
SmartDesign MSS

Canvas



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Introduction

The Libero MSS Configurator is a specialized SmartDesign for MSS configuration. If you are familiar with SmartDesign then the MSS Configurator will be very familiar.

The Canvas is a graphical block diagram of the SmartFusion Microcontroller Subsystem. From this view you can choose to enable/disable and configure peripherals used in the FPGA fabric (Figure 1).

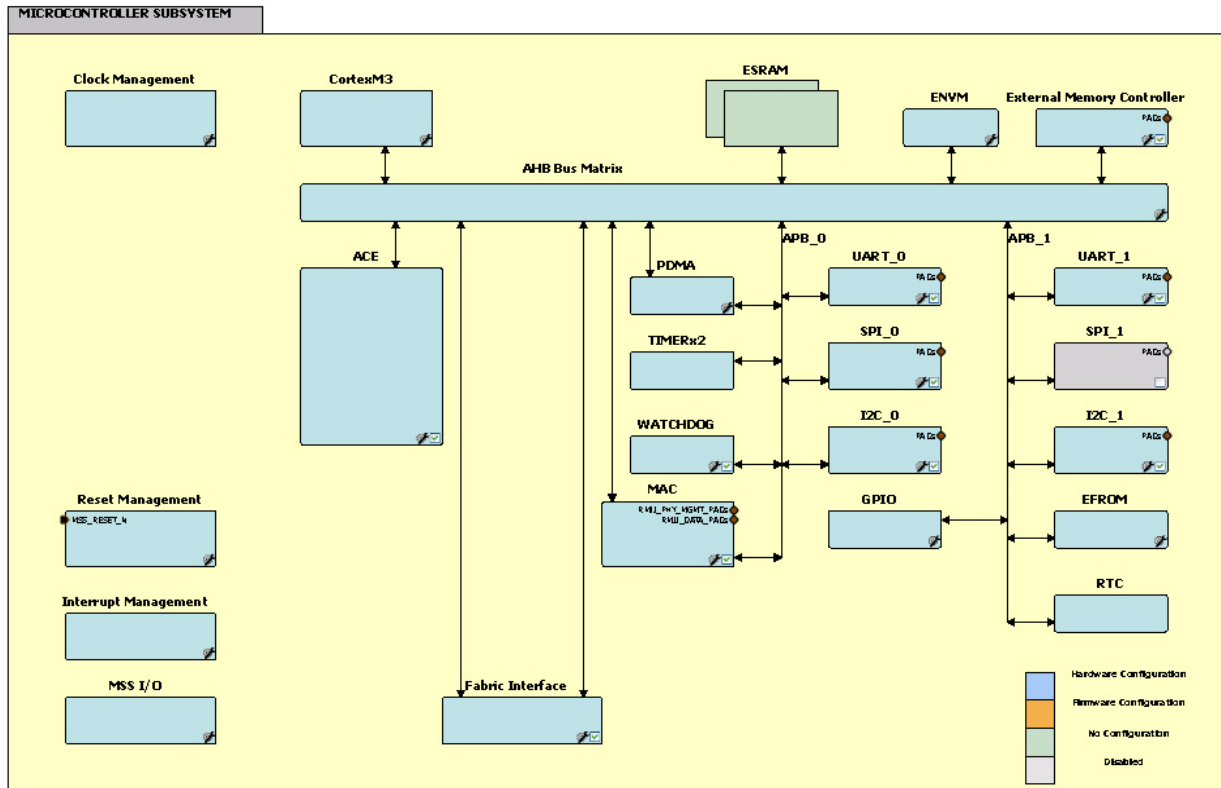


Figure 1 • MSS Canvas

1 – Peripherals on the Canvas

Enabling/Disabling Peripherals

Certain peripherals in the MSS can be enabled or disabled from use. This is indicated graphically by the checkbox in the lower right corner of the instance item in the Canvas, as shown in [Figure 1-1](#) and [Figure 1-2](#).

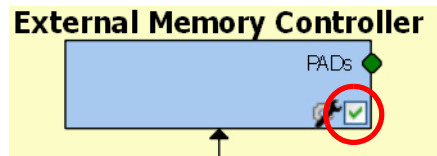


Figure 1-1 • Enabled Peripheral

Click the checkbox icon to enable or disable the peripheral.

