DSP Builder Release Notes

2016.05.02

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Related Information

Altera Knowledge Base

Standard Blockset Revision History

Table 1: Revision History

Version	Date	Description
16.0	2016.05.02	No changes.
15.0	2015.05.01	No changes.
14.1	December 2014	No changes.

Version	Date	Description

14.0	June 2014	• Added support for MAX 10 FPGAs.
		• Removed support for the following devices:
		  • Cyclone III
		  • Stratix III
		• Added Qsys-based import flow for IP cores
		• Improved simulation model for DualClockFIFO block.
		• Removed FIR Compiler IP core from MegaCore library
		• Removed obsoleted StateMachineTable block from State Machine Functions library.

13.1 Arria 10 Edition	February 2014	Added support for Arria 10 devices, including support for variable precision DSP block.

13.1	November 2013	• Removed support for the following devices:
		  • Arria GX
		  • Cyclone II
		  • HardCopy II, HardCopy III, and HardCopy IV
		  • Stratix, Stratix II, Stratix GX, and Stratix II GX
		• Removed the following demo boards:
		  • Cyclone II DE2 Starter board
		  • Cyclone II EP2C35 board
		  • Cyclone II EP2C70 board
		  • Stratix EP1S25 board
		  • Stratix EP1S80 board
		  • Stratix II EP2S60 board
		  • Stratix II EP2S180 board
		  • Stratix II EP2SGX90 PCI Express board
		• Removed SOPC Builder support
		• Added support for Qsys
		• Added support for unsigned fractional data type.
		• Added support for **.SLX** format model files.

13.0	May 2013	Added support for 28nm variable precision DSP block.
12.1	November 2012	No changes.

Related Information

- **DSP Builder Handbook Volume 2: DSP Builder Standard Blockset**
- **Errata for DSP Builder standard blockset in the Knowledge Base**

Advanced Blockset Revision History

Table 2: Revision History

Version	Date	Description

16.0	2016.05.02	• Reorganized libraries
		• Improved folding results on MAX 10 devices
		• Added new design examples:
		  • Gaussian Random Number Generator
		  • DUC_4C4T4R and DDC_4C4T4R LTE digital-up and down-conversion
		• Added new FFT pruning strategy: `prune_to_widths()`

15.1	2015.11.11	• Deprecated **Run Quartus II** and **Run Modelsim** blocks
		• Added clock crossing support
		• Added reconfigurable FIR filters
		• Improved bus interfaces:
		  • Improved error checking and reporting
		  • Improved simulation accuracy
		  • Improved bus slave logic implementation
		  • Improved clock crossing
		• Changed some Avalon-MM interfaces
		• Added new blocks:
		  • **Capture Values**
		  • **Fanout**
		  • **Pause**
		  • **Vectorfanout**
		• Added IIR: full-rate fixed-point and IIR: full-rate floating-point demos
		• Added transmit and receive modem reference design

15.0	May 2015	• Added support for SystemVerilog output • Added external memories library • Added **External Memory** block • Added new **Allow write on both ports** parameter to **DualMem** block • Changed parameters on **AvalonMMSlaveSettings** block

Version	Date	Description

14.1	December 2014	• Added support for Arria 10 hard-floating-point blocks
		• Added BusStimulus and BusStimulusFileReader blocks to memory-mapped registers design example.
		• Added AvalonMMSlaveSettings block and **DSP Builder > Avalon Interfaces > Avalon-MM slave** menu option
		• Removed bus parameters from Control and Signal blocks
		• Removed the following design examples:
		  • Color Space Converter (Resource Sharing Folding)
		  • Interpolating FIR Filter with Updating Coefficients
		  • Primitive FIR Filter (Resource Sharing Folding)
		  • Single-Stage IIR Filter (Resource Sharing Folding)
		  • Three-stage IIR Filter (Resource Sharing Folding)
		• Added system-in-the-loop support
		• Added new blocks:
		  • Floating-point classifier
		  • Floating-point multiply accumulate
		  • Added hypotenuse function to math block
		• Added design examples:
		  • Color space converter
		  • Complex FIR
		  • CORDIC from Primitive Blocks
		  • Crest factor reduction
		  • Folding FIR
		  • Variable Integer Rate Decimation Filter
		  • Vector sort - sequential and iterative
		• Added reference designs:
		  • Crest factor reduction
		  • Direct RF with Synthesizable Testbench
		  • Dynamic Decimation Filter
		  • Reconfigurable Decimation Filter
		  • Variable Integer Rate Decimation Filter
		• Removed resource sharing folder
		• Updated ALU folder

