VERILOGHardware Description Language

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About Verilog

- Along with VHDL, Verilog is among the most widely used HDLs.
- Main differences:
 - VHDL was designed to support system-level design and specification.
 - Verilog was designed primarily for digital hardware designers developing FPGAs and ASICs.
- The differences become clear if someone analyzes the language features.

VHDL

 Provides some high-level constructs not available in Verilog (user defined types, configurations, etc.).

Verilog

- Provides comprehensive support for low-level digital design.
- Not available in native VHDL
 - Range of type definitions and supporting functions (called packages) needs to be included.

Concept of Verilog "Module"

- In Verilog, the basic unit of hardware is called a module.
 - Modules cannot contain definitions of other modules.
 - A module can, however, be instantiated within another module.
 - Allows the creation of a *hierarchy* in a Verilog description.

Basic Syntax of Module Definition

module module_name (list_of_ports);

input/output declarations

local net declarations

Parallel statements

endmodule

Example 1 :: simple AND gate

```
module simpleand (f, x, y);
  input x, y;
  output f;
  assign f = x & y;
endmodule
```

Example 2 :: two-level circuit

```
// Dataflow modeling example
module two_level (a, b, c, d, f);
  input a, b, c, d;
  output f;
  wire t1, t2;
  assign t1 = a \& b;
  assign t2 = \sim (c \mid d);
  assign f = t1 ^ t2;
endmodule
```

Example 3 :: a hierarchical design

```
// Structural modeling example
  module add3 (s, cy3, cy_in, x, y);
      input [2:0] x, y;
      input cy_in;
      output wire [2:0] s;
      output wire cy3;
      wire [1:0] cy_out;
      add B0 (cy_out[0], s[0], x[0], y[0], cy_in);
      add B1 (cy_out[1],s[1],x[1],y[1],cy_out[0]);
      add B2 (cy3, s[2], x[2], y[2], cy_out[1]);
  endmodule
// Somewhere "add" module (full adder) has been defined...
  module add (cout, sum, in1, in2, cin);
     input in1, in2, cin;
     output wire sum, cout;
```

endmodule

Specifying Connectivity

- There are two alternate ways of specifying connectivity:
 - Positional association
 - The connections are listed in the same order add A1 (c_out, sum, a, b, c_in);
 - <u>Explicit association</u> [Highly recommended!!]
 - May be listed in any order
 add A1 (.in1(a), .in2(b), .cin(c_in),
 .sum(sum), .cout(c_out));

Variable Data Types

- A variable belongs to one of two data types:
 - <u>Net</u>
 - Must be continuously driven
 - Used to model connections between continuous assignments & instantiations
 - Register
 - Retains the last value assigned to it
 - Often used to represent storage elements
 - However, combinational circuits can also be represented using the "reg" keyword
 - In practice: a "reg" type variable is one that occurs on the left-hand side of value assignment statements inside an "always" block

Net data type

- Different 'net' types supported for synthesis:
 - wire, wor, wand, tri, supply0, supply1
- 'wire' and 'tri' are equivalent; when there are multiple drivers driving them, the outputs of the drivers are shorted together.
- 'wor' / 'wand' inserts an OR / AND gate at the connection.
- 'supply0' / 'supply1' model power supply connections.

```
module using_wire (A, B, C, D, f);
  input A, B, C, D;
 output wire f; // net f declared as 'wire'
  assign f = (A \& B) \land (\sim (C | D));
endmodule
```

```
module using_supply_wire (A, B, C, f);
  input A, B, C;
  output wire f;
  supply0 gnd;
  supply1 vdd;
  wire t1, t2;
  nand G1 (t1, vdd, A, B);
  xor G2 (t2, C, gnd);
  and G3 (f, t1, t2);
endmodule
```

Register data type

- Different 'register' types supported for synthesis:
 - reg, integer
- The 'reg' declaration explicitly specifies the size.
 - reg x, y; // single-bit register variables reg [15:0] bus; // 16-bit bus, bus[15] MSB
- For 'integer', it takes the default size, usually 32-bits.
 - Synthesizer tries to determine the size.

Other differences:

- In arithmetic expressions,
 - An 'integer' is treated as a 2's complement signed integer.
 - A 'reg' is treated as an unsigned quantity.
- General rule of thumb
 - 'reg' used to model actual hardware registers such as counters, accumulator, etc.
 - 'integer' used for situations like loop counting.

```
// Behavioral modeling, synchronous reset
module simple_counter (clk, rst, count);
  input clk, rst;
  output reg [31:0] count;
// Sensitivity list contains only clk
  always @(posedge clk)
  begin
     if (rst)
       count = 32'b0;
     else
       count = count + 1;
  end
endmodule
```

```
// Behavioral modeling, asynchronous reset
module simple_counter (clk, rst, count);
  input clk, rst;
  output reg [31:0] count;
  // Sensitivity list contains both clk and rst
  always @(posedge clk or posedge rst)
  begin
     if (rst)
       count = 32'b0;
     else
       count = count + 1;
  end
endmodule
```

 When 'integer' is used, the synthesis system often carries out a data flow analysis of the model to determine its actual size.

