SYNCHRONOUS & ASYNCHRONOUS FIFO DESIGN USING VERILOG HDL

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION & PROJECT OVERVIEW

1.1 Project Motivation

In modern digital systems, data transfer between different clock domains or between fast producers and slow consumers is a critical challenge. FIFO (First In, First Out) buffers serve as essential components that enable smooth data flow while preventing data loss or corruption. This project explores both synchronous and asynchronous FIFO implementations to understand their unique applications and design challenges.

The motivation behind this project stems from the widespread use of FIFOs in:

- Processor-memory interfaces
- Communication protocols
- Video/audio streaming applications
- Multi-core processor architectures

1.2 Problem Statement

Design and implement two types of FIFO buffers using Verilog HDL:

1. **Synchronous FIFO**: Both read and write operations occur on the same clock domain
2. **Asynchronous FIFO**: Read and write operations occur on different, independent clock domains

The design must handle:

- Proper full and empty flag generation
- Pointer management for read/write operations
- Clock domain crossing (for async FIFO)
- Data integrity and no metastability issues

1.3 Applications of FIFO Buffers

Synchronous FIFO Applications:

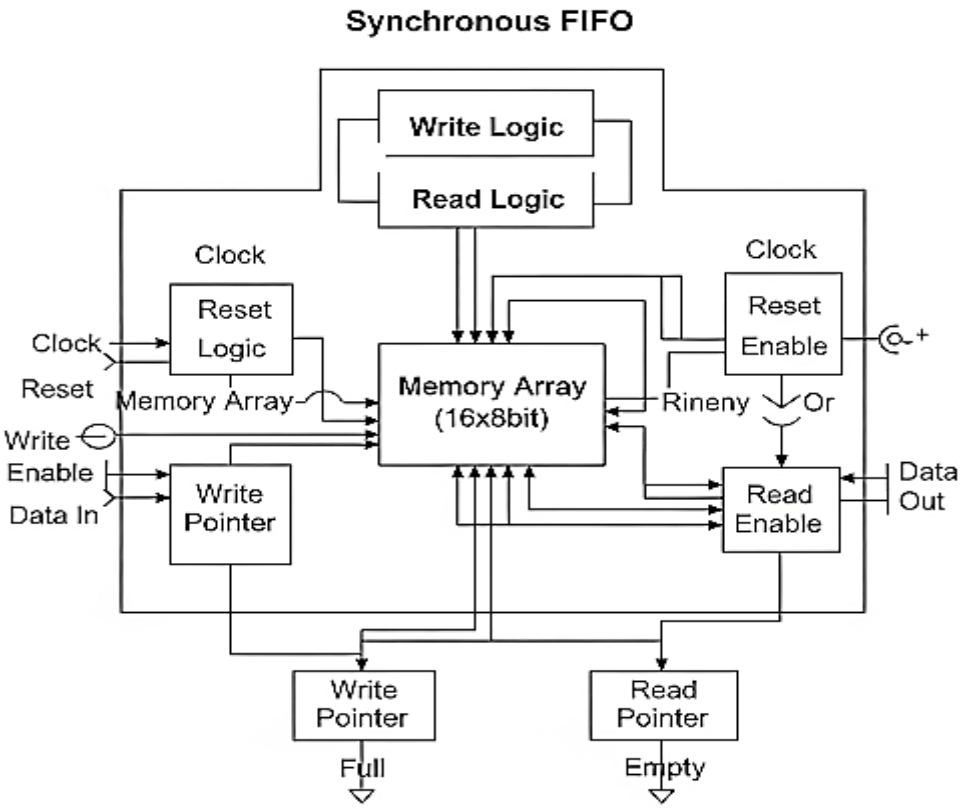
- CPU cache systems
- Graphics processing pipelines
- Single clock domain communication
- Buffering in same-speed interfaces

Asynchronous FIFO Applications:

