

Internal Programming of BBRAM and eFUSEs

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Summary

UltraScale™ and UltraScale+™ FPGAs feature a built-in primitive named MASTER_JTAG that provides the same functionality as the external JTAG port. The internal FPGA logic can use MASTER_JTAG to load the AES decryption key into the battery-backed RAM (BBRAM). It can also use the MASTER_JTAG primitive to program various one-time programmable (OTP) eFUSEs from within the device, instead of using the external JTAG port. This application note abstracts the low-level commands needed to communicate with the MASTER_JTAG primitive by providing the necessary Xilinx® supplied HDL and C library functions for a MicroBlaze™-based Soft Processor Core [Ref 1] design. These designs can be modified and enhanced for various use cases.

You can download the reference design files for this application note from the Xilinx website. For detailed information about the design files, see Reference Design.

Introduction

Xilinx devices have featured both BBRAM and eFUSE non-volatile (NVM) memory since Virtex®-6 FPGAs. The primary use of a BBRAM in UltraScale and UltraScale+ devices is to store the 256-bit AES bitstream decryption key. This AES key can also be stored in the eFUSEs with the important difference that it can neither be modified nor erased. A 32-bit FUSE_USER register that can be programmed for custom use cases is also available.

UltraScale and UltraScale+ FPGAs have introduced an additional programmable 128-bit register, FUSE_USER_128. It is used as a maintenance log, a tamper activity log, or for a custom use case. A 384-bit eFUSE register that can be programmed with the hash of a RSA-2048 public key as a part of the device's authentication scheme is also available. The eFUSE-based control bits including read/write disables, decryption disable, external JTAG disable, and RSA enable can also be programmed. Refer to the *UltraScale Architecture Configuration User Guide* (UG570) [Ref 2] and *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Programming and Debugging* (UG908) [Ref 3] for more information.

Note: For larger UltraScale and UltraScale+ FPGAs that use stacked silicon interconnect technology (SSIT) there are some differences in procedure from monolithic devices which will be described in this application note. Additionally, see the *UltraScale Architecture Configuration User Guide* (UG570) [Ref 2] for a list of UltraScale and UltraScale+ FPGA devices that employ SSIT.

Note: This application note also applies to eFUSEs located in the programmable logic (PL) area of Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC/RFSoC devices. Only the PL FUSE_USER_128 and FUSE_USER eFUSEs are supported in the application note. For details on programming the eFUSEs within the processor system (PS) section of Zynq UltraScale+ devices, see (XAPP1319) [Ref 22].



Traditionally, BBRAM and eFUSEs are programmed through the external JTAG port using the Xilinx ISE iMPACT or Vivado® Hardware Manager. Starting with UltraScale and UltraScale+FPGAs, BBRAM and eFUSEs can also be programmed using the internal MASTER_JTAG port.

The ability to program using an internal path has a number of advantages in security applications. For instance, it is possible to perform a field update of the BBRAM key remotely and securely by instantiating a secure key exchange function in the FPGA logic. The new key can travel safely over an unsecured network because it is encrypted (black), decrypted in the FPGA logic (red), and then stored in the BBRAM from within the device. Other security use cases are internal programming of eFUSEs such as tamper log information, AES decryptor disable, and JTAG disable as responses to a tamper event. Refer to the *Developing Tamper-Resistant Designs with UltraScale and UltraScale+ FPGAs Application Note* (XAPP1098) [Ref 7].

A MicroBlaze Soft Processor Core [Ref 1] is instantiated in the FPGA logic to interface with the internal MASTER_JTAG port. The Xilinx-supplied XILSKEY library provides an application programming interface (API) to simplify and abstract the necessary low-level JTAG commands. The hardware and software development required to use the XILSKEY library is outlined in Hardware and Software Development Overview. Refer to the LibXil SKey for Zynq-7000 UltraScale and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC Devices User Guide [Ref 8] for more information about the XILSKEY library.

Specifically, one Vivado hardware project and three different SDK/Vitis™ applications are created from the design flow described in this application note. These SDK/Vitis™ applications perform the following tasks:

- Program the BBRAM AES key internally.
- Create a Hello World design with an encrypted bitstream to verify the BBRAM key.
- Program eFUSE bits internally. The internal eFUSE programming is verified by the SDK application as well as by the Vivado Hardware Manager.

This application note assumes that you are familiar with the Vivado tools flow methodology (including IP integrator), and are experienced with building simple SDK and/or Vitis projects. See *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Programming and Debugging* (UG908) [Ref 3], *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Design Flows Overview* (UG892) [Ref 4], *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Using the Vivado IDE* (UG893) [Ref 5], *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing IP Subsystems Using IP Integrator* (UG994) [Ref 6], and *Vitis Unified Software Platform* [Ref 23] for more information.



Hardware and Software Requirements

The hardware and software requirements for the internal programming of BBRAM and eFUSEs memory are as follows.

For UltraScale FPGAs:

- KCU105 Kintex® UltraScale FPGA evaluation kit [Ref 9] based on the XCKU040-2FFVA1156E FPGA (if using a different evaluation kit or a custom board, the specific steps outlined in this application note will somewhat differ)
- AC to DC power adapter (12 VDC)
- USB type-A to micro-B USB cable for JTAG
- USB type-A to micro-B USB cable for UART
- Xilinx Vivado design suite version 2016.3 or later [Ref 10]
- Xilinx Software Development Kit (XSDK) version 2016.3 or later for non-SSIT UltraScale FPGA devices. Vitis version 2019.2 or later is required for SSIT UltraScale FPGA devices [Ref 11] [Ref 23]
- Serial communications terminal application such as Tera Term [Ref 12]

For UltraScale+ FPGAs:

- KCU116 Kintex UltraScale+ FPGA evaluation kit [Ref 13] based on the XCKU5P-2FFVB676E FPGA (if using a different evaluation kit or a custom board the specific steps outlined in this application note will somewhat differ)
- AC to DC power adapter (12 VDC)
- USB type-A to micro-B USB cable for JTAG
- USB type-A to micro-B USB cable for UART
- Xilinx Vivado design suite version 2017.3 or later for non-SSIT UltraScale+ FPGA devices.
 Version 2019.2 or later is required for SSIT UltraScale+ FPGA device and for Zynq UltraScale+ devices (PL only) [Ref 10].
- Xilinx Software Development Kit (XSDK) version 2017.3 or later for non-SSIT UltraScale+ FPGA devices. Vitis version 2019.2 or later is required for SSIT UltraScale+ FPGA devices and for Zynq UltraScale+ devices (PL only) [Ref 11] [Ref 23].
- Serial communications terminal application such as Tera Term [Ref 12]



IMPORTANT: The BBRAM key cannot be used if the EFUSE_KEY_ONLY control eFUSE is already programmed on the FPGA. Refer to the UltraScale Architecture Configuration User Guide (UG570) [Ref 2] for more information.



Special Considerations When Using MASTER JTAG to Internally Program eFUSEs

Certain special considerations must be taken to ensure reliability when MASTER_JTAG is used to internally program eFUSEs.

- 1. The configuration memory must not be accessed during internal programming. This includes activities such as a single-event upset (SEU) scan, readback capture, and partial reconfiguration (PR). For example, the Xilinx Soft Error Mitigation (SEM) IP core [Ref 14] should not be operational during eFUSE programming.
- 2. The board/system design must take into consideration the additional current required for programming eFUSEs. The programming current is available in the appropriate UltraScale device data sheets [Ref 15].

Hardware and Software Development Overview

This application note outlines the steps to create a MicroBlaze processor-based Vivado tools design that indirectly interfaces the MASTER_JTAG primitive using the general purpose I/O (GPIO). A Vivado hardware project is created and exported to SDK/Vitis. The SDK/Vitis tool is launched with the MicroBlaze processor-based Vivado tools design as its hardware platform. Three different software applications based on the available software libraries and example code are then created. After these SDK/Vitis applications are compiled and built into executable and linkable format (ELF) files, they are brought back into the Vivado tools. Three separate FPGA bitstreams are then generated to perform and verify the functions described in this application note.

In addition to the MicroBlaze processor, two VHDL files are included in this project (see Reference Design for more information):

- int_prog_ctl_us.vhd
- jtag monitor.vhd

INT PROG CTL US Module

Most of the time, the JTAG signaling can come directly from the MicroBlaze processor's GPIO interface. However, to provide precise control over the duration of the actual eFUSE programming pulse, the INT_PROG_CTL_US module is required. This module instantiates the MASTER_JTAG primitive.

Note: For FPGAs that are SSIT devices, there will be multiple MASTER_JTAG instantiations - one for each SLR. Instructions with examples will be provided in the comments section of the <code>int_prog_ctl.vhd</code> file.

The INT_PROG_CTL_US module passes the MicroBlaze processor's GPIO signals directly to and from the MASTER_JTAG primitive, except when it enters the actual eFUSE programming phase. Upon entering this phase, the XILSKEY software polls for the INT_PROG_CTL_US module using a READY signal. After the software detects that the module is READY, it asserts the START_PROG input to command the module to take control of the JTAG signaling (TCK and TMS) to get a precise 5 µs programming pulse. When the eFUSE programming is complete, the



INT_PROG_CTL_US module asserts the END_PROG signal and allows the software to regain control of the JTAG signals. This interface is illustrated in Figure 1.

