TimingDesigner
The industry’s most accurate static timing analysis

TimingDesigner Key Features

- Easy-to-use timing diagram editor enables rapid specification of design requirements
- Dynamically linked timing spreadsheet with patented technology allows accurate parameterized modeling of timing complexities
- Powerful timing analysis engine quickly identifies worst-case timing margins to identify and correct trouble spots
- Instant updates of intelligent timing diagrams support quick evaluation of design alternatives
- Comprehensive styling options for spreadsheets and diagrams
- WYSIWYG editor to create impactful documentation
- Robust project manager organizes component diagrams within a single project tree
- Extensive import/export support eases exchange of waveform and timing data between third party tools
- Timing model library with hundreds of commonly used ICs and FPGAs

TimingDesigner® is the interactive timing analysis tool users trust to deliver fast and accurate results for timing critical designs. It can evaluate comprehensive sets of timing alternatives and provide direction to the most complex of timing challenges, enabling designers to manage and monitor timing margins through the design process.

Specify—Analyze—Document
TimingDesigner is ideal for high-speed, multi-frequency designs where it is essential to accurately model and analyze signal relationships between devices on a board, or embedded functions on an ASIC or programmable IC. It can evaluate comprehensive sets of timing alternatives and provide direction to the most complex of timing challenges, enabling designers to manage and monitor timing margins through the design process.

TimingDesigner excels at using an intuitive timing diagram approach for developing specifications to drive the design process, analyzing timing to answer critical design questions, and documenting results. TimingDesigner’s ability to create impactful images and diagrams directly from your engineering analysis streamlines documentation. Users can easily style their work with colors, fonts, and line weights to clearly illustrate and communicate the design implementation.

Putting TimingDesigner to Work
TimingDesigner models complex digital circuit timing by combining an interactive timing diagram editor with a patented, dynamically linked, timing spreadsheet. The timing diagram editor is used to define key elements of a proposed design, including waveforms (sequences of events), delays (cause-and-effect relationships), and timing constraints. The parameter spreadsheet, coupled with selectable library spreadsheets, is used to establish min/nom/max values for each critical signal relationship based on device speed grade or voltage rating. TimingDesigner also provides the option to model path delays, rise/fall times, effects of loading and temperature, and other complex formulas.
The Static Timing Analysis Engine
TimingDesigner traces all delay paths specified in the timing diagram, removes common uncertainties, adjusts for track delays, selects critical paths, and then computes worst-case timing margins. The effects of complex design changes can be instantly visualized. Automatically calculated timing constraints identify timing violations in easy-to-distinguish red, as well as in a convenient Violations Report window, so problem areas can be addressed quickly. A configurable format to generate reports and export timing constraint information is available using the Dynamic Text window.

Through linked access to timing analysis results, reports and constraint information are automatically updated and saved. Alternatively, results can be cut and pasted into third-party constraint editors. TimingDesigner also eases the project management challenges of designing complex timing interfaces. The project manager provides a logical way to organize multiple timing diagrams as components within one project. It eases the exchange of timing data among team members and provides a way to easily manage and monitor timing margins throughout the design process.

TimingDesigner’s proven technology is straightforward to use, providing a clear and consistent methodology for analyzing designs and communicating critical timing information. The tool’s interface has been designed with easy to identify icons and simple to navigate menus. Operation of the tool is intuitive, and uses commands that are familiar to most computer users. TimingDesigner is the productivity enhancing solution designers rely on to get the right design at the right time.

Design Kits
EMA offers a wide variety of design kits for TimingDesigner users, including: DDRx, Flash, PCI, popular processors, FPGAs, and many others. These kits help designers quickly set up their timing analysis, and ensure accurate modeling.