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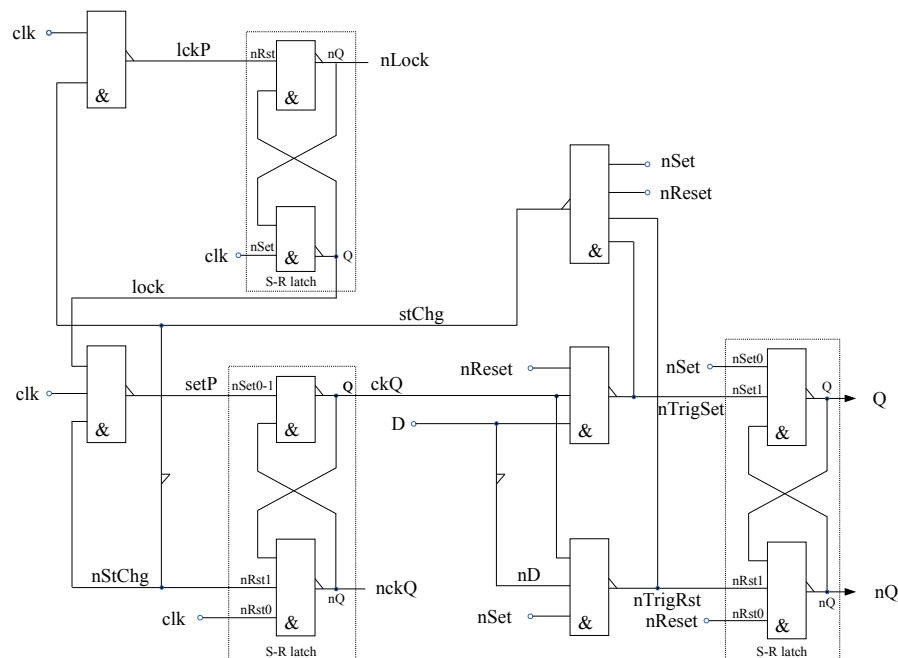
Mestrado em Engenharia de Computadores e Telemática

Arquitecturas de Alto Desempenho

Introduction to VHDL Simulation

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1. The flipFlopD.vhd file (available at the course elearning site) contains the VHDL description of an asynchronous digital circuit which represents a 1 bit storage device and is to be simulated using the Quartus Prime Lite Edition software package.
 - 1.1. Open the file with a text editor, read it carefully, draw a schematics that depicts its internal organization and explain what it does.

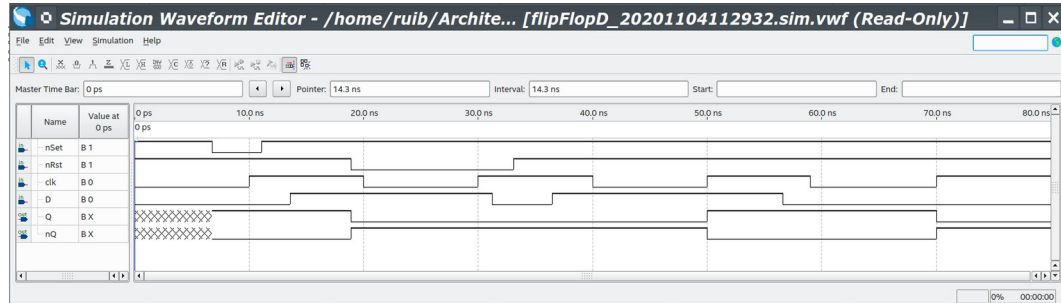


Transition state table

nSet	nReset	Ck	D	lckP	lock	setP	ckQ	stChg	trigSet	trigRst	Q	nQ	Comment
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	Q	nQ	hold state
1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	transition state
1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	Q	nQ	transition state
1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	Q	nQ	hold state
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1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	Q	nQ	hold state
0	1	0	X	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	hold state
0	1	1	X	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	hold state
1	0	0	X	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	hold state
1	0	1	X	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	hold state

