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Lab-D

Fast, Scalable Quantized Neural Network Inference on FPGAs, FINN

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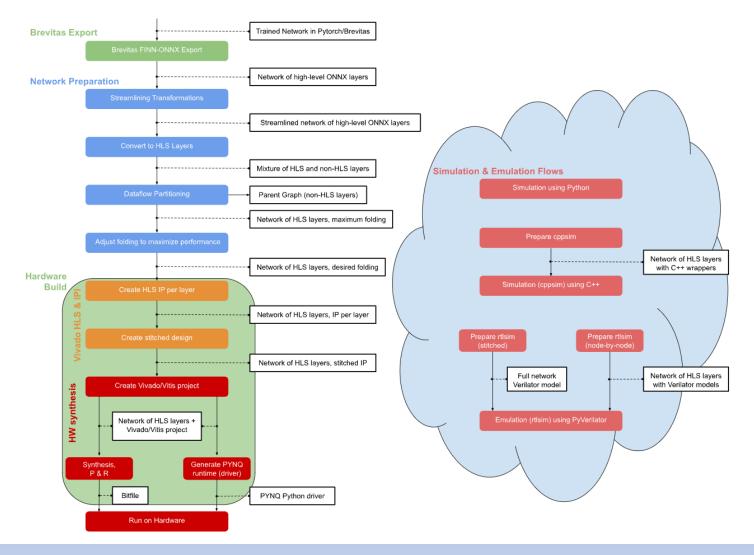


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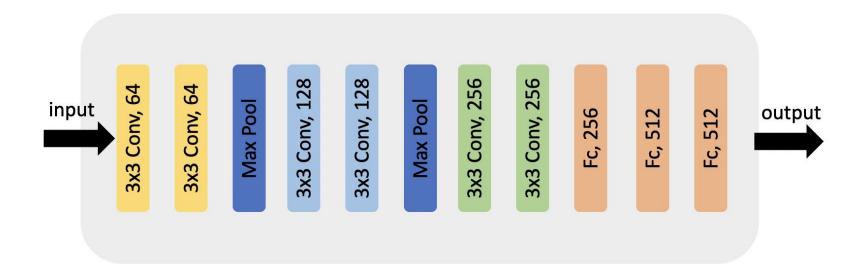
Quick Recap of the End-to-End Flow





Quick Introduction to the CNV-w1a1 Network

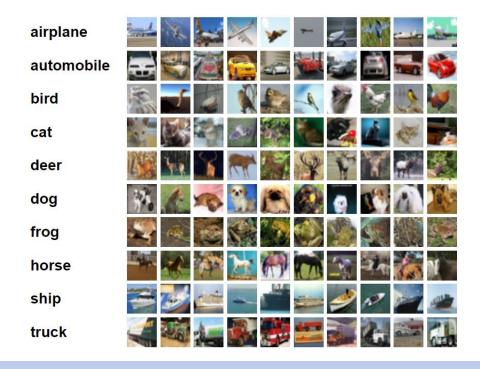
- Input size: 32x32 8bits RGB Data
- Weights and Activations are binary values.
- Output is a number that represents the result predicted by our model.





CIFAR-10 dataset

- The CIFAR-10 dataset consists of 60000 32x32 colour images in 10 classes, with 6000 images per class.
- There are 50000 training images and 10000 test images.





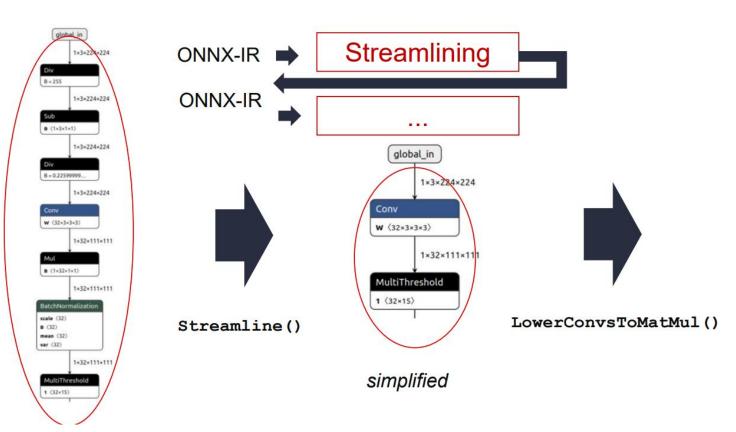
Brevitas Export, FINN Import and Tidy-Up

