

Design & Verification of Synchronous FIFO using Verilog

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Introduction to FIFO

FIFO (First-In-First-Out) is a data buffering mechanism used in digital systems, ensuring the first data element in is the first out.

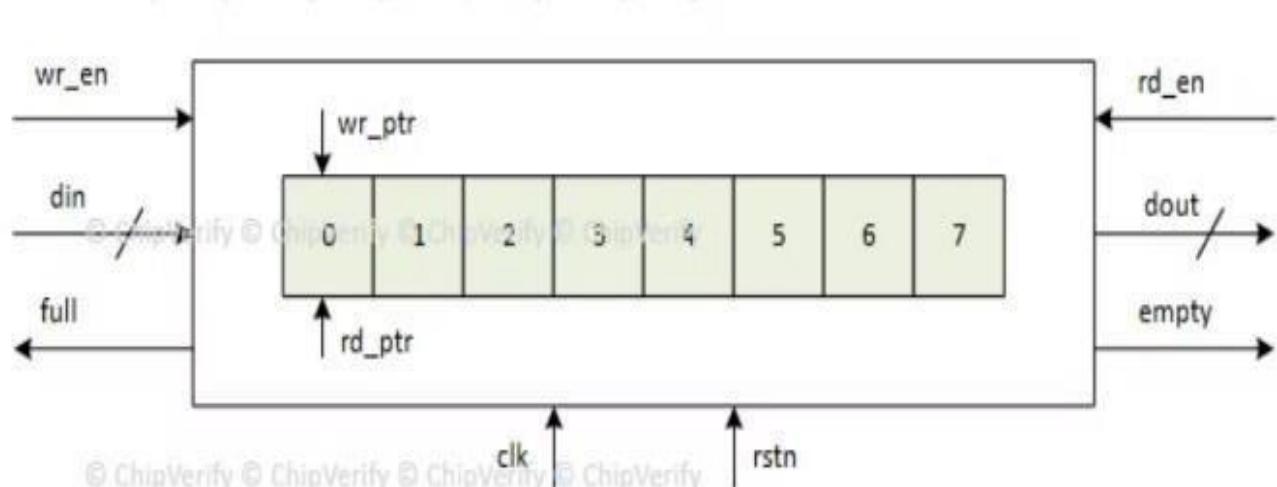
Types:- There are two types of FIFO

1.Synchronous FIFO

Uses a single clock for both write and read operations, simplifying control logic.

2.Asynchronous FIFO

Employs different clocks for write and read operations, accommodating data transfer between systems with different clock domains.



Block Diagram:-

Fig1. Synchronous FIFO (Image source: chipverify.com)

Main IO Ports-

Data Ports- Write port & Read port

Memory Array- Stores the data element

Pointers- Read pointer & Write Pointer

Status Flags- Full & Empty

Clock Synchronization- Ensures proper timing of read/write operations

Depth :-

FIFO depth refers to the number of storage locations available in a FIFO buffer.

It determines how much data the FIFO can temporarily hold before it is read.

Design Details:-

Defines the inputs, outputs, and parameters of the FIFO module, ensuring a clear interface for interaction with other components.

Parameterize FIFO depth and data width for flexibility.

Implements the logic for full/empty flag control and pointer updates, ensuring correct FIFO behavior.

Synchronize read and write operations for data integrity.

Implement robust overflow and underflow handling.