Example:

```
wire [1:10] A, B;
integer C;
C = A + B;
```

→ The size of C can be determined to be equal to 11 (10 bits plus a carry).

Specifying Constant Values

- A value may be specified in either the 'sized' or the 'un-sized' form.
- 'size' denotes the no. of bits
 - Syntax for 'sized' form: <size>'<base><number>

Examples:

```
8'b01110011  // 8-bit binary number
12'hA2D  // 1010 0010 1101 in binary
12'hCx5  // 1100 xxxx 0101 in binary
25  // signed number, 32 bits
1'b0  // logic 0
1'b1  // logic 1
```

Parameters

- A parameter is a constant with a name.
- No size is allowed to be specified for a parameter.
 - The size gets decided from the constant itself (32-bits if nothing is specified).
- Examples:

```
parameter HI = 25, LO = 5;
parameter up = 2b'00, down = 2b'01,
steady = 2b'10;
```

Logic Values

 The common values used in modeling hardware are:

```
0 :: Logic-0 or FALSE
```

```
1 :: Logic-1 or TRUE
```

x :: Unknown (or don't care)

z :: High impedance

- Initialization:
 - All unconnected nets set to 'z'
 - All register variables set to 'x'

- Verilog provides a set of predefined logic gates.
 - They respond to inputs (0, 1, x, or z) in a logical way.
 - Example :: AND

$$0 & 0 \rightarrow 0$$

$$1 \& x \rightarrow x$$

$$0 & x \rightarrow 0$$

$$z \& x \rightarrow x$$

Primitive Gates

```
    Primitive logic gates (instantiations):

    and G (out, in1, in2);
    nand G (out, in1, in2);
          G (out, in1, in2);
    or
    nor G (out, in1, in2);
    xor G (out, in1, in2);
         G (out, in1, in2);
    xnor
    not G (out1, in);
    buf G (out1, in);
```

Primitive Tri-State gates (instantiation)

```
bufif1 G (out, in, ctrl);bufif0 G (out, in, ctrl);notif1 G (out, in, ctrl);notif0 G (out, in, ctrl);
```

Some Points to Note

- For all primitive gates,
 - The output port must be connected to a net (a wire).
 - The input ports may be connected to nets or register type variables.
 - They can have a single output but any number of inputs.
 - An optional delay may be specified.
 - Logic synthesis tools ignore time delays.

```
`timescale 1 ns / 1ps
module exclusive_or (f, a, b);
    input a, b;
    output f;
    wire t1, t2, t3;
    nand #5 m1 (t1, a, b);
    and #5 m2 (t2, a, t1);
    and #5 m3 (t3, t1, b);
    or #5 m4 (f, t2, t3);
endmodule
```

Hardware Modeling Issues

- The values computed can be held in
 - A 'wire'
 - A 'flip-flop' (edge-triggered storage cell)
 - A 'latch' (level-sensitive storage cell)
- A variable in Verilog can be of
 - 'net data type
 - Maps to a 'wire' during synthesis
 - 'register' data type
 - Maps either to a 'wire' or to a 'storage cell' depending on the context under which a value is assigned.

```
module reg_maps_to_wire (A, B, C, f1, f2);
  input A, B, C;
 output reg f1, f2;
 always @(A or B or C) // also possible: always @(*)
  begin
    // Blocking assignments
     f1 = \sim (A \& B);
     f2 = f1 ^ C;
                                  The synthesis system
  end
                                  will generate a wire
endmodule
                                  for f1
```

```
module a_problematic_case (A, B, C, f1, f2);
  input A, B, C;
  output f1, f2;
  wire A, B, C;
  reg f1, f2;
  always @(A or B or C)
  begin
    f2 = f1 ^ f2;
    f1 = \sim (A \& B);
                           The synthesis system
                           will not generate a
  end
                           storage cell for f1
endmodule
```

```
// A latch gets inferred here
module simple_latch (data, load, d_out);
  input data, load;
  output reg d_out;
  reg t;
  always @(load or data)
  begin
     if (!load)
       t = data;
     d out = !t;
                     Else part missing; so
  end
                     latch is inferred.
endmodule
```

Verilog Operators

Arithmetic operators

- Logical operators
 - ! **→** logical negation
 - && → logical AND
- Relational operators

