

Advanced Concepts with Xilinx[®] SDSoC[™] – Streaming I/O

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Objectives

- Learn how to create a SDSoC platform that supports streaming input data
- Create a SDSoC application that accesses the input data stream

Overview

This lab demonstrates the steps needed to create a SDSoC platform and application that processes streaming data received from an external source. A programmable counter located in the programmable logic (PL) will be used to model the external source. In reality, the external source may be an analog-to-digital converter (ADC) or some other off-chip device, but for simplicity we will model the external source with a programmable counter. The counter is programmed over an AXI4™-Lite interface by the software portion of our SDSoC application running in the Zynq® processing system (PS). The counter output feeds an AXI4-Stream data FIFO which is accessed by our SDSoC application to move data from PL to PS.

This lab is split into three experiments. In the first experiment we will develop a SDSoC platform capable of supporting streaming data. The second experiment creates and builds the SDSoC application. The third experiment executes the SDSoC application on the MiniZed™. The first experiment can be skipped if desired by using the pre-built SDSoC MiniZed platform found in the supporting documents folder accompanied with this lab.

Lab Setup

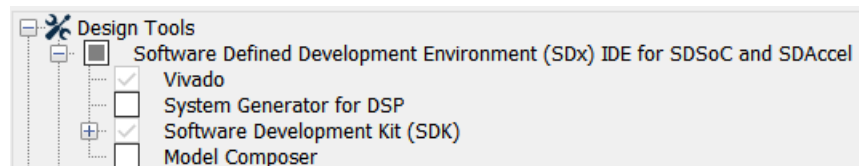
This experiment will build upon work done in “A Practical Guide to Getting Started with Xilinx SDSoC”, which can be downloaded from <http://zedboard.org/support/trainings-and-videos>. It is not necessary to complete “A Practical Guide to Getting Started with Xilinx SDSoC”, but it is highly recommended.

Setting Up For the Lab

This document is written for use with Windows and there are references throughout to paths starting with C:/. If you wish to complete this lab with a different operating system please convert the file paths appropriately.

1. Install version 2017.4 of the Xilinx SDx tool suite

<https://www.xilinx.com/support/download/index.html/content/xilinx/en/downloadNav/sdx-development-environments.html>

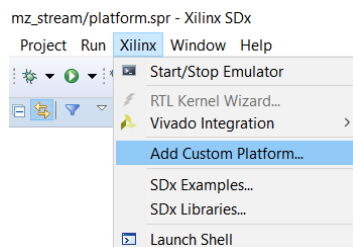


2. Become familiar with SDSoC and Vivado.
3. Create a directory on your C-drive named *training*. Extract the contents of the supporting documents zip-file (*support.zip*) to *C:/training*.
4. If not already done, copy the MiniZed board definition to your *<Xilinx SDx install directory>/Vivado/2017.4/data/boards/board_files* directory. The MiniZed board definition files can be found in the *C:/training/support/board_def* folder or downloaded from http://zedboard.org/sites/default/files/documentations/MiniZed_Board_Definition_File_0.zip.
5. Install a terminal program such as PuTTY or Tera Term.

Experiment 1: Create the Platform

The first experiment in this lab creates the MiniZed hardware platform containing the programmable counter and AXI4-Stream data FIFO. The programmable counter models an external data source and writes data to the AXI4-Stream data FIFO. The AXI4-Stream data FIFO is read by the SDSoC application which will be created in Experiment 2.

Note: A completed SDSoC platform is located in the support folder under a sub-folder named platforms. If you wish to skip SDSoC platform generation then add the completed platform to your repository (SDSoC GUI menu Xilinx → Add Custom Platform) and go to Experiment 2. More detail on adding the custom platform to your repository is given in Experiment 2.



Hardware Platform

The following steps demonstrate creation of the hardware platform definition in Vivado

1. Open Vivado 2017.4
2. Create a new project named **mz_stream** in *C:/training/vivado_project* then click on **Next**

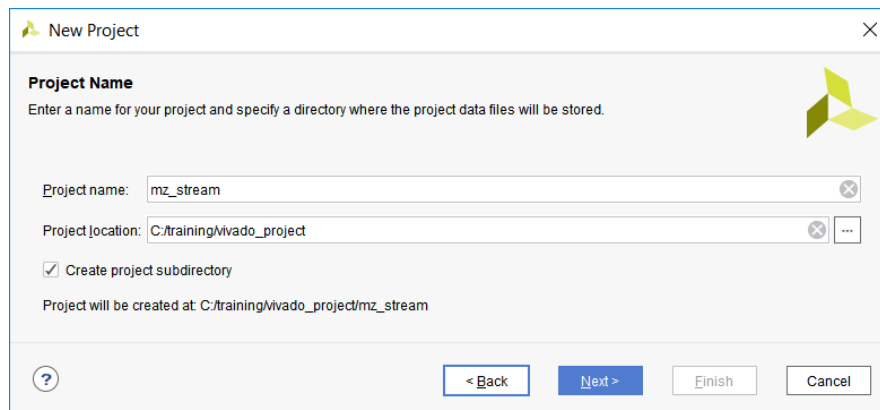


Figure 1 - New Vivado Project

3. Select the **RTL Project** option and make sure the **Do not specify sources at this time** box is checked and then click **Next**

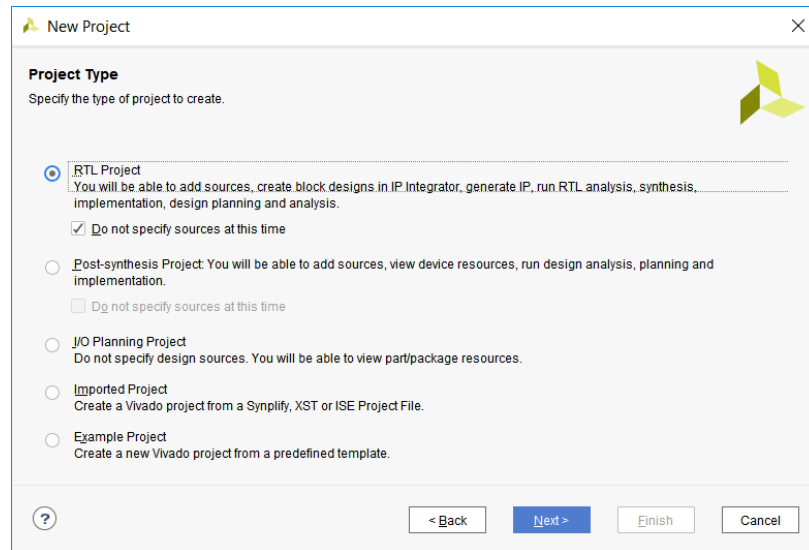


Figure 2 - Vivado Project Type

4. Click on **Boards** then select the **MiniZed** option and click **Next**

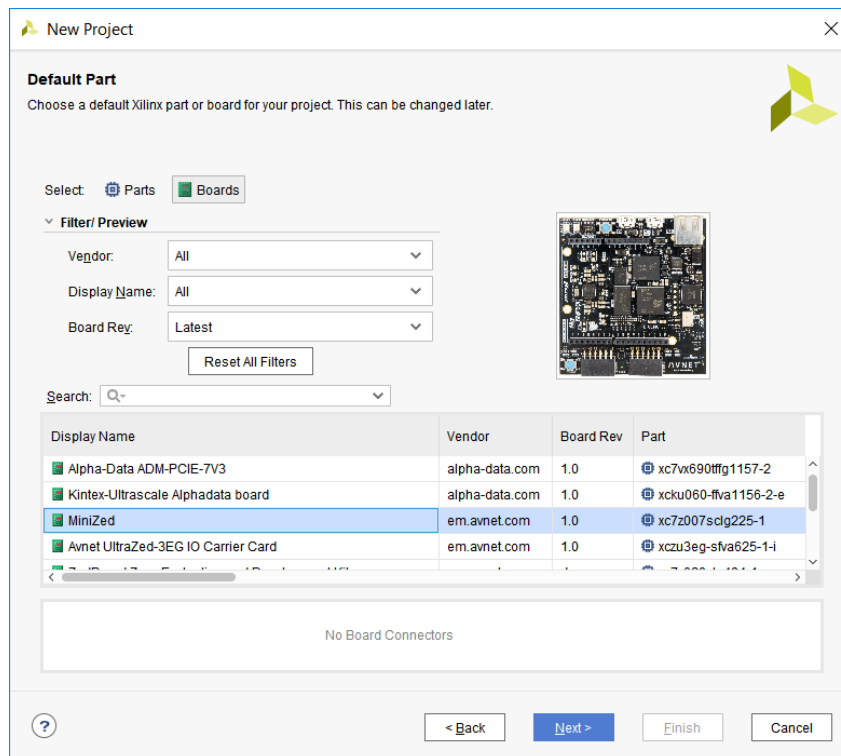


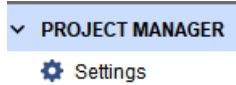
Figure 3 - Part Selection

5. Click **Finish** on the New Project Summary window

6. Extract the *axi_counter_ip.zip* file located in the support folder to your Vivado project directory

C:\training\vivado_project\mz_stream\mz_stream.ip_user_files

In Vivado, click on **Settings** under **PROJECT MANAGER** in the Flow Navigator window



7. Select **IP** (click on the rotated chevron symbol left of IP to expand) → **Repository** and add the **axi_counter_ip** directory from step 6 then click **OK**

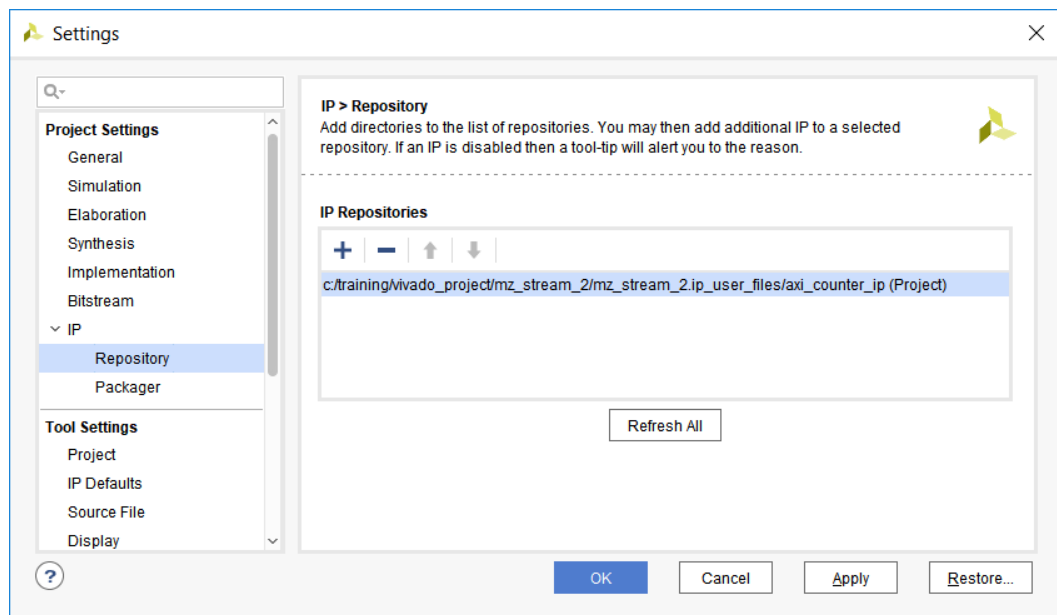


Figure 4 - Adding the IP Repository

Note: SDSoC requires all project files, including IP, to be local to the Vivado project. This is why the AXI Counter IP was copied to the ip_user_files directory in step 6.

Note: Steps 8 through 22 demonstrate how to create the block design for the streaming I/O platform. The process is lengthy and somewhat cumbersome.

You can create the block design automatically by executing the `create_mz_stream_bd.tcl` script from the supporting documents folder. If you use this script jump to step 23.

