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Tutorial on creating and using a custom component in a Qsys system

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Introduction

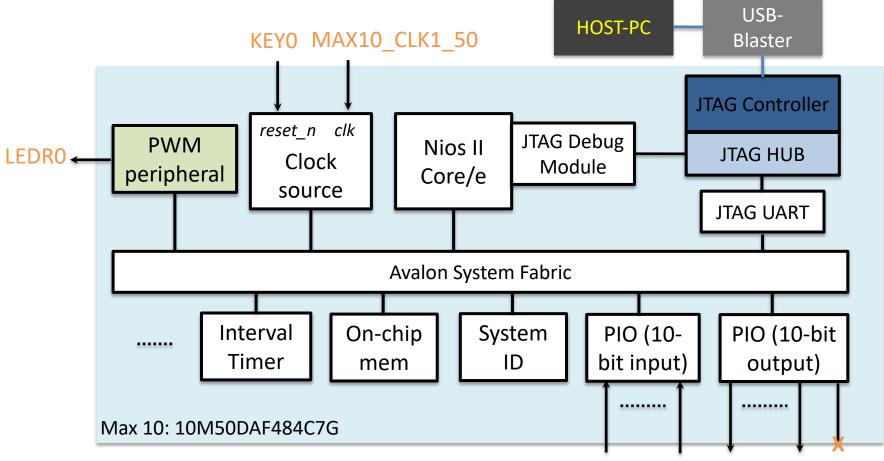
• Problem:

– Use a *custom component* within a Qsys system

- Solution:
 - Provide the *custom component* with standardized interfaces: clock, reset, memory-mapped, ...
 - Add the *custom component* to the Qsys Library
 - Instantiate, configure and connect the *custom component* as any other component in the system
 - Provide an appropriate device driver to control the *custom component* from the software application

Example: PWM peripheral

• Provide my_first_computer (enriched with Watchdog, Interval Timer, JTAG UART) with a PWM peripheral to control the brightness of a LED



SW9 ... SW0 LEDR9...LEDR1

PWM Peripheral (1)

- Memory-mapped with 3 regs: CONTROL (1 bit), PERIOD (32-bit) and COMPARE (32-bit)
- It is based on a **32-bit up-counter**
 - The counter is forced to 0 when reaches the content of the PERIOD reg
- The PWM output is set when the counter goes from the PERIOD value to 0 and cleared when reaches the COMPARE value

PWM Peripheral (2)

- CONTROL reg allows you to enable/disable the PWM output (when disabled the output is low)
- The PERIOD reg allows you to set the PWM period $T_{PWM} = T_{clk} * (PERIOD+1)$

A write to the PERIOD reg clears the counter

- The COMPARE reg allows you to set duty cycle $\boldsymbol{\delta}$

 $\delta = \frac{COMPARE + 1}{PERIOD + 1}$

 The COMPARE reg is buffered and is updated when the counter goes from *PERIOD* to 0

PWM Peripheral (3)

• Module interface

```
module unipi_se_pwm (
        // inputs:
        address,
        clk,
         reset n,
         read,
        write,
        writedata,
        // outputs:
         readdata,
         pwm_out
         );
```

// parameters
parameter RESET_PERIOD = 0;
parameter RESET_COMPARE = 0;
parameter RESET_PWM_ENABLE = 0;

The HDL code is provided (unipi_se_pwm.v)

PWM Peripheral (4)

Signal name		Avalon interface	Role	
clk	IN	Clock	clock	
reset_n	IN	Reset	reset_n	
address	IN	Memory-Mapped slave	address	
read	IN	Memory-Mapped slave	read	
write	IN	Memory-Mapped slave	write	
writedata	IN	Memory-Mapped slave	writedata	
readdata	OUT	Memory-Mapped slave	readdata	
pwm_out	OUT	Conduit	Export	

Add custom component to Qsys (1)

- Component Library / Project / New Component
 - *Component Type* Name your custom
 component

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Add custom component to Qsys (2)

• Component Library / Project / New Component

Files Select the HDL
 file(s)
 Analyze Synthesis
 Files

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File Templates							
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 About Files 							
Synthesis Files							
These files describe this component's implementation, and will be created when a Quartus II synthesis model is generated.							
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Add custom component to Qsys (3)

Component Library / Project / New Component

Signals
 Assign each signal of the module
 to the appropriate
 Avalon Interface
 and the relevant
 signal role

Component Type File	s Parameters Signals	Interfaces			
About Signals					
Name	Interface		Signal Type	Width	Direction
ddress	avalon_slave_	0	address	2	input
vrite	avalon_slave_	0	write	1	input
vritedata	avalon_slave_	avalon_slave_0 writedata 32 input			
eaddata	avalon_slave_	0	readdata	32	output
ead	avalon_slave_	0	read	1	input
lk	clock		clk	1	input
eset_n	reset		reset_n	1	input
owm_out	conduit_end		export	1	output
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Add custom component to Qsys (4)

- Component Library / Project / New Component
- *Interfaces* Configure each
 Avalon Interface

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Read Waveforms

Write Waveforms

clk read write address

clk read write address

readdata

writedata

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Add custom component to Qsys (5)

• Component Library / Project / New Component

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clock								
reset								
conduit_end conduit								
SE_Unipi_pwm								

Putting into practice (1)

- Instantiate, configure and connect the SE_unipi_pwm component
- Generate the Qsys system
- Back to Quartus II
 - Update the nios_system instance to include the pwm output port and connect it to LEDR[0]
- Compile the project and configure the FPGA
 - If you have used the default values for the PWM Peripheral, the LEDR[0] should be on with average brightness

Putting into practice (2)

- Time to start an Eclipse project
- Write a program that allows you to control the brightness of LEDR[0] by means of the SW7-Sw0
 - Try to use the provided device drivers: unipi_se_pwm.c, unipi_se_pwm.h