



# Bringing the benefits of Cortex-M processors to FPGA

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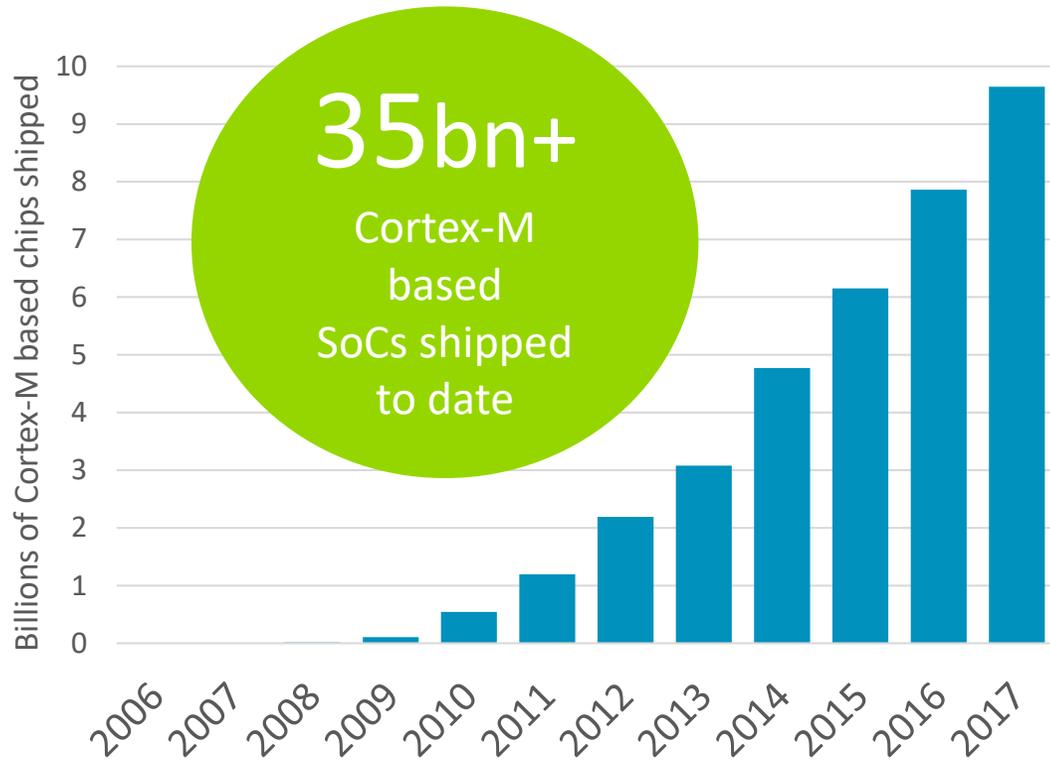
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- Market trends
- Introducing Arm DesignStart FPGA
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- Summary

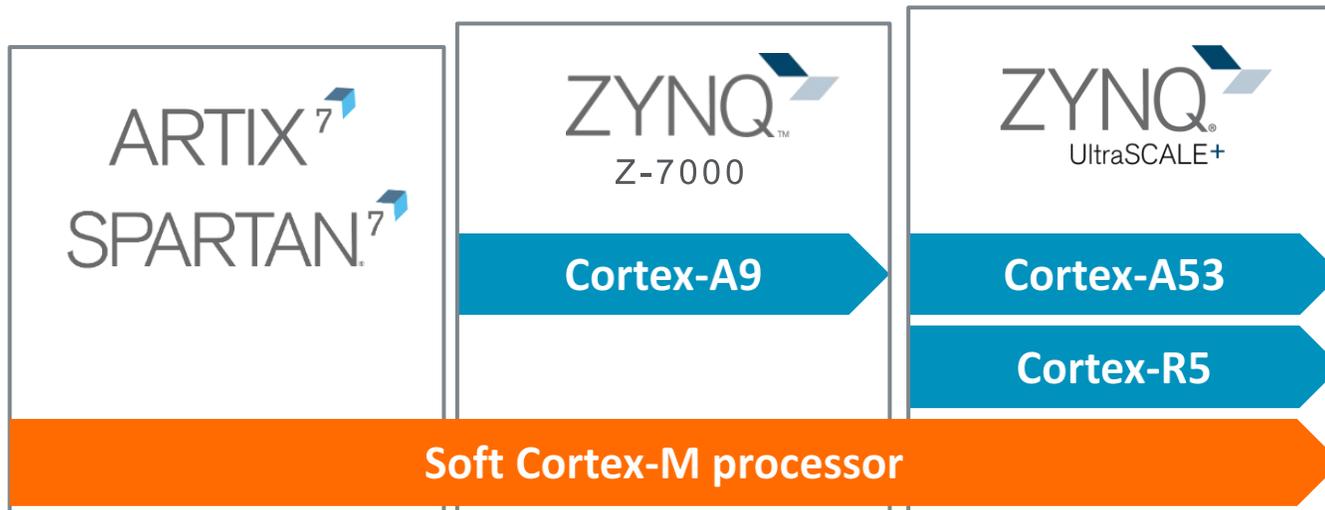
# Powering diverse embedded devices with Arm Cortex-M CPUs

