Simulation Lab 2 Introduction to VHDL and Operation of Full Adder/Subtractor

Using Xilinx ISE Project Navigator and Nexys2 FPGA Development Board

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Introduction

A widening gap exists between what is taught in schools and the skills currently needed and utilized by the workforce. The jobs of the future are not labor intensive, they are brain intensive. Technicians and engineers no longer wire circuits or assemble a chip from scratch; they use software to run modern equipment. Traditionally, hardware digital circuits require at least five or six TTL ICs (Transistor Transistor Logic Integrated Circuits). The wiring is often very complex requiring digital test equipment to make the system functional. This technology is over thirty years old.

A FPGA (Field Programmable Gate Array) design minimizes the amount of electrical wiring and eliminates the use of complicated test equipment. This new technology provides students the ability to concentrate on digital principles instead of the electrical wiring, providing an opportunity to focus on larger and more complex projects. In general, a FPGA is an integrated circuit that can be reconfigured with any design, and it can be reconfigured multiple times. Thus, if you make a mistake in your design, you don't need to replace wires or chips, as you might have done using TTL. Instead, you simply reconfigure the FPGA with the updated design.

Lab Summary

You will become familiar with digital technology by using Xilinx ISE® and interfacing with a FPGA circuit board. Combinational Logic Circuits are used to make decisions based on a series of true statements that can be laid out in a truth table. In previous years the 74xx, family (TTL) circuits were used to design and build basic combinational logic circuits.

Lab Goals

Using the Design process discussed in Lab 1, we will:

- 1. Use the software application Xilinx ISE® Project Navigator, Schematic Editor to draw a schematic of a Full Adder and then program the Full Adder to the FPGA device.
- 2. Implement the same design using VHDL programming (VHSIC Hardware Descriptive Language).
- 3. Apply your understanding of VHDL to implement a 4-bit Adder/Subtractor with the FPGA.

Learning Objectives

	1. FPGA board overview.
Design	2. Design the Full Adder using the Schematic Editor.
	3. Design the Full Adder using the VHDL editor.
Design Synthesis	4. Create a Test Bench to test the results of the code.
Design Implementation	5. Develop a User Constraint File (ucf) and map I/O signals to the FPGA.
Device Programming	6. Program the Full Adder into the FPGA.
	7. Test your understanding by applying what you learned programming a 4-bit Adder/Subtractor.

Grading Criteria

Your grade is determined by your instructor.

Time Required

4 - 5 hours

Special Safety Requirements

When working with electronic components, such as the Xilinx FPGA board, there is potential of Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) hazards. Static electricity can damage the FPGA devices used in this lab. Use appropriate ESD methods to protect the devices. No serious hazards are involved in this laboratory experiment, but be careful to connect the components with the proper polarity to avoid damage.

Lab Preparation

- Review your PLD lecture from your class.
- Review Lab 1 Introduction to Xilinx previous lab.
- Print out the laboratory experiment procedure that follows.
- Acquire required hardware components/equipment.
- Read Lab Procedure 1 and work the Full Adder schematic from Lab Procedure 2 as a pre-lab assignment.

Equipment and Materials

Students should work in teams of two or three. Each team of students will need the following supplies:

Su	pplies	Quantity
1.	ISE® Design Suite (or WebPACK TM) software from the Xilinx website, www.xilinx.com , if you don't already have it installed. Your classroom should have a full working version of Xilinx ISE® Design Suite.	1
2.	FPGA kit including download and power cable(s).	
3.	Free Digilent Adept software (instructions for download and installation are included at the beginning of this lab): http://www.digilentinc.com/Products/Detail.cfm?NavPath=2,66,828&Prod=ADEPT2	

Additional References

The FPGA reference manual, data sheet, and any other supporting documents that may be of use.

ISE Design Suite User Guide:

http://www.xilinx.com/support/index.htm#nav=sd-nav-link-106173&tab=tab-dt

Digilent Adept User Guide:

http://www.digilentinc.com/Data/Software/Adept/Adept%20Users%20Manual.pdf



Lab Procedure (optional): Download and install Digilent Adept Software

In this lab, you download and install Digilent Adept which allows you to communicate with the Digilent FPGA boards that we use in lab. If Adept is already installed on your system, you can skip this Lab Procedure.

