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1 Revision History

The revision history describes the changes that were implemented in the document. The changes are listed by revision, starting with the most current publication.

1.1 **Revision 5.0**

Updated the document for Libero v11.8 SP1 software release.

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1.5 **Revision 1.0**

Revision 1.0 was the first publication of this document.



2 SmartFusion2 SoC FPGA PCle Control Plane Demo For Advanced Development Kit

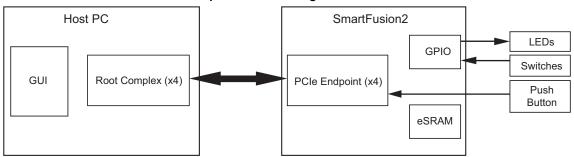
The SmartFusion2 SoC FPGA devices integrate a fourth generation flash-based FPGA fabric and an ARM Cortex-M3 processor, along with high performance communication interfaces on a single chip. The SmartFusion2 high speed serial interface (SERDESIF) provides a fully hardened PCIe endpoint (EP) implementation and is compliant with PCIe Base Specification Revision 2.0, 1.1, and 1.0. For more details, refer to the *UG0447: SmartFusion2 and IGLOO2 High Speed Serial Interfaces User Guide*.

The demo explains the SmartFusion2 embedded PCI Express feature and how this can be used as a low bandwidth control plane interface using the SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit board.

The demo provides a simple design to access the SmartFusion2 PCIe EP from a Host PC. A GUI is provided for read and write access to the SmartFusion2 PCIe configuration space and memory space of BAR0 and BAR1. It also provides the Host PC device drivers for the SmartFusion2 PCIe EP. It can run on both Windows and Red Hat Linux operating system (OS).

The following figure shows the top-level block diagram for the PCle control plane demo. The demo design uses a SmartFusion2 PCle interface with a maximum link width of x4 to interface with a Host PC PCle Gen 2 slot. If the Host PC does not support Gen 2 slot, the design automatically changes to Gen 1 slot. The SmartFusion2 microcontroller subsystem (MSS) GPlOs control the LEDs and switches on the SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit board using the PCle interface. The Host PC can also read memory and writes to the SmartFusion2 eSRAM through GUI. The Host PC can also be interrupted by using the push button on the SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit board.

Figure 1 • PCIe Control Plane Demo Top-Level Block Diagram



2.1 Design Requirements

The following table lists the design requirements details.

Table 1 • Design Requirements

Design Requirements	Version	
Hardware		
SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit: – 12 V adapter – FlashPro5 – USB A to Mini-B cable	Rev E or later	
Host PC with an available PCle 2.0 Gen 1 or Gen 2 compliant slot	64-bit Windows 7 OS or 64-bit Red Hat Linux OS (Kernel Version: 2.6.18-308)	



Table 1 • Design Requirements (continued)

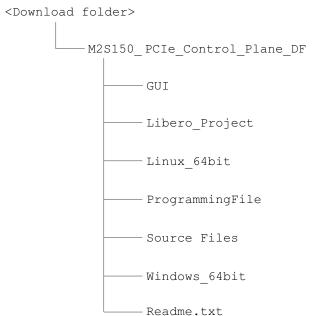
Software		
Libero SoC Design Suite	v11.8 SP1	
FlashPro Programming Software	v11.8 SP1	
Host PC Drivers (provided along with the design files)	-	
GUI executable (provided along with the design files)	_	
SoftConsole	v4.0	

2.2 Demo Design

The design files for this demo can be downloaded from the Microsemi website: http://soc.microsemi.com/download/rsc/?f=m2s_dg0566_libero11p8_sp1_df

The following figure shows the top-level structure of the design files. For further details, refer to the ${\tt readme.txt}$ file.

Figure 2 • Demo Design Files Top-Level Structure





2.2.1 Demo Design Features

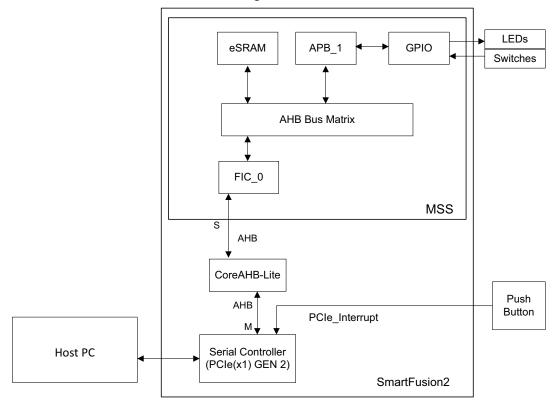
The demo design performs the following tasks:

- Displays PCle link enable/disable, negotiated link width, and the link speed.
- Controls the status of LEDs on the SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit board
- Displays the position of DIP switches on the SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit board
- Enables read and write to eSRAM
- Accepts and displays interrupts from the push button on the SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit board
- Displays the SmartFusion2 PCle Configuration space

2.2.2 Demo Design Description

The demo design helps to access the SmartFusion2 PCIe EP from the Host PC. The following figure shows a detailed block diagram of the design implementation.