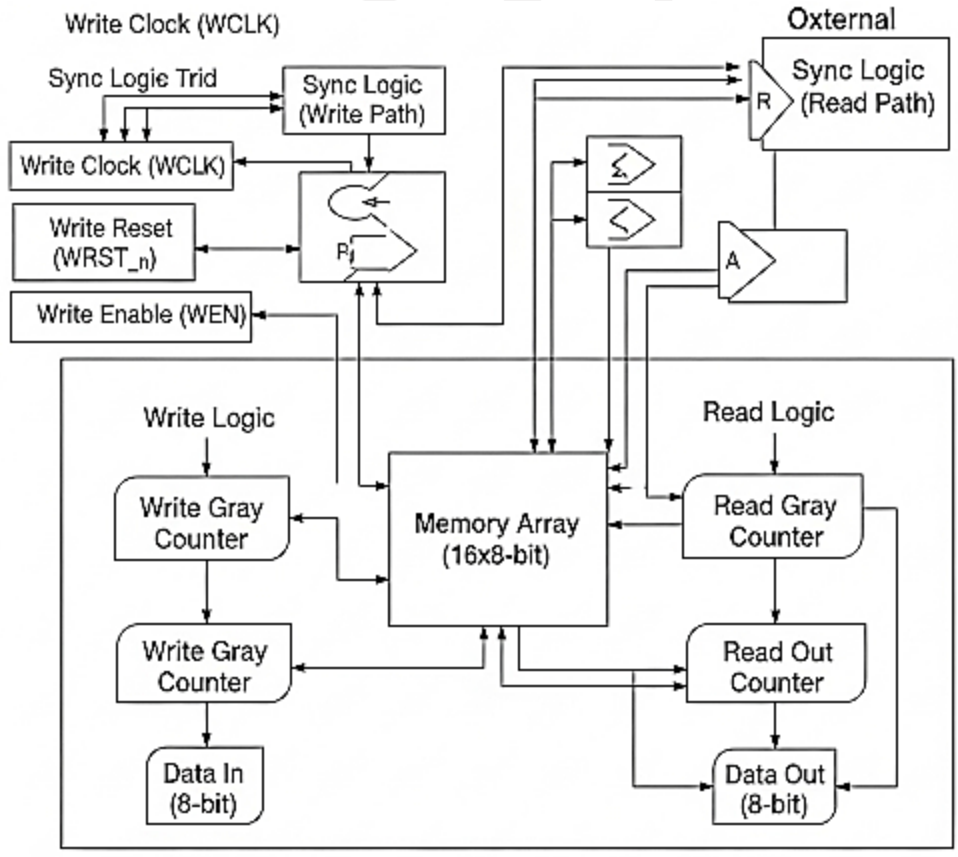
- Clock domain crossing in SoCs
- UART communication interfaces
- Audio/video processing systems
- Inter-processor communication

1.4 Block Diagram Architecture

Synchronous FIFO Block Diagram:

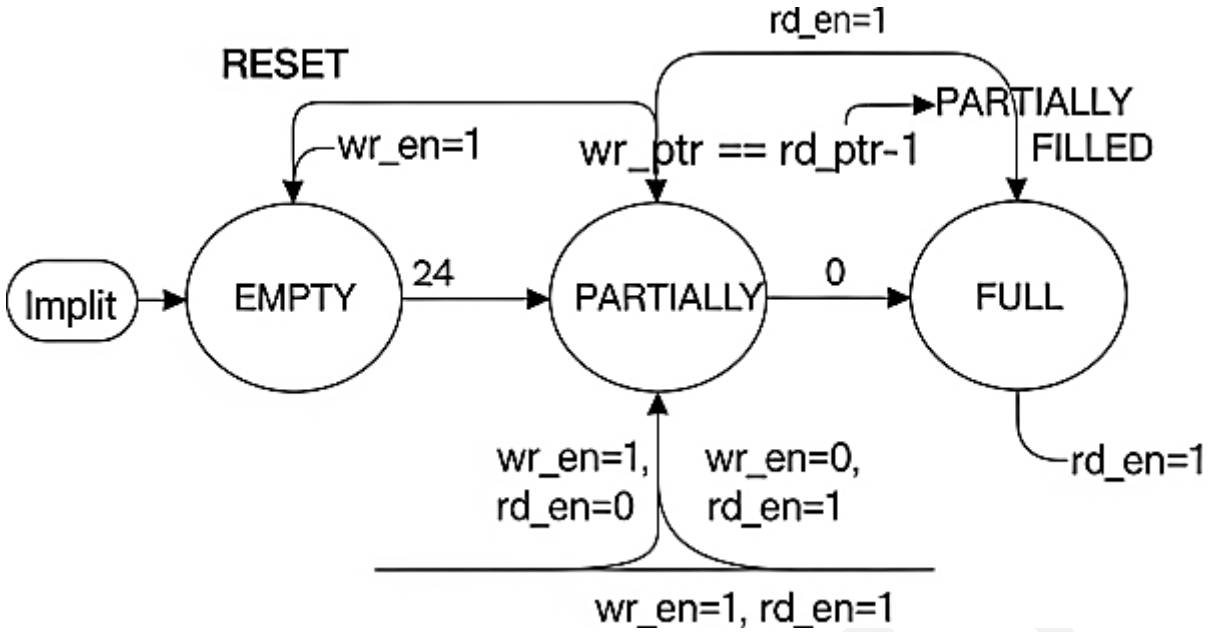


Asynchronous FIFO Block Diagram:

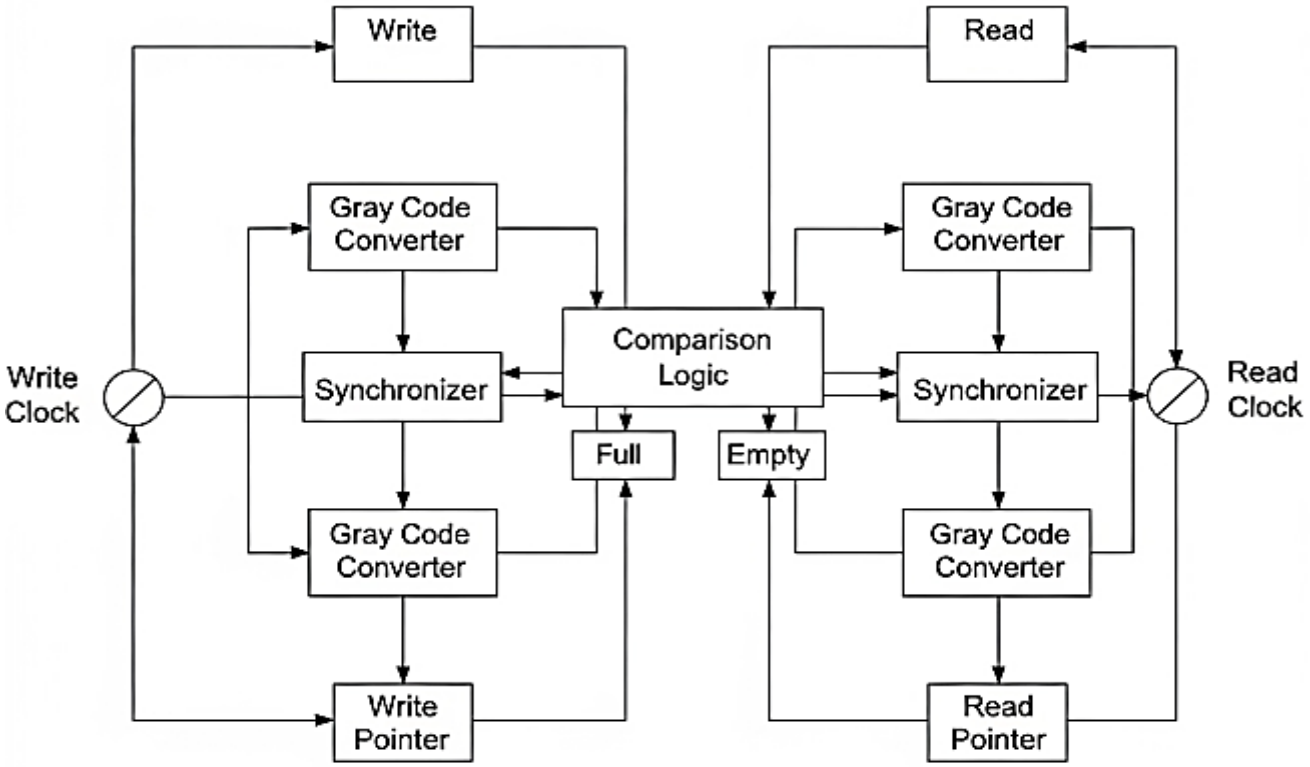


1.5 Finite State Machine (FSM) Design

Synchronous FIFO FSM States:



Asynchronous FIFO FSM States:



State Descriptions:

- **EMPTY**: No data in FIFO (rd_ptr == wr_ptr)
- **PARTIALLY FILLED**: FIFO contains data but not full
- **FULL**: FIFO cannot accept more data (wr_ptr + 1 == rd_ptr)

Timing Characteristics:

- **Setup Time**: Data must be stable before clock edge
- **Hold Time**: Data must remain stable after clock edge
- **Clock-to-Output**: Time from clock edge to valid output

- **Propagation Delay**: Time from input change to output change

CHAPTER 2: DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION

2.1 Design Methodology

The FIFO design follows a structured approach:

1. **Memory Array Design**: Dual-port RAM for simultaneous read/write
2. **Pointer Management**: Circular buffer implementation using counters
3. **Flag Generation**: Logic for full/empty status indicators
4. **Clock Domain Handling**: Synchronizers for async FIFO

Key Design Decisions:

- **Memory Size**: 16 locations × 8-bit width (configurable)
- **Pointer Width**: 5 bits (4 bits for address + 1 extra bit for full/empty detection)
- **Gray Code**: Used in async FIFO to prevent metastability

2.2 Synchronous FIFO Implementation

```
//
================================================================================
// SYNCHRONOUS FIFO DESIGN
// Description: 16-deep, 8-bit synchronous FIFO with full/empty flags
//
================================================================================

module sync_fifo #(
    parameter DATA_WIDTH = 8,          // Width of data bus
    parameter FIFO_DEPTH = 16,         // Number of FIFO locations
    parameter PTR_WIDTH = 5            // Pointer width (log2(DEPTH) + 1)
)(
    input  wire                  clk,      // System clock
    input  wire                  rst_n,    // Active low reset
    input  wire                  wr_en,    // Write enable signal
    input  wire                  rd_en,    // Read enable signal
    input  wire [DATA_WIDTH-1:0]   data_in,  // Input data
    output reg  [DATA_WIDTH-1:0]   data_out, // Output data
    output wire                   full,     // FIFO full flag
    output wire                   empty     // FIFO empty flag
);

    // Internal memory array - dual port for simultaneous access
    reg [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] fifo_mem [0:FIFO_DEPTH-1];

    // Read and write pointers - extra bit for full/empty detection
    reg [PTR_WIDTH-1:0] wr_ptr;  // Write pointer
    reg [PTR_WIDTH-1:0] rd_ptr;  // Read pointer

    // Internal signals for pointer manipulation
```

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    wire [PTR_WIDTH-2:0] wr_addr;  // Write address (pointer without MSB)
    wire [PTR_WIDTH-2:0] rd_addr;  // Read address (pointer without MSB)

    // Extract addresses from pointers (remove MSB)
    assign wr_addr = wr_ptr[PTR_WIDTH-2:0];
    assign rd_addr = rd_ptr[PTR_WIDTH-2:0];

    // Flag generation logic
    assign full  = (wr_ptr == {~rd_ptr[PTR_WIDTH-1], rd_ptr[PTR_WIDTH-2:0]});
    assign empty = (wr_ptr == rd_ptr);

    // Write operation - stores data when write enabled and FIFO not full
    always @(posedge clk or negedge rst_n) begin
        if (!rst_n) begin
            wr_ptr <= 0;                    // Reset write pointer
        end
        else if (wr_en && !full) begin
            fifo_mem[wr_addr] <= data_in;   // Store data in memory
            wr_ptr <= wr_ptr + 1;           // Increment write pointer
        end
    end

    // Read operation - outputs data when read enabled and FIFO not empty
    always @(posedge clk or negedge rst_n) begin
        if (!rst_n) begin
            rd_ptr <= 0;                    // Reset read pointer
            data_out <= 0;                  // Clear output data
        end
        else if (rd_en && !empty) begin
            data_out <= fifo_mem[rd_addr];  // Output data from memory
            rd_ptr <= rd_ptr + 1;           // Increment read pointer
        end
    end

endmodule
```

2.3 Asynchronous FIFO Implementation

```
//
================================================================================
// ASYNCHRONOUS FIFO DESIGN
// Description: 16-deep, 8-bit async FIFO with Gray code pointers
//
================================================================================

module async_fifo #(
    parameter DATA_WIDTH = 8,          // Width of data bus
    parameter FIFO_DEPTH = 16,         // Number of FIFO locations
    parameter PTR_WIDTH = 5            // Pointer width (log2(DEPTH) + 1)
)(
    // Write domain signals
```

```
    input  wire                 wr_clk,   // Write domain clock
    input  wire                 wr_rst_n, // Write domain reset
    input  wire                 wr_en,    // Write enable
    input  wire [DATA_WIDTH-1:0]   data_in,  // Input data
    output wire                  full,     // FIFO full flag

    // Read domain signals
    input  wire                 rd_clk,   // Read domain clock
    input  wire                 rd_rst_n, // Read domain reset
    input  wire                 rd_en,    // Read enable
    output reg  [DATA_WIDTH-1:0]   data_out, // Output data
    output wire                  empty     // FIFO empty flag
);

    // Memory array - accessed from both clock domains
    reg [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] fifo_mem [0:FIFO_DEPTH-1];

    // Gray code counters for write and read pointers
    reg [PTR_WIDTH-1:0] wr_gray_ptr, wr_gray_next;
    reg [PTR_WIDTH-1:0] rd_gray_ptr, rd_gray_next;

    // Binary counters (for memory addressing)
    reg [PTR_WIDTH-1:0] wr_bin_ptr, wr_bin_next;
    reg [PTR_WIDTH-1:0] rd_bin_ptr, rd_bin_next;

