




Hardware Industrial IoT


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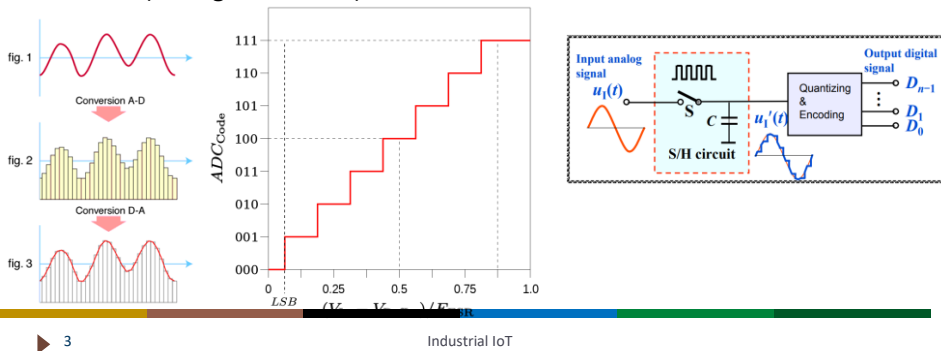


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ADC vs DAC

- ADC (Analog to Digital Converter)
 - A circuit that transforms a signal from analog (continuous) to digital (discrete) form.
- DAC (Digital to Analog Converter)
 - A circuit that transforms from a digital form to an analog (Voltage, Current..)



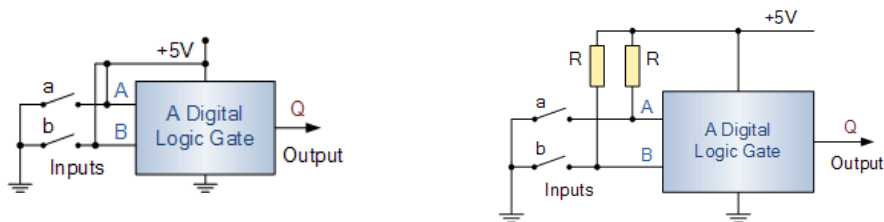
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Pull-up and Pull-down Resistors

- Used to correctly bias the inputs of digital gates to stop them from floating about randomly when there is no input condition



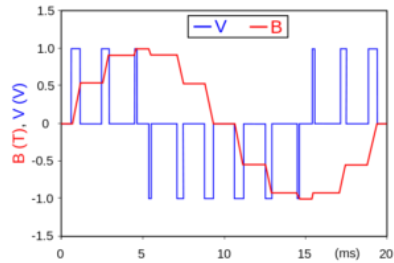
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PWM (Pulse Width Modulation)

- Make a virtual analog signal, by combining multiple digital signal pulses with very low period time
- Used for motors and other devices that control mechanical parts



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SoC Categories

- The most used core IP's on boards for IoT applications are:
 - Microcontroller Units (MCU)
 - Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs)
 - SoC with embedded FPGA (Zedboard)

- Each one is chosen according to the IoT application

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MCUs

- Integrated circuits designed for specific operations in an embedded system
- Have standard hardware
- In order for the hardware components to function, embedded software is used to provide instructions for the system
- Embedded Software running: **firmware**
 - A specific class of computer software that provides the low-level control for a device's specific hardware
 - Developed specifically for this device
- Contain:
 - One or more processors (CPUs)
 - Memory (SD Card etc.)
 - input/output (I/O) peripherals

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MCUs (continued)

- Advantages:
 - Lower cost of board and peripherals
 - Lower power consumption

- Disadvantages
 - Limited performance

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FPGAs

- Highly configurable, general purpose integrated systems filled with logic cells (small programmable digital building logic blocks)

- Contain:
 - An array of programmable logic blocks
 - Perform complex combinational functions
 - Simple logic gates
 - A hierarchy of configurable interconnects
 - Allow the blocks to be wired together in different configurations
 - Memory blocks
 - Flip-Flops
 - Complete blocks of memory

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FPGAs (continued)

