**SPI VVC** –Quick Reference   
**NOTE: As of UVVM v3.x, all shared variables have been made protected. This means that any access to shared variables must be done**

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**using get- and set-methods. This documentation has not yet been updated with the methods for accessing these variables, but will be very soon.**

**Please refer to section 2 of Avalon\_mm\_vvc\_QuickRef for example usage of protected shared variables**

SPI Master (see page 2 for SPI Slave)

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| spi\_master \_transmit\_and\_receive (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, data, msg, [see options below]) |
| Options: action\_when\_transfer\_is\_done, action\_between\_words  Master example: spi\_master\_transmit\_and\_receive(SPI\_VVCT, 1, x"AF", “Sending data to Peripheral 1 and receiving data from Peripheral 1”); |

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| spi\_master \_transmit\_only (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, data, msg, [see options below]) |
| Options: action\_when\_transfer\_is\_done, action\_between\_words  Master example: spi\_master\_transmit\_only(SPI\_VVCT, 1, x"AF", “Sending data to Peripheral 1”); |

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| spi\_master\_receive\_only (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, msg, [see options below]) |
| Options: action\_when\_transfer\_is\_done  Master example: spi\_master\_receive\_only(SPI\_VVCT, 1, “Receive from Peripheral 1”); |

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| spi\_master\_transmit\_and\_check (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, data, data\_exp, msg, [see options below]) |
| Options: alert\_level, action\_when\_transfer\_is\_done, action\_between\_words  Master example: spi\_master\_transmit\_and\_check(SPI\_VVCT, 1, x"42", x"AF", “Sending data to Peripheral 1 and expecting data from Peripheral 1”); |

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| spi\_master\_check\_only (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, data\_exp, msg, [see options below]) |
| Options: alert\_level, action\_when\_transfer\_is\_done, action\_between\_words  Master example: spi\_master\_check\_only(SPI\_VVCT, 1, x"42",“Expect data from Peripheral 1”); |



**SPI VVC** –Quick Reference   
SPI Slave (see page 1 for SPI Master)

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| spi\_slave\_transmit\_and\_receive (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, data, msg, [see options below]) |
| Options: when\_to\_start\_transfer  Slave example: spi\_slave\_transmit\_and\_receive(SPI\_VVCT, 1, x"AF", “Sending data to Peripheral 1 and receiving data from Peripheral 1”); |

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**VVC**

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| spi\_slave\_transmit\_only (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, data, msg, [see options below]) |
| Options: when\_to\_start\_transfer  Slave example: spi\_slave\_transmit\_only(SPI\_VVCT, 1, x"AF", “Sending data to Peripheral 1”); |

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| spi\_slave\_receive\_only (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, msg, [see options below]) |
| Options: when\_to\_start\_transfer  Slave example: spi\_slave\_receive\_only(SPI\_VVCT, 1, “Receive from Peripheral 1”); |

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| spi\_slave\_transmit\_and\_check (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, data, data\_exp, msg, [see options below]) |
| Options: alert\_level, when\_to\_start\_transfer  Slave example: spi\_slave\_transmit\_and\_check(SPI\_VVCT, 1, x"42", x"AF", “Sending data to Peripheral 1 and expecting data from Peripheral 1”); |

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| spi\_slave\_check\_only (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, data\_exp, msg, [see options below]) |
| Options: alert\_level, when\_to\_start\_transfer  Slave example: spi\_slave\_check\_only(SPI\_VVCT, 1, x"42",“Expect data from Peripheral 1”); |



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| **Common VVC procedures applicable for this VVC** - See UVVM Methods QuickRef for details. |  | **SPI VVC Configuration record ‘t\_vvc\_config’** - Accessible via **shared\_spi\_vvc\_config** – see section 2. |  | **SPI VVC Status record signal ‘t\_vvc\_status’** - Accessible via **shared\_spi\_vvc\_status** – see section 3. |
| **Name** |  | **Record element** |  | **Record element** |
| await\_completion() |  | inter\_bfm\_delay |  | current\_cmd\_idx |
| await\_any\_completion() |  | [cmd/result]\_queue\_count\_max |  | previous\_cmd\_idx |
| enable\_log\_msg() |  | [cmd/result]\_queue\_count\_threshold |  | pending\_cmd\_idx |
| disable\_log\_msg() |  | [cmd/result]\_queue\_count\_threshold\_severity |  |  |
| flush\_command\_queue() |  | bfm\_config |  |  |
| terminate\_current\_command() |  | msg\_id\_panel |  |  |
| fetch\_result() |  |  |  |  |
| insert\_delay() |  |  |  |  |

