

DAY 82 - 100 DAYS VERIFICATION CHALLENGE

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1. Which are the three main types of classes in UVM?
2. Explain following classes in uvm:
 - i. uvm_transaction
 - ii. uvm_sequence
 - iii. uvm_sequence_item
 - iv. uvm_component
 - v. uvm_object
3. What is UVM Factory? What is the need of UVM Factory?
4. Why do we need to register a class with uvm_factory?
5. What is the advantage of `uvm_component_utils() and `uvm_object_utils() ?
6. What is the difference between uvm_transaction and uvm_seq_item?
7. What is the difference between new() and create?
8. Explain the following coding conventions for UVM Factory:
 - i. Registration
 - ii. Constructor Defaults
 - iii. Component and Object Creation

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solⁿ ① which are the three main types of classes in UVM?

- UVM provides three base classes to implement message reporting

① Uvm-report-object ② Uvm-report-handler ③ Uvm-report-server

① Uvm-report-object :-

∴ All the reporting methods are implemented in this class.

- interface to UVM reporting facility, through which component issues various message during simulation.

② Uvm-report-handler :-

∴ Store the reporting configuration, determines whether issued message should be printed or not.

- decision making component, it has reference value, which checks with message values, decides message print or not.

③ Uvm-report-server :-

does actually formatting and printing of messages.

Report ID : ID string, Severity, verbosity, textual message.

solⁿ ② Explain following classes in UVM :

- Uvm-transaction :

represent data item that are processed by the verification environment. it contains the packet of information in form of variables to hold value to send to the DUT or receive from the DUT. It also has several method to copy, compare & print transactions.

⑥ Uvm Sequence :

A Uvm Sequence is a group of abstract transactions that sequencer grab and puts them on driver which converts these abstract transaction to pin wiggle to drive stimulus to the DUT.

- The Task body () inside the user defined sequence is automatically called when sequence item start () called from UvmTest.

⑥ Uvm Sequence item: Sequence item consist of data field required for generating the stimulus. In order to generate the stimulus, it is derived from UvmObject.

→ The Sequence item are randomized in Sequences.

⑥ Uvm Component: All those components which stay in a verification environment for a entire simulation duration are called dynamic components.

eg: driver, Sequences, monitor, Scoreboard

- Standard Constructor:

```
function new (input string inst = "comp",
              UvmComponent parent);
    super.new (inst, parent);
```

endfunction

⑥ Uvm Object: All those component which do not stay in a verification environment for an entire simulation duration are called dynamic components.

eg: transaction class

Standard Constructor

```
function new (string name = "");
```

```
    super.new (name);
```

endfunction

Solⁿ ③ what is uvm factory? what is the need of Uvm Factory?

- uvm factory is a class that will create the components and object based on the type_id & type_name. But type_id is preferred one.
- factory is a global database of all TB Component and object definitions.
- uvm factory allows to override the class without editing or recompiling the code.
- uvm.component_utils or uvm.object_utils add the class definition to the factory. This definition can be accessed using type_id. factory registration automatically create type_id.

• need of uvm factory:

- in System Verilog we create the object if transaction class is required classes.
- if we want to add methods in transaction class we have to extend the existing transaction class with the new transaction class as we override the tx class present in generator with new transaction class from test. So to avoid that factory is used.
- If we use Constructor now for override the parent, its difficult but by using the factory its easy to extend the class using Type_id.

Solⁿ ④ Why do we need to register a class with Uvm Factory?

- Since all the definition are registered to the factory they can be created by referring to the factory definition.
- factory registered definition can be overridden from anywhere in Testbench.

'uvm_component_utils (agent)

↑ agent class is registered to the factory

Q5) What is the advantage of 'uvm_component_utils()' & 'uvm_component/object_utils()'?

- Component and objects registers to the factory using the 'uvm_component_utils()' macro, the class is automatically registered with the uvm factory and can be dynamically created and configured at run-time.
- 'uvm_object_utils()' is used to register a class as a uvm object, which is generic container for data used in a uvm testbench.

Q6) What is the difference between uvm_transaction & uvm_seq_item?

uvm_transaction

- uvm_transaction base classes used to define transactions.
- Inheritance:
 - uvm_transaction inherits from uvm_object.
- This means uvm_transaction can be used independently of any sequence.

Time of Creation:

- uvm_transaction is typically created and managed by a driver & monitor.

Reuse:

- uvm_transaction is designed to be reusable across multiple sequences.

Data Field:

- uvm_transaction includes several built-in data field for modeling common transaction property such as address, data & response.

uvm_seq_item

- uvm_seq_item are base classes used to define sequence items.
- while uvm_seq_item inherits from uvm_sequence_item.
- while uvm_sequence_item is typically used within a sequence.

- while uvm_seq_item is created & managed by a sequence.

- while uvm_seq_item is typically specific to a single sequence.

- in uvm_seq_item does not include any built-in data fields & must be customized for each specific sequence item.

Solⁿ ⑦ What is the difference between new() and create?

new()	create()
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• new() is methods used to create objects dynamically at runtime.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• create() is also methods create objects dynamically at runtime.
① Return type: → new() method returns an object reference, while	create() method returns a handle to the object
② memory allocation: → new() method allocates memory for the object on the heap runtime. → new() does not initialize the object	while create() method does not allocate memory, instead create() method requires an object to be passed as an argument & it initializes the object
eg: // new() method class_name Object = new(); Object.some_method()	eg: // using create() method Object = class_name::type_id::create();

Solⁿ ⑧ Explain the following coding convention for Uum factory:

① Registration: In Uum registering a class with the Uum factory is important coz it enables the factory to create & manage instance of the registered class

• To register a class with the Uum factory, you need to use:

OR
'Uum_Component_utils()'
'Uum_component_utils(sequo)

② Constructor default: when you register a class with the factory you might want to set default values for certain parameters. These defaults are applied when an object is created. Function new() is the default constructor.

③ Component and object creation: The create() method of the wrapper class is used to create objects for the Uum-object & Uum Component class.

• The build phase is used to create Component instances & build Component hierarchy.