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1 Overview

The Address Bus Model Independent Transaction package (AddressBusTransactionTransactionPkg.vhd) defines transaction interface (a record for communication between the test sequencer and verification component) and transaction initiation procedures that are suitable for Address Bus Interfaces.

2 Address Bus Transaction Record

The Address Bus Transaction Record (AddressBusTransactionRecType) defines the transaction interface between the test sequencer and the verification component. As such, it is the primary channel for information exchange between the two.

```
type AddressBusTransactionRecType is record
  -- Handshaking controls
       Used by RequestTransaction in the Transaction Procedures
       Used by WaitForTransaction in the Verification Component
       RequestTransaction and WaitForTransaction are in osvvm.TbUtilPkg
  Rdv
                     : bit_max ;
  Ack
                    : bit max ;
  -- Transaction Type
  Operation
                    : AddressBusOperationType ;
  -- Address to verification component and its width
  -- Width may be smaller than Address
  Address
                     : std logic vector max c ;
  AddrWidth
                    : integer max ;
  -- Data to and from the verification component and its width.
  -- Width will be smaller than Data for byte operations
  -- Width size requirements are enforced in the verification component
  DataToModel : std_logic_vector_max_c ;
 DataFromModel : std_logic_vector_max_c ;
DataWidth : integer_max ;
  -- StatusMsgOn provides transaction messaging override.
  -- When true, print transaction messaging independent of
  -- other verification based based controls.
  StatusMsgOn : boolean max ;
  -- Verification Component Options Parameters - used by SetModelOptions
  IntToModel : integer_max ;
BoolToModel : boolean_max ;
 IntFromModel : integer_max ;
BoolFromModel : boolean_max ;
  -- Verification Component Options Type - currently aliased to type integer max
                     : ModelOptionsType ;
end record AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
```

The record element types, bit_max, std_logic_vector_max_c, integer_max, and boolean_max are defined in the OSVVM package ResolutionPkg. These types allow the record to support multiple drivers and use resolution functions based on function maximum (return largest value).

3 Usage of the Record Interface

The address and data fields of the record are unconstrained. Unconstrained objects may be used on component/entity interfaces. The record will be sized when used as a record signal in the test harness of the testbench. Such a declaration is shown below.

4 Types of Transactions

A transaction may be either a directive or an interface transaction. Directive transactions interact with the verification component without generating any transactions or interface waveforms. An interface transaction results in interface signaling to the DUT.

A blocking transaction is an interface transaction that does not does not return (complete) until the interface operation requested by the transaction has completed.

An asynchronous transaction is a non-blocking interface transaction that returns before the transaction has completed - typically immediately and before the transaction has started.

A Try transaction is non blocking interface transaction that checks to see if transaction information is available, such as read data, and if it is returns it.

5 Directive Transactions

Directive transactions interact with the verification component without generating any transactions or interface waveforms. These transactions are supported by all verification components.

```
_____
procedure WaitForClock (
-- Directive: Wait for NumberOfClocks number of clocks
          relative to the verification component clock
_____
 signal TransRec
                : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
        NumberOfClocks : In natural := 1
procedure GetAlertLogID (
 signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 variable AlertLogID : Out AlertLogIDType
) ;
_____
procedure GetErrors (
-- Error reporting for testbenches that do not use AlertLogPkg
-- Returns error count. If an error count /= 0, also print errors
```

```
------
 signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 variable ErrCnt : Out natural
) ;
procedure GetTransactionCount (
-- Get the number of transactions handled by the model.
______
 signal
       TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 variable Count : Out integer
) ;
_____
procedure GetWriteTransactionCount (
 signal
       TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 variable Count : Out integer
) ;
______
procedure GetReadTransactionCount (
-- Get the number of read transactions handled by the model.
_____
 signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 variable Count : Out integer
) ;
```

6 Set and Get Model Options

Model operations are directive transactions that are used to configure the verification component. They can either be used directly or with a model specific wrapper around them - see AXI models for examples.

```
procedure SetModelOptions (

signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
constant Option : In ModelOptionsType ;
constant OptVal : In boolean
);

procedure SetModelOptions (

signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
constant Option : In ModelOptionsType ;
constant OptVal : In integer
);

procedure SetModelOptions (
```

```
TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 signal
 constant Option : In ModelOptionsType ;
constant OptVal : In std_logic_vector
procedure GetModelOptions (
_____
 signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 constant Option : In ModelOptionsType ;
variable OptVal : Out boolean
) ;
_____
procedure GetModelOptions (
 signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 constant Option : In ModelOptionsType ;
variable OptVal : Out integer
______
procedure GetModelOptions (
_____
 signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 constant Option : In ModelOptionsType ;
variable OptVal : Out std_logic_vector
) ;
```

7 Master / Initiator Transactions

7.1 Interface Independent Transactions

Interface Independent transactions are required to be supported by all verification components. These are recommended for all tests that verify internal design functionality.

