



UVVM Utility Library – Quick Reference

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Checks and awaits
[v_bool :=] check_value(value, [exp], [alert_level], msg, [...])
[v_bool :=] check_value_in_range(value, min_value, max_value, [alert_level], msg, [...])
check_stable(target, stable_req, [alert_level], msg, [...])
await_change(target, min_time, max_time, [alert_level], msg, [...])
await_value(target, exp, min_time, max_time, [alert_level], msg, [...])
await_stable(target, stable_req, stable_req_from, timeout, timeout_from, [alert_level], msg, [...])
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Logging and verbosity control

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set log file name(file name)
log([msg id], msg, [...])
log_text_block(msg_id, text_block, formatting, [...])
enable_log_msg(msg_id, [...])
disable_log_msg (msg_id, [...]),
is_log_msg_enabled (msg_id, [msg_id_panel])
set_log_destination (log_destination, [quietness])
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Alert handling
set alert file name(file name)
alert(alert level, msg, scope)
[tb_]note(msg, [scope])
[tb_]warning(msg, [scope])
manual check(msq, [scope])
[tb_]error(msg, [scope])
[tb ]failure(msq, [scope])
set_alert_stop_limit(alert_level, limit)
v_int := get_alert_stop_limit(alert_level)
set_alert_attention(alert_level, attention, [msg])
v_attention := get_alert_attention(alert_level)
increment_expected_alerts(alert_level, number)
increment_expected_alerts_and_stop_limit(alert_level, [number, [msg, [scope]]])
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Reporting

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report_global_ctrl(VOID)
report_msg_id_panel(VOID)
report alert counters(VOID)
report alert counters(order)
v natural := shared uvvm status.found unexpected simulation warnings or worse
v natural := shared uvvm status.found unexpected simulation errors or worse
v natural := shared uvvm status.mismatch on expected simulation warnings or worse
v natural := shared uvvm status.mismatch on expected simulation errors or worse
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Randomization

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v slv := random(length)
v sl := random(VOID)
{v_int, v_real, v_time} := random(min_value, max_value)
random([min_value, [max_val]], v_seed1, v_seed2, v_target)
randomize(seed1, seed2)
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String handling
v string
           := to string(val, [...])
v_string
           := justify(val, justified, width, format_spaces, truncate)
v string
           := fill_string(val, width)
v_string
           := to_upper(val)
v character := ascii to char(ascii pos, [ascii allow])
            := char_to_ascii(character)
v_int
v_natural
          := pos_of_leftmost(character, string, [result_if_not_found])
           := pos_of_rightmost(character, string, [result_if_not_found])
v string
           := remove initial chars(string, number of chars(natural))
v_string
           := get_procedure_name_from_instance_name(string)
           := get_process_name_from_instance_name(string)
v string
v string
           := get entity name from instance name(string)
           := replace(string, target_character, exchange_character)
v strina
replace(inout line, target_character, exchange_character)
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:= pad_string(val, char, width, [side])

v_string

Signal generators clock_generator(clock, [clock_count], clock_period, [clock_high_percentage] / [clock_high_time]) clock_generator(clock, clock_ena, [clock_count], clock_period, clock_name, [clock_high_...]) adjustable_clock_generator(clock_signal, clock_ena, clock_period, clock_high_percentage) adjustable_clock_generator(clock_signal, clock_ena, clock_period, clock_name, clock_high_percentage) adjustable clock generator(clock signal, clock ena, clock count, clock period, clock name, clock high percentage) gen_pulse (target, [pulse_value] pulse_duration, [blocking_mode], msg) or (target, [pulse_value], clock_signal, num periods, msq)

Synchronisation

block_flag(flag_name, msg, [already_blocked_severity, [scope]]) unblock_flag(flag_name, msg, trigger, [scope]) await_unblock_flag(flag_name, timeout, msg, [flag_returning, [timeout_severity, [scope]]] await_barrier(barrier_signal, timeout, msg, [timeout_severity, [scope]]

BFM Common Package

wait_until_given_time_after_rising_edge(clk, wait_time) wait_until_given_time_before_rising_edge(clk, time_to_edge, clk_period) wait_num_rising_edge(clk, num_rising_edge) wait_num_rising_edge_plus_margin(clk, num_rising_edge, margin) wait_on_bfm_sync_start(clk, bfm_sync, setup_time, config_clock_period, time_of_falling_edge, time_of_rising_edge) wait_on_bfm_exit(clk, bfm_sync, hold_time, time_of_falling_edge, time_of_rising_edge) check clock period margin(clock, bfm sync, time of falling edge, time of rising edge, config clock period. config_clock_period_margin, config_clock_margin_severity)

Watchdog

watchdog_timer(watchdog_ctrl, timeout, [alert_level, [msg]]) extend_watchdog(watchdog_ctrl, [time_extend]) reinitialize_watchdog(watchdog_ctrl, timeout) terminate watchdog(watchdog ctrl)

normalize_and_check(value, target, mode, value_name, target_name, msg)



1 Method descriptions

Note 1: Arguments common for most methods (green text) are described in chapter 1.12.

Note 2: All methods are defined in uvvm util.methods pkg, unless otherwise noted.

Legend: bool=boolean, sl=std_logic, slv=std_logic_vector, u=unsigned, s=signed, int=integer *IEEE=Method is native for VHDL2008 (Method is listed here for completeness.)

1.1 Checks and awaits

Name	Parameters and examples	Description	
[v_bool :=] check_value()	<pre>value(bool), [exp(bool)], [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]] value(sly), exp(sly), [match_strictness], [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]] value(slv), exp(slv), [match_strictness], [alert_level], msg, [scope, [radix, [format, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]]] value(t_slv_array), exp(t_slv_array), [match_strictness], [alert_level], msg, [scope, [radix, [format, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]]] value(u), exp(u), [alert_level], msg, [scope, [radix, [format, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]]] value(t_unsigned_array), exp(t_unsigned_array), [match_strictness], alert_level, msg, [scope, [radix, [format, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]]] value(s), exp(s), [alert_level], msg, [scope, [radix, [format, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]]] value(t_signed_array), exp(t_signed_array), [match_strictness], alert_level, msg, [scope, [radix, [format, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]]]) value(int), exp(int), [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]] value(real), exp(real), [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]] value(time), exp(time), [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]] Examples check_value(v_int_a, 42, WARNING, "Checking the integer"); v_check := check_value(v_slv5_a, "11100", MATCH_EXACT, "Checking the SLV", "My Scope",</pre>	Checks if val equals exvalues do not match. The result of the check called as a function. If val is of type slv, urarguments: - match_strictness: - radix: Note that vectors are range is converted fro A WARNING is given it	k is returned as a boolean if the method is signed or signed, there are additional optional Specifies if match needs to be exact or std_match, e.g. 'H' = '1'. (MATCH_EXACT, MATCH_STD, MATCH_STD_INCL_Z) For the vector representation in the log: BIN, HEX, DEC or HEX_BIN_IF_INVALID. (HEX_BIN_IF_INVALID means hexadecimal, unless there are the vector contains any U, X, Z or W, - in which case it is also logged in binary radix.) KEEP_LEADING_0 or SKIP_LEADING_0. Controls how the vector is formatted in the log. checked with MSB as left most and that the im "0 to N" to "N downto 0". f arrays are of defined with opposite directions. y dimension will not match. ERROR C_TB_SCOPE_DEFAULT MATCH_STD HEX_BIN_IF_INVALID SKIP_LEADING_0
		msg_id msg_id_panel	ID_POS_ACK shared_msg_id_panel
[v_bool :=] check_value_in_range()	<pre>value(u), min_value(u), max_value(u), [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]] value(s), min_value(s), max_value(s), [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]] value(int), min_value(int), max_value(int), [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]] value(time), min_value(time), max_value(time), [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]] value(real), min_value(real), max_value(real), [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]</pre>	Checks if <i>min_value</i> ≤ <i>alert_level</i> if <i>val</i> is out	S val ≤ max_value, and alerts with severity



