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Synthesis

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Vivado Synthesis

Introduction

Synthesis is the process of transforming an RTL-specified design into a gate-level representation. Vivado™ Integrated Design Environment (IDE) synthesis is timing-driven and optimized for memory usage and performance. Support for SystemVerilog as well as mixed VHDL and Verilog languages is included. The tool supports Xilinx® Design Constraints (XDC), which is based on the industry-standard Synopsys Design Constraints (SDC).



IMPORTANT: *UCF constraints are not supported with Vivado synthesis. Migrate UCF constraints to XDC constraints. For more information, see the "UCF to XDC Constraints Conversion" in the Vivado Design Suite Migration Methodology Guide (UG911) [\[Ref 3\]](#).*

There are two ways to setup and run synthesis:

- Use *Project Mode*.
- Use *Non-Project Mode*, applying the `synth_design` Tool Command Language (Tcl) command and controlling your own design files.

See the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Design Flows Overview (UG892)* [\[Ref 7\]](#) for more information about operation modes. This chapter covers both modes in separate subsections.

Synthesis Methodology

The Vivado IDE includes a synthesis and implementation environment that facilitates a push-button flow with synthesis and implementation runs. The tool manages the run data automatically, allowing repeated run attempts with varying Register Transfer Level (RTL) source versions, target devices, synthesis or implementation options, and physical or timing constraints. Within the Vivado IDE, you can do the following:

- Create and save *strategies*. Strategies are configurations of command options, that you can apply to design runs for synthesis or implementation. See [Creating Run Strategies, page 11](#).
- Queue the synthesis and implementation runs to launch sequentially or simultaneously with multi-processor machines. See [Running Synthesis, page 16](#).
- Monitor synthesis or implementation progress, view log reports, and cancel runs. See [Monitoring the Synthesis Run, page 23](#).

Using Synthesis

This section describes using the Vivado IDE to set up and run Vivado synthesis. Corresponding Tcl Console commands are listed below each Vivado IDE procedure.

See the following guides for more information regarding Tcl commands, and using Tcl:

- *Vivado Design Suite Tcl Command Reference Guide (UG835)* [\[Ref 3\]](#)
- *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Using the TCL Scripting Capabilities (UG894)* [\[Ref 4\]](#)

Using Synthesis Settings

To set the synthesis options for the design, from the **Synthesis** section of the Flow Navigator:

1. Click the **Synthesis Settings** button, as shown in [Figure 1](#).

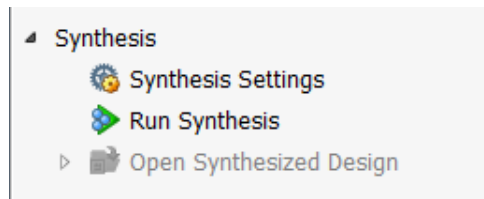


Figure 1: Flow Navigator: Synthesis

The Project Settings dialog box opens, as shown in Figure 2.

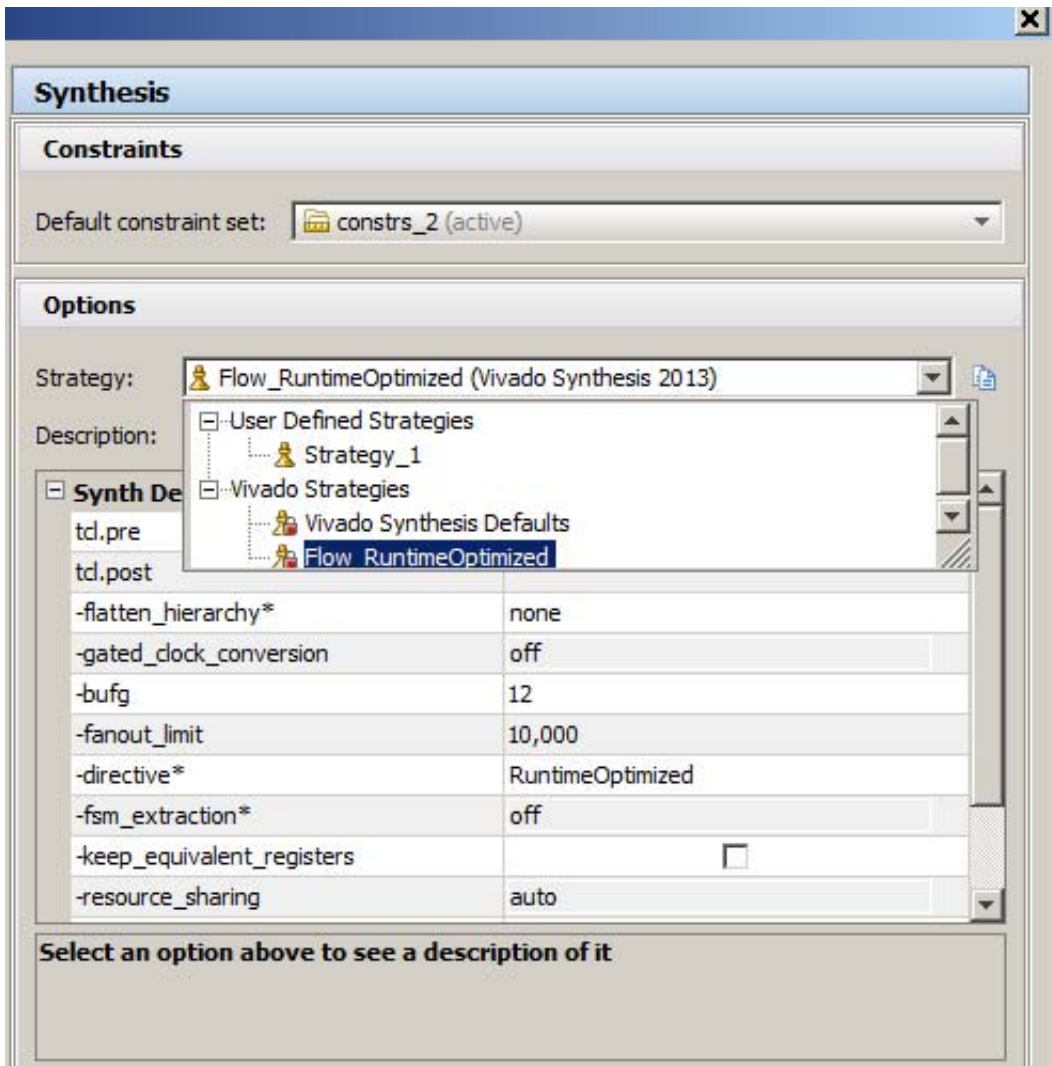


Figure 2: Project Settings Dialog Box

2. From the Project Setting dialog box, select:
 - a. From Synthesis **Constraints**: Select the **Default Constraint Set** as the active *constraint set*. A constraint set is a set of files containing design constraints captured in Xilinx Design Constraints (XDC) files that can be applied to your design. The two types of design constraints are:
 - Physical constraints define pin placement, and absolute, or relative, placement of cells such as block RAMs, LUTs, Flip-Flops, and device configuration settings.
 - Timing constraints define the frequency requirements for the design. Without timing constraints, the Vivado Design Suite optimizes the design solely for wire length and placement congestion.

New runs use the selected constraint set, and it is also the constraint set that is targeted for design changes.

The Tcl command equivalent is: `-constrset <arg>`

- b. From the **Options** area: Select a **Strategy** from the drop-down menu where you can view and select a predefined synthesis strategy to use for the synthesis run.

You can also define your own strategy. When you select a synthesis strategy, available Vivado strategy displays in the dialog box. You can override synthesis strategy settings by changing the option values. See [Figure 3, page 12](#).

[Table 1](#) lists the Run Strategy options, their default settings, and other options. A full description of the option is provided after the table.

Table 1: Vivado Run Strategies and Default Options

Run Strategy Option	VivadoSynthesisDefaults Default Setting	Flow_RuntimeOptimized Default Setting	Other Options
-flatten_hierarchy	rebuilt	none	full
-gated_clock_conversion	off	off	on
-bufg	12	12	User-selectable
-fanout_limit	10,000	10,000	User-selectable
-directive	default	RunTimeOptimized	N/A
-fsm_extraction	auto	off	one_hot, sequential, johnson, gray,
-keep_equivalent_registers	unchecked	unchecked	checked
-resource_sharing	checked (on)	auto	off
-control_set_opt_threshold:	1	1	User-selectable
-no_lc	unchecked	unchecked	checked

- c. Select from the displayed **Options**, which are:

The **tcl.pre** and **tcl.post** options are hooks for Tcl files that run immediately before and after synthesis.

Note: Paths in the `tcl.pre` and `tcl.post` scripts are relative to the associated run directory of the current project: `<project>/<project.runs>/<run_name>`.

See the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Using the TCL Scripting Capabilities (UG894)* [\[Ref 4\]](#) for more information about Tcl scripting.

You can use the `DIRECTORY` property of the current project or current run to define the relative paths in your scripts:

```
get_property DIRECTORY [current_project]
get_property DIRECTORY [current_run]
```

-flatten_hierarchy: Determines how Vivado synthesis controls hierarchy.

`none`: Instructs the synthesis tool to never flatten the hierarchy. The output of synthesis has the exact same hierarchy as the original RTL.

`full`: Instructs the tool to fully flatten the hierarchy leaving only the top level.

`rebuilt`: When set, rebuilt allows the synthesis tool to flatten the hierarchy, perform synthesis, and then rebuild the hierarchy based on the original RTL. This value allows the QoR benefit of cross-boundary optimizations, with a final hierarchy that is similar to the RTL for ease of analysis.

-gated_clock_conversion: Turns on and off the synthesis tools ability to convert the clocked logic with enables. The use of gated clock conversion also requires the use of an RTL attribute to work. See [Appendix A, Synthesis Attributes](#), for more information.

-bufg: Controls how many BUFGs the tool infers in the design. This option is used when other BUFGs in the netlists used by the design are not visible to the synthesis process.

The tool infers up to the amount specified, and tracks how many BUFGs are instantiated in the RTL. For example, if the `-bufg` option is set to 12 and there are three BUFGs instantiated in the RTL, the tool infers up to nine more BUFGs.

-fanout_limit: Specifies the number of loads a signal must drive before it starts replicating logic. This global limit is a general guide, and when the tool determines it is necessary, it can ignore the option. If a hard limit is required, see the `MAX_FANOUT` option described in the [Appendix A, Synthesis Attributes](#).

Note: The `-fanout_limit` switch does not impact control signals (such as `set`, `reset`, `clock` `enable`): use `MAX_FANOUT` to replicate these signals if needed.

-directive: Replaces the `effort_level` option. When specified, this option runs Vivado synthesis with different optimizations. Values are `Default` and `RuntimeOptimized`, which runs synthesis quickly and with less optimization.

-fsm_extraction: Controls how synthesis extracts and maps finite state machines. When this option is set to `off`, and the state machine is synthesized as logic. Or you can choose from the following options to encode the state machine in a specific encoding type: `off`, `one_hot`, `sequential`, `johnson`, `gray`, or `auto`. [FSM Components in Appendix C](#) describes these options in more detail.

-keep_equivalent_registers: Prevents registers with the same input logic from being merged.

-resource_sharing: Sets the sharing of arithmetic operators between different signals. The values are `auto`, `on` and `off`.

The value `auto` means that resource sharing is performed depending on the timing of the design, `on` means that it is always on, and `off` means that it is always off.

-control_set_opt_threshold: Sets the threshold for clock enable optimization to the lower number of control sets. The default is 1.

The given value is the number of fanouts that are needed to the tool to move the control sets into the `D` logic of a register. If the fanout is higher than the value, the tool attempts to have that signal drive the `control_set_pin` on that register.

-no_lc: When checked, this option turns off LUT combining.




TIP: Register merging can be prevented using the `KEEP` attribute, which prevents optimizations where signals are either optimized or absorbed into logic blocks. This attribute instructs the synthesis tool to keep the signal it was placed on, and that signal is placed in the netlist. See [KEEP, page 41](#) for more information.

Creating Run Strategies

A strategy is a set of switches to the tools, which are defined in a pre-configured set of options for the synthesis application or the various utilities and programs that run during implementation. Strategies are tool- and version-specific. Each major release has version-specific options.

1. To see the current strategies for the flow, select **Tools > Options** and click the **Strategies** button to open the strategies window,
2. In the **Flow** drop-down, select **Vivado Synthesis**. The options on the right are the same as those shown in the Synthesis Project Settings dialog box.

To create a custom strategy, do one of the following:

- Right-click the **User Defined Strategies > Create New Strategy**.
- Click the **Create New Strategy** button  under the flow options to open the New Strategy dialog box, as shown in [Figure 3](#).

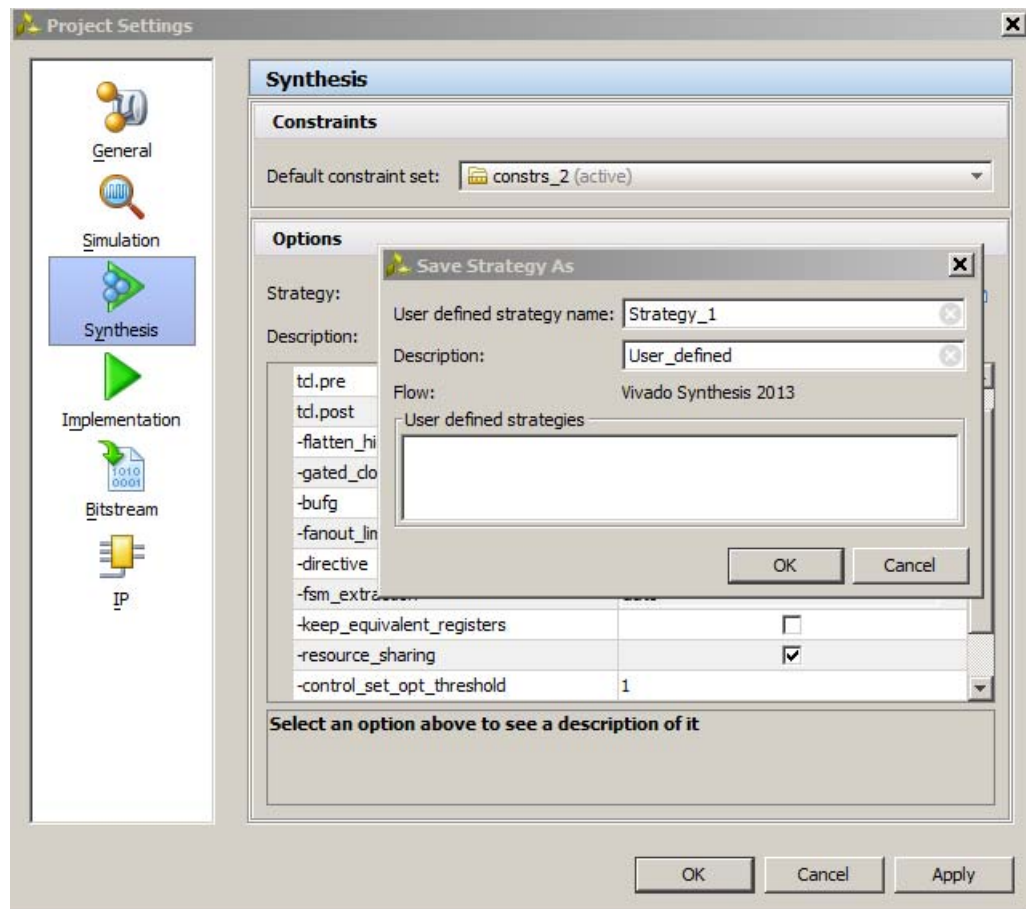


Figure 3: New Strategy Dialog Box

From the New Strategy dialog box, name your strategy, set the strategy type, and specify the tool version. There is an input option for a meaningful description. After you set the options, click **OK**.

Setting Synthesis Inputs

Vivado synthesis allows two input types: RTL source code and timing constraints.

To add RTL or constraint files to the run, in the Flow Navigator, select the **Add Sources** command to open the Add Sources wizard, shown in [Figure 4](#).

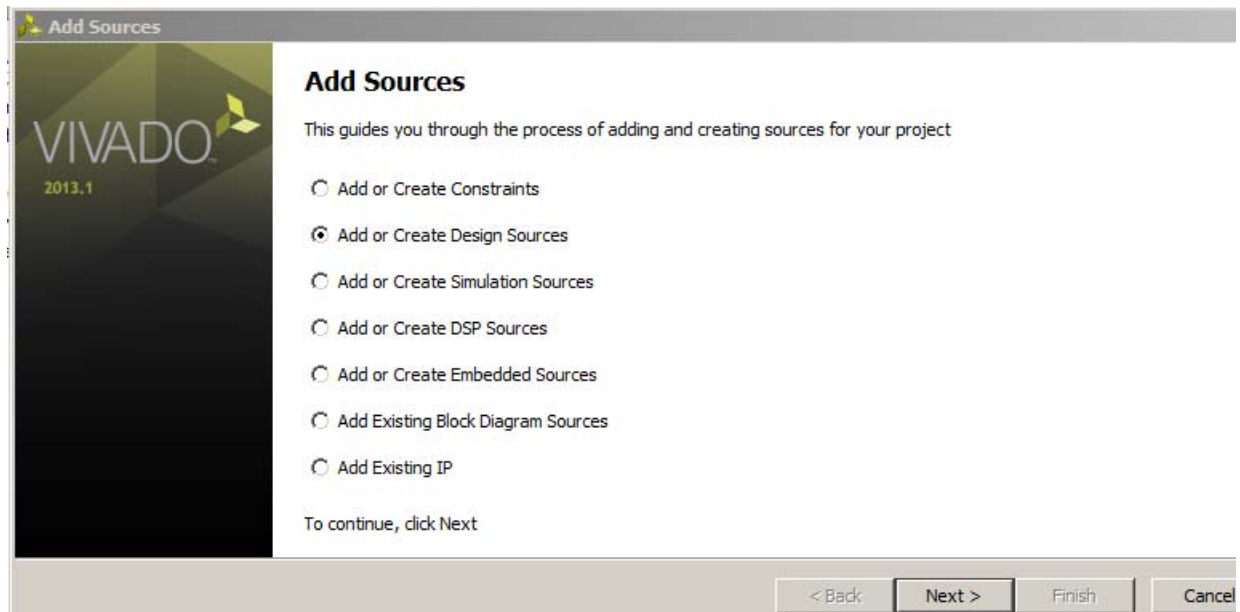


Figure 4: Add Sources Wizard

Add constraint, RTL, or other project files. See the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Using Vivado IDE (UG893)* [\[Ref 4\]](#) for more information about the Add Source wizard.

The Vivado synthesis tool reads the subset of files that can be synthesized in VHDL, Verilog, or SystemVerilog, which is supported in the Xilinx tools. [Appendix B, SystemVerilog Support](#), provides details on which SystemVerilog constructs are supported.

Vivado synthesis also supports several RTL attributes that control synthesis behavior. These attributes are described in [Appendix A, Synthesis Attributes](#).

Vivado synthesis uses the XDC file for timing constraints.



IMPORTANT: *Vivado Design Suite does not support the UCF format. See the Vivado Design Suite Migration Methodology Guide (UG911) [\[Ref 6\]](#) for the UCF to XDC conversion procedure.*

Controlling File Compilation Order

A specific compile order is necessary when one file has a declaration and another file depends upon that declaration. The Vivado IDE controls RTL source files compilation from the top of the graphical hierarchy shown in the Sources window Compile Order window to the bottom.

The Vivado IDE automatically identifies and sets the best top-module candidate. The compile order is also automatically managed. The top-module file and all sources that are under the active hierarchy are passed to synthesis and simulation in the correct order.

In the Sources window, a popup menu provides the **Hierarchy Update** command. The options provided specify to the Vivado IDE how to handle changes to the top module and to the source files in the design.

The default setting, **Automatic Update and Compile Order**, specifies that the tool does the following:

- Manages the compilation order as shown in the Compilation Order window
- Shows which modules are used and where they are in the hierarchy tree in the Hierarchy window

The compilation order automatically updates as you change source files.

To modify the compile order before synthesis:

1. Set **Hierarchy Update > Automatic Update, Manual Compile Order** so that the Vivado IDE automatically determines the best top module for the design and allows manual specification of the compilation order.
2. From the Sources window popup menu, drag and drop files in the **Compile Order** window to arrange the compilation order, or use the menu **Move Up** or **Move Down** commands.

See the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Using Vivado IDE (UG893)* [Ref 2] for information about the Sources window.

Defining Global Include Files

The Vivado IDE supports designating one or more Verilog or Verilog Header source files as global include files. Files that are marked as global include are processed before any other sources.

Verilog typically requires that you place an ``include` statement at the top of any Verilog source file that references content from another Verilog or header file. Designs that use common header files might require multiple ``include` statements to be repeated across multiple Verilog sources used in the design.

To designate a Verilog or Verilog header file as a global include file:

1. In the Sources window, select the file and open the popup menu.
2. Select the **Set Global Include** command, or use the **Global Include** checkbox in the Source Node Properties window, as shown in Figure 5.

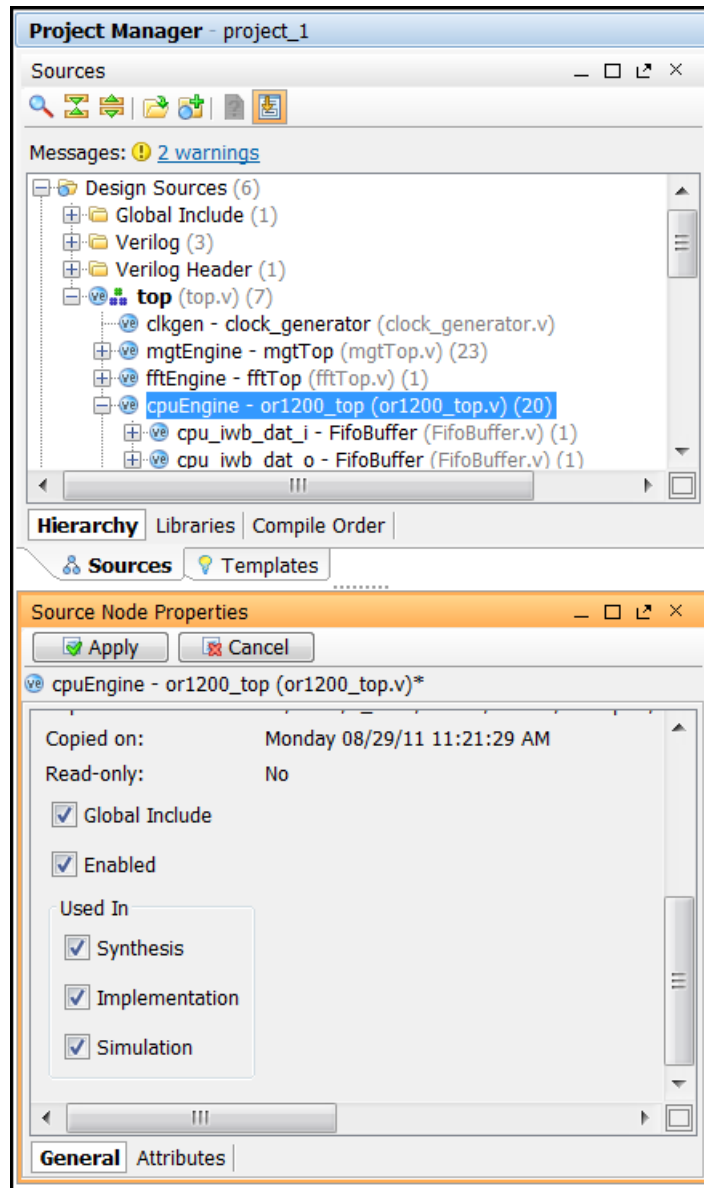


Figure 5: Source Node Properties Window



TIP: Reference header files in Verilog that should be specifically applied to a single Verilog source (for example; a particular ``define` macro), with an ``include` statement instead of marking it as a global include file.