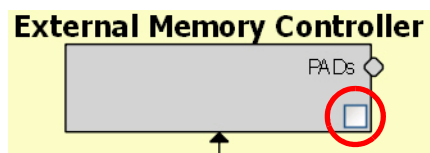


Figure 1-2 • Disabled Peripheral

Why would I disable or enable peripherals?

- Some I/Os are shared between MSS peripherals and general purpose user I/Os. Disabling a peripheral enables you to reclaim some of the I/Os for general purpose use in the MSS GPIO or MSS I/O blocks. See the [MSS GPIO](#) and [MSS I/O](#) configurator handbooks for more details.
- Disabling a peripheral causes it to be held in reset when the Microcontroller Subsystem is powered up. This minimizes any activity that may occur in the peripheral on startup and reduces power consumption.

Configuring Peripherals

Peripherals that have configurable options will have a wrench icon in the lower right corner of the instance item in the Canvas, as shown in [Figure 1-3](#).

Click the wrench icon or double-click the instance to configure the peripheral.

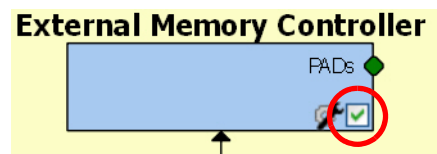






Figure 1-3 • Wrench Icon on the MSS Canvas

SmartDesign Menu for MSS

SmartDesign MSS menu options are explained in [Table 1-1](#).

Table 1-1 • SmartDesign MSS Menu Options

Command	Icon	Function
Zoom In		Zoom into the Canvas
Zoom Out		Zoom out of the Canvas
Zoom to Fit		Fit the Canvas in the window
Zoom to Selection		Zoom to the specified range; click and drag to specify a region
Show/Hide Nets		Show/Hide all nets in the design

2 – Frequently Asked Questions

Can I rename my top-level ports?

Not in the MSS; you can rename top-level ports outside of the MSS.

Why can't I delete anything from the Canvas?

The MSS Configurator Canvas is intended to show the hardened components and peripherals of the SmartFusion Microcontroller Subsystem. The peripherals are available to you at no extra impact on your design size or speed, however you should disable them if you are not using them in your current application.

Why can't I add anything in the Canvas?

If you need to add custom logic or soft peripherals to your design, you need to do this in a regular SmartDesign. Instantiate your MSS component into a SmartDesign and you will be able to add any soft peripherals, or custom logic.

How do I zoom in the Canvas?

You have all the typical zoom actions available in the Canvas menu.

In addition, you can hold down CTRL and use your mouse scroll wheel to zoom in and out.

How do I see the nets on the Canvas?

If a pin is connected, the net for that pin will be shown when you select the pin. If you want to permanently display the net, you can right-click the pin and choose **Show Net**.

You can also globally show all nets on the Canvas by going to **SmartDesign > Show Nets**.

A – Product Support

Microsemi SoC Products Group backs its products with various support services, including Customer Service, Customer Technical Support Center, a website, electronic mail, and worldwide sales offices. This appendix contains information about contacting Microsemi SoC Products Group and using these support services.

Customer Service

Contact Customer Service for non-technical product support, such as product pricing, product upgrades, update information, order status, and authorization.

From North America, call 800.262.1060

From the rest of the world, call 650.318.4460

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Customer Technical Support Center

Microsemi SoC Products Group staffs its Customer Technical Support Center with highly skilled engineers who can help answer your hardware, software, and design questions about Microsemi SoC Products. The Customer Technical Support Center spends a great deal of time creating application notes, answers to common design cycle questions, documentation of known issues, and various FAQs. So, before you contact us, please visit our online resources. It is very likely we have already answered your questions.

Technical Support

Visit the Customer Support website (www.microsemi.com/soc/support/search/default.aspx) for more information and support. Many answers available on the searchable web resource include diagrams, illustrations, and links to other resources on the website.

Website

You can browse a variety of technical and non-technical information on the SoC home page, at www.microsemi.com/soc.

Contacting the Customer Technical Support Center

Highly skilled engineers staff the Technical Support Center. The Technical Support Center can be contacted by email or through the Microsemi SoC Products Group website.

Email

You can communicate your technical questions to our email address and receive answers back by email, fax, or phone. Also, if you have design problems, you can email your design files to receive assistance. We constantly monitor the email account throughout the day. When sending your request to us, please be sure to include your full name, company name, and your contact information for efficient processing of your request.

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