

Microchip Separation Verification Tool User Guide

Introduction

The Microchip Design Separation methodology provides a way to create the independent critical subsystems required to implement security- and safety-critical applications on a single FPGA. Microchip Separation Verification Tool (MSVT) is a stand-alone tool provided with your Libero® installation. It is used to verify that your design meets the requirements of the design separation criteria. For more information, see *the Microchip Design Separation Methodology Guide*.

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1. Overview

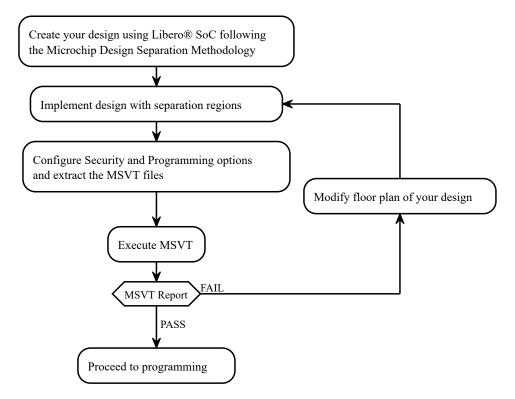
MSVT can work on any placed and routed design that has a block requiring a separation from all elements external to the block. The tool works iteratively on every block to be verified. Internal signals and Inter-region signal (IRS) are verified separately. The tool checks whether the separation criteria is satisfied for each block and corresponding set of IRS signals.

Your design must adhere to the following criteria to implement a security- and safety-critical system:

- · Each block of your design must be assigned to a separation region.
- There must be a minimum gap of unused logic clusters between separation regions, depending on your design requirement.
- Each set of inter-block interface signals must be defined as an IRS region.

The following flowchart lists the design separation methodology steps.

Figure 1-1. Design Separation Methodology Steps

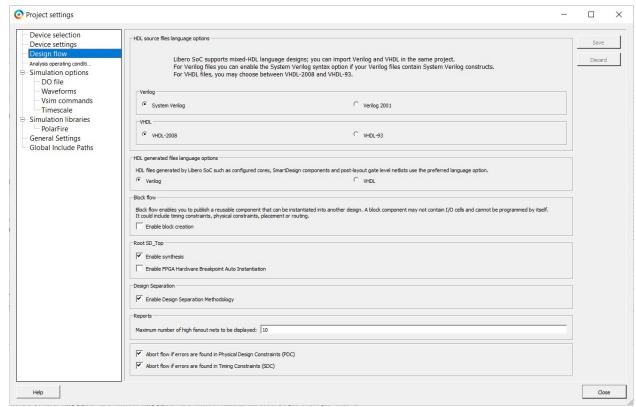


2. Creating a Design

A complete design comprises sub-systems published in terms of block elements. Each block element is instantiated in a top-level module. The top-level module is floorplanned into separation regions for each sub-system block and overlapping IRS region connecting the blocks. These IRS regions must be isolated physically from other IRS regions. Select the **Enable Design Separation Methodology** check box in the Design flow settings on the Project settings page as shown in following figure. The design is then run through a layout, followed by the timing closure of your design.

For more information about creating your design, see the Microchip Design Separation Methodology Guide.

Figure 2-1. Enabling Design Separation Methodology Before Compile



3. Extracting MSVT Files

The information used by the MSVT is exported while generating the programming file. The tool takes as input the design database and a parameter file that is generated once per project. The parameter file describes the isolation regions in the design as well as the inter-region signals between isolation regions. The parameter file is exported to the following location:

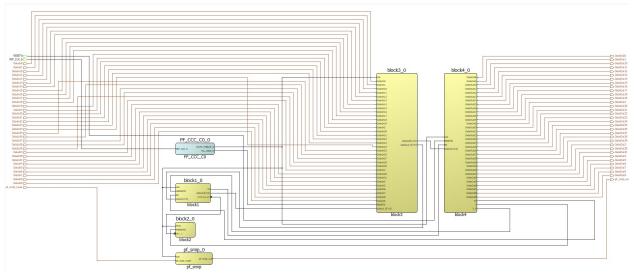
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ct_path>/designer/<Top_Level_Module>/msvt.param
```

3.1 MSVT.param File

msvt.param is an auto-generated file that contains parameters required by MSVT to verify design separation. You can modify the contents of this file according to your requirements.

The following is a Top-Level view of an example design.

Figure 3-1. Top-Level Smart Design Showing Different Design Blocks



The following is an example of a msvt.param file. The contents of the msvt.param file depend on your design.

