



MIV_ESS v2.0 Release Notes

Overview

These release notes accompany the production release of IP core MIV_ESS v2.0. This document provides details about the features, enhancements, system requirements, supported families, implementations, and known issues and workarounds of the IP core.

Features

The MIV_ESS IP core has the following features:

- Designed for low-power FPGA implementations.
- Highly configurable, compact, and extended subsystem solution for the MIV_RV32 soft processor.
- Optional bootstrap function from the following nonvolatile sources:
 - Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) Flash
 - I²C EEPROM
 - On-chip μ PROM (PolarFire® and RTG4™ devices)
- APB interface for bootstrap transfers to Tightly-Coupled Memory (TCM) on the MIV_RV32 (TAS compatible).
- Optional memory-mapped peripherals:
 - Timer (64-bit with pre-scaler)
 - Watchdog
 - SPI
 - I²C
 - μ DMA with AHB-Lite read port and either AHB-Lite or TAS (APB) write port options
 - Platform-Level Interrupt Controller (PLIC) with up to 31 interrupts
 - GPIO
 - UART
- APB interface to access subsystem memory-mapped peripherals.
- Seven optional external APB interfaces to connect additional peripherals.

Delivery Types

No license is required to use MIV_ESS. Complete RTL source code is provided for the core.

Supported Families

- PolarFire®
- PolarFire® SoC
- RT PolarFire®
- RTG4™
- IGLOO®2
- SmartFusion®2

Supported Tool Flows

MIV_ESS v2.0 requires Libero® SoC v12.1 or later.

Installation Instructions

The MIV_ESS CPZ file must be installed into the Libero software. This is done automatically through the catalog update function in Libero, or the CPZ file can be manually added using the **Add Core to Vault** option provided in the **Catalog** tab. After the CPZ file is installed in Libero, the core can be configured, generated, and instantiated within a design for inclusion in the Libero project.

See the [Libero SoC Online Help](#) for further instructions on IP core installation, licensing, and general usage.

Documentation

This release contains a copy of the *MIV_ESS User Guide* and *MIV_ESS Design Guide* documents. More information is also available at: [Mi-V embedded ecosystem](#).

The user guide describes the IP core functionality and provides step-by-step instructions on how to simulate, synthesize, and place-and-route this core with implementation suggestions. See the [Libero SoC Online Help](#) for instructions on obtaining IP documentation.

The design guide provides quick-start steps to set up the MIV_ESS IP core in a Libero SoC SmartDesign environment.

For updates and additional information about the software, devices, and hardware, visit the [Intellectual Property pages](#) on the Microchip FPGA Products Group website.

Supported Test Environments

No testbench is provided with MIV_ESS.

The MIV_ESS RTL can be simulated in conjunction with a processor executing a program using a standard Libero generated testbench.

Discontinued Features and Devices

None. This is the initial release of the MIV_ESS IP core.

Known Limitations and Workarounds

The following are the limitations and workarounds applicable to the MIV_ESS v2.0 release.

- MIV_ESS v2.0 applies a synchronous reset architecture for RTG4 implementations. CoreSPI v5.2.104 used within MIV_ESS v2.0 currently supports only asynchronous resets. CoreSPI will be updated to support synchronous resets in a future revision.

Revision History

Revision	Date	Description
A	01/2022	Initial Revision

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