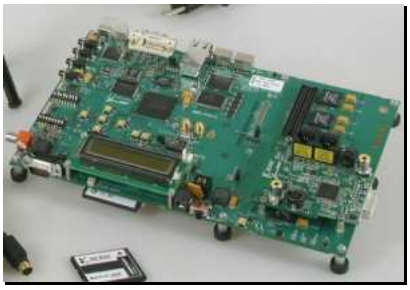
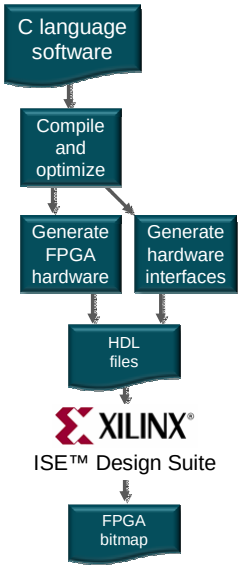
Impulse Embedded Processing Video Lab

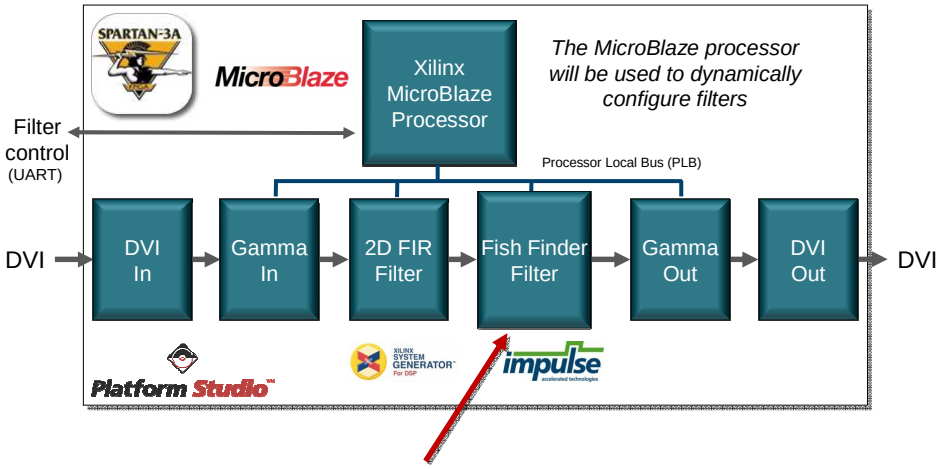




Workshop Agenda

- **Step-By-Step Creation of a Streaming Video Application:**
  - You will learn how to:
    - Use Xilinx reference hardware and software for fast development
    - Combine multiple streaming video filters in a single application
    - Use Xilinx Platform Studio (XPS) for system integration
    - Use an embedded MicroBlaze processor for video control
    - Combine multiple methods of design into a single project
  - Steps:
    - Start with a ready-to-use video reference design
    - Add a custom object detection and highlighting filter to the video stream
    - Control and configure the filter using an embedded MicroBlaze processor
    - Rebuild the project and test the enhanced video processing design

Video Design Overview



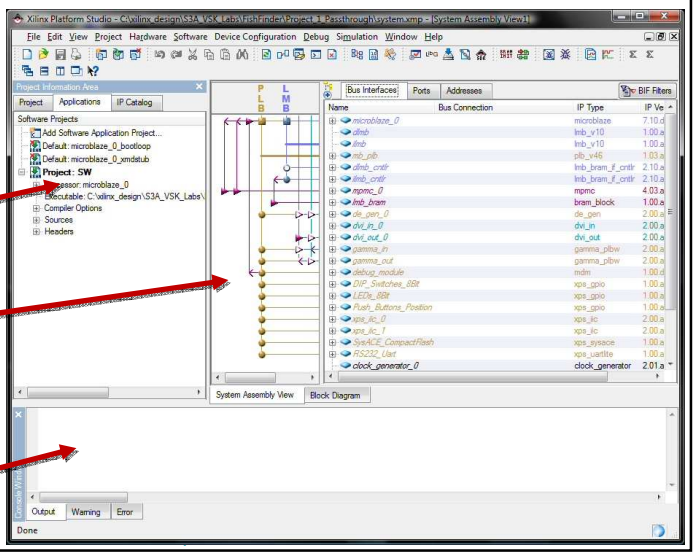
Video Starter Kit Hardware

Test the Pass-through Example Using Flash

- **Setup the Video Components**
  - 720p resolution video source
    - TViX player, laptop computer or other DVI/HDMI source
  - Xilinx Video Starter Kit
    - Spartan 3 Edition used for this workshop
  - Video monitor
    - Supporting 1280 x 720 resolution
- **Power Up and test the Video**
  - Start video source (“play”)
  - Xilinx reference designs will boot from Flash card
  - Press center push-button to load the DVI pass-through example
  - Verify video is displayed on monitor

