# Lab 4 Introduction to Verilog - 1



#### **Outline**

- 1. Why Do We Need to Know Verilog?
- 2. How Do We Describe a Circuit with Verilog?
- 3. Further into Nets and Continuous Assignments
- 4. Further into Regs and Procedural Assignments
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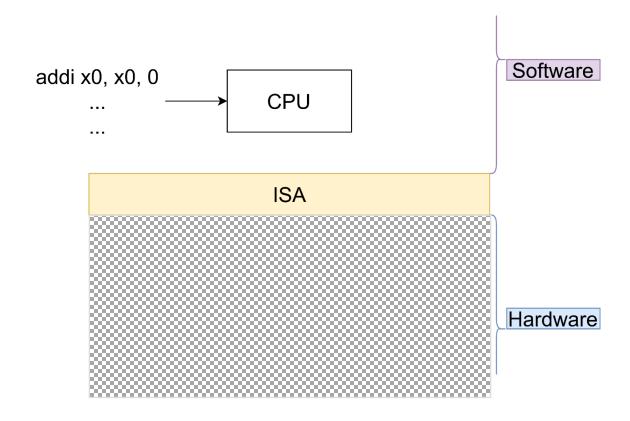


# Why Do We Need to Know Verilog?



### From Instructions to Architecture

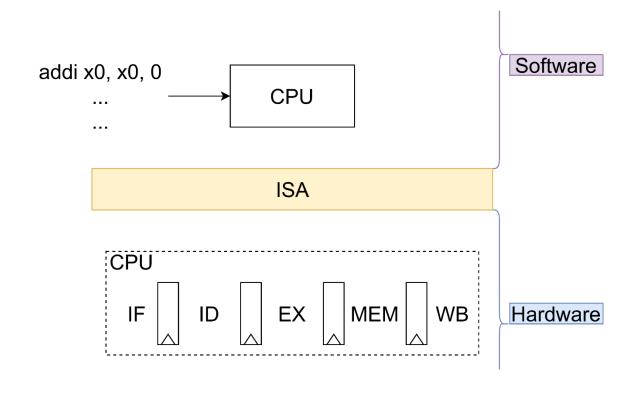
 We've learnt ISA of RISC-V,
 which means we deemed CPU as a black box.





#### From Instructions to Architecture

 However, as an architect, we need to know why CPU can work this way.

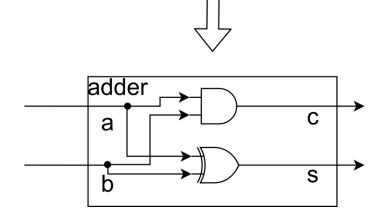




### Map Your Design from Blueprint to Words

- To design CPU on your own, you need a way to let computer know your design.
- In these three classes, we will recap
   Verilog you've leant in digital system design.

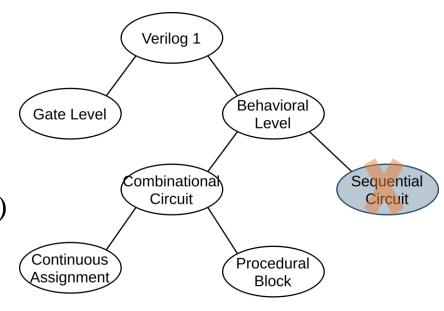
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assign c = a & b;
assign s = a ^ b;
endmodule
```





#### What would be included in this class

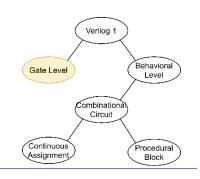
- We would go bottom-up, from gate level to behavior level.
- This class would focus on **combinational logic**, i.e.: no latch or flip-flop. This would be in next class.
- There are two simple exercises and one applied (harder) exercise in this class.



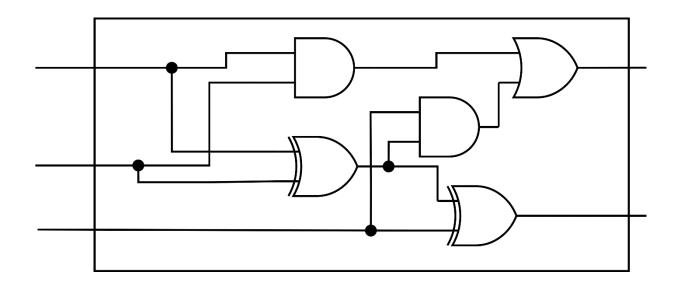


# How Do We Describe a Circuit with Verilog?

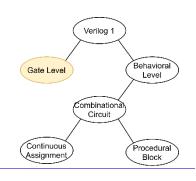




• Here's a circuit, which can function as a full adder. We need to describe this circuit with **text** so that simulator, design compiler, and other designers can know **how it** is constructed.

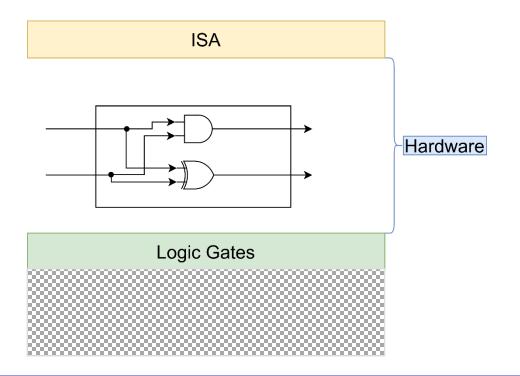




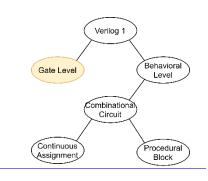


### **Basic Components**

• Also, we need to know what we can construct the circuit with, so that we can optimally utilize them. In this section, our basic components are logic gates.

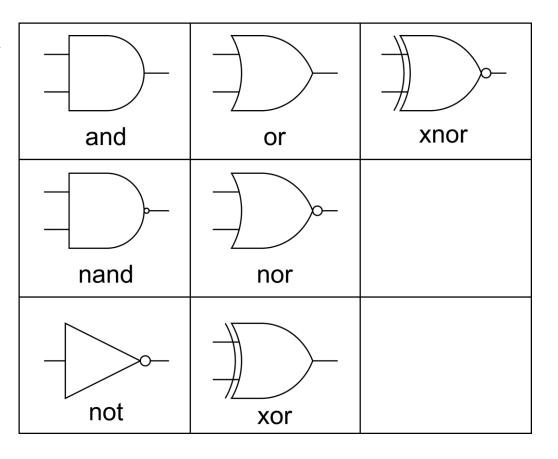




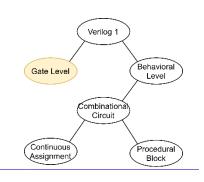


### **Basic Components**

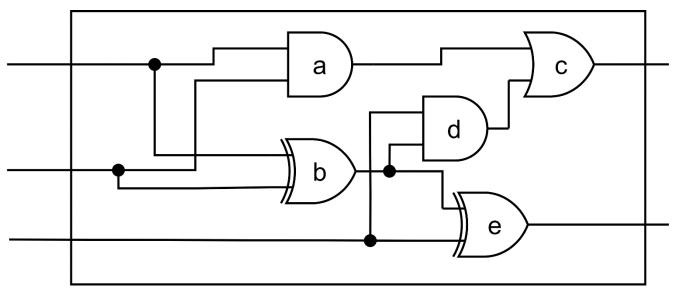
• There are several built-in gates that you can use at this abstraction level. These gates would be useful later.

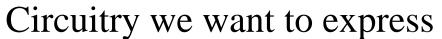


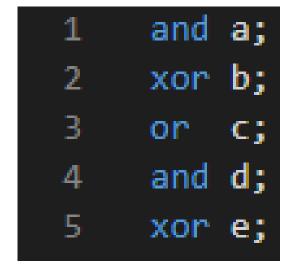




• Let get back to our full adder. First, we need to name the components inside this circuit.

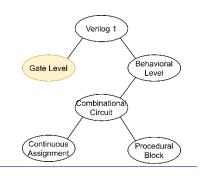




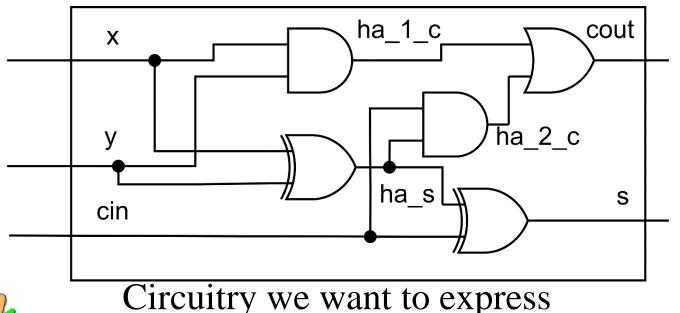


Code under construction





• Second, instantiate the interconnections. We have wire as our connection among each components.

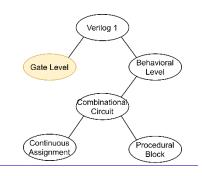