    // Synchronized Gray pointers (cross clock domain)
    reg [PTR_WIDTH-1:0] wr_gray_sync, wr_gray_sync_ff;
    reg [PTR_WIDTH-1:0] rd_gray_sync, rd_gray_sync_ff;

    // Memory addresses (binary pointers without MSB)
    wire [PTR_WIDTH-2:0] wr_addr, rd_addr;
    assign wr_addr = wr_bin_ptr[PTR_WIDTH-2:0];
    assign rd_addr = rd_bin_ptr[PTR_WIDTH-2:0];

    //------------------------------------------------------------------------
    // WRITE DOMAIN LOGIC
    //------------------------------------------------------------------------

    // Write pointer generation (binary to Gray code conversion)
    always @(*) begin
        wr_bin_next = wr_bin_ptr + (wr_en & ~full);
        wr_gray_next = (wr_bin_next >> 1) ^ wr_bin_next;  // Binary to Gray
    end

    // Write pointer registers
    always @(posedge wr_clk or negedge wr_rst_n) begin
        if (!wr_rst_n) begin
            wr_bin_ptr  <= 0;
            wr_gray_ptr <= 0;
        end
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    else begin
        wr_bin_ptr  <= wr_bin_next;
        wr_gray_ptr <= wr_gray_next;
    end
end

// Write operation - store data in memory
always @(posedge wr_clk) begin
    if (wr_en && !full)
        fifo_mem[wr_addr] <= data_in;
end

// Synchronize read Gray pointer to write clock domain
always @(posedge wr_clk or negedge wr_rst_n) begin
    if (!wr_rst_n) begin
        rd_gray_sync_ff <= 0;
        rd_gray_sync    <= 0;
    end
    else begin
        rd_gray_sync_ff <= rd_gray_ptr;      // First FF
        rd_gray_sync    <= rd_gray_sync_ff;  // Second FF (synchronized)
    end
end

// Full flag generation - compare write pointer with synchronized read pointer
assign full = (wr_gray_next == {~rd_gray_sync[PTR_WIDTH-1:PTR_WIDTH-2],
                                rd_gray_sync[PTR_WIDTH-3:0]});

//------------------------------------------------------------------------
// READ DOMAIN LOGIC
//------------------------------------------------------------------------

// Read pointer generation (binary to Gray code conversion)
always @(*) begin
    rd_bin_next = rd_bin_ptr + (rd_en & ~empty);
    rd_gray_next = (rd_bin_next >> 1) ^ rd_bin_next;  // Binary to Gray
end

// Read pointer registers
always @(posedge rd_clk or negedge rd_rst_n) begin
    if (!rd_rst_n) begin
        rd_bin_ptr  <= 0;
        rd_gray_ptr <= 0;
    end
    else begin
        rd_bin_ptr  <= rd_bin_next;
        rd_gray_ptr <= rd_gray_next;
    end
end
```

```
    // Read operation - output data from memory
    always @(posedge rd_clk or negedge rd_rst_n) begin
        if (!rd_rst_n)
            data_out <= 0;
        else if (rd_en && !empty)
            data_out <= fifo_mem[rd_addr];
    end

    // Synchronize write Gray pointer to read clock domain
    always @(posedge rd_clk or negedge rd_rst_n) begin
        if (!rd_rst_n) begin
            wr_gray_sync_ff <= 0;
            wr_gray_sync    <= 0;
        end
        else begin
            wr_gray_sync_ff <= wr_gray_ptr;      // First FF
            wr_gray_sync    <= wr_gray_sync_ff;  // Second FF (synchronized)
        end
    end

    // Empty flag generation - compare read pointer with synchronized write pointer
    assign empty = (rd_gray_next == wr_gray_sync);

endmodule
```

2.4 Unique Design Features

2.4.1 Gray Code Implementation Logic

The asynchronous FIFO uses Gray code counters to prevent metastability:

Binary to Gray Code Conversion:

Gray[n] = Binary[n] ⊕ Binary[n+1]

Why Gray Code?

- Only one bit changes at a time during increment
- Reduces probability of metastability during clock domain crossing
- Ensures reliable full/empty flag generation

2.4.2 Full/Empty Detection Algorithm

Synchronous FIFO:

- Empty: wr_ptr == rd_ptr
- Full: wr_ptr == {~rd_ptr[MSB], rd_ptr[MSB-1:0]}

Asynchronous FIFO:

- Empty: rd_gray_ptr == wr_gray_synchronized
- Full: wr_gray_ptr == {~rd_gray_sync[MSB:MSB-1], rd_gray_sync[MSB-2:0]}

2.4.3 Clock Domain Crossing Strategy

Double flip-flop synchronizers prevent metastability:

wr_clk_domain: rd_ptr → FF1 → FF2 → rd_ptr_synchronized

rd_clk_domain: wr_ptr → FF1 → FF2 → wr_ptr_synchronized

CHAPTER 3: VERIFICATION, RESULTS & CONCLUSION

3.1 Testbench Implementation

3.1.1 Synchronous FIFO Testbench

