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Designing with Agilex 3 SoC

Course Description

This 5-days deep training provides all the necessary know-how for hardware engineers that would like to design with the Altera Agilex 3 SoC family.

The training provides extensive hands-on labs to experience with the various features.

The training starts by introducing the Agilex 3 family and its architecture. Then the Hyperflex architecture and how to use it efficiently is discussed in details. The Quartus Prime Pro advanced features that support Agilex 3 are introduced along with practical hands-on labs.

In the second day the training continues with the high-speed memory interfaces, high speed serial interfaces (GTS transceivers and various IPs), and the MIPI interface with CSI2/DSI2.

In the third day the Hardware Processor System (HPS) is introduced along with its peripherals, interfaces, Network on Chip (NoC), and Cortex-A55 architecture and capabilities. This part covers also the boot flow in details, and how to generate the first and second bootloaders (FSBL, SSBL).

In the fourth day the Agilex 3 configuration schemes are discussed in details including the Remote System Update (RSU) design flow. In addition, the Agilex 3 security features are discussed in details including the Secure Device Manager (SDM) and the secure boot flow.

In the fifth day the Agilex 3 DSP with Tensor block architecture is introduced. Then the deployment of AI IP design flow is discussed in details.

Each attendee receives an official certificate from Altera (Exam must be passed)



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Course Duration

5 days

Goals

- Become familiar with the Agilex 3 SoC family and its architecture
- Understand the different Hyper optimization techniques and when to use them
- Use Quartus Prime Pro new features to design with Agilex 3 SoC
- Implement high-speed external memories interfaces, serial protocols, and video solutions
- Configure the Hard Processor System (HPS) and understand the design tradeoffs
- Define Agilex 3 configuration scheme and use Remote System Update design flow
- Use the AI Suite to deploy AI IP that utilized the DSP Tensor blocks

Intended Users

FPGA designers who would like to start developing with Altera Agilex 3 SoC.

Prerequisites

1. FPGA design experience
2. Quartus Prime Pro
3. Platform Designer tool

Course Material

1. Course book
2. Labs handbook with lab files
3. Quartus Prime Pro
4. Questa



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❖ Introduction to Agilex 3 FPGA Family

- Family overview
- Agilex 3 Vs Cyclone V
- Agilex 3 to Agilex 5 package compatibility
- Agilex 3 ALM and modes
- Agilex 3 LC and LE
- Agilex 3 transceivers

❖ Agilex 3 Hyperflex Architecture

- 2nd generation Hyperflex FPGA architecture performance benefits
- Conventional vs Hyperflex architecture
- 2nd generation Hyperflex FPGA architecture in details
- High-Performance: Hyper-Retiming
- Eliminating barriers to Hyper-Retiming
- High-Performance: Hyper-Pipelining
- High-Performance: Hyper-Optimization
- Using Fast-Forward with Hyper-Optimization
- Pre-Computation technique
- Power consumption optimization
- Analyzing critical chains

❖ Quartus Prime Pro Edition Design Software for Agilex 3

- Agilex 3 features support in Quartus Prime Pro
- Hyperflex compilation flow features
- Fast Forward compile tool & reports
- Power & Thermal Calculator (PTC)
- Design Assistant tool
- System-Level Debug
- Enhanced Visualizations
- Incremental optimization



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- **Lab #1: Create a project with a complete design flow**
- **Lab #2: Fix timing issues with Hyper-optimizations**
- **Lab #3: Calculate power consumption with PTC tool**

Day #2

❖ **High-Speed External Memory Interface in Agilex 3**

- External memory support in Agilex 3
- Agilex 3 EMIF IP design flow & checklist
- Configuring & generating the IP
- Simulating memory IP
- Validating the IP with the Performance Monitor & Test Engine IP
- EMIF debugging
- **Lab #4: Implement LPDDR4 memory interface**

