Getting Started with the Virtex-6 FPGA ML605 Embedded Kit

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12/08/09	1.0	Initial Xilinx release.
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About This Guide

This guide provides information for getting started with the Virtex®-6 FPGA ML605 Embedded Kit.

Additional Documentation

The following documents are available for download at http://www.xilinx.com/products/virtex6/.

- Virtex-6 Family Overview
 This overview outlines the features and product selection of the Virtex-6 family.
- Virtex-6 FPGA Data Sheet: DC and Switching Characteristics
 This data sheet contains the DC and switching characteristic specifications for the Virtex-6 family.
- Virtex-6 FPGA Packaging and Pinout Specifications
 This specification includes the tables for device/package combinations and maximum I/Os, pin definitions, pinout tables, pinout diagrams, mechanical drawings, and thermal specifications.
- Virtex-6 FPGA Configuration User Guide
 This all-encompassing configuration guide includes characteristics
 - This all-encompassing configuration guide includes chapters on configuration interfaces (serial and parallel), multi-bitstream management, bitstream encryption, boundary-scan and JTAG configuration, and reconfiguration techniques.
- Virtex-6 FPGA SelectIO Resources User Guide
 This guide describes the SelectIOTM resources available in all Virtex-6 devices.
- Virtex-6 FPGA Clocking Resources User Guide
 This guide describes the clocking resources available in all the Virtex-6 devices, including the MMCM and Clock Buffers
- Virtex-6 FPGA Memory Resources User Guide
 This guide describes the Virtex-6 device block RAM and FIFO capabilities.
- Virtex-6 FPGA GTH Transceivers User Guide
 This guide describes the GTH transceivers available in all Virtex-6 HXT FPGAs except the XC6VHX250T and the XC6VHX380T in the FF1154 package.
- Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceivers User Guide
 This guide describes the GTX transceivers available in all the Virtex-6 FPGAs except the XC6VLX760.



- Virtex-6 FPGA DSP48E1 Slice User Guide
 This guide describes the DSP48E1 slice in Virtex-6 FPGAs and includes configuration examples.
- Virtex-6 FPGA Embedded Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC User Guide
 This guide describes the dedicated tri-mode Ethernet media access controller (TEMAC) available in all the Virtex-6 FPGAs except the XC6VLX760.
- Virtex-6 FPGA System Monitor User Guide
 This guide describes the System Monitor functionality.
- Virtex-6 FPGA PCB Designer's Guide

This guide provides information on PCB design for Virtex-6 devices, with a focus on strategies for making design decisions at the PCB and interface level.

Additional Resources

To find additional documentation, see the Xilinx website at:

http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/index.htm.

To search the Answer Database of silicon, software, and IP questions and answers, or to create a technical support WebCase, see the Xilinx website at:

http://www.xilinx.com/support.

Conventions

This document uses the following conventions. An example illustrates each convention.

Typographical

The following typographical conventions are used in this document:

Convention	Meaning or Use	Example
Courier font	Messages, prompts, and program files that the system displays	speed grade: - 100
Courier bold	Literal commands that you enter in a syntactical statement	ngdbuild design_name
Helvetica bold	Commands that you select from a menu	File → Open
	Keyboard shortcuts	Ctrl+C



Convention	Meaning or Use	Example
	Variables in a syntax statement for which you must supply values	ngdbuild design_name
Italic font	References to other manuals	See the <i>Command Line Tools User Guide</i> for more information.
	Emphasis in text	If a wire is drawn so that it overlaps the pin of a symbol, the two nets are <i>not</i> connected.
Square brackets []	An optional entry or parameter. However, in bus specifications, such as bus [7:0], they are required.	ngdbuild [option_name] design_name
Braces { }	A list of items from which you must choose one or more	lowpwr ={on off}
Vertical bar	Separates items in a list of choices	lowpwr ={on off}
Vertical ellipsis	Repetitive material that has been omitted	IOB #1: Name = QOUT' IOB #2: Name = CLKIN'
Horizontal ellipsis	Repetitive material that has been omitted	allow block block_name loc1 loc2 locn;

Online Document

The following conventions are used in this document:

Convention	Meaning or Use	Example
Blue text	Cross-reference link to a location in the current document	See the section "Additional Resources" for details. Refer to "Title Formats" in Chapter 1 for details.
Blue, underlined text	Hyperlink to a website (URL)	Go to http://www.xilinx.com for the latest speed files.





Getting Started with the Virtex-6 FPGA ML605 Embedded Kit

Introduction

The Virtex®-6 FPGA Embedded Kit conveniently delivers the key components of the Xilinx® Embedded Targeted Design Platform (TDP) required for developing embedded software and hardware in a wide range of applications in Broadcast, Industrial, Medical, Aerospace and Defense markets. For software developers, a familiar Eclipse-based IDE, GNU tools, OSes, libraries and a pre-verified reference design enables them to start programming right away. Similarly, hardware designers now have immediate access to a pre-integrated MicroBlaze™ processor subsystem that includes the most commonly used peripheral IP cores, enabling them to begin at once developing their custom logic.

