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IBIS Futures Roadmap



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Agenda

IBIS History

- Specification Revisions
- Parser Revisions
- Challenge for the Future

Call to Action!

- Proposed Development Guidelines
- Proposed Two-year Roadmap
- Futures Subcommittee
- Cookbook & Training

Volunteers?



IBIS History

Specification Revisions

- IBIS 1.0 April 1993
- IBIS 1.1 June 1993
- IBIS 2.0 June 1994
- IBIS 2.1 Dec. 1995
- IBIS 3.0 June 1997
- IBIS 3.1 July 1998
- IBIS 3.2 Sept. 1999
- IBIS 4.0 July 2002
- IBIS 4.1 January 2004
- Average Delivery Times
 - 24 months for a major specification revision
 - 12 months for a minor specification revision
 - 28 months for a parser from final specification revision

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• Parser Revisions

- Ver. 1.0 July 1995
- Ver. 2.0 April 1996
- Ver. 2.0+ Aug. 1998
- Ver. 3.0 July 2002
- Ver. 4.0 Dec. 2003

The Challenge

- We need to "close the gaps" to keep IBIS relevant and useful to the industry
 - PC products on an 18 month cycle ("Moore's Law")
 - Increased synergy between transportation, PC and home electronics markets

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- Example: DVD, Bluetooth* in automobiles
- Cellular telephones, cameras and PCs now integrating
- Traditional PC makers now entering home electronics
- New technologies in almost every product generation
- IBIS is not the only choice for modeling
 - IBIS universality is a "plus" BUT
 - Any perception that IBIS is "behind" is a major negative
- How can we keep IBIS valuable?
 - Support the latest design trends fast and proactively
 - Lower barriers to acceptance of new IBIS revisions
 - Lower barriers for users of IBIS features

Call To Action!

- How to increase acceptance and support new design technologies?
 - Faster release of new specification revisions
 - Address new technologies with new IBIS features
 - Be proactive with features, rather than reactive
 - Faster release of parsers
 - Avoid delaying EDA tools or driving custom parsers
- How to lower barriers for users of IBIS features?
 - Regular Cookbook updates
 - Practical training through web and "E-Roadshow"
- **Proposed Development Guidelines**
 - Specification-to-parser delay of 6-8 months
 - Add in 4-6 months for EDA product integration
 - Parser-to-cookbook delay of 6 months
 - Cookbook can be available with updated EDA tool releases
 - Specification revision cycle of 18 months or less
 - Major vs. minor to be clarified?





Futures Subcommittee



- Proposed "New" Futures Subcommittee
 - To create, discuss and draft IBIS/ICM updates
- Tasks for IBIS 4.2 and Following
 - "Clean up" of language and resolve conflicts
 - Example: [Series Pin Mapping] & [Model Selector] (BIRD87)
 - [External Model] integration issues
 - Example: Acceptable digital states for input ports
 - [External Circuit] usage issues
 - User-definable measurement parameters and delay fixtures
 - Specification "hooks" between ICM and IBIS
 - ANSI ballot approval as 656-B
- Tasks for ICM
 - Add frequency-dependent RLGC matrix support
 - Resolve known parser assumptions and keyword conflicts

Cookbook & Training

Proposed Cookbook Subcommittee

- Joint action with Quality Subcommittee
- Creates, edits and distributes Cookbooks
 - Practical examples of new keywords
 - Hints for data extraction and correlation
 - See S. Peters' 1997 IBIS 2.1 Cookbook
- Suggest following model of HTML specification guides
 - Describe all keywords
 - Use "deprecated" for those no longer encouraged
 - e.g., [TTpower]
- Separate ICM and IBIS publications

E-Roadshow

- Summit-level teleconference presentations for global audiences
 - Foster worldwide interaction, rather than separate IBIS communities
- Two presentations (60-90 minutes, plus Q&A)
- Schedule to be tailored for specific location
 - GMT+1 for Europe (ex. 6 AM US Pacific)
 - GMT+6/9 for Asia (ex. 10 PM US Pacific)



Summary



• A Motto to Remember:

- How can we keep IBIS valuable to the industry?
 - Support the latest design trends fast and proactively
 - Lower barriers to acceptance of new IBIS revisions
 - Lower barriers for users of IBIS features

Implementation

- Adopt a regular, aggressive schedule
- Organize to make changes quickly
 - Two new subcommittees being formed

• Volunteers are welcome!

Your participation and contributions are critical to IBIS!