```
================================================================================
// SYNCHRONOUS FIFO TESTBENCH
// Description: Comprehensive testbench for synchronous FIFO verification
================================================================================

`timescale 1ns/1ps

module sync_fifo_tb;

    // Testbench parameters
    parameter DATA_WIDTH = 8;
    parameter FIFO_DEPTH = 16;
    parameter PTR_WIDTH = 5;
    parameter CLK_PERIOD = 10;  // 100MHz clock

    // Testbench signals
    reg                 clk;
    reg                 rst_n;
    reg                 wr_en;
    reg                 rd_en;
    reg  [DATA_WIDTH-1:0]  data_in;
    wire [DATA_WIDTH-1:0]  data_out;
    wire                full;
    wire                empty;

    // Test control variables
    reg [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] write_data;
    reg [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] expected_data;
    integer i, error_count;

    // Instantiate DUT (Device Under Test)
    sync_fifo #(
        .DATA_WIDTH(DATA_WIDTH),
        .FIFO_DEPTH(FIFO_DEPTH),
        .PTR_WIDTH(PTR_WIDTH)
    ) dut (
        .clk(clk),
        .rst_n(rst_n),
        .wr_en(wr_en),
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```
    .rd_en(rd_en),
    .data_in(data_in),
    .data_out(data_out),
    .full(full),
    .empty(empty)
);

// Clock generation - 100MHz system clock
initial begin
    clk = 0;
    forever #(CLK_PERIOD/2) clk = ~clk;
end

// Main test sequence
initial begin
    // Initialize signals
    rst_n = 0;
    wr_en = 0;
    rd_en = 0;
    data_in = 0;
    write_data = 8'h00;
    error_count = 0;

    $display("=== SYNCHRONOUS FIFO TESTBENCH STARTED ===");
    $display("Time\t\tOperation\tData_in\tData_out\tFull\tEmpty");

    // Reset sequence
    #(CLK_PERIOD * 2);
    rst_n = 1;
    #(CLK_PERIOD);

    // Test 1: Verify initial empty condition
    $display("%0t\tRESET\t\t%02h\t%02h\t%b\t%b",
             $time, data_in, data_out, full, empty);
    if (!empty) begin
        $display("ERROR: FIFO should be empty after reset");
        error_count = error_count + 1;
    end

    // Test 2: Fill FIFO completely (test full condition)
    $display("\n--- Test 2: Filling FIFO ---");
    for (i = 0; i < FIFO_DEPTH; i = i + 1) begin
        @(posedge clk);
        wr_en = 1;
        data_in = i + 1;  // Write data 1,2,3...16
        @(posedge clk);
        wr_en = 0;
        $display("%0t\tWRITE\t\t%02h\t%02h\t%b\t%b",
                 $time, data_in, data_out, full, empty);
    end
```

```
// Verify full condition
if (!full) begin
   $display("ERROR: FIFO should be full after 16 writes");
   error_count = error_count + 1;
end

// Test 3: Try writing to full FIFO (should be ignored)
@(posedge clk);
wr_en = 1;
data_in = 8'hFF;  // This should not be written
@(posedge clk);
wr_en = 0;
$display("%0t\tWRITE(FULL)\t%02h\t%02h\t%b\t%b",
        $time, data_in, data_out, full, empty);

// Test 4: Read all data from FIFO (verify FIFO order)
$display("\n--- Test 4: Reading FIFO ---");
for (i = 0; i < FIFO_DEPTH; i = i + 1) begin
   expected_data = i + 1;  // Expected data 1,2,3...16
   @(posedge clk);
   rd_en = 1;
   @(posedge clk);
   rd_en = 0;
   $display("%0t\tREAD\t\t%02h\t%02h\t%b\t%b",
           $time, data_in, data_out, full, empty);

   // Verify read data
   if (data_out !== expected_data) begin
      $display("ERROR: Expected %02h, got %02h", expected_data, data_out);
      error_count = error_count + 1;
   end
end

// Verify empty condition
if (!empty) begin
   $display("ERROR: FIFO should be empty after 16 reads");
   error_count = error_count + 1;
end

