**IBIS Open Forum Minutes**

Meeting Date: **February 18, 2022**

Meeting Location: **Teleconference**

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| None |  |

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NOTE: "AR" = Action Required.

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**INTRODUCTIONS AND MEETING QUORUM**

Mike LaBonte declared that a quorum had been reached.

**CALL FOR PATENTS**

Randy Wolff called for declaration of any patents or pending patents related to the IBIS, IBIS-ISS, ICM, or Touchstone 2.0 specifications. No patents were declared.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES AND ARS**

Randy Wolff called for comments on the minutes of the January 28, 2022, IBIS Open Forum teleconference. Curtis Clark moved to approve the minutes. Radek Biernacki seconded the motion. There were no objections.

Randy reviewed ARs from the previous meeting.

* Randy Wolff to contact press outlets about IBIS 7.1 article [AR]  
  Randy said Signal Integrity Journal had replied that they would welcome an article.
* Michael Mirmak to produce new IBIS 7.1 PDF with Figure 46 corrected [AR]  
  Randy reported this was done.
* Michael Mirmak to draft template ISSIRD document [AR]  
  Randy said this was done, and the document was in review.

Randy Wolff to write IBIS 7.1 article for Signal Integrity Journal [AR]

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**, **CALL FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**MEMBERSHIP STATUS AND TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bob Ross reported that we had 15 paid members. Two had paid in the previous year. Unpaid returning companies will be dropped from membership at the end of May. We had a balance of $12,150, and a balance adjusted for 2022 attribution of $15,500. There may be expenses for DesignCon. Bob said the Xilinx representative would change to Bassam Mansour.

**WEBSITE ADMINISTRATION**

Steve Parker reported that minutes had been updated. Zhiping Yang had sent a models.txt file to test the new model library page update process. Steve would post the result of that with a corrected header. The About page had an eda.org reference that Steve had removed, along with other fixes. BIRD211.4 had been posted, and the IBIS 7.1 PDF had been updated to fix a figure issue. The 404 “page not found” page itself was encountering an error. Steve was working with BlueHost to fix that. Randy Wolff said the IBIS 7.1 Known Issues document also had been updated.

**MAILING LIST ADMINISTRATION**

Curtis Clark reported that some Gmail subscription requests had to be verified. Bob Ross asked if there had been any bounce notices for him, related [ibis-interconn@freelists.org](mailto:ibis-interconn@freelists.org). Curtis said he would check.

**LIBRARY UPDATE**

Zhiping Yang reported that the new models page update process was working well. Steve Parker said he would work on the script to automate the few manual edits required. Zhiping said there had been no contacts or updates related to the model library page.

**INTERNATIONAL/EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES**

- Conferences

Randy Wolff said we could begin reporting on IEEE SPI 2022, to be held in Siegen, Germany, May 22 to 25.

https://spi2022.uni-siegen.de/

- Press Updates

None.

- Related standards

IEC 63055/IEEE 2401, JEITA “LPB”

No discussion.

**SUMMIT PLANNING AND REVIEW**

Randy Wolff said the first DesignCon 2022 summit announcement had been sent. The summit would be held Friday, April 8, as a hybrid event. Masks might be required for the conference. Randy had signed a contract with Informa Markets to secure their obligations to IBIS. He had not yet received our obligations. Randy asked people planning to attend to let him know. Mike LaBonte asked how many free passes we would have. Randy said we would have five. Bob Ross named some likely attendees, asking if anyone else was going, so that he could plan for food and beverage expenses. Bob said he was soliciting financial sponsors for the event. Bob felt we would have less than 50 in-person attendees, and lunch would have to be less than full catering. Bob said we had two planned presentations, and he was requesting more presentations. He noted that travelling attendees would need to plan to stay an extra day to attend the summit in person.

**QUALITY TASK GROUP**

Mike LaBonte said the group meets on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. PT. The group had been discussing new IBISCHK bugs. The IBISCHK 7.1.0 User Guide had been updated and posted to the IBISCHK7 web page. Mike had made corrections to the associated message spreadsheet.

The Quality task group checklist and other documentation can be found at:

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

**ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY MODELING TASK GROUP**

Arpad Muranyi reported that the group meets on Tuesdays at 12:00 a.m. PT. They had talked about crosstalk terms in the IBIS-AMI impulse matrix input. Arpad said they were finalizing the PAMn BIRD draft, which he encouraged people to review.

Tushar Pandey asked if it was possible to change the meeting time because he could not attend at that time. Arpad suggested having that discussion on the email list. Tushar said he would do that.

Task group material can be found at:

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

**INTERCONNECT TASK GROUP**

Randy Wolff reported that the group had been meeting in its Wednesday time slot at 8:00 a.m. PT. They continued to discuss possible additions for a Touchstone 3 specification. There had been a discussion about whether complex number pairs could be split across lines. They had discussed a BIRD draft about EMD [Designator Pin List], adding a new feature related to no-connect pins.

Task group material can be found at:

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

**EDITORIAL TASK GROUP**

Randy Wolff reported that the group remained suspended.

Task group material can be found at:

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

**NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

None.

