

New, Independent E-Mail User Group Dedicated to Xilinx Technology

XUMA: Xilinx User Mailing list

Alain Arnaud of ECLA, Inc. (Newton, Massachusetts), a design consultant and experienced FPGA and ASIC designer, was pondering how to best field his customers' questions — a mix that included both system-level and FPGA-level issues. To assist in this task, Alain started an e-mail address list of colleagues and industry contacts. This effort has grown into XUMA — the Xilinx User Mailing List — a new, independent forum for the communication of technical subjects across the Xilinx user community. XUMA, initiated in May, 1996, currently has over 250 subscribers and is growing rapidly.

XUMA mailings are e-mails of technical questions and answers sent to Alain by anybody and forwarded to everyone on the XUMA mailing list.

Xilinx users can subscribe to the list, unsubscribe from the list or submit a change of address by sending mail to:

`xuma-request@ecla.com`

To send a technical question, answer or related information to the list, mail it to:

`xuma@ecla.com`

Mention in your mail if you would like to remain anonymous. Alain sends out digests of messages sent to him about twice each week.

XUMA is more focused than the "comp.arch.fpga" news group (see *XCell* #21, page 41). Comp.arch.fpga is a general FPGA forum that typically deals with broad-based questions and issues, while XUMA is dedicated to trading technical information regarding Xilinx devices and software. As a result, it takes less time to review XUMA digests for pertinent information. Furthermore, Alain is actively de-

signing with a range of Xilinx parts and is up-to-date on Xilinx products.

XUMA is completely independent from Xilinx, Inc. Many engineers want an independent technical forum for openly discuss key concerns and issues, both at the system- and device-level, and get objective answers from others in their professional community. ♦

Remember, Xilinx users can contact the Xilinx Technical Support Hotline (see page 35) with technical questions on Xilinx products.

TO: `xuma-request@ecla.com`

CC:

TOPIC: `Xilinx mailing list`

MESSAGE: `Alain -- please add my name to the XUMA list for Xilinx technical issues.`

TO: `xuma@ecla.com`

CC:

TOPIC: `XC4000 Series tip`

MESSAGE: `Alain -- I think I have discovered a way to use an XC4025E as a barrier to protect my desk from the harmful effects of excess moisture building up on the bottom of my coffee mug.`