

LogiCORE™ IP Image Noise Reduction v2.0 Bit Accurate C Model

User Guide

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Introduction

This document introduces the bit accurate C model for the Xilinx® LogiCORE™ IP Image Noise Reduction v2.0 core, which has been developed primarily for system modeling.

Features

- Bit accurate with the Image Noise Reduction v2.0 core
- Statically linked library (.lib, .o, .obj – Windows)
- Dynamically linked library (.so – Linux)
- Available for 32-bit Windows and 64-bit Linux platforms
- Supports all features of the Image Noise Reduction core that affect numerical results
- Designed for rapid integration into a larger system model
- Example C code is provided to show how to use the function
 - Example application C code wrapper file supports 8-bit BMP only

Overview

The Xilinx LogiCORE IP Image Noise Reduction v2.0 has a bit accurate C model for 32-bit Windows and 64-bit Linux platforms. The model has an interface consisting of a set of C functions, which reside in a statically link library (shared library). Full details of the interface are provided in [Chapter 3, Using the C Model](#). An example piece of C code is provided to show how to call the model.

The model is bit accurate, as it produces exactly the same output data as the core on a frame-by-frame basis. However, the model is not cycle accurate, as it does not model the core's latency or its interface signals.

The latest version of the model is available for download on the Xilinx™ LogiCORE IP Image Noise Reduction web page at:

<http://www.xilinx.com/products/intellectual-property/EF-DI-IMG-NOISE.htm>

Technical Support

For technical support, go to www.xilinx.com/support. Questions are routed to a team with expertise using the Image Noise Reduction v2.0 core.

Xilinx provides technical support for use of this product as described in this user guide (*LogiCORE IP Image Noise Reduction Bit Accurate C Model User Guide*).

Xilinx cannot guarantee functionality or support of this product for designs that do not follow these guidelines.

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Xilinx welcomes comments and suggestions about the Image Noise Reduction v2.0 core and the accompanying documentation.

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User Instructions

Unpacking and Model Contents

Unzip the `v_noise_v2_0_bitacc_model.zip` file, containing the bit accurate models for the Image Noise Reduction IP Core. This creates the directory structure and files in [Table 2-1](#).

Table 2-1: Directory Structure and Files of the Image Noise Reduction v2.0 Bit Accurate C Model

| File Name | Contents |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| README.txt | Release notes |
| ug832_v_noise.pdf | LogiCORE IP Image Noise Reduction Bit Accurate C Model User Guide |
| v_noise_v2_0_bitacc_cmodel.h | Model header file |
| rgb_utils.h | Header file declaring the RGB image/video container type and support functions |
| yuv_utils.h | Header file declaring the YUV (.yuv) image file I/O functions |
| bmp_utils.h | Header file declaring the bitmap (.bmp) image file I/O functions |
| video_utils.h | Header file declaring the generalized image/video container type, I/O and support functions |
| run_bitacc_cmodel.c | Example code calling the C model |
| kodim19_128x192.bmp | 128x192 sample test image of the lighthouse image from the True Color Kodak test images |
| /lin64 | Precompiled bit accurate ANSI C reference model for simulation on 64-bit Linux platforms |
| libIp_v_noise_v2_0_bitacc_cmodel.so | Model shared object library |
| libstlport.so.5.1 | STL library, referenced by <code>libIp_v_noise_v2_0_bitacc_cmodel.so</code> |
| /win32 | Precompiled bit accurate ANSI C reference model for simulation on 32-bit Windows platforms. |
| libIp_v_noise_v2_0_bitacc_cmodel.lib | Precompiled library file for win32 compilation |

Installation

For Linux, make sure the following files are in a directory that is in your \$LD_LIBRARY_PATH environment variable:

- libIp_v_noise_v2_0_bitacc_cmodel.so
- libstlport.so.5.1

Software Requirements

The Image Noise Reduction v2.0 C models were compiled and tested with the software listed in [Table 2-2](#).

