

GCD: VLSI's Hello World

CS250 Laboratory 1 (Version 091111)

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Overview

For this assignment, you will become familiar with the VLSI tools you will use throughout this semester, learn how a design “flows” through the toolflow, and practice Chisel coding. Specifically, you will write an RTL model of a greatest common divisor (GCD) circuit, synthesize and place and route the design, simulate at every stage, and analyze power.

Deliverables

This lab is due **Monday, September 19th at 1pm**. Deliverables for this lab are:

- (a) your working Chisel RTL checked into a control system called Git
- (b) build results and reports generated by VCS, DC Compiler, Formality, IC Compiler, PrimeTime PX checked into Git
- (c) written answers to the questions given at the end of this document checked into git as `writeup/report.pdf` or `writeup/report.txt`

You are encouraged to discuss your design with others in the class, but you must turn in your own work.

VLSI Toolflow Introduction

Figure 1 shows the toolflow you will be using for the first lab. You will use Synopsys VCS (`vcs`) to *simulate* and *debug* your RTL design. After you get your design right, you will use Synopsys Design Compiler (`dc_shell-xg-t`) to *synthesize* the design. Synthesis is the process of transforming an RTL model into a gate-level netlist. You will use Synopsys Formality (`fml_shell`) to *formally verify* that the RTL model and the gate-level model *match*. VCS is used again to simulate the synthesized gate-level netlist. After obtaining a working gate-level netlist, you will use Synopsys IC Compiler (`icc_shell`) to *place and route* the design. Placement is the process by which each standard cell is positioned on the chip, while routing involves wiring the cells together using various metal layers. The tools will provide feedback on the performance and area of your design after both synthesis and place and route. The results from place and route are more realistic but require much more time to generate. After place and route, you will generate and simulate the final gate-level netlist using VCS. Finally you will use this gate-level simulation as a final test for correctness and to generate transition counts for every net in the design. Synopsys PrimeTime PX (`pt_shell`) takes these transition counts as input and correlate them with the capacitance values in the final layout to produce estimated power measurements. The diagram below shows how every tools works together.

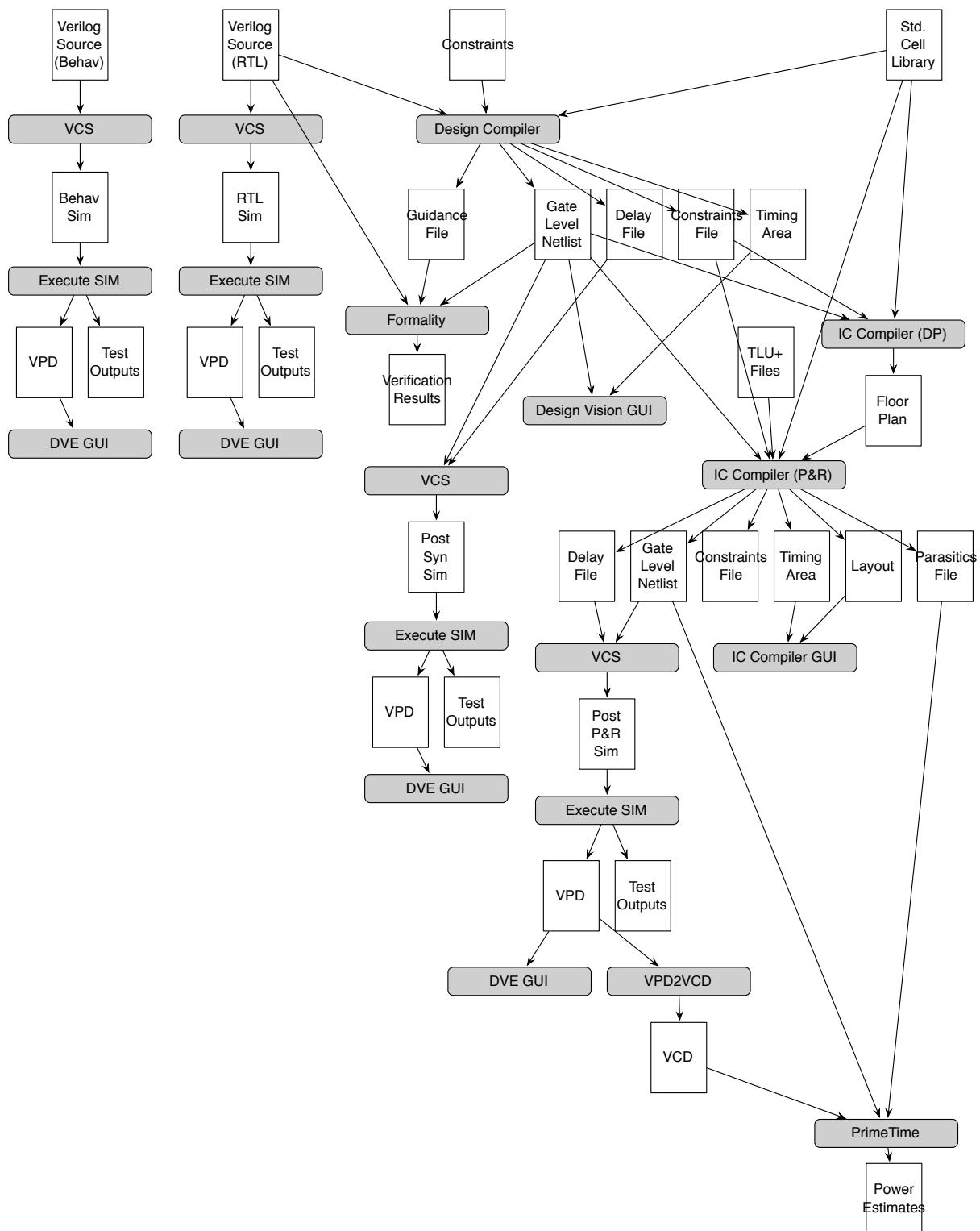


Figure 1: CS250 Toolflow for Lab 1

Prerequisites

As you can easily tell from the diagram, many different tools are needed to take even a simple design from RTL all the way to transistor-level implementation. Each tool is immensely complicated, and many engineers in industry specialize in only one. In order to produce a VLSI design in a single semester we will need to understand a little about every one.

Each tool has a GUI interface. However, most inputs that the tools need are the same for every design iteration and become repetitive to type, so .tcl scripts provide all of the inputs needed. When you use the GUI, in the terminal window you will see the textual equivalent of each click, and these commands can be added to scripts. To keep files organized, each piece of the toolflow has its own build directory and its own Makefile. The Makefile initializes the program and points at the setup scripts. A top-level Makefile runs each program in succession so that ideally, a single command will push an RTL design all of the way through the flow without any repetitive intervention. This will also allow for easy design space exploration (eg. tweak a variable and see how energy, area, and performance change).

