Processes

Processes are functions identified to the SystemC kernel and called if a signal of the sensitivity list changes.

- Processes implement the funcionality of modules.
- Similar to C++ functions or methods

Three types of Processes: Methods, Threads and Cthreads

- Methods: When activated, executes and returns SC_METHOD(process_name)
- Threads: can be suspended and reactivated
 - wait() -> suspends
 - one sensitivity list event -> activates

SC_THREAD(process_name)

 Cthreads: are activated by the clock pulse SC_CTHREAD(process_name, clock value);

Processes

Туре	SC_METHOD	SC_THREAD	SC_CTHREAD
Activates Exec.	Event in sensit. list	Event in sensit. List	Clock pulse
Suspends Exec.	NO	YES	YES
Infinite Loop	NO	YES	YES
suspended/ reactivated by	N.D.	wait()	wait() wait_until()
Constructor & Sensibility definition	SC_METHOD(call_back); sensitive(signals); sensitive_pos(signals); sensitive_neg(signals);	SC_THREAD(call_back); sensitive(signals); sensitive_pos(signals); sensitive_neg(signals);	SC_CTHREAD(call_back, clock.pos()); SC_CTHREAD(call_back, clock.neg());

Sensitivity List of a Process

- sensitive with the () operator
 Takes a single port or signal as argument sensitive(s1);sensitive(s2);sensitive(s3)
- sensitive with the stream notation
 Takes an arbitrary number of arguments
 sensitive << s1 << s2 << s3;</p>
- sensitive_pos with either () or << operator
 <p>Defines sensitivity to positive edge of Boolean signal or clock sensitive_pos << clk;</p>
- sensitive_neg with either () or << operator
 <p>Defines sensitivity to negative edge of Boolean signal or clock sensitive_neg << clk;</p>

Multiple Process Example

```
SC MODULE(ram){
  s\overline{c} in<int> addr;
  sc in<int> datain;
  sc in < bool > rwb;
  sc out<int> dout;
  int memdata[64];
      // local memory storage
  int i;
  void ramread(); // process-1
  void ramwrite();// process-2
  SC_CTOR(ram){
    SC METHOD (ramread);
    sensitive << addr << rwb;
    SC METHOD(ramwrite);
    sensitive << addr << datain << rwb;
    for (i=0; i++; i<64) {
      memdata[i] = 0;
  } }
```

Thread Process and wait() function

- wait() may be used in both SC THREAD and SC_CTHREAD processes but not in SC_METHOD process block
- wait() suspends execution of the process until the process is invoked again
- wait(<pos int>) may be used to wait for a certain number of cycles (SC_CTHREAD only)

In Synchronous process (SC CTHREAD)

- Statements before the wait() are executed in one cycle
- Statements after the wait() executed in the next cycle

In Asynchronous process (SC_THREAD)

- Statements before the wait() are executed in the last event
- Statements after the wait()are executed in the next event

Thread Process and wait() function

```
void do_count() {
  while(1) {
     if(reset) {
       value = 0;
     else if (count) {
       value++;
       q.write(value);
     wait(); // wait till next event !
```

Example Code

```
void wait_example:: my_thread_process(void)
{
    wait(10, SC_NS);
    cout << "Now at " << sc_time_stamp() << endl;
    sc_time t_DELAY(2, SC_MS);
    t_DELAY *= 2;
    cout << "Delaying " << t_DELAY<< endl;
    wait(t_DELAY);
    cout << "Now at " << sc_time_stamp() << endl;
}
OUTPUT</pre>
```

Thread Example

Thread Implementation

CThread

- Almost identical to SC_THREAD, but implements "clocked threads"
- Sensitive only to one edge of one and only one clock
- It is not triggered if inputs other than the clock change
- Models the behavior of unregistered inputs and registered outputs
- Useful for high level simulations, where the clock is used as the only synchronization device
- Adds wait_until() and watching() semantics for easy deployment.

Counter Example

```
SC MODULE(countsub)
  sc in<double> in1;
  sc in<double> in2;
  sc out<double> sum;
  sc_out<double> diff;
  sc in<bool> clk;
  void addsub();
  // Constructor:
  SC_CTOR(countsub)
// declare addsub as SC METHOD
     SC METHOD(addsub);
     // make it sensitive to
     // positive clock
     sensitive_pos << clk;
```

```
in2 adder subtractor diff
```

```
// addsub method
void countsub::addsub()
{
   double a;
   double b;
   a = in1.read();
   b = in2.read();
   sum.write(a+b);
   diff.write(a-b);
};
```

sc_main()

The top level is a special function called sc_main.

