

Report on Class-Based implementation

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a. Package

- i. Included files Transaction, Generator, Driver, Monitor, Scoreboard and Environment with ``include` inside a package, 'AFIFO_Pkg'

```
package AFIFO_Pkg;
`include "AFIFO_Transaction.sv"
`include "AFIFO_Generator.sv"
`include "AFIFO_Driver.sv"
`include "AFIFO_Monitor.sv"
`include "AFIFO_Scoreboard.sv"
`include "AFIFO_Environment.sv"
endpackage
```

b. Transaction Class

- i. The data width sizes are kept parameterizable in the class.
- ii. Signals like `wr_data` are declared using `randc` to enable constrained cyclic randomization.

```
class AFIFO_Transaction #(parameter DSIZE = 8);
    randc logic [DSIZE-1:0] wr_data;
```

- iii. We declare memory to represent data transfer events to generate stimulus or represent expected results. Some are stored in memory for later processing (e.g., in a scoreboard).

```
    logic [DSIZE-1: 0]rd_data;
    bit rd_empty,wr_full;
```

- iv. We create a function `copy()` to create a deep copy of the object when called.

```
function AFIFO_Transaction copy();// create deep copy
copy = new();

copy.wr_data = this.wr_data;
copy.rd_data = this.rd_data;
copy.rd_empty = this.rd_empty;
copy.wr_full = this.wr_full;
return copy;
endfunction
```

c. Interface

- i. This serves as a physical connection between the testbench and DUT. It groups all necessary signals to interact with the DUT.
- ii. The interface is kept parameterizable to be scalable to different FIFO configurations.

```
interface AFIFO_Interface #(parameter DSIZE = 8,parameter ASIZE = 4);
```

- iii. Data signals, Status flags, Control signals, Clock and Reset signals are included in the interface, simplifying code connectivity.

```
logic [DSIZE-1:0] rd_data;
logic [DSIZE-1:0] wr_data;
logic wr_full;
logic rd_empty;
logic wr_inc;
logic rd_inc;
logic wr_clk;
logic rd_clk;
logic wr_rst;
logic rd_rst;
```

d. Generator

- i. We first declare the transaction class object, a mailbox to send transactions from the generator to the driver, events for synchronization, a count to track

transactions.

```
class AFIFO_Generator;

AFIFO_Transaction tr;

mailbox mbx_gen2drv;

event gen_done;
event scb_done;
event driver_done;

int count = 0;
```

- ii. A function new() allocates memory for the transaction object created, and connects the mailbox to the one passed.

```
function new(mailbox mbx_gen2drv);
    tr = new();
    this.mbx_gen2drv = mbx_gen2drv;
endfunction
```

- iii. In task run(), we call the main stimulus generation loop.
- iv. Inside its forever begin, it first waits for the event drv_next to be triggered.
- v. We then randomize the transaction, using assertion we also check if randomization fails and display error.

```
wait( drv_next.triggered);

assert(tr.randomize) else $error("[GEN]: Randomization Failed");
```

- vi. We then create a deep copy of the transaction class and send it from Generator to Driver, and display a message accordingly of [PUT SUCCESS], otherwise displayed as [PUT FAILED] if failed.

```
if(mbx_gen2drv.try_put(tr.copy)) $display("[GEN: DEBUG [PUT SUCCESS] placed in mailbox");
else $display("[GEN: DEBUG] [PUT FAILED]: Mailbox full, could not put ");
$display(" [GEN] Generated Write Data : %0d", tr.wr_data);
#2;
```

- vii. So in short, the generator waits for the driver to request a transaction using wait(drv_next.triggered). Then randomises the transaction, sends the transaction to the driver and prints debug information. Also going into a forever loop with #2 delay.

e. Driver

- i. First, a virtual interface is declared to communicate with the DUT, a transaction object is declared.

```
virtual AFIFO_Interface vif;
AFIFO_Transaction tr;
```

- ii. Mailboxes for transaction transfers from generator to driver and from driver to scoreboard are declared.

```
mailbox #(AFIFO_Transaction) mbx_gen2drv; //generator to driver
mailbox #(bit [DSIZE-1:0]) mbx_drv2sco;    // driver to scoreboard
```