Load Project_2_Passthrough_Completed

Xilinx Platform Studio™



Test the Pass-Through Example

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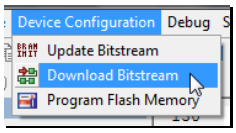

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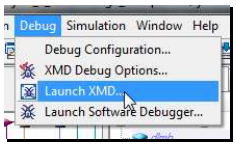
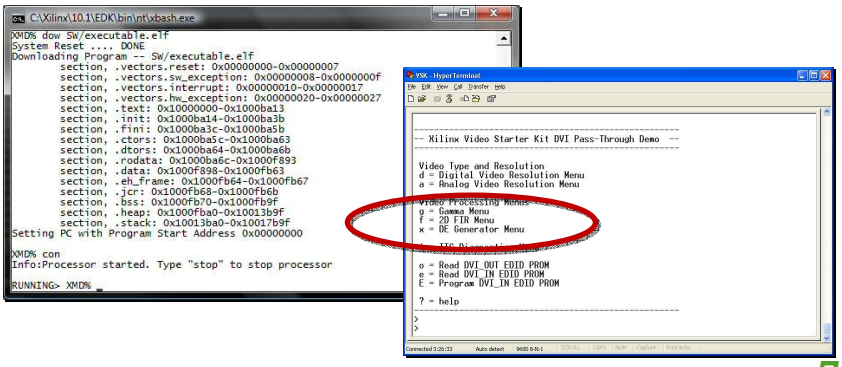
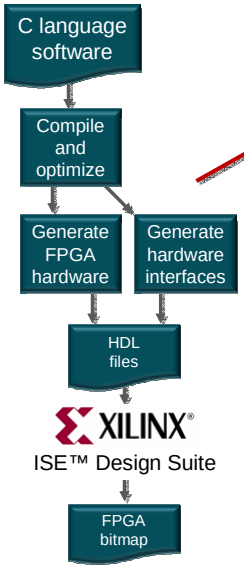


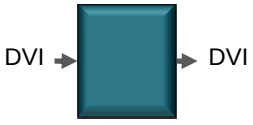


Examining the Impulse C Code



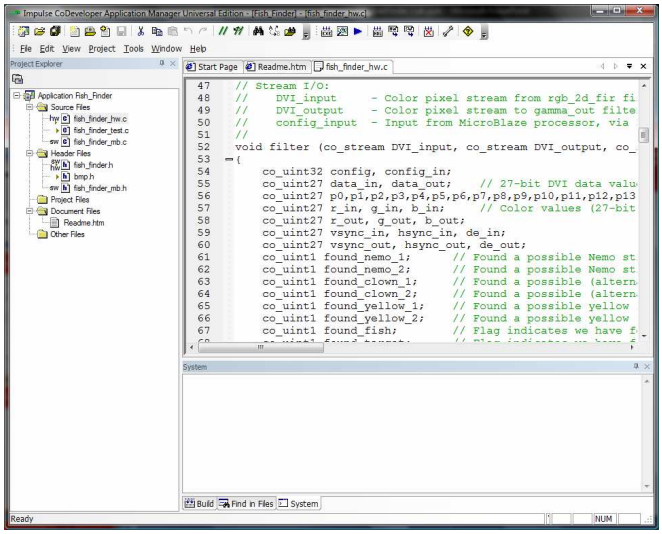
The Impulse C-to-FPGA compiler generates parallel FPGA hardware from sequential software… C-language in, HDL out!

