

FPGA Development for Radar, Radio-Astronomy and Communications

THE
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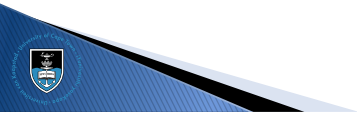
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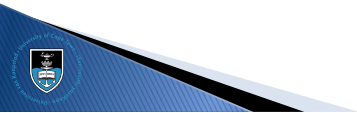
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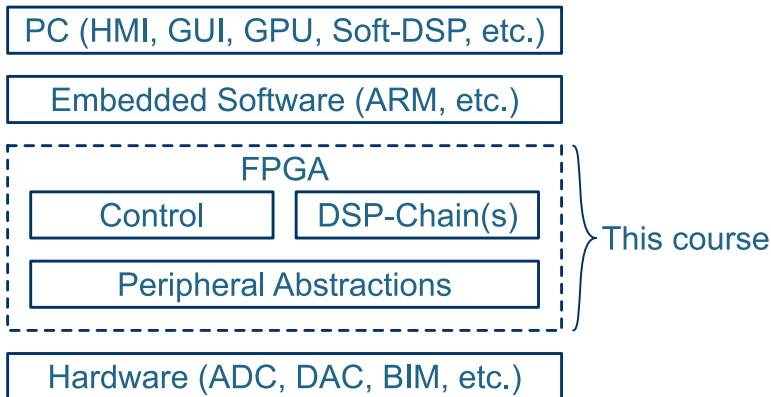
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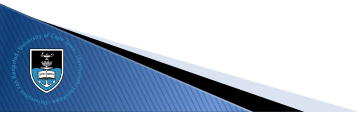


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 - ▶ This course specifically targets low-level development
 - ▶ Minimal exposure to vendor-provided IP and related workflows
 - ▶ No high-level synthesis (HLS)
 - ▶ No soft-core or embedded processors / etc.
- ▶ Practicals (Afternoon)
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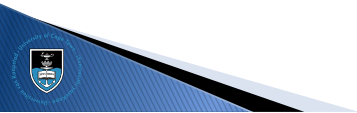
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 - ▶ The scheduled tutorial sessions are informal – feel free to structure your time as you see fit, or even do the practicals at home.
 - ▶ Fork the repository and commit your work. You can mark the project as private, but add the presenter as a collaborator in that case.
 - ▶ Primarily Verilog, but feel free to implement your practicals in VHDL (the presenter is well-versed in both).
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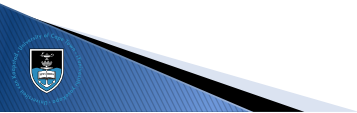
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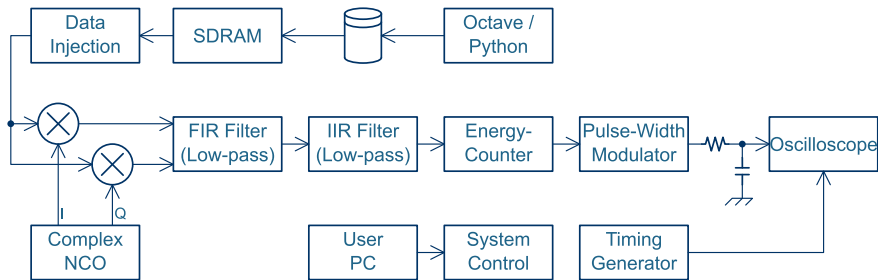


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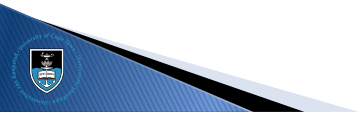
- ▶ Understand the underlying physical architecture of FPGAs
- ▶ Understand the concept of timing constraints, clock domains and other timing-related issues
- ▶ Use the FPGA tool-set, including JTAG debugging and the general Verilog-based compilation process
- ▶ Design FPGA firmware systems on a high level
- ▶ Design RTL representations of finite state machines and pipelines
- ▶ Implement FPGA firmware systems
- ▶ Debug an FPGA firmware implementation
- ▶ Analyse timing closure issues and solve the problem such that the final design meets all timing requirements.



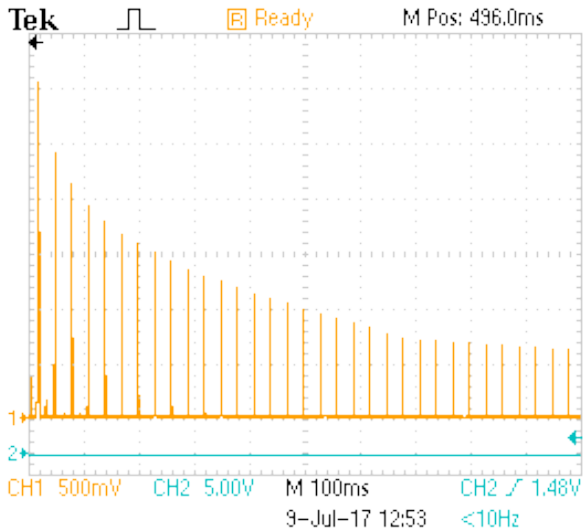
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- ▶ JTAG interfacing to / from the computer
- ▶ 8-bit, 100 MSps data injection
- ▶ 1024-point FIR-filter with a $128\times$ subsampling rate

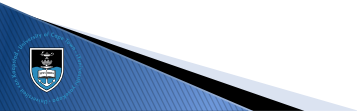


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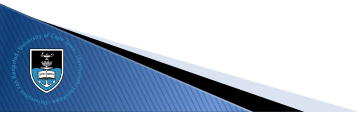
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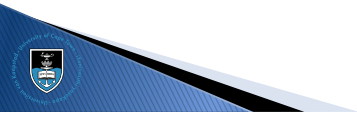
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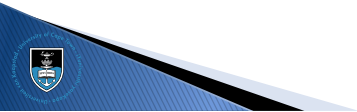
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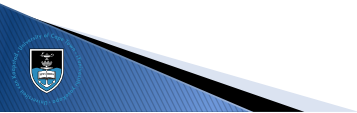
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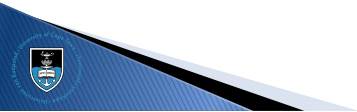
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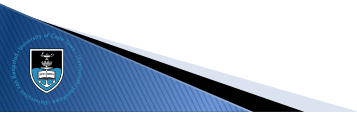
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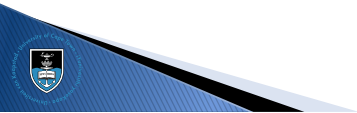
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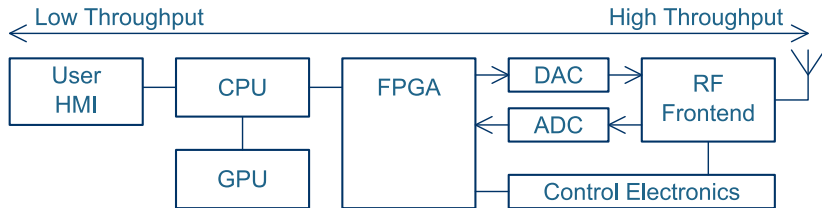


