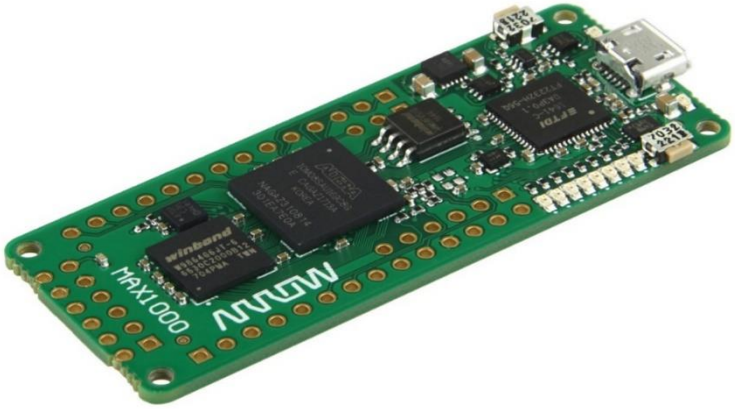
MAX1000

SignalTap Lab



Software and hardware requirements to complete all exercises

Software Requirements: Quartus® Prime Lite or Standard Edition version 18.0 or 18.1

Hardware Requirements: ARROW MAX1000 Board

Revision 1.0

1. Introduction

This tutorial provides comprehensive information to help you understand how to analyze and verify your Intel FPGA design within Quartus Prime software. This lab explains how to use Embedded Logic Analyzer megafunction, and gives detailed, step-by-step procedures on how to set up and run Embedded Logic Analyzer.

Lab Notes: Many of the names that the lab asks you to choose for files, components, and other objects in this exercise must be spelled exactly as directed. This nomenclature is necessary because the pre-written software application includes variables that use the names of the hardware peripherals. Naming the components differently can cause errors. There are also other similar dependencies within the project that require you to enter the correct names.

2. Getting Started

The first objective is to ensure that you have all the necessary hardware items and software installed so that the lab can be completed successfully. Below is a list of items required to complete this lab:

- MAX1000 Board **(**10M08SAU169C8G)
- USB Cable
- Lab files: SignalTap_lab_template: Template files are required to complete the lab. Includes: uart_tx.vhd, uart_tx.sdc
- Quartus Prime 18.0 Lite was used for this lab. Previous/newer versions should work (If no Quartus Prime is installed, refer to MAX1000 User Guide for instructions)
- Installed Arrow USB Drivers (If not, refer to MAX1000 User Guide for instructions)
- Personal computer or laptop running 64-bit Linux / Windows 7 or later with at least an Intel i3 core (or equivalent), 4GB RAM and 12 GB of free hard disk space
- A desire to learn!

3. SignalTap overview

The SignalTap Embedded Logic Analyzer megafunction, which is provided with Quartus Prime software allows you to analyze and verify System-on-a-Programmable Chip (SOPC) designs. It is a powerful tool that lets you capture signals from internal FPGA nodes while the device is running in system, which gives you non-instructive access to signals from internal device nodes.

The Arrow USB Blaster, which is the onboard programming interface of MAX1000, provide analysis support, allowing you to transfer signal data to the Quartus Prime software. Using the intuitive Quartus interface, you can select signals, set up triggering events, configure memory, and display waveforms. You can also use data retrieved by Embedded Logic Analyzer to debug and verify your design.

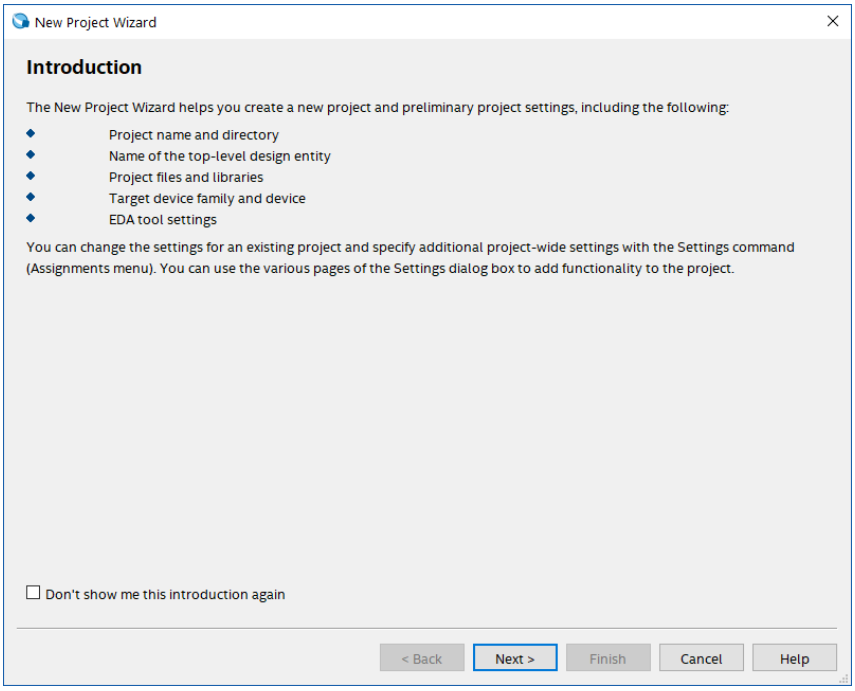
4. Project with MAX1000

4.1 Quartus Prime project

4.1.1 Create a new Quartus Prime project

4.1.1.1 If not already open, from the Start menu or the Desktop, open the Quartus Prime 18.0 Lite software.

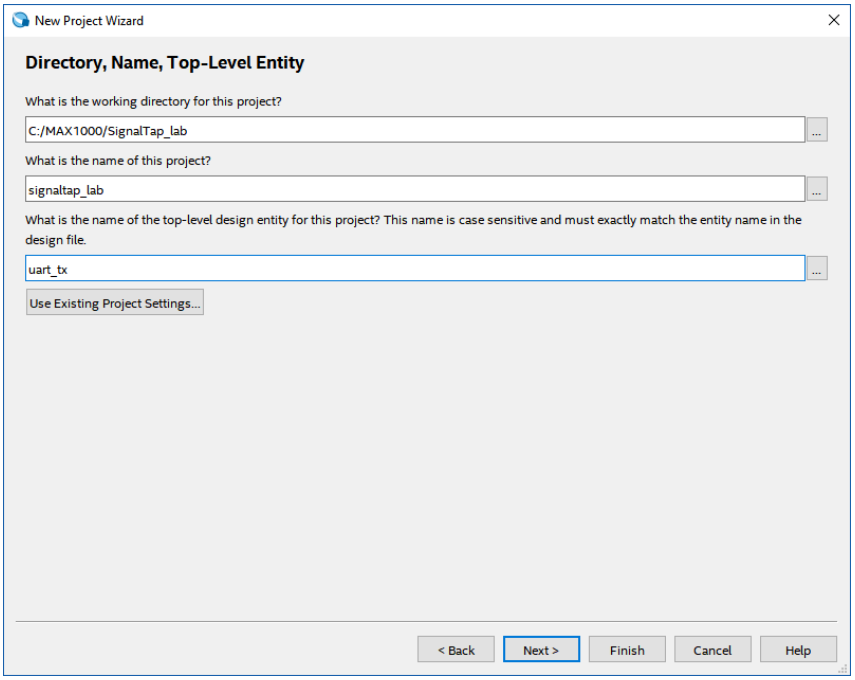
4.1.1.2 Create a new project using the New Project Wizard: **File → New Project Wizard**.



4.1.1.3 Click **Next**.

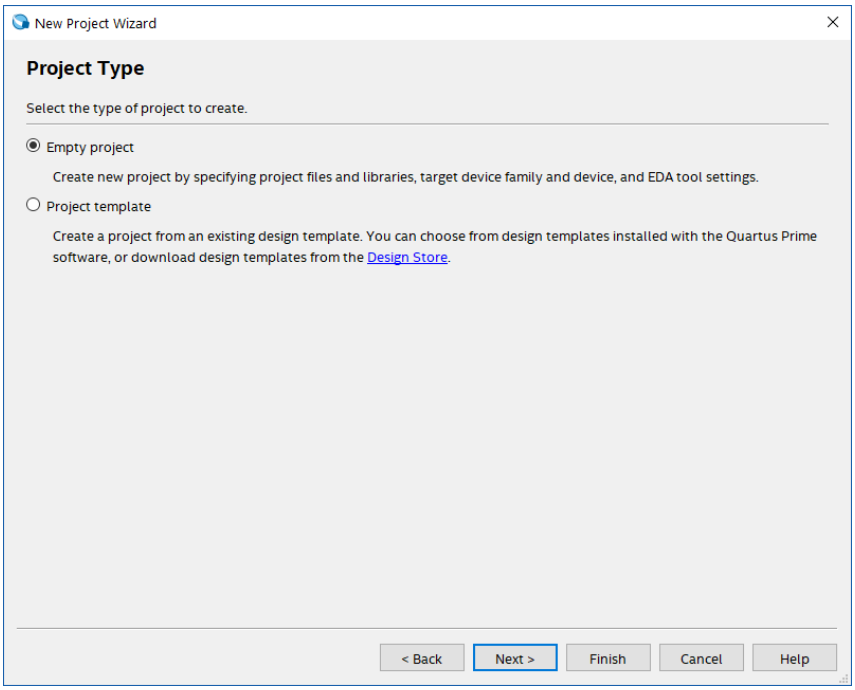
4.1.1.4 Configure the New Project Wizard directory, name and top-level entity information:

- Enter a directory in which you will store your Quartus project files for this design, for example, **C:/MAX1000/SignalTap_lab**
- Specify the name of the project: **signaltap_lab**
- Specify the name of the top-level entity: **uart_tx**



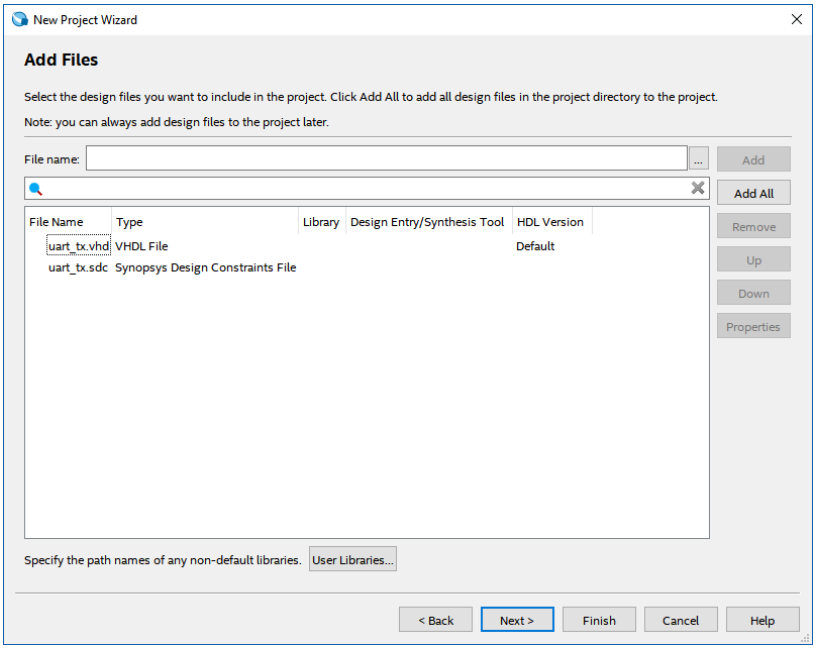
4.1.1.5 Click **Next**.

