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4953	Pentek GateFlow® FPGA Design Kit
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4995A	Pentek ReadyFlow BSPs for Windows®
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VxWorks	Wind River Workbench/VxWorks for PowerPC
—	Pentek SystemFlow® Recording Software
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Using the FPGA Design Kit

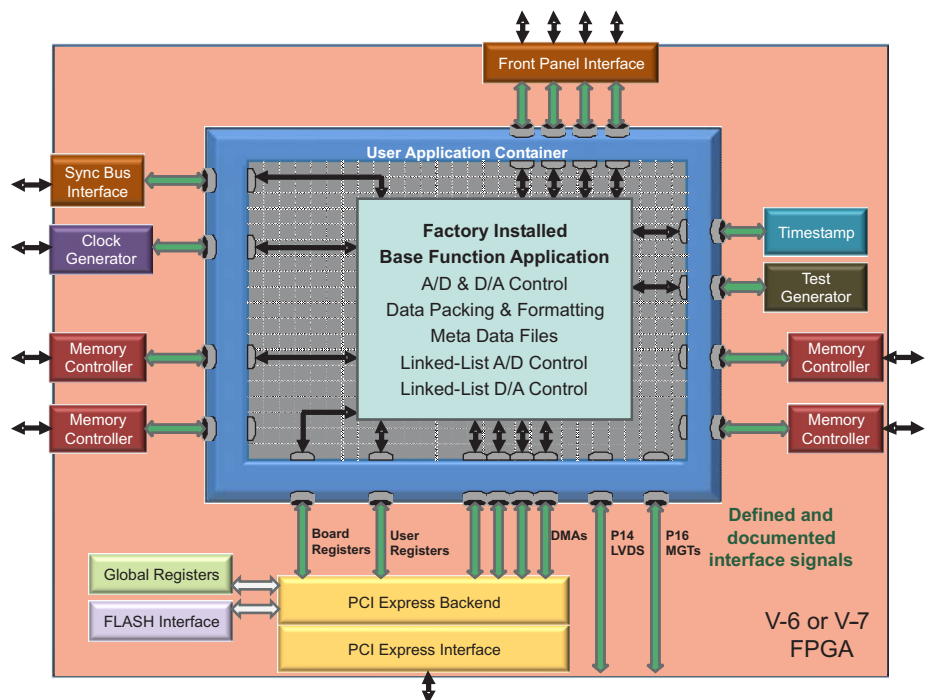
The **GateFlow** FPGA Design Kit allows the user to modify, replace and extend the standard factory-installed functions in the FPGA to incorporate special modes of operation, new control structures, and specialized signal-processing algorithms.

The Cobalt and Onyx architectures configure the FPGA with standard factory-supplied interfaces including memory controllers, DMA engines, A/D and D/A interfaces, timing and synchronization structures, triggering and gating logic, time stamping and header tagging, data formatting engines, and the PCIe interface. These resources are connected to the User Application Container using well-defined ports that present easy-to-use data and control signals, effectively abstracting the lower level details of the hardware.

The User Application Container

Shown below is the FPGA block diagram of a typical Cobalt or Onyx module. The User Application Container holds a collection of different factory-installed IP modules connected to the various interfaces through the standard ports surrounding the container.

The GateFlow Design Kit provides a complete Xilinx ISE Foundation Tool project folder containing all the files necessary for the FPGA developer to recompile the entire project with or without any required changes. VHDL source code for each IP module provides excellent examples of how the IP modules work, how they might be modified, and how they might be replaced with custom IP to implement a specific function.