Table 2-2: Compilation Tools for the Bit Accurate C Models

| Platform | C Compiler |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| 64-bit Linux | GCC 4.1.1 |
| 32-bit Windows | Microsoft Visual Studio 2005 |

Using the C Model

The bit accurate C model is accessed through a set of functions and data structures that are declared in the `v_noise_v2_0_bitacc_cmodel.h` file.

Before using the model, the structures holding the inputs, generics and output of the Image Noise Reduction instance must be defined:

```

struct xilinx_ip_v_noise_v2_0_generics noise_generics;
struct xilinx_ip_v_noise_v2_0_inputs  noise_inputs;
struct xilinx_ip_v_noise_v2_0_outputs noise_outputs;

```

The declaration of these structures is in the `v_noise_v2_0_bitacc_cmodel.h` file.

Table 3-1 lists the generic parameters taken by the Image Noise Reduction v2.0 IP core bit accurate model, as well as the default values. For an actual instance of the core, these parameters can only be set in generation time through the CORE Generator™ GUI.

Table 3-1: Model Generic Parameters and Default Values

| Generic Variable | Type | Default Value | Range | Description |
|------------------|------|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| DATA_WIDTH | int | 8 | 8, 10, 12 | Data width |

Calling `xilinx_ip_v_noise_v2_0_get_default_generics(&noise_generics)` initializes the generics structure with the defaults, listed in Table 3-1.

The smoothing filter selection can also be set dynamically through the pCore and General Purpose Processor interfaces. This value is passed as an input to the core, along with the actual test image, or video sequence (see Table 3-2).

Table 3-2: Core Generic Parameters and Default Values

| Input Variable | Type | Default Value | Range | Description |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| video_in | video_struct | null | N/A | Container to hold input image or video data ² |
| filt_strength | int | 3 ¹ | 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 | Smoothing filter selection |

¹ For a detailed description of inputs and other generic parameters, see the *LogiCORE IP Image Noise Reduction Data Sheet* (DS751).

² For the description of the input structure, see [Initializing the Image Noise Reduction Input Video Structure](#).

The structure `noise_inputs` defines the values of run time parameters and the actual input image.

Calling `xilinx_ip_v_noise_v2_0_get_default_inputs(&noise_generics, &noise_inputs)` initializes the input structure with the default values (see [Table 3-2](#)).

Note: The `video_in` variable is not initialized because the initialization depends on the actual test image to be simulated. [Chapter 4, C Model Example Code](#) describes the initialization of the `video_in` structure.

After the inputs are defined, the model can be simulated by calling this function:

```
int xilinx_ip_v_noise_v2_0_bitacc_simulate(
    struct xilinx_ip_v_noise_v2_0_generics* generics,
    struct xilinx_ip_v_noise_v2_0_inputs* inputs,
    struct xilinx_ip_v_noise_v2_0_outputs* outputs).
```

Results are included in the outputs structure, which contains only one member, type `video_struct`. After the outputs are evaluated and saved, dynamically allocated memory for input and output video structures must be released by calling this function:

```
void xilinx_ip_v_noise_v2_0_destroy(
    struct xilinx_ip_v_noise_v2_0_inputs *input,
    struct xilinx_ip_v_noise_v2_0_outputs *output).
```

Successful execution of all provided functions, except for the destroy function, return value 0. A non-zero error code indicates that problems occurred during function calls.

Image Noise Reduction Input and Output Video Structure

Input images or video streams can be provided to the Image Noise Reduction v2.0 reference model using the `video_struct` structure, defined in `video_utils.h`:

```
struct video_struct{
    int frames, rows, cols, bits_per_component, mode;
    uint16*** data[5]; };
```

Table 3-3: Member Variables of the Video Structure

| Member Variable | Designation |
|--------------------|---|
| frames | Number of video/image frames in the data structure. |
| rows | Number of rows per frame. Pertaining to the image plane with the most rows and columns, such as the luminance channel for YUV data. Frame dimensions are assumed constant through all frames of the video stream. However different planes, such as y, u and v can have different dimensions. |
| cols | Number of columns per frame. Pertaining to the image plane with the most rows and columns, such as the luminance channel for YUV data. Frame dimensions are assumed constant through all frames of the video stream. However different planes, such as y, u and v can have different dimensions. |
| bits_per_component | Number of bits per color channel/component. All image planes are assumed to have the same color/component representation. Maximum number of bits per component is 16. |