4.1.1.6 On the Project Type page, select **"Empty project"** and click **Next**.



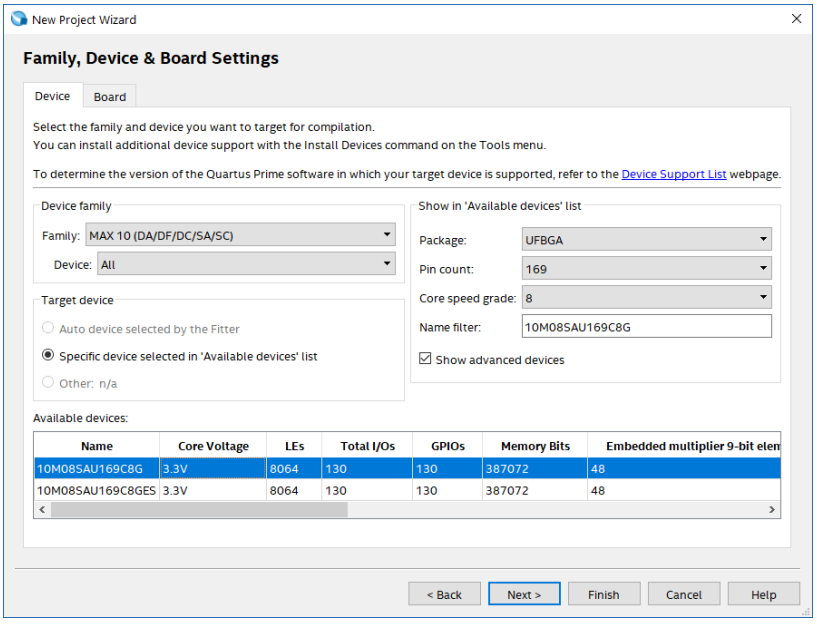
4.1.1.7 On the Add Files page, add source files to the project by clicking on the ... button and browse into the lab files folder where you will locate the provided design files and add:

- **uart_tx.vhd**
- **uart_tx.sdc**



4.1.1.8 Click **Next**.

4.1.1.9 Specify Family and Device Settings. Use pull-down menus to select MAX10 family or enter the part number in the Name Filter text box. The part number is **10M08SAU169C8G**.



4.1.1.10 Click **Finish**.

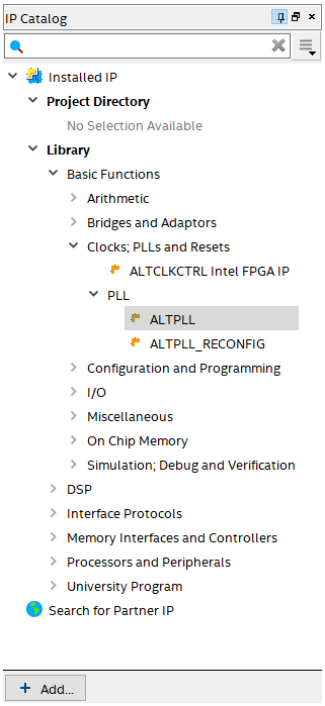
4.2 Design entry

Overview: In this module you will add missing components to your design.

4.2.1 Add PLL to the Quartus project

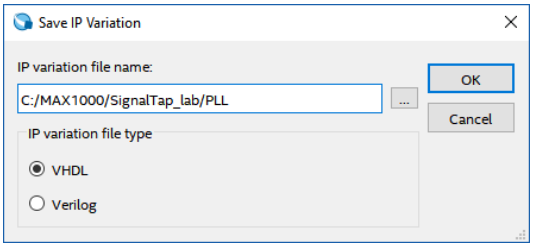
4.2.1.1 From the IP Catalog panel on the left side, expand the menus for the **Basic Functions → Clocks; PLLs and Resets → PLL** and double click on **ALTPLL**.

If the IP catalog is not visible, then right click on the toolbar and select IP catalog.



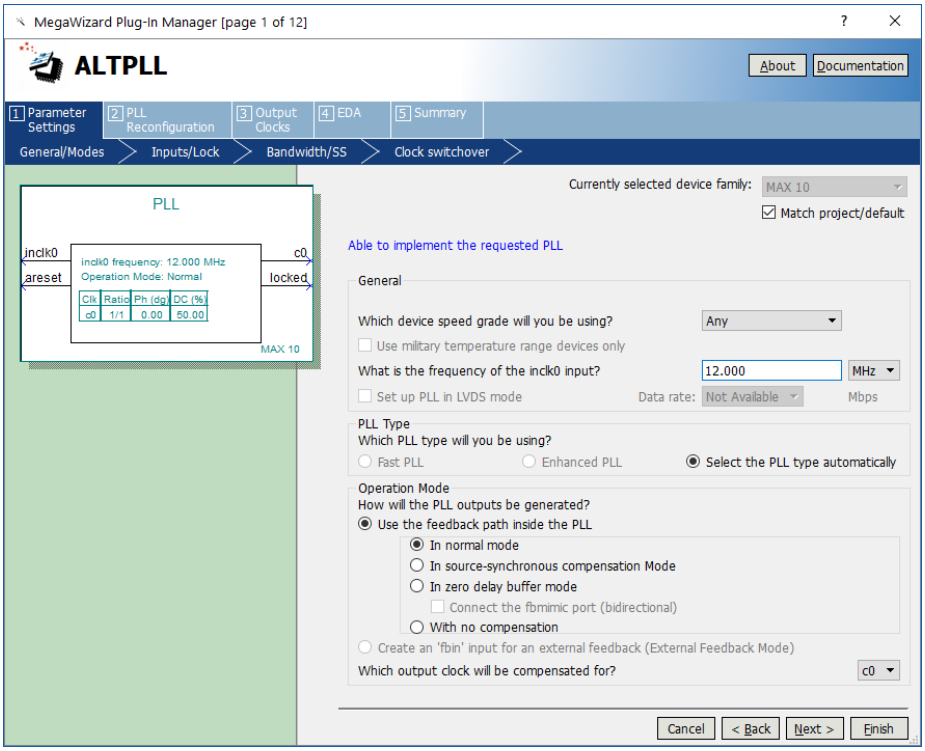
4.2.1.2 On the Save IP Variation window, enter the following information.

- IP variation file name: **<project_directory>/PLL**
- IP variation file type: **VHDL**



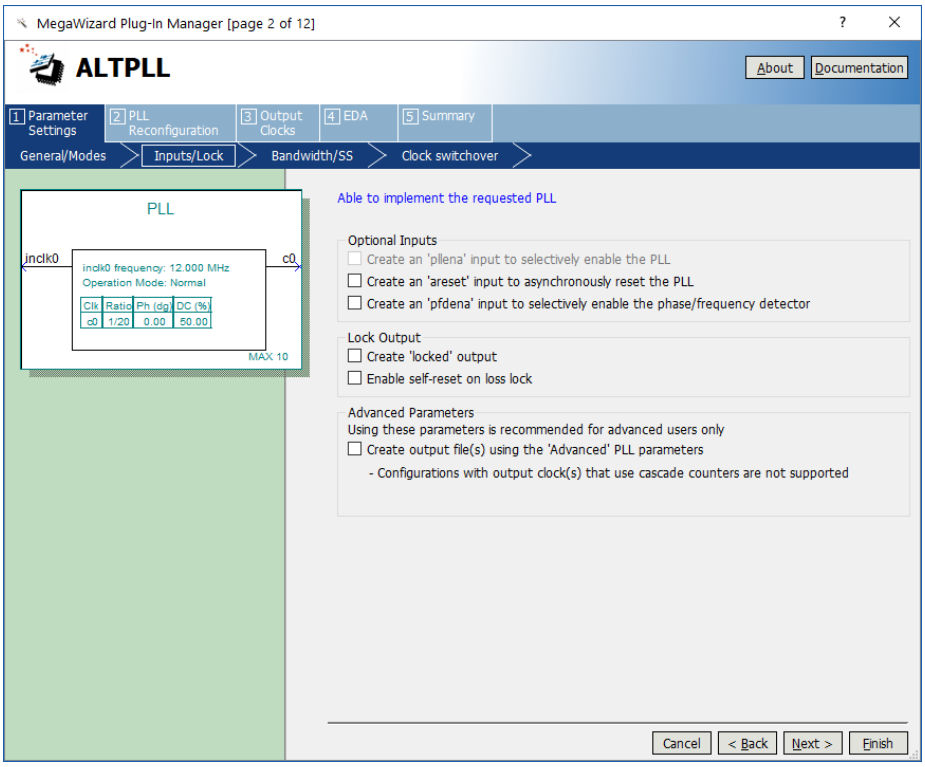
4.2.1.3 Click **OK**.

4.2.1.4 Under General/Modes tab (page 1 of 12) of PLL MegaWizard change the frequency of clock input to **12 MHz.** This source is provided by the internal oscillator in the MAX10 FPGA.



