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Introduction

The lwIP is an open source TCP/IP protocol suite available under the BSD license. The lwIP is a standalone stack; there are no operating systems dependencies, although it can be used along with operating systems. The lwIP provides two APIs for use by applications:

- RAW API: Provides access to the core lwIP stack.
- Socket API: Provides a BSD sockets style interface to the stack.

The `lwip211_v1_1` is an SDK library that is built on the open source lwIP library version 2.1.1. The `lwip211_v1_1` library provides adapters for the Ethernetlite (`axi_ethernetlite`), the TEMAC (`axi_ethernet`), and the Gigabit Ethernet controller and MAC (GigE) cores. The library can run on MicroBlaze™, ARM Cortex-A9, ARM Cortex-A53, and ARM Cortex-R5 processors. The Ethernetlite and TEMAC cores apply for MicroBlaze systems. The Gigabit Ethernet controller and MAC (GigE) core is applicable only for ARM Cortex-A9 system (Zynq®-7000 processor devices) and ARM Cortex-A53 & ARM Cortex-R5 system (Zynq® UltraScale+™ MPSoC).

Features

The lwIP provides support for the following protocols:

- Internet Protocol (IP)
- Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP)
- User Datagram Protocol (UDP)
- TCP (Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)
- Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)
- Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)
- Internet Group Message Protocol (IGMP)

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<http://lwip.scribblewiki.com>
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http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/application_notes/xapp1026.pdf
- lwIP examples using RAW and Socket APIs:
<http://savannah.nongnu.org/projects/lwip/>
- FreeRTOS Port for Zynq is available for download from the [FreeRTOS](#) website

Using lwIP

Overview

The following sections detail the hardware and software steps for using lwIP for networking. The key steps are:

1. Creating a hardware system containing the processor, ethernet core, and a timer. The timer and ethernet interrupts must be connected to the processor using an interrupt controller.
2. Configuring `lwip211_v1_1` to be a part of the software platform. For operating with lwIP socket API, the Xilkernel library or FreeRTOS BSP is a prerequisite. See the Note below.

Note

The Xilkernel library is available only for MicroBlaze systems. For Cortex-A9 based systems (Zynq) and Cortex-A53 or Cortex-R5 based systems (Zynq® UltraScale™+ MPSoC), there is no support for Xilkernel. Instead, use FreeRTOS. A FreeRTOS BSP is available for Zynq systems and must be included for using lwIP socket API. The FreeRTOS BSP for Zynq is available for download from the the [FreeRTOS][freertos] website.

Setting up the Hardware System

This chapter describes the hardware configurations supported by lwIP. The key components of the hardware system include:

- Processor: Either a MicroBlaze™ or a Cortex-A9 or a Cortex-A53 or a Cortex-R5 processor. The Cortex-A9 processor applies to Zynq systems. The Cortex-A53 and Cortex-R5 processors apply to Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC systems.
- MAC: LwIP supports `axi_etherlite`, `axi_ethernet`, and Gigabit Ethernet controller and MAC (GigE) cores.
- Timer: to maintain TCP timers, lwIP raw API based applications require that certain functions are called at periodic intervals by the application. An application can do this by registering an interrupt handler with a timer.
- DMA: For `axi_ethernet` based systems, the `axi_ethernet` cores can be configured with a soft DMA engine (AXI DMA and MCDMA) or a FIFO interface. For GigE-based Zynq and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC systems, there is a built-in DMA and so no extra configuration is needed. Same applies to `axi_etherlite` based systems, which have their built-in buffer management provisions.

The following figure shows a sample system architecture with a Kintex®-6 device utilizing the axi_ethernet core with DMA.