This Getting Started Guide will walk you through the steps to set up the ML605 board and run the out-of-box video and Linux demonstrations that are designed to illustrate the flexibility and capability of a MicroBlaze processor subsystem for embedded design. Then, if you have not already installed the Xilinx ISE® software, you will be directed through the steps to install the software, get updates, and generate a license. Finally this guide will point you to next steps in using the embedded software and hardware tutorials included in this kit.

ML605 Embedded Kit Contents

What's Inside the Box

- ML605 Evaluation Board with the XC6VLX240T-1FFG1156 FPGA along with:
 - Power Supply
 - Two USB Type-A to Mini-B 5-pin cables
 - Ethernet Cable
 - VGA to DVI Adapter
 - CompactFlash card 2 GB (with Embedded Kit demo)
- ISE Design Suite Embedded Edition: (device-locked) for Virtex-6 LX240T FPGA
- Xilinx ISE Design Suite 12.1 DVD which includes:
 - ISE Foundation with ISE Simulator
 - PlanAhead Design and Analysis Tool
 - Embedded Development Kit (EDK)
 - Xilinx Platform Studio (XPS)



- Software Development Kit (SDK)
- ChipScopeTM Pro logic analyzer
- Documentation
 - ML605 Hardware Setup Guide
 - UG730 Getting Started with the Virtex-6 FPGA ML605 Embedded Kit
 - DS758 ML605 Embedded Kit MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem Data Sheet
 - UG731 ML605 MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem Hardware Tutorial
 - UG732 ML605 MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem Software Tutorial
- Reference Designs and Demonstrations
 - Base MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem
 - Video Demo
- Reference designs, demonstrations, documentation, and applications delivered on USB Flash drive to get started quickly

What's Available Online

- License for ISE Design Suite 12.1 Embedded Edition
 - http://www.xilinx.com/getproduct
 - http://www.xilinx.com/tools/faq.htm
- Embedded Kit home page with Documentation and Reference Designs
 - http://www.xilinx.com/v6embkit
- Technical Support
 - http://www.xilinx.com/support/

Getting Started with the Video Demonstration

This Virtex-6 Embedded Kit comes with a video demo available on the provided CompactFlash card. You can run this demo before installing any additional tools to get an overview of the features of the ML605 Evaluation Board using a MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem in the Virtex-6 LX240T FPGA.

Processor System Used for the Video Demo

The provided demos use a pre-built Virtex-6 FPGA design (Figure 1) with the following features:

- MicroBlaze soft processor
- External DDR3 Memory Interface
- External Flash Memory Interface
- On-chip Memory (Block RAM)
- Integrated Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC (TEMAC)
- UART (connected from ML605 board via the USB-UART connector)
- Interrupt Controller (Intc) and Timer
- CompactFlash Interface (System ACETM technology)
- GPIO (LEDs, LCD, Switches)
- Video Pipeline DSP Cores

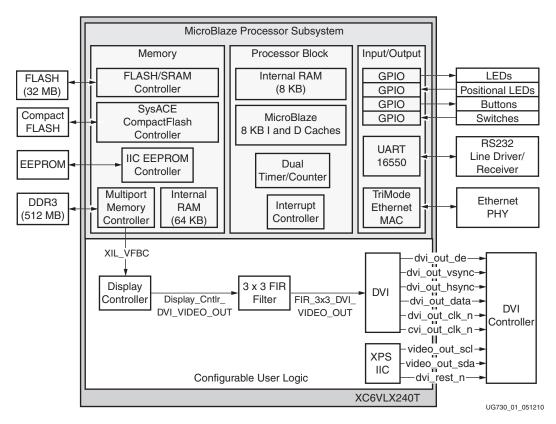


Figure 1: Virtex-6 FPGA Video Demo System

Note: Instructions on building the Video Demo system are detailed in UG731 ML605 MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem Hardware Tutorial.

Video Demo Hardware Requirements

In addition to the equipment supplied with the Embedded Kit, you will also need the following to run the Video Demo:

- DVI cable and DVI Monitor or
- DVI to VGA adapter, VGA Cable, and VGA Monitor

Video Demo Hardware Setup Instructions

1. Connect the Ethernet Cable directly to a PC. Set the IP address of the PC to **192.168.1.100**. You will need to return the IP address of the PC back to its original setting after running the demo.

Note: The demo uses a hard coded MAC address and a fixed IP address of **192.168.1.10** and will not connect to your regular LAN network using DHCP. Do not connect more than one board to the same network segment.



2. Connect either a DVI monitor to the ML605 board connector shown in Figure 2 or use the provided DVI/VGA adapter to connect to a VGA monitor. Ensure that the monitor is turned ON and its input selected to DVI or VGA appropriately.