See the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Using Vivado IDE (UG893)* [Ref 2], for information about the Sources window.

Running Synthesis

A *run* defines and configures aspects of the design that are used during synthesis. A synthesis run defines the:

- Xilinx device to target during synthesis
- Constraint set to apply
- Options to launch single or multiple synthesis runs
- Options to control the results of the synthesis engine

To define a run of the RTL source files and the constraints:

1. From the main menu, select **Flow > Create Runs** .

The Create New Runs wizard opens.

2. Select **Synthesis**, **Implementation**, or **Both**, and Click **Next**.

The Create New Runs dialog box opens, as shown in [Figure 6](#).

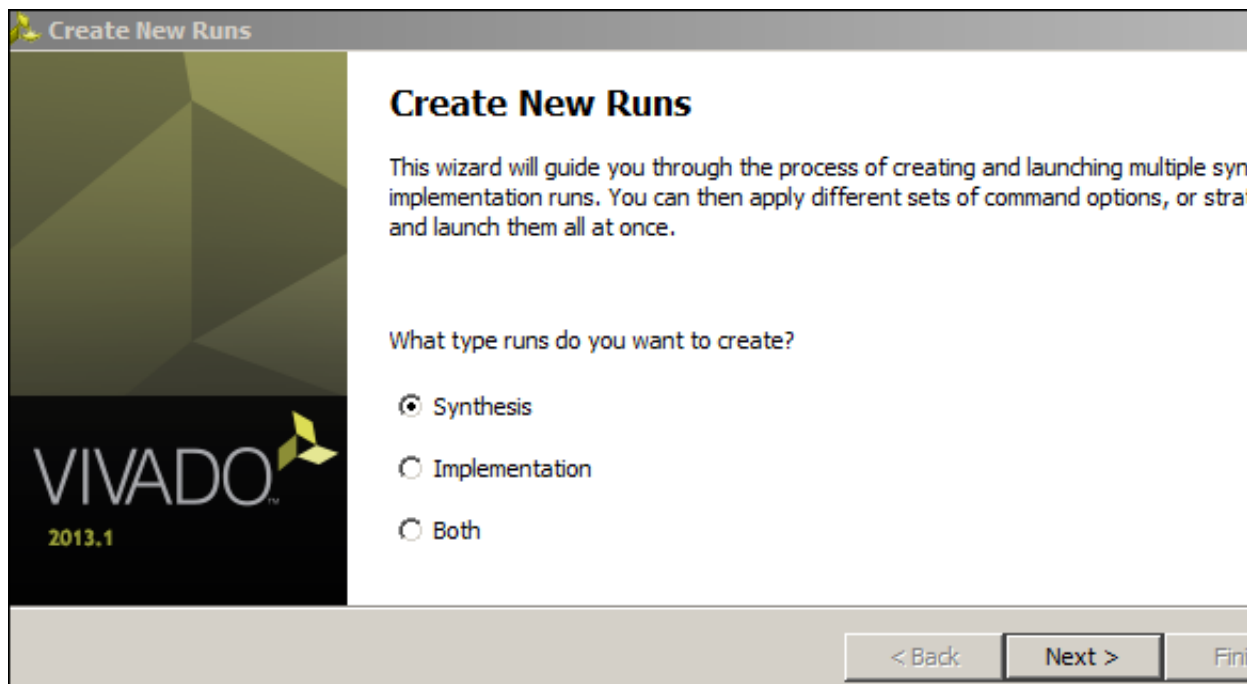


Figure 6: Create New Runs Dialog Box

3. Select one of the options: **Synthesis**, **Implementation**, or **Both**, and click **Next**.

The Launch Options dialog box opens, as shown in [Figure 7](#).

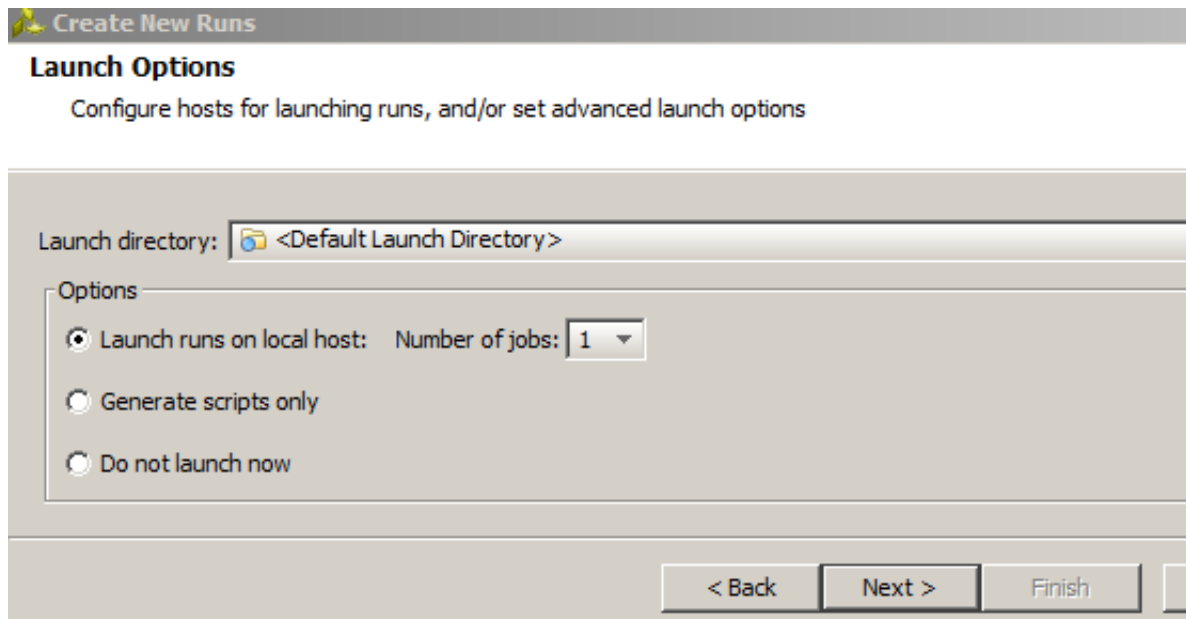


Figure 7: Launch Options Dialog Box

4. In the Launch Options dialog box, set the options, as follows, then click **Next**.
 - In the **Launch Directory** drop-down menu browse to, and select the directory from which to launch the run.
 - In the **Options** area, choose one of the following:
 - **Launch Runs on Local Host:** Lets you run the options from the machine on which you are working. The **Number of jobs** drop-down lets you specify how many runs to launch.
 - **Launch Runs on Remote Hosts:** Lets you launch the runs on a remote host (Linux only) and configure that host.

See "Appendix A" of the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Implementation (UG904)* [Ref 5], for more information about launching runs on remote hosts in Linux. The **Configure Hosts** button lets you configure the hosts from this dialog box.

- **Generate scripts only:** Lets you generate scripts to run later. Use `runme.bat` (Windows) or `runme.sh` (Linux) to start the run.
- **Do not launch now:** Lets you save the settings that you defined in the previous dialog boxes and launch the runs at a later time.

The Choose Synthesis Strategies dialog box opens, as shown in [Figure 8, page 18](#).

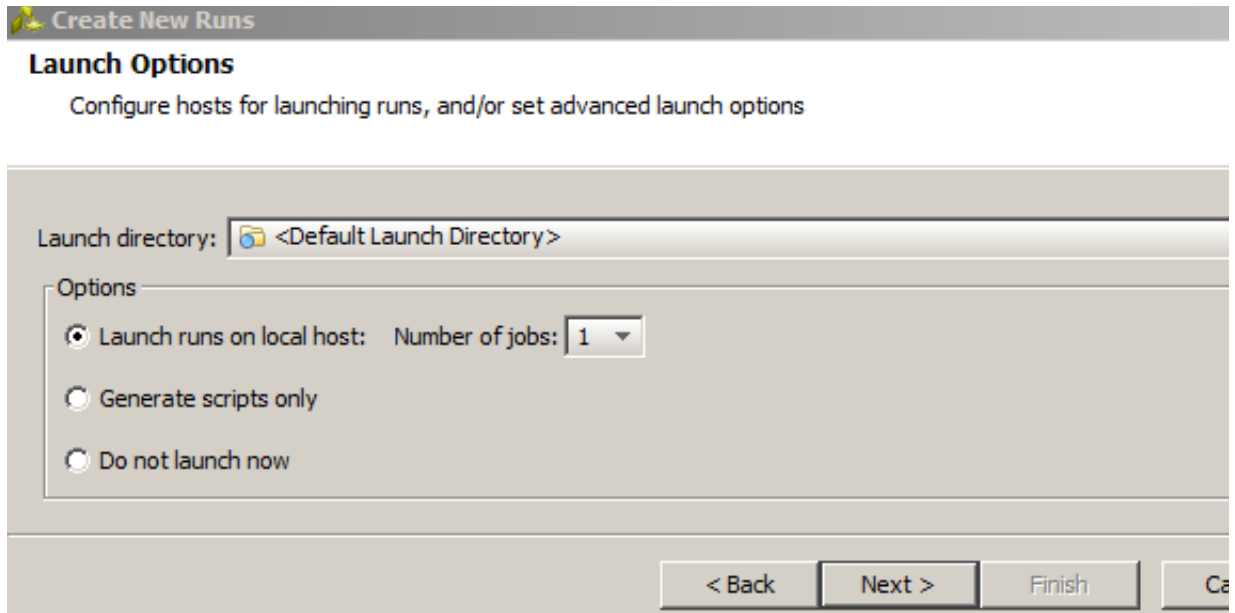


Figure 8: Configure Synthesis Strategies Dialog Box

5. Select the **Constraints set** and **Part**, and **Strategy**, and click **Next**.

The Vivado IDE contains a default strategy. You can set a specific name for the strategy run or accept the default name(s), which are `synth_1`, `synth_2`, and so forth.

For more information about constraints, see the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Using Constraints (UG903)* [Ref 8].

To create your own run strategy, see [Creating Run Strategies, page 11](#).

After setting the Create New Runs wizard option and starting a run, you can see the results in the Design Runs window, as shown in [Figure 9](#).

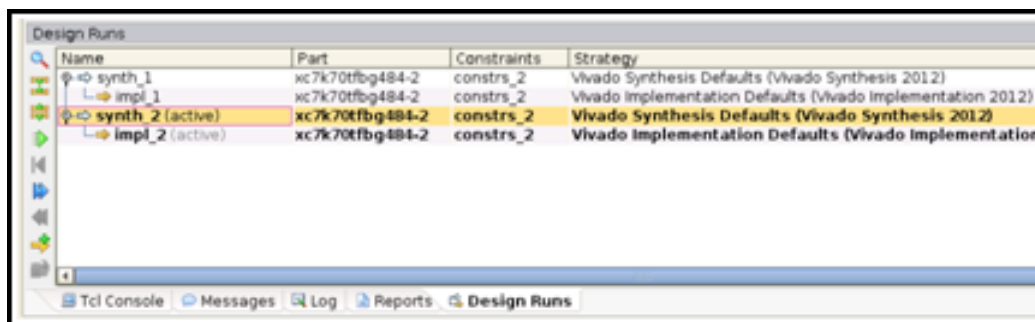


Figure 9: Design Runs Window

Using the Design Runs Window

The Design Runs window displays the synthesis and implementation runs created in a project and provides commands to configure, manage, and launch the runs.

If the Design Runs window is not already displayed, select **Window > Design Runs** to open the Design Runs window.

A synthesis run can have multiple implementation runs. To expand and collapse synthesis runs, use the tree widgets in the window.

The Design Runs window reports the run status, when the run has not been started, is in progress, is complete, or is out-of-date.

Runs become out-of-date when you modify source files, constraints, or project settings. To reset or delete specific runs, right-click the run and select the appropriate command.

Setting the Active Run

Only one synthesis run and one implementation run can be *active* in the Vivado IDE at any time. All the reports and tab views display the information for the active run. The Project Summary window only displays compilations, resource, and summary information for the active run.

To make a run active, select the run in the Design Runs window and use the **Make Active** command from the popup menu to set it as the active run.

Launching a Synthesis Run

To launch a synthesis run, do one of the following:

- From the Flow Navigator section, click the **Run Synthesis** command.
- From the main menu, select the **Flow > Run Synthesis** command.
- In the Design Runs window, right-click on the run, and select **Launch Runs**.

The first two options start the active synthesis run. The third option opens the Launch Selected Runs window. Here, you can select to run on local host, run on a remote host, or generate the scripts to be run.

See "Appendix A" of the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Implementation (UG904)* [Ref 5], for more information about using remote hosts.



TIP: Each time a run is launched, Vivado synthesis spawns a separate process. Be aware of this when examining messages, which are process-specific.

Setting a Bottom Up Flow

You can set a bottom up flow by selecting any HDL object to run as a separate "Out-of-Context" module. To do so, right-click on the object and selecting the **Set as Out-of-Context Module**, shown in [Figure 10](#).

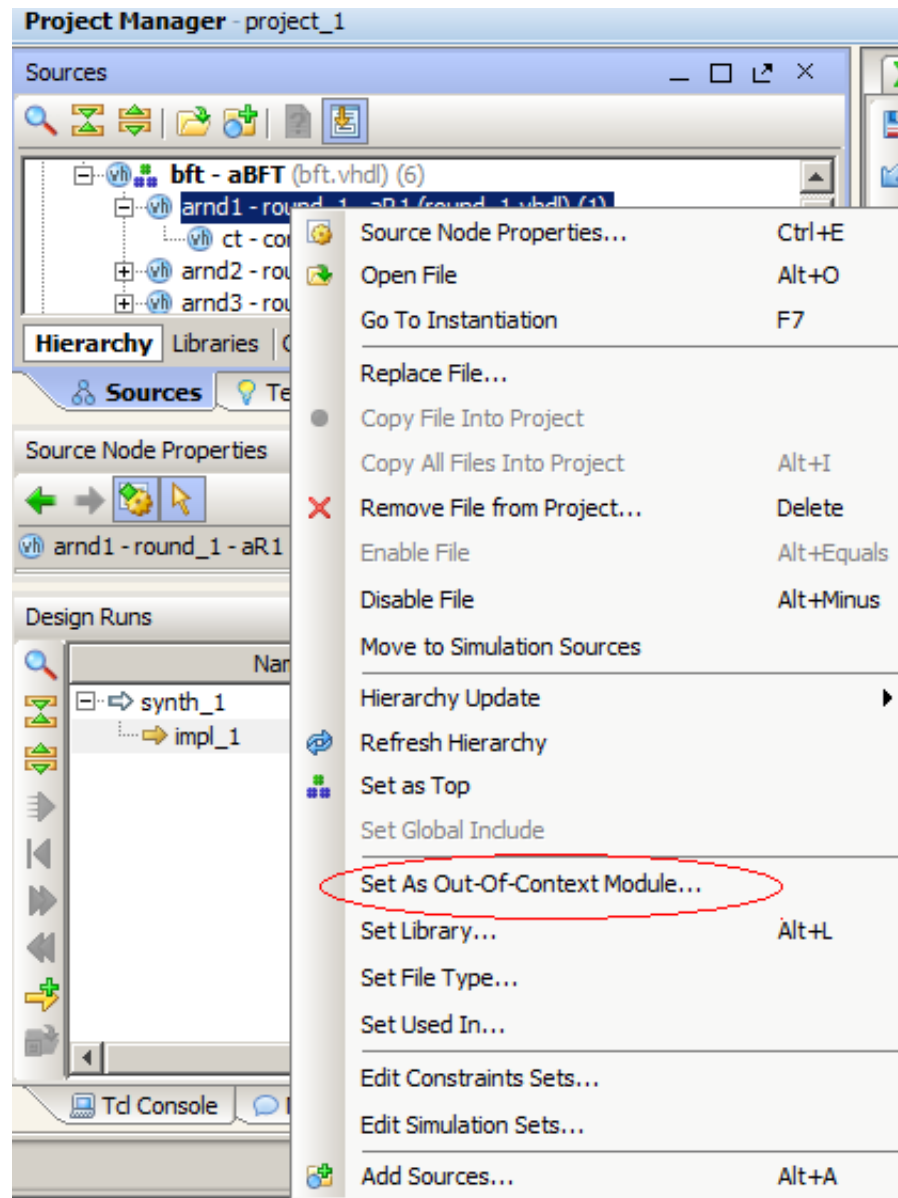


Figure 10: Set As Out-of-Context Option

When you set a flow to **Out-of-Context**, a new run is set up in the tool. To run the option, right-click and select Launch Runs, as described in [Launching a Synthesis Run, page 19](#).

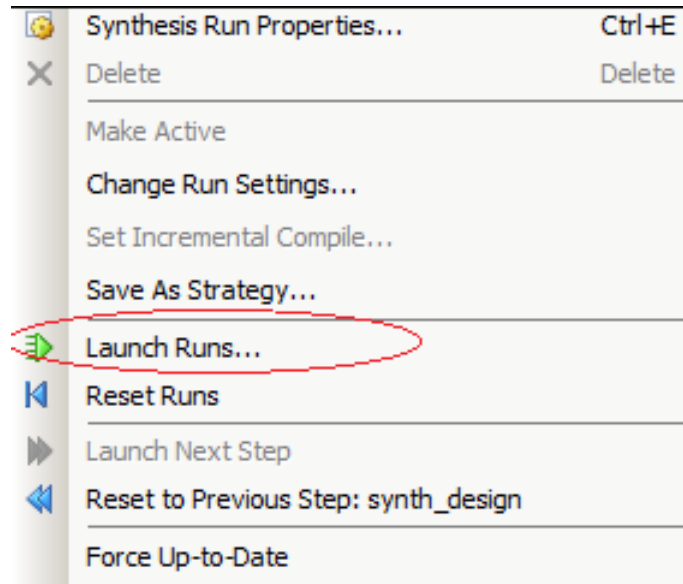


Figure 11: Launch Runs Option

This action sets the lower-level as a top module and runs synthesis on that module without creating I/O buffers. The run saves the netlist from synthesis and creates a *stub* file for later use. The stub file is the lower-level with inputs and outputs and the black-box attribute set.

When you run the top-level module again, the bottom-up synthesis inserts the stub file into the flow and compiles the lower-level as a black box.

The implementation run inserts the lower-level netlist, thus completing the design.



IMPORTANT: Be careful with this option when the lower-level netlist has parameters or generics that control behavior. When implemented as a bottom-up synthesis, this option uses the default values of parameters or generics. If the module is instantiated more than once, or with overriding parameters, it could result in incorrect logic.

This flow is used predominately with Vivado IP. For more information, see the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing with IP (UG896)* [Ref 9].

You can also set the `-mode` to `out-of-context` in the **Synthesis Settings > More Options** view. This setting ensures that synthesis does not insert I/O Buffers into that module.

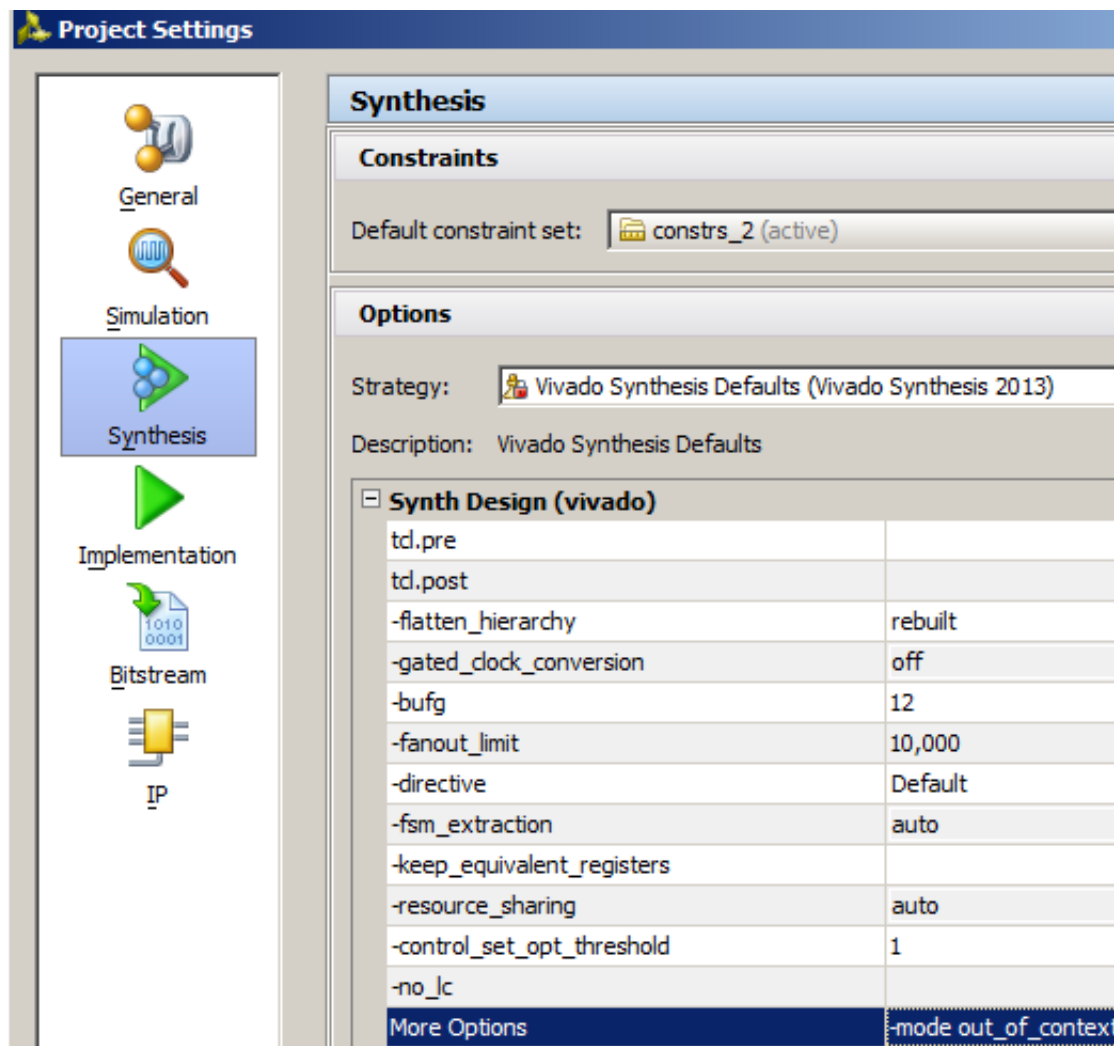


Figure 12: Synthesis Constraint Options

Moving Processes to the Background

As the Vivado IDE initiates the process to run synthesis or implementation, an option in the dialog box lets you put the process into the background. When the run is put in the background, it releases the Vivado IDE to perform other functions, such as viewing reports.

Monitoring the Synthesis Run

Monitor the status of a synthesis run from the Log window, shown in Figure 13. The messages that show in this window during synthesis are also the messages included in the synthesis log file.