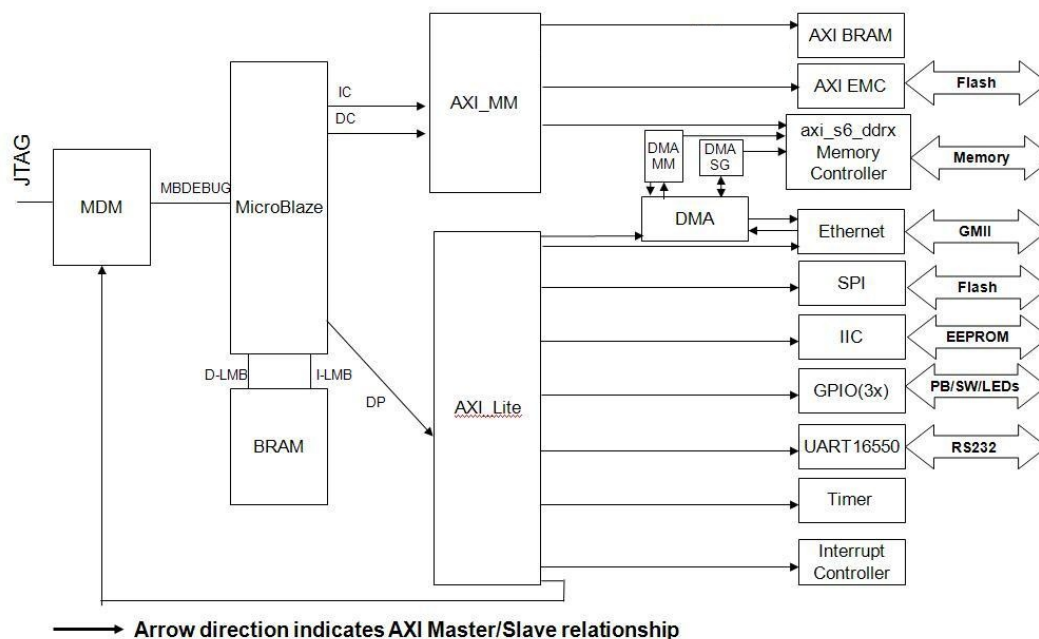


Figure 2.1: System Architecture using axi_ethernet core with DMA

Setting up the Software System

To use lwIP in a software application, you must first compile the lwIP library as a part of the software application. To move the hardware design to SDK, you must first export it from the Hardware tools.

1. Select Project > Export Hardware Design to SDK.
The **Export to SDK** dialog box appears.
2. Click **Export & Launch SDK**.
Vivado® exports the design to SDK. SDK opens and prompts you to create a workspace.
3. Compile the lwIP library:
 - (a) Select **File > New > Xilinx Board Support Package**.
The **New Board Support Package** wizard appears.
 - (b) Specify the project name and select a location for it.
 - (c) Select the BSP.
XilKernel is not supported for Zynq and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC devices. FreeRTOS must be used for Zynq. The FreeRTOS BSP for Zynq is available for download from the [FreeRTOS][freertos] website. For more information, see the help documentation provided provided with the port to use the FreeRTOS BSP.
 - (d) Click Finish.
The Board Support Package Settings window opens.

- (e) Select the lwip211_v1_1 library with version 1_1 .
On the left side of the SDK window, lwip211_v1_1 appears in the list of libraries to be compiled.
- (f) Select lwip211_v1_1 in the **Project Explorer** view.
The configuration options for lwIP are listed.
- (g) Configure the lwIP and click OK.
The board support package automatically builds with lwIP included in it.

Configuring lwIP Options

The lwIP library provides configurable parameters. The values for these parameters can be changed in SDK. There are two major categories of configurable options:

- Xilinx Adapter to lwIP options: These control the settings used by Xilinx adapters for the ethernet cores.
- Base lwIP options: These options are part of lwIP library itself, and include parameters for TCP, UDP, IP and other protocols supported by lwIP. The following sections describe the available lwIP configurable options.

Customizing lwIP API Mode

The lwip211_v1_1 supports both raw API and socket API:

- The raw API is customized for high performance and lower memory overhead. The limitation of raw API is that it is callback-based, and consequently does not provide portability to other TCP stacks.
- The socket API provides a BSD socket-style interface and is very portable; however, this mode is not as efficient as raw API mode in performance and memory requirements. The lwip211_v1_1 also provides the ability to set the priority on TCP/IP and other lwIP application threads.

The following table describes the lwIP library API mode options.

Attribute	Description	Type	Default
api_mode {RAW_API SOCKET_API}	The lwIP library mode of operation	enum	RAW_API

Attribute	Description	Type	Default
socket_mode_thread_prio	<p>Priority of lwIP TCP/IP thread and all lwIP application threads. This setting applies only when Xilkernel is used in priority mode. It is recommended that all threads using lwIP run at the same priority level.</p> <p>Note For GigE based Zynq-7000 and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC systems using FreeRTOS, appropriate priority should be set. The default priority of 1 will not give the expected behaviour. For FreeRTOS (Zynq-7000 and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC systems), all internal lwIP tasks (except the main TCP/IP task) are created with the priority level set for this attribute. The TCP/IP task is given a higher priority than other tasks for improved performance. The typical TCP/IP task priority is 1 more than the priority set for this attribute for FreeRTOS.</p>	integer	1

