

# SBI VVC – Quick Reference

**sbi\_write (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, addr, data, msg)**

**Example:** sbi\_write(SBI\_VVCT, 1, x"1000", x"40", "Set baud rate to 9600");

**sbi\_read (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, addr, msg)**

**Example:** sbi\_read(SBI\_VVCT, 1, x"1000", "Read baud rate");

**sbi\_check (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, addr, data, msg, [alert\_level])**

**Example:** sbi\_check(SBI\_VVCT, 1, x"1155, x"3B", "Check data from UART RX");

**sbi\_poll\_until (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, addr, data, msg, [max\_polls, [timeout, [alert\_level]]])**

**Example:** sbi\_poll\_until(SBI\_VVCT, 1, x"1155", x"0D", "Read UART RX until CR is found");

**VVC**



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## SBI VVC Configuration record 'vvc\_config'

Parameter name	Type	C_SBI_VVC_CONFIG_DEFAULT
inter_bfm_delay	t_inter_bfm_delay	C_SBI_INTER_BFM_DELAY_DEFAULT
cmd_queue_count_max	natural	C_CMD_QUEUE_COUNT_MAX
cmd_queue_count_threshold	natural	C_CMD_QUEUE_COUNT_THRESHOLD
cmd_queue_count_threshold_severity	t_alert_level	C_CMD_QUEUE_COUNT_THRESHOLD_SEVERITY
bfm_config	t_sbi_bfm_config	C_SBI_BFM_CONFIG_DEFAULT
msg_id_panel	t_msg_id_panel	C_VVC_MSG_ID_PANEL_DEFAULT

## SBI VVC Status record signal 'vvc\_status'

Parameter name	Type
current_cmd_idx	natural
previous_cmd_idx	natural
pending_cmd_cnt	natural

## Common VVC procedures applicable for this VVC

- See UVVM Methods QuickRef for details.

**await\_completion()**

**enable\_log\_msg()**

**disable\_log\_msg()**

**fetch\_result()**

**flush\_command\_queue()**

**terminate\_current\_command()**

**terminate\_all\_commands()**

**insert\_delay()**



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## VVC target parameters

Name	Type	Example(s)	Description
VVCT	t_vvc_target_record	SBI_VVCT	VVC target type compiled into each VVC in order to differentiate between VVCs.
vvc_instance_idx	integer	1	Instance number of the VVC

## VVC functional parameters

Name	Type	Example(s)	Description
addr	unsigned	x"5A"	The address of a SW accessible register. Could be offset or full address depending on the DUT
data	std_logic_vector	x"D3"	The data to be written (in sbi_write) or the expected data (in sbi_check/sbi_poll_until).
msg	string	"Read from DUT"	A custom message to be appended in the log/alert
timeout	time	100 ns	Timeout to be used in the sbi_poll_until BFM procedure. 0 ns means no timeout.
max_polls	integer	1	Maximum number of polls allowed in the sbi_poll_until procedure. 0 means no limit.
alert_level	t_alert_level	ERROR or TB_WARNING	Set the severity for the alert that may be asserted by the procedure.

## VVC entity signals

Name	Type	Direction	Description
clk	std_logic	Input	VVC Clock signal
sbi_vvd_master_if	t_sbi_if	Inout	See SBI BFM documentation

## VVC entity generic constants

Name	Type	Default	Description
GC_ADDR_WIDTH	integer	8	Width of the SBI address bus
GC_DATA_WIDTH	integer	32	Width of the SBI data bus
GC_INSTANCE_IDX	natural	1	Instance number to assign the VVC
GC_SBI_CONFIG	t_sbi_bfm_config	C_SBI_BFM_CONFIG_DEFAULT	Configuration for the SBI BFM, see SBI BFM documentation.
GC_CMD_QUEUE_COUNT_MAX	natural	1000	Absolute maximum number of commands in the VVC command queue
GC_CMD_QUEUE_COUNT_THRESHOLD	natural	950	An alert will be generated when reaching this threshold to indicate that the command queue is almost full. The queue will still accept new commands until it reaches C_CMD_QUEUE_COUNT_MAX.
GC_CMD_QUEUE_COUNT_THRESHOLD_SEVERITY	t_alert_level	WARNING	Alert severity which will be used when command queue reaches GC_CMD_QUEUE_COUNT_THRESHOLD.