VVC target parameters

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| **Name** | **Type** | **Example(s)** | **Description** |
| VVCT | t\_vvc\_target\_record | SPI\_VVCT | VVC target type compiled into each VVC in order to differentiate between VVCs. |
| vvc\_instance\_idx | integer | 1 | Instance number of the VVC |

VVC functional parameters

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| **Name** | **Type** | **Example(s)** | **Description** |
| data | std\_logic\_vector or t\_slv\_array | x”FF” | The data to be transmitted (in spi\_<master/slave>\_transmit\_and\_check or spi\_<master/slave>\_transmit\_only). |
| data\_exp | std\_logic\_vector or t\_slv\_array | x”FF” | The expected data to be received (in spi\_<master/slave>\_transmit\_and\_check or spi\_<master/slave>\_check\_only). |
| msg | string | “Send to peripheral 1” | A custom message to be appended in the log/alert |
| action\_when\_transfer\_is\_done | t\_action\_when\_transfer\_is\_done | RELEASE\_LINE\_AFTER\_TRANSFER or  HOLD\_LINE\_AFTER\_TRANSFER | Determines if SPI master shall release or hold ss\_n after the transfer is done.  Default is RELEASE\_LINE\_AFTER\_TRANSFER |
| action\_between\_words | t\_action\_between\_words | HOLD\_LINE\_BETWEEN\_WORDS or  RELEASE\_LINE\_BETWEEN\_WORDS | Determines if SPI master shall release or hold ss\_n between words when transmitting a t\_slv\_array.  Default is HOLD\_LINE\_BETWEEN\_WORDS. |
| when\_to\_start\_transfer | t\_when\_to\_start\_transfer | START\_TRANSFER\_ON\_NEXT\_SS or  START\_TRANSFER\_IMMEDIATE | Determines if SPI slave shall wait for next ss\_n if a transfer has already started.  Default is STAR\_TRANSFER\_ON\_NEXT\_SS. |
| alert\_level | t\_alert\_level | ERROR or TB\_WARNING | Set the severity for the alert that may be asserted by the method. |

VVC entity signals

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| **Name** | **Type** | **Direction** | **Description** |
| spi\_vvc\_if | t\_spi\_if | Inout | See SPI BFM documentation |

VVC entity generic constants

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| **Name** | **Type** | **Default** | **Description** |
| GC\_DATA\_WIDTH | natural | 8 | Bits in the SPI data word |
| GC\_DATA\_ARRAY\_WIDTH | natural | 32 | Number of SPI data words in a data word array of type t\_slv\_array. |
| GC\_INSTANCE\_IDX | natural | 1 | Instance number to assign the VVC |
| GC\_MASTER\_MODE | boolean | TRUE | Whether the VVC shall act as an SPI master or an SPI slave on the bus. |
| GC\_SPI\_CONFIG | t\_spi\_bfm\_config | C\_SPI\_BFM\_CONFIG\_DEFAULT | Configuration for the SPI BFM, see SPI BFM documentation. |
| GC\_CMD\_QUEUE\_COUNT\_MAX | natural | 1000 | Absolute maximum number of commands in the VVC command queue |
| GC\_CMD\_QUEUE\_COUNT\_THRESHOLD | natural | 950 | An alert will be generated when reaching this threshold to indicate that the command queue is almost full. The queue will still accept new commands until it reaches C\_CMD\_QUEUE\_COUNT\_MAX. |
| GC\_CMD\_QUEUE\_COUNT\_THRESHOLD\_SEVERITY | t\_alert\_level | WARNING | Alert severity which will be used when command queue reaches GC\_CMD\_QUEUE\_COUNT\_THRESHOLD. |
| GC\_RESULT\_QUEUE\_COUNT\_MAX | natural | 1000 | Maximum number of unfetched results before result\_queue is full. |
| GC\_RESULT\_QUEUE\_COUNT\_THRESHOLD | natural | 950 | An alert with severity 'result\_queue\_count\_threshold\_severity' will be issued if command queue exceeds this count. Used for early warning if result queue is almost full. Will be ignored if set to 0. |
| GC\_RESULT\_QUEUE\_COUNT\_THRESHOLD\_SEVERITY | t\_alert\_level | WARNING | Severity of alert to be initiated if exceeding result\_queue\_count\_threshold |