Attribute	Description	Type	Default
use_axieth_on_zynq	<p>In the event that the AxiEthernet soft IP is used on a Zynq-7000 device or a Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC device.</p> <p>This option ensures that the GigE on the Zynq-7000 PS (EmacPs) is not enabled and the device uses the AxiEthernet soft IP for Ethernet traffic.</p> <p>Note The existing Xilinx-provided lwIP adapters are not tested for multiple MACs. Multiple Axi Ethernet's are not supported on Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC devices.</p>	integer	<p>0 = Use Zynq-7000 PS-based or ZynMP PS-based GigE controller</p> <p>1= User AxiEthernet</p>

Configuring Xilinx Adapter Options

The Xilinx adapters for EMAC/GigE cores are configurable.

Ethernetlite Adapter Options

The following table describes the configuration parameters for the axi_ethernetlite adapter.

Attribute	Description	Type	Default
sw_rx_fifo_size	Software Buffer Size in bytes of the receive data between EMAC and processor	integer	8192
sw_tx_fifo_size	Software Buffer Size in bytes of the transmit data between processor and EMAC	integer	8192

TEMAC Adapter Options

The following table describes the configuration parameters for the axi_ethernet and GigE adapters.

Attribute	Type	Description
n_tx_descriptors	integer	Number of Tx descriptors to be used. For high performance systems there might be a need to use a higher value. Default is 64.
n_rx_descriptors	integer	Number of Rx descriptors to be used. For high performance systems there might be a need to use a higher value. Typical values are 128 and 256. Default is 64.
n_tx_coalesce	integer	Setting for Tx interrupt coalescing. Default is 1.
n_rx_coalesce	integer	Setting for Rx interrupt coalescing. Default is 1.
tcp_rx_checksum_offload	boolean	Offload TCP Receive checksum calculation (hardware support required). For GigE in Zynq and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC, the TCP receive checksum offloading is always present, so this attribute does not apply. Default is false.
tcp_tx_checksum_offload	boolean	Offload TCP Transmit checksum calculation (hardware support required). For GigE cores (Zynq and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC), the TCP transmit checksum offloading is always present, so this attribute does not apply. Default is false.

Attribute	Type	Description
tcp_ip_rx_checksum_ofload	boolean	<p>Offload TCP and IP Receive checksum calculation (hardware support required). Applicable only for AXI systems. For GigE in Zynq and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC devices, the TCP and IP receive checksum offloading is always present, so this attribute does not apply.</p> <p>Default is false.</p>
tcp_ip_tx_checksum_ofload	boolean	<p>Offload TCP and IP Transmit checksum calculation (hardware support required). Applicable only for AXI systems. For GigE in Zynq and Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC devices, the TCP and IP transmit checksum offloading is always present, so this attribute does not apply.</p> <p>Default is false.</p>
phy_link_speed	CONFIG_LINKSPEED_AUTODETECT	<p>Link speed as auto-negotiated by the PHY. lwIP configures the TEMAC/GigE for this speed setting. This setting must be correct for the TEMAC/GigE to transmit or receive packets. The CONFIG_LINKSPEED_AUTODETECT setting attempts to detect the correct linkspeed by reading the PHY registers; however, this is PHY dependent, and has been tested with the Marvell and TI PHYs present on Xilinx development boards. For other PHYs, select the correct speed.</p> <p>Default is enum.</p>

Attribute	Type	Description
temac_use_jumbo_frames_experimental	boolean	Use TEMAC jumbo frames (with a size up to 9k bytes). If this option is selected, jumbo frames are allowed to be transmitted and received by the TEMAC. For GigE in Zynq there is no support for jumbo frames, so this attribute does not apply. Default is false.

Configuring Memory Options

The lwIP stack provides different kinds of memories. Similarly, when the application uses socket mode, different memory options are used. All the configurable memory options are provided as a separate category. Default values work well unless application tuning is required. The following table describes the memory parameter options.

Attribute	Default	Type	Description
mem_size	131072	Integer	Total size of the heap memory available, measured in bytes. For applications which use a lot of memory from heap (using C library malloc or lwIP routine mem_malloc or pbuf_alloc with PBUF_RAM option), this number should be made higher as per the requirements.
memp_n_pbuf	16	Integer	The number of memp struct pbufs. If the application sends a lot of data out of ROM (or other static memory), this should be set high.
memp_n_udp_pcb	4	Integer	The number of UDP protocol control blocks. One per active UDP connection.

