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4 PREREQUISITES

4.1 HARDWARE

We use the Terasic DE0-Nano-SoC board in this guide, but the guide can easily be adapted to be used with any other Cyclone V SoC device.

4.2 SOFTWARE

This guide assumes users are running a version of the UBUNTU operating system on their host machines. Furthermore, it is assumed you have ROOT PERMISSIONS on the machine and have installed the following programs:

- Quartus Prime
- Nios II Software Build Tools (Nios II SBT)
- ModelSim-Altera
- SoC Embedded Design Suite (SoC EDS)

Additionally, we require that you install the following packages from the Ubuntu package manager:

- git
- minicom

Finally, we insist that ALL command-line instructions provided in this guide MUST be executed in an ALTERA EMBEDDED COMMAND SHELL. The executable for the Altera Embedded Command Shell can be found at “<altera_install_directory>/<version>/embedded/embedded_command_shell.sh”

4.2.1 Software Versions Used in this Guide

- All HARDWARE examples in this guide were made with Quartus Prime, SoC EDS and Nios II SBT version 16.0.
- All SOFTWARE examples in this guide were made with Quartus Prime, SoC EDS and Nios II SBT version 16.0.
- Some FIGURES in this guide were made with Quartus Prime, SoC EDS and Nios II SBT version 14.0.
- The HOST OPERATING SYSTEM used is UBUNTU 16.04, but all instructions in the guide have also been successfully tested on all versions of Ubuntu from 14.04 to 16.04.

4.2.2 Licenses

- Chapter 12: “Using the Cyclone V – HPS – ARM – Bare-metal” shows how to perform bare-metal debugging for demonstration purposes in order to see what the systems described in this tutorial can do. However, I highly recommend using linux on the HPS instead or bare-metal debugging.

Indeed, BARE-METAL debugging in ARM DS-5 REQUIRES a PAID LICENSE (not the free community license). If you do not have a paid license, then you should use linux on the HPS instead of bare-metal debugging as debugging a LINUX application in ARM DS-5 does NOT REQUIRE a PAID LICENSE, and is FULLY SUPPORTED with the FREE COMMUNITY LICENSE.

Additionally, using linux on such a system is much easier and superior to bare-metal programming.

- Using a Nios II processor as described in this tutorial REQUIRES a PAID LICENSE in order to convert the FPGA programming file that Quartus Prime generates (*.sof) into a RAW Binary File (*.rbf) to be used to program the FPGA automatically at boot time.
  If you do not have a paid license for the Nios II processor, then you should avoid using it and just use the HPS instead. No license is required for using the HPS.
5 INTRODUCTION

The development of embedded systems based on chips containing one or more microprocessors and hardcore peripherals, as well as an FPGA part is becoming more and more important. This technology gives the designer a lot of freedom and powerful abilities. Classical design flows with microcontrollers are emphasized with the full power of FPGAs.

Mixed designs are becoming a reality. One can now design specific accelerators to greatly improve algorithms, or create specific programmable interfaces with the external world.

Two main HDL (Hardware Design Language) languages are available for the design of the FPGA part: VHDL and Verilog. There also exist other tools that perform automatic translations from C to HDL. New emerging technologies like OpenCL allow compatibility between high-level software design, and low-level hardware implementations such as:

- Compilation for single or multicore processors
- Compilation for GPUs (Graphical Processing Unit)
- Translation and compilation for FPGAs. The latest models use a PCIe interface or some other way of parameters passing between the main processor and the FPGA

We will introduce and use the Terasic DE0-Nano-SoC board, as well as the ARM DS-5 IDE.
6 Terasic DE0-Nano-SoC Board

The DE0-Nano-SoC board has many features that allow users to implement a wide range of designed circuits. We will discuss some noteworthy features in this guide.

6.1 Specifications

6.1.1 FPGA Device
- Cyclone V SoC 5CSEMA44U23C6N Device
- Dual-core ARM CORTEX-A9 (HPS)
- 40K Programmable Logic Elements
- 2’460 Kbits embedded memory

6.1.2 Configuration and Debug
- Serial Configuration device – EPCS128 on FPGA
- On-Board USB BLASTER II

6.1.3 Memory Device
- 1 GB (2x256Mx16) DDR3 SDRAM on HPS
- MICRO SD Card Socket on HPS

6.1.4 Communication
- USB OTG Port (USB Micro-AB connector)
- UART to USB (USB Mini-B connector)
- 10/100/1000 Ethernet

6.1.5 Connectors
- Two 40-pin Expansion Headers
- One 10-pin ADC Input Header
- One LTC connector

6.1.6 Switches, Buttons and Indicators
- 3 User Keys (FPGA x2; Hps x1)
- 4 User switches (FPGA x4)
- 11 User LEDs (FPGA x10; HPS x1)
6.1.7 Sensors
- G-Sensor on HPS

6.1.8 Power
- 12V DC input

6.1.9 Block Diagram

Figure 6-2. Block Diagram of the DE0-Nano-SoC Board [1]
6.2 **Layout**

- Green for peripherals directly connected to the FPGA
- Orange for peripherals directly connected to the HPS
- Blue for board control
7 CYCLONE V OVERVIEW

This section describes some features of the Cyclone V family of devices. We do not list all features, but only the ones most important to us. All information below, along with the most complete documentation regarding this family can be found in the Cyclone V Device Handbook [2].

7.1 INTRODUCTION TO THE CYCLONE V HARD PROCESSOR SYSTEM

The Cyclone V device is a single-die system on a chip (SoC) that consists of two distinct parts – a hard processor system (HPS) portion and an FPGA portion.

![Altera SoC FPGA Device Block Diagram](image.png)

The HPS contains a microprocessor unit (MPU) subsystem with single or dual ARM Cortex-A9 MPCore processors, flash memory controllers, SDRAM L3 Interconnect, on-chip memories, support peripherals, interface peripherals, debug capabilities, and phase-locked loops (PLLs). The dual-processor HPS supports symmetric (SMP) and asymmetric (AMP) multiprocessing.

*The DE0-Nano-SoC has a DUAL-processor HPS.*

The FPGA portion of the device contains the FPGA fabric, a control block (CB), phase-locked loops (PLLs), and depending on the device variant, high-speed serial interface (HSSI) transceivers, hard PCI Express (PCIe) controllers, and hard memory controllers.

*The DE0-Nano-SoC does not contain any HSSI transceivers, or hard PCIe controllers.*

The HPS and FPGA portions of the device are distinctly different. The HPS can boot from

- the FPGA fabric,
- external flash, or
- JTAG

In contrast, the FPGA must be configured either through

- the HPS, or
- an externally supported device such as the Quartus Prime programmer.
The MPU subsystem can boot from

- flash devices connected to the HPS pins, or
- from memory available on the FPGA portion of the device (when the FPGA portion is previously configured by an external source).

The HPS and FPGA portions of the device each have their own pins. Pins are not freely shared between the HPS and the FPGA fabric. The FPGA I/O PINS are configured by an FPGA CONFIGURATION IMAGE through the HPS or any external source supported by the device. The HPS I/O PINS are configured by SOFTWARE executing in the HPS. Software executing on the HPS accesses control registers in the Cyclone V system manager to assign HPS I/O pins to the available HPS modules.

_The SOFTWARE that configures the HPS I/O PINS is called the PRELOADER._

The HPS and FPGA portions of the device have separate external power supplies and independently power on. You can power on the HPS without powering on the FPGA portion of the device. However, to power on the FPGA portion, the HPS must already be on or powered on at the same time as the FPGA portion. Table 7-1 summarizes the possible configurations.

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_Table 7-1. Possible HPS and FPGA Power Configurations_
7.2 Features of the HPS

The following list contains the main modules of the HPS:

- Masters
  - MPU subsystem featuring dual ARM Cortex-A9 MPCore processors
  - General-purpose Direct Memory Access (DMA) controller
  - Two Ethernet media access controllers (EMACs)
  - Two USB 2.0 On-The-Go (OTG) controllers
  - NAND flash controller
  - Secure Digital (SD) / MultiMediaCard (MMC) controller
  - Two serial peripheral interface (SPI) master controllers
  - ARM CoreSight debug components

- Slaves
  - Quad SPI flash controller
  - Two SPI slave controllers
  - Four inter-integrated circuit (I²C) controllers
  - 64 KB on-chip RAM
7.3 SYSTEM INTEGRATION OVERVIEW

In this part, we briefly go through some features provided by the most important HPS components.

7.3.1 MPU Subsystem

Here are a few important features of the MPU subsystem:

- Interrupt controller
- One general-purpose timer and one watchdog timer per processor
- One Memory management unit (MMU) per processor

The HPS masters the L3 interconnect and the SDRAM controller subsystem.

7.3.2 SDRAM Controller Subsystem

The SDRAM controller subsystem is MASTERED by HPS MASTERS and FPGA FABRIC MASTERS. It supports DDR2, DDR3, and LPDDR2 devices. It is composed of 2 parts:

- SDRAM controller
- DDR PHY (interfaces the single port memory controller to the HPS I/O)

The DE0-Nano-SoC contains DDR3 SDRAM

7.3.3 Support Peripherals

7.3.3.1 System Manager

This is one of the most essential HPS components. It offers a few important features:

- PIN MULTIPLEXING (term used for the SOFTWARE configuration of the HPS I/O PINS by the PRELOADER)
- Freeze controller that places I/O elements into a safe state for configuration
- Low-level control of peripheral features not accessible through the control and status registers (CSRs)

The low-level control of some peripheral features that are not accessible through the CSRs is NOT externally documented. You will see this type of code when you generate your custom preloader, but must NOT use the constructs in your own code.

7.3.3.2 FPGA Manager

The FPGA manager offers the following features:

- Manages the configuration of the FPGA portion of the device
- Monitors configuration-related signals in the FPGA
- Provides 32 general-purpose inputs and 32 general-purpose outputs to the FPGA fabric
7.3.4 Interface Peripherals

7.3.4.1 GPIO Interfaces
The HPS provides three GPIO interfaces and offer the following features:

- Supports digital de-bounce
- Configurable interrupt mode
- Supports up to 71 I/O pins and 14 input-only pins, based on device variant
- Supports up to 67 I/O pins and 14 input-only pins

*The DE0-Nano-SoC has 67 I/O pins and 14 input-only pins*

7.3.5 On-Chip Memory
*The following on-chip memories are DIFFERENT from any on-chip memories located in the FPGA fabric.*

7.3.5.1 On-Chip RAM
The on-chip RAM offers the following features:

- 64 KB size
- High performance for all burst lengths

7.3.5.2 Boot ROM
The boot ROM offers the following features:

- 64 KB size
- Contains the code required to support HPS boot from cold or warm reset
- Used EXCLUSIVELY for booting the HPS

*The code in the boot ROM CANNOT be changed.*

7.4 HPS-FPGA Interfaces
The HPS-FPGA interfaces provide a variety of communication channels between the HPS and the FPGA fabric. The HPS-FPGA interfaces include:

- **FPGA-to-HPS bridge** – a high performance bus with a configurable data width of 32, 64, or 128 bits. It allows the FPGA fabric to master transactions to slaves in the HPS. This interface allows the FPGA fabric to have full visibility into the HPS address space.
- **HPS-to-FPGA bridge** – a high performance bus with a configurable data width of 32, 64, or 128 bits. It allows the HPS to master transactions to slaves in the FPGA fabric. I will sometimes call this the “*heavyweight*” HPS-to-FPGA bridge to distinguish its “*lightweight*” counterpart (see below).
- **Lightweight HPS-to-FPGA bridge** – a bus with a 32-bit fixed data width. It allows the HPS to master transactions to slaves in the FPGA fabric.
- **FPGA manager interface** – signals that communicate with the FPGA fabric for boot and configuration.
- **Interrupts** – allows soft IPs to supply interrupts directly to the MPU interrupt controller.
- **HPS debug interface** – an interface that allows the HPS debug control domain to extend into the FPGA.

7.5 HPS Address Map

7.5.1 HPS Address Spaces
The HPS address map specifies the address of slaves, such as memory and peripherals, as viewed by the HPS masters. The HPS has 3 address spaces:
The following figure shows the relationships between the different HPS address spaces. The figure is *NOT* to scale.

![Figure 7-3. HPS Address Space Relations](image_url)

The window regions provide access to other address spaces. The thin black arrows indicate which address space is accessed by a window region (arrows point to accessed address space).

The SDRAM window in the MPU can grow and shrink at the top and bottom (short blue vertical arrows) at the expense of the FPGA slaves and boot regions. The ACP window can be mapped to any 1 GB region in the MPU address space (blue vertical bidirectional arrow), on gigabyte-aligned boundaries.

The following table shows the base address and size of each region that is common to the L3 and MPU address spaces.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Region Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Base Address</th>
<th>Size</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FPGA slaves</td>
<td>FPGA slaves connected to the heavyweight HPS-to-FPGA bridge</td>
<td>0xC0000000</td>
<td>960 MB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HPS peripherals</td>
<td>Slaves directly connected to the HPS (corresponds to all orange colored elements on Figure 6-4 and Figure 6-3)</td>
<td>0xF0C00000</td>
<td>64 MB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lightweight FPGA slaves</td>
<td>FPGA slaves connected to the lightweight HPS-to-FPGA bridge</td>
<td>0xFF200000</td>
<td>2 MB</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Table 7-3. Common Address Space Regions [2, pp. 1-15]*
### 7.5.2 HPS Peripheral Region Address Map

The following table lists the slave identifier, slave title, base address, and size of each slave in the HPS peripheral region. The **Slave Identifier** column lists the names used in the HPS register map file provided by Altera (more on this later).

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<th>Slave Identifier</th>
<th>Slave Title</th>
<th>Base Address</th>
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<tr>
<td>STM</td>
<td>STM</td>
<td>0xFC000000</td>
<td>48 MB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DAP</td>
<td>DAP</td>
<td>0xFF000000</td>
<td>2 MB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LWFPGASLAVES</td>
<td>FPGA slaves accessed with lightweight HPS-to-FPGA bridge</td>
<td>0xFF200000</td>
<td>2 MB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LWHPFS2FPGAREGS</td>
<td>Lightweight HPS-to-FPGA bridge GPV</td>
<td>0xFF400000</td>
<td>1 MB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HPS2FPGAREGS</td>
<td>HPS-to-FPGA bridge GPV</td>
<td>0xFF500000</td>
<td>1 MB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FPGA2HPSREGS</td>
<td>FPGA-to-HPS bridge GPV</td>
<td>0xFF600000</td>
<td>1 MB</td>
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<td>EMAC0</td>
<td>EMAC0</td>
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<td>8 KB</td>
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<td>EMAC1</td>
<td>EMAC1</td>
<td>0xFF702000</td>
<td>8 KB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SDMMC</td>
<td>SD/MMC</td>
<td>0xFF704000</td>
<td>4 KB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>QSPIREGS</td>
<td>Quad SPI flash controller registers</td>
<td>0xFF705000</td>
<td>4 KB</td>
</tr>
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<td>FPGAMGRREGS</td>
<td>FPGA manager registers</td>
<td>0xFF706000</td>
<td>4 KB</td>
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<td>ACPI3MAP</td>
<td>ACP ID mapper registers</td>
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<td>GPIO0</td>
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<td>L3 interconnect GPV</td>
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<td>1 MB</td>
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<td>NAND controller data</td>
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<td>Quad SPI flash data</td>
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<td>USB0 OTG controller registers</td>
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<td>USB1</td>
<td>USB1 OTG controller registers</td>
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<td>NAND controller registers</td>
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<td>FPGA manager configuration data</td>
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<tr>
<td>CAN0</td>
<td>CAN0 controller registers</td>
<td>0xFFF00000</td>
<td>4 KB</td>
</tr>
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<td>CAN1</td>
<td>CAN1 controller registers</td>
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<td>I2C3</td>
<td>0xFFF07000</td>
<td>4 KB</td>
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<td>SPTIMER0</td>
<td>SP Timer0</td>
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<td>4 KB</td>
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<td>SP Timer1</td>
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<td>SDDRREGS</td>
<td>SDRAM controller subsystem registers</td>
<td>0xFFF10000</td>
<td>128 KB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>OSC1 Timer0</td>
<td>0xFFF11000</td>
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<td>Watchdog0</td>
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<td>Watchdog1</td>
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<td>CLKMGR</td>
<td>Clock manager</td>
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</tr>
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<td>Reset manager</td>
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<td>System manager</td>
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<td>DMA nonsecure registers</td>
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<td>DMASECURE</td>
<td>DMA secure registers</td>
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<td>SPI0</td>
<td>SPI slave0</td>
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<td>SPI1</td>
<td>SPI slave1</td>
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<td>SPI master0</td>
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<td>SPI1M</td>
<td>SPI master1</td>
<td>0xFFF23000</td>
<td>4 KB</td>
</tr>
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</table>

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SCANMGR | Scan manager registers | 0xFFF02000 | 4 KB  
ROM | Boot ROM | 0xFFF00000 | 64 KB  
MPUSCU | MPU SCU registers | 0xFFFEC000 | 8 KB  
MPUL2 | MPU L2 cache controller registers | 0xFFFED000 | 4 KB  
OCRAM | On-chip RAM | 0xFFFF0000 | 64 KB  

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Address</th>
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<tr>
<td>0xFFF02000</td>
<td>Scan manager registers</td>
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<td>MPU L2 cache controller registers</td>
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<td>0xFFFF0000</td>
<td>On-chip RAM</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Table 7-4. HPS Peripheral Region Address Map [2, pp. 1-16]

The programming model for accessing the HPS peripherals in Table 7-4 is the same as for peripherals created on the FPGA fabric. That is, every peripheral has a base address at which a certain number of registers can be found. You can then read and write to a certain set of these registers in order to modify the peripheral’s behavior.

When using a HPS peripheral in Table 7-4, you do not need to hard-code any base address or peripheral register map in your programs, as Altera provides a header file for each one.

Three directories contain all HPS-related header files:

1. “<altera_install_directory>/version/embedded/ip/altera/hps/altera_hps/hwlib/inclue”
   Contains high-level header files that typically contain a few FUNCTIONs which facilitate control over the HPS components. These functions are all part of Altera’s HWLIB, which was created to make programming the HPS easier. This directory contains code that is common to the Cyclone V, Arria V, and Arria 10 devices.

2. “<altera_install_directory>/version/embedded/ip/altera/hps/altera_hps/hwlib/inclue/soc_cv_av”
   Same as above, but more specifically for the Cyclone V and Arria V FPGA families.

   Contains low-level header files that provide a peripheral’s bit-level register details. For example, any bits in a peripheral’s register that correspond to undefined behavior will be specified in these header files.