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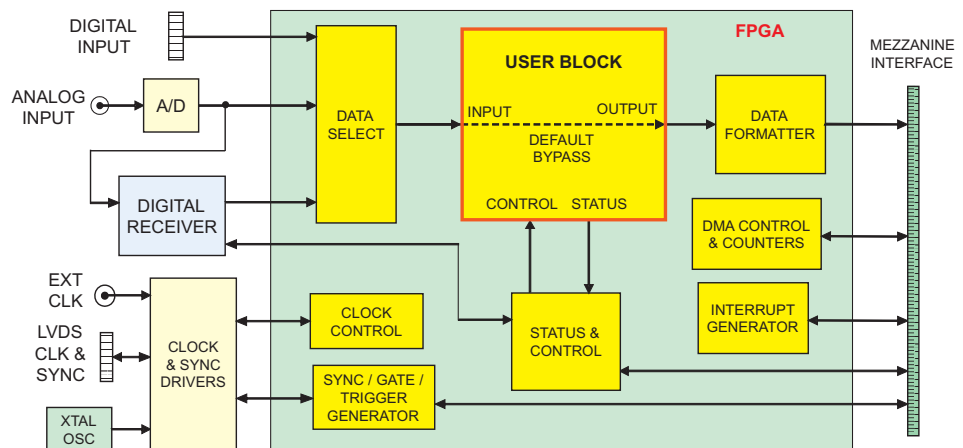
Pentek recommends user programming be limited to the predefined user blocks to maintain base functionality. However, for more complex requirements, sufficient information is supplied in the kit for the user to modify, add to, or replace default board functions if necessary. Default configuration files are included with the Design Kit should it be necessary to restore standard factory configuration.

FPGA Design Kit User Block

Shown below is the block diagram of a typical software radio module. The diagram includes the FPGA and external hardware devices connected to it.

The blocks inside the FPGA are VHDL code modules that handle the standard factory functions and interfaces. The User Block is a VHDL module that sits in the data path with pin definitions for input, output, status, control and clocks.

In the standard Design Kit product, the User Block is configured as a straight wire between the input and output ports. By creating a custom algorithm inside the block that conforms to the pin definition, the user will have a low-risk experience in recompiling and installing the custom code. Since Pentek provides source code for all the modules, changes outside the user block can also be made by the user.





Xilinx FPGAs in Pentek Products

The charts below show the Xilinx FPGA families as used in the various Pentek board-level products. These products use some FPGA resources to implement standard factory functions as well as installed IP cores.

The charts show the percentage of unused system slices and RAM available to the user for extending the FPGA to include custom algorithms.

Available FPGA Resources for Pentek Hardware														
			Xilinx Virtex-II Pro		Xilinx Virtex-4									
			-VP50	-VP70	-FX60	-FX100	-SX55	-LX100						
Logic Cells			53,136	74,448	56,880	94,986	55,296	110,592						
CLB Slices			23,616	33,088	25,280	42,176	24,576	49,152						
CLB Flip-Flops			47,232	66,176	50,560	84,352	49,152	98,304						
Max. Block RAM			4,176 k	5,904 k	4,176 k	6,768 k	5,760 k	4,320 k						
Multipliers / DSP Blocks			232	328	128	160	512	96						
PowerPC Processor Blocks			2	2	2	2	-	-						
Pentek Model	Board Type	No. of FPGAs	% Available to User				% Available to User							
			Slices	RAM	Slices	RAM	Slices	RAM	Slices	RAM	Slices	RAM		
4207	VME/VXS	1	-	-	-	-	38%	71%	61%	82%	-	-	-	-
6251	VIM-2	2	99%	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6256	VIM-2	2	98%	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6821	VME/VXS	2	98%	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6822	VME/VXS	2	98%	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6826	VME/VXS	1	-	-	75%	72%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7140*	PMC/XMC	1	55%	72%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7141*	PMC/XMC	1	55%	72%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7142*	PMC/XMC	2	-	-	-	-	77%	92%	86%	95%	54%	78%	77%	71%