Tutorials have been written to provide more in-depth information than this lab. It is highly recommended that you skim these tutorials before beginning the lab, revisit the tutorials in more depth after you have completed that lab, and revisit them again later in the quarter once the process begins to make more sense. These tutorials work best as companions to the labs.

- *Tutorial 1: Using Git to Manage Source RTL*
- *Tutorial 2: Bits and Pieces of CS250's Toolflow*
- *Tutorial 4: Simulating Verilog RTL using Synopsys VCS*
- *Tutorial 5: RTL-to-Gates Synthesis using Synopsys Design Compiler*
- *Tutorial 6: Automatic Placement and Routing using Synopsys IC Compiler*
- *Tutorial 7: Power Analysis using Synopsys PrimeTime PX*

Getting Started

You can follow along through the lab yourself by typing in the commands marked with a '%' symbol at the shell prompt. To cut and paste commands from this lab into your bash shell (and make sure bash ignores the '%' character) just use an alias to "undefine" the '%' character like this:

```
% alias %= ""
```

Note: OS X Preview will not copy newlines correctly, so use Adobe Reader.

All of the CS250 laboratory assignments should be completed on an EECS Instructional machine. Please see the course website and follow all of the instructions for setting up your computing resources. Remember, you will need to source a setup script in order for these instructions to work. This bash script contains the location of each tool's binary, and also sets up important environment variables. Please follow the setup instructions on the course website before attempting this lab.

You will be using Git to manage your CS250 laboratory assignments. Please see *Tutorial 1: Using Git to Manage Source RTL* for more information on how to use Git. Every student has their own directory in the repository which is not accessible to other students. The remote repository is hosted on github.com. In order for these instructions to work, you must have told your GSI what your github.com username is.

We have a *template* repository which contains all of the files that we provide for your lab. You will clone this template repository, then change your remote repository to be your private repository. Therefore you will end up with a local repository that is linked to two different remote repositories (one which is the staff's account and is read only and the other which is owned by you and is writable). If any fixes are made to the *template* repository, you should be able to easily merge these changes in.

As these tools generate enormous amounts of data and home directories have too low of a disk quota, we will need to use the local disk of your assigned machine. By default, the local directory on `scratch/` will be readable by you only, and git will provide backup functionality. Assuming your username is `yunsup` (change this to your own username), you can create your personal git directory using the following command.

```
% cd /scratch/
% mkdir yunsup
% cd yunsup
% git init
% git remote add template git@github.com:ucberkeley-cs250/lab-templates.git
% git remote add origin git@github.com:ucberkeley-cs250/yunsup.git
```

To begin the lab you will need to make use of a provided lab harness. This lab harness provides makefiles, scripts, and the Verilog test harness required to complete the lab. The following commands grab these files from the *template* repository, then push them to your private repository. To simplify the rest of the lab we will also define a '\$LABROOT' environment variable which contains the absolute path to the project's top-level root directory.

```
% cd /scratch/yunsup
% git pull template master
```

```
% git push origin master
% cd lab1-verilog
% LABROOT=$PWD
```

So the two remote repositories are named *template* and *origin*. *origin* is your private account and *template* is the read-only staff account. If the provided lab files are every fixed or updated, a simple `git pull template master` will merge in these changes with your own files.

Please run a git push as often as you can. `scratch/` is only intended as temporary storage and can be deleted at any time.

Note: `scratch/` is a local drive, so if you every need to do work on another machine, you will need to push and pull changes to github. Use the instructions below to move between machines (assuming everything has already been committed). This will not move your build directories (you will need to rerun synthesis or place-and-route) so try not to move unless you have to.

```
(on machine A)
% git push origin master
(on machine B)
% git pull origin master
```

The resulting `$LABROOT` directory contains the following primary subdirectories: `src` contains your source Verilog; `build` contains automated makefiles and scripts for building your design; and `build-unscripted` is the directory to tryout the VLSI tools manually. The `src` directory contains the Verilog test harness and other Verilog modules you will need in this lab assignment. Please read through these files and figure out what they do. We have supplied the Verilog solution for you. Figure 2 shows each directory that you have been given and includes comments about what they do.

lab1-verilog/

- `build/` VLSI toolflow for src/
 - Makefile** Controls all pieces of toolflow. Eg. "make dc-syn" will synthesize
 - vcs-sim-rtl/** Simulate RTL in generated-src/
 - dc-syn/** Synthesize RTL in generated-src/
 - vcs-sim-gl-syn/** Simulate synthesized netlist in dc-syn/current-dc
 - icc-par/** Place and route synthesized netlist from dc-syn/current-dc
 - vcs-sim-gl-par/** Simulate place and routed netlist in icc-par/current-icc
 - pt-pwr/** Power analysis of design in icc-par/current-icc
- build-unscripted/** Non-automated version of VLSI toolflow
- src/** Verilog code

Figure 2: Directory organization for lab1-verilog/

There are two Verilog designs, a “behavioral” and an “RTL” version. The behavioral design can be thought of something like C code. It purely describes the behavior of a program, and is not meant to be turned into actual gates. Testbenches are typically written in a behavioral style. The other design is an actual RTL design. This is meant to be turned into gates and later, actual layout for silicon.

Behavioral:

- `src/gcdGCDUnit_behav.v` - Behavioral implementation of gcdGCDUnit
- `src/gcdTestHarness_behav.v` - Test harness for the behavioral model

RTL:

- `src/gcdGCDUnit_rtl.v` - RTL implementation of gcdGCDUnit
- `src/gcdGCDUnitCtrl.v` - Control part of the RTL implementation
- `src/gcdGCDUnitDpath.v` - Datapath part of the RTL implementation
- `src/gcdTestHarness_rtl.v` - Test harness for the RTL model

The block diagram is shown in Figure 3. Your module is named `gcdGCDUnit` and has the interface shown in Figure 4. We have provided you with a test harness that will drive the inputs and check the outputs of your design.