Attribute	Default	Type	Description
memp_n_tcp_pcb	32	Integer	The number of simultaneously active TCP connections.
memp_n_tcp_pcb_listen	8	Integer	The number of listening TC connections.
memp_n_tcp_seg	256	Integer	The number of simultaneously queued TCP segments.
memp_n_sys_timeout	8	Integer	Number of simultaneously active timeouts.
memp_num_netbuf	8	Integer	Number of allowed structure instances of type netbufs. Applicable only in socket mode.
memp_num_netconn	16	Integer	Number of allowed structure instances of type netconns. Applicable only in socket mode.
memp_num_api_msg	16	Integer	Number of allowed structure instances of type api_msg. Applicable only in socket mode.
memp_num_tcpip_msg	64	Integer	Number of TCPIP msg structures (socket mode only).

Note

Because Sockets Mode support uses Xilkernel services, the number of semaphores chosen in the Xilkernel configuration must take the value set for the memp_num_netbuf parameter into account. For FreeRTOS BSP there is no setting for the maximum number of semaphores. For FreeRTOS, you can create semaphores as long as memory is available.

Configuring Packet Buffer (Pbuf) Memory Options

Packet buffers (Pbufs) carry packets across various layers of the TCP/IP stack. The following are the pbuf memory options provided by the lwIP stack. Default values work well unless application tuning is required. The following table describes the parameters for the Pbuf memory options.

Attribute	Default	Type	Description
pbuf_pool_size	256	Integer	Number of buffers in pbuf pool. For high performance systems, you might consider increasing the pbuf pool size to a higher value, such as 512.
pbuf_pool_bufsize	1700	Integer	Size of each pbuf in pbuf pool. For systems that support jumbo frames, you might consider using a pbuf pool buffer size that is more than the maximum jumbo frame size.
pbuf_link_hlen	16	Integer	Number of bytes that should be allocated for a link level header.

Configuring ARP Options

The following table describes the parameters for the ARP options. Default values work well unless application tuning is required.

Attribute	Default	Type	Description
arp_table_size	10	Integer	Number of active hardware address IP address pairs cached.
arp_queueing	1	Integer	If enabled outgoing packets are queued during hardware address resolution. This attribute can have two values: 0 or 1.

Configuring IP Options

The following table describes the IP parameter options. Default values work well unless application tuning is required.

Attribute	Default	Type	Description
ip_forward	0	Integer	Set to 1 for enabling ability to forward IP packets across network interfaces. If running lwIP on a single network interface, set to 0. This attribute can have two values: 0 or 1.
ip_options	0	Integer	When set to 1, IP options are allowed (but not parsed). When set to 0, all packets with IP options are dropped. This attribute can have two values: 0 or 1.
ip_reassembly	1	Integer	Reassemble incoming fragmented IP packets.
ip_frag	1	Integer	Fragment outgoing IP packets if their size exceeds MTU.
ip_reass_max_pbufs	128	Integer	Reassembly pbuf queue length.
ip_frag_max_mtu	1500	Integer	Assumed max MTU on any interface for IP fragmented buffer.
ip_default_ttl	255	Integer	Global default TTL used by transport layers.

Configuring ICMP Options

The following table describes the parameter for ICMP protocol option. Default values work well unless application tuning is required.

Attribute	Default	Type	Description
icmp_ttl	255	Integer	ICMP TTL value.

For GigE cores (for Zynq and Zynq MPSoC) there is no support for ICMP in the hardware.

Configuring IGMP Options

The IGMP protocol is supported by lwIP stack. When set true, the following option enables the IGMP protocol.

Attribute	Default	Type	Description
imgp_options	false	Boolean	Specify whether IGMP is required.

Configuring UDP Options

The following table describes UDP protocol options. Default values work well unless application tuning is required.

Attribute	Default	Type	Description
lwip_udp	true	Boolean	Specify whether UDP is required.
udp_ttl	255	Integer	UDP TTL value.

Configuring TCP Options

The following table describes the TCP protocol options. Default values work well unless application tuning is required.