Step 1:

Navigate your browser to http://www.digilentinc.com/Products/Detail.cfm?Prod=ADEPT2.



Step 2:

Click the Download button for Adept 2.9.4 System, 32/64-bit Windows and click Save file when prompted. The installation .exe file will download to your computer.

Step 3:

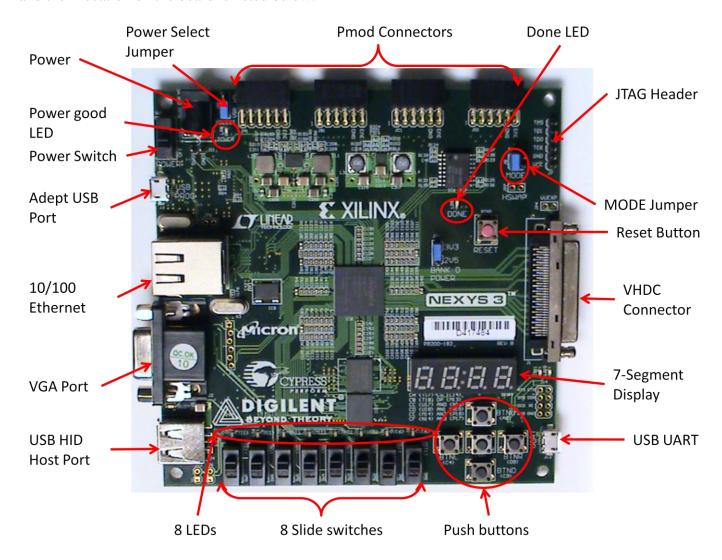
When the download is complete, run the .exe file and install Adept onto your computer.



Lab Procedure 1: FPGA Overview

NOTE: We used the Digilent Nexys-3 Xilinx[®] Spartan 6 XC6LX16-CS324 board. Your board may be a different version or from a different vendor. However, most of the components are similar. If you have a different board, review your board's documentation.

The Nexys-3 is a powerful digital system design platform built around a Xilinx Spartan 6 FPGA. The advantage of this board is that it is programmed and powered through a USB port. A list of the key features and their location on the board is listed below:

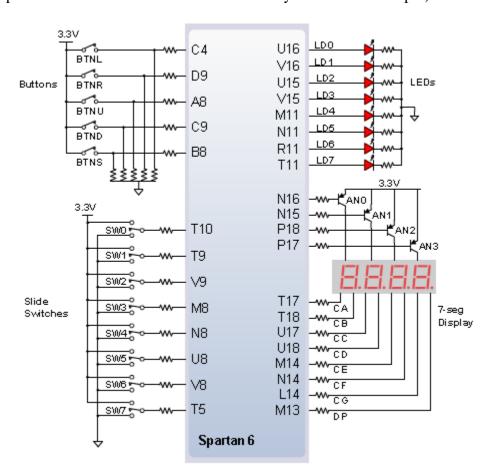




User I/O

The Nexys-3 board includes several input and output devices, and data ports allowing many implementation designs without the need for any other components. We will focus on the following inputs [slide switches, push buttons, and reset button] and outputs [LEDs, and 7-segment display].

The five pushbuttons and eight slide switches are provided for circuit inputs. There is also a reset button. Pushbutton inputs are normally low, driven high only when the pushbutton is pressed. Slide switches generate constant high or low inputs depending on their position. Pushbutton and slide switch inputs use a series resistor for protection against short circuits (a short circuit would occur if an FPGA pin assigned to a pushbutton or slide switch was inadvertently defined as an output).



Original image from the Nexys3TM Board Reference Manual

Please refer the reference manual for any additional information:

http://www.digilentinc.com/Data/Products/NEXYS3/Nexys3_rm.pdf

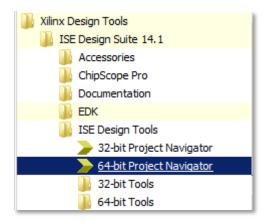


Lab Procedure 2: Design a Full Adder

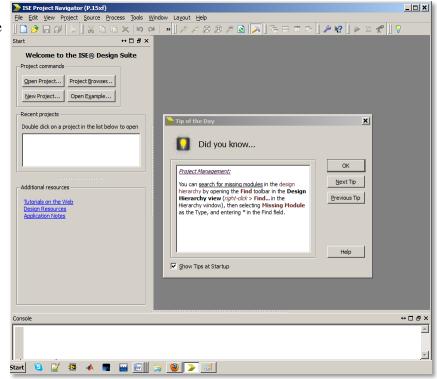
Step 1: Design Full Adder using the Schematic Editor

1. Open Xilinx ISE Design Tool Project Navigator.

Your system might have slightly different Start Menu options.