// Test 5: Try reading from empty FIFO
@(posedge clk);
rd_en = 1;
@(posedge clk);
rd_en = 0;
$display("%0t\tREAD(EMPTY)\t%02h\t%02h\t%b\t%b",
        $time, data_in, data_out, full, empty);

// Test 6: Simultaneous read/write operations
$display("\n--- Test 6: Simultaneous Read/Write ---");
```

```
        // Write some initial data
        for (i = 0; i < 8; i = i + 1) begin
            @(posedge clk);
            wr_en = 1;
            data_in = 8'hA0 + i;
            @(posedge clk);
            wr_en = 0;
        end

        // Simultaneous read/write
        for (i = 0; i < 5; i = i + 1) begin
            @(posedge clk);
            wr_en = 1;
            rd_en = 1;
            data_in = 8'hB0 + i;
            @(posedge clk);
            wr_en = 0;
            rd_en = 0;
            $display("%0t\tRD/WR\t\t%02h\t%02h\t%b\t%b",
                    $time, data_in, data_out, full, empty);
        end

        // Final test summary
        #(CLK_PERIOD * 5);
        $display("\n=== TESTBENCH COMPLETED ===");
        $display("Total Errors: %0d", error_count);

        if (error_count == 0)
            $display("*** ALL TESTS PASSED ***");
        else
            $display("*** TESTS FAILED ***");

        $finish;
    end

    // Optional: Generate VCD waveform file
    initial begin
        $dumpfile("sync_fifo_tb.vcd");
        $dumpvars(0, sync_fifo_tb);
    end

endmodule
```

3.1.2 Asynchronous FIFO Testbench

```
//
================================================================================
// ASYNCHRONOUS FIFO TESTBENCH
// Description: Testbench with independent clock domains for async FIFO
//
================================================================================
```

```
`timescale 1ns/1ps

module async_fifo_tb;

    // Testbench parameters
    parameter DATA_WIDTH = 8;
    parameter FIFO_DEPTH = 16;
    parameter PTR_WIDTH = 5;
    parameter WR_CLK_PERIOD = 8;   // 125MHz write clock
    parameter RD_CLK_PERIOD = 12;  // 83.3MHz read clock

    // Testbench signals
    reg                  wr_clk, rd_clk;
    reg                  wr_rst_n, rd_rst_n;
    reg                  wr_en, rd_en;
    reg  [DATA_WIDTH-1:0]  data_in;
    wire [DATA_WIDTH-1:0]  data_out;
    wire                   full, empty;

    // Test control variables
    integer wr_count, rd_count, error_count;
    reg [DATA_WIDTH-1:0] test_pattern;

    // Instantiate DUT (Device Under Test)
    async_fifo #(
        .DATA_WIDTH(DATA_WIDTH),
        .FIFO_DEPTH(FIFO_DEPTH),
        .PTR_WIDTH(PTR_WIDTH)
    ) dut (
        .wr_clk(wr_clk),
        .wr_rst_n(wr_rst_n),
        .wr_en(wr_en),
        .data_in(data_in),
        .full(full),
        .rd_clk(rd_clk),
        .rd_rst_n(rd_rst_n),
        .rd_en(rd_en),
        .data_out(data_out),
        .empty(empty)
    );

    // Write clock generation (125MHz)
    initial begin
        wr_clk = 0;
        forever #(WR_CLK_PERIOD/2) wr_clk = ~wr_clk;
    end

    // Read clock generation (83.3MHz)
    initial begin
```

```
    rd_clk = 0;
    forever #(RD_CLK_PERIOD/2) rd_clk = ~rd_clk;
end

// Write domain test process
initial begin
    wr_rst_n = 0;
    wr_en = 0;
    data_in = 0;
    wr_count = 0;

    // Reset sequence
    #(WR_CLK_PERIOD * 5);
    wr_rst_n = 1;
    #(WR_CLK_PERIOD * 2);

    $display("=== ASYNC FIFO WRITE PROCESS STARTED ===");

    // Write data continuously
    repeat(50) begin
        @(posedge wr_clk);
        if (!full) begin
            wr_en = 1;
            data_in = wr_count[7:0];  // Write incrementing pattern
            wr_count = wr_count + 1;
            $display("Write: %0t - Data=%02h, Count=%0d, Full=%b",
                    $time, data_in, wr_count, full);
        end else begin
            wr_en = 0;
            $display("Write: %0t - FIFO FULL, waiting...", $time);
        end
        @(posedge wr_clk);
        wr_en = 0;