- It is in a file named main.cpp or main.c
- sc_main() is called by SystemC and is the entry point for your code.
- The execution of sc_main() until the sc_start() function is called.

```
int sc_main (int argc, char *argv []) {
    // body of function
    sc_start(arg);
    return 0;
}
```

sc_start(arg) has an optional argument:
 It specifies the number of time units to simulate.
 If it is a null argument the simulation will run forever.

Clocks

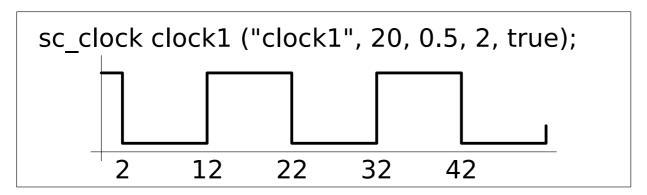
- Special object
- How to create ?

```
sc_clock clock_name ( "clock_label", period,
  duty_ratio, offset, initial_value );
```

Clock connection

```
f1.clk( clk_signal ); //where f1 is a module
```

Clock example:



sc_time

```
sc timedata type to measure time. Time is expressed in two parts:
  a numeric magnitude and a time unit e.g. SC MS, SC NS,
  SC PS, SC SEC, etc.
sc time t(20, SC NS);
  //var t of type sc time with value of 20ns
More Examples:
  sc time t PERIOD(5, SC NS);
  sc time t TIMEOUT (100, SC_MS);
  sc time t MEASURE, t CURRENT, t LAST CLOCK;
  t MEASURE = (t CURRENT-t LAST CLOCK);
  if (t_MEASURE > t_HOLD) { error ("Setup violated") }
```

Time representation in SystemC

Set Time Resolution: sc set time resolution (10, SC PS); Any time value smaller than this is rounded off default; 1 Peco-Second sc_time t2(3.1416, SC_NS); // t2 gets 3140 PSEC To Control Simulation: sc start(); sc stop(); To Report Time Information: sc time stamp() // returns the current simulation time cout << sc time stamp() << endl;</pre> sc simulation time() Returns a value of type double with the current simulation time in the current default time unit

sc_event

Event

- Something that happens at a specific point in time.
- Has no value or duration

sc event:

- A class to model an event
 - Can be triggered and caught.

Important

(the source of a few coding errors):

- Events have no duration → you must be watching to catch it
 - If an event occurs, and no processes are waiting to catch it, the event goes unnoticed.

sc event

You can perform only two actions with an sc event:

- wait for it
 - wait(ev1)
 - SC_THREAD(my_thread_proc);
 sensitive << ev_1; // or

 - sensitive(ev 1)
- cause it to occur notify(ev1)

Common misunderstanding:

- if (event1) do something
 - Events have no value
 - You can test a Boolean that is set by the process that caused an event;
 - However, it is problematic to clear it properly.

notify()

To Trigger an Event:

```
event_name.notify(args);
event_name.notify_delayed(args);
notify(args, event_name);
```

Immediate Notification:

causes processes which are sensitive to the event to be made ready to run in the current evaluate phase of the current delta-cycle.

Delayed Notification:

causes processes which are sensitive to the event to be made ready to run in the evaluate phase of the next delta-cycle.

Timed Notification:

causes processes which are sensitive to the event to be made ready to run at a specified time in the future.

notify() Examples

```
sc_eventmy event ; // event
sc_time t_zero (0, SC_NS); // variable t_zero of type sc_time
sc time t(10, SC MS); // variable t of type sc time
Immediate
  my event.notify();
  notify(my event); // current delta cycle
Delayed
  my event.notify delayed();
  my event.notify(t zero);
  notify(t zero, my event); // next delta cycle
Timed
  my event.notify(t);
  notify(t, my event);
  my event.notify delayed(t); // 10 ms delay
```

cancel()

Cancels pending notifications for an event.

