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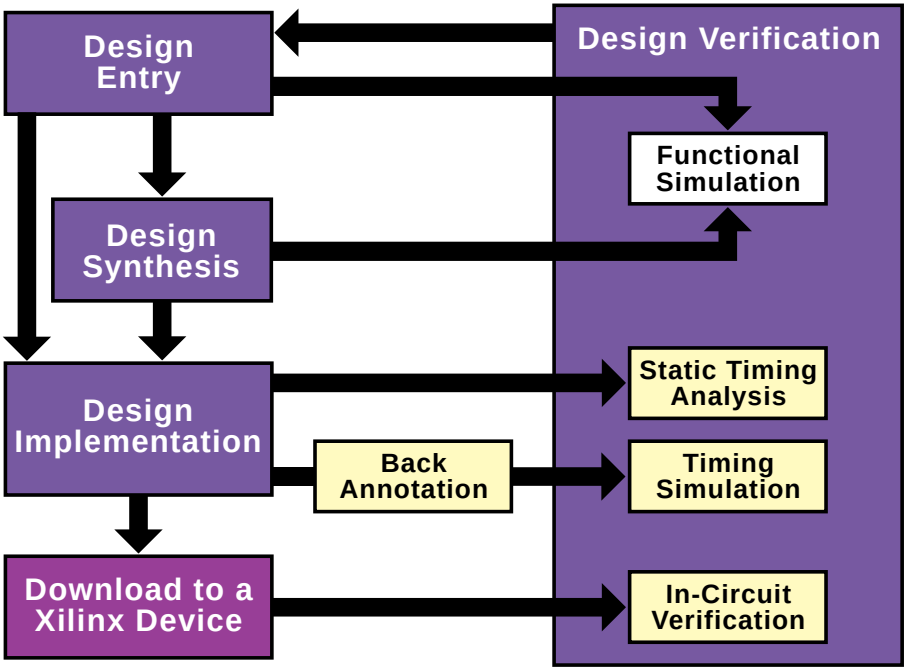

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Getting Started Manuals

Title	Summary
Foundation Series 4 User Guide	• Describes how to use the Foundation Series software • Gives information about the Xilinx design flow
ISE 4 Tutorial	• Explains how to use VHDL and schematic design entry tools • Explains how to perform functional and timing simulation • Explains how to implement a sample design
ISE 4 User Guide	• Provides an overview of the ISE design environment and briefly describes each tool in the suite • Explains how to create a project • Summarizes each of the steps in the design flow, including: design entry, synthesis, simulation, implementation, and programming

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Design Entry Manuals

Title	Summary
ChipScope Software and ILA Cores User Manual **Note** ChipScope ILA is a Xilinx Development System Option that can be purchased by clicking Buy Online.	• Explains how to use the ChipScope™ Core Generator tool to generate ChipScope cores and to add them to an FPGA design • Explains how to use the ChipScope Core Inserter tool to insert cores into a post-synthesis netlist without disturbing the HDL source code • Explains how to use the ChipScope Analyzer tool to perform in-circuit verification (also known as on-chip debugging), including how to view data and interact with ChipScope cores, how to create bitstreams that are compatible with the ChipScope JTAG download function, and how to download bitstreams to an FPGA using JTAG
ChipScope Tools Tutorial	• Provides a simple counter example • Explains how to use the ChipScope Core Generator and Core Inserter tools to generate ChipScope cores and to insert the cores into an FPGA design • Explains how to synthesize and implement an FPGA design that contains ChipScope cores • Explains how to use the ChipScope Analyzer tool to debug an FPGA design
Constraints Guide	• Describes each constraint in detail • Provides strategies for using timing constraints • Describes all constraint entry methods and constraint types
CORE Generator Guide	• Describes how to use the CORE Generator™ GUI • Provides design flow information

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Foundation Series 4 User Guide	• Describes how to use the Foundation Series software • Gives information about the Xilinx design flow
HDL Bencher User's Guide	• Describes how to use the HDL Bencher™ GUI, which automatically creates VHDL test benches and Verilog test fixtures
ISE 4 Tutorial	• Explains how to use VHDL and schematic design entry tools • Explains how to perform functional and timing simulation • Explains how to implement a sample design
ISE 4 User Guide	• Provides an overview of the ISE design environment and briefly describes each tool in the suite • Explains how to create a project • Summarizes each of the steps in the design flow, including: design entry, synthesis, simulation, implementation, and programming
Libraries Guide	• Describes Xilinx Unified Library components • Includes attribute information
LogiBLOX Guide	• Explains how to use the LogiBLOX™ GUI • Describes how to enter and to implement designs with library modules
Mentor Graphics Interface Guide	• Describes the interface environment • Provides design tips for Mentor Graphics® users
StateCAD User's Guide	• Describes how to use the StateCAD GUI, which automates state machine development in VHDL, Verilog, and ABEL-HDL code