Table 3-3: Member Variables of the Video Structure

| | |
|------|---|
| mode | Contains information about the designation of data planes. Named constants to be assigned to mode are listed in Table 3-4 . |
| data | Set of five pointers to three dimensional arrays containing data for image planes. Data is in 16-bit unsigned integer format accessed as data[plane][frame][row][col]. |

Table 3-4: Named Video Modes with Corresponding Planes and Representations¹

| Mode | Planes | Video Representation |
|---------------|--------|---|
| FORMAT_MONO | 1 | Monochrome – Luminance only |
| FORMAT_RGB | 3 | RGB image/video data |
| FORMAT_C444 | 3 | 444 YUV, or YCrCb image/video data |
| FORMAT_C422 | 3 | 422 format YUV video, (u, v chrominance channels horizontally sub-sampled) |
| FORMAT_C420 | 3 | 420 format YUV video, (u, v sub-sampled both horizontally and vertically) |
| FORMAT_MONO_M | 3 | Monochrome (Luminance) video with Motion |
| FORMAT_RGBA | 4 | RGB image/video data with alpha (transparency) channel |
| FORMAT_C420_M | 5 | 420 YUV video with Motion |
| FORMAT_C422_M | 5 | 422 YUV video with Motion |
| FORMAT_C444_M | 5 | 444 YUV video with Motion |
| FORMAT_RGBM | 5 | RGB video with Motion |

¹ See the *LogiCORE IP Image Noise Reduction Data Sheet (DS751)* for modes supported by the core.

Initializing the Image Noise Reduction Input Video Structure

The easiest way to assign stimuli values to the input video structure is to initialize it with an image or video. The `yuv_util.h` and `video_util.h` header files packaged with the bit accurate C models contain functions to facilitate file I/O.

YUV Image Files

The header `yuv_utils.h` file declares functions that help access files in standard YUV format. It operates on images with three planes (Y, U and V). The following functions operate on arguments of type `yuv8_video_struct`, which is defined in `yuv_utils.h`.

```
int write_yuv8(FILE *outfile, struct yuv8_video_struct *yuv8_video);
int read_yuv8p(FILE *infile, struct yuv8_video_struct *yuv8_video);
```

Exchanging data between `yuv8_video_struct` and general `video_struct` type frames/videos is facilitated by these functions:

```
int copy_yuv8_to_video(struct yuv8_video_struct* yuv8_in,
                      struct video_struct* video_out );
int copy_video_to_yuv8(struct video_struct* video_in,
                      struct yuv8_video_struct* yuv8_out );
```

Note: All image/video manipulation utility functions expect both input and output structures initialized; for example, pointing to a structure that has been allocated in memory, either as static or dynamic variables. Moreover, the input structure must have the dynamically allocated container (data or r, g, b) structures already allocated and initialized with the input frame(s). If the output container structure is pre-allocated at the time of the function call, the utility functions verify and issue an error if the output container size does not match the size of the expected output. If the output container structure is not pre-allocated, the utility functions create the appropriate container to hold results.

Binary Image/Video Files

The `video_utils.h` header file declares functions that help load and save generalized video files in raw, uncompressed format.

```
int read_video( FILE* infile, struct video_struct* in_video);
int write_video(FILE* outfile, struct video_struct* out_video);
```

These functions serialize the `video_struct` structure. The corresponding file contains a small, plain text header defining, "Mode", "Frames", "Rows", "Columns", and "Bits per Pixel". The plain text header is followed by binary data, 16-bits per component in scan line continuous format. Subsequent frames contain as many component planes as defined by the video mode value selected. Also, the size (rows, columns) of component planes can differ within each frame as defined by the actual video mode selected.

