

## Kirk Weedman

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- Design Engineer with a proven track record to define and develop digital systems (boards, SoC FPGAs both large and small, etc.) as well as creation of specifications and documentation.
- 20+ yrs experience designing Verilog RTL, behavioral models for functional simulation, synthesis, place & route, functional testing and debugging.
- Ability to work entirely alone, or with others, or as a HW lead.

### EXPERIENCE:

#### Physio-Control/Stryker: Nov 2017 – Present

Improving a design by removing Clock Domain Crossings, Reset Domain Crossings and Re-convergence issues. Using Mentor graphics tools such as Questa CDC/qverify.

#### HDL Express: CPU micro-architect design

- Invented new algorithm (TIP Algorithm) for dynamic instruction scheduling (not Tomasulo or Scoreboarding type methods). Concurrently designing a new Out of Order CPU micro-architecture based upon the new algorithm and using the RISC-V, RV-32IM ISA. Started guiding several interns from various universities to help part time on this new design starting in Aug. 2017
- Verilog/System Verilog RTL design of a new Out of Order CPU implementing the new invented method.
- Invented a new method to eliminate the need of using branch prediction logic for certain types of pipelined CPUs. This method is working in simulation as of Jan. 2016. The emphasis here is that it eliminates mispredictions – there will never be a misprediction and there will be no delay in taking/not taking a branch.

#### InnovAsic: March/April 2015

- Created FPGA logic to demonstrate the ability of doing SIMON encryption/decryption of Ethernet packet data.

#### HDL Express: Oct 2014 - March 2015

- Learning to use Xilinx Platform Studio to integrate Xilinx peripherals with a MicroBlaze CPU as well as setting up the SDK.
- Designing a new pipelined custom 16 bit cpu.

#### Ossia: Redmond, WA Oct. 2012 – Oct 2014

Design, simulation, test bench creation & verification, debugging, etc. of two different Xilinx Spartan 6 FPGAs. Design included I2C, SPI, and a custom serial comm. over M-LVDS with up to 32 drops with bi-dir comm. between the FPGAs as well as many other types of custom state machines, logic & IP for the FPGAs. For one of the FPGAs I designed a custom 16 bit Harvard type arch. CPU/Microcontroller with one of the FPGAs running 32 instances of it. Also designed/wrote an assembler for the CPU (with high level extensions such as nested IF/ELSE, WHILE) using Flex/Bison. Used ModelSim 10.1c, Xilinx ISE 14.7, Flex & Bison, C low level interface (to FPGA) programming, as well as using the custom assembler I created to design the code used on the custom CPU in the FPGA. Also briefly used Microsemi FPGA tools and Xojo devel.

#### Western Digital: Longmont, CO

April & May, 2012

Helped bring up a new Cadence Rapid Prototyping Platform for hardware based simulation/acceleration.

#### Microsoft: Redmond, WA

July 2010 – Aug 12, 2011

See [www.surface.com](http://www.surface.com) Verilog FPGA design/RTL, debugging and test. Design included on screen display graphics overlay as well as temporal and ambient correction of the “pixel sense”, I2C, SPI, and custom interfaces. Debugging and test included many changes/fixes to all areas of code. This design was for a Xilinx Spartan 6. Tools: Xilinx ISE 13.1, Blue Pearl Verilog analysis tools, Chipscope, Microsoft Source Depot Browser, and QuestaSim.

#### [www.OPENHPSDR.ORG](http://www.OPENHPSDR.ORG)

Nov 2008 – April 2010

see [http://openhpsdr.org/wiki/index.php?title=HPSDRwiki:Community\\_Portal](http://openhpsdr.org/wiki/index.php?title=HPSDRwiki:Community_Portal)

and <http://openhpsdr.org/wiki/index.php?title=Verilog>

- Verilog RTL & Behavior design, synthesis, simulation, timing analysis/closure, place & route, functional verification and debugging for a software defined radio (0 - 61 MHz)
- Altera Quartus 8.0/8.1/9.0, ModelSimSE 6.4, Tortoise SVN version control for code backup. etc.
- I/Q data generation using a cordic algorithm and N stage Decimating CIC filters in Verilog RTL
- Verilog RTL I2S data transfers design, multiple clock domains. FIFO IP integration for data transfers between domains. Also teaching a Verilog course. See [verilog.openhpsdr.org](http://verilog.openhpsdr.org) to download my class videos, etc..