The compiler also generates hardware interfaces such as DVI for video and PLB for processor I/O



Compiler “export” scripts are used to generate auxiliary files as needed by Xilinx ISE Design Suite

Open the Fish Finder Impulse C Project



Fish Finder C-Code Design Review

The Fish Finder algorithm is described using a C-language subroutine with streaming I/O interfaces…

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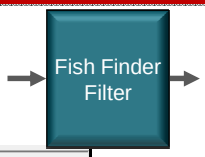
```
47  // Stream I/O:
48  //    DVI_input     - Color pixel stream from rgb_2d_fir filter
49  //    DVI_output    - Color pixel stream to gamma_out filter
50  //    config_input  - Input from MicroBlaze processor, via PLB interface
51  //
52  void filter (co_stream DVI_input, co_stream DVI_output, co_stream config_input)
53  {
54      co_uint32 config, config_in;
55      co_uint27 data_in, data_out;    // 27-bit DVI data values
56      co_uint27 p0,p1,p2,p3,p4,p5,p6,p7,p8,p9,p10,p11,p12,p13,p14,p15;
57      co_uint27 r_in, g_in, b_in;     // Color values (27-bit to allow shifting)
58      co_uint27 r_out, g_out, b_out;
59      co_uint27 vsync_in, hsync_in, de_in;
60      co_uint27 vsync_out, hsync_out, de_out;
```

Fish Finder C-Code Design Review

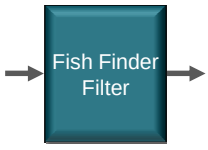
Video I/O is described using Impulse C types and functions:




```
130       // Read a pixel from the input
131       err = co_stream_read(DVI_input, &data_in, sizeof(co_uint27));
132         if (err != co_err_none) break;
133
134       // These parameters are set from the host processor
135       //spotlight_max_size = ((config & MASKSPOTMAX) >> 12) == SPOTMAX_L ? 80000 : 500
136       spotlight_config =(config & MASKSPOTMAX) >> 12;
137       if (spotlight_config == SPOTMAX_S)
138          spotlight_max_size = 30000;
139       else if (spotlight_config == SPOTMAX_M)
140          spotlight_max_size = 50000;
141       else if (spotlight_config == SPOTMAX_L)
142          spotlight_max_size = 70000;
143       else
144          spotlight_max_size = 90000;
145       spotlight_min_size = ((config & MASKSPOTMIN) >> 8) == SPOTMIN_L ? 20000 : 10000;
146       select_fish = (config & MASKFISH) >> 4;
147       select_filter = (config & MASKFILTER);
148       //  Delay and store 16 pixels
149       p15 = p14; p14 = p13; p13 = p12; p12 = p11;
150       p11 = p10; p10 = p9; p9 = p8;
151       p8 = p7; p7 = p6; p6 = p5;
152       p5 = p4; p4 = p3; p3 = p2;
153       p2 = p1; p1 = p0; p0 = data_in;
```


Fish Finder C-Code Design Review

DVI streaming video is represented as 27-bit integer data (24-bits of color, vsync, hsync and de):



Unpacking a 27-bit video pixel and looking for start-of-frame…

```
155       // Parse a DVI input value
156       vsync_in = (p15 >> 26) & 1;
157       hsync_in = (p15 >> 25) & 1;
158       de_in = (p15 >> 24) & 1;
159       r_in = (p15 >> 16) & 0xff;
160       g_in = (p15 >> 8) & 0xff;
161       b_in = p15 & 0xff;
162
163       // Detect start of frame as a 0 to 1 transition on the vsync.
164       start_of_frame = (vsync_in == 1 && vsync_out == 0);
```

Packing and writing a filtered pixel…

```
260       data_out =  (vsync_out << 26) |
261                   (hsync_out << 25) |
262                   (de_out << 24) |
263                   (r_out << 16) |
264                   (g_out << 8) |
265                   b_out;
266       co_stream_write(DVI_output, &data_out, sizeof(co_uint27));
```

Fish Finder C-Code Design Review

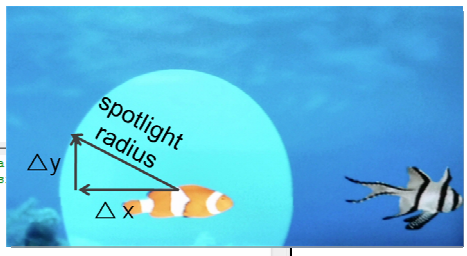
Loop pipelining and pipeline stage depth are easily specified using two pragmas in the C code…

```
123     do { // For every pixel, at a pipeline rate of one pixel per cycle
124  #pragma CO PIPELINE
125  #pragma CO set stageDelay 32
126       // Check for configuration setting from the user via MicroBlaze
127       if (co_stream_read_nb(config_input, &config_in, sizeof(co_uint32)) != 0) {
128          config = config_in;
129       }
130       // Read a pixel from the input
131       err = co_stream_read(DVI_input, &data_in, sizeof(co_uint27));
132         if (err != co_err_none) break;
133
134       // These parameters are set from the host processor
135       //spotlight_max_size = ((config & MASKSPOTMAX) >> 12) == SPOTMAX_L ? 80000 : 50
136       spotlight_config =(config & MASKSPOTMAX) >> 12;
137       if (spotlight_config == SPOTMAX_S)
138          spotlight_max_size = 30000;
139       else if (spotlight_config == SPOTMAX_M)
140          spotlight_max_size = 50000;
141       else if (spotlight_config == SPOTMAX_L)
142          spotlight_max_size = 70000;
143       else
```