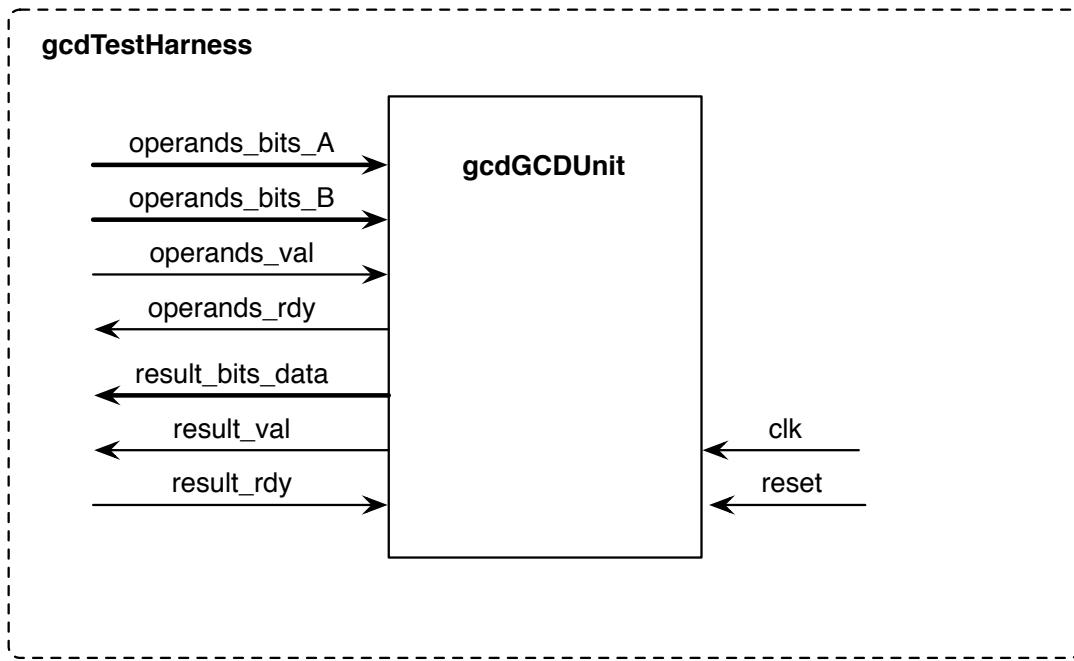


Figure 3: Block diagram for GCD Test Harness

```

module gcdGCDUnit#( parameter W = 16 )
(
    input clk, reset,
    input [W-1:0] operands_bits_A, // Operand A
    input [W-1:0] operands_bits_B, // Operand B
    input operands_val, // Are operands valid?
    output operands_rdy, // ready to take operands

    output [W-1:0] result_bits_data, // GCD
    output result_val, // Is the result valid?
    input result_rdy // ready to take the result
);

```

Figure 4: Interface for the GCD module

The **build** and **build-unscripted** directory contains the following subdirectories which you will use when building your chip. The order in which they are listed is also the order in which they should be used in the flow.

- **vcs-sim-behav** - Behavioral simulation using Synopsys VCS
- **vcs-sim-rtl** - RTL simulation using Synopsys VCS
- **dc-syn** - Synthesis using Synopsys Design Compiler
- **vcs-sim-gl-syn** - Post synthesis gate-level simulation using Synopsys VCS
- **icc-par** - Automatic placement and routing using Synopsys IC Compiler
- **vcs-sim-gl-par** - Post place and route gate-level simulation using Synopsys VCS
- **pt-pwr** - Power analysis using Synopsys PrimeTime PX

Each subdirectory includes its own makefile and additional script files. So for example, to synthesize with Design Compiler (DC):

```
% cd $LABROOT/build
% cd dc-syn
% make
```

Note: you must follow the ordering given in the list above.

Once you have all the tools working you can use the toplevel makefile in the **build** directory to run multiple tools at once. For example, once all the scripts are properly setup you should be able to use the following command to synthesize, floorplan, and place and route your design. You give the command for the furthest step in the flow you would like to go to, and the Makefile's dependencies ensures that every step before this step is completed first.

```
% cd $LABROOT/build
% make icc-par
```

Pushing the design through all the VLSI Tools

You will begin by running several commands manually before learning how you can automate the tools with scripts. You will try out the manual build in the `build-unscripted` directory, and the automated build using makefiles and scripts in the `build` directory.

Synopsys VCS: Simulating your Verilog

VCS compiles source Verilog into a cycle-accurate executable. VCS can compile both Verilog expressed in behavioral models and RTL models. In behavioral models, logic is expressed as higher level behaviors. In RTL models, logic is expressed at register level. Verilog written in behavioral models might not be synthesizable. However, behavioral models can be useful when expressing its functionality, or when expressing a block that you are not interested in synthesizing. The test harness itself is a good example which is written in behavioral Verilog. You will start with simulating the GCD module written in behavioral model.

```
% cd $LABROOT/build-unscripted/vcs-sim-behav
% vcs -full64 -PP +lint=all +v2k -timescale=1ns/10ps \
  ../../src/gcdGCDUnit_behav.v \
  ../../src/gcdTestHarness_behav.v
```

By default, VCS generates a simulator named `simv`. The `-PP` command line argument turns on support for using the VPD trace output format. The `+lint=all` argument turns on Verilog warnings. Since it is relatively easy to write legal Verilog code which is probably functionally incorrect, you will always want to use this argument. For example, VCS will warn you if you connect nets with different bitwidths or forget to wire up a port. Always try to eliminate all VCS compilation errors *and* warnings. Since you will be making use of various Verilog-2001 language features, you need to set the `+v2k` command line option so that VCS will correctly handle these new constructs. Verilog allows a designer to specify how the abstract delay units in their design map into real time units using the `'timescale` compiler directive. To make it easy to change this parameter you will specify it on the command line instead of in the Verilog source. After these arguments you list the Verilog source files. You use the `-v` flag to indicate which Verilog files are part of a library (and thus should only be compiled if needed) and which files are part of the actual design (and thus should always be compiled). After running this command, you should see text output indicating that VCS is parsing the Verilog files and compiling the modules. Notice that VCS actually generates ANSI C code which is then compiled using `gcc`. When VCS is finished you should see a `simv` executable in the build directory. Now run the simulator.

```
% ./simv
...
Entering Test Suite: exGCD_behav
[ passed ] Test ( gcd(27,15) ) succeeded, [ 0003 == 00000003 ]
[ passed ] Test ( gcd(21,49) ) succeeded, [ 0007 == 00000007 ]
[ passed ] Test ( gcd(25,30) ) succeeded, [ 0005 == 00000005 ]
[ passed ] Test ( gcd(19,27) ) succeeded, [ 0001 == 00000001 ]
[ passed ] Test ( gcd(40,40) ) succeeded, [ 0028 == 00000028 ]
[ passed ] Test ( gcd(250,190) ) succeeded, [ 000a == 0000000a ]
[ passed ] Test ( gcd(0,0) ) succeeded, [ 0000 == 00000000 ]
...
```

Typing in all the Verilog source files on the command line can be very tedious, so you will use makefiles to help automate the process of building our simulators.

```
% cd $LABROOT/build/vcs-sim-behav
% cat Makefile
...
vsrccs = \
    $(srcdir)/gcdGCDUnit_behav.v \
    $(srcdir)/gcdTestHarness_behav.v \
...
% make
% make run
```