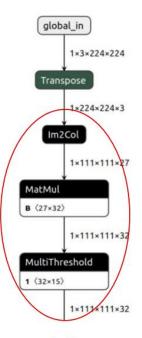
- We will start by exporting the pretrained CNV-w1a1 network to ONNX.
- Run the "tidy-up" transformations to have a first look at the topology.

```
import onnx
    from finn.util.test import get_test_model_trained
3
    import brevitas.onnx as bo
    from finn.core.modelwrapper import ModelWrapper
    from finn.transformation.infer_shapes import InferShapes
    from finn.transformation.fold_constants import FoldConstants
    from finn.transformation.general import GiveReadableTensorNames, GiveUniqueNodeNames, RemoveStaticGraphInputs
    cnv = get test model trained("CNV", 1, 1)
    bo.export_finn_onnx(cnv, (1, 3, 32, 32), build_dir + "/end2end_cnv_w1a1_export.onnx")
11 model = ModelWrapper(build dir + "/end2end cnv wla1 export.onpx")
    model = model.transform(InferShapes())
    model = model.transform(FoldConstants())
    model = model.transform(GiveUniqueNodeNames())
    model = model.transform(GiveReadableTensorNames())
    model = model.transform(RemoveStaticGraphInputs())
    model.save(build_dir + "/end2end_cnv_w1a1_tidy.onnx")
```



Transformation





convolutions as Im2Col + matrix multiply



Transformation

- Pre-processing
 - Divides the input uint8 data by 255 so the inputs to the CNV-w1a1 network are bounded between [0, 1]
- Post-processing
 - Takes the output of the network and returns the index (0-9) of the image category with the highest probability (top-1).





Dataflow Partitioning

 We'll first convert the layers that we can put into the FPGA into their HLS equivalents and separate them out into a dataflow partition.

```
model = ModelWrapper(build dir + "/end2end cnv w1a1 streamlined.onnx")
model = model.transform(to hls.InferBinaryStreamingFCLayer(mem mode))
model = model.transform(to hls.InferQuantizedStreamingFCLayer(mem mode))
# TopK to LabelSelect
model = model.transform(to_hls.InferLabelSelectLayer())
# input quantization (if any) to standalone thresholding
model = model.transform(to hls.InferThresholdingLayer())
model = model.transform(to hls.InferConvInpGen())
model = model.transform(to hls.InferStreamingMaxPool())
# get rid of Reshape(-1, 1) operation between hlslib nodes
model = model.transform(RemoveCNVtoFCFlatten())
# get rid of Tranpose -> Tranpose identity seq
model = model.transform(absorb.AbsorbConsecutiveTransposes())
# infer tensor data layouts
model = model.transform(InferDataLayouts())
parent model = model.transform(CreateDataflowPartition())
parent_model.save(build_dir + "/end2end_cnv_w1a1_dataflow_parent.onnx")
sdp_node = parent_model.get_nodes_by_op_type("StreamingDataflowPartition")[0]
sdp node = getCustomOp(sdp node)
dataflow model filename = sdp node.get nodeattr("model")
# save the dataflow partition with a different name for easier access
dataflow_model = ModelWrapper(dataflow_model_filename)
dataflow model.save(build dir + "/end2end cnv w1a1 dataflow model.onnx")
```



3x3 Conv, 128

3x3 Conv, 64

3x3 Conv, 128

Adjust folding factor

 We have to set the folding factors for certain layers to adjust the performance of our accelerator.