```
IRS block4 0 block3 0 =
IRS block3 0 block4 0 = block3 0 dataOut[31] block3 0 dataOut[30]
block3 0 dataOut[29]
        block3 0 dataOut[28] block3 0 dataOut[27]
block3_0_dataOut[26] block3_0_dataOut[25]
        block3 0 dataOut[24] block3 0 dataOut[23]
block3 0 dataOut[22] block3 0 dataOut[21]
        block3_0_dataOut[20] block3_0_dataOut[19]
block3_0_dataOut[18] block3_0_dataOut[17]
        block3 0 dataOut[16] block3 0 dataOut[15]
block3 0 dataOut[14] block3 0 dataOut[13]
        block3_0_dataOut[12] block3_0_dataOut[11]
block3_0_dataOut[10] block3_0_dataOut[9]
        block3 0 dataOut[8] block3 0 dataOut[7] block3 0 dataOut[6]
block3 0 dataOut[5]
        block3 0 dataOut[4] block3 0 dataOut[3] block3 0 dataOut[2]
block3 0 dataOut[1]
        block3 0 dataOut[0]
IRS block4_0 block1_0 = block4_0_TX block4_0_Y_0
IRS block1_0 block4_0 = block1_0_TX
IRS block4^{-}0 pf smip 0 =
IRS pf smip 0 block4 0 =
IRS block2_0 block3_0 =
IRS block3_0 block2_0 =
IRS block2_0 block1_0 = block1_0_APBmslave0_PRDATA[31]
block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[30]
        block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[29] block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[28]
block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[27]
        block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[26] block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[25]
block1_0_APBmslave0_PRDATA[24]
        block1 0_APBmslave0_PRDATA[23] block1_0_APBmslave0_PRDATA[22]
block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[21]
        block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[20] block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[19]
block1_0_APBmslave0_PRDATA[18]
        block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[17] block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[16]
block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[15]
        block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[14] block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[13]
block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[12]
        block1_0_APBmslave0_PRDATA[11] block1_0_APBmslave0_PRDATA[10]
block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[9]
        block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[8] block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[7]
block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[6]
        block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[5] block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[4]
block1_0_APBmslave0_PRDATA[3]
        block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[2] block1 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[1]
block1 0 APBms\overline{lave0} PRDATA[\overline{0}]
        block1 0 APBmslave0 PREADY
IRS block1 0 block2 0 = block1 0 APBmslave0 PADDR[11]
block1 0 APBmslave0 PADDR[10]
        block1 0 APBmslave0 PADDR[9] block1 0 APBmslave0 PADDR[8]
block1 0 APBmslave0 PADDR[7]
        block1 0 APBmslave0 PADDR[6] block1 0 APBmslave0 PADDR[5]
block1 0 APBmslave0 PADDR[4]
        block1 0 APBmslave0 PADDR[3] block1 0 APBmslave0 PADDR[2]
block1 0 APBmslave0 PADDR[1]
        block1 0 APBmslave0_PADDR[0] block1_0_APBmslave0_PWDATA[31]
block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[30]
        block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[29] block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[28]
block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[27]
        block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[26] block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[25]
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        block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[23] block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[22]
block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[21]
        block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[20] block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[19]
block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[18]
        block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[17] block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[16]
block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[15]
        block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[14] block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[13]
```

```
block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[12]
         block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[11] block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[10]
block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[9]
         block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[8] block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[7]
block1 0_APBmslave0_PWDATA[6]
         block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[5] block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[4]
block1 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[3]
         block1_0_APBmslave0_PWDATA[2] block1_0_APBmslave0_PWDATA[1]
block1 0 APBms\overline{\text{lave0}} PWDATA[\overline{0}]
         block1 0 APBmslave0 PENABLE block1 0 APBmslave0 PSELx
block1 0 APBmslave0 PWRITE
IRS block2_0 pf_smip_0 =
IRS pf_smip_0 block2_0 =
IRS block3_0 block1_0 = block3_0_dataOut_0[7] block3_0_dataOut_0[6]
block3 0 \overline{\text{dataOut}} 0[\overline{5}]
         block3 0 dataOut 0[4] block3 0 dataOut 0[3]
block3 0 dataOut 0[2] block3 0 dataOut 0[1]
         block3 0 dataOut 0[0]
IRS block1 0 block3_0 = block1_0_dataOut[7] block1_0_dataOut[6]
block1_0_dataOut[5]
         block1_0_dataOut[4] block1_0_dataOut[3] block1_0_dataOut[2]
block1 0 dataOut[1]
block1_0_dataOut[0]
IRS block3_0 pf_smip_0 =
IRS pf smip 0 block3 0 =
IRS block1 \overline{0} pf smip \overline{0} =
IRS pf smip 0 block1 0 =
REGIONS VERBOSITY = \overline{0}
```

Table 3-1. Parameters in the msvt.param File

Parameter	Description
DEVICE	Name of the Microchip FPGA device implementing the design.
DESIGN	Location of the files required for MSVT. By default, it will point to the auto-generated msvt.dtf folder.
VERIFY BLOCKS	Contains a list of blocks to be verified. By default, all the block names present in the design are listed. You can modify this list and include a subset of blocks to be audited by MSVT.
REQUIRED_SEPARATION	Required separation parameter per the guideline requirements. The default value is 1.
MAX_VIOLATIONS_PER_REPORT_SECTION	Controls the number of violations that are to be reported in each section. The default value is 1.
IRS	Contains a list of IRS signal names present in the design. Each IRS statement is comprised of a pair of separated blocks followed by a list of the IRS signal names between them.
REGIONS_VERBOSITY	Controls reporting of each routing region and the assigned instances. The default value is 0.

You can modify the parameters in the msvt.param file to refine your verification criteria. We recommend modifying the REQUIRED_SEPARATION parameter according to your system requirements before executing MSVT. You can also specify the blocks you want to verify, the names of each IRS signal, and add a limit to the max number of violations to be reported.

4. Using the MSVT Tool

The MSVT tool prints a comprehensive report about each block and corresponding IRS region being verified. If any block or IRS signals do not satisfy the minimum separation criteria, the tool reports the details of the affected instances. More information about each section of the report is described in the following sections.

An MSVT failure indicates that the design has not met the design separation criteria and that one or more sub-blocks (or signals) are not independent from the rest of the system. In this case, you must:

- Identify the instances that cause violations in the MSVT output and modify the design floor-plan accordingly.
- · Recompile the design to generate a new placed and routed netlist.
- · Use the MSVT tool to verify the modified design.

4.1 Using the msvt check Command

msvt_check is a command-line based standalone tool that verifies designs developed for the SmartFusion®2 and IGLOO®2 families. The tool is available in the <Libero path>/bin64 folder.

Note: To verify designs developed for the PolarFire® family of devices, use the msvt check pf command.

Syntax