8. Create an IP Integrator Block Design named **mz_stream_bd** by clicking on the **Create Block Design** option under **IP Integrator** in **Flow Navigator**

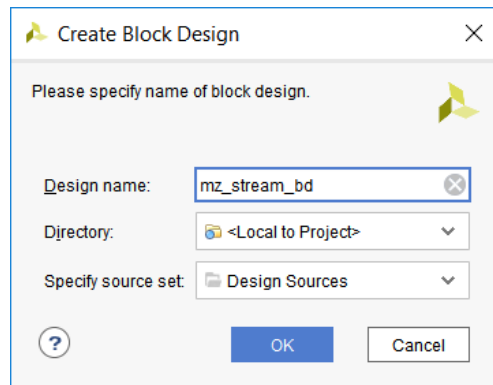


Figure 5 - Create the Block Design

9. Add the following components to the IP Integrator (IPI) canvas
- a. ZYNQ7 Processing System – quantity 1
 - b. Processor System Reset – quantity 3
 - c. Clocking Wizard – quantity 1
 - d. Concat – quantity 1
 - e. axi_counter_ip – quantity 1
 - f. AXI4-Stream Data FIFO – quantity 1
 - g. AXI SmartConnect – quantity 1
10. Click on **Run Block Automation** in the Designer Assistance Banner to apply MiniZed board presets

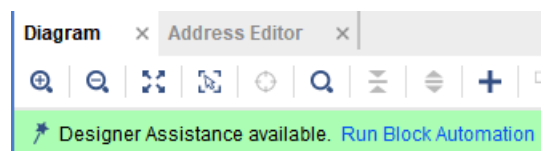


Figure 6 – Block Automation

11. Click **OK** on the pop-up window

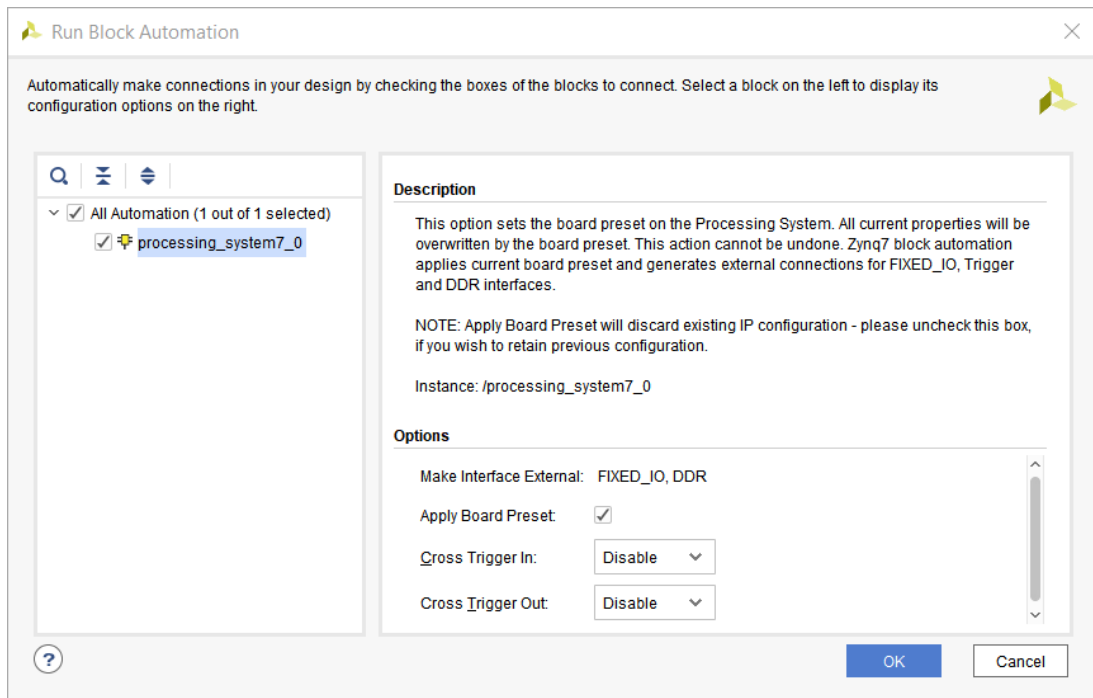


Figure 7 - Block Automation Pop-up

12. **Double-click** on the **ZYNQ7 Processing System** block and customize it as follows

- a. We need to enable the M_AXI_GP0 interface which will be used to write memory-mapped registers within the AXI Counter IP. The M_AXI_GP0 interface is enabled by navigating to **PS-PL Configuration** → **AXI Non Secure Enablement** → **GP Master AXI Interface** → **M AXI GP0 interface** (shown in the figure below).

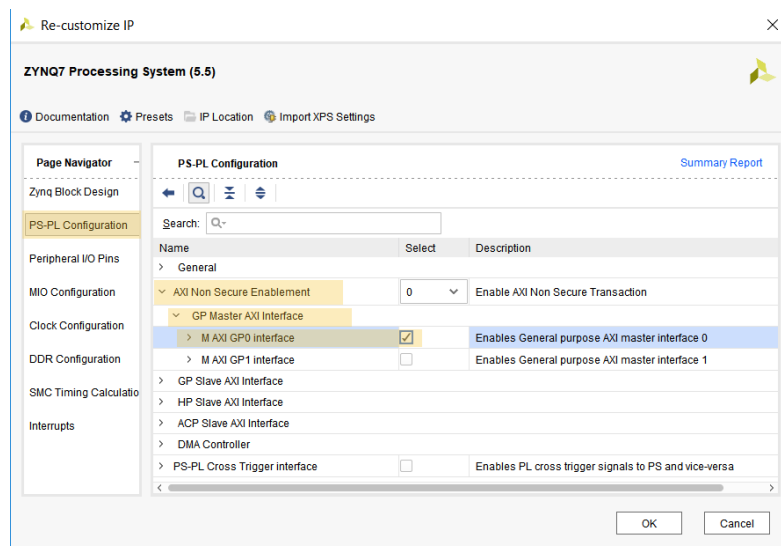


Figure 8 – Enabling M_AXI_GP0 PL Interface

- b. There is an issue with using UART0 on the MiniZed so we must disable it in order to force UART1 to be used. To disable UART0 select **Peripheral I/O Pins** and deselect **UART 0**

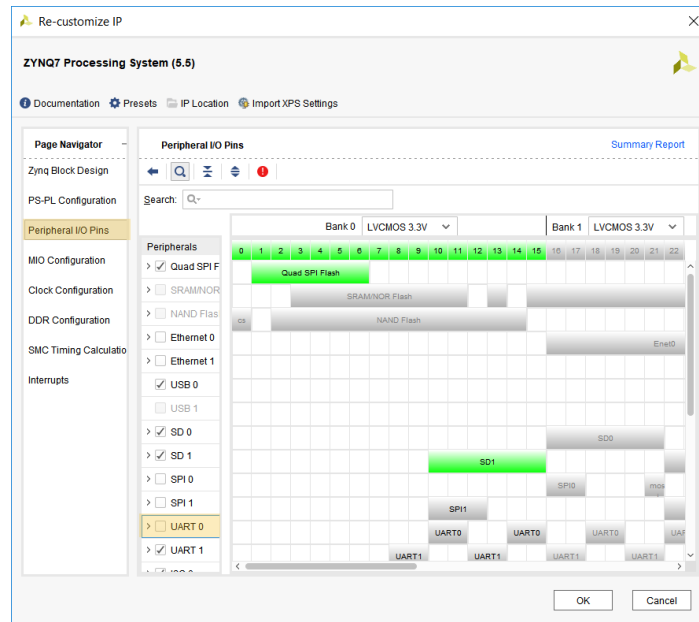


Figure 9 – Disabling UART 0

- c. Per [UG1146](#) we must enable fabric interrupts and connect a Concat block to the PS interrupt port. To enable interrupts select **Interrupts** and enable **Fabric Interrupts**.

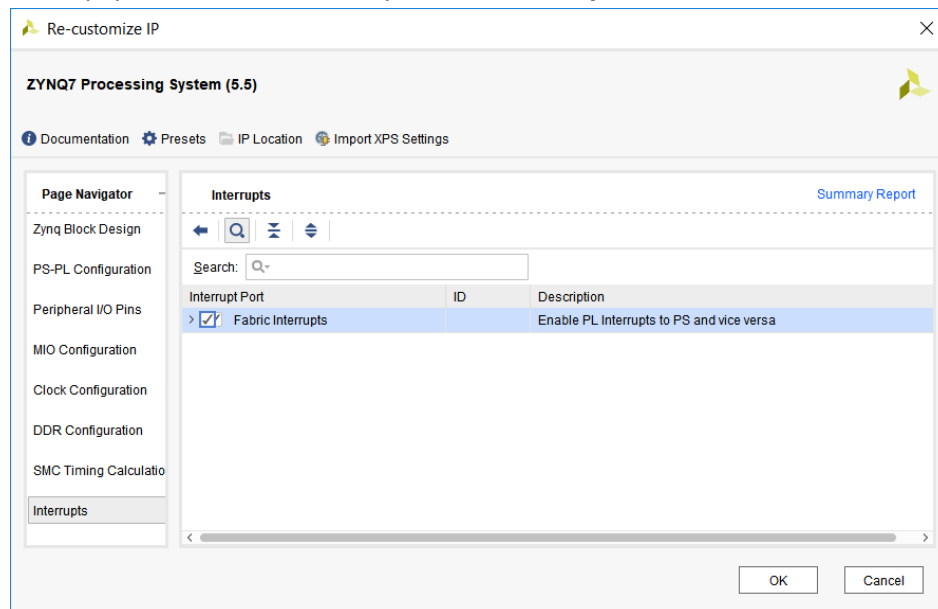


Figure 10 - Fabric Interrupts

- d. Next enable **PL-PS Interrupt Ports** by expanding Fabric Interrupts and selecting **IRQ_F2P[15:0]**

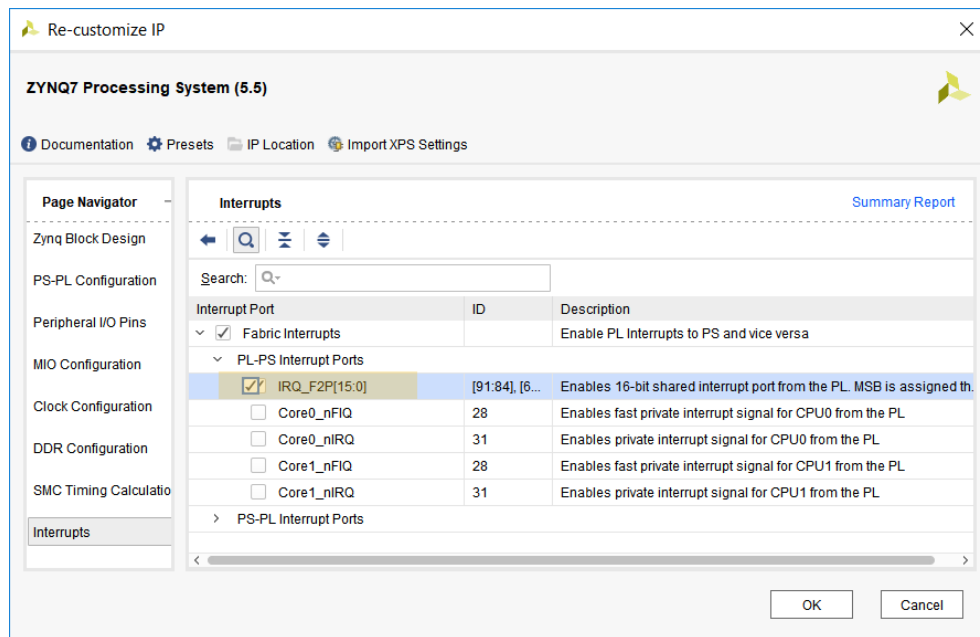


Figure 11 - IRQ_F2P[15:0]

- e. Click **OK**

13. Double-click on the **Concat** block and customize it with **1 input port** then click **OK**

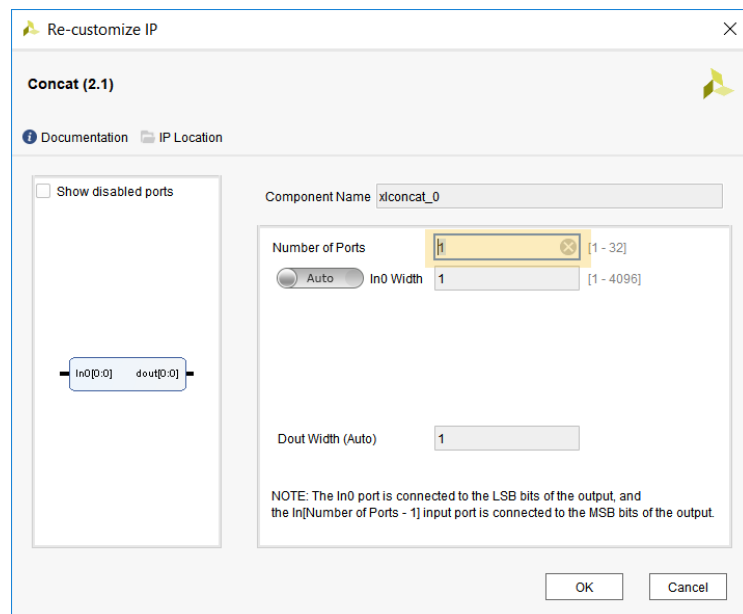


Figure 12 - Concat Block with 1 Input Port

14. For our platform we are adding 3 PL clocks using the Clocking Wizard. We could use clocks generated by the PS, but using the Clocking Wizard allows for more flexibility during routing by Vivado. **Double-click** on the **Clocking Wizard** block and customize it with 3 output clocks

a. Click on the **Output Clocks** tab and set the following output clock frequencies and reset option