Cortex-M based devices are growing exponentially

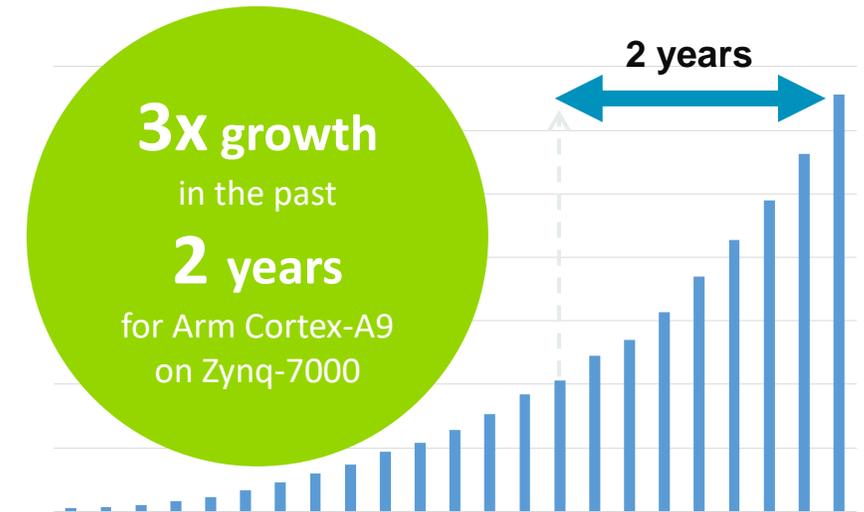


# A large growth in application-optimized designs

- Over **1 billion** cost-optimized Xilinx devices sold to date
- Xilinx continues investment in their cost-optimized portfolio with new devices, tool, and IP improvements
- Multiple generations** of Arm-based embedded processing solutions:

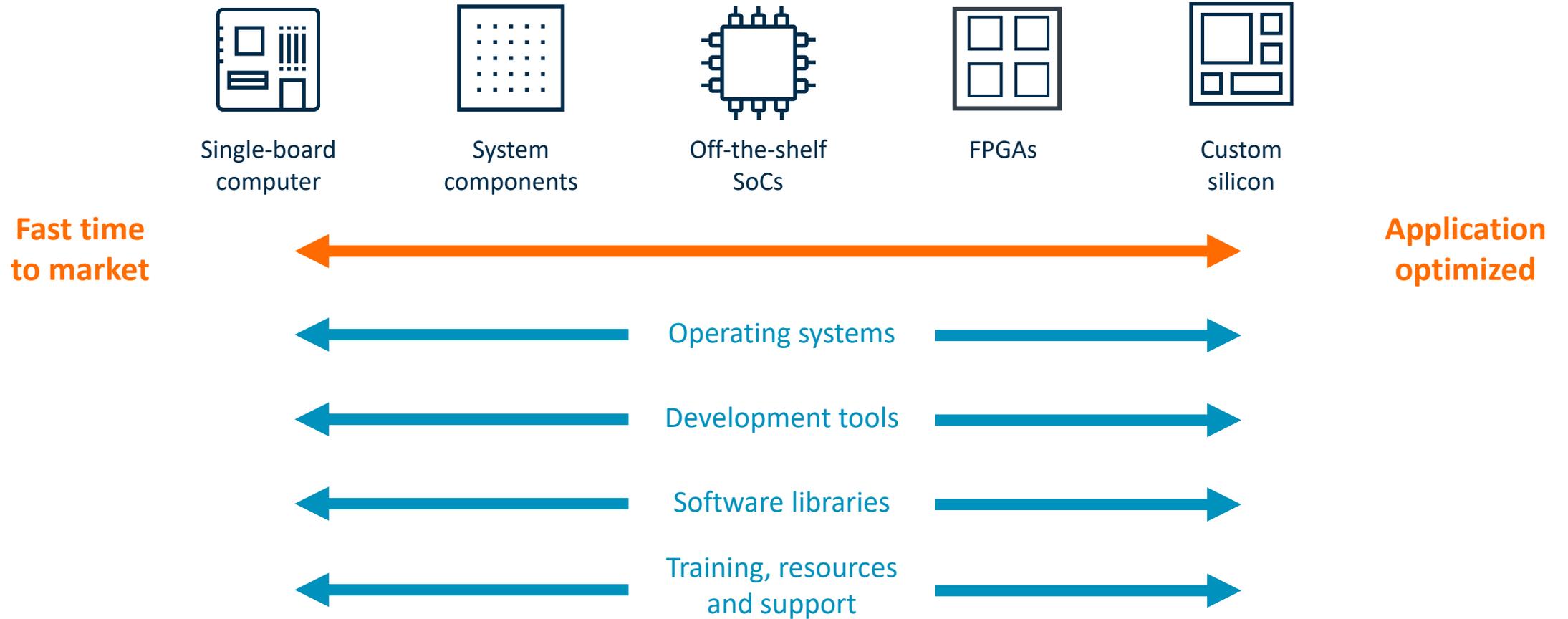


Cortex-A9 shipments on Zynq-7000



# Introducing DesignStart FPGA

# Consistent architecture across the hardware spectrum



# DesignStart: addressing the needs of FPGA users

## DesignStart for SoC

- Quick and easy access to
  - Cortex-M0 and subsystem
  - Cortex-M3 and subsystem
- DesignStart Eval for design, simulation and prototyping on FPGA
- DesignStart Pro for full products with manufacturing rights for SoC

## DesignStart FPGA

- Easy to access and free to use
  - Cortex-M1
  - Cortex-M3
- For use in FPGA fabric, including full commercial use
- Integrated in Xilinx Vivado Design Suite for ease of use

**arm** DESIGNSTART

# Fast and simple access to the world's leading IP

## Quick and easy access

- Instant download of Cortex-M1 and Cortex-M3 processors
- Simple click-through agreement

## Free to use on FPGA

- Free use on FPGA for Cortex-M1 and Cortex-M3
- For prototyping, research and commercial use

## Integrated with Xilinx Vivado Design Suite

- Drag and drop the Vivado compatible Cortex-M component
- Available for on any Vivado supported Xilinx FPGA device



Available at [designstart.arm.com/fpga](https://designstart.arm.com/fpga)

# Proven Cortex-M technology optimized for FPGA integration

## Cortex-M1

- FPGA-optimized version of Cortex-M0
- 32-bit processing in the smallest area
- For constrained devices



## Cortex-M3

- General purpose 32-bit processor
- Balanced performance and area
- For diverse embedded and IoT applications

Exceptional code density

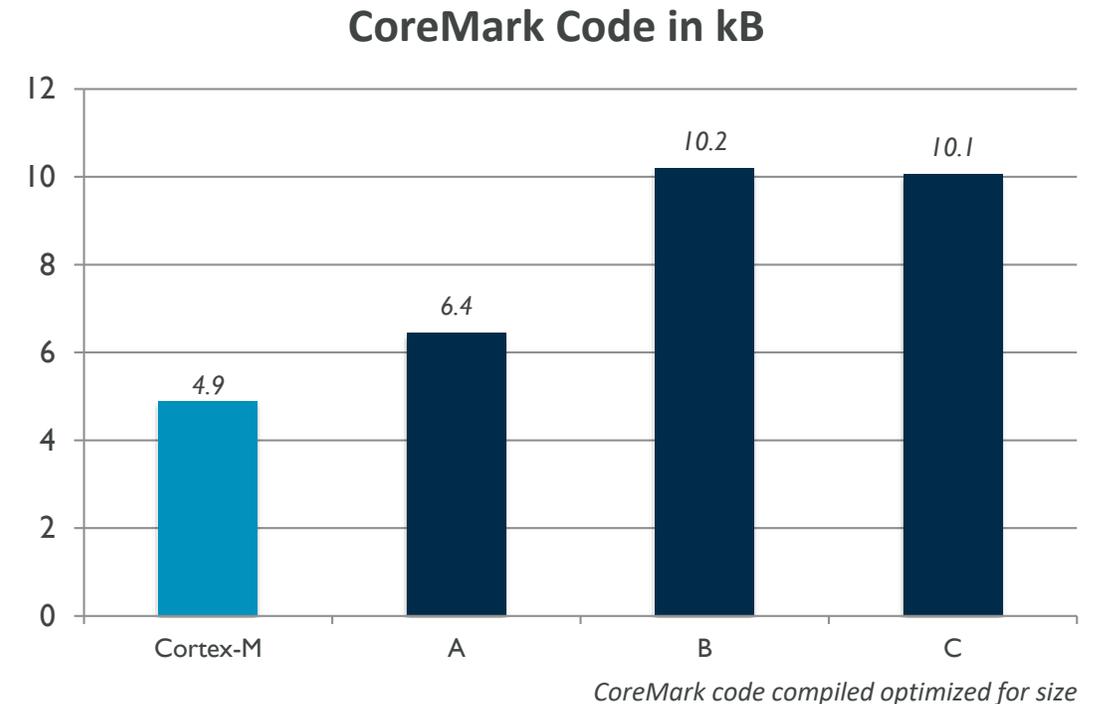
Simplified software development and vendor-independent CMSIS abstraction layer