And an event driver_done.

```
event driver_done;
```

- iii. The mailboxes are initialised using a constructor function.

```
function new(mailbox #(AFIFO_Transaction) mbx_gen2drv, mailbox #(bit [DSIZE-1:0]) mbx_drv2sco);

this.mbx_gen2drv = mbx_gen2drv;
this.mbx_drv2sco = mbx_drv2sco;

endfunction
```

- iv. **task reset ()** : It asserts the active low signals, vif.rd_rst and vif.wr_rst to be 0; wait for 5 vif.wr_clk clock cycles and asserts vif.rd_rst and vif.wr_rst to be 1 again. Once done, displays Reset Done.

```
task reset(); // Test Case :1
$display("[DRV] : Entered Reset state");
vif.rd_rst <= 1'b0; //Active Low Reset
vif.wr_rst <= 1'b0;

$display("[DRV] : RESETTING FOR 5 WRITE CLK CYCLES");
repeat(5) @(posedge vif.wr_clk);
vif.rd_rst <= 1'b1;
vif.wr_rst <= 1'b1;
$display("[DRV] : Reset Done");
$display("-----");
endtask
```

- v. **task write ()** : Triggers drv_nxt event. And sets active low signal vif.wr_rst to 1.

```
->drv_nxt;
```

Then in a repeat(drv_repeat_count) loop, at posedge of vif.wr_clk,

```
repeat(drv_repeat_count) begin
    @(posedge vif.wr_clk);
```

It fetches a transaction from mbx_gen2drv, and writes it to vif.wr_data.

```
(mbx_gen2drv.try_get(tr))
```

Accordingly the vif.wr_inc is set to 1.

```
vif.wr_data = tr.wr_data;
vif.wr_inc = 1'b1;
```

The written data is also sent to the scoreboard.

```
mbx_drv2sco.put(tr.wr_data);
```

The vif.wr_inc is set to 0 and driver_done event is triggered after each write

at the next clock cycle.

```
@(posedge vif.wr_clk); //Experimental
vif.wr_inc = 1'b0;
->driver_done;
```

vi. **task read () :**

```
task read(input int drv_repeat_count);
```

Reads data from FIFO for drv_repeat_count number of times, by toggling rd_inc to trigger a read operation.

```
repeat(drv_repeat_count) begin
    @(posedge vif.rd_clk);

vif.rd_inc <= 1'b1;
$display("[DRV] : Data Read to rd_data");

    @(posedge vif.rd_clk);
vif.rd_inc <= 1'b0;
```

- vii. Defined various such test cases to trigger write full, read empty, to have continuous reads and writes.
- viii. A task run is called to run all test cases sequentially and \$finish the simulation.

```
task run;
testcase1();
testcase2();
testcase3();
testcase4();
testcase5();
$finish;
endtask
```

f. Monitor

- i. It is responsible for monitoring the FIFO read interface and sending data to the scoreboard via mailbox.
- ii. We first declare a virtual interface handle to connect to the DUT.
- iii. A mailbox mbx_mon2sco is declared to send data to the scoreboard.
- iv. A function new() is called to initialise the mailbox mbx_mon2sco and assign memory to it.

```
function new(mailbox #(bit[DSIZE -1 :0]) mbx_mon2sco);
    this.mbx_mon2sco = mbx_mon2sco;
endfunction
```

- v. Inside task run(), a forever loop is started to monitor the FIFO state.
- vi. At the posedge of vif.rd_clk, it checks if vif.rd_inc && !vif.rd_empty (read enable is asserted and FIFO is not empty).

```
@(posedge vif.rd_clk);
if(vif.rd_inc && !vif.rd_empty) begin
```

- vii. It then captures the vif.rd_data and puts it in the mailbox to scoreboard.

```
mbx_mon2sco.put(vif.rd_data);
```