```
wire x, y, cin;
wire ha_1_c, ha_2_c, ha_s;
wire cout, s;
```

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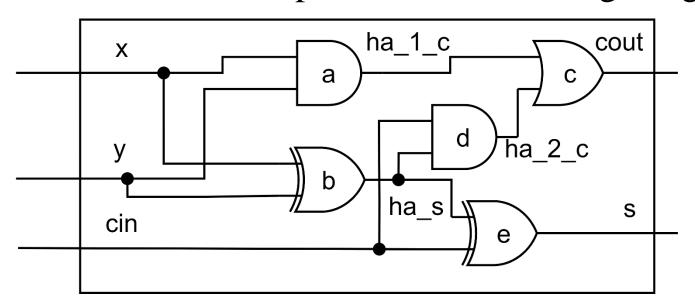


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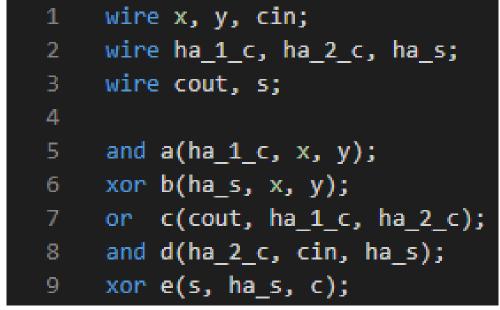


• Third, make the interconnection. The connections are made by putting

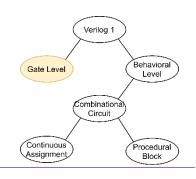
wires in the parenthesis following the gate instance.



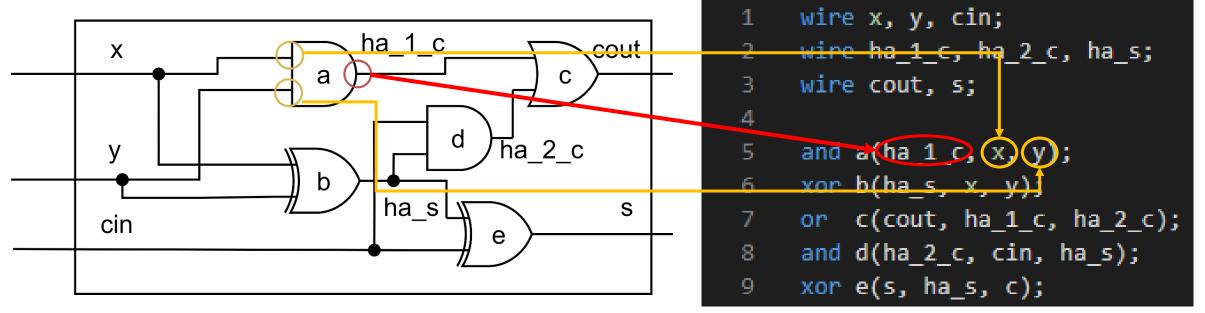
Circuitry we want to express







• Note: For gates, first port to be connected is the **output port**, and the rest of the ports would be **inputs**.



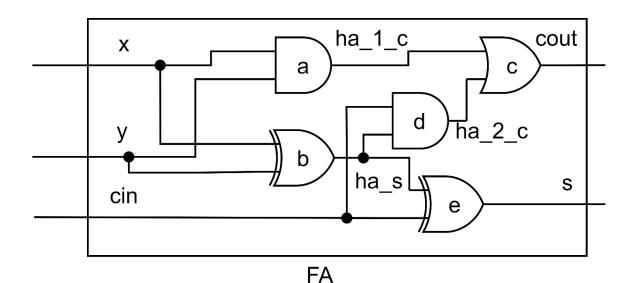
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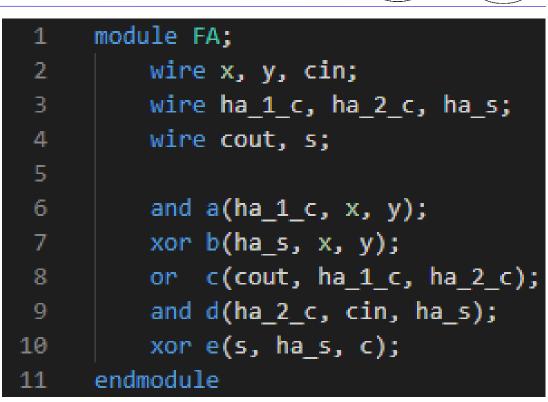
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### How to Construct a Circuit - 4

• Fourth, name your module.



Circuitry we want to express

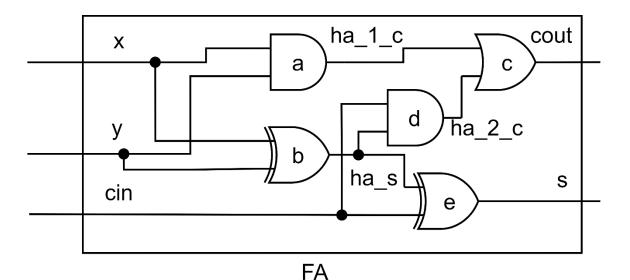




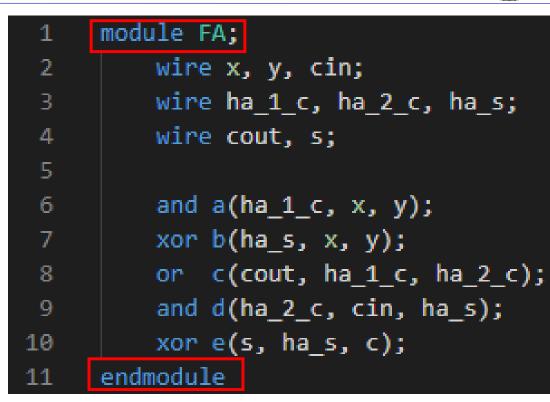
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### How to Construct a Circuit - 4

• Use module xxx; and endmodule to pack the circuitry.



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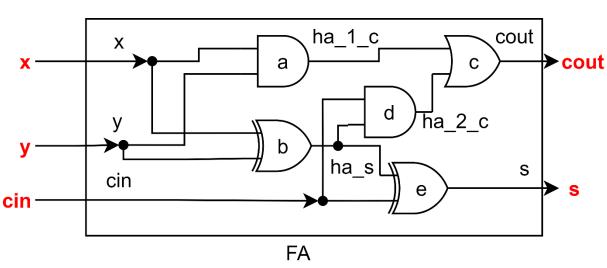


# Gate Level Combinational Circuit Continuous Assignment Procedural Block

### How to Construct a Circuit - 5

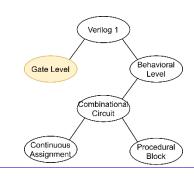
- Fifth, declare input and output ports for this module.
- Ports you want them to be connected externally should be added after module name.

• Moreover, input and output keywords need to be added before those ports.

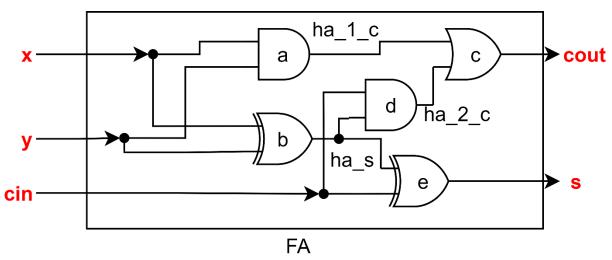