Figure 3 • PCIe Control Plane Demo Block Diagram



This demo design implements the SmartFusion2 embedded PCI Express interface as a low bandwidth control plane interface. This design provides Host PC drivers and a Host PC interface over PCIe to control the SmartFusion2 device. Preceding figure shows a detailed block diagram of the design implementation. The PCIe EP device receives commands from the Host PC through GUI and does corresponding memory writes to the SmartFusion2 MSS address space. The MSS address space provides a GPIO block and eSRAM memory block, which is accessed through a fabric interface controller (FIC_0).

The SERDES_IF_0 is configured for a PCIe 2.0, x4 link width with GEN2 speed for SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit board. The PCIe interface to the fabric uses an AMBA High-speed Bus (AHB). The AHB master interface of SERDESIF is enabled and connected to the AHB slave interface of FIC_0 to access the MSS peripherals. The SmartFusion2 PCIe BAR0 and BAR1 are configured in 32-bit memory mapped memory mode.



The advanced eXtensible interface (AXI) master windows of the SERDESIF PCIe provide address translation for accessing one address space from another address space as the PCIe address is different from SmartFusion2 AHB bus matrix address space. The AXI master window 0 is enabled and configured to translate the BAR0 memory address space to the MSS GPIO address space to control the MSS GPIOs. The AXI master window 1 is enabled and configured to translate the BAR1 memory address space to the eSRAM address space to perform read and writes from PCIe.

MSS GPIO block is enabled and configured as below:

- · GPIO 0 to GPIO 7 as outputs and connected to LEDs
- · GPIO 8 to GPIO 11 as inputs and connected to DIP switches

The PCIe interrupt line is connected to the SW1 push button on the SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit. The FPGA clocks are configured to run the FPGA fabric and MSS at 70 MHz.

2.2.2.1 Simulating the Design

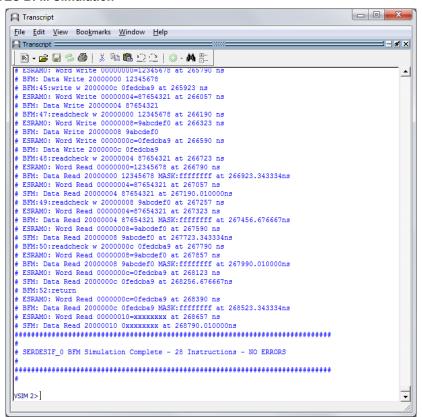
The design supports the BFM_PCIe simulation level to communicate with the High Speed Serial Interface block through the master AXI bus interface. Though, the serial communication does not actually go through the High Speed Serial Interface block, this scenario allows validating the fabric interface connections. The SERDESIF_0_user.bfm file under the <LiberoProject>/simulation folder contains the BFM commands to verify the read or write access to MSS GPIOs and eSRAM.

BFM commands added in the SERDESIF 0 user.bfm file do the following:

- Write to GPIO OUT[7:0]
- Write to eSRAM
- · Read-check from eSRAM

To run the simulation, double-click **Simulate** under **Verify Pre-Synthesized Design** in the **Design Flow** window of the Libero project. ModelSim runs the design for about 270 µs. The ModelSim **Transcript** window displays the BFM commands and the BFM simulation completed with no errors, as shown in the following figure.

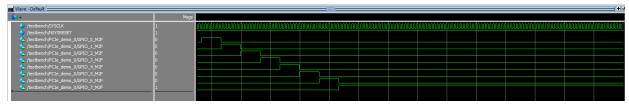
Figure 4 • SERDES BFM Simulation





The following figure shows the **Wave** window with GPIO_OUT signals.

Figure 5 • Simulation Result with GPIO_OUT Signals

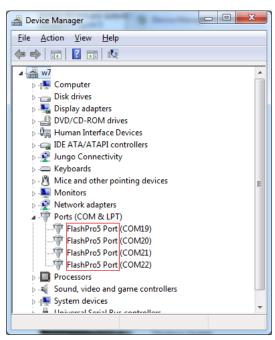


2.3 Setting Up the Demo Design

The following steps describe how to setup the demo for SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit board:

 Connect the Host PC to the J33 Connector using the USB A to mini-B cable. The USB to UART bridge drivers are automatically detected. Verify, if the detection is made in the device manager as shown in the following figure.

Figure 6 • Device Manager



2. Connect the jumpers on the SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit board, as listed in the following table.

CAUTION: While making the jumper connections, the power supply switch **SW7** on the board should be in OFF position.