i. **clk_out1 = 50 MHz, clk_out2 = 75 MHz, clk_out3 = 100 MHz**

ii. **Reset Type → Active Low**

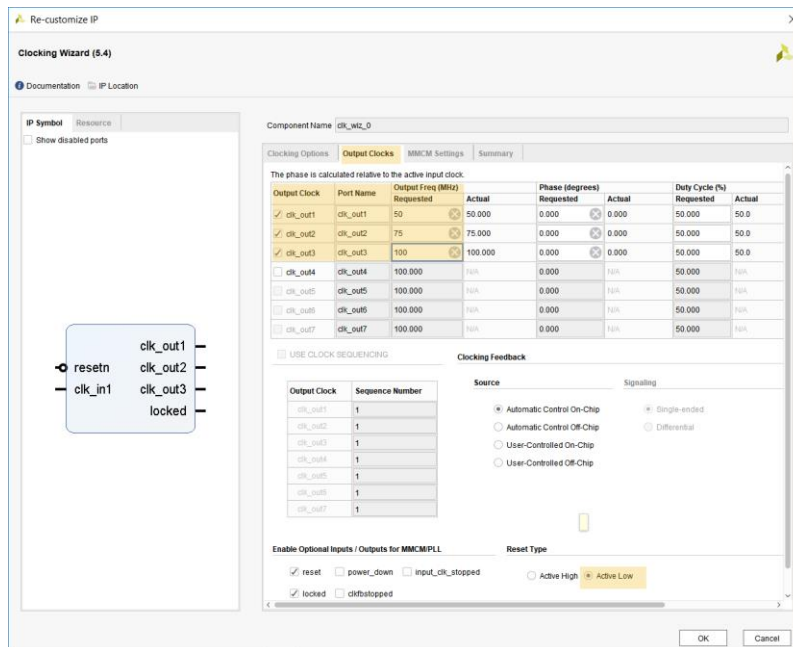


Figure 13 - Clocking Wizard

b. Click **OK**

15. **Double-click** on the **AXI SmartConnect** block and customize it with **1 AXI Slave interface** then click **OK**. The AXI SmartConnect block is used to handle port differences between the AXI interface on the PS and the AXI Counter IP.

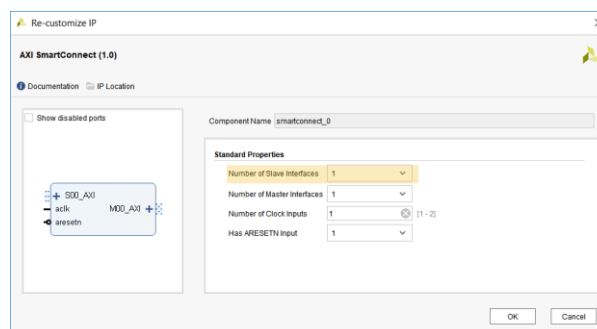


Figure 14 - AXI SmartConnect with 1 AXI Slave Interface

16. Double-click on the **AXI4-Stream Data FIFO** and set the following parameters
 - a. **FIFO Depth** to **4096**
 - b. **Asynchronous Clocks** to **Yes**
 - c. **TDATA Width** (bytes) to **4** – *Note: You need to change the toggle from Auto to Manual*
 - d. Click **OK**

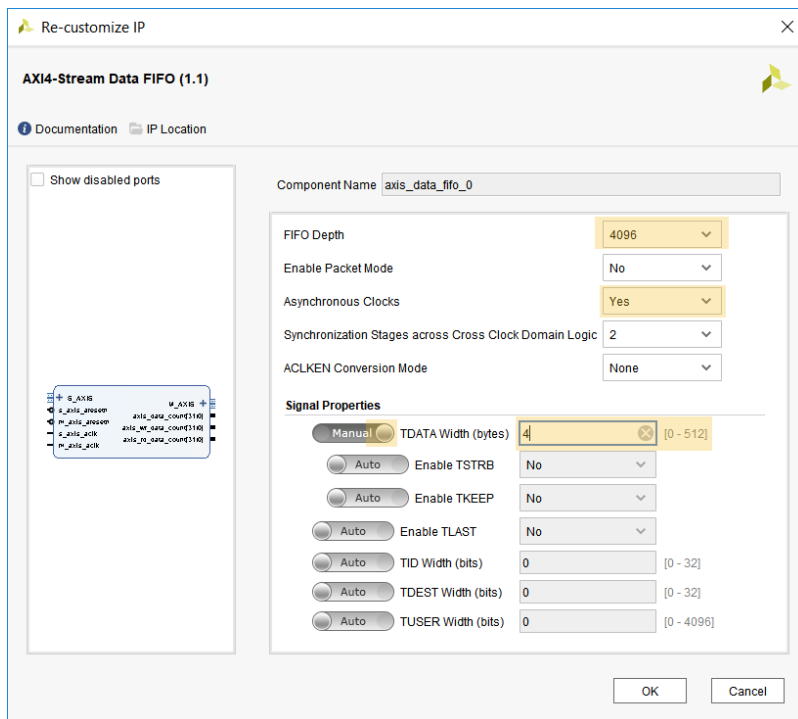



Figure 15 - AXI4-Stream Data FIFO Customization

17. We need to connect all of our components now that they are customized. Make the following connections (components shown in **bold font**, ports shown in *green italicized font*)
 - a. **xlconcat_0** *dout* port to **processing_system7_0** *IRQ_F2P* port
 - b. **processing_system7_0** *FCLK_RESET0_N* port to
 - i. **proc_sys_reset_0** *ext_reset_in* port
 - ii. **proc_sys_reset_1** *ext_reset_in* port
 - iii. **proc_sys_reset_2** *ext_reset_in* port
 - iv. **clk_wiz_0** *resetn* port
 - c. **processing_system7_0** *FCLK0* port to **clk_wiz_0** *clk_in_1* port
 - d. **clk_wiz_0** *clk_out_1* port to **proc_sys_reset_0** *slowest_sync_clk* port

- e. **clk_wiz_0** *clk_out_2* port to
 - i. **proc_sys_reset_1** *slowest_sync_clk* port
 - ii. **processing_system7_0** *M_AXI_GP0_ACLK* port
 - iii. **smartconnect_0** *acclk* port
 - iv. **axis_data_fifo_0** *s_axis_acclk* port
 - v. **axi_counter_ip_0** *clk* and *s_axi_acclk* ports
- f. **clk_wiz_0** *clk_out_3* port to
 - i. **proc_sys_reset_2** *slowest_sync_clk* port
 - ii. **axis_data_fifo_0** *m_axis_acclk* port
- g. **clk_wiz_0** *locked* port to
 - i. **proc_sys_reset_0** *dcm_locked* port
 - ii. **proc_sys_reset_1** *dcm_locked* port
 - iii. **proc_sys_reset_2** *dcm_locked* port
- h. **proc_sys_reset_1** *peripheral_aresetn* port to
 - i. **axi_counter_ip** *rst_n* and *s_axi_aresetn* ports
 - ii. **axis_data_fifo_0** *s_axis_aresetn* port
 - iii. **smartconnect_0** *aresetn* port
- i. **proc_sys_reset_2** *peripheral_aresetn* port to **axis_data_fifo_0** *m_axis_aresetn*
- j. **Expand** the **S_AXIS** interface on the **axis_data_fifo_0** component to expose the *s_axis_tdata* and *s_axis_tvalid* ports. Make the following connections
 - i. **axi_counter_ip** *counter[31:0]* port to **axis_data_fifo_0** *s_axis_tdata[31:0]*
 - ii. **axi_counter_ip** *counter_valid* port to **axis_data_fifo_0** *s_axis_tvalid* port
- k. **axi_counter_ip_0** *s_axi* interface to **smartconnect_0** *M00_AXI* interface
- l. **smartconnect_0** *S00_AXI* interface to **processing_system7_0** *M_AXI_GP0* interface

18. Regenerate the block design layout by clicking on  at the top of the IPI canvas. The block diagram should look like Figure 16.

Note: the M_AXIS interface of the axis_data_fifo_0 component is left unconnected in the block design. We will define this interface for use by the SDSoC application.

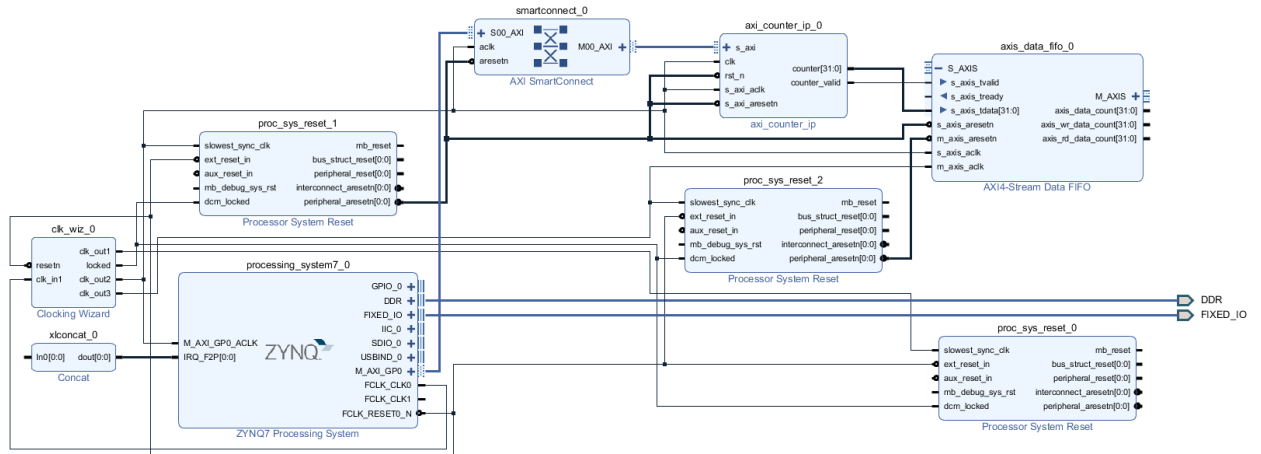



Figure 16 – Final Hardware Platform IPI Block Diagram

19. Click on **Address Editor** tab, if the **Address Editor** tab does not appear in your **BLOCK DESIGN** window then Navigate to **Window → Address Editor** using the Vivado menu

- Click on the **Auto Assign Address** button  then **OK** at the Auto Assign Address pop-up
- Notice that an address offset of **0x43C0_0000** was set for the **axi_counter_ip_0** component. If it was not set to that value you will need to change it or remember to change the SDSoC application source code (*counter_control.h*) to use the address assigned by Vivado.

Cell	Slave Interface	Base Name	Offset Address	Range	High Address
processing_system7_0					
axi_counter_ip_0	s_axi	reg0	0x43C0_0000	6...	0x43C0_FFFF

Figure 17 - Address Editor

20. Click on the **Diagram** tab and **validate** the block design by clicking on 

21. You should get a pop-up that says **“Validation Successful. There are no errors or critical warnings in this design.”** If you don't get this message then fix the issues and revalidate. Click **OK** to dismiss the pop-up.

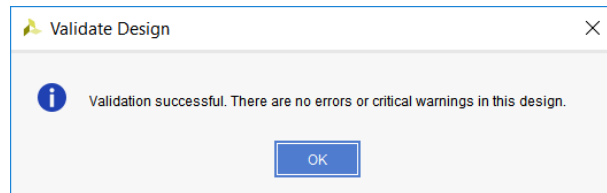


Figure 18 - Validation Successful

22. **Save** the block diagram
23. Our block design is now complete and we are ready to generate output products. In order to proceed we need to create a HDL wrapper for the block design and set it as the top level design file. Vivado can automatically create a wrapper and set it as the top file. In the **Sources** window right-click on the **mz_stream_bd** design source and select **Create HDL Wrapper**

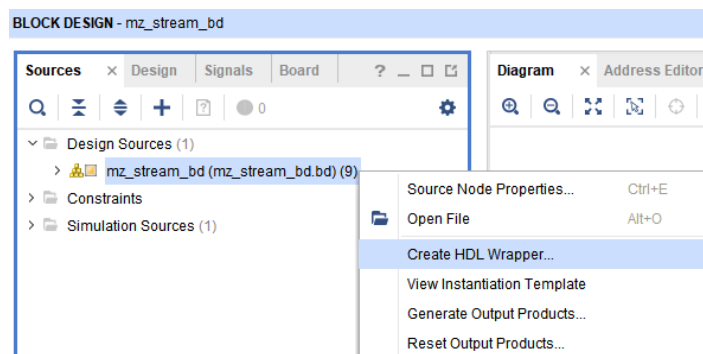


Figure 19 - Create HDL Wrapper

- a. At the pop-up leave the **Let Vivado manage wrapper and auto-update** radio button selected and click **OK**

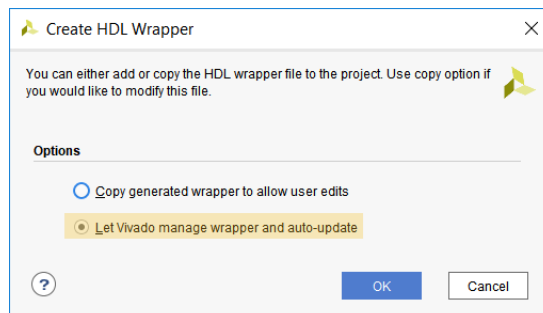


Figure 20 - Create HDL Wrapper Dialog

24. Next we need to define the interfaces that our SDSoC application can access. The Tcl commands used to define these interfaces are described in detail in [UG1146](#) if you are interested in exploring. To save time, execute the **mz_stream_pfm.tcl** script from the **support** directory which already defines the SDSoC interfaces.