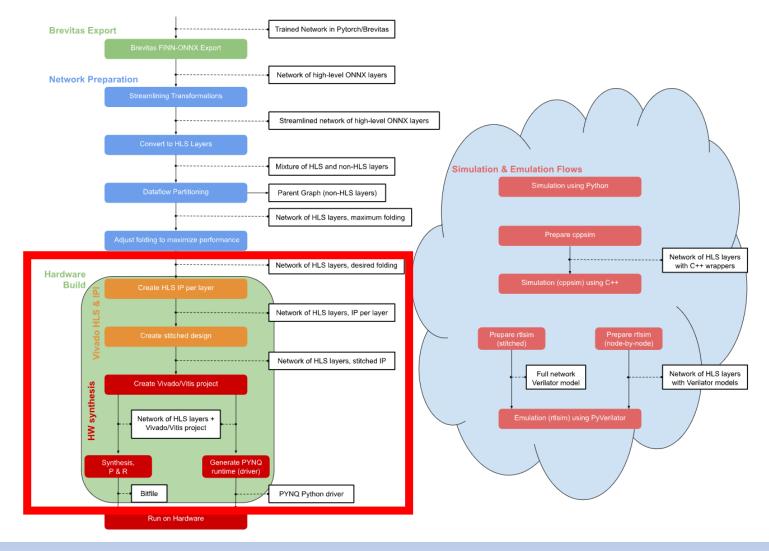
```
model = ModelWrapper(build dir + "/end2end cnv w1a1 dataflow model.onnx")
fc layers = model.get nodes by op type("StreamingFCLayer Batch")
# each tuple is (PE, SIMD, in_fifo_depth) for a layer
folding = [
    (16, 3, 128),
    (32, 32, 128),
    (16, 32, 128),
    (16, 32, 128),
   (4, 32, 81),
    (1, 32, 2),
    (1, 4, 2),
    (1, 8, 128),
    (5, 1, 3),
for fcl, (pe, simd, ififodepth) in zip(fc layers, folding):
    fcl inst = getCustomOp(fcl)
    fcl_inst.set_nodeattr("PE", pe)
    fcl_inst.set_nodeattr("SIMD", simd)
    fcl inst.set nodeattr("inFIFODepth", ififodepth)
# use same SIMD values for the sliding window operators
swg_layers = model.get_nodes_by_op_type("ConvolutionInputGenerator")
for i in range(len(swg layers)):
    swg inst = getCustomOp(swg layers[i])
    simd = folding[i][1]
    swg_inst.set_nodeattr("SIMD", simd)
model = model.transform(GiveUniqueNodeNames())
model.save(build dir + "/end2end cnv w1a1 folded.onnx")
```



output



Hardware Build





Hardware Generation

- Specify the target board and clock period
- ZynqBuild is the hardware generation function
- This step may take about 120 minutes depending on your host computer.

```
test_pynq_board = "Pynq-Z2"
target_clk_ns = 10

from finn.transformation.fpgadataflow.make_zynq_proj import ZynqBuild
model = ModelWrapper(build_dir+"/end2end_cnv_w1a1_folded.onnx")
model = model.transform(ZynqBuild(platform = test_pynq_board, period_ns = target_clk_ns))
model.save(build_dir + "/end2end_cnv_w1a1_synth.onnx")
```



Deployment and Remote Execution

Set up our pynq-board's IP and PORT

```
# set up the following values according to your own environment
# FINN will use ssh to deploy and run the generated accelerator
ip = os.getenv("PYNQ_IP", "192.168.2.99")
username = os.getenv("PYNQ_USERNAME", "xilinx")
password = os.getenv("PYNQ_PASSWORD", "xilinx")
port = os.getenv("PYNQ_PORT", 22)
target_dir = os.getenv("PYNQ_TARGET_DIR", "/home/xilinx/finn_cnv_end2end_example")
# set up ssh options to only allow publickey authentication
options = "-o PreferredAuthentications=publickey -o PasswordAuthentication=no"
# test access to PYNQ board
! ssh {options} {username}@{ip} -p {port} cat /var/run/motd.dynamic
```



PYNQ-Z2 SSH

We have set up some PYNQ-Z2 boards in the lab.

• IP: 140.112.207.155

• SSH port: 2xx00

xx = PYNQ number (ex: for PYNQ03, xx = 03)

Username: xilinx Password: xilinx

Group	PYNQ number
Group1	01
Group2	02
Group3	03
Group4	04



Download the dataset

Connect to PYNQ-board and download the dataset

```
! ssh {options} -t {username}@{ip} -p {port}
'echo {password} | sudo -S pip3 install git+<u>https://github.com/fbcotter/dataset_loading.git@0.0.4#egg=dataset_loading</u>'
```



