Lecture 21
Conclusion and Parting Messages

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Topics Covered

• Technology and Methods
  - CMOS devices and circuits
  - ASIC design methodology

• Computer Architecture and System Stack
  - ISA, processors, memory hierarchy
  - Design patterns (e.g. single-cycle, FSM, pipeline)
  - System integration
  - Hardware acceleration

• Languages and Tools
  - Verilog, Tcl
  - Synopsys VCS (Verilog Simulation)
  - Synopsys Design Compiler (Netlist Synthesis)
  - Cadence SOC Encounter (Physical Design)
Example Job Positions

US, TX, Austin

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We are now looking for an ASIC Engineer

The NVIDIA System-On-Chip (SOC) group is looking for a top ASIC Engineer with an interest in RTL verification and design as well as integration. The ideal candidate for this position also has real passion for methodologies and automation solutions that enable creating SOCs in the least amount of time. In this position, you will be involved in defining and developing system-level methodologies, tools, and IP that create more efficient and flexible SOCs in the future. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to interface directly with unit-level, Physical Design, CAD, Package Design, Software, DFT and other teams.

What we need to see:

- MS in EE or Computer engineering, with a minimum of 3 years of relevant industry work experience
- Experience in verification (SystemVerilog), RTL design (Verilog), implementation flow, and synthesis
- Experience in architecting and implementing test benches and test bench components
- Excellent analytical and problem solving skills
- Strong coding skills in Perl or other industry-standard scripting languages
- Excellent communication skills to interface with many groups and build consensus
- Good team work spirit, easy to cooperate with team members
- Prior experience in RTL build and design automation is a plus

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The Trend: Follow, Catch, or Create?

- **Intelligent Recognition**
  - computer vision, artificial intelligence

- **Internet of Things**
  - Sensing (Analog)
  - Computing (Digital)
  - Wireless (RF)
  - Energy harvesting (Power)

- **Software-Hardware Co-design**
  - Analog/Digital/Mixed Signal/Radio...
  - Interface/Communication/Internet/Cloud...
  - Application/Regulation/Resource/Material...
Research Theme (XZ Group)

- **Problem**
  - designing micro-scale autonomous systems with enhanced security and resilience.

- **Approach**
  - co-design of algorithm, computer architecture, circuits, and sensing and actuation mechanisms.

- **Projects**
  - reconfigurable deep learning hardware
  - integrated voltage regulator (IVR) cross-layer modeling
  - energy-efficient software-assisted power delivery
  - novel CMOS devices for non-reciprocal energy transfer
  - verifiable hardware against side-channel attack
  - sensor-fusion chip for vision-based robotic control
Final Logistics

• Class project report
  - due on 5/8 by 11:59pm
  - no extension due to final grade deadline
  - refer to guideline on
    http://classes.engineering.wustl.edu/ese566/Lecture/week13b.pdf
  - if you need help, use Piazza or email TA to schedule a meeting

• Lab3 and project grades
  - will be posted on Blackboard

• Class evaluation
  - will send reminder email
  - account for 3 points in final grade
Questions?

Comments?

Discussion?