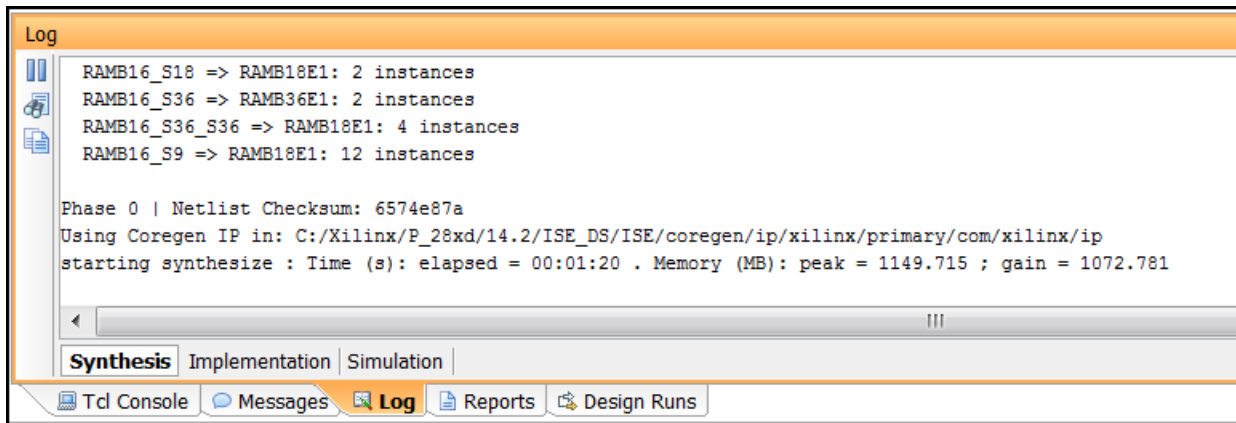


Figure 13: Log Window

Following Synthesis

After the run is complete, the Synthesis Completed dialog box opens, as shown in Figure 14.

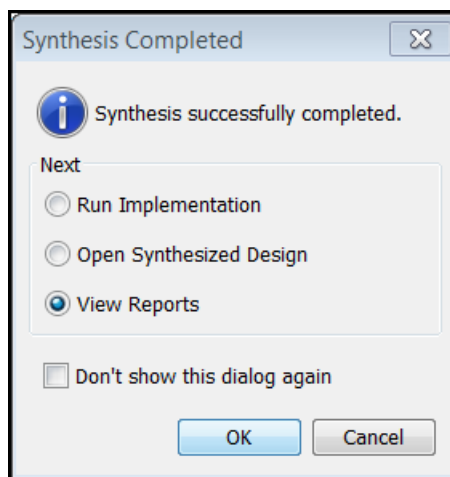


Figure 14: Synthesis Completed Dialog Box

Select an option:

- **Run Implementation:** Launches Implementation with the current Implementation Project Settings.

- **Open Synthesized Design:** Opens the synthesized netlist, the active constraint set, and the target device into Synthesized Design environment, so you can perform I/O pin planning, design analysis, and floorplanning.
- **View Reports:** Opens the Reports window so you can view reports.

Use the **Don't show this dialog again** checkbox to stop this dialog box display.



TIP: You can revert to having the dialog box present by selecting **Tools > Options > Windows Behavior**.

Analyzing Synthesis Results

After synthesis completes, you can view the reports, and open, analyze, and use the synthesized design. The Reports window contains a list of reports provided by various synthesis and implementation tools in the Vivado IDE.

Open the **Reports** view, as shown in [Figure 15](#), and select a report for a specific run to see details of the run.

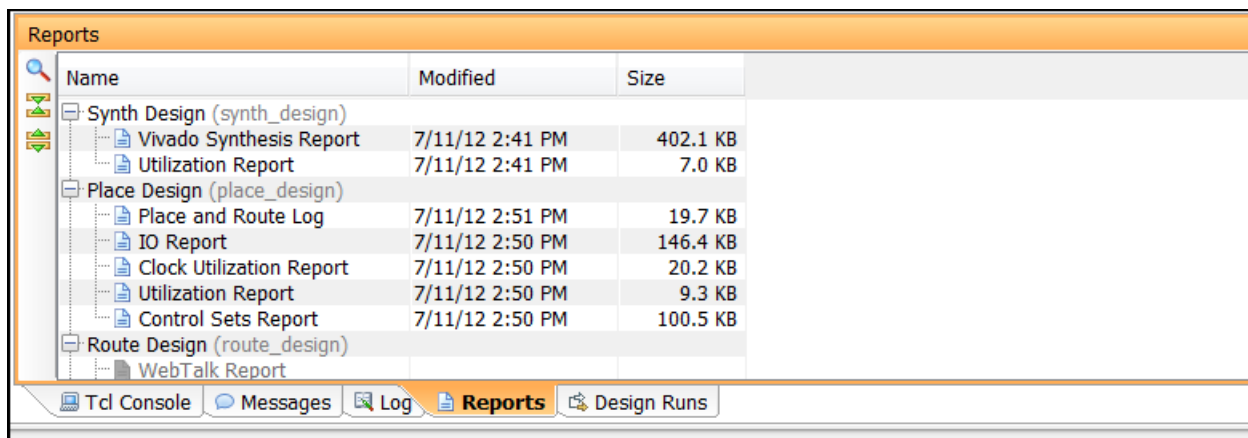


Figure 15: Reports View

Using the Synthesized Design Environment

The Vivado IDE provides an environment to analyze the design from several different perspectives. When you open a synthesized design, the software loads the synthesized netlist, the active constraint set, and the target device.

See the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Using the Vivado IDE (UG893)* [Ref 2], for more information.

To open a synthesized design, do one of the following:

- From the **Synthesis** section of the **Flow Navigator**, select **Open Synthesized Design**.
- From the main menu, select **Flow > Open Synthesized Design**.

With a synthesized design open, the Vivado IDE opens floorplanning, as shown in Figure 16.

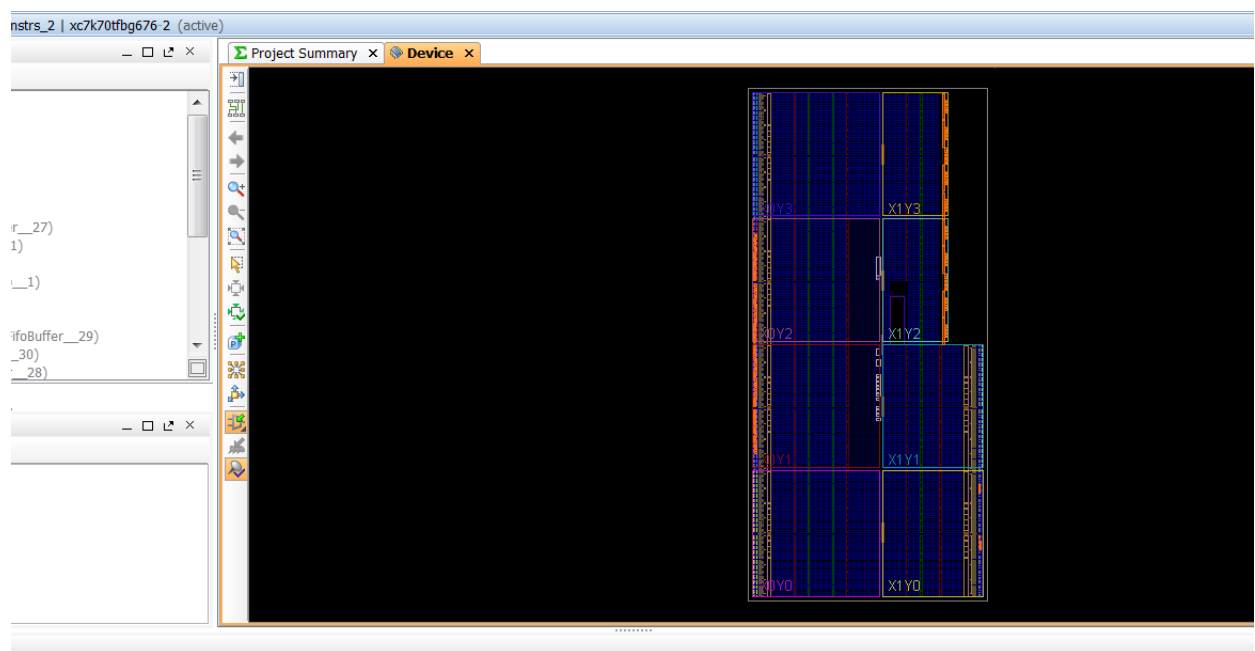


Figure 16: Floorplanning Window

From this perspective, examine the design logic and hierarchy, view the resource utilization and timing estimates, or run Design Rule Checks (DRCs).

Viewing Floorplanning and Utilization Reports

Resource estimates display graphically as an expandable hierarchical tree. As each resources type displays, expand it to view each level of logic hierarchy.

To display a graphical view of device resource estimates, open a synthesized design by clicking either:

- **Flow Navigator > Report Utilization**
- **Tools > Report Utilization**

The Utilization window opens, as shown in [Figure 17](#).

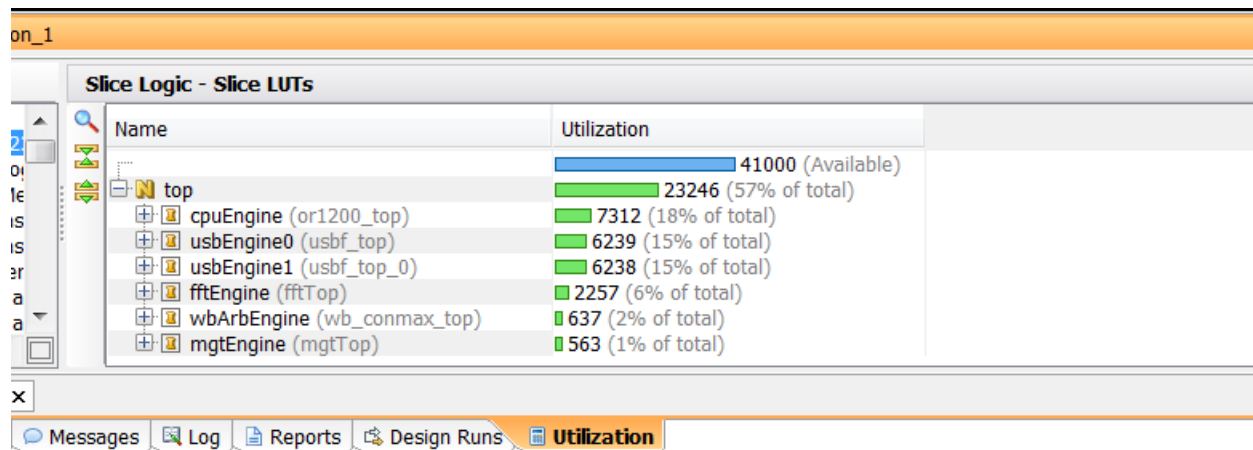


Figure 17: Resource Utilization Window

Viewing Reports for Logic Instances

The Vivado IDE provides estimates of the number of device resources contained in the design.

To display reports for any logic instance, including the top-level, use the Instance Properties window. Select a top module or any instance module in the Netlist window, as shown in Figure 18.

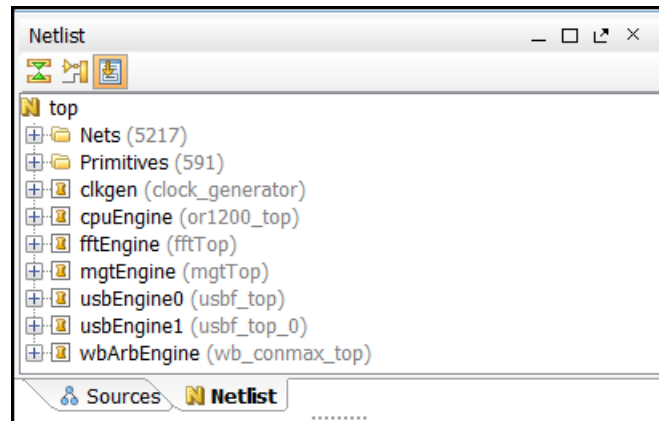


Figure 18: Netlist Window

If the Netlist or Instance Properties do not display, right-click the module, and select **Netlist Properties** or **Instance Properties** from the popup menu.

In the Netlist or Instance Properties window, click a view, shown in Figure 19.

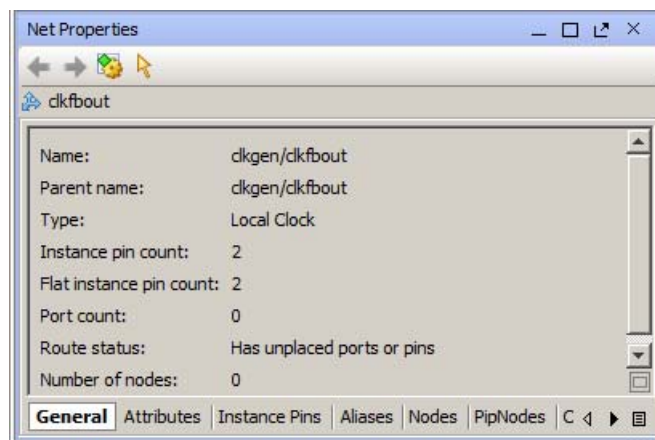


Figure 19: Instance Properties Window

The design information in the Instance Properties window varies based on the instance type.

In [Figure 19](#), for `clkgen`, the listings are:

- **General:** Provides the **Name**, **Cell**, and **Type** of the selected instance.
 - **Attributes:** Lists file attributes.
 - **Instance Pins:** Lists the instance pins by **ID**, **Name**, **Dir**, **BEL Pin**, and **Net**.
 - **Aliases:** Lists any aliases.
 - **Nodes:** Lists nodes by **ID**, **Name**, **Base Tile**, **Net**, and **Net Conflicts**.
 - **PipNodes:** **ID**, **Node**, **Pip**, **Base Tile**, **Net**, and **Net Conflicts**.
 - **Connectivity:** Provides **ID** and **Name**.
 - **Power:** Shows **Signal Rate** and **%High** settings that can be adjusted. A legend is available that has a checkbox if the settings are calculated.
-

Exploring the Logic

The Vivado IDE provides several logic exploration perspectives:

- The Netlist and Hierarchy windows contain a navigable hierarchical tree-style view.
- The Schematic window allows selective logic expansion and hierarchical display.
- The Device window provides a graphical view of the device, placed logic objects, and connectivity.

All windows cross probe to present the most useful information.

Exploring the Logic Hierarchy

The Netlist window displays the logic hierarchy of the synthesized design. You can expand and select any logic instance or net within the netlist.

As you select logic objects in other windows, the Netlist window expands automatically to display the selected logic objects, and the information about instances or nets displays in the Instance or Net Properties windows.

The Synthesized Design window displays a graphical representation of the RTL logic hierarchy. Each module is sized in relative proportion to the others, so you can determine the size and location of any selected module.

To open the Hierarchy window:

1. In the Netlist window, right-click to bring up the context menu.
2. Select Show Hierarchy, as shown in [Figure 20](#).

You can also press **F6** to open the Hierarchy window.

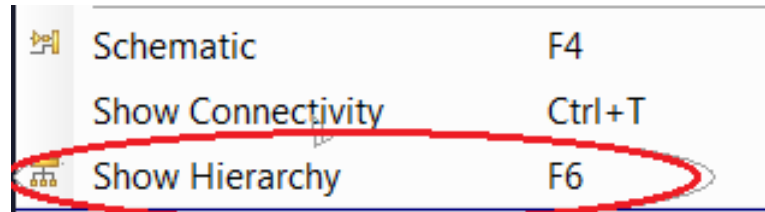


Figure 20: Show Hierarchy Option

Exploring the Logical Schematic

The Schematic window allows selective expansion and exploration of the logical design. You must select at least one logic object to open and display the Schematic window.

In the Schematic window, view and select any logic. You can display groups of timing paths to show all of the instances on the paths. This aids floorplanning because it helps you visualize where the timing critical modules are in the design.

To open the Schematic window:

1. Select one or more instances, nets, or timing paths.
2. Select **Schematic** from the window toolbar or the popup menu, or press the **F4** key.

The window opens with the selected logic displayed, as shown in Figure 21.

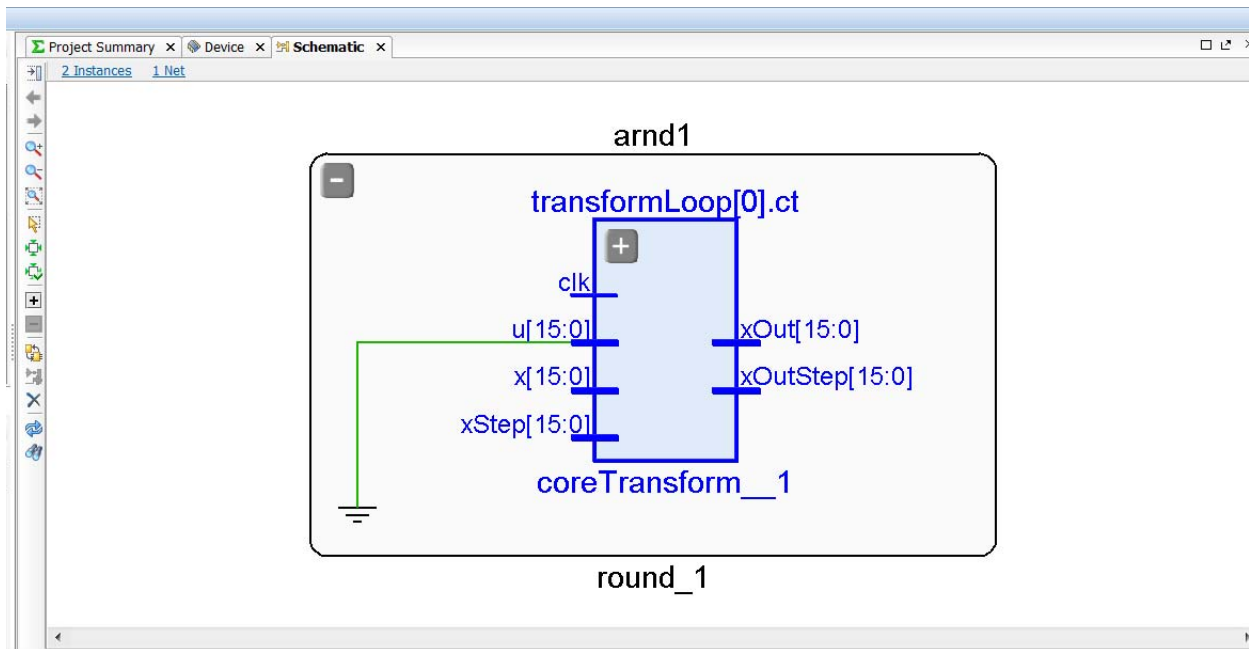


Figure 21: Schematic Window

You can then select and expand the logic for any pin, instance, or hierarchical module.

Running Timing Analysis

Timing analysis of the synthesized design is useful to ensure that paths have the necessary constraints for effective implementation. The Vivado synthesis is timing-driven and adjusts the outputs based on provided constraints.

As more physical constraints, such as Pblocks and LOC constraints, are assigned in the design, the results of the timing analysis become more accurate, although these results still contain some estimation of path delay. The synthesized design uses an estimate of routing delay to perform analysis.

You can run timing analysis at this level to ensure that the correct paths are covered and for a more general idea of timing paths.



IMPORTANT: Only timing analysis after implementation (place and route) includes the actual delays for routing. Running timing analysis on the synthesized design is not as accurate as running timing analysis on an implemented design.

Using the Report Timing Summary Command

To perform a timing analysis, from the Flow Navigator select **Synthesis > Synthesized Design > Report Timing Summary**. The Report Timing Summary dialog box opens, as shown in Figure 22.

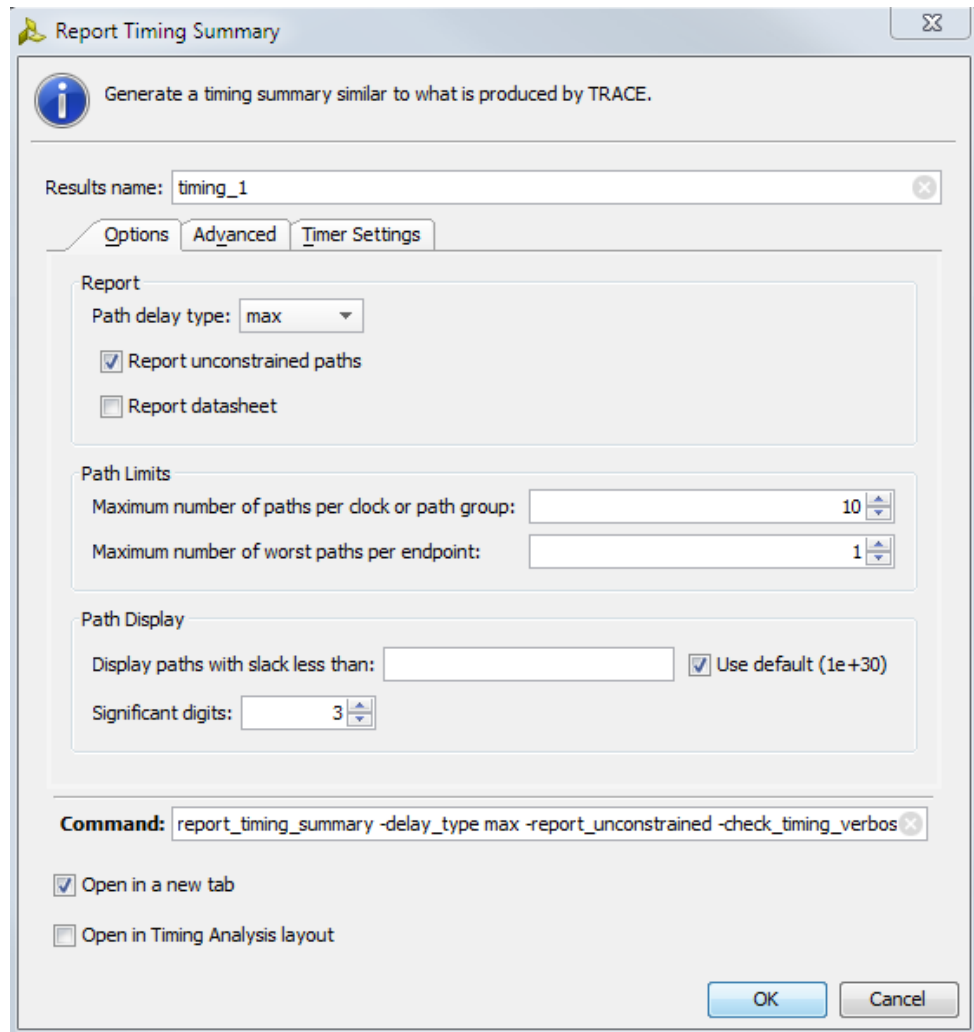


Figure 22: Report Timing Summary Dialog Box

From the Options view, select the options as follows, then click **OK**:

- **Results name:** Lets you name the report results.
- **Report:** Gives the option of setting the Path delay type to **Max**, **Min**, or **Min_Max** and checkbox options to **Report unconstrained paths** or **Report datasheet**.
- **Path Limits:** Selection options are:
 - **Maximum number of paths per clock or path group**
 - **Maximum number of worst paths per endpoint**

- **Path Display:** Selection options are:
 - A field to enter **Display paths with slack less than:** with a checkbox for Use default (1e+30).
 - A field to enter **Significant Digits.**
- **Command:** displays the current `report_timing` command encompassing the selected options, and checkboxes to **Open in a new tab** or **Open in Timing Analysis layout.**

From the Advanced view, the dialog box is as shown in [Figure 23](#).

