



This is a cheat sheet for vhdl to help when in doubt about syntax or buidling blocks.

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VHDL Cheat Sheet



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Libraries [↗](#)

0. IEEE [↗](#)

```
Library ieee;
```



1. Standard Logic. [↗](#)

```
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
```



2. Math for numerics [↗](#)

```
use ieee.numeric_std.all;
```



Entities [↗](#)

1. Declaring an entity: [↗](#)

Here we declare an entity with Three ports an input port called `FirstPort` an output port called `SecondPort` they are both `std_logic`.

A third port is used as bidirectional with 16 bits.

```
entity EntityName is
port (
    FirstPort : in std_logic,
    SecondPort : out std_logic,
    ThirdPort : inout std_logic_vector(15 downto 0)
);
end entity;
```



2. Generic Entity declaration [↗](#)

Here we declared the entity with two generic integers that can be used throughout the code of the entity.

```
entity EntityName is
-- generics fit here.
```



```
generic (n : integer := 16, m : integer := 32);
port(

);
end entity;
```

Architecture [↗](#)

1. Writing an architecture [↗](#)

```
Architecture architecturename of entityname is
begin

end architecture;
```



2. Using intermediary signals [↗](#)

```
Architecture architecturename of entityname is
-- All signals fit here
Signal wire : std_logic;
Signal bus : std_logic_vector(number downto 0);
begin

end architecture;
```



3. Using an old entity inside an architecture [↗](#)

```
Architecture architecturename of entityname is
-- Use the entity declaration but instead of the word entity write component.

component componentname is
-- if the component has a generic
generic(n : integer := 16);
port(
    -- port declaration here.
);
end component;

begin

end architecture;
```



You might want to instantiate it.

```
label : entityname generic map(16) port map(portlist);  
-- Ommit generic map if the component is not generic.
```



Process [↗](#)

A process is executed sequentially rather than the usual concurrent execution.

Using process [↗](#)

```
-- Process lies inside an architecure block  
Architecture name of entityname is  
begin  
  
process(-- sensitivity list  
    clk, reset  
)  
begin  
    -- inside the process block you can use conditions.  
    if(reset = '0') then  
        output <= '0';  
    elsif (reset = '1') then  
        -- Something  
    else  
        -- Something  
    end if;  
    -- Process ends with this.  
end process;  
  
end architecture;
```



Assignment [↗](#)

1. Normal Assignment [↗](#)

```
B <= '0';
```



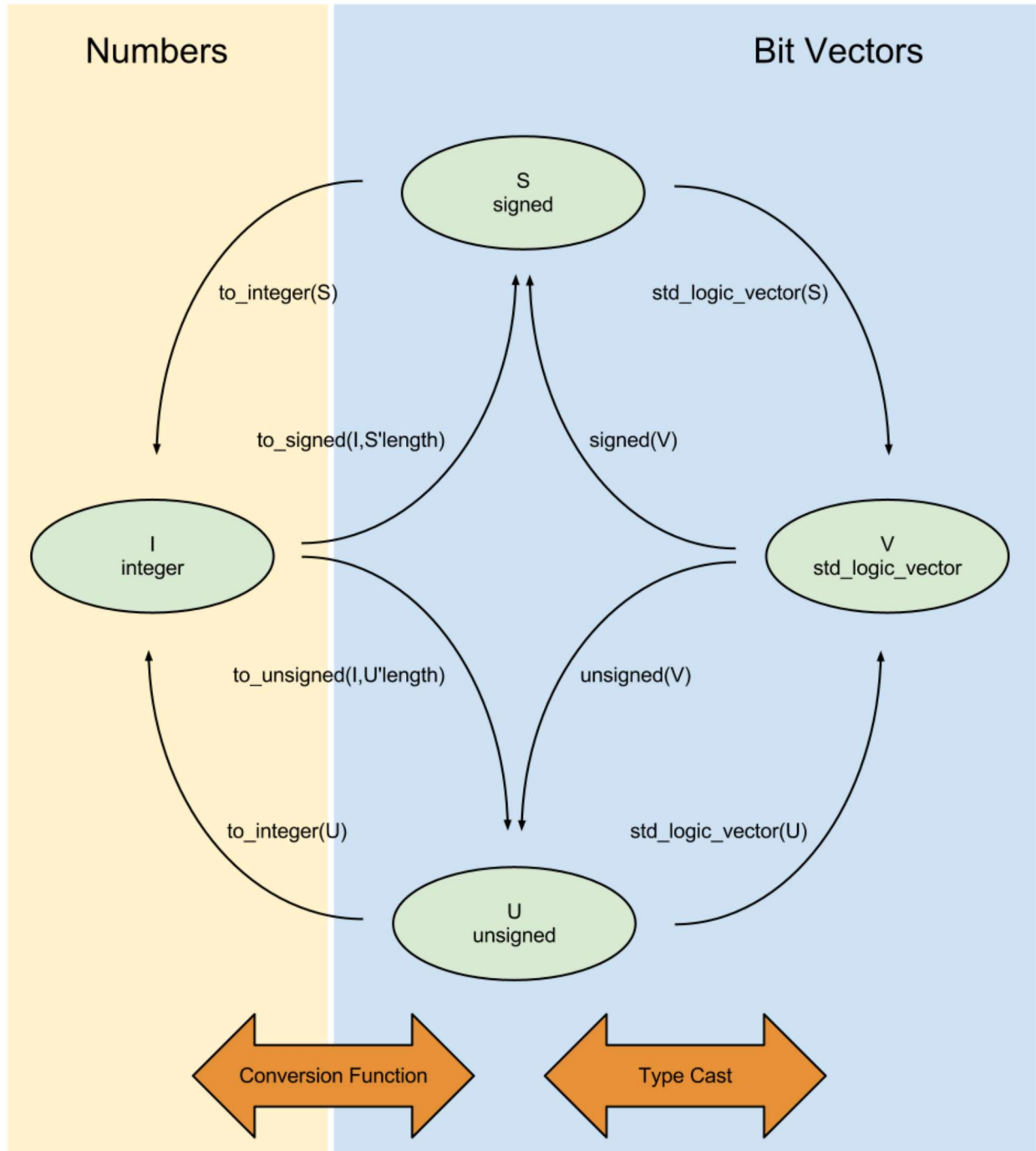
2. Using when [↗](#)

```
-- Actual code inside archtitecture  
B <= "0000" when enable = '0'  
    else "0001" when A = "00"  
    else "0010" when A = "01"
```



```
else "0100" when A = "10"  
else "1000" when A = "11";
```