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Figure 2: ML605 DVI Connector

3. Confirm that the ML605 jumper settings are at default, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: ML605 Jumper Settings

Function	Default	
GMII		
pins 1-2: GMII/MII to Cu pins 2-3: SGMII to Cu, no clk	Jump 1-2	
pins 1-2: GMII/MII to Cu pins 2-3: SGMII to Cu, no clk	Jump 1-2	
J66 pins 1-2, J68 ON: RGMII, modified MII in Cu	No Jumper	
FMC JTAG Bypass		
Exclude FMC LPC connector	Jump 1-2	
Exclude FMC HPC connector	Jump 1-2	
System Monitor		
Test_mon_vrefp sourced by U23, REF3012	Jump 1-2	
Measure voltage proportional to VCCINT current	Jump 9 - 11, Jump 10 - 12	
SFP Module		
Full BW	Jump 1-2	
SFP Enable	Jump 1-2	
PCIe Lane Size		
One Lane	Jump 1-2	
System ACE CompactFlash Error LED		
System ACE CF Error LED Enable	Jump 1-2	
	GMII pins 1-2: GMII/MII to Cu pins 2-3: SGMII to Cu, no clk pins 1-2: GMII/MII to Cu pins 2-3: SGMII to Cu, no clk J66 pins 1-2, J68 ON: RGMII, modified MII in Cu FMC JTAG Bypass Exclude FMC LPC connector Exclude FMC HPC connector System Monitor Test_mon_vrefp sourced by U23, REF3012 Measure voltage proportional to VCCINT current SFP Module Full BW SFP Enable PCIe Lane Size One Lane System ACE CompactFlash Error LED	

- 4. Insert the provided CompactFlash card into the board as shown in Figure 3.
- 5. Set the SACE MODE DIP switches (S1) as shown in Figure 3 to the settings listed in Table 2.





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Figure 3: CompactFlash Card Installation and DIP Switch Settings

Table 2: Video Demo System ACE DIP Switch Settings

DIP Switch	Switch Position
1	Off
2	Off
3	Off
4	On

6. Confirm that the DIP switches of S2 are set as shown in Table 3.

Table 3: FPGA Mode, Boot PROM Select, and FPGA CCLK Select

DIP Switch	Switch Position	Switch Function
1	Off	EXT CCLK
2	On	CS_SEL
3	On	M0
4	Off	M1
5	On	M2
6	Off	FLASH_A23

Now you are ready to run the pre-built Video Demo provided with this kit. Follow the next set of instructions to run the demo.

Running the Video Demo

- 1. If the ML605 board is not already powered on, plug in the power adapter to local AC power. Plug the 12V power cable into the board connector on J60. Turn on the power by switching the SW2 to the "ON" position.
- 2. After a couple of seconds, the Xilinx logo should be displayed on the DVI (or VGA) monitor.



- 3. Open a web browser on the host computer and set the URL to 192.168.1.10.
- 4. You should see the web page shown in Figure 4. The various selections in the Web page and the operation performed are described in Table 4.



Figure 4: Video Demo Web Page

Table 4: Video Demo Web Page Selections

Selection	Operation
Image Selection	Either select one of the images shown or browse to an uncompressed 24BPP Windows bitmap image in the ML605_Embedded_Kit\Test_Images directory. This image is sent to the MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem and displayed. FIR filters are applied to the image.
Identity	Output image is unmodified.
Edge Detect	Areas of high contrast are detected and shown in white; the remainder of the image is black.
Smooth	A slight blurring effect is applied to the output image.
Sharpen	Contrast is increased in the output image.
User	Manually entered coefficients are sent to the MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem and applied to the output image.
Auto	The MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem continuously cycles from Identity to Edge Detect effects until a new selection is chosen.
Gain	Slider controls the output image gain (0.0 - 1.0).



- Try clicking the various options that adjust the image and notice the affect on the image displayed on the monitor.
- Either select one of the displayed images or click **Browse** and select a new image from the ML605_Embedded_Kit\Test_Images directory.

The selected image should now be displayed on the DVI (or VGA) monitor.

7. Repeat step 5 and step 6 as desired.

Congratulations! You have now run a Video demo using the ML605 board with Virtex-6 LX240T FPGA and the MicroBlaze soft processor. Since you are provided with a fully configured MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem, you can start developing embedded software. Also since you are using an FPGA, you can fully customize this processor system. In order to do this, you have to install the ISE Design Suite 12.1 tools and the USB-UART driver on your computer. The Installation and Licensing of ISE Design Suite 12.1 section of this document will guide you through these steps.

Getting Started with the PetaLinux Demonstration

This Virtex-6 Embedded Kit comes with a PetaLinux demo available on the provided CompactFlash card. PetaLinux is an Embedded Linux System Development Kit specifically targeting FPGA-based system-on-chip designs. You can run this demo to get an overview of the features of the ML605 Evaluation Board using a MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem in the Virtex-6 LX240T FPGA. More information about PetaLogix, including how to evaluate or purchase it, can be found at http://www.petalogix.com/petalinux.