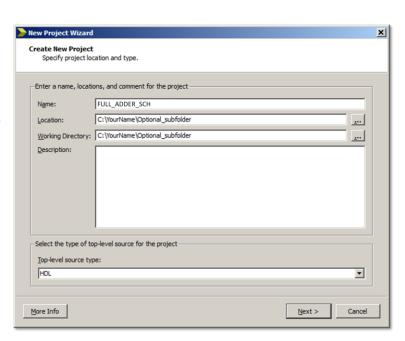
2. The ISE Project Navigator window opens, with the Tip of the Day displayed. Click **OK** to close the Tip of the Day.





- Start a new project by selecting File → New Project from the menu. The New Project Wizard starts.
 - a. Type **FULL_ADDER_SCH** in the Name text box.
 - Select a location on your computer to save your project files by clicking the ellipsis (...)
 button to the right of the Location text box.
 - c. Under **Top-level source type**, select **HDL**.
 - d. Click Next.

The Project Settings dialog box opens.



NOTE: File names must start with a letter. Use underscores (_) for readability. Do not use hyphens (-); although the file name will work, the entity name will not. More on this later.

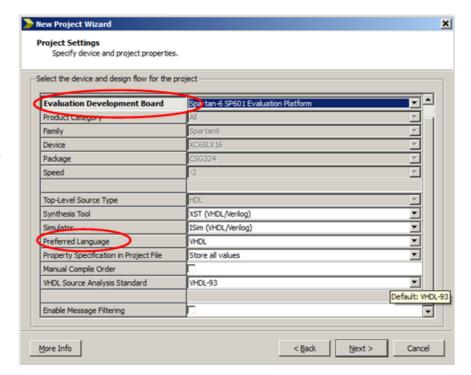
4. Select **Spartan-6 SP601 Evaluation Platform** from the **Evaluation Development Board**drop down menu.

The Product Category, Family, Device, Package, and Speed should all automatically populate (top half of the screen). You will need to set some options in the lower half of the dialog box.

Select VHDL from the Preferred Language drop down menu.

The Project Settings should resemble the figure to the right.

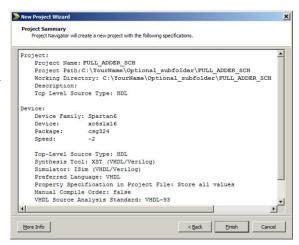
5. Click Next.



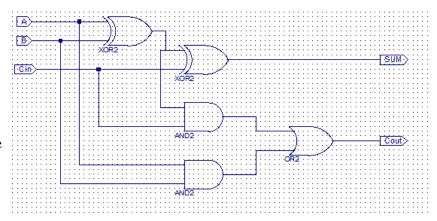


NOTE: The options specified are for the **Spartan 6 LX FPGA**. Your board might be different than the board used for these instructions. Board specifications are printed on the FPGA chip in the middle of the board. The board information is also listed on the box it came in.

The Project Summary displays.
 Verify the file type and name are correct then click Finish to complete the New Project creation process.



- Right-click in the Hierarchy pane and select New Source from the shortcut menu (or select Project -> New Source from the menu). The New Source Wizard opens.
- 8. Select **Schematic** from the source list, **enter a file name** for the schematic, and press **Next**. Click **Finish** to close the summary and create a blank schematic.
- 9. Create the Full Adder circuit as shown on the right. Please refer to Lab 1 for details about creating the schematic.
- 10. Attach input and output pins to the circuit and label them as shown.