- **Advantages**
 - Parallel execution
 - parallel multiple sensors measurements
 - Low complexity achieved by reusing modules on RTL level
 - Low power consumption
 - Etc machine learning applications
 - High performance
 - No need of delays before transmitting
 - because of parallel programming multiple data can be sent at the same time
 - Flexible configurable computing
- **Disadvantages:**
 - Hardware security issues
 - Exposed bitfile
 - Needs encryption
 - Needs more complex electronic design automation (EDA) software to configure interconnects efficiently

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MCU and FPGA differences

	MCUs	FPGAs
Learning curve	Learning curve with some cross-over in tools (e.g., the ever more widespread Eclipse IDE, shared languages).	Steeper learning curve.
Fixed/Floating point operations available	Fixed and floating point are widely available.	Mostly fixed point. Difficult to accommodate floating point.
Time-critical processing	Depends on requirements as to whether the MCU can accommodate. Limited reach.	Capable of sophisticated, time-critical signal processing with strict throughput and low latency requirements.
Portable design	Easier to port designs between MCUs with C/C++ language.	No universal design method that is portable.
Total Flexibility	Reprogramming software only.	Superior in software <i>and</i> hardware flexibility in customization. Dynamic reconfiguration is possible.
Development	Code changes can often be added after compilation like a patch, without re-compiling, for a facile development process.	Development iterations take longer with re-placing and rerouting required of FPGAs in the development process.
Tools	Open-source tools increasingly make the development process portable across platforms.	No portability across tools. Universal design methods are non-existent.

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SoC with Embedded FPGA

- Integrated circuits (chips) that integrate all or most components of a computer or other electronic system
- **Contain:**
 - Central Processing Unit (CPU)
 - Memory
 - Input/Output ports
 - Secondary storage
- **May contain:**
 - Digital, analog, mixed-signal
 - Radio frequency processing
- **Optional peripherals on the board level:**
 - Radio modems
 - GPU

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SoC with Embedded FPGA (continued)

- **Advantages:**
 - Easily adapted on customer's needs
 - Compute faster using parallelism
 - Minimized latency
 - Integration reduces part costs
 - Support diverse and evolving IoT gateway requirements
 - through flexible protocol switching/bridging and secure remote in-field upgrades
 - Extract maximum value from data analytics at the edge and in the data center
- **Disadvantages**
 - Complexity in product development
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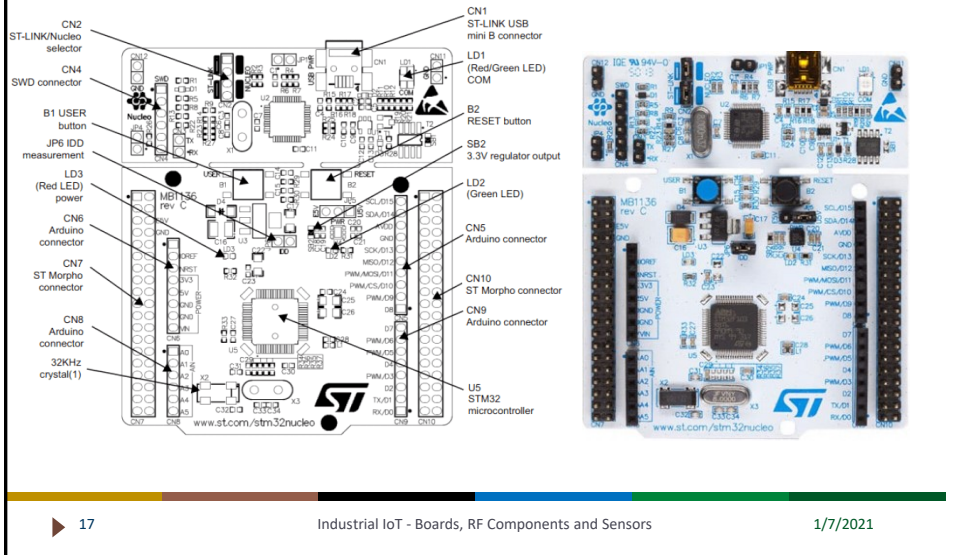
MCUs – Available Boards (continued)

? NUCLEO – L152RE

? Features:

- | | |
|--|------------------------------|
| ? STM32L152RET6 in LQFP64 package | ? RTC |
| ? ARM®32-bit Cortex®-M3 CPU | ? Timers (9) |
| ? 32 MHz max CPU frequency | ? I2C (2) |
| ? VDD from 1.65 V to 3.6 V | ? USART (5) |
| ? 512 KB Flash | ? SPI (3) |
| ? 80 KB SRAM | ? USB 2.0 full speed |
| ? 16 KB EEPROM | ? DAC (2) |
| ? GPIO (51) with external interrupt capability | ? LCD (1) 4x32 or 8x28 |
| | ? Operational Amplifiers (2) |
| | ? Comparators |

MCUs – Available Boards (continued)



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MCUs – Available Boards (continued)

? STM32WB55

? Features:

- ? A no crystal USB 2.0 interface
- ? Up to 72 pins can be used as GPIO
 - 1 — USART
 - 1 — LPUART (Low Power UART)
 - 2 — SPI buses
 - 2 — I2C buses
- ? Low power modes
- ? Multiple ADC's (12 and 16 bit)
- ? Support for capacitive touch sensors
- ? An LCD driver
- ? Embedded security options
- ? 256 bytes to 1M of flash memory
- ? Up to 256kB of RAM
- ? Timers and comparators

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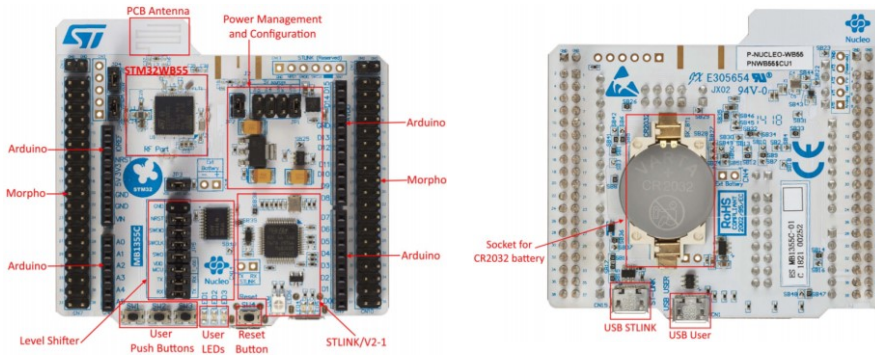
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MCUs – Available Boards (continued)

? Nucleo-68 Board



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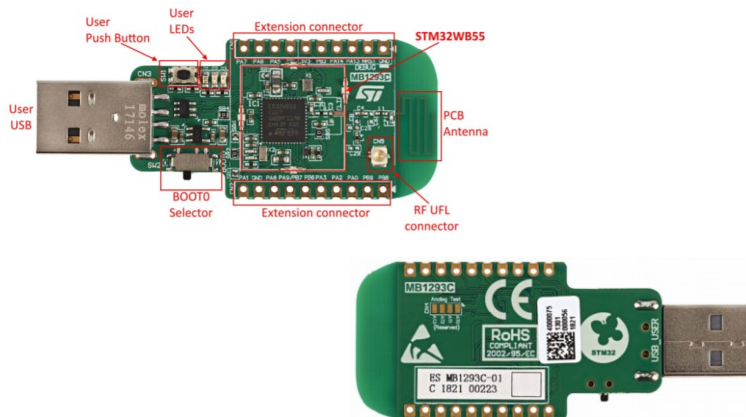
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MCUs – Available Boards (continued)

? USB dongle Board



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FPGAs – Available Boards

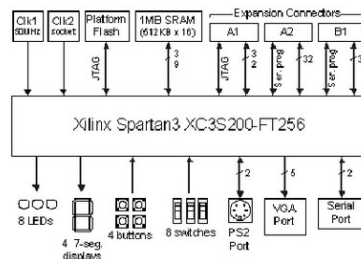
? SPARTAN 3

? Features:

