



FireSim

Running a FireSim Simulation:
Password Cracking on a RISC-V SoC
with SHA-3 Accelerators and Linux

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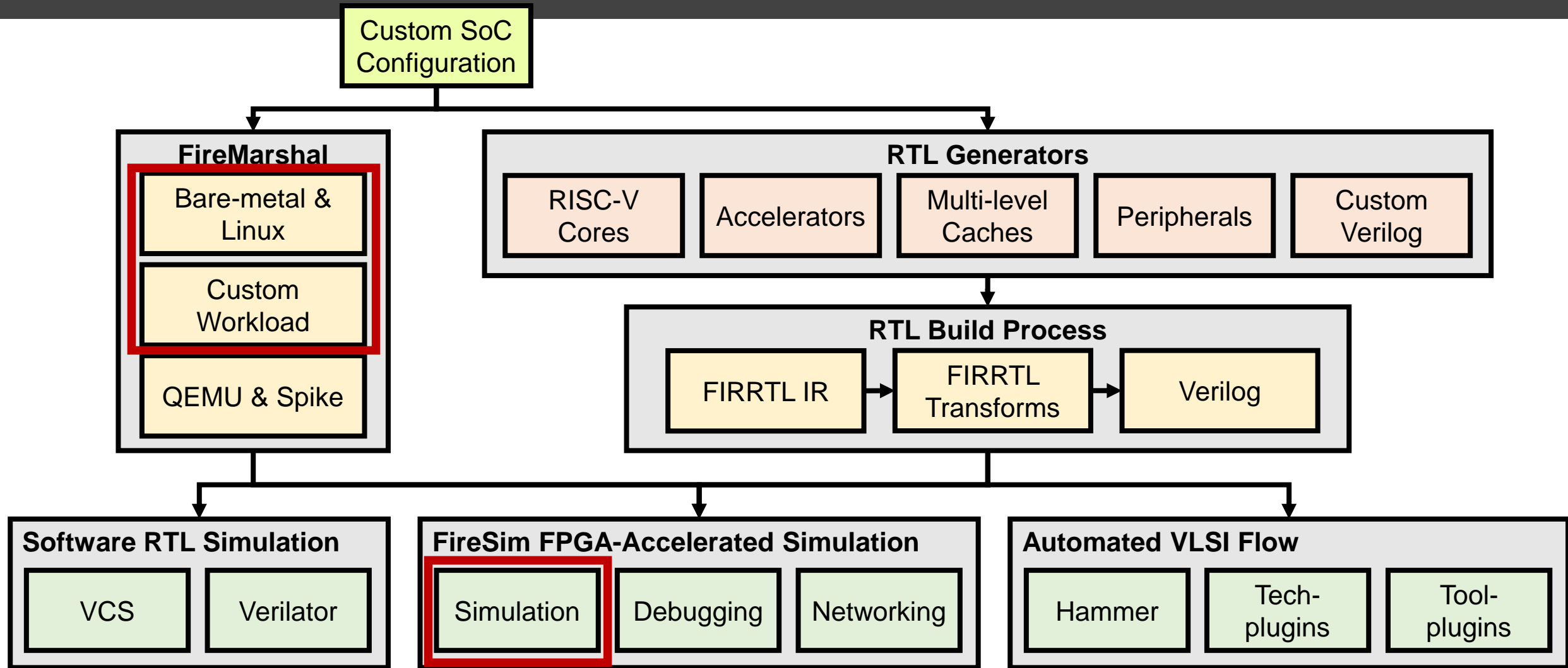


Agenda

- Configure and launch a simulation runfarm
- Boot Linux interactively on the target hardware
- Deploy new automated workloads
- Stress the SHA-3 accelerator that you integrated earlier with a complex Linux application (John the Ripper)



Tutorial Roadmap





Prerequisites

- Interactive shell commands intended to be run during the tutorial are highlighted in blue blocks (prefixed by “\$”)
- Some simplifying assumptions about the shell environment:
 - The `FDIR` variable refers to FireSim’s top directory
 - You have sourced the `sourceme-f1-manager.sh` setup script
 - The default `.bashrc` already sets up everything for you

```
$ export FDIR=~/.chipyard-afternoon/sims/firesim
$ cd $FDIR
$ source ./sourceme-f1-manager.sh
```



Runtime Configuration

What to simulate and what infrastructure is required is controlled by `$FDIR/deploy/config_runtime.ini`