Bitwise operators

Reduction operators (operate on all the bits within a word)

- accepts a single word operand and produces a single bit as output
- Shift operators

- Concatenation {}
- Replication { { } }
- Conditional

<condition> ? <expression1> : <expression2>

```
module operator_example (x, y, f1, f2);
  input
        x, y;
  output f1, f2, f3, f4;
  wire [9:0] x, y; wire [4:0] f1, f4;
  wire f2, f3;
  assign f1 = x[4:0] & y[4:0];
  assign f2 = x[2] | \sim f1[3];
  assign f3 = -\& x;
  assign f4 = f2 ? x[9:5] : x[4:0];
endmodule
```

```
// An 8-bit adder description
module parallel_adder (sum, cout, in1, in2, cin);
  input [7:0] in1, in2;
  input cin;
  output wire [7:0] sum;
  output wire cout;
  assign \{cout, sum\} = in1 + in2 + cin;
endmodule
```

Some Points

- The presence of a 'z' or 'x' in a reg or wire being used in an arithmetic expression results in the whole expression being unknown ('x').
- The logical operators (!, &&, | |) all evaluate to a 1-bit result (0, 1 or x).
- The relational operators (>, <, <=, >=, ~=,
 ==) also evaluate to a 1-bit result (0 or 1).
- Boolean false is equivalent to 1'b0
 Boolean true is equivalent to 1'b1.

Some Valid Statements

```
assign non_zero = |x; //non_zero is 1 if x is non-zero
assign outp = (p == 4'b1111);
if (load && (select == 2'b01)) ......
assign a = b \gg 1;
assign a = b \ll 3;
assign f = \{a, b\};
assign f = \{a, 3'b101, b\};
assign f = \{x[2], y[0], a\};
assign f = \{ 4\{a\} \}; // same as \{a, a, a, a\}
assign f = \{2'b10, 3\{2'b01\}, x\};
```

Description Styles in Verilog

- Two different styles of description:
 - 1. Data flow
 - Continuous assignment
 - 2. Behavioral
 - Procedural assignment
 - Blocking
 - Non-blocking

Data-flow Style: Continuous Assignment

Identified by the keyword "assign".

```
assign a = b \& c;
assign f[2] = c[0];
```

- Forms a static binding between
 - The 'net' being assigned on the LHS,
 - The expression on the RHS.
- The assignment is continuously active.
- Almost exclusively used to model combinational logic.

- A Verilog module can contain any number of continuous assignment statements, all of which are evaluated immediately whenever the value of the RHS expression changes.
- For an "assign" statement,
 - The expression on RHS may contain both "register" or "net" type variables.
 - The LHS must be of "net" type, typically a "wire".
- Several examples of "assign" illustrated already.

```
module generate_mux (data, select, out);
  input [7:0] data;
  input [2:0] select;
  output wire out;

assign out = data[select];
endmodule
```

Non-constant index in expression on RHS generates a MUX

```
module generate_demultiplexer (out, in, select);
  input in;
  input [1:0] select;
  output [3:0] out;
  assign out[select] = in;
endmodule
```

Non-constant index in expression on LHS generates a demux

```
module generate_MUX_2 (a, b, f, sel);
input [0:3] a, b;
input sel;
output [0:3] f;
assign f = sel ? a : b;
endmodule
```

Conditional operator generates a 2:1 MUX

Behavioral Style: Procedural Assignment

- The procedural block defines
 - A region of code containing sequential statements.
 - The statements execute in the order they are written.
- Two types of procedural blocks in Verilog
 - The "always" block
 - A continuous loop that never terminates.
 - The "initial" block
 - Executed once at the beginning of simulation (used in Test-benches).

- A module can contain any number of "always" blocks, all of which execute concurrently.
- Basic syntax of "always" block:

```
always @ (event_expression)
begin
statement;
statement;
end
Sequential
statements
```

 The @(event_expression) is required for both combinational and sequential logic descriptions.

- Only "reg" type variables can be assigned within an "always" block. Why??
 - The sequential "always" block executes only when the event expression triggers.
 - At other times the block is doing nothing.
 - An object being assigned to must therefore remember the last value assigned (not continuously driven).
 - So, only "reg" type variables can be assigned within the "always" block.
 - Of course, any kind of variable may appear in the event expression (reg, wire, etc.).