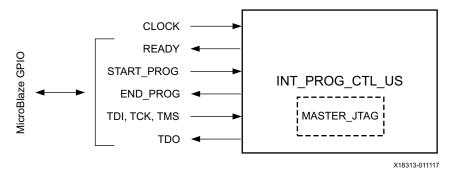


Figure 1: MicroBlaze Interface to MASTER_JTAG using INT_PROG_CTL_US Module

If you want to internally program just the BBRAM and not the eFUSE, then you can ignore this module. Xilinx recommends including this module because it consumes few resources and allows future internal eFUSE programming. However, if you decide to ignore it, then you must instantiate the MASTER_JTAG primitive and connect it directly to the MicroBlaze processor's GPIO.

If your design is also instantiating the Xilinx Security Monitor IP Core (see the Security Monitor IP Core Product Brief [Ref°]), the INT_PROG_CTL_US module must be modified, because the Security Monitor instantiates the MASTER_JTAG primitive. The MASTER_JTAG primitive must be removed from the INT_PROG_CTL_US module and the corresponding JTAG signals brought up to the module's port list to connect to the Security Monitor's MASTER_JTAG interface.

JTAG_MONITOR Module

The optional JTAG_MONITOR module provides an EFUSE_PROG_PULSE output that can be routed up to an external header pin on the KCU105 board or KCU116 board to measure the eFUSE programming pulse width (this signal mirrors the amount of time the JTAG controller is in the programming phase).

The JTAG_MONITOR can also be used for debugging/monitoring signals and display the current JTAG state. When using the Vivado Integrated Logic Analyzer (ILA) IP core to monitor the JTAG states, the INT_PROG_CTL_US module must have its TEST_MODE generic set to TRUE (MASTER_JTAG is not instantiated) to allow the ILA to communicate using external JTAG. Otherwise, the ILA does not work, because external JTAG is disconnected when MASTER_JTAG is instantiated within a design. When TEST_MODE is set to TRUE it can only be used to debug the startup of the xilskey software eFUSE functionality. This is because in TEST_MODE the software will not be able to detect the MASTER_JTAG primitive. Therefore, it only has limited usefulness.

Note: In order to perform more comprehensive hardware debug (when MASTER_JTAG is instantiated), there are two options. The first option is to map MASTER_JTAG I/O to user I/O and make external JTAG connections using those user I/O. The second (and easier) option is to use the Xilinx Debug Bridge IP which bridges user I/O JTAG to BSCAN peripherals such as ILA and MicroBlaze MDM. This bridge will allow for full debug without having to loop external signals (which is necessary for the first option). For either option, the TEST MODE generic is set to FALSE.



The JTAG_MONITOR module is useful for development and debugging. It is optional and can be removed in a field deployed system.

Building the Vivado Hardware Project

One common Vivado project is the hardware required for this application note. It is based upon a MicroBlaze soft processor using GPIO to indirectly interface with the MASTER_JTAG primitive through the INT_PROG_CTL_US Module. The following steps are used to create the Vivado hardware project.

Note: Some of the figures can vary slightly from the actual tool. This depends on which version of the Vivado tools are being used.

- 1. Open the Vivado tools (version 2016.3 or later for UltraScale FPGAs and version 2017.3 or later for UltraScale+ FPGAs) in graphical user interface (GUI) mode.
- 2. From the welcome screen under Quick Start, select **Open Example Project** (Figure 2).

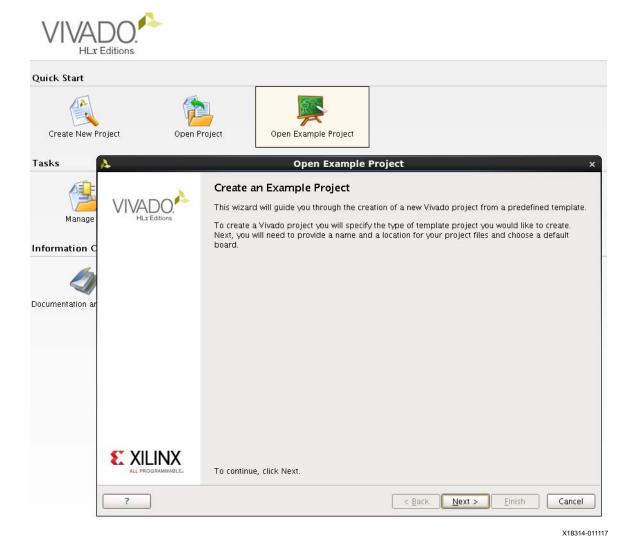
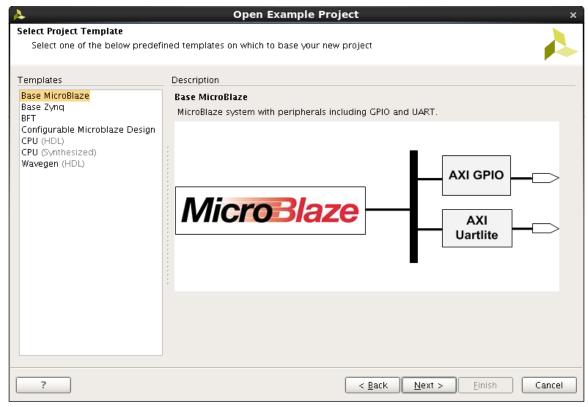


Figure 2: Vivado Example Project



3. Click Next, select Base MicroBlaze, and click Next (Figure 3).



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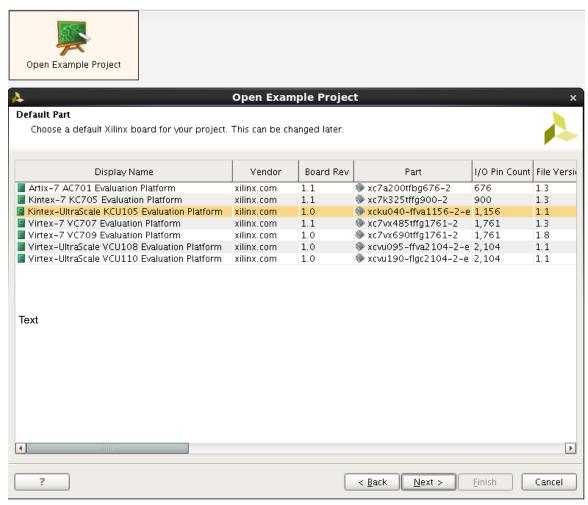
Figure 3: Project Template Base MicroBlaze

- 4. Enter the project name: internal_prog_proj.
- 5. Enter the appropriate project location and (optionally) keep the create project subdirectory checkbox selected.

Note: The maximum allowed path length on Windows is 260 bytes.



 Click Next, select Kintex-UltraScale KCU105 Evaluation Platform or Kintex UltraScale+ KCU116 Evaluation Platform, and click Next (Figure 4).

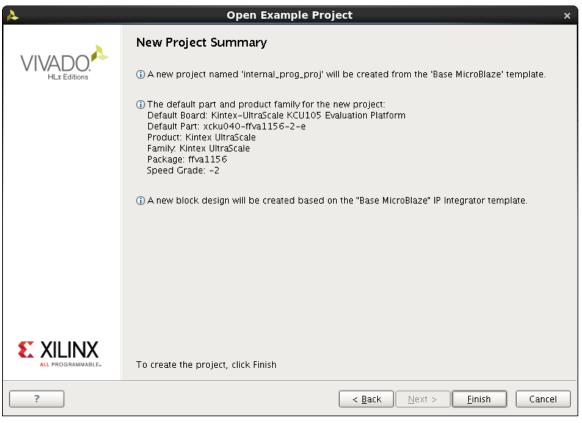


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Figure 4: Project Evaluation Platform



7. Click **Finish**. The Vivado tools create the base MicroBlaze processor project (Figure 5 and Figure 6).



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Figure 5: Project Summary

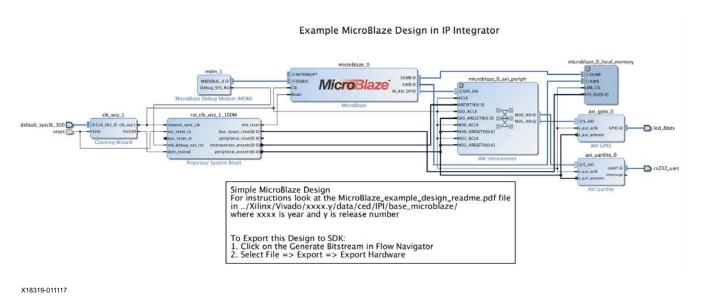
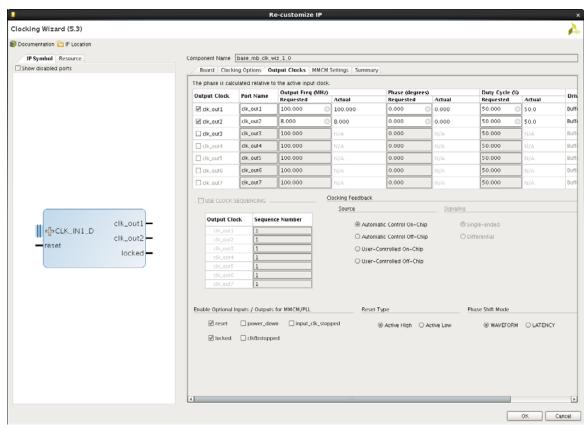


Figure 6: Example MicroBlaze Design in IP Integrator



- 8. Double-click the **Clocking Wizard** IP block, select the **Output Clocks** tab, verify **clk_out1** is selected, and the requested and actual frequency is 100 MHz. Click **OK**. This is the main clock for the MicroBlaze core.
- 9. Check the box next to **clk_out2** under the Output Clock column and type in 8.000. Verify that the actual column reports back 8.000 MHz. This is the clock used by the INT_PROG_CTL_US Module to provide precise time during the actual programming of the eFUSEs. Click **OK** (Figure 7).