- viii. Also checks for FIFO full or empty with \$display statements.

```
if(vif.rd_empty) $display("[MON] : READ EMPTY, Nothing to read in FIFO Mem");
if(vif.wr_full) $display("[MON] : WRITE FULL, Full FIFO Mem");
```

g. Scoreboard

- i. It is a key verification component used to compare expected and actual FIFO read data.
- ii. A virtual interface, rd_data to receive from the monitor, queue of the written data for comparison against the read data like handles and variables are declared.

```
virtual AFIFO_Interface vif;
```

```
bit [DSIZE-1:0] rd_data_dut; // DUT read data
reg [DSIZE -1 :0] wr_data_drv_q[$]; //Queue Driver to Scoreboard
bit[DSIZE-1 :0] get_wr_data_drv, ref_wr_data_drv;
```

- iii. Mailboxes mbx_mon2sco and mbx_drv2sco are declared to hold read data and written data.

```
mailbox #(bit[DSIZE-1 :0]) mbx_mon2sco; // monitor to scoreboard
mailbox #(bit[DSIZE-1 :0]) mbx_drv2sco; // driver to scoreboard
```

- iv. A function new(), acts as a constructor to the mailboxes and initialises them.

```
function new(mailbox #(bit[DSIZE-1 :0]) mbx_mon2sco,
             mailbox #(bit[DSIZE-1 :0]) mbx_drv2sco);
this.mbx_mon2sco = mbx_mon2sco;
this.mbx_drv2sco = mbx_drv2sco;
endfunction
```

- v. In a task run(), it stores read data from the mailbox from the monitor in rd_data_dut.

```
mbx_mon2sco.get(rd_data_dut);
```

- vi. If a write is triggered (vif.wr_inc), get written data from the driver through the mailbox and store in the end of the queue wr_data_drv_q using push_back for later comparison.

```
if(vif.wr_inc) begin
mbx_drv2sco.get(get_wr_data_drv);
wr_data_drv_q.push_back(get_wr_data_drv);
end
```

- vii. Reset FIFO if (wr_rst or rd_rst) is triggered; the scoreboard clears all stored transactions using delete method in queues.

```
if(vif.wr_rst || vif.rd_rst)begin
wr_data_drv_q.delete();
end
```

- viii. If FIFO is reading and its not read empty (vif.rd_inc && !vif.rd_empty), start comparing the actual data with the expected data from the queue, and print success or error accordingly.

```

if(vif.rd_inc && !vif.rd_empty)begin
    ref_wr_data_drv = wr_data_drv|q.pop_front();

if(rd_data_dut == ref_wr_data_drv) begin
$display("[SCO]: SUCESS, Data Matched : %d",rd_data_dut);
end
else begin
$error("[SCO]: FAILED, Data NOT Matched : [DUT] %d != [DRV] %d",rd_data_dut, ref_wr_data_drv);
end

```

h. Environment

- i. It is a container for all testbench components.

```

AFIFO_Driver dr;
AFIFO_Generator gr;
AFIFO_Monitor mo;
AFIFO_Scoreboard sco;

```

1. Driver (AFIFO_Driver) - Drives transactions into the DUT.
2. Generator (AFIFO_Generator) - Generates input stimulus for the driver.
3. Monitor (AFIFO_Monitor) - Observes DUT outputs and sends data to the scoreboard.
4. Scoreboard (AFIFO_Scoreboard) - Compares expected vs. actual results.

- ii. Events are declared for synchronisation.

```

event nextgd;
event next_gen;

```

- iii. Mailboxes are declared for communication.

```

mailbox #(bit[DSIZE-1 :0]) mbx_mon2sco; // monitor to scoreboard
mailbox #(AFIFO_Transaction) mbx_gen2drv; //generator to driver
mailbox #(bit [DSIZE-1:0]) mbx_drv2sco; // driver to scoreboard

```

- iv. A virtual interface connects the testbench with the DUT signals, allowing multiple components (driver, monitor, scoreboard) to interact with the same interface.

```

virtual AFIFO_Interface vif;

```

- v. A function new() is used to take a virtual interface (vif) and assign it to the environment.

```

function new(virtual AFIFO_Interface vif);