Sequential Statements in Verilog

```
begin
    sequential_statements
                             begin...end
                            not required
 end
                               if there
if (expression)
                           is only 1 stmt.
    sequential_statement
 [else
    sequential statement]
 case (expression)
   expr: sequential_statement
   default: sequential_statement
 endcase
```

- 1. forever sequential_statement
- repeat (expression)
 sequential_statement
- while (expression) sequential_statement
- for (expr1; expr2; expr3) sequential_statement

- 1. # (time_value)
 - Makes a block suspend for "time_value" time units.
- @ (event_expression)
 - Makes a block suspend until event_expression triggers.

```
// A combinational logic example
module mux21 (in1, in0, s, f);
  input in1, in0, s;
  output reg f;
  always @ (*)
     if (s)
       f = in1;
     else
       f = in0;
endmodule
```

```
// A sequential logic example
module dff_negedge (D, clock, Q, Qbar);
  input D, clock;
  output reg Q, Qbar;
  always @ (negedge clock)
     begin
        Q = D;
        Qbar = \simD; // equiv. to Qbar = \simQ; in this example
     end
endmodule
```

```
// An incorrectly inferred sequential logic example
module incomp_state_spec (curr_state, flag);
  input [0:1] curr_state;
  output reg [0:1] flag;
  always @ (curr_state)
    case (curr_state)
       0, 1 : flag = 2;
       3 : flag = 1;
    endcase
endmodule
```

The variable 'flag' is not assigned a value in all the branches of case.

→ Latch is *inferred*

```
// A small change made
module incomp_state_spec (curr_state, flag);
  input [0:1] curr_state;
  output [0:1] flag;
  reg [0:1] flag;
  always @ (curr_state)
    case (curr_state)
       0, 1 : flag = 2;
      3 : flag = 1;
       default: flag = 0;
    endcase
endmodule
```

'flag' defined for all values of curr state. → Latch is avoided

```
module ALU 4bit (f, a, b, op);
  input [1:0] op;
  input [3:0] a, b;
  output reg [7:0] f;
  parameter ADD=2'b00, SUB=2'b01,
              MUL=2'b10, DIV=2'b11;
  always @ (a or b or op)
    case (op)
       ADD: f = a + b;
       SUB: f = a - b;
       MUL: f = a * b;
       DIV : f = a/b;
       default: f = 8'b0; // useful if any operand bit is x/z
    endcase
```

```
module priority_encoder (in, code);
  input [0:3] in;
  output reg [0:1] code;
  always @ (in)
    case (in)
       in[0] : code = 2'b00;
       in[1]: code = 2'b01;
       in[2] : code = 2'd10;
       in[3] : code = 2'b11;
       default: code = 2'b0; // useful if any in[] bit is x/z
     endcase
endmodule
```

Blocking & Non-blocking Assignments

- Sequential statements within procedural blocks ("always" and "initial") can use two types of assignments:
 - Blocking assignment
 - Uses the '=' operator
 - Non-blocking assignment
 - Uses the '<=' operator

Blocking Assignment (using '=')

- Most commonly used type.
- The target of assignment gets updated before the next sequential statement in the procedural block is executed.
- A statement using blocking assignment blocks the execution of the statements following it, until it gets completed.
- Recommended style for modeling combinational logic.

Non-Blocking Assignment (using '<=')

- The assignment to the target gets scheduled for the end of the simulation cycle.
 - Normally occurs at the end of the sequential block.
 - Statements subsequent to the instruction under consideration are not blocked by the assignment.
- Recommended style for modeling sequential logic.
 - Can be used to assign several 'reg' type variables synchronously, under the control of a common clock.

Some Rules to be Followed

- Verilog synthesizer ignores the delays specified in a procedural assignment statement.
 - May lead to functional mismatch between the design model and the synthesized netlist.
- A variable cannot appear as the target of both a blocking and a non-blocking assignment.
 - Following is not permissible:

```
value = value + 1;
value <= init;</pre>
```

```
// Up-down counter (synchronous clear)
// with parallel load
module counter (mode, clr, ld, d_in, clk, count);
  input mode, clr, ld, clk;
  input [0:7] d_in;
  output reg [0:7] count;
  always @ (posedge clk)
  if (ld)
     count <= d_in;
  else if (clr)
     count <= 0;
  else if (mode)
     count <= count + 1;
  else
     count <= count - 1;
endmodule
```

```
// Parameterized design:: an N-bit counter
module counter (clear, clock, count);
  parameter N = 7;
  input clear, clock;
  output reg [0:N] count;
  always @ (negedge clock)
    if (clear)
       count <= 0;
     else
       count <= count + 1;</pre>
endmodule
```

```
// Using more than one clocks in a module
module multiple_clk (clk1, clk2, a, b, c, f1, f2);
  input clk1, clk2, a, b, c;
  output reg f1, f2;
  always @ (posedge clk1)
    f1 <= a & b;
  always @ (negedge clk2)
    f2 <= b ^ c:
endmodule
```

```
// Using multiple edges of the same clock
module multi_phase_clk (a, b, f, clk);
  input a, b, clk;
  output reg f;
  always @ (posedge clk)
    f \ll t \& b;
  always @ (negedge clk)
    t \le a \mid b;
endmodule
```

