

Xilinx Receives Three IRL Industry Awards

The Xilinx IRL methodology combines computer networks, the Java programming language, and the new Xilinx Virtex FPGAs, to create a new class of electronic systems that can be fixed, modified, or updated after installation at the end users' premises.

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Internet Reconfigurable Logic (IRL™), the new methodology that enables you to create Xilinx Online upgradable systems, continues to win awards for innovation from the electronics industry.

Electronique

The latest IRL award came from Electronique, the monthly magazine of record for the electronics industry in France. The magazine ranked the IRL methodology as one of the industry's best innovations for 1998. In its June 1999 issue, the magazine called the approach for creating Xilinx Online upgradable systems "a great leap forward for programmable logic."

Xilinx won top honors from Electronique for active components, one of several product categories recognized for excellence. An independent panel of customers, consultants, and design services judged more than 80 products nominated for the magazine's annual awards. Xilinx accepted the award at a recognition dinner in June in Paris.

International Engineering Consortium

Citing market impact and customer benefit, the International Engineering Consortium selected the Xilinx IRL methodology as a winner of the organization's 1999 InfoVision Award. Xilinx was a winner in the Internet category and will

be recognized with other winners at an award ceremony in October in Chicago during the National Communications Forum, a networking and communications conference.

The International Engineering Consortium is a cooperative, public service organization dedicated to positive change in the information industry and

university communities. For more than 50 years, the IEC has provided educational opportunities for industry professionals and promising students.

Electronique International Hebdo

Last November, Electronique International Hebdo, the Paris-based weekly newspaper for the electronics business in France, chose the Xilinx IRL methodology as the top technical achievement in the semiconductor industry for 1998. The publication said that a majority of electronic products would be using the Xilinx IRL technology in the 21st Century. These Xilinx Online upgradable systems can range from multi-use set-top boxes and wireless telephone cellular base stations to communications satellites and network management systems.

"We're once again honored to receive this recognition for our IRL methodology, which has clearly resonated with the design engineering community," said Xilinx president and CEO Wim Roelandts. "Since we announced our unique approach for expanding the reach of programmable logic, there has been a growing interest in this exciting technology. IRL is the backbone for creating Xilinx Online upgradable systems, and we expect these products to provide tremendous new levels of flexibility for our customers' customers." 