Embedded Connectivity Comes to the Blackfin Family

The Blackfin® Processor family has been expanded to address the ever-increasing need for pervasive embedded network connectivity with two new family members. This connectivity is powerful when utilized in conjunction with the high performance 16-/32-bit Blackfin embedded processor core, the flexible cache architecture, the enhanced DMA subsystem, and the Dynamic Power Management (DPM) functionality. System designers can take advantage of the combined control and signal processing capabilities of the processor core across a wide range of end applications through the scalability of the pin and code compatibility of these new family members.

The ADSP-BF536 and ADSP-BF537 are a functional extension of the popular ADSP-BF531, ADSP-BF532, and ADSP-BF533 processors, and they are ideally suited for a variety of networked applications. The ADSP-BF537 is the higher performance series member, with more embedded memory enabling higher throughput needs for embedded applications such as video security/surveillance and industrial-environment-based distributed control/factory automation applications. The ADSP-BF536 offers exceptional performance and is designed for low cost connected devices such as remote monitoring devices, VoIP, point-of-sale terminals, and biometrics/security applications. Both devices are ideally suited for a broad range of industrial, instrumentation, medical, and consumer appliance applications—allowing for scalability based upon the required network bandwidth and mix of control, plus signal processing needed in the end product.
**Designed for Endpoint Connectivity**

The Blackfin Processor core is ideally suited for handling both control-oriented networking tasks and user interface mechanisms while also offering full signal processing capabilities for analyzing almost any condition. To complement the performance, the Blackfin Processor’s memory system offers a powerful and flexible cache architecture that can dynamically balance between the hard real-time tasks desired in SRAM and soft real-time control tasks and an Operating System (OS) requiring cache functionality. DPM lowers power consumption for extending battery life or for minimizing power dissipation in enclosed applications.

**Designed for Bandwidth**

The ADSP-BF536/ADSP-BF537 processors integrate a fully compliant IEEE 802.3-2002 standard 10/100 Ethernet MAC that has been enhanced with advanced features to allow for higher network bandwidth capabilities. In addition, the DMA subsystem has been enhanced with greater traffic management abilities to allow for higher data throughput with minimal processor core intervention. The DMA subsystem also includes dual external handshake DMA request lines that when used in conjunction with the External Bus Interface Unit (EBIU) can be used when a high speed interface is required for external FIFOs and high bandwidth communications peripherals, such as USB 2.0 devices. The ADSP-BF536/ADSP-BF537 processors also embed a Controller Area Network (CAN) module and are capable of data rates up to 1 Mbps.

**Designed as an Integrated System**

In addition to the embedded connectivity of the Ethernet and CAN modules, the ADSP-BF536/ADSP-BF537 processors include a variety of general-purpose functions designed to minimize external IC count and offer broad control and communication. Peripherals include an SPI-compatible port, dual UARTs, dual SPORT ports, eight multifunction timers, 48 general-purpose I/Os, Two-Wire Interface for I2C operation, an event controller, and a JTAG/debug interface. The flexible Parallel Peripheral Interface (PPI) offers a direct connection to a variety of video encoders/decoders, display drivers, image sensors, and general-purpose converters.

**Development Tools**

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