```
<Libero_path>/bin64/msvt_check -p project_path>/designer/<Top_Level_Module>/
msvt.param [-o msvt_check.log]
```

Arguments

The following table lists arguments you can use with the msvt check command.

Table 4-1. msvt_check Arguments

Argument	Description	
-p <msvt.param file="" path=""></msvt.param>	Path to the msvt.param file. The msvt.param file is generated using Libero. This argument is required.	
-o <filename></filename>	Prints a comprehensive report to the specified file. The report prints at the command prompt, if the -o argument is omitted. This argument is optional.	

Returns

The following table lists the return values when the msvt check command is used.

Table 4-2. msvt_check Return Values

Return Value	Description	
MSVT Check Failed	Design has not met one or more of the separation criteria.	
MSVT Check Succeeded	Design has met all separation criteria.	

4.2 Using the msvt_check_pf Command

msvt_check_pf is a command-line based standalone tool that verifies the designs developed for the PolarFire® family. The tool is available in the <Libero_path>/bin64 folder.

Note: To verify designs developed for the SmartFusion®2 and IGLOO®2 family devices, use the msvt_check command.

Syntax

<Libero_path>/bin64/msvt_check_pf -p project_path>/designer/<Top_Level_Module>/
msvt.param [-o msvt_check.log]

Arguments

The following table lists arguments you can use with the msvt check pf command.

Table 4-3. msvt_check_pf Arguments

Argument	Description	
-p <msvt.param file<br="">path></msvt.param>	Path to the msvt.param file. The msvt.param file is generated using Libero. This argument is required.	
-o <filename></filename>	Prints a comprehensive report to the specified file. The report prints at the command prompt if the $-\circ$ argument is omitted. This argument is optional.	

Returns

The following table lists the return values when the msvt check pf command is used.

Table 4-4. msvt_check_pf Return Values

Return Value	Description
MSVT Check Failed	Design has not met one or more of the separation criteria.
MSVT Check Succeeded	Design has met all separation criteria.

4.3 MSVT Report

When MSVT executes successfully, it generates a comprehensive report with details about each block and the IRS regions between each block.

The following example is an MSVT-generated report for a design that satisfies the design separation criteria as specified in the msvt.param discussed in the 3.1 MSVT.param File section.

```
block2 0 at cluster (144,52)
   block4_0 and block2_0 : Minimal placement separation = 21 clusters.
      (2148,156) containing cell block4_0/BUFD_1/U0
      (2148,225) containing cell block2 0/BUFD 0/U0
   block4 0 and block3_0 : Minimal floorplan separation = 11 clusters.
      block4_0 at cluster (99,27)
  block3_0 at cluster (87,27) block4_0 and block3_0: Minimal placement separation = 11 clusters.
      (1211,82) containing cell block4 0/CoreGPIO C4 0/CoreGPIO C4 0/
inData_s2[6]
      (1057,81) containing cell block3 0/APB dp fp 1/U0/
i post norm mul/s shl2 RNIS34841[4]
   block4_0 and block1_0: Minimal floorplan separation = 11 clusters.
      block4 0 at cluster (99,64)
      block1 0 at cluster (99,52)
   block4 0 and block1 0 : Minimal placement separation = 13 clusters.
      (1368,156) containing cell block4_0/BUFD_0/U0
      (1368,201) containing cell block1 0/BUFD 0/U0
   block4 0 and pf smip 0 : Minimal floorplan separation = 37 clusters.
      block4_0 at cluster (99,0)
      pf_{smip_0} at cluster (61,0)
   block \overline{4} 0 and pf smip 0 : Minimal placement separation = 38 clusters.
      (1219,2) containing cell block4 0/block4 IO 0/OUTBUF 31/U IOTRI
      (746,2) containing cell pf_smip_0/PF_IO_C1_0/PF_IO_C1_0/I_IOD_0
  block4_0 and 'others' : Minimal floorplan separation = overlapping. block4_0 at cluster (99,0)
      'others' at cluster (99,0)
   block4 0 and 'others' : Minimal placement separation = 0 clusters.
      (1219,2) containing cell block4 0/block4 IO 0/OUTBUF 31/U IOTRI
      (1202,2) containing cell RESETN ibuf/U IOIN
   block2 0 and block3_0 : Minimal floorplan separation = diagonal.
   block2 0 and block3 0: Minimal placement separation = diagonal.
   block2_0 and block1_0 : Minimal floorplan separation = 9 clusters.
      block2_0 at cluster (144,93) block1_0 at cluster (134,93)
   block2 0 and block1 0 : Minimal placement separation = 9 clusters.
      (17\overline{4}3,282) containing cell block2 0/BUFD 53/U0
      (1620,282) containing cell block1 0/BUFD 87/U0
   block2 0 and pf smip 0 : Minimal floorplan separation = diagonal.
   block2_0 and pf_smip_0 : Minimal placement separation = diagonal.
   block2 0 and 'others': Minimal floorplan separation = 9 clusters.
      block2 0 at cluster (144,62)
      'others' at cluster (144,52)
   block2 0 and 'others': Minimal placement separation = diagonal.
   block3_0 and block1_0: Minimal floorplan separation = 10 clusters.
      block3_0 at cluster (38,64) block1_0 at cluster (38,53)
   block3 0 \overline{a}nd block1_0 : Minimal placement separation = 22 clusters.
      (842,124) containing cell block3 O/CoreGPIO C2 O/CoreGPIO C2 O/
dataOut[7]
      (842,196) containing cell block1 O/CoreGPIO CO O/CoreGPIO CO O/
inData s1[7]
   block3 0 and pf smip 0 : Minimal floorplan separation = 4 clusters.
      block3 0 at cluster (66,0)
      pf_smip_0 at cluster (61,0)
   block \overline{3} 0 and pf smip 0 : Minimal placement separation = 4 clusters.
      (811,2) containing cell block3 0/Block3 IO 0/INBUF 17/U IOIN
      (746,2) containing cell pf smip 0/PF IO C1 0/PF IO C1 0/I IOD 0
```

