

Introduction to Verilog Hardware Description Language

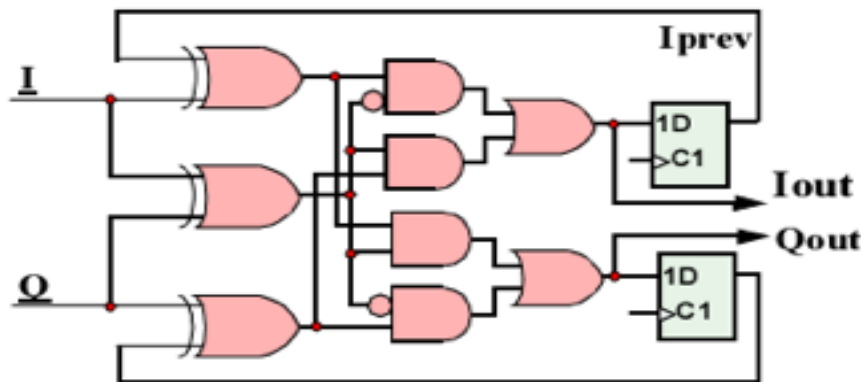
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Introduction

Purpose of HDL:

1. Describe the circuit in algorithmic level (like c) and in gate-level (e.g. And gate)
2. Simulation
3. Synthesis
4. Words are better than pictures

The best way to describe a circuit?



$$I_{out} = \overline{(I \oplus Q)}(I \oplus I_{prev}) + (I \oplus Q)(Q \oplus Q_{prev})$$

$$Q_{out} = \overline{(I \oplus Q)}(Q \oplus Q_{prev}) + (I \oplus Q)(I \oplus I_{prev})$$

		(I, Q) prev			
		00	01	11	10
IQ	00	00	01	11	10
	01	10	00	01	11
	11	11	10	00	01
	10	01	11	10	00
		Iout, Qout			

If both inputs are 1, change both outputs.

If one input is 1 change an output as follows:

If the previous outputs are equal change the output with input 0;

If the previous outputs are unequal change the output with input 1.

If both inputs are 0, change nothing.

Verilog Basics

helloWorld.v

```
module helloWorld ;  
  initial  
  begin  
    $display ("Hello World!!!");  
    $finish;  
  end  
endmodule
```

System calls.

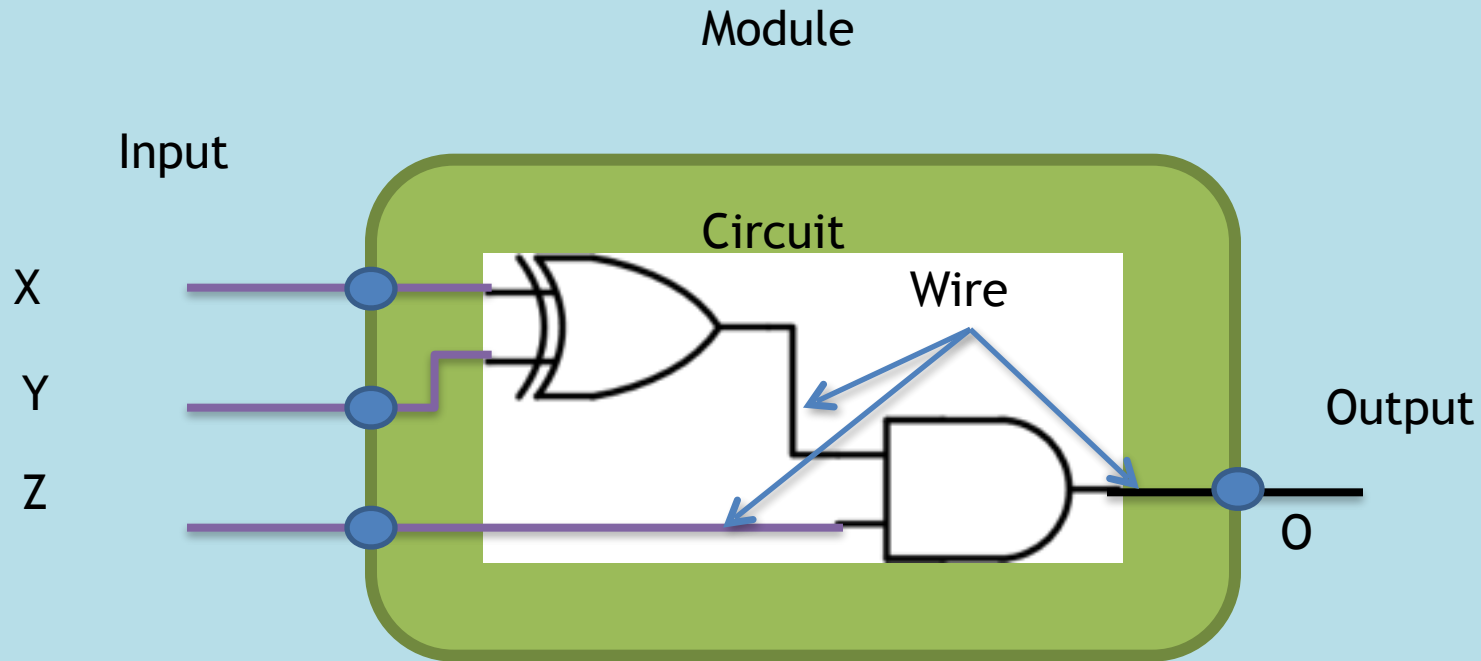
Modules are the unit building-blocks (components) Verilog uses to describe an entire hardware system. Modules are (for us) of three types: *behavioral*, *dataflow*, *gate-level*. We ignore the *switch-level* in this course.

This module is behavioral. Behavioral modules contain code in *procedural* blocks.

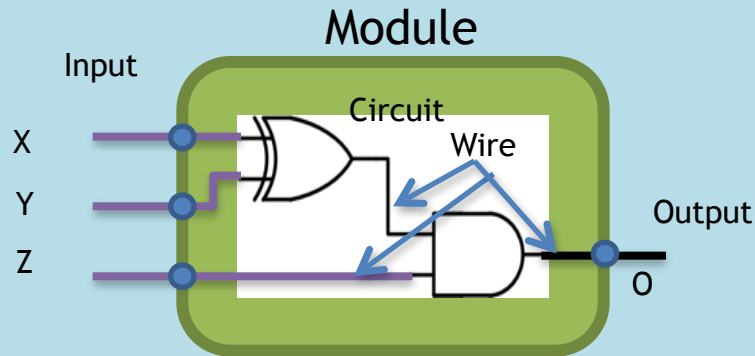
This is a *procedural* block. There are two types of procedural blocks: *initial* and *always*.

More than one statement must be put in a *begin-end* group.

Module declaration



Module declaration



Module name

```
module sample (X,Y,Z,O);
```

```
input X,Y,Z;
```

```
output O;
```

```
// Describe the circuit using logic symbols
```

```
assign O = (X^Y)&Z;
```

```
endmodule
```

Typical Module Components Diagram

Module name, Port list (optional, if there are ports)
Port declarations Parameter list
Declaration of variables (wires, reg, integer etc.)
Instantiation of inner (lower-level) modules
Structural statements (i.e., assign and gates)
Procedural blocks (i.e., always and initial blocks)
Tasks and functions
endmodule declaration

Lexicography

- Comments:

Two Types:

- *// Comment*
- */* These comments extend over multiple lines. Good for commenting out code */*

- Character Set:

0123456789ABCD..YZabcd...yz_ \$

Cannot start with a number or \$

systemCalls.v

```
module systemCalls(clk);  
  input clk;  
  clockGenerator cg(clk);
```

Compile with the clockGenerator.v module.

```
  initial  
  begin  
    #25 $stop;  
    #50 $finish;  
  end
```

Suspends simulation – enters interactive mode.

```
  initial  
  begin  
    $write("$write does not ");  
    $write("add a new line\n");
```

Terminates simulation.

```
    $display("$display does");  
    $display("add a new line");
```

Similar output calls except
\$display adds a new line.

```
    $monitor("Clock = %d", cg.clk); end  
endmodule
```

\$monitor produces output
each time a variable changes
value.

Data Types

- Nets and Registers
- Vectors
- Integer, Real, and Time Register Data Types
- Arrays
- Memories
- Parameters
- Strings

Nets

- Used to represent connections between HW elements
 - ❑ Values continuously driven on nets
- Keyword: `wire`
 - ❑ Default: One-bit values
 - ❑ unless declared as vectors
 - ❑ Default value: `z`
 - ❑ For `trireg`, default is `x`
 - ❑ Examples
 - ❑ `wire a;`
 - ❑ `wire b, c;`
 - ❑ `wire d=1'b0;`

Registers

- Registers represent data storage elements
 - ❑ Retain value until next assignment
 - ❑ NOTE: this is not a hardware register or flipflop
 - ❑ Keyword: `reg`
 - ❑ Default value: `x`
 - ❑ Example:

```
reg reset;  
initial  
begin  
    reset = 1'b1;  
    #100 reset=1'b0;  
end
```

Vectors

- Net and register data types can be declared as vectors (multiple bit widths)
- Syntax:
 - `wire/reg [msb_index : lsb_index] data_id;`

- **Example**

```
wire a;  
wire [7:0] bus;  
wire [31:0] busA, busB, busC;  
reg clock;  
reg [0:40] virtual_addr;
```

Vectors (cont'd)

- Consider

```
wire [7:0] bus;  
wire [31:0] busA, busB, busC;  
reg [0:40] virtual_addr;
```

- Access to bits or parts of a vector is possible:

```
busA[7]  
bus[2:0] // three least-significant bits of bus  
// bus[0:2] is illegal.  
virtual_addr[0:1] /* two most-significant bits  
                  * of virtual_addr  
                  */
```