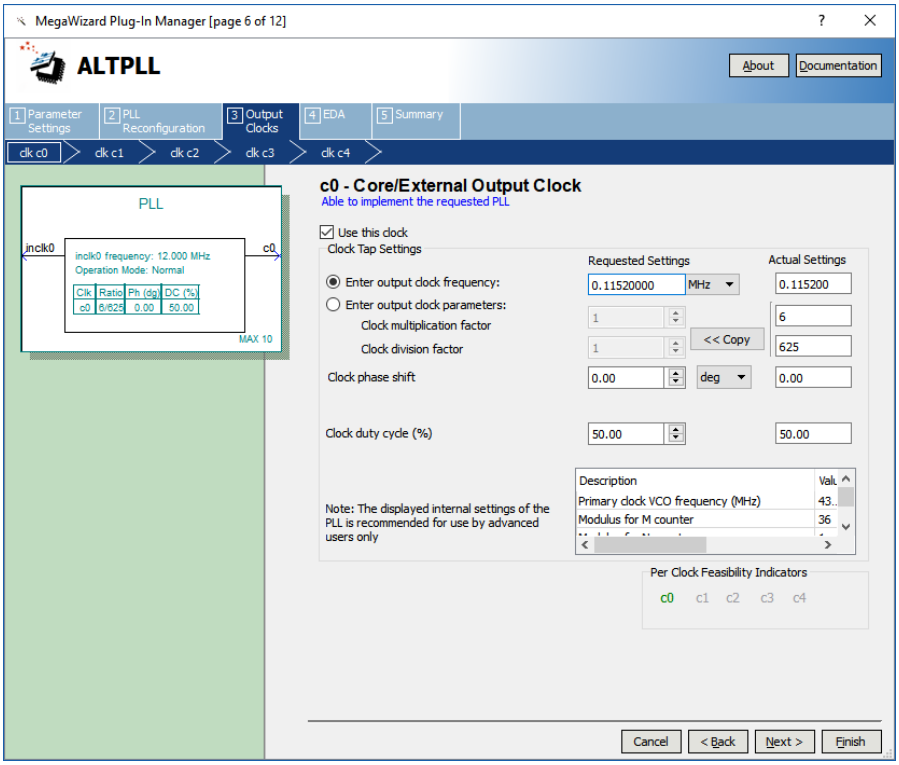
4.2.1.5 Click **Next**.

4.2.1.6 Under Input/Lock tab (page 2 of 12) uncheck ‘areset’ input and locked output option.



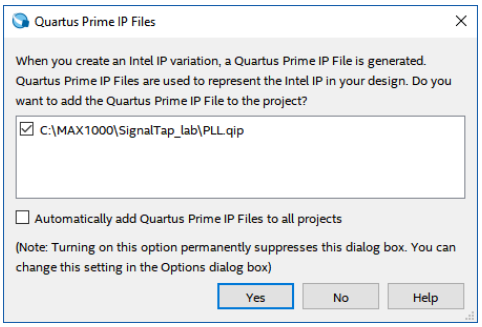
4.2.1.7 Click **Next** until you reach the **Output Clocks** tab (page 6 of 12).

4.2.1.8 Under the clk c0 tab (page 6 of 12) select “Enter output clock frequency” and set **0.1152 MHz**.

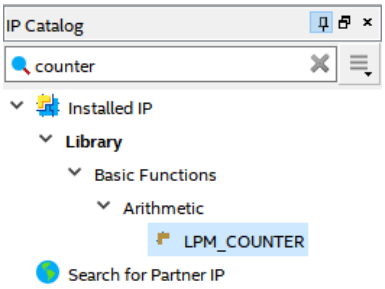


4.2.1.9 Click **Finish.** This will take you to the Summary tab (page 12 of 12). Click **Finish** again to close ALTPLL MegaWizard Manager.

4.2.1.10 In the pop-up Quartus Prime IP Files accept all defaults and click **Yes**.

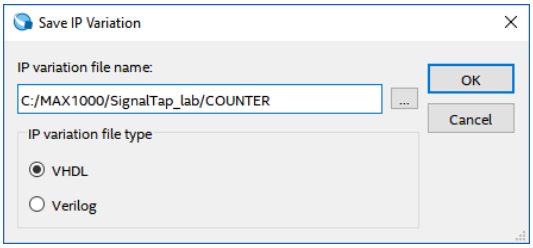


4.2.1.11 In the search bar of IP Catalog, type “counter”, and add **LPM_COUNTER**.



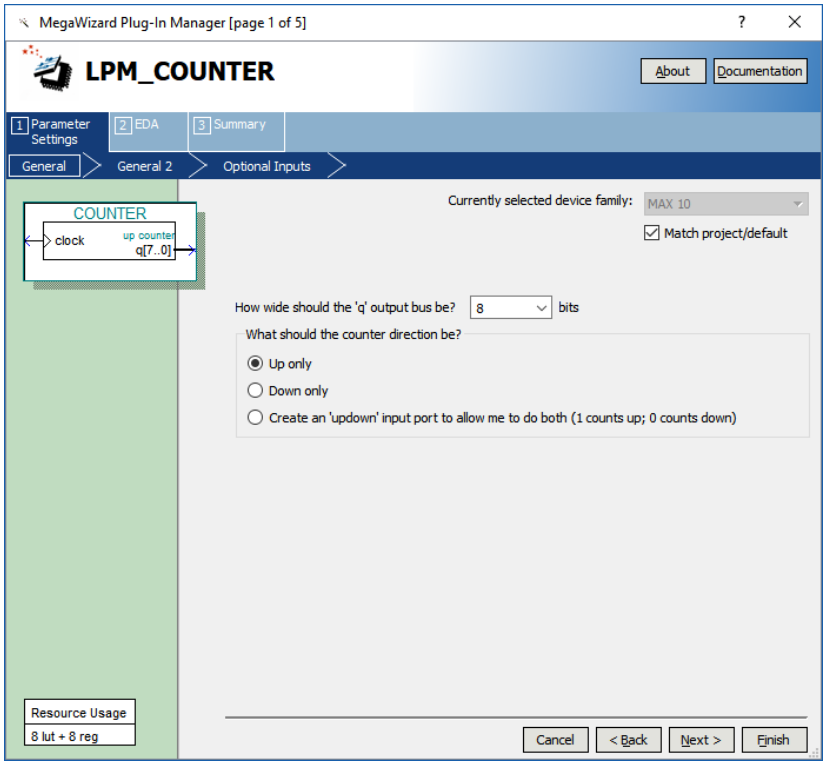
4.2.1.12 On the Save IP Variation window, enter the following information.

- IP variation file name: **<project_directory>/COUNTER**
- IP variation file type: **VHDL**

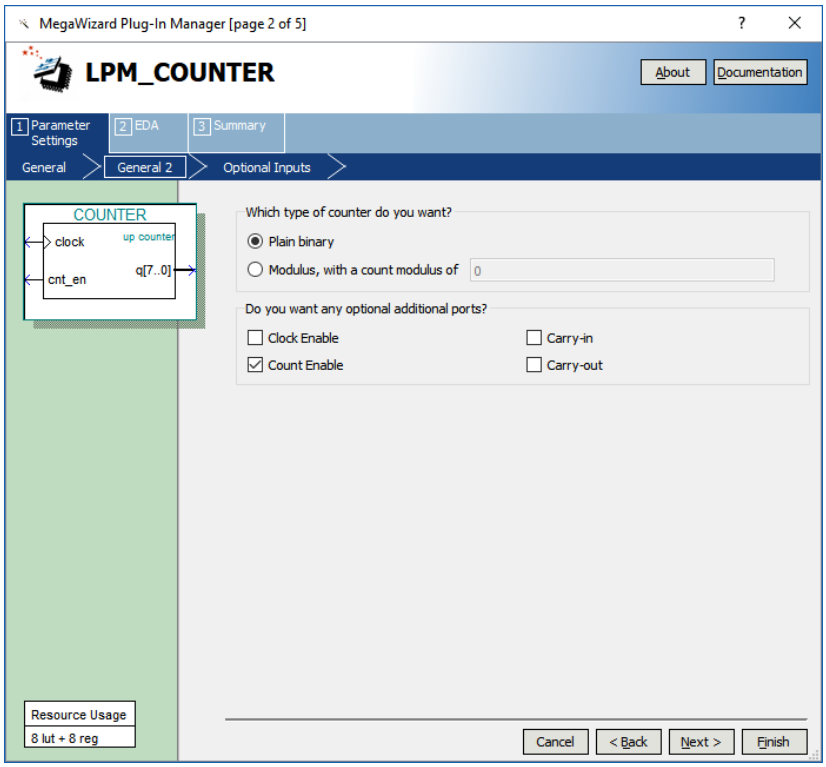


4.2.1.13 Click **OK**.

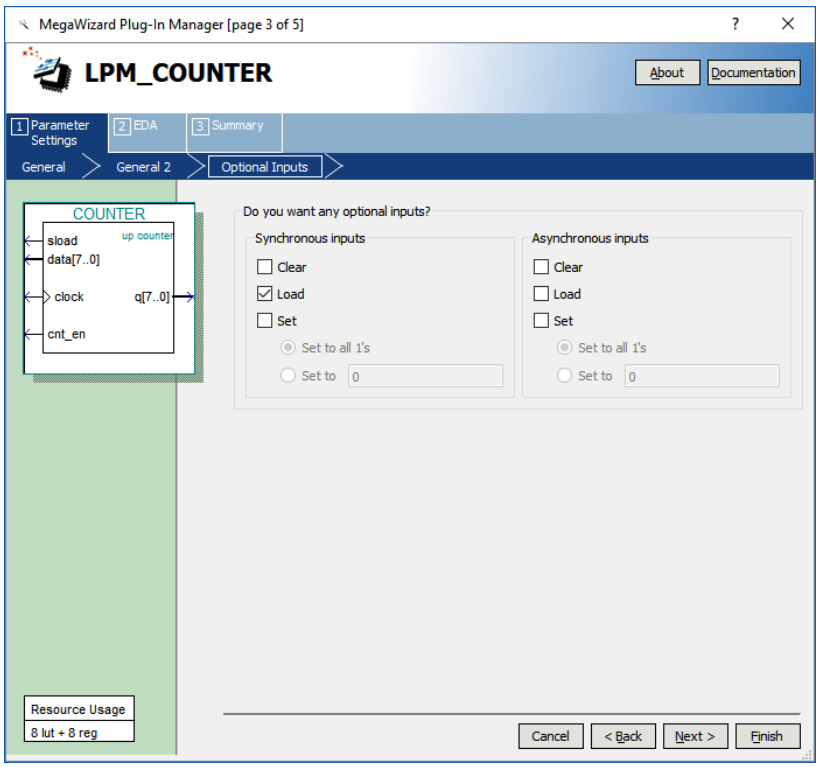
4.2.1.14 On the General Parameter Settings tab (page 1 of 5) accept all defaults and click **Next**.