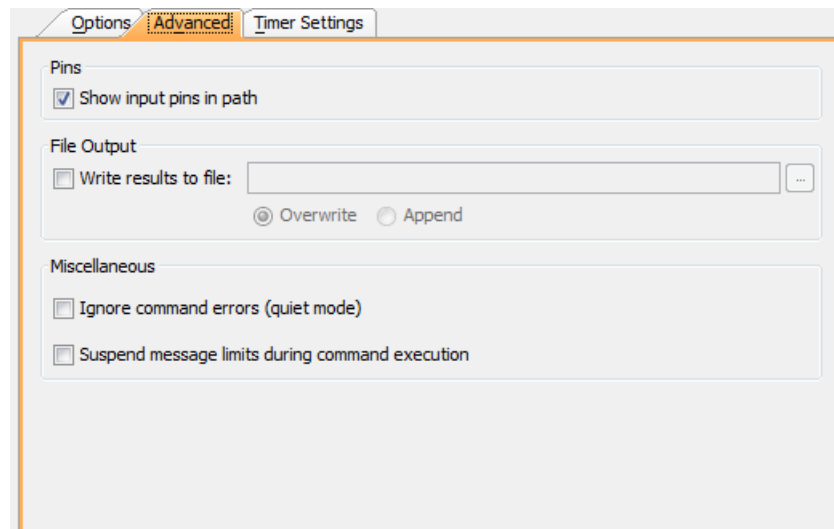
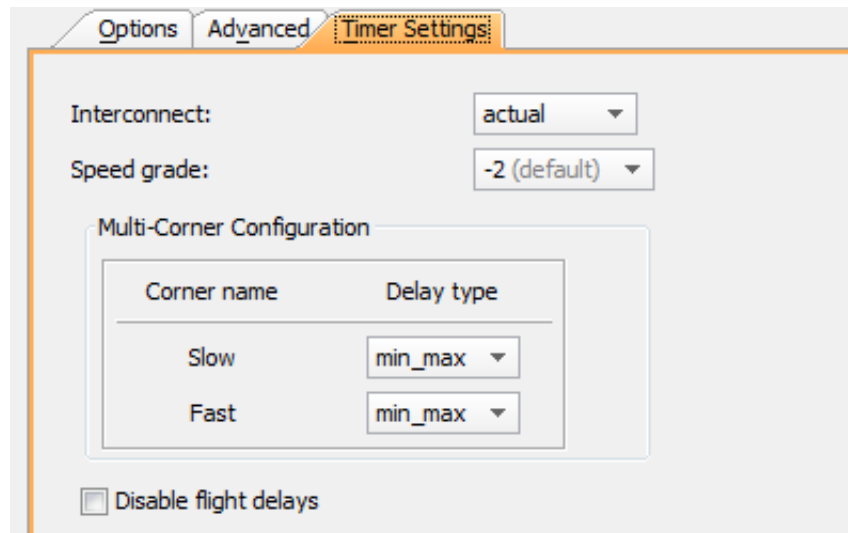


Figure 23: Advanced Report Timing Summary Settings

The Advanced view provides the following options:

- **Pins:** A checkbox to **Show input pins in path.**
- **File Output:** A checkbox to write results and a selection field. Options are available to **Overwrite** or **Append** the file.
- **Miscellaneous:** Options are:
 - Checkboxes to **Ignore command errors (quiet mode)**
 - **Suspend message limits during command execution.**

The Timer Settings view is shown in Figure 24.



The screenshot shows the 'Timer Settings' tab in a software interface. It contains the following elements:

- Interconnect:** A dropdown menu with 'actual' selected.
- Speed grade:** A dropdown menu with '-2 (default)' selected.
- Multi-Corner Configuration:** A table with two columns: 'Corner name' and 'Delay type'.

Corner name	Delay type
Slow	min_max
Fast	min_max
- Disable flight delays:** An unchecked checkbox.

Figure 24: Timer Settings Options in Timing Summary

The Timer Settings options are:

- **Interconnect:** a dropdown lists the options of *estimated*, *actual*, or *none*.
- **Speed grade:** Options dropdown lists the available speed grades for the targeted device.
- **Multi-Corner Configuration:** Select the **Corner name** and **Delay type**.
- A checkbox lets you **Disable flight delays**.

Using Non-Project Mode for Synthesis

The Tcl command to run synthesis is `synth_design`. Typically, this command is run with multiple options, for example:

```
synth_design -part xc7k30tfbg484-2 -top my_top
```

In this example, `synth_design` is run with the `-part` option and the `-top` option.

In the Tcl Console, you can set synthesis options and run synthesis using Tcl command options. To retrieve a list of options, type `synth_design -help` in the Tcl Console. The following snippet is an example of the `-help` output:

```
synth_design [-name <arg>] [-part <arg>] [-constrset <arg>] [-top <arg>]
             [-include_dirs <args>] [-generic <args>] [-verilog_define <args>]
             [-flatten_hierarchy <arg>] [-gated_clock_conversion <arg>]
             [-directive <arg>] [-rtl] [-bufg <arg>] [-no_lc]
             [-fanout_limit <arg>] [-mode <arg>] [-fsm_extraction <arg>]
             [-keep_equivalent_registers] [-resource_sharing <arg>]
             [-control_set_opt_threshold <arg>] [-quiet] [-verbose]
```

Returns: design object

Usage:

Name	Description
-----	-----
[-name]	Design name
[-part]	Target part
[-constrset]	Constraint fileset to use
[-top]	Specify the top module name
[-include_dirs]	Specify verilog search directories
[-generic]	Specify generic parameters. Syntax: -generic <name>=<value> -generic <name>=<value> ...
[-verilog_define]	Specify verilog defines. Syntax: -verilog_define <macro_name>[=<macro_text>] -verilog_define <macro_name>[=<macro_text>]
[-flatten_hierarchy]	Flatten hierarchy during LUT mapping. Values: full, none, rebuilt Default: rebuilt
[-gated_clock_conversion]	Convert clock gating logic to flop enable. Values: off, on, auto Default: off
[-directive]	Synthesis directive. Values: default, runtimeoptimized Default: default
[-rtl]	Elaborate and open an rtl design
[-bufg]	Max number of global clock buffers used by synthesis. Default: 12
[-no_lc]	Disable LUT combining. Do not allow combining LUT pairs into single dual output LUTs.
[-fanout_limit]	Fanout limit. Default: 10000
[-mode]	The design mode. Values: default, out_of_context Default: default

<code>[-fsm_extraction]</code>	FSM Extraction Encoding. Values: off, one_hot, sequential, johnson, gray, auto Default: auto
<code>[-keep_equivalent_registers]</code>	Prevents registers sourced by the same logic from being merged. (Note that the merging can otherwise be prevented using the synthesis KEEP attribute)
<code>[-resource_sharing]</code>	Sharing arithmetic operators. Value: auto, on, off Default: auto
<code>[-control_set_opt_threshold]</code>	Threshold for synchronous control set optimization to lower number of control sets. Default: 1
<code>[-quiet]</code>	Ignore command errors
<code>[-verbose]</code>	Suspend message limits during command execution

For the `-generic` option, special handling needs to happen with VHDL boolean and `std_logic` vector type because those type do not exist in other formats. Instead of `true/false`, or `0010`, for example, Verilog standards should be given.

For boolean, the value for false would be given as follows:

```
-generic my_gen=1'b0
```

For `std_logic` vector is:

```
-generic my_get=4'b0010
```

Also, overriding string generics or parameters is not currently supported.

A verbose version of the help is available in the *Vivado Design Suite: Tcl Command Reference Guide (UG835)* [Ref 3]. To determine any Tcl equivalent to a Vivado IDE action, run the command in the Vivado IDE and review the content in the TCL Console or the log file.

The following is an example `synth_design` Tcl script:

```
# Setup design sources and constraints
read_vhdl -library bftLib [ glob ./Sources/hdl/bftLib/*.vhdl ]
read_vhdl ./Sources/hdl/bft.vhdl
read_verilog [ glob ./Sources/hdl/*.v ]
read_xdc ./Sources/bft_full.xdc
# Run synthesis
synth_design -top bft -part xc7k70tfbg484-2 -flatten_hierarchy rebuilt
# Write design checkpoint
write_checkpoint -force $outputDir/post_synth
# Write report utilization and timing estimates
report_utilization -file utilization.txt
report_timing > timing.txt
```

Setting Constraints

Table 2 shows the supported Tcl commands for Vivado timing constraints.

For details on these commands, see the following documents:

- *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Using the Vivado IDE (UG893)* [\[Ref 2\]](#)
- *Vivado Design Suite Tcl Command Reference Guide (UG835)* [\[Ref 3\]](#)
- *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Using Constraints (UG903)* [\[Ref 8\]](#)

Table 2: Supported Synthesis Tcl Commands

Command Type	Commands			
Timing Constraints	create_clock	create_generate_clock	set_false_path	set_input_delay
	set_output_delay	set_max_delay	set_multicycle_path	
	set_clock_latency	set_clock_groups	set_disable_timing	
Object Access	all_clocks	all_inputs	all_outputs	get_cells
	get_clocks	get_nets	get_pins	get_ports

Synthesis Attributes

Introduction

In the Vivado™ Design Suite, Vivado synthesis is able to synthesis attributes of several types. In most cases, these attributes have the same syntax and the same behavior.

- If Vivado synthesis supports the attribute, it uses the attribute, and creates logic that reflects the used attribute.
- If the specified attribute is not recognized by the tool, the Vivado synthesis passes the attribute and its value to the generated netlist.

It is assumed that a tool downstream in the flow can use the attribute. For example, the `LOC` constraint is not used by synthesis, but the constraint is used by the Vivado placer, and is forwarded by Vivado synthesis.

Supported Attributes

BLACK_BOX

The `BLACK_BOX` attribute is a useful debugging attribute that can turn a whole level of hierarchy off and enable synthesis to create a black box for that module or entity. When the attribute is found, even if there is valid logic for a module or entity, Vivado synthesis creates a black box for that level. This attribute can be placed on a module, an entity, or a component.

BLACK_BOX Verilog Example

```
(* black_box *) module test(in1, in2, clk, out1);
```



IMPORTANT: *In the Verilog example, no value is needed. The presence of the attribute creates the black box.*

BLACK_BOX VHDL Example

```
attribute black_box : string;  
attribute black_box of beh : architecture is "yes";
```

For more information regarding coding style for Black Boxes, see [Black Boxes in Appendix C](#).

BUFFER_TYPE

Apply `BUFFER_TYPE` on an input to describe what type of buffer to use.

By default, Vivado synthesis uses `IBUF/BUFG` or `BUFGPs` for clocks and `IBUFs` for inputs.

Supported values are:

- `ibuf`: For clock ports where a `IBUF/BUFG` pair is not wanted. In this case only, the `IBUF` is inferred for the clock.
- `none`: Indicates that no input or output buffers are used. A `none` value on a clock port results in no buffers.

BUFFER_TYPE Verilog Example

```
(* buffer_type = "none" *) input in1; //this will result in no  
buffers  
(* buffer_type = "ibuf" *) input clk1; //this will result in a clock  
with no bufg
```

BUFFER_TYPE VHDL Example

```
entity test is port(  
  in1 : std_logic_vector (8 downto 0);  
  clk : std_logic;  
  out1 : std_logic_vector(8 downto 0));  
  attribute buffer_type : string;  
  attribute buffer_type of in1 : signal is "none";  
end test;
```

DONT_TOUCH

Use the `DONT_TOUCH` attribute in place of `KEEP` or `KEEP_HIERARCHY`. The `DONT_TOUCH` works in the same way as `KEEP` or `KEEP_HIERARCHY` attributes; however, unlike `KEEP` and `KEEP_HIERARCHY`, `DONT_TOUCH` is forward-annotated to place and route to prevent logic optimization.

Like `KEEP` and `KEEP_HIERARCHY`, be careful when using `DONT_TOUCH`. In cases where other attributes are in conflict with `DONT_TOUCH`, the `DONT_TOUCH` attribute takes precedence.

The values for `DONT_TOUCH` are `true/false` or `yes/no`.



IMPORTANT: *Replace `KEEP` and `KEEP_HIERARCHY` attributes with `DONT_TOUCH`.*

DONT_TOUCH Verilog Example

```
(* dont_touch = "true" *) wire sig1;  
assign sig1 = in1 & in2;  
assign out1 = sig1 & in2;
```

DONT_TOUCH VHDL Example

```
signal sig1 : std_logic  
attribute dont_touch : string;  
attribute dont_touch of sig1 : signal is "true";  
....  
....  
sig1 <= in1 and in2;  
out1 <= sig1 and in3;
```

FULL_CASE (Verilog Only)

`FULL_CASE` indicates that all possible case values are specified in a `case`, `casex`, or `casez` statement. If case values are specified, extra logic for case values is not created by Vivado synthesis.

```
(* full_case *)  
case select  
3'b100 : sig = val1;  
3'b010 : sig = val2;  
3'b001 : sig = val3;  
endcase
```



IMPORTANT: *This attribute can only be controlled through RTL.*

GATED_CLOCK

Vivado synthesis allows the conversion of gated clocks. The two items to use to perform this conversion are:

- A switch in the Vivado GUI, that instructs the tool to attempt the conversion.
- The RTL attribute that instructs the tool about which signal in the gated logic is the clock.

To control the switch:

1. In the Flow Navigator, go to Synthesis Settings.
2. In the Options window, set the `-gated_clock_conversion` option to one of the following values:
 - `off`: Disables the gated clock conversion.
 - `on`: Gated clock conversion occurs if the `gated_clock` attribute is set in the RTL code. This option gives you more control of the outcome.
 - `auto`: Gated clock conversion occurs if either of the following events are true:
 - the `gated_clock` attribute is set to `true`
 - the Vivado synthesis can detect the gate and there is a valid clock constraint set

This option lets the tool make decisions.

GATED_CLOCK Verilog Example

```
(* gated_clk = "true" *) input clk;
```

GATED_CLOCK VHDL example:

```
entity test is port (  
  in1, in2 : in std_logic_vector(9 downto 0);  
  en : in std_logic;  
  clk : in std_logic;  
  out1 : out std_logic_vector( 9 downto 0));  
attribute gated_clock : string;  
attribute gated_clock of clk : signal is "true";  
end test;
```


IOB

The IOB is not a synthesis attribute, it is used downstream by the Vivado implementation. This attribute indicates if a register should go into the I/O Buffer. The values are `true` or `false`.

IOB Verilog Example

```
(* IOB = "true" *) reg sig1;
```

IOB VHDL Example

```
signal sig1:
std_logic attribute
IOB: string
attribute IOB of sig1 : signal is "true";
```

KEEP

Use the `KEEP` attribute to prevent optimizations where signals are either optimized or absorbed into logic blocks. This attribute instructs the synthesis tool to keep the signal it was placed on, and that signal is placed in the netlist.

For example, if a signal is an output of a 2 bit `AND` gate, and it drives another `AND` gate, the `KEEP` attribute can be used to prevent that signal from being merged into a larger `LUT` that encompasses both `AND` gates.

`KEEP` is also commonly used in conjunction with timing constraints. If there is a timing constraint on a signal that would normally be optimized, `KEEP` prevents that and allows the correct timing rules to be used.



CAUTION! Take care with the `KEEP` attribute on signals that are not used in the RTL later. Synthesis keeps those signals, but they will not drive anything. This could cause issues later in the flow.



CAUTION! Be careful when using `KEEP` with other attributes. In cases where other attributes are in conflict with `KEEP`, the `KEEP` attribute usually takes precedence.

Examples are:

- When you have a `MAX_FANOUT` attribute on one signal and a `KEEP` attribute on a second signal that is driven by the first; the `KEEP` attribute on the second signal would not allow fanout replication.
- With a `RAM STYLE= "block"`, when there is a `KEEP` on the register that would need to become part of the RAM, the `KEEP` attribute prevents the block RAM from being inferred.

The supported `KEEP` values are:

- `true`: Keeps the signal.
- `false`: Allows the Vivado synthesis to optimize, if it determines that it should. `false` does not force the tool to remove the signal. The default value is `false`.

Note: The `KEEP` attribute does not force the place and route to keep the signal. Instead, this is accomplished using the `DONT_TOUCH` attribute.

KEEP Verilog Example

```
(* keep = "true" *) wire sig1;  
assign sig1 = in1 & in2;  
assign out1 = sig1 & in2;
```

KEEP VHDL Example

```
signal sig1 : std_logic;  
attribute keep : string;  
attribute keep of sig1 : signal is "true";  
....  
....  
sig1 <= in1 and in2;  
out1 <= sig1 and in3;
```

KEEP_HIERARCHY

`KEEP_HIERARCHY` is used to prevent optimizations along the hierarchy boundaries. The Vivado synthesis tool attempts to keep the same general hierarchies specified in the RTL, but for QoR reasons it can flatten or modify them.

If `KEEP_HIERARCHY` is placed on the instance, the synthesis tool keeps the boundary on that level static. This can affect QoR and also should not be used on modules that describe the control logic of tristate outputs and I/O buffers. The `KEEP_HIERARCHY` can be placed in the module or architecture level or the instance.

KEEP_HIERARCHY Verilog Example

On Module:

```
(* keep_hierarchy = "yes" *) module bottom (in1, in2, in3, in4, out1,  
out2);
```

On Instance:

```
(* keep_hierarchy = "yes" *)bottom u0 (.in1(in1), .in2(in2),  
.out1(temp1));
```

KEEP_HIERARCHY VHDL Example

On Module:

```
attribute keep_hierarchy : string;  
attribute keep_hierarchy of beh : architecture is "yes";
```

On Instance:

```
attribute keep_hierarchy : string;  
attribute keep_hierarchy of u0 : label is "yes";
```

MAX_FANOUT

MAX_FANOUT instructs Vivado synthesis on the fanout limits for registers and signals. You must also place a KEEP attribute on the signal. You can specify this either in RTL or as an input to the project. The value is an integer.

This attribute only works on registers and combinatorial signals. To achieve the fanout, it replicates the register or the driver that drives the combinatorial signal.

MAX_FANOUT overrides the default value of the synthesis global option `-fanout_limit`. You can set that overall design default limit for a design through **Project Settings > Synthesis** or using the `-fanout_limit` command line option in `synth_design`.

The MAX_FANOUT attribute is enforced whereas the `-fanout_limit` constitutes only a guideline for the tool, not a strict command. When strict fanout control is required, use MAX_FANOUT. Also, unlike the `-fanout_limit` switch, MAX_FANOUT can impact control signals. The `-fanout_limit` switch does not impact control signals (such as set, reset, clock enable), use MAX_FANOUT to replicate these signals if needed.

Note: Inputs, black boxes, EDIF (EDF), and Native Generic Circuit (NGC) files are not supported.

MAX_FANOUT Verilog Examples

In Vivado:

```
(* keep = "true", max_fanout = 50 *) reg sig1;
```

MAX_FANOUT VHDL Example

```
signal sig1 : std_logic;  
attribute keep : string;  
attribute max_fanout : integer;  
attribute keep of sig1 : signal is "true";  
attribute max_fanout : signal is 50;
```

Note: In VHDL Vivado synthesis, `max_fanout` is an integer.

PARALLEL_CASE (Verilog Only)

PARALLEL_CASE specifies that the case statement must be built as a parallel structure. Logic is not created for an if-elsif structure.

```
(* parallel_case *) case select
3'b100 : sig = val1;
3'b010 : sig = val2;
3'b001 : sig = val3;
endcase
```



IMPORTANT: *This attribute can only be controlled through the Verilog RTL.*

RAM_STYLE

RAM_STYLE instructs the Vivado synthesis tool on how to infer memory. Accepted values accepted are:

- `block`: Instructs the tool to infer RAMB type components
- `distributed`: Instructs the tool to infer the LUT RAMs.

By default, the tool selects which RAM to infer based upon heuristics that give the best results for the most designs.

RAM_STYLE Verilog Example

```
(* ram_style = "distributed" *) reg [data_size-1:0] myram
[2**addr_size-1:0];
```

RAM_STYLE VHDL Example

```
attribute ram_style : string;
attribute ram_style of myram : signal is "distributed"
```

For more information about RAM coding styles, see [RAM HDL Coding Guidelines in Appendix C](#).

ROM_STYLE

ROM_STYLE instructs the synthesis tool how to infer ROM memory. Accepted values accepted are

- `block`: Instructs the tool to infer RAMB type components
- `distributed`: Instructs the tool to infer the LUT ROMs. By default, the tool selects which ROM to infer based on heuristics that give the best results for the most designs.

ROM_STYLE Verilog Example

```
(* rom_style = "distributed" *) reg [data_size-1:0] myrom  
[2**addr_size-1:0];
```

ROM_STYLE VHDL Example

```
attribute rom_style : string;  
attribute rom_style of myrom : signal is "distributed";
```

For information about coding for ROM, see [ROM HDL Coding Techniques in Appendix C](#).

SHREG_EXTRACT

SHREG_EXTRACT instructs the synthesis tool on whether to infer SRL structures. Accepted values are:

- Yes: The tool infers SRL structures
- No: The does not infer SRLs and instead creates registers

SHREG_EXTRACT Verilog Examples

```
(* shreg_extract = "no" *) reg [16:0] my_srl;
```

SHREG_EXTRACT VHDL Examples

```
attribute shreg_extract : string;  
attribute shreg_extract of my_srl : signal is "no";
```

TRANSLATE_OFF/TRANSLATE_ON

TRANSLATE_OFF and TRANSLATE_ON instruct the Synthesis tool to ignore blocks of code. These attributes are given within a comment in RTL. The comment should start with one of the following keywords:

- `synthesis`
- `synopsys`
- `pragma`

TRANSLATE_OFF starts the ignore, and it ends with TRANSLATE_ON. These commands cannot be nested.

TRANSLATE_OFF/TRANSLATE_ON Verilog Example

```
// synthesis translate_off
Code....
// synthesis translate_on
```

TRANSLATE_OFF/TRANSLATE_ON VHDL Example

```
-- synthesis translate_off
Code...
-- synthesis translate_on
```



CAUTION! *Be careful with the types of code that are included between the translate statements. If it is code that affects the behavior of the design, a simulator could use that code, and create a simulation mismatch.*

USE_DSP48

USE_DSP48 instructs the synthesis tool how to deal with synthesis arithmetic structures. By default, `mults`, `mult-add`, `mult-sub`, `mult-accumulate` type structures go into DSP48 blocks. Adders, subtractors, and accumulators can also go into these blocks but by default, are implemented with the fabric instead of with DSP48 blocks. The `USE_DSP48` attribute overrides the default behavior and force these structures into DSP48 blocks.

Accepted values are "yes" and "no". This attribute can be placed in the RTL on signals, architectures and components, entities and modules. The priority is as follows:

1. Signals
2. Architectures and components
3. Modules and entities

If the attribute is not specified, the default behavior is for Vivado synthesis to determine the correct behavior.

USE_DSP48 Verilog Example

```
(* use_dsp48 = "yes" *) module test(clk, in1, in2, out1);
```

USE_DSP48 VHDL Example

```
attribute use_dsp48 : string;  
attribute use_dsp48 of P_reg : signal is "no"
```

SystemVerilog Support

Introduction

Vivado™ synthesis supports the subset of SystemVerilog RTL that can be synthesized. These data types are described in the following sections.

Targeting SystemVerilog for a Specific File

By default, the Vivado synthesis tool compiles *.v files with the Verilog 2001 syntax and *.sv files with the SystemVerilog syntax.

To target SystemVerilog for a specific *.v file in the Vivado IDE:

1. Right-click the file, and select **Source Node Properties**.
2. In the Source Node Properties window, change the Type from **Verilog** to **SystemVerilog**, and click **Apply**.

Alternatively, you can use the following Tcl command in the Tcl Console:

```
set_property file_type SystemVerilog [get_files <filename>.v]
```

The following sections describe the supported SystemVerilog types in the Vivado IDE.

Data Types

The following data types are supported, as well as the mechanisms to control them.