```
1 module FA(cout, s, x, y, cin);
2     input wire x, y, cin;
3     wire ha_1_c, ha_2_c, ha_s;
4     output wire cout, s;
5
6     and a(ha_1_c, x, y);
7     xor b(ha_s, x, y);
8     or c(cout, ha_1_c, ha_2_c);
9     and d(ha_2_c, cin, ha_s);
10     xor e(s, ha_s, cin);
11 endmodule
```



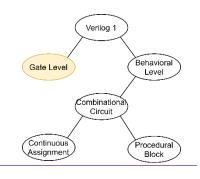


• However, in fact, there's no need to declare wire when ports are declared as input or output.

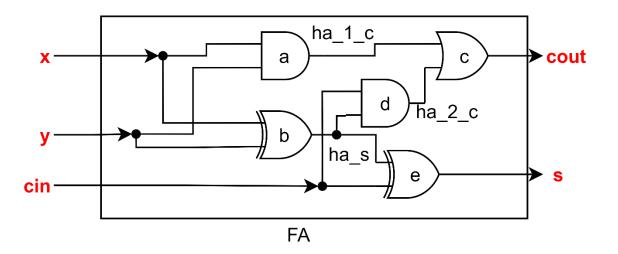


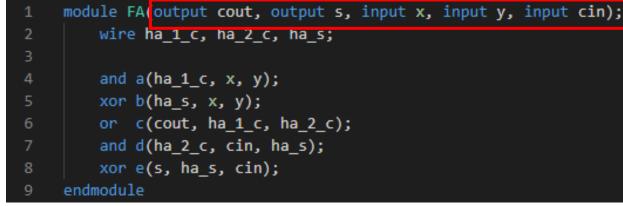
```
module FA(cout, s, x, y, cin);
         input x, y, cin;
2
         wire ha 1 c, ha 2 c, ha s;
 4
         output cout, s;
 5
         and a(ha_1_c, x, y);
         xor b(ha_s, x, y);
         or c(cout, ha_1_c, ha_2_c);
 8
         and d(ha_2_c, cin, ha_s);
9
10
         xor e(s, ha s, cin);
11
     endmodule
```





• Moreover, we can put input and output on port list and no need to retype them in body of the module.



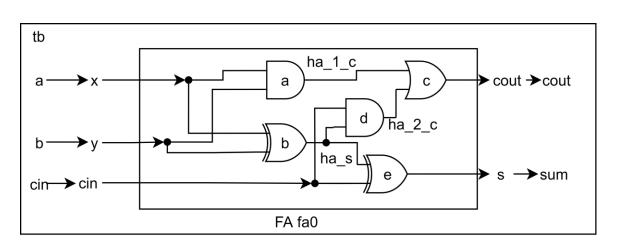




# Gate Level Combinational Circuit Continuous Assignment Procedural Block

#### Connect Your Own Module

- That's it. Your circuitry is now finished and can be instantiated by another module.
- One thing worth noting, the connection that full adder used is different from gates.



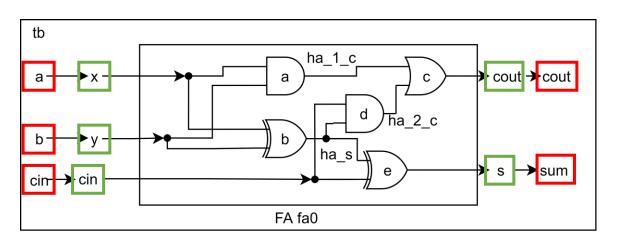
```
module tb:
              a, b, cin;
     FA fa0(.x(a), .y(b), .cin(cin), .cout(cout), .s(sum));
     initial begin
              {a, b, cin} = 3'd0;
          #10 \{a, b, cin\} = 3'd1;
          #10 \{a, b, cin\} = 3'd3;
11
         #10 \{a, b, cin\} = 3'd4;
12
          #10 \{a, b, cin\} = 3'd5;
         #10 \{a, b, cin\} = 3'd6;
13
         #10 \{a, b, cin\} = 3'd7; #10;
14
     end
     endmodule
```



example1/testbench

# Connect Your Own Module - By Name Continuous Assignment Continuous

• The way we used now is called **connecting module instance ports by name**, which is quite useful when you have **lots of ports**.