To illustrate the differences among the high and low-level header files, we can compare the ones related to the FPGA manager peripheral:

1. “<hwlib/include/soc_cv_av/alt_fpga_manager.h”
   ALT_STATUS_CODE alt_fpga_reset_assert(void);
   ALT_STATUS_CODE alt_fpga_configure(const void* cfg_buf, size_t cfg_buf_len);

2. “<hwlib/include/soc_cv_av/socal/alt_fpgamgr.h”
   /* The width in bits of the ALT_FPGAMGR_CTL_EN register field. */
   #define ALT_FPGAMGR_CTL_EN_WIDTH 1
   /* The mask used to set the ALT_FPGAMGR_CTL_EN register field value. */
   #define ALT_FPGAMGR_CTL_EN_SET_MSK 0x00000001
   /* The mask used to clear the ALT_FPGAMGR_CTL_EN register field value. */
   #define ALT_FPGAMGR_CTL_EN_CLR_MSK 0xffffffff

An important header file is “<hwlib/include/soc_cv_av/socal/hps.h”. It contains the HPS component’s full register map, as provided in Table 7-4.

Note however, that there exists no header file for the “heavyweight” HPS-to-FPGA bridge, as it is not located in the “HPS peripherals” region in Figure 7-3. Indeed, the “heavyweight” HPS-to-FPGA bridge is not considered a HPS peripheral, whereas the “lightweight” HPS-to-FPGA bridge is. Therefore, in order to use the “heavyweight” HPS-to-FPGA bridge, you will have to define a macro in your code, as follows:

#define ALT_HWFPGASLVS_OFST 0xc0000000
Note that HWLIB can only be directly used in a BARE-METAL APPLICATION, as it directly references physical addresses. The library can unfortunately NOT be used directly in a LINUX DEVICE DRIVER, because it uses standard header files that are not available in the kernel. Needless to say that a userspace linux program cannot use the library either, as the linux kernel would terminate a user process that tries to access any of these physical addresses directly.

7.6 HPS Booting and FPGA Configuration

Before being able to use the Cyclone V SoC, one needs to understand how the HPS boots and how the FPGA is configured. We’ll first take a look at the ordering between the HPS and FPGA.

7.6.1 HPS Boot and FPGA Configuration Ordering

The HPS BOOT starts when the processor is released from reset (for example, on power up) and executes code in the internal boot ROM at the reset exception address. The boot process ends when the code in the boot ROM jumps to the next stage of the boot software. This next stage of the boot software is referred to as the preloader. Figure 7-4 illustrates this initial incomplete HPS boot flow.

The processor can boot from the following sources:

- NAND flash memory through the NAND flash controller
- SD/MMC flash memory through the SD/MMC flash controller
- SPI and QSPI flash memory through the QSPI flash controller using Slave Select 0
- FPGA fabric on-chip memory

The choice of the boot source is done by modifying the BOOTSEL and CLKSEL values BEFORE THE DEVICE IS POWERED UP. Therefore, the Cyclone V device normally uses a PHYSICAL DIP SWITCH to configure the BOOTSEL and CLKSEL. 

The DE0-Nano-SoC can ONLY BOOT from SD/MMC flash memory, as its BOOTSEL and CLKSEL values are hard-wired on the board. Although its HPS contains all necessary controllers, the board doesn’t have a physical DIP switch to modify the BOOTSEL and CLKSEL values.

CONFIGURATION OF THE FPGA portion of the device starts when the FPGA portion is released from reset state (for example, on power up). The control block (CB) in the FPGA portion of the device is responsible for obtaining an FPGA configuration image and configuring the FPGA. The FPGA configuration ends when the configuration image has been fully loaded and the FPGA enters user mode. The FPGA configuration image is provided by users and is typically stored in non-volatile flash-based memory. The FPGA CB can obtain a configuration image from the HPS through the FPGA manager, or from another external source, such as the Quartus Prime Programmer.

The following three figures illustrate the possible HPS boot and FPGA configuration schemes. Note that Cyclone V devices can also be fully configured through a JTAG connection.
Figure 7-5 shows the scheme where the FPGA configuration and the HPS boot occur independently. The FPGA configuration obtains its image from a non-HPS source (*Quartus Prime Programmer*), while the HPS boot obtains its configuration image from a non-FPGA fabric source.

Figure 7-6 shows the scheme where the FPGA is first configured through the *Quartus Prime Programmer*, then the HPS boots from the FPGA fabric. The HPS boot waits for the FPGA fabric to be powered on and in user mode before executing. The HPS boot ROM code executes the preloader from the FPGA fabric over the HPS-to-FPGA bridge. The preloader can be obtained from the FPGA on-chip memory, or by accessing an external interface (such as a larger external SDRAM).
Figure 7-7 shows the scheme under which the HPS first boots from one of its non-FPGA fabric boot sources, then software running on the HPS configures the FPGA fabric through the FPGA manager. The software on the HPS obtains the FPGA configuration image from any of its flash memory devices or communication interfaces, such as the SD/MMC memory, or the Ethernet port. The software is provided by users and the boot ROM is not involved in configuring the FPGA fabric.

### 7.6.2 Zooming In On the HPS Boot Process

Booting software on the HPS is a multi-stage process. Each stage is responsible for loading the next stage. The first software stage is the boot ROM. The boot ROM code locates and executes the second software stage, called the preloader. The preloader locates, and if present, executes the next software stage. The preloader and subsequent software stages are collectively referred to as user software.

The reset, boot ROM, and preloader stages are always present in the HPS boot flow. What comes after the preloader then depends on the type of application you want to run. The HPS can execute 2 types of applications:

- Bare-metal applications (no operating system)
- Applications on top of an operating system (linux)

Figure 7-8 shows the HPS’ available boot flows. The Reset and Boot ROM stages are the only fixed parts of the boot process. Everything in the user software stages can be customized.

Although the DE0-Nano-SoC has a dual-processor HPS (CPU0 and CPU1), the boot flow only executes on CPU0 and CPU1 is under reset. If you want to use both processors of the DE0-Nano-SoC, then user software executing on CPU0 is responsible for releasing CPU1 from reset.
7.6.2.1 Preloader

The preloader is one of the most important boot stages. It is actually what one would call the boot “source”, as all stages before it are unmodifiable. The preloader can be stored on external flash-based memory, or in the FPGA fabric.

The preloader typically performs the following actions:

- Initialize the SDRAM interface
- Configure the HPS I/O through the scan manager
- Configure pin multiplexing through the system manager
- Configure HPS clocks through the clock manager
- Initialize the flash controller (NAND, SD/MMC, QSPI) that contains the next stage boot software
- Load the next boot software into the SDRAM and pass control to it

The preloader does **NOT** release CPU1 from reset. The subsequent stages of the boot process are responsible for it if they want to use the extra processor.
8 USING THE CYCLONE V – GENERAL INFORMATION

8.1 INTRODUCTION
The HPS component is a SOFT component, but it does NOT mean that the HPS is a softcore processor. In fact, the HPS exclusively contains HARD LOGIC. The reason it is considered a softcore component originates from the fact that it enables other soft components to interface with the HPS hard logic. As such, the HPS component has a small footprint in the FPGA fabric, as its only purpose is to connect the soft and hard logic together.

Therefore, it is possible to use the Cyclone V SoC in 3 different configurations:

- FPGA-only
- HPS-only
- HPS & FPGA

We will look at the FPGA-only and HPS & FPGA configurations below. We will not cover the HPS-only configuration as it is identical to the HPS & FPGA one where you simply don’t load any design on the FPGA fabric. The configurations using the HPS are more difficult to set up than the FPGA-only one.

8.2 FPGA-ONLY
Exclusively using the FPGA part of the Cyclone V is easy, as the design process is identical to any other Altera FPGA. You can build a complete design in Quartus Prime & Qsys, simulate it in ModelSim-Altera, then program the FPGA through the Quartus Prime Programmer. If you instantiated a Nios II processor in Qsys, you can use the Nios II SBT IDE to develop software for the processor.

The DE0-Nano-SoC has a lot of pins, which makes it tedious to start an FPGA design. It is recommended to use the ENTITY in [3] for your TOP-LEVEL VHDL FILE, as it contains all the board’s FPGA and HPS pins.

After having defined a top-level module, it is necessary to map your design’s pins to the ones available on the DE0-Nano-SoC. The TCL SCRIPT in [4] can be executed in Quartus Prime to specify the board’s device ID and all its PIN ASSIGNMENTS. In order to execute the TCL script, place it in your quartus working directory, then run it through the “Tools > Tcl Scripts…” menu item in Quartus Prime.

8.3 HPS & FPGA
8.3.1 Bare-metal Application
On one hand, bare-metal software enjoys the advantage of having no OS overhead. This has many consequences, the most visible of which are that code executes at native speed as no context switching is ever performed, and additionally, that code can directly address the HPS peripherals using their PHYSICAL memory-mapped addresses, as no virtual memory system is being used. This is very useful when trying to use the HPS as a high-speed microcontroller. Such a programming environment is very similar to the one used by other microcontrollers, like the TI MSP430.

On the other hand, bare-metal code has one great disadvantage, as the programmer must continue to configure the Cyclone V to use all its resources. For example, we saw in 7.6.2.1 that the preloader does not release CPU1 from reset, and that it is up to the user software to perform this, which is the bare-metal application itself in this case. Furthermore, supposing CPU1 is available for use, it is still difficult to run multi-threaded code, as an OS generally handles program scheduling and CPU affinity for the programmer. The programmer must now manually assign code fragments to each CPU.
8.3.2 Application Over an Operating System (Linux)

Running code over a linux operating system has several advantages. First of all, the kernel releases CPU1 from reset upon boot, so all processors are available. Furthermore, the kernel initializes and makes most, if not all HPS peripherals available for use by the programmer. This is possible since the linux kernel has access to a huge amount of device drivers. Multi-threaded code is also much easier to write, as the programmer has access to the familiar OS facilities for threading. Finally, the linux kernel is not restricted to running compiled C programs. Indeed, you can always run code written in another programming language providing you first install the runtime environment required (which must be available for ARM processors).

However, running an “EMBEDDED” application on top of an operating system also has disadvantages. Due to the virtual memory system put in place by the OS, a program cannot directly access the HPS peripherals through their physical memory-mapped addresses. Instead, one first needs to map the physical addresses of interest into the running program’s virtual address space. Only then will it be possible to access a peripheral’s registers. Ideally, the programmer should write a device driver for each specific component that is designed in order to have a clean interface between user code and device accesses.

At the end of the day, bare-metal applications and applications running code on top of linux can do the same things. Generally speaking, programming on top of linux is superior and much easier compared to bare-metal code, as its advantages greatly outweigh its drawbacks.

8.4 Goals

Let’s start by defining what we want to achieve in this tutorial. We want to create a system in which both the HPS and FPGA can do some computation simultaneously. More specifically, we want the following capabilities:

1. A NIOS II processor on the FPGA must be able to access the LEDs connected to the FPGA PORTION of the device and will be responsible for creating a strobing light effect on the lower 4 LEDs.
2. The Nios II processor will use the DE0-Nano-SoC’s on-chip FPGA memory.
3. The HPS must be able to use the LED and button that are directly connected to the HPS PORTION of the device. Pressing the button should toggle the LED.
4. The HPS must be able to access the LEDs connected to the FPGA PORTION of the device and will be responsible for creating a strobing light effect on the upper 4 LEDs.
5. The HPS must be able to use the ethernet port on the board.
6. The HPS must be able to use the microSD card port on the board to which we will write anything we want.

8.5 Project Structure

The development process creates a lot more files compared to an FPGA-only design. We will use the folder structure shown in Figure 8-1 to organize our project. In this demo, we will use “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo” as the project name.

- The “hw” directory contains all hardware-related files.
- The “sw” directory contains all software-related files.
- The “sdcard” directory contains all final targets needed to create a valid sdcard from which the DE0-Nano-SoC can boot.
Many steps have to be performed in order to configure the Cyclone V before you can use the HPS.

- The **HARDWARE** design is **IDENTICAL** whether you want to write bare-metal applications, or linux HPS applications.
- The **SOFTWARE** design is **DIFFERENT** for bare-metal and linux HPS applications.

The complete design for this tutorial can be found in DE0_Nano_SoC_demo.zip [5].
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The details below give step-by-step instructions to create a full system from scratch.

Note that this version of the SoC-FPGA Design Guide is an adaptation from that of another board, the DE1-SoC. All the text in this DE0-Nano-SoC version has been adapted, but some of the figures in this document are copies from the DE1-SoC version of the guide. As such, you may find “DE1-SoC” or “DE1_SoC” in some figures, and you can simply replace this text with “DE0-Nano-SoC” or “DE0_Nano_SoC”, respectively.

9.1 GENERAL QUARTUS PRIME SETUP

1. Create a new Quartus Prime project. You only need to specify the project name and destination, as all other settings will be set at a later stage by a TCL script. For this demo, we will call our project “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo” and will store it in “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/hw/quartus”.

2. Download DE0_Nano_SoC_top_level.vhd and save it in “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/hwhdl”. We will use this file as the project’s top-level VHDL file, as it contains a complete list of pin names available on the DE0-Nano-SoC for use in your designs. Add the file to the Quartus Prime project by using “Project > Add/Remove Files in Project...” and set it as your design’s top-level entity.

3. Download pin_assignment_DE0_Nano_SoC.tcl and save it in “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/hw/quartus”. This script assigns pin locations and I/O standards to all pins names in “DE0_Nano_SoC_top_level.vhd”. Execute the TCL script by using “Tools > Tcl Scripts...” in Quartus Prime.

At this stage, all general Quartus Prime settings have been performed, and we can start creating our design. We want to use the HPS, as well as a Nios II processor in our design, so we will use the Qsys tool to create the system.

4. Launch the Qsys tool and create a new system. Save it under the name “soc_system.qsys”.

9.2 SYSTEM DESIGN WITH QSYS – NIOS II

In this section, we assemble all system components needed to allow the Nios II processor to create a strobing light effect on the lower 4 LEDs.

5. Add an on-chip memory to the system. Use the following settings:
   • Memory type
     ▪ Type: RAM (Writeable)
   • Size
     ▪ Slave S1 Data Width: 32
     ▪ Total memory size: 128 KB (if you write “128k” and press <TAB>, the value will automatically be converted to “131072”)

6. Add a Nios II processor to the system. You can choose any variant. In this demo, we use the “non-classic” Nios II processor, with configuration “Nios II/f”.

7. Add a System ID Peripheral to the system. In Qsys’ “System Contents” tab:
   • Rename the component to “sysid”

8. Add a JTAG UART to the system. This serial console will be used to be able to see the output generated by the printf() function when programming the Nios II processor.

9. Connect the system as shown in Figure 9-1 below:
10. **Edit the Nios II processor and set “onchip_memory2_0.s1” as its Reset and Exception vectors.**

11. **Add a PIO component to the system for the LEDs.** The DE0-Nano-SoC has 8 LEDs, but we will only use the 4 lower ones with the Nios II processor, so we will use a 4-bit PIO component.

   - **Width:** 4 bits
   - **Direction:** Output
   - **Output Port Reset Value:** 0x00

In **Qsys**’s “System Contents” tab:

- **Rename the component to “nios_leds”**
- **Export “nios_leds.external_connection”**

12. **Connect the system as shown in Figure 9-2 below:**

![Figure 9-2. Adding LEDs to the System](image)

### 9.3 System Design with Qsys – HPS

In this section, we assemble all system components needed to allow the HPS to access a button and LED connected directly to itself, as well as the 4 upper LEDs connected to the FPGA portion of the device.

**Note:** When using Qsys to manipulate any signal or menu item related to the HPS, the GUI will seem as though it is not responding, but this is not the case. The GUI is just checking all parameters in the background, which makes the interface hang momentarily. It is working correctly behind the scenes.
9.3.1 Instantiating the HPS Component

13. To use the HPS, add an “Arria V/Cyclone V Hard Processor System” to the system.
14. Open the HPS’ parameters and have a look around. There are 4 tabs that control various aspects of the HPS’ behaviour, as shown on Figure 9-3.

![Arria V/Cyclone V Hard Processor System](image)

*Figure 9-3. HPS Component Parameters*

9.3.1.1 FPGA Interfaces Tab

This tab configures everything related to the interfaces between the HPS and the FPGA. You can configure which bridges to use, interrupts, ...

15. We want to use the HPS to access FPGA peripherals, so we need to enable one of the following buses:
   - HPS-to-FPGA AXI bridge
   - Lightweight HPS-to-FPGA AXI bridge

Since we are not going to be using any high performance FPGA peripherals in this demo, we’ll choose to enable the Lightweight HPS-to-FPGA AXI bridge.

- Set the FPGA-to-HPS interface width to “Unused”.
- Set the HPS-to-FPGA interface width to “Unused”.

By default, Qsys checks “Enable MPU standby and event signals”, but we are not going to use this feature, so

- Uncheck “Enable MPU standby and event signals”.

Qsys also adds an FPGA-to-HPS SDRAM port by default, which we are not going to use either, so

- Remove the port listed under “FPGA-to-HPS SDRAM Interface”.

9.3.1.2 Peripheral Pins Tab

This tab configures the physical pins that are available on the device. Most device pins have various sources, and are multiplexed. The pins can be configured to be sourced by the FPGA, or by various HPS peripherals.

9.3.1.2.1 Theory

We want to use the HPS to access the button and LED that are directly connected to it. These HPS peripherals correspond to pins “HPS_KEY_N” and “HPS_LED” on the device’s top-level entity. We need to know how these 2 pins are connected to the HPS to access them. To find out this information, we have to look at the board’s schematics. You can find the schematics in [6].

The right side of Figure 9-4 shows the area of interest on the DE0-Nano-SoC’s schematics. We see that “HPS_KEY_N” and “HPS_LED” are respectively connected to pins J18 and A20.

![Figure 9-4. HPS_KEY_N & HPS_LED on DE0-Nano-SoC Schematic](image)

*Figure 9-4. HPS_KEY_N & HPS_LED on DE0-Nano-SoC Schematic. Note that the schematic uses “HPS_KEY” instead of “HPS_KEY_N” as the name of the signal. This is a mistake, as the button is active-low, so the “_N” in the name is warranted for clarity.*

Figure 9-4 allows us to explain what Qsys’ Peripheral Pins tab does. The Qsys GUI doesn’t make any reference to pins J18 and A20, as they depend on the device being used, and cannot be generalized to other Cyclone V devices. However, the GUI does have references to what is displayed on the left side of Figure 9-4. We will
examine the details of pin J18, to which “HPS_KEY_N” is connected. The schematic shows that pin G21 is connected to 4 sources:

- TRACE_D5
- SPI1_MOSI
- CAN1_TX
- HPS_GPIO54

This can be seen in Qsys, as shown in Figure 9-5.

Depending on how you configure the Peripheral Pins tab, you can configure pin J18 to use any of the sources above. For example, if you want to use this pin as an SPI slave control signal, you would use the configuration shown in Figure 9-6.

![Figure 9-6. Using Pin G21 for SPI](image)

However, if you don’t want to use any of the peripherals available at the top of the Peripheral Pins tab, then you can always use one of the 2 buttons on the right side of Figure 9-5:

- **GPIOXY**: Configures the pin to be connected to the HPS’ GPIO peripheral.
- **LOANIOXY**: Configures the pin to be connected to the FPGA fabric. This pin can be exported from Qsys to be used by the FPGA.

