



FPGA Software Installation and Firmware Update Instructions

AMD Versal Plus Ryzen Mini-ITX Board
VPR-4616-MB
VPR-5050-MB

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SAPPHIRE - Embedded+ Initial Platform Install & Config

This page captures the steps to bring-up the [Embedded+](#) platform configuration for the x86 Host and Versal SoC device enablement.

Hardware Setup:

Embedded+ system is comprised of a Versal SoC and a Ryzen SoC. The primary interfaces between these SoCs are PCIe and JTAG. Users interact with the Ryzen SoC through conventional means such as a keyboard and monitor, or via SSH once Linux is installed. Two UART ports are connected to the Versal SoC for debugging purposes only; they are not intended as the primary interface for Embedded+.

This documentation assumes the user possesses an Embedded+ system with OSPI pre-programmed at the factory, as this is the standard shipping configuration. The user will install Linux on the Ryzen X86 first, enabling subsequent interfacing with the Versal SoC.

x86 Host OS

This section guide user to install Linux on X86. The Embedded+ platform's X86 host XRT driver for Embedded+ has been validated with Ubuntu 22.04 OS and the XRT Ubuntu library is aligned with the GA 5.15 Linux kernel. Thus, if the default installed Ubuntu image is using a later kernel, the following steps are required to update the x86 Ubuntu OS to be aligned:

i These steps are necessary for VPR-4616/5050-MB only. VPR-4616/5050-SYS has preloaded software and this section is not necessary.

1. Install the x86 host OS. Instructions and the image are available directly from Canonical:
 - a Requires a USB stick, keyboard, monitor, mouse, and ethernet connection
 - b Install instructions: <https://ubuntu.com/tutorials/install-ubuntu-desktop#1-overview>
 - c OS image download: <https://releases.ubuntu.com/jammy/>
2. Once the x86 host OS is installed and booted from its SSD. Update the kernel to the 5.15 generic kernel with these steps

- a. Install the generic kernel

Generic kernel install
<pre>sudo apt install linux-image-generic</pre> <pre>sudo apt install -f</pre>

- b. Replace the "GRUB_DEFAULT" string in: `/etc/default/grub` with `GRUB_DEFAULT="Advanced options for Ubuntu>Ubuntu, with Linux 5.15.0-###-generic"`.

Note that the ### in the string above needs to be aligned with the generic kernel number used in the install of the previous step

c. Update grub config & reboot:

Kernel update
sudo update-grub
sudo reboot now

3. Validate the kernel update using:

Validate kernel
uname -r

4. Install the XRT drivers on the x86 host. The Embedded+ platform support is now only be built in the 2024.1 XRT builds. This is NOT required to be aligned to the Embedded+ 2023.2 HW shell designs.

- a Get the latest XRT `xrt_202410.<date>_22.04-amd64-xrt.deb` from the automated builds at:
https://www.xilinx.com/member/forms/download/xef.html?filename=xrt_202410.2.17.326_22.04-amd64-xrt.deb



xrt version

Ensure that the XRT version is 2.17.306 or later.

- b Move xrt.deb package to the Embedded+ platform running Ubuntu 22.04
- c Install the 5.15 headers. Use the ### associated with the generic kernel installed.

Generic kernel headers
sudo apt install linux-headers-\$(uname -r)

d Install the xrt package with:

Install XRT driver
sudo dpkg -i xrt_202410.<date>_22.04-amd64-xrt.deb

- e The previous step may take some time as it will build the driver locally on target. After it completes verify that the drivers are installed correctly using: `lsmod`

lsmod
<pre>d773@d773-desktop: ~/Desktop/70773 Linux test tools\$ lsmod grep xocl xocl 2220032 0 libcrc32c 12288 2 xclmgmt,xocl drm 765952 15 gpu_sched,drm_kms_helper,drm_suballoc_helper,xocl,drm_display_helper,drm_buddy,amdgpu,drm_ttm_helper,ttm,amdx d773@d773-desktop: ~/Desktop/70773 Linux test tools\$ lsmod grep xclmgmt xclmgmt 1294336 0 libcrc32c 12288 2 xclmgmt,xocl</pre>

5. Install the Embedded+ VE2302 "base" device package

- a Get the latest base package from
https://www.xilinx.com/member/forms/download/xef.html?filename=xrt-emb-plus-ve2302-base_1.0.deb
- b Move package to the Embedded+ platform.