Processor System Used for the PetaLinux Demo

The provided PetaLinux demo uses a pre-built Virtex-6 FPGA design (Figure 5) with the following features:

- MicroBlaze soft processor
- External DDR3 Memory Interface
- External Memory Controller (EMC) for Flash memory
- On-chip Memory (Block RAM)
- Integrated Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC (TEMAC)
- UART (connected from ML605 board via the USB-UART connector)
- Interrupt Controller (Intc) & Timer
- CompactFlash Interface (System ACE CF technology)
- GPIO (LEDs, LCD, Switches)



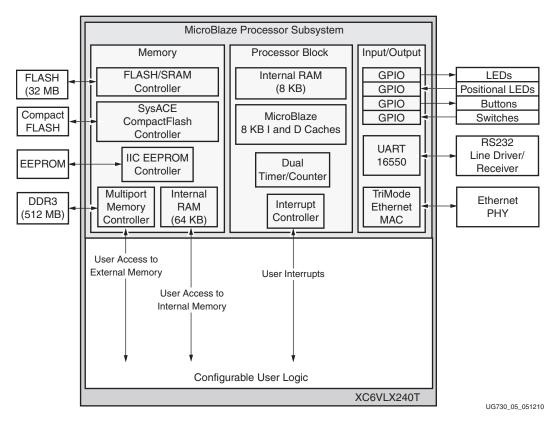


Figure 5: Virtex-6 FPGA PetaLinux System

Note: Details about the system used for the PetaLinux demo can be found in DS758 ML605 Embedded Kit MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem Data Sheet.

PetaLinux Demo Hardware Setup Instructions

- 1. Install the USB-UART driver to your host computer by executing the steps specified in the Communicating with the ML605 USB-UART section.
- 2. Confirm that the ML605 jumper settings are at default, as shown in Table 5.

Table 5: ML605 Jumper Settings

Jumper REFDES	Function	Default	
GMII			
J66	pins 1-2: GMII/MII to Cu pins 2-3: SGMII to Cu, no clk	Jump 1-2	
J67	pins 1-2: GMII/MII to Cu pins 2-3: SGMII to Cu, no clk	Jump 1-2	
J68	J66 pins 1-2, J68 ON: RGMII, modified MII in Cu	No Jumper	
FMC JTAG Bypass			
J18	Exclude FMC LPC connector	Jump 1-2	
J17	Exclude FMC HPC connector	Jump 1-2	

Table 5: ML605 Jumper Settings (Cont'd)

Jumper REFDES	Function	Default	
System Monitor			
J19	Test_mon_vrefp sourced by U23, REF3012	Jump 1-2	
J35	Measure voltage proportional to VCCINT current	Jump 9 - 11, Jump 10 - 12	
SFP Module			
J54	Full BW	Jump 1-2	
J65	SFP Enable	Jump 1-2	
PCIe Lane Size			
J42	One Lane	Jump 1-2	
System ACE CompactFlash Error LED			
J69	System ACE CF Error LED Enable	Jump 1-2	

- 3. Insert the provided CompactFlash card into the board as shown in Figure 3.
- 4. Set the SACE MODE DIP switches (S1) as shown in Table 6.

Table 6: PetaLinux Demo System ACE DIP Switch Settings

DIP Switch	Switch Position
1	On
2	Off
3	Off
4	On

Note: This is the same DIP switch as shown in Figure 3. However, Figure 3 shows the switch settings for the Video Demo, not the PetaLinux Demo.

5. Confirm that the DIP switches of S2 are set as shown in Table 7.

Table 7: FPGA Mode, Boot PROM Select, and FPGA CCLK Select

DIP Switch	Switch Position	Switch Function
1	Off	EXT CCLK
2	On	CS_SEL
3	On	M0
4	Off	M1
5	On	M2
6	Off	FLASH_A23

6. If the ML605 board is not powered on, plug in the power adapter to local AC power. Plug the 12V power cable into the board connector on J60. Turn on the power by switching the SW2 to the "ON" position.



7. Open and configure a serial communications terminal utility program with the following settings:

• Baud Rate: **115200**

Data: 8 bitParity: NoneStop: 1 bit

• Flow Control: None

Note: Note: The baud rate (115200) for the PetaLinux demo is not the same baud rate (9600) used for the Video demo.

Now you are ready to run the PetaLinux pre-built demo provided with this kit. Follow the next set of instructions to run the demo.

Running the PetaLinux Demo

8. Press the SYSACE Reset button (SW3).

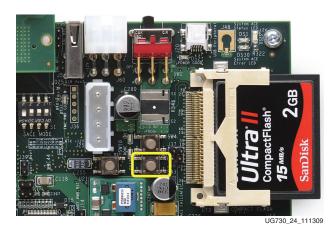


Figure 6: ML605 SYSACE RESET Button

9. After ~20 seconds, the PetaLinux boot output should be displayed on the serial communications window as shown in Figure 7.



Figure 7: PetaLinux UART Output

Note: The PetaLinux boot image shown in Figure 7 refers to version 11.4. However, this is the valid boot image for the 12.1 release.

10. Login with user name as root and password as root.

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11. The PetaLinux image provided with the Embedded Kit supports many basic Linux commands. A list of some of the commands and tools available to be run can be found in the /bin directory.