Integer, Real, and Time Register Data Types

- Integer
 - ❑ Keyword: `integer`
 - ❑ Very similar to a vector of `reg`
 - ❑ `integer` variables are signed numbers
 - ❑ `reg` vectors are unsigned numbers
 - ❑ Bit width: implementation-dependent (at least 32-bits)
 - ❑ Designer can also specify a width:

```
integer [7:0] tmp;
```
 - ❑ Examples:

```
integer counter;  
initial  
    counter = -1;
```


Integer, Real, and Time Register Data Types (cont'd)

- Real

- Keyword: `real`

- Values:

- Default value: 0

- Decimal notation: 12.24

- Scientific notation: 3e6 (=3x10⁶)

- Cannot have range declaration

- Example:

```
real delta;
```

```
initial
```

```
begin
```

```
    delta=4e10;
```

```
    delta=2.13;
```

```
end
```

```
integer i;
```

```
initial
```

```
    i = delta; // i gets the value 2 (rounded value of 2.13)
```

Integer, Real, and Time Register Data Types (cont'd)

- Time

- ❑ Used to store values of simulation time
- ❑ Keyword: `time`
- ❑ Bit width: implementation-dependent (at least 64)
- ❑ `$time` system function gives current simulation time
- ❑ Example:

```
time save_sim_time;  
initial  
    save_sim_time = $time;
```

Arrays

- Only one-dimensional arrays supported
- Allowed for `reg`, `integer`, `time`
 - ❑ Not allowed for `real` data type
- Syntax:
`<data_type> <var_name>[start_idx : end_idx];`
- Examples:
`integer count[0:7];`
`reg bool[31:0];`
`time chk_point[1:100];`
`reg [4:0] port_id[0:7];`
`integer matrix[4:0][4:0]; // illegal`

`count[5]`
`chk_point[100]`
`port_id[3]`
- Note the difference between vectors and arrays

Memories

- RAM, ROM, and register-files used many times in digital systems
- Memory = array of registers in Verilog
- Word = an element of the array
 - Can be one or more bits
- Examples:

```
reg membit[0:1023];  
reg [7:0] membyte[0:1023];  
membyte[511]
```
- Note the difference (as in arrays):

```
reg membit[0:127];  
reg [0:127] register;
```

Data Types ~ summary

- Data Values:

0,1,x,z

- Wire

- Synthesizes into wires
- Used in structural code

- Reg

- May synthesize into latches, flip-flops or wires
- Used in procedural code

- Integer

32-bit integer used as indexes

- Input, Output, inout

Defines ports of a module (wire by default)

```
module sample (a,b,c,d);
```

```
input a,b;  
output c,d;
```

```
wire [7:0] b;
```

```
reg c,d;
```

```
integer k;
```

4valuedLogic.v

```
module fourValues( a , b, c, d );  
  output a, b, c, d ;
```

```
  assign a = 1;  
  assign b = 0;  
  assign c = a;  
  assign c = b;  
endmodule
```

*Conflict or race condition.
Remember this is not a procedural (i.e., sequential) block! These are continuous assignments.*

```
module stimulus;  
  fourValues X(a, b, c, d);
```

```
  initial  
  begin  
    #1 $display("a = %d b = %d, c = %d, d = %d", a, b, c, d);  
    $finish;  
  end  
endmodule
```

4-valued logic:
0 – low
1 – high
x – unknown
z – undriven wire
Now explain output!

Data Values

- **Numbers:**

Numbers are defined by number of bits

Value of 23:

```
5'b10111 // Binary
5'd23    // Decimal
5'h17    // Hex
```

- **Constants:**

```
wire [3:0] t,d;
assign t = 23;
assign d= 4'b0111;
```

- **Parameters:**

```
parameter n=4;
wire [n-1:0] t, d;
```

```
`define Reset_state = 0, state_B =1,
      Run_state =2, finish_state = 3;
if(state==`Run_state)
```

numbers.v

```
module numbers;  
integer i, j;  
reg[3:0] x, y;
```

Register array.

```
initial
```

```
begin
```

```
i = 'b1101;
```

```
$display( "decimal i = %d, binary i = %b", i, i );
```

```
$display( "octal i = %o, hex i = %h", i, i );
```

```
j = -1;
```

```
$display( "decimal j = %d, binary j = %b", j, j );
```

```
$display( "octal j = %o, hex j = %h", j, j );
```

```
x = 4'b1011;
```

```
$display( "decimal x = %d, binary x = %b", x, x );
```

```
$display( "octal x = %o, hex x = %h", x, x );
```

```
y = 4'd7;
```

```
$display( "decimal y = %d, binary y = %b", y, y );
```

```
$display( "octal y = %o, hex y = %h", y, y );
```

```
$finish;  
end  
endmodule
```

'<base>: base can be d, b, o, h

Default base: d

Array of register arrays simulate memory. Example memory declaration with 1K 32-bit words:
reg[31:0] smallMem[0:1023];

Negative numbers are stored in two's complement form.

Typical format: <size>'<base><number>
size is a *decimal* value that specifies the size of the number in *bits*.

Operators

- Arithmetic:

- *,+,-, /,%

- Relational

- <,<=,>,>=,==, !=

- Bit-wise Operators

- Not: ~

- XOR: ^

- And : & 5'b11001 & 5'b01101 ==>
 5'b01001

- OR: |

- XNOR: ~^ or ^~

- Logical Operators

Returns 1 or 0, treats all nonzero as 1

- ! : Not

- && : AND 27 && -3 ==> 1

- || : OR

```
reg [3:0] a, b, c, d;  
wire[7:0] x,y,z;  
parameter n =4;
```

```
c = a + b;
```

```
d = a *n;
```

```
if(x==y) d = 1; else d =0;
```

```
d = a ~^ b;
```

```
if ((x>=y) && (z)) a=1;  
else a = !x;
```

Operators

- Reduction Operators:

Unary operations returns single-bit values

- `&` : and
- `|` :or
- `~&` : nand
- `~|` : nor
- `^` : xor
- `~^` :xnor

- Shift Operators

Shift Left: `<<`

Shift right: `>>`

- Concatenation Operator

`{ }` (concatenation)

`{ n{item} }` (n fold replication of an item)

- Conditional Operator

Implements if-then-else statement

`(cond) ? (result if cond true) : (result if cond false)`

```
module sample (a, b, c, d);  
input [2:0] a, b;  
output [2;0] c, d;  
wire z,y;
```

```
assign z = ~| a;  
c = a * b;  
if(a==b) d = 1; else d =0;
```

```
d = a ~^ b;
```

```
if ((a>=b) && (z)) y=1;  
else y = !x;
```

```
assign d << 2; //shift left  
twice
```

```
assign {carry, d} = a + b;  
assign c = {2{carry},2{1'b0}};  
// c = {carry,carry,0,0}
```

```
assign c= (inc==2)? a+1:a-1;
```

clockGenerator.v

```
module clockGenerator(clk);  
    output clk;  
    reg clk;  
  
    initial  
        begin  
            clk = 0;  
        end  
  
    always  
        #5 clk = ~clk;  
endmodule
```

Port list. Ports can be of three types: *input*, *output*, *inout*. Each must be declared.

Internal register.

Register reg data type can have one of four values: 0, 1, x, z. Registers *store* a value till the next assignment. Registers are assigned values in procedural blocks.

If this module is run stand-alone make sure to add a \$finish statement here or simulation will never complete!

The delay is half the clock period.

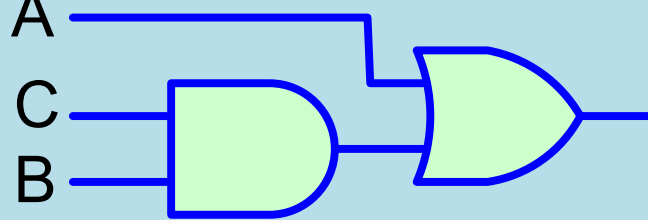
Verilog Structure

- All code are contained in modules
- Can invoke other modules
- Modules cannot be contained in another module

```

module gate(Z,A,B,C);
  input A,B,C;
  output Z;
  assign Z = A|(B&C);
endmodule

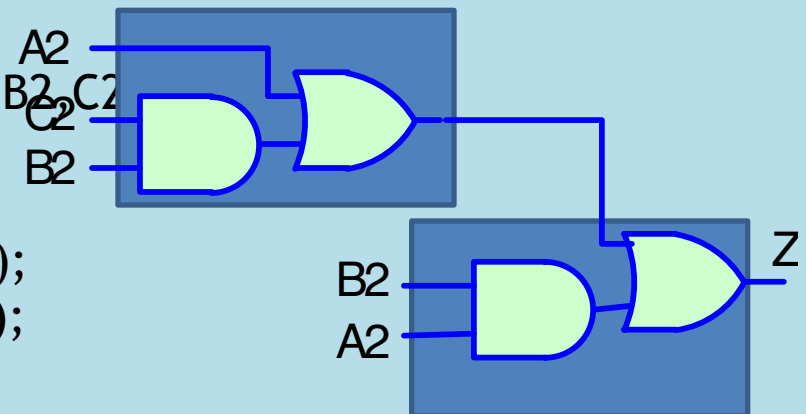
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```

module two_gates(Z,A2,B2,C2);
  input A2,B2,C2;
  output Z2;
  gate gate_1(G2,A2,B2,C2);
  gate gate_2(Z2,G2,A2,B2);
endmodule

```



Structural Vs Procedural

Structural

- textual description of circuit
- order does not matter
- Starts with **assign** statements
- Harder to code
- Need to work out logic

```
wire c, d;  
assign c =a & b;  
assign d = c |b;
```

Procedural

- Think like C code
- Order of statements are important
- Starts with **initial** or **always** statement
- Easy to code
- Can use case, if, for

```
reg c, d;  
always@ (a or b or c)  
begin  
    c =a & b;  
    d = c |b;  
end
```