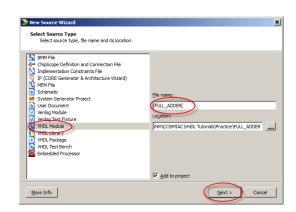
Step 2: Create Design Full Adder with VHDL Editor

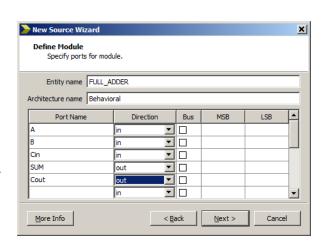
NOTE: VHDL is an acronym inside of an acronym. The 'V' stands for Very High Speed Integrated Circuit (VHSIC) and 'HDL' stands for Hardware Descriptive Language. VHDL is a powerful language with numerous language constructs that are capable of describing very complex behavior needed for today's programmable devices.

- 1. **Click** the panel tab's left triangle button to display the **Design** tab.
- Right-click in the Hierarchy
 Panel and Click New Source...
 from the shortcut menu (or select
 Project→New Source from the menu). The New Source Wizard displays.
- 3. Select **VHDL Module** from the source type list.
- 4. Type **AND_2** as the file name.
- 5. Click the **Next** button. The Define Module dialog displays.
- 6. Type the **port names** and select the **direction** of each port as shown in the figure to the right.
- 7. Click the **Next** button. The Summary dialog displays.
- 8. Click the **Finish** button to accept the New Source Wizards options.











9. ISE will generate source code for you and it will display in the **workspace** area.

10. Based on our previous schematic design, the logic expression for the output Sum and Cout are:

```
SUM = A \oplus B \oplus Cin
```

$$Cout = ((A \oplus B) Cin) + AB$$

Scroll down to the **architecture** section of the code and modify the code as highlighted:

begin

```
SUM \le (A xor B) xor Cin;
```

Cout <= ((A xor B) and Cin) or (A and B);

end Behavioral;

11. Save your files by clicking on the **Save All** button.

```
21 use IEEE.STD_LOGIC_1164.ALL;
     -- Uncomment the following library declaration if using
23
     -- arithmetic functions with Signed or Unsigned values
24
    --use IEEE.NUMERIC_STD.ALL;
     -- Uncomment the following library declaration if instantiating
    -- any Xilinx primitives in this code.
    --library UNISIM;
30
     --use UNISIM.VComponents.all;
31
    entity FULL ADDER is
32
       Port ( A : in STD_LOGIC;
B : in STD_LOGIC;
33
34
                Cin : in STD_LOGIC;
SUM : out STD_LOGIC;
35
36
                Cout : out STD LOGIC);
    end FULL_ADDER;
    architecture Behavioral of FULL ADDER is
41
    begin
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    SUM <= (A xor B) xor Cin;
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    Cout <= ((A xor B) and Cin) or (A and B);
46
     end Behavioral:
49
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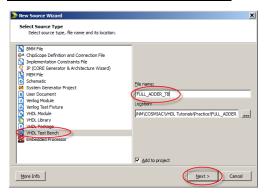


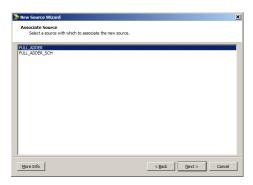
Step 3: Create a test bench for the Full Adder

This simulation will be a little more complex than the one we created for Lab 1. However, it will give you a good feel for how to read timing diagrams. The logic table for the circuit is shown at right.

inpu	its		outputs		
A	В	Cin	SUM	Cout	
0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	1	1	0	
0	1	0	1	0	
0	1	1	0	1	
1	0	0	1	0	
1	0	1	0	1	
1	1	0	0	1	
1	1	1	1	1	

- 1. Create a test bench for your file. Right-click in the Hierarchy Pane and select New Source from the short cut menu.
- 2. Select **VHDL Test Bench** as the source type.
- 3. Enter **FULL_ADDER_TB** as the file name.
- 4. Click the **Next** button. The Associate Source dialog box opens. Select **FULL_ADDER** and click the Next Button.
- 5. The New Source Summary dialog box displays. Click the **Finish** button.







6. The test bench file will display in the workspace.