Congratulations! You have now run the PetaLinux demo using the ML605 board with Virtex-6 LX240T FPGA and the MicroBlaze soft processor. Because you are provided with a fully configured MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem, you can start developing embedded software. Also because you are using an FPGA, you can fully customize this processor system. To do this, you have to install the ISE Design Suite 12.1 tools on your computer. The Installation and Licensing of ISE Design Suite 12.1 section of this document will guide you through these steps.

Installation and Licensing of ISE Design Suite 12.1

This ML605 Embedded Kit comes with entitlement to a full seat of the ISE Design Suite: Embedded Edition that is device locked to a Virtex-6 LX240T. This software can be installed from the DVD or the Web installer can be downloaded from http://www.xilinx.com/support/download/index.htm.

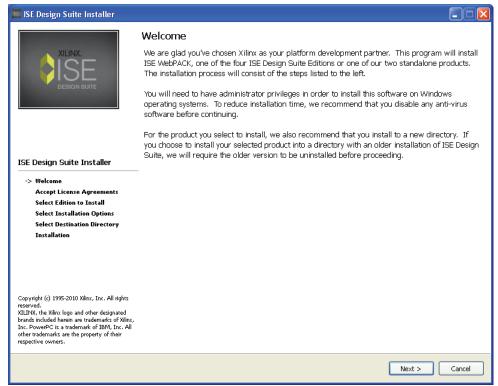
ISE 12.1 Software Installation

- 1. Run the ISE Design Suite 12.1 Installer:
 - a. Option 1: Insert the ISE Design Suite 12.1 DVD included in this kit into your computer
 - If the Installer does not start automatically, run the "xsetup" executable from the DVD
 - b. Option 2: Run the Web Installer that you can download from http://www.xilinx.com/support/download/index.htm

You will be prompted with a Welcome dialog (Figure 8), two License agreements (Figure 9 and Figure 10), a selection of which tool edition to install (Figure 11), installation options (Figure 12), and an opportunity to select where you would like to install the software (Figure 13).

Note: It is recommended that you accept the two license agreements, install the ISE Design Suite: Embedded Edition, and accept the default install location.





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Figure 8: ISE Tools Install Welcome Screen

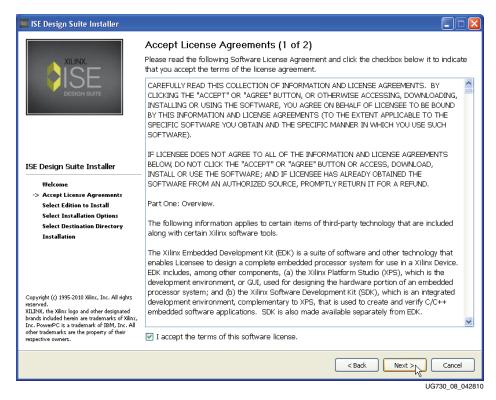
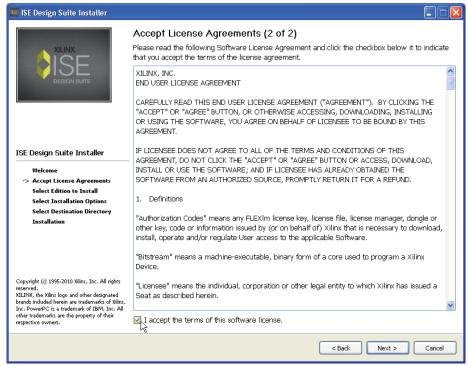


Figure 9: ISE Design Suite Third-Party Usage License Agreement





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Figure 10: ISE Design Suite End-User License Agreement

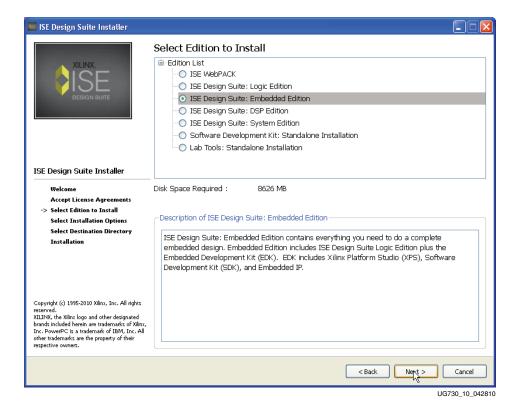


Figure 11: ISE Design Suite Edition Selection



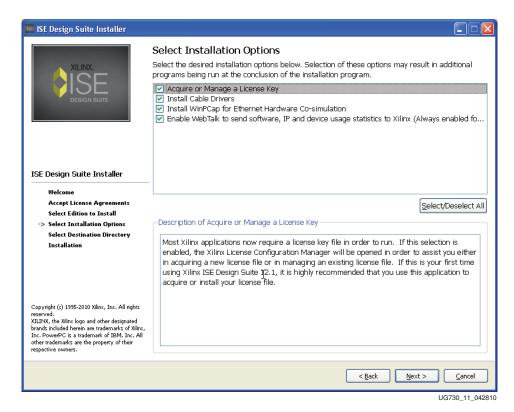
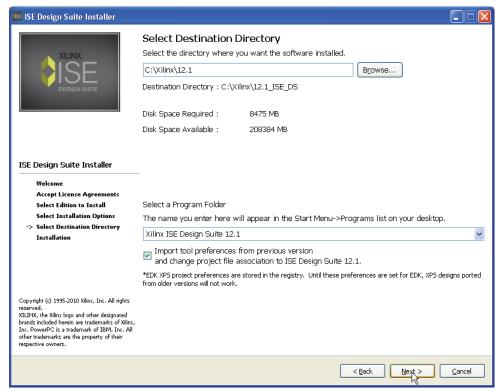