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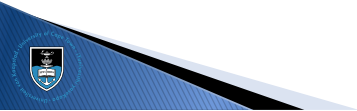
Software-Defined Radio



- ▶ In high-performance computing, the CPU, GPU and FPGA work together
- ▶ Each processing element is used for its strength

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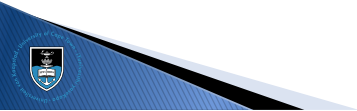
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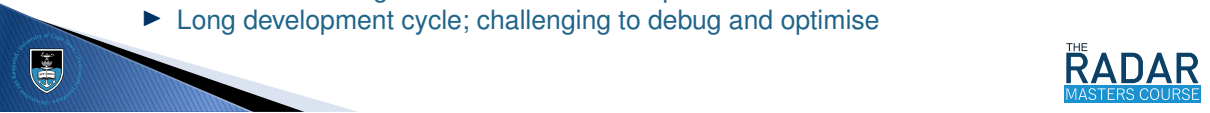
- ▶ Agile: can be reprogrammed in real-time (kernels are referenced by a handle, or memory address)
- ▶ Extremely good at coarse-grained parallel algorithms (little to none inter-worker communication: matrix multiplication; FFT; FIR filters; etc.)
- ▶ Medium development cycle – debugging and optimising is a challenging process
- ▶ Memory bandwidth problems (the bottle-neck is generally in data transfer, but less so in modern GPUs with advanced parallel copy-engines)

▶ FPGA:

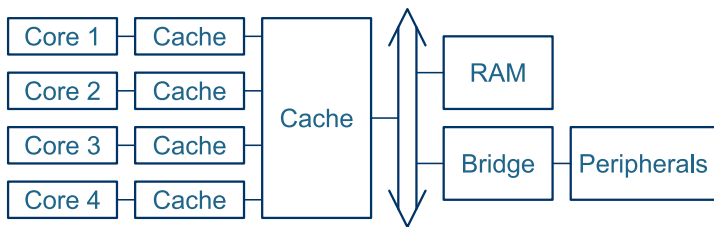


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 - ▶ Not agile: takes a few seconds to switch functionality
 - ▶ Highly flexible, but with a relatively slow clock
 - ▶ Provides ASIC functionality at a small fraction of the cost
 - ▶ Excellent at fine-grained and time-critical problems
 - ▶ Long development cycle; challenging to debug and optimise

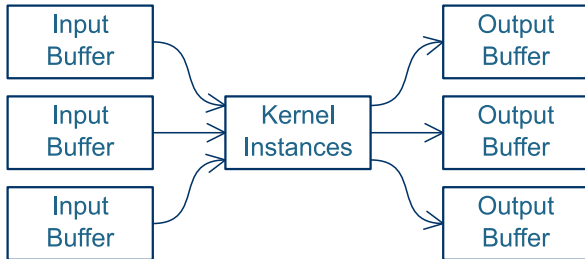


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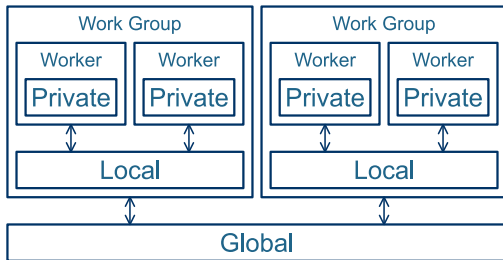
- ▶ Fetch-decode-execute cycle – serialised execution
- ▶ The RAM is divided into program, stack and heap areas
- ▶ All CPU cores share the same RAM, but is cache-assisted to reduce contention

Programming Model – GPU



- ▶ Client-server interface with the CPU
- ▶ Runs a pipeline of kernels, in SIMD operation

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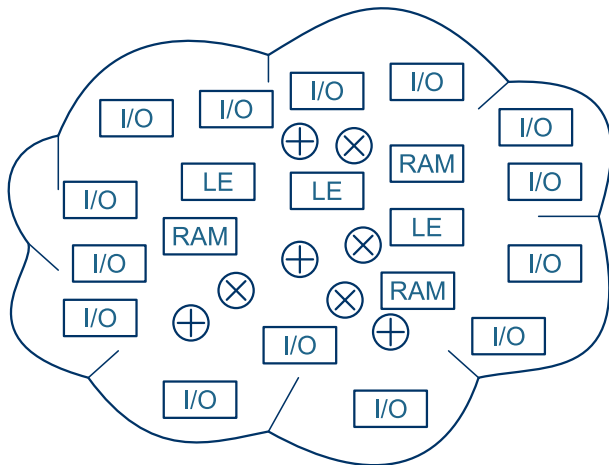


- ▶ The hardware is organised into groups of processors
- ▶ Within a group, execution is in lock-step
- ▶ Execution within one group is independent of other groups
- ▶ Three levels of memory



Programming Model – FPGA

- Any architecture you like...