### 9.3.1.2.2 Configuration

16. We want the HPS to directly control the “HPS_KEY_N” and “HPS_LED” pins. To do this, we will connect pins J18 and A20 to the HPS’ GPIO peripheral.
   - Click on the “GPIO53” button. This corresponds to pin A20, which is connected to “HPS_LED”.
   - Click on the “GPIO54” button. This corresponds to pin J18, which is connected to “HPS_KEY_N”.

17. We want to connect to our DE0-Nano-SoC with an SSH connection later in the tutorial, so we need to enable the Ethernet MAC interface.
   - Configure “EMAC1 pin” to “HPS I/O Set 0” and the “EMAC 1 mode” to “RGMII”, as shown in Figure 9-7.
   - Click on the “GPIO35” button. This corresponds to pin B14, which is connected to “HPS_ENET_INT_N”.

![Figure 9-7. Setting EMAC Configuration](image)
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18. Our system will boot from the microSD card slot, so we need to enable the SD/MMC controller.
   - Configure “SDIO pin” to “HPS I/O Set 0” and “SDIO mode” to “4-bit Data”, as shown in Figure 9-8.

19. When initially configuring our system, we will need to connect a keyboard to our system. We will do this through a serial UART connection, so we need to enable the UART controller.
   - Configure “UART0 pin” to “HPS I/O Set 0” and “UART0 mode” to “No Flow Control”, as shown in Figure 9-9.

At this stage, you should have the same configuration shown in Figure 9-10.

20. Although not needed to satisfy the design goals defined in 8.4, we enable all the remaining HPS peripherals so future designs can use any of them if needed. Adding these peripherals does not increase FPGA resource usage as they are all hard peripherals connected directly to the HPS.
   - Configure the USB controllers, SPI controllers, and the I²C controllers as shown in Figure 9-11.
   - Click on the “GPIO09” button. This corresponds to pin C6, which is connected to “HPS_CONV_USB_N”.
   - Click on the “GPIO40” button. This corresponds to pin H13, which is connected to “HPS_LTC_GPIO”.
   - Click on the “GPIO61” button. This corresponds to pin A17, which is connected to “HPS_GSENSOR_INT”.

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**Figure 9-7. Ethernet MAC configuration**

**Figure 9-8. SD/MMC configuration**

**Figure 9-9. UART configuration**

**Figure 9-10. Exported peripheral pins**

**Figure 9-11. USB, SPI, I²C controllers configuration**
In Qsys’ “System Contents” tab:

- Export “hps_0.hps_io” under the name “hps_0_io”. This is a conduit that contains all the pins configured in the Peripheral Pins tab. We will connect these to our top-level entity later.

9.3.1.3 HPS Clocks Tab

This tab configures the clocking system of the HPS. We will generally use the default settings here, so no need to change anything.

9.3.1.4 SDRAM Tab

This tab configures the memory subsystem of the HPS.

We need to configure all clocks and timings related to the memory used on our system. The DE0-Nano-SoC uses DDR3 memory, so we need to consult its datasheet to find all the settings. The datasheet is available at [7]. Based on the memory’s datasheet, we can fill in the following memory settings (you will soon see that it is quite tedious to enter these values):

- SDRAM Protocol: DDR3
- PHY Settings:
  - Clocks:
    - Memory clock frequency: 400.0 MHz
    - PLL reference clock frequency: 25.0 MHz
  - Advanced PHY Settings:
    - Supply Voltage: 1.5V DDR3
- Memory Parameters:
  - Memory vendor: Other
  - Memory device speed grade: 800.0 MHz
  - Total interface width: 32
  - Number of chip select/depth expansion: 1
  - Number of clocks: 1
  - Row address width: 15
  - Column address width: 10
  - Bank-address width: 3
  - Enable DM pins
  - DQS# Enable
  - Memory Initialization Options:
• Mirror Addressing: 1 per chip select: 0

• Mode Register 0:
  o Burst Length: Burst chop 4 or 8 (on the fly)
  o Read Burst Type: Sequential
  o DLL precharge power down: DLL off
  o Memory CAS latency setting: 7

• Mode Register 1:
  o Output drive strength setting: RZQ/6
  o ODT Rtt nominal value: RZQ/6

• Mode Register 2:
  o Auto selfrefresh method: Manual
  o Selfrefresh temperature: Normal
  o Memory write CAS latency setting: 7
  o Dynamic ODT (Rtt_WR) value: Dynamic ODT off

• Memory Timing:
  ▪ tIS (base): 175 ps
  ▪ tIH (base): 250 ps
  ▪ tDS (base): 50 ps
  ▪ tDH (base): 125 ps
  ▪ tDQSQ: 120 ps
  ▪ tQH: 0.38 cycles
  ▪ tDQSCK: 400 ps
  ▪ tDQSS: 0.25 cycles
  ▪ tQSH: 0.38 cycles
  ▪ tDSH: 0.2 cycles
  ▪ tDSS: 0.2 cycles
  ▪ tINIT: 500 us
  ▪ tMRD: 4 cycles
  ▪ trAS: 35.0 ns
  ▪ trCD: 13.75 ns
  ▪ trP: 13.75 ns
  ▪ tREFI: 7.8 us
  ▪ tRFC: 300.0 ns
  ▪ tWR: 15.0 ns
  ▪ tWTR: 4 cycles
  ▪ tFAW: 37.5 ns
  ▪ tRRD: 7.5 ns
  ▪ tRTP: 7.5 ns

• Board Settings:
  ▪ Setup and Hold Derating:
    • Use Altera's default settings
  ▪ Channel Signal Integrity:
    • Use Altera's default settings
  ▪ Board Skews:
    • Maximum CK delay to DIMM/device: 0.6 ns
    • Maximum DQS delay to DIMM/device: 0.6 ns
    • Minimum delay difference between CK and DQS: -0.01 ns
    • Maximum delay difference between CK and DQS: 0.01 ns
    • Maximum skew within DQS group: 0.02 ns
    • Maximum skew between DQS groups: 0.02 ns
- Average delay difference between DQ and DQS: 0 ns
- Maximum skew within address and command bus: 0.02 ns
- Average delay difference between address and command and CK: 0 ns

23. In Qsys’ “System Contents” tab:
   - Export “hps_0.memory” under the name “hps_0_ddr”.

24. Connect the system as shown in Figure 9-12 below:

![Figure 9-12. Adding the “Standalone” HPS to the System](image)

The HPS is now ready and can be used in our system, however, the HPS can only be used “standalone” and cannot access any FPGA peripherals. We will handle this issue in the next section.

9.3.2 Interfacing with FPGA Peripherals

The next step is to connect the HPS to FPGA peripherals through one of its interface bridges. The setup we have uses the Lightweight HPS-to-FPGA bridge to communicate with the FPGA.

25. Add a PIO component to the system for the LEDs. The DE0-Nano-Soc has 8 LEDs, but we will only use the 4 upper ones with the HPS, so we will use a 4-bit PIO component.
   - Width: 4 bits
   - Direction: Output
   - Output Port Reset Value: 0x00

In Qsys’ “System Contents” tab:
   - Rename the component to “hps_fpga_leds”
   - Export “hps_fpga_leds.external_connection”

26. Connect the system as shown in Figure 9-13 below. Notice that we use “hps_0.h2f_reset” as the reset signal for the components connected to the HPS. This is a design choice so we can separately reset FPGA-only peripherals, and FPGA peripherals connected to the HPS.
In the main Qsys window, select “System > Assign Base Addresses” to get rid of any error messages regarding memory space overlaps among the different components in the system.

At this stage, we finally have a system that satisfies all goals defined in 8.4. Our design work with Qsys is now done.

9.4 Generating the Qsys System

28. Click on the “Generate HDL” button.
29. Select “VHDL” for “Create HDL design files for synthesis”.
30. Uncheck the “Create block symbol file (.bsf)” checkbox.

31. Click on the “Generate” button to generate the system.
32. Save the design and exit Qsys. When asked if you want to generate the design, select “No”, as we have already done it in the previous step.
9.5 Instantiating the Qsys System

You now have a complete Qsys system. The system will be available as an instantiable component in your design files. However, in order for Quartus Prime to see the Qsys system, you will have to add the system’s files to your Quartus Prime project.

33. Add “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/hw/quartus/soc_system/synthesis/soc_system.qip” to the Quartus Prime project by using “Project > Add/Remove Files in Project…”.

34. To use the Qsys system in your design, you have to declare its component, and then instantiate it. Qsys already provides you with a component declaration. You can find it among the numerous files that were generated. The one we are looking for is “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/hw/quartus/soc_system/soc_system.cmp”.

35. Copy the component declaration code in “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/hw/hd1/DE0_Nano_SoC_top_level.vhd”. Be sure to instantiate the component and assign all the correct pins of the DE0-Nano-SoC board. For our demo project, we would use the instantiation shown in Figure 9-15.

```
soc_system_inst : component soc_system
port map(
  clk_clk => FPGA_CLK1_50,
  hps_0_ddr_mem_a => HPS_DDR3_ADDR,
  hps_0_ddr_mem_ba => HPS_DDR3_BA,
  hps_0_ddr_mem_clk => HPS_DDR3_CLK_P,
  hps_0_ddr_mem_ck => HPS_DDR3_CLK_N,
  hps_0_ddr_mem_cke => HPS_DDR3_CKE,
  hps_0_ddr_mem_cs_n => HPS_DDR3_CS_N,
  hps_0_ddr_mem_ras_n => HPS_DDR3_RAS_N,
  hps_0_ddr_mem_we_n => HPS_DDR3_WE_N,
  hps_0_ddr_mem_reset_n => HPS_DDR3_RESET_N,
  hps_0_ddr_mem_dq => HPS_DDR3_DQ,
  hps_0_ddr_mem_dqs => HPS_DDR3_DQS_P,
  hps_0_ddr_mem_dqs_n => HPS_DDR3_DQS_N,
  hps_0_ddr_mem_odt => HPS_DDR3_DOUT,
  hps_0_ddr_mem_dm => HPS_DDR3_DIN,
  hps_0_ddr_oct_rzqin => HPS_DDR3_RZQ,
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_emac1_inst_TX_CLK => HPS_ENET_GTX_CLK,
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_emac1_inst_TX_CTL => HPS_ENET_TX_EN,
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_emac1_inst_TXD0 => HPS_ENET_TX_DATA(0),
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_emac1_inst_TXD1 => HPS_ENET_TX_DATA(1),
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_emac1_inst_TXD2 => HPS_ENET_TX_DATA(2),
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_emac1_inst_TXD3 => HPS_ENET_TX_DATA(3),
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_emac1_inst_RX_CLK => HPS_ENET_RX_CLK,
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_emac1_inst_RX_CTL => HPS_ENET_RX_EN,
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_emac1_inst_RXD0 => HPS_ENET_RX_DATA(0),
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_emac1_inst_RXD1 => HPS_ENET_RX_DATA(1),
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_emac1_inst_RXD2 => HPS_ENET_RX_DATA(2),
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_emac1_inst_RXD3 => HPS_ENET_RX_DATA(3),
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_emac1_inst_MDIO => HPS_ENET_MDI0,
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_emac1_inst_MDC => HPS_ENET_MDC,
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_sdio_inst_CLK => HPS_SD_CLK,
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_sdio_inst_CMD => HPS_SD_CMD,
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_sdio_inst_D0 => HPS_SD_DATA(0),
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_sdio_inst_D1 => HPS_SD_DATA(1),
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_sdio_inst_D2 => HPS_SD_DATA(2),
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_sdio_inst_D3 => HPS_SD_DATA(3),
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_usb1_inst_CLK => HPS_USB_CLKOUT,
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_usb1_inst_STP => HPS_USB_STP,
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_usb1_inst_DIR => HPS_USB_DIR,
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_usb1_inst_NXT => HPS_USB_NXT,
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_usb1_inst_D0 => HPS_USB_DATA(0),
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_usb1_inst_D1 => HPS_USB_DATA(1),
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_usb1_inst_D2 => HPS_USB_DATA(2),
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_usb1_inst_D3 => HPS_USB_DATA(3),
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_usb1_inst_D4 => HPS_USB_DATA(4),
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_usb1_inst_D5 => HPS_USB_DATA(5),
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_usb1_inst_D6 => HPS_USB_DATA(6),
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_usb1_inst_D7 => HPS_USB_DATA(7),
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_spim1_inst_CLK => HPS_SPIM_CLK,
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_spim1_inst_MOSI => HPS_SPIM_MOSI,
  hps_0_i0_hps_io_spim1_inst_MISO => HPS_SPIM_MISO,
);```
hps_0_io_hps_io_spim1_inst_SS0 => HPS_SPIM_SS,
hps_0_io_hps_io_uart0_inst_RX  => HPS_UART_RX,
hps_0_io_hps_io_uart0_inst_TX  => HPS_UART_TX,
hps_0_io_hps_io_i2c0_inst_SDA => HPS_I2C0_SDAT,
hps_0_io_hps_io_i2c0_inst_SCL => HPS_I2C0_SCL,
hps_0_io_hps_io_i2c1_inst_SDA => HPS_I2C1_SDAT,
hps_0_io_hps_io_i2c1_inst_SCL => HPS_I2C1_SCL,
hps_0_io_hps_io_gpio_inst_GPIO09 => HPS_CONV_USB_N,
hps_0_io_hps_io_gpio_inst_GPIO35 => HPS_ENET_INT_N,
hps_0_io_hps_io_gpio_inst_GPIO40 => HPS_LTC_GPIO,
hps_0_io_hps_io_gpio_inst_GPIO53 => HPS_LED,
hps_fpga_leds_external_connection_export => LED(7 downto 4),
nios_leads_external_connection_export => LED(3 downto 0),
reset_reset_n => KEY_N(0));

Figure 9-15. Qsys Component Instantiation

36. After finishing the design, REMOVE/COMMENT OUT all unused pins from the top-level VHDL file. Your top-level entity should look like the one shown in Figure 9-16.

entity DE0_Nano_SoC_top_level is
  port(
    -- ADC
    ADC_CONVST: out std_logic;
    ADC_SCK: out std_logic;
    ADC_SDI: out std_logic;
    ADC_SDO: in std_logic;
    -- ARDUINO
    ARDUINO_IO: inout std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
    ARDUINO_RESET_N: inout std_logic;
    -- CLOCK
    FPGA_CLK1_50: in std_logic;
    FPGA_CLK2_50: in std_logic;
    FPGA_CLK3_50: in std_logic;
    -- KEY
    KEY_N: in std_logic_vector(1 downto 0);
    -- LED
    LED: out std_logic_vector(7 downto 0);
    -- SW
    SW: in std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
    -- GPIO
    GPIO0: inout std_logic_vector(35 downto 0);
    -- GPIO1
    GPIO1: inout std_logic_vector(35 downto 0);
    -- HPS
    HPS_CONV_USB_N: inout std_logic;
    HPS_DDR3_ADDR: out std_logic_vector(14 downto 0);
    HPS_DDR3_BA: out std_logic_vector(2 downto 0);
    HPS_DDR3_CAS_N: out std_logic;
    HPS_DDR3_CK: out std_logic;
    HPS_DDR3_CK_P: out std_logic;
    HPS_DDR3_CKE: out std_logic;
    HPS_DDR3_CS_N: out std_logic;
    HPS_DDR3_DM: out std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
    HPS_DDR3_DQ: inout std_logic_vector(31 downto 0);
    HPS_DDR3_DQS_N: inout std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
    HPS_DDR3_DQS_P: inout std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
    HPS_DDR3_ODT: out std_logic;
    HPS_DDR3_RAS_N: out std_logic;
    HPS_DDR3_RESET_N: out std_logic;
    HPS_DDR3_RZQ: in std_logic;
    HPS_DDR3_WE_N: out std_logic;
    HPS_ENET_GTX_CLK: out std_logic;
    HPS_ENET_INT_N: inout std_logic;
    HPS_ENET_MDC: out std_logic;
    HPS_ENET_MDIO: inout std_logic;
  );
9.6 HPS DDR3 Pin Assignments

In a normal FPGA design flow, you would be able to compile your design at this stage. However, this isn’t possible at the moment in our design. The reason is that some of the compilation settings required HPS’ DDR3 pin assignments have not been performed yet.

The HPS’ DDR3 SDRAM is an external memory with requires specific input/output termination resistance and and drive strengths. Fortunately, Qsys can derive all these parameters from the various settings we provided in the HPS’ memory configuration tab and it generates a custom TCL script for the HPS DDR3 pin assignments.

37. Start the “Analysis and Synthesis” flow to perform a preliminary analysis of the system.
38. Go to “Tools > Tcl Scripts…” in Quartus Prime.

IF AT THIS POINT YOU DO NOT SEE THE SAME THING AS ON Figure 9-17, THEN CLOSE AND RELAUNCH QUARTUS PRIME AGAIN. SOME VERSIONS OF QUARTUS PRIME SUFFER FROM A BUG, WHERE THE PROGRAM DOESN’T CORRECTLY DETECT TCL FILES GENERATED BY QSYS. YOU SHOULD SEE THE SAME THING AS ON Figure 9-17.
39. Execute “hps_sdram_p0_pin_assignments.tcl”.
40. You can now start the full compilation of your design with the “Start Compilation” flow.

At this point, we have finished the hardware design process and can proceed to programming the FPGA.

9.7 Wiring the DE0-Nano-SoC
Connect the DE0-Nano-SoC as shown in Figure 9-18. We connect the

- Power cable
- USB-Blaster cable
- Ethernet cable
- UART cable

Note that the microSD card is **NOT** plugged in at this point.
9.8 PROGRAMMING THE FPGA

41. Open the Quartus Prime Programmer.

![Quartus Prime Programmer](image1)

**Figure 9.19. Quartus Prime Programmer**

42. Choose the “Auto Detect” button on the left of Figure 9-19, then choose “5CSEMA4”, as shown in Figure 9-20.

![FPGA Selection](image2)

**Figure 9-20. FPGA Selection**

You should now see 2 devices on the JTAG scan chain, as shown in Figure 9-21.

![JTAG Scan Chain](image3)

**Figure 9-21. JTAG Scan Chain**

43. Right-click on the “5CSEMA4” device shown in Figure 9-21 and choose “Edit > Change File”. Then, select “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/hw/quartus/output_files/DE0_Nano_SoC_demo.sof” through the file browser.
44. Enable the “Program/Configure” checkbox for device “5CSMA4U23”, then press the “Start” button, as shown in Figure 9-22.

We are now done with the Quartus Prime program, and will no longer need it for the rest of this tutorial.

9.9 Creating Target SD Card Artifacts
Later in this tutorial, we will sometimes want to avoid having to manually program the FPGA through the Quartus Prime programmer, and would instead like the HPS to take care of this programmatically.

Quartus Prime generates an SRAM Object File (.sof) as its default FPGA target image. However, the HPS can only program the FPGA by using a Raw Binary File (.rbf). Therefore, we must convert our .sof file to a .rbf to later satisfy this requirement.

45. Execute the following command to convert the .sof file to a .rbf file.