Automatic parallelizing of C statements enables complex, real-time processing of video signals.

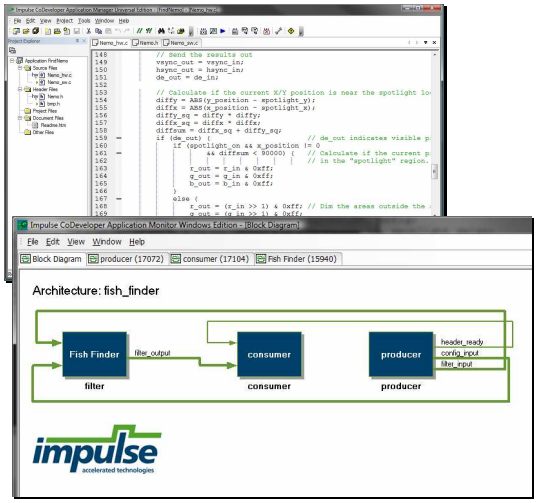
Fish Finder C-Code Design Review

These C statements create a spotlight effect, using simple geometry to calculate the radius:



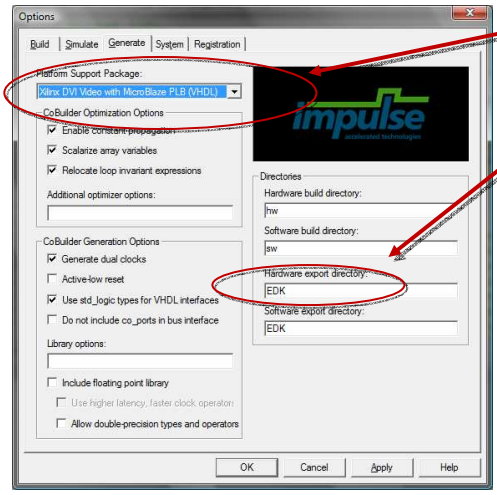

```
233       // Create a circular spotlight by calculating a
234       // Determine if the current X/Y position is ins
235       // region using simple geometry:
236       diffy = ABS(y_position - spotlight_y);
237       diffx = ABS(x_position - spotlight_x);
238       diffy_sq = diffy * diffy;
239       diffx_sq = diffx * diffx;
240       diffsum = diffx_sq + diffy_sq;
241       if (de_out) {  // de_out indicates visible pixels
242          if (spotlight_on != 0 && x_position != 0
243                && diffsum < spotlight_size) {    // Calculate if the current pixel is
244                                                  // in the "spotlight" region.
245             r_out = r_in & 0xff;
246             g_out = g_in & 0xff;
247             b_out = b_in & 0xff;
248          }
249          else {
250             r_out = (r_in >> 1) & 0xff;   // Dim the areas outside the spotlight
251             g_out = (g_in >> 1) & 0xff;
252             b_out = (b_in >> 1) & 0xff;
253          }
254       }
255       else {   // No target or outside of pixel data so just passthrough...
256          r_out = r_in & 0xff;
```

Fish Finder Software Simulation

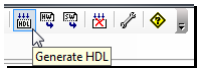


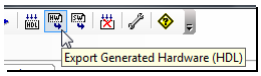
Software simulation of a single frame…

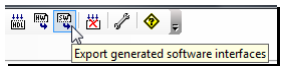
Fish Finder Hardware Generation



1. Choose a Platform Support Package (Xilinx DVI Video with PLB)
2. Specify an export directory
3. Generate hardware
4. Export hardware and software







