Working with DSP48 Macro IP core version 2.1:

The Xilinx LogiCORE™ DSP48 Macro provides an easy-to-use interface that abstracts the XtremeDSP™ slice and simplifies its dynamic operation by enabling the specification of multiple operations via a set of user defined arithmetic expressions. The specified operations are enumerated and can be selected by the user via a single port on the generated core.

Features:

- Simplified and abstracted interface to XtremeDSP slice enhances ease of use, code readability and portability
- Define XtremeDSP slice operation via a list of user-defined arithmetic expressions
- Support for up to 64 instructions
- Supports the XtremeDSP slice pre-adder
- Configurable latency
- Option to choose between XtremeDSP Slice or fabric implementation
- Support of signed, two's complement input data

Implementation:

1. From the Project Navigator, select Project -> New Source

2. Select IP (CORE Generator & Architecture Wizard) and enter a Filename (refer Figure1.1)

3. Click Next and then select the type of core (refer Figure1.2)

4. After a few seconds a new window (LogiCore) should pop up. Customize the parameters for your design as you see in the figure below.

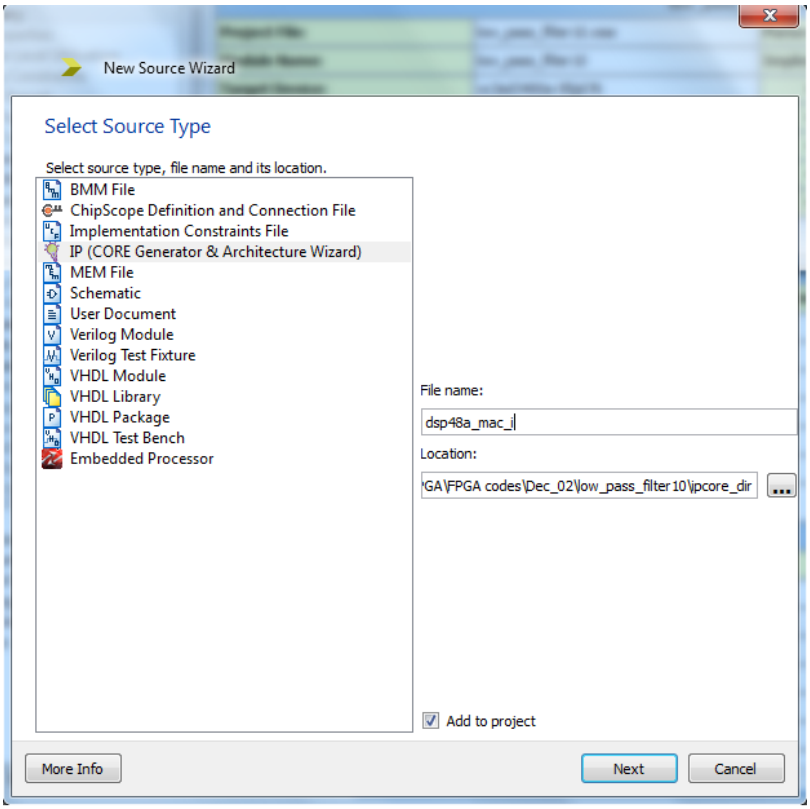

Figure 1.1 New Source Wizard (Select Source Type)