```
block3_0 and 'others' : Minimal floorplan separation = 11 clusters.
     block3 0 at cluster (99,0)
  'others' at cluster (87,0) block3_0 and 'others': Minimal placement separation = 15 clusters.
     (1010,2) containing cell block3 0/Block3 IO 0/INBUF 19/U IOIN
     (1202,2) containing cell RESETN ibuf/U IOIN
  block1 0 and pf smip 0 : Minimal floorplan separation = 60 clusters.
     block1 0 at cluster (38,64)
     pf smip 0 at cluster (38,3)
  block1_0 and pf_smip_0 : Minimal placement separation = diagonal.
  block1 0 and 'others': Minimal floorplan separation = 11 clusters.
     block1 0 at cluster (99,64)
     'others' at cluster (99,52)
  block1 0 and 'others': Minimal placement separation = 66 clusters.
     (12\overline{0}4,204) containing cell block1_0/MIV_RV32IMC_C0_0/
MIV_RV32IMC_C0_0/u_opsrv_0/u_core_0/u_lsu_0/un1_lsu_expipe_req_op_2 (1202,2) containing cell RESETN_ibuf/U_IOIN
  pf smip 0 and 'others': Minimal floorplan separation = 37 clusters.
     pf_smip_0 at cluster (61,0)
  'others' at cluster (99,0) pf_smip_0 and 'others': Minimal placement separation = 37 clusters.
     (746,2) containing cell pf smip 0/PF IO C1 0/PF IO C1 0/I IOD 0
     (1202,2) containing cell RESETN ibuf/U IOIN
Checking internal nets for block block4 0 ...
Checking IRS nets for block block4 0 ...
Propagating IRS nets outgoing from block4 0 to block2 0
______
Propagating IRS nets outgoing from block4 0 to block1 0
Checking internal nets for block block2 0 ...
______
Checking IRS nets for block block2 0 ...
______
Propagating IRS nets outgoing from block2 0 to block1 0
______
Checking internal nets for block block3 0 ...
Checking IRS nets for block block3 0 ...
______
Propagating IRS nets outgoing from block3 0 to block4 0
Propagating IRS nets outgoing from block3 0 to block1 0
Checking internal nets for block block1 0 ...
Checking IRS nets for block block1 0 ...
______
```

```
Propagating IRS nets outgoing from block1_0 to block4_0

Propagating IRS nets outgoing from block1_0 to block2_0

Propagating IRS nets outgoing from block1_0 to block3_0

Checking internal nets for block pf_smip_0 ...

Checking IRS nets for block pf_smip_0 ...

Design has met 2 switches separation requirement

MSVT Check succeeded.

Number of errors: 0
```

4.4 MSVT Report Sections

This section describes the MSVT report sections and includes examples.

4.4.1 Checking IRS Connectivity Against a Parameter File

MSVT checks that all inter-region signals are specified as IRS statements in the msvt.param file, and that the specified IRS connections are consistent with the design netlist. A missing IRS net or invalid connection is counted as an error and listed in the Checking IRS connectivity against parameter file section.

Sample msvt.param File

The following example is a msvt.param file that has missing IRS signals.

Example 4-2. msvt.param File Snippet