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Synthesis and Simulation Design Guide	• Explains how to use HDLs to design FPGAs with emphasis on synthesis and simulation • Contains generic examples for tools other than Synopsys®
Virtex-II Handbook	• Describes the function and operation of Virtex™-II devices • Describes how to take advantage of the Virtex-II architecture's special features to achieve maximum density and performance, including how to automatically generate functions using the Xilinx CORE Generator™ tool
Xilinx/Concept-HDL Interface Guide	• Describes the interface between Xilinx and Cadence® Concept-HDL • Provides information for synthesizing and simulating designs

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Design Synthesis Manuals

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Foundation Series 4 User Guide	• Describes how to use the Foundation Series software • Gives information about the Xilinx design flow
FPGA Compiler II/FPGA Express Verilog Reference Guide	• Describes the Verilog portion of Synopsys FPGA Compiler II/FPGA Express application, part of the Synopsys suite of synthesis tools • Describes how to use FPGA Compiler II/FPGA Express to read an RTL Verilog HDL model of a discrete electronic system and to synthesize this description into a gate-level netlist
FPGA Compiler II/FPGA Express VHDL Reference Guide	• Describes the VHDL portion of Synopsys FPGA Compiler II/FPGA Express, part of the Synopsys suite of synthesis tools • Describes how to use FPGA Compiler II / FPGA Express to read an RTL VHDL model of a discrete electronic system and to synthesize this description into a gate-level netlist
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Synthesis and Simulation Design Guide	• Explains how to use HDLs to design FPGAs with emphasis on synthesis and simulation • Contains generic examples for tools other than Synopsys
Xilinx Synthesis Technology (XST) User Guide	• Explains XST support for HDL languages, Xilinx devices, and constraints • Explains FPGA and CPLD optimization techniques • Describes how to run XST from the Project Navigator Process window and command line
Xilinx/Concept-HDL Interface Guide	• Describes the interface between Xilinx and Cadence Concept-HDL • Provides information for synthesizing and simulating designs
Xilinx/Synopsys Interface Guide	• Describes the interface between Xilinx and Synopsys Design Compiler, FPGA Compiler, and FPGA Compiler II • Provides information for synthesizing and simulating designs

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Design Implementation Manuals

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Constraints Guide	• Describes each constraint in detail • Provides strategies for using timing constraints • Describes all constraint entry methods and constraint types
Design Manager/Flow Engine Guide	• Explains how to use the Design Manager and Flow Engine GUIs • Describes the interaction with other Xilinx design implementation GUIs
Development System Reference Guide	• Describes the Xilinx design flow, including Modular Design • Describes command line tools, including syntax and options **Note** See the "NGDBuild," "MAP," "PAR," and "BitGen" chapters for information on design implementation.
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Note For information on using Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs), such as the Project Navigator, Floorplanner, FPGA Editor, Timing Analyzer, and Constraints Editor, see the online Help provided with each tool.

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PROM File Formatter Guide	• Explains how to use the PROM File Formatter GUI • Describes how to format bitstream files into HEX • Explains how to program a PROM device

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Functional Simulation Manuals

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Timing Simulation Manuals

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Development System Reference Guide	• Describes the Xilinx design flow, including Modular Design • Describes command line tools, including syntax and options **Note** See the "NGDAnno," "NGD2EDIF," "NGD2VER," and "NGD2VHDL" chapters for information on timing simulation.
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Static Timing Analysis Manuals

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Development System Reference Guide	• Describes the Xilinx design flow, including Modular Design • Describes command line tools, including syntax and options **Note** See the "TRACE" chapter for information on static timing analysis.
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Note Also see the online Help provided with the Timing Analyzer GUI.

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In-Circuit Verification Manuals

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Back Annotation Manuals

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iMPACT User Guide	• Explains how to use the iMPACT GUI • Describes how to download bitstreams to an FPGA or CPLD using a Xilinx Parallel Cable III, Parallel Cable IV, or MultiLINX™ cable • Describes how to read back and to verify design configuration data and how to perform functional tests on any device • Describes how to generate programming files with Xilinx System ACE™, a configuration environment that allows space-efficient, pre-engineered, high-density configuration solutions for systems with multiple FPGAs

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Note For device information, see the Product Data Sheets.

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