- It is supported for delayed and timed notifications.
- not supported for immediate notifications.

c.cancel(); // cancel notification on event c

Given:

```
sc_event a, b, c; // events
sc_time t_zero (0,SC_NS); // variable t_zero of type sc_time
sc_time t(10, SC_MS); // variable t of type sc_time
sc_time t(10, SC_MS); // variable t of type sc_time
...
a.notify(); // current delta cycle
notify(t_zero, b); // next delta cycle
notify(t, c); // 10 ms delay

Cancel of Event Notification:
a.cancel(); // Error! Can't cancel immediate notification
b.cancel(); // cancel notification on event b
```

```
SC_MODULE(missing_event) {
                                       Problem with
  SC_CTOR(missing_event) {
    SC THREAD(B thread); // ordered
                                             events
    SC THREAD(A thread); // to cause
    SC THREAD(C thread); // problems
  void A thread() {
      a event.notify( )//;immediate!
      cout << "A sent a event!" << endl;</pre>
  void B thread() {
      wait(a event);
      cout << "B got a event!" << endl;
                                    If wait(a event) is issued after
  void C thread() {
                                    the immediate notification
      wait(a event);
                                    a event.notify()
      cout < C got a event!" << e
                                    Then B_thread and C_thread
                                    can wait for ever.
sc_evenb_event;
                                    Unless a_avent is issued again.
```

Properly Ordered Events

```
void B thread() {
SC MODULE(ordered events)
                                 while (true) {
 SC CTOR(ordered events) {
                                 b event.notify(SC ZERO TIME);
 SC THREAD(B thread);
                                 cout << "B sent b event!" << endl;
 SC THREAD(A thread);
                                 wait(a event);
 SC THREAD(C thread);
                                 cout << "B got a_event!" << endl;</pre>
 // ordered to cause problems
                                 } // endwhile
                                 void C thread() {
void A thread() {
                                 while (true) {
while (true) {
                                 c event.notify(SC ZERO TIME);
a_event.notify(SC_ZERO_TIME);
                                 cout << "C sent c event!" << endl;
cout << "A sent a event!" << en
                                 wait(b event);
wait(c event);
                                 cout << "C got b event!" << endl;
cout << "A got c event!" << end
                                 } // endwhile
} // endwhile
                                 sc_event a_event, b_event, c_event;
```

Time & Execution Interaction

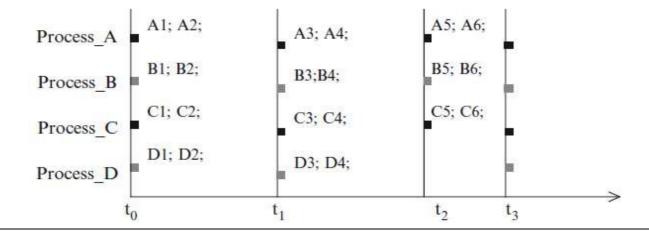
```
Process_A() {
    //@ t<sub>0</sub>
    stmt<sub>A1</sub>;
    stmt<sub>A2</sub>;
    wait(t<sub>1</sub>);
    stmt<sub>A3</sub>;
    stmt<sub>A4</sub>;
    wait(t<sub>2</sub>);a
    stmt<sub>A5</sub>;
    stmt<sub>A6</sub>;
    wait(t<sub>3</sub>);
}
```

```
Process_B() {
    //@ t<sub>0</sub>
    stmt<sub>B1</sub>;
    stmt<sub>B2</sub>;
    wait(t<sub>1</sub>);
    stmt<sub>B3</sub>;
    stmt<sub>B4</sub>;
    wait(t<sub>2</sub>);
    stmt<sub>B5</sub>;
    stmt<sub>B6</sub>;
    wait(t<sub>3</sub>);
}
```

```
Process_C() {
    //@ t<sub>0</sub>
    stmt<sub>C1</sub>;
    stmt<sub>C2</sub>;
    wait(t<sub>1</sub>);
    stmt<sub>C3</sub>;
    stmt<sub>C4</sub>;
    wait(t<sub>2</sub>);
    stmt<sub>C5</sub>;
    stmt<sub>C6</sub>;
    wait(t<sub>3</sub>);
}
```

```
Process_D() {
    //@ to
    stmtD1;
    stmtD2;
    wait(t1);
    stmtD3;
    wait(
        SC_ZERO_TIME);
    stmtD4;
    wait(t3);
}
```

Simulated Execution Activity



wait() and watching()

```
Legacy SystemC code for Clocked Thread
wait(N); // delay N clock edges
wait until (delay expr); // until expr true @ clock
Same as
For (i=0; i!=N; i++)
     wait( ); //similar as wait(N)
do wait () while (!expr); // same as
                     // wait until(delay expr)
Previous versions of SystemC also included other
  constructs to watch signals such as watching(),
```

Traffic Light Controller

Highway

Normally has a green light.

