



Current Updates of Programmable Logic Devices and Synthesis Methods

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Message from the Guest Editors

In recent years, we have witnessed the increasingly prominent role of programmable logic devices. Various applications can be found in almost all areas of human life, such as manufacturing systems, smart grids, robotics, transportation systems, medical devices, military, home area networks, digital data analysis, smart buildings and IoT, etc.

This Special Issue aims to discuss recent advances in the design, architecture, synthesis, modeling, specification, analysis, and verification of programmable logic devices. Topics are covered (not limited to):

The logic synthesis and implementation methods of programmable logic devices (FPGA, CPLD, SoC);
Design methodologies, analysis techniques, and verification methods of PLDs and digital systems;
Optimization techniques (e.g., power, area, delay);
Concurrency modeling and analysis of digital systems;
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Real-time systems, including real-time sensing and computing;
Hardware implementation of intelligent algorithms;
Reconfigurable control systems (distributed & integrated systems);
Dependable systems (cryptology, security algorithms, security).





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