Figure 12: Installation Options



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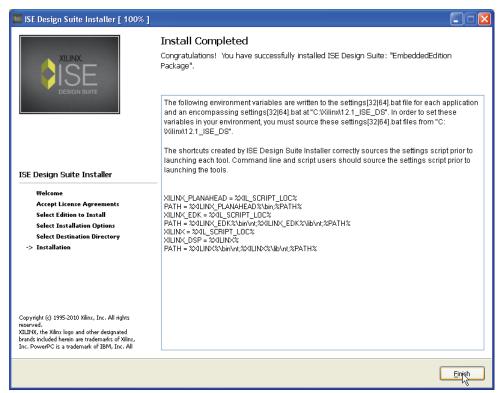
Figure 13: ISE Design Suite Destination Directory



2. Follow the rest of the steps presented by the installer, accepting the defaults to complete the installation.

Note: The DVD installation might take about one hour. The Web installation might take about three to ten hours based on Internet download speeds.

When the installation has completed, you will see the window shown in Figure 14. Click Finish.



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Figure 14: Installation Completed

- 4. Click **Close** to exit the Xilinx License Configuration Manager. The license for the software will be acquired in the Downloading and Installing Tool Licenses section.
- 5. Exit the installation.
- 6. Reboot your machine.



Downloading and Installing Tool Licenses

- Visit the Xilinx software registration and entitlement site at http://www.xilinx.com/getproduct.
- 2. This launches your Web browser and takes you to the Xilinx product download and licensing site (Figure 15).

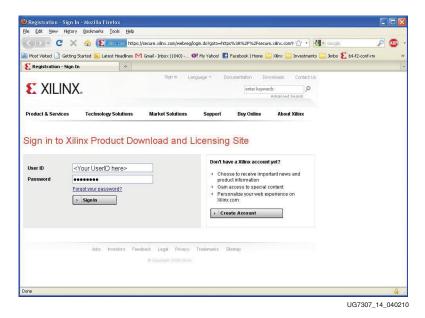


Figure 15: Sign In to Xilinx Product Download and Licensing Site

3. Log in if you already have an existing account or create an account if needed.

Note: Your user name and password are provided in an e-mail sent when you ordered the kit. If you do not have this e-mail, or have lost this e-mail, please contact Xilinx customer support. They will be able to provide you with the support to access your account. http://www.xilinx.com/support/techsup/tappinfo.htm.

4. After logging in, you may be requested to verify your shipping address. Click **Next** after the shipping address has been verified or updated.



5. Check the product ISE Design Suite Embedded Virtex-6 LX240T Device Locked Edition and click on Generate Node-Locked License as shown in Figure 16.

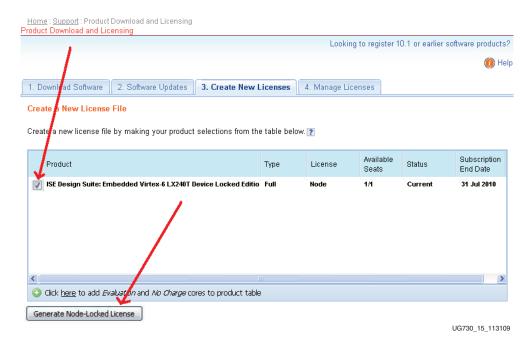


Figure 16: Xilinx Entitlement Center

Follow the instructions to generate the license by providing your Host OS information and Host ID (Disk Serial number or Ethernet MAC address) as shown in Figure 17 and click Next.

Note: Laptop users may want to select their Disk ID or Wireless Ethernet card HostID. Laptops on docking stations might find there are three Ethernet HostIDs to choose from. If you select a docking station HostID, then you will only have a license when you are docked. It is best to avoid the HostID of your RJ45 Ethernet connection on Laptop computers, as some Ethernet adapters will power down when not plugged into the network. If you to select an Ethernet adapter, it is best to select your wireless card.