Sensor:

- A car on the East-West side road triggers the sensor
 The highway light: green => yellow => red,
 Side road light: red => green.
 SystemC Model:
 - Uses two different time delays:
 - green to yellow delay >= yellow to red delay (to represent the way that a real traffic light works).

Traffic Controller Example

```
// traff.h
#include "systemc.h"
SC_MODULE(traff) {
  // input ports
  sc in<bool> roadsensor;
  sc in<bool> clock;
  // output ports
  sc out<bool> NSred;
  sc_out<bool> NSyellow;
  sc out<bool> NSgreen;
  sc out<bool> EWred;
  sc out<bool> EWyellow;
  sc out<bool> EWgreen;
  void control_lights();
  int i;
```

```
// Constructor
SC_CTOR(traff) {
    SC_THREAD(control_lights);
    // Thread
        sensitive << roadsensor;
        sensitive << clock.pos();
    }
};</pre>
```

Traffic Controller Example

```
// traff.cpp
#include "traff.h"
void traff::control lights() {
  NSred = false:
  NSyellow = false;
  NSgreen = true;
  EWred = true:
  EWyellow = false;
  EWgreen = false;
  while (true) {
    while (roadsensor == false)
         wait();
  NSgreen = false;//
                         road sensor triggered
  NSyellow = true; // set NS to yellow
  NSred = false;
  for (i=0; i<5; i++)
    wait();
  NSgreen = false; //
                          yellow interval over
  NSyellow = false; // set NS to red
  NSred = true; // set EW to green
  EWareen = true;
  EWyellow = false;
  EWred = false;
  for (i = 0; i < 50; i + +)
    wait();
```

```
NSgreen = false; // times up for EW green
NSyellow = false; // set EW to yellow
NSred = true;
EWgreen = false;
EWyellow = true;
EWred = false:
for (i=0; i<5; i++)
          // times up for EW yellow
  wait();
NSgreen = true; // set EW to red
NSyellow = false; // set NS to green
NSred = false;
EWgreen = false;
EWyellow = false;
EWred = true;
for (i=0; i<50; i++) // wait one more long
  wait(); // interval before allowing
           // a sensor again
```

JPEG Compression/Decompression using SystemC

Overview

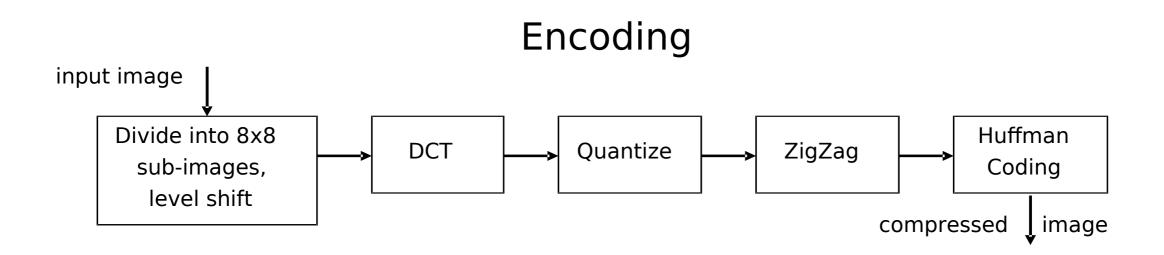
- Introduction to JPEG Coding and Decoding
- Hardware-Software Partitioning
- FDCT and IDCT HW module for 8 x 8 Block
- JPEG Implementation