Declaration

Declare variables in the RTL as follows:

```
[var] [DataType] name;
```


Where:

- `Var` is optional and implied if not in the declaration.
- `DataType` is one of the following:
 - `integer_vector_type`: `bit`, `logic`, or `reg`
 - `integer_atom_type`: `byte`, `shortint`, `int`, `longint`, `integer`, or `time`
 - `non_integer_type`: `shortreal`, `real`, or `realtime`
 - `struct`
 - `enum`

Integer Data Types

SystemVerilog supports the following integer types:

- `shortint`: 2-state 16-bit signed integer
- `int`: 2-state 32-bit signed integer
- `longint`: 2-state 64-bit signed integer
- `byte`: 2-state 8-bit signed integer
- `bit`: 2-state, user defined vector size
- `logic`: 4-state user defined vector size
- `reg`: 4-state user-defined vector size
- `integer`: 4-state 32-bit signed integer
- `time`: 4-state 64-bit unsigned integer

4-state and 2-state refer to the values that can be assigned to those types, as follows:

- 2-state allows 0s and 1s.
- 4-state also allows X and Z states.

X and Z states cannot always be synthesized; therefore, items that are 2-state and 4-state are synthesized in the same way.



CAUTION! *Take care when using 4-state variables: RTL versus simulation mismatches could occur.*

- The types `byte`, `shortint`, `int`, `integer`, and `longint` default to signed values.
- The types `bit`, `reg`, and `logic` default to unsigned values.

Real Numbers

Synthesis supports real numbers; however, they cannot be used for behavior. They can be used as parameter values. The SystemVerilog-supported real types are:

- `real`
- `shortreal`
- `realtime`

Void Data Type

The `void` data type is only supported for functions that have no return value.

User-Defined Types

Vivado synthesis supports user-defined types, which are defined using the `typedef` keyword. Use the following syntax:

```
typedef data_type type_identifier {size};
```

or

```
typedef [enum, struct, union] type_identifier;
```

Enum Types

Enumerated types can be declared with the following syntax:

```
enum [type] {enum_name1, enum_name2...enum_namex} identifier
```

If no type is specified, the `enum` defaults to `int`. Following is an example:

```
enum {sun, mon, tues, wed, thurs, fri, sat} day_of_week;
```

This code generates an `enum` of `int` with seven values. The values that are given to these names start with 0 and increment, so that, `sun = 0` and `sat = 6`.

To override the default values, use code as in the following example:

```
enum {sun=1, mon, tues, wed, thurs, fri, sat} day_of_week;
```

In this case, `sun` is 1 and `sat` is 7.

The following is another example how to override defaults:

```
enum {sun, mon=3, tues, wed, thurs=10, fri=12, sat} day_of_week;
```

In this case, `sun=0`, `mon=3`, `tues=4`, `wed=5`, `thurs=10`, `fri=12`, and `sat=13`.

Enumerated types can also be used with the `typedef` keyword.

```
typedef enum {sun,mon,tues,wed,thurs,fri,sat} day_of_week;  
day_of_week my_day;
```

The preceding example defines a signal called `my_day` that is of type `day_of_week`. You can also specify a range of enums. For example, the preceding example can be specified as:

```
enum {day[7]} day_of_week;
```

This creates an enumerated type called `day_of_week` with N-1 elements called `day0`, `day1`...`day6`.

Following are other ways to use this:

```
enum {day[1:7]} day_of_week; // creates day1,day2...day7  
enum {day[7] = 5} day_of_week; //creates day0=5, day1=6... day6=11
```

Constants

SystemVerilog gives three types of elaboration-time constants:

- `parameter`: Is the same as the original Verilog standard and can be used in the same way.
- `localparam`: Is similar to `parameter` but cannot be overridden by upper-level modules.
- `specparam`: Is used for specifying delay and timing values; consequently, this value is *not supported* in Vivado synthesis.

There is also a run-time constant declaration called `const`.

Type Operator

The type operator allows parameters to be specified as data types, which allows modules to have different types of parameters for different instances.

Casting

Assigning a value of one data type to a different data type is illegal in SystemVerilog. However, a workaround is to use the cast operator (`'`). The cast operator converts the data type when assigning between different types. The usage is:

```
casting_type' (expression)
```

The `casting_type` is one of the following:

- `integer_type`
- `non_integer_type`

- `real_type`
- constant unsigned number
- user-created signing value type

Aggregate Data Types

In aggregate data types there are *structures* and *unions*, which are described in the following subsections.

Structures

A structure is a collection of data that can be referenced as one value, or the individual members of the structure. This is similar to the VHDL concept of a record. The format for specifying a structure is:

```
struct {struct_member1; struct_member2;...struct_memberx;} structure_name;
```

Unions

A union is a data type comprising multiple data types. Only one data type is used. This is useful in cases where the data type changes depending on how it is used. The following code snippet is an example:

```
typedef union {int i; logic [7:0] j} my_union;
my_union sig1;
my_union sig2;
sig1.i = 32; //sig1 will get the int format
sig2.j = 8'b00001111; //sig2 will get the 8bit logic format.
```

Packed and Unpacked Arrays

Vivado synthesis supports both packed and unpacked arrays:

```
logic [5:0] sig1; //packed array
logic sig2 [5:0]; //unpacked array
```

Data types with predetermined widths do not need the packed dimensions declared:

```
integer sig3; //equivalent to logic signed [31:0] sig3
```

Processes

Always Procedures

There are four `always` procedures:

- `always`
- `always_comb`
- `always_latch`
- `always_ff`

The procedure `always_comb` describes combinational logic. A sensitivity list is inferred by the logic driving the `always_comb` statement.

For `always` you must provide the sensitivity list. The following examples use a sensitivity list of `in1` and `in2`:

```
always@(in1 or in2)
out1 = in1 & in2;
always_comb out1 = in1 & in2;
```

The procedure `always_latch` provides a quick way to create a latch. Like `always_comb`, a sensitivity list is inferred, but you must specify a control signal for the latch enable, as in the following example:

```
always_latch
  if(gate_en) q <= d;
```

The procedure `always_ff` is a way to create flip-flops. Again, you must specify a sensitivity list:

```
always_ff@(posedge clk)
out1 <= in1;
```

Block Statements

Block statements provide a mechanism to group sets of statements together. Sequential blocks have a `begin` and `end` around the statement. The block can declare its own variables, and those variables are specific to that block. The sequential block can also have a name associated with that block. The format is as follows:

```
begin [: block name]
[declarations]
[statements]
end [: block name]
```

```
begin : my_block
logic temp;
temp = in1 & in2;
out1 = temp;
end : my_block
```

In the previous example, the block name is also specified after the `end` statement. This makes the code more readable, but it is not required.

Note: Parallel blocks (or fork join blocks) are *not* supported in Vivado synthesis.

Procedural Timing Controls

SystemVerilog has two types of timing controls:

- **Delay control:** Specifies the amount of time between the statement its execution. This is not useful for synthesis, and Vivado synthesis ignores the time statement while still creating logic for the assignment.
- **Event control:** Makes the assignment occur with a specific event; for example, `always@(posedge clk)`. This is standard with Verilog, but SystemVerilog includes extra functions.

The logical `or` operator is an ability to give any number of events so that any one of them will trigger the execution of the statement. To do this, use either a specific `or`, or separate with commas in the sensitivity list. For example, the following two statements are the same:

```
always@(a or b or c)
always@(a,b,c)
```

SystemVerilog also supports the implicit `event_expression @*`. This helps to eliminate simulation mismatches caused because of incorrect sensitivity lists, for example:

```
Logic always@* begin
```

Operators

Vivado synthesis supports the following SystemVerilog operators:

- Assignment operators
(=, +=, -=, *=, /=, %=, &=, |=, ^=, <<=, >>=, <<<=, >>>=)
 - Unary operators (+, -, !, ~, &, ~&, |, ~|, ^, ~^, ^~)
 - Increment/decrement operators (++, --)
 - Binary operators (+, -, *, /, %, ==, ~=, ===, ~==, &&, ||, **, <, <=, >, >=, &, |, ^, ^~, ~^, >>, <<, >>>, <<<)
- Note:** A**B is supported if A is a power of 2 or B is a constant.
- Conditional operator (? :)
 - Concatenation operator ({ ... })

Signed Expressions

Vivado synthesis supports both signed and unsigned operations. Signals can be declared as unsigned or signed. For example:

```
logic [5:0] reg1;
logic signed [5:0] reg2;
```

Procedural Programming Assignments

Conditional if-else Statement

The syntax for a conditional if-else statement is:

```
if (expression)
    command1;
else
    command2;
```

The else is optional and assumes a latch or flip-flop depending on whether or not there was a clock statement. Code with multiple if and else entries can also be supported, as shown in the following example:

```
If (expression1)
    Command1;
else if (expression2)
    command2;
else if (expression3)
    command3;
else
    command4;
```

This example is synthesized as a priority `if` statement. So, if the first expression is found to be `true`, the others are not evaluated. If unique or priority `if-else` statements are used, Vivado synthesis treats those as `parallel_case` and `full_case` respectively.

Case Statement

The syntax for a `case` statement is:

```
case (expression)
  value1: statement1;
  value2: statement2;
  value3: statement3;
  default: statement4;
endcase
```

The default statement inside a `case` statement is optional. The values are evaluated in order, so if both `value1` and `value3` are `true`, `statement1` is performed.

In addition to `case`, there are also the `casex` and `casez` statements. These allow you to handle don't cares in the values (`casex`) or tristate conditions in the values (`casez`).

If unique or priority case statements are used, Vivado synthesis treats those as `parallel_case` and `full_case` respectively.

Loop Statements

Several types of loops that are supported in Vivado synthesis and SystemVerilog. One of the most common is the `for` loop. Following is the syntax:

```
for (initialization; expression; step)
  statement;
```

A `for` loop starts with the initialization, then evaluates the expression. If the expression evaluates to 0, it stops, else if the expression evaluates to 1, it continues with the statement. When it is done with the statement, it executes the step function.

- A `repeat` loop works by performing a function a stated number of times. Following is the syntax:

```
repeat (expression)
  statement;
```

This works by evaluating the expression to a number and then executing the statement that many times.

- The `for-each` loop executes a statement for each element in an array
- The `while` loop takes an expression and a statement and executes the statement until the expression is `false`.
- The `do-while` loop performs the same function as the `while` loop, but instead it tests the expression after the statement.
- The `forever` loop executes all the time. To avoid infinite loops, use it with the `break` statement to get out of the loop.

Tasks and Functions

Tasks

The syntax for a task declaration is:

```
task name (ports);  
[optional declarations];  
statements;  
endtask
```

Following are the two types of tasks:

- **Static task:** Declarations retain their previous values the next time the task is called.
- **Automatic task:** Declarations do not retain previous values.



CAUTION! *Be careful when using these tasks; Vivado synthesis treats all tasks as automatic.*

Many simulators default to static tasks if the static or automatic is not specified, so there is a chance of simulation mismatches. The way to specify a task as automatic or static is the following:

```
task automatic my_mult... //or  
task static my_mult ...
```

Functions (Automatic and Static)

Functions are similar to tasks, but return a value. The format for a function is:

```
function data_type function_name(inputs);  
  declarations;  
  statements;  
endfunction : function_name
```

The final `function_name` is optional but does make the code easier to read. Because the function returns a value, it must either have a return statement or specifically say in the statement:

```
function_name = ....
```

Like tasks, functions can also be automatic or static. Vivado synthesis treats all functions as automatic. However, some simulators might behave differently. Be careful when using these functions.

Modules and Hierarchy

Using modules in SystemVerilog is very similar to Verilog, and includes additional features as described in the following subsections.

Connecting Modules

There are three main ways to instantiate and connect modules. The first two are by ordered list and by name, as in Verilog. The third is by named ports.

If the names of the ports of a module match the names and types of signals in an instantiating module, the lower-level module can be hooked up by name. For example:

```
module lower (
    output [4:0] myout;
    input clk;
    input my_in;
    input [1:0] my_in2;
    ... ..
endmodule
//in the instantiating level.
lower my_inst (.myout, .clk, .my_in, .my_in2);
```

Connecting Modules with Wildcard Ports

You can use wildcards when hooking up modules. For example, from the previous example:

```
// in the instantiating module
lower my_inst (.*);
```

This hooks up the entire instance, as long as the upper-level module has the correct names and types.

In addition, these can be mixed and matched. For example:

```
lower my_inst (.myout(my_sig), .my_in(din), .*);
```

This hooks up the `myout` port to a signal called `my_sig`, the `my_in` port to a signal called `din` and `clk` and `my_in2` is hooked up to the `clk` and `my_in2` signals.

Interfaces

Interfaces provide a way to specify communication between blocks. An interface is a group of nets and variables that are grouped together for the purpose of making connections between modules easier to write.

The syntax for a basic interface is:

```
interface interface_name;  
parameters and ports;  
items;  
endinterface : interface_name
```

The `interface_name` at the end is optional but makes the code easier to read. For an example, see the following code:

```
module bottom1 (  
input clk,  
input [9:0] d1,d2,  
input s1,  
input [9:0] result,  
output logic sel,  
output logic [9:0] data1, data2,  
output logic equal);  
  
//logic//  
  
endmodule  
  
module bottom2 (  
input clk,  
input sel,  
input [9:0] data1, data2,  
output logic [9:0] result);  
  
//logic//  
  
endmodule  
  
module top (  
input clk,  
input s1,  
input [9:0] d1, d2,  
output equal);  
  
logic [9:0] data1, data2, result;  
logic sel;  
  
bottom1 u0 (clk, d1, d2, s1, result, sel, data1, data2, equal);  
bottom2 u1 (clk, sel, data1, data2, result);  
endmodule
```

The previous code snippet instantiates two lower-level modules with some signals that are common to both. These common signals can all be specified with an interface:

```
interface my_int
  logic sel;
  logic [9:0] data1, data2, result;
endinterface : my_int
```

Then in the two bottom-level modules, you can change to:

```
module bottom1 (
  my_int int1,
  input clk,
  input [9:0] d1, d2,
  input s1,
  output logic equal);
and:
  module bottom2 (
    my_int int1,
    input clk);
```

Inside the modules, you can also change how you access `sel`, `data1`, `data2`, and `result`. This is because, according to the module, there are no ports of these names. Instead, there is a port called `my_int`. This requires the following change:

```
if (sel)
  result <= data1;
```

to:

```
if (int1.sel)
  int1.result <= int1.data1;
```

Finally, in the top level, the interface needs to be instantiated, and the instances reference the interface:

```
module top(
  input clk,
  input s1,
  input [9:0] d1, d2,
  output equal);
  my_int int3(); //instantiation

  bottom1 u0 (int3, clk, d1, d2, s1, equal);
  bottom2 u1 (int3, clk);
endmodule
```

Modports

In the previous example, the signals inside the interface are no longer expressed as inputs or outputs. Before the interface was added, the port `sel` was an output for `bottom1` and an input for `bottom2`.

After the interface is added, that is no longer clear. In fact, the Vivado synthesis engine does not issue a warning that these are now considered bidirectional ports, and in the netlist generated with hierarchy, these are defined as `inouts`. This is not an issue with the generated logic, but it can be confusing.

To specify the direction, use the `modport` keyword, as shown in the following code snippet:

```
interface my_int;
    logic sel;
    logic [9:0] data1, data2, result;

    modport b1 (input result, output sel, data1, data2);
    modport b2 (input sel, data1, data2, output result);
endinterface : my_int
```

Then in the bottom modules, use when declared:

```
module bottom1 (
    my_int.b1 int1,
```

This correctly associates the inputs and outputs.

Miscellaneous Interface Features

In addition to signals, there can also be tasks and functions inside the interface. This lets you create tasks specific to that interface.

Interfaces can be parameterized. In the example above, `data1` and `data2` were both 10-bit vectors, but those can be modified to be any size depending on a parameter that is set.

Packages

Packages provide an additional way to share different constructs. They have similar behavior to VHDL packages. Packages can contain functions, tasks, types, and enums. The syntax for a package is:

```
package package_name;  
    items  
endpackage : package_name
```

The final `package_name` is not required, but it makes code easier to read.

Packages are then referenced in other modules by the import command. Following is the syntax:

```
import package_name::item or *;
```

The `import` command must include items from the package to import or must specify the whole package.

HDL Coding Techniques

Introduction

Hardware Description Language (HDL) coding techniques allow you to:

- Describe the most common functionality found in digital logic circuits.
 - Take advantage of the architectural features of Xilinx® devices.
 - Templates are available in the Vivado™ IDE:
 - in the Window Menu, select **Language Templates**.
-

Advantages of VHDL

- Enforces stricter rules, in particular strongly typed, less permissive and error-prone
 - Initialization of RAM components in the HDL source code is easier (Verilog initial blocks are less convenient)
 - Package support
 - Custom types
 - Enumerated types
 - No **reg** versus **wire** confusion
-

Advantages of Verilog

- C-like syntax
- Results in more compact code
- Block commenting
- No heavy component instantiation as in VHDL

Advantages of SystemVerilog

- Results in more compact code compared to Verilog
 - Structures, Unions, enumerated types for better scalability
 - Interfaces for higher level of abstraction
 - Vivado synthesis supports SystemVerilog
-

Flip-Flops, Registers, and Latches

Vivado synthesis recognizes Flip-Flops, Registers with the following control signals:

- Rising or falling-edge clocks
- Asynchronous Set/Reset
- Synchronous Set/Reset
- Clock Enable

Flip-Flops, Registers and Latches are described with:

- sequential process (VHDL)
- always block (Verilog)
- `always_ff` for Flip Flops, `always_latch` for Latches (SystemVerilog)

The **process** or **always** block sensitivity list should list:

- The clock signal
- All asynchronous control signals

Flip-Flops and Registers Control Signals

Flip-Flops and Registers control signals include:

- Clocks
- Asynchronous and synchronous set and reset signals
- Clock enable

Coding Guidelines

- Do not set or reset Registers asynchronously.
 - Control set remapping becomes impossible.
 - Sequential functionality in device resources such as block RAM components and DSP blocks can be set or reset synchronously only.
 - You will be unable to leverage device resources, or they will be configured sub-optimally.
- Do not describe Flip-Flops with both a set and a reset.
 - No Flip-Flop primitives feature both a set and a reset, whether synchronous or asynchronous.
 - Flip-Flop primitives featuring both a set and a reset may adversely affect area and performance.
- Avoid operational set/reset logic whenever possible. There may be other, less expensive, ways to achieve the desired effect, such as taking advantage of the circuit global reset by defining an initial content.
- Always describe the clock enable, set, and reset control inputs of Flip-Flop primitives as active-High. If they are described as active-Low, the resulting inverter logic will penalize circuit performance.

Flip-Flops and Registers Inference

Vivado synthesis infers four types of register primitives depending on how the hdl code is written:

- FDCE: D-Flip Flop with Clock Enable and Asynchronous Clear
- FDPE: D Flip Flop with Clock Enable and Asynchronous Preset
- FDSE: D Flip flop with Clock Enable and Synchronous Set
- FDRE: D Flip flop with Clock Enable and Synchronous Reset

Flip-Flops and Registers Initialization

To initialize the content of a Register at circuit power-up, specify a default value for the signal during declaration.

Flip-Flops and Registers Reporting

- Registers are inferred and reported during HDL synthesis.
- The number of Registers inferred during HDL synthesis might not precisely equal the number of Flip-Flop primitives in the Design Summary section.
- The number of Flip-Flop primitives depends on the following processes:
 - Absorption of Registers into DSP blocks or block RAM components
 - Register duplication
 - Removal of constant or equivalent Flip-Flops

Flip-Flops and Registers Reporting Example

```
-----
RTL Component Statistics
-----
```

```
Detailed RTL Component Info :
```

```
+---Registers :
           8 Bit    Registers := 1
```

```
Report Cell Usage:
```

```
-----+-----+-----
      |Cell|Count
-----+-----+-----
3     |FDCE|      8
-----+-----+-----
```

Flip-Flops and Registers Coding Examples

The following subsections provide VHDL and Verilog examples of coding for Flip-Flops and registers.

Code examples are located at:

http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

Flip-Flops and Registers VHDL Coding Example

http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis Ug_examples.zip

```
--File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/registers/register6.vhd
-- Flip-Flop with
--   Rising-edge Clock
--   Active-high Synchronous Clear
--   Active-high Clock Enable
library IEEE;
use IEEE.std_logic_1164.all;

entity top is
  port (
    clr, ce, clk : in  std_logic;
    d_in          : in std_logic_vector(7 downto 0);
    dout          : out std_logic_vector(7 downto 0));
end entity top;
architecture rtl of top is
begin
  process (clk) is
  begin
    if clr = '1' then
      dout <= "00000000";
    elsif rising_edge(clk) then
      if ce = '1' then
        dout <= d_in;
      end if;
    end if;
  end process;
end architecture rtl;
```

Flip-Flops and Registers Verilog Coding Example

http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis Ug_examples.zip

```
// File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/registers/registers_6.v
// 8-bit Register with
//   Rising-edge Clock
//   Active-high Synchronous Clear
//   Active-high Clock Enable
module top(d_in,ce,clk,clr,dout);
  input [7:0] d_in;
  input ce;
  input clk;
  input clr;
  output [7:0] dout;
  reg [7:0] d_reg;

  always @ (posedge clk)
  begin
    if(clr)
      d_reg <= 8'b0;
    else if(ce)
      d_reg <= d_in;
  end
  assign dout = d_reg;
endmodule
```

Latches

Code examples are located at:

http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

Latches Reporting

- The Vivado log file reports the type and size of recognized Latches.
- Inferred Latches are often the result of HDL coding mistakes, such as incomplete if or case statements.
- Vivado synthesis issues a warning for the instance shown in the reporting example below. This warning allows you to verify that the inferred Latch functionality was intended.

Latches Reporting Example

```
=====
*                               Vivado.log                               *
=====

WARNING: [Synth 8-327] inferring latch for variable 'Q_reg'

===== Report
Cell Usage:
-----+-----+-----
      |Cell|Count
-----+-----+-----
2     |LD  |    1
-----+-----+-----

=====
```

Latches Coding Examples

The following subsections provide VHDL and Verilog coding examples for latches with positive gates and asynchronous resets.

Latch With Positive Gate and Asynchronous Reset VHDL Coding Example

```
--//Download:
--// http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado\_synthesis\_ug\_examples.zip

-- //File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/latches/latches_2.vhd

-- Latch with Positive Gate and Asynchronous Reset
--
--
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;

entity latches_2 is
    port(G, D, CLR : in std_logic;
          Q : out std_logic);
end latches_2;

architecture archi of latches_2 is
begin
    process (CLR, D, G)
    begin
        if (CLR='1') then
            Q <= '0';
        elsif (G='1') then
            Q <= D;
        end if;
    end process;
end archi;
```

Tristates

- Tristate buffers are usually modeled by:
 - A signal
 - An **if-else** construct
- This applies whether the buffer drives:
 - An internal bus, or
 - An external bus on the board on which the device resides
- The signal is assigned a high impedance value in one branch of the **if-else**

Code examples are located at:

http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

Tristates Implementation

Inferred tristate buffers are implemented with different device primitives when driving an:

- Internal bus (BUFT)
 - A BUFT inferred is converted automatically to a logic realized in LUTs by Vivado synthesis
 - When an internal Bus inferring a BUFT is driving an output of the top module Vivado synthesis is inferring an OBUF
- External pin of the circuit (OBUFT)

Tristates Reporting

Tristate buffers are inferred and reported during synthesis.

Tristate Reporting Example

```
=====
*                               Vivado log file                               *
=====
Report Cell Usage:
-----+-----+-----
      |Cell|Count
-----+-----+-----
1     |OBUFT|      1
-----+-----+-----
=====
```

Tristates Coding Examples

The following subsections provide VHDL and Verilog coding examples for Tristate.