Attribute	Default	Type	Description
lwip_tcp	true	Boolean	Require TCP.
tcp_ttl	255	Integer	TCP TTL value.
tcp_wnd	2048	Integer	TCP Window size in bytes.
tcp_maxrtx	12	Integer	TCP Maximum retransmission value.
tcp_synmaxrtx	4	Integer	TCP Maximum SYN retransmission value.
tcp_queue_ooseq	1	Integer	Accept TCP queue segments out of order. Set to 0 if your device is low on memory.
tcp_mss	1460	Integer	TCP Maximum segment size.
tcp_snd_buf	8192	Integer	TCP sender buffer space in bytes.

Configuring DHCP Options

The DHCP protocol is supported by lwIP stack. The following table describes DHCP protocol options. Default values work well unless application tuning is required.

Attribute	Default	Type	Description
lwip_dhcp	false	Boolean	Specify whether DHCP is required.
dhcp_does_arp_check	false	Boolean	Specify whether ARP checks on offered addresses.

Configuring the Stats Option

lwIP stack has been written to collect statistics, such as the number of connections used; amount of memory used; and number of semaphores used, for the application. The library provides the stats_display() API to dump out the statistics relevant to the context in which the call is used. The stats option can be turned on to enable the statistics information to be collected and displayed when the stats_display API is called from user code. Use the following option to enable collecting the stats information for the application.

Attribute	Description	Type	Default
lwip_stats	Turn on lwIP Statistics	int	0

Configuring the Debug Option

lwIP provides debug information. The following table lists all the available options.

Attribute	Default	Type	Description
lwip_debug	false	Boolean	Turn on/off lwIP debugging.
ip_debug	false	Boolean	Turn on/off IP layer debugging.
tcp_debug	false	Boolean	Turn on/off TCP layer debugging.
udp_debug	false	Boolean	Turn on/off UDP layer debugging.
icmp_debug	false	Boolean	Turn on/off ICMP protocol debugging.
igmp_debug	false	Boolean	Turn on/off IGMP protocol debugging.

Attribute	Default	Type	Description
netif_debug	false	Boolean	Turn on/off network interface layer debugging.
sys_debug	false	Boolean	Turn on/off sys arch layer debugging.
pbuf_debug	false	Boolean	Turn on/off pbuf layer debugging

Chapter 3

LwIP Library APIs

The lwIP library provides two different APIs: RAW API and Socket API.

Raw API

The Raw API is callback based. Applications obtain access directly into the TCP stack and vice-versa. As a result, there is no extra socket layer, and using the Raw API provides excellent performance at the price of compatibility with other TCP stacks.

Xilinx Adapter Requirements when using the RAW API

In addition to the lwIP RAW API, the Xilinx adapters provide the `xemacif_input` utility function for receiving packets. This function must be called at frequent intervals to move the received packets from the interrupt handlers to the lwIP stack. Depending on the type of packet received, lwIP then calls registered application callbacks.

The `$XILINX_SDK/sw/ThirdParty/sw_services/lwip211_v1_1/src/lwip-2.1.1/doc/rawapi.txt` file describes the lwIP Raw API.

LwIP Performance

The following table provides the maximum TCP throughput achievable by FPGA, CPU, EMAC, and system frequency in RAW modes. Applications requiring high performance should use the RAW API.

FPGA	CPU	EMAC	System Frequency	Max TCP Throughput in RAW Mode (Mbps)
Virtex®	MicroBlaze	axi-ethernet	100 MHz	RX Side: 182 TX Side: 100
Virtex	MicroBlaze	xps-ll-temac	100 MHz	RX Side: 178 TX Side: 100
Virtex	MicroBlaze	xps-ethernetlite	100 MHz	RX Side: 50 TX Side: 38

RAW API Example

Applications using the RAW API are single threaded. The following pseudo-code illustrates a typical RAW mode program structure.

```
int main()
{
    struct netif *netif, server_netif;
    ip_addr_t ipaddr, netmask, gw;

    /* the MAC address of the board.
     * This should be unique per board/PHY */
    unsigned char mac_ethernet_address[] =
        {0x00, 0x0a, 0x35, 0x00, 0x01, 0x02};

    lwip_init();

    /* Add network interface to the netif_list,
     * and set it as default */
    if (!xemac_add(netif, &ipaddr, &netmask,
        &gw, mac_ethernet_address,
        EMAC_BASEADDR)) {
        printf("Error adding N/W interface\n\r");
        return -1;
    }
    netif_set_default(netif);

    /* now enable interrupts */
    platform_enable_interrupts();

    /* specify that the network if is up */
    netif_set_up(netif);

    /* start the application, setup callbacks */
    start_application();

    /* receive and process packets */
    while (1) {
        xemacif_input(netif);
        /* application specific functionality */
        transfer_data();
    }
}
```

Socket API

The lwIP socket API provides a BSD socket-style API to programs. This API provides an execution model that is a blocking, open-read-write-close paradigm.