		Defaults:	Defaults:	
	Example	alert_level	ERROR	
	check_value_in_range(v_int_a, 10, 100, "Checking that integer is in range");	scope	C_TB_SCOPE_DEFAULT	
		msg_id	ID_POS_ACK	
		msg_id_panel	shared_msg_id_panel	
check_stable()	target(bool), stable_req(time), [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]	_	t signal has been stable in stable_req time.	
	target(sl), stable_req(time), [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]] target(slv), stable_req(time), [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]] target(u), stable_req(time), [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]	If not, an alert is as Defaults:	If not, an alert is asserted. Defaults:	
	target(s), stable_req(time), [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]	alert_level	ERROR	
	target(int), stable_req(time), [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]	scope	C_TB_SCOPE_DEFAULT	
	target(real), stable_req(time), [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]	msg_id	ID_POS_ACK	
		msg_id_panel	shared_msg_id_panel	
	Example check_stable(slv8, 9 ns, "Checking if SLV is stable");			
await_change()	target(bool), min_time, max_time, [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]] target(sl), min_time, max_time, [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]	Waits until the targ	net signal changes, or times out after max_time.	
	target(slv), min_time, max_time, [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]] target(u), min_time, max_time, [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]	An alert is asserted if the signal does not change between <i>min_time</i> and <i>max_time</i> . Note that if the value changes at exactly <i>max_time</i> , the timeout get		
	target(s), min_time, max_time, [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]			
	target(int), min_time, max_time, [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]			
	target(real), min_time, max_time, [alert_level], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]	precedence.		
	Example	Defaults:		
	await_change(bol, 3 ns, 5 ns, "Awaiting change on bol signal");	alert_level	ERROR	
	anate_change(bot) 5 hb) 5 hb) 7 matering change on bot signal 7/	scope	C_TB_SCOPE_DEFAULT	
		msg_id	ID_POS_ACK	
		msg_id_panel	shared_msg_id_panel	
await_value()	target(sl), exp(sl), [match_strictness], min_time, max_time, [alert_level], msg, [scope, (etc.)] target(slv), exp(slv), [match_strictness], min_time, max_time, [alert_level], msg, [scope, (etc.)]	Waits until the <i>targ</i> max_time.	net signal equals the exp signal, or times out after	
	target(bool), exp(bool), min_time, max_time, [alert_level], msg, [scope, (etc.)] target(u), exp(u), min_time, max_time, [alert_level], msg, [scope, (etc.)]	An alert is asserted if the signal does not equal the expected value between min_time and max_time. Note that if the value changes to the expected value at exactly max_time, the timeout gets precedence. - match_strictness: Specifies if match needs to be exact or std_match		
	target(s), exp(s), min_time, max_time, [alert_level], msg, [scope, (etc.)]			
	target(int), exp(int), min_time, max_time, [alert_level], msg, [scope, (etc.)]			
	target(real), exp(real), min_time, max_time, [alert_level], msg, [scope, (etc.)]			
	Examples		, e.g. $'H' = '1'$. (MATCH_EXACT, MATCH_STD)	
	await_value(bol, true, 10 ns, 20 ns, "Waiting for bol to become true");	Defaults:		
	await_value(slv8, "10101010", MATCH_STD, 3 ns, 7 ns, WARNING, "Waiting for slv8 value");	alert_level	ERROR	
		scope	C_TB_SCOPE_DEFAULT	
		match_strictness	MATCH_EXACT	
		msg_id	ID_POS_ACK	
		msg_id_panel	shared_msg_id_panel	



await_stable()	target(bool),	stable_req(time), stable_req_from(t_from_point_in_time),	Wait until the target s	ignal has been stable for at least 'stable_req'.
		timeout (time), timeout_from(t_from_point_in_time), [alert_level], msg, [scope, (etc.)]	Report an error if this 'timeout'.	does not occurr within the time specified by
	target(sl),	stable_req(time), stable_req_from(t_from_point_in_time), timeout (time), timeout_from(t_from_point_in_time), [alert_level], msg, [scope, (etc.)]		o that the signal has not had an event (i.e. not
	target(slv),	stable_req(time), stable_req_from(t_from_point_in_time),	Description of special	arguments:
		timeout (time), timeout_from(t_from_point_in_time), [alert_level], msg, [scope, (etc.)]	stable_req_from :	
	target(u),	stable_req(time), stable_req_from(t_from_point_in_time),	- FROM_NOW	Target must be stable 'stable_req' from now.
		timeout (time), timeout_from(t_from_point_in_time), [alert_level], msg, [scope, (etc.)]	- FROM_LAST_EVENT	Target must be stable 'stable_req' from the last event of target.
	target(s),	stable_req(time), stable_req_from(t_from_point_in_time),	timeout_from :	
		timeout (time), timeout_from(t_from_point_in_time), [alert_level], msg, [scope, (etc.)]	- FROM_NOW	The timeout argument is given in time from now.
	target(int),	stable_req(time), stable_req_from(t_from_point_in_time),	- FROM_LAST_EVENT	The timeout argument is given in
		timeout (time), timeout_from(t_from_point_in_time), [alert_level], msg, [scope, (etc.)]	Defaults:	time the last event of target.
	target(real), Example	timeout (time), timeout_from(t_from_point_in_time), [alert_level], msg, [scope, (etc.)]	alert_level	ERROR
			scope	C_TB_SCOPE_DEFAULT
			msg_id	ID_POS_ACK
		uo, 20 iis, FROM_LAST_LVENT, 100 iis, FROM_NOW, ERROR, Walting for uo to stabilize),	msg_id_panel	shared_msg_id_panel

Note: Although all check and await methods have optional [alert_level], it is best practice to always evaluate and assign the most fitting alert_level for any given check or await.