```
USE ieee.std.logic_life.ALL;

100
11 -- Uncomment the following library declaration if using
2 -- arithmetic functions with Signed or Unsigned values
31 -- USE ieee.numeric_std.ALL;

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15 ENITYY FULL_ADDER_TB;

58 RACHITECTURE behavior OF FULL_ADDER_TB IS

60 -- Component Declaration for the Unit Under Test (UUT)

61
62 Component FULL_ADDER
63 PORT(
64 A: IN std.logic;
65 B: IN std.logic;
66 Cont : OUT std.logic;
67 SUM : OUT std.logic;
68 Cout : OUT std.logic;
69 };
60 END COMPONENT;
61
62 -- Inputs
63 signal A : std.logic := '0';
65 signal B : std.logic := '0';
65 signal Si : std.logic := '0';
65 signal Si : std.logic;
66 consignal Cout : std.logic;
67 -- Outputs
68 signal Si : std.logic := '0';
69 signal Si : std.logic := '0';
60 signal Cout : std.logic;
61 -- No clocks detected in port list. Replace <clock> below with
63 constant <clock> period : time := 10 ns;
65 EEGIN
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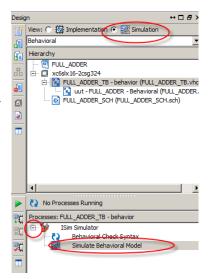
- 7. Starting around line 71, make the changes highlighted on the right. Delete strikeout text and add highlighted on the right.
- 8. Click the **Save All** button on the toolbar.

```
-- No clocks detected in port list. Replace <clock> below with
-- appropriate port name
-constant <clock>_period : time := 10 ns;
BEGIN
        -- Instantiate the Unit Under Test (UUT)
 uut: FULL_ADDER PORT MAP (
      A \Longrightarrow A.
      B \Rightarrow B,
      Cin => Cin,
      SUM \Rightarrow SUM,
      Cout => Cout
     );
  Clock process definitions
  <clock>_process :process
 <del>begin</del>
                <<u><clock> <= '0';</u>
                wait for <clock> period/2;
                <<u> <<br/>clock> <= '1';</u>
                wait for <clock>_period/2;
  end process;
  -- Stimulus process
stim_proc: process
<del>begin</del>
  -- hold reset state for 100 ns.
   wait for 100 ns;
   -wait for <clock>_period*10;
  -- insert stimulus here
   -wait;
 end process;
```



```
A_proc: process
       begin
              A \le not A;
              wait for 25 ns;
       end process;
       B_proc: process
              begin
              B \le not B;
              wait for 50 ns;
       end process;
       Cin_proc: process
              begin
              Cin <= not Cin;
              wait for 100 ns;
       end process;
END;
```

- 9. On the **View Pane**, select **Simulation**. The Simulation Hierarchy and Process options display.
- 10. **Expand** the ISim Simulator tool if it isn't already expanded.
- 11. **Double-click** the **Simulate Behavioral Model** tool. Click **Yes**to save any changes if prompted.





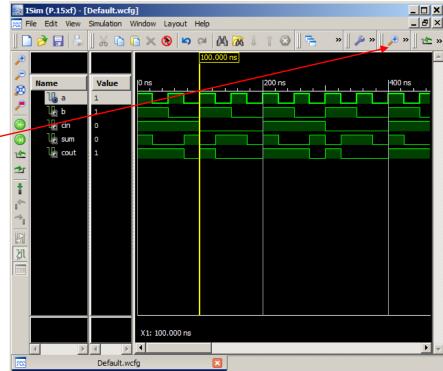
12. The Simulation Elaboration will begin to run. When it is finished the **ISim** window will open displaying the simulation.

Use the **Zoom to Full View** and the **Zoom In** buttons to display the simulation waveform clearer.

Review the waveform to ensure the .vhd file is working as designed.

When you are finished **close** the ISim application and return to ISE.

13. When you have returned to the ISE Project Manager window, click the Save all button to save your work.





Step 4: Create the User Constraint File (UCF) and map I/O to the FPGA board

The last step before we actually program our code into the FPGA is to create a UCF file. This file assigns the I/O pins of the FPGA to the I/O ports of our code.

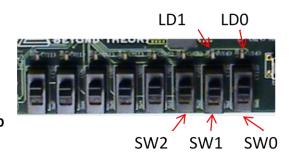
 Switch to Implementation View by clicking the Implementation option in the View Panel.



2. To write the UCF code you need to know what pins you are using. This tutorial was written for the Digilent® Nexys 3TM Spartan 6 XC6LX16-CS324 board.