Available FPGA Resources for Pentek Hardware															
			Xilinx Virtex-5			Xilinx Virtex-6									
			-SX50T	-SX95T	-LX155T	-LX130T	-LX240T	-LX365T	-SX315T	-SX475T					
Logic Cells			52,224	94,208	155,648	128,000	241,152	364,032	314,880	476,160					
CLB Slices			8,160	14,720	24,320	20,000	37,680	56,880	49,200	74,400					
CLB Flip-Flops			32,640	58,880	97,280	160,000	301,440	455,040	393,600	595,200					
Max. Block RAM			4,752 k	8,784 k	7,632 k	9,504 k	14,976 k	14,976 k	25,344 k	36,304 k					
Multipliers / DSP Blocks			288	640	128	480	768	576	1,344	2,016					
PowerPC Processor Blocks			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
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7150*	PMC/XMC	2	7%	75%	36%	86%	64%	84%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7153*	PMC/XMC	2	N/A	N/A	42%	45%	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7156*	PMC/XMC	2	16%	59%	50%	78%	69%	74%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7158*	PMC/XMC	2	16%	59%	50%	78%	69%	74%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
71620**	XMC	1	-	-	-	-	68%	75%	83%	82%	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
71630**	XMC	1	-	-	-	-	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
71650**	XMC	1	-	-	-	-	66%	74%	82%	84%	TBD	TBD	86%	90%	TBD
71660**	XMC	1	-	-	-	-	69%	75%	83%	85%	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
71661**	XMC	1	-	-	-	-	TBD	TBD	43%	67%	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
71690**	XMC	1	-	-	-	-	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

* Other form factors: 72XX = 6U cPCI; 73XX = 3U cPCI; 76XX = PCI; 77XX = Full-Length PCIe; 78XX = Half-Length PCIe; 53XX = 3U VPX
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 %Available to User: Applies to the Processing FPGA(s) of certain products; % Available can vary slightly due to rounding

Ordering Information

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4953	GateFlow FPGA Design Kit



Options:	Supported Product w/ FPGA option
-131-030*	7131 w/ XC2V3000
-140-052*	7140 w/ XC2VP50
-141-052*	7141 w/ XC2VP50
-142-055*	7142 w/ XC4VSX55
-142-060*	7142 w/ XC4VFX60
-142-100*	7142 w/ XC4VFX100
-142-110*	7142 w/ XC4VLX100
-150-083*	7150 w/ XC5VLX155T
-150-084*	7150 w/ XC5VSX50T
-150-085*	7150 w/ XC5VSX95T
-153-085*	7153 w/ XC5VSX95T
-156-083*	7156 w/ XC5VLX155T
-156-084*	7156 w/ XC5VSX50T
-156-085*	7156 w/ XC5VSX95T
-158-083*	7158 w/ XC5VLX155T
-158-084*	7158 w/ XC5VSX50T
-158-085*	7158 w/ XC5VSX95T
-620-061**	71620 w/ XC6VLX130T
-620-062**	71620 w/ XC6VLX240T
-620-063**	71620 w/ XC6VLX365T
-620-064**	71620 w/ XC6VSX315T
-620-065**	71620 w/ XC6VSX475T
-621-061**	71621 w/ XC6VLX130T
-621-062**	71621 w/ XC6VLX240T
-621-063**	71621 w/ XC6VLX365T
-621-064**	71621 w/ XC6VSX315T
-621-065**	71621 w/ XC6VSX475T
-630-061**	71630 w/ XC6VLX130T
-630-062**	71630 w/ XC6VLX240T
-630-063**	71630 w/ XC6VLX365T
-630-064**	71630 w/ XC6VSX315T
-630-065**	71630 w/ XC6VSX475T
-650-061**	71650 w/ XC6VLX130T
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-662-063**	71662 w/ XC6VLX365T
-662-064**	71662 w/ XC6VSX315T
-662-065**	71662 w/ XC6VSX475T
-690-061**	71690 w/ XC6VLX130T
-690-062**	71690 w/ XC6VLX240T
-690-063**	71690 w/ XC6VLX365T
-690-064**	71690 w/ XC6VSX315T
-690-065**	71690 w/ XC6VSX475T
-205-010	4205 w/ XC2V1000
-205-030	4205 w/ XC2V3000
-207-060	4207 w/ XC4VFX60
-207-100	4207 w/ XC4VFX100
-228-010	6228 w/ XC2V1000
-228-030	6228 w/ XC2V3000
-230-006	6230 w/ XCV600E
-231-006	6231 w/ XCV600E
-232-006	6232 w/ XCV600E
-235-010	6235 w/ XC2V1000
-235-030	6235 w/ XC2V3000
-236-010	6236 w/ XC2V1000
-236-030	6236 w/ XC2V3000
-250-010	6250 w/ XC2V1000
-250-030	6250 w/ XC2V3000
-251-022	6251 w/ XC2VP20
-251-052	6251 w/ XC2VP50
-256-022	6256 w/ XC2VP20
-256-052	6256 w/ XC2VP50
-821-022	6821 w/ XC2VP20
-821-052	6821 w/ XC2VP50
-822-022	6822 w/ XC2VP20
-822-052	6822 w/ XC2VP50
-826-072	6826 w/ XC2VP70