1.2 Logging and verbosity control

Name	Parameters and examples	Description
set_log_file_name()	[file_name(string)] Example set_log_file_name("new_log_file_name.txt");	Sets the log file name. To ensure that the entire log transcript is written to single file, this should be called prior to any other procedures (excep set_alert_file_name()). If file name is set after a log message has bee written to the log file, a warning will be reported. This warning can be disable by setting C_WARNING_ON_LOG_ALERT_FILE_RUNTIME_RENAME false in the adaptations_pkg. Defaults:
		file_name C_LOG_FILE_NAME
log()	[msg_id], msg, [scope, [msg_id_panel, [log_destination(t_log_destination), [log_file_name(string), [open_mode(file_open_kind)]]]] Examples log(ID_SEQUENCER, "message to log"); log(ID_BFM, "Msg", "MyScope", local_msg_id_panel, LOG_ONLY, "new_log.txt", write_mode);	Writes message to log. If the <code>msg_id</code> is enabled in <code>msg_id_panel</code> , log the <code>msg_Log</code> destination defines where the message will be written to (CONSOLE_AND_LOG, CONSOLE_ONLY, LOG_ONLY). If log destination is not specified, the default value in shared_default_log_destination found in the adaptations_pkg.vhd will be used. log_file_name defines the log file that the text block shall be written to. The "open_mode" parameter indicates how the log file shall be opened (write_mode, append_mode). <code>Defaults:</code>
		msg_id C_TB_MSG_ID_DEFAULT
		scope C_TB_SCOPE_DEFAULT
		msg_id_panel shared_msg_id_panel
		log_destination shared_default_log_destination
		log_file_name
		open_mode append_mode



log_text_block()	msg_id, text_block(line), formatting(t_log_format), [msg_header(string), [scope, [msg_id_panel, [log_if_block_empty(t_log_if_block_empty), [log_destination(t_log_destination), [log_file_name(string), [open_mode(file_open_kind)]]]]]] Examples log_text_block(ID_SEQUENCER, v_line, UNFORMATTED); log_text_block(ID_BFM, v_line, FORMATTED, "Header", "MyScope");	Writes text block from VHDL line to log. Formatting either FORMATTED or UNFORMATTED. msg_header is an optional header message for the text_block. log_if_block_empty defines how an empty text block is handled (WRITE_HDR_IF_BLOCK_EMPTY/SKIP_LOG_IF_BLOCK_EMPTY/NOTIFY_IF_BLOCK_EMPTY). Log destination defines where the message will be written to (CONSOLE_AND_LOG, CONSOLE_ONLY, LOG_ONLY). Log file name defines the log file that the text block shall be written to. open_mode indicates how the log file shall be opened (write_mode, append_mode).
		Defaults: msg_header "" scope C_TB_SCOPE_DEFAULT msg_id_panel shared_msg_id_panel log_if_block_empty WRITE_HDR_IF_BLOCK_EMPTY log_destination shared_default_log_destination, log_file_name C_LOG_FILE_NAME open_mode append_mode
enable_log_msg ()	msg_id, [quietness(t_quietness), [scope]] msg_id, msg, [quietness(t_quietness), [scope]] msg_id, msg_id_panel, [msg, [scope, [quietness(t_quietness)]]] Example enable_log_msg(ID_SEQUENCER);	Enables logging for the given msg_id. (See ID-list on front page for special purpose IDs). Logging of enable_log_msg() can be turned off by setting quietness=QUIET. Defaults: msg_id_panel
disable_log_msg()	msg_id, [quietness(t_quietness), [scope]] msg_id, msg, [quietness(t_quietness), [scope]] msg_id, msg_id_panel, [msg, [scope, [quietness(t_quietness)]]] Example disable_log_msg(ID_LOG_HDR);	Disables logging for the given msg_id . (See ID-list on front page for special purpose IDs). Logging of disable_log_msg() can be turned off by setting quietness=QUIET. Defaults: msg_id_panel
[v_bool :=] is_log_msg_enabled () set_log_destination ()	<pre>msg_id, [msg_id_panel] Example v_is_enabled := is_log_msg_enabled(ID_SEQUENCER); t_log_destination, [quietness(t_quietness)] Example set_log_destination(CONSOLE_ONLY);</pre>	Returns Boolean 'true' if given message ID is enabled. Otherwise 'false' Defaults: msg_id_panel shared_msg_id_panel Sets the default log destination for all log procedures (CONSOLE_AND_LOG, CONSOLE_ONLY, LOG_ONLY). The destination specified in this log_destination will be used unless the log_destination argument in the log procedure is specified. A log message is written to log ID ID_LOG_MSG_CTRL if quietness is set to NON_QUIET.
		Defaults: Quietness NON_QUIET



1.2.1 General string handling features for log()

- All log messages will be given using the user defined layout in adaptations_pkg.vhd
- \n may be used to force line shifts. Line shift will occur after scope column, before message column
- \r may be used to force line shift at start of log message. The result will be a blank line apart from prefix (message ID, timestamp and scope will be omitted on the first line)



1.3 Alert handling

Name	Parameters and examples	Description
set_alert_file_name()	file_name(string)] Example set_alert_file_name("new_alert_log_file.txt");	Sets the alert file name. To ensure that the entire log transcript is written to a single file, this should be called prior to any other procedures (except set_alert_file_name()). If file name is set after a log message has been written to the log file, a warning will be reported. This warning can be disabled by setting C_WARNING_ON_LOG_ALERT_FILE_RUNTIME_RENAME false in the adaptations_pkg. Defaults :
		file_name C_ALERT_FILE_NAME
alert()	alert_level, msg , [scope] Example alert(TB_WARNING, "This is a TB warning");	- Asserts an alert with severity given by alert_level Increment the counters for the given alert_level If the stop_limit for the given alert_level is reached, stop the simulation. Defaults: scope
note() error() tb_note() tb_error() warning() failure() tb_warning() tb_failure()	msg, [scope] Examples note("This is a note"); tb_failure("This is a TB failure", "tb_scope");	Overloads for alert(). Note that: warning(msg, [scope]) = alert(warning, msg, [scope]). Defaults: scope
manual_check() increment_expected_alerts()	alert_level, [number (natural) , [msg, [scope]]] Example increment_expected_alerts(WARNING, 2, "Expecting two more warnings");	Increments the expected alert counter for the given alert_level. Defaults: number
set_alert_stop_limit()	alert_level, number (natural) Example set_alert_stop_limit(ERROR, 2);	Simulator will stop on hitting <number> of specified alert type (0 means never stop).</number>
increment_expected_alerts_and_stop_limit()	alert_level, [number, [msg, [scope]]] Example increment_expected_alerts_and_stop_limit(WARNING, 2, "Expecting two more warnings");	Increments the expected alert counter and stop limit for the given alert_level. Defaults: number 1 msg "" scope C_TB_SCOPE_DEFAULT
v_int := get_alert_stop_limit()	alert_level Example v_int := get_alert_stop_limit(FAILURE);	Returns current stop limit for given alert type.
set_alert_attention()	alert_level, attention (t_attention), [msg] Example set_alert_attention(NOTE, IGNORE, "Ignoring all note-alerts");	Set given alert type to t_attention: IGNORE or REGARD. Defaults: msg """
v_attention := get_alert_attention()	alert_level Example v_attention := get_alert_attention(WARNING)	Returns current attention (IGNORE or REGARD) for given alert type.