Note: It is assumed that you have followed the naming conventions specified in this document. If that is not the case then you will need to update the Tcl script appropriately.

In the Tcl Console execute

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source C:/training/support/mz_stream_pfm.tcl
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25. **Save** the block diagram and **Run Implementation**. At the pop-up click **OK** to launch the runs.

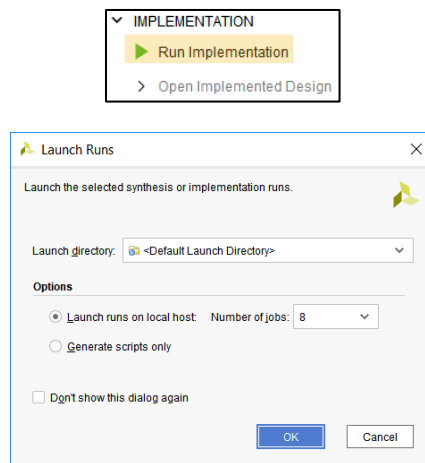


Figure 21 – Run Implementation

26. When implementation is complete **open the implemented** design

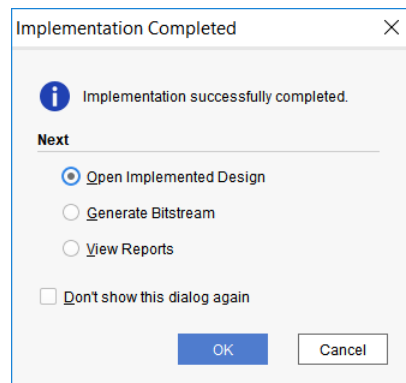


Figure 22 – Open Implemented Design

27. Next we will create the Device Support Archive (DSA) which is used by the SDSoC tool to understand the hardware platform

- a. In the **Tcl Console** change directories to the Vivado project directory
cd C:/training/vivado_project/mz_stream
- b. Execute
write_dsa -force mz_stream.dsa
- c. Execute
validate_dsa mz_stream.dsa

28. **Close** the **Vivado** project and exit Vivado

Software Platform

The software platform definition is created automatically by SDSoC in this lab using the SDSoC “Build software platform components” option. The SDSoC Platform section below describes how to use this option.

SDSoC Platform

The SDSoC platform generation procedure in this experiment is similar to “A Practical Guide to Getting Started with Xilinx SDSoC”. The only exception is that we will be using a new Device Support Archive file.

For this experiment we will create a new workspace that will contain the SDSoC platform and the SDSoC application.

1. Launch the SDx GUI



2. In the “Select a directory as workspace” dialog set the workspace to **C:\training\SDx_wksp_mz_strm** and click **OK**
3. Close the Welcome window if it appears
4. In the Project Explorer pane, **right-click** and select **New → SDx Project**

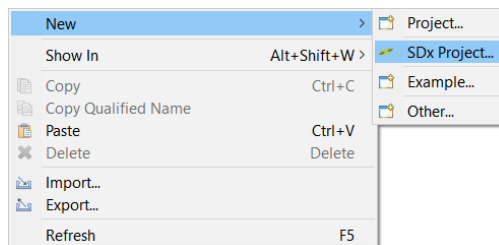


Figure 23 – New SDx Project

5. Select **Platform Project** and click **Next**

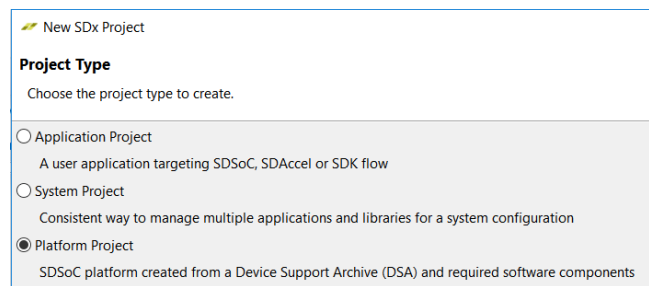


Figure 24 – Platform Project

6. Select the DSA file that was generated in step 27 of the Hardware Platform section.
7. Select the **Build software platform components (Beta)** option and click **Finish**.

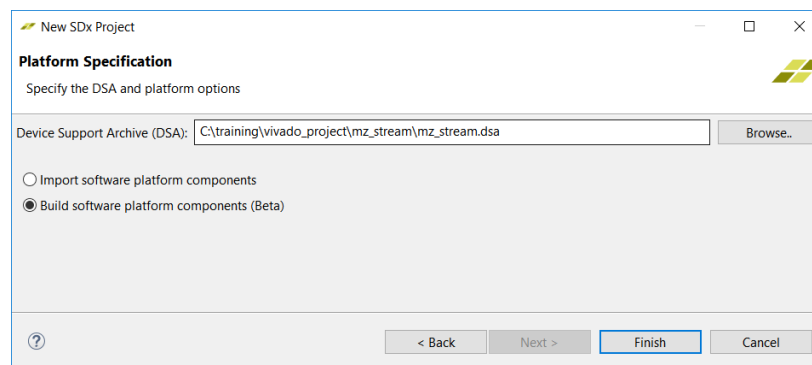


Figure 25 – Platform Specification

Steps to Generate a Platform

8. In the “Platform: mz_stream” window **click** on **1** [Define System Configuration](#)
9. Fill out the dialog box with the **information shown in the figure below** and click **OK**.

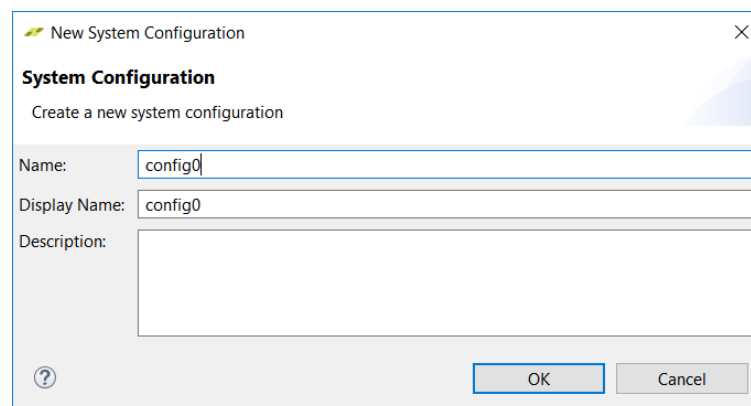


Figure 26 - SDSoc Platform System Configuration

10. Click on **2** [Add Processor Group/Domain](#) and enter the information shown in the figure below then click **OK**

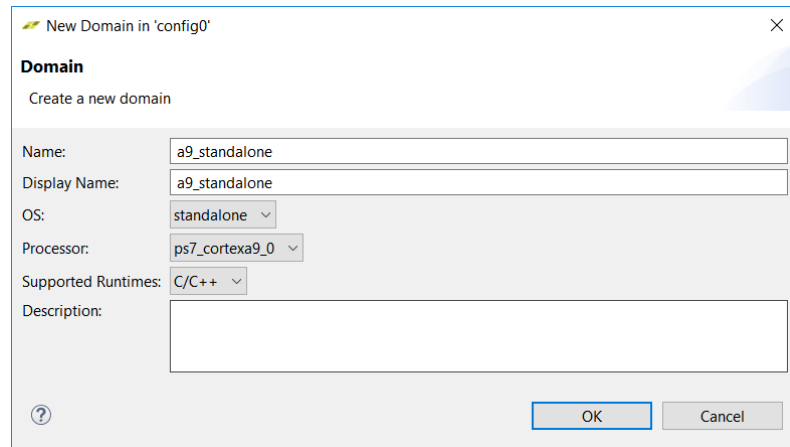


Figure 27 - SDSoC Platform Domain

11. Click **3** [Generate Platform](#) and wait for platform generation to complete then click **OK** to dismiss the pop-up

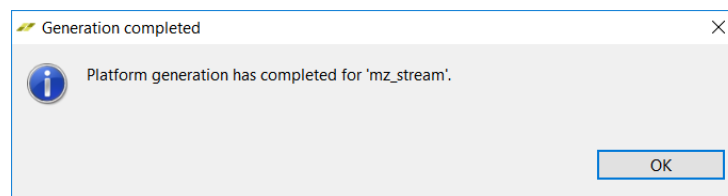


Figure 28 – Platform Generation Completed

12. Click **4** [Add to Custom Repositories](#) to add the SDSoC platform to the platform repository for the current workspace then click **OK** to dismiss the pop-up

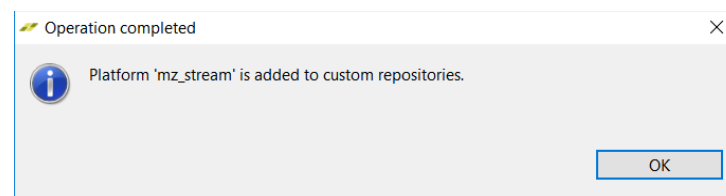


Figure 29 – Platform Added to Custom Repositories

13. There is an issue with the linker script generated by SDSoC which defines a heap size that is too large for the DDR memory on the MiniZed, so we need to update the linker script with an acceptable heap size

- a. In **Windows Explorer** navigate to
C:\training\SDx_wksp_mz_strm\mz_stream\export\mz_stream\sw\config0\a9_standalone
- b. Open **lscript.ld** with a text editor

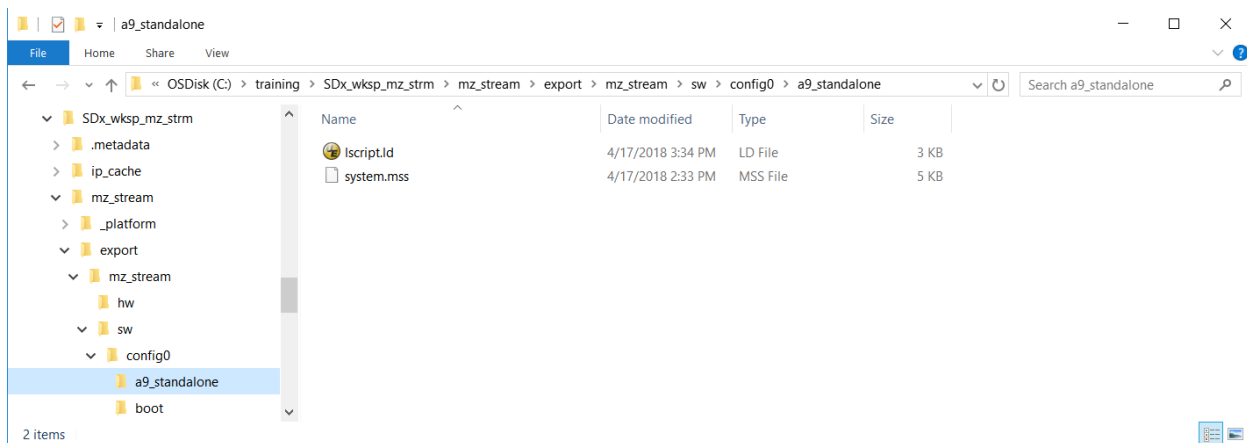


Figure 30 – Linker Script in Windows Explorer

- c. Search for the line containing
`_HEAP_SIZE = DEFINED(_HEAP_SIZE) ? _HEAP_SIZE : 0x30000000;`
- d. Modify the line with a heap size of **0x10000000**
`_HEAP_SIZE = DEFINED(_HEAP_SIZE) ? _HEAP_SIZE : 0x10000000;`

14. **Save** and **close** the linker script

15. SDSoC platform generation is complete

Discussion: Create the Platform

In Experiment 1 we created the SDSoC platform for the MiniZed that will allow the SDSoC application to access streaming input data. Figure 31 below shows the AXI4-Stream Data FIFO which temporarily stores the streaming input data. In Experiment 2 we will create the SDSoC application which will connect to the FIFO master AXI4-Stream interface to read the data from the input stream.