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	7150	Quad 200 MHz, 16-bit A/D with Virtex-5 FPGAs	PMC/XMC
	7250	Quad 200 MHz, 16-bit A/D with Virtex-5 FPGAs	6U cPCI
	7350	Quad 200 MHz, 16-bit A/D with Virtex-5 FPGAs	3U cPCI
	7650	Quad 200 MHz, 16-bit A/D with Virtex-5 FPGAs	PCI
	7750	Quad 200 MHz, 16-bit A/D with Virtex-5 FPGAs	x16 PCIe
	7850	Quad 200 MHz, 16-bit A/D with Virtex-5 FPGAs	x8 PCIe
	5350	Quad 200 MHz, 16-bit A/D with Virtex-5 FPGAs	3U VPX

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General Information

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What's Included in the Package

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- A "How to" section
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 - Compile and link application programs
- C-callable functions
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 - Data movement and communications
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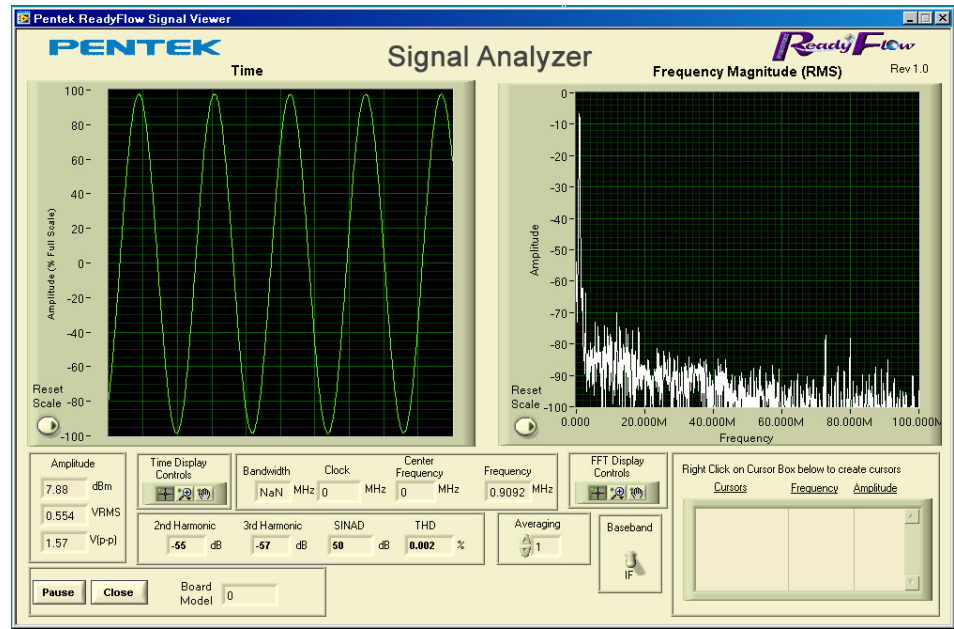
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- Built-in test waveform generator
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- Test modes and hardware revision codes
- Hardware voltage and temperature monitor

Ordering Information

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4994A ReadyFlow - Board Support Package for Linux

Signal Analyzer and Command Line Interface supported on Cobalt series XMC, PCIe, VPX, and cPCI boards

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PowerPC Linux and Intel 64-bit Linux users have to run the viewer remotely on an Intel 32-bit Linux PC or on a 32- or 64-bit Windows PC.