```
VERIFY BLOCKS = Block Cdr 0 COretse Block1 0 // empty list means all
blocks in design will be verified
REQUIRED SEPARATION = 2
MAX VIOLATIONS PER REPORT SECTION = 1
IRS Block Cdr 0 COretse Block1_0 = Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave0_PADDR[9]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PADDR[8]
        Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave0_PADDR[7]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PADDR[6] Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PADDR[5]
        Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PADDR[4]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PADDR[3] Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PADDR[2]
        Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PENABLE Block Cdr 0 to CORETSE Preset
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PSELx
        Block Cdr 0 APBmslave1 PSELx Block Cdr 0 APBmslave2 PSELx
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[31]
        Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[30]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[29] Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[28]
        Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[27]
Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave0_PWDATA[26] Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave0_PWDATA[25] Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave0_PWDATA[24]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[23] Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[22]
        Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[21]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[20] Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[19]
        Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave0_PWDATA[18]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[17] Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[16]
        Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[15]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[14] Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[13]
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```
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[12]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[11] Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[10]
        Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[9]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[8] Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[7]
        Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave0_PWDATA[6]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[5] Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[4]
        Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[3]
Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave0_PWDATA[2] Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave0_PWDATA[1]
        Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWDATA[0] Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PWRITE
Block_Cdr_0_RX_DATA[9]
        Block Cdr 0 RX DATA[8] Block Cdr 0 RX DATA[7]
Block_Cdr_0_RX_DATA[6] Block_Cdr_0_RX_DATA[5]
Block Cdr 0 RX DATA[4] Block Cdr 0 RX DATA[3] Block Cdr 0 RX DATA[3] Block Cdr 0 RX DATA[1]
        Block Cdr 0 RX DATA[0] Block Cdr 0 RX CLK R Block Cdr 0/
PF IOD CDR CCC CO 0/PF CLK DIV 0/N 1 inferred clock RNI51A9/U0 Y
IRS COretse Block 1 0 Block Cdr 0 = Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[31]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[30]
Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave0_PRDATA[29]
Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave0_PRDATA[28] Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave0_PRDATA[27]
        Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[26]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[25] Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[24]
        Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave0_PRDATA[23]
Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave0_PRDATA[22] Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave0_PRDATA[21] Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave0_PRDATA[20]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[19] Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[18]
        Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[17]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[16] Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[15]
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Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave0_PRDATA[13] Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave0_PRDATA[12]
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        Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[5]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[4] Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[3]
        Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[2]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[1] Block Cdr 0 APBmslave0 PRDATA[0]
        Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave1_PRDATA[15]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave1 PRDATA[14] Block Cdr 0 APBmslave1 PRDATA[13]
        Block Cdr 0 APBmslave1 PRDATA[12]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave1 PRDATA[11] Block Cdr 0 APBmslave1 PRDATA[10]
        Block Cdr 0 APBmslave1 PRDATA[9]
Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave1_PRDATA[8] Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave1_PRDATA[7]
        Block Cdr 0 APBmslave1 PRDATA[6]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslavel PRDATA[5] Block Cdr 0 APBmslavel PRDATA[4]
        Block Cdr 0 APBmslave1 PRDATA[3]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave1 PRDATA[2] Block Cdr 0 APBmslave1 PRDATA[1]
        Block Cdr 0 APBmslave1 PRDATA[0]
Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave2_PRDATA[7] Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave2_PRDATA[6] Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave2_PRDATA[5]
Block Cdr 0 APBmslave2 PRDATA[4] Block Cdr 0 APBmslave2 PRDATA[3]
        Block Cdr 0 APBmslave2 PRDATA[2]
Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave2_PRDATA[1] Block_Cdr_0_APBmslave2_PRDATA[0]
        COretse_Block1_0_TCG[9] COretse_Block1_0_TCG[8]
COretse Block1 \overline{0} TCG[7]
        COretse Block1_0_TCG[6] COretse_Block1_0_TCG[5]
COretse Block1 \overline{0} TCG[4]
        COretse Block1 0 TCG[3] COretse Block1 0 TCG[2]
COretse_Block1_0_TCG[1]
        COretse Block1
```

MSVT Output Report Section

When executing MSVT with the example parameter file as an input, MSVT fails and reports the following errors, as shown in the following example:

- PHY_RST_c
- · coma mode c
- LINK OK c
- PHY RST 0 c
- RD_BC_ERROR_c
- SPISCLKO c
- SPISDO c
- SPISS c
- TX c
- coma mode 0 c

The top-level design must contain only blocks, or at least very few other instances. The errors in this example are most likely caused by 'others' on top level. The nets connecting blocks to 'others' are IRS to the blocks, but not listed in the msvt.param file.

Checking IRS connectivity against parameter file Error: IRS net PHY_RST_c is not listed in param file Error: IRS net coma_mode_c is not listed in param file Error: IRS net LINK_OK_c is not listed in param file Error: IRS net PHY_RST_0 c is not listed in param file Error: IRS net PHY_RST_0 c is not listed in param file Error: IRS net RD_BC_ERROR_c is not listed in param file Error: IRS net SPISCLKO_c is not listed in param file Error: IRS net SPISDO_c is not listed in param file Error: IRS net SPISDO_c is not listed in param file Error: IRS net TX_c is not listed in param file Error: IRS net coma_mode_0_c is not listed in param file

4.4.2 Checking a Block Instance Assignment to a Routing Region

MSVT checks the assignment of all instances of each block in the design to a routing region. The regions must be defined with <code>-route true</code> to constrain routing. If a block instance is not assigned to a routing region, MSVT lists the instance name in the <code>Following instances</code> do not belong to any routing region section of the report. If all instances are assigned to a separation region, the MSVT report omits this section.

Note: This is an informational section meant to identify instances that are not assigned to any region. The identified instances will not be considered as errors.

Sample Design Constraints File

The following sample physical constraints code constrains a PolarFire design within separation routing regions.



Tip:

For more information about PDC constraints, see the PDC Commands User Guide.

Example 4-4. PDC Constraints of a Sample Design for PolarFire

```
define_region -region_name Block1region -type exclusive -color 2143338688 -route true -push_place false -x1 456 -y1 195 -x2 1631 -y2 371 define_region -region_name Block2region -type exclusive -color 2143338688 -route true -push place false -x1 1752 -y1 189 -x2 2435 -y2
```

```
define region -region name Block3region -type exclusive -color
2143338688 -route true -push_place false -x1 0 -y1 0 -x2 335 -y2 41 -x1 0 -y1 42 -x2 1067 -y2 161 -x1 804 -y1 0 -x2 1067 -y2 41
define_region -region_name Block4region -type exclusive -color
2143338688 -route true -push place false -x1 1200 -y1 0 -x2 2351 -y2
158
define region -region name SMIPregion -type exclusive -color
2143338688 -route true -push place false -x1 384 -y1 0 -x2 755 -y2
define region -region name IBR2 4 -type inclusive -color 2147442270 -
route true -push place false -x\overline{1} 2148 -y1 105 -x2 2327 -y2 266
define_region -region_name IBR3_4 -type inclusive -color 2147442270 -route true -push_place false -x1 888 -y1 45 -x2 1463 -y2 98
define region -region name IBR1_4 -type exclusive -color 2143338688 -
route true -push_place false -x1 1356 -y1 126 -x2 1499 -y2 245
define_region -region_name IBR1_3 -type inclusive -color 2147442270 -
route true -push place false -x1 636 -y1 102 -x2 851 -y2 239
define_region -region_name IBR1_2 -type inclusive -color 2147442270 -
route true -push place false -x1 1584 -y1 282 -x2 2027 -y2 362
assign_region -region_name Block1region -inst name block1 0
assign region -region name Block2region -inst name block2 0
assign_region -region_name Block3region -inst_name block3_0
assign_region -region_name Block4region -inst_name RESETN_ibuf
assign region -region name Block4region -inst name block4 0
assign region -region name SMIPregion -inst_name pf_smip_0
assign net macros -region name IBR2 4 -net name block4 0 Y -
include driver true
assign net macros -region name IBR3 4 -net name block3 0 dataOut\[31\]
-include driver true
assign_net_macros -region_name IBR3_4 -net_name block3_0_dataOut\[30\]
-include driver true
assign net macros -region name IBR3 4 -net name block3 0 dataOut\[29\]
-include driver true
assign net macros -region name IBR3 4 -net name block3 0 dataOut\[28\]
-include driver true
```

Example 4-5. PDC Constraints of a Sample Design for SmartFusion2 and IGLOO2