```
$ quartus_cpf -c \n   DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/hw/quartus/output_files/DE0_Nano_SoC_demo.sof \n   DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sdcard/fat32/socfpga.rbf
```
10 USING THE CYCLONE V – FPGA – NIOS II – BARE-METAL

10.1 PROJECT SETUP

1. Launch the Nios II SBT IDE by executing the following command.
   $ eclipse-nios2

2. Choose “File > New > Nios II Application and BSP from Template”.
   a. All the information needed to program a Nios II processor is contained within the “.sopcinfo” file created by Qsys. For the “SOPC Information File name” use “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/quartus/soc_system.sopcinfo”.
   b. Use “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_nios” as the project name.
   c. Disable the “Use default location” checkbox
   d. Use “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/nios/application/DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_nios” as the project location.
   e. Choose the “Blank Project” template.
   f. Click on the “Finish” button to create the project.

3. Right-click on the “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_nios” project folder and select “New > Source file”. Use the default C source template, and set “nios.c” as the file name.

4. Right-click on the “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_nios_bsp” project, and select “Build Project”. Once the build is completed, a number of files will be generated, the most useful of which is the “system.h” file. This file contains all the details related to the Nios II processor’s various peripherals, as defined in Qsys in 9.2.

10.2 NIOS II PROGRAMMING THEORY – ACCESSING PERIPHERALS

The Nios II processor can be programmed in C similarly to any other microcontroller. However, care must be taken when accessing any of the processor’s peripherals. Depending on which version of the Nios II you instantiated in Qsys, you may not be able to correctly read data at a peripheral’s address space using pointers. The issue arises when your Nios II processor has a data cache.

Our current system is composed of a Nios processor connected to a PIO set in output mode, which is in turn connected to a series of LEDs. Suppose now that instead of a PIO in output mode, we use a PIO in input mode connected to a series of switches. We use the code in Figure 10-1 to read data from the switches.

```
#include <stdbool.h>
#include <inttypes.h>
#include "system.h"

int main() {
    uint32_t *p_switches = SWITCHES_0_BASE;
    while (true) {
        uint32_t switches_value = *p_switches;
        printf("switches_value = %" PRIx32 "\n", switches_value);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

*Figure 10-1. Incorrect Nios II Peripheral Access in C*

When this code is run, the initial value of the “switches_value” variable, as obtained from the first iteration of the while loop, will be the correct representation of the switches’ state. However, at each iteration of the while loop, the “switches_value” variable will **NEVER** change again, even if the switches are flipped between each iteration. The issue is that each successive access is being served by the data cache, which doesn’t see that the switches have been modified.

The solution to this issue is to use special instructions that bypass the data cache when reading or writing to peripherals. These instructions are part of the IO family of load and store instructions and bypass all caches.
The available instructions are listed below, and an example of how to correctly access Nios II peripherals is shown in Figure 10-2.

- **Reading**
  - `IORD_8DIRECT(BASE, OFFSET)`
  - `IORD_16DIRECT(BASE, OFFSET)`
  - `IORD_32DIRECT(BASE, OFFSET)`

- **Writing**
  - `IOWR_8DIRECT(BASE, OFFSET, DATA)`
  - `IOWR_16DIRECT(BASE, OFFSET, DATA)`
  - `IOWR_32DIRECT(BASE, OFFSET, DATA)`

```c
#include <stdbool.h>
#include <inttypes.h>
#include "system.h"
#include "io.h"

int main() {
    while (true) {
        uint32_t switches_value = IORD_32DIRECT(SWITCHES_0_BASE, 0);
        printf("switches_value = %" PRIx32 "\n", switches_value);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

**Figure 10-2. Correct Nios II Peripheral Access in C**

### 10.3 Nios II Programming Practice

5. Write the code provided in Figure 10-3 in “nios.c”. The code instructs the Nios II processor to create a strobing light effect on its 4 peripheral LEDs.

```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdbool.h>
#include <stdint.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include "io.h"
#include "altera_avalon_pio_regs.h"
#include "system.h"

#define SLEEP_DELAY_US (100 * 1000)

void setup_leds() {
    // Switch on first LED only
    IOWR_ALTERA_AVALON_PIO_DATA(NIOS_LEDS_BASE, 0x1);
}

void handle_leds() {
    uint32_t leds_mask = IORD_ALTERA_AVALON_PIO_DATA(NIOS_LEDS_BASE);
    if (leds_mask != (0x01 << (NIOS_LEDS_DATA_WIDTH - 1))) {
        // rotate leds
        leds_mask <<= 1;
    } else {
        // reset leds
        leds_mask = 0x1;
    }
    IOWR_ALTERA_AVALON_PIO_DATA(NIOS_LEDS_BASE, leds_mask);
}

int main() {
    printf("DE0-Nano-SoC nios demo\n");
    setup_leds();
    while (true) {
        handle_leds();
        usleep(SLEEP_DELAY_US);
    }
    return 0;
}
```
6. Right-click on the “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_nios” project, and select “Build Project”.

7. The code is now ready to be run on the FPGA. Right-click on the “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_nios” project, and select “Run As > Nios II Hardware”. You should be able to see a strobing light effect on the 4 lower FPGA LEDs.

8. In some cases, it is possible that the program will not immediately run on the Nios II processor, and you will be prompted with a “Target Connection” dialog, as shown in Figure 10-4. If your Nios II CPU doesn’t appear in the list of available processors, then
   a. Click on the “Refresh Connections” button on the right of Figure 10-4.
   b. Click on the “Run” button to finish.

We now have a programmed Nios II processor on the FPGA. Of course, the design we had specified didn’t require the power of a Nios II processor, and could have easily been done in pure VHDL. Nevertheless, the idea was to show that one can have a secondary programmable processor functioning on the FPGA parallelly to the HPS. We are now done with the Nios II SBT IDE, and will no longer need it for the rest of this tutorial.
11.1 Partitioning the sdcard

The DE0-Nano-SoC needs to boot off of a microSD card, so we need to partition it appropriately before we can write to it.

1. Plug your sdcard into your computer.
2. Find out the device’s identifier. When writing this tutorial, the sdcard was recognized as entry “/dev/sdb” on my computer.

*Please be careful and choose the correct /dev/sdX or /dev/mmcblkX entry for your sdcard. Failure to do so will ensure that the following commands will **WIPE THE WRONG PARTITION OFF OF YOUR MACHINE**, which will be a most unfortunate outcome!*

3. Wipe the partition table of the sdcard by executing the following command.
   
   ```
   $ sudo dd if=/dev/zero of=/dev/sdb bs=512 count=1
   ```

4. Manually partition the device by using the “fdisk” command. “fdisk” is an interactive program, so you have to interactively provide the configuration of your device. You can do this by using the following sequence of commands whenever “fdisk” prompts you for what to do.

   *The fdisk commands shown below were executed on version 2.27.1 of the fdisk utility. Other versions of fdisk have different interfaces, and you will have to adapt the commands accordingly.*

   ```
   $ sudo fdisk /dev/sdx
   # use the following commands
   # n p 3 <default> A095 t a2 (2048 is default first sector)
   # n p 1 <default> +32M t 1 b (4096 is default first sector)
   # n p 2 <default> +512M t 2 83 (69632 is default first sector)
   # w
   ```

5. Create the required filesystems on the device. We need a FAT32 partition for various boot-time files (FPGA raw binary file, linux kernel zImage file, U-Boot configuration script ...), and an EXT3 partition for the linux root filesystem.

   ```
   $ sudo mkfs.vfat /dev/sdb1
   $ sudo mkfs.ext3 -F /dev/sdb2
   ```

11.2 Generating a Header File for HPS Peripherals

We need the HPS to be able to programmatically access peripherals that are part of the FPGA fabric. In order to do this, we must generate a header file.

1. Execute the following command.
   
   ```
   $ sopc-create-header-files \ 
   DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/hw/quartus/soc_system.sopcinfo \ 
   --single DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/application/hps_soc_system.h \ 
   --module hps_0
   ```

   *Figure 11-2 shows a short extract of the generated “hps_soc_system.h” header file. At the top of the file, it says that macros for devices connected to master port “h2f_lw_axi_master” of module “hps_0” have been generated.*

   ```
   /*
   * This file was automatically generated by the swinfo2header utility.
   */
   ```
11.3 HPS Programming Theory

The HPS works just like any other “microcontroller”.

- If you want to access a peripheral, you have to read/write at its address.
- If a peripheral is connected to a bus, its address is obtained by adding its offset in the bus to the bus’ address.

Altera provides useful utility functions in “<altera_install_directory>/<version>/embedded/ip/altera/hps/altera_hps/hwlib/include/soc_cv_av/socal/socal.h”, a few of which are listed below. Most functions exist for multiple sizes. These sizes are summarized in Table 11-1. Note that “socal” means “SoC Abstraction Layer”.

- `alt_write_byte(dest_addr, byte_data)`
- `alt_read_byte(src_addr)`
- `alt_setbits_byte(dest_addr, byte_data)`
- `alt_clrbits_byte(dest_addr, byte_data)`
- `alt_xorbits_byte(dest_addr, byte_data)`
- `alt_replbits_byte(dest_addr, msk, byte_data)`

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Table 11-1. Predefined Data Sizes in socal.h
Up until this point, the hardware and software design process has been IDENTICAL for both BARE-METAL and LINUX HPS applications. This is where the design process DIVERGES between bare-metal and linux HPS applications. If you want to write a bare-metal application for the HPS, then read section 12. If instead you want to write a linux application for the HPS, then read section 13.

Note: In addition to the example used in this tutorial, you can find many more in 
"<altera_install_directory>/<version>/embedded/examples/software/"
12.1 Using the Cyclone V – HPS – ARM – Bare-metal

12.1.1 Preloader Generation

In Figure 7-8, we saw that a bare-metal application can only be launched after the preloader has setup the HPS. So, the first thing that needs to be done for bare-metal applications is to generate and compile a preloader for the HPS.

1. Execute the following command to launch the preloader generator.

   `$ bsp-editor`

2. Choose “File > New BSP.”

   a. The preloader will need to know which of the HPS’ peripherals were enabled so it can appropriately initialize them in the boot process. Under “Preloader settings directory”, select the “DE0 Nano SoC demo/hw/quartus/hps_isw_handoff/soc_system_hps_0” directory.

   This directory contains settings relative to the HPS’ HARD peripherals, as configured in the “Arria V/Cyclone V Hard Processor System” component in Qsys.

   b. Disable the “Use default locations” checkbox and under the “BSP target directory”, select the “DE0 Nano SoC demo/sw/hps/preloader” directory. You should have something similar to Figure 12-1.

   ![Figure 12-1. New BSP Dialog](image)

   c. Press the “OK” button. You should then arrive on a page with many settings, as shown on Figure 12-2. Take some time to read through them to see what the preloader has the ability to do.
3. On the main settings page of Figure 12-2, we will only need to modify 2 parameters for our design.
   a. Under “spl.boot”, disable the “WATCHDOG_ENABLE” checkbox. This is necessary to prevent the system from being automatically reset after a certain time has elapsed. Note that we only disable this option since we intend on writing a bare-metal program and want to simplify the code. Any operating system would periodically write to the watchdog timer to avoid it from resetting the system, and this is a good thing.
   b. Under “spl.boot”, enabled the “FAT_SUPPORT” checkbox. This option configures the preloader to load the image of the next boot stage from the FAT32 partition of the sdcard (instead of from a binary partition located immediately after the preloader on the sdcard). The image of the next boot stage is named “u-boot.img” by default, but can be modified by editing “spl.boot.FAT_LOAD_PAYLOAD_NAME”. We will leave the default name for this tutorial.
   c. Press the “Generate” button to finish. You can then exit the bsp-editor.

4. Execute the following command to build the preloader.
   $$
cd DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/preloader
make
$$

*IF YOU EVER DECIDE TO MOVE THE “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo” PROJECT DIRECTORY DEFINED IN FIGURE 8-1, YOU WILL HAVE TO REGENERATE THE PRELOADER. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SCRIPT PROVIDED BY ALTERA WHICH GENERATES THE PRELOADER HARD-CODES MULTIPLE ABSOLUTE PATHS DIRECTLY IN THE RESULTING FILES, RENDERING THEM USELESS ONCE MOVED.*

12.1.2 Creating Target sdcard Artifacts

5. Copy the preloader binary to the sdcard target directory. Execute the following command.
   $$
cp \n   DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/preloader/preloader-mkpimage.bin \n   DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sdcard/a2/preloader-mkpimage.bin
$$

12.2 ARM DS-5

6. Launch the ARM DS-5 IDE by executing the following command.
   $$
eclipse
$$
12.2.1 Setting Up a New C Project

7. Create a new C project by going to “File > New > Project > C/C++ > C Project”.
   a. Use “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_hps_baremetal” as the project name.
   b. Disable the “Use default location” checkbox.
   c. Set “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/application/DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_hps_baremetal” as the target location for the project.
   d. We want to create a single output executable for our project, so choose “Executable > Empty Project” as the project type.
   e. Choose “Altera Baremetal GCC” as the Toolchain.
   f. You should have something similar to Figure 12-3. Then, press the “Finish” button to create the project.

8. When programming the HPS, we will need access to a few standard header and linker files provided by Altera. We need to add these files to the ARM DS-5 project.
   a. Right-click on the “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_hps_baremetal” project, and go to “Properties”.
   b. We are going to use Altera’s HWLIB to develop our bare-metal application, so we need to define a macro that is needed by the library to know which board is being targeted. Under “C/C++ Build > Settings > GCC C Compiler > Symbols”, add “soc_cv_av” to the “Defined symbols (-D)” list.
   c. Under “C/C++ Build > Settings > GCC C Compiler > Includes”, add “<altera_install_directory>/<version>/embedded/ip/altera/hps/altera_hps/hwlib/include” to the “Include paths (-I)” list.
   d. Under “C/C++ Build > Settings > GCC C Compiler > Includes”, add “<altera_install_directory>/<version>/embedded/ip/altera/hps/altera_hps/hwlib/include/soc_cv_av” to the “Include paths (-I)” list.
   e. Since we are not going to be running any operating system, we will need to use a linker script in order to correctly layout our bare-metal program in memory. Altera provides linker scripts for the HPS’ on-chip memory, as well as for its DDR3 memory. We want our code to be loaded in the HPS’ DDR3 memory and will not use any on-chip memory in our design, so we
will use the DDR3 linker script. Under “C/C++ Build > Settings > GCC C Linker > Image”, set the linker script to “$altera_install_directory$/<version>/embedded/host_tools/mentor-gnu/arm/bar emetal/arm-altera-eabi/lib/cycloneV-dk-ram-HOSTED.ld”. The “hosted” script allows the bare-metal application to use some of the host’s functionality. In this case, we use the “hosted” script to be able to see the output of the printf() function on the host’s console.

f. Click on the “Apply” button, then on the “Ok” button to close the project properties dialog.

12.2.2 Writing a DS-5 Debug Script

In Figure 7-8, we saw that a bare-metal application cannot run immediately upon boot, and that the HPS must first go through the preloader. The preloader executes, and, before terminating, it jumps to the next stage of the user software. In the case of a bare-metal application, the preloader jumps to the start of the bare-metal code.

Jumping directly to the bare-metal code is useful for production environments, but it would be great if we could use a debugger when testing our bare-metal code. To do this, we will use a DS-5 DEBUG SCRIPT to instruct the DS-5 debugger exactly how to load our application in the HPS’ memory. This debugger script will load and execute the preloader, then jump to our bare-metal code.

9. Create a new file for our DS-5 debug script and save it under “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/application/DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_hps_baremetal/debug_setup.d”.

10. Populate the file with the code shown in Figure 12-4. This script tells the debugger to load the preloader, then to load our bare-metal application. This is performed by placing a breakpoint at the very last function executed by the preloader prior to handing control of the cpu to the next boot stage. This function is “spl_boot_device()”, which is responsible for choosing the next boot medium on the DE0-Nano-SoC and jumping to it’s address. For bare-metal applications, we don’t want the boot process to continue on towards another device. Instead, we want to load our bare-metal code and jump to it’s address. This is exactly what the debug script in Figure 12-4 does.

```plaintext
# Reset and stop the system.
stop
wait 5s
reset system
wait 5s

# Delete all breakpoints.
delete breakpoints

# Disable semihosting
set semihosting enabled false

# Load the preloader.
loadfile "$sdir/../../preloader/uboot-socfpga/spl/u-boot-spl" 0x0

# Enable semihosting to allow printing even if you don’t have a uart module available.
set semihosting enabled true

# Set a breakpoint at the “spl_boot_device()” function. This function is the last step of the preloader. It looks for a boot device (qspi flash, sdcard, # fpga), and jumps to that address. For our bare-metal programs, we don’t want to use any boot device, but want to run our own program, so we want the processor to stop here. Then, we will modify its execution to make it run our program.
tbreak spl_boot_device

# Set the PC register to the entry point address previously recorded by the # “load” or “loadfile” command and start running the target.
run

# Instruct the debugger to wait until either the application completes or a # breakpoint is hit. In our case, it will hit the breakpoint.
```
wait
# Load our bare-metal program.
loadfile "$/sdir/Debug/DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_hps_baremetal.axf"

# Set a breakpoint at our program's "main()" function.
tbreak main
# Start running the target.
run
# wait at main().
wait

Figure 12-4. debug_setup.ds

For a comprehensive list of commands supported by the DS-5 debugger, please refer to [8].

12.2.3 Setting Up the Debug Configuration
11. Right-click on the “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_hps_baremetal” project, and go to “Debug As > Debug Configurations...”.
12. Choose to create a new debugger configuration by right-clicking on “DS-5 Debugger” on the left and selecting “New”. Use “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_hps_baremetal” as the name of the new debug configuration.
13. Under the “Connection” tab:
   a. Use “Altera > Cyclone V SoC (Dual Core) > Bare Metal Debug > Debug Cortex-A9_0” as the target platform.
   b. Set the “Target Connection” to “USB-Blaster”.
   c. Use the “Browse” button to select the DE0-Nano-SoC that is connected to your machine.
   d. You should have something similar to Figure 12-5.

Figure 12-5. Debug Configuration “Connection” Tab

14. Under the “Files” tab:
   a. Leave the “Application on host to download” empty. We do this since we are using a debug script to instruct the debugger how to load our application.
   b. [UNAVAILABLE IN SoC EDS 16.0] In 9.3.2, we configured our HPS to use some FPGA peripherals. We can instruct the debugger about this so it can show more detailed
information when debugging. To do this, set the combobox to “Add peripheral
description files from directory” and set it to the
“DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/hw/quartus/soc_system/synthesis” directory, as shown in Figure
12-6. This directory contains a file called “soc_system_hps_0_hps.svd” which has
information on all of the HPS’ peripherals which are in the FPGA fabric.

![Figure 12-6. Debug Configuration “Files” Tab](image)

15. Under the “Debugger” tab:
   a. Since we are going to use a debug script to launch the application, we don’t need to specify
      any function to be loaded by the debugger. So, choose “Connect only” under “Run
      control”.
   b. Enable the “Run DEBUG initialization debugger script (.ds / .py)” checkbox. Set
      the debug script to the one we defined for the project in 12.2.2. You should have something
      similar to Figure 12-7.

16. Click on the “Apply” button, then on the “Close” button to save the debug configuration.

![Figure 12-7. Debug Configuration “Debugger” Tab](image)

12.2.4 Bare-metal Programming

We can now start writing bare-metal code for the HPS.

17. Right-click on the “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_hps_baremetal” project, and go to “New > Source File”.
   Use “hps_baremetal.c” as the file name, and click on the “Finish” button to create the new source
   file.

18. Right-click on the “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_hps_baremetal” project, and go to “New > Header File”.
   Use “hps_baremetal.h” as the file name, and click on the “Finish” button to create the new header
   file.

The code for this part of the application is quite large to be inserted in this document. Therefore, we will just
 go over a few practical aspects of the code which are worth paying attention to. The full source can be found
in DE0_Nano_SoC_demo.zip [5].
We are not going to implement any interrupts for the various buttons on the board at this time. Therefore, in order to satisfy the HPS-related goals specified in 8.4, we will need to use an infinite loop and do some polling.

This can be seen in our application’s “main()” function, which is shown in Figure 12-8.