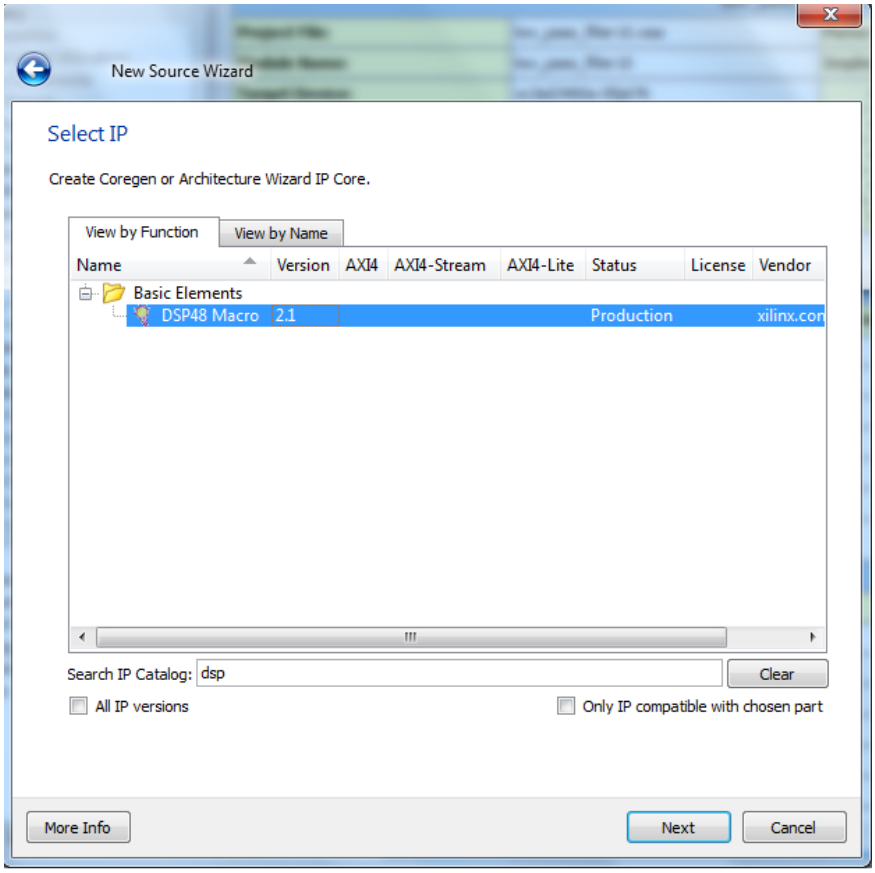

Figure 1.2 Select IP Core Type

Take a minute to click on the Data Sheet… button on the bottom of the screen. The provided data sheets are essential in larger designs to understand many timing issues associated with a specific core as well as explaining all the different design choices.

There are three pages of parameters which we can customize based on the application.

a. Instruction page
b. Latency page
c. Port properties page

Instruction page (refer fig 1.3)

In the instruction page user can define their own instructions depends on the application. DSP48 Macro supports for up to 64 instructions. There is a port called "**SEL [ ]"** which enables to access different instructions. For instance, if we need four instructions to perform a single operation, the port size will be changed into SEL [1:0]. This means by selecting '00' we can access first instruction and '01' for second instruction and so on.

Instruction Format:

The instructions are case insensitive and ignore spaces between operands. The left side of the arithmetic expression, P=, is implicitly declared and should not be specified

Valid operands: D, A, ACIN, B, BCIN, CONCAT, C, PCIN, CARRYIN, CARRYCASCIN, 0.

Valid operators: +, -, *, >>17, (,).

Valid functions: rndsimple, rndsym

- Rounding functions require that the P output width is less than full precision.