- Target-level: Assemble a simulated system from components
 - FPGA images of SoC hardware designs
 - Network topology
 - Workload definition
- Host-level: Specify which EC2 instances to use



config_runtime.ini

The `[runfarm]` section specifies the number, type, and other launch parameters of instances to be managed

```
[runfarm]
runfarmtag=mainrunfarm

f1_16xlarges=1
m4_16xlarges=0
f1_4xlarges=0
f1_2xlarges=0

runinstancemarket=ondemand
spotinterruptionbehavior=terminate
spotmaxprice=ondemand
```



config_runtime.ini

The `[targetconfig]` section specifies the high-level configuration of the system to simulate

```
[targetconfig]
topology=example_8config
no_net_num_nodes=2
linklatency=6405
switchinglatency=10
netbandwidth=200
profileinterval=-1

defaulthwconfig=firesim-quadcore-nic-12-11c4mb-ddr3
```

`defaulthwconfig` references an entry from `config_hwdb.ini`



config_runtime.ini

The `[workload]` section specifies the software to be executed on the simulated nodes

```
[tracing]
enable=no
startcycle=0
endcycle=-1

[workload]
workloadname=linux-uniform.json
terminateoncompletion=no
```

`[tracing]` configures the trace port capture, which will be explained further during the debugging session



Testing Your New AGFI

- By now, the `builddafi` run that you started at the very beginning of this tutorial should have finished
- Add your HWDB entry to `config_hwdb.ini`:

```
$ cd $FDIR/deploy
$ cat built-hwdb-entries/firesim-singlecore-no-nic-l2-lbp >> config_hwdb.ini
```

- Verify that it follows this format (The unique AGFI ID will be unique):

```
[firesim-singlecore-no-nic-l2-lbp]
agfi=agfi-0cf1114522235cca0
deploytripletoverride=None
customruntimeconfig=None
```

In case you did not build the AGFI in time, a pre-populated entry is provided for you to use



Single-Node Simulation

- Edit `config_runtime.ini` to match the following settings
- Change only these lines – leave the others unmodified!

```
[runfarm]
f1_16xlarges=0
f1_2xlarges=1
```

```
[targetconfig]
topology=no_net_config
no_net_num_nodes=1
```

```
default_hwconfig=firesim-singlecore-no-nic-l2-lbp
```

- Use a smaller f1.2xlarge instance (1 FPGA)
- Simulate one non-networked node without a switch model
- Load the single-core Rocket design without a NIC



Launching Simulation Instances

```
$ firesim launchrunfarm
```

```
FireSim Manager. Docs: http://docs.firesim.im  
Running: launchrunfarm
```

```
Waiting for instance boots: 0 f1.16xlarges  
Waiting for instance boots: 0 f1.4xlarges  
Waiting for instance boots: 0 m4.16xlarges  
Waiting for instance boots: 1 f1.2xlarges  
i-0a42dfd6edd081d10 booted!
```

```
The full log of this run is:  
/home/centos/chipyard-afternoon/sims/firesim/deploy/logs/2019-10-07--05-14-31-  
launchrunfarm-JNWxEVMP49H036E7.log
```



Deploying Simulation Infrastructure

```
$ firesim infrasetup
```

This deploys various software prerequisites:

- Builds host-side simulation drivers for the specific build triplet
- Builds the switch model executable (if enabled)
- Collects information about simulation instances and transfers files
- Builds and loads the XDMA kernel driver
- Programs the FPGAs with the desired AGFIs



Deploying Simulation Infrastructure

```
$ firesim infrasetup
```

```
FireSim Manager. Docs: http://docs.firesim.com
Running: infrasetup

Building FPGA software driver for FireSimNoNIC-
L2SingleBank512K_DDR3FRFCFSLLC4MB_FireSimRocketChipSingleCoreConfig-BaseF1Config_F75MHz
[192.168.3.142] Executing task 'instance_liveness'
[192.168.3.142] Checking if host instance is up...
[192.168.3.142] Executing task 'infrasetup_node_wrapper'
[192.168.3.142] Copying FPGA simulation infrastructure for slot: 0.
[192.168.3.142] Installing AWS FPGA SDK on remote nodes. Upstream hash: 6c707ab4a26c2766b916dad9d40727266fa0e4ef
[192.168.3.142] Unloading XDMA/EDMA/XOCL Driver Kernel Module.
[192.168.3.142] Copying AWS FPGA XDMA driver to remote node.
[192.168.3.142] Unloading XDMA/EDMA/XOCL Driver Kernel Module.
[192.168.3.142] Loading XDMA Driver Kernel Module.
[192.168.3.142] Clearing FPGA Slot 0.
[192.168.3.142] Checking for Cleared FPGA Slot 0.
[192.168.3.142] Flashing FPGA Slot: 0 with agfi: agfi-08ede528844cc6f2d.
[192.168.3.142] Checking for Flashed FPGA Slot: 0 with agfi: agfi-08ede528844cc6f2d.
[192.168.3.142] Unloading XDMA/EDMA/XOCL Driver Kernel Module.
[192.168.3.142] Loading XDMA Driver Kernel Module.
[192.168.3.142] Starting Vivado hw_server.
[192.168.3.142] Starting Vivado virtual JTAG.
The full log of this run is:
/home/centos/chipyard-afternoon/sims/firesim/deploy/logs/2019-10-07--05-16-52-infrasetup-FR2TRJII9LPN1NSL.log
```





