

Update Highlights

We announce Fedasupport, our new dedicated customer support website and introduce some of its functionality. Aldec release ALINT 2010.02 with a host of new features and improvements. Riviera-PRO 2010.02 is also released, plus you can catch up on all the latest verification webinars from Aldec...

Lonsdale's Lounge...

"In the spirit of the current soapbox season, I have an axe to grind—what's happened to customer service? A rhetorical question that likely strikes a familiar chord with a lot of you dear readers."



"At a time when competition in all sectors of the economy is fierce, why do so many organisations favour cutting back on their customer facing resources? I've lost count of the number of retailers that have gone out of their way recently to make me question the sense of parting with my cash. Unreturned calls, unanswered e-mails and closed tills have quickly become 'par for the course'. In stark contrast, we are launching a new support resource targeted directly at making our customers' lives a little easier. We look forward to working together to ensure its success."

Julian

Announcing a Dedicated Support Site

We have great pleasure in announcing the launch of our dedicated technical support website for our customers: Fedasupport

The Fedasupport site contains tool demos and tutorials put together by our technical team with the focus on design methodology.

An FAQ database is being built and, with customer cooperation, will grow into a valuable technical resource.

Frequent, relevant articles will be posted giving up-to-the-minute information on the latest releases, service packs and tutorials.

You can start receiving the news straight away by clicking the RSS icon in the article below.

To create a customer account, please register at www.fedasupport.com

If you like to 'Twitter' then you can also add us to follow the latest tool tweets—click the icon...



We hope to see you soon on Fedasupport!

Assert Your Verification Authority!



It's interesting to see that the emerging verification trend for complex FPGAs is fast approaching that of the ASIC world.

More designers are now actively using assertions and other advanced verification techniques within their design methodology.

Aldec continue to keep you up to date with the latest techniques, providing pragmatic webinars together with leading verification partners.

Recent webinars include:

- Functional Coverage Techniques for VHDL & Verilog Designers
- Assertions—A Practical Introduction for HDL Designers
- Migrating to Transaction-Level Modelling in SystemC
- Learn to use OVM-SC Library in a SystemC Test Environment

Click [here](#) to access the Aldec webinar archive...

ALINT 2010.02 Released!



ALINT for design analysis continues to provide more verification rules and the latest 2010.02 release does not disappoint.

The ALINT 2010.02 key features include:

- New rule plug-in—Reuse Methodology Manual for SoC design
- Improvements to Aldec Verilog/VHDL lint rules
- Major additions to the STARC VHDL design rules
- Native support for Xilinx and Altera primitives
- Complex RAMs and PLLs are supported for Xilinx unisim and ovi_unisim libraries
- Improved clock domain extraction
- Accelerated violation database—processed up to 5x faster
- Reporting quality improved

Click [here](#) to see what's new in Aldec ALINT 2010.02...

Click [here](#) for a short overview demo of Aldec ALINT...

For an evaluation of ALINT, please go to the [download](#) area where you will be asked to register...

Riviera-PRO 2010.02 Released!



Aldec has recently released Riviera-PRO 2010.02 with the following improvement highlights:

- Support for VHDL 2008 (IEEE 1076-2008) has been extended
- SystemVerilog enhancements
- Verilog simulation enhancements
- SystemC simulation enhancements
- Coverage improvements
- New ALINT rules supported
- Open Verification Library (OVL) upgraded to version 2.4
- New Tcl and macro commands
- Waveform Viewer improvements

Click [here](#) to view the release notes...

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Aldec	
Active-HDL	8.2-SP1
Riviera-PRO	2010.02
ALINT	2010.02

Concept Engineering	
GateVision PRO	4.7.0
SpiceVision PRO	4.7.0
RTLvision PRO	4.7.0
SGvision PRO	4.7.0

Pinebush	
HyperPlot	6.0