this descriptor in bytes.	0x07
<i>bDescriptorType</i>	1/1	Endpoint descriptor type (assigned by USB).	0x05
<i>bEndpointAddress</i>	2/1	The address of the endpoint on the USB device described by this descriptor. The address is encoded as follows: Bit 0..3 The endpoint number Bit 4..6 Reserved, reset to zero Bit 7 Direction, ignored for Control endpoints: 0 - OUT endpoint 1 - IN endpoint	10000001B
<i>bmAttributes</i>	3/1	This field describes the endpoint's attributes when it is configured using the <i>bConfigurationValue</i> . Bit 0..1 Transfer type: 00 Control 01 Isochronous 10 Bulk 11 Interrupt All other bits are reserved.	00000011B
<i>wMaxPacketSize</i>	4/2	Maximum packet size this endpoint is capable of sending or receiving when this configuration is selected. For interrupt endpoints, this value is used to reserve the bus time in the schedule, required for the per frame data payloads. Smaller data payloads may be sent, but will terminate the transfer and thus require intervention to restart.	0x0008
<i>bInterval</i>	6/1	Interval for polling endpoint for data transfers. Expressed in milliseconds.	0x0A

Ref. Appendix E.5 in the **USB HID Specification**

Finally, we get to the “get keycode value” section. This section mainly consists of a big while loop which continuously sends interrupt requests to the USB keyboard and then fetch data from it. The line `IOWR(CY7C67200_BASE,HPI_DATA,0x051c)` indicates that the report descriptor containing key press information generated by the keyboard should be stored at address 0x051c. The report descriptor is formatted in Table 2.

Byte	Description
0	Modifiers
1	Reserved (0)
2	Keycode 1
3	Keycode 2
4	Keycode 3
5	Keycode 4
6	Keycode 5
7	Keycode 6

Table 2

(Ref. Appendix B.1 in the **USB HID Specification**)

Each field contains a 16-bit value, which is two bytes. In this lab, we only need to consider the event in which only one key is pressed at a time, which means we only have to look at byte 2, which corresponds to the lower 8 bits of `rbuf[5]`. The keycodes for W, A, S, and D are 26, 04, 22, and 07, respectively. Upon release, the keycode becomes 0x00. A full list of keycodes is shown in Table 3.

TASK: Get the keycode by reading from the appropriate memory location for byte 2 of the report descriptor.

The line `IOWR(KEYCODE_BASE, 0, keycode & 0xff)` writes the fetched keycode to a parallel I/O peripheral, which is sent to a register (keycode) in the hardware.

The rest of Lab 7 should be completed in hardware. Note that the VGA has a slow clock of 60 Hz, which is used in the ball routine as its clock source, while the Nios II and the rest of the system has the regular 50 MHz clock, it's possible that a very short key press event can be missed. **Design a buffer register to latch the latest keycode to make sure it is read by the ball routine for extra robustness.**

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
-	err	err	err	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
U	V	W	X	Y	Z	1	2	3	4	5	6
36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
7	8	9	0	Enter	Esc	BSp	Tab	Space	- / _	= / +	[/ {
48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59
] / }	\ /	...	; / :	' / "	` / ~	, / <	. / >	// ?	Caps Lock	F1	F2
60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71
F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8	F9	F10	F11	F12	PrtScr	Scroll Lock
72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83
Pause	Insert	Home	PgUp	Delete	End	PgDn	Right	Left	Down	Up	Num Lock
84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	91	91	94	95
KP /	KP *	KP -	KP +	KP Enter	KP 1 / End	KP 2 / Down	KP 3 / PgDn	KP 4 / Left	KP 5	KP 6 / Right	KP 7 / Home
96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107
KP 8 / Up	KP 9 / PgUp	KP 0 / Ins	KP . / Del	...	Applic	Power	KP =	F13	F14	F15	F16
108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119
F17	F18	F19	F20	F21	F22	F23	F24	Execute	Help	Menu	Select
120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131
Stop	Again	Undo	Cut	Copy	Paste	Find	Mute	Volume Up	Volume Down	Locking Caps Lock	Locking Num Lock
132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143
Locking Scroll Lock	KP ,	KP =	Internat	Internat	Internat	Internat	Internat	Internat	Internat	Internat	Internat
144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155
LANG	LANG	LANG	LANG	LANG	LANG	LANG	LANG	LANG	Alt Erase	SysRq	Cancel
156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167
Clear	Prior	Return	Separ	Out	Oper	Clear / Again	CrSel / Props	ExSel			
224	225	226	227	228	229	230	231				
LCtrl	LShift	LAlt	LGUI	RCtrl	RShift	RAlt	RGUI				

Table 3