4.2.1.15 On the General 2 Parameter Settings tab (page 2 of 5) select **Count Enable** and click **Next**.

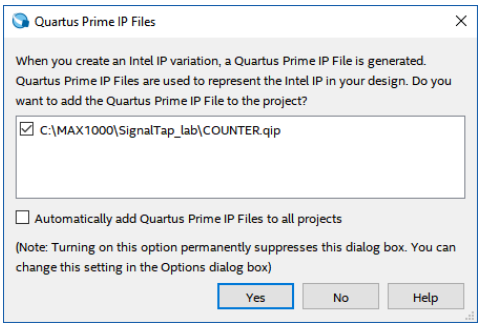


4.2.1.16 On the Optional Inputs tab (page 3 of 5) select **Load**.

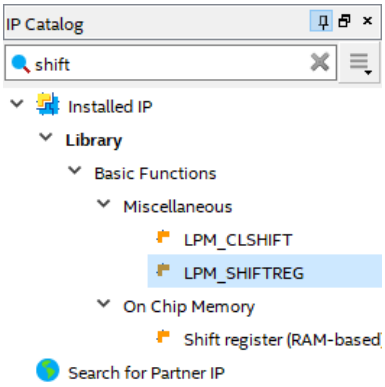


4.2.1.17 Click **Finish**. This will take you to the Summary tab (page 5 of 5). Click **Finish** again to close LPM_COUNTER MegaWizard Manager.

4.2.1.18 In the pop-up Quartus Prime IP Files accept all defaults and click **Yes**.

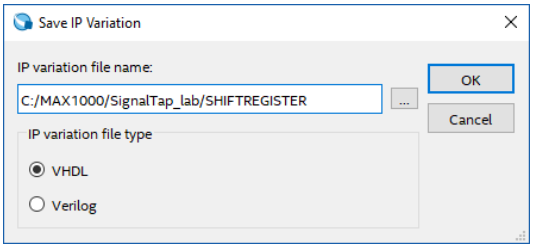


4.2.1.19 In the search bar of IP Catalog, type "shift", and add **LPM_SHIFTREG**.



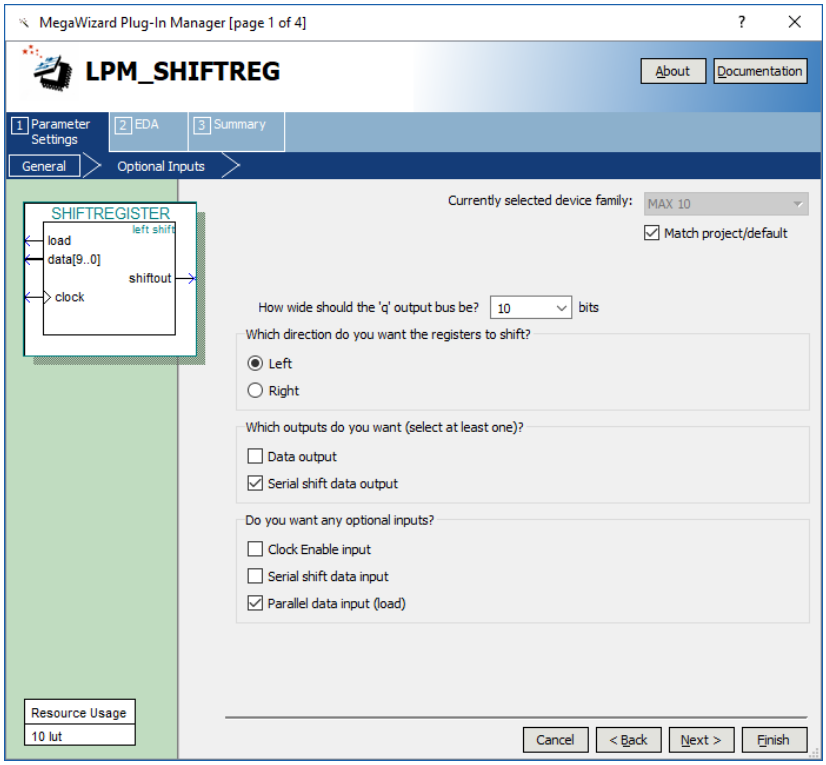
4.2.1.20 On the Save IP Variation window, enter the following information.

- IP variation file name: **<project_directory>/SHIFTREGISTER**
- IP variation file type: **VHDL**



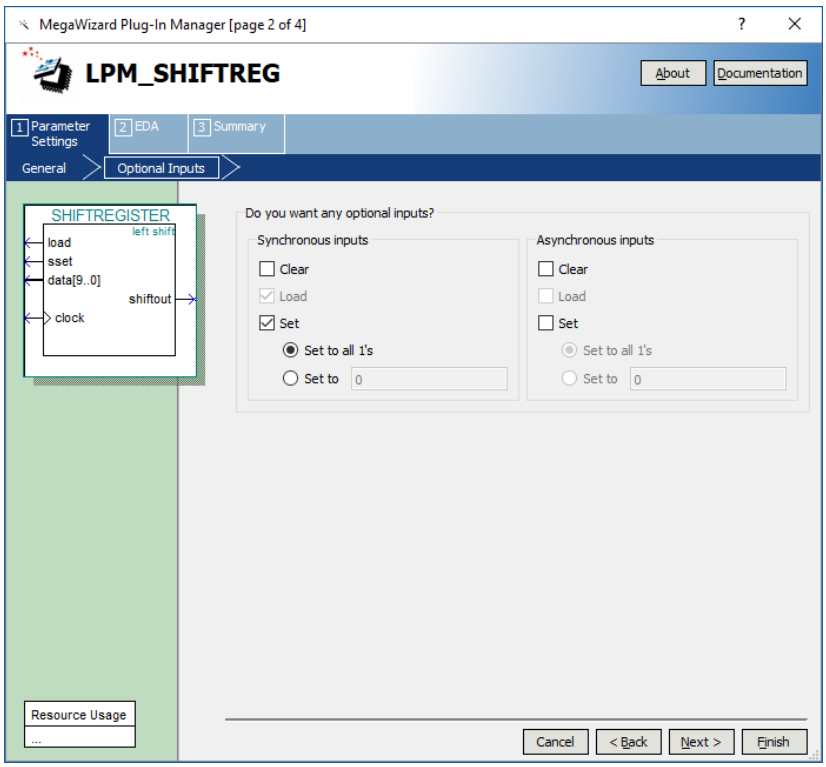
4.2.1.21 Click **OK**.

4.2.1.22 On the General tab (page 1 of 4) set the output pus to **10 bits**. For the outputs only select **Serial shift data output** and for the input only select **Parallel data input**.



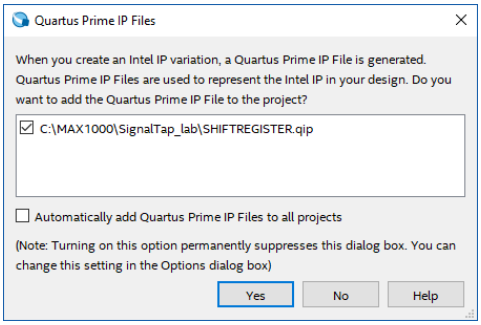
4.2.1.23 Click **Next**.

4.2.1.24 On the Optional Inputs tab (page 2 of 4) only select **Set** for Synchronous inputs.



4.2.1.25 Click **Finish**. This will take you to the Summary tab (page 4 of 4). Click **Finish** again to close LPM_SHIFTREG MegaWizard manager.

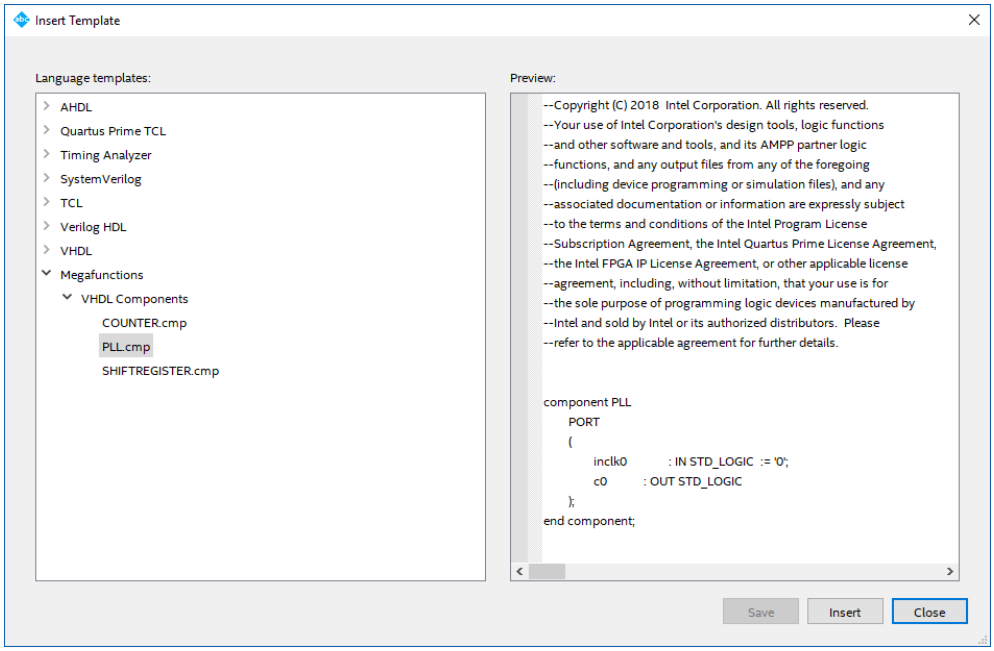
4.2.1.26 In the pop-up Quartus Prime IP Files accept all defaults and click **Yes**.



4.2.1.27 Double click on uart_tx to open top-level entity.

4.2.1.28 Right click in the text editor and select **Insert Template** form the pop-up menu.

4.2.1.29 In the Insert Template window, expand the "Megafunction" and after it the "VHDL Components". The three components that were created can now be seen. Click on **PLL.cmp** to see the template code.