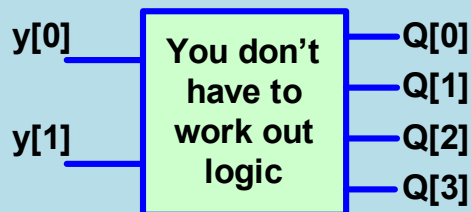
Structural Vs Procedural

Procedural

```

reg [3:0] Q;
wire [1:0] y;
always@(y)
begin
  Q=4'b0000;
  case(y) begin
    2'b00: Q[0]=1;
    2'b01: Q[1]=1;
    2'b10: Q[2]=1;
    2'b11: Q[3]=1;
  endcase
end

```

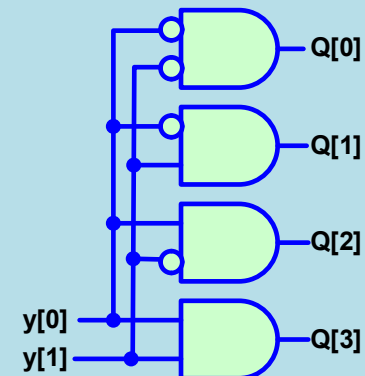


Structural

```

wire [3:0]Q;
wire [1:0]y;
assign
  Q[0]=(~y[1])&(~y[0]),
  Q[1]=(~y[1])&y[0],
  Q[2]=y[1]&(~y[0]),
  Q[3]=y[1]&y[0];

```



Blocking Vs Non-Blocking

Blocking

- `<variable> = <statement>`
- Similar to C code
- The next assignment waits until the present one is finished
- Used for combinational logic

Non-blocking

- `<variable> <= <statement>`
- The inputs are stored once the procedure is triggered
- Statements are executed in parallel
- Used for flip-flops, latches and registers



Do not mix both assignments in one procedure

Blocking Vs Non-Blocking

Initial

begin

#1 e=2;

#1 b=1;

#1 b<=0;

e<=b; // grabbed the old b

f=e; // used old e=2, did not wait

e<=b

blockingVSnba1.v

```
module blockingVSnba1;
  integer i, j, k, l;

  initial
    begin
      #1 i = 3;
      #1 i = i + 1;
      j = i + 1;
      #1 $display( "i = %d, j = %d", i, j );

      #1 i = 3;
      #1 i <= i + 1;
      j <= i + 1;
      #1 $display( "i = %d, j = %d", i, j );

      $finish;
    end
endmodule
```

Blocking (procedural) assignment: the whole statement must execute before control is released, as in traditional programming languages.

Non-blocking (procedural) assignment: *all* the RHSs for the current time instant are evaluated (and stored transparently in temporaries) first and, subsequently, the LHSs are updated at the end of the time instant.

blockingVSnba2.v

```
module blockingVSnba2(clk);  
  input clk;  
  clockGenerator cg(clk);  
  integer i, j;  
  
  initial  
    begin  
      i = 10;  
      #50 $finish;  
    end  
  
  always @(posedge clk)  
    i = i + 1; // i <= i + 1;  
  always @(posedge clk)  
    j = i; // j <= i;  
  
  always @(negedge clk)  
    $display("i = %d, j = %d", i, j);  
endmodule
```

Compile with clockGenerator.v.

An application of non-blocking assignments to solve a *race* problem.

With blocking assignments we get different output depending on the order these two statements are executed by the simulator, though they are both supposed to execute “simultaneously” at posedge clk - race problem.

Race problem is solved if the non-blocking assignments (after the comments) are used instead - output is unique.

blockingVSnba3.v

```
module blockingVSnba3;  
    reg[7:0] dataBuf, dataCache, instrBuf, instrCache;  
  
    initial  
        begin  
            dataCache = 8'b11010011;  
            instrCache = 8'b10010010;  
  
            #20;  
            $display("Time = %d, dataBuf = %b, instrBuf = %b", $time, dataBuf, instrBuf);  
            dataBuf <= #1 dataCache;  
            instrBuf <= #1 instrCache;  
            #1 $display("Time = %d, dataBuf = %b, instrBuf = %b", $time, dataBuf, instrBuf);  
  
            $finish;  
        end  
    endmodule
```

The most important application of non-blocking assignments is to model concurrency in hardware systems at the behavioral level.

Both loads from *dataCache* to *dataBuf* and *instrCache* to *instrBuf* happen concurrently in the 20-21 clock cycle.

Replace non-blocking with blocking assignments and observe.

System Tasks and Compiler Directives

System Tasks

- System Tasks: standard routine operations provided by Verilog
 - Displaying on screen, monitoring values, stopping and finishing simulation, etc.
- All start with \$

System Tasks (cont'd)

- `$display`: displays values of variables, strings, expressions.
 - ❑ Syntax: `$display(p1, p2, p3, ..., pn);`
 - ❑ `p1, ..., pn` can be quoted string, variable, or expression
 - ❑ Adds a new-line after displaying `pn` by default
 - ❑ Format specifiers:
 - ❑ `%d, %b, %h, %o`: display variable respectively in decimal, binary, hex, octal
 - ❑ `%c, %s`: display character, string
 - ❑ `%e, %f, %g`: display real variable in scientific, decimal, or whichever smaller notation
 - ❑ `%v`: display strength
 - ❑ `%t`: display in current time format
 - ❑ `%m`: display hierarchical name of this module

System Tasks (cont'd)

- `$display` examples:

- ❑ `$display("Hello Verilog World!");`

- Output:** Hello Verilog World!

- ❑ `$display($time);`

- Output:** 230

- ❑ `reg [0:40] virtual_addr;`

- ❑ `$display("At time %d virtual address is %h",
$time, virtual_addr);`

- Output:** At time 200 virtual address is 1fe000001c

System Tasks (cont'd)

- `reg [4:0] port_id;`
- `$display("ID of the port is %b", port_id);`
Output: ID of the port is 00101
- `reg [3:0] bus;`
- `$display("Bus value is %b", bus);`
Output: Bus value is 10xx
- `$display("Hierarchical name of this module is %m");`
Output: Hierarchical name of this module is top.p1
- `$display("A \n multiline string with a %% sign.");`
Output: A
multiline string with a % sign.

System Tasks (cont'd)

- `$monitor`: monitors a signal when its value changes
- **Syntax:** `$monitor(p1, p2, p3, ..., pn);`
 - ❑ `p1, ..., pn` can be quoted string, variable, or signal names
 - ❑ Format specifiers just as `$display`
 - ❑ Continuously monitors the values of the specified variables or signals, and displays the entire list whenever any of them changes.
 - ❑ `$monitor` needs to be invoked only once (unlike `$display`)
 - ❑ Only one `$monitor` (the latest one) can be active at any time
 - ❑ `$monitoroff` to temporarily turn off monitoring
 - ❑ `$monitoron` to turn monitoring on again

System Tasks (cont'd)

- `$monitor` Examples:

```
initial
begin
    $monitor($time, "Value of signals clock=%b, reset=
    %b", clock, reset);
end
```

- **Output:**

```
0 value of signals clock=0, reset=1
5 value of signals clock=1, reset=1
10 value of signals clock=0, reset=0
```

System Tasks (cont'd)

- `$stop`: stops simulation
 - ▣ Simulation enters interactive mode when reaching a `$stop` system task
 - ▣ Most useful for debugging
- `$finish`: terminates simulation

- **Examples:**

```
initial
begin
    clock=0;
    reset=1;
    #100 $stop;
    #900 $finish;
end
```

Compiler Directives

- **General syntax:**
`<keyword>`
- ``define`: similar to `#define` in C, used to define macros
- `<macro_name>` to use the macro defined by ``define`
- **Examples:**

```
`define WORD_SIZE 32  
`define S $stop  
  
`define WORD_REG reg [31:0]  
`WORD_REG a_32_bit_reg;
```

Compiler Directives (cont'd)

- ``include`: Similar to `#include` in C, includes entire contents of another file in your Verilog source file

- **Example:**

```
`include header.v
```

```
...
```

```
<Verilog code in file design.v>
```

```
...
```

Behavior Modeling

simpleBehavioral.v

Sensitivity trigger: when any of a, b or c changes.
Replace this statement with “initial”. Output?!

```
module aOrNotbOrc(d, a, b, c);  
    output d;  
    input a, b, c;  
    reg d, p;  
  
    always @(a or b or c)  
        begin  
            p = a || ~b;  
            d = p || c;  
        end  
endmodule
```

Modules are of three types: *behavioral*, *dataflow*, *gate-level*. Behavioral modules contain code in procedural blocks.

Statements in a procedural block *cannot be re-ordered* without affecting the program as these statements are executed sequentially, exactly like in a conventional programming language such as C.

Ports are of three types: *input*, *output*, *inout*. Each must be declared. Each port also has a data type: either *reg* or *wire (net)*. Default is *wire*. Inputs and inouts are always *wire*. Output ports that hold their value are *reg*, otherwise *wire*. More later...

One port register, one internal register.

Wires are part of the more general class of nets. However, the only nets we shall design with are wires.

simpleBehavioral.v (cont.) Top-level stimulus module

```
module stimulus;
  integer i, j, k;
  reg a, b, c;
  aOrNotbOrC X(d, a, b, c);
```

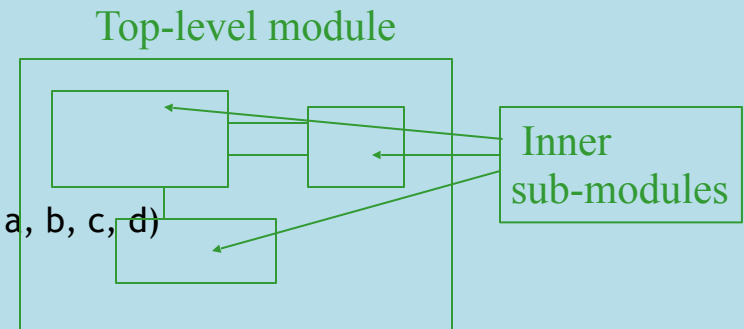
```
  initial
  begin
    for ( i=0; i<=1; i=i+1 )
      for ( j=0; j<=1; j=j+1 )
        for ( k=0; k<=1; k=k+1 )
          begin
            a = i;
            b = j;
            c = k;
            #1 $display("a = %d b = %d, c = %d, d = %d", a, b, c, d);
          end
```

```
  $finish;
  end
```

```
endmodule
```

Instantiation.