```
include "FA.v"
module tb;
        a, b, cin;
reg
wire
        cout, sum;
                      .cin(cin), .cout(cout), .s(sum);
         {a, b, cin} = 3'd0;
    #10 \{a, b, cin\} = 3'd1;
    #10 \{a, b, cin\} = 3'd3;
    #10 \{a, b, cin\} = 3'd4;
    #10 \{a, b, cin\} = 3'd5;
    #10 \{a, b, cin\} = 3'd6;
    #10 \{a, b, cin\} = 3'd7; #10;
end
endmodule
```

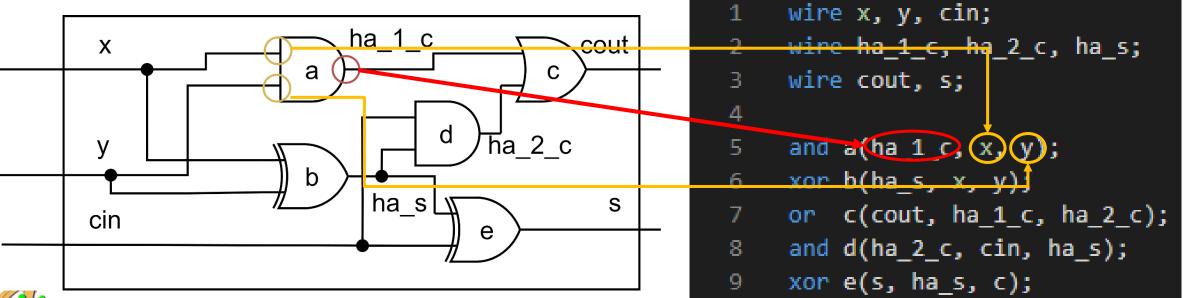


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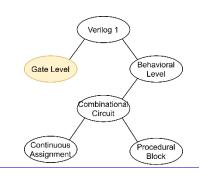
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### Ordered List

- On the other hand, we use **connecting module instance ports by ordered list** to connect our gates a little earlier.
- For primitive gates, you can't use **by name** connection, so **by ordered list** connection is used. The order "output, in1, in2, in3..." must be obeyed.



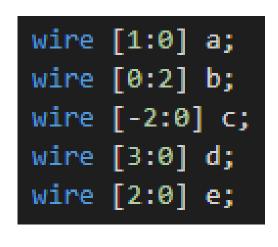




### What If Multiple Lines are Needed?

- Scalar A single wire/reg.
- Vectors Declare a bunch of wires/regs.

```
b c d
```





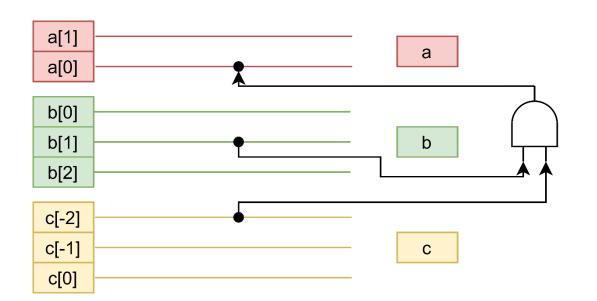


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# Gate Level Combinational Circuit Continuous Assignment Procedural Block

### What If Multiple Lines are Needed?

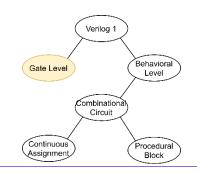
• Can one of the wires/regs be referenced?



```
wire [1:0] a;
wire [0:2] b;
wire [-2:0] c;
and and0(a[0], b[1], c[-2]);
```

• Can multiple lines in a vector be referenced? Yes, and we would talk about it later.



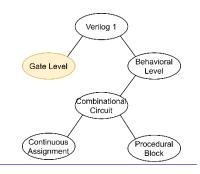


### What If Multiple Lines are Needed?

- Does MSB and LSB matters?
- For n-bit vector, ranging **from n-1 to 0** is recommended.

3 d wire [3:0] d;





### What If Multiple Lines are Needed?

• Array - Declare a lot of scalars/vectors.

```
wire arr_scalar [0:7];
wire [3:0] arr_vector [0:7];
```





arr\_vector



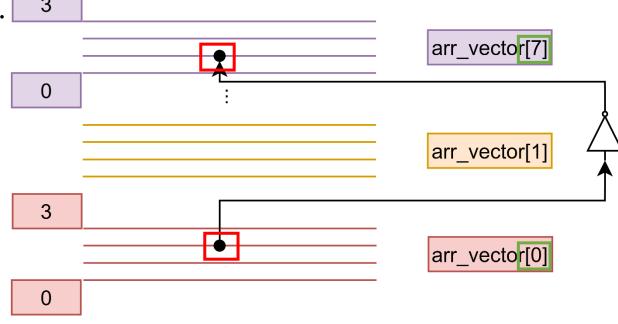
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### What If Multiple Lines are Needed?

- How to locate a single wire if we have an array of vectors?
- First index of array of vectors would select corresponding vector, and second

index would choose the line in the vector.

```
wire [3:0] arr_vector [0:7];
not not0(arr_vector[0][2], arr_vector[7][1]);
```







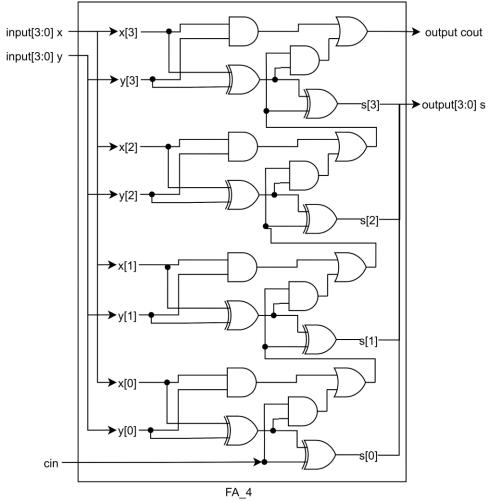
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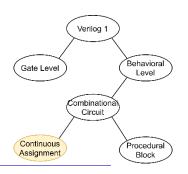
- In Ex1/Adder.v, you need to finish
  your own module named Adder in
  gate-level model, which would perform
  {cout, s} = x + y + cin
  - Two 4-bit inputs x and y
  - One 1-bit input cin
  - One 4-bit output s
  - One 1-bit output cout





# Further into Net Lists and Continuous Assignments

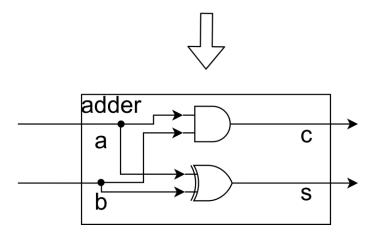




### If We Want to Do More than Connection

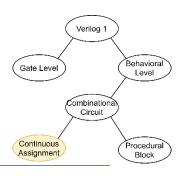
• Behavioral model is a more versatile way to represent the relationship between wires.