Refer to the previous section, Lab Procedure 1: FPGA Overview, User I/O for pin label identification for the Spartan 6.

If you are using a different board, either look at the board or read the board's reference manual. Make a note of the pin labels for SW0, SW1, SW2, LED0, and LED1.



NOTE: The Digilent[®] Spartan 3 boards are available in two speeds, 500k and 1200k.

Both boards are labeled the same, however the 1200k board has different pin assignments for LD4-7 as follows:

LD4 E16

LD5 P16

LD E4

LD7 P4



- 3. **Right-click** in the Hierarchy Pane and select **New Source** from the short cut menu.
- 4. Select **Implementation Constraints File** as the source type.
- 5. Type **FULL_ADDER** as the file name.
- 6. Click the **Next** button to view the Summary screen, and then click the **Finish** button.
- 7. A new, blank file is added to your project.

NOTE: Notice the hierarchy of the files in your project. The project FULL_ADDER is at the top. The .vhd and .sch file are sub-files (children) of the project. Under the .vhd file is another sub-file,

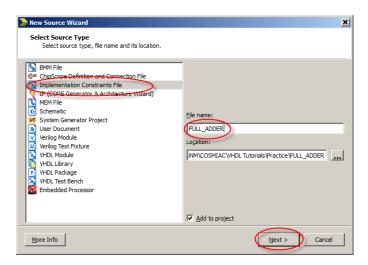
FULL_ADDER.ucf, which is the file we just created.

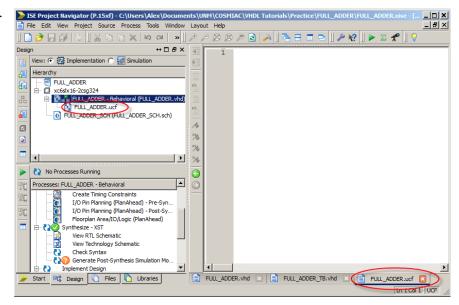
The hierarchy of the project will become very important when you are creating bigger and more complex projects.

8. Type the pin assignments as shown on the right.

NOTE: UCF files use the pound sign (#) to comment compared to VHDL files which use dash dash (--) for comments.

9. Click the **Save All** button to save your work.





#Inputs

NET "A" LOC = "T10"; # Switch 0 (SW0) NET "B" LOC = "T9"; # Switch 1 (SW1) NET "Cin" LOC = "V9"; # Switch 2 (SW2)

Outputs

NET "SUM" LOC = "U16"; # LED 0 for SUM NET "COUT" LOC = "V16"; # LED 1 for Cout



Step 5: Program Full Adder to the FPGA board

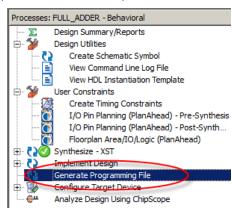
Task A: Synthesize, Implement, Map, Place and Route, Generate Bitstream

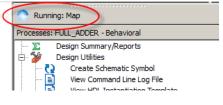
- 1. Insert the small end of the USB cable into the Adept USB Port on the FPGA board. Insert the USB end into your computer.
- 2. Turn on the FPGA board. The display should alternate flash PASS and 128.
- 3. In the Processes Panel, doubleclick Generate Programming File.

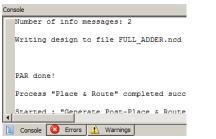
As the program is going through the compile process the compiling the process status icon spins and displays the current process that is running.

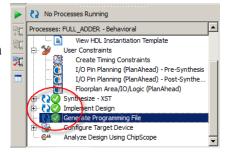
The Console Panel also displays textually what is happening.

4. Once the process has stopped running, and there are no errors or warnings, there will be three green checkmarks next to the Synthesize, Implement Design, and Generate Programming File processes.