Custom FireSim Workloads

- *Workload*: Series of jobs (software configurations) assigned to run on individual simulations
- Two types of workloads:
 - Uniform**: Homogenous job run by all nodes in a simulated cluster
 - Non-uniform**: Each node is assigned a different job
 - Client/server configurations
 - Benchmark suites (SPEC17)



Workload Definitions

- This example uses “linux-uniform” as the simulated workload
- These JSON files live in `$FDIR/deploy/workloads/*.json`

```
{
  "benchmark_name" : "linux-uniform",
  "common_bootbinary" : "br-base-bin",
  "common_rootfs" : "br-base.img",
  "common_outputs" : ["/etc/os-release"],
  "common_simulation_outputs" : ["uartlog", "memory_stats.csv"]
}
```

- `$FDIR/deploy/workloads/linux-uniform/br-base{-bin,.img}` are symlinks to the FireMarshal-generated images



SPEC CPU2017

- 10 jobs – one per benchmark in the SPECrate Integer suite
- No time in this tutorial, but the general procedure is:
 - Build the spec17-* target in `$FDIR/deploy/workloads/Makefile`
 - Set the workload to `spec17-intrate.json` in `config_runtime.ini`, set the `f1_2xlarges=10`, select the hardware config to benchmark, then `firesim/launchrunfarm/infrasetup/runworkload`

```
{
  "common_bootbinary" : "bbl-vmlinux",
  "benchmark_name" : "spec17-intrate",
  "deliver_dir" : "spec17-intrate",
  "common_args" : ["--copies 4"],
  "common_files" : ["intrate.sh"],
  "common_outputs" : ["/output"],
  "common_simulation_outputs" : ["uartlog"],
  "workloads" : [
    {
      "name": "500.perlbench_r",
      "files": ["500.perlbench_r"],
      "command": "cd /spec17-intrate && ./intrate.sh 500.perlbench_r",
      "simulation_outputs": [],
      "outputs": []
    },
    {
      "name": "502.gcc_r",
      "files": ["502.gcc_r"],
      "command": "cd /spec17-intrate && ./intrate.sh 502.gcc_r",
      "simulation_outputs": [],
      "outputs": []
    }
  ],
  ...
}
```




Running the Simulation

```
$ firesim runworkload
```

```
FireSim Manager. Docs: http://docs.firesim.im  
Running: runworkload
```

```
Creating the directory: /home/centos/chipyard-afternoon/sims/firesim/deploy/results-  
workload/2019-10-07--05-35-00-linux-uniform/  
[192.168.3.142] Executing task 'instance_liveness'  
[192.168.3.142] Checking if host instance is up...  
[192.168.3.142] Executing task 'boot_switch_wrapper'  
[192.168.3.142] Executing task 'boot_simulation_wrapper'  
[192.168.3.142] Starting FPGA simulation for slot: 0.  
[192.168.3.142] Executing task 'monitor_jobs_wrapper'
```



Monitoring the Simulation

You should see a live status report that refreshes periodically:

```
FireSim Simulation Status @ 2019-10-07 05:39:23.597430
-----
This workload's output is located in:
/home/centos/chipyard-afternoon/sims/firesim/deploy/results-workload/2019-10-07-
-05-35-00-linux-uniform/
This run's log is located in:
/home/centos/chipyard-afternoon/sims/firesim/deploy/logs/2019-10-07--05-35-00-
runworkload-K99XOW23RKICYFAT.log
This status will update every 10s.
-----
Instances
-----
Instance IP: 192.168.3.142 | Terminated: False
-----
Simulated Switches
-----
Simulated Nodes/Jobs
-----
Instance IP: 192.168.3.142 | Job: linux-uniform0 | Sim running: True
-----
Summary
-----
1/1 instances are still running.
1/1 simulations are still running.
-----
```



