

Tutorial 7

CSE313

Functions

```
function mem_mode return_type function_name (direction_of_arg arg_data_type arg_name,...);  
begin  
    //code
```

```
    function_name= returned_value;  
    or  
    return returned_value;
```

Function name is treated as a temp variable

So the function body will be executed and the return value will be independent of it

```
end  
endfunction
```

mem_mode: static or automatic (default static)
return_type: type+length, can't be wire, can be void, default is logic
function_name: same variable naming rules
direction_of_arg : input, output, inout
arg_data_type: type+length, can't be wire, default is logic
arg_name: same variable naming rules

```
example:  
function static int sum (input int x, input int y);  
begin  
    automatic int result  
    result = x+y;
```

```
    sum = result;
```

Same as return result

```
end  
endfunction
```

Passing by reference and default values

```
function void print (const ref int x[10]);  
begin  
    foreach (x[i]) display(x[i]);  
  
end  
endfunction
```

```
function static int sum (input int x=5,input int y=8);  
begin  
    automatic int result  
    result = x+y;  
  
    sum = result;  
  
end  
endfunction  
  
initial begin  
    sum(10,3)//13  
    sum(,3)//8  
    sum(10,)//18  
    sum(.y(10),.x(7)); //17  
end
```

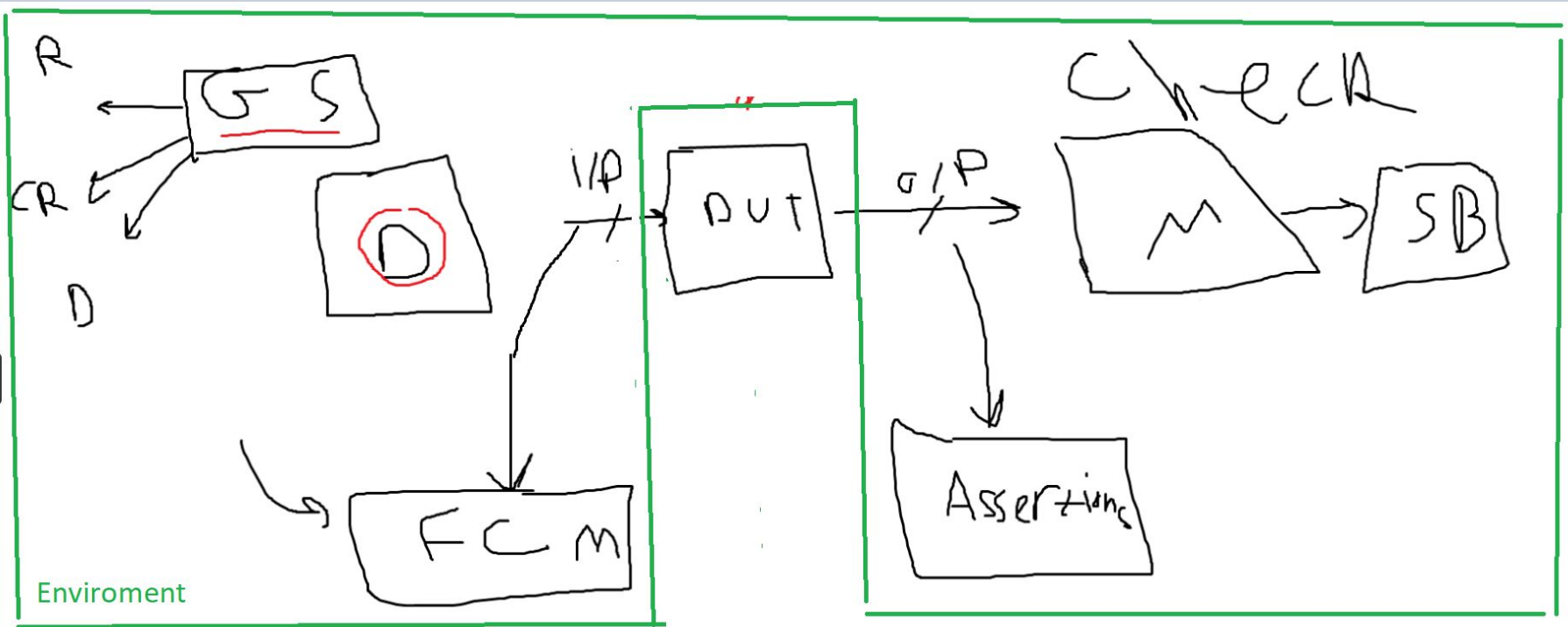
Tasks

- Have no return (but can use return keyword)
- Can use time consuming statements
- Can functions call tasks?
- Can we have recursion ?

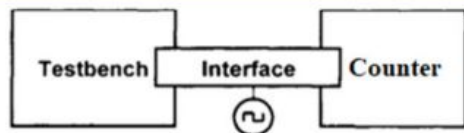
Sheet

1. What are void functions?
2. Explain about pass by ref and pass by value?
3. What is the concept of a 'ref' and 'const ref' argument in System Verilog function or task?
4. Is it possible for a function to return an array?
5. How to make sure that a function argument passed as ref is not changed by the function?

interfaces



Modports



```
1 interface count_ifc (input bit CLK);
2   logic [3:0] Q,P;
3   logic Load, Enable, MR;
4   modport driver (output P,Load, Enable, MR, input Q);
5   modport dut (input P,Load, Enable, MR, output Q);
6 endinterface
```

Interface

```
6 module test(count_ifc x);
7   initial begin
8     x.P <= 4'b0111;
9     x.MR <= 1'b0;
10    x.Enable <= 1'b1;
11    x.Load <= 1'b0;
12    #3 x.MR <= 1'b1;
13    #6 x.MR <= 1'b0;
14    #43 x.Enable <= 1'b0;
15    #15 x.Enable <= 1'b1;
16    #16 x.Load <= 1'b1;
17    #9 x.Load <= 1'b0;
18  end
19 endmodule
```