A Ring Counter Example

```
module ring_counter (clk, init, count);
  input clk, init;
  output reg [7:0] count;
  always @ (posedge clk)
  begin
    if (init)
      count <= 8'b10000000; // next: 00000001
    else begin
            count <= count << 1;
            count[0] <= count[7];
         end
  end
```

A Ring Counter Example (Modified)

```
module ring_counter_modified (clk, init, count);
  input clk, init;
  output reg [7:0] count;
  always @ (posedge clk)
  begin
    if (init)
       count <= 8'b10000000;
    else
       count <= {count[6:0], count[7]};
endmodule
```

About "Loop" Statements

- Verilog supports four types of loops:
 - 'while' loop
 - 'for' loop
 - 'forever' loop
 - 'repeat' loop
- Many Verilog synthesizers supports only 'for' loop for synthesis:
 - Loop bound must evaluate to a constant.
 - Implemented by unrolling the 'for' loop, and replicating the statements.

Modeling Memory

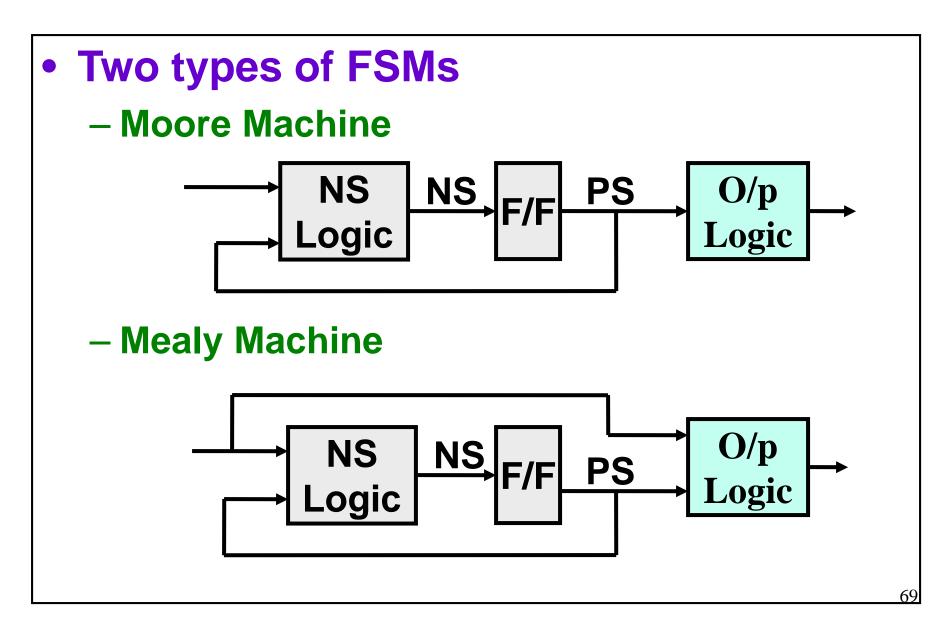
- Synthesis tools are usually not very efficient in synthesizing memory.
 - Best modeled as a component.
 - Instantiated in a design.
- Implementing memory as a two-dimensional register file is inefficient.

```
module memory_example (en, clk, adbus, dbus,
                                            rw);
  parameter N = 16;
  input en, rw, clk;
  input [N-1:0] adbus;
  output [N-1:0] dbus;
  ROM Mem1 (clk, en, rw, adbus, dbus);
endmodule
```

Modeling Tri-state Gates

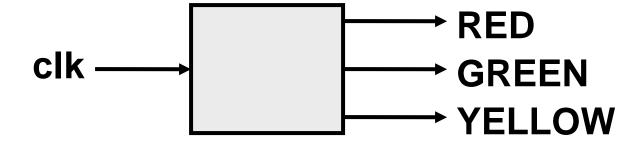
```
module bus_driver (in, out, enable);
  input enable;
                input [0:7] in;
  output [0:7] out; reg [0:7] out;
  always @ (enable or in)
    if (enable)
      out = in;
    else
      out = 8'bz;
endmodule;
```

Modeling Finite State Machines



Moore Machine: Example 1

- Traffic Light Controller
 - Simplifying assumptions made
 - Three lights only (RED, GREEN, YELLOW)
 - The lights glow cyclically at a fixed rate
 - Say, 10 seconds each
 - The circuit will be driven by a clock of appropriate frequency



```
module traffic_light (clk, light);
  input clk;
  output [0:2] light; reg [0:2] light;
  parameter S0=0, S1=1, S2=2;
  parameter RED=3'b100, GREEN=3'b010,
             YELLOW=3'b001;
  reg [0:1] state;
  always @ (posedge clk)
    case (state)
      S0: begin
                             // S0 means RED
             light <= YELLOW;
             state <= S1;
           end
```