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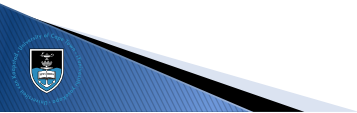
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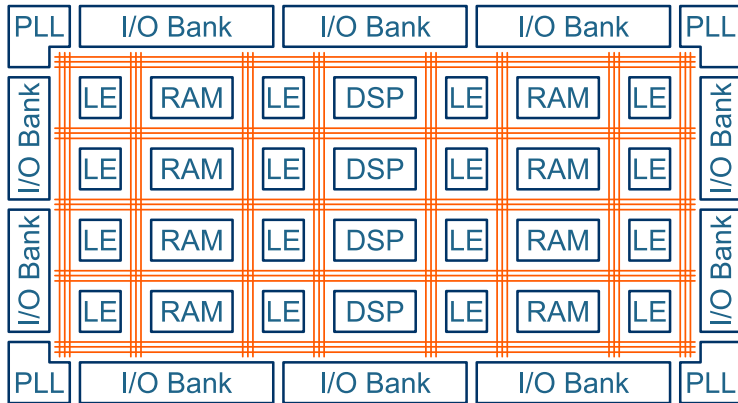
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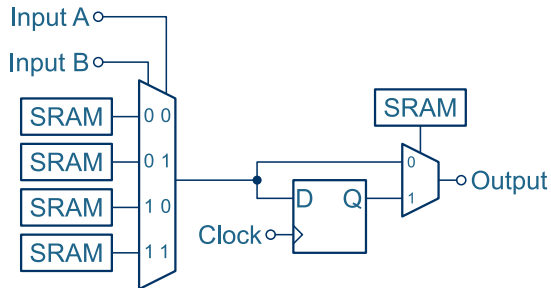
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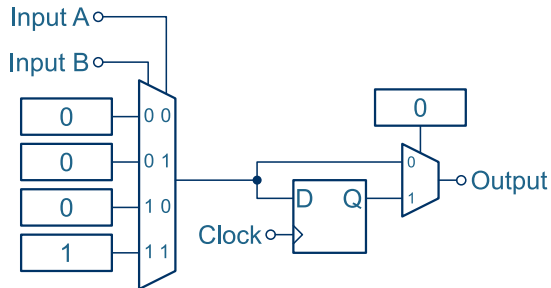
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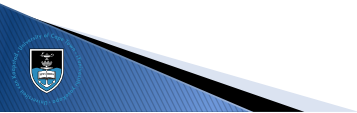
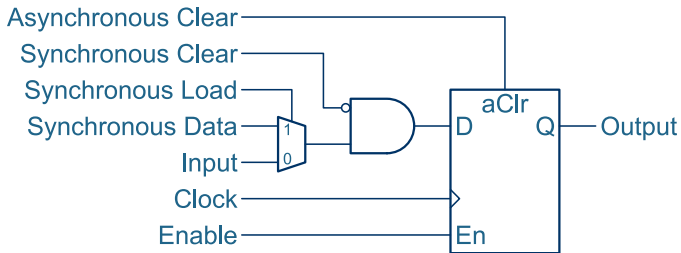
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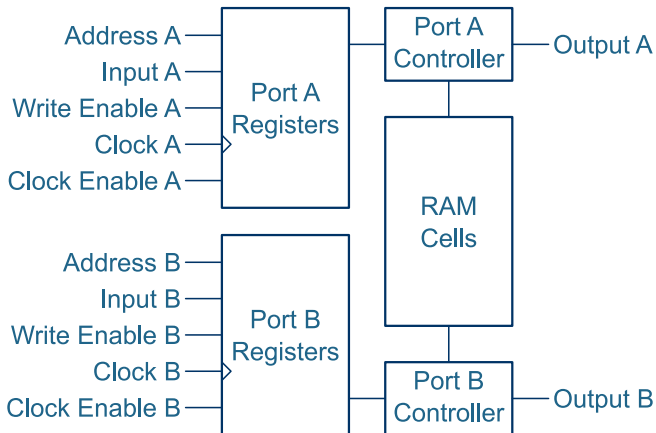
Register Detail



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A-Clr	En	S-Clr	S-Ld	S-Dat	In	Clk	Output
1	×	×	×	×	×	×	0
0	1	1	×	×	×	↑	0
0	1	0	1	0	×	↑	0
0	1	0	1	1	×	↑	1
0	1	0	0	×	0	↑	0
0	1	0	0	×	1	↑	1
0	0	×	×	×	×	×	no-change

Internal RAM Blocks



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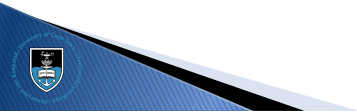
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```
-- Header Comments
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```
WIDTH=8;  
DEPTH=4096;
```

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ADDRESS_RADIX=HEX;  
DATA_RADIX=HEX;
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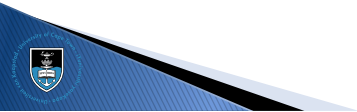
```
CONTENT BEGIN  
    [000..011] : 00;  
    012        : 7E;  
    013        : 81;  
    ...  
    [FFD..FFE] : FF;  
    FFF        : 00;  
END;
```



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```
MEMORY_INITIALIZATION_RADIX=16;
MEMORY_INITIALIZATION_VECTOR=
00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00,
00, 00, 7E, 81, A5, 81, 81, BD, 99, 81, 81, 7E, 00, 00, 00, 00,
00, 00, 7E, FF, DB, FF, FF, C3, E7, FF, FF, 7E, 00, 00, 00, 00,
...
00, 70, D8, 30, 60, C8, F8, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00,
00, 00, 00, 00, 7C, 7C, 7C, 7C, 7C, 7C, 7C, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00,
00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, 00, FF, FF, 00;
```



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```
// Header Comments
#Format=Hex
#Depth=4096
#Width=8
#AddrRadix=3
#DataRadix=3
#Data
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 7E 81 A5 81 81 BD 99 81 81 7E 00 00 00 00
00 00 7E FF DB FF FF C3 E7 FF FF 7E 00 00 00 00
...
00 70 D8 30 60 C8 F8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
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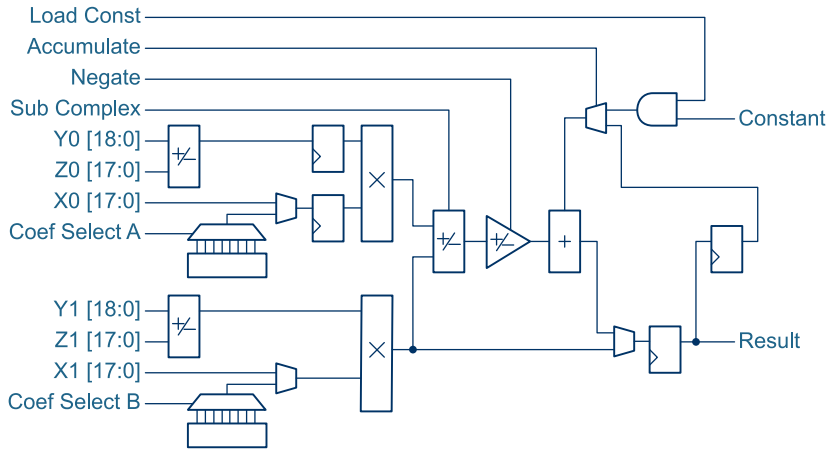
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#Format=AddrHex
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#DataRadix=3
#Data
012:7E 81 A5 81 81 BD 99 81 81 7E
022:7E FF DB FF FF C3 E7 FF FF 7E
034:6C FE FE FE FE 7C 38 10
...
FD1:70 D8 30 60 C8 F8
FE4:7C 7C 7C 7C 7C 7C 7C
FFD:FF FF
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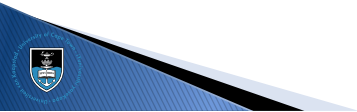
DSP Blocks (Altera / Intel)



DSP Detail (Altera / Intel)

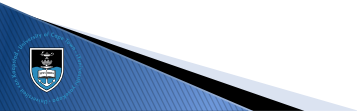
Each Cyclone V DSP block can be configured as:

- ▶ Three 9×9 -bit multipliers
- ▶ Two 18×18 -bit multipliers (unsigned)
- ▶ Two 18×19 -bit multipliers (signed)
- ▶ One 18×25 -bit multiplier
- ▶ One 20×24 -bit multiplier
- ▶ One 27×27 -bit multiplier
- ▶ One 18×19 -bit multiply-accumulate
- ▶ One 18×18 -bit multiply-accumulate with adder
- ▶ Half of a 18×19 -bit complex multiplier