Verilog Good Design Principle There is one top-level module, typically called system or stimulus, which is *uninstantiated* and has no ports. This module contains *instantiations* of lower-level (inner) sub-modules. Typical picture below.



Remove the #1 delay. Run. Explain!

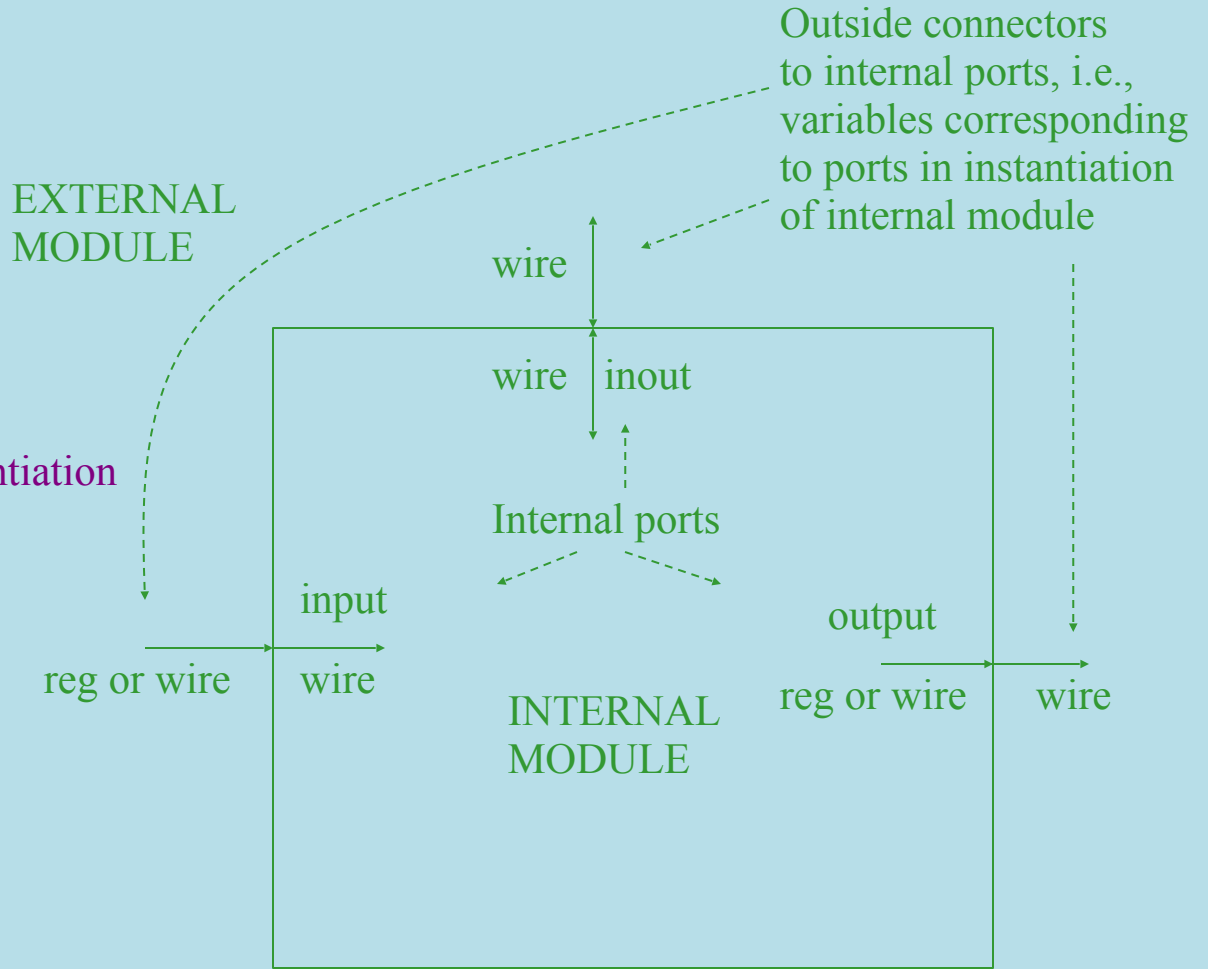
Port Rules Diagram

Example:

```

module external
reg a;
wire b;
internal in(a, b); //instantiation
...
endmodule

module internal(x, y)
input x;
output y;
wire x;
reg y;
...
endmodule
    
```



General rule (with few exceptions) Ports in all modules except for the stimulus module should be wire. Stimulus module has registers to set data for internal modules and wire ports only to read data from internal modules.

If Statements

Syntax

```
if (expression)  
begin  
    ...statements...  
end  
  
else if (expression)  
begin  
    ...statements...  
end  
    ...more else if blocks  
  
else  
begin  
    ...statements...  
end
```

```
if (alu_func == 2'b00)  
    aluout = a + b;  
else if (alu_func == 2'b01)  
    aluout = a - b;  
else if (alu_func == 2'b10)  
    aluout = a & b;  
else // alu_func == 2'b11  
    aluout = a | b;
```

Case Statements

Syntax

```
case (expression)
  case_choice1:
  begin
    ...statements...
  end
```

```
  case_choice2:
  begin
    ...statements...
  end
```

...more case choices blocks...

```
  default:
  begin
    ...statements...
  end
endcase
```

```
case (alu_ctr)
  2'b00: aluout = a + b;
  2'b01: aluout = a - b;
  2'b10: aluout = a & b;
  default: aluout = 1'bx; // Treated as don't cares for
endcase // minimum logic generation.
```

For loops

Syntax

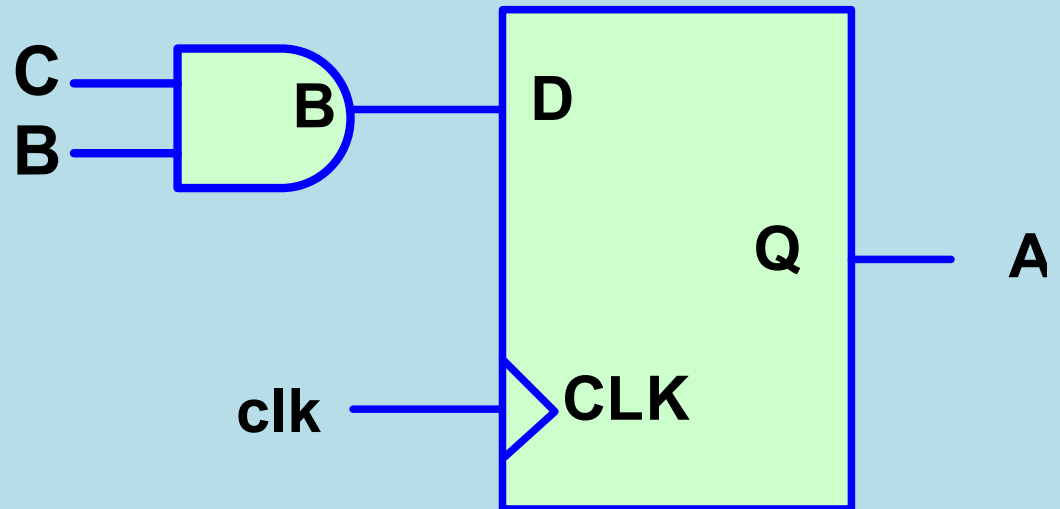
```
for (count= value1;  
    count</<=/>/>= value2;  
    count=count+/- step)  
begin  
    ...statements...  
end
```

```
integer j;  
  
for(j=0;j<=7;j=j+1)  
begin  
    c[j] = a[j] + b[j];  
end
```

Component Inference

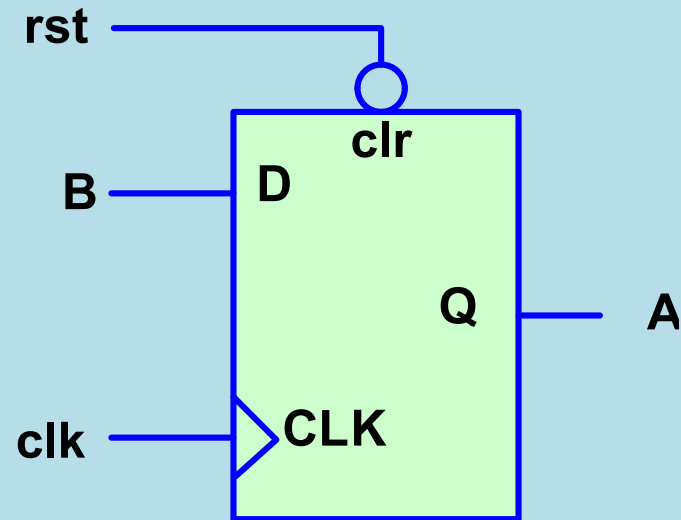
Flip-Flops

```
always@(posedge clk)  
begin  
    a<=b&c;  
end
```