- c Install with:

Install VE2302 base design files
<pre>sudo dpkg -i xrt-emb-plus-ve2302-base_1.0.deb</pre>

6. Install the Embedded+ VE2302 XRT platform test bitstream packages

- a Get the latest test bitstream packages from:

xrt-verify-test-ve2302_1.0.deb:

https://www.xilinx.com/member/forms/download/xef.html?filename=xrt-verify-test-ve2302_1.0.deb

xrt-bandwidth-dma-test-ve2302_1.0.deb

https://www.xilinx.com/member/forms/download/xef.html?filename=xrt-bandwidth-dma-test-ve2302_1.0.deb

xrt-aie-test-ve2302_1.0.deb

https://www.xilinx.com/member/forms/download/xef.html?filename=xrt-aie-test-ve2302_1.0.deb

- b Move the packages to the Embedded+ platform.

- c Install with:

Install XRT test bitstreams
<pre>sudo dpkg -i xrt-verify-test-ve2302_1.0.deb sudo dpkg -i xrt-bandwidth-dma-test-ve2302_1.0.deb sudo dpkg -i xrt-aie-test-ve2302_1.0.deb</pre>

7. Install the Versal APU SW package

- a Get the latest APU SW package from:

https://www.xilinx.com/member/forms/download/xef.html?filename=xrt-apu-linux-ve2302_1.0.deb

- b Move the package to the Embedded+ platform.

- c Install with:

Install Versal APU SW
<pre>sudo dpkg -i xrt-apu-linux-ve2302_1.0.deb</pre>

8. Reboot the system

On-target Self Test

The following are self-test that the user can run to test that the Versal and x86 host are set-up and configured correctly.

PCIe Connectivity

Use *lspci* to inspect if Versal device is present on PCIe bus.

lspci
<pre>d773@d773-desktop:~/Desktop/7D773 Linux test tools\$ lspci -vd 10ee: 01:00.0 Processing accelerators: Xilinx Corporation Device 5700 Subsystem: Xilinx Corporation Device 000e Flags: bus master, fast devsel, latency 0, IRQ 67, IOMMU group 9 Memory at 1fe0000000 (64-bit, prefetchable) [size=256M] Memory at 1ff8040000 (64-bit, prefetchable) [size=256K] Capabilities: <access denied> Kernel driver in use: xclmgmt Kernel modules: xclmgmt 01:00.1 Processing accelerators: Xilinx Corporation Device 5701 Subsystem: Xilinx Corporation Device 000e Flags: bus master, fast devsel, latency 0, IRQ 67, IOMMU group 10 Memory at 1ff8000000 (64-bit, prefetchable) [size=256K] Memory at 1ff0000000 (64-bit, prefetchable) [size=128M] Capabilities: <access denied> Kernel driver in use: xocl Kernel modules: xocl</pre>

XRT Tests

The XRT "validate" tests are a set of PL/AIE design used to exercise basic functionality of the system. They have been installed with xrt*test*.deb packages.

Source the XRT tools:

Source XRT
<pre>source /opt/xilinx/xrt/setup.sh</pre>

Now the system is set up to run tests via xbutil command: verify, dma, mem-bw and aie. Instructions in following sections:

XRT Platform Inspection

Use XRT xbmgmt to see platform information.

XRT Platform Inspection
<pre>xbmgmt examine</pre>

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xbmgmt capture

System Configuration
  OS Name       : Linux
  Release       : 6.5.0-41-generic
  Version       : #41~22.04.2-Ubuntu SMP PREEMPT_DYNAMIC Mon Jun  3 11:32:55 UTC 2
  Machine       : x86_64
  CPU Cores     : 4
  Memory        : 5853 MB
  Distribution   : Ubuntu 22.04.4 LTS
  GLIBC         : 2.35
  Model         :
  BIOS vendor   : American Megatrends International, LLC.
  BIOS version  : 5.24

XRT
  Version       : 2.17.326
  Branch        : 2024.1
  Hash          : 856be14f8ad700619aa836244352b52d20f082a5
  Hash Date     : 2024-06-10 01:22:20
  XOCL          : 2.17.326, 856be14f8ad700619aa836244352b52d20f082a5
  XCLMGMT       : 2.17.326, 856be14f8ad700619aa836244352b52d20f082a5
  Firmware Version : N/A

Devices present
BDF           : Shell      Logic UUID                      Device ID      Device Ready*
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[0000:01:00.0] : emb-plus  00000000-0000-0000-0000-000079DB078F  mgmt(inst=256)  Yes

* Devices that are not ready will have reduced functionality when using XRT tools
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Verify Test

The "Verify" test is a simple "hello world" application for testing core ability to download a user kernel captured as an xclbin and have an expected data transfer read back from that kernel "Hello World".