4.2.1.30 Move the cursor where the “PLL component declaration” place is marked in the architecture section of uart_tx.vhd and click **Insert**.
If you want, you can delete the comment lines.

```
44  signal iCLK       : std_logic;
45  signal iCTRL      : std_logic := '0';
46  signal iDATACNT   : std_logic_vector(7 downto 0);
47  signal iDATASHFT  : std_logic_vector(0 to 7);
48
49
50  ------------------------------------------------------------------
51  --                                                              --
52  --                  PLL COMPONENT DECLARATION                   --
53  --                                                              --
54  ------------------------------------------------------------------
55
56
57  component PLL
58     PORT
59     (
60        inclk0      : IN STD_LOGIC  := '0';
61        c0    : OUT STD_LOGIC
62     );
63  end component;
64
65
66  ------------------------------------------------------------------
67  --                                                              --
68  --               COUNTER COMPONENT DECLARATION                  --
69  --                                                              --
70  ------------------------------------------------------------------
71
72
73  ------------------------------------------------------------------
74  --                                                              --
75  --            SHIFT REGISTER COMPONENT DECLARATION              --
76  --                                                              --
77  ------------------------------------------------------------------
78
79
80  begin
81
82
83     clock : PLL
84     port map(inclk0 => CLK,
85              c0 => iCLK);
86
```

4.2.1.31 Repeat these steps with COUNTER.cmp and SHIFTREGISTER.cmp.

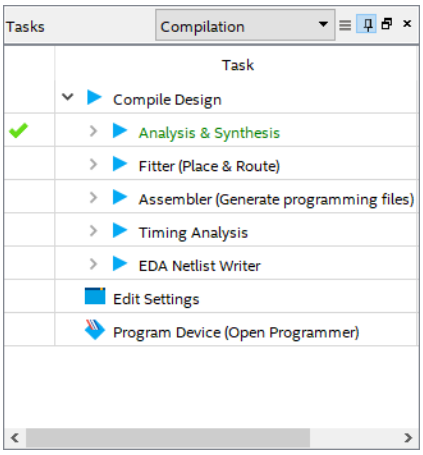
4.2.1.32 If you inserted all three components declaration into the source code, **close** Insert Template window.

4.2.1.33 Save your design by clicking on  button or select **File → Save** from the menu.

4.2.2 Analysis and Synthesis

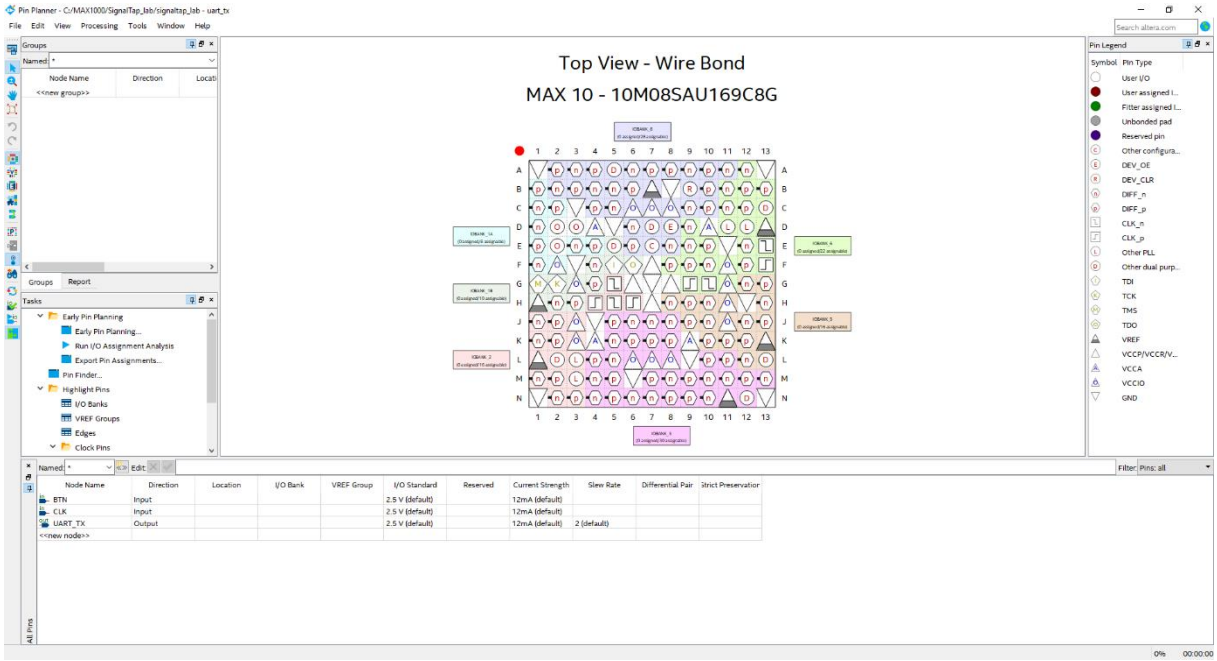
4.2.2.1 Run Analysis and Synthesis by clicking on button on the toolbars, or **Processing → Start → Analysis and Synthesis**.

There should be no errors. If there are errors, they should be fixed before continuing. If there are no errors the compilation task windows should look like this:



4.2.3 Pin Assignments

4.2.3.1 Open **Pin Planner** by clicking on button on the toolbars, or **Assignments → Pin Planner**.



4.2.3.2 In the bottom table, type **PIN_H6** in Location column of the CLK.

Node Name	Direction	Location	I/O Bank	VREF Group	I/O Standard	Reserved	Current Strength	Slew Rate	Differential Pair	Strict Preservation
BTN	Input				2.5 V (default)		12mA (default)			
CLK	Input	PIN_H6	2	B2_N0	2.5 V (default)		12mA (default)			
UART_TX	Output				2.5 V (default)		12mA (default)	2 (default)		
<<new node>>										

4.2.3.3 Repeat the previous step with the following assignments:

Node Name	Pin Location
BTN	PIN_E6
UART_TX	PIN_H8

4.2.3.4 Double click in the I/O Standard column of BTN to open a drop-down list and change the 2.5V (default) to **3.3 V Schmitt Trigger**.

4.2.3.5 Change the I/O Standard of CLK and UART_TX to **3.3-V LVTTL**.

Node Name	Direction	Location	I/O Bank	VREF Group	I/O Standard	Reserved	Current Strength	Slew Rate	Differential Pair	Strict Preservation
BTN	Input	PIN_E6	8	B8_N0	3.3 V Schmitt Trigger		8mA (default)			
CLK	Input	PIN_H6	2	B2_N0	3.3-V LVTTL		8mA (default)			
UART_TX	Output	PIN_H8	5	B5_N0	3.3-V LVTTL		8mA (default)	2 (default)		
<<new node>>										

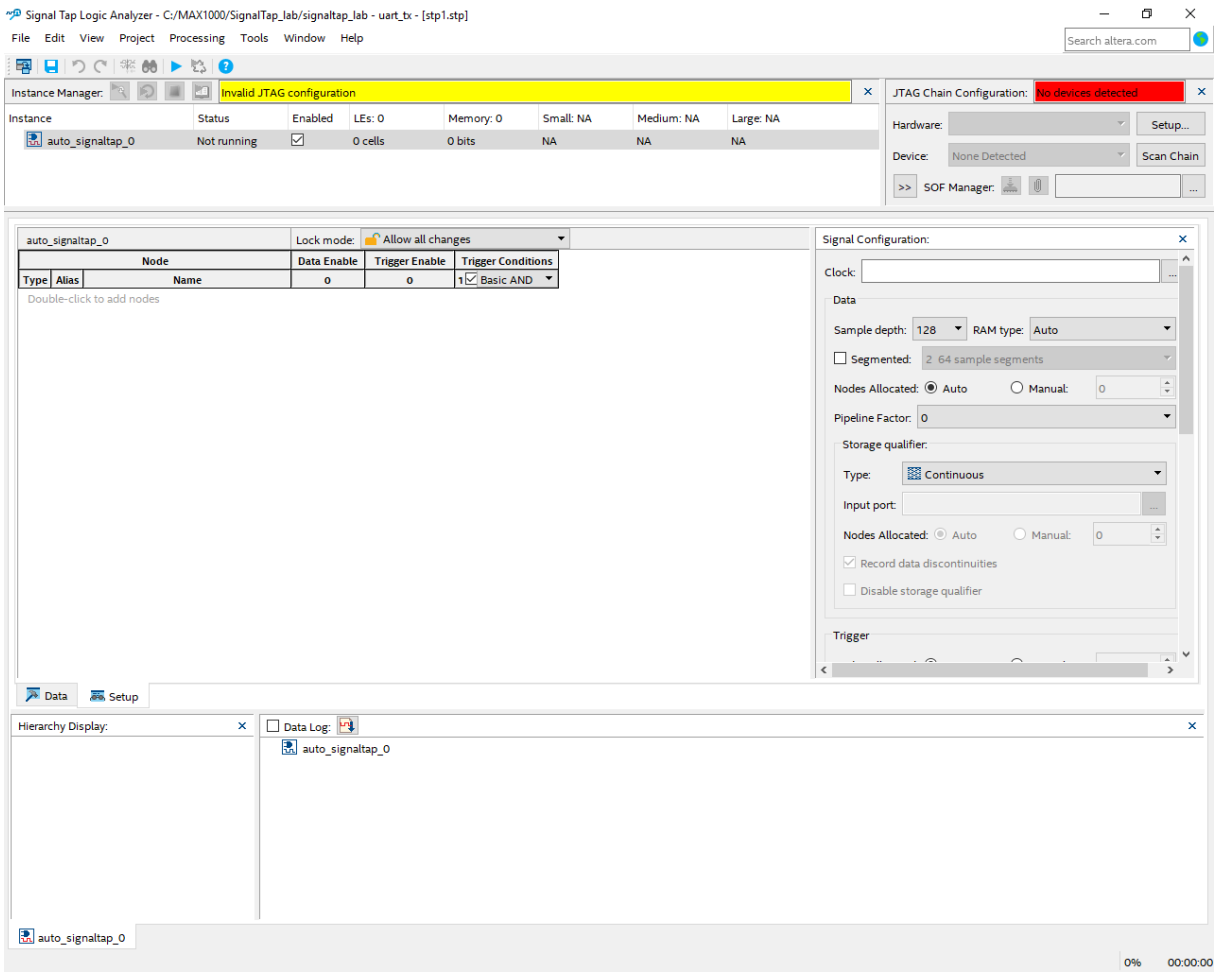
4.2.3.6 **Close** the Pin Planner, the settings are automatically saved.

4.3 Analysis

Overview: In this module you will setup the SignalTap II environment and run it on your MAX1000 board.

4.3.1 SignalTap setup

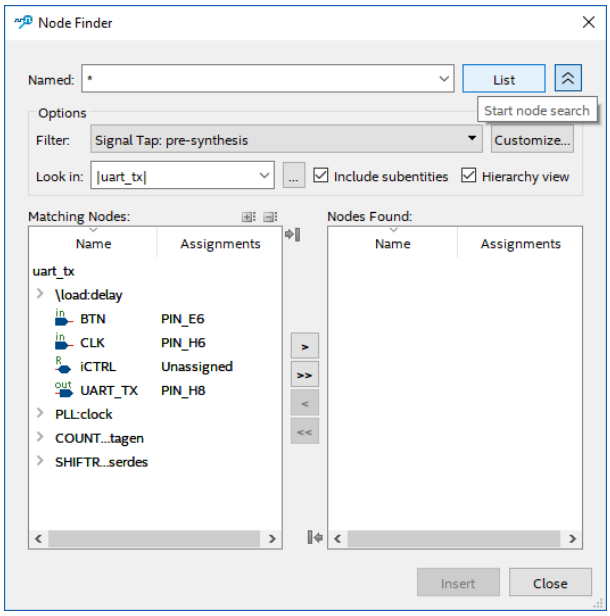
4.3.1.1 In the Quartus Prime, select in the menu **Tools → Signal Tap Logic Analyzer**.