- ? Low-cost, high-performance logic solution for high-volume, consumer-oriented applications
 - Densities up to 74,880 logic cells
- ? SelectIO™ interface signaling
 - Up to 633 I/O pins
 - 622+ Mb/s data transfer rate per I/O
 - 18 single-ended signal standards
 - 8 differential I/O standards including LVDS, RSDS
 - Termination by Digitally Controlled Impedance
 - Signal swing ranging from 1.14V to 3.465V
 - Double Data Rate (DDR) support
 - DDR, DDR2 SDRAM support up to 333 Mb/s
- ? Logic resources
 - Abundant logic cells with shift register capability
 - Wide, fast multiplexers
 - Fast look-ahead carry logic
 - Dedicated 18 x 18 multipliers
 - JTAG logic compatible with IEEE 1149.1/1532
- ? SelectRAM™ hierarchical memory
 - Up to 1,872 Kbits of total block RAM
 - Up to 520 Kbits of total distributed RAM
- ? Digital Clock Manager (up to four DCMs)
 - Clock skew elimination
 - Frequency synthesis
 - High resolution phase shifting
- ? Eight global clock lines and abundant routing
- ? Fully supported by Xilinx ISE® and WebPACK™ software development systems
- ? MicroBlaze™ and PicoBlaze™ processor, PCI®, PCI Express® PIPE Endpoint, and other IP cores
- ? Pb-free packaging options
- ? Automotive Spartan-3 XA Family variant

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FPGAs – Available Boards



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FPGAs – Available Boards

? SPARTAN 3E

? Features

- ? Very low cost, high-performance logic solution for high-volume, consumer-oriented applications
- ? Proven advanced 90-nanometer process technology
- ? Multi-voltage, multi-standard SelectIO™ interface pins
 - Up to 376 I/O pins or 156 differential signal pairs
 - LVCMOS, LVTTTL, HSTL, and SSTL single-ended signal standards
 - 3.3V, 2.5V, 1.8V, 1.5V, and 1.2V signaling
 - 622+ Mb/s data transfer rate per I/O
 - True LVDS, RSDS, mini-LVDS, differential HSTL/SSTL differential I/O
 - Enhanced Double Data Rate (DDR) support
 - DDR SDRAM support up to 333 Mb/s

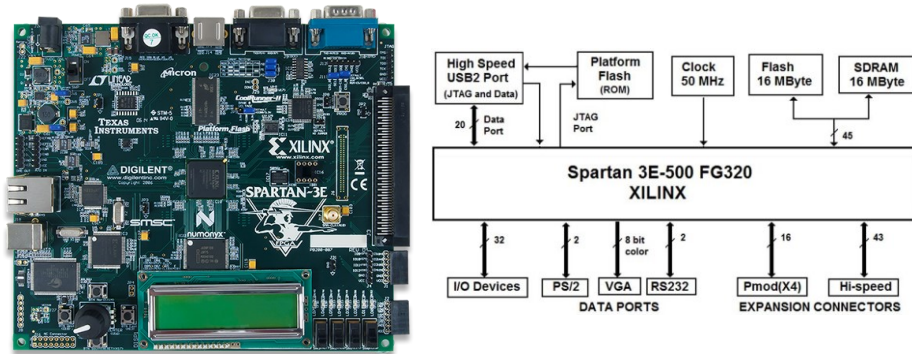
? Abundant, flexible logic resources

- Densities up to 33,192 logic cells, including optional shift register or distributed RAM support
- Efficient wide multiplexers, wide logic
- Fast look-ahead carry logic
- Enhanced 18 x 18 multipliers with optional pipeline
- IEEE 1149.1/1532 JTAG programming/debug port
- ? Hierarchical SelectRAM™ memory architecture
 - Up to 648 Kbits of fast block RAM
 - Up to 231 Kbits of efficient distributed RAM
- ? Up to eight Digital Clock Managers (DCMs)
 - Clock skew elimination (delay locked loop)
 - Frequency synthesis, multiplication, division
 - High-resolution phase shifting
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FPGAs – Available Boards

- ? Eight global clocks plus eight additional clocks per each half of device, plus abundant low-skew routing
- ? Configuration interface to industry-standard PROMs
 - Low-cost, space-saving SPI serial Flash PROM
 - x8 or x8/x16 parallel NOR Flash PROM
 - Low-cost Xilinx® Platform Flash with JTAG
- ? Complete Xilinx ISE® and WebPACK™ software
- ? MicroBlaze™ and PicoBlaze embedded processor cores
- ? Fully compliant 32-/64-bit 33 MHz PCI support (66 MHz in some devices)
- ? Low-cost QFP and BGA packaging options
- ? Common footprints support easy density migration
- ? Pb-free packaging options
- ? XA Automotive version available