Tristate Description Using Combinatorial Process VHDL Coding Example

```
-- Download: http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado\_synthesis\_ug\_examples.zip

-- File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/tristates/tristates_2.vhd
-- Tristate Description Using Combinatorial Process
-- Implemented with an OBUFT (IO buffer)
--
--
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;

entity three_st_1 is
    port(T : in std_logic;
         I : in std_logic;
         O : out std_logic);
end three_st_1;

architecture archi of three_st_1 is
begin

    process (I, T)
    begin
        if (T='0') then
            O <= I;
        else
            O <= 'Z';
        end if;
    end process;

end archi;
```

Tristate Description Using Concurrent Assignment VHDL Coding Example

```
-- Download: http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado\_synthesis\_ug\_examples.zip

// File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/tristates/tristates_1.v
-- Tristate Description Using Concurrent Assignment
--
--
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;

entity three_st_2 is
    port(T : in std_logic;
         I : in std_logic;
         O : out std_logic);
end three_st_2;

architecture archi of three_st_2 is
begin
    O <= I when (T='0') else 'Z';
end archi;
```

Tristate Description Using Combinatorial Process VHDL Coding Example

-- Download: http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

```
-- Tristate Description Using Combinatorial Process
-- Implemented with an OBUF (internal buffer)
--
--
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;

entity example is
    generic (
        WIDTH : integer := 8
    );

    port(
        T : in std_logic;
        I : in std_logic_vector(WIDTH-1 downto 0);
        O : out std_logic_vector(WIDTH-1 downto 0));

end example;

architecture archi of example is
    signal S : std_logic_vector(WIDTH-1 downto 0);
begin

    process (I, T)
    begin
        if (T = '1') then
            S <= I;
        else
            S <= (others => 'Z');
        end if;
    end process;

    O <= not(S);

end archi;
```

Tristate Description Using Combinatorial Always Block Verilog Coding Example

// Download: http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

```
// Tristate Description Using Combinatorial Always Block
//
//
module v_three_st_1 (T, I, O);
    input T, I;
    output O;
    reg O;

    always @(T or I)
    begin
        if (~T)
            O = I;
        else
            O = 1'bZ;
        end
    end
```



```
end  
  
endmodule
```

Tristate Description Using Concurrent Assignment Verilog Coding Example

```
//  
// Tristate Description Using Concurrent Assignment  
//  
module v_three_st_2 (T, I, O);  
    input T, I;  
    output O;  
  
    assign O = (~T) ? I: 1'bZ;  
  
endmodule
```

Shift Registers

A Shift Register is a chain of Flip-Flops allowing propagation of data across a fixed (static) number of latency stages. In contrast, in [Dynamic Shift Registers](#), the length of the propagation chain varies dynamically during circuit operation.

Code examples are located at:

http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

Static Shift Register Elements

A static Shift Register usually involves:

- A clock
- An optional clock enable
- A serial data input
- A serial data output

Shift Registers SRL-Based Implementation

Vivado synthesis implements inferred Shift Registers on SRL-type resources such as:

- SRL16E
- SRLC32E

Depending on the length of the Shift Register, Vivado synthesis does one of the following:

- Implements it on a single SRL-type primitive

- Takes advantage of the cascading capability of SRLC-type primitives
- Attempts to take advantage of this cascading capability if the rest of the design uses some intermediate positions of the Shift Register

Shift Registers Coding Examples

The following subsections provide VHDL and Verilog coding examples for shift registers.

32-Bit Shift Register VHDL Coding Example One

This coding example uses the concatenation coding style.

```
--Download
--http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado\_synthesis\_ug\_examples.zip

-- File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/shift_registers/shift_registers_0.vhd
-- 32-bit Shift Register
--   Rising edge clock
--   Active high clock enable
--   Concatenation-based template
--
--
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;

entity shift_registers_0 is
    generic (
        DEPTH : integer := 32
    );
    port (
        clk    : in std_logic;
        clken  : in std_logic;
        SI     : in std_logic;
        SO     : out std_logic);

end shift_registers_0;

architecture archi of shift_registers_0 is
    signal shreg: std_logic_vector(DEPTH-1 downto 0);
begin

    process (clk)
    begin
        if rising_edge(clk) then
            if clken = '1' then
                shreg <= shreg(DEPTH-2 downto 0) & SI;
            end if;
        end if;
    end process;

    SO <= shreg(DEPTH-1);

end archi;
```

32-Bit Shift Register VHDL Coding Example Two

The same functionality can also be described as follows.

--Download:

-- http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_uq_examples.zip

```
-- File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/shift_registers/shift_registers_1.vhd
-- 32-bit Shift Register
--   Rising edge clock
--   Active high clock enable
--   for loop-based template
--
--
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;

entity shift_registers_1 is

    generic (
        DEPTH : integer := 32
    );
    port (
        clk      : in std_logic;
        clken    : in std_logic;
        SI       : in std_logic;
        SO       : out std_logic);

end shift_registers_1;

architecture archi of shift_registers_1 is
    signal shreg: std_logic_vector(DEPTH-1 downto 0);
begin

    process (clk)
    begin
        if rising_edge(clk) then
            if clken = '1' then
                for i in 0 to DEPTH-2 loop
                    shreg(i+1) <= shreg(i);
                end loop;
                shreg(0) <= SI;
            end if;
        end if;
    end process;

    SO <= shreg(DEPTH-1);

end archi;
```

32-Bit Shift Register Verilog Coding Example One

This coding example uses a concatenation to describe the Register chain.

http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

```
// -- File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/shift_registers/shift_registers_0.vhd
// 8-bit Shift Register
// Rising edge clock
// Active high clock enable
// Concatenation-based template
module v_shift_registers_0 (clk, clken, SI, SO);

    parameter WIDTH = 32;
    input  clk, clken, SI;
    output SO;
    reg    [WIDTH-1:0] shreg;

    always @(posedge clk)
    begin
        if (clken)
            shreg = {shreg[WIDTH-2:0], SI};
    end

    assign SO = shreg[WIDTH-1];

endmodule
```

8-Bit Shift Register Verilog Coding Example Two

http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

```
// File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/shift_registers/shift_registers_1.v
// 32-bit Shift Register
// Rising edge clock
// Active high clock enable
// For-loop based template
module v_shift_registers_1 (clk, clken, SI, SO);

    parameter WIDTH = 32;
    input  clk, clken, SI;
    output SO;
    reg [WIDTH-1:0] shreg;

    integer i;

    always @(posedge clk)
    begin
        if (clken)
            begin
                for (i = 0; i < WIDTH-1; i = i+1)
                    shreg[i+1] <= shreg[i];
                shreg[0] <= SI;
            end
    end

    assign SO = shreg [WIDTH-1];1
endmodule
```

SRL Based Shift Registers Reporting

```
-----
Start RAM, DSP and Shift Register Reporting
-----

Static Shift Register:
|Module Name|RTL Name|Length|Width|Reset Signal|Pull out first Reg|Pull out last Reg|SRL16E|SRLC32E|
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|top|top_rtl_inst/shreg_reg[31]|32|1|NO|NO|YES|0|1|
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|

-----
Finished RAM, DSP and Shift Register Reporting
-----
```

```
Report Cell Usage:
-----+-----+-----
|Cell|Count|
-----+-----+-----
1|SRLC32E|1
```

Dynamic Shift Registers

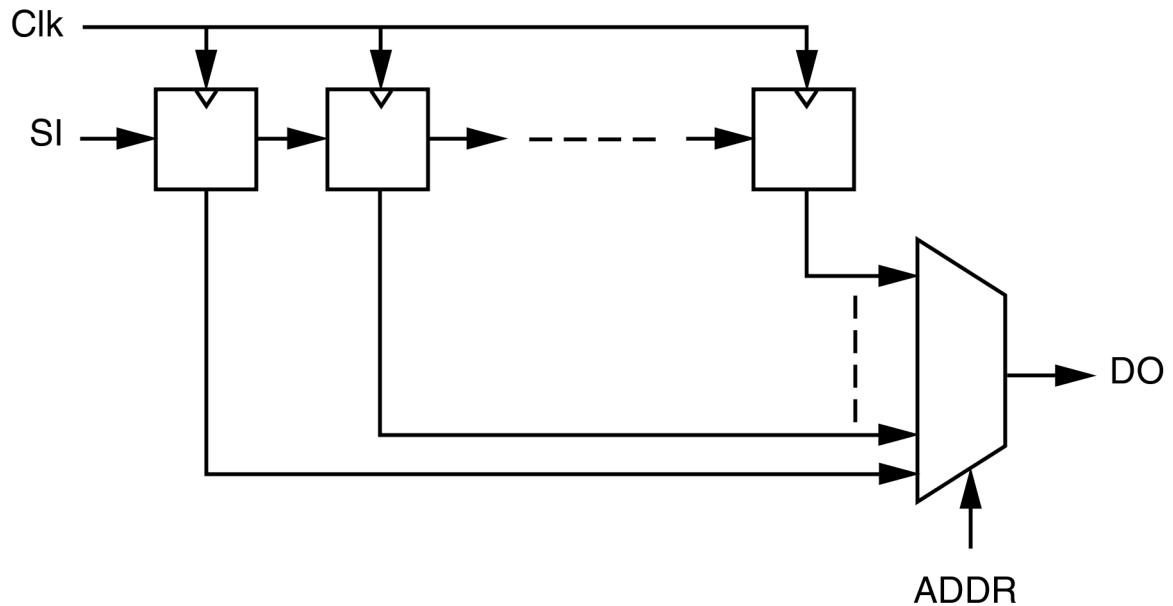
A Dynamic Shift Register is a Shift Register the length of which can vary dynamically during circuit operation.

A Dynamic Shift Register can be seen as:

- A chain of Flip-Flops of the maximum length that it can accept during circuit operation.
- A Multiplexer that selects, in a given clock cycle, the stage at which data is to be extracted from the propagation chain.

The Vivado synthesis tool can infer Dynamic Shift Registers of any maximal length.

Vivado synthesis tool can implement Dynamic Shift Registers optimally using the SRL-type primitives available in the device family.



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Figure C-1: Dynamic Shift Registers Diagram

Dynamic Shift Registers Reporting

The following subsections provide VHDL and Verilog coding examples for dynamic shift registers.

32-Bit Dynamic Shift Registers VHDL Coding Example

--http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis Ug_examples.zip

```
-- File:HDL_Coding_Techniques/dynamic_shift_registers/dynamic_shift_registers_1.vhd
-- 32-bit dynamic shift register.
--
library IEEE;
use IEEE.std_logic_1164.all;
use IEEE.std_logic_unsigned.all;

entity
  dynamic_shift
  _register is
  generic (
    DEPTH      : integer := 32;
    SEL_WIDTH  : integer := 5
  );
  port(
    CLK : in std_logic;
    SI  : in std_logic;
    CE  : in std_logic;
    A   : in std_logic_vector(SEL_WIDTH-1 downto 0);
    DO  : out std_logic
  );
```

```

end dynamic_shift_register;

architecture rtl of dynamic_shift_register is

    type SRL_ARRAY is array (0 to DEPTH-1) of std_logic;
    -- The type SRL_ARRAY can be array
    -- (0 to DEPTH-1) of
    -- std_logic_vector(BUS_WIDTH downto 0)
    -- or array (DEPTH-1 downto 0) of
    -- std_logic_vector(BUS_WIDTH downto 0)
    -- (the subtype is forward (see below))
    signal SRL_SIG : SRL_ARRAY;

begin
    process (CLK)
    begin
        if rising_edge(CLK) then
            if CE = '1' then
                SRL_SIG <= SI & SRL_SIG(0 to DEPTH-2);
            end if;
        end if;
    end process;

    DO <= SRL_SIG(conv_integer(A));

end rtl;

```

32-Bit Dynamic Shift Registers Verilog Coding Example

http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

```

//File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/dynamic_shift_registers/dynamic_shift_registers_1.v
// 32-bit dynamic shift register.

```

```

module dynamic_shift_register (CLK, CE, SEL, SI, DO);

    parameter SELWIDTH = 5;
    input CLK, CE, SI
    input [SELWIDTH-1:0] SEL;
    output DO;

    localparam DATAWIDTH = 2**SELWIDTH;
    reg [DATAWIDTH-1:0] data;

    assign DO = data[SEL];

    always @(posedge CLK)
    begin
        if (CE= 1'b1)

            data <= {data[DATAWIDTH-2:0], SI};
        end
    end

endmodule

```

Multipliers

Vivado synthesis infers Multiplier macros from multiplication operators in the source code.

- The resulting signal width equals the sum of the two operand sizes. For example, multiplying a 16-bit signal by an 8-bit signal produces a result of 24 bits.



RECOMMENDED: *If you do not intend to use all most significant bits of a device, Xilinx recommends that you reduce the size of operands to the minimum needed, especially if the Multiplier macro is implemented on slice logic.*

Code examples are located at:

http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

Multipliers Implementation

Multiplier macros can be implemented on:

- Slice logic
- DSP blocks

The implementation choice is:

- Driven by the size of operands
- Aimed at maximizing performance

To force implementation of a Multiplier to slice logic or DSP block, set `USE_DSP48` attribute on the appropriate signal, entity, or module to either:

- no (slice logic)
- yes (DSP block)

DSP Block Implementation

When implementing a Multiplier in a single DSP block, Vivado synthesis tries to take advantage of the pipelining capabilities of DSP blocks. Vivado synthesis pulls up to two levels of Registers present:

- On the multiplication operands
- After the multiplication

When a Multiplier does not fit on a single DSP block, Vivado synthesis decomposes the macro to implement it. In that case, Vivado synthesis uses either of the following:

- Several DSP blocks
- A hybrid solution involving both DSP blocks and slice logic

Use the `KEEP` attribute to restrict absorption of Registers into DSP blocks. For example, if a Register is present on an operand of the multiplier, place `KEEP` on the output of the Register to prevent the Register from being absorbed into the DSP block. For more information on the `KEEP` attribute, see [KEEP in Appendix A](#).

Multipliers Coding Examples

Unsigned 16x16-Bit Multiplier VHDL Coding Example

```
--
-- Unsigned 16x16-bit Multiplier
--
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
use ieee.std_logic_unsigned.all;

entity multipliers1 is
    generic (
        WIDTHA : integer := 16;
        WIDTHB : integer := 16
    );
    port(
        A      : in std_logic_vector(WIDTHA-1 downto 0);
        B      : in std_logic_vector(WIDTHB-1 downto 0);
        RES    : out std_logic_vector(WIDTHA+WIDTHB-1 downto 0));
end multipliers1;

architecture beh of multipliers1 is
begin
    RES <= A * B;
end beh;
```

Unsigned 16x24-Bit Multiplier Verilog Coding Example

```
//
// Unsigned 16x24-bit Multiplier
//   1 latency stage on operands
//   3 latency stage after the multiplication
//
module multipliers2 (clk, A, B, RES);

    parameter WIDTHA = 16;
    parameter WIDTHB = 24;
    input      clk;
    input [WIDTHA-1:0] A;
    input [WIDTHB-1:0] B;
    output [WIDTHA+WIDTHB-1:0] RES;

    reg [WIDTHA-1:0] rA;
    reg [WIDTHB-1:0] rB;
    reg [WIDTHA+WIDTHB-1:0] M [3:0];
```

```
integer i;

always @(posedge clk)
begin
    rA <= A;
    rB <= B;
    M[0] <= rA * rB;
    for (i = 0; i < 3; i = i+1)
        M[i+1] <= M[i];
    end

    assign RES = M[3];

endmodule
```

Multiply-Add and Multiply-Accumulate

The following macros are inferred:

- Multiply-Add
- Multiply-Sub
- Multiply-Add/Sub
- Multiply-Accumulate

The macros are inferred by aggregation of:

- A Multiplier
- An Adder/Subtractor
- Registers

Multiply-Add and Multiply-Accumulate Implementation

During Multiply-Add and Multiply-Accumulate implementation:

- Vivado synthesis can implement an inferred Multiply-Add or Multiply-Accumulate macro on DSP block resources.
- Vivado synthesis attempts to take advantage of the pipelining capabilities of DSP blocks.
- Vivado synthesis pulls up to:
 - Two register stages present on the multiplication operands.
 - One register stage present after the multiplication.
 - One register stage found after the Adder, Subtractor, or Adder/Subtractor.

- One register stage on the add/sub selection signal.
- One register stage on the Adder optional carry input.
- Vivado synthesis can implement a Multiply Accumulate in a DSP48 block if its implementation requires only a single DSP48 resource.
- If the macro exceeds the limits of a single DSP48:
 - Vivado synthesis processes it as two separate Multiplier and Accumulate macros.
 - Vivado synthesis makes independent decisions on each macro.

Macro Implementation on DSP Block Resources

Macro implementation on DSP block resources is inferred by default in Vivado synthesis.

- In **default** mode, Vivado synthesis:
 - Implements Multiply-Add and Multiply-Accumulate Macros.
 - Takes into account DSP block resources availability in the targeted device.
 - Can use all available DSP resources.
 - Attempts to maximize circuit performance by leveraging all the pipelining capabilities of DSP blocks.
 - Scans for opportunities to absorb Registers into a Multiply-Add or Multiply-Accumulate macro.
- Use `KEEP` attribute to restrict absorption of Registers into DSP blocks. For example, to exclude a Register present on an operand of the Multiplier from absorption into the DSP block, apply `KEEP` on the output of the Register. For more information about the `KEEP` attribute, see [KEEP in Appendix A](#).

Multiply-Add and Multiply-Accumulate Coding Examples

The following subsections provide VHDL and Verilog coding examples for multiply add and multiply accumulate functions.

Multiplier Up Accumulate with Register After Multiplication VHDL Coding Example

```
--
-- Multiplier Up Accumulate with Register After Multiplication
--
library IEEE;
use IEEE.STD_LOGIC_1164.ALL;
use IEEE.STD_LOGIC_UNSIGNED.ALL;

entity multipliers3 is
    generic (pwidth: integer:=16);
    port (clk, reset: in std_logic;
          A, B: in std_logic_vector(pwidth-1 downto 0);
          RES: out std_logic_vector(pwidth*2-1 downto 0));
end multipliers3;

architecture beh of multipliers3 is
    signal mult, accum: std_logic_vector(pwidth*2-1 downto 0);
begin

    process (clk)
    begin
        if (clk'event and clk='1') then
            if (reset = '1') then
                accum <= (others => '0');
                mult <= (others => '0');
            else
                accum <= accum + mult;
                mult <= A * B;
            end if;
        end if;
    end process;

    RES <= accum;

end beh;
```

Multiplier Up Accumulate Verilog Coding Example

```
// Multiplier Up Accumulate with:
//   Registered operands
//   Registered multiplication
//   Accumulation
module multipliers4 (clk, rst, A, B, RES);

    parameter WIDTH = 16;
    input          clk;
    input          rst;
    input  [WIDTH-1:0]  A, B;
    output [2*WIDTH-1:0] RES;

    reg [WIDTH-1:0]      rA, rB;
    reg [2*WIDTH-1:0]    mult, accum;

    always @(posedge clk)
    begin
        if (rst) begin
            rA    <= {WIDTH{1'b0}};
            rB    <= {WIDTH{1'b0}};
            mult  <= {2*WIDTH{1'b0}};
            accum <= {2*WIDTH{1'b0}};
        end
        else begin
            rA <= A;
            rB <= B;
            mult <= rA * rB;
            accum <= accum + mult;
        end
        end
        assign RES = accum;
    endmodule
```

RAM HDL Coding Techniques

Vivado synthesis can interpret various ram coding styles, and maps them into Distributed RAMs or Block RAMs. This action:

- Makes it unnecessary to manually instantiate RAM primitives
- Saves time
- Keeps HDL source code portable and scalable

Code examples are located at:

http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

Choosing Between Distributed RAM and Dedicated Block RAM

Data is written synchronously *into* the RAM for both types. The primary difference between distributed RAM and dedicated block RAM lies in the way data is read *from* the RAM. See the following table.

Table C-1: Distributed RAM versus Dedicated Block RAM

Action	Distributed RAM	Dedicated Block RAM
Write	Synchronous	Synchronous
Read	Asynchronous	Synchronous

Whether to use distributed RAM or dedicated block RAM can depend upon:

- The characteristics of the RAM you have described in the HDL source code
- Whether you have forced a specific implementation style using `ram_style` attribute. See [RAM_STYLE in Appendix A](#) for more information.
- Availability of block RAM resources

Memory Inference Capabilities

Memory inference capabilities include the following.

- Support for any size and data width. Vivado synthesis maps the memory description to one or several RAM primitives
- Single-port, simple-dual port, true dual port
- Up to two write ports
- Multiple read ports

Provided that only one write port is described, Vivado synthesis can identify RAM descriptions with two or more read ports that access the RAM contents at addresses different from the write address.

- Write enable
- RAM enable (block RAM)
- Data output reset (block RAM)
- Optional output register (block RAM)
- Byte-Wide Write enable (block RAM)
- Each RAM port can be controlled by its distinct clock, port enable, write enable, and data output reset
- Initial contents specification

- Vivado synthesis can use parity bits as regular data bits in order to accommodate the described data widths

Note: For more information on parity bits see the user guide for the device you are targeting.

RAM HDL Coding Guidelines

RAM HDL coding guidelines include:

- Block RAM Read/Write Synchronization modes
- Distributed RAM examples
- Single port ram coding example
 - Read first mode
 - Write first mode
 - No change mode
- Simple Dual port ram coding example
 - Single clock
 - Dual clock
- True Dual port ram coding example
 - Single clock
 - Dual clock
- Byte wide write enable coding example

Block RAM Read/Write Synchronization Modes

You can configure Block RAM resources to provide the following synchronization modes for a given read/write port:

- Read-first: Old content is read before new content is loaded
- Write-first: New content is immediately made available for reading Write-first is also known as read-through
- No-change: Data output does not change as new content is loaded into RAM

Vivado synthesis provides inference support for all of these synchronization modes. You can describe a different synchronization mode for each port of the RAM.

Distributed RAM Examples

The following subsections provide VHDL and Verilog coding examples for distributed RAM.