VVC details

All VVC procedures are defined in vvc\_methods\_pkg (dedicated this VVC), and uvvm\_vvc\_framework.uvvm\_methods\_pkg and uvvm\_vvc\_framework.uvvm\_support\_pkg (common VVC procedures)

It is also possible to send a multicast to all instances of a VVC with ALL\_INSTANCES as parameter for vvc\_instance\_idx.

# VVC procedure details and examples

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| **Procedure** | **Description** |
| **spi\_master\_transmit\_and\_receive()** | **spi\_master\_transmit\_and\_receive (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, data, msg, [see options below])**  **Options**: action\_when\_transfer\_is\_done, action\_between\_words  The spi\_master\_transmit\_and\_receive() VVC procedure adds a transmit and receive command to the SPI VVC executor queue, that will run as soon as all preceding commands have completed. When the transmit and receive command is scheduled to run, the executor calls the SPI BFM spi\_master\_transmit\_and\_receive() procedure, described in the SPI BFM QuickRef. Note that action\_between\_words only apply for t\_slv\_array multi-word transfers.  There is one requirement for running the spi\_master\_transmit\_and\_receive() procedure:   * The VVC entity with instance index corresponding to the ‘vvc\_instance\_idx’ parameter must have the generic constant GC\_MASTER\_MODE set to TRUE.   Examples:  spi\_master\_transmit\_and\_receive (SPI\_VVCT, 1, x”0D”, “Transmitting carriage return to Peripheral 1 and receiving data from   Peripheral 1”);  spi\_master\_transmit\_and\_receive (SPI\_VVCT, 1, x”0D”, “Transmitting carriage return to Peripheral 1 and receiving data from   Peripheral 1”, RELEASE\_LINE\_AFTER\_TRANSFER, HOLD\_LINE\_BETWEEN\_WORDS) |
| **spi\_master\_transmit\_only()** | **spi\_master\_transmit\_only (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, data, msg, [see options below])**  **Options**: action\_when\_transfer\_is\_done, action\_between\_words  The spi\_master\_transmit\_only() VVC procedure adds a transmit command to the SPI VVC executor queue, that will run as soon as all preceding commands have completed. When the transmit command is scheduled to run, the executor calls the SPI BFM spi\_master\_transmit() procedure, described in the SPI BFM QuickRef.  The SPI BFM spi\_master\_transmit () procedure will ignore the received data from the slave DUT. Note that action\_between\_words only apply for t\_slv\_array multi-word transfers.    There is one requirement for running the spi\_master\_transmit\_only() procedure:   * The VVC entity with instance index corresponding to the ‘vvc\_instance\_idx’ parameter must have the generic constant GC\_MASTER\_MODE set to TRUE.   Examples:  spi\_master\_transmit\_only (SPI\_VVCT, 1, x”0D”, “Transmitting carriage return to Peripheral 1”);  spi\_master\_transmit\_only (SPI\_VVCT, 1, x”0D”, “Transmitting carriage return to Peripheral 1”,   RELEASE\_LINE\_AFTER\_TRANSFER, HOLD\_LINE\_BETWEEN\_WORDS); |
| **spi\_master\_receive\_only()** | **spi\_master\_receive\_only (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, data, msg, [see options below])**  **Options**: action\_when\_transfer\_is\_done  The spi\_master\_receive\_only() VVC procedure adds a receive command to the SPI VVC executor queue, that will run as soon as all preceding commands have completed. When the receive command is scheduled to run, the executor calls the SPI BFM spi\_master\_receive() procedure, described in the SPI BFM QuickRef.  The received data from DUT will not be returned in this procedure call since it is non-blocking for the sequencer/caller, but the received data will be stored in the VVC for a potential future fetch (see example with fetch\_result below). The SPI BFM spi\_master\_transmit() procedure will transmit dummy data (0x0) while receiving data from the slave DUT.  There is one requirement for running the spi\_master\_receive\_only() procedure:   * The VVC entity with instance index corresponding to the ‘vvc\_instance\_idx’ parameter must have the generic constant GC\_MASTER\_MODE set to TRUE.   Examples:  spi\_master\_receive\_only (SPI\_VVCT, 1, “Receiving from Peripheral 1”);  spi\_master\_receive\_only (SPI\_VVCT, 1, “Receiving from Peripheral 1”, RELEASE\_LINE\_AFTER\_TRANSFER);  Example with fetch\_result() call: - result is placed in **v\_data**  variable v\_cmd\_idx : natural; -- Command index for the last read  variable v\_data : std\_logic\_vector(31 downto 0); -- Result from read  (…)  spi\_master\_receive\_only(SPI\_VVCT, 1, “Receiving from Peripheral 1”);  v\_cmd\_idx := shared\_cmd\_idx;  await\_completion(SPI\_VVCT,1, v\_cmd\_idx, 1 us, "Wait for receive to finish");  fetch\_result(SPI\_VVCT,1, v\_cmd\_idx, **v\_data**, "Fetching result from receive operation"); |