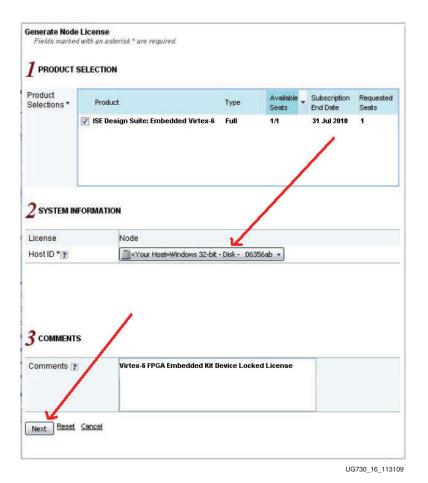


Figure 17: Selecting Your Host ID

7. Review your license request as show in Figure 18 and click **Next**.

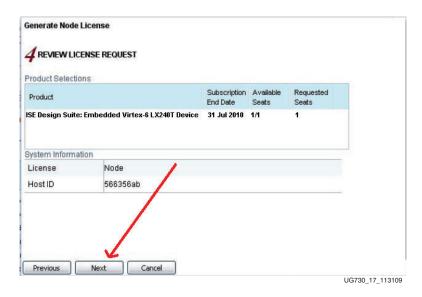


Figure 18: Reviewing Your License Request



8. The generated license is e-mailed to you in an E-mail similar to the one shown in Figure 19.

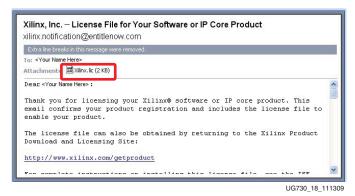


Figure 19: Xilinx License Notification E-mail

Start the Xilinx License Manager (Start > All Programs > Xilinx ISE Design Suite
 12.1 > Accessories > Manage Xilinx Licenses) and click on Copy License to install
 the license on your computer.

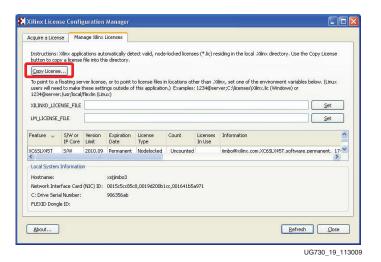


Figure 20: Manage Xilinx License Tab



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10. Navigate to where you saved the Xilinx.lic file and select it. See Figure 21.

Figure 21: Select the Xilinx.lic File

11. You have now successfully installed your ISE software license. Click **OK** on the Success Dialog (Figure 22) and close the Xilinx License Configuration Manager.

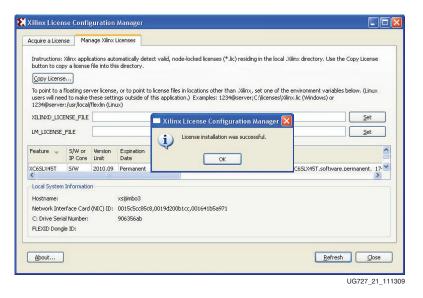


Figure 22: License Installation Successful

Congratulations! You have now installed the ISE Design Suite 12.1 tools and set up the licenses for the Embedded Edition of the tools. You are now ready to use Xilinx ISE Design Suite 12.1 Embedded Edition to create or modify your custom Embedded Systems using the MicroBlaze soft processor.

For detailed information on licensing & installation, please refer the following guide: http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw_manuals/xilinx12/irn.pdf.



Communicating with the ML605 USB-UART

Installing the USB-UART driver

 Execute the installer for the Silicon Labs USB-UART Virtual COM Port (VCP) driver from the Drivers_and_Tools folder on the USB drive shipped with your ML605 Embedded Kit.

```
Drivers_and_Tools\CP210x_VCP_Win2K_XP_S2K3.exe
```

2. Follow the installer instructions. Restart your computer when instructed to do so.

Connecting to the ML605 UART

- 3. Connect a USB Type-A to Mini-B 5-pin cable between the ML605 USB-UART connector (J21) and the host computer.
- 4. Power on the ML605 Evaluation Board if it is not already powered on.

Configuring the Host Computer

- 5. Right-click on My Computer and select Properties. Select the Hardware tab. Click on Device Manager.
- 6. Expand the Ports (COM & LPT) entry as shown in Figure 23. This shows the COM port assigned to the Silicon Labs CP210x USB to UART bridge. This is the COM port to use in the serial communications program.



Figure 23: Silicon Labs USB to UART Bridge Properties

Note: If the Silicon Labs CP210x USB to UART bridge does not appear in the Ports list, a reboot of the computer might be required. After rebooting, repeat step 5 and step 6.

- 7. If you are using TeraTerm as your serial communications utility program, right-click on the **Silicon Labs CP210x USB to UART bridge** and select **Properties**.
 - a. Click on the **Port Settings** tab and then click **Advanced**.
 - b. Set the COM port to an open COM port setting from COM1 to COM4. Note that the COM port setting for your system may not be the one shown in Figure 24.