1.4 Reporting

Name	Parameters	Description
report_global_ctrl()	VOID	Logs the values in the global_ctrl signal, which is described in chapter 1.13
report_msg_id_panel()	VOID	Logs the values in the msg_id_panel, which is described in chapter 1.13
report_alert_counters()	VOID	Logs the status of all alert counters, typically at the end of simulation.
	order (t_order)	For each alert_level, the alert counter is compared with the expected counter.
	Example	If parameter is FINAL, an additional summary concluding success or failure is logged.
	report_alert_counters(VOID);	- type t_order is (FINAL, INTERMEDIATE)
	report_alert_counters(FINAL);	VOID parameter gives same result as FINAL.
	report_alert_counters(INTERMEDIATE);	
report_check_counters()	VOID	Logs the status of all check counters, typically at the end of simulation.
	order (t_order)	- type t_order is (FINAL, INTERMEDIATE)
	Example	VOID parameter gives same result as FINAL.
	report_check_counters(VOID);	
	report_check_counters(FINAL);	
	report_check_counters(INTERMEDIATE);	

Shared variable	Signal type	Description
shared_uvvm_status.found_unexpected_simulation_warnings_or_worse	Natural, read only	Status is '0' on success and '1' on failure. The variable is set when actual > expected for WARNING, ERROR or FAILURE alerts.
shared_uvvm_status.found_unexpected_simulation_errors_or_worse	Natural, read only	Status is '0' on success and '1' on failure. The variable is set when actual > expected for ERROR or FAILURE alerts.
shared_uvvm_status.mismatch_on_expected_simulation_warnings_or_worse	Natural, read only	Status is '0' on success and '1' on failure.
		The variable is set when there is a mismatch between the expected and the actual WARNING, ERROR or FAILURE alerts.
shared_uvvm_status.mismatch_on_expected_simulation_errors_or_worse	Natural, read only	Status is '0' on success and '1' on failure.
		The variable is set when there is a mismatch between the expected and the actual ERROR or FAILURE alerts.



1.5 Randomization

Name	Parameters and examples	Description
v_slv := random()	length(int)	Returns a random std_logic_vector of size <i>length</i> . The function uses and
	Example	updates a global seed.
	v_slv := random(v_slv'length);	
v_sl := random()	VOID	Returns a random std_logic. The function uses and updates a global seed
	Example	
	v_sl := random(VOID);	
{v_int,v_real,v_time}	min_value(int), max_value(int)	Returns a random integer, real or time between min_value and max_value.
:= random()	min_value(real), max_value(real)	The function uses and updates a global seed
	min_value(time), max_value(time)	
	Example	
	v_int := random(1, 10);	
random()	v_seed1(positive <i>variable</i>), v_seed2(positive <i>variable</i>), v_target(slv <i>variable</i>)	Sets v_target to a random value. The procedure uses and updates v_seed1
	Example	and v_seed2.
	random(v_seed1, v_seed2, v_slv)	
random()	min_value(int), max_value(int), v_seed1(positive <i>var</i>), v_seed2(positive <i>var</i>), v_target(int <i>var</i>)	Sets v_target to a random value between min_value and max_value.
	min_value(real), max_value(real), v_seed1(positive <i>var</i>), v_seed2(positive <i>var</i>), v_target(real <i>var</i>)	The procedure uses and updates v_seed1 and v_seed2.
	min_value(time), max_value(time), v_seed1(positive <i>var</i>), v_seed2(positive <i>var</i>), v_target(time <i>var</i>)	
	Example	
	random(0.01, 0.03, v_seed1, v_seed2, v_real);	
randomize()	seed1(positive), seed2(positive) , [msg, [scope]]	Sets the global seeds to seed1 and seed2.
	Example	
	randomize(12, 14, "Setting global seeds");	



1.6 String handling
(Methods are defined in uvvm_util.string_methods)

Name	Parameters and examples	Description
v_string := to_string()	value({ANY_SCALAR_TYPE})	IEEE defined to_string functions.
*IEEE	value(slv)	Return a string with the value of the argument 'value'.
	value(time), unit(time)	
	value(real), digits(natural)	
	value(real), format(string) C-style formatting	
v_string := to_string()	<pre>val(bool), width(natural), justified(side), format_spaces(t_format_spaces), [truncate(t_truncate_string)] val(int), width(natural), justified(side), format_spaces(t_format_spaces), [truncate(t_truncate_string), [radix(t_radix), [prefix(t_radix_prefix), [format(t_format_zeros)]]] val(int), radix(t_radix), prefix(t_radix_prefix), [format(t_format_zeros)] val(slv), radix(t_radix), [format(t_format_zeros), [prefix(t_radix_prefix)]] val(t_slv_array), radix(t_radix), [format(t_format_zeros), [prefix(t_radix_prefix)]] val(u), radix(t_radix), [format(t_format_zeros), [prefix(t_radix_prefix)]] val(s), radix(t_radix), [format(t_format_zeros), [prefix(t_radix_prefix)]] val(s), radix(t_radix), [format(t_format_zeros), [prefix(t_radix_prefix)]] val(t_signed_array), radix(t_radix), [format(t_format_zeros), [prefix(t_radix_prefix)]] val(string) Removes non printable ascii characters Examples</pre>	Additions to the IEEE defined to_string functions. Return a string with the value of the argument 'val'. - type t_radix is (BIN, HEX, DEC, HEX_BIN_IF_INVALID) - type t_format_spaces is (KEEP_LEADING_SPACE, SKIP_LEADING_SPACE) - type t_truncate_string is (DISALLOW_TRUNCATE, ALLOW_TRUNCATE) - type t_format_zeros is (AS_IS, SKIP_LEADING_0) - type t_radix_prefix is (EXCL_RADIX, INCL_RADIX) - type t_format_zeros is (KEEP_LEADING_0, SKIP_LEADING_0) Defaults: justified RIGHT truncate DISALLOW_TRUNCATE prefix EXCL_RADIX
	<pre>v_string := to_string(v_u8, DEC); v_string := to_string(v_slv8, HEX, AS_IS, INCL_RADIX);</pre>	
v_string := to_upper()	<pre>val(string) Example v_string := to_upper("lowercase string");</pre>	Returns a <i>string</i> containing an upper case version of the argument 'val'
v_string := justify() *IEEE	value(string), [justified(side)], [field(width)]	IEEE implementation of justify. Returns a <i>string</i> where 'value' is justified to the side given by 'justified' (right, left). Defaults: Justified right field 0
v_string := justify()	<pre>val(string), justified(side), width(natural), format_spaces(t_format_spaces), truncate(t_truncate_string) Example v_string := justify("string", RIGHT, C_STRING_LENGTH, ALLOW_TRUNCATE,</pre>	Addition to the IEEE implementation of justify(). Returns a string where 'val' is justified to the side given by 'justified' (right, left, center). In addition to right and left, center is also an option. The string can be truncated with the 'truncate' parameter (ALLOW_TRUNCATE, DISALLOW_TRUNCATE) or leading spaces can be removed with 'format_spaces' (KEEP_LEADING_SPACE, SKIP_LEADING_SPACE).
v_string := fill_string()	<pre>val(character), width(natural) Example v_string := fill_string('X', 10);</pre>	Returns a <i>string</i> filled with the character 'val'.



