HyperLynx DRC

Datasheet

System Design

HyperLynx DRC performs design rule checks on boards for EMI/EMC issues, as well as signal integrity and power integrity issues. It is highly customizable, allowing users to create DRCs for any check they might otherwise perform manually.

Overview

HyperLynx® DRC is a powerful and fast design rule checking tool that is fully customizable. It verifies complex design rules that are not easily simulated, such as rules for EMI/EMC. With 19 standard design rule checks (DRCs) for items such as traces crossing splits, reference plane changes, shielding, and via checks, you can quickly and easily pinpoint trouble spots on your board that can cause issues with EMI/EMC, signal integrity (SI), and power integrity (PI).

HyperLynx DRC accesses database objects through the automation object model (AOM), and allows advanced geometrical operations on these objects. This gives you unique access to the design database and allows you to develop many types of DRCs. With support for VBScript and JavaScript, as well as thorough documentation of the AOM and DRC coding standards, and a built-in script debugging environment, you can be writing your own DRCs immediately.

Custom Rule Creation

With HyperLynx DRC, you can write custom DRCs that can then be run by yourself and colleagues. HyperLynx DRC contains a complete custom DRC creation environment, including a script debugger with geometry visualization. When writing custom DRCs, you can access all aspects of the layout, including stackup, layers, planes, traces, vias, and pins. These objects are all part of the AOM library, which is extensively documented. The library contains the building blocks for any custom DRC. Additionally, you have access to electrical models such as IBIS. You can use custom DRCs to perform logical actions on design geometries, such as AND, OR, and XOR.

Additionally, you can manipulate and measure the desired geometries of a design when performing a check.

MAJOR BENEFITS:

- 19 built-in checks for EMI/EMC, SI, and PI issues for comprehensive design checking
- Advanced geometric engine for powerful and efficient design rule checking
- Easy setup and navigation with Setup Wizard and Project Explorer lets you get up to speed quickly, and to quickly run thorough simulations.
- Complete custom DRC creation environment for creating custom DRCs to satisfy your own review requirements
- Built-in script debugger with geometry visualization to facilitate easy custom DRC creation
- Ability to access layout data and GUI, and manipulate and measure geometries of layout data in custom DRCs
Script Writing and Debugging Environment

HyperLynx DRC features a complete script writing and debugging environment. Built into the GUI is a script debugger, which allows you to set break points, walk through the script step by step, and add variables to a watch list. Variables on the watch list can be a variety of data, including numbers as well as geometries being operated upon by the script, which can be visualized in the board viewer in the GUI.

The script debugging environment in HyperLynx DRC allows you to visualize geometries being accessed by the script as you are working on your custom DRC.

Easy Setup and Navigation

The HyperLynx DRC GUI allows quick and easy access to design data. A built-in Setup Wizard walks you through the necessary steps to run design checks on your board. Items such as electrical model assignment, connector definition, power/ground net definition, discrete components, and electrical net definition are all configured in the Setup Wizard. If you are using an Expedition design, most of this information is already in CES and is transferred during the export to HyperLynx DRC. You can review all aspects of the design independently using Project Explorer, which provides the navigation for the HyperLynx DRC GUI.

19 Built-In DRCs

HyperLynx DRC includes 19 standard DRCs that check for items related to EMI, SI and PI. Many of the checks look for items that cannot be easily simulated, such as traces crossing splits, reference plane changes, shielding and via checks. The checks can be used to perform a comprehensive review of a board design, and eliminate problems.

Supported PCB layout systems

- Mentor Graphics PADS® Layout, Expedition™ PCB and Board Station®
- Cadence Allegro, SPECCTRA and OrCAD Layout
- Zuken CADStar, Visula and CR3000/5000 PWS or Board Designer

Platforms Supported


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