Validating the Accuracy on a PYNQ Board

- Connect to PYNQ-board
- Validating the Accuracy

```
! ssh {options} -t {username}@{ip} -p {port}
'cd {target_dir_pynq}; echo {password} | sudo -S python3.6 validate.py --dataset cifar10 --batchsize 1000'
```

```
[sudo] password for xilinx: Tar File found in dest_dir. Not Downloading again
Extracting Python CIFAR10 data.
Files extracted
batch 1 / 10 : total OK 851 NOK 149
batch 2 / 10 : total OK 1683 NOK 317
batch 3 / 10 : total OK 2522 NOK 478
batch 4 / 10 : total OK 3370 NOK 630
batch 5 / 10 : total OK 4207 NOK 793
batch 6 / 10 : total OK 5044 NOK 956
batch 7 / 10 : total OK 5887 NOK 1113
batch 8 / 10 : total OK 6728 NOK 1272
batch 9 / 10 : total OK 7570 NOK 1430
batch 10 / 10 : total OK 8419 NOK 1581
Final accuracy: 84.190000

Screen Dump this result
```



Part1 Requirements

- Screen Dump
 - Each ONNX Graph
 - Model Accuracy
- Describe your observations and understanding of each transformation

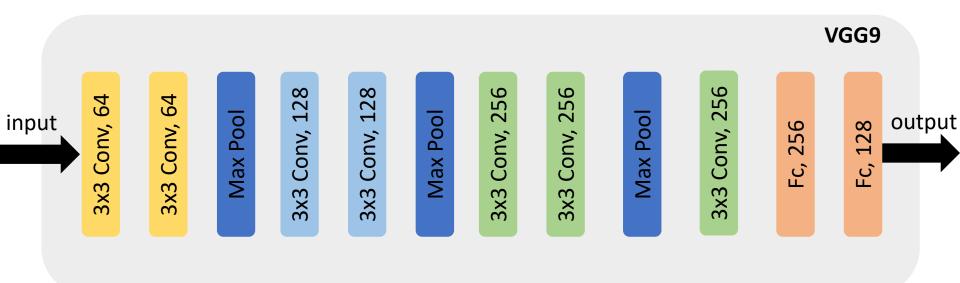


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VGG9





CIFAR100

- It has 100 classes containing 600 images each.
- There are 500 training images and 100 testing images per class.

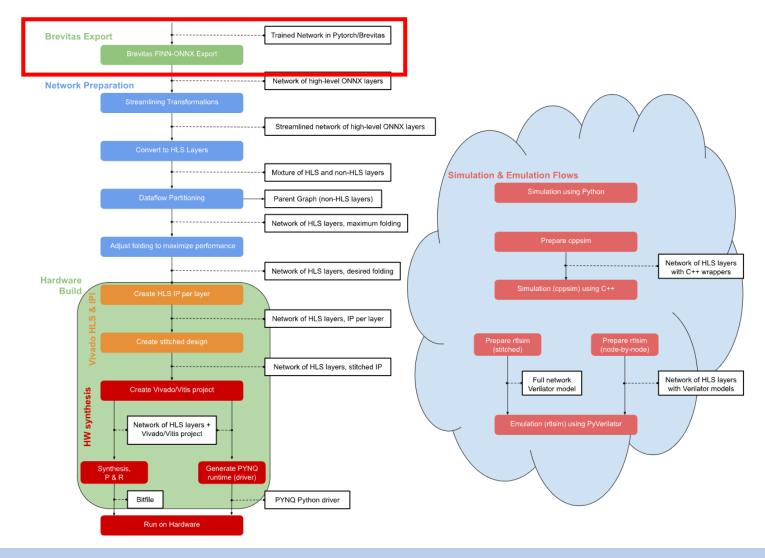
beaver, dolphin, otter, seal, whale aguarium fish, flatfish, ray, shark, trout orchids, poppies, roses, sunflowers, tulips bottles, bowls, cans, cups, plates apples, mushrooms, oranges, pears, sweet peppers clock, computer keyboard, lamp, telephone, television bed, chair, couch, table, wardrobe bee, beetle, butterfly, caterpillar, cockroach bear, leopard, lion, tiger, wolf bridge, castle, house, road, skyscraper cloud, forest, mountain, plain, sea camel, cattle, chimpanzee, elephant, kangaroo fox, porcupine, possum, raccoon, skunk crab, lobster, snail, spider, worm baby, boy, girl, man, woman crocodile, dinosaur, lizard, snake, turtle hamster, mouse, rabbit, shrew, squirrel maple, oak, palm, pine, willow bicycle, bus, motorcycle, pickup truck, train lawn-mower, rocket, streetcar, tank, tractor