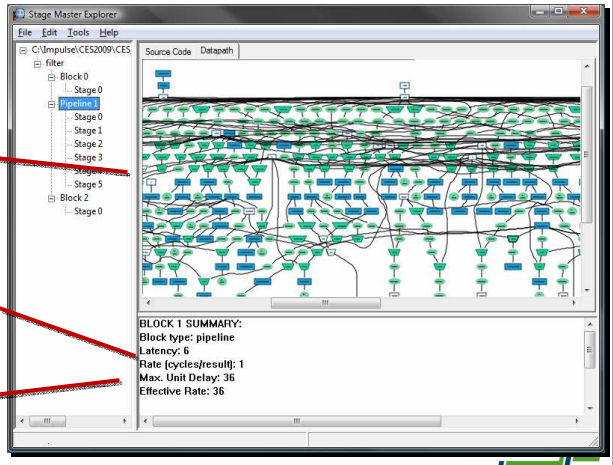
Fish Finder Hardware Optimization

Interactive pipeline optimization and analysis helps to quickly converge on the right solution for high-throughput video:

The dataflow graph shows how the C- language statements were automatically parallelized by the compiler.

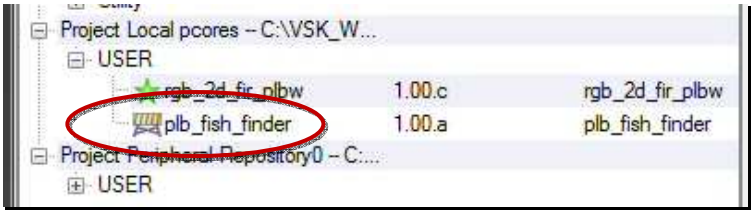
The pipelining rate is critical for processing video signals at pixel-rate. A rate of 1 means a perfect video pipeline.

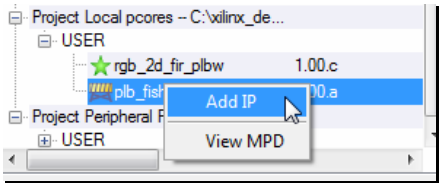
Max Unit Delay helps you to understand and control timing and clock rates.



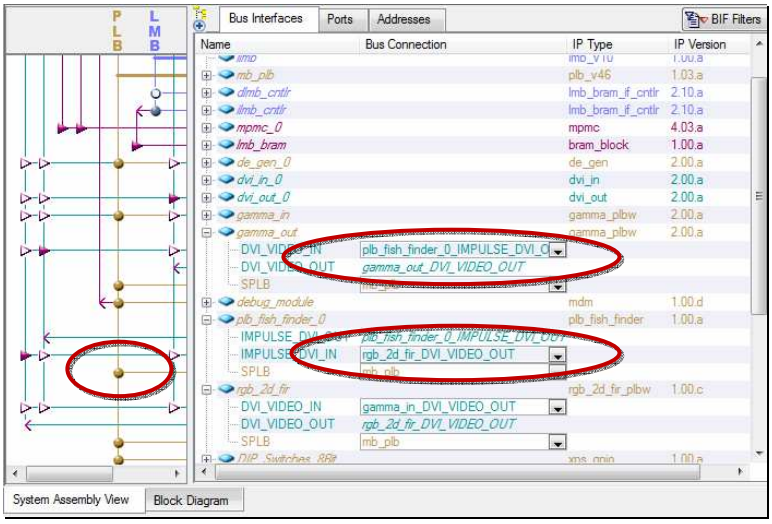
Add Fish Finder Filter to the EDK Project

After generating and exporting the hardware from the Impulse environment, we can important into Platform Studio as a pcore:

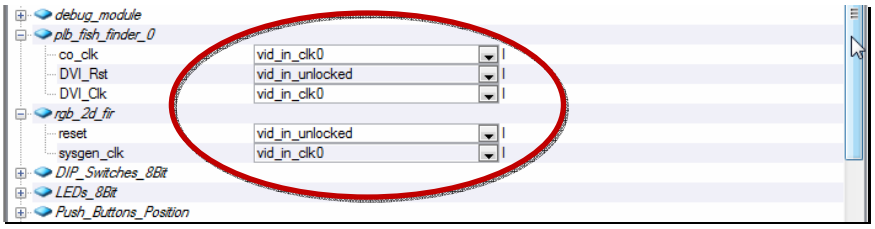




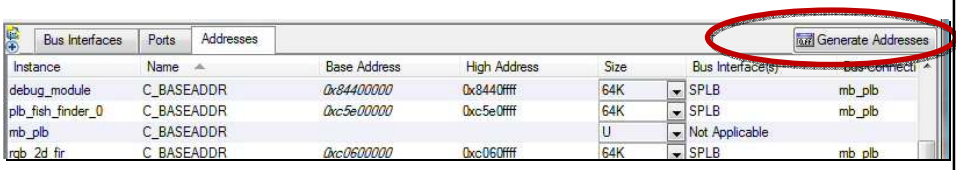
Connect Fish Finder Filter to PLB and DVI