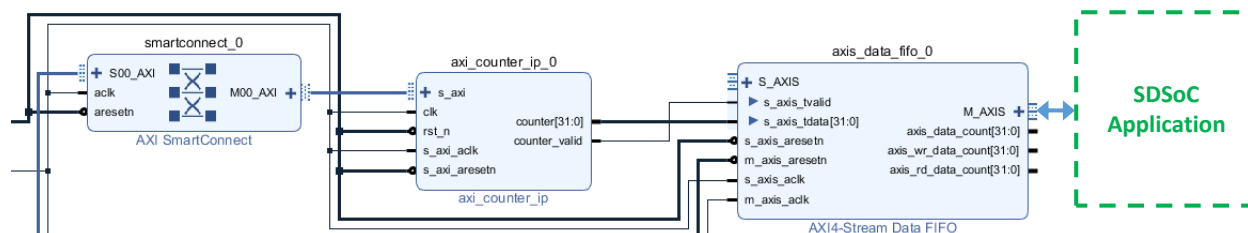


Figure 31 – SDSoC Platform and Application Connection

During platform creation we added a Clocking Wizard IP block instead of enabling more output clocks from the PS. There can be issues with closing timing when all clocks are sourced from the PS. In order to improve our timing results the Clocking Wizard was added which puts PL clock generation in the PL rather than the PS, and gives the tool more flexibility when routing the design.

The programmable counter operates at a maximum sample rate of 75 MHz. The highest clock available in the platform is 100 MHz which we will use in our application for the data movement clock. We want our data movement clock to be higher than the input data rate in order to be able to read the FIFO fast enough to prevent overflows.

The programming interface for the counter is an AXI4-Lite memory-mapped interface that is defined as part of the hardware platform. This method of platform definition/connection follows the traditional Vivado/SDK development flow. SDSoC supports writing data to memory-mapped addresses in the same way that is supported by SDK. This is very handy if we have a previous application that used the traditional flow, but want to update the application to use SDSoC. In that case we may not need to update the hardware or software platforms, we just need to create the SDSoC platform by following the steps outlined in the SDSoC Platform section of Experiment 1.

In step 24 of Experiment 1 we executed the `mz_stream_pfm.tcl` script which defines the platform interfaces available to the SDSoC application. The Tcl script defines PL clocks as well as AXI and interrupt ports that SDSoC uses to move data between PS and PL. A portion of the Tcl script is shown in Figure 32 below. The script excerpt shows the AXI4-Stream master port exported for use with SDSoC. It can be seen that the "M_AXIS" port of type "M_AXIS" from the `axis_data_fifo_0` component is being exported for use by the SDSoC application. We will use the `sys_port` pragma in our SDSoC application to directly connect to the M_AXIS port of the `axis_data_fifo_0` component.

```
62  ### Define the platform interface to the AXI4-Stream Data FIFO
63  set_property PFM.AXIS_PORT { \
64    M_AXIS {type "M_AXIS"} \
65  } [get_bd_cells /axis_data_fifo_0]
```

Figure 32 – AXI4-Stream Data FIFO Port Definition

Experiment 2: Create the Application

In this experiment we will create the SDSoC application which programs a PL counter by writing memory-mapped registers over an AXI4-Lite interface. The output of the counter feeds an AXI4-Stream Data FIFO which the SDSoC application accesses to get data from the PL.

1. If you skipped Experiment 1 perform a-c below. Proceed to step 2 below if you completed Experiment 1.
 - a. Launch the SDx GUI



- b. In the “Select a directory as workspace” dialog set the workspace to **C:\training\SDx_wksp_mz_strm** and click **OK**
 - c. Close the Welcome window if it appears
 - d. In the SDx GUI menu navigate to **Xilinx → Add Custom Platform**

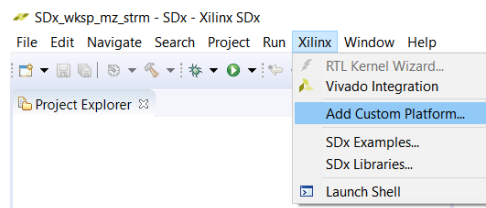


Figure 33 – Add Custom Platform

- e. Click on the **Add Custom Platform** button and then browse to **C:\training\support\platforms\mz_stream** and click **OK**

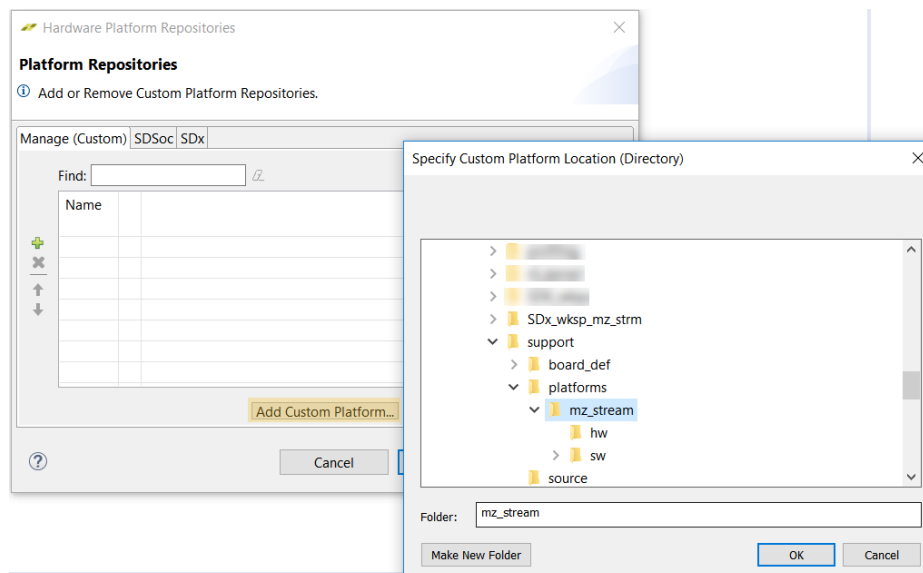


Figure 34 – Add Custom Platform

- f. Finally, click **OK** on the Platform Repositories pop-up. You should see the mz_stream platform listed as shown in the figure below.

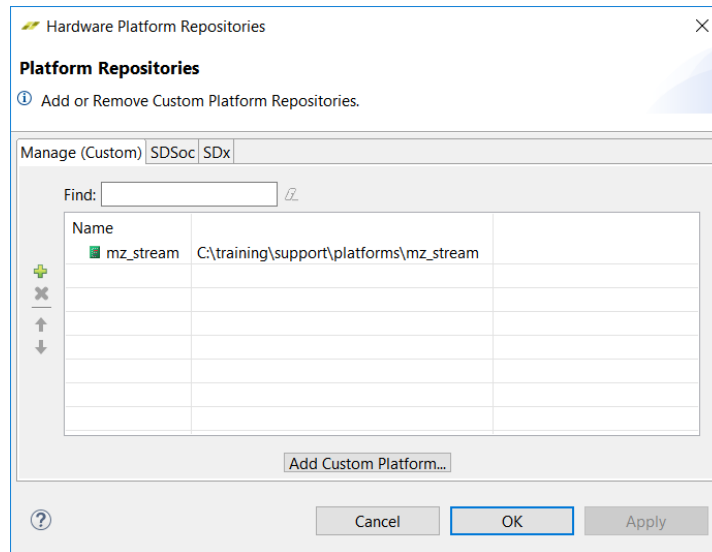


Figure 35 – mz_stream Platform Added to Repository

2. Create the application project
- a. In the **Project Explorer** pane, **right-click** and select **New → SDx Project**

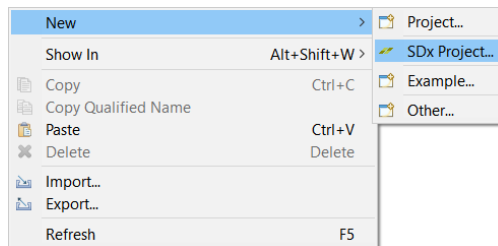


Figure 36 - New SDx Project

- b. Select **Application Project** and click **Next**

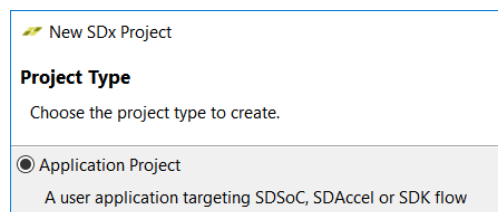
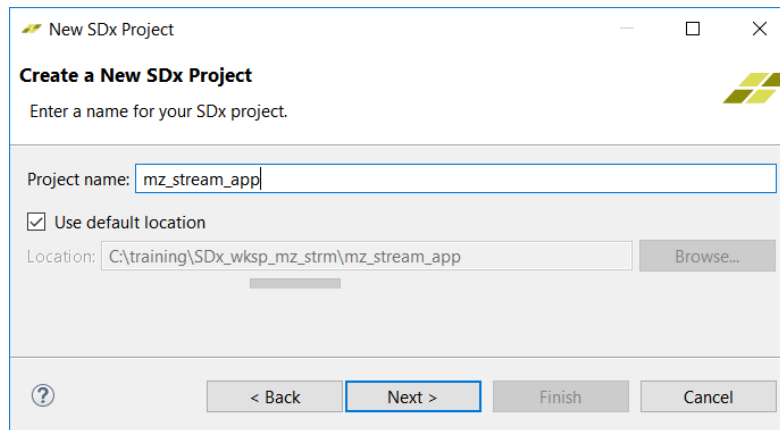


Figure 37 – Application Project

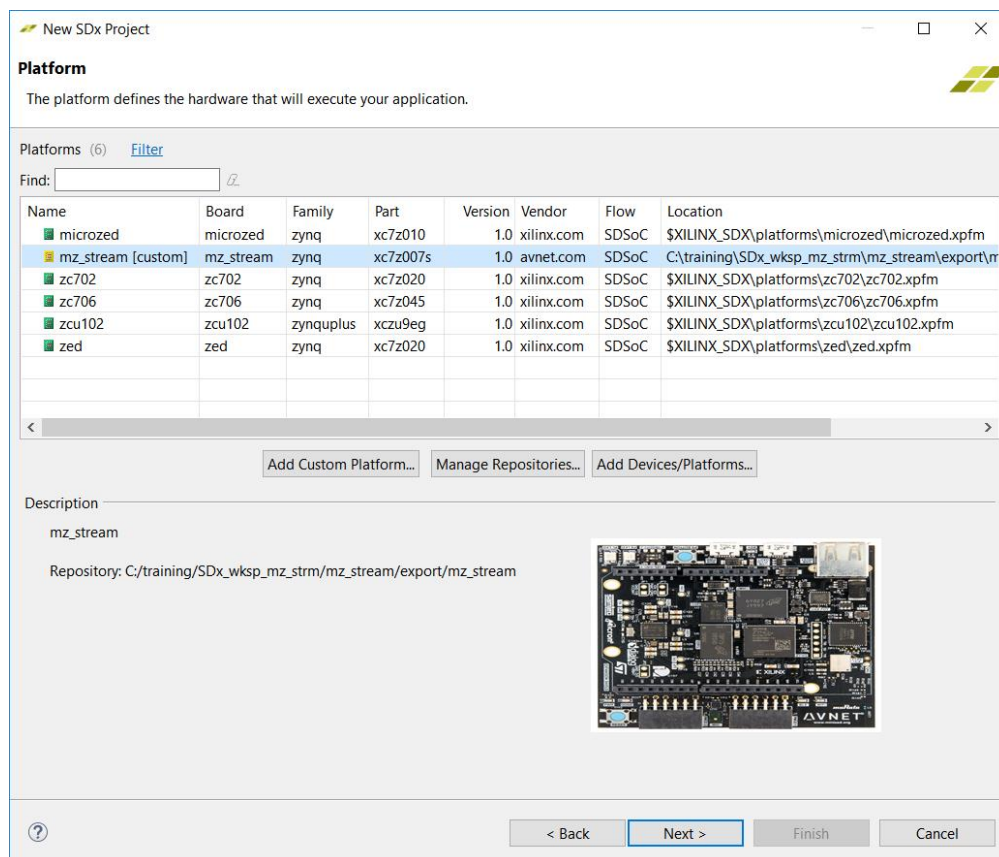
- c. For the project name use **mz_stream_app** and click **Next**



The 'New SDx Project' dialog box is shown. It has a title bar with a green SDx logo. The main heading is 'Create a New SDx Project' with a sub-instruction 'Enter a name for your SDx project.' Below this is a text field for 'Project name:' containing 'mz_stream_app'. A checkbox labeled 'Use default location' is checked. Below the checkbox is a 'Location:' text field containing 'C:\training\SDx_wksp_mz_strm\mz_stream_app' and a 'Browse...' button. At the bottom are four buttons: a help icon (?), '< Back', 'Next >', 'Finish', and 'Cancel'.