Table 2 • SmartFusion2 FPGA Advanced Kit Jumper Settings

Jumper	Pin (From)	Pin (To)	Comments
J116, J353, J354, J54	1	2	These are the default jumper settings of the Advanced
J123	2	3	 Development Kit board. Make sure these jumpers are set accordingly.
J124, J121, J32	1	2	JTAG programming via FTDI

3. Connect the power supply to the J42 connector on the SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit board.



2.3.1 Board Setup

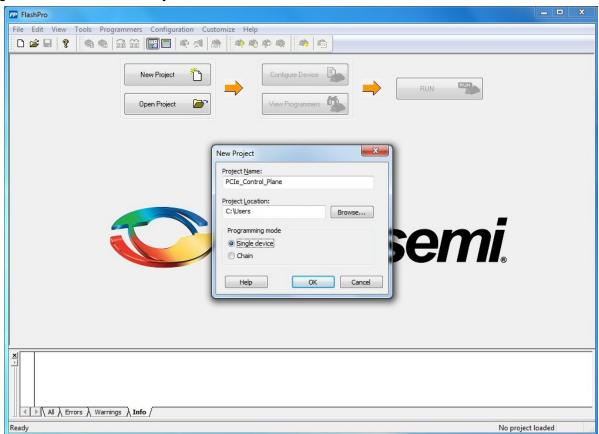
Snapshots of the SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit Board with the complete set up are given in the Appendix: SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit Board, page 28.

2.3.2 Programming the Board

The following steps describe how to program the board.

- Download the demo design from: http://soc.microsemi.com/download/rsc/?f=m2s_dg0566_liberov11p8_sp1_df
- Switch ON the power supply switch, SW7.
- 3. Launch the FlashPro software.
- 4. Click New Project.
- 5. In the **New Project** window, enter the **Project Name** as PCIe_Control_Plane.

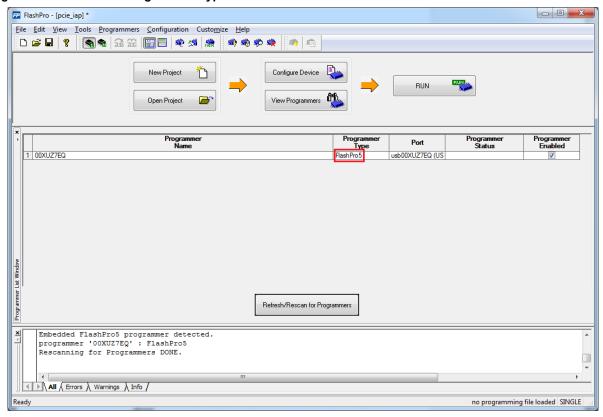
Figure 7 • FlashPro New Project



- 6. Click **Browse** and navigate to the location where you want to save the project.
- 7. Click Single device as the Programming mode.
- 8. Click **OK** to save the project.



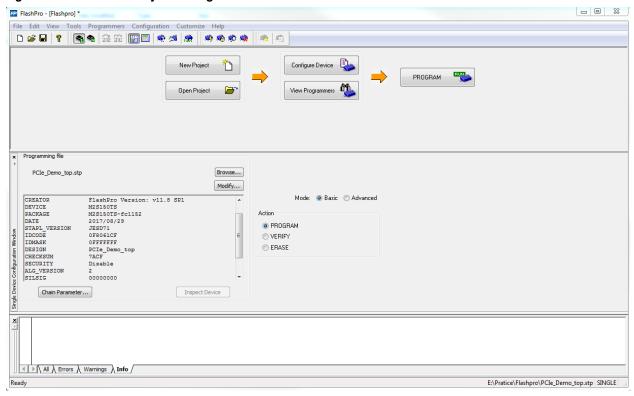
Figure 8 • FlashPro5 Programmer Type



- 9. Click Configure Device on the FlashPro GUI.
- 10. Click **Browse** and navigate to the location where the PCIe_Demo_top.stp file is located and select the file. The location for SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit board is: <download_folder>\\M2S150_PCIe_Control_Plane_DF\programmingFile.
- 11. Click **Open**. The required programming file is selected and is ready to be programmed in the device.



Figure 9 • FlashPro Project Configured



12. Click **PROGRAM** to start programming the device. Wait until a message is displayed indicating that the **PROGRAM PASSED**.

2.3.3 Connecting the Board to the Host PC

The following steps describe how to connect the board to the Host PC.

- After successful programming, power OFF the SmartFusion2 Advanced Kit board and shut down the Host PC.
 - This demo is designed to run in any PCle Gen 2 compliant slot. If the Host PC does not support Gen 2 compliant slot, the demo switches to Gen 1 slot.
- Connect the CON1 PCle Edge Card Ribbon cable to Host PC PCle Gen 2 slot or Gen 1 slot as applicable.