# VVC details

All VVC procedures are defined in `vvc_methods_pkg` (dedicated this VVC), and `uvvm_vvc_framework.uvvm_methods_pkg` and `uvvm_vvc_framework.uvvm_support_pkg` (common VVC procedures)

## 1 VVC procedure details and examples

Procedure	Description
<b>sbi_write()</b>	<p>The <code>sbi_write()</code> VVC procedure adds a write command to the SBI VVC executor queue, which will run as soon as all preceding commands have completed. When the write command is scheduled to run, the executor calls the SBI BFM <code>sbi_write()</code> procedure, described in the SBI BFM QuickRef.</p> <p><b>sbi_write(VVCT, vvc_instance_idx, addr, data, alert-level, msg)</b></p> <p>e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <code>sbi_write(SBI_VVCT, 1, x"1000", x"40", "Set UART baud rate to 9600");</code></li> </ul> <p>It is recommended to use constants to improve the readability of the code, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <code>sbi_write(SBI_VVCT, 1, C_ADDR_UART_BAUDRATE, C_BAUDRATE_9600, "Set UART baud rate to 9600");</code></li> </ul>
<b>sbi_read()</b>	<p>The <code>sbi_read()</code> VVC procedure adds a read command to the SBI VVC executor queue, which will run as soon as all preceding commands have completed. When the read command is scheduled to run, the executor calls the SBI BFM <code>sbi_read()</code> procedure, described in the SBI BFM QuickRef.</p> <p>The read value will not be returned in this procedure call since it is non-blocking for the sequencer/caller, but the read data will be stored in the VVC for a potential future fetch. The data will be available until overwritten by new read-data depending on the read-data buffer size.</p> <p><b>sbi_read(VVCT, vvc_instance_idx, addr, msg)</b></p> <p>e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <code>sbi_read(SBI_VVCT, 1, x"1000", "Read UART baud rate");</code></li> </ul> <p>It is recommended to use constants to improve the readability of the code, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <code>sbi_read(SBI_VVCT, 1, C_ADDR_UART_BAUDRATE, "Read UART baud rate");</code></li> </ul>
<b>sbi_check()</b>	<p>The <code>sbi_check()</code> VVC procedure adds a check command to the SBI VVC executor queue, which will run as soon as all preceding commands have completed. When the check command is scheduled to run, the executor calls the SBI BFM <code>sbi_check()</code> procedure, described in the SBI BFM QuickRef. The <code>sbi_check()</code> procedure will perform a read operation, then check if the read data is equal to the expected data in the 'data' parameter. If the read data is not equal to the expected 'data' parameter, an alert with severity 'alert_level' will be issued. The read data will not be stored in this procedure.</p> <p><b>sbi_check(VVCT, vvc_instance_idx, addr, data, msg, [alert_level])</b></p> <p>e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <code>sbi_check(SBI_VVCT, 1, x"1155, x"3B", "Check data from UART RX");</code></li> <li>- <code>sbi_check(SBI_VVCT, 1, x"1155, x"3B", "Check data from UART RX", TB_ERROR);</code></li> </ul> <p>It is recommended to use constants to improve the readability of the code, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <code>sbi_check(SBI_VVCT, 1, C_ADDR_UART_RX, C_UART_START_BYTE, "Check data from UART RX");</code></li> </ul>
<b>sbi_poll_until()</b>	<p>The <code>sbi_poll_until()</code> VVC procedure adds a poll_until command to the SBI VVC executor queue, which will run as soon as all preceding commands have completed. When the write command is scheduled to run, the executor calls the SBI BFM <code>sbi_poll_until()</code> procedure, described in the SBI BFM QuickRef. The <code>sbi_poll_until()</code> procedure will perform a read</p>

operation, then check if the read data is equal to the data in the 'data' parameter. If the read data is not equal to the expected 'data' parameter, the process will be repeated until the read data is equal to the expected data, or the procedure is terminated by either a terminate command, a timeout or the poll limit set in max\_polls. The read data will not be stored by this procedure.

**sbi\_poll\_until (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, addr, data, msg, [max\_polls, [timeout, [alert\_level]]])**

e.g.