You can leverage the same makefile to build the simulator for the Verilog written in RTL model.

```
% cd $LABROOT/build/vcs-sim-rtl
% cat Makefile
...
vsrccs = \
    $(srcdir)/gcdGCDUnitCtrl.v \
    $(srcdir)/gcdGCDUnitDpath.v \
    $(srcdir)/gcdGCDUnit_rtl.v \
    $(srcdir)/gcdTestHarness_rtl.v \
...
% make
% make run
./simv +verbose=1
...
+ Running Test Case: gcdGCDUnit_rtl
[ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 0003 == 0003 ]
[ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 0007 == 0007 ]
[ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 0005 == 0005 ]
[ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 0001 == 0001 ]
[ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 0028 == 0028 ]
[ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 000a == 000a ]
[ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 0005 == 0005 ]
[ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 0000 == 0000 ]
[ passed ] Test ( Is sink finished? ) succeeded
...

```

Where should you start if all of your tests didn't pass? The answer is debug your RTL using Discovery Visualization Environment (DVE) GUI looking at the trace outputs. The simulator already logged the activity for every net to the `vcplus.vpd` file. DVE can read the `vcplus.vpd` file and visualize the wave form.

```
% ls
csrc Makefile simv simv.daidir timestamp vcdplus.vpd
% dve -vpd vcdplus.vpd &
```

To add signals to the waveform window (see Figure 5) you can select them in the hierarchy window and then right click to choose *Add To Waves > New Wave View*.

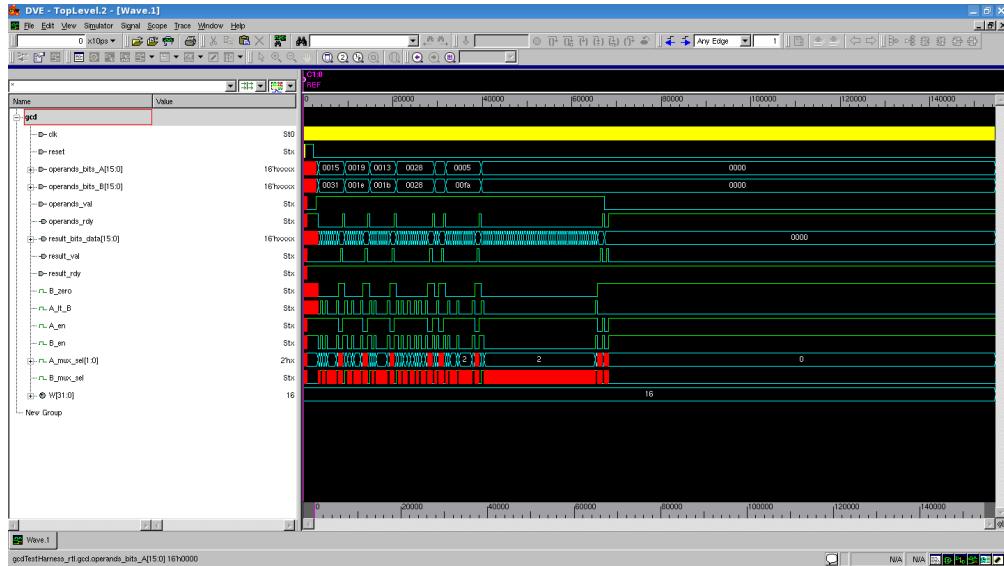


Figure 5: DVE Waveform Window

Synopsys Design Compiler: RTL to Gate-Level Netlist

Design Compiler performs hardware synthesis. A synthesis tool takes an RTL hardware description and a standard cell library as input and produces a gate-level netlist as an output. The resulting gate-level netlist is a completely structural description with only standard cells at the leaves of the design. To cut and past commands from this lab into your Design Compiler shell and make sure Design Compiler ignores the `dc_shell-topo>` string, we will use an alias to "undefine" the `dc_shell-topo>` string.

```
% cd $LABROOT/build-unscripted/dc-syn
% dc_shell-xg-t -64bit -topographical_mode
...
Initializing...
alias "dc_shell-topo>" ""
```

You will now execute some commands to setup your environment.

```
dc_shell-topo> set ucb_vlsi_home [getenv UCB_VLSI_HOME]
dc_shell-topo> set stdcells_home \
    $ucb_vlsi_home/stdcells/synopsys-90nm/default
dc_shell-topo> set_app_var search_path \
    "$stdcells_home/db $ucb_vlsi_home/install/vclib ../../src"
dc_shell-topo> set_app_var target_library "cells.db"
dc_shell-topo> set_app_var synthetic_library "dw_foundation.sldb"
dc_shell-topo> set_app_var link_library "* $target_library $synthetic_library"
dc_shell-topo> set_app_var alib_library_analysis_path "$stdcells_home/alib"
dc_shell-topo> set_app_var mw_logic1_net "VDD"
dc_shell-topo> set_app_var mw_logic0_net "VSS"
dc_shell-topo> create_mw_lib -technology $stdcells_home/techfile/techfile.tf \
```

```

-mw_reference_library $stdcells_home/mw/cells.mw "gcdGCDUnit_rtl_LIB"
dc_shell-topo> open_mw_lib "gcdGCDUnit_rtl_LIB"
dc_shell-topo> check_library
dc_shell-topo> set_tlu_plus_file \
    -max_tluplus $stdcells_home/tluplus/max.tluplus \
    -min_tluplus $stdcells_home/tluplus/min.tluplus \
    -tech2itf_map $stdcells_home/techfile/tech2itf.map
dc_shell-topo> check_tlu_plus_files
dc_shell-topo> define_design_lib WORK -path "./work"
dc_shell-topo> set_svf "gcdGCDUnit_rtl.svf"

```

These commands point to your Verilog source directory, create a Synopsys work directory, and point to the standard libraries you will be using for the class. The `set_svf` command is used to set up a guidance file which is used by Synopsys Formality. Now you can load your Verilog design in to Design Compiler with the `analyze`, `elaborate`, `link`, and `check_design` commands.

```

dc_shell-topo> analyze -format verilog \
    "gcdGCDUnitCtrl.v gcdGCDUnitDpath.v gcdGCDUnit_rtl.v"
dc_shell-topo> elaborate "gcdGCDUnit_rtl"
dc_shell-topo> link
dc_shell-topo> check_design

```

Before you can synthesize your design, you must specify some constraints; most importantly you must tell the tool your target clock period. The following command tells the tool that the pin named `clk` is the clock and that your desired clock period is 1 nanoseconds.

```
dc_shell-topo> create_clock clk -name ideal_clock1 -period 1
```