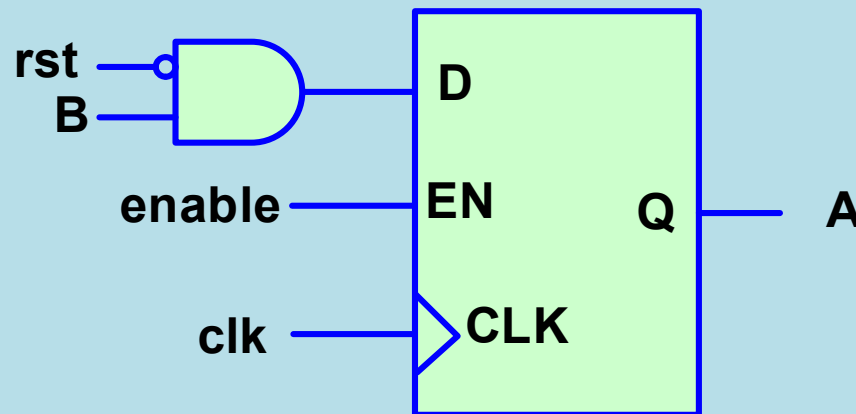
D Flip-Flop with Asynchronous Reset

```
always@(posedge clk or negedge rst)
begin
  if (!rst) a<=0;
  else a<=b;
end
```



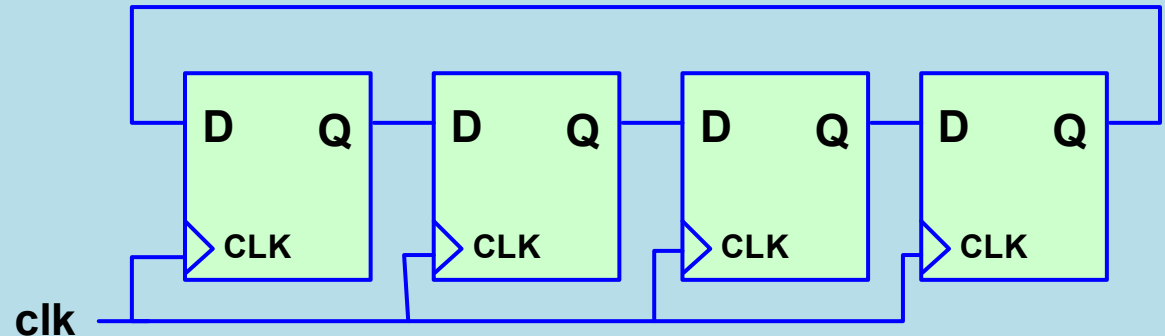
D Flip-flop with Synchronous reset and Enable

```
always@(posedge clk)
begin
  if (rst) a<=0;
  else if (enable) a<=b;
end
```



Shift Registers

```
reg[3:0] Q;  
always@(posedge clk or  
posedge rset )  
begin  
if (rset) Q<=0;  
else begin  
Q <=Q << 1;  
Q[0]<=Q[3];  
end  
end
```



Multiplexers

Method 1

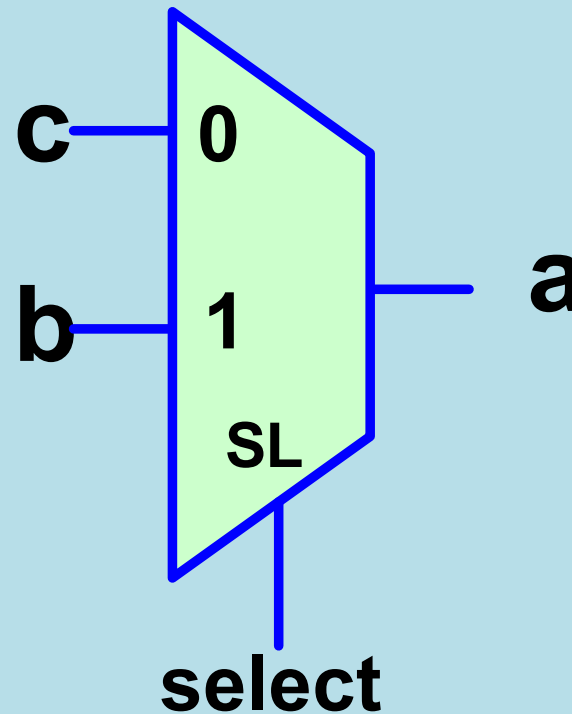
```
assign a = (select ? b : c);
```

Method 2

```
always@(select or b or c) begin  
    if(select) a=b;  
    else a=c;  
end
```

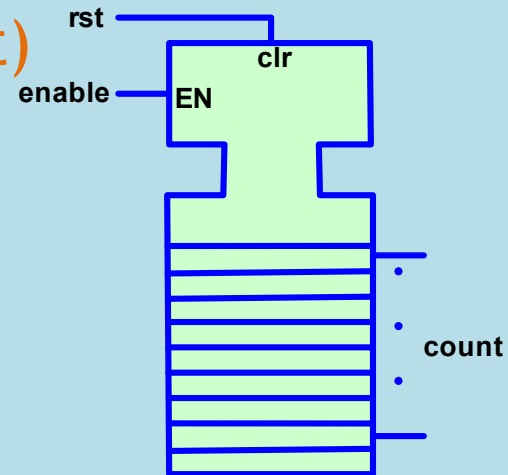
Method 2b

```
case(select)  
    1'b1: a=b;  
    1'b0: a=c;  
endcase
```



Counters

```
reg [7:0] count;  
wire enable;  
always@(posedge clk or negedge rst)  
begin  
    if (rst) count<=0;  
    else if (enable)  
        count<=count+1;  
end
```



Step by Step 4-bit adder

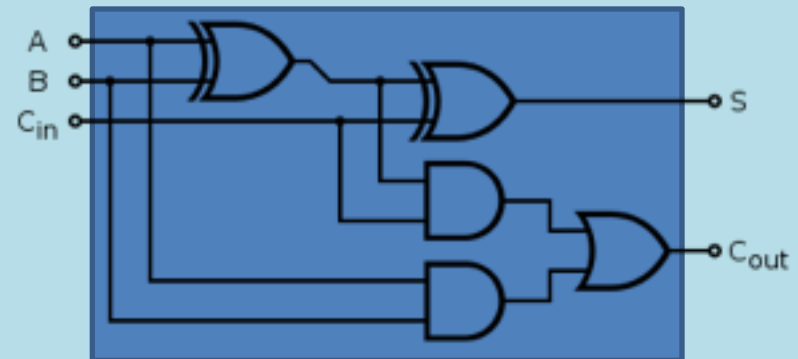
4-bit Adder

- Step 1: build a 1-bit full adder as a module
 - $S = (a \text{ XOR } b) \text{ XOR } (C_{in})$; ($S = a \wedge b \wedge C_{in}$)
 - $C_{out} = (a \& b) \mid (C_{in} \& (a + b))$

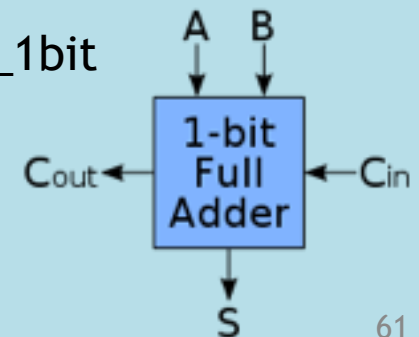
```
module FA_1bit (S,Cout,a,b,Cin);  
begin  
input a,b,Cin;  
Output S, Cout;
```

```
    assign Sum = a^b^Cin;  
    assign Carry = (a&b) | (Cin&(a^b));
```

```
endmodule
```

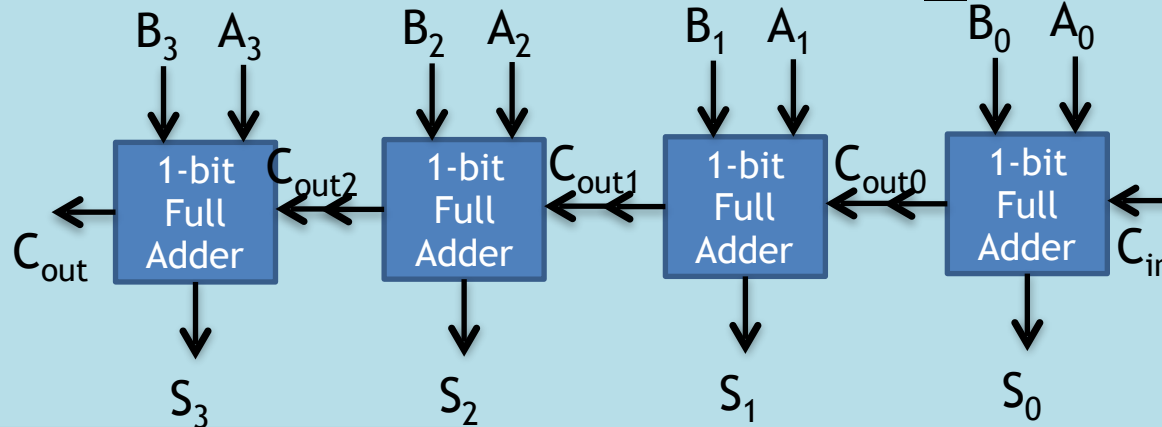


Module add_1bit



4-bit Adder

- Step 2: initiate 4 instances of FA_1bit module



```

module FA_4bits (S,Cout,A,B,Cin);
begin
    input [3:0] A, B;
    input      Cin;
    output [3:0] S;
    output      Cout;
    wire      Cout0, Cout1, Cout2;

    FA_1bit FA1(S[0], Cout0,A[0],B[0],Cin);
    FA_1bit FA1(S[1], Cout1,A[1],B[1],Cout0);
    FA_1bit FA1(S[2], Cout2,A[2],B[2],Cout1);
    FA_1bit FA1(S[3], Cout,A[3],B[3],Cout2);
end
endmodule;
    
```

The inputs and the output are 4-bits wide

we need wires to propagate the carry from one stage to the next

you may name the instances with any name, but you have to maintain the order of the inputs and outputs

4-bit Adder

- Step 3: write a test-bench to test your design and generate outs using sample inputs.

test_bench

initialize the inputs, and read the outputs

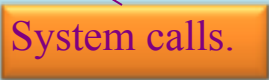
**Write a test_bench
to test the design.**

4-bit Adder

```
module test_bench; // you may name it by any name
//define the variables you will use in the design
reg [3:0] A,B,S;
reg      Cin, Cout
// Create an instance from the full adder
FA_4bits FA(S[3:0],Cout, A[3:0], B[3:0], Cin);
//initialize the variables once
initial
A = 5; B = 6; S = 0; Cin = 0; Cout = 0;
initial
begin
$display("A=%d, B=%d, the sum = %d, and the carry = %d", A,B,S,Cout)
$finish
end
endmodule
```


4-bit Adder

```
module test_bench; // you may name it by any name
//define the variables you will use in the design
reg [3:0] A,B,S;
integer l,j;
reg Cin, Cout
// Create an instance from the full adder
FA_4bits FA(S,Cout, A, B, Cin);
//initialize the variables once
initial begin
    $monitor ("A: %d B: %d sum: %d carry: %d", A, B, sum, carry);
    for (i=0; i<16; i=i+1)
        for (j=0; j<16; j=j+1)
            begin
                A = i;
                B = j;
                #1 ;
            end
    $finish;
end
endmodule
```



More Examples

blocksTime1.v

```
module blocksTime1;  
  integer i, j;  
  
  initial  
  begin  
    i = 0;  
    j = 3;  
    $display( "i = %d, j = %d", i, j );  
    $finish;  
  end  
endmodule
```

← Another behavioral module.

