

1. What are the differences between synchronous and asynchronous state machines? How do you choose one?

Synchronous State Machines:

- All state transitions occur at specific clock edges.
- State updates are synchronized with a clock signal.
- Typically simpler to design and analyze because timing is controlled.
- Easier to implement in digital circuits.

Asynchronous State Machines:

- State transitions can occur at any time based on input changes.
- Not synchronized to a clock signal, which can lead to timing issues (like race conditions).
- More complex and harder to analyze, but can be faster for specific applications where immediate response is critical.

Choosing Between Them:

- Use synchronous for designs requiring reliability and ease of design (like most digital systems).
- Use asynchronous for low-latency applications where speed is critical, and the design can handle the complexity.

2. Illustrate the differences between binary encoding and oneshot encoding mechanism state machines.

Binary Encoding:

- Each state is represented by a unique binary number.
- More states can be represented with fewer flip-flops (e.g., 4 flip-flops can represent 16 states).
- Complexity increases with the number of states (requires combinational logic for state transitions).

One-Hot Encoding:

- Each state is represented by one flip-flop, where only one flip-flop is 'hot' (set to 1) at any time.
- Simpler transition logic, as only one flip-flop needs to be toggled.
- More flip-flops are needed for more states (e.g., 4 states require 4 flip-flops).

3. Illustrate how a multi-dimensional array is implemented in Verilog.

```
module multi_dim_array_example;
    // Declare a 2D array
    reg [7:0] my_array [0:3][0:3]; // 4x4 array of 8-bit registers

    initial begin
        // Assign values to the 2D array
        my_array[0][0] = 8'hAA;
        my_array[1][2] = 8'hBB;
        // Accessing a value
        $display("Value at (1, 2): %h", my_array[1][2]);
    end
endmodule
```

4. What are the considerations in instantiating technology-specific memories?

- Memory Type: Understand the differences between SRAM, DRAM, ROM, etc., and their use cases.
- Access Speed: Evaluate the read/write speeds required for your application.
- Density and Size: Choose based on storage needs and area constraints.

- Power Consumption: Assess power requirements based on your design's needs.
  - Technology Compatibility: Ensure compatibility with the existing technology and design flow.
  - Initialization Requirements: Some memories need specific initialization procedures.
5. What are the factors that dictate the choice between synchronous and asynchronous memories?
- Speed Requirements: Synchronous memories typically offer higher performance and are used in high-speed applications.
  - Design Complexity: Synchronous memories are easier to interface with a synchronous system.
  - Power Consumption: Asynchronous memories may have lower power consumption in low-speed applications.
  - Cost and Availability: Evaluate cost implications and availability of specific memory types.

6. Design 4-bit binary counter using Verilog.

```
module binary_counter (
    input wire clk,
    input wire rst,
    output reg [3:0] count
);
    always @(posedge clk or posedge rst) begin
        if (rst)
            count <= 4'b0000; // Reset the count to 0
        else
            count <= count + 1; // Increment the count
        end
    endmodule
```

7. Given the state-assigned table shown below implement the finite-state machine rest state is 000.

Present state y[2:0]	Next state(x=0) Y[2:0] (x=1)		Output z
000	000	001	0
011	001	100	0
010	010	001	0
011	001	010	1
100	011	100	1

```
module fsm (
    input wire clk,
    input wire rst,
    input wire x,
    output reg [2:0] y,
    output reg z
);
    // State encoding
    typedef enum reg [2:0] {
        S0 = 3'b000,
        S1 = 3'b001,
        S2 = 3'b010,
        S3 = 3'b011,
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    S4 = 3'b100
} state_t;

state_t current_state, next_state;

always @(posedge clk or posedge rst) begin
    if (rst)
        current_state <= S0; // Reset state
    else
        current_state <= next_state; // Next state
end

always @(*) begin
    case (current_state)
        S0: begin
            z = 0;
            next_state = (x == 1) ? S1 : S0;
        end
        S1: begin
            z = 0;
            next_state = (x == 1) ? S3 : S2;
        end
        S2: begin
            z = 0;
            next_state = (x == 1) ? S1 : S2;
        end
        S3: begin
            z = 1;
            next_state = S4;
        end
        S4: begin
            z = 1;
            next_state = (x == 1) ? S3 : S0;
        end
        default: begin
            z = 0;
            next_state = S0;
        end
    endcase
end

// Output the current state
always @(*) begin
    y = current_state;
end
endmodule

```