https://www.cs.toronto.edu/~kriz/cifar.html





Model Prepare





Define Network Architecture

We need to define our network architecture in CNV.py

Change the following simple Network example to VGG9

```
32 CNV_OUT_CH_POOL = [(64, False), (64, True), (128, False), (128, True), (256, False), (256, False)]
33 INTERMEDIATE_FC_FEATURES = [(256, 512), (512, 512)]
34 LAST_FC_IN_FEATURES = 512
35 LAST_FC_PER_OUT_CH_SCALING = False
36 POOL_SIZE = 2
37 KERNEL_SIZE = 3
```

CNV.py





Specify Dataset

• Change Dataset from CIFAR-10 to CIFAR-100

```
if dataset == 'CIFAR10':
108
                  train transforms list = [transforms.RandomCrop(32, padding=4),
109
                                           transforms.RandomHorizontalFlip(),
110
111
                                           transforms.ToTensor()]
                  transform train = transforms.Compose(train transforms list)
112
                  builder = CIFAR10
113
114
              elif dataset == 'MNTST':
115
                  transform train = transform to tensor
116
                  builder = MirrorMNIST
117
              else:
118
                  raise Exception("Dataset not supported: {}".format(args.dataset))
119
                                                                           trainer.py
```



Configuration File

- Create a configuration file for VGG9
- Bit width of weigh and activation is 1. (Binary Network)

```
[MODEL]
     ARCH: CNV
     PRETRAINED_URL: https://github.com/Xilinx/brevitas/releases/download/bnn pynq-r0/cnv 1w1a-758c8fef.pth
     EVAL LOG: https://github.com/Xilinx/brevitas/releases/download/cnv test ref-r0/cnv 1w1a eval-ea2f0427.txt
 4
     DATASET: CIFAR10
     IN CHANNELS: 3
     NUM CLASSES: 10
 8
     [QUANT]
 9
10
     WEIGHT BIT WIDTH: 1
     ACT BIT WIDTH: 1
11
     IN BIT WIDTH: 8
12
13
```



Command

- Training
 - python3 bnn_pynq_train.py --network CNV_1W1A --experiments ./experiments
- Testing
 - python3 bnn_pynq_train.py --evaluate --network CNV_1W1A --resume ./ experiments /CNV_1W1A_1W1A_xxxxxx/checkpoints/best.tar



Export Network

Add the following two lines of code in train.py

```
if args.resume:
    print('Loading model checkpoint at: {}'.format(args.resume))
    package = torch.load(args.resume, map_location='cpu')
    model_state_dict = package['state_dict']
    model.load_state_dict(model_state_dict, strict=args.strict)
    vgg = model
    bo.export_finn_onnx(vgg, (1, 3, 32, 32),"./vgg_w1a1.onnx")
```

trainer.py





Part2 Requirements

- File
 - vgg_w1a1.onnx
- Screen Dump
 - Accuracy of this model on both Server and FPGA



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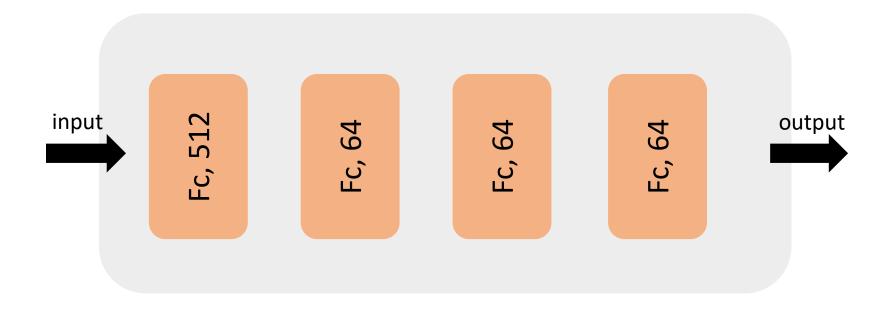