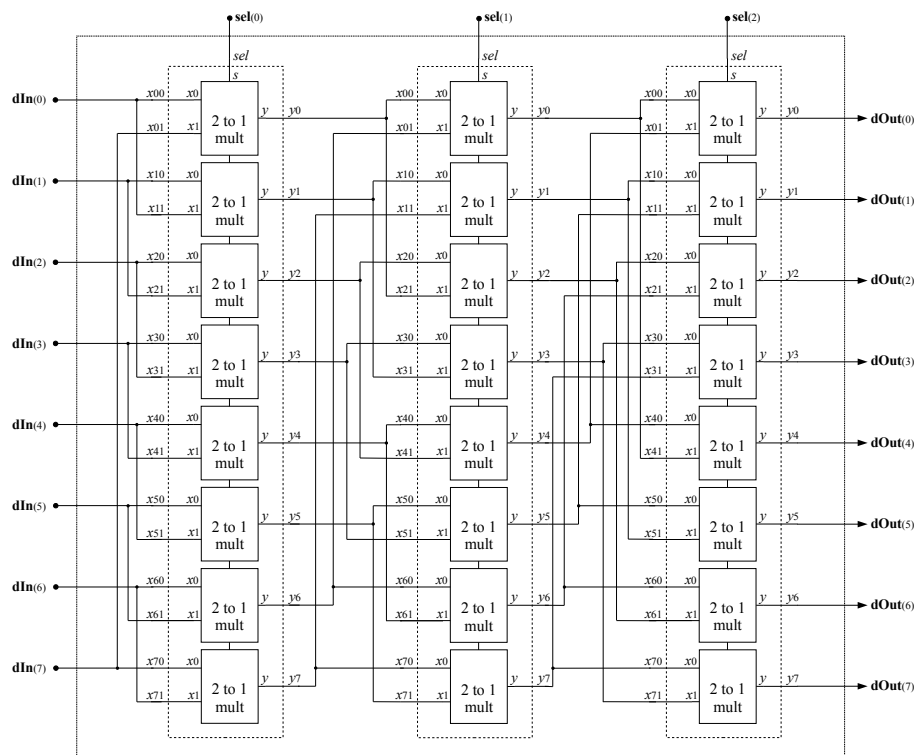
The digital circuit works as a positive edge-triggered D-type flip flop with asynchronous *set* and *reset* inputs. The design is a bit more complex that should have been to allow for zero value propagation time delays of the components.

1.2. Create a Quartus project and simulate its operation.



2. The `lRot_8bit.vhd` file (available at the course elearning site) contains the VHDL description of a combinational digital circuit which is to be simulated using the Quartus Prime Lite Edition software package.

2.1. Open the file with a text editor, read it carefully, draw a schematics that depicts its internal organization and explain what it does.

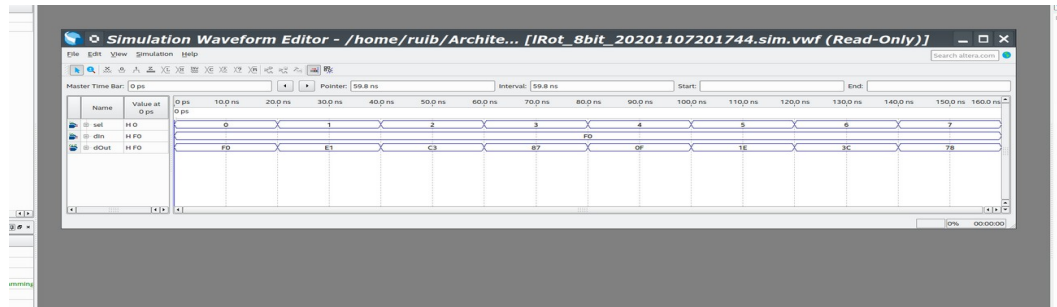


The digital circuit works as a 8-bit left barrel rotator as can be seen from the following set of equations

$$dOut(i) = dIn[[i + 4 \cdot sel(2) + 2 \cdot sel(1) + sel(0)] \bmod 8] ,$$

with $i = 0, 1, \dots, 7$.

2.2. Create a Quartus project and simulate its operation.



2.3. The circuit as it is described has a privileged direction of operation. Modify the design so that it can operate equally well in both directions. Start by specifying its interface, draw a schematics of its internal organization and only then write the VHDL code that describes it. Create a new Quartus project and simulate its operation.

Using the well-known fact that rotating k bits to the right on a 8-bit word is the same as rotating $(8-k) \bmod 8$, or k *8s complement*, bits to the left on the same word, it becomes straightforward to design a 8-bit bidirectional barrel rotator. Notice that since 8 is the 3th power of 2, k *8s complement* can be implemented as the 2 s *complement* of a 3-bit word.