Supported by the broadest technology ecosystem of software, tools and services

# Best-in-class code density with Thumb instructions

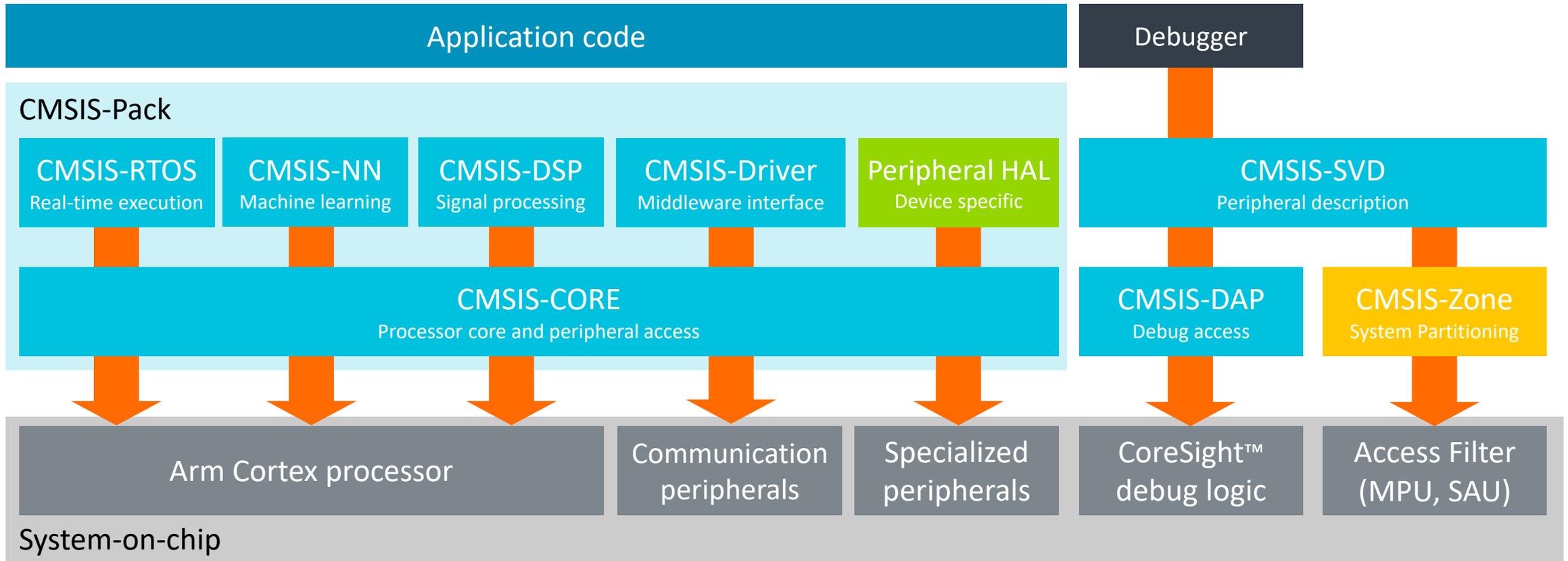
- Cortex-M are 32-bit processors with 32-bit and 16-bit Thumb instructions
- Thumb technology brings to reduced code size than 8/16-bit processors

Together resulting in reduction of memory flash size



# Cortex Microcontroller Software Interface Standard (CMSIS)

Vendor-independent standard for hardware manufacturers and tool vendors



# Access the world's #1 embedded ecosystem on Xilinx

Largest choice of proven OS and tools



40+ RTOS

20+ IDE compiler

21+ Debug & trace

Thriving developer base

350k+

Mbed OS registered developers

2+

million

Eclipse/GCC (Arm) downloads in 1 year

8.5+ million

CMSIS pack downloads in 1 year

Largest open-access development resources



arm Community  
arm Developer

1000s of how-to guides, articles, and online development resources

# Rapid time to market with simplified development flow

## Design hardware

Simple drag-and-drop integration of CPU



## Develop software

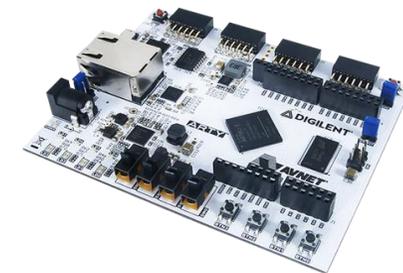
Benefit from broadest embedded ecosystem

