

TANNER EDA RELEASES L-EDIT PRO 9.0 LAYOUT EDITOR
Parameterized T-Cells provide time-saving flexibility in designs

PASADENA, CA, May 30, 2002 - Tanner EDA, the leading supplier of custom integrated circuit design tools for personal computers, today announced the release of version 9 of their layout and verification software L-Edit Pro™.

This newest release introduces T-Cells, a system of parameterized cells that can generate layout from a user's specifications. L-Edit Pro users now have the freedom to link any cell in a design with parameterized, layout-generating code. Using the C/C++ based functions of L-Edit's user programmable interface, designers can strategically design a few, versatile T-Cells rather than vast libraries of layout elements. Tim Yu, CAD Manager at AnalogicTech, noted, "L-Edit software is ideal for our 20% digital power management chips. The UPI macros are very powerful. They have allowed us to automate major portions of the process so that our engineers can focus on the critical custom design work."

A key feature of T-Cells is the ease with which users can begin using them in a design. L-Edit Pro 9 also includes a new set of user-programmable composition functions, called LComp. LComp functions are written specifically for the layout engineer; using LComp, a user can program large-scale, algorithmic layouts using a simple, intuitive syntax. "Many L-Edit users have discovered the powerful capabilities of our user-programmable interface to customize the tool and automate layout. With T-Cells and LComp, these capabilities are now easily accessible to designers with little or no programming experience," says Nicolas Williams, the product manager for L-Edit Pro.

About L-Edit 9.0

L-Edit is a broad-featured, high-performance mask layout editor. This full-custom all-angle layout editor is fast, easy to use, and fully hierarchical, allowing you to quickly create analog and mixed-signal ICs. It uses industry-compatible file formats including GDS, CIF, SPICE, and EDIF. L-Edit has library and design reuse capabilities that allow you to manage cell consistency at all times. Our design format allows for easy portability for when you have to take your design on the road, even if you have high library

utilization. L-Edit's workgroup support enables teams of designers to work on the same design. The Design Navigator allows you to view your design hierarchy either from the top down or bottom up, letting you see your cell dependencies. L-Edit is fully customizable, has a command line interface, and a complete programmable interface for task automation and layout generation. You can create cross sections of your layout directly in L-Edit, allowing you to better understand your process and its devices.

L-Edit Pro has complete verification including high performance DRC with DRACULA compatibility; netlist, device parameters, & interconnect parasitics extractor; and layout versus schematic verification (LVS). A standard cell place and route (SPR) module is also available for L-Edit. Design kits for MOSIS, TSMC, AMI, and many other foundries are available, allowing you to get your product to market faster.

Pricing and Availability

L-Edit Pro 9.0 is available today for new customers or as an upgrade option for current L-Edit Pro users. Support is provided for Windows® XP, 2000, NT and 98/ME platforms. Please contact Tanner EDA sales for pricing at sales@tanner.com or toll-free at 1.877.325.2223.

About Tanner EDA

Tanner EDA is a division of Tanner Research, Inc., a privately held company with corporate offices in Pasadena, California. Tanner EDA was the first provider of custom IC layout, verification, and simulation software for the PC. Specializing in innovative EDA software for analog and mixed-signal IC design, Tanner's Windows products are known for their affordability, ease-of-use, unique layout crafting support, simulation technology, and customization capabilities. Tanner Tools are popular with analog, RFIC, mixed-signal, imaging, memory, MEMS and optical designers of cells, cores, IP blocks, and complete integrated circuits. With over 15,000 licenses worldwide, many designers rely exclusively on Tanner Tools to meet their IC design needs. Tanner EDA has an extensive worldwide VAR and distribution network. For more information about Tanner EDA, please visit www.tannereda.com.