Now you are ready to use the `compile_ultra` command to actually synthesize your design into a gate-level netlist. `-no_autoungroup` is specified in order to preserve the hierarchy during synthesis.

```

dc_shell-topo> compile_ultra -gate_clock -no_autoungroup
...
Beginning Delay Optimization
-----
0:00:04 3113.2 0.02 0.1 0.0
0:00:04 3142.7 0.00 0.0 0.0
0:00:04 3142.7 0.00 0.0 0.0
0:00:04 3222.8 0.00 0.0 0.0
0:00:04 3222.8 0.00 0.0 0.0
0:00:04 3222.8 0.00 0.0 0.0
0:00:04 3222.8 0.00 0.0 0.0
0:00:04 3222.8 0.00 0.0 0.0
0:00:04 3222.8 0.00 0.0 0.0
0:00:04 3222.8 0.00 0.0 0.0
0:00:04 3222.8 0.00 0.0 0.0
...

```

The `compile_ultra` command will report how the design is being optimized. You should see Design Compiler performing technology mapping, delay optimization, and area reduction. The fragment

from the `compile_ultra` shows the worst negative slack which indicates how much room there is between the critical path in your design and the clock constraint. Larger negative slack values are worse since this means that your design is missing the desired clock frequency by a great amount. Total negative slack is the sum of all negative slack across all endpoints in the design.

Now you can stop writing the guidance information for formal verification and write the synthesized gate-level netlist and generated constraints as well.

```
dc_shell-topo> set_svf -off
dc_shell-topo> change_names -rules verilog -hierarchy
dc_shell-topo> write -format ddc -hierarchy -output gcdGCDUnit_rtl.mapped.ddc
dc_shell-topo> write -f verilog -hierarchy -output gcdGCDUnit_rtl.mapped.v
dc_shell-topo> write_sdf gcdGCDUnit_rtl.mapped.sdf
dc_shell-topo> write_sdc -nosplit gcdGCDUnit_rtl.mapped.sdc
dc_shell-topo> write_milkyway -overwrite -output "gcdGCDUnit_rtl_DCT"
dc_shell-topo> source ./find_regs.tcl
dc_shell-topo> find_regs gcdTestHarness_rtl/gcd
```

Take a look at various reports on synthesis results.

Point	Fanout	Trans	Incr	Path
clock ideal_clock1 (rise edge)		0.00	0.00	
clock network delay (ideal)		0.00	0.00	
dpath/A_reg_reg_1_/CLK (DFFX1)	0.00	0.00	0.00	r
dpath/A_reg_reg_1_/Q (DFFX1)		0.05	0.19	0.19 f
dpath/out[1] (net)	5		0.00	0.19 f
dpath/U94/QN (NAND2X1)		0.05	0.03	0.22 r
dpath/n21 (net)	1		0.00	0.22 r
...				
dpath/U60/QN (NAND2X1)		0.06	0.04	0.53 f
dpath/n97 (net)	1		0.00	0.53 f
dpath/U62/ZN (INVX2)		0.04	0.03	0.56 r
dpath/is_A_lt_B (net)	3		0.00	0.56 r
dpath/is_A_lt_B (gcdGCDUnitDpath_W16)			0.00	0.56 r
is_A_lt_B (net)			0.00	0.56 r
ctrl/is_A_lt_B (gcdGCDUnitCtrl)			0.00	0.56 r
ctrl/is_A_lt_B (net)			0.00	0.56 r
ctrl/U6/ZN (INVX2)		0.03	0.02	0.59 f
ctrl/n1 (net)	1		0.00	0.59 f
...				
ctrl/U5/QN (NAND2X1)		0.05	0.02	0.78 r
ctrl/en_A (net)	1		0.00	0.78 r
ctrl/en_A (gcdGCDUnitCtrl)			0.00	0.78 r
en_A (net)			0.00	0.78 r
dpath/en_A (gcdGCDUnitDpath_W16)			0.00	0.78 r
dpath/en_A (net)			0.00	0.78 r

```

dpath/clk_gate_A_reg_reg/EN (SNPS_CLOCK_GATE_HIGH..)          0.00  0.78 r
dpath/clk_gate_A_reg_reg/EN (net)                            0.00  0.78 r
dpath/clk_gate_A_reg_reg/latch/D (LATCHX1)                  0.05  0.00  0.78 r
data arrival time                                         0.78

clock ideal_clock1' (rise edge)                           0.50  0.50
clock network delay (ideal)                            0.00  0.50
dpath/clk_gate_A_reg_reg/latch/CLK (LATCHX1)            0.00  0.50 r
time borrowed from endpoint                         0.28  0.78
data required time                                     0.78
-----
data required time                                     0.78
data arrival time                                     0.78
-----
slack (MET)                                           0.00
...

```

This report lists the *critical path* of the design. The critical path is the slowest logic between any two registers and is therefore the limiting factor preventing you from decreasing the clock period constraint. You can see that the critical path starts at bit 1 of the operand A register in the datapath; goes through the comparator; to the control logic; and finally ends at the clock gate latch controlling the operand A register in the datapath. The critical path takes a total of 0.78ns which is less than the 1ns clock period constraint.

```

dc_shell-topo> report_area -nosplit -hierarchy
...


| Hierarchical cell        | Global cell area |               | Local cell area |                   |             |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|
|                          | Absolute Total   | Percent Total | Combi-national  | Noncombi-national | Black boxes |
| gcdGCDUnit_rtl           | 2869.8560        | 100.0         | 0.0000          | 0.0000            | 0.0000      |
| ctrl                     | 193.5360         | 6.7           | 143.7696        | 49.7664           | 0.0000      |
| dpath                    | 2676.3206        | 93.3          | 1810.0188       | 796.2622          | 0.0000      |
| dpath/clk_gate_A_reg_reg | 35.0208          | 1.2           | 12.9024         | 22.1184           | 0.0000      |
| dpath/clk_gate_B_reg_reg | 35.0208          | 1.2           | 12.9024         | 22.1184           | 0.0000      |
| Total                    |                  |               | 1979.5931       | 890.2654          | 0.0000      |
| ...                      |                  |               |                 |                   |             |


```

This report tells you the post synthesis area results. The units are um^2 . You can see that the datapath consumes 93.3% of the total chip area.

```

dc_shell-topo> report_power -nosplit -hier
...


| Hierarchy | Switch Power | Int Power | Leak Power | Total Power | % |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|------------|-------------|---|
|           |              |           |            |             |   |


```

```

gcdGCDUnit_rtl          380.908  689.568 1.39e+07 1.08e+03 100.0
  dpath (gcdGCDUnitDpath_W16) 361.460  673.192 1.30e+07 1.05e+03 96.6
  ctrl (gcdGCDUnitCtrl)      19.448   16.376 8.80e+05 36.704   3.4
...