← Integer data type: other types are time, real and realtime (same as real).

← One initial procedural block.

blocksTime2.v

```
module blocksTime2;  
  integer i, j;  
  
  initial  
    begin  
      #2 i = 0;  
      #5 j = i;  
      $display( "time = %d, i = %d, j = %d", $time, i, j );  
    end  
  
  initial  
    #3 i = 2;  
  
  initial  
    #10 $finish;  
endmodule
```

Time *delay* models signal propagation delay in a circuit.

Multiple initial blocks. Delays add within each block, but different initial blocks all start at time \$time = 0 and run in *parallel* (i.e., *concurrently*).

blocksTime3.v

```
module blocksTime3;  
  integer i, j;
```

```
  initial
```

```
    begin  
      #2 i = 0;  
      #5 j = i;  
      $display( "time = %d, i = %d, j = %d", $time, i, j );  
    end
```

Important Verilog is a discrete event simulator:
events are executed in a time-ordered queue.

```
  initial
```

```
    begin  
      #3 i = 2;  
      #2 j = i;  
      $display( "time = %d, i = %d, j = %d", $time, i, j );  
      #1 j = 8;  
      $display( "time = %d, i = %d, j = %d", $time, i, j );  
    end
```

```
  initial
```

```
    #10 $finish;  
endmodule
```

Multiple initial blocks.
Predict output before
you run!

blocksTime4.v

```
module blocksTime4;
  integer i, j;

  initial
    begin
      i = 0;
      j = 3;
    end

  initial
    #10 $finish;

  always
    begin
      #1
      i = i + 1;
      j = j + 1;
      $display( "i = %d, j = %d", i, j );
    end

endmodule
```

Always block is an infinite loop. Following are same:

```
always
  begin
    ...
  end
```

```
initial
  begin
    while(1)
      begin
        ...
      end
  end
```

```
initial
  begin
    forever
      begin
        ...
      end
  end
```

Comment out this delay.
Run. Explain the problem!

clockGenerator.v

```
module clockGenerator(clk);  
    output clk;  
    reg clk;  
  
    initial  
        begin  
            clk = 0;  
        end  
  
    always  
        #5 clk = ~clk;  
endmodule
```

Port list. Ports can be of three types: *input*, *output*, *inout*. Each must be declared.

Internal register.

Register reg data type can have one of four values: 0, 1, x, z. Registers *store* a value till the next assignment. Registers are assigned values in procedural blocks.

If this module is run stand-alone make sure to add a \$finish statement here or simulation will never complete!

The delay is half the clock period.

useClock.v

Compile with the clockGenerator.v module.

```
module useClock(clk);  
  input clk;  
  clockGenerator cg(clk);  
  
  initial  
    #50 $finish;  
  
  always @(posedge clk)  
    $display("Time = %d, Clock up!", $time);  
  
  always @(negedge clk) //  
    $display("Time = %d, Clock down!", $time);  
endmodule
```

Event trigger.

blocksTime5.v

```
// Ordering processes without advancing time
```

```
module blockTime5;
```

```
integer i, j;
```

```
initial
```

```
#0
```

```
$display( "time = %d, i = %d, j = %d", $time, i, j );
```

```
initial
```

```
begin
```

```
i = 0;
```

```
j = 5;
```

```
end
```

```
initial
```

```
#10 $finish;
```

```
endmodule
```

#0 delay causes the statement to execute after other processes scheduled at that time instant have completed. \$time does not advance till after the statement completes.

Comment out the delay.
Run. Explain what happens!

blocksTime6.v

```
module blocksTime6;  
  integer i, j;  
  
  initial  
    begin  
      #2 i = 0;  
      j = #5 i;  
      $display( "time = %d, i = %d, j = %d", $time, i, j );  
    end  
  
  initial  
    #3 i = 2;  
  
  initial  
    #10 $finish;  
endmodule
```

Intra-assignment delay: RHS is computed and stored in a temporary (transparent to user) and LHS is assigned the temporary after the delay.

Compare output with blocksTime2.v.

simpleDataflow.v

```
module aOrNotbOrC(d, a, b, c);  
    output d;  
    input a, b, c;  
    wire p, q;  
  
    assign q = ~b;  
    assign p = a || q;  
    assign d = p || c;  
endmodule
```

A *dataflow* module does not contain procedures.

Statements in a dataflow module *can be re-ordered* without affecting the program as they simply describe a *set of data manipulations and movements* rather than a *sequence of actions* as in behavioral code. In this regard dataflow code is very similar to gate-level code.

Continuous assignment statements: any change in the RHS causes instantaneous update of the wire on the LHS, unless there is a programmed delay.

Use stimulus module from behavioral code.

simpleGate.v

```
module aOrNotbOrc(d, a, b, c);  
    output d;  
    input a, b, c;  
    wire p, q;  
  
    not(q, b);  
    or(p, a, q);  
    or(d, p, c);  
endmodule
```

A *gate-level* module does not contain procedures.

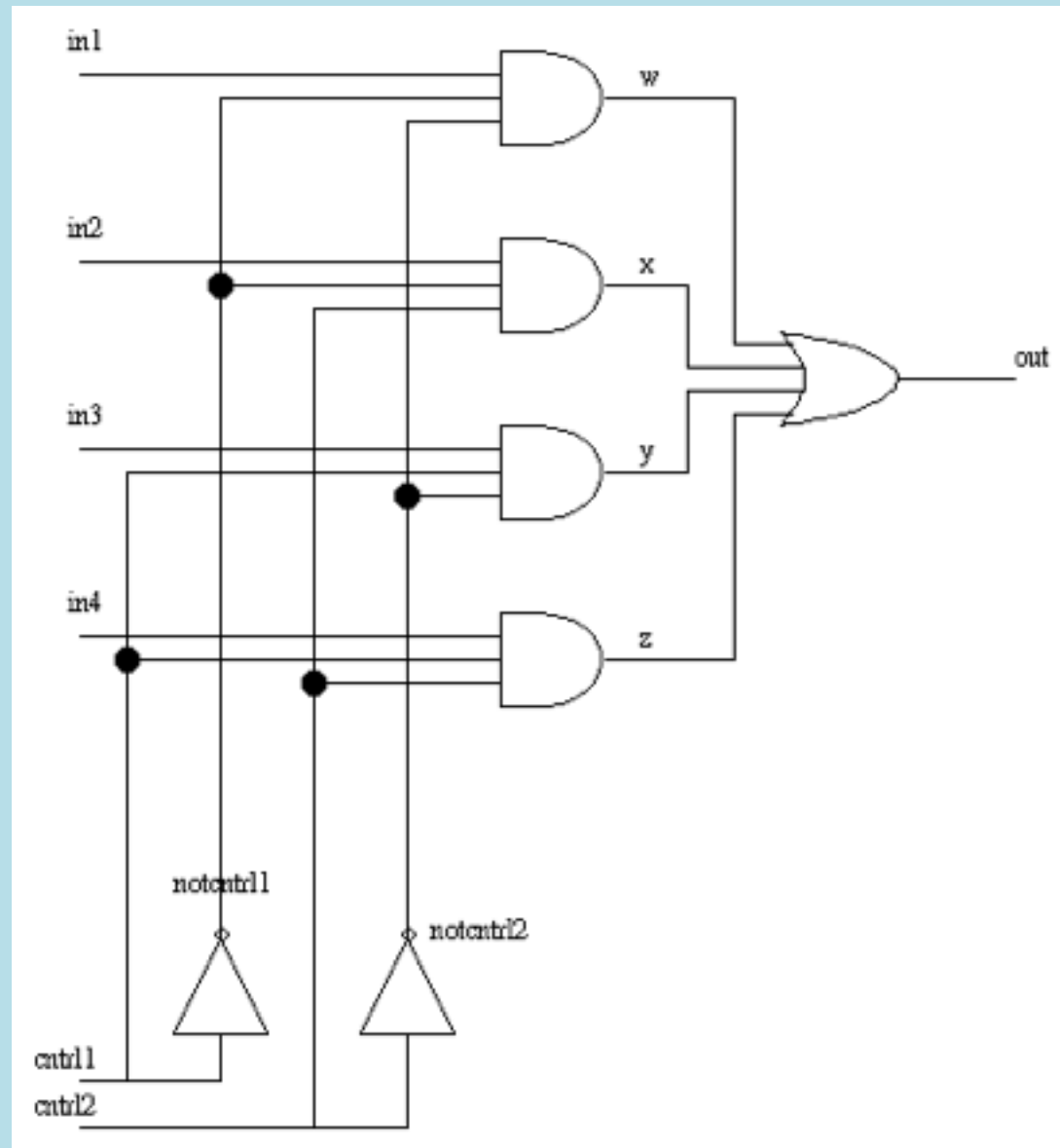
Statements in a gate-level module *can be re-ordered* without affecting the program as they simply describe a *set of connections* rather than a *sequence of actions* as in behavioral code. A gate-level module is equivalent to a *combinational circuit*.