CAUTION: Host PC must be powered OFF while inserting the PCIe Edge connector. If it is not, the PCIe device detection and selection of Gen 1 or Gen 2 slot may not occur properly. This is very dependent on the Host PC PCIe configuration. It is recommended that the Host PC is powered OFF before inserting the PCIe card.



The following figure shows the board setup for the Host PC in which SmartFusion2 Advanced Kit board is connected to the Host PC PCIe slot.

Figure 10 • SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit Setup for Host PC



2.4 Running the Demo Design

This demo can run on both Windows and RedHat Linux OS.

- To run the demo on Windows OS GUI, Microsemi PCIe are provided. Refer to Running the Demo Design on Windows, page 11.
- To run the demo on Linux OS, native RedHat Linux drivers and command line scripts are provided. Refer to Running the Demo Design on Linux, page 18.

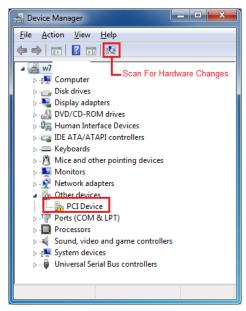


2.4.1 Running the Demo Design on Windows

The following steps describe how to run the demo design on windows:

- 1. Switch **ON** the power supply switch, **SW7**.
- Power on the Host PC and open the Host PC Device Manager for PCle device, as shown in the following figure. If the PCle device is not detected, power cycle the SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit board.
- 3. Right-click **PCle Device > Scan for hardware changes** in Device Manager.

Figure 11 • Device Manager



Note: If the device is still not detected, check whether or not the BIOS version in Host PC is the latest, and if PCIe is enabled in the Host PC BIOS.

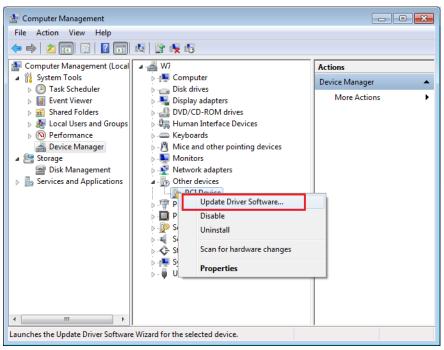


2.4.1.1 Drivers Installation

Perform the following steps to install the PCIe drivers on the host PC:

1. Right-click **PCI Device** in Device Manager and select **Update Driver Software...** as shown in the following figure. To install the drivers, administrative rights are required.

Figure 12 • Update Driver Software



In the Update Driver Software - PCIe Device window, select the Browse my computer for driver software option as shown in the following figure.

Figure 13 • Browse for Driver Software





3. Browse the drivers folder: M2S150_PCle_Control_Plane_DF\Windows_64bit\Drivers\PCle_Demo and click **Next** as shown in the following figure.

Figure 14 • Browse for Driver Software Continued



 The Windows Security dialog box is displayed. Click Install as shown in the following figure. After successful driver installation, a message appears. See Figure 16, page 13.

Figure 15 • Windows Security



Figure 16 • Successful Driver Installation





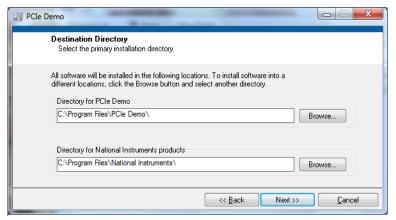
2.4.1.2 PCle Demo GUI Installation

The SmartFusion2 PCIe demo GUI is a simple GUI that runs on the Host PC to communicate with the SmartFusion2 PCIe EP device. The GUI provides the PCIe link status, driver information, and demo controls. The GUI invokes the PCIe driver installed on the Host PC and provides commands to the driver according to the user selection.

To install the GUI:

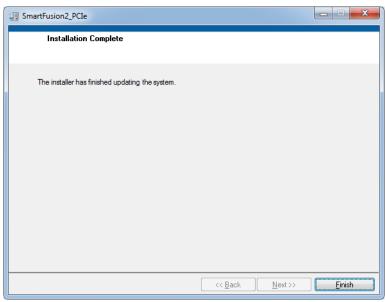
- Extract the PCle_Demo_GUI_Installer.rar and locate the files at M2S150_PCle_Control_Plane_DF\GUI
- Double-click the setup.exe in the provided GUI installation (PCIe_Demo_GUI_Installer\setup.exe). Apply default options as shown in the following figure.
- 3. To start the installation, click **Next**.