```c
#include "hwlib.h"

int main() {
    printf("DE0-Nano-SoC bare-metal demo\n\n");
    setup_hps_timer();
    setup_hps_gpio();
    setup_fpga_leds();
    while (true) {
        handle_hps_led();
        handle_fpga_leds();
        delay_us(ALT_MICROSECS_IN_A_SEC / 10);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Figure 12-8. hps_baremetal.c main() function

### 12.2.4.1 Accessing FPGA Peripherals

Accessing the FPGA peripherals connected to the HPS’ lightweight HPS-to-FPGA bridge is quite simple, as no libraries are needed. One can simply use the low-level functions listed in 11.3 to address the peripherals at an offset from the lightweight HPS-to-FPGA bridge’s base address.

Figure 12-9 shows an example where the HPS accesses the LEDs on the FPGA.

```c
#include "socal/hps.h"
#include "socal/socal.h"

// fpga LEDs can be found at an offset from the base of the lightweight HPS-to-FPGA bridge
void *fpga_leds = ALT_LWFPGASLVS_ADDR + HPS_FPGA_LEDS_BASE;

void setup_fpga_leds() {
    // Switch on first LED only
    alt_write_word(fpga_leds, 0x1);
}

void handle_fpga_leds() {
    uint32_t leds_mask = alt_read_word(fpga_leds);
    if (leds_mask != (0x01 << (HPS_FPGA_LEDS_DATA_WIDTH - 1))) {
        // rotate leds
        leds_mask <<= 1;
    } else {
        // reset leds
        leds_mask = 0x1;
    }
    alt_write_word(fpga_leds, leds_mask);
}
```

Figure 12-9. Accessing FPGA Buttons from the HPS

### 12.2.4.2 Accessing HPS Peripherals

It is possible to do everything with the low-level functions listed in 11.3. However, a better way would be to use Altera’s HWLIB, as discussed in 7.5.2. You can easily use HWLIB to access all the HPS’ HARD peripherals.

Note that some things may not be available in HWLIB, and you will then have to resort to using the low-level functions. One example of this scenario which we have already seen is when accessing any FPGA peripherals through the lightweight or heavyweight HPS-to-FPGA bus (as there is no standard header file for any FPGA peripherals).

Since we already demonstrated how to use low-level functions to access peripherals in 12.2.4.1, we will instead use Altera’s HWLIB to access the HPS’ hard peripherals.
12.2.4.2.1 Using Altera’s HWLIB - Prerequisites
In order to be able to use HWLIB to configure a peripheral, 2 steps need to be performed:

- You need to INCLUDE the HPS peripheral’s HWLIB HEADER FILE to your code.
- You must COPY the HPS peripheral’s HWLIB SOURCE FILE in your DS-5 project directory. The HWLIB source files can be found in directory “<altera_install_directory>/<version>/embedded/ip/altera/hps/altera_hps/hwlib/src”, and must be copied to “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/application/DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_hps_baremetal”.

12.2.4.2.2 Global Timer & Clock Manager
If you look closely at the code in Figure 12-8, you’ll see that we used a “delay_us()” function to slow the counter down. It turns out that among all the code available for the HPS, Altera does not provide any “sleep()” function (unlike for the Nios II processor). Therefore, we will have to write the “delay_us()” function ourselves.

The easiest way to create a delay in the HPS is to use one of it’s timers. There are numerous timers on Cyclone V SoCs:

- One such timer is the GLOBAL TIMER. This timer is actually shared by both HPS cores, as well as by the FPGA.
- In addition to the unique global timer, each HPS core also has 7 other timers which it can use exclusively, if needed.

For simplicity, we will use the global timer to implement the “delay_us()” function.

As described in 12.2.4.2.1, we need to add the required HWLIB sources to our project, and their headers to our code. To program the global timer, we will need information regarding the clock frequency, as well as any timer-specific functions. We can access this information by using the following source and header files:

- alt_clock_manager.c
- alt_clock_manager.h
- alt_globaltmr.c
- alt_globaltmr.h

Figure 12-10 shows how we implement the “delay_us()” function using the global timer.

```c
#include "alt_clock_manager.h"
#include "alt_globaltmr.h"

void setup_hps_timer() {
  assert(ALT_E_SUCCESS == alt_globaltmr_init());
}

/* The HPS doesn’t have a sleep() function like the Nios II, so we can make one
 * by using the global timer. */
void delay_us(uint32_t us) {
  uint64_t start_time = alt_globaltmr_get64();
  uint32_t timer_prescaler = alt_globaltmr_prescaler_get() + 1;
  uint64_t end_time;
  alt_freq_t timer_clock;
  assert(ALT_E_SUCCESS == alt_clk_freq_get(ALT_CLK_MPU_PERIPH, &timer_clock));
  end_time = start_time + us * ((timer_clock / timer_prescaler) / ALT_MICROSECS_IN_A_SEC);
  // polling wait
  while(alt_globaltmr_get64() < end_time);
}
```

Figure 12-10. Programming the HPS Global Timer
12.2.4.2.3 GPIO

Figure 12-11 shows how we implement the “handle_hps_led()” function. This function uses the HPS_KEY_N button to toggle HPS_LED.

Once again, we need to add the HWLIB source file for the GPIO peripheral to our DS-5 project directory. The files we will use are listed below:

- alt_generalpurpose_io.c
- alt_generalpurpose_io.h

As stated in 12.2.4.2 previously, HWLIB is quite a broad library, but it sometimes lacks certain “obvious” things. In such cases, you have to fall back on using lower-level functions to implement whatever you are missing.

In our case, we see that HWLIB has functions that allow us to write to the GPIO peripheral’s “data” register, but it doesn’t have any function to read the it back. We get around this issue by directly reading the register with “alt_read_word(ALT_GPIO1_SWPORTA_DR_ADDR)”.

Note that we also need to include the “socal/alt_gpio.h” header file to have access to the lower-level ALT_GPIO1_SWPORTA_DR_ADDR macro.

```c
#include "alt_generalpurpose_io.h"
#include "socal/alt_gpio.h"

// | Signal Name | HPS GPIO | Register/bit | Function |
// |=============|==========|==============|==========|
// | HPS_LED     | GPIO53   | GPIO1[24]   | I/O      |
// |=============|==========|==============|==========|
#define HPS_LED_IDX     (ALT_GPIO_1BIT_53)                      // GPIO53
#define HPS_LED_PORT     (alt_gpio_bit_to_pid(HPS_LED_IDX))      // ALT_GPIO_PORTB
#define HPS_LED_PORT_BIT (alt_gpio_bit_to_port_pin(HPS_LED_IDX)) // 24 (from GPIO1[24])
#define HPS_LED_MASK     (1 << HPS_LED_PORT_BIT)

void setup_hps_gpio() {
    uint32_t hps_gpio_config_len = 2;
    ALT_GPIO_CONFIG_RECORD_t hps_gpio_config[] = {
        {HPS_LED_IDX  , ALT_GPIO_PIN_OUTPUT, 0, 0, ALT_GPIO_PIN_DEBOUNCE, ALT_GPIO_PIN_DATAZERO,
         {HPS_LED_IDX, ALT_GPIO_PIN_OUTPUT, 0, 0, ALT_GPIO_PIN_DEBOUNCE, ALT_GPIO_PIN_DATAZERO}},
    }
    assert(ALT_E_SUCCESS == alt_gpio_init());
    assert(ALT_E_SUCCESS == alt_gpio_group_config(hps_gpio_config, hps_gpio_config_len));
}

void handle_hps_led() {
    uint32_t hps_gpio_input = alt_gpio_port_data_read(HPS_KEY_N_PORT, HPS_KEY_N_MASK);
    // HPS_KEY_N is active-low
    bool toggle_hps_led = (~hps_gpio_input & HPS_KEY_N_MASK);
    if (toggle_hps_led) {
        uint32_t hps_led_value = alt_read_word(ALT_GPIO1_SWPORTA_DR_ADDR);
        hps_led_value >>= HPS_LED_PORT_BIT;
        hps_led_value = !hps_led_value;
        hps_led_value <<= HPS_LED_PORT_BIT;
        assert(ALT_E_SUCCESS == alt_gpio_port_data_write(HPS_LED_PORT, HPS_LED_MASK, hps_led_value));
    }
}
```

Figure 12-11. Programming the HPS GPIO Peripheral
12.2.4.3 Launching the Bare-metal Code in the Debugger

19. Once you have finished writing all the application’s code, right-click on the “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_hps_baremetal” project, and select “Build Project”.

20. Switch to the DS-5 Debug perspective, as shown in Figure 12-12.

![Figure 12-12. Switching to the DS-5 Debug Perspective](image)

21. In the “Debug Control” view, click on the “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_hps_baremetal” entry, then click on the “Connect to Target” button, as shown on Figure 12-13. Our debug script will load and execute the preloader, then it will load and wait at our application’s “main()” function.

![Figure 12-13. Debug Control View](image)

22. You can use the buttons in the “Debug Control” view to control the application’s execution.

![Figure 12-14. DS-5 Debugger Controls](image)
12.2.4.4 DS-5 Bare-metal Debugger Tour

12.2.4.4.1 “Registers” View [UNAVAILABLE IN SoC EDS 16.0]

DS-5’s greatest feature is its “Registers” view.

Recall that we provided the debugger with a PERIPHERAL DESCRIPTION FILE in 12.2.3. This file allows the debugger’s “Registers” view to display information about all the HPS’ internal and FPGA peripherals, as shown in Figure 12-15.

![Figure 12-15. DS-5 Debugger Registers View](image)

You can MODIFY any value in this view, and they will automatically be applied to the corresponding peripheral. For example, you can manually switch on one of the LEDs, or manually trigger a button press of HPS_KEY_N (assuming you write the correct bit in the correct place).
The view also highlights the values that changed when stepping through the code while debugging, which helps you track down invalid peripheral writes, side-effects, ... 

However, there is one downside with the “Registers” view. With so many details in this view, one would normally start browsing through each peripheral’s registers (much easier than reading the Cyclone V manual, isn’t it?). 

The problem occurs when you expand a peripheral that has not been enabled in the preloader, or that has side-effects when some of its registers are accessed.

Indeed, DS-5 will try to access an invalid address, and it will crash the debugging session, therefore leaving the software on the board in an unrecoverable state. You will have to SWITCH OFF THE BOARD and reprogram it to relaunch the application. Don’t forget to REPROGRAM THE FPGA FABRIC with your design as well.

12.2.4.4.2 App Console

Data sent to standard output is shown in the “App Console” view. Figure 12-16 shows the result of a “printf()” call in our demo code shown in Figure 12-8.

![App Console View](image)

Figure 12-16. DS-5 App Console View
13 USING THE CYCLONE V – HPS – ARM – LINUX

In Figure 7-8, we saw that there are 3 stages before a linux application can be launched:

- Preloader
- Bootloader
- Operating System

In this section, we detail each step needed to create such a linux system from scratch.

13.1 PRELOADER

The first step is to generate and compile the preloader which sets up the HPS.

13.1.1 Preloader Generation

1. Execute the following command to launch the preloader generator.
   
   ```bash
   bsp-editor
   ```

2. Choose “File > New BSP…”.
   a. The preloader will need to know which of the HPS’ peripherals were enabled so it can appropriately initialize them in the boot process. Under “Preloader settings directory”, select the “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/hw/quartus/hps_isw_handoff/soc_system_hps_0” directory.
   
   This directory contains settings relative to the HPS’ HARD peripherals, as configured in the “Arria V/Cyclone V Hard Processor System” component in Qsys.
   b. Disable the “Use default locations” checkbox and under the “BSP target directory”, select the “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/preloader” directory. You should have something similar to Figure 13-1.

   ![New BSP Dialog](image)

   **Figure 13-1. New BSP Dialog**

   c. Press the “OK” button. You should then arrive on a page with many settings, as shown on Figure 13-2. Take some time to read through them to see what the preloader has the ability to do.
3. On the main settings page of Figure 13-2, we will only need to modify 1 parameter for our design.
   a. Under “spl.boot”, enabled the “FAT_SUPPORT” checkbox. This option configures the preloader to load the image of the next boot stage from the FAT32 partition of the sdcard (instead of from a binary partition located immediately after the preloader on the sdcard). The image of the next boot stage is named “u-boot.img” by default, but can be modified by editing “spl.boot.FAT_LOAD_PAYLOAD_NAME”. We will leave the default name for this tutorial.
   b. Press the “Generate” button to finish. You can then exit the bsp-editor.

4. Execute the following command to build the preloader.
   $ cd DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/preloader
   $ make

**IF YOU EVER DECIDE TO MOVE THE “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo” PROJECT DIRECTORY DEFINED IN FIGURE 8-1, YOU WILL HAVE TO REGENERATE THE PRELOADER. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SCRIPT PROVIDED BY ALTERA WHICH GENERATES THE PRELOADER HARD-CODES MULTIPLE ABSOLUTE PATHS DIRECTLY IN THE RESULTING FILES, RENDERING THEM USELESS ONCE MOVED.**

13.1.2 Creating Target sdcard Artifacts
5. Copy the preloader binary to the sdcard target directory. Execute the following command.
   $ cp \\
   DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/preloader/preloader-mkpimage.bin \\
   DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sdcard/a2/preloader-mkpimage.bin

13.2 Bootloader
The second step is to obtain a bootloader that is capable of loading the linux kernel. Altera provides a copy of the U-Boot bootloader alongside the preloader. However, this copy is quite old as it dates back to 2013. Instead, we will download the official U-Boot sources online and use a more recent version.

13.2.1 Getting & Compiling U-Boot
6. Download the latest version of the U-Boot bootloader by executing the following command. This command downloads the latest U-Boot sources and saves it to the “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/u-boot” directory.
$ git clone \
  git://git.denx.de/u-boot.git \
  DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/u-boot

7. Change your current working directory to the U-Boot directory.
   $ cd DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/u-boot

8. We need to compile U-Boot for an ARM machine, but are compiling on an x86-64 machine, so we
   must cross-compile the bootloader. To cross-compile U-Boot, define the following environment
   variable:
   $ export CROSS_COMPILE=arm-linux-gnueabihf-

9. Clean up the source tree to be sure it is in a clean state before we compile it.
   $ make distclean

10. Checkout the following U-Boot commit. This corresponds to the last commit against which the
     instructions in this guide were tested. You can skip this step if you want to use a more recent
     version of U-Boot, but keep in mind that there may be regressions that make some things not work.

     # commit b104b3dc1dd90cdbf67ccf3c51b06e4f1592fe91
     # Author: Tom Rini trini@konsulko.com
     # Date:   Mon Jun 6 17:43:54 2016 -0400
     #
     # Prepare v2016.07-rc1
     #
     # Signed-off-by: Tom Rini trini@konsulko.com

     $ git checkout b104b3dc1dd90cdbf67ccf3c51b06e4f1592fe91

11. Configure U-Boot for the Cyclone V SoC architecture, specifically for the DE0-Nano-SoC.
    $ make socfpga_de0_nano_soc_defconfig

    By default, U-Boot loads some environment variables from a specific flash sector on the sdcard, then
    continues executing the commands specified in the macro called “CONFIG_BOOTCOMMAND” (defined in the U-
    Boot source code). If this flash sector is empty, then U-Boot emits the following error message.

    *** Warning - bad CRC, using default environment

    To get around this issue, we are going to patch U-Boot’s source code to ignore the empty flash sector (if it
    exists), and instruct it to always load and execute the contents of a user-defined script that we will provide. As
    we will see in 13.2.2, U-Boot can be scripted to perform steps of your choosing.

    12. Open “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/u-boot/include/configs/socfpga_de0_nano_soc.h” with a
        text editor.

    13. Replace the value of the “CONFIG_BOOTCOMMAND” macro with the following definition. This macro
        contains the first instruction that will be executed by U-Boot when it boots. In our case, we are telling
        U-Boot to execute the contents of the environment variable called “callscript”.

        #define CONFIG_BOOTCOMMAND "run callscript"

    The “callscript” environment variable does not yet exist in U-Boot, so we are going to set it in the source
    code as an extra environment variable.
14. Replace the value of the “CONFIG_EXTRA_ENV_SETTINGS” macro with the following definition. We define the environment variables needed to load a user-defined script called “u-boot.scr” from sdcard 0, partition 1 (FAT32 partition) into memory, and to execute it.

```c
#define CONFIG_EXTRA_ENV_SETTINGS
    "scriptfile=u-boot.scr" "\0"
    "fpgadata=0x2000000" "\0"
    "callscript=fatload mmc 0:1 $fpgadata $scriptfile;"
    "source $fpgadata" "\0"
```

15. At this point, we have finished modifying U-Boot’s source code, and we can compile the bootloader.

$ make

### 13.2.2 Scripting U-Boot

U-Boot can be scripted to perform steps of your choosing. We will use this ability to automate a few steps before booting into linux.

16. Create a new file for our U-Boot script and save it under “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/u-boot/u-boot.script”.

17. Populate the file with the code shown in Figure 13-3. This script instructs U-Boot to

a. Define some environment variables.

b. Load the FPGA .rbf file from the FAT32 partition into memory.

c. Program the FPGA.

d. Enable the FPGA2HPS and HPS2FPGA bridges.

e. Load linux kernel image and device tree into memory.

f. Boot linux.