JPEG- -based Encoding

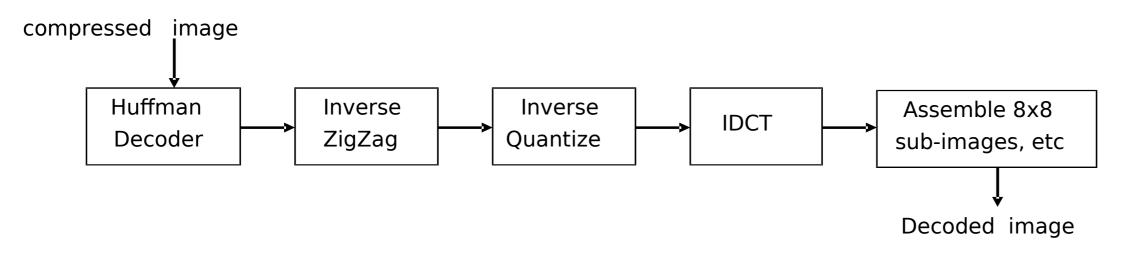
Four Stages of JPEG Compression

- Preprocessing and dividing an image into 8 x 8 blocks Level-shift, for 8-bit gray scale images, subtract 128 from each pixel i.e. pixel[i] = pixel[i] - 128;
- DCT, Discrete Cosine Transform of 8 x 8 image blocks.
- Quantization
- ZigZag
- Entropy Encoding either of:
 - Huffman coding
 - Variable Length Coding

JPEG Encoding and Decoding



Decoding



DCT: Discrete Cosine Transform

Mathematical definitions of 8 \times 8 DCT and 8 \times 8 IDCT respectively.

F(u,v) is the Discrete Cosine Transform of 8 x 8 block f(x,y) is the Inverse Discrete Cosine Transform

Why DCT instead of DFT

DCT is similar to DFT with many advantages

- DCT coefficients are purely real
- Near-optimal for energy compaction
- DCT computation is efficient due to faster algorithms
- Hardware solutions available that do not need multipliers

DCT is extensively used in image compression JPEG, MPEG-1, MPEG-2, MPEG-4, etc.

standards including,

DCT **U**

Quantization

The 8x8 block of DCT transformed values is divided by a quantization value for each block entry.

```
F_{quantized}(u,v) = F(u,v) / Quantization_Table(x,y)
```

Quantization table:

```
      16
      11
      10
      16
      24
      40
      51
      61

      12
      12
      14
      19
      26
      58
      60
      55

      14
      13
      16
      24
      40
      57
      69
      56

      14
      17
      22
      29
      51
      87
      80
      62

      18
      22
      37
      56
      68
      109
      103
      77

      24
      35
      55
      64
      81
      104
      113
      92

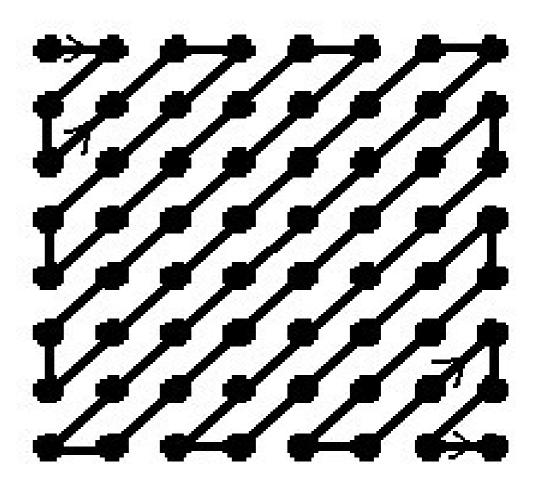
      49
      64
      78
      87
      103
      121
      120
      101

      72
      92
      95
      98
      112
      100
      103
      99
```

Zig--Zag

It takes the quantized 8x8 block and orders it in a 'Zig-Zag' sequence, resulting in a 1-D array of 64 entries,

- This process place low-frequency coefficients (larger values) before the high-frequency ones (nearly zero).
- One can ignore any continuous zeros at the end of block
- Insert a (EOB) at the end
 of each 8x8 block encoding