❖ **High-Speed Serial Interfaces in Agilex 3**

- Introduction to Agilex 3 GTS transceiver
- Transceivers architecture, capabilities and performance
- The GTS AXI Streaming IP for PCIe
- Using the HTS Hard IP
- Transceiver supported tools (transceiver toolkit, advanced link analyzer, PTC, transmitter equalization tool)

❖ **Video Solutions with Agilex 3**

- MIPI D-PHY
- CSI2/DSI2
- Combining high-speed Ethernet, memory controllers, PCIe
- Video processing & connectivity IP portfolio
- **Lab #5: Implement PCIe Gen 4.0 and use the transceiver tools to verify the signal quality**
- **Lab #6: Implement GTS JESD204B**



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Day #3

❖ **Agilex 3 SoC HPS**

- Agilex 3 SoC FPGAs
- Hard processor system
- SoC FPGA key features and comparison
- Application Processor Subsystem (APS)
- Cache Coherency Unit (CCU)
- Generic Interrupt Controller (GIC)
- System Memory Management Unit (SMMU)
- On-Chip RAM (OCRAM)
- Upgraded Peripheral Subsystem (PSS) key features
- EMAC features
- DMA features
- NAND flash controller features
- I3C Controller features
- I2C Controller features
- SPI Controller features
- Clock manager features
- System Manager features
- Bridges in Agilex 3 SoC FPGAs
- Device configuration and the SDM
- HPS mailbox
- Error Checking and Correction (ECC) controller features
- CoreSight debug and trace features
- Power management
- Interface peripherals in the HPS
- Configuring the HPS component in Platform Designer
- Simulating the HPS component
- **Lab #7: Using the SoC FPGA in Platform Designer**
- **Lab #8: Generating the First & Second Bootloaders**

Day #4

❖ **Agilex 3 Configuration Overview**

- Device configuration & SDM in Agilex 3 and SoC
- Agilex 3 configuration overview
- Configuration and related signals
- SDM block diagram
- Updating the SDM firmware
- Configuration timing diagram
- Recoverable and unrecoverable configuration errors
- Configuration flow
- Configuration pins
- Specifying configuration scheme
- Quartus Fitter report and SDM I/O pin reporting
- Agilex 3 dedicated configuration pins

❖ **Agilex 3 Configuration Schemes**

- Avalon-ST configuration
- Output file types
- Programming file generator
- AS configuration
- Selecting QSPI ownership
- Configuration data widths and required signals
- Components and design flow using AS configuration scheme
- Agilex 3 configuration data width and device pins
- JTAG configuration scheme
- Configuration via protocol (CvP)
- CvP core image update
- CvP topologies
- Partial reconfiguration design flow



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❖ **Agilex 3 Remote System Update (RSU)**

- RSU introduction
- Typical RSU process
- Agilex 3 RSU components
- RSU configuration sequences
- RSU functions for non-HPS

❖ **Agilex 3 Security**

- Why do you need security in your FPGA?
- Agilex 3 security features overview
- Agilex 3 security features in details (including HPS security)
- Bitstream authentication & encryption
- Advanced security features (provisioning, attestation, crypto services)
- Physical anti-tamper
- **Lab #9: Experience with Partial Reconfiguration flow**
- **Lab #10: Apply security features to protect the design**

Day #5

❖ **Agilex 3 Enhanced DSP with AI Tensor Block**

- Variable-precision DSP in Agilex 3 and SoCs C-series
- New tensor mode
- Fixed point arithmetic mode
- Independent complex multiplier
- Systolic FIR mode
- Floating point arithmetic mode
- Differences between flushed, extended, and Bfloat formats
- Complex multiplication
- Tensor mode block diagram
- Tensor floating point mode
- Tensor fixed point mode
- Tensor accumulation mode
- Methods for preloading the weights



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❖ **Deploy AI IP Design Flow in Agilex 3**

- The role of FPGA in AI
- Agilex 3 DSP with AI Tensor block
- OpenVINO Toolkit & AI suite for Agilex 3
- Compilation & IP creation flow
- Reference design examples and new features
- **Lab #11:** Deploy AI IP in Agilex 3 (complete flow)



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