```

This report tells you about post synthesis power results. The dynamic power units are uW while the leakage power units are pW .

```

dc_shell-topo> report_reference -nosplit -hierarchy
...
*****
Design: gcdGCDUnitDpath_W16
*****
Reference           Library       Unit Area   Count    Total Area   Attributes
-----
AND2X1             saed90nm_typ  7.372800   1       7.372800
AO21X1             saed90nm_typ  10.137600   1      10.137600
AO222X1            saed90nm_typ  14.745600  13     191.692797
AOI21X1             saed90nm_typ  11.980800   4      47.923199
AOI22X1             saed90nm_typ  12.902400   3      38.707200
DFFX1              saed90nm_typ  24.883200  32     796.262390 n
INVX0              saed90nm_typ  5.529600   28     154.828804
INVX2              saed90nm_typ  6.451200   1       6.451200
MUX21X1            saed90nm_typ  11.059200  16     176.947205
NAND2X0            saed90nm_typ  5.529600   7       38.707201
NAND2X1            saed90nm_typ  5.529600  67     370.483210
NAND3X0            saed90nm_typ  7.372800   2       14.745600
NAND4X0            saed90nm_typ  8.294400   3       24.883201
NOR2X0             saed90nm_typ  5.529600  31     171.417604
NOR2X2             saed90nm_typ  9.216000   4       36.863998
NOR3X0             saed90nm_typ  8.294400   2       16.588800
NOR4X0             saed90nm_typ  9.216000   5       46.079998
OA22X1             saed90nm_typ  11.059200  5       55.296001
OAI21X1            saed90nm_typ  11.059200  13     143.769604
OR2X1              saed90nm_typ  7.372800   3       22.118400
SNPS_CLOCK_GATE..  35.020801   1       35.020801 h, n
SNPS_CLOCK_GATE..  35.020801   1       35.020801 h, n
XNOR2X1            saed90nm_typ  13.824000   8       110.592003
XOR2X1             saed90nm_typ  13.824000   9       124.416003
...
Total 24 references                                2676.326418
...
```

This report lists the standard cells used in each module. The gcdGCDUnitDpath module is made out of 32 DFFX1 cells, 67 NAND2X1 cells, etc. You can also see how much area it is consuming.

```

dc_shell-topo> report_resources -nosplit -hierarchy
...
Resource Report for this hierarchy in file ../../src/gcdGCDUnitDpath.v

```

Cell	Module	Parameters	Contained Operations
sub_x_28_1	DW01_sub	width=16	sub_28
lt_x_46_1	DW_cmp	width=16	lt_46

Implementation Report

		Current	Set
Cell	Module	Implementation	Implementation
sub_x_28_1	DW01_sub	pparch (area,speed)	
lt_x_46_1	DW_cmp	apparch (area)	

...

Synopsys provides a library of commonly used arithmetic components as highly optimized building blocks. This library is called Design Ware and Design Compiler will automatically use Design Ware components when it can. This report can help you determine when Design Compiler is using Design Ware components. The DW01_sub in the module name indicates that this is a Design Ware subtractor. This report also gives you what type of architecture it used.

You can use makefiles and scripts to help automate the process of synthesizing your design.

```
% cd $LABROOT/build/dc-syn
% cat Makefile
...
vsrccs = \
    $(srcdir)/gcdGCDUnitCtrl.v \
    $(srcdir)/gcdGCDUnitDpath.v \
    $(srcdir)/gcdGCDUnit_rtl.v \
...
% make
```

Go ahead and take a look what the automated build system produced.

```
% cd $LABROOT/build/dc-syn
% ls -l
-rw-r--r-- 1 yunsup grad 4555 Aug 29 22:15 Makefile
drwxr-xr-x 7 yunsup grad 4096 Aug 29 22:15 build-dc-2010-08-29_22-15
-rw-r--r-- 1 yunsup grad 1108 Aug 28 12:06 constraints.tcl
lrwxrwxrwx 1 yunsup grad   25 Aug 29 22:15 current-dc -> build-dc-2010-08-29_22-15
drwxr-xr-x 2 yunsup grad 4096 Aug 29 21:39 rm_dc_scripts
drwxr-xr-x 2 yunsup grad 4096 Aug 28 12:00 rm_notes
drwxr-xr-x 2 yunsup grad 4096 Aug 29 21:50 rm_setup
% cd current-dc
% ls -l
drwxr-xr-x 2 yunsup grad   4096 Aug 29 22:15 WORK
```

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 yunsup grad      47 Aug 29 22:15 access.tab
-rw-r--r-- 1 yunsup grad 235827 Aug 29 22:15 command.log
-rw-r--r-- 1 yunsup grad   5141 Aug 29 22:15 common_setup.tcl
-rw-r--r-- 1 yunsup grad   1108 Aug 29 22:15 constraints.tcl
-rw-r--r-- 1 yunsup grad 18996 Aug 29 22:15 dc.tcl
-rw-r--r-- 1 yunsup grad   4621 Aug 29 22:15 dc_setup.tcl
-rw-r--r-- 1 yunsup grad   4625 Aug 29 22:15 dc_setup_filenames.tcl
-rw-r--r-- 1 yunsup grad   2730 Aug 29 22:15 find_regs.tcl
-rw-r--r-- 1 yunsup grad   4439 Aug 29 22:15 force_REGS.ucli
drwxr-xr-x 3 yunsup grad  4096 Aug 29 22:15 gcdGCDUnit_rtl_LIB
drwxr-xr-x 2 yunsup grad  4096 Aug 29 22:15 log
-rw-r--r-- 1 yunsup grad   1087 Aug 29 22:15 make_generated_vars.tcl
drwxr-xr-x 2 yunsup grad  4096 Aug 29 22:15 reports
drwxr-xr-x 2 yunsup grad  4096 Aug 29 22:15 results
-rw-r--r-- 1 yunsup grad     29 Aug 29 22:15 timestamp
```

Notice that the makefile does not overwrite build directories. It always create new build directories. This makes it easy to change your synthesis scripts or source Verilog, resynthesize your design, and compare your results to previous designs. You can use symlinks to keep track of various build directories. Inside the `current-dc` directory, you can see all the tcl scripts as well as the directories named `results` and `reports`: `results` contains your synthesized gate-level netlist; and `reports` contains various post synthesis reports.

Synopsys provides a GUI front-end for Design Compiler called Design Vision which you will use to analyze the synthesis result. You should avoid using the GUI to actually perform synthesis since you want to use scripts for this. Now launch design vision.

