**10/25/2020 –** Looked int AXI DMA accessing. I think this should be the method to input data to a design. Followed this guide: <http://www.fpgadeveloper.com/2014/08/using-the-axi-dma-in-vivado.html>

I was also looking into the guide provided by Kasem: <https://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw_manuals/xilinx2019_2/ug1393-vitis-application-acceleration.pdf> (page 518), I believe I need to setup a PetaLinux installation.

Using this guide to setup PetaLinux, got to page 15 and having an error opening settings source <https://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw_manuals/xilinx2020_1/ug1144-petalinux-tools-reference-guide.pdf>

**10/26/2020 –** Continued to look at the guide Kasem sent. Did not spend much time but got petalinux installed. Vivado would not export the xsa file so I went to sleep.

**10/28/2020 –** Found out the ubuntu installation I had was not supported for vitis/petalinux. Changed to Ubuntu 14.04.1 LTS. Installed Vitis, Vivado, PetaLinux. Started a document to cumulate reference papers on accelerated hardware designs. Finally got PetaLinux to open but when I tried to create the project I got a failure. For some reason Vitis does not want to launch due to some eclipse error. I put a posting to the Zynq forum here <https://discuss.pynq.io/t/image-processing-acceleration/1955>

**10/30/2020 –** After reading the forum post I made, it seems in Vivado, you can easily integrate your design with the AXI protocol. I started this process by testing a simple FIFO design. I downloaded the ISO for the Pynq SD card image.

Example of hardware software link using AXI: <https://github.com/Xilinx/PYNQ-HelloWorld>

Video for simple tutorial on AXI: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8hzzVhPw6uw&t=516s>

Video that creates a buffer and tests it out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8MSpEU7UKE&t=613s>

Debugging AXI Streams: <https://zipcpu.com/dsp/2020/04/20/axil2axis.html>

AXI Signal Description: <http://www.gstitt.ece.ufl.edu/courses/fall15/eel4720_5721/labs/refs/AXI4_specification.pdf>

I started working on a simple AXI interface device that will take in data over AXI, then update an LED blinker counter. Ran into an issue where Vivado say I was driving the signals incorrectly. I made a detailed forum post here: <https://discuss.pynq.io/t/image-processing-acceleration/1955/8?u=monkeyboyfr3sh>

**10/31/2020 –** I fixed my LED\_timer design to take in data via AXI and update a period/duty cycle. This allows for me to create a “breathing LED” just for practice. I then started updating my design to utilize the AXI stream interface for getting pixel values via DMA and an AXI-lite port to set control information about the convolution.

**11/4/2020 –** I continued work on the DMA controller device that will stream in pixels. I got pretty far with implementing logic to interface with the device but ran into an issue when trying to actually complete a DMA stream. I believe the base is there, but I need to find some resources on interacting with the DMA device properly.