Handwritten Digit Classification

Fully-connected network trained on the MNIST data set



Network Architecture





Folding: Adjusting the Parallelism

 We can set folding factors for each layer, controlled by the PE (parallelization over outputs) and SIMD (parallelization over inputs) parameters.

```
fc layers = model.get nodes by op type("StreamingFCLayer Batch")
# (PE, SIMD, in fifo depth, out fifo depth, ramstyle) for each layer
config = [
    (16, 49, 16, 64, "block"),
    (8, 8, 64, 64, "auto"),
    (8, 8, 64, 64, "auto"),
    (10, 8, 64, 10, "distributed"),
for fcl, (pe, simd, ififo, ofifo, ramstyle) in zip(fc layers, config):
   fcl inst = getCustomOp(fcl)
   fcl inst.set nodeattr("PE", pe)
   fcl inst.set nodeattr("SIMD", simd)
   fcl inst.set nodeattr("inFIFODepth", ififo)
    fcl inst.set_nodeattr("outFIFODepth", ofifo)
   fcl inst.set nodeattr("ram style", ramstyle)
# set parallelism for input quantizer to be same as first layer's SIMD
inp_qnt_node = model.get_nodes_by_op_type("Thresholding_Batch")[0]
inp qnt = getCustomOp(inp qnt node)
inp qnt.set nodeattr("PE", 49)
```



Throughput Test on PYNQ Board

 FINN provides the throughput_test_remote function for the throughput test.

```
from finn.core.throughput_test import throughput_test_remote

model = ModelWrapper(build_dir + "/tfc_w1_a1_pynq_deploy.onnx")
res = throughput_test_remote(model, 10000)
print("Network metrics:")
for key in res:
    print(str(key) + ": " + str(res[key]))

Network metrics:
runtime[ms]: 10.43391227722168
throughput[images/s]: 958413.2714850444
DRAM_in_bandwidth[Mb/s]: 751.3960048442748
DRAM_out_bandwidth[Mb/s]: 0.9584132714850445
fclk[mhz]: 100.0
N: 10000
```





Adjusting the Parallelism

- Try to set Layer2 PE and SIMD number to 1 (Exp1)
- Try your best to achieve the best performance by adjusting the PE and SIMD. (Exp2)
 - Try 3 sets at least.(List them in a table)





Part3 Requirements

- Screen Dump
 - Model Accuracy (At least 90%)
 - All of your performance results
- List all your results in a table
- Write down your observations and explain possible reasons for this result (Exp1)
- Explain your methodology for adjusting the folding factors and analyze the results. (Exp2)



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Please draw the circuit diagrams for the following two
 PE and SIMD configuration.

• PE: 4 SIMD: 1

• PE: 8 SIMD: 8



- Following the previous question, suppose we need to calculate a 8 x 8 matrix multiplication; please calculate the latency for the two configurations.
- You have to draw some pictures to explain how the calculations are allocated to the hardware.



• For a $H \times W \times C_i$ feature map, and given C_0 stride 1 filters of size $K \times K$, what is the shape of the filter matrix and image matrix?



• In this section, the image feature map in the figure is of size **2 x 3**. However the real application the image might be of size **224 x 224**. In this case, can we deal with the whole image? Are there any practical solutions in the perspective of hardware design?



Grading

• Part1: 20%

• Part2: 30%

• Part3: 30%

• Questions: 20%





Submission (1/2)

- Hierarchy:
 - GroupID_labD/
 - Part1/
 - All of the Screen Dumps
 - Part2/
 - All of the Screen Dumps
 - vgg9_w1a1.onnx
 - Part3/
 - All of the Screen Dumps
 - Question.pdf
 - Report.pdf





Submission (2/2)

- Compress all above files in a single zip file named GroupID_labD.zip
- Submit to NTU COOL
- Deadline: 12/05 (Sun.) 23:59
 - 30% off for the late submission penalty