Reuse existing code  
Access widest range of third-party software



## Deploy on FPGA

Deploy to any development board



Pre-integrated on Arty A7 & S7

DAPLink adaptor board available for a simpler, out-of-box experience

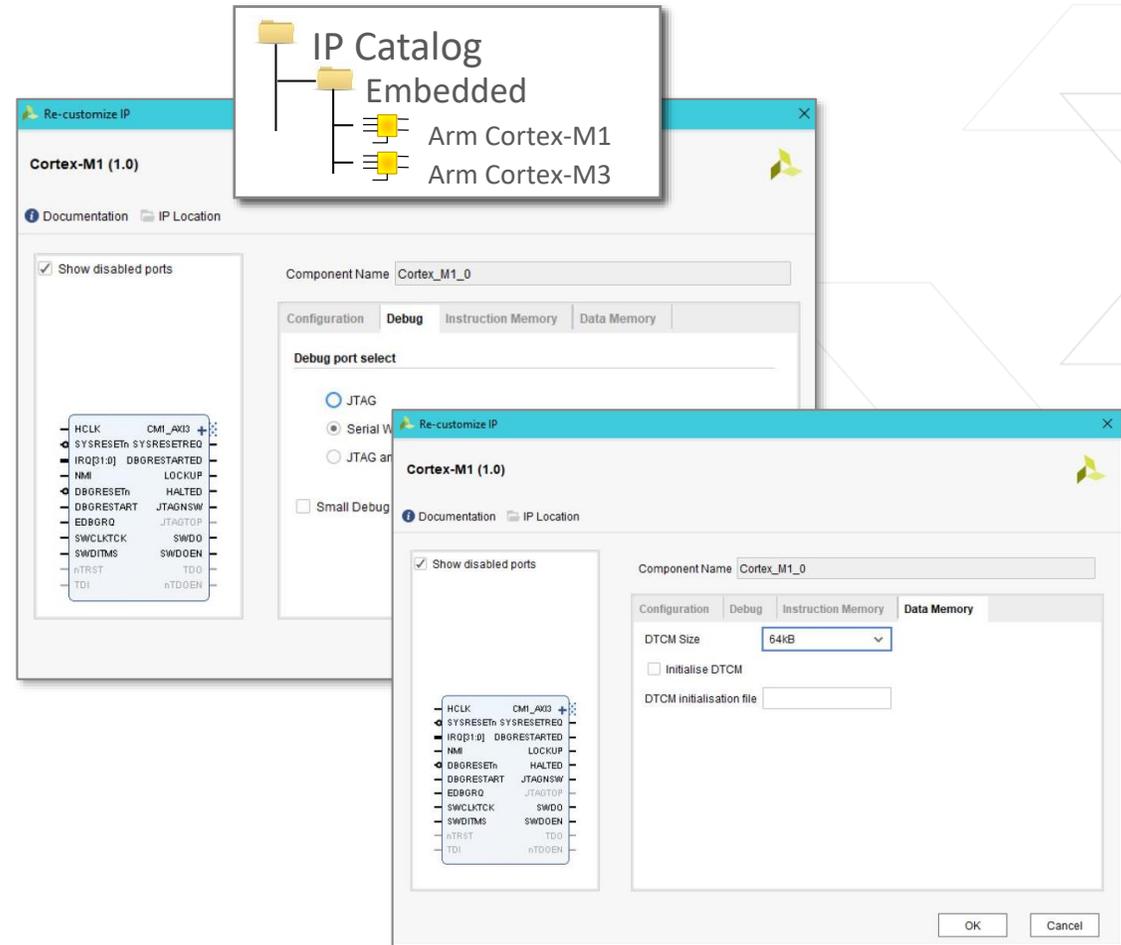


# DesignStart FPGA in the Xilinx Ecosystem



# Arm DesignStart FPGA is integrated with Vivado

1. DesignStart FPGA imports as a Vivado repository
2. Cortex-M1/Cortex-M3 then part of the Vivado IP catalog
3. Configure M cores as needed:
  - Configuration
  - Debug
  - Instruction Memory
  - Data Memory
4. Add and configure peripherals
5. Hardware/Software Manager recognizes the Arm CPUs
6. Export to your IDE for software implementation