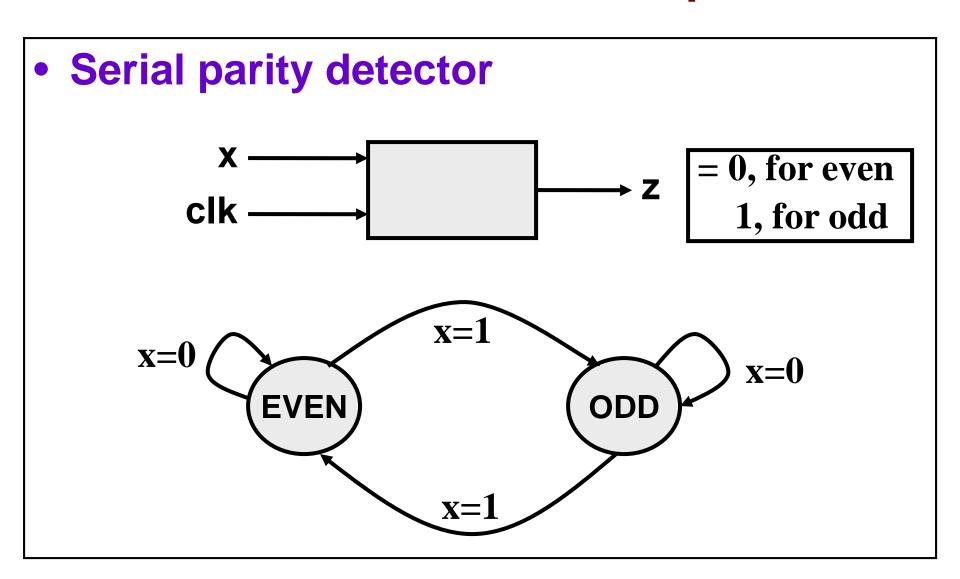
```
// S1 means YELLOW
      S1: begin
             light <= GREEN;
             state <= S2;
          end
                           // S2 means GREEN
      S2: begin
             light <= RED;
             state <= S0;
           end
      default: begin
                 light <= RED;
                 state <= S0;
               end
    endcase
endmodule
```

- Comment on the solution
 - Five flip-flops are synthesized
 - Two for 'state'
 - Three for 'light' (outputs are also latched into flip-flops)
 - If we want non-latched outputs, we have to modify the Verilog code.
 - Assignment to 'light' made in a separate 'always' block.
 - Use blocking assignment.

```
module traffic_light_nonlatched_op (clk, light);
  input clk;
  output [0:2] light; reg [0:2] light;
  parameter S0=0, S1=1, S2=2;
  parameter RED=3'b100, GREEN=3'b010,
            YELLOW=3'b001;
  reg [0:1] state;
  always @ (posedge clk)
    case (state)
      S0: state <= S1;
      S1:
             state <= S2;
      S2: state <= S0;
      default: state <= S0;
    endcase
```

```
always @ (state)
    case (state)
      S0:
              light = RED;
      S1:
              light = YELLOW;
      S2:
             light = GREEN;
      default: light = RED;
    endcase
endmodule
```

Moore Machine: Example 2



```
module parity_gen (x, clk, z);
  input x, clk;
  output z; reg z;
  reg even_odd; // The machine state
  parameter EVEN=0, ODD=1;
  always @ (posedge clk)
    case (even_odd)
      EVEN: begin
               z \le x ? 1 : 0;
               even odd <= x ? ODD : EVEN;
             end
```

```
ODD: begin

z <= x ? 0 : 1;

even_odd <= x ? EVEN : ODD;

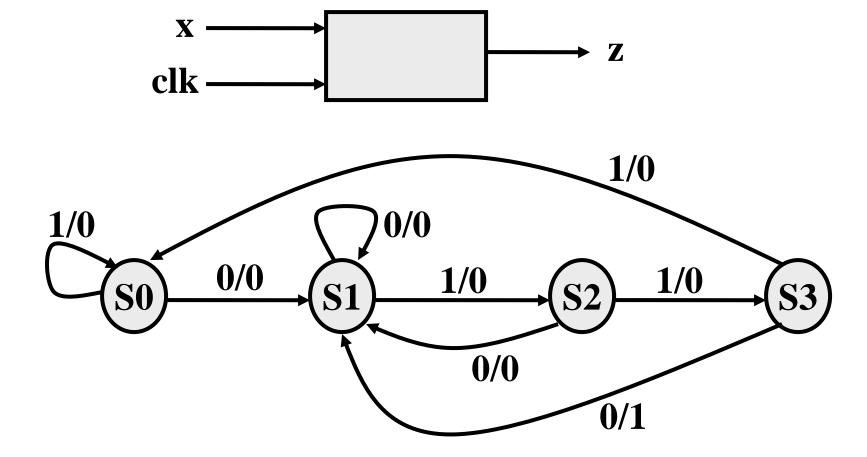
end

endcase
endmodule
```

• If no output latches need to be synthesized, we can follow the principle shown in the last example.