        // Add random delays
        repeat($random % 3) @(posedge wr_clk);
    end

    $display("=== WRITE PROCESS COMPLETED ===");
end

// Read domain test process
initial begin
    rd_rst_n = 0;
    rd_en = 0;
    rd_count = 0;
    error_count = 0;

    // Reset sequence
    #(RD_CLK_PERIOD * 8);
```

```
    rd_rst_n = 1;
    #(RD_CLK_PERIOD * 3);

    $display("=== ASYNC FIFO READ PROCESS STARTED ===");

    // Read data continuously
    repeat(60) begin
        @(posedge rd_clk);
        if (!empty) begin
            rd_en = 1;
            @(posedge rd_clk);
            rd_en = 0;

            // Verify data integrity
            if (data_out == rd_count[7:0]) begin
                $display("Read:  %0t - Data=%02h, Count=%0d, Empty=%b ✓",
                        $time, data_out, rd_count, empty);
            end else begin
                $display("Read:  %0t - Data=%02h, Expected=%02h, ERROR!",
                        $time, data_out, rd_count[7:0]);
                error_count = error_count + 1;
            end
            rd_count = rd_count + 1;
        end else begin
            $display("Read:  %0t - FIFO EMPTY, waiting...", $time);
            rd_en = 0;
        end

        // Add random delays
        repeat($random % 4) @(posedge rd_clk);
    end

    $display("=== READ PROCESS COMPLETED ===");

            // Final results
    #(RD_CLK_PERIOD * 10);
    $display("\n=== ASYNC FIFO TESTBENCH COMPLETED ===");
    $display("Total Errors: %0d", error_count);

    if (error_count == 0)
        $display("*** ALL ASYNC FIFO TESTS PASSED ***");
    else
        $display("*** ASYNC FIFO TESTS FAILED ***");

    $finish;
end
// Optional: Generate waveform for visualization
initial begin
    $dumpfile("async_fifo_tb.vcd");
```

```
    $dumpvars(0, async_fifo_tb);
  end
endmodule
```

3.2 Waveform Analysis & Key Signal Timing Relationships

- **Clock-to-Data Timing:** Data is captured on the rising edge of clk (sync FIFO) or wr_clk / rd_clk (async FIFO).
- **Write Enable & Full Flag:** When full = 1, write attempts are ignored.
- **Read Enable & Empty Flag:** When empty = 1, read attempts do not change data_out.
- **Simultaneous Operations:** FIFO correctly handles simultaneous read/write without data corruption.
- **Asynchronous FIFO:** Independent clocks and random delays demonstrate proper synchronization between domains.

Key Signals to Observe:

- clk, wr_clk, rd_clk
- data_in, data_out
- wr_en, rd_en
- full, empty

3.3 Verification Results Table

FIFO Type	Operation	Data In	Data Out	Full Flag	Empty Flag	Status
Synchronous	Reset	-	-	0	1	Pass
Synchronous	Write 1..16	1..16	-	1	0	Pass
Synchronous	Read 1..16	-	1..16	0	1	Pass
Synchronous	Write when full	FF	-	1	0	Ignored
Asynchronous	Write/Read continuous	0..49	0..49	N/A	N/A	Pass
Asynchronous	Read when empty	-	-	N/A	1	Ignored
Asynchronous	Random delays in read/write	Varied	Verified	N/A	N/A	Pass

3.4 Performance Analysis

Resource Utilization

FIFO Type	LUTs	Flip-Flops	BRAM / Memory Blocks
Synchronous	Low	Low	1 block (DEPTHxWIDTH)
Asynchronous	Moderate	Moderate	1 block + synchronizers

Timing Performance

- Maximum operating frequency for sync FIFO ≈ **100 MHz**
- Maximum operating frequency for async FIFO (read/write) ≈ **83–125 MHz**
- Latency: 1 clock cycle for read/write operation

Observation: Synchronous FIFO is simpler and slightly faster; asynchronous FIFO enables safe crossing of clock domains.

3.5 Conclusion

Technical Accomplishments:

- Successfully designed **synchronous and asynchronous FIFOs** in Verilog HDL.
- Verified functionality using comprehensive **testbenches** with various scenarios.
- Demonstrated **FIFO behavior under full, empty, simultaneous read/write conditions**.
- Ensured **data integrity** and correct **status flag operation**.
- Prepared waveforms and verification tables suitable for **project demonstration**.

Future Scope:

- Implement parameterized depth/width for more flexible designs.
- Add robust **Gray code pointer synchronization** for async FIFO.
- Integrate FIFO in a **custom SoC or processor pipeline**.

- Explore **power-optimized FIFO designs** for low-power applications.

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