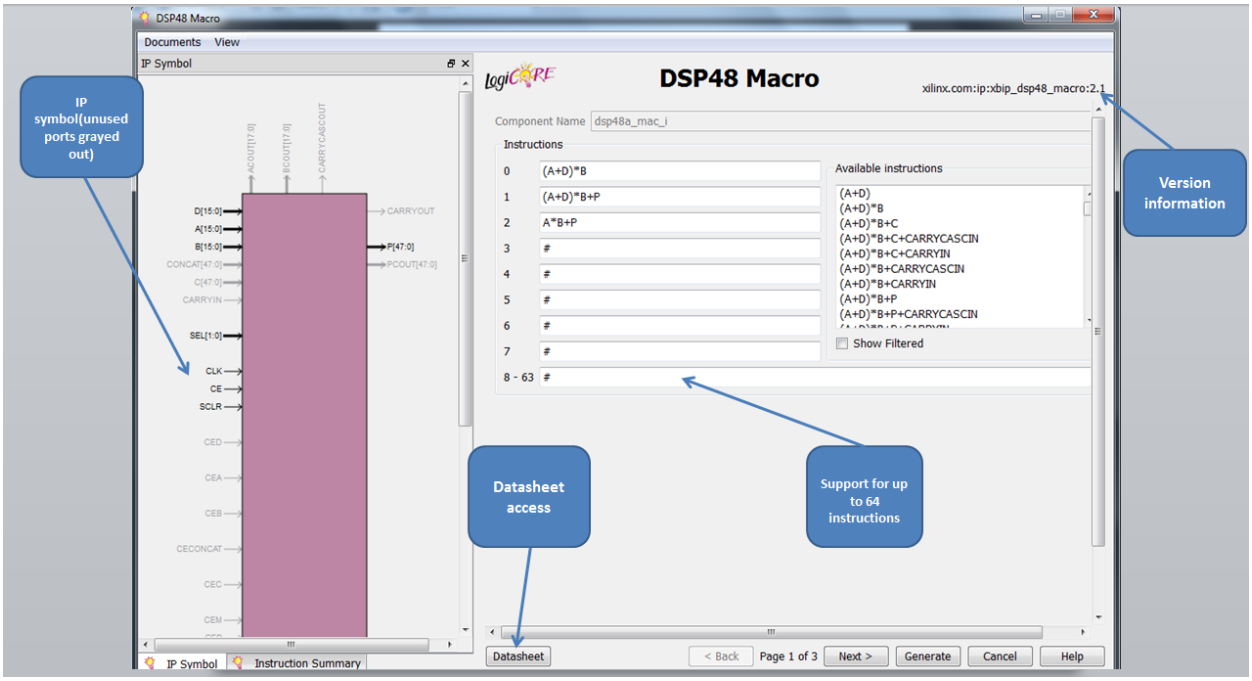

Figure 1.3 Instruction page

Example:

Let us consider 15tap FIR symmetric filter, where data is provided sequentially on the A, D and B inputs in order to perform multiply and accumulation operation. Both A and D are used for the data values and B is used for the filter coefficients. Then we can define the instructions as below as,

1. (A+D)*B: Taps 1 & 15 (here A = tap 1 value, D = tap 15 value)

2. (A+D)*B+ P: Taps 2...7 & 14...9 (here A = tap2 value, D = tap 14 value and B = filter coeff 'h0' and so on)

3. A*B+ P: Tap 8

Latency page: (refer fig.1.4)

In the latency page there is an option to choose pipelining depends on the timing constraint of the application. There are three types of custom pipeline as follows:

1. Automatic
2. By tier
3. Expert

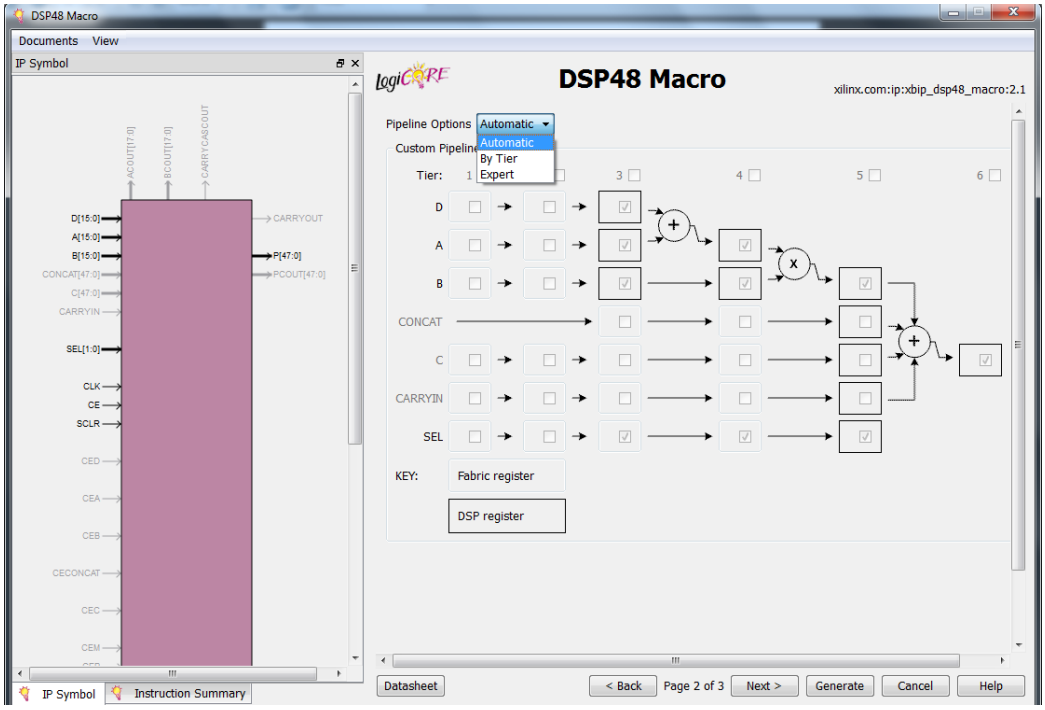

Figure 1.4 Latency page

Port properties page: (refer fig 1.5)

In this page you can customize the input, output and control port properties. Then click generate to create your IP core design.

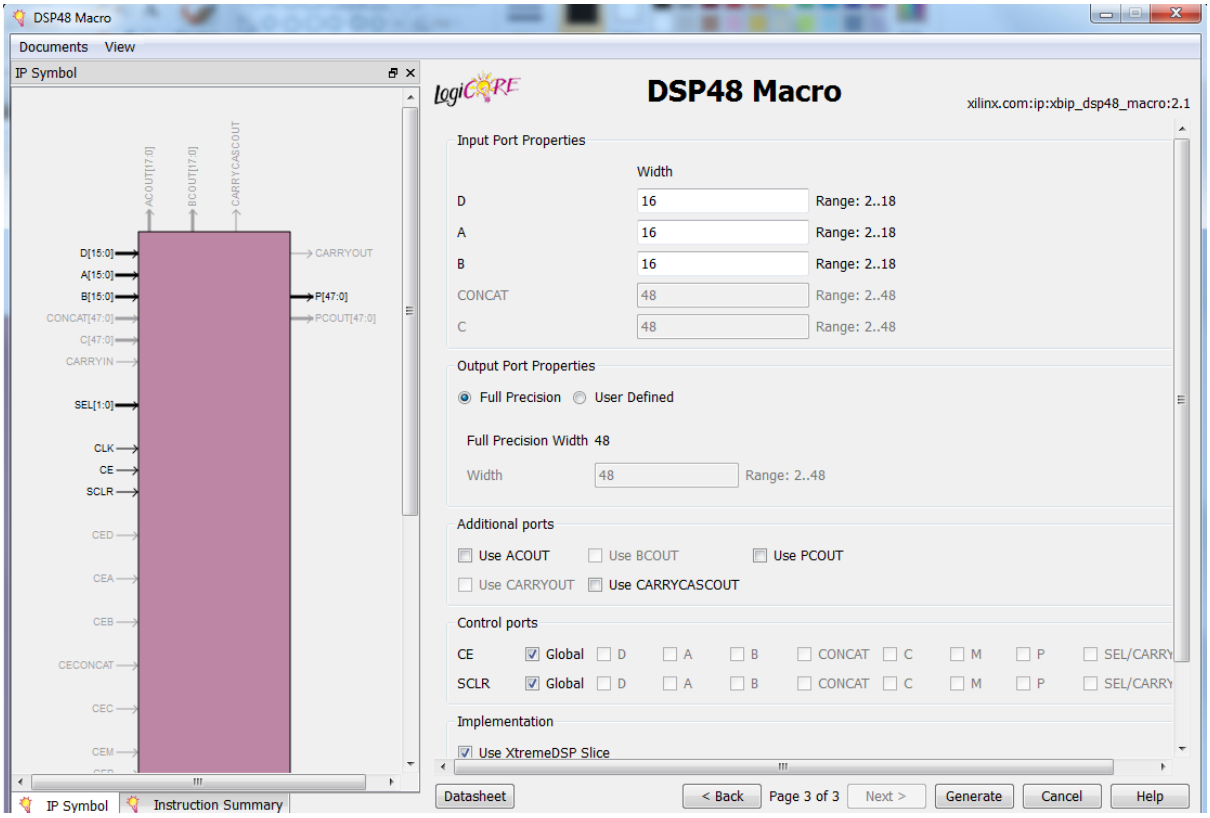

Figure 1.4 Port properties page