**IBIS Open Forum Minutes**

Meeting Date: **February 21, 2014**

Meeting Location: **Teleconference**

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<http://www.cisco.com/web/about/doing_business/conferencing/index.html>

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**INTRODUCTIONS AND MEETING QUORUM**

Randy Wolff declared that a quorum was reached and the meeting could begin.

**CALL FOR PATENTS**

Michael Mirmak called for any patents or pending patents related to the IBIS 3.2, IBIS 4.2, IBIS 5.1, IBIS 6.0, Touchstone 2.0 or ICM 1.1 specifications. No patents were declared.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES AND ARS**

Randy Wolff called for comments regarding the minutes of the January 10, 2014 IBIS Open Forum teleconference. The minutes were approved without changes. Randy also called for comments regarding the minutes of the January 31, 2014 IBIS Open Forum Summit meeting at DesignCon. Michael Mirmak noted that Jimmy Johnson, an attendee from Intel should be corrected to Jimmy Jackson. The minutes were approved with the noted change.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**CALL FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

Bob Ross noted two additional IBISCHK bugs to discuss. Michael Mirmak requested time to discuss a short presentation entitled “Will it IBIS?”

**MEMBERSHIP STATUS AND TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bob Ross reported that the treasury sits at $22,383. About 9 members have paid dues for 2014 so far. Dues are $900. Michael Mirmak noted that the SAE process is very fast and efficient for membership renewals.

**WEB PAGE AND MAILING LIST ADMINISTRATION**

Mike LaBonte noted there are 414 subscribers in total on the mailing lists. The web page was updated to take down promotional material from DesignCon, but the link to the last Summit remains. The library page has been dressed up to have similar formatting to the rest of the website. Mike is revisiting how to implement the site in a wiki format that would allow editing privileges to more users. An example of this can be seen at:

<http://www.eda.org/ibis/wiki/doku.php>

Comments are appreciated.

**MODEL LIBRARY UPDATE**

Michael Mirmak reported that an update from Anders Ekholm was received, updated as of February 19. Mike LaBonte noted that the new content has been added, and he ran a check to make sure all the links were correct. Members may want to double check that the entry for their company is correct.

**INTERNATIONAL/EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES**

- Conferences

The 18th IEEE Workshop on Signal and Power Integrity (SPI 2014) will be held May 11-14, 2014 in Ghent, Belgium. There will be a European IBIS Summit in conjunction with this conference. There are typically many papers on IBIS-related algorithms presented by student researchers. More information is available at:

<http://spi2014.org>

- Press Update

None.

**SUMMIT PLANNING AND STATUS**

- DesignCon 2014 Summary

Michael Mirmak reported that the Summit took place Friday, January 31, 2014. About 59 people representing 26 organizations attended. The Summit went well. All the presentations are posted on the website.

- 2014 Summit schedule

Michael reported that a meeting room is reserved after the SPI event on May 14, 2014 in Ghent, Belgium. Bob Ross noted that meeting attendance would be expected of about 15-20. The cost is usually small. Lance Wang recalled spending about $800 last year for the room and refreshment costs. Lance noted that he may attend. Randy Wolff mentioned that he may attend as well. Lance is already noted on our website as the main contact for registration. The group decided to move forward with planning a Summit.

Michael noted that DAC is June 1-5, 2014 in San Francisco, CA. He will find out if rooms are available for this event. Event notices would need to go out in early April if we decide to hold a Summit at DAC.

Sponsorship opportunities for all upcoming IBIS summits are available, with sponsors receiving free mentions in the minutes, agenda, and other announcements. Contact the IBIS Board for further details.

**QUALITY TASK GROUP**

Mike LaBonte reported that most of the group’s activity has been on the ibischk program and documentation of it. They are using a Perl script to help create documentation of all the error, warning and note messages from ibischk.

The Quality Task Group checklist and other documentation can be found at:

<http://www.eda.org/ibis/quality_wip/>

**ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY MODELING TASK GROUP**

Arpad Muranyi reported that the group is meeting regularly on Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m. PT. In addition to package modeling questions, they have reopened discussion on BIRD147 on backchannel modeling with IBIS-AMI.

Task group material can be found at:

<http://www.eda.org/ibis/macromodel_wip/>

**NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

Michael Mirmak noted that Chris Denham gave a presentation at the DesignCon IBIS Summit that is very useful to understanding how IBIS fits within the SAE organization. Michael is expecting IBIS to be moved under the Industries Technology Consortia group which allows us to maintain our entity-based membership. Chris Denham’s presentation can be found at:

<http://www.eda.org/ibis/summits/jan14/denham.pdf>

**BIRD125.1: MAKE IBIS-ISS AVAILABLE FOR IBIS PACKAGE MODELING**

Discussion was tabled.

