

Setting up ESP-IDF for ESP32 Development

ESP-IDF (**E**sspressif **I**oT **D**evelopment **F**ramework) is the official development framework for ESP32 and ESP32-S series microcontrollers. It is specifically designed to work with ESP32 devices and provides APIs, tools, and libraries to simplify development.

Steps to Set Up ESP-IDF

1. Install Prerequisites

- For **Linux/Mac**: Install dependencies via terminal:

```
bash
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sudo apt-get install git wget flex bison gperf python3 python3-pip
cmake ninja-build ccache libffi-dev libssl-dev dfu-util
```

- For **Windows**: Download and install Python 3, Git, and other dependencies.

2. Download ESP-IDF

- Clone the ESP-IDF repository:

```
bash
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git clone --recursive https://github.com/espressif/esp-idf.git
```

- Navigate to the ESP-IDF directory:

```
bash
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cd esp-idf
```

3. Set Up Environment

- Run the setup script:

```
bash
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./install.sh
```

- Add ESP-IDF tools to your environment:

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. ./export.sh
```

4. Create a New Project

- Use the provided template to create a new project:

```
bash
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cp -r examples/get-started/hello_world ~/esp32_projects/hello_world
cd ~/esp32_projects/hello_world
```

5. Build and Flash

- Configure the project:

```
bash
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idf.py menuconfig
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- Build the project:

```
bash
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idf.py build
```

- Flash the firmware to your ESP32:

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bash
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idf.py flash
```

- Monitor the serial output:

```
bash
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idf.py monitor
```

FPGA Programming Sequence

The standard sequence to program an FPGA:

1. **Assert PROG_B:** Reset the FPGA.
 2. **Send Bitstream:** Provide the bitstream file through the DATA0 pin, synchronized with the clock (CCLK).
 3. **Check DONE Pin:** Verify that the FPGA is successfully configured.
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1. Code to Upload Bitstream

Here is the complete **ESP-IDF-based code** to upload a bitstream stored on an SD card to the FPGA:

2. Explanation of the Code

Key Points

1. GPIO Configuration:

- **FPGA_PROG_B_PIN:** Resets the FPGA to prepare it for configuration.
- **FPGA_DATA0_PIN:** Sends data bits to the FPGA.
- **FPGA_CCLK_PIN:** Toggles the clock to synchronize data transfer.
- **FPGA_DONE_PIN:** Monitors the FPGA's configuration status.

2. Bitstream Upload:

- Reads the bitstream file byte by byte from the SD card.
- Sends each bit of the byte to the FPGA via **DATA0**, synchronized with **CCLK**.

3. SD Card Handling:

- Mounts the SD card to read the bitstream file.
- Unmounts the SD card after programming.

4. Error Handling:

- Ensures the file is accessible and the **DONE** pin confirms a successful configuration.
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3. Hardware Setup

Ensure the following connections between the ESP32 and FPGA:

- **GPIO22 (FPGA_PROG_B_PIN) → PROG_B Pin on FPGA**
- **GPIO23 (FPGA_CCLK_PIN) → CCLK Pin on FPGA**
- **GPIO25 (FPGA_DATA0_PIN) → DATA0 Pin on FPGA**
- **GPIO21 (FPGA_DONE_PIN) → DONE Pin on FPGA**

Additionally:

- Insert an SD card containing the bitstream file (`bitstream.bin`) into the SD card slot on the board.

4. Build and Flash

1. Open your ESP-IDF terminal.
2. Configure your project:

```
bash
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idf.py menuconfig
```

- Ensure the correct pins and SD card slot are configured.

3. Build the project:

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bash
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idf.py build
```

4. Flash the firmware to your ESP32:

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idf.py flash
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5. Monitor the serial output:

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5. Output

You should see output similar to:

```
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SD card mounted successfully.  
Starting FPGA configuration...  
FPGA configuration successful!  
FPGA programming completed successfully.  
SD card unmounted.
```

Next Step

This code **only uploads the bitstream** to the FPGA. Once this is working:

1. Add functionality for SPI or UART communication with the FPGA.
2. Test the communication post-configuration.