v_character := ascii_to_char()	ascii_pos(int), [ascii_allow (t_ascii_allow)] Example v_char := ascii_to_char(65); ASCII `A'	Return the ASCII to character located at the argument 'ascii_pos' - type t_ascii_allow is (ALLOW_ALL, ALLOW_PRINTABLE_ONLY) Defaults: ascii_allow
v_int := char_to_ascii()	<pre>char (character) Example v_int := char_to_ascii('A'); Returns 65</pre>	Return the ASCII value (integer) of the argument 'char'
v_natural := pos_of_leftmost()	<pre>target(character), vector(string), [result_if_not_found (natural)] Example v_natural := pos_of_leftmost('x', v_string);</pre>	Returns position of left most 'character' in 'string', alternatively return-value if not found. Defaults:
v_natural := pos_of_rightmost()	target(character), vector(string), [result_if_not_found (natural)] Example v_natural := pos_of_rightmost('A', v_string);	result_if_not_found 1 Returns position of right most `character' in `string', alternatively returnvalue if not found. Defaults: result_if_not_found 1
v_string := remove_initial_chars()	source(string), num(natural) Example v_string :=remove_initial_chars("abcde",1); Returns "bcde"	Return string less the num (number of chars) first characters
v_string := get_procedure_name_from_instance_name()	<pre>val(string) Example v_string := get_procedure_name_from_instance_name(c_int'instance_name);</pre>	Returns procedure, process or entity name from the given instance name as <i>string</i> .
v_string := get_process_name_from_instance_name()	<pre>val(string) Example v_string := get_process_name_from_instance_name(c_int'instance_name);</pre>	The instance name must be <object>'instance_name, where object is a signal, variable or constant defined in the procedure, process and entity or process respectively.</object>
v_string := get_entity_name_from_instance_name()	<pre>val(string) Example v_string := get_entity_name_from_instance_name(c_int'instance_name);</pre>	E.g. get_entity_name_from_instance_name(my_process_variable/instance-name)
v_string := replace()	<pre>val(string), target_char(character), exchange_char(character) Example v_string := replace("string_x", 'x', 'y'); Returns "string_y"</pre>	String function returns a <i>string</i> where the target character has been replaced by the exchange character.
replace()	<pre>variable text_line(inout line), target_char(character), exchange_char(character) Example replace(str, `a', `b');</pre>	Similar to function version of replace(). Line procedure replaces the input with a line where the target character has been replaced by the exchange character.
v_string := pad_string()	<pre>val(string), char(character), width(natural), [side(side)] Example v_string := pad_string("abcde", '-', 10, LEFT);</pre>	Returns a string of width 'width' with the string 'val' on the side of the string given in 'side' (LEFT, RIGHT). The remaining width is padded with 'char'. Defaults: side LEFT

Note: See section 1.2.1 for general string handling features for the log() procedure



1.7 Signal generators

Name	Parameters and examples	Description
clock_generator()	clock_signal(sl), [clock_count (natural)], clock_period(time), [clock_high_percentage(natural)]	Generates a clock signal.
	<pre>clock_signal(sl), [clock_count (natural)], clock_period(time), [clock_high_time(time)] clock_signal(sl), clock_ena(boolean), [clock_count(natural)], clock_period(time),</pre>	Usage: Include the clock_generator as a concurrent procedure from your test bench.
	<pre>clock_name(string), [clock_high_percentage(natural range 1 to 99)] clock_signal(sl), clock_ena(boolean), [clock_count(natural)], clock_period(time), clock_name(string), [clock_high_time(time)]</pre>	By using the variant with the <i>clock_ena</i> input, the clock can be started and stopped during simulation. Each start/stop is logged (if the msg_id ID_CLOCK_GEN is enabled).
	Examples	Duty cycle can be set either by percentage or time.
	clock_generator(clk50M, 20 ns); clock_generator(clk100M, clk100M_ena, 10 ns, "100 MHz with 60% duty cycle", 60);	An optional output signal <i>clock_count</i> can be used to keep track of the number of clock cycles that have passed. Always starts on 0.
	clock_generator(clk100M, clk100M_ena, clk100M_cnt, 10 ns, "100 MHz with 60% duty cycle", 6 ns);	Defaults:
		clock_high_percentage 50
adjustable_clock_generator()	clock_signal(sl), clock_ena(boolean), clock_period(time), clock_high_percentage(natural) clock_signal(sl), clock_ena(boolean), clock_period(time), clock_name(string), clock_high_percentage(natural) clock_signal(sl), clock_ena(boolean), clock_count(natural), clock_period(time),	Generates a clock with adjustable duty cycle. Usage: Include the adjustable_clock_generator as a concurrent procedure from your test bench.
	clock_name(string), clock_high_percentage(natural)	Duty cycle can be adjusted by changing the clock_high_percentage.
	Examples	Note that clock_high_percentage has to be set in the range of 1 to 99, and that an TB_ERROR will be raised if scale limits are exceeded.
	adjustable_clock_generator(clk50M, clk50M_ena, 20 ns, 50);	Input parameter clock_period and clock_name are constants.
	adjustable_clock_generator(clk50M, clk50M_ena, 20 ns, "100MHz clock with 50% duty cycle", 50);	An optional output signal clock_count can be used to keep track of the
	adjustable_clock_generator(clk50M, clk50M_ena, clk50M_cnt, 20 ns, "100MHz clock with 60% duty cycle", 60);	number of clock cycles that have passed. Always starts on 0.
gen_pulse()	target(sl), [pulse_value(sl)], pulse_duration(time), [blocking_mode(t_blocking_mode)], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]	Generates a pulse on the target signal for a certain amount of time or a number of clock cycles.
	target(sl), [pulse_value(sl)], clock_signal(sl), num_periods(int), msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]	- If blocking_mode = BLOCKING: Procedure blocks the caller (e.g. the test sequencer) until the pulse is done. (default)
	target(boolean), [pulse_value(boolean)], pulse_duration(time), [blocking_mode(t_blocking_mode)], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]	- If blocking_mode = NON_BLOCKING : Procedure starts the pulse and schedules the end of the pulse, so that the caller can continue immediately.
	target(boolean), [pulse_value(boolean)], clock_signal(sl), num_periods(int), msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]	Note that the clock_signal version will synchronize the pulse to clock signal and begin the pulse on falling edge and end the pulse on a succeeding
	target(slv), [pulse_value(slv)], pulse_duration(time), [blocking_mode(t_blocking_mode)], msg, [scope, [msg_id, [msg_id_panel]]]	falling edge.
	target(slv), [pulse_value(slv)], clock_signal(sl), num_periods(int), msg, [scope, [msg_id, papel]]]	Defaults:
	[msg_id_panel]]] Examples	pulse_value '1' true (others=>'1')
	gen_pulse(sl_1, 50 ns, BLOCKING, "Pulsing for 50 ns");	scope C_TB_SCOPE_DEFAULT
	gen_pulse(sl_1, '1', 50 ns, BLOCKING, "Pulsing for 50 ns");	msg_id ID_GEN_PULSE
	gen_pulse(slv8, 50 ns, "Pulsing SLV for 50 ns", ALLOW_PULSE_CONTINUATION);	msg_id_panel shared_msg_id_panel
	gen_pulse(slv8, x"AB", clk100M, 2, "Pulsing SLV for 2 clock periods");	



1.8 Synchronisation

Note: It is recommended to use a constant for flag_name to avoid typing errors in methods block_flag(), unblock_flag() and await_unblock_flag().

