viciLogic: Making Integrated Circuit Design Accessible and Achievable

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## Cook your own Silicon Chips in 10 minutes using hardware in the Cloud

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viciLogic and viciLab are available. Simply register, select a course and "Get started"

#### Part 1 Collaborative Presentation: application of viciLogic and viciLab (30 mins)

- viciLogic, developed in the National University of Ireland Galway, is a next generation, online learning, assessment and prototyping platform for basic-to-complex digital integrated circuit (IC) design.
- viciLogic uses a scalable array of reconfigurable hardware devices (FPGAs) in the Cloud, accessing all internal IC signals in real-time to animate any graphical view\* of the behaviour of the IC.
- We embed this interactive animation within viciLogic self-paced, directed online courses to aid learning, perform user knowledge checks, direct the user to control the IC through specified states (and optionally measure user understanding).
- viciLogic uncovers "What's inside" modern digital technology for engineers, programmers, university students, and ultimately secondary level teachers and students.
- Currently available viciLogic course: <u>Fundamentals of Digital Systems</u> Available Mar16: "FPGA Data Processing Applications", "Introduction to Computer Architectures"
- viciLogic provides the viciLab application to perform repeated practical prototyping of hardware applications operating on FPGAs in the Cloud, with real-time Graphical User Interface (GUI) control and visualisation of the hardware operation.

#### Part 2 viciLab Workshop, Duration (2 hours)

- 1. Within 10 minutes, a first time viciLab user can
  - a. download the viciLab application
  - b. select a component from a viciLab device library
  - c. implement the component on an FPGA hardware device in the Cloud
  - d. control and visualise its operation and the behaviour of any internal signals, in real time.
- 2. Build and test FPGA prototypes<sup>T</sup> using viciLab and free industry standard CAD tools, with real-time interactive GUI control and visualisation.

#### **Requirements**:

- PC/laptop and network access
- Xilinx PlanAhead Electronic Design Automation toolsuite (installation instructions, workshops 2/3)
- \* Views include component block diagrams, timing diagrams, state machines, truth tables, FPGA internal devices and their operation, webcam stream of operating remote hardware

<sup>T</sup> Prototype every medium-scale, synthesisable VHDL model you have ever created, and animate its behaviour using a GUI.

### Build the most powerful hardware imaginable



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