Wire data type can have one of four values: 0, 1, x, z. Wires *cannot store* values – they are continuously driven.

Primitive gates. Verilog provides several such, e.g., *and*, *or*, *nand*, *nor*, *not*, *buf*, etc.

Use stimulus module from behavioral code.

4-to-1 multiplexor logic diagram



4-to-1 multiplexor (Folder Multiplexor)

Following are four different Verilog implementations of the same multiplexor.

A stimulus module is shared to test each implementation.

multiplexor4_1Gate.v

```
module multiplexor4_1(out, in1, in2, in3, in4, cntrl1, cntrl2);  
    output out;  
    input in1, in2, in3, in4, cntrl1, cntrl2;  
    wire notcntrl1, notcntrl2, w, x, y, z;  
  
    not (notcntrl1, cntrl1);  
    not (notcntrl2, cntrl2);  
  
    and (w, in1, notcntrl1, notcntrl2);  
    and (x, in2, notcntrl1, cntrl2);  
    and (y, in3, cntrl1, notcntrl2);  
    and (z, in4, cntrl1, cntrl2);  
  
    or (out, w, x, y, z);  
endmodule
```

Recall default type is wire.

Structural gate-level code based exactly on the logic diagram.

multiplexor4_1Stimulus.v (Folder Multiplexor)

```
module muxstimulus;
  reg IN1, IN2, IN3, IN4, CNTRL1, CNTRL2;
  wire OUT;

  multiplexor4_1 mux1_4(OUT, IN1, IN2, IN3, IN4, CNTRL1, CNTRL2);

  initial
  begin
    IN1 = 1; IN2 = 0; IN3 = 1; IN4 = 0;
    $display("Initial arbitrary values");
    #0 $display("input1 = %b, input2 = %b, input3 = %b, input4 = %b\n",
              IN1, IN2, IN3, IN4);

    {CNTRL1, CNTRL2} = 2'b00;
    #1 $display("cntrl1=%b, cntrl2=%b, output is %b", CNTRL1, CNTRL2, OUT);
  end
endmodule
```

Stimulus code that generates test vectors.

Concatenation.

multiplexor4_1Stimulus.v (cont.)

```
{CNTRL1, CNTRL2} = 2'b01;
```

```
#1 $display("cntrl1=%b, cntrl2=%b output is %b", CNTRL1, CNTRL2, OUT);
```

```
{CNTRL1, CNTRL2} = 2'b10;
```

```
#1 $display("cntrl1=%b, cntrl2=%b output is %b", CNTRL1, CNTRL2, OUT);
```

```
{CNTRL1, CNTRL2} = 2'b11;
```

```
#1 $display("cntrl1=%b, cntrl2=%b output is %b", CNTRL1, CNTRL2, OUT);
```

```
end
```

```
endmodule
```

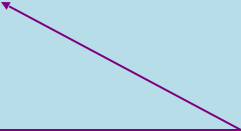
multiplexor4_1Logic.v (Folder Multiplexor)

```
module multiplexor4_1(out, in1, in2, in3 ,in4, cntrl1, cntrl2);  
    output out;  
    input in1, in2, in3, in4, cntrl1, cntrl2;  
  
    assign out = (in1 & ~cntrl1 & ~cntrl2) |  
                (in2 & ~cntrl1 & cntrl2) |  
                (in3 & cntrl1 & ~cntrl2) |  
                (in4 & cntrl1 & cntrl2);  
  
endmodule
```

RTL (dataflow) code using
continuous assignments rather
than a gate list.

multiplexor4_1Conditional.v (Folder Multiplexor)

```
module multiplexor4_1(out, in1, in2, in3, in4, cntrl1, cntrl2);  
    output out;  
    input in1, in2, in3, in4, cntrl1, cntrl2;  
  
    assign out = cntrl1 ? (cntrl2 ? in4 : in3) : (cntrl2 ? in2 : in1);  
endmodule
```




More RTL (dataflow) code –
this time using conditionals in a
continuous assignment.

multiplexor4_1Case.v (Folder Multiplexor)

```
module multiplexor4_1(out, in1, in2, in3, in4, cntrl1, cntrl2);  
    output out;  
    input in1, in2, in3, in4, cntrl1, cntrl2;  
    reg out;  
  
    always @(in1 or in2 or in3 or in4 or cntrl1 or cntrl2)  
        case ({cntrl1, cntrl2})  
            2'b00 : out = in1;  
            2'b01 : out = in2;  
            2'b10 : out = in3;  
            2'b11 : out = in4;  
            default : $display("Please check control bits");  
        endcase  
endmodule
```

Behavioral code: output out must now be of reg type as it is assigned values in a procedural block.



8-to-3 encoder truth table

Output		Input									
D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0	A2	A1		
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1		
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0		
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1		
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		

8-to-3 encoder (Folder Encoder)

Following are four different Verilog implementations of the same encoder.

Each has its own stimulus module.

encoder8_3Behavioral.v

```
module encoder8_3( encoder_out , enable, encoder_in );
    output[2:0] encoder_out;
    input enable;
    input[7:0] encoder_in;
    reg[2:0] encoder_out;
    always @ (enable or encoder_in)
    begin
        if (enable)
            case ( encoder_in )
                8'b00000001 : encoder_out = 3'b000;
                8'b00000010 : encoder_out = 3'b001;
                8'b00000100 : encoder_out = 3'b010;
                8'b00001000 : encoder_out = 3'b011;
                8'b00010000 : encoder_out = 3'b100;
                8'b00100000 : encoder_out = 3'b101;
                8'b01000000 : encoder_out = 3'b110;
                8'b10000000 : encoder_out = 3'b111;
                default : $display("Check input bits.");
            endcase
        end
    end
endmodule
```

Sensitivity list.

Simple behavioral code using the case statement.

encoder8_3BehavioralStimulus.v

```
module stimulus;
  wire[2:0] encoder_out;
  reg enable;
  reg[7:0] encoder_in;
  encoder8_3 enc( encoder_out, enable, encoder_in );
  initial
  begin
    enable = 1; encoder_in = 8'b00000010;
    #1 $display("enable = %b, encoder_in = %b, encoder_out = %b",
               enable, encoder_in, encoder_out);
    #1 enable = 0; encoder_in = 8'b00000001;
    #1 $display("enable = %b, encoder_in = %b, encoder_out = %b",
               enable, encoder_in, encoder_out);
    #1 enable = 1; encoder_in = 8'b00000001;
    #1 $display("enable = %b, encoder_in = %b, encoder_out = %b",
               enable, encoder_in, encoder_out);
    #1 $finish;
  end
endmodule
```

Stimulus for the behavioral code.

Remove this delay.
Run. Explain!

8-to-3 encoder logic equations

$$A_0 = D_1 + D_3 + D_5 + D_7$$

$$A_1 = D_2 + D_3 + D_6 + D_7$$

$$A_2 = D_4 + D_5 + D_6 + D_7$$

encoder8_3structural.v (Folder Encoder)

```
module encoder8_3( encoder_out , encoder_in );  
    output[2:0] encoder_out;  
    input[7:0] encoder_in;
```

Structural code. Why is there no enable wire?! Hint: think storage.

```
    or( encoder_out[0], encoder_in[1], encoder_in[3], encoder_in[5], encoder_in[7] );  
    or( encoder_out[1], encoder_in[2], encoder_in[3], encoder_in[6], encoder_in[7] );  
    or( encoder_out[2], encoder_in[4], encoder_in[5], encoder_in[6], encoder_in[7] );  
endmodule
```

encoder8_3StructuralStimulus.v

```
module stimulus;
  wire[2:0] encoder_out;
  reg[7:0] encoder_in;
  encoder8_3 enc( encoder_out, encoder_in );

  initial
  begin
    encoder_in = 8'b00000010;
    #1 $display("encoder_in = %b, encoder_out = %b", encoder_in, encoder_out);
    #1 encoder_in = 8'b00000001;
    #1 $display("encoder_in = %b, encoder_out = %b", encoder_in, encoder_out);
    #1 $finish;
  end
endmodule
```

← Stimulus for the structural code.

encoder8_3Mixed.v

```
module encoder8_3( encoder_out , enable, encoder_in );
    output[2:0] encoder_out;
    input enable;
    input[7:0] encoder_in;
    reg[2:0] encoder_out;
    wire b0, b1, b2;

    or( b0, encoder_in[1], encoder_in[3], encoder_in[5], encoder_in[7] );
    or( b1, encoder_in[2], encoder_in[3], encoder_in[6], encoder_in[7] );
    or( b2, encoder_in[4], encoder_in[5], encoder_in[6], encoder_in[7] );

    always @(enable or encoder_in)
    begin
        if (enable) encoder_out = {b2, b1, b0};
    end
endmodule
```

Mixed structural-behavioral code. Goal was to modify structural code to have an enable wire, which requires register output for storage.