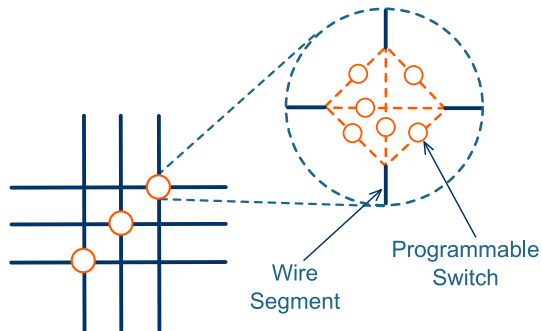
MAX-10 Multipliers

- ▶ The MAX-10 does not have DSP blocks – it only has embedded multipliers (no accumulators or adders as part of the block)
- ▶ Each multiplier block can be configured as two 9×9 -bit multipliers or one 18×18 -bit multiplier
- ▶ Each input can be configured as signed or unsigned
- ▶ The inputs and outputs can optionally be registered inside the multiplier block, which improves timing



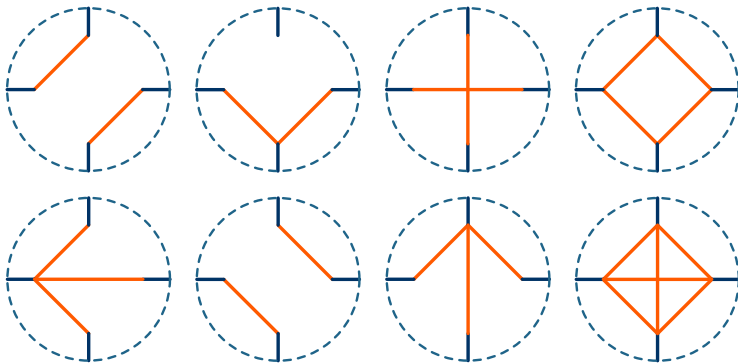
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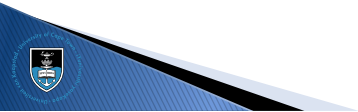
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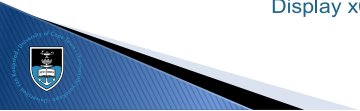
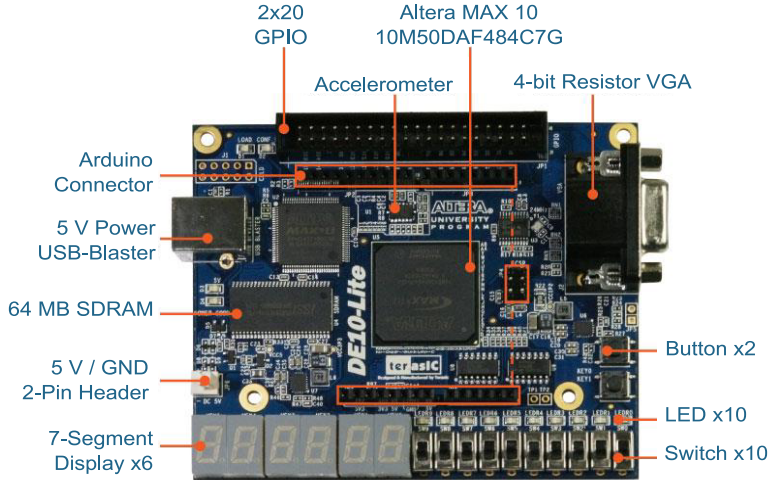
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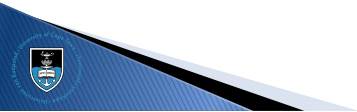


DE10 Lite Overview



FPGA Details

- ▶ MAX-10 series (10M50DAF484C7G)
- ▶ 2 ADCs (each 12-bit, 1 MSps shared over 9 channels)
- ▶ 49 760 logic elements
- ▶ 182 M9K memory blocks
- ▶ 736 kiB user flash memory
- ▶ 144 multiplier blocks
- ▶ 4 phase-locked loop blocks
- ▶ 360 I/O Pins



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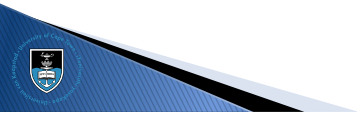
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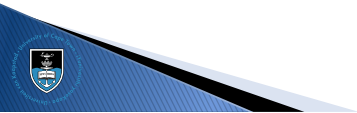
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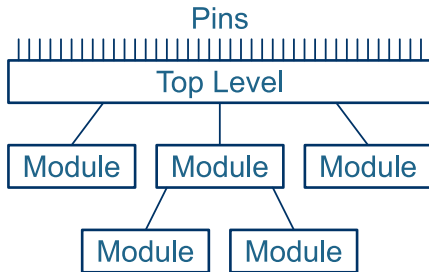
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Design Entry – Modular Design



Design Entry – HDL

- Verilog / VHDL / PyHDL / Migen / etc.

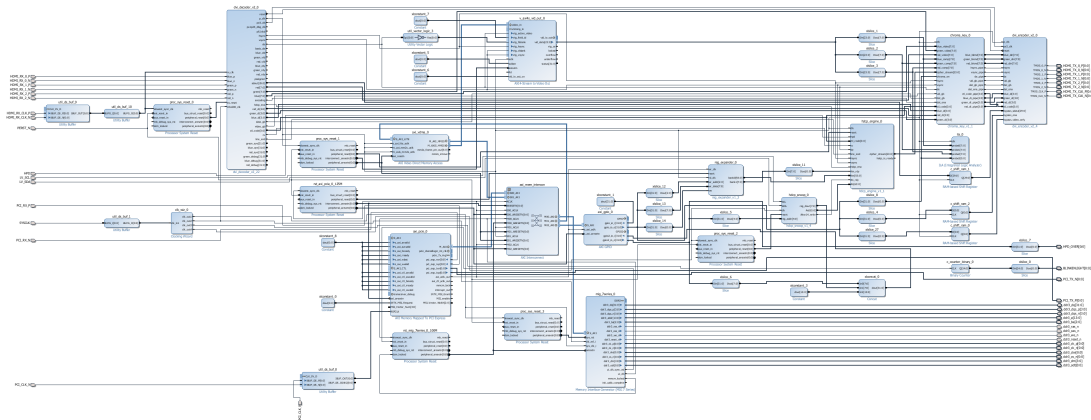
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module Top_Level(input ipClk, input ipButton, output opLED);  
  wire Debounced_Button;  
  
  Debouncer Debouncer_Inst(  
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  );  
  
  LED_Driver LED_Driver_Inst(  
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  );  
endmodule
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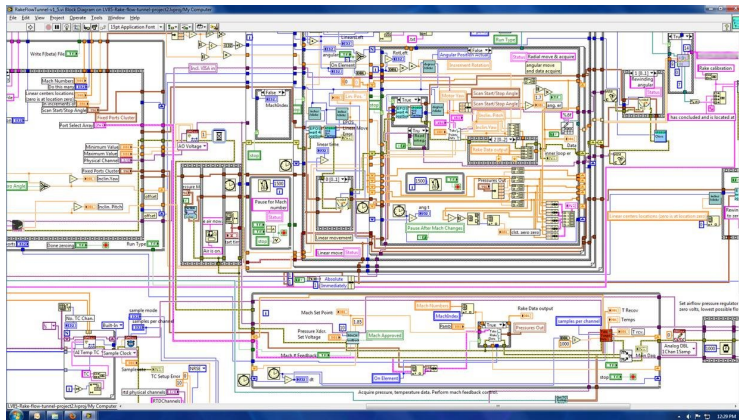
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Design Entry – Platform Designer