**BIRD128: ALLOW AMI\_PARAMETERS\_OUT TO PASS AMI\_PARAMETERS\_IN DATA ON CALLS TO AMI\_GETWAVE**

Discussion was tabled.

**BIRD145.3: CASCADING IBIS I/O BUFFERS WITH [EXTERNAL CIRCUIT]S USING THE [MODEL CALL] KEYWORD**

Discussion was tabled.

**BIRD147: BACK-CHANNEL SUPPORT**

Discussion was tabled.

**BIRD157: PARAMETERIZE [DRIVER SCHEDULE]**

Discussion was tabled.

**BIRD158.3: AMI TOUCHSTONE ANALOG BUFFER MODELS**

Discussion was tabled.

**BIRD161.1: SUPPORTING INCOMPLETE AND BUFFER-ONLY [COMPONENT] DESCRIPTIONS**

Discussion was tabled.

**BIRD163: INSTANTIATING AND CONNECTING [EXTERNAL CIRCUIT] PACKAGE MODELS WITH [CIRCUIT CALL]**

Discussion was tabled.

**BIRD164: ALLOWING PACKAGE MODELS TO BE DEFINED IN [EXTERNAL CIRCUIT]**

Discussion was tabled.

**BIRD165: PARAMETER PASSING IMPROVEMENTS FOR [EXTERNAL CIRCUIT]S**

Discussion was tabled.

**IBISCHK5 PARSER AND BUG STATUS**

Bob Ross reported there are three bugs to discuss and classify.

BUG149 was submitted by Michael Schaeder and Bob Ross. It describes a fatal hang when checking EBD files when a referenced .ibs file has a higher [IBIS Ver] and long file names that violate the character limits of the lower [IBIS Ver] of the .ebd file. Radek Biernacki asked how this bug could be fixed. Bob noted that there is nothing in the specification prohibiting the referenced .ibs files from having a higher [IBIS Ver] than the .ebd file. A workaround is to change the .ebd file to reference a higher IBIS version. The bug was classified as severe severity, medium priority and open status.

BUG150 was submitted by Michael Mirmak. The bug states that the IBIS 6.0 specification strongly implies that only input-only and output-only [Model]s are permitted to be AMI models. ibischk generates no errors if an I/O model is associated with an [Algorithmic Model] keyword pair; however, there is no way to communicate to the EDA software how to use such a model.

Walter Katz responded that rather than having a restriction of AMI models not allowed to be I/Os, it would be better to define a reference flow for what would happen if you used an I/O. The DLL must function properly as both an input and an output if it is truly an I/O. He didn’t see any way ibischk could make sure the DLL actually functions this way. He did not think this was a bug, but actually would require a BIRD to update the specification describing the flow.

Bob noted that for traditional IBIS, this is not an issue since EDA software takes care of I/O designations on multi-directional busses. He suggested that a caution message could be considered. Walter did not think that the parser needed to be changed at all, but there would need to be changes to the AMI parameter tree when defining a new flow.

Walter moved to add this topic to the ATM task group agenda. Radek seconded the motion. There were no objections.

The bug was classified as an enhancement, low priority and ‘not a bug’.

BUG151 was submitted by Randy Wolff. The bug describes how [Package Model]s in the form of RLC matrices should have only positive values in the diagonal matrix entries. IBISCHK does not check for this condition, so models with negative diagonal entries are not flagged with a warning or error. Randy thought that adding this check to IBISCHK would improve model quality.

Walter agreed that a check could be for a value to be greater than or equal to zero. Bob noted that this would be an enhancement request, and doing a simple check on the diagonal terms and issuing a warning message would be sufficient.

Arpad Muranyi stated that sign conventions for mutual elements are defined on page 143 of the IBIS 6.0 specification. He wondered if conditions for the diagonal entries should be defined. Brad Brim noted that diagonal entries must be positive, but the full matrix should also be passive. You’d need to calculate the Eigen vectors of the full matrix to check for this condition. Walter suggested that a BIRD should be written to clarify the specification, and ibischk should be changed to add a check for negative diagonal entries.

The bug was classified as an enhancement, low priority and open status.

Walter moved to add the BIRD writing task to the ATM task group. Brad Brim seconded the motion. There were no objections.

