**High-Level Synthesis Design Using Vivado HLS Workshop**

**Atlys Board**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course provides professors with an understanding of high-level synthesis design methodologies necessary to develop digital systems using Vivado HLS. After completing this workshop, you will be able to understand high-level synthesis flow of Vivado HLS, apply appropriate directives to optimize design performance, and create a custom peripheral and add it to a processor system.

# Install Xilinx software

Professors may submit the online donation request form at <http://www.xilinx.com/member/xup/donation/request.htm> to obtain the latest Xilinx software. The workshop was tested on a PC running MicroSoft Windows 7 professional edition.

* 2012.2 Vivado HLS
* V14.2 EDK
* V14.2 ISE Foundation Software
* Download and install software drivers for serial communication available at <http://www.exar.com/Common/Content/ProductDetails.aspx?ID=XR21V1410>
* Download and install the latest “Atlys BSB” available at <http://www.digilentinc.com/Data/Products/ATLYS/Atlys_BSB_Support_v_3_6.zip> Follow the steps illustrated in the installation guide of the extracted download of the BSB

1. **Setup hardware**

Connect Atlys Board

* 1. Connect programming cable between configuration port of Atlys Board and PC
  2. Connect another micro USB cable between Atlys Board’s UART port and PC USB port
  3. Connect the power supply and power on the board

You will also need a audio patch cable and a set of headphones to complete lab4.

1. **Install distribution**

Extract the labsource.zip file in c:\xup\hls directory. This will create **labs** and **source** folders and extract relevant files to conduct the labs.

The docs\_pdf.zip file consists of lab documents and presentations in PDF format. Extract this zip file in c:\xup\hls\ directory or any directory of your choice.

1. **For Professors only**

Download the labsolution.zip and docs\_source.zip files using your membership account. Do not distribute them to students or post them on a web site. The docs\_source.zip file contains lab documents in Microsoft Word and presentations in PowerPoint format for you to use in your classroom.

1. **Get Started**

Review the presentation slides (see course agenda) and step through the lab exercises (see lab descriptions) to complete the labs.

# COURSE AGENDA

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| **Day 1 Agenda** | **Day 1 Materials** |
| Class Intro | 01\_class\_intro.pptx |
| Introduction to High-Level Synthesis | 11\_HLS\_Intro.ppt x |
| HLS Demo (Optional) | 11a\_HLS\_Demo.pptx |
| Using Vivado HLS | 12\_Using\_VivadoHLS.pptx |
| Lab 1: Vivado HLS Design Flow | 12a\_lab1\_intro.pptx  01\_Lab1.docx |
| Improving Performance | 13\_Improving\_Performance.pptx |
| Lab 2: Improving Performance | 13a\_lab2\_intro.pptx  02\_Lab2.docx |
| Data Types | 14\_Data\_Types.pptx |
| **Day 2 Agenda** | **Day 2 Materials** |
| Improving Area and Resources Utilization | 21\_Improving\_Resources.pptx |
| Lab 3: Improving Area and Resources Utilization | 21a\_lab3\_intro.pptx  03\_Lab3.docx |
| IO Protocols | 22\_IO\_Protocols.pptx |
| Coding Issues | 23\_Coding\_Issues.ppt |
| Creating a Processor System | 24\_Creating\_Processor\_System.pptx |
| Lab 4: Creating a Processor System to Filter Audio Signal | 24a\_lab4\_into.pptx  04\_Lab4.docx |

**LAB** **DESCRIPTIONS**

Lab 1 - Experience a basic design flow of Vivado HLS and review generated output.

Lab 2 - Use pipelining technique to improve performance.

Lab 3 - Use directives to optimize resource sharing.

Lab 4 - Use pcore generation capability of Vivado HLS and integrate the generated pcore in an embedded system developed using EDK.

1. **Contact XUP**

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