- sbi\_poll\_until(SBI\_VVCT, 1, x"1155", x"0D", "Read UART RX until CR is found");
- sbi\_poll\_until(SBI\_VVCT, 1, x"1155", x"0D", "Read UART RX until CR is found", 5, 0 ns, TB\_WARNING);

It is recommended to use constants to improve the readability of the code, e.g.:

- sbi\_poll\_until(SBI\_VVCT, 1, C\_ADDR\_UART\_RX, C\_CR\_BYTE, "Read UART RX until CR is found");

## 2 VVC Configuration

Name	Type	C_SBI_BFM_CONFIG_DEFAULT	Description
inter_bfm_delay	t_inter_bfm_delay	C_SBI_INTER_BFM_DELAY_DEFAULT	Specified delay between BFM accesses from the VVC. If parameter delay_type is set to NO_DELAY, BFM accesses will be back to back, i.e. no delay.
cmd_queue_count_max	natural	C_MAX_COMMAND_QUEUE	Maximum pending number in command queue before queue is full. Adding additional commands will result in an ERROR.
cmd_queue_count_threshold	natural	C_CMD_QUEUE_COUNT_THRESHOLD	An alert with severity "cmd_queue_count_threshold_severity" will be issued if command queue exceeds this count. Used for early warning if command queue is almost full. Will be ignored if set to 0.
cmd_queue_count_threshold_severity	t_alert_level	C_CMD_QUEUE_COUNT_THRESHOLD_SEVERITY	Severity of alert to be initiated if exceeding cmd_queue_count_threshold
bfm_config	t_sbi_bfm_config	C_SBI_BFM_CONFIG_DEFAULT	Configuration for SBI BFM. See quick reference for SBI BFM
msg_id_panel	t_msg_id_panel	C_VVC_MSG_ID_PANEL_DEFAULT	VVC dedicated message ID panel

The configuration record can be accessed from the Central Testbench Sequencer through the shared variable array, e.g.:

```
shared_sbi_vvc_config(1).inter_bfm_delay.delay_in_time := 50 ns;
shared_sbi_vvc_config(1).bfm_config.id_for_bfm         := ID_BFM;
```

## 3 VVC Status

The current status of the VVC can be retrieved during simulation. This is achieved by reading from the shared variable shared\_sbi\_vvc\_status record from the test sequencer. The record contents can be seen below:

Name	Type	Description
current_cmd_idx	natural	Command index currently running
previous_cmd_idx	natural	Previous command index to run
pending_cmd_cnt	natural	Pending number of commands in the command queue

## 4 VVC Interface

In this VVC, the interface has been encapsulated in a signal record of type *t\_sbi\_if* in order to improve readability of the code. Since the SBI interface busses can be of arbitrary size, the interface vectors have been left unconstrained. These unconstrained vectors needs to be constrained when the interface signals are instantiated. For this interface, it could look like:

```
signal sbi_if_1 : t_sbi_if( addr (C_ADDR_WIDTH-1 downto 0),
                             wdata(C_DATA_WIDTH-1 downto 0),
                             rdata(C_DATA_WIDTH-1 downto 0) );
```

## 5 Additional Documentation

Additional documentation about UVVM and its features can be found under `"/uvvm_vvc_framework/doc/".`  
For additional documentation on the SBI protocol, please see the SBI BFM QuickRef.

## 6 Compilation

The SBI VVC must be compiled with VHDL 2008.

It is dependent on the following libraries

- **UVVM Utility Library (UVVM-Util), version 1.0.0 and up**
- **UVVM VVC Framework, version 1.0.0 and up**
- **SBI BFM**

Before compiling the SBI VVC, assure that uvvm\_vvc\_framework and uvvm\_util have been compiled.

### Compile order for the SBI VVC:

Compile to library	File	Comment
bitvis_vip_sbi	sbi_bfm_pkg.vhd	SBI BFM
bitvis_vip_sbi	vvc_cmd_pkg.vhd	SBI VVC command types and operations
bitvis_vip_sbi	../uvvm_vvc_framework/src_target_dependent/td_target_support_pkg.vhd	UVVM VVC target support package, compiled into the SBI VVC library.
bitvis_vip_sbi	../uvvm_vvc_framework/src_target_dependent/td_vvc_framework_common_methods_pkg.vhd	Common UVVM framework methods compiled into the SBI VVC library
bitvis_vip_sbi	vvc_methods_pkg.vhd	SBI VVC methods
bitvis_vip_sbi	../uvvm_vvc_framework/src_target_dependent/td_vvc_entity_support_pkg.vhd	UVVM VVC entity support compiled into the SBI VVC library
bitvis_vip_sbi	sbi_vvc.vhd	SBI VVC

## 7 Simulator compatibility and setup

This VVC has been compiled and tested with Modelsim version 10.3d and Riviera-PRO version 2015.10.85.

For required simulator setup see **UVVM-Util** Quick reference.

### IMPORTANT

This is a simplified Verification IP (VIP) for SBI.

The given VIP complies with the basic SBI protocol and thus allows a normal access towards a SBI interface. This VIP is not a SBI protocol checker.

For a more advanced VIP please contact Bitvis AS at [support@bitvis.no](mailto:support@bitvis.no)

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