Verilog Code :-

```
'timescale 1ns/1ps module sync_fifo #(parameter  
Depth=8, Width=16)
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(  
    input clk, reset, w_enb, r_enb,  input [Width-  
1:0] din, output reg [Width-1:0] dout, output  
empty, full  
);
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reg [${clog2(Depth)-1:0} wptr;
reg [${clog2(Depth)-1:0} rptr;
reg [Width-1:0] fifo[0:Depth-1];
reg [$clog2(Depth):0] count;

always @ (posedge clk or posedge reset) begin
if (reset) begin    dout <= 0;    wptr <= 0;
rptr <= 0;    count <= 0;  end else begin
//      Write
operation
if (w_enb &&
!full)  begin
fifo[wptr] <=
din;    wptr
<= (wptr + 1)
% Depth;
end
// Read
operation
if (r_enb && !empty) begin
dout <= fifo[rptr];    rptr <=
(rptr + 1) % Depth;
end
end

// Count logic
always @ (posedge clk or posedge reset) begin
if (reset) begin    count <= 0;  end else begin
case ({w_enb && !full, r_enb && !empty})
2'b10: count <= count + 1;          // Write only
2'b01: count <= count - 1;          // Read only
2'b11: count <= count;              // Simultaneous read and write
default: count <= count;           // No change
endcase
end
end

assign full = (count == Depth); // Full when count reaches 8
assign empty = (count == 0);   // Empty when count is 0
endmodule

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Test Cases and Results:-

Reset Test

Underflow Test

Alternate Read/Write

Simultaneous Read/Write

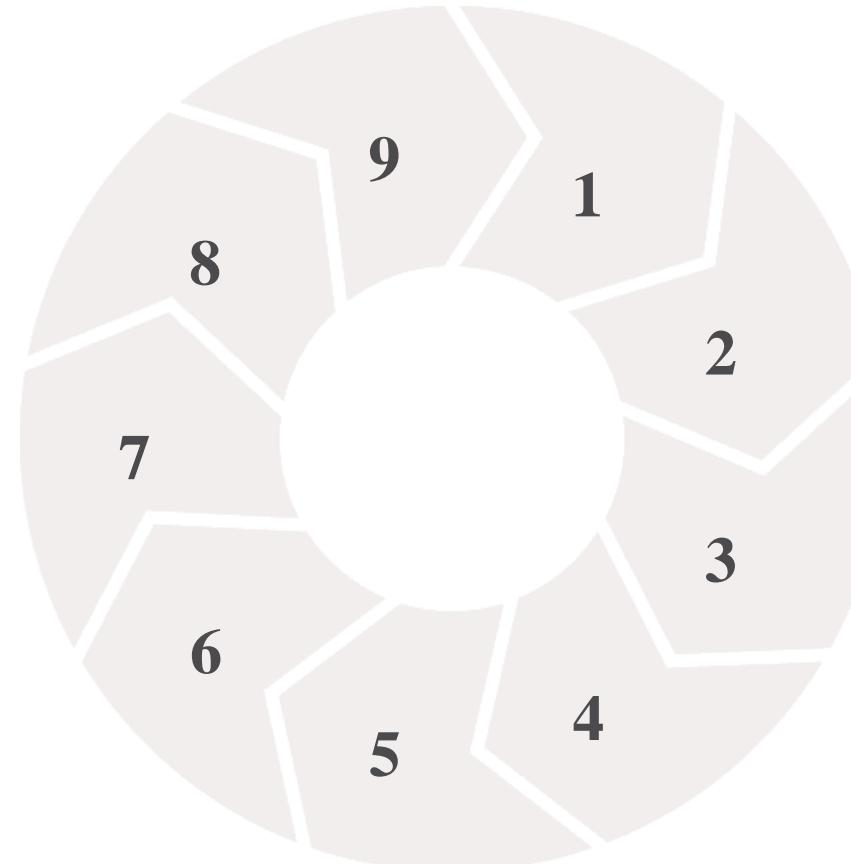
Overflow Test

Write Test