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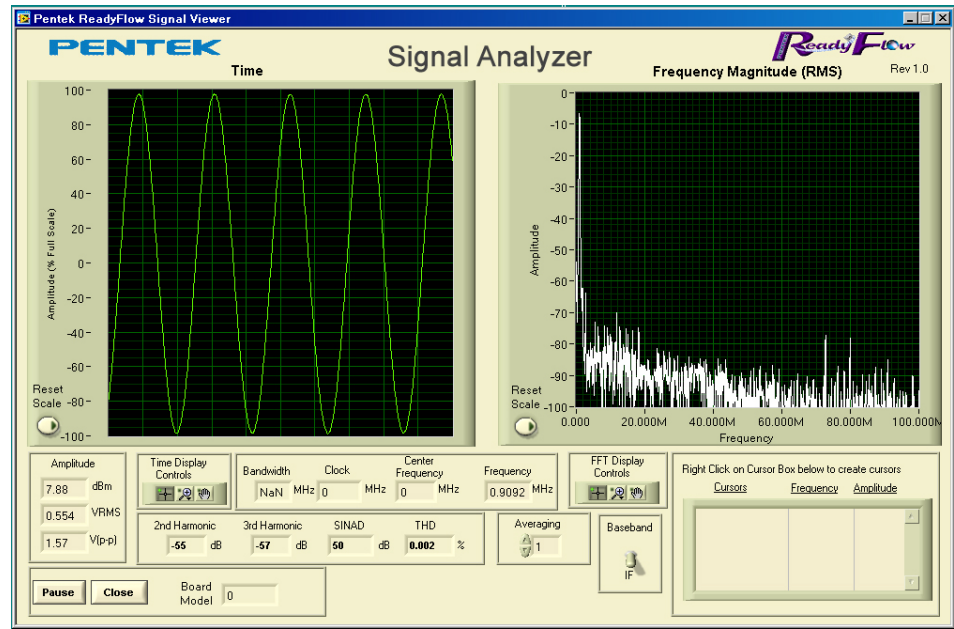
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4995A ReadyFlow - Board Support Package for Windows

Signal Analyzer and Command Line Interface supported on Cobalt series XMC, PCIe, VPX, and cPCI boards


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Model	Description
4996/4996A	Pentek VxWorks BSPs and Hardware Drivers

The Models 4996/4996A VxWorks BSPs provide software developers with a complete library of hardware initialization, control and application functions for Pentek PowerPC®/Power Architecture® processor baseboards, VME/VXS, PMC/XMC, VIM, and cPCI boards and modules. Used in conjunction with Wind River's **Workbench**® software development environment, they speed application development by providing a high-level API for accessing all of the processor board's memory and communication resources, and control of the board's I/O interfaces and I/O modules.

Processor specific functions found in the baseboard BSPs include: cache, DMA, SDRAM, interrupt, serial port, and timer control. Some general board functions include: reading and writing to mezzanine board FIFOs, VME/VXS, PMC/XMC, cPCI, and VIM I/O control, interprocessor commu-

nication, programming DMA reads and writes, programming interrupts, using mailboxes, managing RS-232 and ethernet interfaces, and control of optional Fibre Channel interfaces.

The VxWorks BSPs are designed to reduce development time not only during the initial stages of software development, but any time new I/O hardware is added to the system. **Hardware Drivers**, each designed to control the specific hardware features of the I/O interface being used, are built with a consistent style and function naming convention. Similar parameters on different I/O modules have similar driver calls, thereby allowing immediate familiarity with new I/O hardware as it's added. This can greatly shorten the application development learning curve when a system is modified or expanded.

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Wind River's **Workbench** development platform has dramatically improved embedded developers' "time-to-productivity". A component of Workbench, Workbench Tools, comprises a comprehensive suite of core and optional cross-development tools and utilities. The other integrated components of Workbench consist of the VxWorks run-time system, a high-performance scalable real-time operating system that executes on the target processor and a full range of communications options for the target connection to the host. Workbench Tools provides a

highly visual and automated environment that accelerates the development of even the most complex VxWorks-based applications.

At the heart of the VxWorks run-time system is the highly efficient Wind microkernel which supports a full range of real-time features. These include fast multitasking, interrupt support, and both preemptive and round-robin scheduling. The microkernel design minimizes system overhead and enables fast, deterministic response to external events.