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Figure 7: Clocking Wizard



IMPORTANT: For eFUSE programming, the 8.000 MHz clock feeds into the INT_PROG_CTL_US block. This is critical for generating the required programming pulses. The JTAG TAP machine must transition using an accurate clock during this phase to provide a 5 µs pulse for each eFUSE programmed. If the programming pulses are not accurate, eFUSE programming and reliability can be adversely affected.



10. Right-click clk_out2 port of the Clocking Wizard IP block, select Create Port, set Port Name to CLK_8MHZ, and click OK (Figure 8).

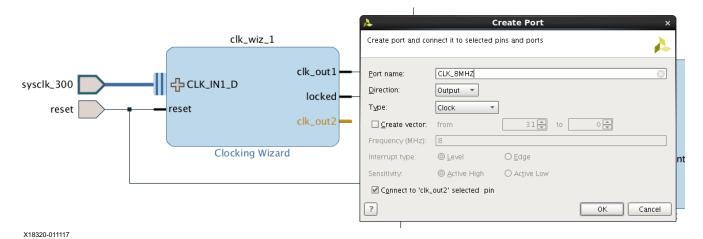
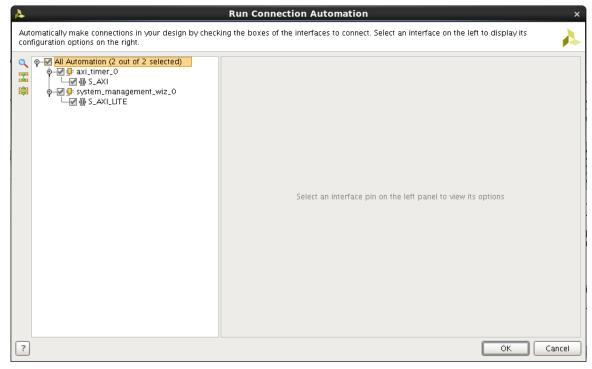


Figure 8: Create Port

- 11. From within the IP integrator block diagram window, search and add the following IP blocks by selecting the **Add IP** icon on the left (or top) side of the IP integrator window.
 - a. **System Management Wizard** (monitors on-chip temperature and voltage prior to reading and writing eFUSEs).
 - b. **AXI Timer** (tracks the eFUSE programming code section as a watchdog).
- 12. Click **Run Connection Automation** at the top of the IP integrator window, next to the Designer Assistance available.



13. Select the **All Automation** checkbox to select all the checkboxes, and click **OK** to automatically connect up the recently added IP blocks (Figure 9).



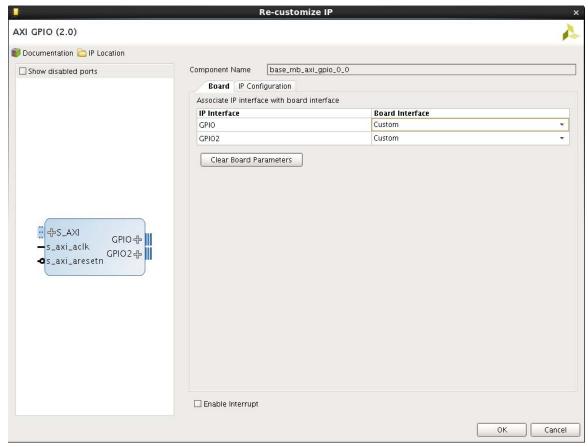
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Figure 9: Run Connection Automation

- 14. Right-click on the **External Interface**: **led_8bits ____led_8bits** connected to the AXI GPIO IP block, and click **Delete**.
- 15. Double-click the **AXI GPIO** IP block to re-customize the IP.



16. Using the drop-down boxes, ensure that both the IP Interfaces GPIO and GPIO2 are set to **Custom Board Interface** (Figure 10).

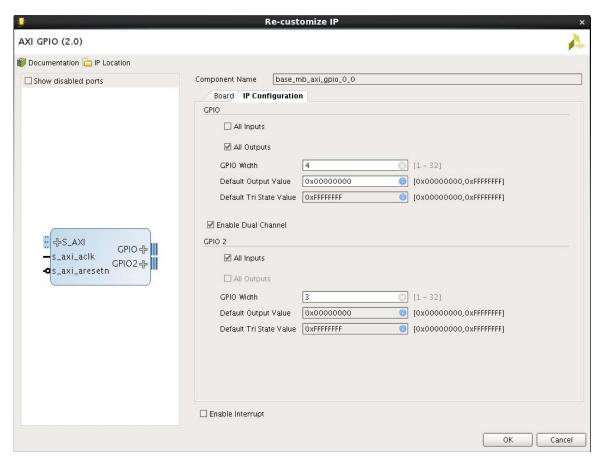


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Figure 10: Re-customize IP Interfaces



17. Select the **IP Configuration** tab, check the **All Outputs** checkbox for GPIO, set **GPIO Width** to **4**, check the **Enable Dual Channel** checkbox, check the **All Inputs** checkbox for **GPIO 2**, set **GPIO Width** to **3**, and click **OK** (Figure 11).

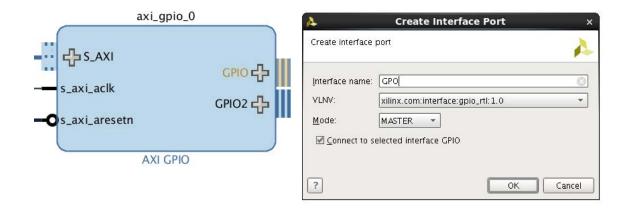


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Figure 11: Re-customize IP GPIO Width



18. Right-click the **GPIO** port of the **AXI GPIO** IP block, select **Create Interface Port**, set the **Interface Name** to **GPO**, and click **OK** (Figure 12).



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Figure 12: Create Interface Port (GPIO)

19. Right-click the **GPIO2** port of the **AXI GPIO** IP block, select **Create Interface Port**, set the **Interface Name** to **GPI**, and click **OK** (Figure 13).

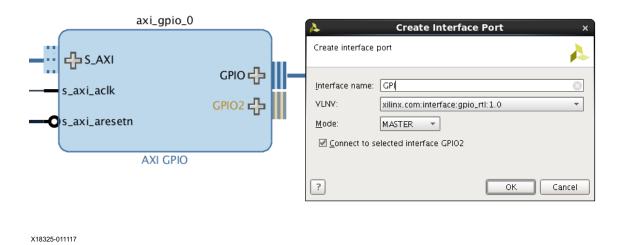


Figure 13: Create Interface Port (GPIO2)

20. Right-click the **Vp_Vn** port of the **System Management Wizard** IP block, and select **Make External**.



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21. Select the **Address Editor** tab at the top of the IP integrator window, set the **Range** for **microblaze_0_local_memory/dlmd_bram_if_cntlr** to **256K** using the drop-down box, and set the **Range** for **microblaze_0_local_memory/ilmd_bram_if_cntlr** to **256K** using the drop-down box (Figure 14).

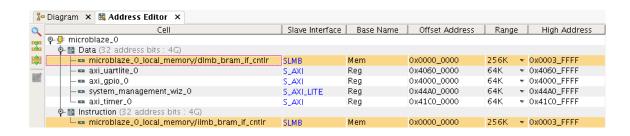


Figure 14: Address Editor

- 22. Select the **Diagram** tab at the top of the IP integrator window to return to the block diagram.
- 23. Click the **Validate Design** icon on the left (or top) side of the IP integrator window and correct any issues if the validation does not pass.
- 24. The large text labels on the block diagram can be moved and/or renamed.
- 25. Click the **Regenerate Layout** icon on the top left side of the IP integrator window to clean up the block diagram display. It looks similar to Figure 15. Complete the edits and save the block diagram.

