NC4000 User's Group Meeting

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All of the users wanted to know when or if the bugs in the NC4000 (interrupt, multiply, etc....) were going to be fixed. John Rible, a former Novix employee (and now a consultant to them) explained that the work had been scoped out but no action seemed imminent. John described the differences between the NC4000 and proposed NC6000 and the disappeared NC5000. David Williams from Harris Corporation spoke at length on the new FORCE processor and provided information on projected cost and availability (especially to user groups). He also corrected the Electronic Design article in which it was first described publicly back in February, which is in some respects now out of date. An article in VLSI Design will be coming out soon.

There is a consensus of frustration among users not associated with Novix with the responsiveness and forthrightness of Novix as a vendor. The amount and quality of technical data available was criticized. Concern was expressed over the departure of key technical people from Novix and descriptions of products which have never materialized. Nevertheless, the group seemed uniformly committed to tapping the amazing potential of the NC4000.