Figure 17 • GUI Installation



4. Click **Finish** to complete the installation.

Figure 18 • Successful GUI Installation



5. Restart the Host PC.

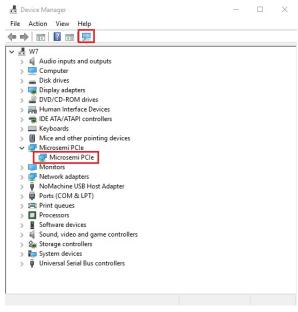


2.4.1.3 Running the PCle GUI

The following steps describe how to run the PCIe GUI:

- Check the host PC Device Manager for the drivers. If the device is not detected, power cycle the SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit board.
- 2. Click Scan for hardware changes in Device Manager. Ensure that the board is switched on.

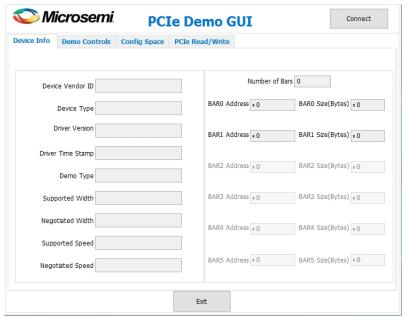
Figure 19 • Device Manager—PCIe Device Detection



Note: If a warning symbol is displayed on the **Microsemi PCIe** in the **Device Manager**, uninstall them and start from step1 of Drivers Installation, page 12.

 Invoke the GUI from ALL Programs > PCle Control Plane Demo. The following figure shows the PCle Demo GUI window.

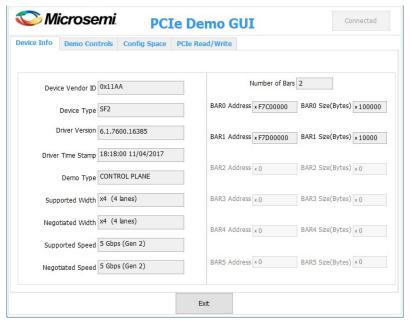
Figure 20 • PCIe Demo GUI





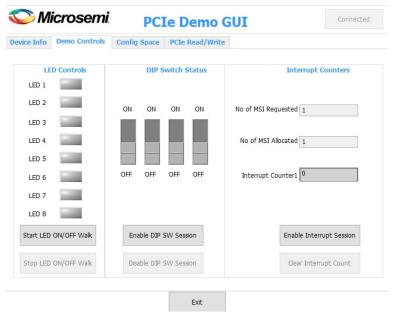
4. Click Connect. The application detects and displays the information related to the connected kit such as Device Vendor ID, Device Type, Driver Version, Driver Time Stamp, Demo Type, Supported Width, Negotiated Width, Supported Speed, Negotiated Speed, Number of Bars, and BAR Address as shown in the following figure.

Figure 21 • Device Info



5. Click the **Demo Controls** tab to display the **LED Controls**, **DIP Switch Status**, and **Interrupt Counters** as shown in the following figure.

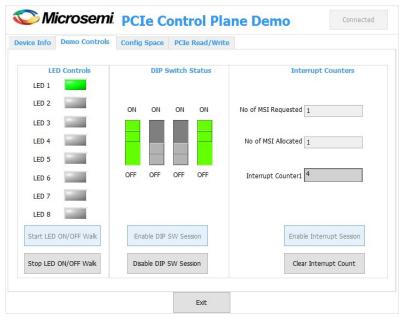
Figure 22 • Demo Controls





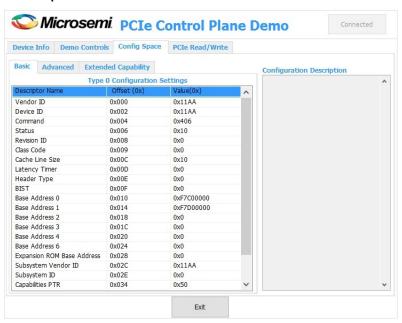
 Click Start LED ON/OFF Walk, Enable DIP SW Session, and Enable Interrupt Session to view controlling LEDs, getting the DIP switch status, and monitoring the interrupts simultaneously as shown in the following figure.

Figure 23 • Demo Controls—Continued



7. Click **Config Space** to view details about the PCle configuration space. The following figure shows the PCle configuration space.

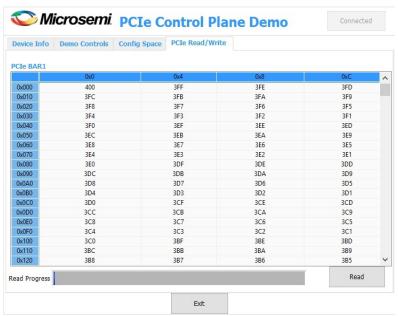
Figure 24 • Configuration Space





8. Click the **PCIe Read/Write** tab to perform read and writes to LSRAM memory through **BAR1** space. Click **Read** to read the 4 KB memory mapped to BAR1 space, as shown in the following figure.