4.3.1.2 Right click on the auto_signaltap_0 instance and select **Rename Instance** from the pop-up menu. Rename it to **uart_interface**.

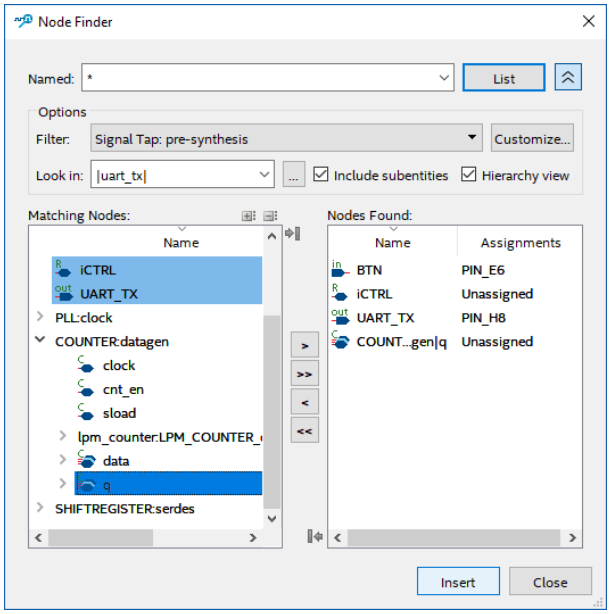
4.3.1.3 Double click in the Setup tab to add nodes.

4.3.1.4 In the Node Finder select **Signal Tap: pre-synthesis** for the Filter and click on **List**.



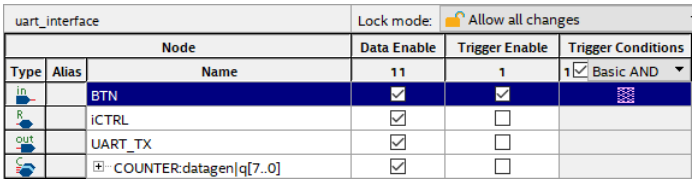
4.3.1.5 Select **BTN, iCTRL** and **UART_TX** and click on > button.

4.3.1.6 Expand "COUNTER:datagen" and select **q** node group. Click on > button.

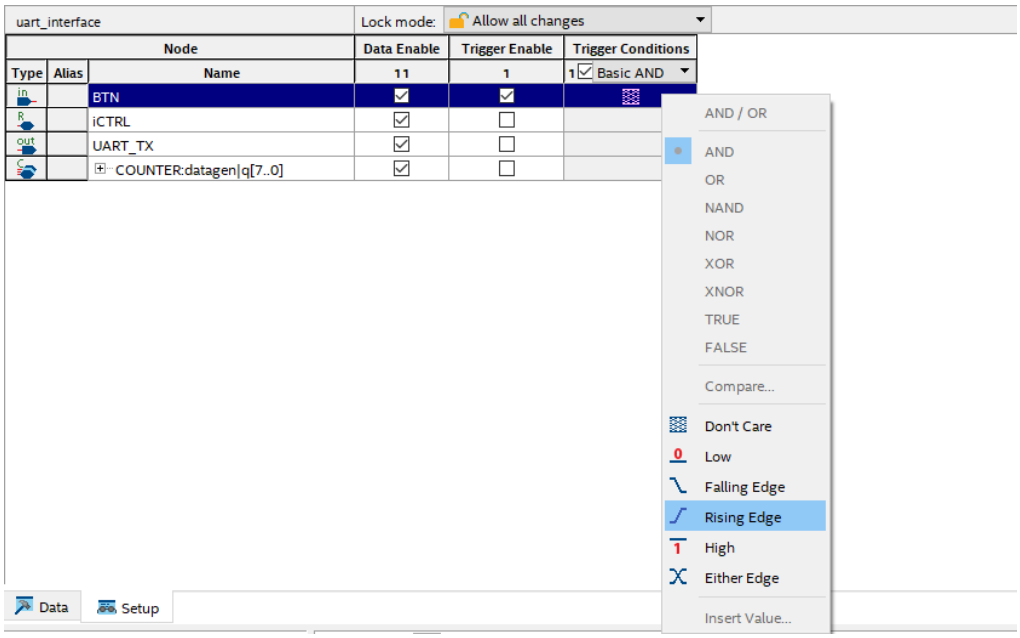


4.3.1.7 Click **Insert** and **close** the Node Finder window.

4.3.1.8 Only leave Trigger Enable for BTN and uncheck it for the other nodes.



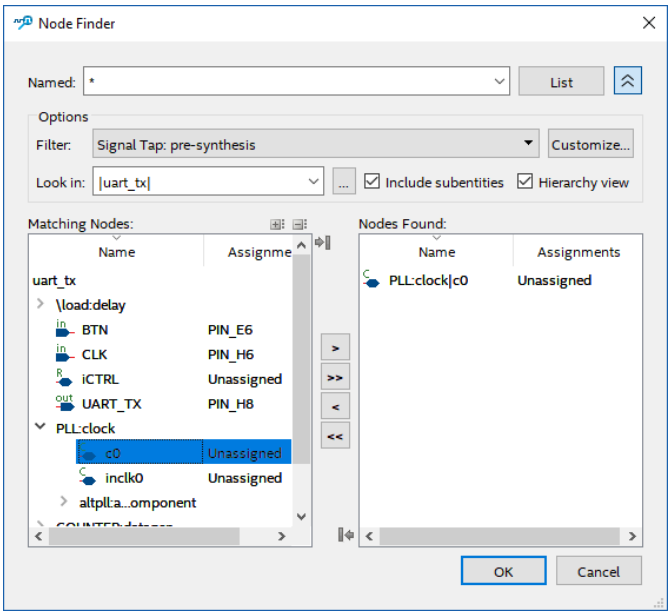
4.3.1.9 Right click in the Trigger Conditions cell of BTN and select **Rising Edge**.



4.3.1.10 In the Signal Configuration window on the right side, click on the ... button to browse the clock signal.

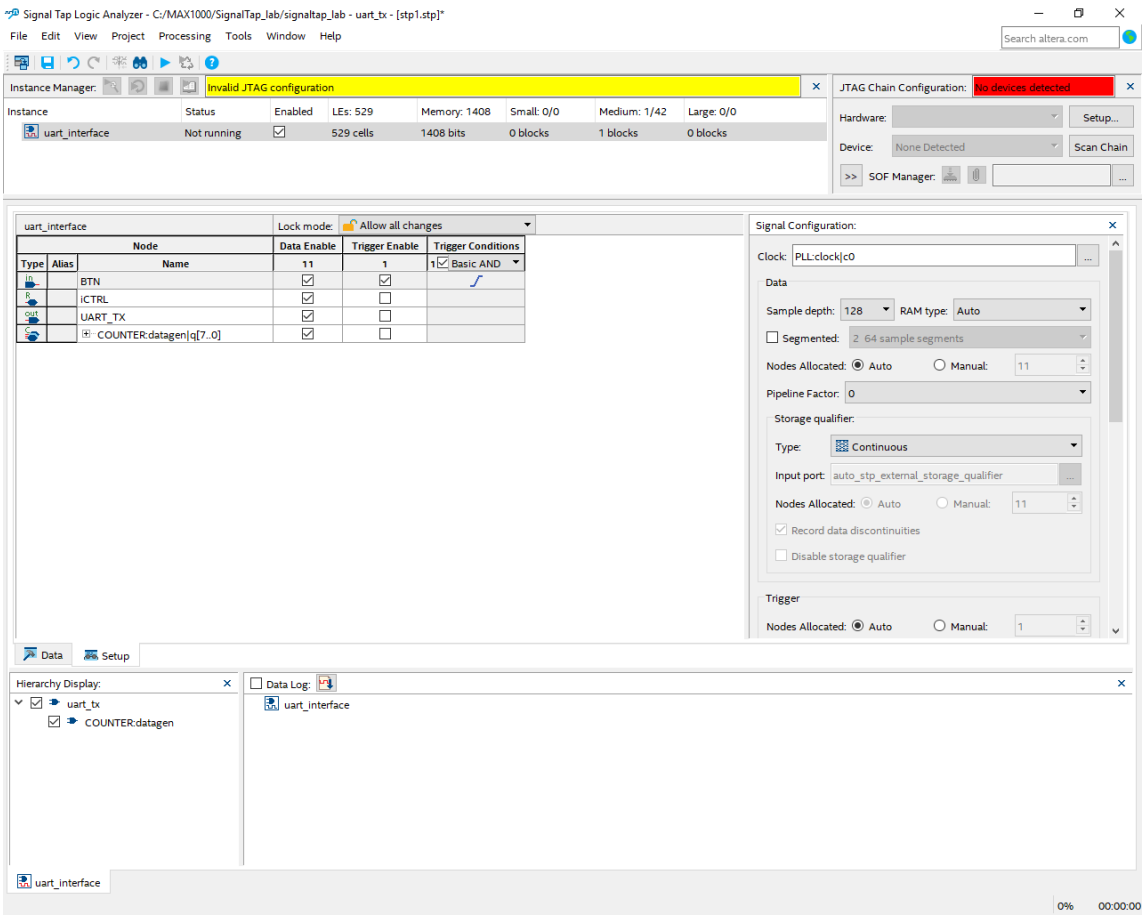
4.3.1.11 In the Node Finder window, make sure, that the Signal Tap: pre-synthesis is selected for the Filter, and click on the **List** button.

4.3.1.12 In the Matching Nodes window expand “PLL:clock” and select **c0**. Click on > button.



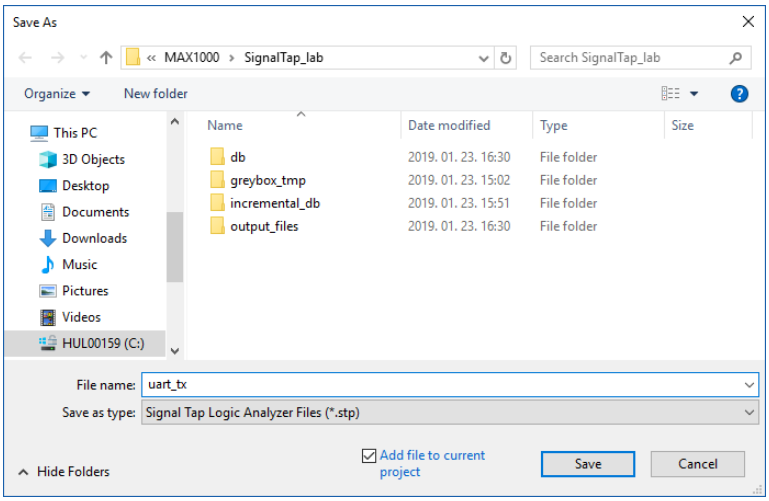
4.3.1.13 Click **OK** to close window.