In our case, we use such a script to ensure that the FPGA is programmed BEFORE linux boots.

```bash
# Resetting Env variables ---
## reset environment variables to default
env default -a

## Setting Env variables ---

# Set the kernel image
setenv bootimage zImage;
# address to which the device tree will be loaded
setenv fdtaddr 0x00000100

# Set the devicetree image
setenv fdtimage socfpga.dtb;

# set kernel boot arguments, then boot the kernel
setenv mmcboot 'setenv bootargs mem=1024M console=ttyS0,115200 root=${mmcroot} rw rootwait; bootz ${loadaddr} - ${fdtaddr}';

# load linux kernel image and device tree to memory
setenv mmcload 'mmc rescan; mmc 0:$loadaddr ${bootimage}; ${fmcloadcmd} 0:$mmcloadpart $(loadaddr) ${bootimage}; {

# command to be executed to read from sdcard
setenv mmcloadcmd fatload

# sdcard fat32 partition number
setenv mmcloadpart 1

# sdcard ext3 identifier
setenv mmcroot /dev/mmcblk0p2

# standard input/output
setenv stdin serial
setenv stdout serial
```
# save environment to sdcard (not needed, but useful to avoid CRC errors on a new sdcard)
saveenv

# load rbf from FAT partition into memory
fatload mmc 0:1 ${fpgadata} socfpga.rbf;

# program FPGA
fpga load 0 ${fpgadata} ${filesize};

# enable HPS-to-FPGA, FPGA-to-HPS, LWHPS-to-FPGA bridges
bridge enable;

# load linux kernel image and device tree to memory
run mmcload;

# set kernel boot arguments, then boot the kernel
run mmcboot;

--- Programming FPGA ---

--- Booting Linux ---

Figure 13. U-Boot Script

18. Convert the U-Boot script to binary form.
$ mkimage \
   -A arm \
   -O linux \
   -T script \
   -C none \
   -a 0 \
   -e 0 \
   -n DE0_Nano_SoC_demo \
   -d DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/u-boot/u-boot.script \
   DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/u-boot/u-boot.scr

13.2.3 Creating Target sdcard Artifacts
19. Copy the U-Boot image to the sdcard target directory.
$ cp \
   DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/u-boot/u-boot.img \
   DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sdcard/fat32/u-boot.img

20. Copy the binary U-Boot script to the sdcard target directory.
$ cp \
   DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/u-boot/u-boot.scr \
   DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sdcard/fat32/u-boot.scr

13.3 LINUX KERNEL
The third step is to obtain and compile the linux kernel.

13.3.1 Getting & Compiling Linux
21. Download the latest version of the linux kernel by executing the following command. This command downloads the latest linux sources and saves it to the “DE0_Nano_SoC-demo/sw/hps/linux/source” directory.

Note that we are not going to use the sources directly from the mainline kernel branch, as it is generally behind the various development branches maintained by Altera (which contain drivers for most of the FPGA-related components specific to the socfpga architecture). Once Altera’s branches are merged back into the mainline kernel, we can switch to that source tree, but for the moment, we will continue to use Altera’s branch.
$ git clone \\
  https://github.com/altera-opensource/linux-socfpga.git \\
DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/linux/source

22. Change your current working directory to the linux directory.
   $ cd DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/linux/source

23. We need to compile linux for an ARM machine, but are compiling on an x86-64 machine, so we must cross-compile the kernel. To cross-compile linux, define the following environment variables:
   $ export ARCH=arm
   $ export CROSS_COMPILE=arm-linux-gnueabihf-

24. Clean up the source tree to be sure it is in a clean state before we compile it.
   $ make distclean

25. Checkout the following linux commit. This corresponds to the last commit against which the instructions in this guide were tested. You can skip this step if you want to use a more recent version of linux, but remember that there may be regressions that make some things not work.

   # commit ffea805b5209e0e6ad8645217f5ab742455a066b
   # Author: Dinh Nguyen dinguyen@opensource.altera.com
   # Date:   Tue May 3 08:59:01 2016 -0500
   #
   # ARM: dts: socfpga: add ethernet alias on Arria10
   #
   # Without having an ethernet alias, ethernet will have a random MAC address,
   # versus take an address that was provided from the bootloader.
   #
   # Signed-off-by: Dinh Nguyen dinguyen@opensource.altera.com

   $ git checkout ffea805b5209e0e6ad8645217f5ab742455a066b

   $ make socfpga_defconfig

27. Compile the linux kernel “zImage” binary, which corresponds to a self-extracting compressed version of the linux kernel image.
   $ make zImage

28. Compile the device tree blob for the DE0-Nano-SoC.
   $ make socfpga_cyclone5_de0_sockit.dtb

13.3.2 Creating Target sdcard Artifacts
29. Copy the linux zImage binary to the sdcard target directory
   $ cp \\
DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/linux/source/arch/arm/boot/zImage \\
DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/linux/source/arch/arm/boot/zImage

30. Copy the linux device tree blob to the sdcard target directory.
   $ cp \\
DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/linux/source/arch/arm/boot/dts/ \\
socfpga_cyclone5_de0_sockit.dtb \\
DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/linux/source/arch/arm/boot/dts/ \\
socfpga_cyclone5_de0_sockit.dtb
13.4 Ubuntu Core Root Filesystem

At this stage, we technically have everything needed to have a fully-working Linux machine. The machine, however, is quite minimal. This is normal, as we merely have the Linux kernel available at this point. We will now install a Linux distribution in order to have more tools and functionality.

In this guide, we will install Ubuntu Core on our DE0-Nano-SOC. Ubuntu Core is the minimal root filesystem (rootfs) needed to run Ubuntu. It consists of a very basic command-line version of the distribution, and can be customized to eventually resemble the desktop version of Ubuntu most people are familiar with. Most importantly, it comes with a package manager.

13.4.1 Obtaining Ubuntu Core

31. Download the Ubuntu Core 14.04.4 rootfs for the armhf architecture from Canonical’s servers.
   

32. Create a directory where we will extract the root filesystem.
   
   $ mkdir -p DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/linux/rootfs/ubuntu-core-rootfs

33. Change your working directory to the previously created directory and extract the root filesystem.
   Note that you need to extract the archive with root permissions to allow the “mknod” commands to work.
   
   $ cd DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/linux/rootfs/ubuntu-core-rootfs
   $ sudo tar -xzpf ../ubuntu-base-14.04.5-core-armhf.tar.gz

13.4.2 Customizing Ubuntu Core

The Ubuntu Core rootfs is not very useful in its current state, as it is completely unconfigured. By unconfigured, we mean that there is no user installed, no DNS configuration, no network interfaces ...

We must therefore configure the rootfs before we can use it. Normally, root filesystems are configured by means of the “chroot” command, which allows you to obtain an interactive shell in a root directory different from the one used on your host machine. After “chroot”ing in a directory, one essentially executes the binaries from the chrooted directory as if they were in a different computer. This is very practical for configuring a rootfs, as we can issue commands to configure it as we want, then “exit” the chroot to return back to our host operating system and package the configured rootfs for deployment to another machine.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to use this technique in our case. The reason is that our host machine has an x86-64 architecture, but the Cyclone V SoC has an armhf architecture. It is not possible to chroot into a directory with binaries targetting a different architecture, because your host machine’s CPU will not recognize the instructions. If you attempted this, your operating system would return “Exec format error” and abort the chroot. One could use an emulator such as QEMU to emulate the binaries in the chroot directory so your host CPU can correctly execute them, but such emulators are difficult to set up, and do not work on all machines.

What we will instead do is configure the rootfs directly on the target machine (DE0-Nano-SOC) when it boots the operating system for the first time. For this, we will write a shell script “config_system.sh” on our host machine and place it in the extracted rootfs. We will then configure the rootfs to launch our script when it boots for the first time.

13.4.2.1 System configuration on first boot

34. Create a new file for our rootfs system configuration script and save it under “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/linux/rootfs/config_system.sh”.

35. Populate the file with the code shown in Figure 13-4. The script takes care of setting up the overall system. This includes language support, timezone information, machine names, network connectivity, support for users, ...

```bash
#!/bin/bash

# Configure the locale to have proper language support.
localedef -i en_US -c -f UTF-8 en_US.UTF-8
dpkg-reconfigure locales

# Configure the timezone.
echo "Europe/Zurich" > "/etc/timezone"
dpkg-reconfigure -f noninteractive tzdata

# Set the machine's hostname.
echo "DE0-Nano-SoC" > "/etc/hostname"

tee "/etc/hosts" >"/dev/null" <<EOF
127.0.0.1 localhost
127.0.1.1 DE0-Nano-SoC
EOF

# Create the "/etc/network/interfaces" file that describes the network interfaces available on the board.
teer "etc/network/interfaces" > "/dev/null" <<EOF
# interfaces(5) file used by ifup(8) and ifdown(8)
# The loopback network interface
auto lo
iface lo inet loopback
# The primary network interface
auto eth0
iface eth0 inet dhcp
EOF

# DNS configuration for name resolution. We use google's public DNS server here.
sudo tee "/etc/resolv.conf" > "/dev/null" <<EOF
nameserver 8.8.8.8
EOF

# Configure Ubuntu Core to display a login shell on the serial console once the kernel boots. We had previously configured U-Boot to supply the command-line argument "console=ttyS0,115200" to the linux kernel. This argument instructs the kernel to use serial console "ttyS0" as the boot shell, so here we choose to use the same serial console for the log in shell-
teer "/etc/init/ttyS0.conf" > "/dev/null" <<EOF
# ttyS0 - getty
#
# This service maintains a getty on ttyS0
description "Get a getty on ttyS0"
start on runlevel [2345]
stop on runlevel [016]
resrawn
exec /sbin/getty -L 115200 ttyS0 vt102
EOF

# Create a user and a password. In this example, we create a user called "sahand" with password "1234". Note that we compute an encrypted version of the password, because useradd does not allow plain text passwords to be used in non-interactive mode.
username="sahand"
encrypted_password="$(perl -e 'printf("%s\n", crypt($ARGV[0], "password"))')"$
useradd -m -p "$encrypted_password" -s "/bin/bash" "$username"

# Ubuntu requires the admin to be part of the "adm" and "sudo" groups, so add
addgroup "$username" adm
addgroup "$username" sudo

# Set root password to "1234" (same as previously-created user).
```

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```bash
#!/bin/sh -e
#
# rc.local
#
# This script is executed at the end of each multiuser runlevel.
# Make sure that the script will "exit 0" on success or any other
# value on error.
# # In order to enable or disable this script just change the execution
# bits.
# # By default this script does nothing.
/
exit 0
EOF
```

Figure 13-4. Rootfs system configuration script to be used on first boot ("config_system.sh")

36. Copy the system configuration script to the extracted rootfs directory.
   
   $ cp
   DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/linux/rootfs/config_system.sh
   DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/linux/rootfs/ubuntu-core-rootfs

37. Edit “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/linux/rootfs/ubuntu-core-rootfs/etc/rc.local” such that
   “config_system.sh” is run when the operating system boots. Populate the file with the code shown
   in Figure 13-5.

```bash
#!/bin/sh -e
#
# rc.local
#
# This script is executed at the end of each multiuser runlevel.
# Make sure that the script will "exit 0" on success or any other
# value on error.
# # In order to enable or disable this script just change the execution
# bits.
# # By default this script does nothing.
/config_system.sh
exit 0
```

Figure 13-5. Rootfs /etc/rc.local file.

13.4.2.2 Post-install configuration script

In Section 13.8 we see how to use the remote debugging feature of our IDE to debug our linux applications.
Remote debugging uses SSH to connect to the target device, then uses a GDB server to debug the application
on the target while coordinating back with a GDB client running in our IDE. Ubuntu core does not come pre-
installed with the ssh and gdbserver packages, so we would need to install them from the Ubuntu package
manager.

We could be tempted to call the package manger in our previous “config_system.sh” script so all required
packages can also be installed when the operating system boots for the first time. However, if you look closely
at what the script does, you see that it configures the system’s network interfaces, which means that the
system does NOT have any network connectivity while the previous script is running. Because of this reason,
we cannot call the package manager in “config_system.sh”, and must instead do this once the system has
finished booting and is running. We create a second configuration script for this purpose and also place it on
the rootfs.
38. Create a new file for our rootfs post-install configuration script and save it under “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/linux/rootfs/config_post_install.sh”.

39. Populate the file with the code shown in.

```bash
#!/bin/bash

# apt sources
# uncomment the "deb" lines (no need to uncomment "deb src" lines)

# Edit the "etc/apt/sources.list" file to configure the package manager. This
# file contains a list of mirrors that the package manager queries. By default,
# this file has all fields commented out, so the package manager will not have
# access to any mirrors. The following command uncomments all commented out
# lines starting with "deb". These contain the mirrors we are interested in.
sudo perl -pi -e 's/^#+s+(deb)s+(http)/$1/g' /etc/apt/sources.list

# When writing our linux applications, we want to use ARM DS-5’s remote
# debugging feature to automatically transfer our binaries to the target device
# and to start a debugging session. The remote debugging feature requires an SSH
# server and a remote gdb server to be available on the target. These are easy
# to install as we have a package manager available
sudo apt update
sudo apt -y install ssh gdbserver

# Allow root SSH login with password (needed so we can use ARM DS-5 for remote
# debugging)
sudo perl -pi -e 's/^(PermitRootLogin) without-password$/1 yes/g' /etc/ssh/sshd_config
```

Figure 13-6. Rootfs post-install configuration script to be used AFTER the first boot (“config_post_install.sh”).

40. Copy the post-install configuration script to the extracted rootfs directory.

```
$ cp \\
DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/linux/rootfs/config_post_install.sh \\
DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/linux/rootfs/ubuntu-core-rootfs
```

At this stage we are done configuring the rootfs.

13.4.3 Creating Target sdcard Artifacts

41. Copy the customized root filesystem to the sdcard target directory. For the previous artifacts, we used
to simply copy files with the “cp” command. However, we will create an archive for the rootfs, as
there are many special files in some directories that the standard “cp” command does not copy
correctly.

```
$ cd DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/linux/rootfs/ubuntu-core-rootfs
$ Note: there is a “.” at the end of the next command
$ sudo tar -czpf DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sdcard/ext3_rootfs.tar.gz
```

13.5 Writing Everything to the sdcard

If you have followed all the steps in sections 9 and 13 until this point, then you should have the file structure
shown in Figure 13-7 as your “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sdcard” directory.

```
sdcard/
├── ext3_rootfs.tar.gz
└── fat32
    ├── socfpga.dtb
    └── socfpga.rbf
```

We now have all the files needed to create our final sdcard.

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42. Create 2 directories where you will mount the FAT32 and EXT3 partitions of the sdcard.
   $ mkdir -p DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sdcard/mount_point_fat32
   $ mkdir -p DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sdcard/mount_point_ext3

43. Mount the sdcard partitions.
   $ sudo mount /dev/sdb1 DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sdcard/mount_point_fat32
   $ sudo mount /dev/sdb2 DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sdcard/mount_point_ext3

44. Write the preloader to the custom “a2” partition.
   $ sudo dd \
   if=DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sdcard/a2/preloader-mkpimage.bin \
   of=/dev/sdb3 \
   bs=64K \
   seek=0

45. Write the FPGA .rbf file, U-Boot .img file, U-Boot .scr file, linux zImage file, and linux .dtb file to
   the FAT32 partition.
   $ sudo cp \
   DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sdcard/fat32/* \
   DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sdcard/mount_point_fat32

46. Write the customized Ubuntu Core root filesystem to the EXT3 partition.
   $ cd DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sdcard/mount_point_ext3
   $ sudo tar -xzf ../ext3_rootfs.tar.gz

47. Flush all write buffers to target.
   $ sudo sync

48. Unmount sdcard partitions.
   $ sudo umount DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sdcard/mount_point_fat32
   $ sudo umount DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sdcard/mount_point_ext3

49. Delete sdcard mount points.
   $ rm -rf DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sdcard/mount_point_fat32
   $ rm -rf DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sdcard/mount_point_ext3

The sdcard is now finally ready.

13.6 Scripting the Complete Procedure
It is important to perform all steps above by hand once to see how one creates a linux system for a new
device from scratch. As previously stated, the full design used in this tutorial is available in
DE0_Nano_SoC_demo.zip [5].

However, due to the very large number of steps required to build the current linux system from scratch, we
provide a “create_linux_system.sh” script that performs all steps described until now automatically. The
script performs the following tasks:

- Compile the Quartus Prime hardware project.
- Generate, configure, and compile the preloader.
- Download, configure, and compile U-Boot.
- Download, configure, and compile Linux.
- Download and configure the Ubuntu Core root filesystem.
- Partition the sdcard.
- Write the sdcard.

The script has a large number of constants at the beginning that you can modify to tailor the process to your needs. The default linux user account created is “sahand” and the password is “1234”. The root password is also set to “1234”.

```
usage: create_linux_system.sh [sdcard_device]
```

positional arguments:
  sdcard_device    path to sdcard device file    [ex: "/dev/sdb", "/dev/mmcblk0"]

IT IS RECOMMENDED TO USE THE SCRIPT TO AUTOMATE THE FULL SYSTEM CREATION PIPELINE, AND TO GO GET A SNACK WHILE YOU WAIT FOR IT TO FINISH 😊

13.7 Testing the Setup

50. Wire up the DE0-Nano-SoC as described in Figure 9-18.
51. Plug in the microSD card.

**BE SURE YOU ARE PART OF THE “dialout” GROUP BEFORE YOU CONTINUE, OTHERWISE YOU WON’T BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE SERIAL CONSOLE ON YOUR MACHINE IN ORDER TO CONNECT TO THE DE0-NANO-SOC.**

52. Launch a serial console on your host machine by executing the following command.

```
$ minicom --device /dev/ttyUSB0
```

53. Configure the serial console as shown below.

```
+A- Serial Device     : /dev/ttyUSB0 |
B- Lockfile Location : /var/lock   |
C- Callin Program    :               |
D- Callout Program   :               |
E- Bps/Par/Bits      : 115200 8N1   |
F- Hardware Flow Control : No     |
G- Software Flow Control : No     |
| Change which setting?   |
```

**BE SURE TO SET THE MSEL SWITCH ON THE TOP SIDE OF THE DE0-NANO-SOC TO “00000” BEFORE CONTINUING.**

54. Power-on the DE0-Nano-SoC.

If **SOMETHING GOES WRONG** and you end up with an error message similar to the one shown in Figure 13-8, then perform the following steps to help fix the problem.

