

System Verilog & Concept of OOP

Introduction

- System Verilog introduces an **object-oriented class** data type.
- Classes allow **objects** to be **dynamically created, deleted, assigned,** and **accessed** via **object handles**.
- A **class** is a type that **includes data** and **subroutines** (functions and tasks) **that operate** on that **data**.
- **class's data** is referred to as **class properties**, and its **subroutines** are called **methods**.

Example1

```
class rectangle;  
int lenght, width;           //class properties  
  
function int area();         //class method  
return lenght * width;  
endfunction  
  
function int perimeter();    //class method  
return 2*(lenght + width);  
endfunction  
endclass
```

Example2

```
class person;  
string name, address;           //class properties  
int number;  
  
function void set_name(string user); //class method  
name=user;  
endfunction  
endclass
```

Example3

```
class packet;  
  bit [7:0] data;          //class property  
  
  task randomize(); //class method  
    data=$random;  
  endtask  
  
  task display();  
    $display("data is %d", data);  
  endtask  
endclass
```

Objects

- A **class** defines a **data type**. An **object** is an **instance** of that class.
- An **object** is **created** by defining a **handler** of class type and then calling **new function** which **allocates memory** to the object.

```
packet p;           //p is handler to class packet  
p=new();           //Object is constructed
```

- If **objects** are **not created** then **handler** points to **null**.

Default Constructor

- `new()` is a default constructor which allocates memory and initializes class variables for an object.

```
rectangle rec;
```

```
initial begin
```

```
rec=new;           //memory allocated to length and width
```

```
int a, p;
```

```
rec.set_size(3, 5);
```

```
a=rec.area;
```

```
p=rec.perimeter; end
```


Constructor

- User can define **customized constructors** by writing there own **new** function inside a class.
- The **new** method is defined as a function with **no return type**.
- It is also possible to **pass arguments** to the **constructor**, which allows **run-time customization** of an **object**.

```
function new (int x=0, y=0);  
length=x;  
width=y;  
endfunction
```

Example

```
class rectangle;  
int lenght, width;  
  
function new(int  
    x=1,y=1);.....  
function int area(); .....  
function int perimeter();  
    .....  
endclass  
Result: a1=15    p1=10
```

```
rectangle r1, r2, r3;  
int a1, a3, p1;  
  
initial begin  
    r1=new(3, 5);  
    r2=new(4);  
    a1=r1.area;  
    p1=r2.perimeter;  
    a3=r3.area;    //error r3 is null  
end
```

Parameterized Class

```
class packet #(number=10, type dtype= bit);  
dtype data [number];  
  
function void randomize();  
foreach(data[i]) data[i]=$random;  
endfunction  
  
function void display();  
foreach(data[i]) $display("data[%0d"]=%0d", i, data[i]);  
endfunction  
endclass
```

Parameterized Class

```
packet p1;           //number=10, dtype=bit
packet #(20) p2;      //number=20, dtype=bit
packet #( , int) p3;   //number=10, dtype=int
packet #(30, bit [3:0]) p4; //number=30, dtype=bit [3:0]

initial begin
    p1=new();  p2=new();  p3=new();  p4=new();
    p4.display;
    p4.randomize;
    p4.display;
end
```

This

- The **this** keyword is used to **unambiguously refer** to **class properties** or **methods** of the **current instance**.
- The **this** keyword shall only be used within **non-static class methods**, otherwise an **error** shall be issued.

```
class example;  
int a;  
function new(int a);  
a=a;  
endfunction  
endclass
```

Now **a** is property of **class** as well as argument of function **new**.

SV will look in **local scope** to resolve reference to **a**, which in this case is **subroutine argument**.

This

- To solve this issue **this** keyword is used which now refers to **property a** in current **class instance**.

```
class example;  
int a;  
function new(int a);  
this.a=a;  
endfunction  
endclass
```

```
example x, y;  
initial begin  
x=new(5);  
y=new(3);  
$display(x.a);  
$display(y.a);  
end
```

Assignment-7

- **Declare a class adder with following properties and inside module create adder using class properties only.(behavioral modelling).**
 - **2 inputs of integer type: A1, A2**
 - **1 input of logic type: en**
 - **1 output of integer type: sum**
- **In problem1 add the following methods & use these methods inside module.**
 - **To display all the properties on transcript**
 - **To perform addition**
 - **Randomize the input A1 and A2.**

- In problem1 make the following changes
 - Class should be parametrized (initially A1 , A2 ,sum are int type)
 - Create 4 instance of that class with A1,A2, sum of
 - Integer
 - Byte
 - Longint
 - String (just chk)
- Use THIS keyword in problem2 methods and use inside module.
- Reading assignments
 - Wire inside class
 - Function and task inside class
 - Destructor in SV
 - New() Vs new[]
 - Class Vs structure

Fundamental Principles of OOP

- Encapsulation

- It's a concept that binds together the data and functions that manipulate the data.
- Encapsulation keeps both data and function safe from outside world i.e. data hiding.

- Abstraction

- Abstraction is the concept of moving the focus from the details and concrete implementation of things, to the types of things, the operations available thus making the programming simpler, more general.

Fundamental Principles of OOP

- Inheritance

- New classes are created by inheriting properties and method defined in an existing class.
- Existing class is called the base class(parent class), and the new class is referred to as the derived class(child class).