| **spi\_master\_transmit\_and\_check()** | **spi\_master\_transmit\_and\_check (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, data, data\_exp, msg, [see options below])**  **Options**: alert\_level, action\_when\_transfer\_is\_done, action\_between\_words  The spi\_master\_transmit\_and\_check() VVC procedure adds a transmit and a check command to the SPI VVC executor queue, that will run as soon as all preceding commands have completed. When the transmit and the check command is scheduled to run, the executor calls the SPI BFM spi\_master\_transmit\_and\_check() procedure, described in the SPI BFM QuickRef. Note that action\_between\_words only apply to t\_slv\_array multi-word transfers and the default value of alert\_level is ERROR.  There is one requirement for running the spi\_master\_transmit\_and\_check() procedure:   * The VVC entity with instance index corresponding to the ‘vvc\_instance\_idx’ parameter must have the generic constant GC\_MASTER\_MODE set to TRUE.   Examples:  spi\_master\_transmit\_and\_check (SPI\_VVCT, 1, x”0D”, x”5F”, “Transmitting carriage return to Peripheral 1 and expecting data from   Peripheral 1”);  spi\_master\_transmit\_and\_check (SPI\_VVCT, 1, C\_CR\_BYTE, x”5F”, “Transmitting carriage return to Peripheral 1 and expecting data   from Peripheral 1”, ERROR, RELEASE\_LINE\_AFTER\_TRANSFER, HOLD\_LINE\_BETWEEN\_WORDS); |
| **spi\_master\_check\_only()** | **spi\_master\_check\_only (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, data, msg, [see options below])**  **Options**: alert\_level, action\_when\_transfer\_is\_done, action\_between\_words  The spi\_master\_check\_only() VVC procedure adds a check command to the SPI VVC executor queue, which will run as soon as all preceding commands have completed. When the check command is scheduled to run, the executor calls the SPI BFM spi\_master\_check() procedure, described in the SPI BFM QuickRef. The received data will not be stored by this procedure and the SPI BFM spi\_master\_check() procedure will transmit dummy data (0x0) while receiving data from the slave DUT.  Note that action\_between\_words only apply to t\_slv\_array multi-word transfers and the default value of alert\_level is ERROR.  There is one requirement for running the spi\_master\_check\_only() procedure:   * The VVC entity with instance index corresponding to the ‘vvc\_instance\_idx’ parameter must have the generic constant GC\_MASTER\_MODE set to TRUE.   Examples:  spi\_master\_check\_only (SPI\_VVCT, 1, x”0D”, “Expecting carriage return from Peripheral 1”);  spi\_master\_check\_only (SPI\_VVCT, 1, C\_CR\_BYTE, “Expecting carriage return from Peripheral 1”, ERROR,   RELEASE\_LINE\_AFTER\_TRANSFER, HOLD\_LINE\_BETWEEN\_WORDS); |
| **spi\_slave\_transmit\_and\_receive()** | **spi\_slave\_transmit\_and\_receive (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, data, msg, [see options below])**  **Options**: when\_to\_start\_transfer  The spi\_slave\_transmit\_and\_receive() VVC procedure adds a transmit and receive command to the SPI VVC executor queue, that will run as soon as all preceding commands have completed. When the transmit and receive command is scheduled to run, the executor calls the SPI BFM spi\_slave\_transmit\_and\_receive () procedure, described in the SPI BFM QuickRef.  There is one requirement for running the spi\_slave\_transmit\_and\_reveice () procedure:   * The VVC entity with instance index corresponding to the ‘vvc\_instance\_idx’ parameter must have the generic constant GC\_MASTER\_MODE set to FALSE.   Examples:  spi\_slave\_transmit\_and\_receive (SPI\_VVCT, 1, x”0D”, “Transmitting carriage return to Peripheral 1 and receiving data from   Peripheral 1”);  spi\_slave\_transmit\_and\_receive (SPI\_VVCT, 1, x”0D”, “Transmitting carriage return to Peripheral 1 and receiving data from   Peripheral 1”, START\_TRANSFER\_ON\_NEXT\_SS); |