4.3.1.14 Leave the other parameters of Signal Configuration by default.
After you have set the nodes, you should look the following settings:



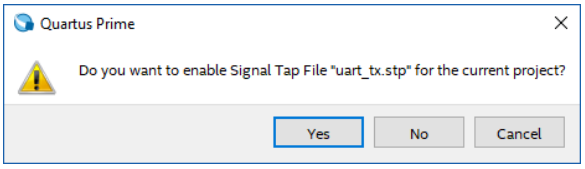
4.3.1.15 Save the analyzer setting by clicking on button or **File → Save** and enter the following information:

- File name: **uart_tx**
- Save as type: **Signal Tap Logic Analyzer Files (*.stp)**
- Make sure that "**Add file to current project**" option is checked.



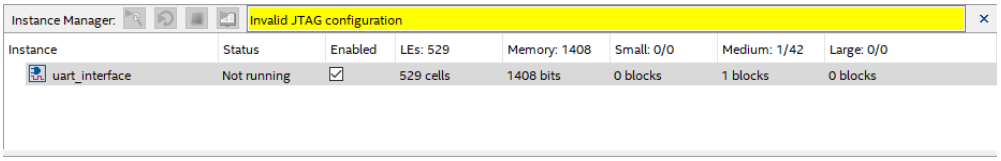
4.3.1.16 Click **Save**.

4.3.1.17 In the Quartus Prime pop-up window click **Yes** to add this file to the current project.



4.3.2 Compiling the Design

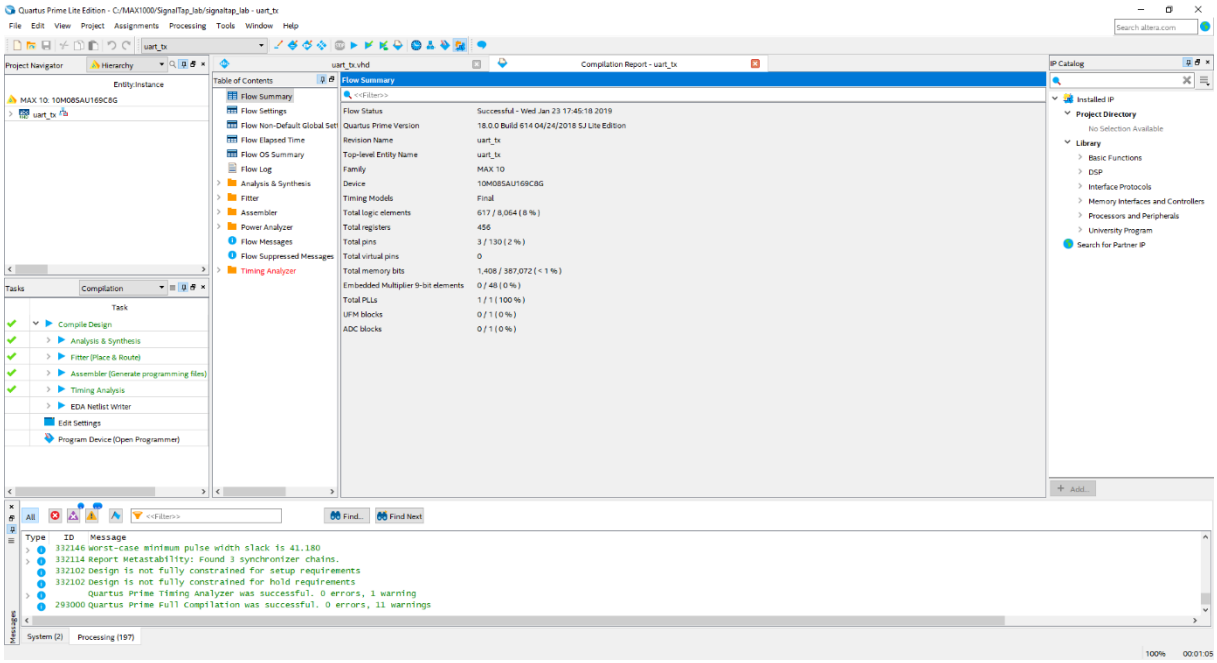
4.3.2.1 Before the compilation, make sure, that uart_interface instance is enabled in SignalTap.



4.3.2.2 Start Compilation by clicking on button on the toolbars, or **Processing → Start Compilation**.

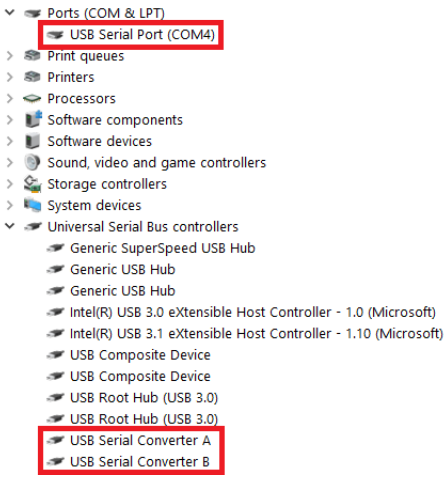
This process is also available in SignalTap not only in Quartus. Use one that is more comfortable for you.

There should be no errors. If there are errors, they should be fixed before re-compilating. The 100% in the lower right corner or a green checkmark next to the Compile Design in the Compilation task window indicates that the compilation was successful.

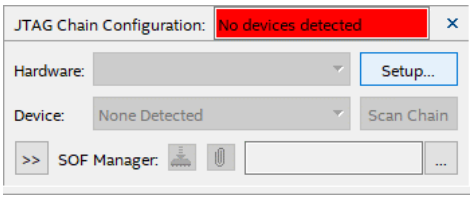


4.3.3 Configuration

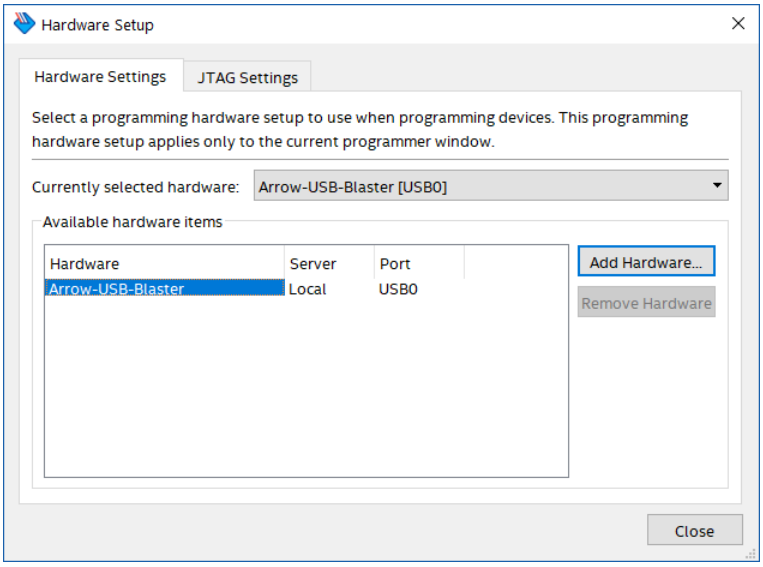
4.3.3.1 Connect your MAX1000 board to your PC using an USB cable. Since the Arrow USB Blaster should be already installed, the Window's Device Manager should display the following entries are highlighted in red (port number may differ depending on your PC):



4.3.3.2 Open the SignalTap window and click on the **Setup…** button in the top right corner.

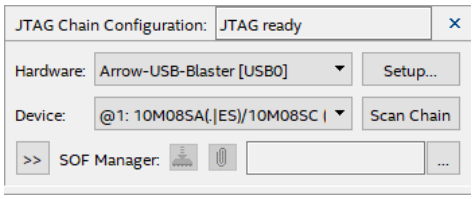


4.3.3.3 Double click **Arrow-USB-Blaster** entry in the Hardware Setup tab. The Currently selected hardware should now show Arrow-USB-Blaster [USB0] (depending on your PC, the USB port number may variant).



4.3.3.4 Click **Close**.

4.3.3.5 The hardware configuration window should be updated as follows.

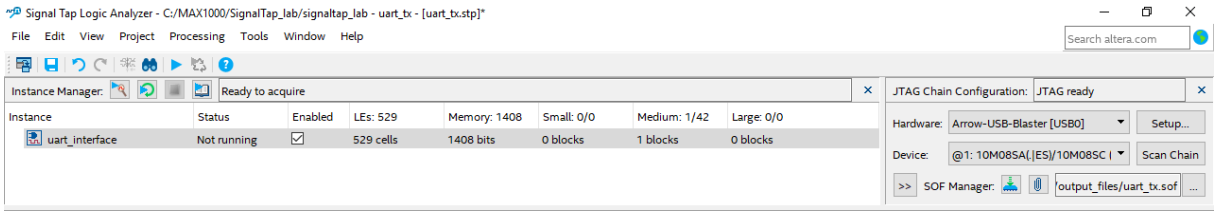


4.3.3.6 Click on ... button to choose the programming file.

4.3.3.7 Navigate to **<project_directory>/output_files/** and select the **uart_tx.sof** file.

4.3.3.8 Click **Open**.

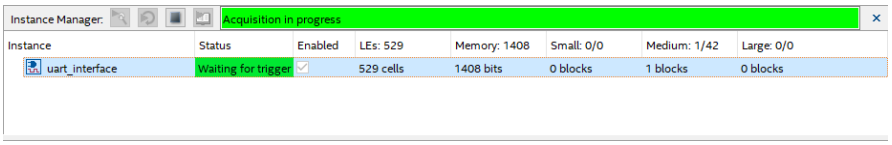
4.3.3.9 Click on  button to program the board. When the configuration is complete, the message box in the middle should write “Ready to acquire”.