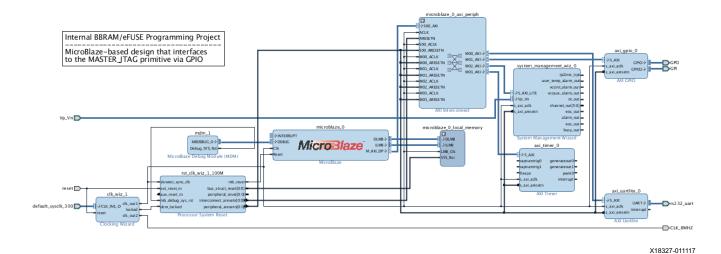


Figure 15: MicroBlaze-based Internal BBRAM/eFUSE Programming Project Layout

26. From the top-level Vivado tools menu, select **Tools** > **Project Settings** or **Settings** > **Target Language VHDL** > **OK**.



27. Select the **Sources** tab in the center window, select the **Hierarchy** tab, right-click **base_mb_i**, select **Create HDL Wrapper**, choose **Copy generated wrapper to allow user edits**, and click **OK** (Figure 16 and Figure 17).

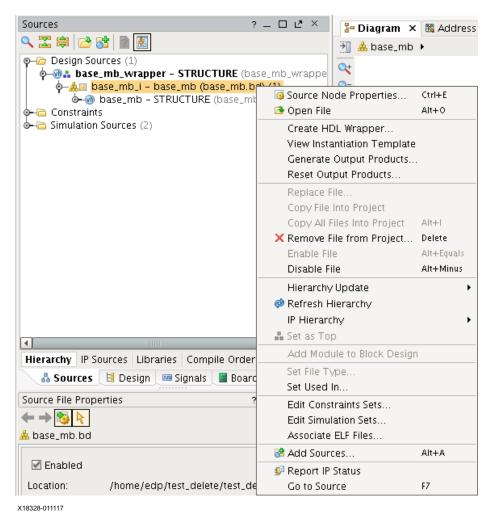


Figure 16: Sources

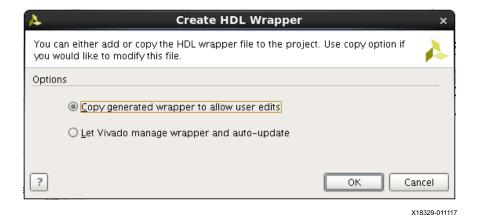


Figure 17: Create HDL Wrapper





- 28. Double-click **base_mb_wrapper** in the center window under Design Sources to bring up the HDL file in the text editor and make the following changes:
 - a. Remove the GPIO ports from the top-level port list and assign as internal signals.
 - b. Instantiate and connect the INT_PROG_CTL_US component (this block instantiates the MASTER_JTAG primitive). See the INT_PROG_CTL_US Module for more information.
 - c. Instantiate and connect the JTAG_MONITOR component (optional). See the JTAG_MONITOR Module for more information.
- 29. The following VHDL code sample demonstrates these changes (the VHDL wrapper file can also be downloaded from www.xilinx.com). See Reference Design for more information.

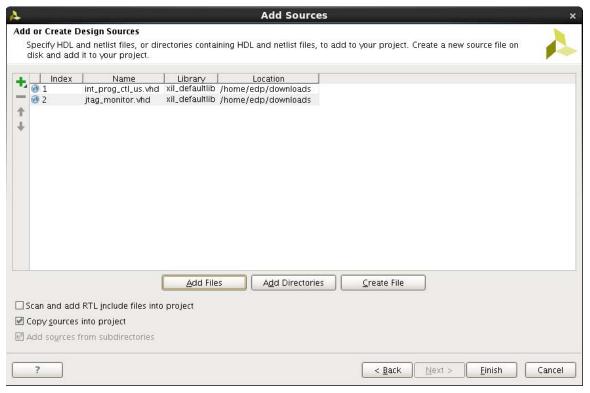
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library IEEE;
use IEEE.STD LOGIC 1164.ALL;
library UNISIM;
use UNISIM. VCOMPONENTS. ALL;
entity base_mb_wrapper is
  port (
    default_sysclk_300_clk_n : in std_logic;
    default_sysclk_300_clk_p : in std_logic;
    reset : in std_logic;
rs232_uart_rxd : in std_logic;
rs232_uart_txd : out std_logic;
EFUSE_PROG_PULSE : out std_logic
  );
end base mb wrapper;
architecture STRUCTURE of base_mb_wrapper is
     signal clk_8mhz : std_logic;
     signal gpi_tri_i : std logic vector(2 downto 0);
     signal gpo_tri_o : std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
     signal jtag_mon : std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
     component base mb is
          port (
               default_sysclk_300_clk_n : in std_logic;
               default_sysclk_300_clk_p : in std_logic;
              derault_syscik_300_clk_p : in std_logic;
rs232_uart_rxd : in std_logic;
rs232_uart_txd : out std_logic;
Vp_Vn_v_n : in std_logic;
Vp_Vn_v_p : in std_logic;
reset : in std_logic;
CLK_8MHZ : out std_logic;
GPI_tri_i : in std_logic_vector(2 downto 0);
GPO_tri_o : out std_logic_vector(3 downto 0)
     end component base_mb;
     component INT PROG CTL US is
          generic (
               TEST_MODE : boolean := FALSE
          );
          port (
               RESET : in std_logic;
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CLK_8MHZ : in std_logic; -- accuracy of the 5µs efuse prog pulse depends on this 8MHz
clock
           GPIO IN : in std logic vector(3 downto 0); -- from software using gpio output
           GPIO_OUT : out std_logic_vector(2 downto 0); -- to software using gpio input
           JTAG_OUT : out std_logic_vector(3 downto 0) -- for monitoring jtag signals
       );
   end component INT_PROG_CTL_US;
   component JTAG MONITOR is
       port
             (
                        : in std_logic_vector(3 downto 0); -- tdi=0, tms=1, tck=2, tdo=3
           JTAG MON
           EFUSE_PROG_PULSE : out std_logic
       );
   end component JTAG_MONITOR;
begin
   base_mb_i: base_mb
       port map (
                                  => clk_8mhz,
           CLK_8MHZ
           GPI_tri_i
                                   => GPI_tri_i,
           GPO_tri_o
                                  => GPO_tri_o,
                                 => Vp_Vn_v_n,
           Vp_Vn_v_n
           Vp_Vn_v_p
                                  => Vp_Vn_v_p,
           default sysclk 300 clk n => default sysclk 300 clk n,
           default_sysclk_300_clk_p => default_sysclk_300_clk_p,
           reset
                                  => reset,
           rs232 uart rxd
                                  => rs232 uart rxd,
           rs232_uart_txd
                                  => rs232_uart_txd
       );
   INT_PROG_CTL_US_i : INT_PROG_CTL_US
       generic map (
           TEST_MODE => FALSE
       port map (
           RESET => reset,
           CLK 8MHZ => clk 8mhz,
           GPIO IN => GPO tri o,
           GPIO_OUT => GPI_tri_i,
           JTAG_OUT => jtag_mon
       );
   JTAG MONITOR i : JTAG MONITOR
       port map (
                     => jtag_mon,
           JTAG MON
           EFUSE_PROG_PULSE => EFUSE_PROG_PULSE
       );
end STRUCTURE; -- base_mb_wrapper
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- 30. Download the project VHDL files int_prog_ctl_us.vhd and jtag_monitor.vhd to your local computer. See Reference Design for more information.
- 31. Right-click **Design Sources** in the center Sources window, select **Add Sources**, click **Next**, select **Add or create design sources**, and click **Add Files**. Navigate to and add int_prog_ctl_us.vhd and jtag_monitor.vhd (files downloaded in step 30), check **Copy Sources into project**, and click **Finish** (Figure 18).



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Figure 18: Add or Create Design Sources

32. Download the project constraint file xapp1283.xdc (for UltraScale FPGAs) or xapp1283_usp.xdc (for UltraScale+ FPGAs) to your local computer (see Reference Design for more information). The constraint file sets up the external reset pin input and the EFUSE_PROG_PULSE monitor output pin.

Note: If using a different evaluation kit or custom board, you will need to customize the constraint file appropriately (e.g., for specific physical pin locations). Also, if using SSIT FPGA devices there will be examples in the comment on how to include the MASTER_JTAG components for each SLR.



33. Right-click **Design Sources in the center Sources window,** select **Add Sources**, select **Add or create constraints**, click **Next**, and click **Add Files**. Navigate to and add the xapp1283.xdc or xapp1283_usp.xdc (file downloaded in step 32), check **Copy constraints files into project**, and click **Finish** (Figure 19).



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Figure 19: Add or Create Constraints

34. Select **Run Implementation** Run Implementation from the left flow navigator window under the Implementation section and click **Yes**, to automatically launch synthesis prior to implementation.

Note: Any critical synthesis or implementation warnings associated with the board's dip switch can be safely ignored because it is not being used in this application note.

Note: Interface port names can be slightly different than those in the provided reference design. Ensure the port names match prior to synthesis.