| **spi\_slave\_transmit\_only()** | **spi\_slave\_transmit\_only (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, data, msg, [see options below])**    **Options**: when\_to\_start\_transfer  The spi\_slave\_transmit\_only() VVC procedure adds a transmit command to the SPI VVC executor queue, that will run as soon as all preceding commands have completed. When the transmit command is scheduled to run, the executor calls the SPI BFM spi\_slave\_transmit () procedure, described in the SPI BFM QuickRef. The SPI BFM spi\_slave\_transmit() procedure will ignore the data received from the master DUT.  There is one requirement for running the spi\_slave\_transmit () procedure:   * The VVC entity with instance index corresponding to the ‘vvc\_instance\_idx’ parameter must have the generic constant GC\_MASTER\_MODE set to FALSE.   Examples:  spi\_slave\_transmit\_only (SPI\_VVCT, 1, x”0D”, “Transmitting carriage return to Peripheral 1”);  spi\_slave\_transmit\_only (SPI\_VVCT, 1, x”0D”, “Transmitting carriage return to Peripheral 1”, START\_TRANSFER\_ON\_NEXT\_SS); |
| **spi\_slave\_receive\_only()** | **spi\_slave\_receive\_only (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, msg, [see options below])**  **Options**: when\_to\_start\_transfer  The spi\_slave\_receive\_only() VVC procedure adds a receive command to the SPI VVC executor queue, that will run as soon as all preceding commands have completed. When the receive command is scheduled to run, the executor calls the SPI BFM spi\_slave\_receive () procedure, described in the SPI BFM QuickRef.  The received data will not be returned in this procedure call since it is non-blocking for the sequencer/caller, but the received data will be stored in the VVC for a potential future fetch (see example with *fetch\_result* below). The SPI BFM spi\_slave\_receive() procedure will transmit dummy data (0x0) while receiving data from the master DUT.  There is one requirement for running the spi\_slave\_receive\_only() procedure:   * The VVC entity with instance index corresponding to the ‘vvc\_instance\_idx’ parameter must have the generic constant GC\_MASTER\_MODE set to FALSE.   Example:  spi\_slave\_receive\_only (SPI\_VVCT, 1, “Receiving from Peripheral 1”);  Examples with fetch\_result() call: - result is placed in **v\_data**  variable v\_cmd\_idx : natural; -- Command index for the last read  variable v\_data : std\_logic\_vector(31 downto 0); -- Result from read  (…)  spi\_slave\_receive\_only(SPI\_VVCT, 1, “Receiving from Peripheral 1”);  v\_cmd\_idx := shared\_cmd\_idx;  await\_completion(SPI\_VVCT,1, v\_cmd\_idx, 1 us, "Wait for receive to finish");  fetch\_result(SPI\_VVCT,1, v\_cmd\_idx, **v\_data**, "Fetching result from receive operation"); |
| **spi\_slave\_transmit\_and\_check()** | **spi\_slave\_transmit\_and\_check (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, data, data\_exp, msg, [see\_options\_below])**  **Options**: alert\_level, when\_to\_start\_transfer  The spi\_slave\_transmit\_and\_check() VVC procedure adds a transmit and a check command to the SPI VVC executor queue, that will run as soon as all preceding commands have completed. When the transmit and the check command is scheduled to run, the executor calls the SPI BFM spi\_slave\_transmit\_and\_check() procedure, described in the SPI BFM QuickRef. Note that the default value of alert\_level is ERROR.  There is one requirement for running the spi\_slave\_transmit\_and\_check() procedure:   * The VVC entity with instance index corresponding to the ‘vvc\_instance\_idx’ parameter must have the generic constant GC\_MASTER\_MODE set to FALSE.   Example:  spi\_slave\_transmit\_and\_check (SPI\_VVCT, 1, x”0D”, x”5F”, “Transmitting carriage return to Peripheral 1 and expecting data from   Peripheral 1”); |
| **spi\_slave\_check\_only()** | **spi\_slave\_check\_only (VVCT, vvc\_instance\_idx, data, msg, [see options below])**  **Options**: alert\_level, when\_to\_start\_transfer  The spi\_slave\_check\_only() VVC procedure adds a check command to the SPI VVC executor queue, which will run as soon as all preceding commands have completed. When the check command is scheduled to run, the executor calls the SPI BFM spi\_slave\_check() procedure, described in the SPI BFM QuickRef. The received data will not be stored by this procedure and the SPI BFM spi\_slave\_check() procedure will transmit dummy data (0x0) while receiving data from the master DUT.  There is one requirement for running the spi\_slave\_check\_only() procedure:   * The VVC entity with instance index corresponding to the ‘vvc\_instance\_idx’ parameter must have the generic constant GC\_MASTER\_MODE set to FALSE.   Examples.  spi\_slave\_check\_only(SPI\_VVCT, 1, x”0D”, “Expecting carriage return from Peripheral 1”);  spi\_slave\_check\_only(SPI\_VVCT, 1, C\_CR\_BYTE, “Expecting carriage return from Peripheral 1”, ERROR, START\_TRANSFER\_ON\_NEXT\_SS); |