Many are blocking transactions which do not return (complete) until the interface operation requested by the transaction has completed. Some are asynchronous, which means they return before the transaction is complete - typically even before it starts.

These transactions are supported by all verification components.

7.1.1 Write Transactions

```
procedure Write (
-- Blocking Write Transaction.

signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
iAddr : In std_logic_vector ;
iData : In std_logic_vector ;
```

```
StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
    ) ;
    _____
    procedure WriteAsync (
    -- Asynchronous / Non-Blocking Write Transaction
    _____
      signal
            TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
            iAddr : In std_logic_vector ;
iData : In std_logic_vector ;
             StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
    ) ;
7.1.2 Read Transactions
    procedure Read (
    -- Blocking Read Transaction.
    _____
      signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
            iAddr : In std logic vector ;
      variable oData : Out std_logic_vector ;
            StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
    _____
    procedure ReadCheck (
    -- Blocking Read Transaction and check iData, rather than returning a value.
    _____
      signal
            TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
            iAddr : In std_logic_vector ;
iData : In std_logic_vector ;
             StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
    ) ;
    ______
    procedure ReadPoll (
    -- Read location (iAddr) until Data(IndexI) = ValueI
    -- WaitTime is the number of clocks to wait between reads.
    -- oData is the value read.
    ______
            TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
      signal
            iAddr : In std_logic_vector;
oData : Out std_logic_vector;
Index : In Integer;
      variable oData
            BitValue : In std logic ;
             StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false ;
             WaitTime : In natural := 10
    ) ;
      ______
    procedure ReadPoll (
    -- Read location (iAddr) until Data(IndexI) = ValueI
```

7.2 Burst Transactions

Some interfaces support bursting, and some do not. Hence, support for burst transactions is optional. However, for an interface that does not support bursting, it is appropriate to implement a burst as multiple single cycle operations.

```
_____
procedure WriteBurst (
-- Blocking Write Burst.
-- Data is provided separately via a WriteBurstFifo.
-- NumBytes specifies the number of bytes to be transferred.
_____
 signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
       iAddr : In std_logic_vector;
       NumBytes : In integer ;
       StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
) ;
procedure WriteBurstAsync (
-- Asynchronous / Non-Blocking Write Burst.
-- Data is provided separately via a WriteBurstFifo.
-- NumBytes specifies the number of bytes to be transferred.
_____
       TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 signal
               : In std logic vector ;
       iAddr
       NumBytes : In integer ;
       StatusMsqOn : In boolean := false
) ;
_____
procedure ReadBurst (
-- Blocking Read Burst.
_____
 signal
       TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
       iAddr : In std_logic_vector ;
       NumBytes : In integer ;
       StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
) ;
```

7.3 Interface Specific Transactions

Interface specific transactions support split transaction interfaces - such as AXI which independently operates the write address, write data, write response, read address, and read data interfaces. For split transaction interfaces, these transactions are required to fully test the interface characteristics. Most of these transactions are asynchronous.

7.3.1 Interface Specific Write Transactions

```
procedure WriteAddressAsync (
-- Non-blocking Write Address
______
 signal
         TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
         iAddr : In std_logic_vector ;
         StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
) ;
procedure WriteDataAsync (
-- Non-blocking Write Data
 signal
         TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
         iAddr : In std_logic_vector ;
iData : In std_logic_vector ;
         StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
) ;
procedure WriteDataAsync (
-- Non-blocking Write Data. iAddr = 0.
_____
 signal
         TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
         iData : In std logic vector ;
         StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
) ;
```