```
define region -name UserRegion0 -type inclusive -color 8388736 -route
YES -push place YES 0 93 143 146
define region -name UserRegion2 -type inclusive -color 12639424 -
route YES -push place YES 240 0 443 62
define region -name UserRegion3 -type inclusive -color 15780518 -
route \overline{Y}ES -push_place YES 0 0 143 65
define region -name UserRegion4 -type inclusive -color 16735838 -
route YES -push_place YES 108 111 263 131
define region -name UserRegion5 -type inclusive -color 975928 -route
YES -push place YES 324 21 371 119
define region -name UserRegion6 -type inclusive -color 65535 -route
YES -push place YES 96 9 263 47
define_region -name UserRegion1 -type inclusive -color 32896 -route
YES -push place YES 240 96 443 146 276 201 359 206 324 138 347 206
assign_region UserRegion0 U_ST1/DCT8AAN1 0*
assign_region UserRegion0 U_ST1/INBUF 2*
assign region UserRegion0 U ST1/INBUF 3*
assign region UserRegion0 U ST1/IO 0*
assign_region UserRegion0 U_ST1/CFG0_GND_* assign_region UserRegion1 U_B1/DCT_BUF_10_0*
assign_region UserRegion1 U_B1/INBUF 2*
assign region UserRegion2 U ST2/DCT8AAN2 0*
assign_region UserRegion2 U_ST2/INBUF_2*
assign region UserRegion2 U ST2/CFG0 GND*
```

```
assign_region UserRegion3 U_B2/DCT_BUF_12_0*
assign_region UserRegion3 U_B2/INBUF_2*
assign_region UserRegion3 U_B2/IO_0*
assign_region UserRegion3 U_B2/OUTBUF_0*
assign_net_macros UserRegion4 data1<* -include_driver YES
assign_net_macros UserRegion4 rdy1
assign_net_macros UserRegion5 data1r<* -include_driver YES
assign_net_macros UserRegion5 rdy2
assign_net_macros UserRegion6 data2<* -include_driver YES
assign_net_macros UserRegion6 rdy3 -include_driver YES
assign_net_macros UserRegion6 rdy3 -include_driver YES
```

MSVT Output Report

MSVT reports all instances of the design that are not included in any routing regions, as shown in the following example.

```
Example 4-6. Instances That Do Not Belong to Any Routing Region

The following instances do not belong to any routing region:

PF_CCC_C0_0/PF_CCC_C0_0/pll_inst_0
REF_CLK_0_ibuf/U_IOIN
```

4.4.3 Checking an IRS Net Assignment to a Routing Region

MSVT checks whether all IRS nets of a design are assigned to a routing region. MSVT lists all instances of IRS nets that are not assigned to a routing region in the Following IRS nets are not constrained by any routing region section of the report. If all of the IRS nets are assigned to an IRS routing region, the MSVT report omits this section.

Note: This is an informational section meant to identify nets that are not assigned to IRS region and does not cause MSVT to fail.

MSVT Output Report

MSVT reports the nets that are constrained by routing region, as shown in the following example.

4.4.4 Checking Cascaded Math Block Instance Adherence to the Separation Criteria

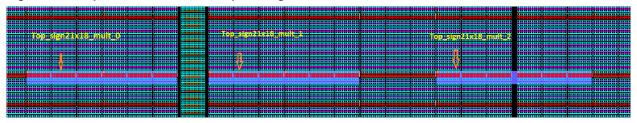
MSVT checks if all of the cascaded Math block instances adhere to the separation criteria. If there are any cascaded Math block instances that violate the separation criteria, then they are listed in the Input signals of the following Math block instances can be observed by failure of config switches in cascade chain section of the report.

Design Example

The following is a chip planner snap shot of a design in which Top_sign21x18_mult_0,
Top sign21x18 mult 1 and Top sign21x18 mult 2 are three Math blocks. Top sign21x18 mult 0

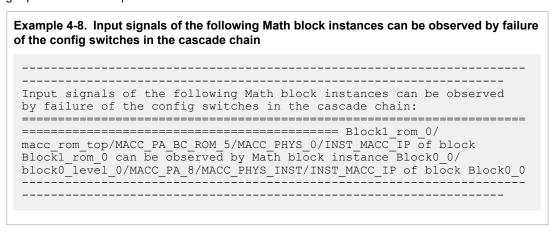
is adjacent to Top_sign21x18_mult_1, whereas Top_sign21x18_mult_2 is separated by Top sign21x18 mult 1 with one MATH cluster.

Figure 4-1. Chip Planner View of a Sample Design



MSVT Output Report

Because $Top_sign21x18_mult_0$ is adjacent to $Top_sign21x18_mult_1$, MSVT fails and reports an error for these MACC instances, as shown in the following. However, $asTop_sign21x18_mult_2$ is separated from $Top_sign21x18_mult_1$ by at least one MATH cluster, it is not identified as an error by MSVT, as shown in following report section example.



4.4.5 Analyzing a Floorplan

MSVT extracts the separation between each pair of blocks in the design, which may help identify violations in the floorplan. For each pair of blocks in a design, the following information is generated in the <code>Analyzing floorplan</code> section of the report. This information can be used to identify, which blocks lack sufficient cluster separation between them that can lead to an MSVT failure.

- **Floorplan Separation**: Shows the minimum separation between the respective routing regions in cluster units. If there is no overlap between the X and Y dimensions of the two regions, this is indicated as "diagonal."
- **Placement Separation**: Shows the minimum separation between the actual placements of instances in each block in cluster units. If there is no overlap between the X and Y dimensions of the placements of instances of the two blocks, this is indicated as "diagonal."

Note: The coordinates shown for blocks is presented in terms of clusters.

Design Example

For example, consider blocks $block4_0$ and $block2_0$ separated in MVN, as shown in the following figure.

Figure 4-2. Chip Planner View of Design



MSVT Output Report

In the sample report section shown in the following, the floorplan separation indicates that the regions to which blocks $block4_0$ and $block2_0$ are assigned are separated by 9 clusters.

Placement separation between instances of blocks block4_0 and block2_0 is placed in 21 clusters. block4_0 at (144,62) suggests that the block4_0 region spans from cluster 144 in the X-direction and cluster 62 in the Y-direction.

