Imperas Newsletter – March 2021

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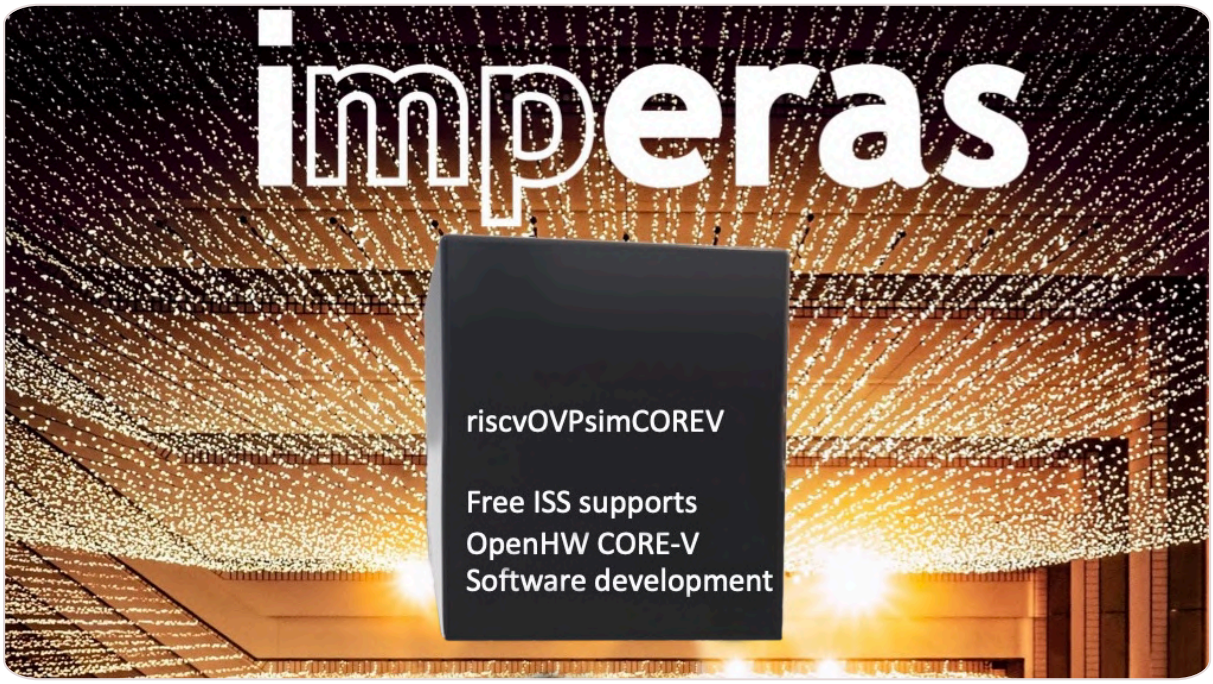
RISC-V Reference Model for Processor DV

Latest news



Imperas releases free ISS for RISCV-V CORE-V developers in the OpenHW ecosystem

Imperas has made available the first release of riscvOVPsimCOREV as a free ISS (Instruction Set Simulator) based on the Imperas reference models of the OpenHW Groups processor RISC-V core IP. An ISS is the essential starting point for software development tasks of algorithm, application, and tool writing.

riscvOVPsimCOREV can be configured for the complete range of the OpenHW CORE-V processor IP portfolio, including the RTL-frozen CV32E40P (formally known as PULP RI5CY), the under-development CV32E40S and CV32E40X, plus the upcoming CVA6-32/64 bit (formally known as PULP ARIANE), and will be extended overtime to cover the future roadmap of CORE-V.

An ISS is a software-based representation of a processor that can be used to

test and develop software on a standard host x86 PC machine. The main advantages of an ISS over a traditional hardware development platform are the ease-of-use features that help the programmer with debug, control and visibility of code running in simulation. With new processor IP cores, the ISS is an essential tool to support the development of software before silicon or hardware implementations are available.

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Imperas Donates Latest RV32/64K Crypto (scalar) Architectural Validation Test Suites to the RISC-V Verification Ecosystem

Imperas has released the latest update to the RISC-V architectural validation test suites for the RV32/64K Crypto (scalar) extension. Developed in conjunction with the guidelines of the RISC-V International Architecture Tests SIG, Imperas has achieved an almost 100% functional coverage of the instructions based on the RISC-V Cryptographic Extensions task group's functional coverage plan.

Imperas has uploaded the new test suite to the official RISC-V International GitHub repository, available at https://github.com/riscv/riscv-arch-test, and the riscv-crypto repository is on GitHub at https://github.com/riscv/riscv-crypto.

In addition, Imperas has also updated the free RISC-V Open Virtual Platform Simulator, known as riscvOVPsimPlus™, as a reference Instruction Set Simulator (ISS) for users and developers of RISC V processor cores, with the new Crypto extensions, which is available on OVPworld.