Figure 25 • PCIe BAR1 Memory Access

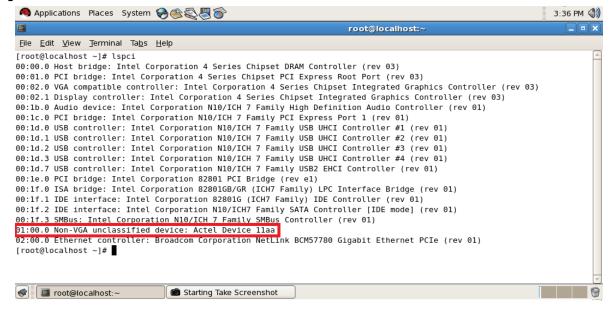


9. Click Exit to quit the demo.

2.4.2 Running the Demo Design on Linux

- 1. Switch **ON** the power supply switch **SW7** on the SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit board.
- 2. Switch ON the Red Hat Linux Host PC.
- 3. Red Hat Linux Kernel detects the SmartFusion2 PCIe end point as Actel Device.
- On Linux Command Prompt Use lspci command to display the PCle info.
 # lspci

Figure 26 • PCIe Device Detection





2.4.2.1 Drivers Installation

Enter the following commands in the Linux command prompt to install the PCle drivers:

1. Create the **sf2** directory under the **home/** directory using the following command:

```
# mkdir /home/sf2
```

- 2. Copy the M2S150_PCIe_Control_Plane_DF/ design files folder under /home/sf2 directory, which contains the Linux PCIe device driver files and Linux PCIe application utility files.
- Copy the Linux PCle Device Driver file (PCIe_Driver.zip) from M2S150_PCle_Control_Plane_DF/ design files folder.

```
# cp -rf
/home/sf2/M2S150_PCIe_Control_Plane_DF/Linux_64bit/Driv-
ers/PCIe_Driver.rar
/home/sf2
# unrar -e PCIe_Driver.rar
```

/home/sf2 directory must contain the PCIe_Driver/ inc/ folders.

4. Execute 1s command to display the contents of /home/sf2 directory.

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5. Change to *inc*/ directory by using the following command:

```
#cd /home/sf2/inc
```

Edit the board.h file for SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit board as shown in Figure 27, page 20.

```
#vi board.h
#define SF2_ADV_KIT
#undef IGL2
#undef SF2_DEV_KIT
#undef SF2_EVAL KIT
```

- 7. Enter [:wq] command to save the selected file.
- 8. Enter the following command to change the directory:

```
#cd /home/sf2/PCIe_Driver
```

 Enter the make command on Linux Command Prompt to compile the Linux PCIe device driver code.

```
#make clean [To clean any *.o, *.ko files]
#make
```

The kernel module, pci_chr_drv_ctrlpln.ko, is created in the same directory.

10. Enter insmod command to insert the Linux PCle device driver as a module. #insmod pci chr drv ctrlpln.ko

Note: Root privileges are required to execute this command.



Figure 27 • Edit board.h File

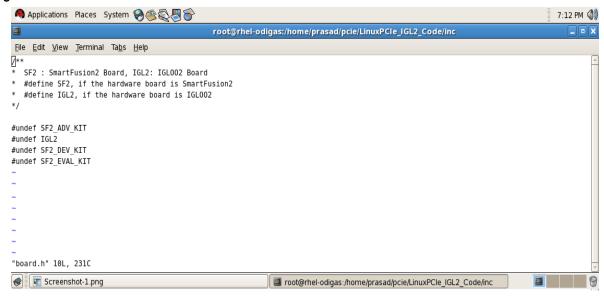
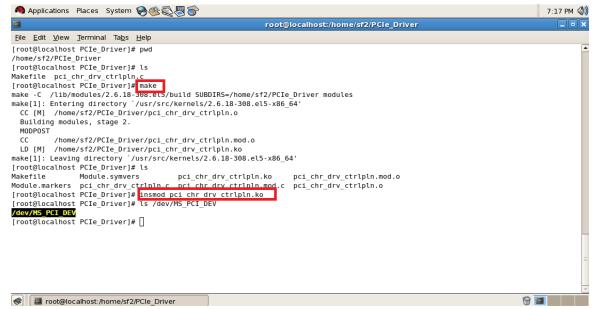


Figure 28 • PCle Device Driver Installation



11. After successful Linux PCle device driver installation, check /dev/MS_PCI_DEV got created by using the following Linux command:

```
#ls /dev/MS PCI DEV
```

Note: /dev/MS_PCI_DEV interface is used to access the SmartFusion2 PCle end point from Linux user space.