Mealy Machine: Example

Sequence detector for the pattern '0110'.



S1 is the "accept state", overlapped patterns allowed 0110110: 2 matches 01101111: 1 match 1111111: 0 match

```
// Sequence detector for the pattern '0110'
module seq_detector (x, clk, z)
  input x, clk;
  output reg z;
  parameter S0=0, S1=1, S2=2, S3=3;
  reg [0:1] PS, NS;
  // sequential logic part
  always @ (posedge clk)
    PS <= NS:
```

```
// combinational logic part
always @ (*)
   case (PS)
     S0: begin
            z = x ? 0 : 0;
            NS = x ? S0 : S1;
         end
     S1: begin
            z = x ? 0 : 0;
            NS = x ? S2 : S1;
         end
     S2: begin
            z = x ? 0 : 0;
            NS = x ? S3 : S1;
         end
```

```
S3: begin

z = x ? 0 : 1;

NS = x ? S0 : S1;

end

endcase

endmodule
```

Example with Multiple Modules

A simple example showing multiple module definitions. en **Complementor Bout** c_in Adder add sub carry sum **Parity Checker**

```
module complementor (Y, X, comp);
  input [7:0] X;
  input comp;
  output [7:0] Y; reg [7:0] Y;
  always @ (X or comp)
    if (comp)
      Y = \sim X;
    else
      Y = X;
endmodule
```

```
module adder (sum, cy_out, in1, in2, cy_in);
  input [7:0] in1, in2;
  input cy_in;
  output [7:0] sum;
                         reg [7:0] sum;
  output cy_out;
                         reg cy_out;
  always @ (in1 or in2 or cy_in)
    \{cy\_out, sum\} = in1 + in2 + cy\_in;
endmodule
```

```
module parity_checker (out_par, in_word);
  input [8:0] in_word;
  output out_par;
  always @ (in_word)
    out_par = ^ (in_word);
endmodule
```

```
// Top level module
module add_sub_parity (p, a, b, add_sub);
  input [7:0] a, b;
  input add_sub; // 0 for add, 1 for subtract
            // parity of the result
  output p;
  wire [7:0] Bout, sum; wire carry;
  complementor M1 (Bout, B, add_sub);
  adder M2 (sum, carry, A, Bout, add sub);
  parity_checker M3 (p, {carry, sum});
endmodule
```

Memory Modeling Revisited

- Memory is typically included by instantiating a pre-designed module.
- Alternatively, we can model memories using two-dimensional arrays.
 - Array of register variables.
 - Behavioral model of memory.
 - Mostly used for simulation purposes.
 - For small memories, even for synthesis.

Typical Example

```
module memory_model ( ......)
   reg [7:0] mem [0:1023];
endmodule
```

How to Initialize memory

- By reading memory data patterns from a specified disk file.
 - Used for simulation.
 - Used in test benches.
- Two Verilog functions are available:
 - 1. \$readmemb (filename, memname, startaddr, stopaddr)

Data read in binary format.

2. \$readmemh (filename, memname, startaddr, stopaddr)

Data read in hexadecimal format.

An Example

```
module memory_model ( ...... )
   reg [7:0] mem [0:1023];
   initial
     begin
       $readmemh ("mem.dat", mem);
     end
endmodule
```

A Specific Example :: Single Port RAM with Synchronous Read-Write

```
module ram_1 (addr, data, clk, rd, wr, cs)
     input [9:0] addr; input clk, rd, wr, cs;
     inout [7:0] data;
    reg [7:0] mem [1023:0]; reg [7:0] d_out;
    assign data = (cs && rd) ? d_out; 8'bz;
    always @ (posedge clk)
           if (cs && wr && !rd) mem [addr] = data;
    always @ (posedge clk)
           if (cs && rd && !wr) d_out = mem [addr];
endmodule
```