Name	Parameters and examples	Description			
block_flag()	flag_name(string), msg, [already_blocked_severity(t_alert_level), [scope]] Example block_flag("my_flag", "blocking my flag") block_flag(C_MY_FLAG_1, "blocking " & C_MY_FLAG_1, WARNING, "My Scope")	Blocks a flag to allow synchronisation between processes. Adds a ne blocked flag if it does not already exist. Maximum number of flags of be modified in adaptation_pkg. Sets an alert with already_blocked_severity if the flag already is blocked. Defaults:			
		Defaults:			
		already_blocked_severity	WARNING		
		scope	C_TB_SCOPE_DEFAULT		
unblock_flag()	flag_name(string), msg, trigger(sl), [scope] Example unblock_flaq("my_flag", "unblocking my flag", global_trigger)	continue. Adds a new unblo	rocess that is waiting on that flag to cked flag if it does not already exist. d to pulse the global signal global_trigger		
	unblock_flag(C_MY_FLAG_1,"unblocking" & C_MY_FLAG_1, global_trigger, "My Scope")	used to allow await_unblock_flag() to detect unblocking. Mandatory:			
		<i>trigger</i> glob	al_trigger		
		Defaults:			
		scope C_T	B_SCOPE_DEFAULT		
await_unblock_flag()	flag_name(string), timeout(time), msg, [flag_returning(t_flag_returning), [timeout_severity(t_alert_level), [scope]]] Examples	already is unblocked. Adds	locked. Continues immediately if the flag a new blocked flag if it does not already lag() will wait for the flag to be unblocked.		
	await_unblock_flag("my_flag", 0 ns, "waiting for my_flag to be unblocked) await_unblock_flag("my_flag", 10 us, "waiting for my_flag to be unblocked", RETURN_TO_BLOCK, WARNING)	Sets an alert with <i>timeout_timeout</i> . A timeout of 0 ns r	severity if the flag is not unblocked within means wait forever.		
	await_unblock_flag(C_MY_FLAG_1, 10 us, "waiting for "C_MY_FLAG_1 & " to be unblocked", RETURN_TO_BLOCK, WARNING, "My Scope")	The flag can be re-blocke flag_returning=RETURN_TO	ed when leaving the process by setting _BLOCK.		
		Defaults:			
		flag_returning KEE	P_UNBLOCKED		
		timeout_severity ERR	OR		
		scope C_TI	B_SCOPE_DEFAULT		
await_barrier()	barrier_signal(sl), timeout(time), msg, [timeout_severity(t_alert_level), [scope]] Example	define your own barrier_sig	· ·		
	await_barrier(global_barrier, 100 us, "waiting for global barrier", ERROR, "My Scope")		synchronise between several sequencers., it waits for all sequencer using the same call of await_barrier.		



1.9 BFM Common package

(Methods are defined in uvvm util.bfm common pkg)

Name	Parameters and examples	Description
{slv, u, s, t_slv_array, t_signed_array, t_unsigned_array} := normalize_and_check()	<pre>value(slv), target(slv), mode (t_normalization_mode), value_name, target_name, msg value(t_slv_array), target(t_slv_array), mode (t_normalization_mode), value_name, target_name, msg value(u), target (u), mode (t_normalization_mode), value_name, targetname, msg value(t_unsigned_array), target(t_unsigned_array), mode (t_normalization_mode), value_name, target_name, msg value(s), target (s), mode (t_normalization_mode), value_name, target_name, msg value(t_signed_array), target(t_signed_array), mode (t_normalization_mode), value_name, target_name, msg Example v_slv8 := normalize_and_check(v_slv5, v_slv8, ALLOW_NARROWER,</pre>	Normalize 'value' to the width given by 'target'. If value'length > target'length, remove leading zeros (or sign bits) from value. If value'length < target'length, add padding (leading zeros, or sign bits) to value. Mode (t_normalization_mode) is used for sanity checks, and can be one of: ALLOW_WIDER : Allow only value'length >= target'length ALLOW_NARROWER : Allow only value'length <= target'length ALLOW_WIDER_NARROWER : Allow both of the above ALLOW_EXACT_ONLY : Allow only value'length = target'length
wait_until_given_time_after_rising_edge()	<pre>clk(sl), wait_time(time) Example wait_until_given_time_after_rising_edge(clk50M, 5 ns);</pre>	Wait until wait_time after rising_edge(clk) If the time passed since the previous rising_edge is less than wait_time, don't wait until the next rising_edge, just wait_time after the previous rising_edge.
Wait_until_given_time_before_rising_edge()	clk(sl), time_to_edge(time), clk_period(time) Example wait_until_given_time_after_rising_edge(clk50M, 2 ns, 10 ns);	Wait until time_to_edge before rising_edge(clk) If the time until rising_edge is less than time_to_edge, wait until the next rising_edge and afterwards until time_to_edge before rising_edge
wait_num_rising_edge()	clk(sl), num_rising_edge(natural) Example wait_num_rising_edge(clk10M, 5);	Waits for `num_rising_edge' rising edges of the clk signal
wait_num_rising_edge_plus_margin()	clk(sl), num_rising_edge(natural), margin(time) Example wait_num_rising_edge_plus_margin(clk50M, 3, 4 ns);	Waits for `num_rising_edge' rising edges of the clk signal, and then waits for `margin'.
wait_on_bfm_sync_start()	clk(sl), bfm_sync(t_bfm_sync), setup_time(time), config_clock_period(time), time_of_falling_edge(time), time_of_rising_edge(time) Example wait_on_bfm_sync_start(clk, config.bfm_sync, 2.5 ns, 10 ns, v_time_of_falling_edge, v_time_of_rising_edge);	Synchronizes the start of a BFM procedure depending on bfm_sync: -SYNC_ON_CLOCK_ONLY: waits until the falling_edge of the clk signalSYNC_WITH_SETUP_AND_HOLD: waits until the setup time before the clock's rising_edge. It returns the times of falling and rising edges. When not found returns -1 ns.
wait_on_bfm_exit()	clk(sl), bfm_sync(t_bfm_sync), hold_time(time), time_of_falling_edge(time), time_of_rising_edge(time) Example wait_on_bfm_exit(clk, config.bfm_sync, 2.5 ns, v_time_of_falling_edge, v_time_of_rising_edge);	Synchronizes the exit of a BFM procedure depending on bfm_sync: -SYNC_ON_CLOCK_ONLY: waits until one quarter of the clock period (measured with the falling and rising edges) after the clock's rising_edgeSYNC_WITH_SETUP_AND_HOLD: waits until the hold time after the clock's rising_edge. The times of falling and rising edges must be consecutive to be able to calculate the correct clock period.



check_clock_period_margin()	clock(sl), bfm_sync(t_bfm_sync), time_of_falling_edge(time), time_of_rising_edge(time), config_clock_period(time), config_clock_period_margin(time), config_clock_margin_severity(t_alert_level)	Checks that the clock signal behaves according to configured specifications. Only when bfm_sync = SYNC_WITH_SETUP_AND_HOLD. The procedure must be called after the clock's rising_edge.
	Example	
	check_clock_period_margin(clk, config.bfm_sync, v_time_of_falling_edge, v_time_of_rising_edge, 10 ns, 2 ns, TB_ERROR);	

1.10 General Watchdog

Name	Parameters and examples	Description
watchdog_timer()	watchdog_timer(t_watchdog_ctrl), timeout (time), [alert_level, [msg]]	This procedure has to be instantiated as a concurrent procedure in the
	Example	testbench or test harness.
	watchdog_timer(watchdog_ctrl, 500 us, ERROR, "Watchdog timer");	Initializes the watchdog timer as a concurrent procedure that will run until the timeout expires. A signal of the type t_watchdog_ctrl must be defined in the testbench, this is needed to call the other procedures on the watchdog.
extend_watchdog()	extend_watchdog (t_watchdog_ctrl), [time_extend (time)]	Extends the timeout of the watchdog timer by the specified time.
	Example	If no time is given, the original timeout will be used as the time extension.
	extend_watchdog(watchdog_ctrl, 100 us)	
reinitialize_watchdog()	reinitialize_watchdog(t_watchdog_ctrl), timeout (time)	Reinitializes the watchdog timer with a new timeout.
	Example	
	reinitialize_watchdog(watchdog_ctrl, 1 ms)	
terminate_watchdog()	terminate_watchdog (t_watchdog_ctrl)	Terminates the concurrent procedure where the watchdog timer is running.
	Example	Once this is done the watchdog can't be started again. This should normally
	terminate_watchdog(watchdog_ctrl)	be called at the end of the simulation.

