FPGA Design

UTILIZE OUR EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN FPGA DESIGN FROM LOW-COST CPLDS RIGHT UP TO THE LARGEST FPGAS IN THE WORLD.

Your teams are facing unique challenges, and we understand — too many projects and too few engineering resources. And that’s not all. Designing for your complex prototype or product requires deep technical knowledge as well as thoughtful consideration and planning. Bottom line, you need to meet your roadmap schedule, and with Fidus as an extension of your team, you will get there, and get it right the first time.

HOW WE HELP

Delivering solutions at the speed of your business.

After more than 20 years, 3,900 projects and 400 customers, we’ve learned how to transform your idea, vision or concept into the product you’ve imagined. That’s because we know how to take complex problems, and design and deliver them against dynamic environments and tight deadlines.

Your project needs the right team and the right toolset with a rigorous process to deliver on your capability and capacity challenges. At Fidus, we become a seamless extension of your team, with a clear focus and commitment to getting your design or prototype to market faster.

Being a Design Services member with premier FPGA players means that we are trained and adept at selecting and implementing the most advanced devices and tool flows. And since Fidus attracts a variety of industries and customers, our teams have cultivated creative problem solving, ensuring projects are efficiently planned and cost effective.

That’s not all! Our FPGA design teams’ skills are well complemented by our hardware, PCB layout, signal integrity, embedded software, and mechanical design expertise.

Extend your team — you choose how we work together.

Design projects have many elements, all of which are in your control when you work with Fidus. Do you want to hand off the whole project or just find a few people to supplement your staff? Looking for project management to keep you informed and the project on track? Our breadth of expertise, creative team structures, and flexible payment options allow a customized service that works for you:

- **Turnkey design services**: Plan and execute with our team for an end-to-end development solution, or choose anything in between to suit your requirements.
- **Staffing services**: Utilize a design expert at your virtual or physical location, for the length of your project, or for a targeted engagement.
DESIGN EXPERTISE

**Turnkey:** FPGA design, verification, and documentation solutions

**Device selection:** Identifying the best device to get the job done

**Device retarget:** Helping you migrate from one FPGA to another

**Languages:** Verilog®, VHDL, SystemVerilog, HLS

**Xilinx advanced tool flows:** Vitis®, SDNet™, DFX/PR, HLS, IDF, AMP, SDSA™, MatLab®, Simulink®, System Generator for DSP™

**Intel® advanced tool flows:** Intel® HLS Compiler, DSP Builder for FPGAs, Intel® SoC Embedded Development Suite, Embedded Design Suite, SDK for Open CL

**Lattice® Diamond Software, Radiant Software, Neural Network Compiler, iCECube2, Lattice SensAI**

**ASIC-to-FPGA Conversion:** Replacing low-volume or discontinued ASICs with low cost FPGAs

**ASIC prototyping in FPGAs:** De-risking ASIC developments by first implementing the design in one or multiple FPGAs

**High performance computing:** Tensor Processing Unit, ML, AR/VR

**Multi-Gigabit Serial Links:** PCIe® Gen4, JESD204, Aurora

**Memory Interfaces:** NVMe, HBM, DDR4/5, SRAM, LPDDR, etc.

**Communication Protocols:** OTN, CPRI™, TCP/IP, Ethernet, SONET/SDH, ATM

**Digital Signal Processing (DSP):** Software Defined Radio (SDR), filters, echo-cancellation, 802.11 a/b/g wireless LAN, etc.

**Video:** 12G-SDI, DP, MIPI, HDMI, HDCP, image enhancement, scaling, overlay, PiP, soft-core processor engine with DMA interfaces, etc.