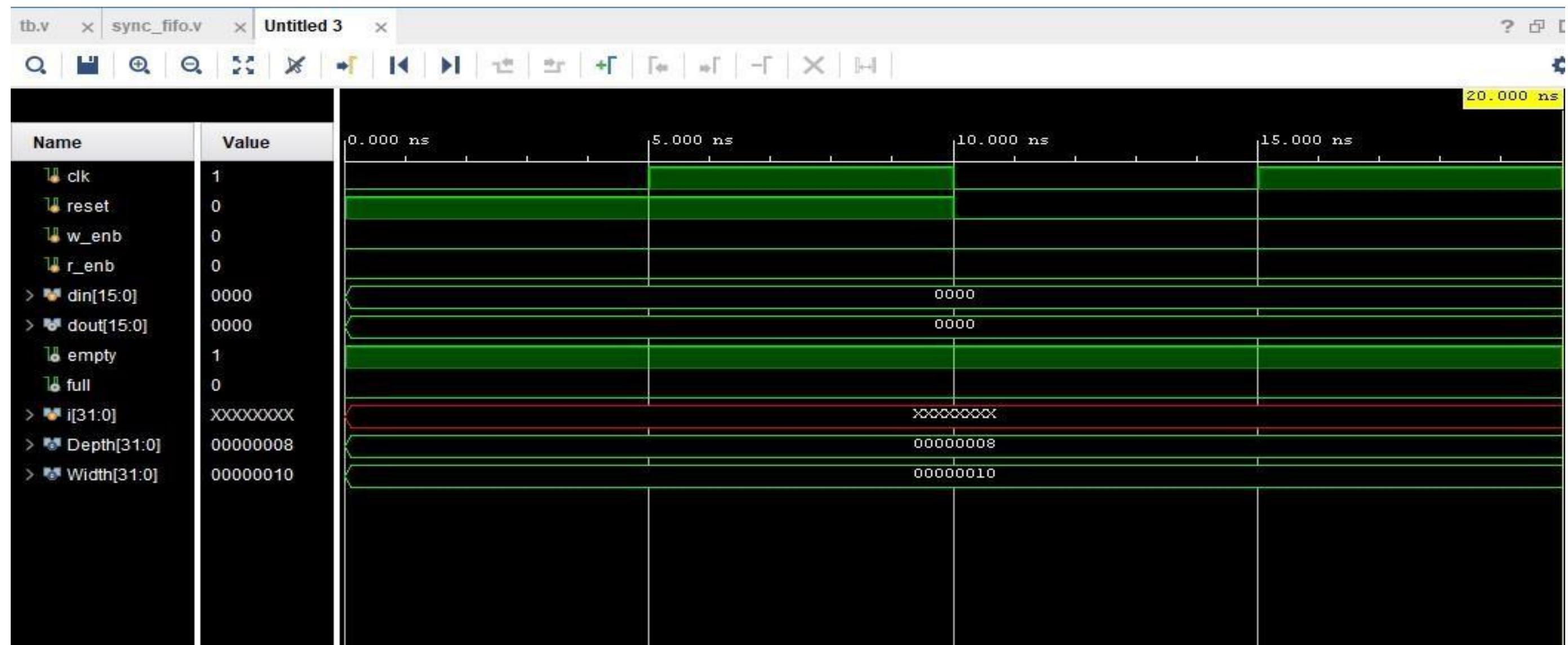
Read Test

Full Test

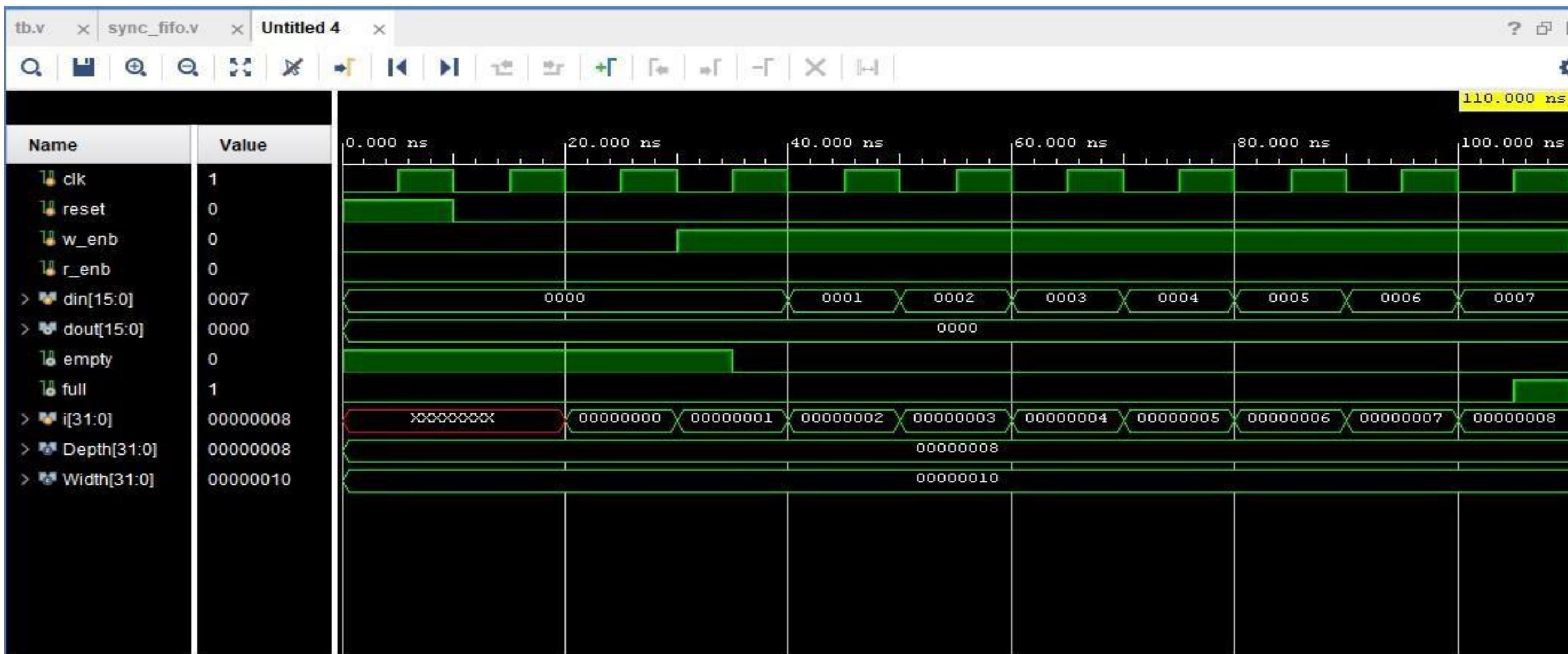
Empty Test



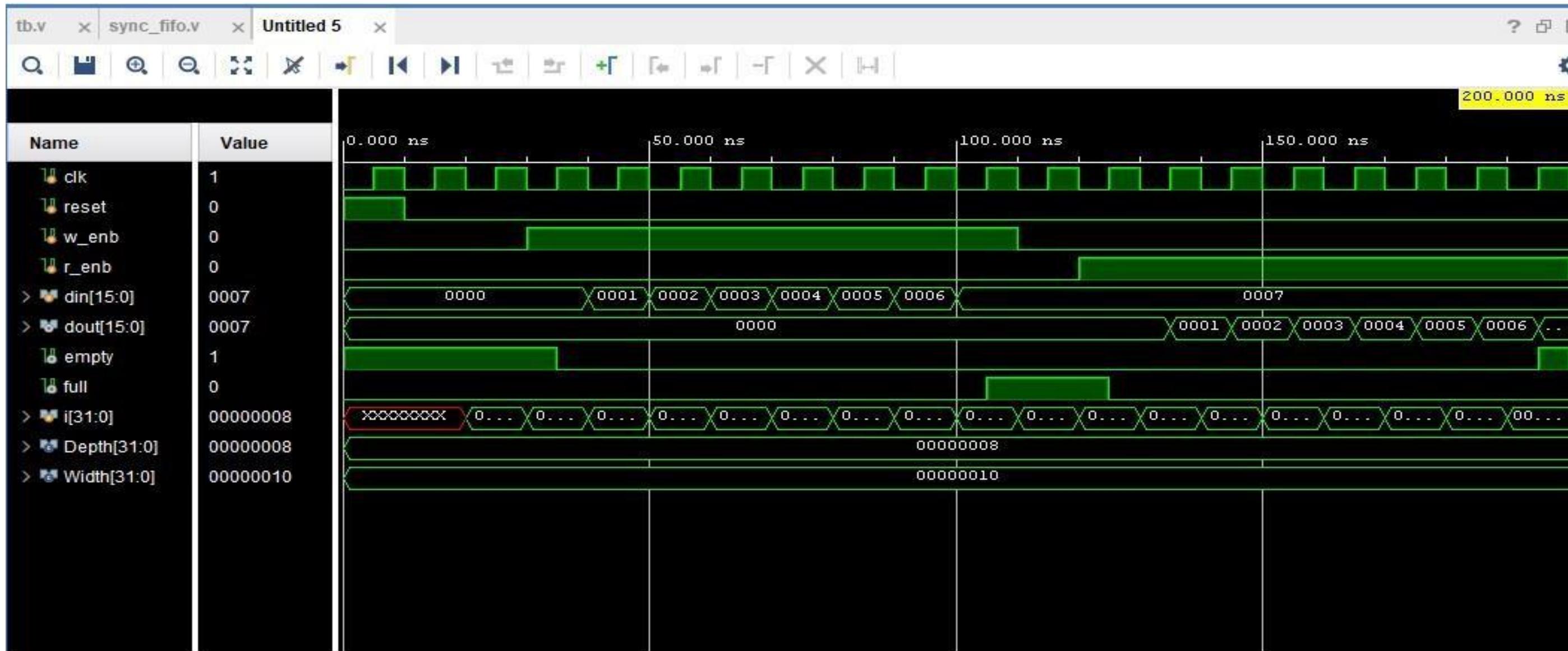
Reset Test:-



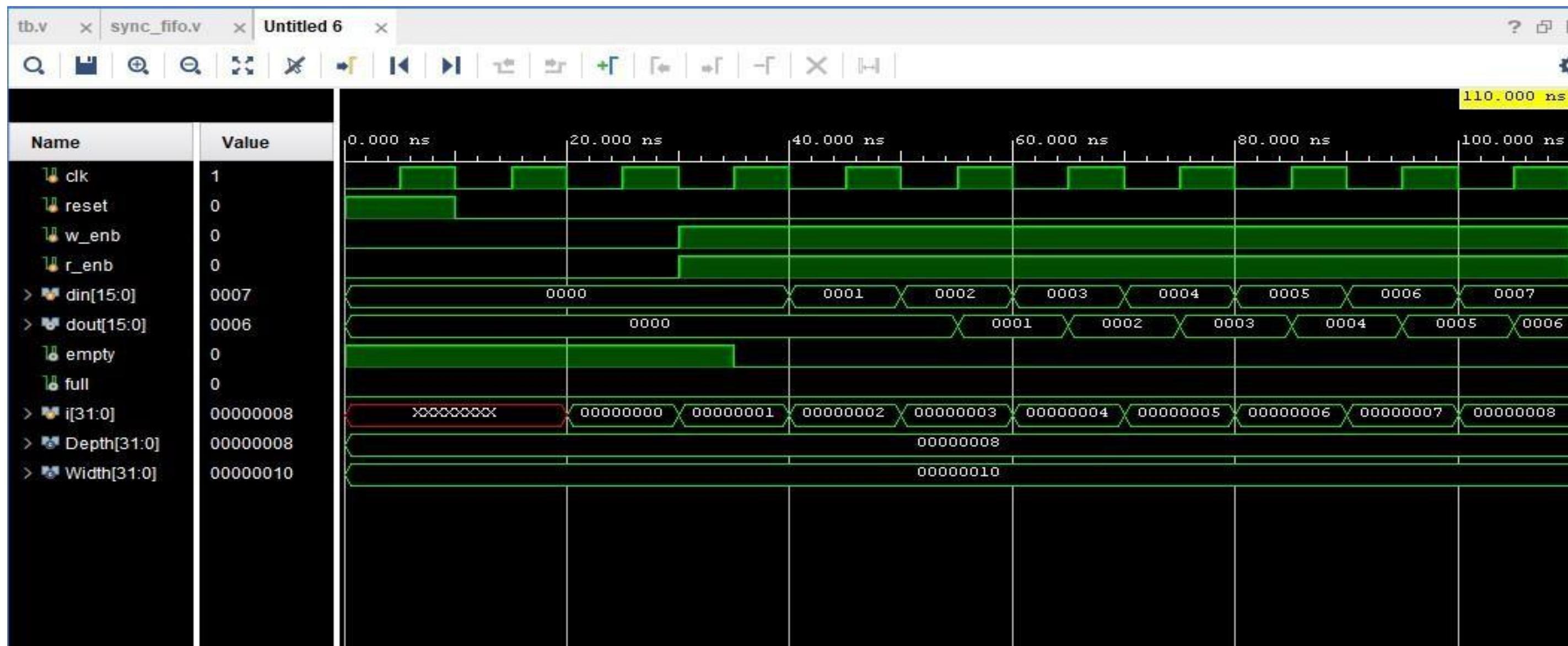
Write & Full Condition Test:-



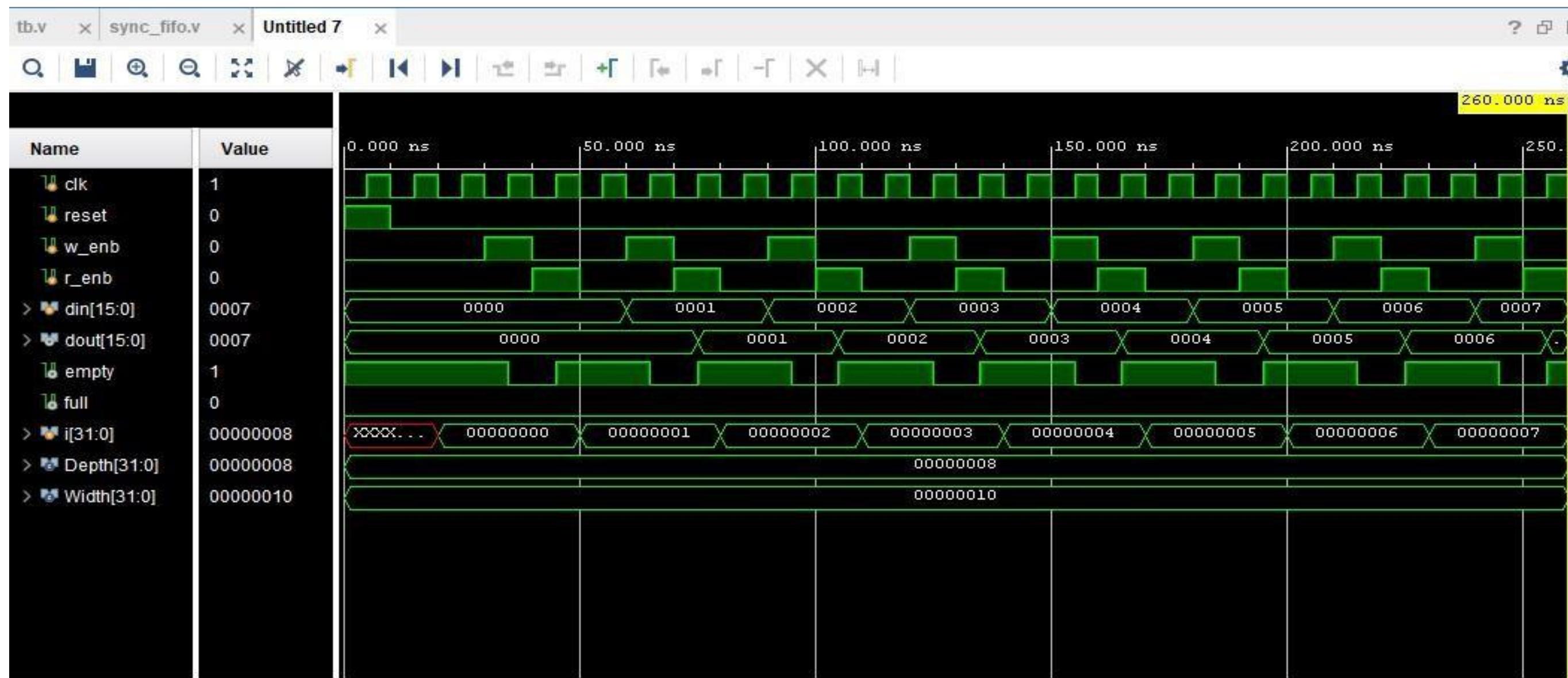
Read & Empty Condition Test:-



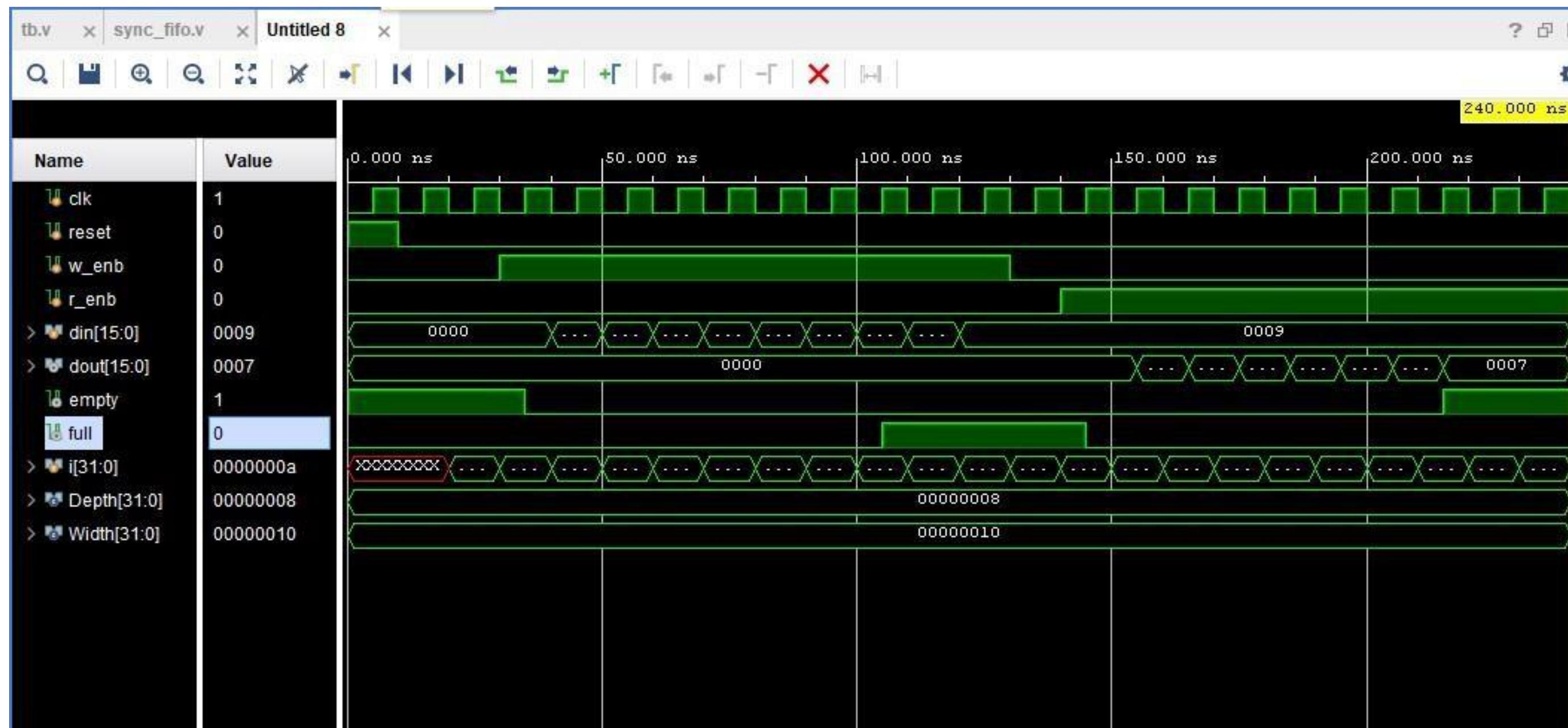
Simultaneous Read/Write :-



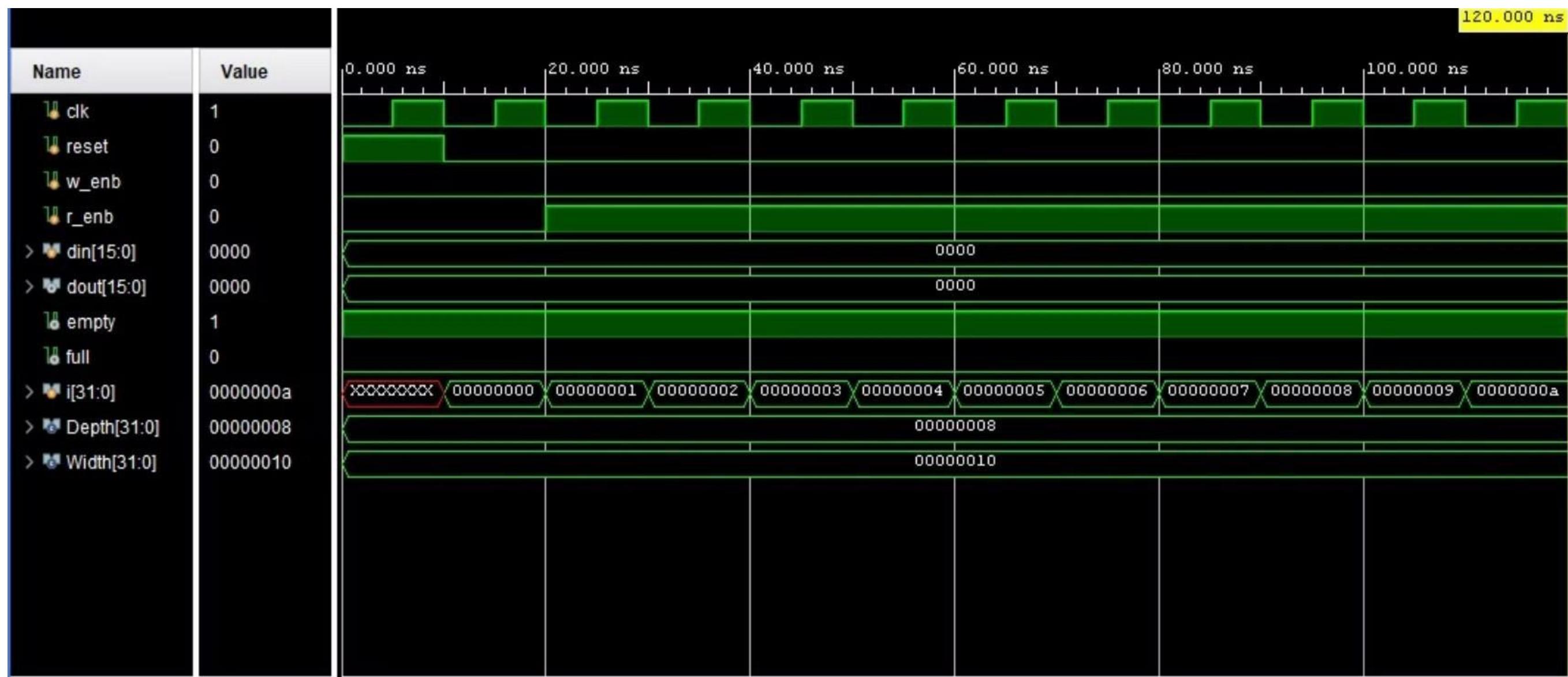
Alternating Read/Write :-



Overflow Test :-



Underflow Test :-