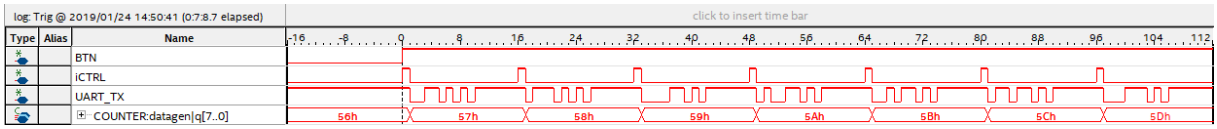
4.3.4 Analyze the design

4.3.4.1 Click on  button to run analysis. When you pressed it, the status of uart_interface instance should change to “Waiting for trigger”.

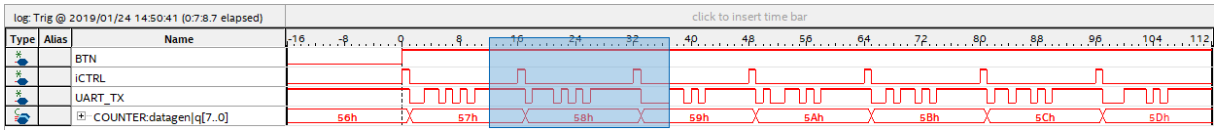
This analyzer type is a single acquisition, it runs only once after triggering.



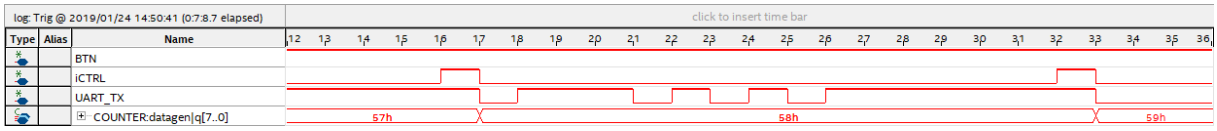
4.3.4.2 Press the user button on MAX1000 board to generate a trigger signal for the analyzer. The trigger is the rising edge of the BTN, so the analyzing will start when you release the button.



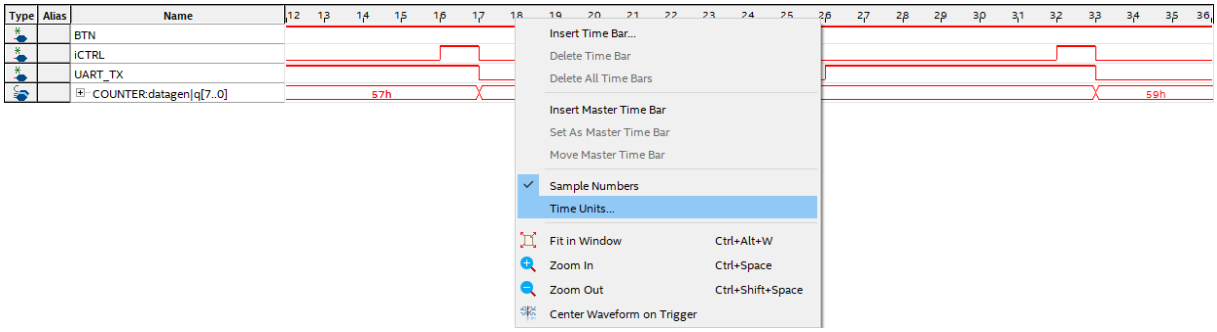
4.3.4.3 You can zoom into the waveform by selecting the section of the examination by mouse.



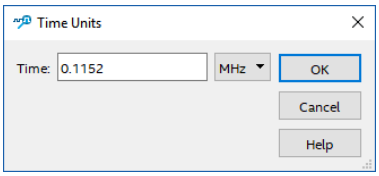
4.3.4.4 On the data screen you can see that the data is enabled on the rising edge of iCLK and it sends the data to the serial UART_TX output. The transmission signal contains a start bit, 8 bits data, starting with LSB, and one stop bit.



4.3.4.5 On the timescale the default setup is the sample numbers, where each number represents a clock period. You can change it by right click on the timescale and select **Time Units…** from the pop-up menu.



4.3.4.6 In the Time Units window set the time to **0.1152 MHz** and press **OK**. After this process you can check the waveforms with horizontal µs scale.



4.3.5 Design modification

4.3.5.1 In Quartus Prime search "**datagen : COUNTER"** component instantiation in the architecture section of uart_tx-vhd after the word 'begin'. Modify the counter enable and synchronous load in the port map to:

```
cnt_en => '1',
sload => '0',
```

```
104  begin
105
106
107     clock : PLL
108     port map(inclk0 => CLK,
109              c0 => iCLK);
110
111
112     datagen : COUNTER
113     port map(clock => iCLK,
114              cnt_en => '1',
115              data => x"56",
116              sload => '0',
117              q => iDATACNT);
118
119
120     serdes : SHIFTREGISTER
```

4.3.5.2 Save the modification by clicking on button or select **File → Save** from the menu.

4.3.6 Recompilation and reconfiguration

4.3.6.1 Start Compilation by clicking on  button on the toolbars, or **Processing → Start Compilation**.

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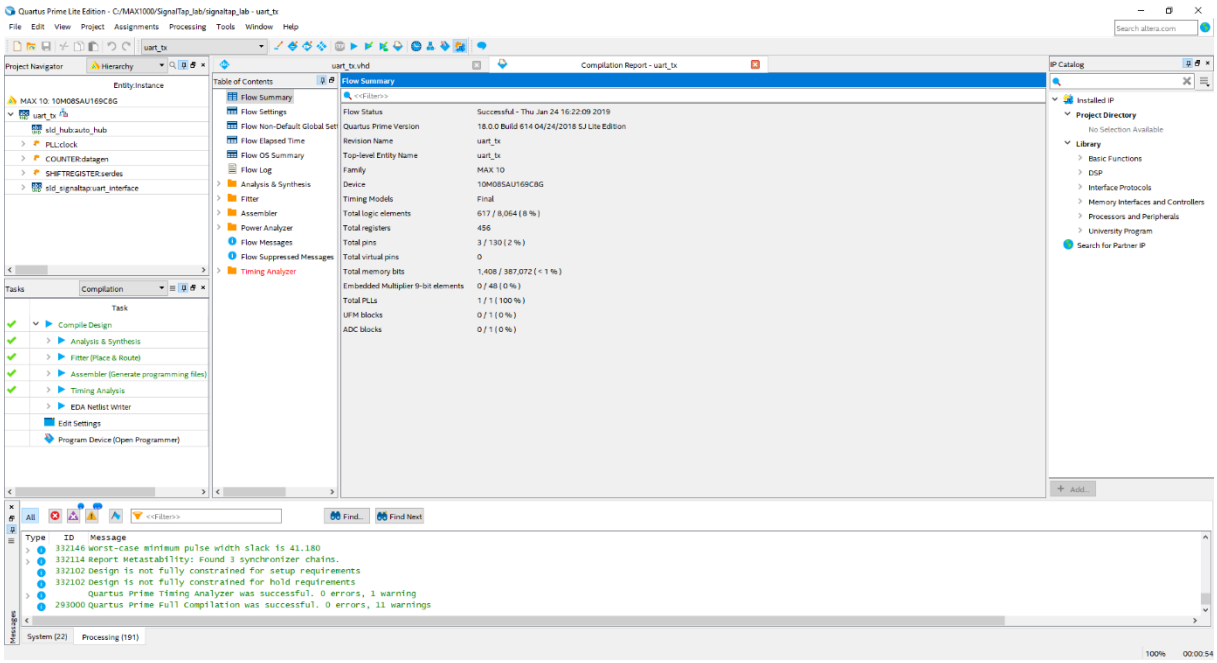
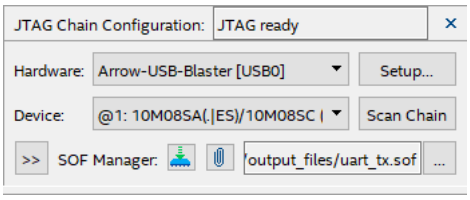
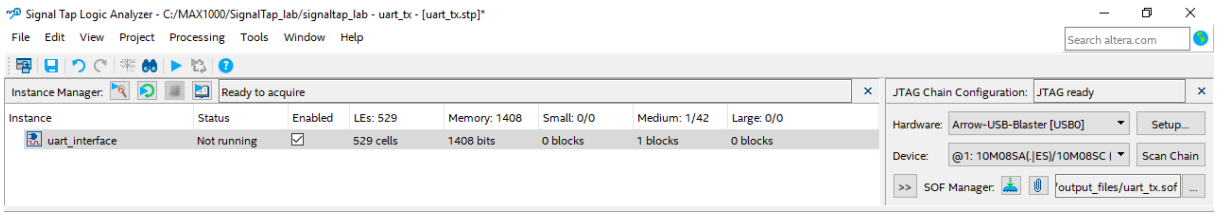


4.3.6.2 Open the SignalTap window and make sure, that the hardware, device and the SOF manager have not changed.



4.3.6.3 Click on  button to program the board. You do not need to browse again the configuration file, because after the reconfiguration it updates automatically.

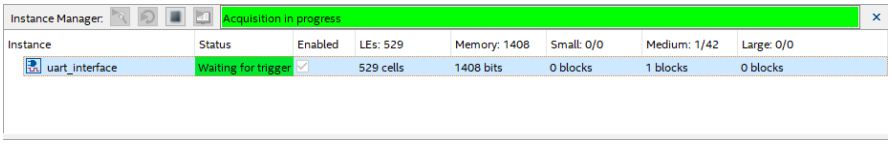
When the configuration is complete, the message box in the middle should write “Ready to acquire”.



4.3.7 Analyze the design

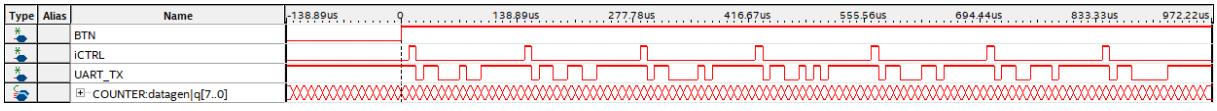
4.3.7.1 Click on  button to run analysis. When you pressed it, the status of uart_interface instance should change to “Waiting for trigger”.

This is the running mode of the analyzer, it runs until you stop it and refresh the waveform on every triggering.



4.3.7.2 Press the user button on MAX1000 board to generate a trigger signal for the analyzer. The trigger is the rising edge of the BTN, so the analyzing will start when you release the button.

Please note, because of the free running, you could have different data on the counter and accordingly, the UART signal may differ.



4.3.7.3 Zoom into the waveform and press the user button on MAX1000 board several times to see, how the autorun analysis work.

4.3.7.4 Click on  button to stop the analysis.

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE SIGNALTAP LAB!

5 Revision History

Version	Change Log	Date of Change
V1.0	Initial Version	24/01/2019

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