Run the test:

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Verify Test

xbutil validate -r verify -d --verbose
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Expected output:

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Verify test results

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Validation completed
Verify Test
Verbose: Enabling Verbosity
Validate Device      : [0000:01:00.1]
  Platform           : emb-plus
  SC Version         : 0.0.0
  Platform ID        : 00000000-0000-0000-0000-000079DB078F
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Test 1 [0000:01:00.1] : verify
  Description         : Run 'Hello World' kernel test
  Test Status         : [PASSED]
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DMA Test

The "DMA" test is a simple DMA test that transfer data between Versal and Ryzen using DMA on Versal.

Run the test:

DMA test
<code>xbutil validate -r dma -d --verbose</code>

Expected output:

DMA test results
<pre>Verbose: Enabling Verbosity Validate Device : [0000:01:00.1] Platform : emb-plus SC Version : 0.0.0 Platform ID : 00000000-0000-0000-0000-000079DB078F ----- Test 1 [0000:01:00.1] : dma Description : Run dma test Details : Buffer size - '16 MB' Memory Tag - 'MC_NOC' Host -> PCIe -> FPGA write bandwidth = 2704.1 MB/s Host <- PCIe <- FPGA read bandwidth = 3504.2 MB/s Test Status : [PASSED] -----</pre>

Bandwidth Test

The "bandwidth" test runs a limited bandwidth test on DDR memory and PCIe data transfers.

Run the test:

Bandwidth test
<code>xbutil validate -r mem-bw -d --verbose</code>

Expected output:

Bandwidth test results
<pre>----- Validation completed Bandwith Test Verbose: Enabling Verbosity Validate Device : [0000:01:00.1] Platform : emb-plus SC Version : 0.0.0 Platform ID : 00000000-0000-0000-0000-000079DB078F ----- Test 1 [0000:01:00.1] : mem-bw Description : Run 'bandwidth kernel' and check the throughput Details : Throughput (Type: DDR) (Bank count: 1) : 19002.7 MB/s Throughput of Memory Tag: MC_NOC : 19002.7 MB/s Test Status : [PASSED] -----</pre>

AIE Test

The "aie" test runs a AIE tile functionality test.

Run the test:

AIE test
<pre>xbutil validate -r aie -d --verbose</pre>

Expected output:

AIE test results
<pre>----- Validation completed AIE Test Verbose: Enabling Verbosity Validate Device : [0000:01:00.1] Platform : emb-plus SC Version : 0.0.0 Platform ID : 00000000-0000-0000-0000-000079DB078F ----- Test 1 [0000:01:00.1] : aie Description : Run AIE PL test Test Status : [PASSED] -----</pre>

Debug Tools – Versal Serial Console

The Versal serial console is connected to the Ryzen device on the motherboard. Therefore user can access the uart outputs from Ryzen. In Ubuntu, first download picocom:

Install picocom
<pre>sudo apt-get install picocom</pre>

Then user can access the com ports on commandline from Ubuntu:

Connect to APU serial output:
<pre>sudo picocom -b 115200 /dev/ttyUSB1</pre>

Connect to PLM/RPU serial output:
<pre>sudo picocom -b 115200 /dev/ttyUSB2</pre>

Repositories

The following links are the sources of this example artifacts

https://github.com/Xilinx/emb_plus_vitis_platforms/releases

<https://github.com/Xilinx/emb-plus-examples/releases>

FPGA(Xilinx) F/W Update

The VPR-4616/5050-MB and VPR-4616-SYS are both shipped with OSPI image. You can check their version with “xbmgmt examine” command. A UUID of 00000000-0000-0000-0000-000079DB078F corresponds to emb-plus-ospi-emb-plus-ve2302-20240620051522.bin (0.5 release); A UUID of 00000000-0000-0000-0000-0000E97E0A06 corresponds to emb-plus-ospi-emb-plus-ve2302-sdt-20250227030657.bin (1.0 release). Upgrading OSPI is necessary if the UUID does not match the release.

Please follow the instruction of the link for update

[GitHub – Xilinx/embpf-bootfw-update-tool](#)