Xilinx Adapter Requirements when using the Socket API

Applications using the Socket API with Xilinx adapters need to spawn a separate thread called `xemacif_input_thread`. This thread takes care of moving received packets from the interrupt handlers to the `tcpip_thread` of the lwIP. Application threads that use lwIP must be created using the lwIP `sys_thread_new` API. Internally, this function makes use of the appropriate thread or task creation routines provided by XilKernel or FreeRTOS.

Xilkernel/FreeRTOS scheduling policy when using the Socket API

lwIP in socket mode requires the use of the Xilkernel or FreeRTOS, which provides two policies for thread scheduling: round-robin and priority based.

There are no special requirements when round-robin scheduling policy is used because all threads or tasks with same priority receive the same time quanta. This quanta is fixed by the RTOS (Xilkernel or FreeRTOS) being used.

With priority scheduling, care must be taken to ensure that lwIP threads or tasks are not starved. For Xilkernel, lwIP internally launches all threads at the priority level specified in `socket_mode_thread_prio`. For FreeRTOS, lwIP internally launches all tasks except the main TCP/IP task at the priority specified in `socket_mode_thread_prio`. The TCP/IP task in FreeRTOS is launched with a higher priority (one more than priority set in `socket_mode_thread_prio`). In addition, application threads must launch `xemacif_input_thread`. The priorities of both `xemacif_input_thread`, and the lwIP internal threads (`socket_mode_thread_prio`) must be high enough in relation to the other application threads so that they are not starved.

Socket API Example

XilKernel-based applications in socket mode can specify a static list of threads that Xilkernel spawns on startup in the Xilkernel Software Platform Settings dialog box. Assuming that `main_thread()` is a thread specified to be launched by Xilkernel, control reaches this first thread from application main after the Xilkernel schedule is started. In `main_thread`, one more thread (`network_thread`) is created to initialize the MAC layer.

For FreeRTOS (Zynq-7000 processor systems) based applications, once the control reaches application main routine, a task (can be termed as `main_thread`) with an entry point function as `main_thread()` is created before starting the scheduler. After the FreeRTOS scheduler starts, the control reaches `main_thread()`, where the lwIP internal initialization happens. The application then creates one more thread (`network_thread`) to initialize the MAC layer.

The following pseudo-code illustrates a typical socket mode program structure.

```
void network_thread(void *p)
{
    struct netif *netif;
    ip_addr_t ipaddr, netmask, gw;

    /* the MAC address of the board.
     * This should be unique per board/PHY */
    unsigned char mac_ethernet_address[] =
        {0x00, 0x0a, 0x35, 0x00, 0x01, 0x02};

    netif = &server_netif;

    /* initialize IP addresses to be used */
    IP4_ADDR(&ipaddr, 192, 168, 1, 10);
    IP4_ADDR(&netmask, 255, 255, 255, 0);
    IP4_ADDR(&gw, 192, 168, 1, 1);

    /* Add network interface to the netif_list,
     * and set it as default */
    if (!xemac_add(netif, &ipaddr, &netmask,
        &gw, mac_ethernet_address,
        EMAC_BASEADDR)) {
        printf("Error adding N/W interface\n\r");
        return;
    }
    netif_set_default(netif);
}
```

```

/* specify that the network if is up */
netif_set_up(netif);

/* start packet receive thread
- required for lwIP operation */
sys_thread_new("xemacif_input_thread", xemacif_input_thread,
    netif,
    THREAD_STACKSIZE, DEFAULT_THREAD_PRIO);

/* now we can start application threads */
/* start webserver thread (e.g.) */
sys_thread_new("httpd" web_application_thread, 0,
    THREAD_STACKSIZE DEFAULT_THREAD_PRIO);
}

int main_thread()
{
    /* initialize lwIP before calling sys_thread_new */
    lwip_init();

    /* any thread using lwIP should be created using
    * sys_thread_new() */
    sys_thread_new("network_thread" network_thread, NULL,
        THREAD_STACKSIZE DEFAULT_THREAD_PRIO);

    return 0;
}

```

Using the Xilinx Adapter Helper Functions

The Xilinx adapters provide the following helper functions to simplify the use of the lwIP APIs.

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