Single-Port RAM with Asynchronous Read VHDL Coding Example

http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

```
--File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/rams/rams_04.v

library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
use ieee.std_logic_unsigned.all;

entity rams_04 is
port (clk : in std_logic;
we : in std_logic;
a : in std_logic_vector(5 downto 0);
di : in std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
do : out std_logic_vector(15 downto 0));
end rams_04;

architecture syn of rams_04 is
type ram_type is array (63 downto 0) of std_logic_vector (15 downto 0);
signal RAM : ram_type;
begin

process (clk)
begin
if (clk'event and clk = '1') then
    if (we = '1') then
        RAM(conv_integer(a)) <= di;
    end if;
end if;
end process;

do <= RAM(conv_integer(a));

end syn;
```

Dual-Port RAM with Asynchronous Read Verilog Coding Example

```
// Dual-Port RAM with Asynchronous Read (Distributed RAM)
//
module v_rams_09 (clk, we, a, dpri, di, spo, dpo);

input clk;
input we;
input [5:0] a;
input [5:0] dpri;
input [15:0] di;
output [15:0] spo;
output [15:0] dpo;
reg [15:0] ram [63:0];

always @(posedge clk) begin if (we)
ram[a] <= di;
end

assign spo = ram[a];
assign dpo = ram[dpri];
```



```
endmodule
```

Single-Port Block RAM Read-First Mode VHDL Coding Example

-- http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

```
-- Single-Port Block RAM Read-First Mode
-- File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/rams/rams_04.v

library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
use ieee.std_logic_unsigned.all;

entity rams_01 is
port (clk : in std_logic;
      we   : in std_logic;
      en   : in std_logic;
      addr : in std_logic_vector(9 downto 0);
      di   : in std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
      do   : out std_logic_vector(15 downto 0));
end rams_01;

architecture syn of rams_01 is
type ram_type is array (1023 downto 0) of std_logic_vector (15 downto 0);
signal RAM: ram_type;
begin

process (clk)
begin
if clk'event and clk = '1' then
    if en = '1' then
        if we = '1' then
            RAM(conv_integer(addr)) <= di;
        end if;
        do <= RAM(conv_integer(addr)) ;
    end if;
end if;
end process;

end syn;
```

Single-Port Block RAM Read-First Mode Verilog Coding Example

// http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

```
// Single-Port Block RAM Read-First Mode
//--Download:
-- File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/rams/rams_01.vhd

module v_rams_01 (clk, en, we, addr, di, do);

    input clk;
    input we;
    input en;
    input [9:0] addr;
    input [15:0] di;
    output [15:0] do;

    reg [15:0] RAM [1023:0];
    reg [15:0] do;

    always @(posedge clk)
    begin
        if (en)
        begin
            if (we)
                RAM[addr]<=di;
            do <= RAM[addr];
        end
    end

endmodule
```

Single-Port Block RAM Write-First Mode VHDL Coding Example

-- http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

```
-- File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/rams/rams_02a.vhd
-- Single-Port Block RAM Write-First Mode (recommended template)
--
--
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
use ieee.std_logic_unsigned.all;

entity rams_02a is
    port (clk : in std_logic;
          we  : in std_logic;
          en   : in std_logic;
          addr : in std_logic_vector(9 downto 0);
          di   : in std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
          do   : out std_logic_vector(15 downto 0));
end rams_02a;

architecture syn of rams_02a is
    type ram_type is array (1023 downto 0) of std_logic_vector (15 downto 0);
    signal RAM : ram_type;
    begin
        process (clk)

```

```
begin
if clk'event and clk = '1' then
    if en = '1' then
        if we = '1' then
            RAM(conv_integer(addr)) <= di;
            do <= di;
        else
            do <= RAM( conv_integer(addr));
        end if;
    end if;
end if;
end process;

end syn;
```

Single-Port Block RAM Write-First Mode Verilog Coding Example

// http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

```
// Single-Port Block RAM Write-First Mode (recommended template)
//File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/rams/rams_02a.v
//
module v_rams_02a (clk, we, en, addr, di, do);

    input clk;
    input we;
    input en;
    input [9:0] addr;
    input [15:0] di;
    output [15:0] do;
    reg [15:0] RAM [1023:0];
    reg [15:0] do;

    always @(posedge clk)
    begin
        if (en)
        begin
            if (we)
            begin
                RAM[addr] <= di;
                do <= di;
            end
            else
            do <= RAM[addr];
        end
    end
endmodule
```

Single-Port Block RAM No-Change Mode VHDL Coding Example

http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

```
-- Single-Port Block RAM No-Change Mode
-- File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/rams/rams_03.vhd

library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
use ieee.std_logic_unsigned.all;
```

```

entity rams_03 is
port (clk : in std_logic;
      we  : in std_logic;
      en  : in std_logic;
      addr : in std_logic_vector(9 downto 0);
      di   : in std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
      do   : out std_logic_vector(15 downto 0));
end rams_03;

architecture syn of rams_03 is
type ram_type is array (1023 downto 0) of std_logic_vector (15 downto 0);
signal RAM : ram_type;
begin

process (clk)
begin
if clk'event and clk = '1' then
    if en = '1' then
        if we = '1' then
            RAM(conv_integer(addr)) <= di;
        else
            do <= RAM( conv_integer(addr));
        end if;
    end if;
end if;
end process;

end syn;

```

Single-Port Block RAM No-Change Mode Verilog Coding Example

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```

// Single-Port Block RAM No-Change Mode
module v_rams_03 (clk, we, en, addr, di, do);

    input clk;
    input we;
    input en;
    input [9:0] addr;
    input [15:0] di;
    output [15:0] do;

    reg [15:0] RAM [1023:0];
    reg [15:0] do;

    always @(posedge clk)
    begin
        if (en)
        begin
            if (we)
                RAM[addr] <= di;
            else
                do <= RAM[addr];
            end
        end
    end
endmodule

```

Dual-Port Block RAM with Two Write Ports VHDL Coding Example

http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

```
-- Dual-Port Block RAM with Two Write Ports
-- Correct Modelization with a Shared Variable
-- File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/rams/rams_16b.vhd

library IEEE;
use IEEE.std_logic_1164.all;
use IEEE.std_logic_unsigned.all;

entity rams_16b is
port(clka : in std_logic;
     clkb : in std_logic;
     ena  : in std_logic;
     enb  : in std_logic;
     wea  : in std_logic;
     web  : in std_logic;
     addra : in std_logic_vector(9 downto 0);
     addrb : in std_logic_vector(9 downto 0);
     dia   : in std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
     dib   : in std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
     doa   : out std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
     dob   : out std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
end rams_16b;

architecture syn of rams_16b is
type ram_type is array (1023 downto 0) of std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
shared variable RAM : ram_type;
begin

process (CLKA)
begin
if CLKA'event and CLKA = '1' then
    if ENA = '1' then
        DOA <= RAM(conv_integer(ADDRA));
        if WEA = '1' then
            RAM(conv_integer(ADDRA)) := DIA;
        end if;
    end if;
end if;
end process;

process (CLKB)
begin
if CLKB'event and CLKB = '1' then
    if ENB = '1' then
        DOB <= RAM(conv_integer(ADDRB));
        if WEB = '1' then
            RAM(conv_integer(ADDRB)) := DIB;
        end if;
    end if;
end if;
end process;

end syn;
```

Dual-Port Block RAM with Two Write Ports Verilog Coding Example

http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

```
// Dual-Port Block RAM with Two Write Ports
-- File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/rams/rams_16.v

//
module v_rams_16 (clk_a, clk_b, ena, enb, wea, web, addra, addrb, dia, dib, doa, dob);

    input clk_a, clk_b, ena, enb, wea, web;
    input [9:0] addra, addrb;
    input [15:0] dia, dib;
    output [15:0] doa, dob;
    reg [15:0] ram [1023:0];
    reg [15:0] doa, dob;

    always @(posedge clk_a) begin if (ena)
    begin
        if (wea)
            ram[addra] <= dia;
            doa <= ram[addra];
        end
    end

    always @(posedge clk_b) begin if (enb)
    begin
        if (web)
            ram[addrb] <= dib;
            dob <= ram[addrb];
        end
    end

endmodule
```

Block RAM with Resettable Data Output VHDL Coding Example

http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

```
-- Block RAM with Resettable Data Output
-- File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/rams/rams_18.vhd
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
use ieee.std_logic_unsigned.all;

entity rams_18 is
port (clk : in std_logic;
    en : in std_logic;
    we : in std_logic;
    rst : in std_logic;
    addr : in std_logic_vector(9 downto 0);
    di : in std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
    do : out std_logic_vector(15 downto 0));
end rams_18;

architecture syn of rams_18 is
type ram_type is array (1023 downto 0) of std_logic_vector (15 downto 0);
```

```

signal ram : ram_type;
begin

process (clk)
begin
if clk'event and clk = '1' then
    if en = '1' then -- optional enable
        if we = '1' then -- write enable
            ram(conv_integer(addr)) <= di;
        end if;
        if rst = '1' then -- optional reset
            do <= (others => '0');
        else
            do <= ram(conv_integer(addr));
        end if;
    end if;
end if;
end process;

end syn;

```

Block RAM with Resettable Data Output Verilog Coding Example

http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

```

// Block RAM with Resettable Data Output
// File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/rams/rams_18.v
module v_rams_18 (clk, en, we, rst, addr, di, do);

    input clk;
    input en;
    input we;
    input rst;
    input [9:0] addr;
    input [15:0] di;
    output [15:0] do;

    reg [15:0] ram [1023:0];
    reg [15:0] do;

    always @(posedge clk)
    begin
        if (en) // optional enable
        begin
            if (we) // write enable
                ram[addr] <= di;
            if (rst) // optional reset
                do <= 0;
            else
                do <= ram[addr];
            end
        end
    end

endmodule

```

Block RAM with Optional Output Registers VHDL Coding Example

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```
-- Block RAM with Optional Output Registers
-- File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/rams/rams_19.vhd

--
library IEEE;
library IEEE;
use IEEE.STD_LOGIC_1164.ALL;
use IEEE.STD_LOGIC_UNSIGNED.ALL;

entity rams_19 is
    port (clk1, clk2      : in std_logic;
    we, en1, en2 : in std_logic;
    addr1 : in std_logic_vector(9 downto 0);
    addr2 : in std_logic_vector(9 downto 0);
    di     : in std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
    res1   : out std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
    res2   : out std_logic_vector(15 downto 0));
end rams_19;

architecture beh of rams_19 is
    type ram_type is array (1023 downto 0) of std_logic_vector (15 downto 0);
    signal ram : ram_type;
    signal do1 : std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
    signal do2 : std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
begin

    process (clk1)
    begin
        if rising_edge(clk1) then
            if we = '1' then
                ram(conv_integer(addr1)) <= di;
            end if;
            do1 <= ram(conv_integer(addr1));
        end if;
    end process;

    process (clk2)
    begin
        if rising_edge(clk2) then
            do2 <= ram(conv_integer(addr2));
        end if;
    end process;

    process (clk1)
    begin
        if rising_edge(clk1) then
            if en1 = '1' then
                res1 <= do1;
            end if;
        end if;
    end process;

    process (clk2)
    begin
```



```

        if rising_edge(clk2) then
            if en2 == '1' then
                res2 <= do2;
            end if;
        end if;
    end process;

    end beh;

```

Block RAM with Optional Output Registers Verilog Coding Example

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```

// Block RAM with Optional Output Registers
// File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/rams/rams_19.v
module v_rams_19 (clk1, clk2, we, en1, en2, addr1, addr2, di, res1, res2);

    input clk1;
    input clk2;
    input we, en1, en2;
    input [9:0] addr1;
    input [9:0] addr2;
    input [15:0] di;
    output [15:0] res1;
    output [15:0] res2;
    reg [15:0] res1;
    reg [15:0] res2;
    reg [15:0] RAM [1023:0];
    reg [15:0] do1;
    reg [15:0] do2;

    always @(posedge clk1)
    begin
        if (we == 1'b1)
            RAM[addr1] <= di;
        do1 <= RAM[addr1];
    end

    always @(posedge clk2)
    begin
        do2 <= RAM[addr2];
    end

    always @(posedge clk1)
    begin
        if (en1 == 1'b1)
            res1 <= do1;
    end

    always @(posedge clk2)
    begin
        if (en2 == 1'b1)
            res2 <= do2;
        end
    endmodule

```

Byte-Wide Write Enable (Block RAM)

Xilinx supports byte-wide, write enable in block RAM.

Use byte-wide, write enable in block RAM to:

- Exercise advanced control over writing data into RAM
- Separately specify the writeable portions of 8 bits of an addressed memory

From the standpoint of HDL modeling and inference, the concept is best described as a column-based write:

- The RAM is seen as a collection of equal size columns
- During a write cycle, you separately control writing into each of these columns

Vivado synthesis inference allows you to take advantage of the block RAM byte-wide enable feature

The described RAM is implemented on block RAM resources, using the byte-write, enable capability, provided that the following requirements are met:

- Write columns of equal widths
- Allowed write column widths: 8-bit, 9-bit, 16-bit, 18-bit (multiple of 8-bit or 9-bit)

For other write column widths, such as 5-bit or 12-bit (non multiple of 8-bit or 9-bit), Vivado synthesis uses separate rams for each column:

- Number of write columns: any
- Supported read-write synchronizations: read-first, write-first, no-change

Single Port Block Ram with byte_write Enable VHDL Coding Example

This coding example uses generics and a **for-loop** construct for a compact and easily changeable configuration of the desired number and width of write columns.

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```
-- Single-Port BRAM with Byte-wide Write Enable
-- 2x8-bit write
-- Read-First mode
-- Single-process description
-- Compact description of the write with a for-loop statement
-- Column width and number of columns easily configurable
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
use ieee.std_logic_unsigned.all;
entity bytewrite_ram_1b is generic (
  SIZE : integer := 1024;
  ADDR_WIDTH : integer := 10;
  COL_WIDTH : integer := 8;
  NB_COL : integer := 4);
port (
  clk : in std_logic;
  we : in std_logic_vector(NB_COL-1 downto 0);
  addr : in std_logic_vector(ADDR_WIDTH-1 downto 0);
  di : in std_logic_vector(NB_COL*COL_WIDTH-1 downto 0);
  do : out std_logic_vector(NB_COL*COL_WIDTH-1 downto 0));

end bytewrite_ram_1b;
architecture behavioral of bytewrite_ram_1b is type ram_type is array (SIZE-1 downto 0)
of std_logic_vector (NB_COL*COL_WIDTH-1 downto 0);
signal RAM : ram_type := (others => (others => '0'));

begin

process (clk)
begin
  if rising_edge(clk) then
    do <= RAM(conv_integer(addr));
    for i in 0 to NB_COL-1 loop
      if we(i) = '1' then
        RAM(conv_integer(addr))((i+1)*COL_WIDTH-1 downto i*COL_WIDTH) <=
di((i+1)*COL_WIDTH-1 downto i*COL_WIDTH);
      end if;
    end loop;
  end if;
end process;

end behavioral;
```

Single Port byte_write Enable Verilog Coding Example

This coding example uses parameters and a generate-for construct.

http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis Ug_examples.zip

```
//File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/rams/vivado_ram_templates_bwwe.v
// Single-Port BRAM with Byte-wide Write Enable
// 4x9-bit write
// Read-First mode
// Single-process description
// Compact description of the write with a generate-for statement
// Column width and number of columns easily configurable
module v_bytewrite_ram_1b (clk, we, addr, di, do);

    parameter SIZE = 1024;
    parameter ADDR_WIDTH = 10;
    parameter COL_WIDTH = 8;
    parameter NB_COL = 4;

    input clk;
    input [NB_COL-1:0] we;
    input [ADDR_WIDTH-1:0] addr;
    input [NB_COL*COL_WIDTH-1:0] di;
    output reg [NB_COL*COL_WIDTH-1:0] do;

    reg [NB_COL*COL_WIDTH-1:0] RAM [SIZE-1:0];

    always @(posedge clk)
    begin
        do <= RAM[addr];
    end

    generate genvar i;
    for (i = 0; i < NB_COL; i = i+1)
    begin
        always @(posedge clk)
        begin
            if (we[i])
                RAM[addr] [(i+1)*COL_WIDTH-1:i*COL_WIDTH] <=
di [(i+1)*COL_WIDTH-1:i*COL_WIDTH];
            end
        end
    endgenerate
endmodule
```

True-Dual-Port BRAM with Byte-Wide Write Enable Verilog Examples

Byte-Wide Write Enable - READ_FIRST Mode

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```
// True-Dual-Port BRAM with Byte-wide Write Enable
//      Read-First mode (2 variants)
//      Write-First mode
//      No-Change mode
// File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/rams/bytewrite_tdp_ram.v
module v_bytewrite_tdp_ram_readfirst
#(

//-----
parameter    NUM_COL =    4,
parameter    COL_WIDTH =    8,
parameter    ADDR_WIDTH = 10, // Addr Width in bits :
                                //2**ADDR_WIDTH = RAM Depth
parameter    DATA_WIDTH = NUM_COL*COL_WIDTH // Data Width in bits
//-----
) (
    input clkA,
    input enaA,
    input [NUM_COL-1:0] weA,
    input [ADDR_WIDTH-1:0] addrA,
    input [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] dinA,
    output reg [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] doutA,

    input clkB,
    input enaB,
    input [NUM_COL-1:0] weB,
    input [ADDR_WIDTH-1:0] addrB,
    input [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] dinB,
    output reg [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] doutB
);

// CORE_MEMORY
reg [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] ram_block [(2**ADDR_WIDTH)-1:0];

integer i;
// PORT-A Operation
always @ (posedge clkA) begin
    if(enaA) begin
        for(i=0;i<NUM_COL;i=i+1) begin
            if(weA[i]) begin
                ram_block[addrA][i*COL_WIDTH +: COL_WIDTH] <= dinA[i*COL_WIDTH +:
COL_WIDTH];
            end
        end
        doutA <= ram_block[addrA];
    end
end

// Port-B Operation:
always @ (posedge clkB) begin
```

```

        if(enaB) begin
            for(i=0;i<NUM_COL;i=i+1) begin
                if(weB[i]) begin
                    ram_block[addrB][i*COL_WIDTH+: COL_WIDTH] <= dinB[i*COL_WIDTH+:
COL_WIDTH];
                end
            end

            doutB <= ram_block[addrB];
        end
    end

endmodule // v_bytewrite_tdp_ram_readfirst

```

Byte-Wide Write Enable - Alternate READ_FIRST Mode

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// ByteWide Write Enable,- Alternate READ_FIRST mode template - Vivado //recommended
module v_bytewrite_tdp_ram_readfirst2

```

#(
//-----
parameter NUM_COL = 4
parameter COL_WIDTH = 8,
parameter ADDR_WIDTH = 10, // Addr Width in bits : 2**ADDR_WIDTH = RAM Depth
parameter DATA_WIDTH = NUM_COL*COL_WIDTH // Data Width in bits
//-----
) (
    input clkA,
    input enaA,
    input [NUM_COL-1:0] weA,
    input [ADDR_WIDTH-1:0] addrA,
    input [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] dinA,
    output reg [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] doutA,

    input clkB,
    input enaB,
    input [NUM_COL-1:0] weB,
    input [ADDR_WIDTH-1:0] addrB,
    input [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] dinB,
    output reg [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] doutB
);

// CORE_MEMORY
reg [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] ram_block [(2**ADDR_WIDTH)-1:0];

// PORT-A Operation
generate
genvar i;
for(i=0;i<NUM_COL;i=i+1) begin
    always @ (posedge clkA) begin
        if(enaA) begin
            if(weA[i]) begin
                ram_block[addrA][i*COL_WIDTH+: COL_WIDTH] <= dinA[i*COL_WIDTH+: COL_WIDTH];
            end
        end
    end
end

```

```

        end
    end
endgenerate

always @ (posedge clkA) begin
    if(enaA) begin
        doutA <= ram_block[addrA];
    end
end

// Port-B Operation:
generate
for(i=0;i<NUM_COL;i=i+1) begin
    always @ (posedge clkB) begin
        if(enaB) begin
            if(weB[i]) begin
                ram_block[addrB][i*COL_WIDTH+: COL_WIDTH] <= dinB[i*COL_WIDTH+: COL_WIDTH];
            end
        end
    end
end
endgenerate

always @ (posedge clkB) begin
    if(enaB) begin
        doutB <= ram_block[addrB];
    end
end
endmodule // v_bytewrite_tdp_ram_readfirst2

```

Byte-Wide Write Enable, - WRITE_FIRST Mode

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```

// ByteWide Write Enable, - WRITE_FIRST mode template - Vivado recommended
module v_bytewrite_tdp_ram_writefirst
#(
//-----
parameter    NUM_COL =    4,
parameter    COL_WIDTH =    8,
parameter    ADDR_WIDTH = 10, // Addr Width in bits: 2**ADDR_WIDTH= RAM Depth
parameter    DATA_WIDTH = NUM_COL*COL_WIDTH // Data Width in bits
//-----
) (
    input clkA,
    input enaA,
    input [NUM_COL-1:0] weA,
    input [ADDR_WIDTH-1:0] addrA,
    input [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] dinA,
    output reg [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] doutA,

    input clkB,
    input enaB,
    input [NUM_COL-1:0] weB,
    input [ADDR_WIDTH-1:0] addrB,
    input [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] dinB,
    output reg [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] doutB
);

```

```
// CORE_MEMORY
reg [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] ram_block [(2**ADDR_WIDTH)-1:0];
// PORT-A Operation:
generate
genvar i;
for(i=0;i<NUM_COL;i=i+1) begin
    always @ (posedge clkA) begin
        if(enaA) begin
            if(weA[i]) begin
                ram_block[addrA][i*COL_WIDTH +: COL_WIDTH] <= dinA[i*COL_WIDTH +: COL_WIDTH];
                doutA[i*COL_WIDTH +: COL_WIDTH] <= dinA[i*COL_WIDTH +: COL_WIDTH] ;
            end else begin
                doutA[i*COL_WIDTH +: COL_WIDTH] <= ram_block[addrA][i*COL_WIDTH +:
                COL_WIDTH] ;
            end
        end
    end
end
endgenerate

Port-B Operation
// Port-B Operation:
generate
for(i=0;i<NUM_COL;i=i+1) begin
    always @ (posedge clkB) begin
        if(enaB) begin
            if(weB[i]) begin
                ram_block[addrB][i*COL_WIDTH +: COL_WIDTH] <= dinB[i*COL_WIDTH
                : COL_WIDTH];
                doutB[i*COL_WIDTH +: COL_WIDTH] <= dinB[i*COL_WIDTH +:
                COL_WIDTH] ;
            end else begin
                doutB[i*COL_WIDTH +: COL_WIDTH] <=
                ram_block[addrB][i*COL_WIDTH +: COL_WIDTH] ;
            end
        end
    end
end
endgenerate

endmodule // v_bytewrite_tdp_ram_writefirst
```


Byte-Wide Write Enable, - NO_CHANGE Mode

http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

```
// ByteWide Write Enable, - NO_CHANGE mode template - Vivado recommended
module v_bytewrite_tdp_ram_nochange
#(
//-----
parameter    NUM_COL =    4,
parameter    COL_WIDTH = 8,
parameter    ADDR_WIDTH = 10, // Addr Width in bits : 2**ADDR_WIDTH = RAM Depth
parameter    DATA_WIDTH = NUM_COL*COL_WIDTH // Data Width in bits
//-----
) (
    input clkA,
    input enaA,
    input [NUM_COL-1:0] weA,
    input [ADDR_WIDTH-1:0] addrA,
    input [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] dinA,
    output reg [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] doutA,

    input clkB,
    input enaB,
    input [NUM_COL-1:0] weB,
    input [ADDR_WIDTH-1:0] addrB,
    input [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] dinB,
    output reg [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] doutB
);

// CORE_MEMORY
reg [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] ram_block [(2**ADDR_WIDTH)-1:0];

// PORT-A Operation
generate
genvar i;
for(i=0;i<NUM_COL;i=i+1) begin
    always @ (posedge clkA) begin
        if(enaA) begin
            if(weA[i]) begin
                ram_block[addrA][i*COL_WIDTH +: COL_WIDTH] <= dinA[i*COL_WIDTH +:
                COL_WIDTH];
            end
        end
    end
end
endgenerate

always @ (posedge clkA) begin
    if(enaA) begin
        if (~|weA)
            doutA <= ram_block[addrA];
    end
end

// Port-B Operation:
generate
```

```

for(i=0;i<NUM_COL;i=i+1) begin
  always @ (posedge clkB) begin
    if(enaB) begin
      if(weB[i]) begin
        ram_block[addrB][i*COL_WIDTH +: COL_WIDTH] <= dinB[i*COL_WIDTH +: COL_WIDTH];
      end
    end
  end
end
end
endgenerate

always @ (posedge clkB) begin
  if(enaB) begin
    if (~|weB)
      doutB <= ram_block[addrB];
    end
  end
end
endmodule // v_bytewrite_tdp_ram_nochange

```

RAM Initial Contents

RAM can be initialized in following ways:

- [Specifying RAM Initial Contents in the HDL Source Code](#)
- [Specifying RAM Initial Contents in an External Data File](#)

Specifying RAM Initial Contents in the HDL Source Code

Use the signal default value mechanism to describe initial RAM contents directly in the HDL source code.