**Experience with:** Xilinx (UltraScale+™, UltraScale™, Versal®, Kintex®, Virtex®, Zynq®, Artix®, Spartan®), Intel® (Agilex®, Stratix®, Arria®, Cyclone®)

Lattice General Purpose (ECP2/M, ECP3, ECP5 + ECP5-5G, Certus NX®, CertusPro-NX®, ICE40®, MACH®, Video Bridging and Processing (CrossLink®)

**TOOLS FOR HIGH-END DEVELOPMENT**

**Xilinx:** Vitis, Vivado®, ISE®, PetaLinux

**Intel:** Quartus Prime®

**Lattice SensAI®, Lattice mVision®**

**Embedded:** Xilinx (MPSoC, ARM®, PowerPC®, MicroBlaze™, Linux on MicroBlaze, PicoBlaze™, Zynq, bare metal, EDK/SDK), Intel (SoC, NIOS)

**Simulation/Code Coverage:** Questa*, ModelSim® SE, NC-Sim

**Synthesis:** Synplify Pro®, Synopsys Design Compiler®

**Lab tools:** Programming pods, Vivado® Logic Analyzer, ChipScope™

**EXAMPLES OF OUR WORK**

- VME SDR airborne search and rescue radar system.
  The center-piece of the system is a custom FPGA-based software defined radio DSP engine. The DSP algorithms were designed in MATLAB and then moved into VHDL.
  Technologies: AIS, SDR (software defined radio), FPGA, PowerPC® hardcore, VHF, AGC, programmable attenuators, power amplifier, VME, VITA, DO-160E, ITU M1371, NMEA0813

- HDCP IP Core Development – Designed, tested, and integrated
  Technologies: HDCP 1.3 for DisplayPort: HDCP encryption/decryption for SST, HDCP 1.4 for HDMI: HDCP encryption/decryption for HDMI 1.4b

- Video MIPI DSI input to MIPI DSI with low latency processing unit for VR application

- Image processing and manipulation for augmented and virtual reality

- Video protocol conversation from and to SDI, DP, HDMI, MIPI

- Medical video and imaging systems, supporting real time operation thanks to an extremely low latency processing architecture

- High Bandwidth NVMe Storage Systems

- 100G Ethernet Switch/Protocol analyzer and tester

- EPON ONU development

- Encryption algorithms on SoC using Asymmetric Multi Processing, HLS, IDF, and Partial Reconfiguration

- Wireless: O-RAN fronthaul gateway, O-RAN IP Development, Integration and Verification Support

- Test and Measurement
  - Thermal Control System
  - Porting of mAbassi to AgileX SoC

- VR headset with 4 tracking cameras to USB
  - Aggregating 4x MIPI cameras to Lattice® Crosslink device for video gaming
ABOUT FIDUS
Fidus Systems, founded in 2001, specializes in leading-edge electronic product development with offices in Ottawa and Waterloo, Ontario, and San Jose, California. Our hardware, software, FPGA, verification, wireless, mechanical and signal integrity teams work to innovate, design and deliver next-generation products for customers in emerging technology markets. Fueled by 20+ years’ experience and creativity, along with our collaborative and process driven approach, we turn complex challenges into well-designed solutions. And with over 400 customers and 3000+ completed projects, we have the expertise to be a seamless extension of your team, providing a clear focus and commitment to getting designs and prototypes to market faster. Once you start working with us, you’ll trust us like one of your own. Our hallmark is transparency. Our guiding principle is first time right.

BRINGING YOU FPGA PARTNERSHIPS: XILINX PREMIER, INTEL PSG GOLD AND LATTICE
As Partners, Fidus receives exclusive training, certification, and early-access to tools, IP, and new silicon. So what does this mean? It means that when you hire Fidus, you know that Fidus is on the forefront of the FPGA roadmap, experienced in the most advanced tool flows, and is top of mind within the support network.

DESIGN SOLUTIONS WITH FIDUS
Need prototype and product design help?
We’ll work with you to understand what you’re looking for, and we’ll dedicate the necessary resources to make sure it’s a success the first time. Come to us with just an idea or specific challenges that are keeping you up at night, and we’ll help you solve them.

Fueled by 20+ years’ experience, our expertise, and creativity, along with our collaborative and process driven approach, turns complex challenges into well-designed solutions, and we keep customers like you coming back, again and again:

1. We are committed to “first time right”.
2. Experience has taught us how to solve problems on any scale.
3. Faster time to market means faster time to benefit.
4. You choose how we work together.
5. Unique projects are our obsession.
6. We believe transparency builds trust.
7. Customer focus is our calling card.

20+ years experience
Collaborating with smart teams is what fuels us every day.

3,000+ successful projects
Your unique challenges are our obsession.

400+ customers
Extending your team with our expertise brings designs to market faster.

82% repeat customers
Customers love to work with us, again and again.

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