Quantization and ZigZag

Zig-Zag

0 0 -1 2

```
      -415
      -29
      -62
      25
      55
      -20
      -1
      3

      7
      -21
      -62
      9
      11
      -7
      -6
      6

      -46
      8
      77
      -25
      -30
      10
      7
      -5

      -50
      13
      35
      -15
      -9
      6
      0
      3

      11
      -8
      -13
      -2
      -1
      1
      -4
      1

      -10
      1
      3
      -3
      -1
      0
      2
      -1

      -4
      -1
      2
      -1
      0
      -3
      1
      -2

      -1
      -1
      -1
      -2
      -3
      -1
      0
      -1
```

```
      16
      11
      10
      16
      24
      40
      51
      61

      12
      12
      14
      19
      26
      58
      60
      55

      14
      13
      16
      24
      40
      57
      69
      56

      14
      17
      22
      29
      51
      87
      80
      62

      18
      22
      37
      56
      68
      109
      103
      77

      24
      35
      55
      64
      81
      104
      113
      92

      49
      64
      78
      87
      103
      121
      120
      101

      72
      92
      95
      98
      112
      100
      103
      99
```

[-26 -3 1 -3 -2 -6 2 - 4 1 -4 1 1 5 0 2

0 0 0 0 0 -1 -1 EOB 1

FDCT SC_Module

```
struct fdct : sc module {{
   sc_out<double> out64[8][8]; // the dc transformed 8x8 block
   sc_in<double> fcosine[8][8]; // cosine table input
   sc in<FILE *> sc input; // input file pointer port
   sc_in<bool> clk; // clock signal
   char input data[8][8]; // the data read from the input file
   void read_data( void ); // read the 8x8 block
   void calculate_dct( void ); // perform dc transform
   // define fdct as a constructor
   SC_CTOR( fdct ) {
   // read_data method sensitive to +ve & calculate_dct sensitive to
   // -ve clock edge, entire read and dct will take one clock cycle
            SC_METHOD( read_data ); // define read_data as a method
            dont initialize();
            sensitive << clk.pos;
            SC METHOD( calculate dct );
            dont_initialize();
            sensitive << clk.neg;
}};
```

DCT Module

```
#include "fdct.h"
void fdct :: calculate_dct( void ) {
unsigned char u, v, x, y;
double
                         temp;
   for (u = 0; u < 8; u++) // do forward discrete cosine transform
       for (v = 0; v < 8; v++)
                                                     temp = 0.0;
            for (x = 0: x < 8: x++)
            for (y = 0; y < 8; y++)
                temp += input_data[x][y] * fcosine[x][u].read() *
                         fcosine[y][v].read();
            if ((u == 0) \&\& (v == 0)) temp /= 8.0;
            else if (((u == 0) \&\& (v != 0)) || ((u != 0) \&\& (v == 0)))
                temp = (4.0*sqrt(2.0)); else temp = 4.0;
            out64[u][v].write(temp);
     }}
                                                    { { // read the 8*8 block
void fdct :: read data( void )
    fread(input data, 1, 64, sc input.read());
    // shift from range [0, 2^8 - 1] to [2^(8-1), 2^(8-1) - 1]
    for (unsigned char uv = 0; uv < 64; uv++)
            input data[uv/8][uv\%8] -= (char) (pow(2,8-1));
}}
```

DCT Module Structures

```
#define PI 3.1415926535897932384626433832795 // the value of PI
unsigned char quant[8][8] =
                                                           // quantization table
            {{16,11,10,16,24,40,51,61},
             {12,12,14,19,26,58,60,55},
             {14,13,16,24,40,57,69,56},
             {14,17,22,29,51,87,80,62},
             {18,22,37,56,68,109,103,77},
             {24,35,55,64,81,104,113,92},
             {49,64,78,87,103,121,120,101},
             {72,92,95,98,112,100,103,99}};
unsigned char zigzag_tbl[64]={
                                                          // zigzag table
           0,1,5,6,14,15,27,28,
           2,4,7,13,16,26,29,42,
           3,8,12,17,25,30,41,43,
           9,11,18,24,31,40,44,53,
           10,19,23,32,39,45,52,54,
           20,22,33,38,46,51,55,60,
           21,34,37,47,50,56,59,61,
           35,36,48,49,57,58,62,63};
signed char MARKER = 127; // end of block marker
```