Working with Video_struct Containers

The `video_utils.h` header file defines functions to simplify access to video data in `video_struct`.

```
int video_planes_per_mode(int mode);
int video_rows_per_plane(struct video_struct* video, int plane);
int video_cols_per_plane(struct video_struct* video, int plane);
```

The `video_planes_per_mode` function returns the number of component planes defined by the mode variable, as described in [Table 3-4](#). The `video_rows_per_plane` and `video_cols_per_plane` functions return the number of rows and columns in a given plane of the selected video structure. The following example demonstrates using these functions in conjunction to process all pixels within a video stream stored in the `in_video` variable:

```
for (int frame = 0; frame < in_video->frames; frame++) {
    for (int plane = 0; plane < video_planes_per_mode(in_video->mode); plane++) {
        for (int row = 0; row < rows_per_plane(in_video,plane); row++) {
            for (int col = 0; col < cols_per_plane(in_video,plane); col++) {
```

```
    // User defined pixel operations on
    // in_video->data[plane][frame][row][col]
    }
  }
}
```


C Model Example Code

An example C file, `run_bitacc_cmodel.c`, is provided to demonstrate the steps required to run the model. After following the compilation instructions, run the example executable. The executable takes the path/name of the input file and the path/name of the output file as parameters. If invoked with insufficient parameters, this help message is issued:

```
Usage: run_bitacc_cmodel in_file out_file
in_file      : path/name of the input file (BIN file)
out_file     : path/name of the output file (BIN file)
```

The structure of .bin files are described in [Binary Image/Video Files](#).

To ease modifying and debugging the provided top-level demonstrator using the built-in debugging environment of Visual Studio, the top-level command line parameters can be specified through the Project Property Pages using these steps:

1. In the Solution Explorer pane, right-click the project name and select "Properties" in the context menu.
2. Select "Debugging" on the left pane of the Property Pages dialog box.
3. Enter the paths and file names of the input and output images in the "Command Arguments" field.

Compiling Image Noise Reduction C Model with Example Wrapper

Linux (64-bit)

To compile the example code, perform these steps:

1. Set your `$LD_LIBRARY_PATH` environment variable to include the root directory where you unzipped the model zip file using a command such as:

```
setenv LD_LIBRARY_PATH <unzipped_c_model_dir>:${LD_LIBRARY_PATH}
```
2. Copy these files from the `/lin64` directory to the root directory:

```
libstlport.so.5.1
libIp_v_noise_v2_0_bitacc_cmodel.so
```

3. In the root directory, compile using the GNU C Compiler with this command:

```
gcc -x c++ run_bitacc_cmodel.c -o run_bitacc_cmodel -L. -  
libIp_v_noise_v2_0_bitacc_cmodel -Wl,-rpath,.
```

Windows (32-bit)

The precompiled library `v_noise_v2_0_bitacc_cmodel.lib`, and top-level demonstration code `run_bitacc_cmodel.c` should be compiled with an ANSI C compliant compiler under Windows. An example procedure is provided here using Microsoft Visual Studio.

1. In Visual Studio, create a new, empty Win32 Console Application project.
2. As existing items, add:
 - a. `libIp_v_noise_v2_0_bitacc_cmodel.lib` to the Resource Files folder of the project
 - b. `run_bitacc_cmodel.c` to the Source Files folder of the project
 - c. `v_noise_v2_0_bitacc_cmodel.h` to the Header Files folder of the project
3. After the project is created and populated, it must be compiled and linked (built) to create a win32 executable. To perform the build step, select "Build Solution" from the Build menu. An executable matching the project name has been created either in the Debug or Release subdirectories under the project location based on whether "Debug" or "Release" has been selected in the "Configuration Manager" under the Build menu.

Additional Resources

Xilinx Resources

For support resources such as Answers, Documentation, Downloads, and Forums, see the Xilinx Support website at:

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

For a glossary of technical terms used in Xilinx documentation, see:

http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw_manuals/glossary.pdf.

Core Resources

For detailed information and updates about the Xilinx LogiCORE IP Image Noise Reduction v2.0 core, see:

<http://www.xilinx.com/products/intellectual-property/EF-DI-IMG-NOISE.htm>

- *Image Noise Reduction v2.0 Data Sheet (DS751)*
- *Image Noise Reduction v2.0 Release Notes*