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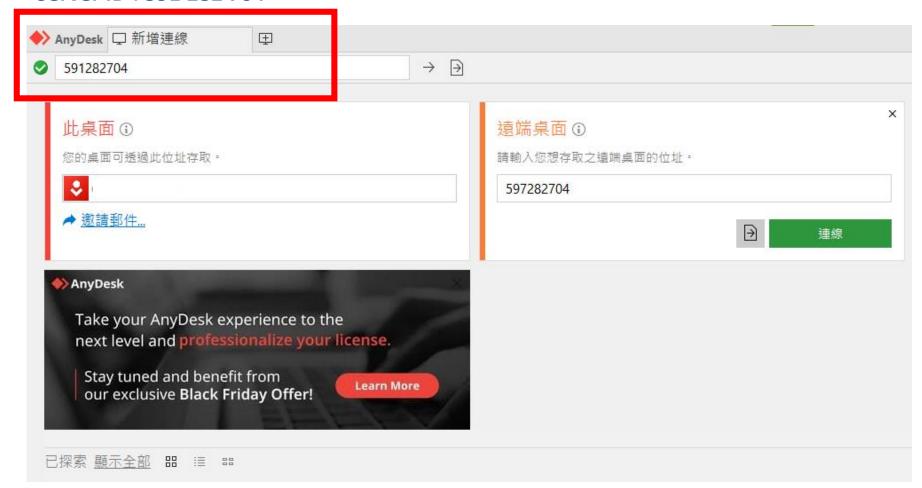
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Server ID: 591 282 704





Server Login(2/)

Password: boledu421





Server Login(3/)

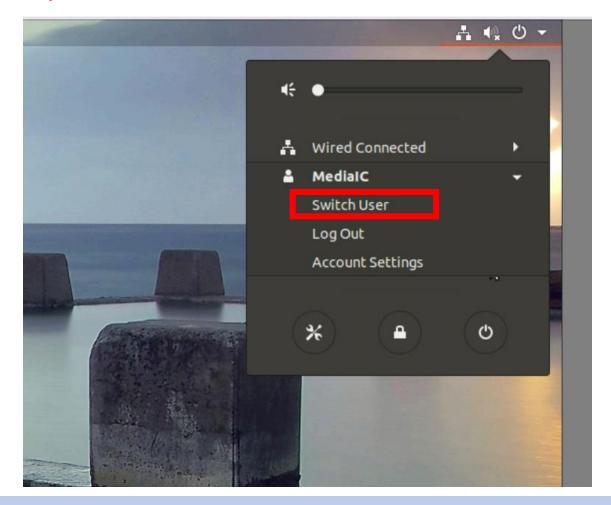
Choose your account Password : boledu421





Switch User

After using this server, be sure to click the switch user button!!!





Server Login

- You can connect them through SSH:
 - ID: 591 282 704
 - password: boledu421
- Due to the limited resources of the servers, you have to make an appointment to use them.
 - Students who use the server without making an appointment will get some penalties. This may cause the server out of memory and terminate the building process unexpectedly
 - Each group can only book 4 hours per day
 - https://reurl.cc/ox3k73



Bashrc File Configuration

- Only needs to be set for the first time log in.
- Create build directory in your home
 - mkdir ~/build
- Open bashrc file
 - vi ~/.bashrc
- Add the following codes at the end of bashrc file
 - export FINN_HOST_BUILD_DIR=/home/groupX/build
 - export VIVADO_PATH=/tools/Xilinx/Vivado/2020.1
 - export BOARD=Pynq-Z2
 - PYNQ IP=140.112.207.155
 - source /tools/Xilinx/Vivado/2020.1/settings64.sh



Open Jupyter Notebook

- Command
 - bash run-docker.sh notebook

```
Successfully installed Pyverllator telwrapper-0.0.1
Obtaining file:///workspace/finn
Requirement already satisfied: finn-base@ git+https://github.com/Xilinx/finn-base#egg=finn-base from git+https://github.com/Xilinx/finn-base#e
.dev1+gbdfbd4b7.dirty) (0.0.post0.dev108+gac0b86a)
Requirement already satisfied: bitstring>=3.1.7 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages (from finn-base@ git+https://github.com/Xilinx/finn-
Requirement already satisfied: numpy in /opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages (from finn-base@ git+https://github.com/Xilinx/finn-base#egg=fi
Installing collected packages: finn
 Running setup.py develop for finn
Successfully installed finn
tools/Xilinx/Vivado/2020.1/settings64.sh: line 5: /tools/Xilinx/DocNav/.settings64-DocNav.sh: No such file or directory/
[I 16:48:47.899 NotebookApp] Writing notebook server cookie secret to /workspace/.local/share/jupyter/runtime/notebook cookie secret
[I 16:48:48.127 NotebookApp] Serving notebooks from local directory: /workspace/finn/notebooks
[I 16:48:48.127 NotebookApp] Jupyter Notebook 6.4.4 is running at:
[I 16:48:48.127 NotebookApp] http://finn_dev_mediaic:8888/?token=3b7a3720713d91bdb74b4b174b526b9dde0f918f308f83ca
[I 16:48:48.127 NotebookApp] or http://127.0.0.1:8888/?token=3b7a3720713d91bdb74b4b174b526b9dde0f918f308f83ca
[I 16:48:48.127 NotebookApp] Use Control-C to stop this server and shut down all kernels (twice to skip confirmation).
    To access the notebook, open this file in a browser:
        file:///workspace/.local/share/jupyter/runtime/nbserver-7-open.html
                                                                                                       Open this link
    Or copy and paste one of these URLs:
       http://finn dev mediaic:8888/?token=3b7a3720713d91bdb74b4b174b526b9dde0f918f308f83ca
    or http://127.0.0.1:8888/?token=3b7a3720713d91bdb74b4b174b526b9dde0f918f308f83ca
```