```
module adder (input a, input b, output c, output s);
assign c = a & b;
assign s = a ^ b;
endmodule
```



• However, you need to remember that you are still modeling a circuit.





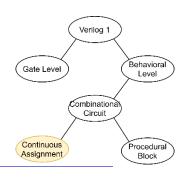
#### What Can We Do in Behavioral Level?

- There are two ways that we can use behavioral model.
  - Continuous assignment

assign 
$$a = b + c$$
;

Procedural block



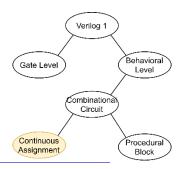


## On Continuous Assignment

- Basic continuous assignment is composed of 4 parts, assign, lhs(left hand side),
   = , rhs(right hand side).
- It can be imagined as directly connect the evaluated result on rhs to lhs.
- We can change RHS as we need, which can be an expression composed of operands (wires, constant, regs) and operators.







### What Can We Use for Behavioral Model?

- First, let's talk about the data type in Verilog.
- As you know, there are 0's and 1's in binary computation. However, in real life, there might be cases that the data is unknown(x) and high impedance(z).
- As a result, in a wire/reg or a constant, there are four possibilities of the values, 0, 1, x, z.

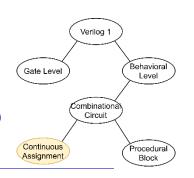




### What Can We Use for Behavioral Model?

- Because data can have different bit length in Verilog, constant data can be annotated with data bit length. Default bit length is 32.
- Data can also be expressed in different format, including decimal, hexadecimal, octal, and binary format. Default format is decimal.
- Moreover, underscore ("\_") is legal anywhere in the constant number except for the first digit.





### What Can We Use for Behavioral Model?

#### • Examples:

• 659 is a decimal number

• 'h837FF is a hexadecimal number

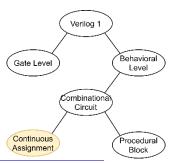
• 'o7460 is an octal number

• 6'd32 is a 6-bit decimal number

• 4'b1001 is a 4-bit binary number

• 3'b01x is a 3-bit number with LSB unknown





### What Can We Use for Behavioral Model?

• After knowing the operands, let's have a look at operators.

Operator	Description	Usage	Operator	Description	Usage
+, -, *, /, %	Arithmetic operator	op1 + op2	&,  , ^, ^~(~^)	Bitwise operation	op1 & op2
!	Logical negation	!op	~	Bitwise negation	~op
&&,   , ==, !=	Logical operator	op1    op2	&, ~&,  , ~ , ^, ~^(^~)	Reduction operator	&op
<<, <<<, >>,	Shift operator	op1 << op2	?:	Conditional	Condition? op1 : op2
{}	Concatenation	{op1, op2,}	{{}}	Replication	{op1{op2}}

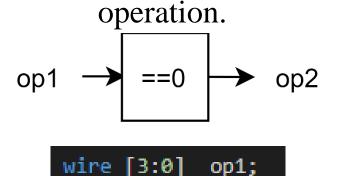


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#### What Can We Use for Behavioral Model?

- Let's get deeper into negation and reduction operations.
  - Logical negation would make output of zero input as 1 and make output of nonzero input as 0.
  - Bitwise negation would toggle all input bits.

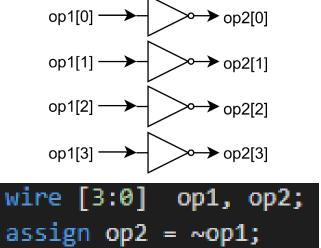
• Reduction would make all bits in input vector perform the same bitwise

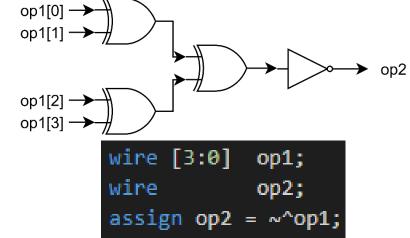


assign op2 = !op1;

op2;

wire







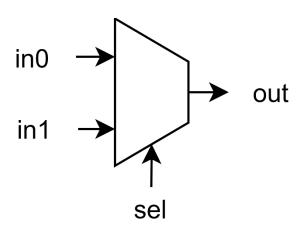
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## Verilog 1 Gate Level Combinational Circuit Procedural Block

#### What Can We Use for Behavioral Model?

- Ternary operator (Conditional)
  - Composed of three parts: condition, value if true, value if false.
  - Can be deemed as mux.

```
wire
wire[3:0] in0, in1, out;
assign out = (sel) ? in0 : in1;
```



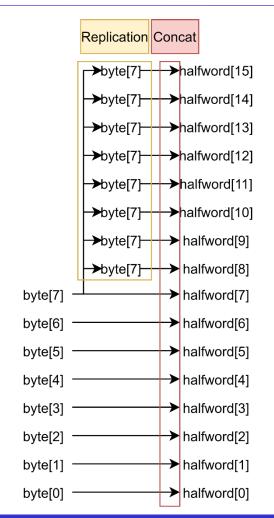




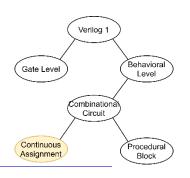
#### What Can We Use for Behavioral Model?

- Concatenation and replication
  - These two are useful when dealing with vectors.
  - Concatenation puts inputs together.
  - Replication would copy corresponding line with n times.