```
Example 4-9. Analyzing Floorplan
Analyzing floorplan ...
 ______
    block4 0 and block2 0 : Minimal floorplan separation = 9 clusters.
      block4_0 at cluster (144,62)
       block2 0 at cluster (144,52)
    block4 0 and block2 0 : Minimal placement separation = 21 clusters.
       (2148,156) containing cell block4_0/BUFD_1/U0
       (2148,225) containing cell block2 0/BUFD 0/U0
    block4 0 and block3 0 : Minimal floorplan separation = 11 clusters.
       block4_0 at cluster (99,27)
       block3_0 at cluster (87,27)
    block4 0 and block3 0 : Minimal placement separation = 11 clusters.
       (1211,82) containing cell block4 0/CoreGPIO C4 0/CoreGPIO C4 0/
 inData s2[6]
       (1057,81) containing cell block3 0/APB dp fp 1/U0/
  post norm mul/s shl2 RNIS34841[4]
```

4.4.6 Checking Internal Nets for a Given Block

MSVT checks the separation of internal nets corresponding to a given block from external nets as per the specified separation criteria. If any of the nets of the design fails to satisfy separation criteria, then information related to the violating net is listed in the Checking internal nets for block

section of the report and MSVT treats this as an error. This section is empty if your design does not have any net violating separation criteria.

MSVT Output Report

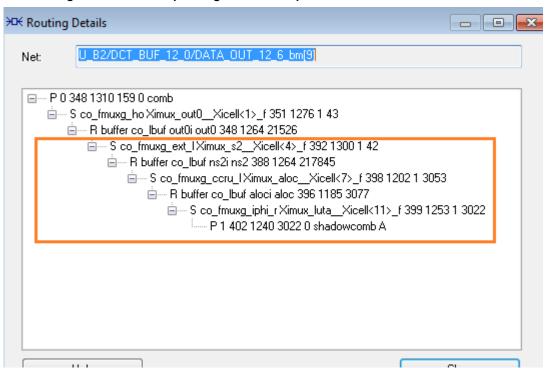
The following example shows that the internal net block4_0/MIV_RV32IMC_C2_0/MIV_RV32IMC_C2_0/u_opsrv_0/un2_apb_mstr_int_sel of the block4_0 block is failing separation criteria and the net can access untrusted net block3_0/APB_dp_fp_1/U0/i_post_norm_mul/s_frac2a_3_157 through net block3_0/APB dp fp 1/U0/i post norm mul/m16 4 03 0 through switches present at the specified coordinates.

```
Example 4-10. Checking internal nets for block block4_0
 Checking internal nets for block block4 0 ...
    Net block4 0/MIV RV32IMC_C2_0/MIV_RV32IMC_C2_0/u_opsrv_0/
 un2 apb mstr \overline{i}nt se\overline{1}
       can be observed by cell block3 0/APB dp fp 1/U0/i post norm mul/
 s frac2a 3 157
       through net block3_0/APB_dp_fp_1/U0/i_post_norm_mul/m16_4_03_0 with cluster separation (13,0) due to 2 failing switches:
       When a routed Mux at (1185,81) fails
       The path is also driven by constant '1' signal
           Through an existing routed Buffer at (1185,81)
           Through an existing routed Buffer at (1113,81)
       When a routed Mux at (1053,81) fails
       The path is also driven by block3 O/APB dp fp 1/UO/
 i post norm mul/m16 4 03 0 signal
           Through an existing routed Buffer at (1053,81)
           Through an existing routed Mux at (1055,96)
           Through an existing routed Buffer at (1055,96)
           Through an existing routed Mux at (1024,96)
           Through an existing routed Mux at (1024,96)
           Through an existing routed Buffer at (1024,96)
           Through an existing routed Mux at (1026,96)
```

Routing Details

You can view the routing details of the untrusted net ("U_B2/DCT_BUF_12_0/DATA_OUT_12_6_bm[9]" in the preceding example) by viewing routing details from ChipPlanner till the point where the switch is in the ON state.

Figure 4-3. Routing Details of Corresponding Net from Chip Planner



4.4.7 Checking IRS Nets for a Given Block

MSVT checks for the separation of IRS nets corresponding to a given block from external nets, per the specified separation criteria. If any of the nets of the design fail to satisfy the separation criteria, then information related to the violating net is listed in the Checking IRS nets for block

slock name> section of the report and MSVT treats this as an error. This section is empty if your design does not have any nets violating separation criteria.

MSVT Output Report

The following is an example of this section in which the IRS net PHY_RST_c of the block Block_Cdr_0 is being observed by an external net corresponding to another untrusted logic

```
Checking IRS nets for block Block_Cdr_0 ...

The following outgoing IRS nets have 0 switches separation since they are connected directly to at least one untrusted logic:

PHY_RST_c (cell PHY_RST_obuf/U_IOTRI)

coma_mode_c (cell coma_mode_obuf/U_IOTRI)
```

4.4.8 Propagating IRS Nets Outgoing from <Block1> to <Block2>

MSVT checks the separation of the IRS nets corresponding to a given block from external nets, per the specified separation criteria. If any of the nets of the design fail to satisfy separation criteria, then information related to the violating net is listed in the Propagating IRS nets outgoing from <block name> to <block name> section of the report and MSVT treats this as an error. This section is empty if your design does not have any net violating separation criteria.

MSVT Output Report

The following example shows that the IRS net $block4_0_TX$ connecting $block4_0$ and $block1_0$ instances is failing to meet separation criteria. This net can be observed by an external net $block3_0/APB_dp_fp_1/U0/i_post_norm_mul/un3_s_ine_o_1_0_21_z$ of block $block3_0$.