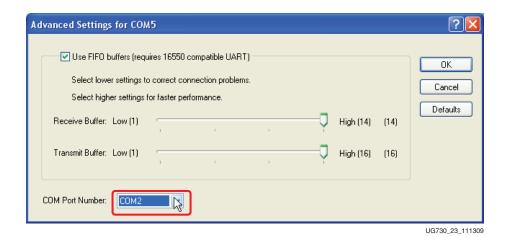


Figure 24: Setting the COM port for the Silicon Labs USB to UART Bridge Driver

8. Click **OK** to exit all open windows.

Testing the USB-UART Driver Installation

- 9. Start a serial communication program like HyperTerminal or TeraTerm on the Host PC with the following settings:
 - Baud Rate: 9600
 - Data Bits: 8
 - Parity: **None**
 - Stop Bits: 1
 - Flow Control: None
- 10. Set the SACE MODE DIP switches (S1) as shown in Figure 3 and listed in Table 2.
- 11. Press the SYS ACE RESET button (SW3) shown in Figure 25 to re-load the Video Demo. Make sure the CompactFlash (CF) card is still inserted.



Figure 25: ML605 SYSACE RESET Button



12. After a lapse of 5 to 10 seconds, you should see the output shown in Figure 26 on your serial communication window.

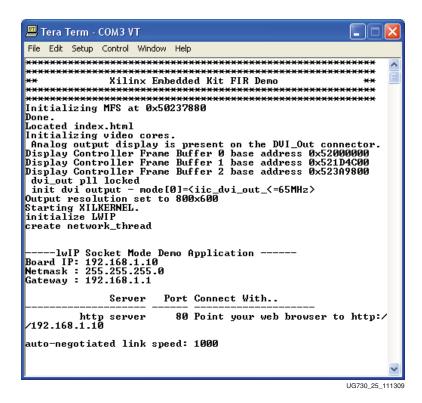


Figure 26: Serial Communication Window Output

Congratulations! You have now installed the Silicon Labs USB-UART Virtual COM Port (VCP) driver!

Next Steps

Now that you have run through a FPGA-based Embedded Processor demo and installed the ISE Design Suite Embedded Edition, you are ready to create custom embedded systems for the Virtex-6 LX240T FPGA.

The following section provides pointers to various tutorials and reference designs that will help you become familiar with the Embedded Hardware and Software tools needed to customize MicroBlaze designs.

All material below can be found in the USB Stick provided with this Embedded Kit or under the Reference Designs section from the Virtex-6 Embedded Kit home page: http://www.xilinx.com/v6embkit

Figure 27 is a snapshot of the directory structure you will find in the ML605_Embedded_Kit folder on the USB stick included in the Embedded Kit or the zip file from the Embedded Kit web page. It is recommended that you copy the contents of the USB stick to a working area on your host computer.

Caution! Ensure that there are no spaces in the path name of the working area on your host computer.



The ML605_Embedded_Kit directories and their content are explained in Table 8.

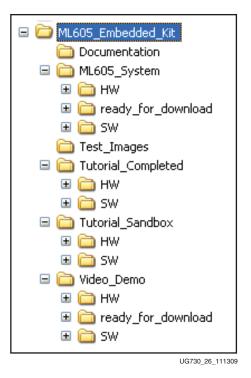


Figure 27: ML605_Embedded_Kit Directory Structure

Table 8: ML605_Embedded_Kit Directory Structure Contents

Directory	Purpose	
Documentation	Includes the data sheet, tutorials, and other supporting documentation provided with this Embedded Kit.	
ML605_System	Base MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem including the software applications and platforms.	
Test_Images	Images for testing the Video Demo.	
Tutorial_Completed	Final state of files after the Hardware and Software Tutorials have been completed.	
Tutorial Sandbox	Working directory to use for executing the Hardware and Software Tutorials. The tutorials start with the base MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem plus addition files needed to build the Video Demo. Perform the tutorials in this directory.	
Video_Demo	Base MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem with the Video Pipeline cores. Source files for the video demo are included here.	



Data Sheet

DS758 ML605 Embedded Kit MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem Data Sheet

- Documentation\ ds758_ML605_MicroBlaze_Processor_SubSystem_datasheet.pdf
 - Detailed data sheet documentation of the MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem including block diagram, address map, pinout, FPGA design utilization and performance.

Tutorials

UG732 ML605 MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem Software Tutorial

- Documentation\ug732_ML605_software_tutorial.pdf
 - This tutorial will guide you through the steps to start software development using Xilinx SDK (Eclipse IDE) and the MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem.
 - This will show you how to create stand-alone (no OS) programs from simple Hello World designs to a more complex Board Test program.
 - This will also show you how to boot a Linux platform for the MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem and provide pointers to start Linux development.

UG731 ML605 MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem Hardware Tutorial

- Documentation\ug731_ML605_hardware_tutorial.pdf
 - This tutorial will guide you through the steps to open the MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem using Platform Studio and add the Video Pipeline DSP blocks to recreate the out-of-the-box Embedded Kit demo.
 - This will also show you how to add ChipScope debug cores to monitor your embedded system using the ChipScope Logic Analyzer.

Reference Designs

MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem

- ML605 System
 - This is the base MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem including the software applications and platforms.

MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem with Video Pipeline Demo

- Video_Demo
 - This is the MicroBlaze Processor Subsystem with the Video Pipeline that was run
 as the power-on demo. Source files for the demo including the software
 application and platform are included here.



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Appendix A

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