Type Conversion



Operators

Mathematical

Operator	Function
**	Power
rem	Remainder
mod	Modulus
/	Divide
*	Multiply
-	Subtract
+	Add
abs	Absolute value

Logical Operators [↗](#)

Operator
and
or
not
nor
nand
xor
xnor

Relational Operators [↗](#)

Operator	Function
=	Equal?
/=	Not Equal?
<	Less than
>	Greater than
<=	Less than or equal
>=	Greater than or equal

Test Bench



A test bench is an entity with no ports.

Assert

```
Assert(condition) Report "Error message"  
Severity error;
```



Wait For

```
WAIT FOR 10ns;
```



Example

```
entity testbench is  
end testbench;  
  
architecture testing of testbench is  
component and2 is  
  port(  
    A, B : in std_logic;  
    C : out std_logic  
  );  
end component;  
Signal testa, testb, testc : std_logic;  
begin  
  process  
  begin  
    testa <= '0';  
    testb <= '0';  
    Wait for 10ns;  
    assert(testc = '0') report "C must have been 0 when inserting 00"  
    Severity error;  
  wait;  
end process;  
uut : and2 port map(A => testa, B => testb, C => testc);
```



Register (1 bit) [↗](#)

```
-- Do not forget imports.s
entity reg is
port(
    clk, reset, input, enable: in std_logic;
    output : out std_logic);
end entity;

architecture my_arch of reg is
begin
process (clk, reset)
begin
    if (reset = '1') then
        output <= '0';
    elsif rising_edge(clk) and enable = '1' then
        output <= input;
    end if;
end process;
end architecture;
```



N-Bits Register [↗](#)

Using the 1 bit register :

```
entity nreg is
generic ( n : integer := 16);
port(
    clk, reset, enable : in std_logic;
    input : in std_logic_vector(n-1 downto 0);
    output : out std_logic_vector(n-1 downto 0));
end entity;

architecture my_arch of nreg is
component reg is
port(
    clk, reset, input, enable: in std_logic;
    output : out std_logic);
end component;
begin
    loop1 : for i in 0 to n-1 generate
        fx: reg port map (clk, reset, input(i), enable, output(i));
    end generate;
end architecture;
```



Tri-state buffer [↗](#)

```
entity tri_state_buff is
generic(n : integer := 16);
port(
    A : in std_logic_vector(n-1 downto 0);
    B : out std_logic_vector(n-1 downto 0);
    C : in std_logic);
end entity;

architecture dataflow of tri_state_buff is
begin
    B <= A when C = '1'
        else (others => 'Z');
end architecture;
```



1-bit Full Adder [↗](#)

```
entity FullAdder is
port(
    A, B: in std_logic;
    Cin: in std_logic;
    sum: out std_logic;
    Cout: out std_logic);
end entity;

Architecture dataflow of FullAdder is
begin
    sum <= A xor B xor Cin;
    Cout <= (A and B) or (Cin and (A xor B));
end Architecture;
```



N-bit Full Adder [↗](#)

Using the 1 bit full adder :

```
entity NAdder is
generic(n: integer := 8);
port(
    A, B: in std_logic_vector(n-1 downto 0);
    Cin: in std_logic;
    Cout : out std_logic;
    sum : out std_logic_vector(n-1 downto 0));
end entity;

Architecture my_adder_architecture of NAdder is
```



```
component FullAdder is
port(
    A, B: in std_logic;
    Cin: in std_logic;
    sum: out std_logic;
    Cout: out std_logic);
end component;
Signal temp: std_logic_vector(n-1 downto 0);
begin
    f0 : FullAdder port map(A(0), B(0), Cin, sum(0), temp(0));
    loop1: for i in 1 to n-1 generate
        carries: FullAdder port map(A(i),B(i), temp(i - 1), sum(i), temp(i))
    end generate;
    Cout <= temp(n-1);
end Architecture;
```

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