Interacting with the Simulation

Look for the run instance's IP address in the status:

```
FireSim Simulation Status @ 2019-10-07 05:39:23.597430
-----
This workload's output is located in:
/home/centos/chipyard-afternoon/sims/firesim/deploy/results-workload/2019-10-07-
-05-35-00-linux-uniform/
This run's log is located in:
/home/centos/chipyard-afternoon/sims/firesim/deploy/logs/2019-10-07--05-35-00-
runworkload-K99XOW23RKICYFAT.log
This status will update every 10s.
-----
Instances
-----
Instance IP: 192.168.3.142 | Terminated: False
-----
Simulated Switches
-----
Simulated Nodes/Jobs
-----
Instance IP: 192.168.3.142 | Job: linux-uniform0 | Sim running: True
-----
Summary
-----
1/1 instances are still running.
1/1 simulations are still running.
-----
```





Logging Into the Simulated System

- Once Linux boots, the login prompt should appear over the console
- Log in as **root** with password **firesim** (password does not echo)

```
[    0.085714] EXT4-fs (iceblk): re-mounted. Opts: (null)
Starting syslogd: OK
Starting klogd: OK
Starting mdev... done.
Starting dropbear sshd: OK

Welcome to Buildroot
buildroot login: root
Password:
#
```



Logging Into the Simulated System

- Feel free to experiment with shell commands

```
# uname -a  
# cat /proc/cpuinfo  
# free -m  
# vim
```

- When done, cleanly shut down the system

```
# poweroff
```

- This will then end the simulation automatically



John the Ripper

- Open-source password cracking software
- Our customized version adds support for two more hash formats:
 - **Raw-SHA3-256**: pure software implementation using generic Keccak code
 - **Raw-SHA3-256-rocc**: RoCC accelerator offload
- `$FDIR/sw/firesim-software/workloads/sha3/jtr/JohnTheRipper/src/sha3_256_rock_fmt_plug.c`
 - The `crypt_all()` function performs the actual hashing
- Minor Linux kernel patches to facilitate accelerator context switching



Changing Workloads

- Generate the FireSim workload definition for “sha3-linux-jtr-test”:

```
$ cd $FDIR/sw/firesim-software  
$ ./marshal install workloads/sha3-linux-jtr-test.json
```

- Update `config_runtime.ini` accordingly:

```
defaulthwconfig=firesim-singlecore-sha3-no-nic-12-11c4mb-ddr3  
workloadname=sha3-linux-jtr-test.json
```

- Then start another simulation:

```
$ firesim infrasetup && firesim runworkload
```

Same SHA3-accelerated SoC design generated during the morning session



Basic Benchmarking

- The workload first runs John the Ripper's low-level self-tests and benchmarks to measure raw hash performance
 - Passwords constitute a less optimal input for the accelerator
 - Many unrelated messages much shorter than the block size (1088 bits)
- “Crypts per second” (C/s) metric
 - *Real*: elapsed real time
 - *Virtual*: total CPU time

```
Benchmarking: Raw-SHA3-256 [SHA3 256 32/64]... DONE
Raw:      164928 c/s real, 164928 c/s virtual
```

```
Benchmarking: Raw-SHA3-256-rocc [SHA3 256 32/64]... DONE
Raw:      10171K c/s real, 10222K c/s virtual
```



Password Cracking

- In the second half of the workload, the SHA-3 accelerator is used to attack sample hashes from the default wordlist
- `john` is given input files of one hash per line, unsalted for simplicity:

```
hash_0:be87f99a67e48ec4ec9f05b565f6ca531e24b9c71a62cfd3a58f54ebc60115ea  
hash_1:f706280cdf972ed4af636d540e7d2ea2ff3e9f91e63bc389b2aa0fa288c486a9  
hash_2:2cd81e6887b1618af765e2bc127f68b563e6a1b4abd397331b759f878eb8515e  
hash_3:9cdc6b9ff3d0d0a90cb8670fb972debc08947697c6b63903458abbaaa0fe93c9
```

- The companion “`sha3-linux-jtr-crack`” workload includes a more challenging scenario that tests the incremental (brute-force) mode



Capturing Results

- Once the workload terminates automatically, the results are copied to the manager instance:

```
FireSim Simulation Exited Successfully. See results in:  
/home/centos/chipyard-afternoon/sims/firesim/deploy/results-workload/2019-10-07--08-  
13-35-sha3-linux-jtr-test/
```

- The exact directory path will contain a different timestamp
- Console output recorded in `sha3-linux-jtr-test0/uartlog`
 - As well as other output files named in the workload definition



Summary

- Configure and launch a simulation runfarm
- Boot Linux interactively on the target hardware
- Deploy new automated workloads
- Stress the SHA-3 accelerator that you integrated earlier with a complex Linux application (John the Ripper)