Note 1 – the general watchdog will terminate with the alert_level when timeout expires.

Note 2 – the VVCs support an activity watchdog. See UVVM Essential Mechanisms PDF in UVVM VVC Framework for more details.



Message IDs

A sub set of message IDs is listed in this table. All the message IDs are defined in uvvm util.adaptations pkg.

Message ID	Description
ID_LOG_HDR	For all test sequencer log headers. Special format with preceding empty line and underlined message (also applies to ID_LOG_HDR_LARGE and ID_LOG_HDR_XL).
ID_SEQUENCER	For all other test sequencer messages
ID_SEQUENCER_SUB	For general purpose procedures defined inside TB and called from test sequencer
ID_POS_ACK	A general positive acknowledge for check routines (incl. awaits)
ID_BFM	BFM operation (e.g. message that a write operation is completed) (BFM: Bus Functional Model, basically a procedure to handle a physical interface)
ID_BFM_WAIT	Typically BFM is waiting for response (e.g. waiting for ready, or predefined number of wait states)
ID_BFM_POLL	Used inside a BFM when polling until reading a given value, i.e., to show all reads until expected value found.
ID_PACKET_INITIATE	A packet has been initiated (Either about to start or just started)
ID_PACKET_COMPLETE	Packet completion
ID_PACKET_HDR	Packet header information
ID_PACKET_DATA	Packet data information
ID_LOG_MSG_CTRL	Dedicated ID for enable/disable_log_msg
ID_CLOCK_GEN	Used for logging when clock generators are enabled or disabled
ID_GEN_PULSE	Used for logging when a gen_pulse procedure starts pulsing a signal
ID_NEVER	Used for avoiding log entry. Cannot be enabled.
ALL_MESSAGES	Not an ID. Applies to all IDs (apart from ID_NEVER)

Message IDs are used for verbosity control in many of the procedures and functions in UVVM-Util, and are toggled by using the procedures enable log msg() and disable log msg() that are described in this document.

Example: A check is performed each clock cycle;

check value(my boolean condition, error, "Verifying condition", C SCOPE, ID POS ACK, my msg id panel);

The message ID "ID_POS_ACK" is enabled by default, and will report a positive acknowledge if the check passes. Since the check is performed each clock cycle, the positive acknowledge will be printed each clock cycle. There are two possibilities if you wish to turn off the positive acknowledge message:

- Disable "ID_POS_ACK" in *my_msg_id_panel* (or use another msg_id_panel) by calling *disable_log_msg(ID_POS_ACK, my_msg_id_panel)*. This will disable positive acknowledge messages for any procedure call that uses this msg_id_panel.
- Call *check_value()* with "ID_NEVER" instead of "ID_POS_ACK". This will disable the positive acknowledge for this particular call of *check_value()*, but all other calls to *check_value()* will report a positive acknowledge.



1.12 Common arguments in checks and awaits

Most check and await methods have two groups of arguments:

- arguments specific to this function/procedure
- **common args**: arguments common for all functions/procedures:
 - o alert_level, msg, [scope], [msg_id], [msg_id_panel]

For example: check_value(val, exp, ERROR, "Check that the val signal equals the exp signal", C_SCOPE);

The common arguments are described in the following table.

Argument	Type	Example	Description	
alert_level	t_alert_level;	ERROR	Set the severity for the alert that may be asserted by the method.	
msg	string;	"Check that bus is stable"	A custom message to be appended in the log/alert.	
scope	string;	"TB Sequencer"	A string describing the scope from which the log/alert originates.	
msg_id	t_msg_id	ID_BFM	Optional message ID, defined in the adaptations package. Default value for check routines = ID_POS_ACK;	
msg_id_panel	t_msg_id_panel	local_msg_id_panel	Optional msg_id_panel, controlling verbosity within a specified scope. Defaults to a common ID panel defined in the adaptations package.	

1.13 Using Hierarchical Alert Reporting

Enable hierarchical alerts via the constant C_ENABLE_HIERARCHICAL_ALERTS in the adaptations package.

The procedures used for hierarchical alert reporting are described in the following table.

Name	Parameters and examples	Description
add_to_alert_hierarchy()	scope(string), [parent_scope(string), [stop_limit(t_alert_counters)]]	Add a scope in the alert hierarchy tree.
	Example	Defaults:
	add_to_alert_hierarchy("tier_2", "tier_1");	parent_scope C_BASE_HIERARCHY_LEVEL
		stop_limit (others => `0')
increment_expected_alerts()	scope(string), alert_level, [amount(natural)]	Increment the expected alert counter for a scope.
	Example	
	<pre>increment_expected_alerts("tier_2", ERROR, 2);</pre>	Defaults:
		amount 1
set_expected_alerts()	scope(string), alert_level, expected_alerts(natural)	Set the expected alert counter for a scope.
	Example	
	<pre>set_expected_alerts("tier_2", WARNING, 5);</pre>	
increment_stop_limit()	scope(string), alert_level, [amount(natural)]	Increment the stop limit for a scope.
	Example	
	<pre>increment_stop_limit("tier_1", ERROR);</pre>	Defaults:
		amount 1



set_stop_limit()	scope(string), alert_level, stop_limit (natural)	Set the stop limit for a scope.
	Example	
	set_stop_limit("tier_1", ERROR, 5);	

- By default, there is only one level in the hierarchy tree, and one scope with name given by C_BASE_HIERARCHY_LEVEL in the adaptations package. This scope has a stop limit of 0 by default.
- To add a scope to the hierarchy, call *add to alert hierarchy()*.
- Any scope that is not registered in the hierarchy will be automatically registered if an alert is triggered in that scope. The parent scope will then be C_BASE_HIERARCHY_LEVEL. Changing the parent is possible by calling add_to_alert_hierarchy() with another scope as parent. This is only allowed if the parent is C_BASE_HIERARCHY_LEVEL and may cause an odd-looking summary (total summary will be correct).

Intended use:

In UVVM mostly use the scope to describe components, e.g. VVCs. It can also be smaller structures, but it has to have its own sequencer. A good way to set up the hierarchy is to let every scope register themselves with the default parent scope, and then in addition make every parent register each of its children. This is because the child scope doesn't have to have the same parent scope in all testbenches/testharnesses, i.e. the child doesn't know its parent.

- In the child, call add to alert hierarchy(<child scope>). This will add the scope of the child to the hierarchy with the default (base) parent.
- In the parent, first call *add_to_alert_hierarchy*(<*parent scope*>). Then call immediately *add_to_alert_hierarchy*(<*child scope*>, <*parent scope*>) for each of the scopes that shall be children of this parent scope. This will re-register the children to the correct parent.