System Contents Address Map Interconnect Requirements						
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		clk_in	Clock Input	clk	exported	
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Design Entry – HLS

```
void paralleltest(  
    bool _doWrite, int _writeAddr, int _writeData,  
    bool _doRead,  int _readAddr,  int* _readData  
) {  
    #pragma HLS INTERFACE ap_ctrl_none port=return  
    #pragma HLS PIPELINE II=1  
    #pragma HLS DEPENDENCE variable=buffer inter WAR false  
    #pragma HLS RESOURCE    variable=buffer core=RAM_2P_BRAM  
  
    static const int BufferSize = 1024;  
    static      int buffer[BufferSize];  
  
    if (_doWrite){buffer[_writeAddr % BufferSize] = _writeData;}  
    if (_doRead) {*_readData = buffer[_readAddr % BufferSize];}  
}
```



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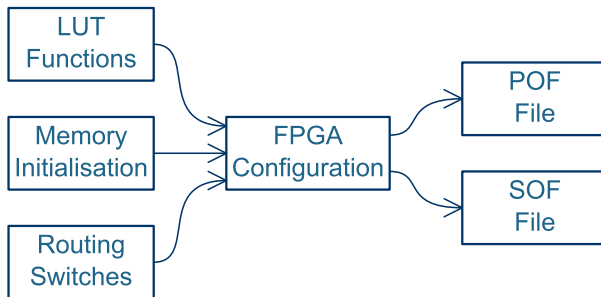


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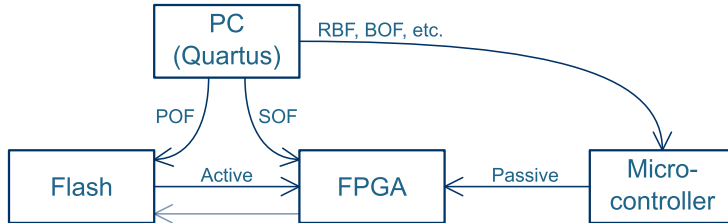
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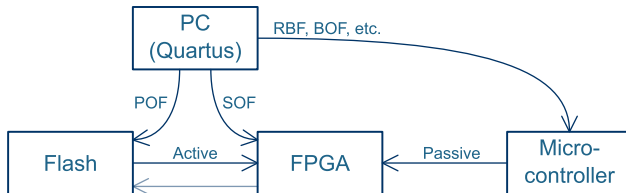
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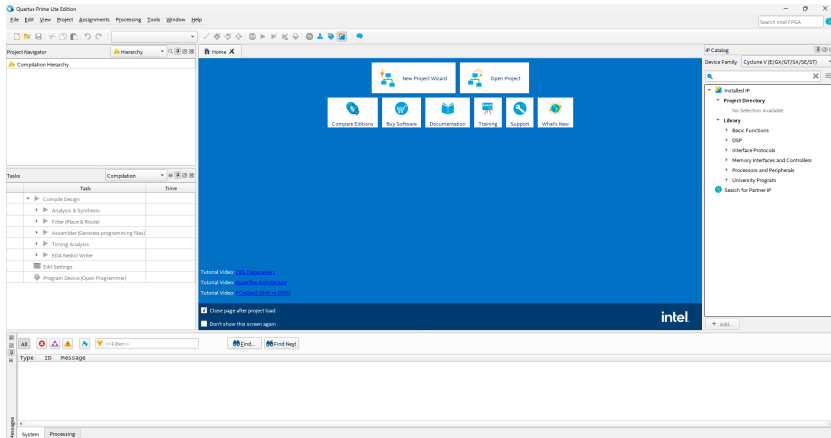


- ▶ SOF ⇒ SRAM Object File
- ▶ POF ⇒ Programmer Object File
- ▶ RBF ⇒ Raw Binary File
- ▶ BOF ⇒ Borph Object File

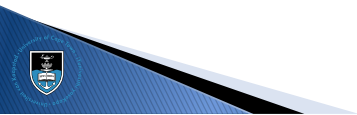


Altera Quartus

Practical 01 – Quartus introduces the Altera Quartus IDE.



Coffee Break...



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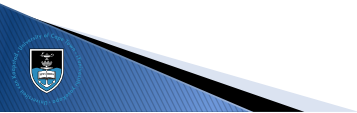
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Module Definition

```
/* Use comments to describe the function...
   Multiple lines are possible */

module MyModule(
    input        ipClk,    // Try to be consistent
    input        ipReset, // on port placement

    input  [ 7:0]ipInput,  // Note that Verilog is
    output [ 9:0]opOutput, // case sensitive
    inout  [12:0]bpBidirectional
);

// The module body goes here...

endmodule
```

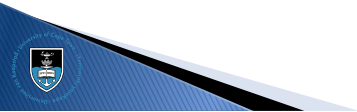


Wires

- ▶ Wires are internal connections
- ▶ See them as wires on a bread-board...

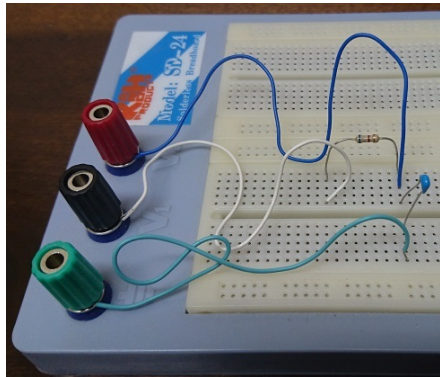
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wire      A;           // A single-bit wire
wire [7:0] B;          // An 8-bit wire
wire [7:0] C[5:0];     // A 6-element array of 8-bit wires

wire [7:0] X = B + C[3]; // Wire definition and
                        // assignment in one
```



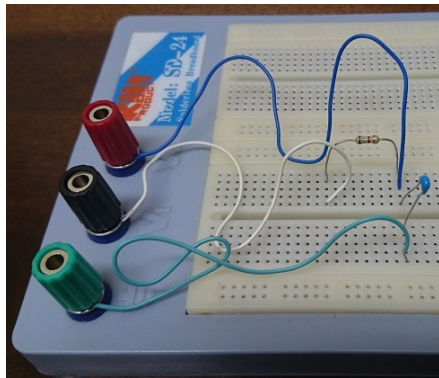
Wires

```
module PWM_Filter(  
    input  V1,  
    output V2,  
    input  GND  
);  
    wire Blue;  
    wire White = V1;  
    wire Cyan = GND;  
  