35. Click **Cancel** after the implementation is successfully completed.



36. Select **File** from the top-level Vivado tools menu, select **Export**, choose **Export Hardware**, and leave **Include bitstream** unchecked. Click **OK** to export **Local to Project** (Figure 20).



Figure 20: Export Hardware

37. Select **File** > **Launch SDK** from the top-level Vivado tools menu. Click **OK** to launch **Local to Project** (Figure 21). If using Vitis, select **Tools** > **Launch Vitis IDE**.

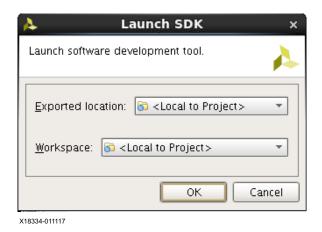


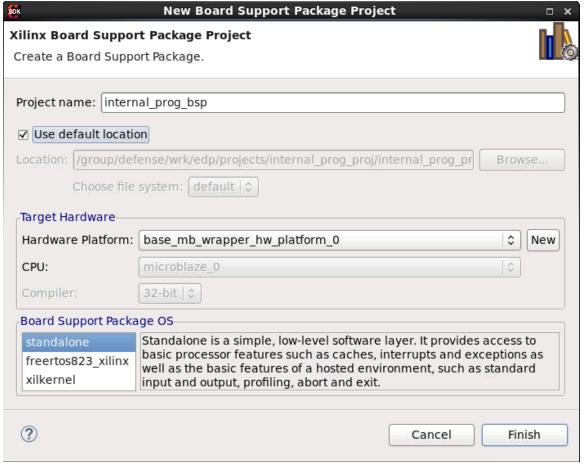
Figure 21: Launch SDK



Building the SDK/Vitis Applications

The method to create three different SDK applications is explained in this section. In step 37 of the Vivado hardware section the SDK tool is launched with the MicroBlaze processor design as its hardware platform. The following steps are required for the creation of the SDK software applications. If using Vitis, the steps and filenames are similar to SDK. However there are some differences; see the Vitis references for details on building applications with that tool [Ref 23].

- 1. Select **File** > **New** > **Board Support Package** from the top-level SDK menu.
- 2. Set the project name to **internal_prog_bsp**, check the **Use default location** checkbox, select the **standalone Board Support Package OS**, and click **Finish** (Figure 22).



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Figure 22: Board Support Package Project



3. Select **xilskey** from the Board Support Package Settings popup window (6.0 or later for UltraScale FPGAs, 6.3 or later for UltraScale+ FPGAs, 6.8 or later for SSIT FPGAs, or Zynq UltraScale+) **Xilinx Secure Key Library** and click **OK** (Figure 23).

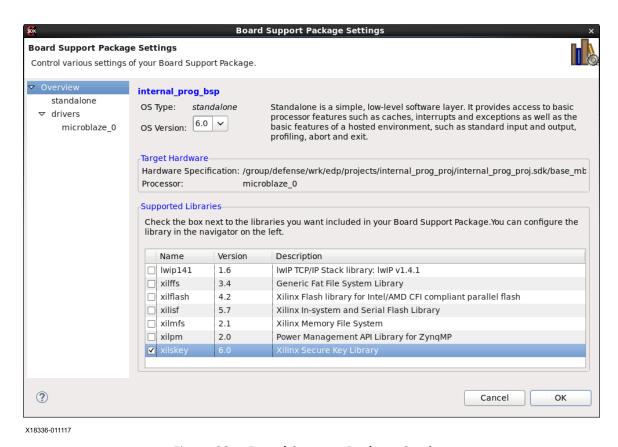


Figure 23: Board Support Package Settings

Select the system.mss tab in the center window and select Import Examples under the Libraries section at the bottom.

Note: If using Vitis version 2019.2 or later, it is necessary to modify the following xilskey library parameters: JTAG IDCODE, instruction register (IR) length (6), master SLR number and the number of SLRs. For FPGA devices, the JTAG IDCODE can be found in UG570 [Ref 2]. For Zynq UltraScale+ devices, the JTAG IDCODE in the PL is different than the published IDCODE for the PS. Contact your local Xilinx FAE or send an e-mail to *secure.solutions@xilinx.com* to get the appropriate PL JTAG IDCODE for your Zynq UltraScale+ device. The following figure (Figure 24) shows an example of these xilskey settings (your settings will differ depending on the device you are using).



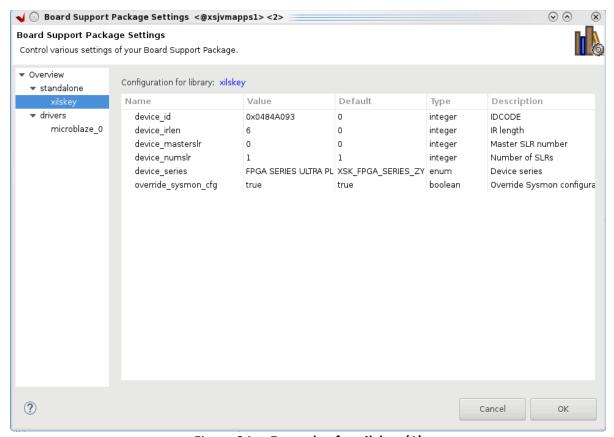
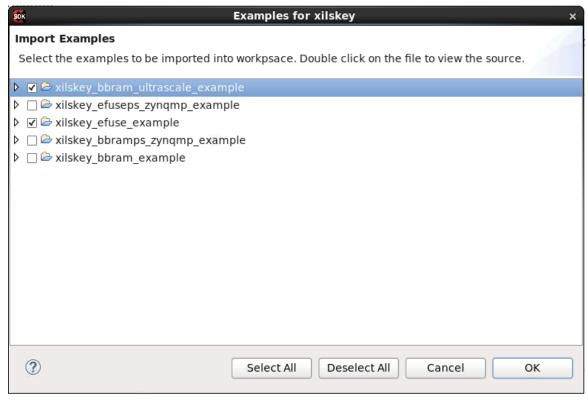


Figure 24: Examples for xilskey (1)



5. Check the xilskey_bbram_ultrascale_example checkbox, check the xilskey_efuse_example checkbox, and click **OK** (Figure 25).



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Figure 25: Examples for xilskey (2)

- 6. Expand the internal_prog_bsp_xilskey_bbram_ultrascale_example_1 project on the left side of the SDK project explorer window, expand src, and double-click xilskey_bbram_ultrascale_input.h to open up the header file in the SDK text editor.
- 7. Scroll down the header file to find the #define statement for **XSK_BBRAM_AES_KEY**, note and record the key value in quotations. Save any changes. The default value can be used in this example or you can enter your own value using exactly 64 hexadecimal characters. For this project, the obfuscated key (XSK_BBRAM_OBFUSCATED_KEY) is not used and can be ignored (Figure 26).

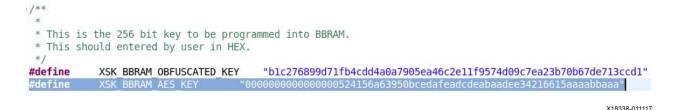


Figure 26: XSK_BBRAM_AES_KEY Value

8. Expand the **internal_prog_bsp_xilskey_efuse_example_1** project on the left side of the SDK project explorer window, expand **src**, and double-click **xilskey_input.h** to open up the header file in the SDK text editor.

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9. Scroll down the header file to find the #define statement for **XSK_EFUSEPS_DRIVER** and comment it out (this is only used for Zynq® SoC designs). Save the changes (Figure 27).

#define XSK_EFUSEPL_DRIVER
//#define XSK_EFUSEPS_DRIVER

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Figure 27: XSK_EFUSEPS_DRIVER

10. Scroll through the **xilskey_input.h** file to see the different options (commands and values) for programming eFUSEs. For programming details refer to *LibXil SKey for Zynq-7000 UltraScale and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC Devices User Guide* [Ref 8]. In this example a value is programmed into the 32-bit FUSE_USER register.

Note: If using Vitis version 2019.2 or later, there will be multiple #define macro statements that will have the suffix "_CONFIG_ORDER_n" where *n* corresponds to the super logic region (SRL) configuration order when using SSIT devices. On some devices the Master SLR is SLR0, while on others the Master SLR is SLR1. It is important to note that all Master SLRs have a CONFIG_ORDER_INDEX value of 0. Consult the *UltraScale Architecture Configuration User Guide* (UG570) [Ref 2] to identify the Master SLR for the device being used. There is also a Tcl file included with this application note (slr_report.tcl) that can be sourced on an open Vivado implementation and provides a report on the device's SLRs.

As an example, Vivado orders the BBRAM AES keys provided in the .nky key file as SLR0, SLR1, SLR2, etc. If UG570 states that the device's master is SLR0, then map the keys in the .nky file to the #define macros in that same order (1st key to _CONFIG_ORDER_0, 2nd key to _CONFIG_ORDER_1, 3rd key to _CONFIG_ORDER_2, etc.).

However, if UG570 states that the device's master is SLR1, ensure that you provide the 2nd key in the .nky file at #define macro _CONFIG_ORDER_0, 1st key in the .nky file at #define macro _CONFIG_ORDER_1, the 3rd key at _CONFIG_ORDER_2, etc.