```
wire [7:0] byte;
wire [15:0] halfword;
assign halfword = {{4'd8{byte[7]}}, byte};
```

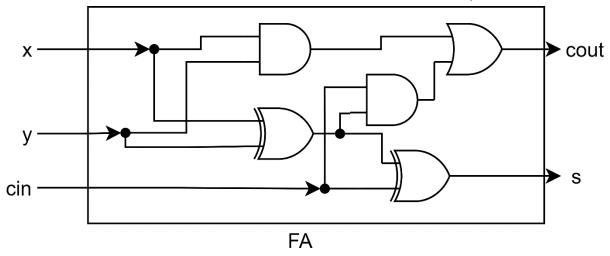






## Apply Behavioral Model

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• First, declare ports required in the module named FA.

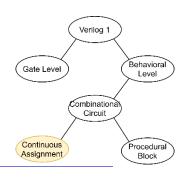
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module FA(output cout, output s, input x, input y, input cin);

endmodule

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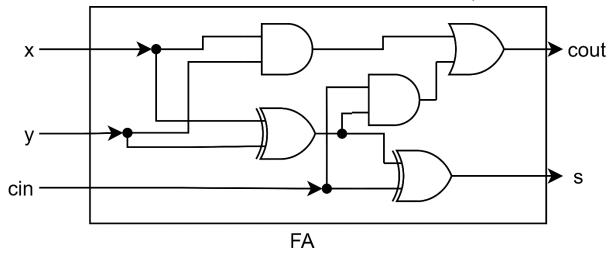
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• Second, make continuous assignment according to the schematic.

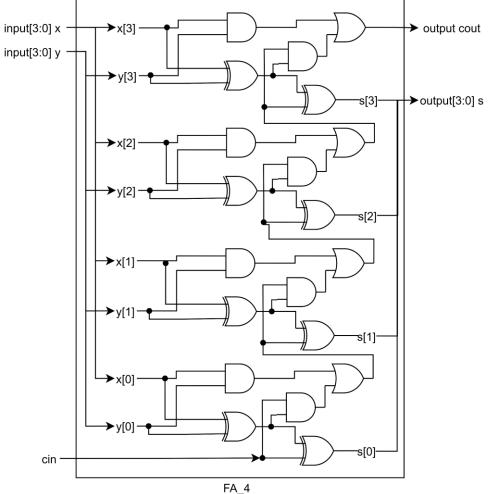
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assign cout = (x & y) | (cin & (x ^ y));
assign s = cin ^ x ^ y;
endmodule
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Gate Level ombination Circuit Procedural Assignment

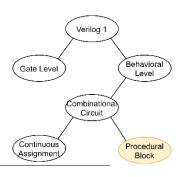
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# Further into Regs and Procedural Assignments



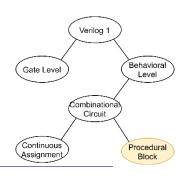


#### Can We be More Behavioral?

• There is one more "program-like" way to model our circuit - procedural block.

- This can also perform as a 1-bit full adder.
- However, you need to remember that you are still modeling a circuit.



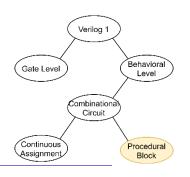


#### Can We be More Behavioral?

- To model with procedural block, there are several things to notice:
  - reg
  - always
  - Sensitive list

```
1  module FA(cout, s, x, y, cin);
2  output reg cout, s;
3  input x, y, cin;
4  always @(x, y, cin) begin
5   {cout, s} = x;
6   {cout, s} = {cout, s} + y;
7   {cout, s} = {cout, s} + cin;
8  end
9  endmodule
```



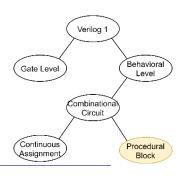


## Always Block

- Because we are not **continuously attaching the LHS to RHS**, thus the LHS should be evaluated **every time this procedural block has been triggered**.
- To simulate continuous assignment, we need always block. The always means every time this procedural block is triggered, the evaluation would be done once. Then this block would wait for another trigger.

```
1 module FA(cout, s, x, y, cin);
2 output reg cout, s;
3 input x, y, cin;
4 always @(x, y, cin) begin
5 {cout, s} = x;
6 {cout, s} = {cout, s} + y;
7 {cout, s} = {cout, s} + cin;
8 end
9 endmodule
```



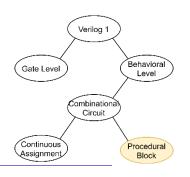


## Always Block

• Because we have more than one line of content in this always block, we can use begin and end to define the body of this block, pretty similar to curly brackets ("{", "}") in C or Java.

```
1  module FA(cout, s, x, y, cin);
2  output reg cout, s;
3  input x, y, cin;
4  always @(x, y, cin) begin
5  {cout, s} = x;
6  {cout, s} = {cout, s} + y;
7  {cout, s} = {cout, s} + cin;
8  end
9  endmodule
```



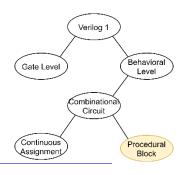


#### Sensitive List

- We have always block to evaluate the statements every time, but we still need to determine when to trigger this block.
- In sensitive list, we should put the signals that we want to keep track with. I.e., when one of x, y, cin changes its value, the always block would be evaluated again.

```
1  module FA(cout, s, x, y, cin);
2  output reg cout, s;
3  input x, y, cin;
4  always @(x, y, cin) begin
5  {cout, s} = x;
6  {cout, s} = {cout, s} + y;
7  {cout, s} = {cout, s} + cin;
8  end
9  endmodule
```



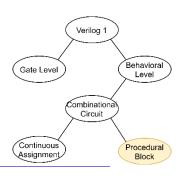


#### Sensitive List

• However, we usually needs to keep track of every input because no registers here to store values. Thus, we can use an alternative form of sensitive list to express that we want to keep track of every input in sensitive list.

```
1  module FA(cout, s, x, y, cin);
2  output reg cout, s;
3  input x, y, cin;
4  always @(*) begin
5     {cout, s} = x;
6     {cout, s} = {cout, s} + y;
7     {cout, s} = {cout, s} + cin;
8  end
9  endmodule
```



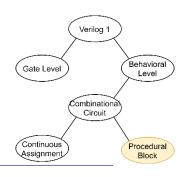


## Reg Type

• The reg here doesn't mean register and in this case, it would not instantiate a register either. This reg type only means after always block is evaluated, the LHS would hold the value of last evaluation

```
1  module FA(cout, s, x, y, cin);
2  output reg cout, s;
3  input x, y, cin;
4  always @(*) begin
5     {cout, s} = x;
6     {cout, s} = {cout, s} + y;
7     {cout, s} = {cout, s} + cin;
8  end
9  endmodule
```

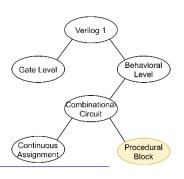




## Blocking/Non-blocking

- Since we are modeling a circuit with only gates and interconnections, we use the blocking assignment "=" to assign the value to LHS.
- With blocking assignment, line 4 would be evaluated first, then line 5 and following would be line 6. Thus, we can perform x + y + cin.





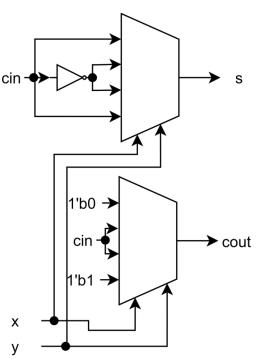
#### What's the benefit of it?

• Except we can use reg type to make evaluation take place subsequently, we can change conditional operator into **if/else** and **case**.

• Later, I would use a mux adder to demonstrate how to use if/else and case.

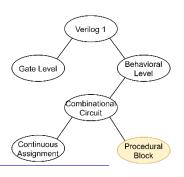
```
module FA(cout, s, x, y, cin);
output reg cout, s;
input x, y, cin;