Features

- Complete turnkey recording and/or playback system software
- Software API for controlling data acquisition and recorder functions
- Graphical user interface
- Windows or Linux host
- One-year support included

General Information

The Pentek SystemFlow Recording Software provides a rich set of function libraries and tools for controlling and building Pentek's real-time recording and data acquisition systems. These libraries ensure a consistent look and feel for developers across system families.

SystemFlow software allows developers to configure and customize system interfaces and behavior. It includes API functions not only for the real-time data acquisition and playback functions, but also for the user-control software running on the host PC including the GUI. These API functions allow developers to either modify the sample code to meet their needs or use it as a reference for custom software development.

API Library Components

SystemFlow is based on a flexible client/server architecture. The host client application runs on a Windows or Linux platform and communicates with the server target application via a standard socket connection. In this way, server real-time recording and/or playback operations can be controlled from a local or remote host client.

All servers use PC hardware running under Windows. The server application includes scheduling, task management, full control of data from Pentek software radio hardware, and drivers for communication with the hard disk arrays.

SystemFlow Recorder Interface

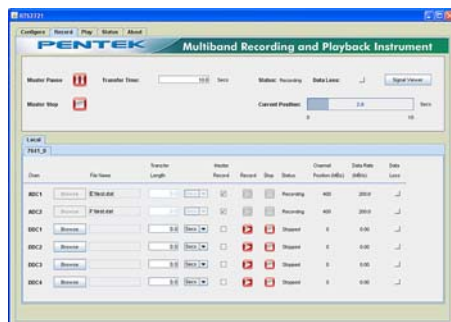
The SystemFlow GUI provides the user with a control interface for recording data. It includes Configuration, Record, Playback and Status screens, each with intuitive controls and indicators. The user can easily move between screens to set configuration parameters, control and monitor a recording, play back a recorded signal and monitor board temperature and voltage levels. The signal viewer, integrated into the recording GUI, allows the user to monitor real-time signals or recorded signals on disk.

Hardware Configuration Interface

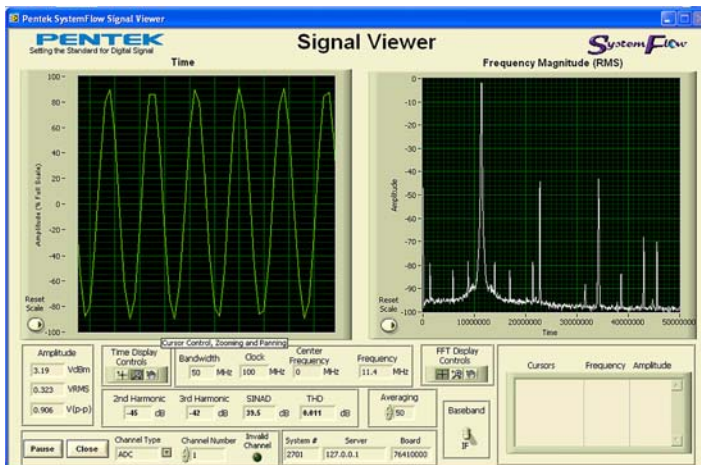
The SystemFlow configuration screens provide a simple and intuitive means for setting up the system parameters. The DDC configuration screen shown here, provides entries for input source, center frequency, decimation, as well as gate and trigger information. All parameters contain limit-checking and integrated help to provide an easier-to-use out-of-the-box experience.



Hardware Configuration Interface



Recorder Interface



Signal Viewer

SystemFlow Signal Viewer

The SystemFlow Signal Viewer includes a virtual oscilloscope and spectrum analyzer for signal monitoring in both the time and frequency domains. It is extremely useful for previewing live inputs prior to recording, and for monitoring signals as they are being recorded to help ensure successful recording sessions. The viewer can also be used to inspect and analyze the recorded files after the recording is complete.

Advanced signal analysis capabilities include automatic calculators for signal amplitude and frequency, second and third harmonic components, THD (total harmonic distortion) and SINAD (signal to noise and distortion). With time and frequency zoom, panning modes and dual annotated cursors to mark and measure points of interest, the SystemFlow Signal Viewer can often eliminate the need for a separate oscilloscope or spectrum analyzer in the field.

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