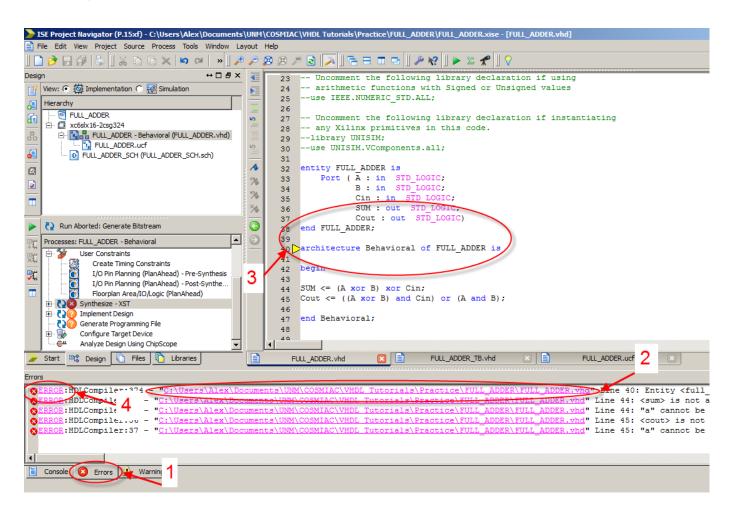
NOTE: If you have errors or warnings you will need to find and fix the errors. You may or many not need to fix warnings. After fixing any errors, re-generate the programming file.

Click the Errors (and/or Warnings) Panel tab to display a list of all errors (and/or warnings) (1).

Clicking the hyperlink (2) of a particular Error (or Warning) will take you to the file and line (3) of the Error (or Warning). Note in the example the semicolon is missing at the end of line 37.

Clicking the hyperlink word Error (4) (or Warning) will display context sensitive information about the particular error/warning.

To re-generate the programming file, right-click on **Generate Programming File** and select **Rerun All**.





Task B: Implement design to FPGA board

Because the FPGAs we are working with use a single USB cable for power and PC connection we need to use Digilent Adept to implement the .vhd code to the board.

 Open **Digilent Adept** by selecting Start → All Programs → Digilent → Adept → Adept

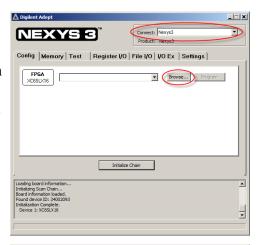


Your system might have slightly different Start Menu options.

2. Choose **Nexys3** from the **Connect Product** drop down menu.

NOTE: If you do not see Nexys3 as an option, check the USB connection to ensure the board is connected to the computer.

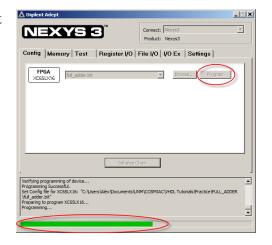
- 3. Click the Browse button. The Open dialog box displays.
- 4. Navigate to the folder of the Full_Adder project and select the full_adder.bit file.
- 5. Click the Open button. The file is displayed in the dropdown list next to the FPGA icon.







- 6. Click the Program button. The bit file is programmed to the FPGA board. The green status bar at the bottom of the Adept screen displays the status as the chip is programmed.
- 7. The program gets downloaded to the FPGA board.



8. Test the FPGA by sliding the programmed switches ON (up toward the middle of the board) and OFF (down toward the edge of the board). The LED lights 0 and 1 should light according to the truth table.

S	W(0) (A) G18	SW(1) (B) H18	SW(2) (Cin) K18	LD0 (SUM) J14	LD1 (Cout) J15
	0	0	0	OFF	OFF
	0	0	1	ON	OFF
	0	1	0	ON	OFF
	0	1	1	OFF	ON
	1	0	0	ON	OFF
	1	0	1	OFF	ON
	1	1	0	OFF	ON
	1	1	1	ON	ON

9. When all three Switches are ON, both outputs are High (SUM and Cout).





Close Adept and close the FULL_ADDER project.

As you can see with this approach, you do not need to replace wires and ICs if you make mistake as you might have done in Labs 1 and 2 with TTL. Instead, you will have to reconfigure the FPGA with the updated design.

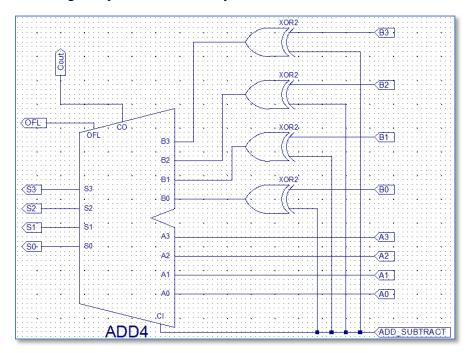
This type of technology allows you to concentrate on digital principles and not on the electrical wiring. Larger and more complex projects can be undertaken now that the tedious manual procedures are automated. Lab Procedure 3 of this lab demonstrates the design of a large design.