    Resistor #( 680) R1(White, Blue);  
    Capacitor #(10000) C1(Blue , Cyan);  
    assign V2 = Blue;  
endmodule
```



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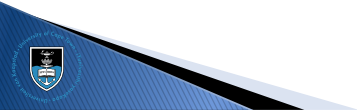
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Operators – Reduction

```
wire [7:0] X, Y, Z; // Defines 3x 8-bit wires
wire      A, B, C; // Defines 3x 1-bit wires

assign A = &X; // AND-reduce X and assign to A
assign B = |Y; // OR-reduce Y and assign to B
assign C = ^Z; // XOR-reduce Z and assign to C
assign B = !Y; // Logical NOT: equivalent to B = ~|Y
```



Operators – Bitwise

```
wire [7:0] X, Y, Z; // Defines 3x 8-bit wires

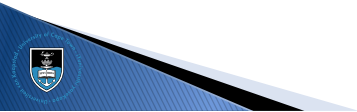
assign Z = -X;      // 2's complement X and assign to Z
assign Z = ~Y;      // Bitwise NOT Y and assign to Z
assign Z = X | Y;    // Bitwise OR X with Y and assign to Z
assign Z = X & Y;    // Bitwise AND X with Y and assign to Z
assign Z = X ^ Y;    // Bitwise XOR X with Y and assign to Z
```



Operators – Concatenation

```
wire [7:0] A;  
wire [3:0] B, C;
```

```
assign A = {B, C}; // Concatenates B--C and assign to A  
assign {B, C} = A; // Assign A to the concatenation B--C  
assign A = {2{B}}; // Replicate B 2 times and assign to A
```

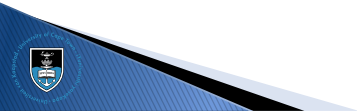


Operators – Arithmetic

```
wire [ 7:0] A, B, C;  
wire [15:0] X;
```

```
assign A = B + C; // Add C to B and assign to A  
assign A = B - C; // Subtract C from B and assign to A  
assign X = B * C; // Multiply B by C and assign to X
```

```
assign A = B << 5; // Left-shift B and assign to A  
assign A = B >> 6; // Right-shift B and assign to A
```



Operators – Logical

```
wire [ 7:0]A, B, C;  
wire      X;
```

```
assign X = A > B; // A greater than B?      Result to X
```

```
assign X = A < B; // A less than B?         Result to X
```

```
assign X = A >= B; // A greater or equal to B? Result to X
```

```
assign X = A <= B; // A less or equal to B?   Result to X
```

```
assign X = A == B; // A equal to B?          Result to X
```

```
assign X = A != B; // A not equal to B?      Result to X
```

```
assign X = A && B; // Equivalent to X = (|A) & (|B)
```

```
assign X = A || B; // Equivalent to X = (|A) | (|B)
```

```
assign C = X ? A : B // If X is 1, assign A to C,  
                    // otherwise assign B to C
```

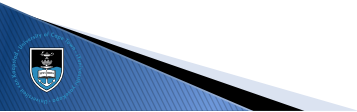


Operators – Signed Operations

- ▶ All operations are unsigned, unless specified otherwise
- ▶ The following always yield unsigned results:
 - ▶ Any operation with at least one unsigned operand
 - ▶ A literal without the 's' modifier
 - ▶ Bit-select (eg. A[5])
 - ▶ Part-select (eg. A[5:3])
 - ▶ Concatenations

```
wire          [ 7:0]A; // Unsigned vector  
wire signed [ 7:0]B; // Signed vector  
wire signed [15:0]X; // Signed vector
```

```
assign X = $signed(A) * B; // A must be cast
```



Operators – Signed Operations

- ▶ In general, most operations should be done using standard unsigned arithmetic
- ▶ In the rare cases where the sign makes a difference (multiplication and relational statements), cast explicitly

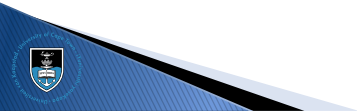
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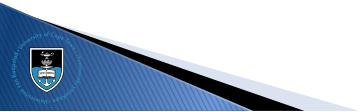
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PWM PWM1(Clk, {~X[15], X[14:0]}, PWM_Output);
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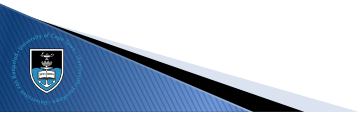
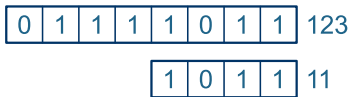
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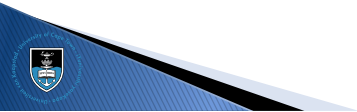
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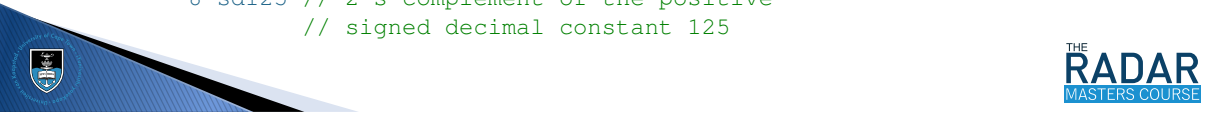
Literals

```
// All underscores "_" are ignored
// (except in Lattice: leading "_" gives an error)
5'b_1_0110 // 5-bit binary
11'h_5_CE // 11-bit hexadecimal
13'o_1_7642 // 13-bit octal
17'd_123_456 // 17-bit decimal

"H" // 8-bit ASCII constant

// Left bits (most significant) are padded with zeros,
// unless the most significant specified is 'Z' or 'X'
78'bZ // 78-bit high-impedance

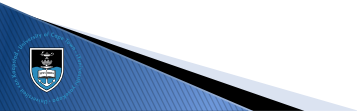
// Use the 's' specifier for "signed" literals
-8'sd125 // 2's complement of the positive
        // signed decimal constant 125
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Module Instances

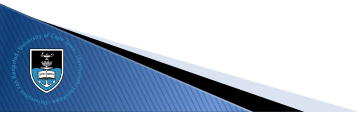
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module My_Submodule(input Clk, input A, input B, output X);  
    // Module body...  
endmodule
```

```
module Top_Level(  
    input  Clock_50MHz,  
    input  Input1, Input2,  
    output Output  
);  
  
// Positional port mapping:  
My_Submodule Instance_1(  
    Clock_50MHz,  
    Input1, Input2, Output  
);
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    output Output  
);  
  
    // Named port mapping:  
    My_Submodule Instance_2(  
        .X(Output), .A(Input1), .B(Input2),  
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    );
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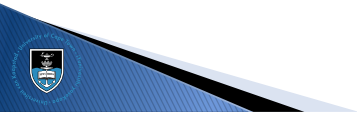
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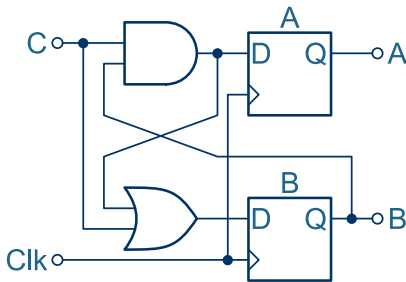
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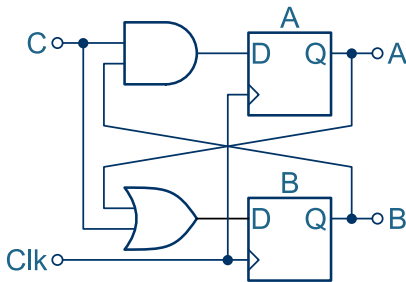
```
reg A, B;  
  
always @(posedge ipClk) begin  
    A = C & B;  
    B = A | C;  
end
```