```

It also initialises mailboxes;

```

mbx_mon2sco = new();
mbx_gen2drv = new();
mbx_drv2sco = new();

```

creates driver, generator, monitor, and scoreboard instances and passes mailboxes for proper linking.

```

dr = new(mbx_gen2drv, mbx_drv2sco);
gr = new(mbx_gen2drv);
mo = new(mbx_mon2sco);
sco = new(mbx_mon2sco, mbx_drv2sco);

```

It binds the interface to Driver, Monitor, and Scoreboard, so they can access DUT signals.

```

this.vif = vif;
dr.vif = this.vif;
mo.vif = this.vif;
sco.vif = this.vif;

```

Events are assigned for synchronization between the generator (gr) and driver (dr). Ensuring both the generator and driver share the same event handles.

```

gr.driv_nxt = nextgd;
dr.driv_nxt = nextgd;
gr.gen_done = next_gen;
dr.gen_done = next_gen;

```

The task run() spawns all testbench components in parallel using fork..join_any.

```

task run();
fork
gr.run();
dr.run();
mo.run();
sco.run();
join_any

```

i. TB_TOP

- i. It sets up the test environment for verifying the Asynchronous FIFO. It connects the interface (vif), instantiates the FIFO, and drives clock signals for simulation.
- ii. First we declare a virtual interface for connecting the testbench components to the DUT.

```
AFIFO_Interface vif();
```

- iii. Instantiate the FIFO DUT.

```

FIFO #(DSIZE, ASIZE) fifo (vif.wr_data, vif.wr_clk, vif.wr_rst, vif.wr_inc,
                           vif.rd_clk, vif.rd_rst, vif.rd_inc, vif.rd_data, vif.rd_empty, vif.wr_full);

```

- iv. Initialise the read and write clock.

```

initial begin
vif.wr_clk <= 0;
vif.rd_clk <= 0;
end

```

- v. Generate the read and write clock periods to operate at different frequencies.

```

always #10ns vif.wr_clk <= ~vif.wr_clk;
always #35ns vif.rd_clk <= ~vif.rd_clk;

```


- vi. The environment is initiated and the virtual interface is passed through it.

```
AFIFO_Environment en;  
  
initial begin  
    en = new(vif);  
    en.run();  
end
```

- vii. en.run is called which starts the generator, driver, monitor and scoreboard.

j. COVERAGE:

Functional Coverage: 75%

Code Coverage: 67.47%

```
// ===== Coverage variables =====  
covergroup fifo_coverage @(posedge vif.wr_clk);  
    cp1: coverpoint vif.wr_data {  
        bins zero_z = {0};  
        bins low_l = {[1:10]};  
        bins medium_m = {[11:100]};  
        bins high_h = {[101:255]};  
    }  
  
// ===== covergroup read_data_cov @(posedge vif.rd_clk); =====  
    cp2: coverpoint vif.rd_data {  
        bins zero_z = {0};  
        bins low_l = {[1:10]};  
        bins medium_m = {[11:100]};  
        bins high_h = {[101:255]};  
    }  
  
// ===== covergroup wr_operations_cov; =====  
    cp3: coverpoint vif.wr_inc {  
        bins write_zero = {0};  
        bins write_one = {1};  
    }  
  
//===== covergroup rd_operations_cov; =====  
    cp4: coverpoint vif.rd_inc {  
        bins read_zero = {0};  
        bins read_one = {1};  
    }  
endgroup
```

k. Results achieved:

- Implementation of **Clock Domain Crossing**
- Implementation of **FIFO Depth**
- **Developed Class Based Verification Testbench** in SV
- Stimulus generated for **100 to 150 FIFO Writes and Reads**
- **All Reads MATCHED**
- Implemented Functional and Code Coverage (Results in Verification Plan)
- Warnings: Only one warning related to the multiple compilation of module
 - Explanation: Because of using package (SV Constructs)
 - **Solution:** Will be cleared in next Milestone using **Guard Rings**
- **Functional Coverage: 75% (Will be improved in next Milestone)**
- **Code Coverage: 67.47% (Will be improved in next Milestone)**