This ordering scheme not only applies to BBRAM AES keys, it also applies to eFUSE AES keys, user fuses, and RSA PPK hashes. The target value to be programmed on the master is typically provided across the first #define macro (_CONFIG_ORDER_0), followed by the slave values (_CONFIG_ORDER_1, _CONFIG_ORDER_2, etc.).

See the comments in the associated int_prog_ctl_us.vhd file and constraint (.xdc) files for SSIT usage examples.



IMPORTANT: eFUSEs are OTP and the programming is irreversible. Use caution to choose eFUSEs that are programmed because they can affect the configuration and operation of the device. Also, the order in which eFUSEs are programmed should follow the guidelines shown in Using Encryption and Authentication to Secure an UltraScale/UltraScale+ FPGA Bitstream (XAPP1267) [Ref 24]. See the section named eFUSE Programming General Recommendations which describes the proper order in which the eFUSEs should be programmed.



IMPORTANT: Do not enable XSK_EFUSEPL_ENABLE_RSA_AUTH (PL RSA authentication eFUSE bit) for the XCKU040-2FFVA1156E FPGA device located on the KCU105 evaluation platform. UltraScale devices have a minimum configuration width when RSA is enabled and the KCU105 evaluation board does not conform to this requirement. Enabling the PL RSA authentication eFUSE bit makes the device on this board permanently unconfigurable.





11. Find the #define statement for **XSK_EFUSEPL_PROGRAM_USER_KEY** and set its value to **TRUE** to program the 32-bit FUSE_USER register. Save the changes (Figure 28).



Figure 28: XSK_EFUSEPL_PROGRAM_USER_KEY Value

12. Find the #define statement for **XSK_EFUSEPL_READ_USER_KEY** and set its value to **TRUE** in order to read the 32-bit FUSE_USER register. Save the changes (Figure 29).

```
#define XSK_EFUSEPL_READ_USER_KEY TRUE /**< TRUE read

* USER key

*/
```