- ▶ Statements are evaluated in order, like a computer program
- ▶ Often results in unintentionally long combinational chains
- ▶ Note that all registers still change state on the clock edge

Non-Blocking Statements

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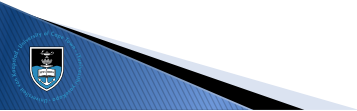


- ▶ All right-hand-side expressions are evaluated in parallel and then assigned to the left-hand-side on the clock edge
- ▶ The order of statements makes no difference to the functionality

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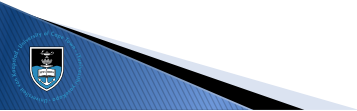
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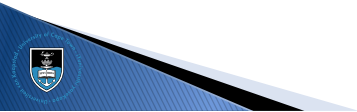


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```
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reg [2:0]Count; // Assigned inside always block => reg
integer n; // Non-synthesisable type
           // (compilation-time only)

always @(*) begin
    Count = 0;
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        Count = Count + Byte[n];
    end
end
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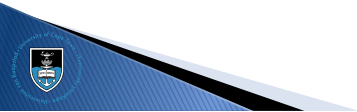
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        Count = Count + Byte[n];
    end
end
```

- If not explicitly assigned a new value,
the previous value is “remembered” in an “inferred latch” – to be avoided



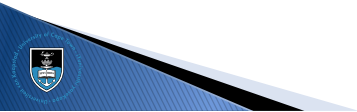
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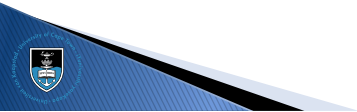
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    default: SevenSegment = 7'bXXXXXXX; // This is better
  endcase
end
```



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```
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  case (Address) // 8-bit address, 16-bit data
    8'h00: Data = FirmwareVersion;
    8'h01: Data = BuildDate;
    8'h02: Data = BuildTime;

    8'h10: Data = { 6'd0, LED      };
    8'h11: Data = { 6'd0, Switches};
    8'h12: Data = {14'd0, Buttons };

    8'h20: Data = Accelerometer_X;
    8'h21: Data = Accelerometer_Y;
    8'h22: Data = Accelerometer_Z;

    default: Data = 0; // This is OK
  endcase
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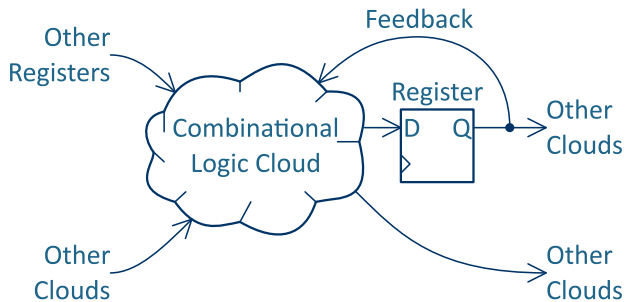
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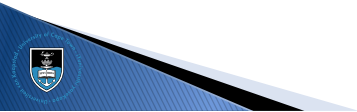
- Use non-blocking assignments: easier to relate all calculations to the clock edge

```
reg Reset;

always @(posedge ipClk) begin
    Reset <= ipReset; // Localise the reset

    if(Reset) begin
        // Reset stuff here

    end else if(ipEnabled) begin
        // RTL code goes here
    end
end
```



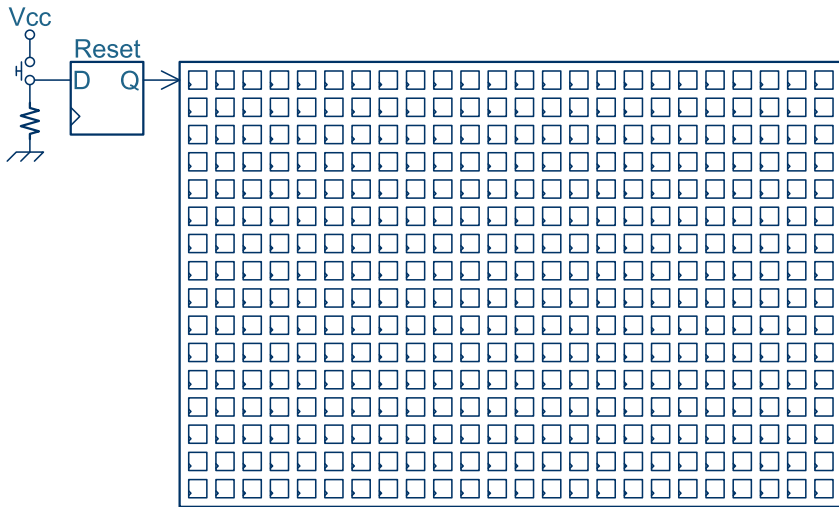
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- If not explicitly assigned a new value, the previous value is “remembered” in the register – very useful

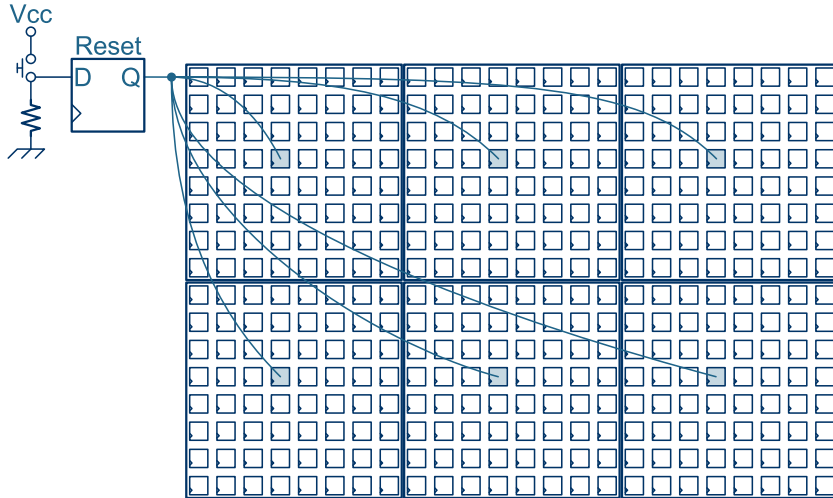
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reg      Reset;  
reg [11:0] Count;  
  
always @(posedge ipClk) begin  
    Reset <= ipReset; // Localise the reset  
  
    if(Reset) begin  
        Count <= 0;  
  