2.4.2.2 Linux PCle Application Compilation and PCle Control Plane Utility Creation

1. Change to the /home/sf2/ directory using the following command:

#cd /home/sf2

 Copy the Linux PCIe application utility file (PCIe_App.zip) from M2S150_Control_Plane_DF/ design files folder.

```
# cp -rf /home/sf2/M2S150_PCIe_Control_Plane_DF/Linux-
_64bit/Util/PCIe_App.rar
/home/sf2
# unrar -e PCIe App.rar
```

/home/sf2 directory must contain PCle_App/ folder along with led_blink.sh and pcie_config.sh scripts.

3. Execute ls command to display the contents of /home/sf2 directory.

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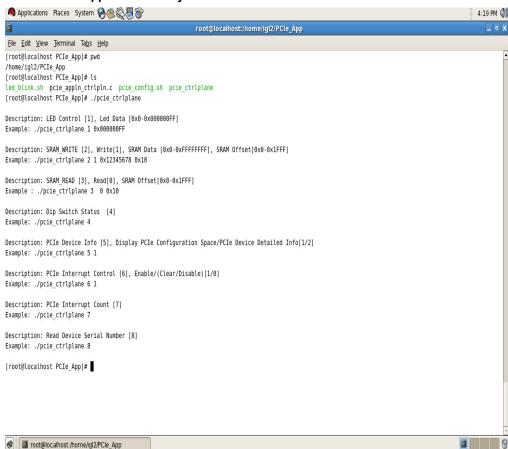
4. Compile the Linux user space application <code>pcie_appln_ctrlpln.c</code> in /home/sf2/PCle_App folder by using <code>gcc</code> command.

```
# cd /home/sf2/PCIe_App
# gcc -o pcie_ctrlplane pcie_appln_ctrlpln.c
```

After successful compilation, Linux PCIe application utility pcie_ctrlplane creates in the same directory.

- 5. On Linux Command Prompt, run the pcie_ctrlplane utility as: #./pcie ctrlplane
- 6. Help menu is displayed as shown in the following figure.

Figure 29 • Linux PCle Application Utility





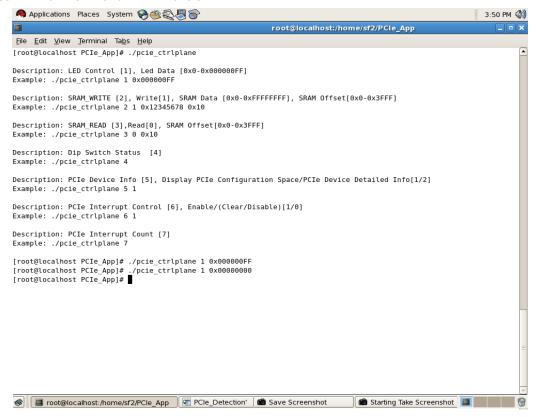
2.4.2.3 Execution of Linux PCIe Control Plane Features

2.4.2.3.1 LED Control

LED1 to LED8 is controlled by writing data to SmartFusion2 LED Control Registers.

#./pcie_ctrlplane 1 0x000000FF [LED OFF]
#./pcie ctrlplane 1 0x00000000 [LED ON]

Figure 30 • Linux Command—LED Control



 $\verb|led_blink.sh| contains the shell script code to perform the LED Walk ON, whereas \verb|Ctrl C| exits the shell script and LED Walk turns OFF.$

```
#sh led blink.sh
```

Run the $led_blink.sh$ shell script using the sh command.

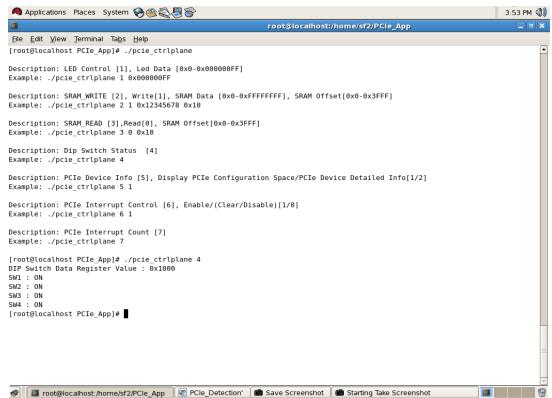


2.4.2.3.2 DIP Switch Status

Dip Switch on SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit board has four electric switches to hold the device configurations. Linux PCIe utility reads the corresponding switches (ON/OFF) state.