```
fatload - load binary file from a dos filesystem
```

**Usage:**

```
fatload <interface> [<dev[:part]> [<addr> [<filename> [bytes [pos]]]])]
```

- Load binary file ‘filename’ from ‘dev’ on ‘interface’
  to address ‘addr’ from dos filesystem.
  ‘pos’ gives the file position to start loading from.
  If ‘pos’ is omitted, 0 is used. ‘pos’ requires ‘bytes’.
  ‘bytes’ gives the size to load. If ‘bytes’ is 0 or omitted,
  the load stops on end of file.
  If either ‘pos’ or ‘bytes’ are not aligned to
  ARCH_DMA_MINALIGN then a misaligned buffer warning will
  be printed and performance will suffer for the load.

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55. Reset the board and interrupt U-Boot’s boot process by pressing any button on the serial console when you see the following message. Hit any key to stop autoboot:

56. Overwrite the environment variables stored on the sdcard by executing the following commands on the U-Boot command prompt.

   $ env default -a
   $ saveenv

57. Reset the board. The system should now run correctly at this point.

If you **DID EVERYTHING CORRECTLY** until now, you should see the messages shown in Figure 13-9. The sequence is as follows:

- The preloader starts (“U-Boot SPL 2013.01.01”), followed by
- U-Boot (“U-Boot 2016.07-rc1-dirty”), and finally
- The linux kernel (“Starting Kernel …”).

The output you obtain when the linux kernel is loading may be slightly different as some interleaving may occur when all system services boot. Note that all lines starting with a “+” are those executed in our system configuration script, “config_system.sh”.

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**Figure 13-8. Incorrect DE0-Nano-SoC Boot Messages (from U-Boot)**

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---
reading u-boot.scr
1772 bytes read in 4 ms (432.6 KB/s)
## Executing script at 02000000
--- Reseting Env variables ---
--- Resetting to default environment
--- Setting Env variables ---
Writing to MMC(0)... done
--- Programming FPGA ---
reading socfpga.rbf
4244820 bytes read in 226 ms (17.9 MB/s)
--- Booting Linux ---
reading zImage
4018912 bytes read in 213 ms (18 MB/s)
reading socfpga.dbt
30225 bytes read in 6 ms (4.8 MB/s)
Kernel image @ 0x1000000 [ 0x000000 - 0x3d52e0 ]
--- Flattened Device Tree blob at 00000000
Booting using the fdt blos at 0x000000
reserving fdt memory region: addr=0 size=1000
Loading Device Tree to 03ff5000, end 03fff610 ... OK
Starting kernel ...
[ 0.000000] Booting Linux on physical CPU 0x0
[ 0.000000] Linux version 4.5.0-00160-gffea805 (sahand@thinkpad) (gcc version 4.8.3 20140401 (prerelease) (crosstool-NG linaro-1.13.1-4.8-2014.04 - Linaro GCC 4.8-2014.04) ) #1 SMP Fri Feb 10 09:26:56 CET 2017
[ 0.000000] CPU: ARMv7 Processor [413fc090] revision 0
[ 0.000000] Machine model: Terasic DE-0(Atlas)
[ 0.000000] Build 1 zonelists in Zone order, mobility grouping on.  Total pages: 195072
[ 0.000000] Memory: 770532K/786432K available (6131K kernel code, 423K rwdata, 1532K rodata, 452K...
[ 0.000000] Memory policy: Data cache writealloc
[ 0.000000] Machine model: Terasic DE-0(Atlas)
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58. At this stage, the system has booted and has been configured. You must now restart the board for all changes to take effect. Once you restart the board, you should get the output shown in Figure 13-10. Note the absence of lines starting with “+”, indicating that our system configuration script is not re-run on subsequent boots. You will be greeted by the linux login prompt and can login with user “sahand” or “root”, and with password “1234”, which we set in Section 13.4.2.1.
CLOCK: F2S_SDR_REF clock 0 KHz
CLOCK: F2S_PER_REF clock 0 KHz
CLOCK: MPU clock 925 MHz
CLOCK: DDR clock 400 MHz
CLOCK: UART clock 100000 KHz
CLOCK: MMC clock 50000 KHz
CLOCK: QSPI clock 3613 KHz
RESET: WARM
INFO : Watchdog enabled
SDRAM: Initializing MMR registers
SDRAM: Calibrating PHY
SEQ.C: Preparing to start memory calibration
SEQ.C: CALIBRATION PASSED
SDRAM: 1024 MiB
ALTERA DWMMC: 0
reading u-boot.img
reading u-boot.img

U-Boot 2016.07-rcl-dirty (Feb 10 2017 - 09:18:05 +0100)

CPU:  Altera SoCFPGA Platform
FPGA:  Altera Cyclone V, SE/A4 or SX/C4, version 0x0
BOOT:  SD/MMC Internal Transceiver (3.0V)
        Watchdog enabled
I2C:   ready
DRAM:  1 GiB
MMC:   dwmmc0@ff704000: 0
In:    serial
Out:   serial
Err:   serial
Model: Terasic DE0-Nano(Atlas)
Net:
Error: ethernet@ff702000 address not set.
No ethernet found.
Hit any key to stop autoboot: 0
reading u-boot.scr
1772 bytes read in 5 ms (345.7 KiB/s)
## Executing script at 02000000
---
Resetting Env variables
---
## Resetting to default environment
---
Setting Env variables
---
Saving Environment to MMC...
Writing to MMC(0)... done
---
Programming FPGA ---
reading socfpga.rbf
4244820 bytes read in 226 ms (17.9 MiB/s)
---
Booting Linux ---
reading zimage
4018912 bytes read in 213 ms (18 MiB/s)
reading socfpga.dtb
30225 bytes read in 6 ms (4.8 MiB/s)
Kernel image @ 0x00000000 [ 0x00000000 - 0x3d52e0 ]
## Flattened Device Tree blob at 0x000100
Booting using the fdt blob at 0x000100
reserving fdt memory region: addr=0 size=1000
Loading Device Tree to 03fff5000, end 03fff610 ... OK

Starting kernel ...

[ 0.000000] Booting Linux on physical CPU 0x0
[ 0.000000] Linux version 4.5.0-00160-gffea805 (sahand@thinkpad) (gcc version 4.8.3 20140401 (prerelease) (crosstool-NG linaro-1.13.1-4.8-2014.04 - Linaro GCC 4.8-2014.04) ) #1 SMP Fri Feb 10 09:26:56 CET 2017
[ 0.000000] CPU: ARMv7 Processor [413fc090] revision 0 (ARMv7), cr=10c5387d
[ 0.000000] CPU: PIPT / VIPT nonaliasing data cache, VIPT aliasing instruction cache
[ 0.000000] Machine model: Terasic DE-0(Atlas)
[ 0.000000] Truncating RAM at 0x00000000-0x40000000 to -0x30000000
[ 0.000000] Consider using a HIGHMEM enabled kernel.
[ 0.000000] Memory policy: Data cache writealloc
[ 0.000000] PERCPU: Embedded 13 pages/cpu @ef9c4000 s21824 r8192 d23232 u53248
[ 0.000000] Builder 1 zonesets in Zone order, mobility grouping on. Total pages: 195072
[ 0.000000] Kernel command line: mem=1024M console=ttyS0,115200 root=/dev/mmcblk0p2 rw rootwait
[ 0.000000] PID hash table entries: 4096 (order: 2, 16384 bytes)
[ 0.000000] Dentry cache hash table entries: 131072 (order: 7, 524288 bytes)
[ 0.000000] Inode-cache hash table entries: 65536 (order: 6, 262144 bytes)
[ 0.000000] Memory: 778532K/786432K available (6131K kernel code, 423K rwdata, 1532K rodata, 452K init, 140K bss, 15900K reserved, 0K cma-reserved)
Virtual kernel memory layout:

- Vector: 0xffffffff - 0xfffff000 (4 kB)
- Fixmap: 0xffffc000 - 0xffff0000 (3072 kB)
- Vmalloc: 0xf0000000 - 0xffff0000 (240 MB)
- Lownem: 0xc0000000 - 0xc0000000 (768 MB)
- Modules: 0xb0000000 - 0xc0000000 (16 MB)
- .text: 0xc0000000 - 0xc0875000 (7665 kB)
- .init: 0xc0875000 - 0xc087f0000 (452 kB)
- .data: 0xc087f000 - 0xc0880f000 (424 kB)
- .bss: 0xc0885000 - 0xc0882e00 (161 kB)
- SLUB: HWalign=64, Order=0-3, MInObjects=8, CPUs=2, Nodes=1

Hierarchical RCU implementation.

- Build-time adjustment of leaf fanout to 32.
- NR_IRQS:16 nr_irqs:16 16
- L2C: platform provided aux values permit register corruption.
- L2-C: erratum 769419 enabled
- L2-C: full line of zeros enabled for Cortex-A9
- L2-C: ID prefetch enabled, offset 1 lines
- L2-C: dynamic clock gating enabled, standby mode enabled
- L2-C: cache controller enabled, 8 ways, 512 kB
- L2-C: CACHE_ID 0x410030c9, AUX_CTRL 0x76660001
- clocksource: timer1: mask: 0xffffffff max_cycles: 0xffffffff, max_idle_ns: 19112604467 ns
- sched_clock: 32 bits at 100MHz, resolution 10ns, wraps every 21474836475ns
- Switching to timer-based delay loop, resolution 10ns
- Console: colour dummy device 80x30
- Calibrating delay loop (skipped), value calculated using timer frequency. 200.00
- BogoMIPS (lpj=1000000)
- Build-time adjustment of leaf fanout to 32.
- Mount-cache hash table entries: 2048 (order: 1, 8192 bytes)
- Mountpoint-cache hash table entries: 2048 (order: 1, 8192 bytes)
- ftrace: allocating 20984 entries in 60 pages
- CPU: Testing write buffer coherency: ok
- CPU: thread -1, cpu 0, socket 0, mpidr 00000000
- Setting up static identity map for 0x8280 - 0x82d8
- CPU: thread -1, cpu 1, socket 0, mpidr 80000001
- Brought up 2 CPUs
- SMP: Total of 2 processors activated (400.00 BogoMIPS).
- CPU: All CPU(s) started in SVC mode.
- Clocksmps: initialized
- VFP support v0.3: implementor 41 architecture 3 part 30 variant 9 rev 4
- clocksource: jiffies: mask: 0xffffffff max_cycles: 0xffffffff, max_idle_ns: 19112604467 ns
- total of 2 processors activated (400.00 BogoMIPS).
- CPU: All CPU(s) started in SVC mode.
- Clocksmps: initialized
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- CPU: All CPU(s) started in SVC mode.
- Clocksmps: initialized
- VFP support v0.3: implementor 41 architecture 3 part 30 variant 9 rev 4
- clocksource: jiffies: mask: 0xffffffff max_cycles: 0xffffffff, max_idle_ns: 19112604467 ns
- total of 2 processors activated (400.00 BogoMIPS).
- CPU: All CPU(s) started in SVC mode.
- Clocksmps: initialized
- VFP support v0.3: implementor 41 architecture 3 part 30 variant 9 rev 4
- clocksource: jiffies: mask: 0xffffffff max_cycles: 0xffffffff, max_idle_ns: 19112604467 ns
- total of 2 processors activated (400.00 BogoMIPS).
- CPU: All CPU(s) started in SVC mode.
- Clocksmps: initialized
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- total of 2 processors activated (400.00 BogoMIPS).
- CPU: All CPU(s) started in SVC mode.
- Clocksmps: initialized
- VFP support v0.3: implementor 41 architecture 3 part 30 variant 9 rev 4
- clocksource: jiffies: mask: 0xffffffff max_cycles: 0xffffffff, max_idle_ns: 19112604467 ns
- total of 2 processors activated (400.00 BogoMIPS).
- CPU: All CPU(s) started in SVC mode.
0.677097] console [ttyS0] enabled
[0.681159] ffc03000.serial1: ttyS1 at MMD0 0xffc03000 (irq = 40, base_baud = 6250000) is a 16550A
[0.691706] brd: module loaded
[0.696280] CAN device driver interface
[0.700568] smmcr - user ID: 0x10, Synopsys ID: 0x37
[0.705628] Ring mode enabled
[0.708670] DMW HW capability register supported
[0.713178] Enhanced/Alternate descriptors
[0.717535] Enabled extended descriptors
[0.721526] RX Checksum Offload Engine supported (type 2)
[0.726994] TX Checksum insertion supported
[0.731243] Enable RX Mitigation via HW Watchdog Timer
[0.736973] socfpga-dwmac ff702000.ethernet etho: No MDIO subnode found
[0.740950] libphy: smmcr: probed
[0.752445] etho: PHY ID 00221622 at 1 IRQ POLL (stmmac-0:0:1 active
[0.759214] ffc04000.usb supply vusb_d not found, using dummy regulator
[0.765870] ffc04000.usb supply vusb_a not found, using dummy regulator
[0.841367] dwc2 ffc04000.usb: EPs: 16, dedicated fifos, 8064 entries in SPRAM
[1.144444] dwc2 ff04000.usb: DWC OTG Controller
[1.149154] dwc2 ff04000.usb: new USB bus registered, assigned bus number 1
[1.156212] dwc2 ff04000.usb: irq 41, io mem 0x00000000
[1.161656] usb usbl: New USB device found, idVendor=1d6b, idProduct=0002
[1.175634] usb usbl: Product: DWC OTG Controller
[1.180320] usb usbl: Manufacturer: Linux 4.5.0-00160-gflea805 dwc2_hsotg
[1.187078] usb usbl: SerialNumber: ff40000.usb
[1.192195] hub 1:0-1:0: USB hub found
[1.195982] hub 1:0-1:0: 1 port detected
[1.200497] usbcfg: registered new interface driver usbcfg
[1.206844] mouseedev: PS/2 mouse device common for all mice
[1.212682] i2c /dev entries driver
[1.216934] Synopsys Designware Multimedia Card Interface Driver
[1.223165] dw_mmc ff704000.dwmmc0: 1 slots initialized
[1.235995] dw_mmc ff704000.dwmmc0: Version ID is 240a
[1.241157] dw_mmc ff704000.dwmmc0: Version ID is 240a
[1.244115] dw_mmc ff704000.dwmmc0: DM MMC controller at irq 30,32 bit host data width,1024 deep fifo
[1.254848] dw_mmc ff704000.dwmmc0: 1 slots initialized
[1.289980] ledtrig-cpu: registered to indicate activity on CPUs
[1.296174] usbcfg: registered new interface driver usbd
[1.301715] usbdhid: USB HID core driver
[1.308715] fpga_manager fpga0: Altera SOCPFPGA FPGA Manager registered
[1.312652] altera_hps2fpga_bridge ff400000.fpga_bridge: fpga bridge [lwhps2fpga] registered
[1.312984] altera_hps2fpga_bridge ff500000.fpga_bridge: fpga bridge [hps2fpga] registered
[1.319884] fpga-region soc:base_fpga_region: FPGA Region probed
[1.336130] oprofile: no performance counters
[1.345881] NET: Registered protocol family 10
[1.350827] sit: IPv6 over IPv4 tunneling driver
[1.356228] NET: Registered protocol family 17
[1.360741] NET: Registered protocol family 15
[1.365199] can: controller area network core (rev 20120528 abi 9)
[1.371405] NET: Registered protocol family 29
[1.375853] can: raw protocol (rev 20120528)
[1.380110] can: broadcast manager protocol (rev 20120528 t)
[1.385765] can: netlink gateway (rev 20130117) max_hops=1
[1.391438] 8021q: 802.1Q VLAN Support v1.8
[1.396573] Key type dns_resolver registered
[1.399999] ThumbEE CPU extension supported.
[1.404262] Registering SWP/SWPB emulation handler
[1.410035] of_cfs_init
[1.412536] of_cfs_init: OK
[1.417322] ttyS0 - Failed to request DMA
[1.421032] Waiting for root device /dev/mmcblk0p2...
[1.443046]MMC host mmc0: Bus speed (slot 0) = 50000000Hz (slot req 50000000Hz, actual 50000000Hz
[1.452829] mmc0: new high speed SDHC card at address 59b4
[1.458716] mmcblk0: mmc0:59b4: 3.73 GIB
[1.464034] mmcblk0: p1 p2 p3
[1.535950] EXT4-fs (mmcblk0p2): mounting ext3 file system using the ext4 subsystem
[1.917555] random: nonblocking pool is initialized
[2.126388] EXT4-fs (mmcblk0p2): recovery complete
[2.168596] devtmpfs: mounted
[2.171879] Freeing unused kernel memory: 452K (c0785000 - c0776000)
Mount failed for selinuxfs on /sys/fs/selinux: No such file or directory
[2.509683] init: plymouth-upstart-bridge main process (628) terminated with status 1
[2.517702] init: plymouth-upstart-bridge main process ended, respawning
Ubuntu 14.04.5 LTS DE0-Nano-SoC ttyS0

DE0-Nano-SoC login: sahand
Password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 14.04.5 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.5.0-00160-gffea805 armv7l)

* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com/
The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software; the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the individual files in `/usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

sahand@DE0-Nano-SoC:~$

Figure 13-10. DE0-Nano-SoC Boot Messages (second boot)

59. Finally, once you are logged in, we can call our post-installation configuration script to install the required tools from the package manager.

```bash
sahand@DE0-Nano-SoC:~$ sudo /config_post_install.sh
```

Now that full system is booted and fully configured, we can move on towards building a linux application 😊

### 13.8 ARM DS-5

60. Launch the ARM DS-5 IDE by executing the following command.

```bash
$ eclipse
```

#### 13.8.1 Setting Up a New C Project

61. Create a new C project by going to “File > New > C Project”.
   a. Use “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_hps_linux” as the project name.
   b. Disable the “Use default location” checkbox.
   c. Set “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/application/DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_hps_linux” as the target location for the project.
   d. We want to create a single output executable for our project, so choose “Executable > Empty Project” as the project type.
   e. Choose “GCC 4.x [arm-linux-gnueabihf] (DS-5 built-in)” as the Toolchain.
   f. You should have something similar to Figure 13-11. Then, press the “Finish” button to create the project.
62. When programming the HPS, we will need access to a few standard header and linker files provided by Altera. We need to add these files to the ARM DS-5 project.
   a. Right-click on the “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_hps_linux” project, and go to “Properties”.
   b. We are going to use a **RESTRICTED SUBSET** of Altera’s HWLIB to develop our linux application, so we need to define a macro that is needed by the library to know which board is being targeted. The reason we use a restricted subset of the library is due to the fact that the library is not fully usable in a user application, as many physical peripheral addresses are employed. We will only use the library to compute offsets and to use the non-intrusive functions it has available.

   Under “C/C++ Build > Settings > GCC C Compiler > Symbols”, add “soc_cv_av” to the “Defined symbols (-D)” list.
   c. Under “C/C++ Build > Settings > GCC C Compiler > Includes”, add “<altera_install_directory>/<version>/embedded/ip/altera/hps/altera_hps/hwlib/include” to the “Include paths (-I)” list.
   d. Under “C/C++ Build > Settings > GCC C Compiler > Includes”, add “<altera_install_directory>/<version>/embedded/ip/altera/hps/altera_hps/hwlib/include/soc_cv_av” to the “Include paths (-I)” list.

63. In order to unlock a few settings later in this tutorial, we will create a C file that simply contains an empty “main()” function for the moment.
   a. Right-click on the “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_linux” project, and go to “New > Source File”. Use “hps_linux.c” as the file name, and click on the “Finish” button to create the new source file.
   b. Right-click on the “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_linux” project, and go to “New > Header File”. Use “hps_linux.h” as the file name, and click on the “Finish” button to create the new header file.
   c. Fill “hps_linux.c” with the code shown in Figure 13-12.
Figure 13-12. hps_linux.c with an empty main() function.

d. Right-click on the “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_linux” project and select “Build Project”.

13.8.2 Creating a Remote Debug Connection to the Linux Distribution

13.8.2.1 Find the Linux Distribution’s IP Address
Later in this tutorial, we will need to know the IP address assigned to the DE0-Nano-SoC so ARM DS-5 can automatically use an SSH connection to transfer Linux binaries and launch gdb debug sessions for us. In this step, we will use a serial terminal to manually connect to the Linux distribution running on the board and find out its IP address.

64. Although we can continue to use the “minicom” program as we previously did in Figure 13-9, we will use the built-in serial terminal available in ARM DS-5 to have all development windows in one area. Go to “Window > Show View > Other… > Terminal > Terminal” to open ARM DS-5’s built-in serial terminal. You should see the terminal shown in Figure 13-13.

Figure 13-13. ARM DS-5 Serial Terminal

65. Modify the serial terminal’s settings to match those shown in Figure 13-14, then press “OK” to start the connection.
66. You should see the Linux login prompt. Login with the same username and password we defined earlier. You should see something similar as Figure 13-15.

Figure 13-15. ARM DS-5 Serial Terminal Linux Prompt

```
# Starting System V initialization compatibility
# Starting configure virtual network devices
# Starting System V initialization compatibility
# Starting System V runlevel compatibility
# Starting save kernel messages
# Starting Get a getty on ttyS0
# Starting regular background program processing daemon
# Starting System V runlevel compatibility
# Starting save kernel messages

Ubuntu 14.04.4 LTS DEI-SoC ttyS0
DEI-SoC login: sahend
Password: Last login: Mon Apr 18 08:17:22 CEST 2016 on ttyS0
Welcome to Ubuntu 14.04.4 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.6.0-rc2 armv7l)
# Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com/
sahend@DEI-SoC:$
```

67. Type “ifconfig eth0 | grep inet” to obtain the IP address attributed to the device. You should get something similar to Figure 13-16. If you don’t see an IP address listed, then run the following command to try to get one automatically through DHCP.