FPGAs – Available Boards



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FPGAs – Available Boards

? NEXYS A7

? Features

? Artix-7 FPGA

- 15,850 Programmable logic slices, each with four 6-input LUTs and 8 flip-flops (*8,150 slices)
- 1,188 Kbits of fast block RAM (*600 Kbits)
- Six clock management tiles, each with phase-locked loop (PLL)
- 240 DSP slices (*120 DSPs)
- Internal clock speeds exceeding 450 MHz
- Dual-channel, 1 MSPS internal analog-digital converter (XADC)

? Memory

- 128MiB DDR2
- Serial Flash
- microSD card slot

? Power

- Powered from USB or any 4.5V-5.5V external power source

? USB and Ethernet

- 10/100 Ethernet PHY
- USB-JTAG programming circuitry
- USB-UART bridge
- USB HID Host for mice, keyboards and memory sticks

? Simple User Input/Output

- 16 Switches
- 16 LEDs
- Two RGB LEDs
- Two 4-digit 7-segment displays

? Audio and Video

- 12-bit VGA output
- PWM audio output
- PDM microphone

? Additional Sensors

- 3-axis accelerometer
- Temperature sensor

? Expansion Connectors

- Pmod connector for XADC signals
- Four Pmod connectors providing 32 total FPGA I/O

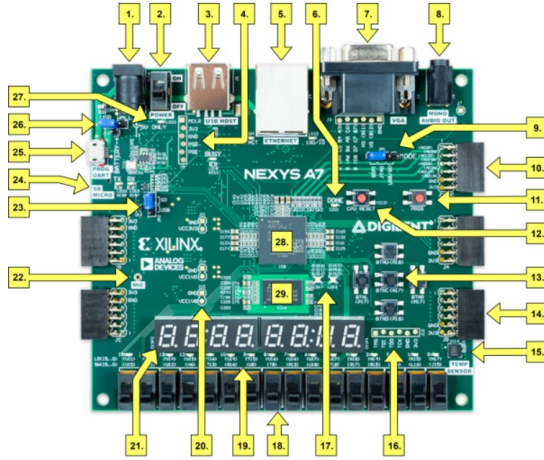
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3	USB Host Connector	13	Five pushbuttons	23	External configuration jumper (SD/USB)
4	PIC24 Programming port (factory use)	14	Pmod port(s)	24	MicroSD Card Slot
5	Ethernet connector	15	Temperature sensor	25	Shared UART/JTAG USB port
6	FPGA programming done led	16	JTAG port for (optional) external cable	26	Power select jumper and battery header
7	VGA connector	17	Tri-color (RGB) LEDs	27	Power-good LED
8	Audio connector	18	Slide switches (16)	28	Xilinx Artix-7 FPGA
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SoC with Embedded FPGA (continued)

? Zedboard (Zync 7000)

? Features

? Processing system (PS)

- Application Processor Unit (APU)
 - 2.5 DMIPS/MHz per CPU
 - CPU frequency: Up to 1 GHz
 - Coherent multiprocessor support
 - ARMv7-A architecture
 - ? TrustZone® security
 - ? Thumb®-2 instruction set
 - Jazelle® RCT execution Environment Architecture
 - NEON™ media-processing engine
 - Single and double precision Vector Floating Point Unit (VFPU)
 - CoreSight™ and Program Trace Macrocell (PTM)
 - Timer and Interrupts
 - ? Three watchdog timers
 - ? One global timer
 - ? Two triple-timer counters
- Caches
 - 32 KB Level 1 4-way set-associative instruction and data caches (independent for each CPU)
 - 512 KB 8-way set-associative Level 2 cache (shared between the CPUs)
 - Byte-parity support