**Teseda** Portland, Oregon.

Jan 2003 - Feb 2008

**Title:** Senior Hardware Design Engineer

**FPGA Design: Responsible for all large FPGA designs from architect, design, simulation, etc.. to production**

- Verilog RTL & Behavioral design, synthesis, timing analysis/closure, place & route, functional verification and debugging for a new DFT Tester
- Multiple clock domain designs – without metastability & CDC (clock domain crossing) issues
- DDR2 (216 bit wide) IP integration with a memory interface at 200Mhz
- 400Mhz I/O using DDR flops
- Virtex 2, 4, & 5 design/debugging experience - Xilinx XC2V200 & XC5VLX110 FPGA designs in Verilog RTL code.
- ModelSimSE 6.1, Xilinx ISE versions 6 - 10.1 & Chipscope experience
- FPGA DLL based designs

**Contract Engineering work.**

March 2001 – Dec 2002

**Title:** Contract Design Engineer

- Taught Verilog language classes to Nortel engineers in Ottawa Canada.
- Verilog RTL & Behavioral design for Teseda (a new startup company) – see above.

**Xerox/Tektronix Inc.,** Wilsonville, Oregon.

April 1992 - March 2001

**Title:** Senior Hardware/Software Design Engineer

**FPGA Design:**

Responsibilities:

- RTL & Behavioral Verilog code for FPGA & ASIC designs.
- Verilog Functional Simulation/Verification of designs.
- Post-layout (back-annotated) Verilog simulation & timing analysis/closure
- PCB design to support FPGA or ASIC development.
- Conversion of FPGAs to ASICs.
- Detailed Register Level documentation of FPGAs or ASICs

**Hardware Design:**

- Board-level design and electrical specifications.
- Design of RISC based microprocessor controllers
- Cadence tools for design entry under Sun UNIX OS.
- Design, validation and test of printed circuit boards.
- Coordinated engineers in design projects.

**Firmware Design**

- Low level software drivers, 8 bit embedded firmware & low level drivers

**EMC:**

- EMC testing and certification for CISPR22 and FCC B. PCB design for EMC compliance.

**Various tools used:** Cadence Verilog XL, Cadence Concept, Synopsis, Synplicity, Altera MaxplusII, Xilinx, Atmel AVR, various Microprocessors, etc.

**Mannesmann Tally, Kent WA**

1/88 - 4/92

Responsibility:

- Co-design of an ASIC. Hardware Logic/State Machine Design – PALS and in RTL for ASIC.
- RTL Synthesis, Simulation, Test and Verification of part of an ASIC. Design of Microprocessor based Printer Controller.

**Telex Computer Products Tulsa, OK**

1/87 - 12/87

- Token Ring Support Software – C and 80x86 assembly. Taught C Programming Class at Tulsa Junior College.

**Flight Safety International Tulsa, OK**

5/84 - 1/87

- Wrote Simulation S/W for an aircraft simulator using C & 68000 Assembly Language, Design, Modeling and Simulation SW (C & 68K assembly) for a Radar Simulator. Designed a 68000 based personal computer including BIOS and I/O drivers for CPM 68K OS.

**Teltronics Lakeland, FL**

2/83 - 5/84

- Designed a tone-to-pulse converter for use in telephone central office. Analog audio filter designs – passive & active designs

**References:** available on request

**Additional Information:**

- **Job title:** Engineering - Hardware / Software  
**Years of experience:** 30+  
**Education Level:** BSEE – Walla Walla University 1983  
**Relocation:** as needed at no cost  
**Citizenship:** United States