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Harvesting nanowatts to milliwatts from ambient sources using advanced energy harvester integrated circuits



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In the context of energy harvesting, advanced power management integrated circuits (PMICs) function like a utility company in that it controls the delivery of ambient power to downstream electronics. Properly selecting a PMIC based on five important criteria can allow system designers to augment system batteries or create self-powered systems.

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Has Microsoft forgotten about embedded?



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It's fair to say that nowadays, what most consider to be "embedded" has shifted. Previously synonymous with SBCs, HMIs, and small form factor industrial PCs, the shift in interpretation has moved from board-level product (and associated complete solutions) closer to the component level. IoT endpoint devices using few but highly advanced components are what embedded describes now, for many. Whilst the new embedded is undergoing exponential growth, the market for what we perhaps now must call "industrial embedded" remains vast. Thus, I was surprised...

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Rich Nass, Embedded Computing Brand Director

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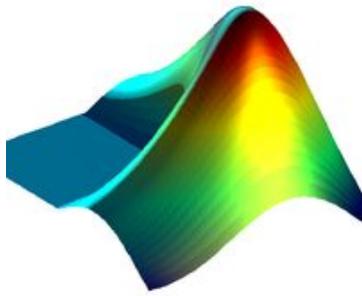
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Analytics-driven embedded systems, an introduction



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Formal verification going mainstream for SoC block verification



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The use of formal verification technology as a mainstream technique for system-on-chip (SoC) designs is, at last, becoming a recognized approach to combat the verification gap. A recent survey suggests that formal assertion-based verification (ABV) is now used on 26 percent of chip design projects. However, the promise of this alternative approach to classic simulation has taken many years to bear fruit, and still only advanced verification environments incorporate it. Why is this and what can we learn from its use so far to make it available to the SoC engineering community at large?

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The FAT (File Allocation Table) file system was originally designed for the BASIC interpreter, and was later incorporated into QDOS, which evolved into PC-DOS and MS-DOS. The target environment for this software was a desktop computer, and robust handling of power interruption was not a consideration as those machines were in their infancy (though it did create a large market for Uninterruptible Power Supplies). Many embedded designs depend on battery power, often using a removable battery, and power loss occurs far more frequently than...

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White Paper: Next Generation Bill of Materials Management: Beyond BOM 101



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