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```
# set curr_wave [current_wave_config]
# if { [string length $curr_wave] == 0 } {
#   if { [llength [get_objects]] > 0 } {
#     add_wave /
#     set_property needs_save false [current_wave_config]
#   } else {
#     send_msg_id Add_Wave-1 WARNING "No top level signals found. Simulator will start without a wave window. If you want to open a wave window go to"
#   }
# }
# run 1000ns
Starting FIFO Testbench...
Reset Test: PASSED
Write Operation Test: PASSED
Read Operation Test: PASSED
Full Condition Test: PASSED
Empty Condition Test: PASSED
Simultaneous Read/Write Test: PASSED
Alternating Read/Write Test: PASSED
Overflow Test: PASSED
Underflow Test: PASSED
FIFO Testbench Completed.
$finish called at time : 850 ns : File "D:/Viavdo Programs/synchronous fifo/synchronous fifo.srccs/sim_1/new/tb.v" Line 124
xsim: Time (s): cpu = 00:00:08 ; elapsed = 00:00:08 . Memory (MB): peak = 1737.957 ; gain = 0.000
INFO: [USF-XSim-96] XSim completed. Design snapshot 'sync_fifo_tb_behav' loaded.
INFO: [USF-XSim-97] XSim simulation ran for 1000ns
launch_simulation: Time (s): cpu = 00:00:10 ; elapsed = 00:00:25 . Memory (MB): peak = 1737.957 ; gain = 0.000
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Conclusion :-

A well-structured synchronous FIFO can significantly enhance data throughput and buffering efficiency in digital systems, making it a fundamental component in memory interfaces, pipelines, and communication protocols.

Thank You