Lab Procedure 3: Test your Knowledge

Implement the following 4-bit adder/subtractor schematic using Xilinx ISE tools for Nexys3 FPGA board. Also, implement the circuit with VHDL.

1. Create below schematic by choosing ADD4 symbol from Xilinx library of devices

NOTE: You can rotate a symbol by selecting it and pressing CTRL+R, or select the symbol, click on the right key mouse \rightarrow select symbol \rightarrow rotate.





- 2. Add inputs and output ports
- 3. Simulate your design.
- 4. Develop a UCF that maps the input (A3..0, B3..0 and ADD/SUB) and output signals (S3..0, Cout and OFL) to your FPGA.
- 5. Program your design to your FPGA.
- 6. Demo your design to your instructor and complete the following truth table:

ADD/SUBTRACT	В3	B2	B 1	В0	A3	3 A2	2 A	1 A0	S3 S2 S1 S0	OFL (yes/no)	Cout
1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1			
0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1			

Here is one version of the VHDL and UCF files:

```
20
   library IEEE;
   use IEEE.STD_LOGIC_1164.ALL;
   USE ieee.std_logic_arith.ALL;
                                                             --You will need to add these two libraries
   USE ieee.std logic unsigned.ALL;
                                                             --You will need to add these two libraries
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24
    entity ADD SUB 4 BIT is
25
       Port ( A : in STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (3 downto 0);
                                                             --input 1
26
               B : in STD LOGIC VECTOR (3 downto 0);
                                                             --input 2
27
              Add Subtract : in STD LOGIC;
                                                             --toggle flag for addition or subtraction
28
29
              S : out STD LOGIC VECTOR (3 downto 0);
                                                             --sum
               Cout : out STD LOGIC );
                                                             --carry out
30
   end ADD_SUB_4_BIT;
31
32
   architecture Behavioral of ADD SUB 4 BIT is
33
    signal result: std logic vector(4 downto 0);
34
35
36
      PROCESS (A, B, Add_Subtract)
37
      BEGIN
38
          IF (Add Subtract = '1') THEN
39
             result <= ("0" & A) - B;
                                                              --subtract
40
          ELSE
41
            result <= ("0" & A) + B;
                                                             --add
42
         END IF;
43
      END PROCESS;
44
45
      S <= result(3 downto 0);
      COUT <= result(4);
46
47
48
   end Behavioral;
```



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1 # The pin assignments in this file are for the
   # Nexys 3, Spartan 6 XC6LX16-CS324
    # if you are using a different board, change the
 3
    # LOC = pin assignment as appropriate
                             # Switch 0 (SW0)
# Switch 1 (SW1)
# Switch 0
   NET "B(0)" LOC = "T10";
   NET "B(1)" LOC = "T9";
   NET "B(2)" LOC = "V9";
                                    # Switch 2 (SW2)
                                  # Switch 4 (5m.,
# Switch 5 (SW5)
"Switch 6 (SW6)
"Sw7)
   NET "B(3)" LOC = "M8";
9
   NET "A(0)" LOC = "N8";
10
   NET "A(1)" LOC = "U8";
11
                             # Switch 6 (SW6)
# Switch 7 (SW7)
   NET "A(2)" LOC = "V8";
13 NET "A(3)" LOC = "T5";
   NET "Add Subtract" LOC = "C4"; #Left Push Button 3 (BTNL)
14
   # Outputs
16
   NET "S(0)" LOC = "U16";
                                      # LED 0 for Sum
17
   NET "S(1)" LOC = "V16";
18
                                      # LED 1 for Sum
   NET "S(2)" LOC = "U15";
                                      # LED 2 for Sum
20 NET "S(3)" LOC = "V15":
                                     # LED 3 for Sum
   NET "COUT" LOC = "N11";
                                     # LED 5 for Cout
21
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NOTE: Since inputs A and B are declared as vectors in the VHDL code, you need to have the location of each input (0-3) in parenthesis as shown above. This is not necessary for bit vectors such as inputs A and B in the FULL_ADDER program used previously.