**IBISCHK6 PARSER STATUS**

Bob Ross reported that a target release date is May 15 for the parser. There have been no questions from the developer yet.

**NEW TECHNICAL ISSUES**

Michael Mirmak shared a presentation entitled “Will it IBIS?” Michael showed a buffer structure that included a Cpad, Rpad, Ron and a stimulus driving through a filter to the output pad. His initial finding is that Rpad cannot be modeled with traditional IBIS (pre 4.0) keywords. The buffer would require something like IBIS-ISS, [External Circuit], [External Model], or some other post-4.0 feature.

Walter Katz noted that his solution would be to use [External Model] with IBIS-ISS. You would use the rise/fall times of [External Model] to define the stimulus going into the filter. Bob Ross added that V-t tables could be considered if a B-element was used with IBIS-ISS (not official IBIS). Walter noted that the B-element would need to be added to IBIS-ISS. Bob added that Cpad and Rpad would need to be added as a load external to the B-element.

Arpad Muranyi questioned why we couldn’t enhance C\_comp to add an ESR element. However, the compensation algorithms for C\_comp de-embedding from V-t curves would need to handle the ESR element. Walter added that he felt this model could be supported in IBIS 6.0 since the circuit does not include any non-linearities.

The presentation is available at:

<http://www.eda.org/ibis/minutes/min2014/m022114_docs/will-it-ibis-feb-21-2014.pdf>

**NEXT MEETING**

The next IBIS Open Forum teleconference will be held March 14, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. US Pacific Time. The following meeting will be held April 4, 2014.

Radek Biernacki moved to adjourn. David Banas seconded the motion. There were no objections.

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To report ibischk parser BUGs as well as tschk2 parser BUGs. The BUG Report Form for ibischk resides along with reported BUGs at:

<http://www.eda.org/ibis/bugs/ibischk/>

[http://www.eda.org/ibis/bugs/ibischk/bugform.txt](http://www.eda-stds.org/ibis/bugs/ibischk/bugform.txt)

The BUG Report Form for tschk2 resides along with reported BUGs at:

<http://www.eda.org/ibis/tschk_bugs/>

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[http://www.eda.org/ibis/bugs/s2ibis2/bugs2i2.txt](http://www.eda-stds.org/ibis/bugs/s2ibis2/bugs2i2.txt)

[http://www.eda.org/ibis/bugs/s2iplt/bugsplt.txt](http://www.eda-stds.org/ibis/bugs/s2iplt/bugsplt.txt)

Information on IBIS technical contents, IBIS participants and actual IBIS models are available on the IBIS Home page:

<http://www.eda.org/ibis>

Check the IBIS file directory on eda.org for more information on previous discussions and results:

[http://www.eda.org/ibis/directory.html](http://www.eda-stds.org/ibis/directory.html)

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**IBIS – SAE STANDARDS BALLOT VOTING STATUS**

**I/O Buffer Information Specification Committee (IBIS)**

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| **Organization** | **Interest Category** | **Standards Ballot Voting Status** | **December 6, 2013** | **January 10, 2014** | **January 31, 2014** | **February 21, 2014** |
| Agilent Technologies | User | Active | X | X | X | X |
| Altera | Producer | Active | - | - | X | X |
| ANSYS | User | Inactive | - | - | - | - |
| Applied Simulation Technology | User | Inactive | - | - | X | - |
| Cadence Design Systems | User | Active | X | X | X | X |
| Ericsson | Producer | Inactive | - | - | X | - |
| Foxconn Technology Group | Producer | Inactive | - | - | - | - |
| Huawei Technologies | Producer | Inactive | - | - | X | - |
| IBM | Producer | Active | X | X | X | X |
| Infineon Technologies AG | Producer | Inactive | - | - | - | - |
| Intel Corp. | Producer | Active | - | X | X | X |
| IO Methodology | User | Active | - | X | X | X |
| LSI | Producer | Inactive | - | X | - | X |
| Maxim Integrated Products | Producer | Inactive | - | - | X | - |
| Mentor Graphics | User | Active | X | X | X | X |
| Micron Technology | Producer | Active | X | X | X | X |
| Signal Integrity Software | User | Active | X | X | X | X |
| Synopsys | User | Inactive | - | - | X | - |
| Teraspeed Consulting | General Interest | Active | X | X | X | X |
| Toshiba | Producer | Inactive | - | - | - | - |
| Xilinx | Producer | Inactive | - | - | X | - |
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