```
% cd $LABROOT/build/dc-syn/current-dc
% design_vision-xg -64bit
...
Initializing...
design_vision> alias "design_vision>" ""
design_vision> source dc_setup.tcl
design_vision> read_file -format ddc "results/gcdGCDUnit_rtl.mapped.ddc"
```

You can browse your design with the hierarchical view (see Figure 6). If you right click on a module and choose *Schematic View* option, the tool will display a schematic of the synthesized logic corresponding to that module.

Synopsys Formality: Formal Verification

Formality formally verifies whether or not the RTL and the synthesized gate-level netlist match.

```
% cd $LABROOT/build-unscripted/dc-syn
% fm_shell -64bit
...
fm_shell (setup)> alias "fm_shell" ""
fm_shell (setup)> alias "(setup)>" ""
fm_shell (setup)> alias "(match)>" ""
fm_shell (setup)> alias "(verify)>" ""
```

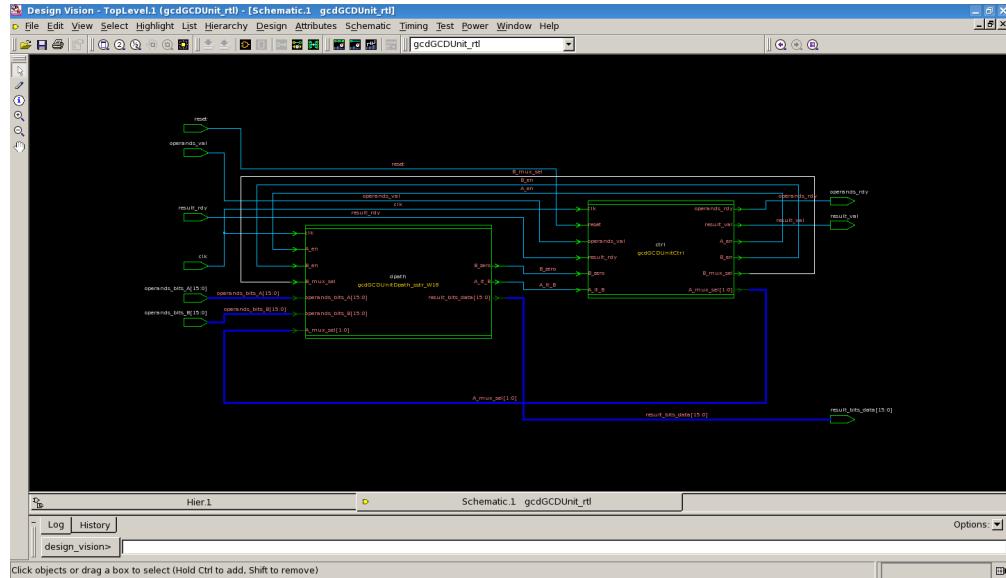


Figure 6: Design Vision Hierarchical View

Execute some commands to setup your environment.

```
fm_shell (setup)> set ucb_vlsi_home [getenv UCB_VLSI_HOME]
fm_shell (setup)> set stdcells_home \
    $ucb_vlsi_home/stdcells/synopsys-90nm/default
fm_shell (setup)> set_app_var search_path \
    "$stdcells_home/db ~cs250/install/vclib ../../src"
fm_shell (setup)> set_app_var synopsys_auto_setup "true"
fm_shell (setup)> set_svf "gcdGCDUnit_rtl.svf"
fm_shell (setup)> read_db -technology_library "cells.db"
```

These commands point to your Verilog source directory, the svf file you generated during synthesis, and point to the standard libraries you will be using for the class. Now you can load your original RTL design and the synthesized gate-level netlist to Formality.

```
fm_shell (setup)> read_verilog -r \
    "gcdGCDUnitCtrl.v gcdGCDUnitDpath.v gcdGCDUnit_rtl.v" \
    -work_library WORK
fm_shell (setup)> set_top r:/WORK/gcdGCDUnit_rtl
fm_shell (setup)> read_ddc -i "./gcdGCDUnit_rtl.mapped.ddc"
fm_shell (setup)> set_top i:/WORK/gcdGCDUnit_rtl
```

You are ready to verify whether or not both design match.

```
fm_shell (setup)> match
fm_shell (match)> report_unmatched_points
fm_shell (match)> verify
...
***** Verification Results *****
```

```

Verification SUCCEEDED
ATTENTION: synopsys_auto_setup mode was enabled.
See Synopsys Auto Setup Summary for details
-----
Reference design: r:/WORK/gcdGCDUnit_rtl
Implementation design: i:/WORK/gcdGCDUnit_rtl
52 Passing compare points
-----
Matched Compare Points    BBPin   Loop BBNet   Cut   Port   DFF   LAT TOTAL
-----
Passing (equivalent)      0       0       0       0     18     34     0     52
Failing (not equivalent)  0       0       0       0     0      0     0     0
*****
...

```

You can also report the current status.

```
fm_shell (verify)> report_status
```

You can use makefiles and scripts to help automate the process of formal verification.

```
% cd $LABROOT/build/dc-syn
% make fm
```

Synopsys VCS: Simulating Post Synthesis Gate-Level Netlist

After obtaining the synthesized gate-level netlist, you will double-check the netlist by running a simulation using VCS.

```
% cd $LABROOT/build-unscripted/dc-syn
% sdfcorrect.py gcdGCDUnit_rtl.mapped.sdf gcdGCDUnit_rtl.mapped.corrected.sdf
% cd $LABROOT/build-unscripted/vcs-sim-gl-syn
% vcs -full64 -PP +lint=all +v2k -timescale=1ns/10ps \
-P ./dc-syn/access.tab -debug \
+neg_tchk +sdfverbose \
-sdf typ:gcdGCDUnit_rtl:../dc-syn/gcdGCDUnit_rtl.mapped.corrected.sdf \
+incdir+$UCB_VLSI_HOME/install/vclib \
-v $UCB_VLSI_HOME/install/vclib/vcQueues.v \
-v $UCB_VLSI_HOME/install/vclib/vcStateElements.v \
-v $UCB_VLSI_HOME/install/vclib/vcTest.v \
-v $UCB_VLSI_HOME/install/vclib/vcTestSource.v \
-v $UCB_VLSI_HOME/install/vclib/vcTestSink.v \
$UCB_VLSI_HOME/stdcells/synopsys-90nm/default/verilog/cells.v \
../dc-syn/gcdGCDUnit_rtl.mapped.v \
../../src/gcdTestHarness_rtl.v \
+define+CLOCK_PERIOD=0.5
% ./simv -ucli +verbose=1
ucli% source ../dc-syn/force_regs.ucli
ucli% run
```

```

...
+ Running Test Case: gcdGCDUnit_rtl
  [ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 0003 == 0003 ]
  [ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 0007 == 0007 ]
  [ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 0005 == 0005 ]
  [ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 0001 == 0001 ]
  [ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 0028 == 0028 ]
  [ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 000a == 000a ]
  [ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 0005 == 0005 ]
  [ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 0000 == 0000 ]
  [ passed ] Test ( Is sink finished? ) succeeded
...

```

You can use the makefile to build the post synthesis gate-level netlist simulator and run the simulator.