# VVC Configuration

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| **Record element** | **Type** | **C\_SPI\_VVC\_CONFIG\_DEFAULT** | **Description** |
| inter\_bfm\_delay | t\_inter\_bfm\_delay | C\_SPI\_INTER\_BFM\_DELAY\_DEFAULT | Delay between any requested BFM accesses towards the DUT. - TIME\_START2START: Time from a BFM start to the next BFM start   (A TB\_WARNING will be issued if access takes longer than   TIME\_START2START).  - TIME\_FINISH2START: Time from a BFM end to the next BFM start. Any insert\_delay() command will add to the above minimum delays, giving for instance the ability to skew the BFM starting time. |
| cmd\_queue\_count\_max | natural | C\_MAX\_COMMAND\_QUEUE | Maximum pending number in command queue before queue is full. Adding additional commands will result in an ERROR. |
| cmd\_queue\_count\_threshold | natural | C\_CMD\_QUEUE\_COUNT\_THRESHOLD | An alert with severity “cmd\_queue\_count\_threshold\_severity” will be issued if command queue exceeds this count. Used for early warning if command queue is almost full. Will be ignored if set to 0. |
| cmd\_queue\_count\_threshold\_severity | t\_alert\_level | C\_CMD\_QUEUE\_COUNT\_THRESHOLD\_SEVERITY | Severity of alert to be triggered if command count exceeding cmd\_queue\_count\_threshold |
| result\_queue\_count\_max | natural | C\_RESULT\_QUEUE\_COUNT\_MAX | Maximum number of unfetched results before result\_queue is full. | |
| result\_queue\_count\_threshold | natural | C\_RESULT\_QUEUE\_COUNT\_THRESHOLD | An alert with severity 'result\_queue\_count\_threshold\_severity' will be issued if command queue exceeds this count. Used for early warning if result queue is almost full. Will be ignored if set to 0. | |
| result\_queue\_count\_threshold\_severity | t\_alert\_level | C\_ RESULT\_QUEUE\_COUNT\_THRESHOLD\_SEVERITY | Severity of alert to be initiated if exceeding result\_queue\_count\_threshold | |
| bfm\_config | t\_spi\_bfm\_config | C\_SPI\_BFM\_CONFIG\_DEFAULT | Configuration for SPI BFM. See QuickRef for SPI BFM |
| msg\_id\_panel | t\_msg\_id\_panel | C\_VVC\_MSG\_ID\_PANEL\_DEFAULT | VVC dedicated message ID panel |

