



# Nios® II

Dear Design Professional:

Thank you for purchasing the Nios® II Embedded Evaluation Kit, Cyclone® III Edition. To begin designing with the Nios II processor, please refer to the *Quick Start Guide* included in this kit.

**Installation:** The Altera® Complete Design Suite DVD included in this development kit contains all the software, design tools, and intellectual property (IP) cores you need to develop your embedded system hardware and software. During installation, please choose the "Install free package," which includes the Quartus® II design software, IP MegaCore® library, and Nios II Embedded Design Suite. The supplementary CD included in the box is an added bonus which includes design examples and documentation specific to the Nios II Embedded Evaluation Kit, Cyclone III Edition.

As part of your Nios II evaluation kit purchase, you also receive a free evaluation of the Nios II C-to-Hardware (C2H) Acceleration Compiler, MicroC/OS2 Real Time Operating System, NicheStack TCP/IP Network Stack – Nios II Edition, and much more. To learn more about Altera's embedded offerings please visit [www.altera.com/embedded](http://www.altera.com/embedded).

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Once again, thank you for purchasing this Nios II Embedded Evaluation Kit, Cyclone III Edition. We look forward to helping you meet your embedded design challenges.

Sincerely,

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