□ On-Chip Memory

- On-chip boot ROM
- 256 KB on-chip RAM (OCM)
- Byte-parity support

□ External Memory Interfaces

- Multiprotocol dynamic memory controller
- 16-bit or 32-bit interfaces to DDR3, DDR3L, DDR2, or LPDDR2 memories
- ECC support in 16-bit mode
- 1GB of address space using single rank of 8-, 16-, or 32-bit-wide memories
- Static memory interfaces
 - ? 8-bit SRAM data bus with up to 64 MB support
 - ? Parallel NOR flash support
 - ? ONFI1.0 NAND flash support (1-bit ECC)
 - ? 1-bit SPI, 2-bit SPI, 4-bit SPI (quad-SPI), or two quad-SPI (8-bit) serial NOR flash

□ 8-Channel DMA Controller

- Memory-to-memory, memory-to-peripheral, peripheral-to-memory, and scatter-gather transaction support

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SoC with Embedded FPGA (continued)

- ? I/O Peripherals and Interfaces
 - Two 10/100/1000 tri-speed Ethernet MAC peripherals with IEEE Std 802.3 and IEEE Std 1588 revision 2.0 support
 - Scatter-gather DMA capability
 - Recognition of 1588 rev. 2 PTP frames
 - GMII, RGMII, and SGMII interfaces
 - Two USB 2.0 OTG peripherals, each supporting up to 12 Endpoints
 - USB 2.0 compliant device IP core
 - Supports on-the-go, high-speed, full-speed, and low-speed modes
 - Intel EHCI compliant USB host
 - 8-bit ULP external PHY interface
 - Two full CAN 2.0B compliant CAN bus interfaces
 - CAN 2.0-A and CAN 2.0-B and ISO 118981-1 standard compliant
 - External PHY interface
 - Two SD/SDIO 2.0/MMC3.31 compliant controllers
 - Two full-duplex SPI ports with three peripheral chip selects
 - Two high-speed UARTs (up to 1 Mb/s)
 - GPIO with four 32-bit banks, of which up to 54 bits can be used with the PS I/O (one bank of 32b and one bank of 22b) and up to 64 bits (up to two banks of 32b) connected to the Programmable Logic
 - Up to 54 flexible multiplexed I/O (MIO) for peripheral pin assignments
- ? Interconnect
 - High-bandwidth connectivity within PS and between PS and PL
 - ARM AMBA® AXI based
 - QoS support on critical masters for latency and bandwidth control

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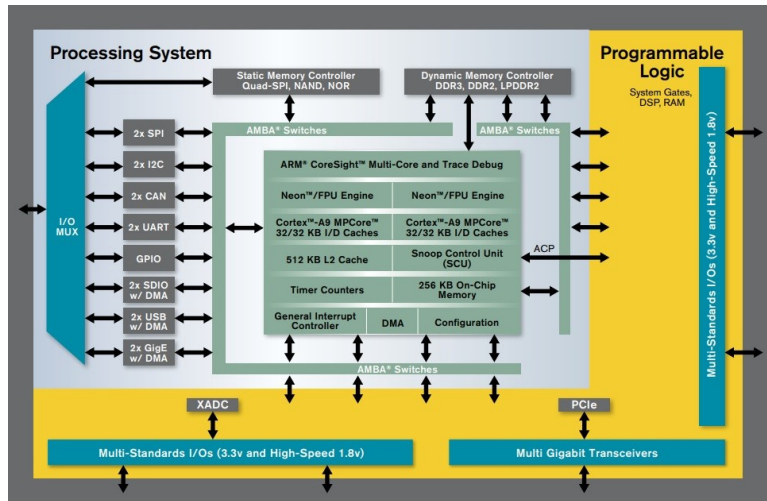
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- ? Programmable Logic
 - ? Configurable Logic Blocks (CLB)
 - Look-up tables (LUT)
 - Flip-Flops
 - Cascadeable adders
 - ? 36 KB Block RAM
 - True Dual-Port
 - Up to 72 bits wide
 - Configurable as dual 18 Kb block RAM
 - ? DSP Blocks
 - 18 x 25 signed multiply
 - 48-bit adder/accumulator
 - 25-bit pre-adder
 - ? Two 12-Bit Analog-to-Digital Converters
 - On-chip voltage and temperature sensing
 - Up to 17 external differential input channels
 - One million samples per second maximum conversion rate
- ? Programmable I/O Blocks
 - Supports LVCMOS, LVDS, and SSTL
 - 1.2V to 3.3V I/O
 - Programmable I/O delay and SerDes
- ? JTAG Boundary Scan
 - IEEE Std 1149.1 Compatible Test Interface
- ? PCI Express® Block
 - Supports Root complex and End Point configurations
 - Supports up to Gen2 speeds
 - Supports up to 8 lanes
- ? Serial Transceivers
 - Up to 16 receivers and transmitters
 - Supports up to 12.5 Gb/s data rates