Figure 29: XSK_EFUSEPL_READ_USER_KEY Value

13. Find the #define statement for 32-bit FUSE_USER register value **XSK_EFUSEPL_USER_KEY** (this is not the AES decryption key) and set its value using exactly eight hexadecimal characters. All hexadecimal combinations are permitted with the exception of 0x00000000. Note and record this value. Save the changes (see the example value in Figure 30).

```
#define XSK_EFUSEPL_USER_KEY "012345ED"

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```

Figure 30: XSK_EFUSEPL_USER_KEY Value

14. Select File, select New, select Application Project, and set the project name to hello_encrypted, from the top-level SDK menu. Under Board Support Package, check Use existing, click Next, select Hello World template, and click Finish (Figure 31 and Figure 32).



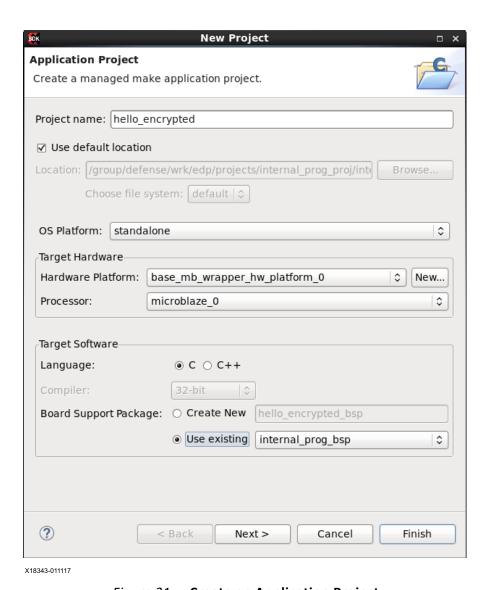


Figure 31: Create an Application Project



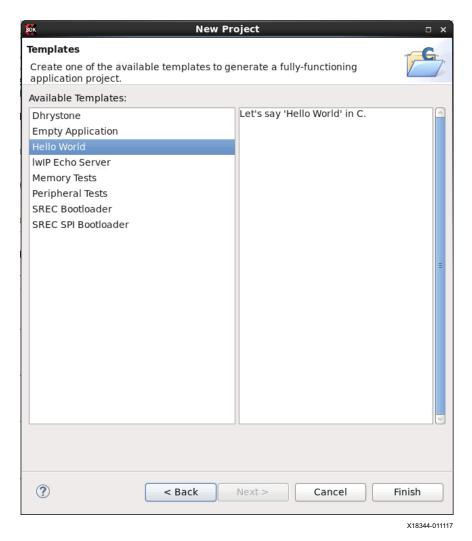


Figure 32: Application Project Template

Note: Before building the projects, inspect the loader scripts (lscript.ld) for the BBRAM and eFUSE examples and ensure the heap size is at least 0xF00 and the stack size is at least 0xC00.

- 15. Select **Project** > **Clean** > **Clean all projects**, and click **OK** from the top-level SDK menu.
- 16. Select **Project** and click **Build All** from the top-level SDK menu. This generates the necessary binary ELF files for each of the three application projects.



Bitstream Generation

The three ELF files created in the SDK are imported back into the Vivado tools to merge the associated MicroBlaze processor instructions and data into each of the bitstreams. The bitstreams for programming the BBRAM AES key and the 32-bit user eFUSE register are unencrypted and the Hello application is encrypted (using the same key value from the C header file). The following steps outline the generation of these bitstreams:

- 1. Return to the Vivado tools GUI with the recently built internal_prog_proj project loaded.
- 2. Select the **Sources** tab in the center window, and then select the **Hierarchy** tab.
- 3. Right-click **Design Sources** > **Add Sources** > **Add or create design sources** > **Next** > **Add Files**.
- 4. Browse to project_path>/internal_prog_proj/internal_prog_proj.sdk.
 From this location point to each of the following ELF files and add them to the project:
 - a. hello_encrypted/<Debug or Release>/hello_encrypted.elf
 - b. internal_prog_xilskey_bbram_ultrascale_example_1/<Debug or Release>/
 internal prog bsp xilskey bbram ultrascale example 1.elf
 - c. internal_prog_xilskey_efuse_example_1/<Debug or Release>/ internal prog bsp xilskey efuse example 1.elf
- 5. Do not check Copy sources into project.
- 6. Click **Finish** (Figure 33).



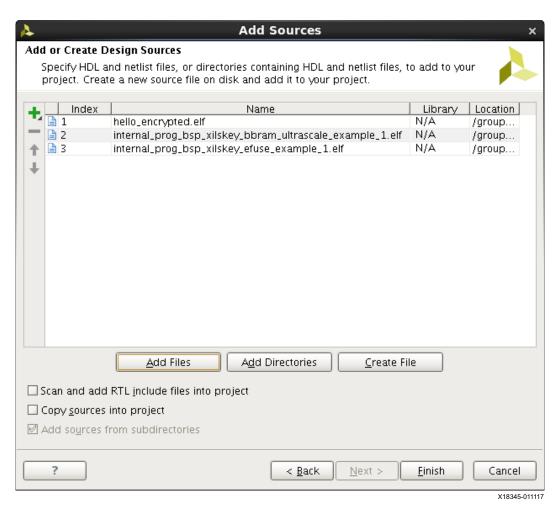


Figure 33: Add Sources



7. The three ELF files are now visible under Design Sources and ELF in the following figure (Figure 34).

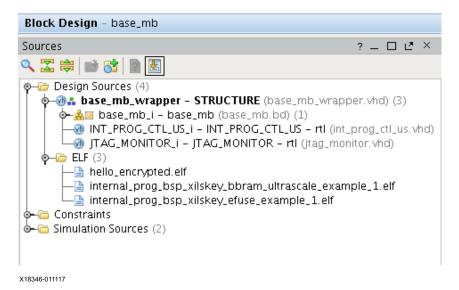


Figure 34: Block Design

Under Design Sources right-click on internal_prog_bsp_xilskey_bbram_ultrascale_example_1.elf > Associate ELF Files. Under Associated ELF File for Design Sources browse ____, select internal_prog_bsp_xilskey_bbram_ultrascale_example_1.elf, click OK, and click OK (Figure 35).

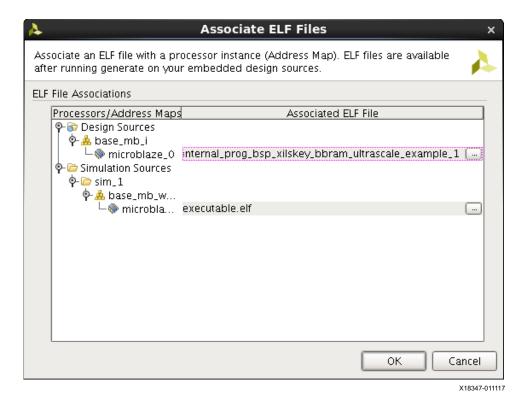
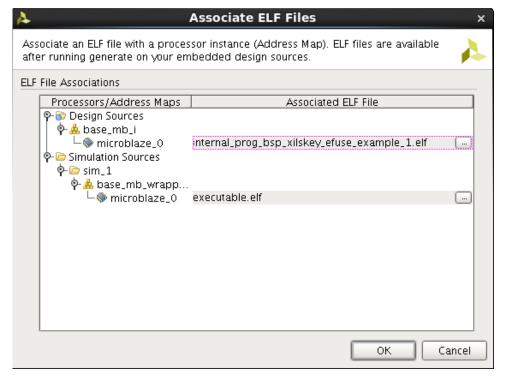


Figure 35: Associate ELF Files (BBRAM)





- 9. Select **Generate Bitstream** Select **Generate Bitstream** from the flow navigator window on the left of the Vivado tools screen, under Program and Debug.
- 10. Click **Cancel** when the bitstream generation is completed.
- 11. Using a file browser, navigate to project_path>/ internal_prog_proj/internal_prog_proj.runs/impl_1 (this path is used again when the bitstreams are programmed into the device).
- 12. Rename base_mb_wrapper.bit to prog_bbram.bit. Copy prog_bbram.bit to a temporary folder for later use.
- 13. Right-click on internal_prog_bsp_xilskey_efuse_example_1.elf under Design Sources and select Associate ELF Files. Under Associated ELF File for Design Sources, browse ____, select internal_prog_bsp_xilskey_efuse_example_1.elf, click OK, and click OK (Figure 36).



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Figure 36: Associate ELF Files (eFUSE)

- 15. When the bitstream generation is completed, click **Cancel**.
- 17. Rename **base_mb_wrapper.bit** to **prog_efuse.bit**. Copy prog_efuse.bit to the same temporary folder as prog_bbram.bit.



18. Under Design Sources, right-click on hello_encrypted.elf > Associate ELF Files.

Under Associated ELF File for Design Sources, browse , select hello_encrypted.elf, click OK, and click OK (Figure 37).

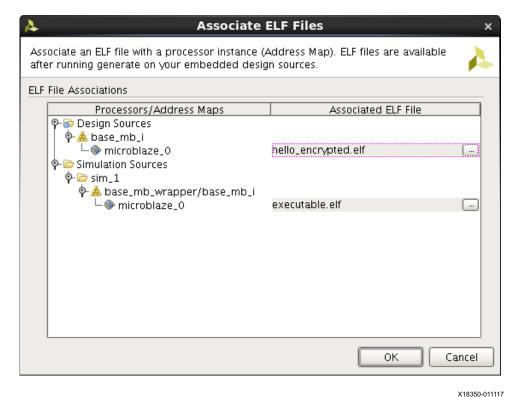


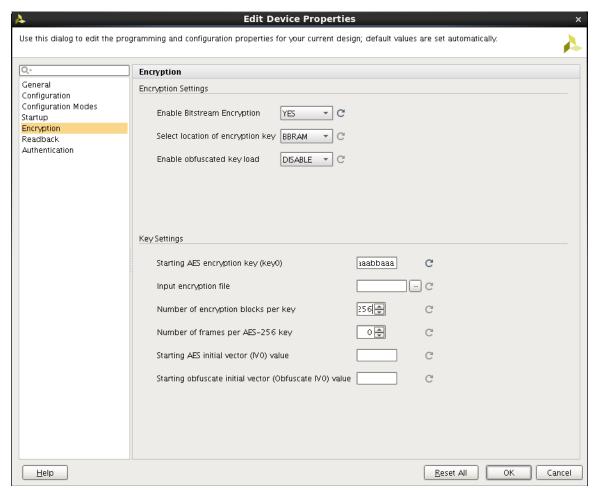
Figure 37: Associate ELF Files (hello)

- 19. From the flow navigator window on the left of the Vivado tools screen, under Implementation, select **Open Implemented Design**

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- 20. Ignore any warning messages that appear and click **OK**.
- 22. Select Configure additional bitstream settings, on the left, select Encryption, set Enable Bitstream Encryption: Yes, and Select location of encryption key: BBRAM.
- 23. Copy and paste the 256-bit AES key (the XSK_BBRAM_AES_KEY value from xilskey_bbram_ultrascale_input.h) from Building the SDK/Vitis Applications section into the **Starting AES encryption key (key0)** text box.



24. Set **Number of encryption blocks per key: 256**, click **OK**, and click **OK** (Figure 38). For more information on encryption block selection, refer to the *UltraScale Architecture Configuration User Guide* (UG570) [Ref 2]. For more information on key rolling, refer to the *Developing Tamper-Resistant Designs with UltraScale and UltraScale+ FPGAs Application Note* (XAPP1098) [Ref 7].



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Figure 38: Edit Device Properties



25. From the flow navigator window on the left of the Vivado tools screen, under Program and Debug, select **Generate Bitstream** Generate Bitstream, select **Save**, check **Select an existing file**, set the filename as xapp1283.xdc (for UltraScale FPGAs) or xapp1283_usp.xdc (for UltraScale+ FPGAs), click **OK**, and click **Overwrite** (Figure 39 and Figure 40). This adds the encryption options and key value to the constraints file.



Figure 39: Save Project

Figure 40: set_property

- 26. Click **Cancel** when the bitstream generation is completed.
- 27. Using a file browser, navigate to path>/ internal_prog_proj/internal_prog_proj.runs/impl_1.
- 28. Rename base_mb_wrapper.bit to hello_encrypted.bit. Copy hello_encrypted.bit to the same temporary folder as prog_bbram.bit and prog_efuse.bit.





Verification

After the three bitstreams prog_bbram.bit, prog_efuse.bit, and hello_encrypted.bit are successfully generated, you can load each onto the Kintex UltraScale or UltraScale+ device located on the KCU105 or KCU116 evaluation kit respectively and verify their functionality. The following steps outline the verification of each of these bitstreams:

- Power up and connect the KCU105 (or KCU116) evaluation board to a computer using the USB JTAG and USB UART cables. For more information when using the UltraScale device, refer to the KCU105 Quick Start Guide (XTP391) [Ref 16] and KCU105 Board User Guide (UG917) [Ref 18]. For more information when using the UltraScale+ device, refer to the KCU116 Evaluation Kit Quick Start Guide (XTP471) [Ref 19] and KCU116 Evaluation Board User Guide (UG1239) [Ref 20].
- 2. On the KCU105 evaluation board, set dip switch **SW15** to the following settings for the JTAG configuration mode:
 - Positions 1 through 5 = OFF
 - Position 6 = ON

On the KCU116 evaluation board, set dip switch **SW21** to the following settings for the JTAG configuration mode:

- Position 6 = ON
- 3. Determine the COM port that connects to the MicroBlaze processor's UART using Windows device manager. The USB UART connection establishes two COM ports (standard and enhanced) on the computer (the Silicon Labs serial driver must be installed on the system). The computer COM port associated with the Silicon Labs Standard COM port connects to the MicroBlaze processor's UART.