Be careful with mixed design! It's working may be difficult to understand.

encoder8_3MixedStimulus.v

```
module stimulus;  
  wire[2:0] encoder_out;  
  reg enable;  
  reg[7:0] encoder_in;  
  encoder8_3 enc( encoder_out, enable, encoder_in );
```

← Stimulus for the mixed code.

```
initial  
begin
```

```
  enable = 1; encoder_in = 8'b00000010;  
  #1 $display("enable = %b, encoder_in = %b, encoder_out = %b",  
             enable, encoder_in, encoder_out);
```

Output is puzzling! Explain!

```
  #1 enable = 1; encoder_in = 8'b00000010;  
  #1 $display("enable = %b, encoder_in = %b, encoder_out = %b",  
             enable, encoder_in, encoder_out);
```

encoder8_3MixedStimulus.v

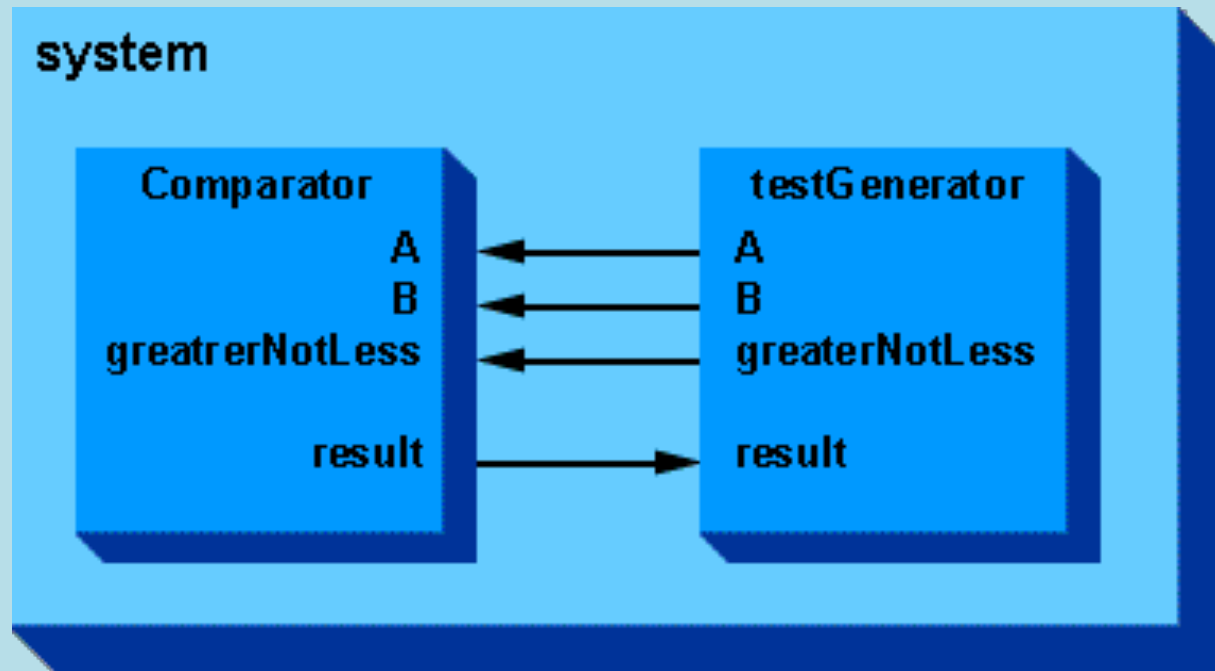
```
#1 enable = 0; encoder_in = 8'b00000001;
#1 $display("enable = %b, encoder_in = %b, encoder_out = %b",
           enable, encoder_in, encoder_out);

#1 enable = 1; encoder_in = 8'b10000000;
#1 $display("enable = %b, encoder_in = %b, encoder_out = %b",
           enable, encoder_in, encoder_out);

#1 $finish;

end
endmodule
```

Comparator modules scheme



comparator.v

Parameters that may be set when the module is instantiated.

Comparator makes the comparison $A ? B$ where ? Is determined by the input greaterNotLess and returns true(1) or false(0).

```
module comparator (result, A, B, greaterNotLess);  
  {  
    parameter width = 8;  
    parameter delay = 1;  
    input [width-1:0] A, B;           // comparands  
    input greaterNotLess;           // 1 - greater, 0 - less than  
    output result;                  // 1 if true, 0 if false  
  
    assign #delay result = greaterNotLess ? (A > B) : (A < B);  
  
endmodule
```


stimulus.v

```
module system;  
  wire greaterNotLess;  
  wire [15:0] A, B;  
  wire result;  
  
  // Module instances  
  comparator #(16, 2) comp (result, A, B, greaterNotLess);  
  testGenerator tg (A, B, greaterNotLess, result);  
  
endmodule
```

Stimulus for the comparator.

← // sense of comparison
// comparand values - 16 bit
// comparison result

Parameters being set at module instantiation.

testGen.v

```
module testGenerator (A, B, greaterNotLess, result);
  output [15:0] A, B;
  output greaterNotLess;
  input result;
  parameter del = 5;
  reg [15:0] A, B;
  reg greaterNotLess;

  task check;
    input shouldBe;
    begin
      if (result != shouldBe)
        $display("Error! %d %s %d, result = %b", A, greaterNotLess?">":"<",
          B, result);
    end
  endtask

  initial begin // produce test data, check results
    A = 16'h1234;
    B = 16'b0001001000110100;
    greaterNotLess = 0;
```

Module that generates test vectors for the comparator and checks correctness of output.

Task definition: a task is exactly like a procedure in a conventional programming language.

testGen.v (cont.)

```
#del
    check(0);
    B = 0;
    greaterNotLess = 1;
#del
    check(1);
    A = 1;
    greaterNotLess = 0;
#del
    check(0);
    $finish;
end
endmodule
```

Task call



Finite State Machines

Standard Form for a Verilog FSM

```
// state flip-flops
reg [2:0] state, nxt_st;
// state definitions
parameter reset=0,S1=1,S2=2,S3=3,..

// NEXT STATE CALCULATIONS
always@(state or inputs or ...)
begin
  ...
  next_state= ...
  ...
end
```

```
// REGISTER DEFINITION
always@(posedge clk)
begin
  state<=next_state;
end

// OUTPUT CALCULATIONS
output= f(state, inputs)
```

Example

```
module myFSM (clk, x, z)
input clk, x;
output z;
// state flip-flops
reg [2:0] state, nxt_st;
// state definition
parameter
    S0=0,S1=1,S2=2,S3=3,S7=7

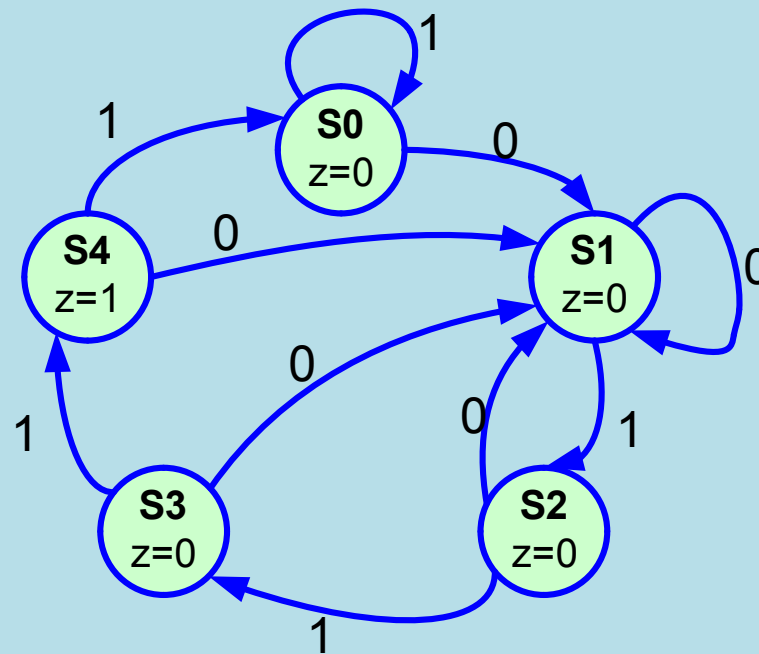
// REGISTER DEFINITION
always @(posedge clk)
begin
    state<=nxt_st;
end

// OUTPUTCALCULATIONS
assign z = (state==S7);
```

```
// NEXT STATE CALCULATIONS
always @(state or x)
begin
case (state)
    S0: if(x) nxt_st=S1;
        else nxt_st=S0;
    S1: if(x) nxt_st=S3;
        else nxt_st=S2;
    S2: if(x) nxt_st=S0;
        else nxt_st=S7;
    S3: if(x) nxt_st=S2;
        else nxt_st=S7;
    S7:  nxt_st=S0;
        default: nxt_st = S0;
endcase
end

endmodule
```

0111 Sequence Detector



Test Benches

System tasks

- Used to generate input and output during simulation. Start with \$ sign.

- Display Selected Variables:

`$display (“format_string”,par_1,par_2,...);`

`$monitor (“format_string”,par_1,par_2,...);`

Example: `$display (“Output z: %b”, z);`

- Writing to a File:

`$fopen, $fdisplay, $fmonitor and $fwrite`

- Random number generator: `$random (seed)`
- Query current simulation time: `$time`

Test Benches

Overview

1. Invoke the verilog under design
2. Simulate input vectors
3. Implement the system tasks to view the results

Approach

1. Initialize all inputs
2. Set the clk signal
3. Send test vectors
4. Specify when to end the simulation.

Example

```
'timescale1 ns /100 ps
// timeunit =1ns; precision=1/10ns;
module my_fsm_tb;
reg clk, rst, x;
wire z;

/**** DESIGN TO SIMULATE (my_fsm)
INSTANTIATION ****/
myfsm dut1(clk, rst, x, z);

/****RESET AND CLOCK SECTION****/
Initial
begin
clk=0;
rst=0;
#1rst=1; /*The delay gives rst a posedge for
sure.* /
#200 rst=0; //Deactivate reset after two clock
cycles +1ns*/
end
always #50clk=~clk; /* 10MHz clock (50*1ns*2)
with 50% duty-cycle */

/****SPECIFY THE INPUT WAVEFORM x ****/
Initial begin
#1 x=0;
#400 x=1;
$display("Output z: %b", z);
#100 x=0;
@(posedge clk) x=1;

#1000 $finish; //stop simulation
//without this, it will not stop
end
endmodule
```

Modelsim Demonstration

