In-circuit, Run-time Compiler of Finite State Machines for the UTIA EdkDSP Customizable Accelerators

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Abstract:

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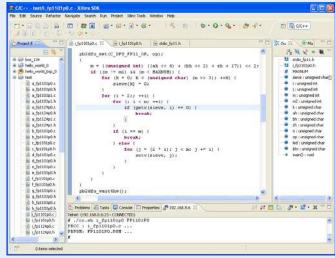
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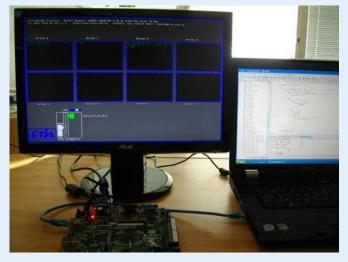
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In-circuit FSM Compiler. Compile Time < 100 sec. (3s700an 50 MHz)



Local screens for print, visualization are generated by FPGAs.



Compatible with Xilinx Starter Kits: 3s500e, 3s700an, 6slx16, 6slx45t