- 4. Start up the serial communications terminal program. Following is the serial port settings:
 - COM Port = Silicon Labs Standard COM Port
 - Baud rate: 115200
 - Data: 8
 - Parity: none
 - Stop: none
 - Flow control: none
- 5. Press and release the **PROGRAM_B** switch **SW4** on the KCU105 board (or switch **SW5** on the KCU116 board).



IMPORTANT: The PROGRAM_B switch must be pressed between each bitstream load because the design contains the MASTER_JTAG primitive. Failure to do so blocks the external JTAG path and the computer's USB JTAG communications fail.



- 6. Select **Hardware Manager** A Hardware Manager in the Vivado tools from the flow navigator window on the left of the screen, under Program and Debug. Select **Open Target** Open Target, and click **Auto Connect**.
- 7. Right-click the **xcku040_0** device (or **xcku5p_0** device) in the center hardware window and select **Clear BBR Key**. Click **OK** (Figure 41).

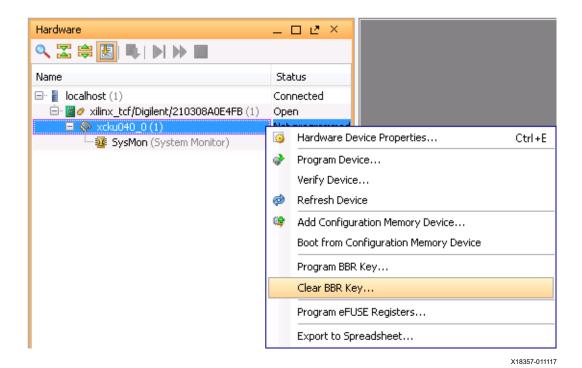


Figure 41: Hardware Manager BBR Key



8. Right-click the **xcku040_0** device (or **xcku5p_0** device) in the center hardware window, and select **Program Device** (Figure 42).

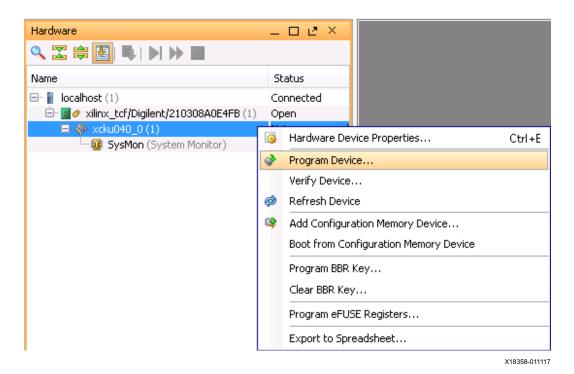


Figure 42: Hardware Manager Program Device

 Set Bitstream file: <path_to_bitstreams>/hello_encrypted.bit, and click Program (Figure 43).

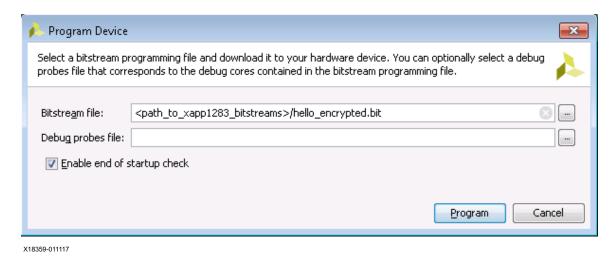


Figure 43: Program Device (hello_encrypted.bit)

- 10. The hardware manager attempts to program the device. However, because there is no BBRAM key, the configuration fails. When the bitstream finishes loading, verify that the DONE LED (DS34 for the KCU105 evaluation board and DS32 for the KCU116 evaluation board) is OFF.
- 11. Power cycle the board with the main power switch **SW1**. Then press and release the **PROGRAM_B** switch **SW4** on the KCU105 board (**SW5** on the KCU116 board).



12. Right-click the xcku040_0 device (or xcku5p_0 device) in the center hardware window. Select Program Device, set Bitstream file: <path_to_bitstreams>/prog_bbram.bit, and click Program (Figure 44).

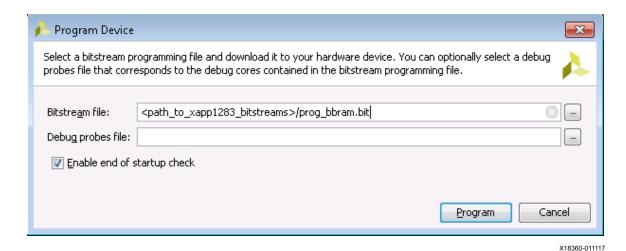


Figure 44: Program Device (prog_bbram.bit)

- 13. When the bitstream finishes loading, the DONE LED (DS34 for the KCU105 board and DS32 for the KCU116 board) turns ON. It blocks the FPGA's external JTAG port and causes communication errors in the Vivado Tcl console because the MASTER _JTAG is instantiated in the design. These errors are expected and can be safely ignored.
- 14. The serial terminal window displays a message for a successfully programmed and verified BBRAM (Figure 45).

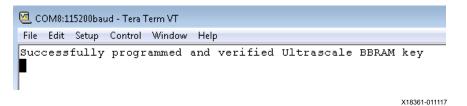


Figure 45: Programmed and Verified BBRAM Key

- 15. Press and release the **PROGRAM_B** switch **SW4** on the KCU105 board (**SW5** on the KCU116 board).
- 17. When the bitstream finishes loading, the DONE LED (DS34 for the KCU105 board and DS32 for the KCU116 board) turns ON because the BBRAM key is loaded internally by the last bitstream (ignore the errors in the Vivado Tcl console).



18. The serial terminal window displays a Hello World message that is appended to the last message. This indicates that the prog_bbram.bit bitstream (loaded earlier), wrote the BBRAM key successfully (Figure 46).

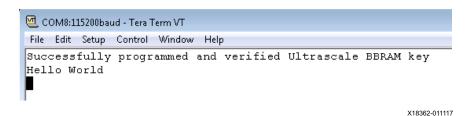


Figure 46: Hello World

- 19. Press and release the **PROGRAM_B** switch **SW4** on the KCU105 board (**SW5** on the KCU116 board).
- 20. Clear the serial terminal program screen.
- 21. If you instantiated the optional JTAG_MONITOR Module, connect an oscilloscope probe to J53-2 (PACKAGE_PIN AM16) for the KCU105 board and J87-1 (PACKAGE_PIN D13) for the KCU116 board. This is the EFUSE_PROG_PULSE signal that mirrors the actual eFUSE programming phase. You will see a 5 μ s pulse for each eFUSE bit that is programmed from a 0 to a 1.
- 22. Right-click on the xcku040_0 device (or xcku5p_0 device) in the center hardware window. Select Program Device, set Bitstream file: <path_to_bitstreams>/prog_efuse.bit, and click Program.

Note: The prog_efuse.bit file is not encrypted. It can be encrypted (if required) using the BBRAM key because the key is already loaded in the device.

23. When the bitstream finishes loading, the DONE LED (DS34 for the KCU105 board and DS32 for the KCU116 board) turns ON (ignore the errors in the Vivado Tcl console).



24. The serial terminal window displays a message for a successfully programmed eFUSE. The 32-bit FUSE_USER register contains the value that you entered earlier in the header file for XSK_EFUSEPL_USER_KEY (Figure 47).

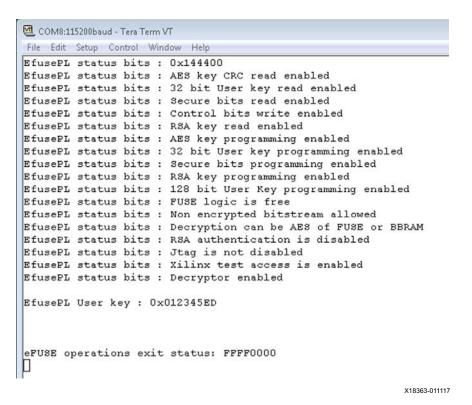


Figure 47: Programmed eFUSE

- 25. The eFUSE can be further verified using the Vivado Hardware Manager.
- 26. Press and release the **PROGRAM_B** switch **SW4** on the KCU105 board (**SW5** on the KCU116 board).
- 27. In the center hardware window, right-click the xcku040_0 device (or xcku5p_0 device) > Refresh Device.
- 28. In the center hardware window, right-click the **xcku040_0** device (or **xcku5p_0** device) > **Hardware Device Properties**.



29. Click the **Properties** tab in the hardware device properties window (directly below the hardware window), expand the properties tree at **REGISTER**, and **EFUSE**. The FUSE_USER field contains the recently programmed eFUSE value (Figure 48).

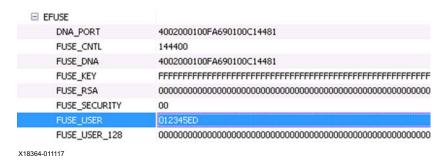


Figure 48: FUSE_USER

Conclusion

This application note describes a procedure to internally program the BBRAM and eFUSE memory of an UltraScale and UltraScale + FPGA. Internal programmability is valuable, especially in the context of security-critical applications. The method presented takes advantage of the MASTER_JTAG primitive, an existing MicroBlaze-based hardware example design, Xilinx-supplied HDL modules, a software library (XILSKEY), and software examples that are used to create functional applications. The procedure explained in this application note modifies and enhances examples to fit various use models including a tamper event driven model to impose penalties and a field update of a BBRAM AES key over a secure link.



Reference Design

You can download the reference design files for this application note from the Xilinx website.

Table 1 shows the reference design matrix.

Table 1: Reference Design Matrix

Parameter	Description	
General		
Developer name	Ed Peterson	
Target devices	UltraScale and UltraScale+ FPGAs	
Source code provided	Yes	
Source code format	VHDL	
Design uses code and IP from existing Xilinx application note and reference designs or third party	No	
Simulation		
Functional simulation performed	No	
Timing simulation performed	No	
Test bench used for functional and timing simulations	No (Verification using ILA debugger)	
Test bench format	N/A	
Simulator software/version used	N/A	
SPICE/IBIS simulations	N/A	
Implementation		
Synthesis software tools/versions used	Vivado design suite 2016.3 for UltraScale FPGAs	
	Vivado design suite 2017.3 for UltraScale+ FPGAs	
Implementation software tools/versions used	Vivado design suite 2016.3 for UltraScale FPGAs	
	Vivado design suite 2017.3 for UltraScale+ FPGAs	
Static timing analysis performed	Yes	
Hardware Verification		
Hardware verified	Yes	
Hardware platform used for verification	KCU105 Evaluation Board for UltraScale FPGAs	
	KCU116 Evaluation Board for UltraScale+ FPGAs	



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The following table shows the revision history for this document.

Date	Version	Revision
07/31/2020	1.2	Added support for Stacked-Silicon Interconnect Technology (SSIT) devices and the Zynq UltraScale+ programmable logic (PL). Added new link for Using Encryption and Authentication to Secure an UltraScale + FPGA Bitstream XAPP1267. Added Figure 24 that exemplifies xilskey settings.
02/15/2018	1.1	Added support for UltraScale+ FPGAs.
03/08/2017	1.0	Initial Xilinx release.

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