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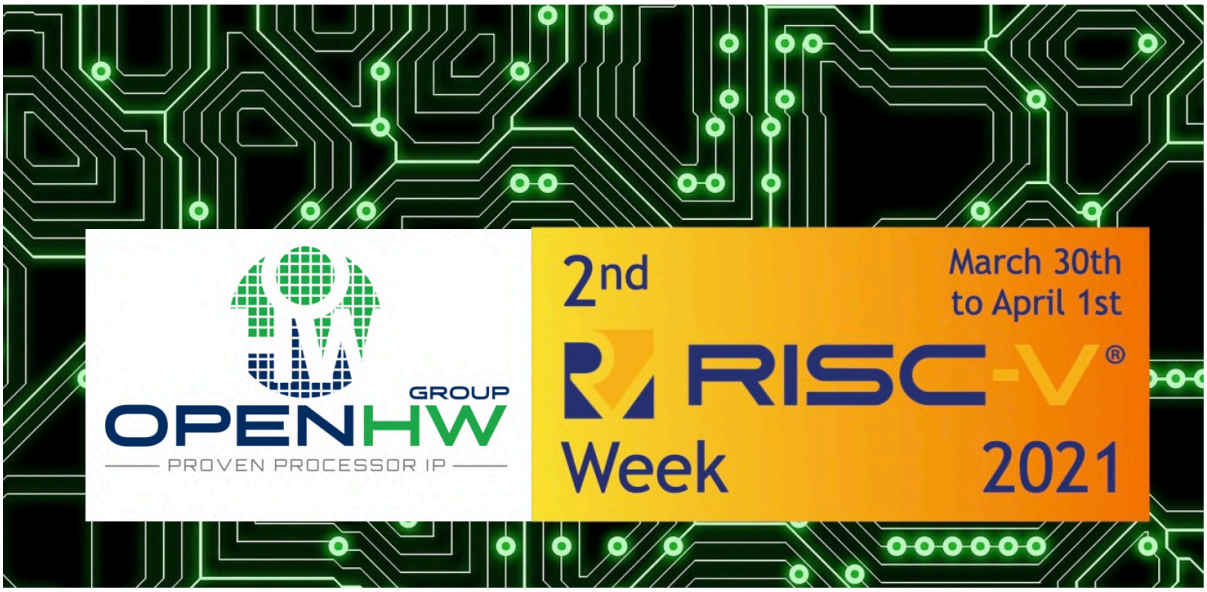
Events



Imperas at OpenHW Day, April 1 2021

Imperas participating at the online virtual event highlighting the latest developments for RISC-V Verification for the open-source CORE-V processor IP family

OpenHW Panel:
The panel discussion on OpenHW with key participants based in Europe including Simon Davidmann of Imperas

OpenHW Software Task Group Projects:
The Imperas talk will feature updates on Software Models and ISS (Instruction Set Simulator) for CORE-V

OpenHW CORE-V Verif:
This talk will also feature a hands-on demo of Imperas RISC-V verification reference model and SystemVerilog test bench and supporting infrastructure

During the live sessions and breaks, Imperas staff will be available for interactive Q&A with attendees throughout the event.

Free! Registration is free for the 2021 RISC-V Week including the OpenHW Day, see more details at https://open-src-soc.org

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Videos

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RISC-V Custom Instructions – Design, Development and Deployment

Webinar agenda and speakers

- Hubert Chung – Andes Technology
- Kat Hsu – Imperas Software
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Articles

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OPINION

An Insider's View Of Verifying Custom RISC-V Processor Cores

How RISC-V verification ecosystems support flexibility in approaching a custom processor design.

SOME MORE ARTICLES FROM 

Verification In The Open Source Era

What does open-source verification mean in the context of a RISC-V processor core? Does it provide free tools, free test benches, or the freedom to innovate? Read more.

The Six Steps Of RISC-V Processor Verification Including Vector Extensions

Read the Imperas Article for Siemens' EDA Verification Horizons - DVCon Edition Read more.

Imperas Blog for OpenHW published by RISC-V International

OpenHW Group highlights how verification is a key aspect of the open-source CORE-V processor IP Read more.

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embeddedworld2021 Exhibition&Conference ...it's a smarter world DIGITAL Conference Paper

Software-driven SoC Architectural Exploration for AI and ML accelerators with RISC-V

Imperas highlights a methodology to evaluate the hardware options by enabling early system architectural exploration using software to uncover the optimum design configurations. Read more.

Download the conference slides.

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DVCon 2021 Paper on RISC-V Processor Verification: Case Study with NVIDIA Networking

This paper reports on the techniques used and lessons learned for the verification of a RV64IMACBNSU RISC-V processor by an experienced SoC design team. Read more.

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Conference Paper

Jump start your RISC-V project with OpenHW

OpenHW, Futurewei, Silicon Labs, EM Micro & Imperas

This paper will address the verification methodology adopted by the OpenHW Verification Task Group to assure commercial standards for quality for open-source RISC-V cores as used for the RTL-frozen CV32E40P (formally known as PULP RI5CY). Read more.

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Release information

OVP and riscvOVPsim RELEASE NEWS

The latest Imperas and OVP release at the Open Virtual Platforms website.

OVP Open Virtual Platforms

For an introduction to RISC-V the free single core envelope model, called riscvOVPsim, is an excellent starting point, which can be configured for all the ratified ISA features and includes support of the draft specifications for

Bit Manipulation and Vectors.

The latest version was uploaded on 26 February 2021, Version: 20210226.0 and is available via GitHub here.

The free enhanced riscvOVPsimPlus, including many more features including full configurable instruction trace, GDB/Eclipse debug, and memory configuration options, plus the RISC-V Vector and other test suites, is now available on the OVP website here.

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