Figure 38 – MiniZed Streaming I/O Application

- d. Select the **mz_stream [custom]** platform and click **Next**



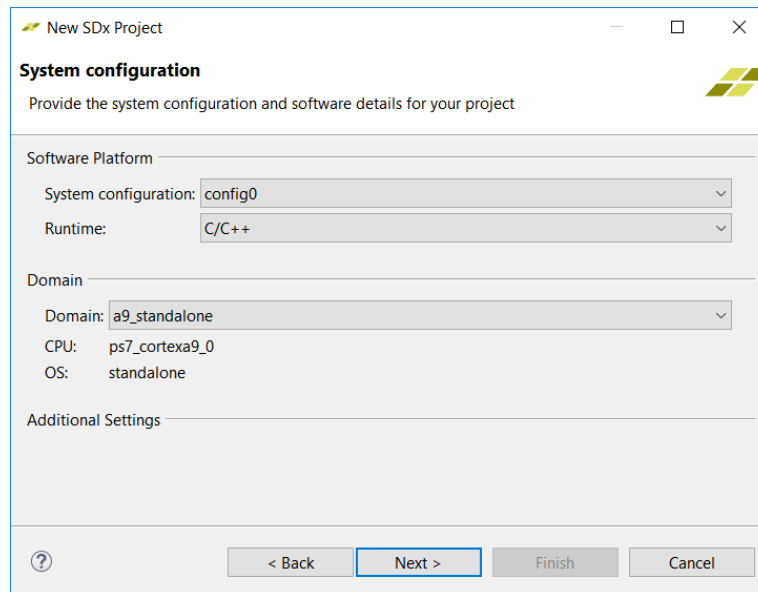
The 'Platform' selection dialog box is shown. It has a title bar with a green SDx logo. The heading is 'Platform' with a sub-instruction 'The platform defines the hardware that will execute your application.' Below this is a section for 'Platforms (6)' with a 'Filter' link and a 'Find:' text field. A table lists the available platforms:

Name	Board	Family	Part	Version	Vendor	Flow	Location
microzed	microzed	zynq	xc7z010	1.0	xilinx.com	SDSoC	\$XILINX_SDX\platforms\microzed\microzed.xpfm
mz_stream [custom]	mz_stream	zynq	xc7z007s	1.0	avnet.com	SDSoC	C:\training\SDx_wksp_mz_strm\mz_stream\export\mz_stream.xpfm
zc702	zc702	zynq	xc7z020	1.0	xilinx.com	SDSoC	\$XILINX_SDX\platforms\zc702\zc702.xpfm
zc706	zc706	zynq	xc7z045	1.0	xilinx.com	SDSoC	\$XILINX_SDX\platforms\zc706\zc706.xpfm
zcu102	zcu102	zynqplus	xczu9eg	1.0	xilinx.com	SDSoC	\$XILINX_SDX\platforms\zcu102\zcu102.xpfm
zed	zed	zynq	xc7z020	1.0	xilinx.com	SDSoC	\$XILINX_SDX\platforms\zed\zed.xpfm

Below the table are three buttons: 'Add Custom Platform...', 'Manage Repositories...', and 'Add Devices/Platforms...'. A 'Description' section shows 'mz_stream' and its repository path 'C:/training/SDx_wksp_mz_strm/mz_stream/export/mz_stream'. To the right of the description is an image of a Zynq-based circuit board. At the bottom are four buttons: a help icon (?), '< Back', 'Next >', 'Finish', and 'Cancel'.

Figure 39 – Platform Selection

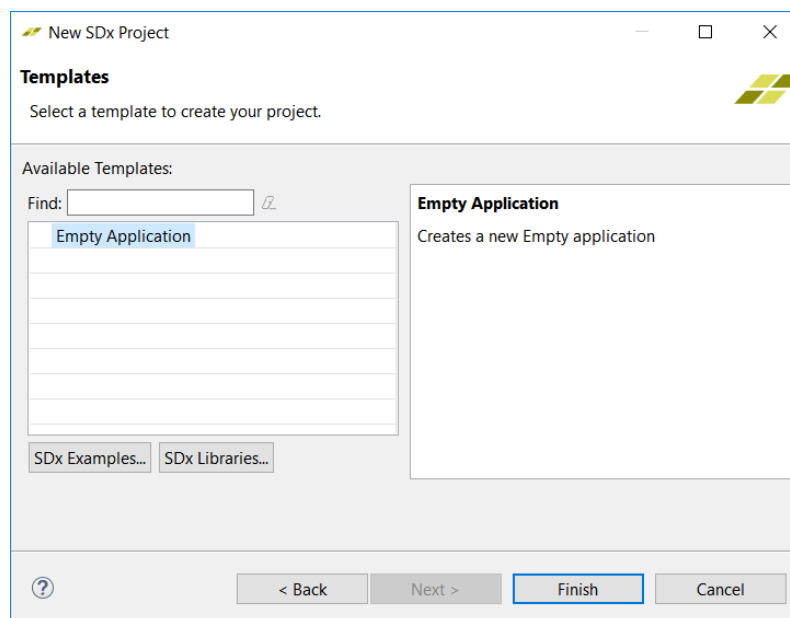
- e. On the System configuration window click **Next**



The screenshot shows the 'New SDx Project' window with the 'System configuration' tab selected. The window title is 'New SDx Project'. Below the title bar, there's a subtitle 'System configuration' and a description 'Provide the system configuration and software details for your project'. The main area is divided into sections: 'Software Platform' with 'System configuration' set to 'config0' and 'Runtime' set to 'C/C++'; 'Domain' with 'Domain' set to 'a9_standalone', 'CPU' set to 'ps7_cortexa9_0', and 'OS' set to 'standalone'; and 'Additional Settings' which is currently empty. At the bottom, there are four buttons: a help icon (?), '< Back', 'Next >' (highlighted with a blue border), 'Finish', and 'Cancel'.

Figure 40 – System Configuration

- f. In the Templates window select **Empty Application** and click **Finish**



The screenshot shows the 'New SDx Project' window with the 'Templates' tab selected. The window title is 'New SDx Project'. Below the title bar, there's a subtitle 'Templates' and a description 'Select a template to create your project.'. The main area is divided into two sections: 'Available Templates:' on the left and a detailed view on the right. The 'Available Templates:' section has a 'Find:' text box with a magnifying glass icon, a list of templates with 'Empty Application' selected (highlighted in blue), and two buttons at the bottom: 'SDx Examples...' and 'SDx Libraries...'. The detailed view on the right shows the 'Empty Application' template with the description 'Creates a new Empty application'. At the bottom, there are four buttons: a help icon (?), '< Back', 'Next >', 'Finish' (highlighted with a blue border), and 'Cancel'.

Figure 41 – Empty Application

3. Import the project source code
 - a. Expand the project in the Project Explorer pane
 - b. **Right-click** on the **src** directory and select **Import**

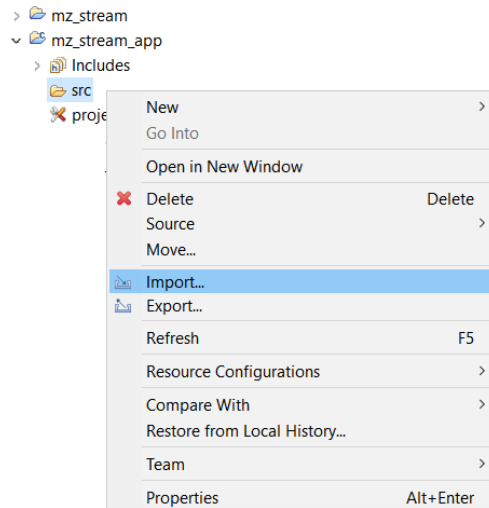


Figure 42 – Import Source Code

- c. In the import window expand the **General** category and select **File System** then click **Next**

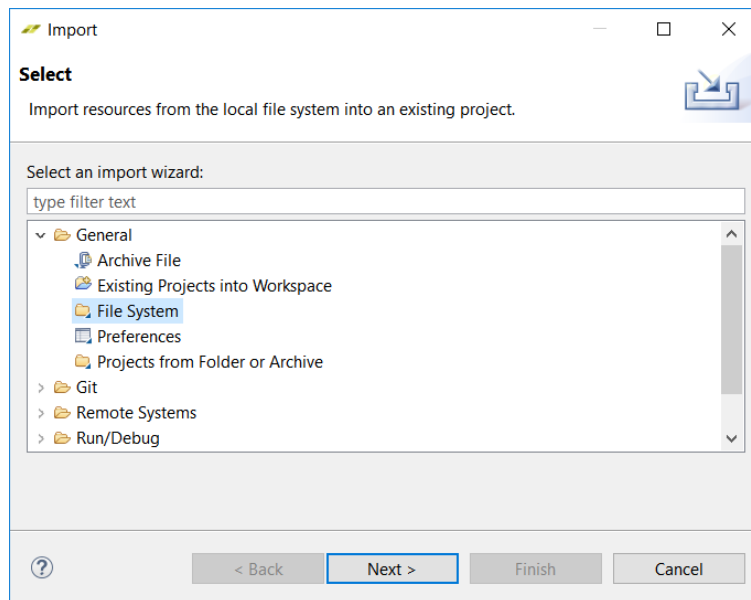


Figure 43 – Import from File System

- d. **Browse** to the **C:\training\support\source** directory and **Select All** source files for import then click **Finish**

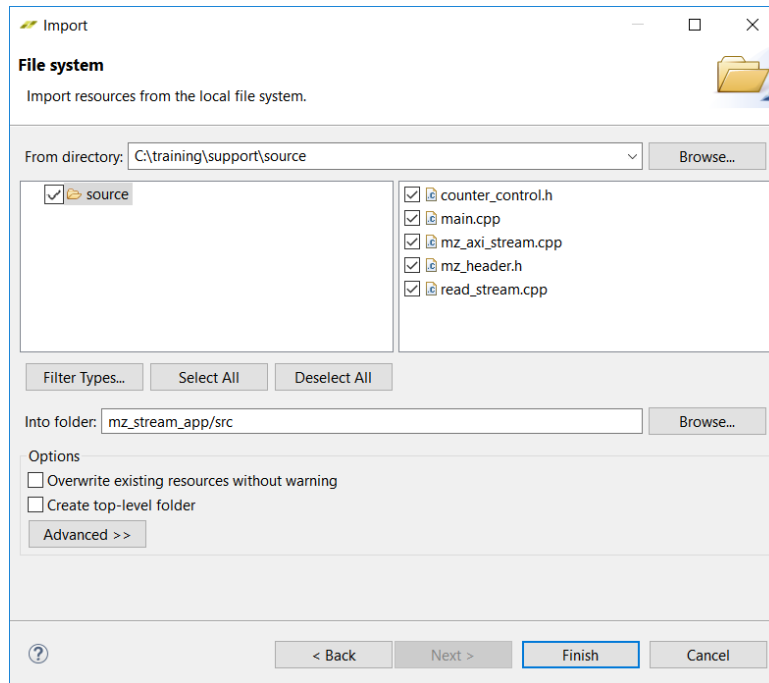



Figure 44 - File System Browser

4. Select the function for Hardware Acceleration that will move data between the PL FIFO buffer and the PS (Note: we aren't really hardware accelerating this function, we are just moving it to programmable logic to act as a shim between the PL FIFO and the Zynq PS)
- In the **Hardware Functions** pane click on the  icon
 - After the source code is indexed a list of functions will be available for acceleration – Choose the ***read_stream*** function and click **OK**

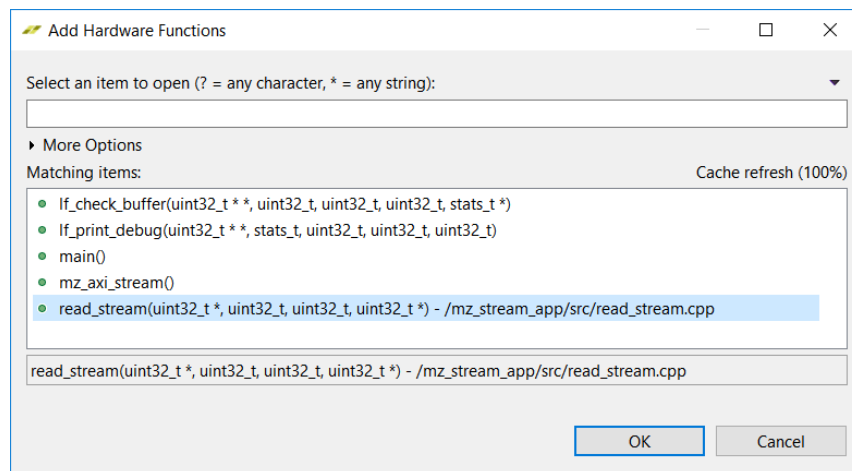


Figure 45 – Application Function List

- c. Notice that the *read_stream* function now shows up in the Hardware Functions pane


Hardware Functions		
Name	Clock Frequency (MHz)	Path
 read_stream	100.00	src/read_stream.cpp

Figure 46 - Hardware Functions

- d. The maximum counter rate for the programmable PL counter is 75 MHz. We want to select **accelerator** and **data motion network clock** frequencies of **100 MHz** to ensure that we are emptying the PL FIFO as fast as possible. These values should be default (defined in the *mz_stream_pfm.tcl* script).

Note: The master side of the AXI-Stream FIFO in the HW platform was connected to the 100 MHz clock. Choosing a data mover clock other than 100 MHz will result in an error.