7.3.2 Interface Specific Read Transactions

```
TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 signal
 variable oData : Out std_logic_vector ;
        StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
) ;
procedure ReadCheckData (
-- Blocking Read data and check iData, rather than returning a value.
______
 signal
        TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
        iData : In std_logic_vector ;
        StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
) ;
_____
procedure TryReadData (
-- Try (non-blocking) read data attempt.
-- If data is available, get it and return available TRUE.
-- Otherwise Return Available FALSE.
 signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 variable oData : Out std_logic_vector ;
 variable Available : Out boolean ;
        StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
) ;
_____
procedure TryReadCheckData (
-- Try (non-blocking) read data and check attempt.
-- If data is available, check it and return available TRUE.
-- Otherwise Return Available FALSE.
_____
        TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 signal
        iData : In std_logic_vector;
 variable Available : Out boolean ;
        StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
) ;
```

8 Responder Transactions

A transaction based responder verification component primarily implement register addressable devices. As such, at this time, they do not support bursting. OSVVM also provides, Memory Responder verification components, which do support burst operations to or from the internal memory. Hence, the transactions here, at this time, do not support bursting.

8.1 Interface Independent Transactions

Interface Independent transactions are required to be supported by all verification components. Interface independent transactions are intended to support testing of model internal functionality.

8.1.1 Write Transactions

```
_____
procedure GetWrite (
-- Blocking write transaction.
-- Block until the write address and data are available.
-- oData variable should be sized to match the size of the data
-- being transferred.
_____
 signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 variable oAddr : Out std_logic_vector ;
variable oData : Out std_logic_vector ;
 constant StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
) ;
_____
procedure TryGetWrite (
-- Try write transaction.
-- If a write cycle has already completed return Address and Data,
-- and return Available as TRUE, otherwise, return Available as FALSE.
-- oData variable should be sized to match the size of the data
-- being transferred.
_____
 signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 variable oAddr : Out std_logic_vector ;
variable oData : Out std_logic_vector ;
 variable Available : Out boolean ;
 constant StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
```

8.1.2 Read Transactions

```
variable oAddr
                   : Out std_logic_vector ;
 constant iData : In std_logic_vector;
 constant StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
procedure TrySendRead (
-- Try Read transaction.
-- If a read address already been received return Address,
-- send iData as the read data, and return Available as TRUE,
-- otherwise return Available as FALSE.
-- iData variable should be sized to match the size of the data
-- being transferred.
_____
  signal
          TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 variable oAddr : Out std_logic_vector ;
constant iData : In std_logic_vector ;
 variable Available : Out boolean ;
 constant StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
) ;
```

8.2 Interface Specific Transactions

Interface specific transactions are for supporting interfaces that can dispatch independent address and data transactions.

8.2.1 Write Transactions

```
_____
procedure GetWriteAddress (
-- Blocking write address transaction.
_____
 signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 variable oAddr : Out std_logic_vector;
 constant StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
) ;
_____
procedure TryGetWriteAddress (
-- Try write address transaction.
-- If a write address cycle has already completed return oAddr and
-- return Available as TRUE, otherwise, return Available as FALSE.
_____
 signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 variable oAddr : Out std_logic_vector;
 variable Available : Out boolean ;
 constant StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
) ;
______
procedure GetWriteData (
-- Blocking write data transaction.
```

```
-- oData should be sized to match the size of the data
     -- being transferred.
     _____
      signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
      constant iAddr : In std_logic_vector ;
variable oData : Out std_logic_vector ;
      constant StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
     _____
    procedure TryGetWriteData (
     -- Try write data transaction.
    -- If a write data cycle has already completed return oData and
    -- return Available as TRUE, otherwise, return Available as FALSE.
     -- oData should be sized to match the size of the data
     -- being transferred.
     _____
      signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
      constant oAddr : In std_logic_vector ;
variable oData : Out std_logic_vector ;
      variable Available : Out boolean ;
      constant StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
    ) ;
      -----
    procedure GetWriteData (
    -- Blocking write data transaction.
     -- oData should be sized to match the size of the data
     -- being transferred. iAddr = 0
     _____
      signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
      variable oData : Out std_logic_vector ;
      constant StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
    ) ;
     ______
    procedure TryGetWriteData (
    -- Try write data transaction.
    -- If a write data cycle has already completed return oData and
    -- return Available as TRUE, otherwise, return Available as FALSE.
     -- oData should be sized to match the size of the data
     -- being transferred. iAddr = 0
     _____
      signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
      variable oData : Out std logic vector ;
      variable Available : Out boolean ;
      constant StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
    ) ;
8.2.2 Read Transactions
     _____
```