    end else if(ipEnabled) begin  
        Count <= Count + 1'b1;  
    end  
end
```



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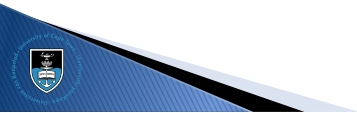
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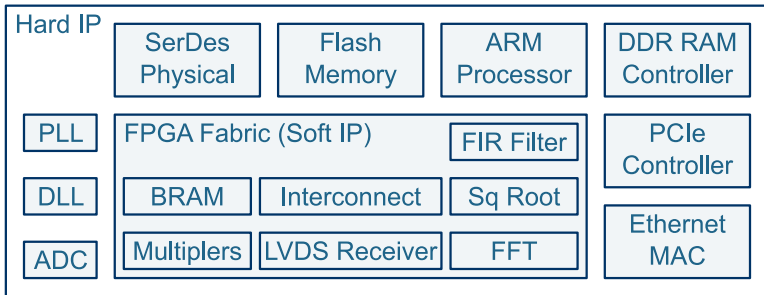
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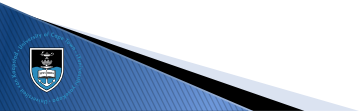
IP Library

- ▶ A combination of soft and hard IP
- ▶ Collectively known as “Megafunctions” or “IP Cores”



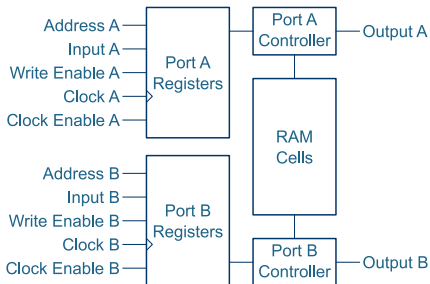
Wizard

- ▶ Generally easier to use the IP Catalogue (or Platform Designer) wizard to generate wrapper modules
- ▶ Or one can instantiate the built-in modules directly



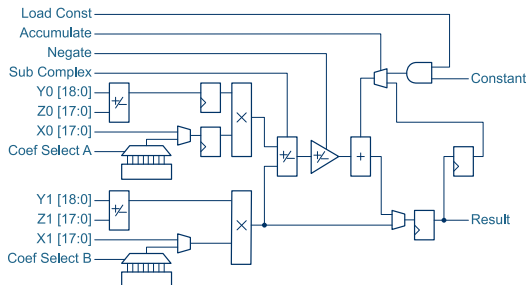
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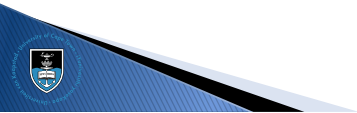
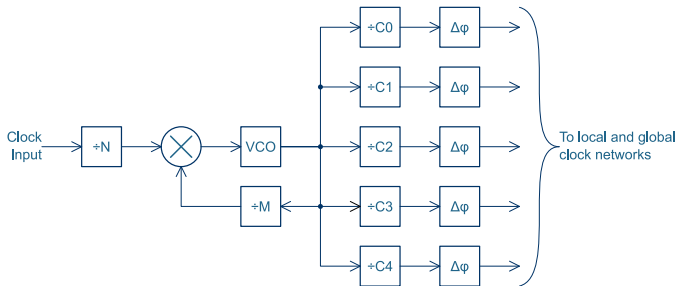
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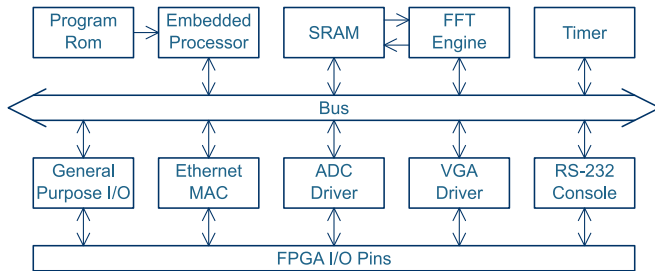
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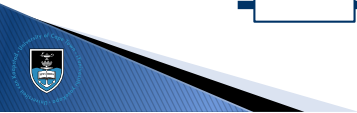
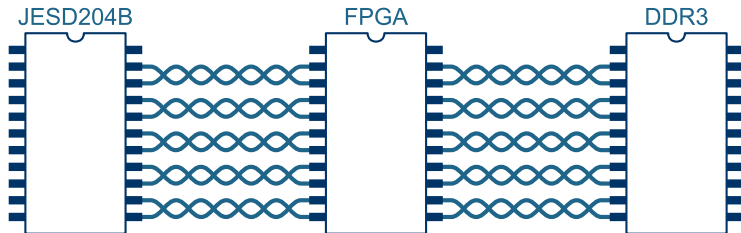
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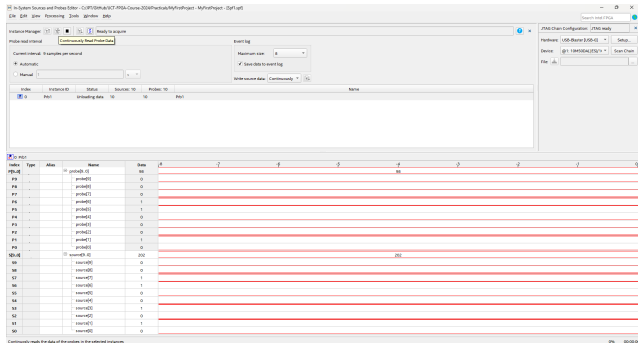
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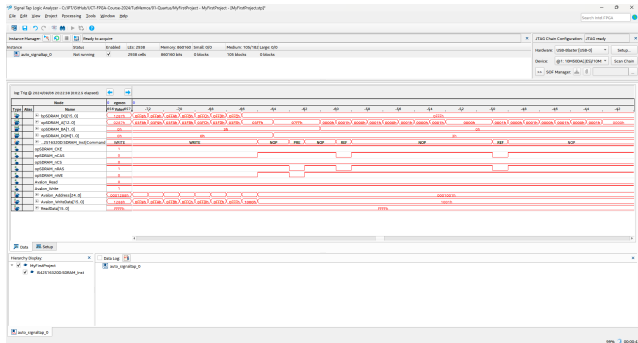
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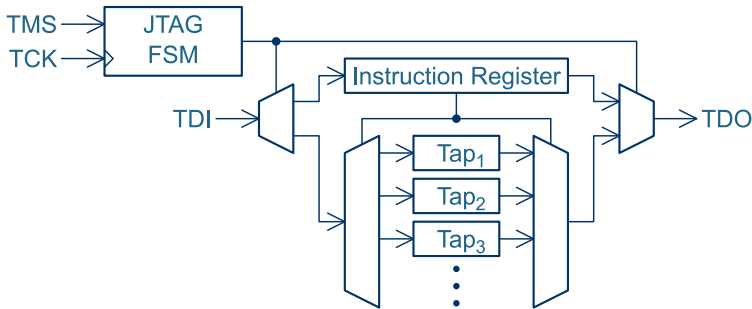
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