The configuration record can be accessed from the Central Testbench Sequencer through the shared variable array, e.g.:

shared\_spi\_vvc\_config(C\_VVC\_IDX\_MASTER\_1).inter\_bfm\_delay.delay\_in\_time := 10 ms;

shared\_spi\_vvc\_config(C\_VVC\_IDX\_SLAVE\_1).bfm\_config.CPOL := ‘1’;

# VVC Status

The current status of the VVC can be retrieved during simulation. This is done by reading from the shared variable shared\_spi\_vvc\_status record from the test sequencer. The record contains status for both channels, specified with the channel axis of the shared\_spi\_vvc\_status array.The record contents can be seen below:

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| **Record element** | **Type** | **Description** |
| current\_cmd\_idx | natural | Command index currently running |
| previous\_cmd\_idx | natural | Previous command index to run |
| pending\_cmd\_cnt | natural | Pending number of commands in the command queue |

# Activity Watchdog

The VVCs support a centralized VVC activity register which the activity watchdog uses to monitor the VVC activities. The VVCs will register their presence to the VVC activity register at start-up, and report when ACTIVE and INACTIVE, using dedicated VVC activity register methods, and trigger the global\_trigger\_vvc\_activity\_register signal during simulations. The activity watchdog is continuously monitoring the VVC activity register for VVC inactivity and raises an alert if no VVC activity is registered within the specified timeout period.

Include activity\_watchdog(num\_exp\_vvc, timeout, [alert\_level, [msg]]) in the testbench to start using the activity watchdog.   
Note that setting the exact number of expected VVCs in the VVC activity register can be omitted by setting num\_exp\_vvc = 0.

More information can be found in UVVM Essential Mechanisms PDF in the UVVM VVC Framework doc folder.

# Additional Documentation

Additional documentation about UVVM and its features can be found under “/uvvm\_vvc\_framework/doc/”.

For additional documentation on the SPI protocol, please see the SPI specification, e.g. “ST TN0897 Technical note ST SPI protocol. ID 023176 Rev 2”.

# Compilation

The SPI VVC must be compiled with VHDL 2008.   
It is dependent on the following libraries

* ***UVVM Utility Library (UVVM-Util), version 2.2.0 and up***
* ***UVVM VVC Framework, version 2.1.0 and up***
* ***SPI BFM***

Before compiling the SPI VVC, make sure that uvvm\_vvc\_framework and uvvm\_util have been compiled.

**Compile order for the SPI VVC:**

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| **Compile to library** | **File** | **Comment** |
| bitvis\_vip\_spi | spi\_bfm\_pkg.vhd | SPI BFM |
| bitvis\_vip\_spi | vvc\_cmd\_pkg.vhd | SPI VVC command types and operations |
| bitvis\_vip\_spi | ../uvvm\_vvc\_framework/src\_target\_dependent/td\_target\_support\_pkg.vhd | UVVM VVC target support package, compiled into the SPI VVC library. |
| bitvis\_vip\_spi | ../uvvm\_vvc\_framework/src\_target\_dependent/td\_vvc\_framework\_common\_methods\_pkg.vhd | UVVM framework common methods compiled into the SPI VVC library |
| bitvis\_vip\_spi | vvc\_methods\_pkg.vhd | SPI VVC methods |
| bitvis\_vip\_spi | ../uvvm\_vvc\_framework/src\_target\_dependent/td\_queue\_pkg.vhd | UVVM queue package for the VVC |
| bitvis\_vip\_spi | ../uvvm\_vvc\_framework/src\_target\_dependent/td\_vvc\_entity\_support\_pkg.vhd | UVVM VVC entity methods compiled into the SPI VVC library |
| bitvis\_vip\_spi | spi\_vvc.vhd | SPI VVC |

# Simulator compatibility and setup

See README.md for a list of supported simulators.

For required simulator setup see ***UVVM-Util*** Quick reference.

IMPORTANT   
This is a simplified Verification IP (VIP) for SPI.  
The given VIP complies with the basic SPI protocol and thus allows a normal access towards a SPI interface. This VIP is not a SPI protocol checker.   
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