# Innovative Arm / Programmable Logic Architecture

## Complete Arm-based Processing Systems

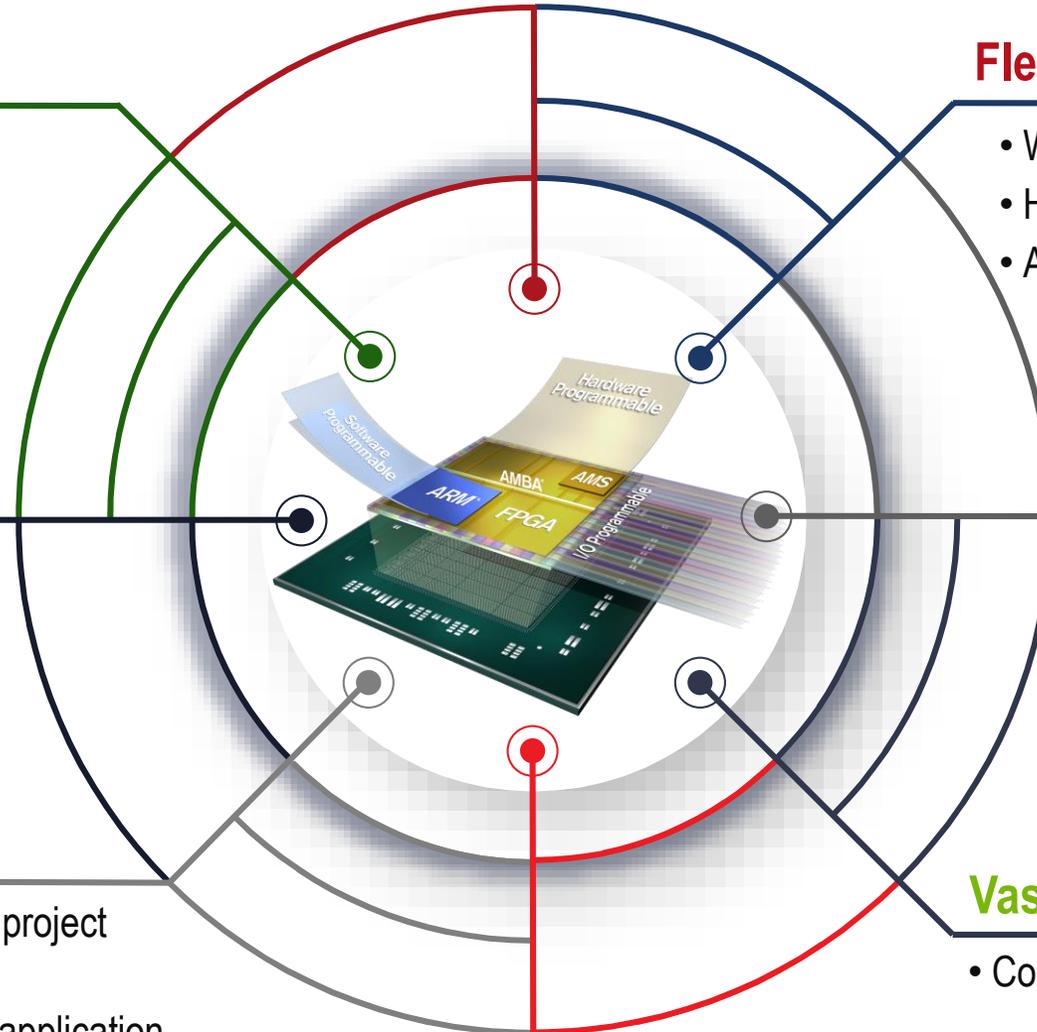
- Single/Dual Cortex-A9 (Zynq-7000)
- Dual/Quad Cortex-A53 (ZU+)
- Dual Cortex-R5 (ZU+)
- Soft Cortex-M processing options

## Tightly Integrated Programmable Logic

- Extension of the processing system
- Scalable density and performance

## Ultimate Flexibility

- Create custom, flexible SoC to meet exact project needs in a single device
- HW / SW partitioning optimized to specific application requirements



## Flexible Array of External Interfaces

- Wide range of external multi-standard I/O
- High performance integrated serial transceivers
- Analog-to-digital converter inputs