```
Example 4-12. Propagating IRS nets outgoing from block4_0 to block1_0
 Propagating IRS nets outgoing from block4 0 to block1 0
    Net block4 0 TX
       can be observed by cell block3 0/APB dp fp 1/U0/i post norm mul/
 un3 s ine o 1 0 29
       through net block3 0/APB dp fp 1/U0/i post norm mul/
 un3_s_ine_o_1_0_21_Z
       with \overline{cluster} separation (13,0) due to 3 failing switches:
       When a routed Mux at (1269,93) fails
       The path is also driven by constant '1' signal
          Through an existing routed Buffer at (1269,93)
          Through an existing routed Buffer at (1197,93)
       When a routed Mux at (1137,93) fails
       The path is also driven by constant '1' signal
          Through an existing routed Buffer at (1137,93)
          Through an existing routed Buffer at (1065,93)
       When a routed Mux at (1000,93) fails
 The path is also driven by block3_0/APB_dp_fp_1/U0/i_post_norm_mul/un3_s_ine_o_1_0_21_Z signal
          Through an existing routed Buffer at (1000,93)
```

```
Through an existing routed Mux at (990,93)
Through an existing routed Mux at (990,93)
Through an existing routed Buffer at (990,93)
Through an existing routed Mux at (990,93)
Through an existing routed Mux at (990,93)
```

The example report indicates that an IRS signal through the net $block4_0_TX$ between blocks $block4_0$ and $block1_0$ is not separated by the number of required switches specified in the DESIGN_SEPARATION parameter from another net $un3_sine_01_021_Z$, which is a part of the $block3_0$ block.

If parameter REGIONS_VERBOSITY is set to '1', then MSVT outputs the following additional information related to the floorplan. These sections provide additional information related to the design and cannot be considered as errors.

- 4.4.8.1 Region Constraints Associated with Block <Block Name>
- 4.4.8.2 Empty Regions in the MSVT Output Report

4.4.8.1 Region Constraints Associated with Block <Block_Name>

MSVT describes in detail all the block instances associated with a given separation region. If the separation region is rectilinear, each sub-rectangular region is analyzed for block instances.

MSVT Output Report

The following example shows a section where $block4_0$ and $block2_0$ are part of a rectilinear separation region. The report shows two region constraints associated with $block4_0$, each with coordinates of two sub-rectangular regions corresponding to the rectilinear region.

```
Example 4-13. MSVT Output Report Section
 The following region constraints are associated with blocks: block4_0
 block2 0
 _____
 ( INCLUSIVE REGION
          ( RECT 2148 105 2328 267)
          ( CELLS
                  block2_0/BUFD 0/U0
                  block4 0/BUFD 1/U0
 The following region constraints are associated with blocks: block4 0
 block3 0
 ( INCLUSIVE REGION
          ( RECT 888 45 1464 99)
          ( CELLS
                  block3_0/CoreGPIO_C1_0/CoreGPIO_C1_0/dataOut_Z[0]
block3_0/CoreGPIO_C1_0/CoreGPIO_C1_0/dataOut_Z[1]
block3_0/CoreGPIO_C1_0/CoreGPIO_C1_0/dataOut_Z[2]
                  block4 0/CoreGPIO C4 0/CoreGPIO C4 0/inData s1[30]
                  block4 0/CoreGPIO C4 0/CoreGPIO C4 0/inData s1[31]
          )
```

```
The following region constraints are associated with blocks: block2 0
block1 0
_____
( INCLUSIVE REGION
        ( RECT 1584 282 2028 363)
        ( CELLS
               block1 0/BUFD 1/U0
               block1 0/BUFD 2/U0
               block1_0/BUFD_3/U0
               block1_0/BUFD_4/U0
               block2_0/BUFD_67/U0
block2_0/BUFD_68/U0
The following region constraints are associated with blocks: block3_0
block1 0
=======
          ______
( INCLUSIVE REGION
        ( RECT 636 102 852 240)
        ( CELLS
               block1 0/BUFD 22/U0
               block1 0/BUFD 36/U0
               block1 0/BUFD 37/U0
               block1_0/BUFD_38/U0
               block3_0/CoreGPIO_C2_0/CoreGPIO_C2_0/dataOut[6]
               block3_0/CoreGPIO_C2_0/CoreGPIO_C2_0/dataOut[7]
```

4.4.8.2 Empty Regions in the MSVT Output Report

This section of the MSVT output report shows the empty regions. These regions should also be defined as Routing Regions. This section is generated only if there are such empty routing regions in the design.

MSVT Output Report

The following is a Chip Planner view of the input design having three empty Routing Regions defined.

Figure 4-4. Chip Planner View of Example Design



Example 4-14. MSVT Output Report Section

```
The following are empty region(s):

------

Exclusive region

( RECT 1476 6 1584 84)
)
```

5. Report Conclusion

When MSVT completes successfully, the report shows the following final message:

```
Design has met 2 switches separation requirement MSVT Check succeeded.
Number of errors: 0
```

Note: In the message above, number of errors shows the total number of errors that MSVT reported in the output report.

The report shows the following final message for MSVT separation criteria failure:

```
Design failed for 2 switches separation requirement MSVT Check failed.
Number of errors: 7
```

You can now program your FPGA with the generated programming file.

6. Reference Documents

To implement a design using Design Separation Methodology, see the following documents:

- Microchip Design Separation Methodology
- SmartFusion2 and IGLOO2 Block Flow User's Guide
- SmartFusion2 and IGLOO2 SmartTime, I/O Editor, and Chip Planner User's Guide

7. Revision History

Revision	Date	Description
Α	04/2021	Initial Revision

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