PYNQ board first-time setup

PYNQ board first-time setup %

We use *host* to refer to the PC running the FINN Docker environment, which will build the accelerator+driver and package it up, and *target* to refer to the PYNQ board. To be able to access the target from the host, you'll need to set up SSH public key authentication:

Start on the target side:

- Note down the IP address of your PYNQ board. This IP address must be accessible from the host.
- 2. Ensure the bitstring package is installed: sudo pip3 install bitstring

- 1. Launch the Docker container from where you cloned finn with ./run-docker.sh
- 2. Go into the ssh_keys directory (e.g. cd /workspace/finn/ssh_keys)
- 3. Run ssh-keygen to create a key pair e.g. id rsa private and id rsa.pub public key
- 4. Run ssh-copy-id -i id_rsa.pub <PYNQ_USERNAME>@<PYNQ_IP> to install the keys on the remote system

https://finn.readthedocs.io/en/latest/getting_started.html





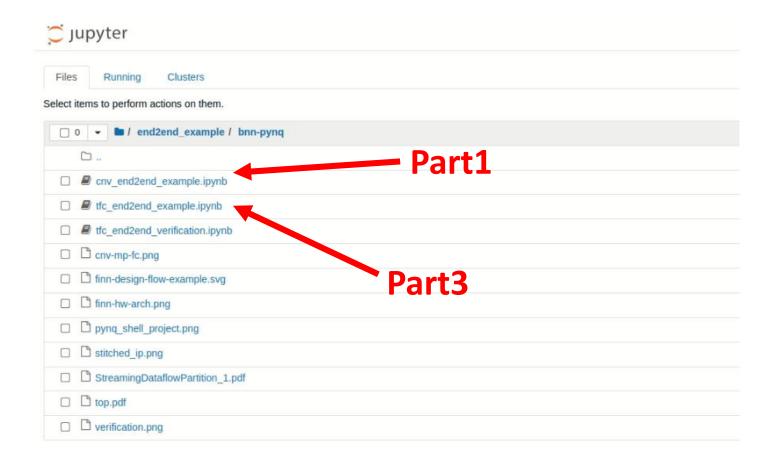
Change Dataset

 In part2, before we validate our model on PYNQ-Z2, we must specify our dataset to cifar100 first.

```
61
         if dataset == "mnist":
             from dataset_loading import mnist
62
63
             trainx, trainy, testx, testy, valx, valy = mnist.load_mnist_data(
64
                 dataset_root, download=True, one_hot=False
65
66
         elif dataset == "cifar10":
67
68
             from dataset_loading import cifar
69
70
             trainx, trainy, testx, testy, valx, valy = cifar.load_cifar_data(
                 dataset_root, download=True, one_hot=False, cifar10=False
71
72
         else:
73
             raise Exception("Unrecognized dataset")
74
```



File Location





Lab#D Material

- LabD/
 - Brevitas/
 - Vgg9/
 - finn.sh
 - Git clone FINN from github



TA Information

- Hua-Yang Weng
 - E-mail: huayang@media.ee.ntu.edu.tw
 - TA hours: Wed. 21:00 23:00
 - Location: https://meet.google.com/ifb-twqn-xci

- Ke-Han Li
 - E-mail: khlee@media.ee.ntu.edu.tw
 - TA hours: Wed. 21:00 23:00
 - Location: BL421