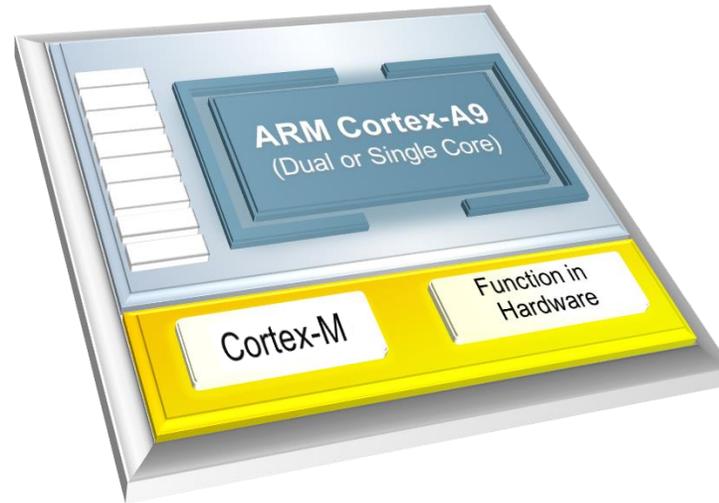
## Remove the Multi-chip Bottleneck

- Data transfers  
Up to ~100Gbps BW

## Vast Internal IP Catalogs

- Common functions and peripherals

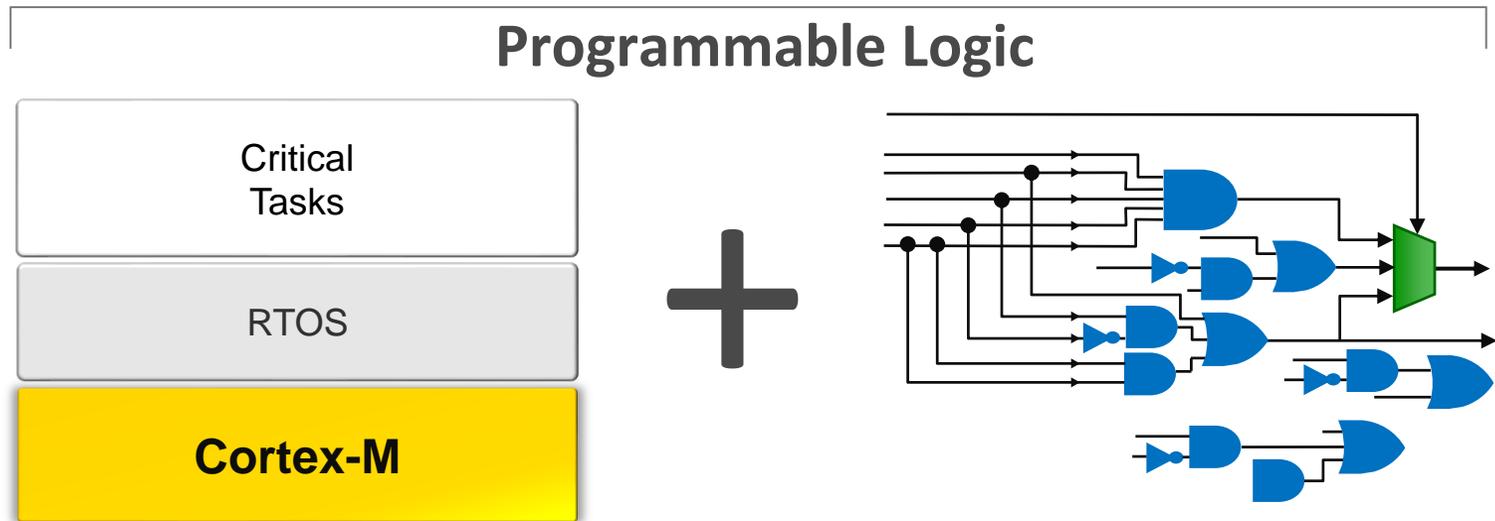
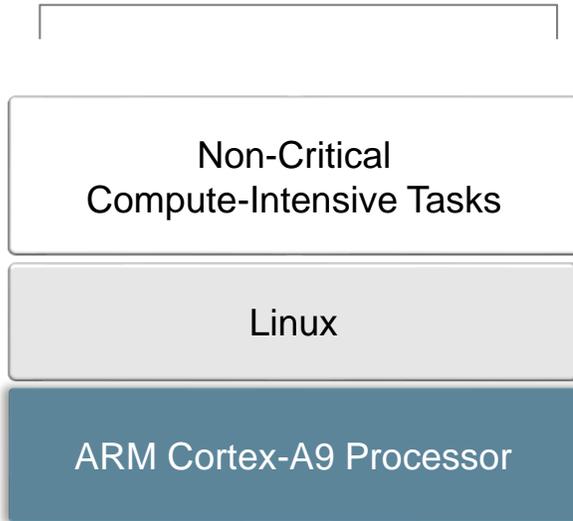
# Cortex-M ideal for optimizing Zynq hardware performance



**ARM Cortex-A9**  
for Application Processing

**Cortex-M**  
Real-Time Co-Processing

**Hardware**  
for Parallelism and Determinism



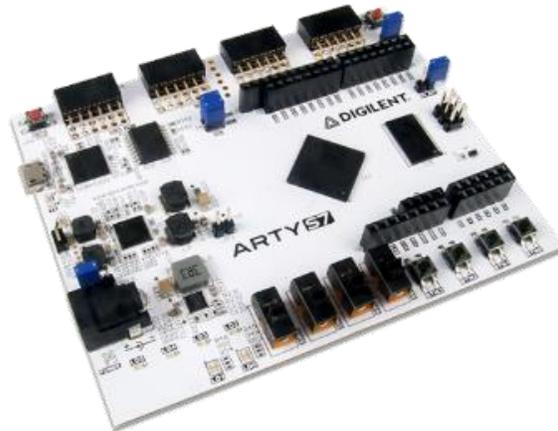
# DesignStart FPGA is ready to use today

SPARTAN<sup>7</sup>

Part Number	XC7S6	XC7S15	<b>XC7S25</b>
Logic Cells	6,000	12,800	<b>23,360</b>

- > Spartan XC7S25 on the Arty-S7 features over 23K logic cells!
- > A single Cortex-M consumes less than **1/10<sup>th</sup>** of the programmable logic
- > Block RAM can be configured as on-chip memory