5. In order to speed up the build process we will enable parallel build capabilities
 - a. **Right-click** on the project folder and select **Properties**

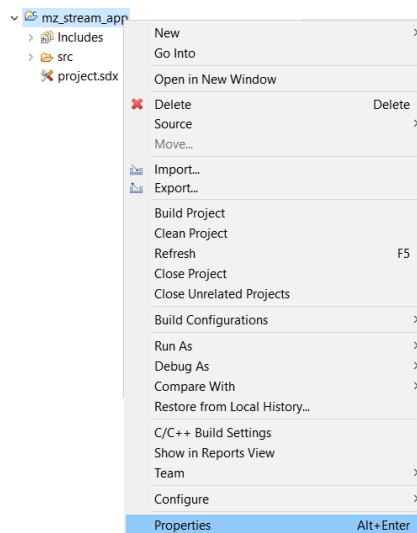


Figure 47 – Project Properties

- b. Click on the **C/C++ Build** category

- c. Select the **Behavior** tab, select **Enable parallel build** and click **OK**

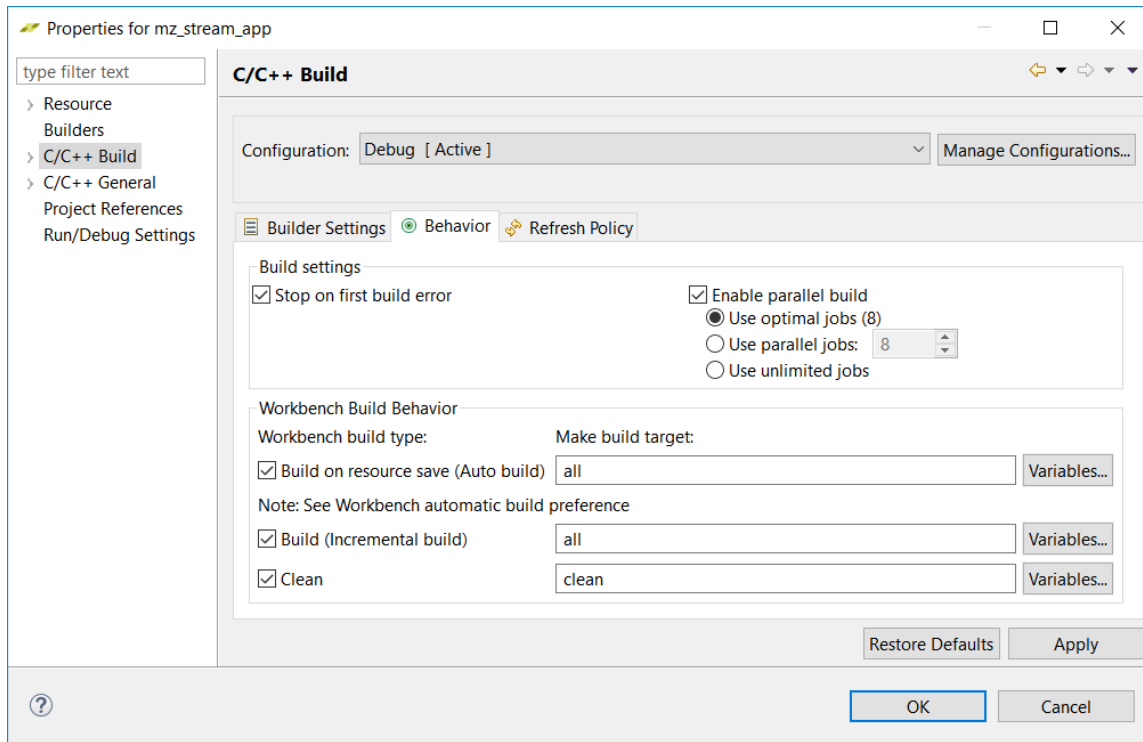


Figure 48 - C/C++ Build Settings

6. Build the application
 - a. **Right-click** on the project folder and select **Build Project**

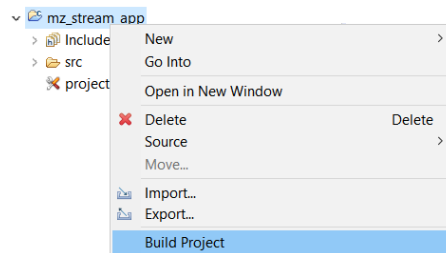


Figure 49 – Build Project

- b. The build process will start and you may see a critical warning stating “failed DSA integrity check: digest mismatch.” This warning indicates that the DSA has been modified outside of the Vivado tool suite. We can ignore this warning because the DSA was not modified outside of Vivado and does not impact this lab.

7. When the build completes a directory named `sd_card` will be created under the `Debug` folder in the project (assuming `Debug` build is selected instead of `Release`). The `sd_card` directory contains the necessary files for running the application on the MiniZed.

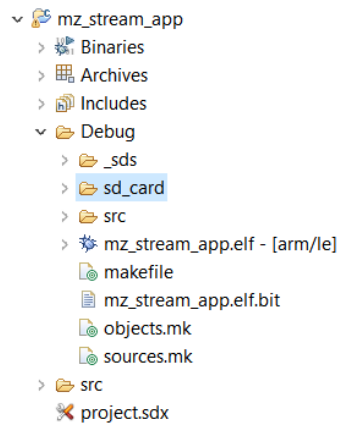


Figure 50 – SD Card Directory Containing MiniZed Boot Files

8. Creation of the SDSoc application is complete
9. Experiment 3 will cover programming the MiniZed and running the application.

Discussion: Create the Application

In Experiment 2 we created and built the SDSoC application which configures the programmable counter and reads data from an AXI4-Stream FIFO in the hardware platform. Figure 51 below shows a block diagram representation of the application mapped to PS and PL.

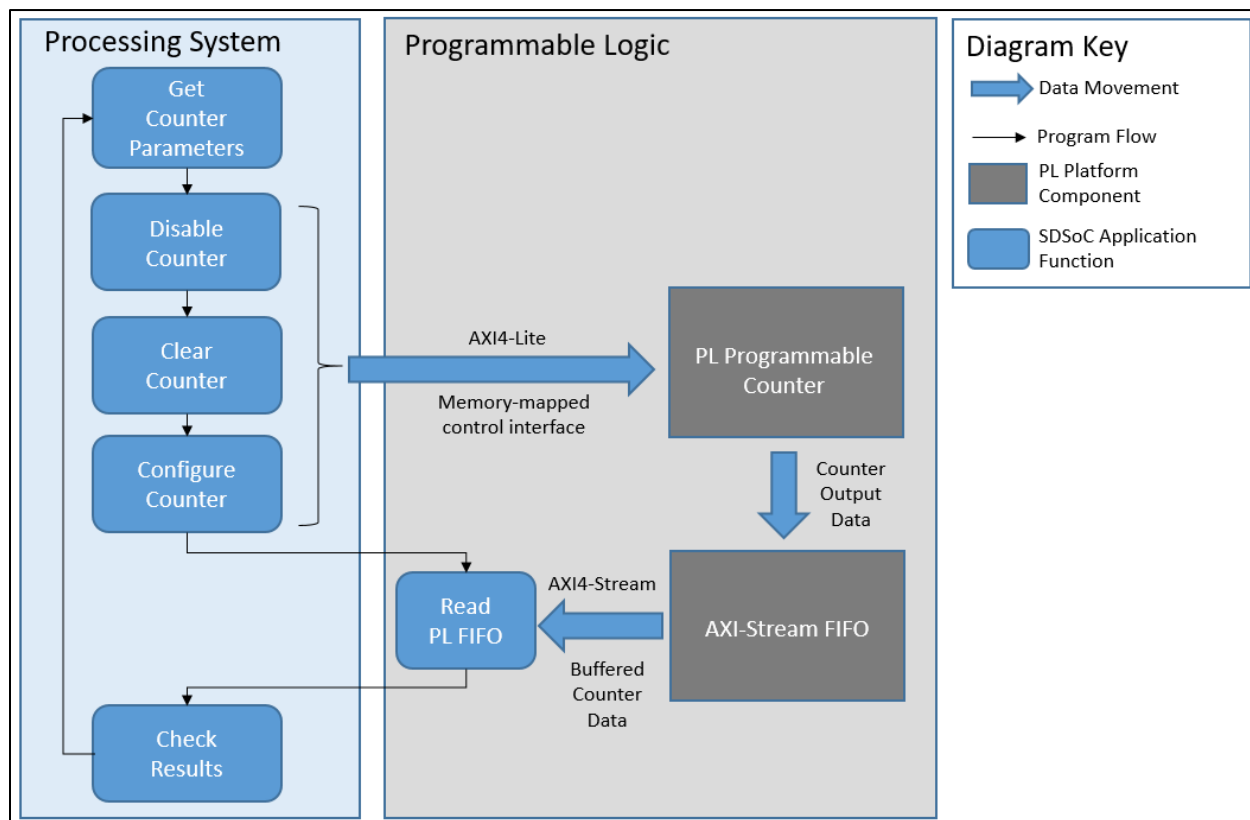


Figure 51 – SDSoC Application

The SDSoC application starts by querying the user for counter parameters (initial value, increment, and update rate). Next the application programs and enables the counter using an AXI4-Lite memory-mapped control interface. Counter control functions are located in the `counter_control.h` file as a class of functions which write to memory-mapped registers using the `Xil_Out32` driver. Another method for writing to the memory-mapped registers would be to use a pointer to the counter's memory-mapped address space. These methods are valid for bare-metal applications only. For Linux applications the UIO device driver must be used with an appropriate device tree entry. Once the counter is configured and enabled the SDSoC application calls the `read_stream()` function which corresponds to the "Read PL FIFO" operation shown in Figure 51 above. The `read_stream()` function reads data from the AXI4-Stream data FIFO in the PL and moves it to memory allocated within DDR for the PS part of the SDSoC application to use. Finally, the counter data located in DDR is checked for correctness and the test completes.

Figure 51 above shows a simplified view of the system. For a detailed view open the Vivado project located in `C:\training\SDx_wksp_mz_strm\mz_stream_app\Debug_sds\p0_vpl\ipi\syn`. Figure 52 below shows the full system after the SDSoC application has been mapped to PS and PL. The details of the IPI block diagram are difficult to see in Figure 52, but we can see a Vivado HLS component located in the top right of the diagram which corresponds to the `read_stream` function. The remainder of the additional blocks, when compared to Figure 16, are to handle the data movement between the PS and PL.

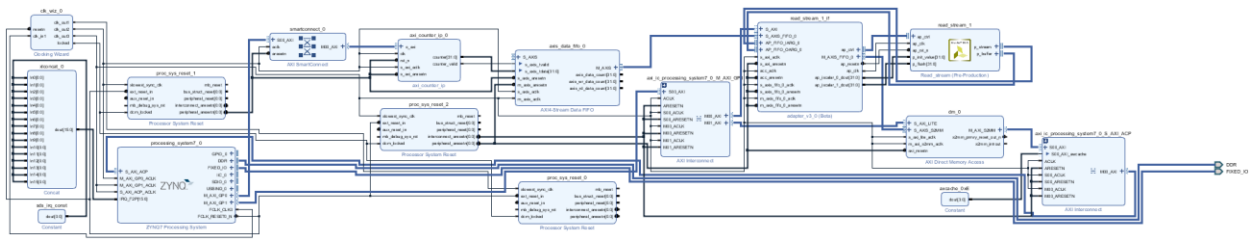


Figure 52 - Vivado IPI Block Diagram after SDSoC Application Partitioning

Our SDSoC application connects to the AXI4-Stream Data FIFO through use of the sys_port pragma. The figure below shows use of the pragma which is applied to the read_stream() function. This pragma informs the SDSoC compiler that function argument p_stream (p_ is handy nomenclature to indicate a variable is a port) should directly connect to the M_AXIS port of the PL FIFO. The tag “axis_data_fifo_0_M_AXIS” defines the system port to bind argument p_stream to and is comprised of the AXI4-Stream Data FIFO component name (axi_data_fifo_0) and the component port (M_AXIS). This information was defined in our mz_stream_pfm.tcl script (Figure 32). The additional pragmas shown in Figure 53 inform the SDSoC compiler how much data to move between the PL and PS as well as the data access pattern. See [UG1253](#) for a detailed explanation of SDSoC pragmas.

```

mz_header.h

60 #pragma SDS data sys_port( p_stream:axis_data_fifo_0_M_AXIS )
61 #pragma SDS data copy( p_buffer[0:BUFFER_DEPTH] )
62 #pragma SDS data copy( p_stream[0:BUFFER_DEPTH] )
63 #pragma SDS data access_pattern( p_buffer:SEQUENTIAL )
64 #pragma SDS data access_pattern( p_stream:SEQUENTIAL )
65
66 void read_stream( uint32_t *p_stream,
67                  uint32_t p_init_value,
68                  uint32_t p_flush,
69                  uint32_t *p_buffer );

```

Figure 53 – SDSoC Pragmas for Function read_stream()