Version	Date	Description

14.0	June 2014	• Added support for MAX 10 FPGAs.
		• Removed support for Cyclone III and Stratix III devices
		• Improved **DSP Builder Run ModelSim** option, which now allows you to run ModelSim for the top-level design or individual submodules
		• Changed the generation of HDL into the device level directory (under the specified target RTL directory) rather than in a hierarchy of directories
		• Added read signal on bus interface
		• Added clear port on the FIFO
		• Deprecated 13 FFT blocks
		• Added new design examples:
		  • Avalon-ST Interface (Input and Output FIFO Buffer) with Backpressure
		  • Avalon-ST Interface (Output FIFO Buffer) with Backpressure
		  • Fixed-point maths functions
		  • Fractional square root using CORDIC
		  • Normalizer
		  • Parallel FFT
		  • Parallel Floating-Point FFT
		  • Square root using CORDIC
		  • Switchable FFT/iFFT
		  • Variable-Size Fixed-Point FFT
		  • Variable-Size Fixed-Point FFT without BitReverseCoreC Block
		  • Variable-Size Fixed-Point iFFT
		  • Variable-Size Fixed-Point iFFT without BitReverseCoreC Block
		  • Variable-Size Floating-Point FFT
		  • Variable-Size Floating-Point FFT without BitReverseCoreC Block
		  • Variable-Size Floating-Point iFFT
		  • Variable-Size Floating-Point iFFT without BitReverseCoreC Block
		• Added new blocks:
		  • Anchored Delay
		  • Enabled Delay Line
		  • Enabled Feedback Delay
		  • FFT2P, FFT4P, FFT8P, FFT16P, FFT32P, and FFT64P
		  • FFT2X, FFT4X, FFT8X, FFT16X, FFT32X, and FFT64X
		  • FFT2, FFT4, VFFT2, and VFFT4
		  • General Multitwiddle and General Twiddle (GeneralMultiTwiddle, General-Twiddle)
		  • Hybrid FFT (Hybrid_FFT)
		  • Parallel Pipelined FFT (PFFT_Pipe)
		  • Ready

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13.1	November 2013	• Removed support for the following devices:
		  • Arria GX
		  • Cyclone II
		  • HardCopy II, HardCopy III, and HardCopy IV
		  • Stratix, Stratix II, Stratix GX, and Stratix II GX
		• Improved ALU folding flow
		• Added new functions to Math block.
		• Added Simulink fi block option to Const, DualMem, and LUT blocks
		• Added new design examples:
		  • Variable-precision real-time FFT
		  • Interpolating FIR Filter with updating coefficients
		  • Time-delay beamformer
		• Added new blocks:
		  • Anchored Delay
		  • Polynomial
		  • TwiddleAngle
		  • TwiddleROM and TwiddleROMF
		  • VariableBitReverse
		  • VFFT

13.0	May 2013	• Updated device block with new Device Selector menu.
		• Added new ModelPrim blocks:
		  • Const Mult
		  • Divide
		  • MinMax
		  • Negate
		  • Scalar Product
		• Added nine new FFT blocks
		• Added ten new FFT demonstrations

Version	Date	Description

12.1	November 2012	• Added ALU folding feature
		• Added enhanced precision floating-point options
		• Added the following new ModelPrim blocks:
		  • AddSub
		  • AddSubFused
		  • CmpCtrl
		  • Math
		  • Maximum and Minimum
		  • MinMaxCtrl
		  • Round
		  • Trig
		• Added the following new FFT blocks:
		  • Edge Detect (EdgeDetect)
		  • Pulse Divider (PulseDivider)
		  • Pulse Multiplier (PulseMultiplier)
		  • Bit-Reverse FFT with Natural Output (FFT_BR_Natural)
		• Added the following new FIR design examples:
		  • Super-sample decimating FIR filter
		  • Super-sample fractional FIR filter
		• Added the position, speed, and current control for AC motors (with ALU folding) design example

Related Information

- **DSP Builder Handbook Volume 3: DSP Builder Advanced Blockset**
- **Errata for DSP Builder advanced blockset in the Knowledge Base**