Testbench

```
2 module decade_counter (count_ifc y);
3   always @(y.MR) begin
4     if (y.MR)
5       y.Q <= 4'b0000;
6   end
7
8   always @(posedge y.CLK) begin
9     if (!y.MR)
10      if (y.Load)
11        y.Q <= y.P;
12      else if (y.Enable)
13        y.Q <= (y.Q+1) % 10;
14   end
15 endmodule
```

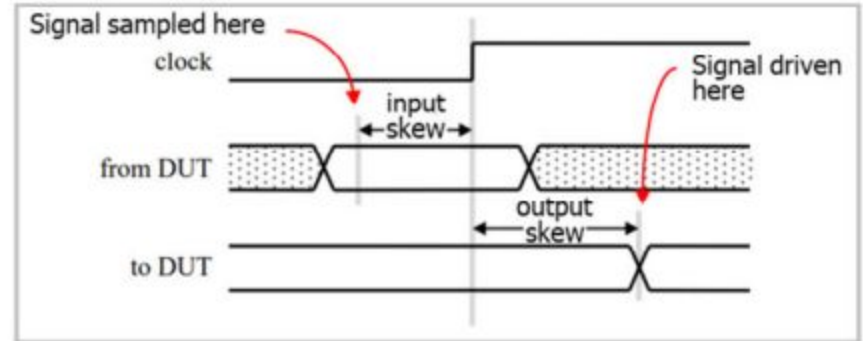
Design

```
18 module top;
19   bit clk;
20   always #5 clk <= ~clk;
21   count_ifc ifc(clk);
22   decade_counter u1(ifc.dut);
23   test u2(ifc.driver);
24
25   initial begin
26     $dumpfile("counter.vcd");
27     $dumpvars;
28     #200 $finish;
29   end
30 endmodule
```

Top module

Clocking blocks

```
clocking cb @(posedge clk);  
default input #10ns output #2ns;  
  
output read,enable,addr;  
input negedge data;  
endclocking
```



Clocking blocks

```
1 interface intf (input clk);
2   logic read, enable;
3   logic [7:0] addr,data;
4
5   // clocking block for testbench
6   clocking cb @(posedge clk);
7     default input #10ns output #2ns;
8     output read,enable,addr;
9     input data;
10  endclocking
11
12  modport dut (input read,enable,addr,output data);
13  // Synchronous testbench modport
14  modport tb (clocking cb);
15 endinterface :intf
```

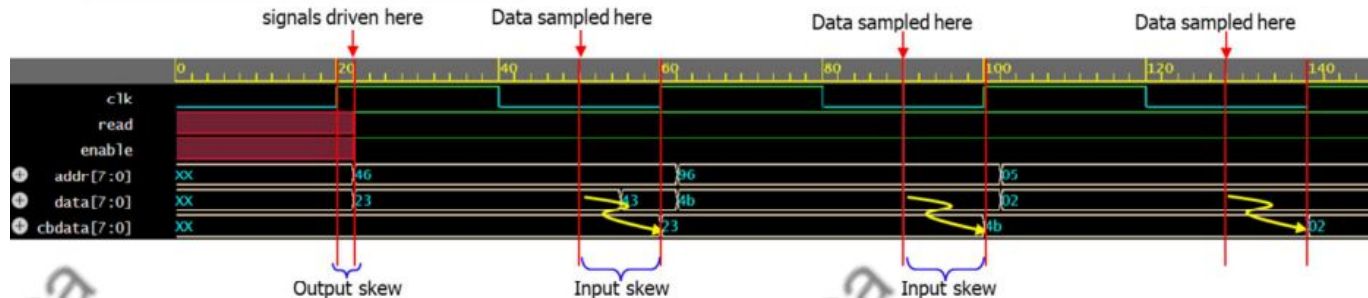
```
1 module memory(intf abc);
2   logic [7:0] mem [256];
3   initial begin
4     foreach (mem[i])
5       mem[i] = i >> 1;
6   end
7   always @(abc.enable,abc.read) begin
8     if (abc.enable == 1 && abc.read == 1)
9       abc.data = mem[abc.addr];
10  end
11 endmodule
```

Clocking blocks

```
15 module testbench(intf xyz);
16     logic[7:0] cbdata;
17     initial begin
18         xyz.cb.read <= 1; // driving a synchronous signal
19         xyz.cb.enable <= 1; // driving a synchronous signal
20         xyz.cb.addr <= 70; // driving a synchronous signal
21         #30 xyz.cb.addr <= 150;
22         #25 xyz.data <= 67; // disturbing the DUT data
23         #40 xyz.cb.addr <= 5;
24     end
25     always @(xyz.cb)
26         cbdata = xyz.cb.data; // get the sampled data
27 endmodule
```

```
// clocking block for testbench
clocking cb @(posedge clk);
default input #10ns output #2ns;
output read, enable, addr;
input data;
endclocking
```

```
26 module top;
27     bit clk = 0;
28     always #20 clk = ~clk;
29
30     intf i1(clk);
31     memory m1(i1.dut);
32     testbench t1(i1.tb);
33
34     initial begin
35         $dumpfile("uvm.vcd");
36         $dumpvars;
37         #200 $finish;
38     end
39 endmodule
```



Clocking blocks

```
clocking ck1 @ (posedge clk);  
    default input #5ns output #2ns;  
  
    input data, valid, ready;  
    output x, y;  
  
    output negedge grant;  
    input #1step addr;  
endclocking
```