procedure GetReadAddress (

```
-- Blocking Read address transaction.
_____
 signal
        TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 variable oAddr : Out std logic vector;
 constant StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
_____
procedure TryGetReadAddress (
-- Try read address transaction.
-- If a read address cycle has already completed return oAddr and
-- return Available as TRUE, otherwise, return Available as FALSE.
 signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 variable oAddr : Out std_logic_vector;
 variable Available : Out boolean ;
 constant StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
______
procedure SendReadData (
-- Blocking Send Read Data transaction.
-- iData should be sized to match the size of the data
-- being transferred.
_____
 signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 constant iData : In std_logic_vector ;
 constant StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
) ;
_____
procedure AsyncSendReadData (
-- Asynchronous Send Read Data transaction.
-- iData should be sized to match the size of the data
-- being transferred.
_____
 signal TransRec : InOut AddressBusTransactionRecType ;
 constant iData : In std_logic_vector ;
 constant StatusMsgOn : In boolean := false
) ;
```

9 Burst FIFOs Initiator

9.1 Creating Burst FIFOs in a Verification Component

To support bursting, OSVVM verification components include FIFOs for bursting. For byte oriented interfaces, the FIFOs are byte oriented. For the Axi4 full master verification component, the write and read burst FIFOs are created as follows.

```
shared variable WriteBurstFifo : osvvm.ScoreboardPkg_slv.ScoreboardPType ;
shared variable ReadBurstFifo : osvvm.ScoreboardPkg_slv.ScoreboardPType ;
```

9.2 Accessing Burst FIFOs from the Test Sequencer

In the test sequencer, these are made visible using an external name, such as the following.

9.3 Filling the Write Burst from the Test Sequencer

In the test sequencer, the WriteBurstFIFO is filled using one of the PushBurst procedures in FifoFillPkg_slv.vhd (in osvvm_common library). To keep independent of interface widths, the OSVVM AXI models use an 8 bit wide FIFO and then assemble these into the data word.

```
______
procedure PushBurst (
-- Push each value in the Bytes parameter into the FIFO.
-- Only DataWidth bits of each value will be pushed.
_____
 variable Fifo : inout ScoreboardPType ;
constant Bytes : in integer_vector ;
 constant DataWidth : in    integer := 8
______
procedure PushBurstIncrement (
-- Push ByteCount number of values into FIFO. The first value
-- pushed will be Start and following values are one greater
-- than the previous one.
-- Only DataWidth bits of each value will be pushed.
-----
               : inout ScoreboardPType ;
 variable Fifo
 constant Start : in integer ;
 constant ByteCount : in     integer ;
 constant DataWidth : in    integer := 8
) ;
_____
procedure PushBurstRandom (
-- Push ByteCount number of values into FIFO. The first value
-- pushed will be Start and following values are randomly generated
-- using the first value as the randomization seed.
-- Only DataWidth bits of each value will be pushed.
_____
 variable Fifo
               : inout ScoreboardPType ;
 constant Start : in integer ;
 constant ByteCount : in     integer ;
 constant DataWidth : in     integer := 8
) ;
```

9.4 Reading and/or Checking the Read Burst from the Test Sequencer

The following PopBurst and CheckBurst are used in the test sequencer to verify received burst values.

```
______
procedure PopBurst (
-- Pop values from the FIFO into the Bytes parameter.
-- Each value popped will be DataWidth bits wide.
______
 variable Fifo
                : inout ScoreboardPType ;
 variable Bytes : out integer_vector ;
 constant DataWidth : in    integer := 8
_____
procedure CheckBurst (
-- Pop values from the FIFO and check them against each value
-- in the Bytes parameter.
-- Each value popped will be DataWidth bits wide.
_____
 variable Fifo : inout ScoreboardPType ;
constant Bytes : in integer_vector ;
 constant DataWidth : in    integer := 8
______
procedure CheckBurstIncrement (
-- Pop values from the FIFO and check them against values determined
-- by an incrementing pattern. The first check value will be Start
-- and the following check values are one greater than the previous one.
-- Each value popped will be DataWidth bits wide.
_____
 variable Fifo : inout ScoreboardPType ;
constant Start : in integer ;
 constant ByteCount : in     integer ;
 constant DataWidth : in    integer := 8
    _____
procedure CheckBurstRandom (
-- Pop values from the FIFO and check them against values determined
-- by a random pattern. The first check value will be Start and the
-- following check values are randomly generated using the first
-- value as the randomization seed.
-- Each value popped will be DataWidth bits wide.
_____
 variable Fifo : inout ScoreboardPType ;
constant Start : in integer ;
 constant ByteCount : in     integer ;
 constant DataWidth : in    integer := 8
) ;
```