Cortex M1/M3 reference designs available on the **Arty-S7 and A7**



**Optional DAPLink adaptor** with Arm mbed support

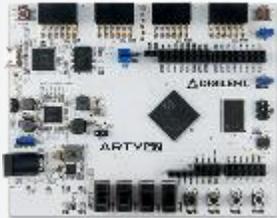
- Serial wired debug over USB
- Dedicated QSPI flash
- DAPLink USB composite device

# Cost-optimized development kits available

ARTY S7  
Spartan-7 25



**\$89**



Spartan-7 50

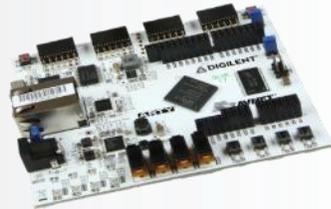
**\$119**

 **DIGILENT**

ARTY A7  
Artix-7 35T



**\$119**



Artix-7 100T

**\$249**

 **AVNET**  
 **DIGILENT**

ARTY Z7  
Zynq-7000 Z7-10

**\$149**



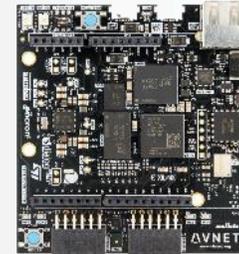
Zynq-7000 Z7-20

**\$199**

 **DIGILENT**

MiniZed  
Zynq-7000 7S

**\$89**



 **AVNET**

Ultra96  
Zynq UltraScale+  
ZU3EG

**\$249**

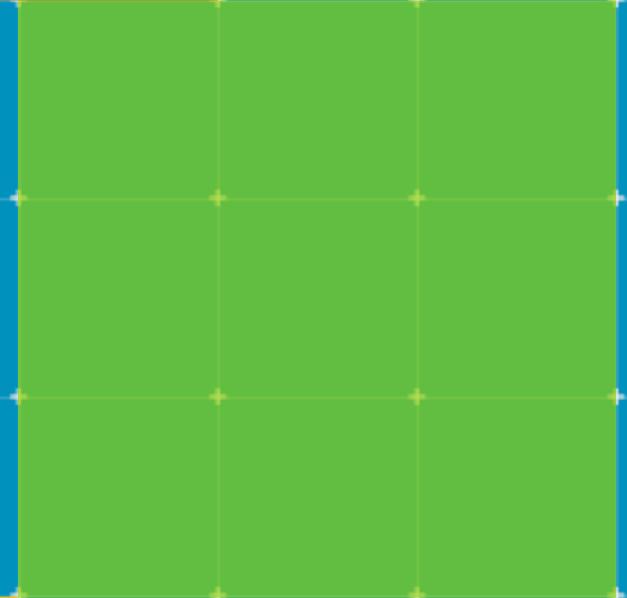


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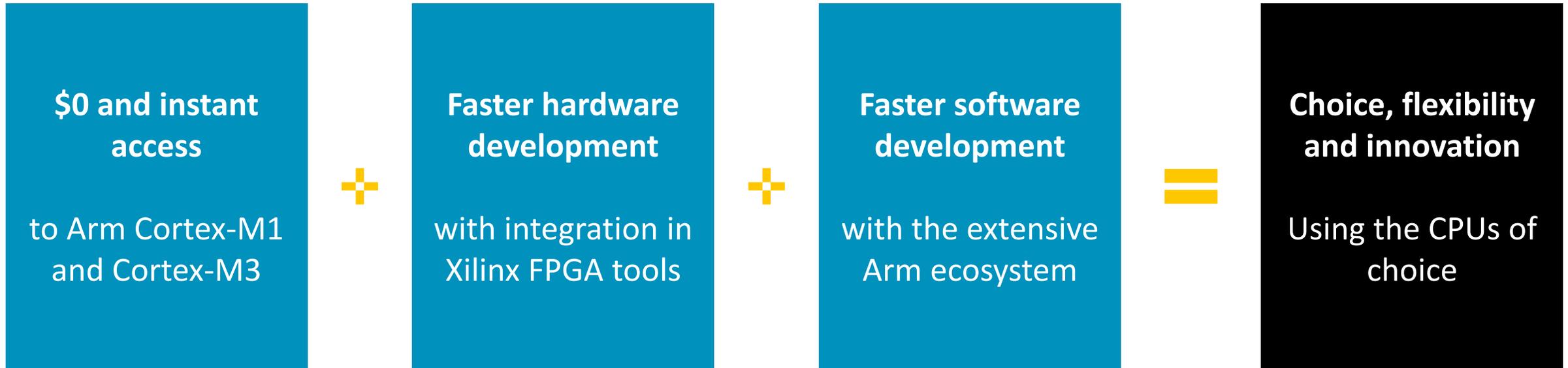


*Cortex-M1 and Cortex-M3 reference designs available*

# Summary



# Easier, faster development of FPGA-based products



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