A Specific Example :: Single Port RAM with Asynchronous Read-Write

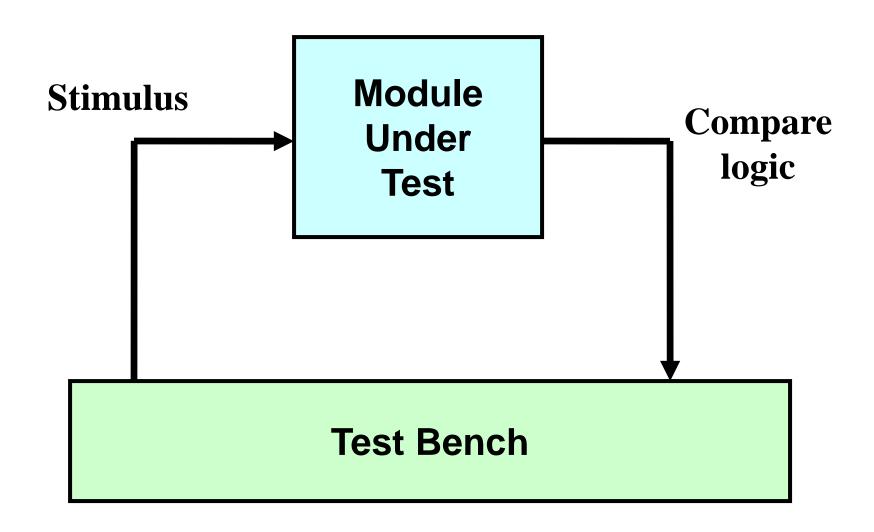
```
module ram_2 (addr, data, rd, wr, cs)
     input [9:0] addr; input rd, wr, cs;
     inout [7:0] data;
     reg [7:0] mem [1023..0]; reg [7:0] d_out;
    assign data = (cs && rd) ? d_out; 8'bz;
     always @ (addr or data or rd or wr or cs)
           if (cs && wr && !rd) mem [addr] = data;
    always @ (addr or rd or wr or cs)
           if (cs && rd && !wr) d_out = mem [addr];
endmodule
```

A Specific Example :: ROM/EPROM

```
module rom (addr, data, rd_en, cs)
     input [2:0] addr; input rd_en, cs;
     output [7:0] data;
     reg [7:0] data;
    always @ (addr or rd_en or cs)
           case (addr)
             0: 22;
             1: 45;
             7: 12;
           endcase
endmodule
```

Verilog Test Bench

- What is test bench?
 - A Verilog procedural block which executes only once.
 - Used for simulation.
 - Testbench generates clock, reset, and the required test vectors.



How to Write Testbench?

- Create a dummy template
 - Declare inputs to the module-under-test (MUT) as "reg", and the outputs as "wire"
 - Instantiate the MUT.
- Initialization
 - Assign some known values to the MUT inputs.
- Clock generation logic
 - Various ways to do so.
- May include several simulator directives
 - Like \$display, \$monitor, \$dumpfile, \$dumpvars, \$finish.

\$display

- Prints text or variables to stdout.
- Syntax same as "printf".

\$monitor

 Similar to \$display, but prints the value whenever the value of some variable in the given list changes.

\$finish

- Terminates the simulation process.

\$dumpfile

Specify the file that will be used for storing the waveform.

\$dumpvars

- Starts dumping all the signals to the specified file.

Example Testbench

```
module shifter_toplevel;
     reg clk, clear, shift;
     wire [7:0] data;
     shift_register S1 (clk, clear, shift, data);
     initial
      begin
            clk = 0; clear = 0; shift = 0;
      end
     always
            #10 clk = !clk;
 endmodule
```

Testbench: More Complete Version

```
module shifter_toplevel;
     reg clk, clear, shift;
     wire [7:0] data;
     shift_register S1 (clk, clear, shift, data);
     initial
      begin
            clk = 0; clear = 0; shift = 0;
      end
     always
            #10 clk = !clk;
                                               contd..
```

```
initial
        begin
             $dumpfile ("shifter.vcd");
             $dumpvars;
        end
      initial
        begin
             $display ("\ttime, \tclk, \tclr, \tsft, \tdata);
             $monitor ("%d, %d, %d, %d, %d", $time,
                        clk, reset, clear, shift, data);
        end
      initial
             #400 $finish;
                                      *****
           REMAINING CODE HERE
endmodule
```

A Complete Example

```
module testbench;
  wire w1, w2, w3;
  xyz m1 (w1, w2, w3);
  test_xyz m2 (w1, w2, w3);
endmodule
module xyz (f, A, B);
  input A, B; output f;
  nor #1 (f, A, B);
ndmodule
                                            contd..
```

```
module test_xyz (f, A, B);
  input f;
  output A, B;
  reg A, B;
  initial
      begin
        $monitor ($time, "A=%b", "B=%b", f=%b",
                               A, B, f);
        #10 A = 0; B = 0;
        #10 A = 1; B = 0;
        #10 A = 1; B = 1;
        #10 $finish;
      end
endmodule
```