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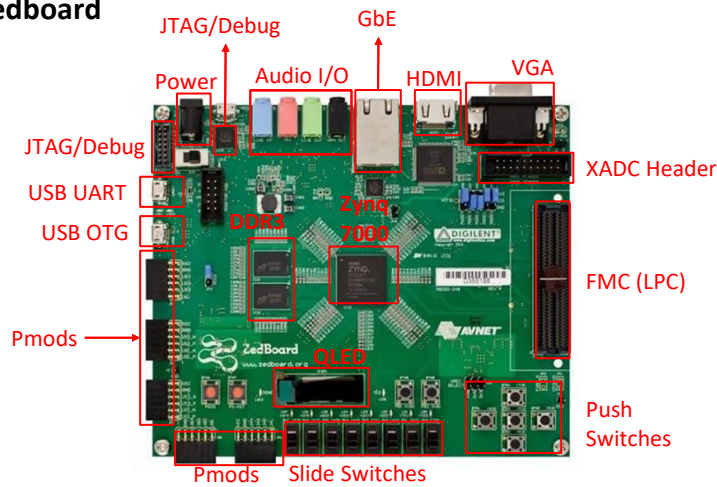
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SoC with Embedded FPGA (continued)

Zedboard



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Available RF Components (continued)

The diagram shows a blue NUCLEO-L152RE development board with a smaller blue STEVAL-FKI868V1 module mounted on it. A black SMA antenna is connected to the module. Red arrows point from text labels to the respective components.

- Board (NUCLEO-L152RE)
- STEVAL-FKI868V1
- RF Antenna

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Available RF Components (continued)

This diagram provides a detailed view of the STEVAL-FKI868V1 module with various components highlighted by red boxes and labeled with red text and arrows.

- S2-LP
- Arduino compliant connectors
- An EEPROM to store the manufacturing data
- 8 MHz high frequency crystal
- SMA connector
- Balun, matching network and harmonic filter
- A jumper for S2-LP current measurement
- Arduino compliant connectors

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Sensors

- ? Modules that detect events or changes in their environment and send the information to other electronics (microcontrollers, computer processors etc.)
- ? There are two types of sensors
 - ? Digital sensors
 - ? Electronic or electrochemical sensors where data is digitally converted and transmitted
 - ? Often used for analytical measurements
 - ? Tend to replace analog sensors
 - ? Analog sensors
 - ? devices that produce analog output in correspondence to the quantity being calculated
 - ? Observe the change measured in external factors

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Available sensors

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| ? Flame: KY-026 | ? Tilt Switch: KY-017 |
| ? Joystick: KY-023 | ? TEMP 18B20: KY-001 |
| ? RGB LED: KY-016 | ? Big sound: KY-037 |
| ? Heartbeat: KY-039 | ? Touch: KY-036 |
| ? Light Cup: KY-027 | ? Two-color LED: KY-011 |
| ? Hall Magnetic: KY – 003 | ? Laser emit: KY-008 |
| ? Relay sensor: KY-019 | ? Ball switch: KY-020 |
| ? Linear hall: KY-024 | ? Analog temp: KY-013 |
| ? SMD RGB: KY-009 | ? Small sound: KY-038 |
| ? Digital temp: KY-028 | ? 7 Color Flash: KY-034 |

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Available sensors (continued)

- Button: KY-004
- Photoresistor: KY-018
- IR emission: KY-005
- Tracking: KY-033
- Buzzer: KY-012
- Reed switch: KY-025
- Shock: KY-002
- Temp and humidity: KY-015
- IR receiver: KY-022
- Two-color: KY-029
- Passive buzzer: KY-006
- Mini reed: KY-021
- Rotary encoders: KY-040
- Analog hall: KY-035
- Tap module: KY-031
- Light blocking: KY-010
- Avoid: KY-032

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