* begin
case({x, y})
cose({x, y})
cout = 1'b0;
end
cout = cin;
end
cout = cin;
end
cout = cin;
end
cout = 1'b1;
end
cout = 1'b1;
end
feault: begin
cout = 1'b0;
end
end
feault: begin
cout = 1'b0;
end
cout = 1'b0;
end
cout = 1'b0;
end
cout = cin;
end
cout = 1'b0;
end
cout = 1'b0;
end
cout = 1'b0;
end
cout = cin;
end
cout = 1'b0;
end
cout =
```





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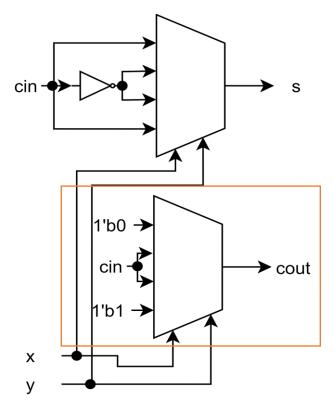
#### Case in Procedural Block

• For usage of case, we need to use case(variable) and endcase to enclose all cases, and use the value followed by the behavior if variable matches the value

to denote all cases.

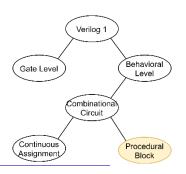
```
end
   cout = 1'b0;
2'd1: begin
   cout = cin;
                                end
2'd2: begin
   cout = cin:
2'd3: begin
   cout = 1'b1;
                               end
default: begin
   cout = 1'b0;
if (x ^ y) begin
                                end
else if (!x && !y) begin
                                end
```

```
case({x, y})
2'd0: begin
    cout = 1'b0;
2'd1: begin
    cout = cin;
2'd2: begin
    cout = cin;
2'd3: begin
    cout = 1'b1:
default: begin
    cout = 1'b0;
endcase
```





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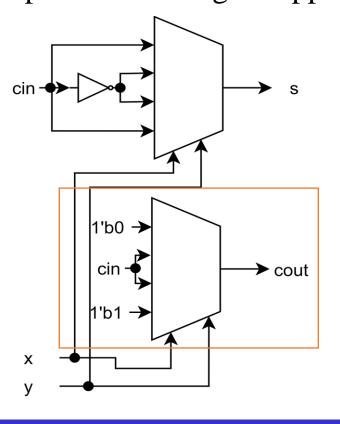


#### Case in Procedural Block - Default Case

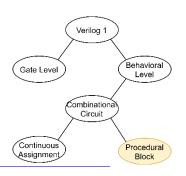
• Default case is not required in this case. However, it's a better practice to write default case because in a complex system, unexpected case might happen. Thus,

having default case to be them is better.

