Guide to the Altera Corporation records

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Title: Altera Corporation records
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Contributing Institution: Computer History Museum
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 11.91 Linear feet, 6 record cartons, 1 oversize flat box, and 3 other boxes
Date (inclusive): 1983-2011
Abstract: The Altera Corporation records contain printed materials, software, and audiovisual material ranging in date from 1983 until 2011. The bulk of the records are made up of printed materials, including product literature, financial reports, manuals, press releases and clippings, and print advertisements. The collection also includes packaged software containing manuals and 5.25 inch floppy disks, as well as photographs of employees and products, VHS tapes, CDs, a small amount of design drawings, and mounted graphics.
creator: Altera Corporation.
Processing Information
Collection surveyed by Sydney Gulbronson Olson, 2018.
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Immediate Source of Acquisition
Biographical/Historical Note
Altera Corporation was founded in 1983 and was a leading designer and supplier in the semiconductor industry. Altera manufactured programmable logic devices (PLDs) and field-programmable gate arrays (FPGAs), and also created and sold associated logic development software tools. Its initial product was the EP300 chip, which was the first reprogrammable logic device. Altera, which continued to be a leader in FPGA technology, was acquired by Intel in 2015, and is now known as the Intel Programmable Solutions Group (PSG).
Scope and Content of the Collection
The Altera Corporation records contain printed materials, software, and audiovisual material about and by the company from its founding in 1983 until 2011. The bulk of the records are made up of printed materials, including product literature such as catalogs and guides, financial documents such as annual and financial reports, manuals, marketing materials, press releases, press clippings, and print advertisements. Most of the printed materials pertain to the business and marketing aspects of the company, rather than the technical research and design.
The rest of the records consist of software and audiovisual materials. There are three boxes of packaged software and development kits, which contain manuals and 5.25 inch floppy disks. Also included are photographs of employees and products, 11 VHS tapes, several CDs, and oversize design drawings and mounted graphics.
Below is a rough inventory of the collection. For a more detailed inventory, please contact the archives directly.
Box 1: Press clippings, 1983-1995
Box 6: Diagrams and blueprints for Altera devices, 1986; Oversize periodical, 1997; Mounted graphics, ca. 1990
Box 7-9: Packaged Altera software, 1985-1991
Box 10: VHS tapes and CDs, 1991-2003

**Separated Material**
Physical objects were separated from the main collection. To view catalog records for separated material, search the CHM catalog at [http://www.computerhistory.org/collections/search/](http://www.computerhistory.org/collections/search/).

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**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
Field programmable gate arrays
Programmable logic devices