9.5 Examples

The test, TbAxi4_MemoryBurst.vhd, interacts with a AXI Memory Responder. The following are transactions initiated by the AxiMaster verification component.

```
log("Write with ByteAddr = 8, 12 Bytes -- word aligned");
PushBurstIncrement(WriteBurstFifo, 3, 12);
WriteBurst(AxiInitiatorTransRec, X"0000_0008", 12);

ReadBurst (AxiInitiatorTransRec, X"0000_0008", 12);
CheckBurstIncrement(ReadBurstFifo, 3, 12);

log("Write with ByteAddr = x1A, 13 Bytes -- unaligned");
PushBurst(WriteBurstFifo, (1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,19,21,23,25));
WriteBurst(AxiInitiatorTransRec, X"0000_001A", 13);
ReadBurst (AxiInitiatorTransRec, X"0000_001A", 13);
CheckBurst(ReadBurstFifo, (1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,19,21,23,25));
log("Write with ByteAddr = 31, 12 Bytes -- unaligned");
PushBurstRandom(WriteBurstFifo, 7, 12);
WriteBurst(AxiInitiatorTransRec, X"0000_0031", 12);
ReadBurst (AxiInitiatorTransRec, X"0000_0031", 12);
CheckBurstRandom(ReadBurstFifo, 7, 12);
```

10 Verification Component Support Functions

Verification component support functions help decode the operation value (AddressBusOperationType) to determine properties about the operation.

```
______
function IsWriteAddress (
-- TRUE for a transaction includes write address
______
               : in AddressBusOperationType
 constant Operation
) return boolean ;
______
function IsBlockOnWriteAddress (
-- TRUE for blocking transactions that include write address
 constant Operation
              : in AddressBusOperationType
) return boolean ;
function IsTryWriteAddress (
-- TRUE for asynchronous or try transactions that include write address
_____
 constant Operation
               : in AddressBusOperationType
) return boolean ;
______
```

```
function IsWriteData (
-- TRUE for a transaction includes write data
_____
 constant Operation
               : in AddressBusOperationType
) return boolean ;
______
function IsBlockOnWriteData (
-- TRUE for a blocking transactions that include write data
_____
 constant Operation
               : in AddressBusOperationType
) return boolean ;
_____
function IsTryWriteData (
-- TRUE for asynchronous or try transactions that include write data
_____
 constant Operation
               : in AddressBusOperationType
) return boolean ;
_____
function IsReadAddress (
-- TRUE for a transaction includes read address
_____
 constant Operation
               : in AddressBusOperationType
) return boolean ;
______
function IsTryReadAddress (
-- TRUE for an asynchronous or try transactions that include read address
_____
 constant Operation
               : in AddressBusOperationType
) return boolean ;
function IsReadData (
-- TRUE for a transaction includes read data
_____
 constant Operation
               : in AddressBusOperationType
) return boolean ;
function IsBlockOnReadData (
-- TRUE for a blocking transactions that include read data
 constant Operation
               : in AddressBusOperationType
) return boolean ;
______
function IsTryReadData (
-- TRUE for asynchronous or try transactions that include read data
______
 constant Operation : in AddressBusOperationType
```

```
preturn boolean ;

function IsReadCheck (
    TRUE for a transaction includes check information for read data
    constant Operation : in AddressBusOperationType
) return boolean ;

function IsBurst (
    TRUE for a transaction includes read or write burst information
    constant Operation : in AddressBusOperationType
) return boolean ;
```

11 About the OSVVM Model Independent Transactions

OSVVM Model Independent Transactions were developed and are maintained by Jim Lewis of SynthWorks VHDL Training. These evolved from methodology and packages developed for SynthWorks' VHDL Testbenches and verification class. They are part of the Open Source VHDL Verification Methodology (OSVVM) model library (osvvm_common), which brings leading edge verification techniques to the VHDL community.

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12 About the Author - Jim Lewis

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