Functions: Read File Header

```
#define rnd(x) (((x)>=0)?((signed char)((signed char)((x)+1.5)-
    1)):((signed char)((signed char)((x)-1.5)+1)))
#define rnd2(x) (((x)>=0)?((short int)((short int)((x)+1.5)-
    1)):((short int)((short int)((x)-1.5)+1)))
// read the header of the bitmap and write it to the output file
                                                                          { {
void write_read_header(FILE *in, FILE *out)
   unsigned char temp[60]; // temporary array of 60 characters,
               // which is enough for the bitmap header: 54 bytes
    printf("\nInput Header read and written to the output file");
   fread(temp, 1, 54, in); // read 54 bytes and store them in temp
   fwrite(temp, 1, 54, out); // write 54 bytes to the output file
    printf(".....Done\n");
    printf("Image is a %d bit Image. Press Enter to Continue\n>",
   temp[28]);
   getchar();
```

Functions: Cosine--table

Functions: ZigZag

```
// zigzag the quantized input data
void zigzag quant(double data[8][8], FILE *output)
    signed char to_write[8][8];
       // this is the rounded values, to be written to the file
    char last non zero value = 0; // index to last non-zero in a block
     // zigzag data array & copy it to to_write, round the values
     // and find out the index to the last non-zero value in a block
                                                                      {{
   for (unsigned char i = 0; i < 64; i++)
     to_write[zigzag_tbl[i]/8][zigzag_tbl[i]%8] =
            rnd(data[i/8][i%8] / quant[i/8][i%8]);
            if (to_write[i/8][i%8] != 0) last_non_zero_value = i;
   }}
   // write all values in the block including the last non-zero value
   for (unsigned char i = 0; i <= last_non_zero_value; i++)
          fwrite(&to write[i/8][i%8], sizeof(signed char), 1, output);
              // write the end of block marker
   fwrite(&MARKER, sizeof(signed char), 1, output);
}}
```

Functions: Main

```
#include "systemc.h"
#include "functions.h"
#include "fdct.h"
#include "idct.h"
#define NS *1e-9 // constant for clock signal is in nanoseconds
int sc_main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
   char choice:
   sc signal<FILE *> sc input; // input file pointer signal
   sc_signal<FILE *> sc_output; // output file pointer signal
   sc signal<double> dct data[8][8]; // signal to the dc transformed
   sc_signal<double> cosine_tbl[8][8]; // signal for cos-table values
   sc_signal<bool> clk1, clk2; // clock signal for FDCT and IDCT
   FILE *input, *output; // input and output file pointers
   double cosine[8][8]; // cosine table
   double data[8][8]; // data read from signals to be zigzagged
   if (argc == 4) {
        if (!(input = fopen(argv[1], "rb")))
               // some error occurred while trying to open the input file
        printf("\nSystemC JPEG-LAB:\nCannot Open File '%s'\n",argv[1]),
```

Functions - - Main

```
write_read_header(input, output);
                     // write the header read from the input file
make_cosine_tbl(cosine); // make the cosine table
// copy cosine and quantization tables onto corresponding signals
for (unsigned char i = 0; i < 8; i++)
        for (unsigned char j = 0; j < 8; j++)
                     cosine_tbl[i][j].write(cosine[i][j]);
fdct FDCT("fdct"); // call the forward discrete transform module
// bind the ports
for (unsigned char i = 0; i < 8; i++)
        for (unsigned char j = 0; j < 8; j++)
              FDCT.out64[i][j](dct_data[i][j]);
              FDCT.fcosine[i][j](cosine_tbl[i][j]);
         }
FDCT.clk(clk1);
FDCT.sc_input(sc_input);
```

Functions: Main

```
// we must use two different clocks. That will make sure that when
// we want to compress, we only compress and don't decompress it
                                                  // initialize the clock
   sc start(SC ZERO TIME);
    if ((choice == 'c') || (choice == 'C'))
                                                                        { { // for compression
                                                   {{ // create the FDCT clock signal
            while (!(feof(input)))
                clk1.write(1);
                                                     // convert the clock to high
                sc_start(10, SC_NS); // cycle high for 10 nanoseconds
                clk1.write(0);
                                                    // start the clock as low
                sc_start(10, SC_NS); //cycle low for 10 nanoseconds
                         // read all the signals into the data variable
                         // to use these values in a software block
                   for (unsigned char i = 0; i < 8; i++)
                      for (unsigned char j = 0; j < 8; j++)
                                      data[i][j] = dct_data[i][j].read();
                zigzag_quant(data, output);
                         // zigzag and quantize the read data
```