```
2'd0: begin
output reg cout, s;
                                cout = 1'b0;
   ase({x, y})
                          end
     cout = 1'b0;
                          2'd1: begin
  2'd1: begin
                                cout = cin;
     cout = cin;
                          end
  2'd2: begin
    cout = cin:
                          2'd2: begin
  2'd3: begin
                                cout = cin:
    cout = 1'b1;
                          end
    cout = 1'b0;
                          2'd3: begin
                                cout = 1'b1:
  if (x ^ y) begin
                          end
                          default: begin
  else if (!x && !y) begin
                                cout = 1'b0;
                          end
                          endcase
```







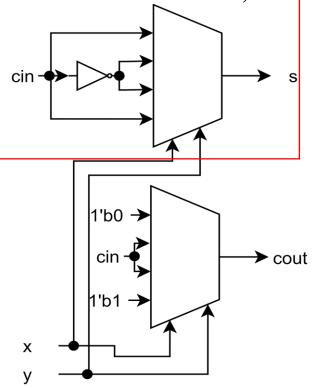
#### Case in Procedural Block - Default Case

• For usage of if/else if/else, it is quite similar to C.

• In case that you miss a case when designing this if/else statement, having else

statement is a better practice.

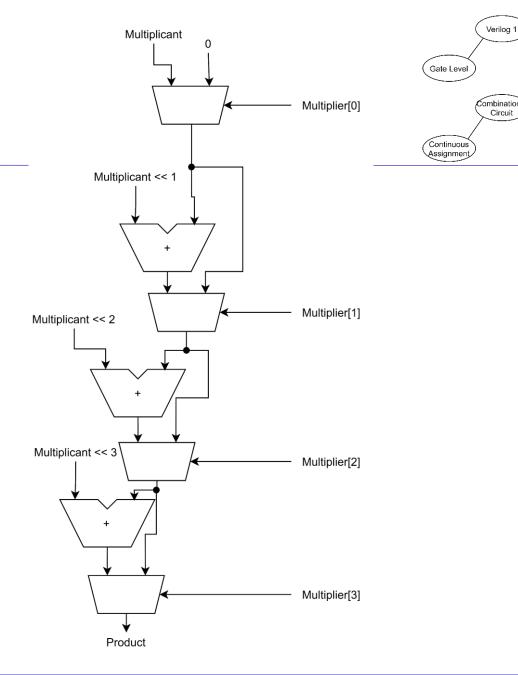
```
if (x ^ y) begin
   s = !cin;
end
else if (!x && !y) begin
   s = cin;
end
else begin
   s = cin;
end
```





## Exercise 3 - Multiplier

- Multiplier in combinational
  - Write a module named Mult in Ex3/Mult.v
  - One 4-bit **Multiplicand** input
  - One 4-bit **Multiplier** input
  - One 8-bit **Product** output
  - Perform Multiplicand \*Multiplier = Product





Procedural

# What Would be Taught in Coming Classes?



## **Expecting Materials**

- Sequential Circuit with Procedural Blocks
- State Machines
- IC Contest 1999
- Pipelining



## Reference



• IEEE Standard 1364-2005



• After extracting Lab4, you should see three folders.

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Ex1	2021/11/2 下午 10:25	檔案資料夾
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Ex3	2021/11/2 下午 10:25	檔案資料夾

• In which, taking Ex1 for example, you might see these files.

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Ex1.mpf	2021/11/2 下午 10:21	MPF 檔案	20 KB
<b>₹</b> tb.v	2021/11/2 下午 10:18	V 檔案	3 KB

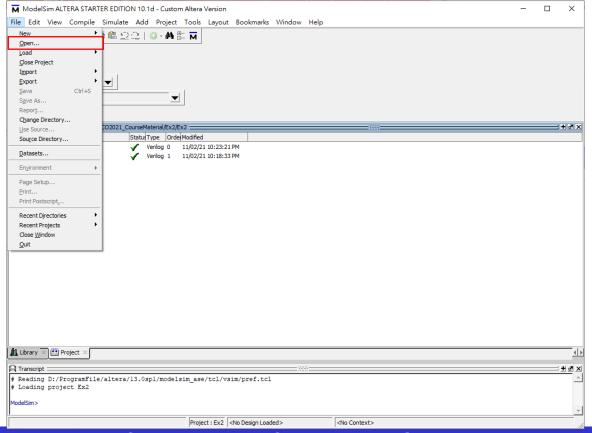


• Start writing your code on Adder.v and Mult.v.



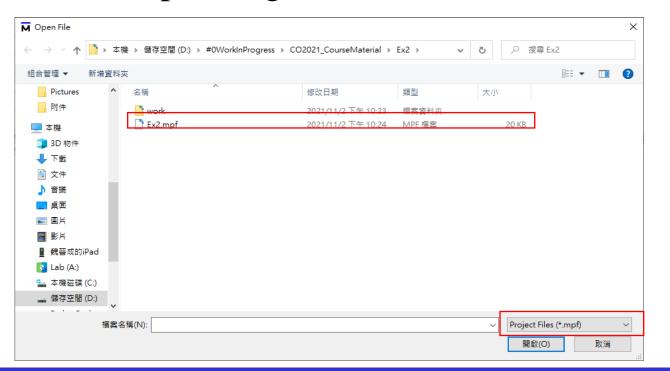


- After finishing your modules, open ModelSim.
- Choose to open file.



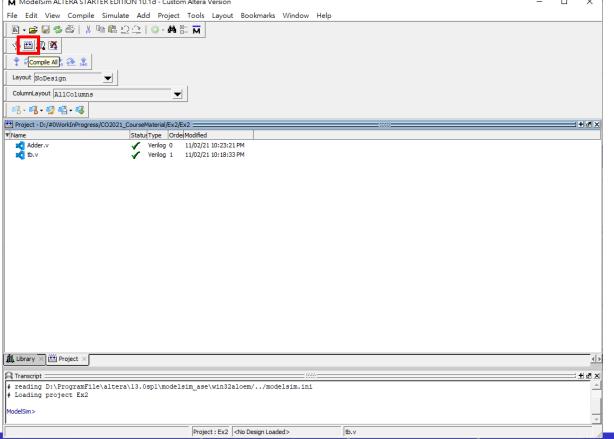


• Select file type "Project File (\*.mpf)" in lower right corner, you can see Ex1/2/3.mpf in corresponding folder. Click it.



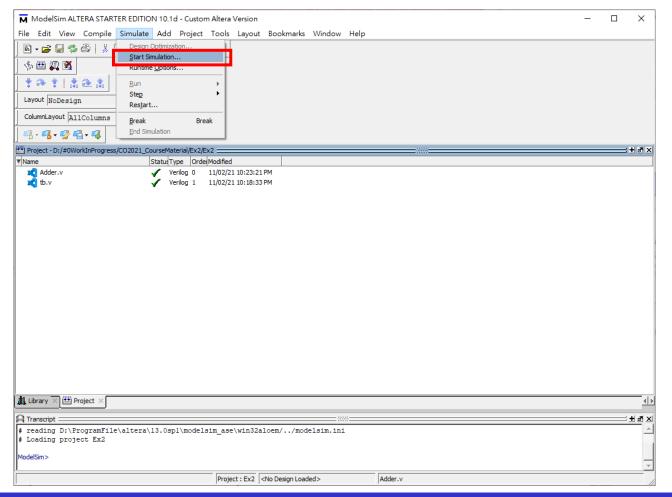


• Compile your module along with test bench.



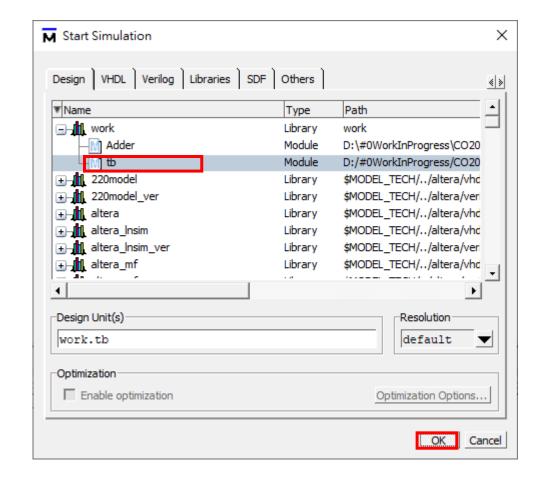


• Start Simulation.



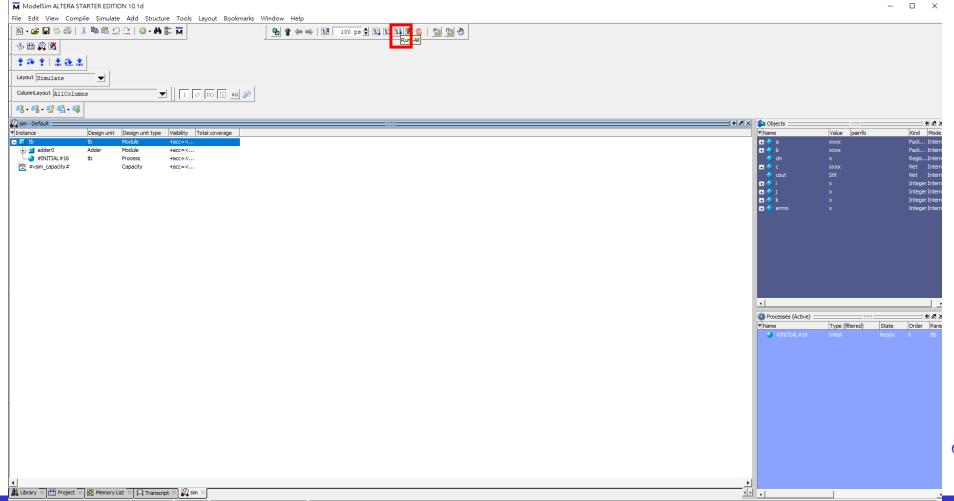


- Choose tb in work.
- Click OK.





• Run all~





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                              5 +
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                                           0 should be cout: 1, s:
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                                           1 should be cout: 1, s:
instead of cout: 0, s: 1
Total Error:
```



• If all data are correct, the outcome would be like this in tab "Transcript"