**New and Revised BIRDs:**

**BIRD211.4: IBIS AMI Reference Flow Improvements**

Randy Wolff said the ATM Task Group had voted to submit the BIRD update. He showed the BIRD. Arpad Muranyi said page references had been corrected to use IBIS 7.1 page numbers, and there were a few other minor editorial updates. He said the BIRD had been discussed for years. Several other BIRDs would be voted down in favor of this BIRD. BIRD211.4 was a large BIRD, and the plan was to include it in IBIS 7.2. Arpad suggested we could vote on it either in the next meeting or the one after. Radek Biernacki suggested giving more time, asking to wait before scheduling the vote.

**BIRDs Scheduled for Vote:**

None

**BIRDS Eligible for Vote:**

**BIRD213: EXTENDING IBIS-AMI FOR PAMn ANALYSIS**

Arpad Muranyi said there would be a few more clarifications, and a BIRD213.1 would be submitted.

**BIRD216: Alphanumeric Pin Names**

Randy Wolff showed the BIRD. Arpad Muranyi asked if it had been introduced in a prior Open Forum meeting. Randy said it had. Arpad summarized the changes. A definition for “alphanumeric” had been added, the requirement for the [Pin] keyword to have alphanumeric pin names had been added, and the requirement for function\_table\_group to be alphanumeric had been removed. Radek Biernacki moved to schedule a vote on the BIRD in the next Open Forum meeting. Arpad seconded. Without objection the motion passed.

Randy Wolff to send vote solicitation email for BIRD216 [AR]

**BIRD217: Require Clocked Rx Models to Return Clock Times**

Randy Wolff showed the BIRD. Arpad Muranyi described the new requirement for Rx models to return clock\_times in the case where clock forwarding was used. It was important in that case because there was no embedded clock for EDA tools to recover. Bob Ross said “must” vs. “shall” had been debated. He asked if it would be difficult for the IBISCHK parser to check the new requirement. Arpad said the parser currently did not execute model functions, so it could not enforce the new requirement. It had been decided to only “highly recommend” clock\_times for non-clock-forwarded cases. Arpad said redrivers were an exception because there was no mechanism to forward clocks.

Bob Ross said another BIRD might introduce new keywords that would help IBISCHK test the models for clock\_times output and other functions. Mike LaBonte asked how many AMI\_GetWave calls must be made before deciding there were no clock ticks. Arpad said Ignore\_Bits could give an indication. Mike said IBISCHK could be significantly slower if it had to call AMI\_GetWave many times before seeing clock\_times.

Arpad said the BIRD also highly recommended using Rx\_Decision\_Time. The BIRD noted that if absent, the EDA tool must decide.

Arpad moved to schedule a vote on the BIRD in the next Open Forum meeting. Curtis Clark seconded. Without objection the motion passed.

Randy Wolff to send vote solicitation email for BIRD217 [AR]

**Tabled BIRDs (No Discussion Without Motion to "untable"):**

**BIRD166.4: RESOLVING PROBLEMS WITH REDRIVER INIT FLOW**

Discussion was tabled.

**BIRD181.1: I-V TABLE CLARIFICATIONS**

Discussion was tabled.

**BIRD190: CLARIFICATION FOR REDRIVER FLOW**

Discussion was tabled.

**BIRD210: NEW REDRIVER AMI FLOW**

Discussion was tabled.

**IBISCHK AND TSCHK PARSER AND BUG STATUS**

Randy Wolff showed IBISCHK BUG228. Bob Ross said an [IBIS Ver] 7.1 EMD file could refer to IBIS files going back to IBIS 2.0. In IBIS 7.0, a new rule prohibited attaching a single bus\_label to two signal\_name entries, but that was not checked in files with [IBIS Ver] less than 7.0. The [IBIS Ver] 2.0 file in the testcase gave no error message but gave two when changed to [IBIS Ver] 7.1. The suggested fix was to check all .ibs files using IBIS 7.0 rules, when it was checked as part of an EMD set. A new line would be printed by IBISCHK to explain. Bob suggested Annoying severity and Low priority classification, adding that it would be fixed in the next release. Mike LaBonte moved to approve the classification. Arpad Muranyi seconded. Without objection the motion passed.

Randy showed IBISCHK BUG229. He noted that the file had non-ASCII quote characters. Bob said he would fix those. Mike summarized the bug. He said the suggested fix was to not call the “system” function to find .pkg files, that could be done directly using other standard functions. Bob suggested Annoying severity and Low priority classification. Curtis Clark moved to approve the classification. Bob seconded. Without objection the motion passed.

Randy showed IBISCHK BUG230. Mike said the problem involved the check to see if a model was being used in both differential and single-ended contexts. Randy said the message identified the model as Series, which was incorrect. Bob affirmed that the file had no Series type models. He said the file should pass with zero errors, and the message was totally misleading. Bob proposed Severe severity and High priority classification. Radek Biernacki moved to approve the classification. Curtis seconded. Without objection the motion passed.

Randy Wolff showed IBISCHK BUG231. Mike LaBonte described the bug, saying that a certain “out of memory” message was reported as an internal bug in one place, and as an error in another place in the code. Mike said it should always be printed as a bug. Bob moved to classify it as Annoying severity and Medium priority. Randy seconded. Without objection the motion passed.

**NEW TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next IBIS Open Forum teleconference meeting would be held on March 11, 2022. The following teleconference meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 1, 2022. The DesignCon 2022 IBIS Summit would be held April 8, 2022.

Arpad Muranyi moved to adjourn. Curtis Clark seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

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