Connect Clocks and Reset

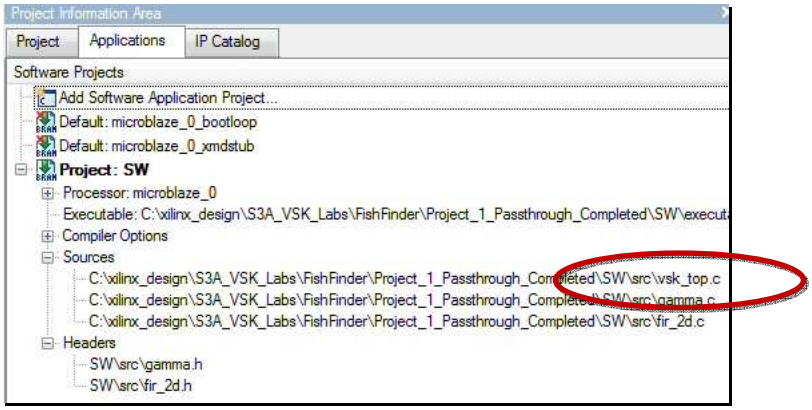


Generate Addresses



Note: addresses generated may be different than shown above

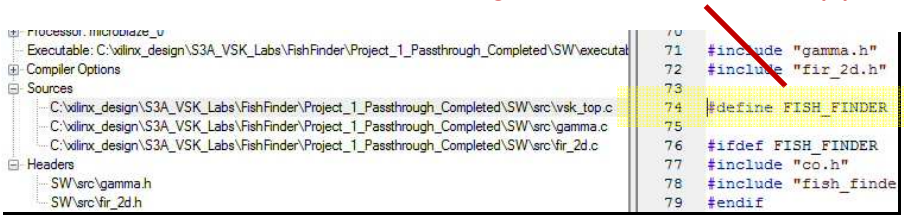
Modify the Software Application



We will modify the software application to add in the new Fish Finder menu and add the related filter control code.

Modify the Software Application

Remove the leading comment characters (//)



This change will enable the new menu feature:

```
387         }
388
389  #ifdef FISH_FINDER
390         // Impulse fish finder demo menu
391         case 'F' :
392         {
393           fish_finder_menu();
394           help_top();
395           break;
396         }
397  #endif
```


Fish Finder C-Code Design Review

Communication between MicroBlaze and Fish Finder is described using Impulse C co_stream API functions:

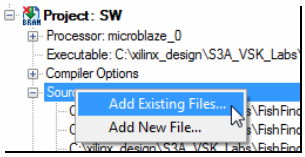
Writing a configuration word from the MicroBlaze application…

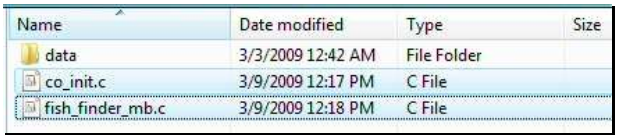
```
54        case '2' :
55        {
56          fish_finder_config &= 0xFFFFFF0F;
57          fish_finder_config |= (CLOWNFISH << 4);
58          print("Setting to Clown Fish\n\r");
59          co_stream_write_nb(gConfigInputStream, &fish_finder_config,
60          break;
61        }
62        case '3' :
63        {
64          fish_finder_config &= 0xFFFFFF0F;
65          fish_finder_config |= (YELLOWFISH << 4);
66          print("Setting to Yellow Fish\n\r");
```

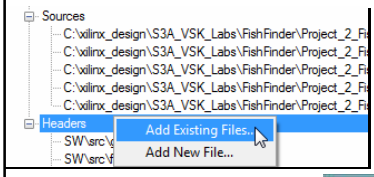
Polling to read the configuration word in the hardware process…