- Polymorphism

- polymorphism means having many forms.
- A member function will cause a different function to be executed depending on the type of object that invokes the function.

Inheritance

- **Inheritance** allows user to **create classes** which are **derived** from other classes.
- The **derived class** (**child class**) **inherits** all the **properties and methods** defined in **base class** (**parent class**).
- **Additional properties and methods** can be defined in **child class**.
- **properties and methods** defined in **base class** can be overridden by **redefining** them in **child class**. This phenomenon is called as **overriding**.

Example1

```
class parent;  
int a, b;  
task display();  
$display("Parent Class");  
endtask  
endclass
```

```
class child extends parent;  
int c;  
task print();  
$display("Child Class");  
endtask  
endclass
```

Example1

```
parent p;  
child c;  
initial begin  
p=new;  
c=new;  
c.print;  
c.display;  
c.a=3;  
p.a=4;  
end
```

parent p	child c
a=4 ; b=0;	a=3 ; b=0; c=0;

Child Class
Parent Class

Example2

```
class parent;  
  int a, b;  
  task display();  
    $display("Parent Class");  
  endtask  
endclass
```

```
class child extends parent;  
  int a;  
  task display();  
    $display("Child Class");  
  endtask  
endclass
```

Display method and property can be overridden in child class

Example2

```
parent p;  
child c;  
initial begin  
p=new;  
c=new;  
c.display;  
p.display;  
c.a=7;  
p.a=2;  
end
```

parent p	child c
a=2 ; b=0;	a=7 ; b=0; c=0;

Child Class
Parent Class

Example3

- A **super** keyword can be used to **access properties** and **methods** defined in **parent class** from a **child class**.

```
class parent;  
int a;  
task display();  
$display("Parent Class");  
endtask  
endclass
```

```
class child extends parent;  
int a, b;  
task display();  
$display("Child Class");  
super.display;  
$display(super.a);  
endtask  
endclass
```


Example3

```
parent p;  
child c;  
initial begin  
p=new;  
c=new;  
p.a=5;  
c.a=6;  
p.display;  
c.display;  
end
```

parent p a=5 ;	child c a=6 ; b=0;
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Parent Class
Child Class
Parent Class
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Inheritance

- Every time when `child object` is created, `constructor` of `parent` (`super.new`) is called `first implicitly`.
- If a `new` function has been defined in `parent` which `accepts` a set of `arguments` and `arguments don't` have `default values`. In such a case `super.new` has to be `explicitly specified` with required arguments.
- It is because of this reason that `child class` is able to `access properties` and `methods` defined in `parent class`.

Example4

```
class parent;  
function new();  
$display("Parent Class");  
endfunction  
endclass  
  
class child extends parent;  
function new();  
$display("Child Class");  
endfunction  
endclass
```

```
initial begin  
  child c;  
  c=new;  
end
```

Parent Class
Child Class

Example5

```
class parent;  
function new(string str);  
$display(str);  
endfunction  
endclass
```

```
initial begin  
  child c;  
  c=new;  
end
```

```
class child extends parent;  
function new();  
$display("Child Class");  
endfunction  
endclass
```

Error `super.new` is not
called

Example6

```
class parent;  
function new(string str=" ");  
$display(str);  
endfunction  
endclass
```

```
initial begin  
  child c;  
  c=new;  
end
```

```
class child extends parent;  
function new();  
$display("Child Class");  
endfunction  
endclass
```

Child Class

No error, parent constructor has default value

Example7

```
class parent;  
function new(string str);  
$display(str);  
endfunction  
endclass
```

```
initial begin  
  child c;  
  c=new;  
end
```

```
class child extends parent;  
function new();  
super.new("Parent Class");  
$display("Child Class");  
endfunction  
endclass
```

Parent Class
Child Class

Example8

```
class rectangle;  
int length, width;  
  
function new(int x, y);  
this.length=x;  
this.width=y;  
endfunction  
  
function int area(int x, y);....  
function int perimeter(int x,  
    y);...  
endclass
```

```
class square extends rectangle;  
int size;  
function new(int size);  
this.size=size;  
super.new(size, size);  
endfunction  
endclass
```

```
square sq= new(5);  
sq.area;  
sq.perimeter;
```

Assignment-8

- Create a class **LOGIC_GATE** with following properties and methods:
 - In1, in2: logic type , out: logic type
 - Function print with display statement **LOGIC_GATE** class
- Now create two more classes **AND_GATE** , **OR_GATE** as child class extended from **LOGIC_GATE** with display methods for in1, in2, out also call print function.
- In module create the objects of child classes and create functionality for **AND & OR**.
- Create a class **PACKET** with following properties and methods:
 - clk: logic type, addr :byte type, data: int type
 - Create new function to provide initial value as 1, 1001001,100
 - Create method for display and randomize.
- Create a child class **I2C_PACKET** with same properties and methods.
- check the functionality of super keyword by providing data to child class from parent class
- In module create object of child class and store **I2C_PACKET** properties to the outputs of module at negative edge of clk.

- Create class A and class B without using inheritance try access properties and methods of class A with the object of class B.

- **Practice problems:**

- How will you pass an object of a class to function?
- How will you return an object of class from function?
- How many types of inheritance supported by system Verilog?
 - Single
 - Multilevel
 - Hierarchical