Figure 54 shows code fragments of read_stream.cpp which demonstrate reading data from the PL FIFO (line 98), copying the stream data to a local PL memory (line 98), and writing the contents of local PL memory to the PS (lines 125 – 130).

```

read_stream.cpp

55 void read_stream( uint32_t *p_stream,
56                  uint32_t p_init_value,
57                  uint32_t p_flush,
58                  uint32_t *p_buffer )
59 {
60     ...
61     uint32_t l_buffer[BUFFER_DEPTH]; /* Local buffer for storing data */
62     ...
63     for (int i = 0; i < 2*BUFFER_DEPTH; i++)
64     {
65         ...
66         l_buffer[c] = *p_stream;
67         c++;
68     }
69     ...
70     for (int i = 0; i < BUFFER_DEPTH; i++)
71     {
72         #pragma HLS pipeline
73         #pragma HLS loop_tripcount max=4096
74         p_buffer[i] = l_buffer[i];
75     }
76 }

```

Figure 54 – Function read_stream Code Fragments

Our application copies streaming data to a local PL memory (l_buffer) before transferring to the PS. We could modify the application to remove the local PL buffer as shown in the example code of Figure 55. Figure 55 also shows an averaging operation which is computed over 8 input samples and demonstrates how a function can operate on streaming data in the PL before being transferred to the PS.

```

1  /*
2  ** average_data() - SDSoc hardware function that connects to AXI4-Stream
3  ** data FIFO and averages data in PL before making it
4  ** available to the PS.
5  */
6  #pragma SDS data sys_port( p_stream:axis_data_fifo_0_M_AXIS )
7  #pragma SDS data copy( p_buffer[0:BUFFER_DEPTH] )
8  #pragma SDS data copy( p_stream[0:BUFFER_DEPTH/8] )
9  #pragma SDS data access_pattern( p_buffer:SEQUENTIAL )
10 #pragma SDS data access_pattern( p_stream:SEQUENTIAL )
11 void average_data( int *p_stream,
12                  int *p_buffer )
13 {
14     int c = 0;
15     int sum = 0;
16
17     for (int i = 1; i <= BUFFER_DEPTH; i++)
18     {
19         /* Read and sum input stream */
20         sum += (*p_stream);
21
22         /* Write data to PS memory every 8 samples */
23         if ( (i % 8) == 0 )
24         {
25             p_buffer[c] = (sum >> 3); // divide by 8 to get average
26             c++;
27             sum = 0;
28         }
29     }
30 }

```

Figure 55 – Example Code

The read_stream.cpp file also contains logic to flush the PL FIFO (shown in Figure 56 below). The flushing logic works by searching for the first expected sample value in the stream. All samples found prior to this value are discarded. Flushing is performed between iterations of the while-loop in mz_axi_stream() so that we are not analyzing stale data.

```

read_stream.cpp
55 void read_stream( uint32_t *p_stream,
56                  uint32_t p_init_value,
57                  uint32_t p_flush,
58                  uint32_t *p_buffer )
59 {
60     ...
96     if (l_flush == 0)
97     {
100    }
101    else
102    {
103        if (init_found)
104        {
105            l_buffer[c] = *p_stream;
106            c++;
107        }
108        else
109        {
110            temp = *p_stream;
111
112            if (temp == l_init_value)
113            {
114                init_found = true;
115                l_buffer[c] = temp;
116                c++;
117            }
118        }
119    }
120    ...

```

Figure 56 – PL FIFO Flush Logic

The AXI4-Stream data FIFO that we inserted in the PL during hardware platform creation had a depth of 4,096. The data movement framework provided by the SDSoC compiler adds an additional 1K buffer which must also be cleared before starting a new test. Thus, to clear the data path of old data we first read 4,096 samples from the PL FIFO (normal read shown in Figure 57 below) followed by a read to flush the remaining 1K samples in the data path (flushing read shown in Figure 58 below).

```
mz_axi_stream.cpp
/*
** If this is not the first time we've run the test then the PL buffer needs
** to get flushed of old data.
*/
if (!first_run)
{
    /* buffer should be full, perform read to clear */
    cout << "Flushing buffer" << endl;
    flush_flag = 1;
    read_stream(input_stream, init_value, 0, ps_buffer[0]);
}
```

Figure 57 - Normal Read to Clear 4,096 Samples

```
mz_axi_stream.cpp
/*
** Read the input data stream and copy to buffers allocated in DDR memory
*/
cycles = sds_clock_counter();

read_stream(input_stream, init_value, flush_flag, ps_buffer[0]);
```

**Figure 58 - Flushing Read to Clear 1K Samples from Data Movement Framework
(flush_flag = 1)**

Experiment 3: Test the Application

In this experiment we will program the MiniZed with the application built during Experiment 2. The following steps cover programming the MiniZed and executing the application.

Connect the Hardware

1. First configure the boot jumper. You can select between FLASH and JTAG booting. We want to ensure switch 1 is set towards the F or PS_Button.
 - a. Note: From the Factory the switch's protective film should be removed and already set to F. If it is not, the switch will look similar to Figure 59.

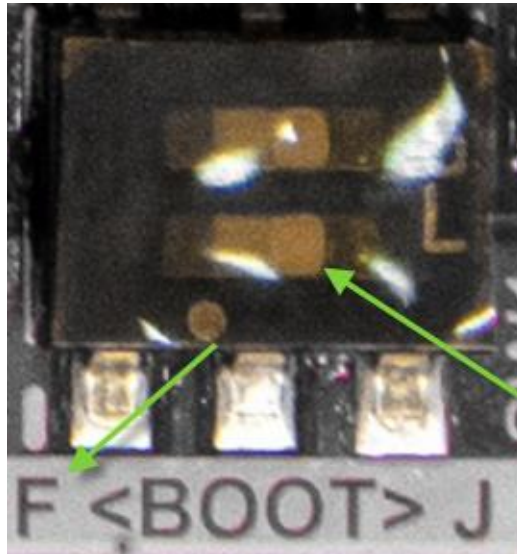


Figure 59 - Untouched Boot Switch

- b. If your MiniZed boot configuration switch is similar to the above, remove the protective film and slide switch 1 (indicated by the silkscreen DASH above the F) to be toggled to FLASH Booting (F).
2. Next plug the MiniZed into your PC in order to register the board with a COM port
 - a. Note: Windows 10 has been known to create two COM ports when plugging the MiniZed into the PC.
 - b. With a factory fresh board, open two instances of your terminal program (PuTTY or Tera Term), one for each COM port; 8,N,1,115200
 - c. Reboot your MiniZed using the Reset button
 - d. The terminal window that shows text output from the MiniZed is connected to the COM port of interest. Close the other terminal window.

Program the MiniZed

1. From the SDx GUI launch a shell window
 - a. Under the **Xilinx** menu in SDx click on **Launch Shell**

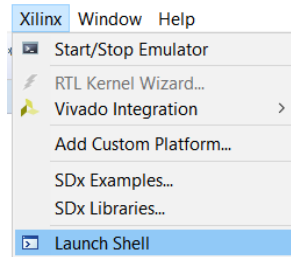


Figure 60 – Launch SDx Shell

- b. Change directories to your workspace (C:\training\SDx_wksp_mz_strm) if not already there
 - i. `cd C:\training\SDx_wksp_mz_strm`
2. From the command prompt execute the following to program the MiniZed
 - a. If you completed Experiment 1 use:
program_flash -f mz_stream_app\Debug\sd_card\BOOT.BIN -fsbl mz_stream\export\mz_stream\sw\config0\boot\fsbl.elf -flash_type qspi_single
 - b. If you skipped Experiment 1 use:
program_flash -f mz_stream_app\Debug\sd_card\BOOT.BIN -fsbl C:\training\support\platforms\mz_stream\sw\config0\boot\fsbl.elf -flash_type qspi_single
3. After programming completes **reset** the MiniZed **by pressing** and releasing the **reset button** near the MiniZed PMOD connectors
4. You should see a prompt from the MiniZed in your terminal window asking for input. Try the following values
 - a. Initial counter value = **0**
 - b. Counter increment value = **1**
 - c. Counter update rate = **2**

5. You should see the following output in your terminal window

```
COM4 - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
Please select the initial counter value between 0 and 2147483647
0
Please select a counter increment value between 1 and 1023
1
Please select a counter update rate between 1 and 1023
1 = 75 MHz update, 2 = 37.5 MHz update, ... , 1023 = 73.314 KHz update
2
Disabling Counter
Clearing Counter
Configuring Counter
Enabling Counter
It took 588.759 microseconds to read 20480 samples
There were 0 errors detected in the buffer.
Would you like to run a new test [y or n]?
```

Figure 61 – First Program Execution Output

6. The program halts and asks if you would like to run again. Type **y** and press **Enter** on your keyboard.
7. Repeat the test with a **counter update rate** of **1** (75 MHz)
- Notice how errors are detected in the last buffer(s). This indicates that we are not able to empty the PL buffer fast enough to support the 75 MHz sample rate
 - This issue will be addressed in an additional lab

```
Would you like to run a new test [y or n]?
y
Please select the initial counter value between 0 and 2147483647
0
Please select a counter increment value between 1 and 1023
1
Please select a counter update rate between 1 and 1023
1 = 75 MHz update, 2 = 37.5 MHz update, ... , 1023 = 73.314 KHz update
1
Disabling Counter
Clearing Counter
Configuring Counter
Flushing buffer
Enabling Counter
It took 438.222 microseconds to read 20480 samples
There were 2 errors detected in the buffer.
Buffer 0:
First sample      = 0
Last sample       = 4095
Increment         = 1
Buffer depth      = 4096
Expected last sample = 4095
Error count       = 0
Buffer 1:
First sample      = 4096
Last sample       = 8191
Increment         = 1
Buffer depth      = 4096
Expected last sample = 8191
Error count       = 0
Buffer 2:
First sample      = 8192
Last sample       = 12287
Increment         = 1
Buffer depth      = 4096
Expected last sample = 12287
Error count       = 0
Buffer 3:
First sample      = 12288
Last sample       = 16911
Increment         = 1
Buffer depth      = 4096
Expected last sample = 16383
Error count       = 1
Buffer 4:
First sample      = 16912
Last sample       = 23298
Increment         = 1
Buffer depth      = 4096
Expected last sample = 21007
Error count       = 1
Would you like to run a new test [y or n]?
```

Figure 62 – Program Output with 75 MHz Counter Update Rate

8. To exit the program type **n** at the prompt and then press **Enter** on your keyboard

Discussion: Test the Application

In Experiment 3 we tested the SDSoC application on the MiniZed platform. We noticed that errors were detected in the DDR buffers when a sample rate of 75 MHz was selected. This indicates that we are unable to read from the PL FIFO fast enough to prevent an overflow. This was by design to set up for an additional lab titled “Advanced Concepts with Xilinx SDSoC – Asynchronous Accelerators” where we will look at running our PL accelerators asynchronously to reduce the function call overhead.

Conclusion

This lab covered creating a SDSoC platform to support streaming input data as well as accessing the streaming data from a SDSoC application running a standalone operating system. The streaming input data was modeled with a programmable counter residing in the PL that is configured using an AXI4-Lite memory-mapped interface. The output of the PL counter filled an AXI4-Stream data FIFO which our SDSoC application was directly connected to move streaming data from PL to DDR. Our SDSoC application running on the PS then read the DDR data and checked it for correctness.

After completing this lab you should be able to develop your own streaming platform for use with SDSoC!

Appendix A: Getting Support

Avnet Support

- Technical support is offered online through the minized.org website support forums. MiniZed users are encouraged to participate in the forums and offer help to others when possible.
- To access the most current collateral for the MiniZed, visit the community support page (www.minized.org/content/support) and click one of the icons shown below:



Support Forums



Documentation



Reference Designs
Tutorials

- MiniZed Documentation
<http://minized.org/support/documentation/18891>
- MiniZed Reference Designs
<http://minized.org/support/design/18891/146>

Xilinx Support

The following technical support options are available to Xilinx customers:

- Technical information is available online 24 hours a day from the [Support website](#)
- Technical Support staff are available to respond to your questions in the [Community Forums](#)
- Individual assistance from Xilinx Technical Support **may** be available through [Service Portal](#)
- Phone support is **only** available with an active open case number

Global Phone Number

Region	Language	Phone**	Support Hours*
North America	EN	1 800-255-7778 or +1 408-879-5199	M-F 7:00 -17:00 PST
Europe, Middle East and Africa	EN, DE, FR	00 800-5152-5152 or +353 1-461-5700	M-F 8:00 -17:00 GMT
China	CH (Mandarin), EN	+86 800 988 0218 +86 400 880 0218 (Mobile Phone)	M-F* 9:00 -18:00 CST
Taiwan	CH (Mandarin), EN	+886 2-8176-1060	M-F 9:00 -18:00 CST
Hong Kong	CH (Mandarin), EN	+852 3187-3855	M-F 9:00 -18:00 CST

* Support hours listed apply for both standard and daylight savings (summer) time. Please check the [Technical Support Holiday Calendar](#) for support availability during holidays in your region.

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** For the numbers listed, '+' represents the International Direct Dialing (IDD) prefix of the country from which you are calling. Please consult your local telephone service provider for more information on specific IDD instructions.

Revision History

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