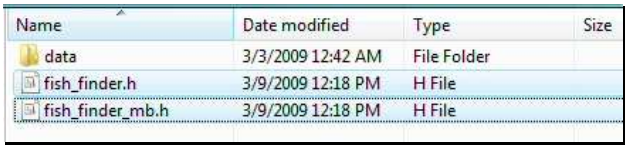
```
126         // Check for configuration setting from the user via MicroBlaze
127         if (co_stream_read_nb(config_input, &config_in, sizeof(co_uint32)) != 0) {
128           config = config_in;
129         }
130         // Read a pixel from the input
131         err = co_stream_read(DVI_input, &data_in, sizeof(co_uint27));
132           if (err != co_err_none) break;
```

Add New Sources and Headers









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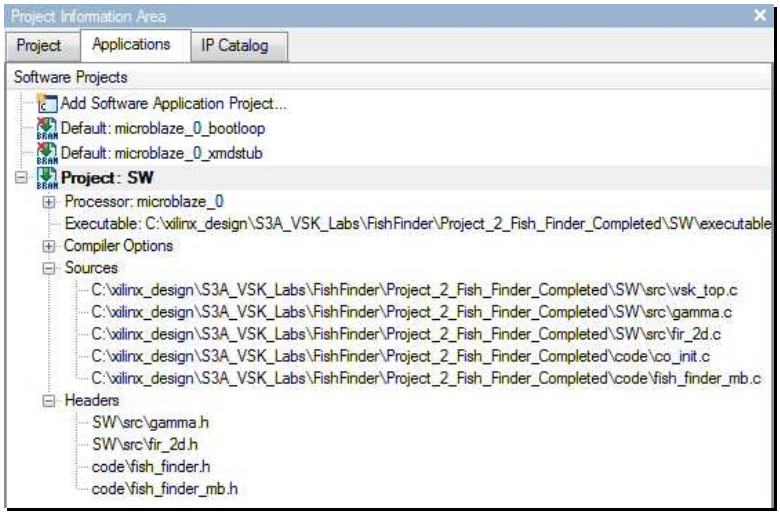
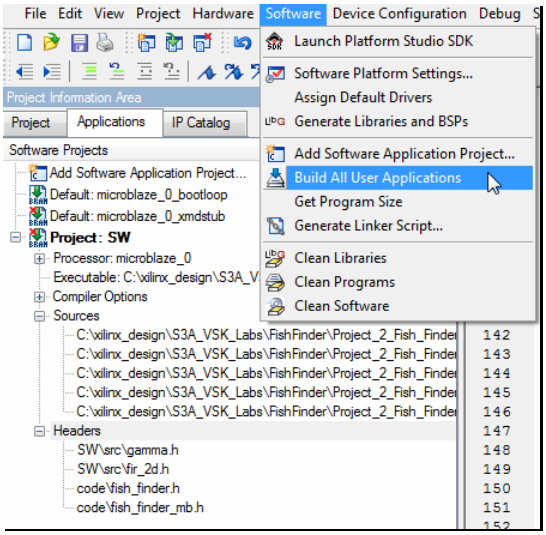


Build the Software Application



Test the Fish Finder

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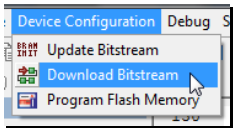

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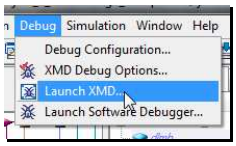

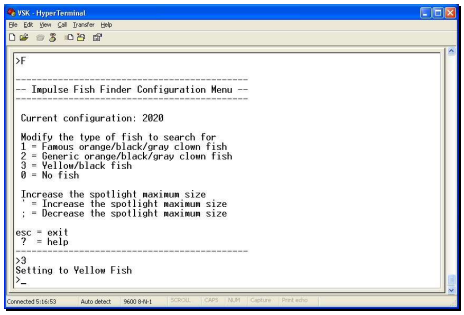

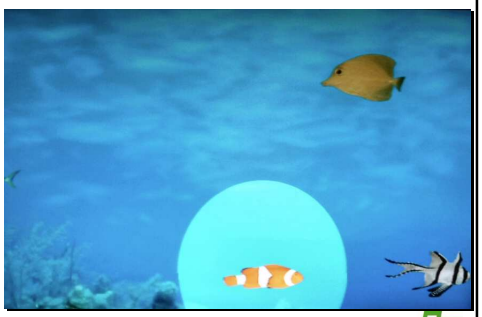

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