Example output:

*** FINAL SUMMARY OF A	LL ALERTS	*** For	mat: REGARDEI	/EXPECTED/I	GNORED						
		NOTE	TB NOTE	WARNING	TB WARNING	MANUAL CHECK	ERROR	TB ERROR	FAILURE	TB FAILURE	
TB seq	:	5/5/5	5/5/5	5/5/5	5/5/5	5/5/5	5/5/5	5/5/5	5/5/5	5/5/5	
`- scope 1	:	4/4/4	4/4/4	4/4/4	4/4/4	4/4/4	4/4/4	4/4/4	4/4/4	4/4/4	
- scope 2	:	1/1/1	1/1/1	1/1/1	1/1/1	1/1/1	1/1/1	1/1/1	1/1/1	1/1/1	
`- scope_3	:	2/2/2	2/2/2	2/2/2	2/2/2	2/2/2	2/2/2	2/2/2	2/2/2	2/2/2	
`- scope_4	:	1/1/1	1/1/1	1/1/1	1/1/1	1/1/1	1/1/1	1/1/1	1/1/1	1/1/1	
		========									

>> Simulation SUCCESS: No mismatch between counted and expected serious alerts



1.14 Adaptation package

The adaptations pkg. vhd is intended for local modifications to library behaviour and log layout.

This way only one file needs to merge when a new version of the library is released.

This package may of course also be used to set up a company or project specific behaviour and layout.

The layout constants and global signals are described in the following tables.

Constant	Description
C ALERT FILE NAME	Name of the alert file.
C LOG FILE NAME	Name of the log file.
C SHOW UVVM UTILITY LIBRARY INFO	General information about the UVVM Utility Library will be shown when this is enabled.
C SHOW UVVM UTILITY LIBRARY RELEASE INFO	Release information will be shown when this is enabled.
C UVVM TIMEOUT	General timeout for UVVM wait statements.
C LOG PREFIX	The prefix to all log messages. "UVVM: " by default.
C LOG PREFIX WIDTH	Number of characters to be used for the log prefix.
C_LOG_MSG_ID_WIDTH	Number of characters to be used for the message ID.
C LOG TIME WIDTH	Number of characters to be used for the log time. Three characters are used for time unit, e.g., 'ns'.
C LOG TIME BASE	The unit in which time is shown in the log. Either ns or ps.
C_LOG_TIME_DECIMALS	Number of decimals to show for the time.
C_LOG_SCOPE_WIDTH	Number of characters to be used to show log scope.
C_LOG_LINE_WIDTH	Number of characters allowed in each line in the log.
C_LOG_INFO_WIDTH	Number of characters of information allowed in each line in the log. By default, this is set to
	C_LOG_LINE_WIDTH - C_LOG_PREFIX_WIDTH.
C_LOG_HDR_FOR_WAVEVIEW_WIDTH	Number of characters for a string in the waveview indicating last log header.
C_WARNING_ON_LOG_ALERT_FILE_RUNTIME_RENAME	Whether or not to report a warning if the log or alert files are renamed after they have been written.
C_USE_BACKSLASH_N_AS_LF	If true '\n' will be interpreted as line feed.
C_USE_BACKSLASH_R_AS_LF	If true '\r' placed as the first character in the string will be interpreted as a LF where the timestamp, Id etc. will be omitted.
C_SINGLE_LINE_ALERT	If true prints alerts on a single line. Default false.
C_SINGLE_LINE_LOG	If true prints logs messages on a single line. Default false.
C_TB_SCOPE_DEFAULT	The default scope in the test sequencer.
C_LOG_TIME_TRUNC_WARNING	Yields a single TB_WARNING if time stamp truncated. Otherwise none.
C_DEFAULT_MSG_ID_PANEL	Sets the default message IDs that shall be shown in the log.
C_MSG_ID_INDENT	Sets the indentation for each message ID.
C_DEFAULT_ALERT_ATTENTION	Sets the default alert attention.
C_DEFAULT_STOP_LIMIT	Sets the default alert stop limit.
C_ENABLE_HIERARCHICAL_ALERTS	Whether or not to enable hierarchical alert summary. Default false.
C_BASE_HIERARCHY_LEVEL	The name of the base/top level node that all other nodes in the tree will originate from.
C_DEPRECATE_SETTING	Sets how the user is to be notified if a procedure has been deprecated and will be removed in later versions.
C_VVC_RESULT_DEFAULT_ARRAY_DEPTH	Default for how many results (e.g. reads) a VVC can store before overwriting old results
C_VVC_MSG_ID_PANEL_DEFAULT	Default message ID panel to use in VVCs
C_SHOW_LOG_ID	Whether or not to show the Log ID field
C_SHOW_LOG_SCOPE	Whether or not to show the Log Scope field



Global signal	Signal type	Description
global_show_msg_for_uvvm_cmd	boolean	If true messages for Bitvis UVVM commands will be shown if applicable.

Shared variable	Signal type	Description
shared_default_log_destination	t_log_destination	The default destination for the log messages (Default: CONSOLE_AND_LOG)



Additional Documentation

There are two other main documents for the UVVM Utility Library (available from our Downloads page)

- 'Making a simple, structured and efficient VHDL testbench Step-by-step'
- 'Bitvis Utility Library Concepts and Usage'

There is also a webinar available on 'Making a simple, structured and efficient VHDL testbench – Step-by-step' (via Aldec). Link on our downloads page.

2 Compilation

UVVM Utility Library may only be compiled with VHDL 2008.

Compile order for UVVM Utility Library:

Compile to library	File
uvvm_util	<pre>uvvm_util/src/types_pkg.vhd</pre>
uvvm_util	uvvm_util/src/adaptations_pkg.vhd
uvvm_util	uvvm_util/src/string_methods_pkg.vhd
uvvm_util	<pre>uvvm_util/src/protected_types_pkg.vhd</pre>
uvvm_util	uvvm_util/global_signals_and_shared_variables_pkg.vhd
uvvm_util	<pre>uvvm_util/src/hierarchy_linked_list_pkg.vhd</pre>
uvvm_util	<pre>uvvm_util/src/alert_hierarchy_pkg.vhd</pre>
uvvm_util	uvvm_util/src/license_pkg.vhd
uvvm_util	uvvm_util/src/methods_pkg.vhd
uvvm_util	uvvm_util/src/bfm_common_pkg.vhd
uvvm_util	uvvm_util/src/generic_queue_pkg.vhd
uvvm_util	<pre>uvvm_util/src/data_queue_pkg.vhd</pre>
uvvm_util	uvvm_util/src/data_fifo_pkg.vhd
uvvm_util	<pre>uvvm_util/src/data_stack_pkg.vhd</pre>
uvvm_util	uvvm_util/src/uvvm_util_context.vhd

Modelsim and Riviera-PRO users can compile the library by sourcing the following files: $script/compile_src.do$

Note that the compile script compiles the Utility Library with the following Modelsim directives for the vcom command:

Directive	Description
-suppress 1346,1236	Suppress warnings about the use of protected types. These can be ignored.

The uvvm_util project is opened by opening sim/uvvm_util.mpf in Modelsim.



3 Simulator compatibility and setup

UVVM Utility Library has been compiled and tested with Modelsim, Riviera-PRO and Active HDL. See README.md for a list of supported simulators.

Required setup:

- Textio buffering should be removed or reduced. (Modelsim.ini: Set UnbufferedOutput to 1)
- Simulator transcript (and log file viewer) should be set to a fixed width font type for proper alignment (e.g. Courier New 8)
- Simulator must be set up to break the simulation on failure (or lower severity)



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