#./pcie_ctrlplane 4 [DIP Switch Status]

Figure 31 • Linux Command—DIP Switch





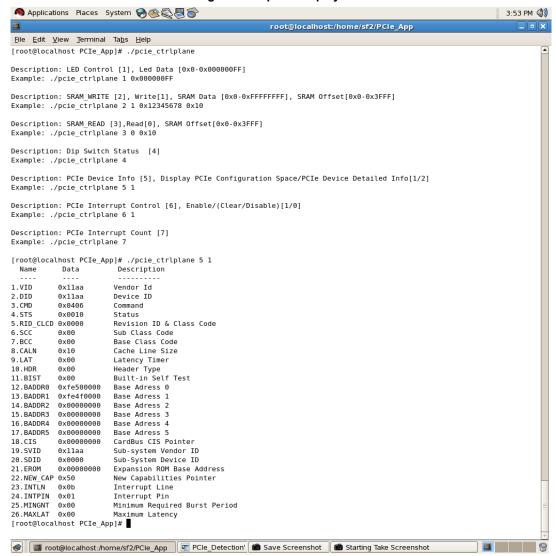
2.4.2.3.3 PCIe Configuration Space Display

PCIe configuration space contains the PCIe device data such as Vendor ID, Device ID, and Base Address 0.

Note: Root Privileges are required to execute this command.

#./pcie ctrlplane 5 1 [Read PCIe Configuration Space]

Figure 32 • Linux Command—PCle Configuration Space Display





2.4.2.3.4 PCIe Link Speed and Width

Note: Root Privileges are required to execute this command.

#./pcie ctrlplane 5 2 [Read PCIe Link Speed and Link Width]

Figure 33 • Linux Command—PCle Link Speed and Width

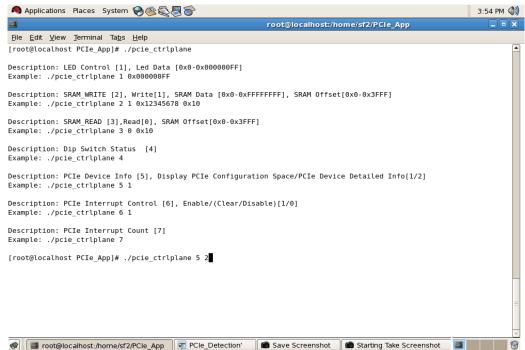
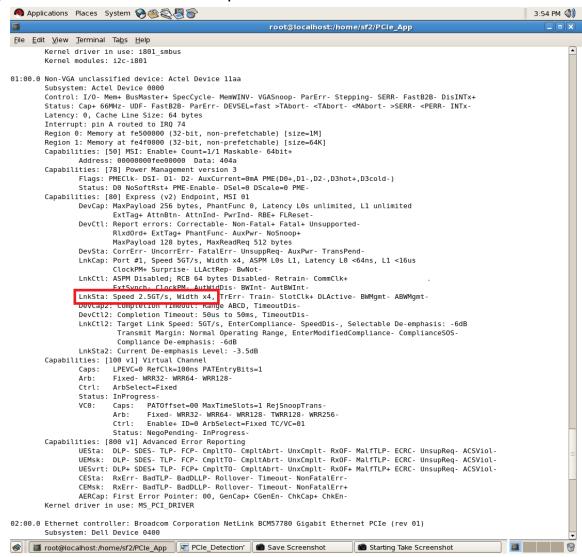




Figure 34 • Linux Command—PCle Link Speed and Width



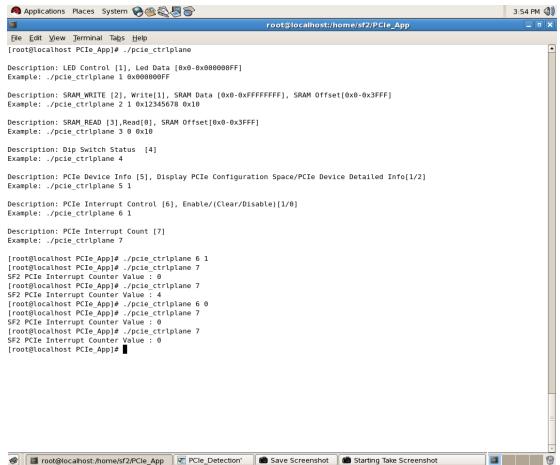


2.4.2.3.5 PCle Interrupt Control (Enable/Disable) and Interrupt Counter

SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit board enables or disables the MSI interrupts by writing data to its PCIe configuration space. Interrupt Counter holds the number of MSI interrupts got triggered by pressing the **SW1** push button.

#. /pcie_ctrlplane 6 0 [Disable Interrupts]
#. /pcie_ctrlplane 6 1 [Enable Interrupts]
#. /pcie_ctrlplane 7 [Interrupt Counter Value]

Figure 35 • Linux Command—PCle Interrupt Control



2.5 Conclusion

This demo describes how to access the PCIe EP and displays the device serial number feature of SmartFusion2 by implementing a low bandwidth control plane design with BFM simulation. It provides a GUI for easy control of PCIe EP device through Microsemi PCIe drivers for windows platform. It also provides a Linux PCIe application for easy control of PCIe EP device through Linux PCIe Device Driver.



3 Appendix: SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit Board

The following figure shows the SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit board.

Figure 1 • SmartFusion2 Advanced Development Kit Board.