```
$ sudo dhclient eth0
```

Figure 13-16. Obtaining the DE0-Nano-SoC’s IP Address through ARM DS-5’s Serial Terminal

13.8.2.2 Create an SSH Remote Connection

68. Go to “File > New > Other…” > Remote System Explorer > Connection”.
69. Choose to create an “SSH Only” connection.
70. Enter the IP address you found in 13.8.2.1 as the “Host name”.
71. Enter “DE0-Nano-SoC” as the “Connection name”. You should have something similar to Figure 13-17.
72. Click on “Finish” to create the connection.
73. You should be able to see the remote system in ARM DS-5’s “Remote Systems” view, as shown in Figure 13-18.

13.8.2.3 Setting Up the Debug Configuration

74. Right-click on the “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_linux” project, and go to “Debug As > Debug Configurations”.

75. Choose to create a new debugger configuration by right-clicking on “DS-5 Debugger” on the left and selecting “New”. Use “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_hps_linux” as the name of the new debug configuration.

76. Under the “Connection” tab:
   a. Use “Altera > Cyclone V SoC (Dual Core) > Linux Application Debug > Download and debug application” as the target platform.
   b. Set the “RSE connection” to “DE0-Nano-SoC”. This is the remote system connection we created earlier. You should have something similar to Figure 13-19.
77. Under the “Files” tab:
   a. Set “Application on host to download” to the built binary of our project. Use the “Workspace” button to choose the binary. You should have something similar to “${workspace_loc:/DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_hps_linux/Debug/DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_hps_linux}”.
   b. Set the “Target download directory” to your user directory. In my case it is “/home/sahand”.
   c. Set the “Target working directory” to your user directory. In my case it is “/home/sahand”. You should have something similar to Figure 13-20.
78. Under the “Debugger” tab, make sure that “Debug from symbol” is selected and that “main” is the name of the symbol, as shown in Figure 13-21.

79. Click on the “Apply” button, then on the “Close” button to save the debug configuration.

[Image of Debugger configuration]

Figure 13-21. Debug Configuration “Debugger” Tab

13.8.3 Linux Programming

The interrupt-driven nature of operating systems requires that error-prone processes be unable to harm the correct operation of the computer. Modern processors provide a hardware solution to this issue by means of a **DUAL-MODE** operating state. CPUs define two **modes** which operating systems can then use to implement protection mechanisms among processes they are handling.

The linux operating system calls these modes **USER MODE** and **KERNEL MODE**. Processors remain in user mode when executing **harmless** code in user applications, whereas they transition to kernel mode when executing potentially **dangerous** code in the system kernel. Examples of dangerous code are handling an interrupt from a peripheral, copying data from a peripheral's registers to main memory, ...

User code cannot be executed in kernel mode. When a user process needs to perform an action that is only allowed in kernel mode, it performs a system call and asks the operating system to take care of the task in its place. What this boils down to is that **USER CODE CANNOT ACCESS THE HARDWARE DIRECTLY**, as there is too much of a risk for the code to have an error and cause the system to crash. User code must always ask the operating system to perform dangerous operations in its place.

The main advantage of Cyclone V SoCs is the ability to have the HPS and FPGA communicate with each other easily. This is simple to accomplish in a standard bare-metal application as there are absolutely no protection mechanisms implemented. However, this is not possible while the HPS is running linux, as user code doesn’t have the right to access hardware directly.

There are 2 solutions to this problem:

- If developers are knowledgeable enough, they can write a device driver for the target peripheral they want to access in their user code, and package this in a loadable linux kernel module. This is the correct way to access hardware in linux, but it requires that the developer know how to write a device driver. **Administrative** users can load the kernel module, then any **standard** user code can interact with the peripheral.

- A simpler technique often used in embedded linux environments is to leverage the virtual memory system in order to access any **MEMORY-MAPPED** peripherals (peripherals and operations that are only accessible through privileged machine instructions cannot be accessed with this method).
Unfortunately, this method requires code to be run with root privileges. However, it does not require any kernel code to be written.

Writing a linux device driver is outside the scope of this tutorial, so we will use the memory mapping technique here.

The code for this part of the application is quite large to be inserted in this document. Therefore, we will just go over a few practical aspects of the code which are worth paying attention to. The full source can be found in DE0_Nano_SoC_demo.zip [5].

Recall that we cannot handle interrupts in linux user mode. Therefore, in order to satisfy the HPS-related goals specified in 8.4, we will need to use an infinite loop and do some polling. This can be seen in our application’s “main()” function, which is shown in Figure 13-22.

```c
int main() {
    printf("DE0-Nano-SoC linux demo\n");

    open_physical_memory_device();
    mmap_peripherals();

    setup_hps_gpio();
    setup_fpga_leds();

    while (true) {
        handle_hps_led();
        handle_fpga_leds();
        usleep(ALT_MICROSECS_IN_A_SEC / 10);
    }

    munmap_peripherals();
    close_physical_memory_device();

    return 0;
}
```

Figure 13-22. hps_linux.c main() function.

### 13.8.3.1 Using Altera’s HWLIB - Prerequisites

We will use a SUBSET of Altera’s HWLIB in this tutorial. In order to be able to use HWLIB to configure a peripheral, 2 steps need to be performed:

- You need to INCLUDE the HPS peripheral’s HWLIB HEADER FILE to your code.
- You must COPY the HPS peripheral’s HWLIB SOURCE FILE in your DS-5 project directory. The HWLIB source files can be found in directory “<altera_install_directory>/<version>/embedded/ip/altera/hps/altera_hps/hwlib/src”, and must be copied to “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo/sw/hps/application/DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_hps_linux”.

In the example used in this linux programming tutorial, we use some HWLIB functions related to the HPS’ GPIO peripheral, so you must copy “alt_generalpurpose_io.c” to your DS-5 project directory.

### 13.8.3.2 Accessing Hardware Peripherals from User Space

#### 13.8.3.2.1 Opening the Physical Memory File Descriptor

In Figure 7-3 we saw that the FPGA slaves and HPS peripherals are visible to the MPU unit and are therefore subject to memory-mapped IO. We need to be able to access these peripherals’ addresses in order to interact with them.

Unfortunately, a process can only interact with the virtual address space it is assigned by the linux kernel. Any attempt to access memory outside this region will cause the process to be terminated. Nevertheless, it is possible for a process to gain access to another virtual memory region by using the “mmap()” function. The
mmap() function maps another memory region into the running process' virtual address space. Therefore, all we need to do is to mmap() the FPGA slaves and HPS peripherals' memory regions into our address space.

The mmap() function’s prototype is shown in Figure 13-23. Note that it memory maps a FILE into the running process' address space, so we need to find a file that “represents” our peripherals.

```c
void *mmap(void *addr, size_t length, int prot, int flags, int fd, off_t offset)
```

Figure 13-23. Prototype of the mmap() function.

By design, Linux represents everything as a file, including all devices. In particular, the special “/dev/mem” file represents the content of the system’s physical memory. This is the file we will mmap() in order to access the memory regions we are interested in.

Since we are memory-mapping a file, the first step is to open this file. Figure 13-24 shows how to open the /dev/mem file. Remember that /dev/mem grants access to physical memory, so a user requires elevated rights in order to open it. Therefore, don’t forget to launch this code as the root user in order to have enough privileges.

```c
// physical memory file descriptor
int fd_dev_mem = 0;
void open_physical_memory_device() {

    // We need to access the system's physical memory so we can map it to user
    // space. We will use the /dev/mem file to do this. /dev/mem is a character
    // device file that is an image of the main memory of the computer. Byte
    // addresses in /dev/mem are interpreted as physical memory addresses.
    // Remember that you need to execute this program as ROOT in order to have
    // access to /dev/mem.
    if (fd_dev_mem == -1) {
        printf("ERROR: could not open "/dev/mem".
    printf("    errno = %s
", strerror(errno));
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}
}
```

Figure 13-24. open_physical_memory_device() function.

### 13.8.3.2.2 Accessing HPS Peripherals

Now that we have opened the physical memory file, we can memory-map a subset of it into our process’ virtual address space. Figure 13-25 shows how this is done for memory-mapping the HPS’ GPIO peripheral. Note that you must know the offset of your peripheral within the physical memory file, as well as the amount of memory you want to be memory-mapped from that offset. In our case, we will start memory-mapping from the GPIO1 peripheral’s offset, and we choose to map the size of the full peripheral.

```c
#include "socal/hps.h"

void *hps_gpio = NULL;

size_t hps_gpio_span = ALT_GPIO1_UB_ADDR - ALT_GPIO1_LB_ADDR + 1;
size_t hps_gpio_ofst = ALT_GPIO1_OFST;

void mmap_hps_peripherals() {
    hps_gpio = mmap(NULL, hps_gpio_span, PROT_READ | PROT_WRITE, MAP_SHARED, fd_dev_mem, hps_gpio_ofst);
    if (hps_gpio == MAP_FAILED) {
        printf("Error: hps_gpio mmap() failed.
    printf("    errno = %s
", strerror(errno));
        close(fd_dev_mem);
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
}
```

Figure 13-25. mmap_hps_peripherals() function.

Finally, after having memory-mapped the HPS’ GPIO peripheral, we can access any of its internal registers with the low-level functions we saw in 11.3. Figure 13-26 shows how we configure the HPS’ GPIO peripheral, and Figure 13-27 shows how we can toggle HPS_LED on the DE0-Nano-SoC by using the HPS_KEY_N button.
#define HPS_LED_IDX (ALT_GPIO_1BIT_53)  // GPIO53
#define HPS_LED_PORT (alt_gpio_bit_to_pid(HPS_LED_IDX))  // ALT_GPIO_PORTB
#define HPS_LED_PORT_BIT (alt_gpio_bit_to_port_pin(HPS_LED_IDX)) // 24 (from GPIO1[24])
#define HPS_LED_MASK (1 << HPS_LED_PORT_BIT)

void setup_hps_gpio() {
    // Initialize the HPS PIO controller:
    //     Set the direction of the HPS_LED GPIO bit to "output"
    //     Set the direction of the HPS_KEY_N GPIO bit to "input"
    void *hps_gpio_direction = ALT_GPIO_SWPORTA_DDR_ADDR(hps_gpio);
    alt_setbits_word(hps_gpio_direction, ALT_GPIO_PIN_OUTPUT << HPS_LED_PORT_BIT);
    alt_setbits_word(hps_gpio_direction, ALT_GPIO_PIN_INPUT << HPS_KEY_N_PORT_BIT);
}

void handle_hps_led() {
    void *hps_gpio_data = ALT_GPIO_SWPORTA_DR_ADDR(hps_gpio);
    void *hps_gpio_port = ALT_GPIO_EXT_PORTA_ADDR(hps_gpio);

    uint32_t hps_gpio_input = alt_read_word(hps_gpio_port) & HPS_KEY_N_MASK;

    // HPS_KEY_N is active-low
    bool toggle_hps_led = (~hps_gpio_input & HPS_KEY_N_MASK);

    if (toggle_hps_led) {
        uint32_t hps_led_value = alt_read_word(hps_gpio_data);
        hps_led_value >>= HPS_LED_PORT_BIT;
        hps_led_value = !hps_led_value;
        hps_led_value <<= HPS_LED_PORT_BIT;
        alt_replbits_word(hps_gpio_data, HPS_LED_MASK, hps_led_value);
    }
}

The key to doing memory-mapped IO in Linux is to use HWLIB's OFFSET-based macros with the virtual address returned by mmap() as the base address. Note that HWLIB also has macros with ABSOLUTE addresses for every device, but those can only be used in bare-metal or Linux device driver code as they directly access certain physical addresses.

In Figure 13-26 and Figure 13-27, we used three such offset-based macros to access the HPS GPIO peripheral’s “Port A Data Register”, “Port A Data Direction Register”, and “External Port A Register”. These macros were the following:

- ALT_GPIO_SWPORTA_DR_ADDR(base)
- ALT_GPIO_SWPORTA_DDR_ADDR(base)
- ALT_GPIO_EXT_PORTA_ADDR(base)

**13.8.3.2.3 Accessing FPGA Peripherals**

Memory-mapping FPGA peripherals is identical to the process used for HPS peripherals. However, there is one subtlety that must be taken care of. When using mmap() you must specify an offset within the file that is to be mapped, as well as the amount of memory to be mapped. The mmap() manual page states that the offset provided **MUST BE A MULTIPLE OF THE SYSTEM’S PAGE SIZE**, which is 0x1000 bytes in our case.
void *h2f_lw_axi_master = NULL;
size_t h2f_lw_axi_master_span = ALT_LWFPGASLVS_UB_ADDR - ALT_LWFPGASLVS_LB_ADDR + 1;
size_t h2f_lw_axi_master_ofst = ALT_LWFPGASLVS_OFST;

void *fpga_leds = NULL;

void mmap_fpga_peripherals() {
    // Use mmap() to map the address space related to the fpga leds into user
    // space so we can interact with them.
    // The fpga leds are connected to the h2f_lw_axi_master, so its base
    // address is calculated from that of the h2f_lw_axi_master.
    // IMPORTANT: If you try to only mmap the fpga leds, it is possible for the
    // operation to fail, and you will get "Invalid argument" as errno. The
    // mmap() manual page says that you can only map a file from an offset which
    // is a multiple of the system's page size.
    // In our specific case, our fpga leds are located at address 0xFF200000,
    // which is a multiple of the page size, however this is due to luck because
    // the fpga leds are the only peripheral connected to the h2f_lw_axi_master.
    // The typical page size in Linux is 0x1000 bytes.
    // So, generally speaking, you will have to mmap() the closest address which
    // is a multiple of your page size and access your peripheral by a specific
    // offset from the mapped address.
    h2f_lw_axi_master = mmap(NULL, h2f_lw_axi_master_span, PROT_READ | PROT_WRITE, MAP_SHARED,
    fd_dev_mem, h2f_lw_axi_master_ofst);
    if (h2f_lw_axi_master == MAP_FAILED) {
        printf("Error: h2f_lw_axi_master mmap() failed.
    
        errno = %s
", strerror(errno));
        close(fd_dev_mem);
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
    fpga_leds = h2f_lw_axi_master + HPS_FPGA_LEDS_BASE;
}

Figure 13-28. mmap_fpga_peripherals() function.

void setup_fpga_leds() {
    // Switch on first LED only
    alt_write_word(fpga_leds, 0x1);
}

Figure 13-29. setup_fpga_leds() function.

void handle_fpga_leds() {
    uint32_t leds_mask = alt_read_word(fpga_leds);
    if (leds_mask != (0x01 << (HPS_FPGA_LEDS_DATA_WIDTH - 1)))) {
        // rotate leds
        leds_mask <<= 1;
    } else {
        // reset leds
        leds_mask = 0x1;
    }
    alt_write_word(fpga_leds, leds_mask);
}

Figure 13-30. handle_fpga_leds() function.

13.8.3.2.4 Cleaning Up Before Application Exit

Although the operating system should take care of this for you, it is always a good practice to remove any
unneeded memory mappings and to close the physical memory file descriptor before your application
terminates.

Figure 13-31 shows how to unmap the GPIO peripheral’s memory-mapping, and Figure 13-32 shows how to
close the physical memory file descriptor.
void munmap_peripherals() {
    munmap_hps_peripherals();
    munmap_fpga_peripherals();
}

void munmap_hps_peripherals() {
    if (munmap(hps_gpio, hps_gpio_span) != 0) {
        printf("Error: hps_gpio munmap() failed\n");
        printf("    errno = %s\n", strerror(errno));
        close(fd_dev_mem);
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
    hps_gpio = NULL;
}

void munmap_fpga_peripherals() {
    if (munmap(h2f_lw_axi_master, h2f_lw_axi_master_span) != 0) {
        printf("Error: h2f_lw_axi_master munmap() failed\n");
        printf("    errno = %s\n", strerror(errno));
        close(fd_dev_mem);
        exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
    }
    h2f_lw_axi_master = NULL;
    fpga_leds = NULL;
}

void close_physical_memory_device() {
    close(fd_dev_mem);
}

Figure 13-31. munmap_peripherals() family of functions.

Figure 13-32. close_physical_memory_device() function.

13.8.3.3 Launching the Linux code in the Debugger
80. Once you have finished writing all the application’s code, right-click on the “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_hps_linux” project, and select “Build Project”.
81. Switch to the DS-5 Debug perspective, as shown in Figure 12-12.

Figure 13-33. Switching to the DS-5 Debug Perspective
82. In the “Debug Control” view, click on the “DE0_Nano_SoC_demo_hps_linux” entry, then click on the “Connect to Target” button, as shown on Figure 13-34. The debugger will start an SSH connection to the linux distribution running on the DE0-Nano-SoC and will automatically transfer our binary file and wait at our application’s “main()” function. If you are prompted to log in, then log in with the ROOT user and password.
83. You can use the buttons in the “Debug Control” view to control the application’s execution.

### 13.8.3.4 App Console

Data sent to standard output is shown in the “App Console” view. Figure 13-36 shows the result of a “printf()” call in our demo code shown in Figure 13-22.
13.8.3.5 DS-5 Linux Debugger Restrictions

In 12.2.4.4.1, we saw that the DS-5 BARE-METAL debugger had a “Registers” view which could show the registers of all HPS and FPGA peripherals. This was a very handy tool, as it made it easy to verify if registers were accessed and updated correctly.

Unfortunately, when it comes to debugging LINUX binaries, the DS-5 debugger is subject to the same constraints our Linux applications are. Namely, it cannot directly access physical hardware addresses directly. As such, there is no “Registers” view when debugging Linux applications, and you must resort to manually memory-mapping and verifying peripheral accesses yourself.
14TODO

- Explain MSEL when reprogramming the FPGA from the HPS.
- Talk about what the JTAG to Avalon masters are.
- Find out how to automatically program the FPGA when writing a bare-metal HPS application. Use "tftp" command?
15 References