VHDL Coding Examples

```

type ram_type is array (0 to 31) of std_logic_vector(19 downto 0);
signal RAM : ram_type :=
(
  X"0200A", X"00300", X"08101", X"04000", X"08601", X"0233A", X"00300", X"08602",
  X"02310", X"0203B", X"08300", X"04002", X"08201", X"00500", X"04001", X"02500",
  X"00340", X"00241", X"04002", X"08300", X"08201", X"00500", X"08101", X"00602",
  X"04003", X"0241E", X"00301", X"00102", X"02122", X"02021", X"0030D", X"08201"
);

```

All *bit positions* are initialized to the same value.

```

type ram_type is array (0 to 127) of std_logic_vector (15 downto 0);
signal RAM : ram_type := (others => (others => '0'));

```

Verilog Coding Examples

All *addressable words* are initialized to the same value.

```

reg [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] ram [DEPTH-1:0];

```

```
integer i;
initial for (i=0; i<DEPTH; i=i+1) ram[i] = 0;
end
```

Specifying RAM Initial Contents in an External Data File

Use the file read function in the HDL source code to load the RAM initial contents from an external data file.

- The external data file is an ASCII text file with any name.
- Each line in the external data file describes the initial content at an address position in the RAM.
- There must be as many lines in the external data file as there are rows in the RAM array. An insufficient number of lines is flagged.
- The addressable position related to a given line is defined by the direction of the primary range of the signal modeling the RAM.
- You can represent RAM content in either binary or hexadecimal. You cannot mix both.
- The external data file cannot contain any other content, such as comments.
- The following external data file initializes an 8 x 32-bit RAM with binary values:

```
00001111000011110000111100001111
01001010001000001100000010000100
00000000001111100000000001000001
11111101010000011100010000100100
00001111000011110000111100001111
01001010001000001100000010000100
00000000001111100000000001000001
11111101010000011100010000100100
```

VHDL Coding Example

Load the data as follows:

```
type RamType is array(0 to 7) of bit_vector(31 downto 0);

impure function InitRamFromFile (RamFileName : in string) return RamType is
FILE RamFile : text is in RamFileName;
variable RamFileLine : line;
variable RAM : RamType;
begin
for I in RamType'range loop
readline (RamFile, RamFileLine);
read (RamFileLine, RAM(I));
end loop;
return RAM;
end function;

signal RAM : RamType := InitRamFromFile("rams_20c.data");
```

Verilog Coding Example

Use a `$readmemb` or `$readmemh` system task to load respectively binary-formatted or hexadecimal data.

```
reg [31:0] ram [0:63];

initial begin
  $readmemb("rams_20c.data", ram, 0, 63);
end
```

Initializing Block RAM VHDL Coding Example

```
--
-- Initializing Block RAM (Single-Port Block RAM)
-- http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado\_synthesis\_ug\_examples.zip
-- File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/rams/rams_20a.vhd

library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
use ieee.std_logic_unsigned.all;

entity rams_20a is
  port (clk : in std_logic;
        we  : in std_logic;
        addr : in std_logic_vector(5 downto 0);
        di   : in std_logic_vector(19 downto 0);
        do   : out std_logic_vector(19 downto 0));
end rams_20a;

architecture syn of rams_20a is

  type ram_type is array (63 downto 0) of std_logic_vector (19 downto 0);
  signal RAM : ram_type:= (X"0200A", X"00300", X"08101", X"04000", X"08601", X"0233A",
    X"00300", X"08602", X"02310", X"0203B", X"08300", X"04002",
    X"08201", X"00500", X"04001", X"02500", X"00340", X"00241",
    X"04002", X"08300", X"08201", X"00500", X"08101", X"00602",
    X"04003", X"0241E", X"00301", X"00102", X"02122", X"02021",
    X"00301", X"00102", X"02222", X"04001", X"00342", X"0232B",
    X"00900", X"00302", X"00102", X"04002", X"00900", X"08201",
    X"02023", X"00303", X"02433", X"00301", X"04004", X"00301",
    X"00102", X"02137", X"02036", X"00301", X"00102", X"02237",
    X"04004", X"00304", X"04040", X"02500", X"02500", X"02500",
    X"0030D", X"02341", X"08201", X"0400D");

begin

  process (clk)
  begin
    if rising_edge(clk) then
      if we = '1' then
        RAM(conv_integer(addr)) <= di;
      end if;
      do <= RAM(conv_integer(addr));
    end if;
  end process;

end syn;
```

Initializing Block RAM Verilog Coding Example

```
//
// Initializing Block RAM (Single-Port Block RAM)
// http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado\_synthesis\_ug\_examples.zip
//File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/rams/rams_20a.v

module v_rams_20a (clk, we, addr, di, do);
    input clk;
    input we;
    input [5:0] addr;
    input [19:0] di;
    output [19:0] do;

    reg [19:0] ram [63:0];
    reg [19:0] do;

    initial
    begin
        ram[63] = 20'h0200A; ram[62] = 20'h00300; ram[61] = 20'h08101;
        ram[60] = 20'h04000; ram[59] = 20'h08601; ram[58] = 20'h0233A;
        ram[57] = 20'h00300; ram[56] = 20'h08602; ram[55] = 20'h02310;
        ram[54] = 20'h0203B; ram[53] = 20'h08300; ram[52] = 20'h04002;
        ram[51] = 20'h08201; ram[50] = 20'h00500; ram[49] = 20'h04001;
        ram[48] = 20'h02500; ram[47] = 20'h00340; ram[46] = 20'h00241;
        ram[45] = 20'h04002; ram[44] = 20'h08300; ram[43] = 20'h08201;
        ram[42] = 20'h00500; ram[41] = 20'h08101; ram[40] = 20'h00602;
        ram[39] = 20'h04003; ram[38] = 20'h0241E; ram[37] = 20'h00301;
        ram[36] = 20'h00102; ram[35] = 20'h02122; ram[34] = 20'h02021;
        ram[33] = 20'h00301; ram[32] = 20'h00102; ram[31] = 20'h02222;
        ram[30] = 20'h04001; ram[29] = 20'h00342; ram[28] = 20'h0232B;
        ram[27] = 20'h00900; ram[26] = 20'h00302; ram[25] = 20'h00102;
        ram[24] = 20'h04002; ram[23] = 20'h00900; ram[22] = 20'h08201;
        ram[21] = 20'h02023; ram[20] = 20'h00303; ram[19] = 20'h02433;
        ram[18] = 20'h00301; ram[17] = 20'h04004; ram[16] = 20'h00301;
        ram[15] = 20'h00102; ram[14] = 20'h02137; ram[13] = 20'h02036;
        ram[12] = 20'h00301; ram[11] = 20'h00102; ram[10] = 20'h02237;
        ram[9] = 20'h04004; ram[8] = 20'h00304; ram[7] = 20'h04040;
        ram[6] = 20'h02500; ram[5] = 20'h02500; ram[4] = 20'h02500;
        ram[3] = 20'h0030D; ram[2] = 20'h02341; ram[1] = 20'h08201;
        ram[0] = 20'h0400D;
    end

    always @(posedge clk)
    begin
        if (we)
            ram[addr] <= di;
        do <= ram[addr];
    end

endmodule
```

Initializing Block RAM From an External Data File VHDL Coding Example

```
--
-- Initializing Block RAM from external data file
--
--
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
use ieee.std_logic_unsigned.all;
use std.textio.all;

entity rams_20c is
port(clk : in std_logic;
we : in std_logic;
addr : in std_logic_vector(5 downto 0);
din : in std_logic_vector(31 downto 0);
dout : out std_logic_vector(31 downto 0));
end rams_20c;

architecture syn of rams_20c is

type RamType is array(0 to 63) of bit_vector(31 downto 0);

impure function InitRamFromFile (RamFileName : in string) return RamType is
FILE RamFile: text is in RamFileName;
variable RamFileLine : line;
variable RAM : RamType;
begin
for I in RamType'range loop
    readline (RamFile, RamFileLine);
    read (RamFileLine, RAM(I));
end loop;
return RAM;
end function;

signal RAM : RamType := InitRamFromFile("rams_20c.data");
begin
process (clk)
begin
    if clk'event and clk = '1' then
        if we = '1' then
            RAM(conv_integer(addr)) <= to_bitvector(din);
        end if;
        dout <= to_stdlogicvector(RAM(conv_integer(addr)));
    end if;
end process;

end syn;
```

Initializing Block RAM From an External Data File Verilog Coding Example

```
//
// Initializing Block RAM from external data file
// Binary data
//
module v_rams_20c (clk, we, addr, din, dout);
    input clk;
    input we;
    input [5:0] addr;
    input [19:0] din;
    output [19:0] dout;

    reg [19:0] ram [0:63];
    reg [19:0] dout;

    initial begin
        $readmemh("rams_20c.data", ram);
    end

    always @(posedge clk)
    begin
        if (we)
            ram[addr] <= din;
        dout <= ram[addr];
    end
end endmodule
```

Black Boxes

A design can contain EDIF or NGC files generated by:

- Synthesis tools
- Schematic text editors
- Any other design entry mechanism

These modules must be instantiated to be connected to the rest of the design.

Use BLACK_BOX instantiation in the HDL source code.

Vivado synthesis lets you apply specific constraints to these BLACK_BOX instantiations.

After you make a design a BLACK_BOX, each instance of that design is a BLACK_BOX.

Codes examples are available in

http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

BLACK_BOX Verilog Example

```
(* black_box *) module test(in1, in2, clk, out1);
```

BLACK_BOX VHDL Example

```
attribute black_box : string;  
attribute black_box of beh : architecture is "yes";
```

FSM Components

Code examples are located at:

http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado_synthesis_ug_examples.zip

Vivado Synthesis Features

- Specific inference capabilities for synchronous Finite State Machine (FSM) components.
- Built-in FSM encoding strategies to accommodate your optimization goals.
- FSM extraction is enabled by default.
- Use `-fsm_extraction off` to disable FSM extraction.

FSM Description

Vivado synthesis supports specification of Finite State Machine (FSM) in both Moore and Mealy form.

An FSM consists of the following:

- A state register
- A next state function
- An outputs function

FSM Diagrams

The following diagram shows an FSM representation that incorporates Mealy and Moore machines.

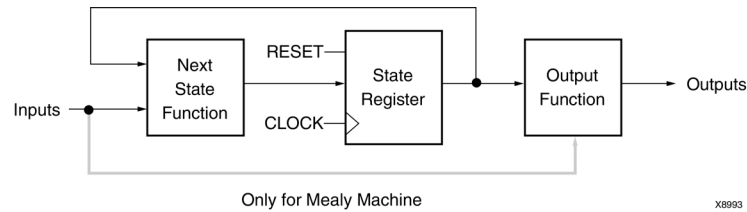


Figure C-2: FSM Representation Incorporating Mealy and Moore Machines Diagram

The following diagram shows an FSM diagram with three processes.

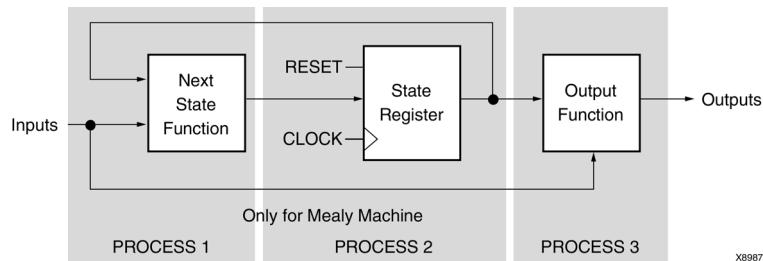


Figure C-3: FSM With Three Processes Diagram

State Registers

- Specify a reset or power-up state for Vivado synthesis to identify a Finite State Machine (FSM).
- The State Register can be asynchronously or synchronously reset to a particular state.
- Xilinx recommends using synchronous reset logic over asynchronous reset logic for an FSM.

Auto State Encoding

Vivado synthesis attempts to select the best-suited encoding method for a given FSM.

One-Hot State Encoding

One-Hot State encoding has the following attributes:

- Is the default encoding scheme for state machine up to 32 states.
- Is usually a good choice for optimizing speed or reducing power dissipation.

- Assigns a distinct bit of code to each FSM state.
- Implements the State Register with one flip-flop for each state.
- In a given clock cycle during operation, only one bit of the State Register is asserted.
- Only two bits toggle during a transition between two states.

Gray State Encoding

Gray State encoding has the following attributes:

- Guarantees that only one bit switches between two consecutive states.
- Is appropriate for controllers exhibiting long paths without branching.
- Minimizes hazards and glitches.
- Can be used to minimize power dissipation.

Johnson State Encoding

Johnson State encoding is beneficial when using state machines containing long paths with no branching (as in Gray State Encoding).

Sequential State Encoding

Sequential State encoding has the following attributes:

- Identifies long paths
- Applies successive radix two codes to the states on these paths.
- Minimizes next state equations.

FSM Verilog Example

```
// State Machine with single sequential block
module fsm_test(clk,reset,flag,sm_out);
input clk,reset,flag;
output reg sm_out;

parameter s1 = 2'b00;
parameter s2 = 2'b01;
parameter s3 = 2'b10;
parameter s4 = 2'b11;

reg [1:0] state;

always@(posedge clk)
begin
    if(reset)
        begin
```

```

        state <= s1;
        sm_out  <= 1'b1;
    end
else
    begin
        case(state)
            s1: if(flag)
begin
state <= s2;
sm_out <= 1'b1;
end
                else
                    begin
state <= s3;
sm_out <= 1'b0;
end
            s2: begin state <= s4; sm_out <= 1'b0; end
            s3: begin state <= s4; sm_out <= 1'b0; end
            s4: begin state <= s1; sm_out <= 1'b1; end
        endcase
    end
end
endmodule

```

FSM VHDL Example

```

-- State Machine with single sequential block

library IEEE;
use IEEE.std_logic_1164.all;

entity fsm_test is
port ( clk, reset, flag : IN std_logic;
      sm_out: OUT std_logic);
end entity;

architecture behavioral of fsm_test is type state_type is
(s1,s2,s3,s4); signal state : state_type ;
begin

process (clk)
begin
if rising_edge(clk) then
if (reset ='1') then
state <= s1;
sm_out <= '1';

else

```

```
case state is
when s1 => if flag='1' then
state <= s2;
sm_out <= '1';

else

state <= s3;
sm_out <= '0';

end if;
when s2 => state <= s4; sm_out <= '0';
when s3 => state <= s4; sm_out <= '0';
when s4 => state <= s1; sm_out <= '1';
end case;
end if;
end if;
end process;

end behavioral;
```

FSM Reporting

The Vivado synthesis flags INFO messages in log giving information about Finite State Machine (FSM) components and their encoding. The following are example messages:

```
INFO: [Synth 8-802] inferred FSM for state register 'state_reg' in module 'fsm_test'
INFO: [Synth 8-3354] encoded FSM with state register 'state_reg' using encoding 'sequential'
in module 'fsm_test'
```

ROM HDL Coding Techniques

Read-Only Memory (ROM) closely resembles Random Access Memory (RAM) with respect to HDL modeling and implementation. Use `rom_style` attribute to implement a properly-registered ROM on block RAM resources. See [ROM_STYLE in Appendix A](#) for more information.

ROM Coding Examples

Description of a ROM with a VHDL Constant Coding Example

```
--
-- Description of a ROM with a VHDL constant
-- Download:
http://www.xilinx.com/txpatches/pub/documentation/misc/vivado\_synthesis\_ug\_examples
.zip
-- File: HDL_Coding_Techniques/rams/roms_constant.vhd
--
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
use ieee.std_logic_unsigned.all;

entity roms_constant is
port (clk : in std_logic;
en   : in std_logic;
addr : in std_logic_vector(6 downto 0);
data : out std_logic_vector(19 downto 0));
end roms_constant;

architecture syn of roms_constant is

type rom_type is array (0 to 127) of std_logic_vector (19 downto 0);
constant ROM : rom_type:= (
X"0200A", X"00300", X"08101", X"04000", X"08601", X"0233A", X"00300", X"08602",
X"02310", X"0203B", X"08300", X"04002", X"08201", X"00500", X"04001", X"02500",
X"00340", X"00241", X"04002", X"08300", X"08201", X"00500", X"08101", X"00602",
X"04003", X"0241E", X"00301", X"00102", X"02122", X"02021", X"00301", X"00102",
X"02222", X"04001", X"00342", X"0232B", X"00900", X"00302", X"00102", X"04002",
X"00900", X"08201", X"02023", X"00303", X"02433", X"00301", X"04004", X"00301",
X"00102", X"02137", X"02036", X"00301", X"00102", X"02237", X"04004", X"00304",
X"04040", X"02500", X"02500", X"02500", X"0030D", X"02341", X"08201", X"0400D",
X"0200A", X"00300", X"08101", X"04000", X"08601", X"0233A", X"00300", X"08602",
X"02310", X"0203B", X"08300", X"04002", X"08201", X"00500", X"04001", X"02500",
X"00340", X"00241", X"04112", X"08300", X"08201", X"00500", X"08101", X"00602",
X"04003", X"0241E", X"00301", X"00102", X"02122", X"02021", X"00301", X"00102",
X"02222", X"04001", X"00342", X"0232B", X"00870", X"00302", X"00102", X"04002",
X"00900", X"08201", X"02023", X"00303", X"02433", X"00301", X"04004", X"00301",
X"00102", X"02137", X"FF036", X"00301", X"00102", X"10237", X"04934", X"00304",
X"04078", X"01110", X"02500", X"02500", X"0030D", X"02341", X"08201", X"0410D"
);

begin

process (clk)
begin
if (clk'event and clk = '1') then
    if (en = '1') then
        data <= ROM(conv_integer(addr));
    end if;
end if;
end process;

end syn;
```

ROM Using Block RAM Resources Verilog Coding Example

```
//
// ROMs Using Block RAM Resources.
// Verilog code for a ROM with registered output (template 1)
//
//
module v_rams_21a (clk, en, addr, data);

    input clk;
    input en;
    input [50]addr;
    output reg [19:0] data;

    always @(posedge clk) begin if
    (en)
    case(addr)
        6'b000000: data <= 20'h0200A;
        6'b000001: data <= 20'h00300;
        6'b000010: data <= 20'h08101;
        6'b000011: data <= 20'h04000;
        6'b000100: data <= 20'h08601;
        6'b000101: data <= 20'h0233A;
        6'b000110: data <= 20'h00300;
        6'b000111: data <= 20'h08602;
        6'b001000: data <= 20'h02310;
        6'b001001: data <= 20'h0203B;
        6'b001010: data <= 20'h08300;
        6'b001011: data <= 20'h04002;
        6'b001100: data <= 20'h08201;
        6'b001101: data <= 20'h00500;
        6'b001110: data <= 20'h04001;
        6'b001111: data <= 20'h02500;
        6'b010000: data <= 20'h00340;
        6'b010001: data <= 20'h00241;
        6'b010010: data <= 20'h04002;
        6'b010011: data <= 20'h08300;
        6'b010100: data <= 20'h08201;
        6'b010101: data <= 20'h00500;
        6'b010110: data <= 20'h08101;
        6'b010111: data <= 20'h00602;
        6'b011000: data <= 20'h04003;
        6'b011001: data <= 20'h0241E;
        6'b011010: data <= 20'h00301;
        6'b011011: data <= 20'h00102;
        6'b011100: data <= 20'h02122;
        6'b011101: data <= 20'h02021;
        6'b011110: data <= 20'h00301;
        6'b011111: data <= 20'h00102;
        6'b100000: data <= 20'h02222;
        6'b100001: data <= 20'h04001;
        6'b100010: data <= 20'h00342;
        6'b100011: data <= 20'h0232B;
        6'b100100: data <= 20'h00900;
        6'b100101: data <= 20'h00302;
        6'b100110: data <= 20'h00102;
        6'b100111: data <= 20'h04002;
        6'b101000: data <= 20'h00900;
        6'b101001: data <= 20'h08201;
        6'b101010: data <= 20'h02023;
        6'b101011: data <= 20'h00303;
        6'b101100: data <= 20'h02433;
        6'b101101: data <= 20'h00301;
        6'b101110: data <= 20'h04004;
        6'b101111: data <= 20'h00301;
        6'b110000: data <= 20'h00102;
        6'b110001: data <= 20'h02137;
        6'b110010: data <= 20'h02036;
        6'b110011: data <= 20'h00301;
        6'b110100: data <= 20'h00102;
        6'b110101: data <= 20'h02237;
        6'b110110: data <= 20'h04004;
        6'b110111: data <= 20'h00304;
        6'b111000: data <= 20'h04040;
        6'b111001: data <= 20'h02500;
        6'b111010: data <= 20'h02500;
        6'b111011: data <= 20'h02500;
        6'b111100: data <= 20'h0030D;
        6'b111101: data <= 20'h02341;
        6'b111110: data <= 20'h08201;
        6'b111111: data <= 20'h0400D;
    endcase
    end

endmodule
```

Dual-Port ROM VHDL Coding Example

```
--
-- A dual-port ROM
-- Implementation on LUT or BRAM controlled with a ram_style constraint
--
--
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
use ieee.std_logic_unsigned.all;

entity roms_dualport is
port (clk: in std_logic;
ena, enb : in std_logic
addra, addrb : in std_logic_vector(5 downto 0);
dataa, datab : out std_logic_vector(19 downto 0));
end roms_dualport;

architecture behavioral of roms_dualport is

type rom_type is array (63 downto 0) of std_logic_vector (19 downto 0);
signal ROM : rom_type:= (X"0200A", X"00300", X"08101", X"04000", X"08601", X"0233A",
X"00300", X"08602", X"02310", X"0203B", X"08300", X"04002",
X"08201", X"00500", X"04001", X"02500", X"00340", X"00241",
X"04002", X"08300", X"08201", X"00500", X"08101", X"00602",
X"04003", X"0241E", X"00301", X"00102", X"02122", X"02021",
X"00301", X"00102", X"02222", X"04001", X"00342", X"0232B",
X"00900", X"00302", X"00102", X"04002", X"00900", X"08201",
X"02023", X"00303", X"02433", X"00301", X"04004", X"00301",
X"00102", X"02137", X"02036", X"00301", X"00102", X"02237",
X"04004", X"00304", X"04040", X"02500", X"02500", X"02500",
X"0030D", X"02341", X"08201", X"0400D");
-- attribute ram_style : string;
-- attribute ram_style of ROM : signal is "distributed";

begin

process (clk)
begin
if rising_edge(clk) then
if (ena = '1') then
dataa <= ROM(conv_integer(addra));
end if;
end if;
end process;

process (clk)
begin
if rising_edge(clk) then
if (enb = '1') then
datab <= ROM(conv_integer(addrb));
end if;
end if;
end process;

end behavioral;
```

Additional Resources

Xilinx Resources

For support resources such as Answers, Documentation, Downloads, and Forums, see the Xilinx Support website at: www.xilinx.com/support.

For a glossary of technical terms used in Xilinx documentation, see: www.xilinx.com/company/terms.htm.

Solution Centers

See the [Xilinx Solution Centers](#) for support on devices, software tools, and intellectual property at all stages of the design cycle. Topics include design assistance, advisories, and troubleshooting tips.

Vivado Documentation

Vivado Design Suite 2013.1 Documentation:
www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/dt_vivado_vivado2013-1.htm

1. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Release Notes, Installation, and Licensing* ([UG973](#))
2. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Using the Vivado IDE* ([UG893](#))
3. *Vivado Design Suite Tcl Command Reference Guide* ([UG835](#))
4. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Using the Tcl Scripting Capabilities* ([UG894](#))
5. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Implementation* ([UG904](#))
6. *Vivado Design Suite Migration Methodology Guide* ([UG911](#))
7. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Design Flows Overview* ([UG892](#))
8. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Using Constraints* ([UG903](#))
9. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing with IP* ([UG896](#))