```
% cd $LABROOT/build/vcs-sim-gl-syn
% make
% make run
```

Synopsys IC Compiler: Gate-Level Netlist to Layout

IC Compiler performs place and route. This tool takes a synthesized gate-level netlist and a standard cell library as input and produces a layout as an output. At this point, you can see the instantiated standard cells and routed metals. You will use this tool more interactively, so go ahead and launch the IC Compiler with the GUI enabled.

```
% cd $LABROOT/build-unscripted/icc-par
% icc_shell -64bit -gui
...
Initializing...
icc_shell> alias "icc_shell>" ""
```

Execute some commands to setup your environment.

```
icc_shell> set ucb_vlsi_home [getenv UCB_VLSI_HOME]
icc_shell> set stdcells_home \
$ucb_vlsi_home/stdcells/synopsys-90nm/default
icc_shell> set_app_var search_path "$stdcells_home/db"
icc_shell> set_app_var target_library "cells.db"
icc_shell> set_app_var link_library "* $target_library"
```

These commands point to the standard libraries you will be using for the class. Before you jump into place and route, you will create your own Milkyway database, the place where you will be saving your place and routed design. Notice while you create the Milkyway database you hand in the technology file which has all the information about the process (e.g., detailed information of the poly and the metal layers), and the Milkyway reference database which captures the standard cell layout. Then you will read your synthesized gate-level netlist from the dc-syn directory. Also specify the tlu+ files which has the information you will use when extracting the parasitics of the layout. You will also make power and ground ports.

```

icc_shell> create_mw_lib \
  -tech "$stdcells_home/techfile/techfile.tf" \
  -bus_naming_style {[%d]} \
  -mw_reference_library "$stdcells_home/mw/cells.mw" \
  "gcdGCDUnit_rtl_LIB"
icc_shell> open_mw_lib gcdGCDUnit_rtl_LIB
icc_shell> import_designs "../dc-syn/gcdGCDUnit_rtl.mapped.ddc" \
  -format "ddc" -top "gcdGCDUnit_rtl" -cel "gcdGCDUnit_rtl"
icc_shell> set_tlu_plus_files \
  -max_tluplus "$stdcells_home/tluplus/max.tluplus" \
  -min_tluplus "$stdcells_home/tluplus/min.tluplus" \
  -tech2itf_map "$stdcells_home/techfile/tech2itf.map"
icc_shell> derive_pg_connection \
  -power_net "VDD" -power_pin "VDD" -ground_net "VSS" -ground_pin "VSS" \
  -create_ports "top"

```

Make an initial floorplan and synthesize power rails. At this point, you can see the estimated voltage drops on the power rails (Figure 7). The numbers on your right are specified in *mW*.

```

icc_shell> initialize_floorplan \
  -control_type "aspect_ratio" -core_aspect_ratio "1" \
  -core_utilization "0.7" -row_core_ratio "1" \
  -left_io2core "30" -bottom_io2core "30" -right_io2core "30" -top_io2core "30" \
  -start_first_row
icc_shell> create_fp_placement
icc_shell> synthesize_fp_rail \
  -power_budget "1000" -voltage_supply "1.2" -target_voltage_drop "250" \
  -output_dir "./pna_output" -nets "VDD VSS" -create_virtual_rails "M1" \
  -synthesize_power_plan -synthesize_power_pads -use_strap_ends_as_pads

```

If you have met your power budget, go ahead and commit the power plan.

```
icc_shell> commit_fp_rail
```

You will now perform clock tree synthesis. Because the clock is one of the highest fan-out nets, you should route this signal first. The tool will first analyze the clock net and insert buffers to minimize the skew before routing.

```

icc_shell> clock_opt -only_cts -no_clock_route
icc_shell> route_zrt_group -all_clock_nets -reuse_existing_global_route true

```

Take a look at the generated clock tree. Choose *Clock > Color By Clock Trees*. Hit *Reload*, and then hit *OK* on the popup window. Now you will be able to see the synthesized clock tree (Figure 8).

Go ahead and route the remaining nets.

```

icc_shell> route_opt -initial_route_only
icc_shell> route_opt -skip_initial_route -effort low

```

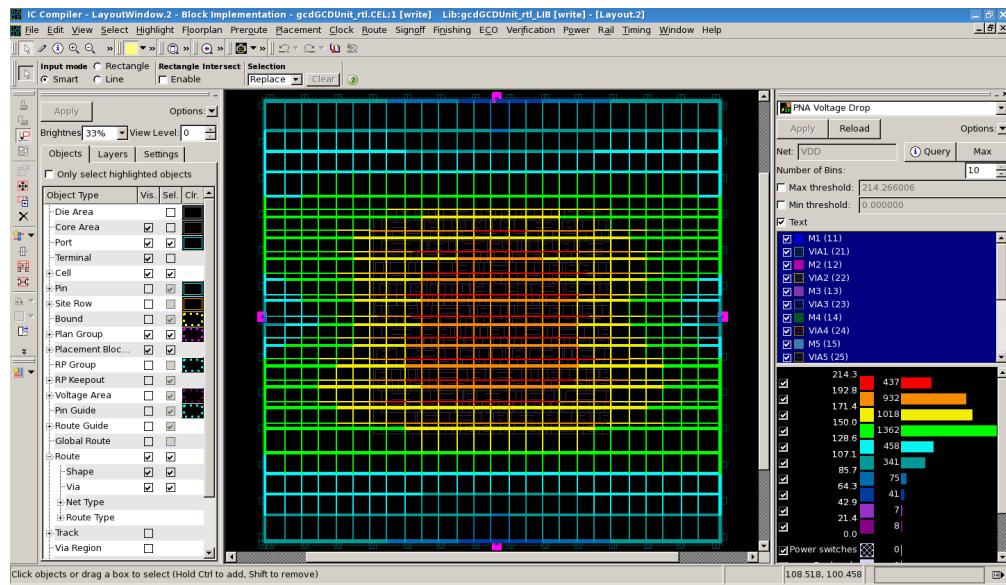


Figure 7: Estimated voltage drops shown in IC Compiler

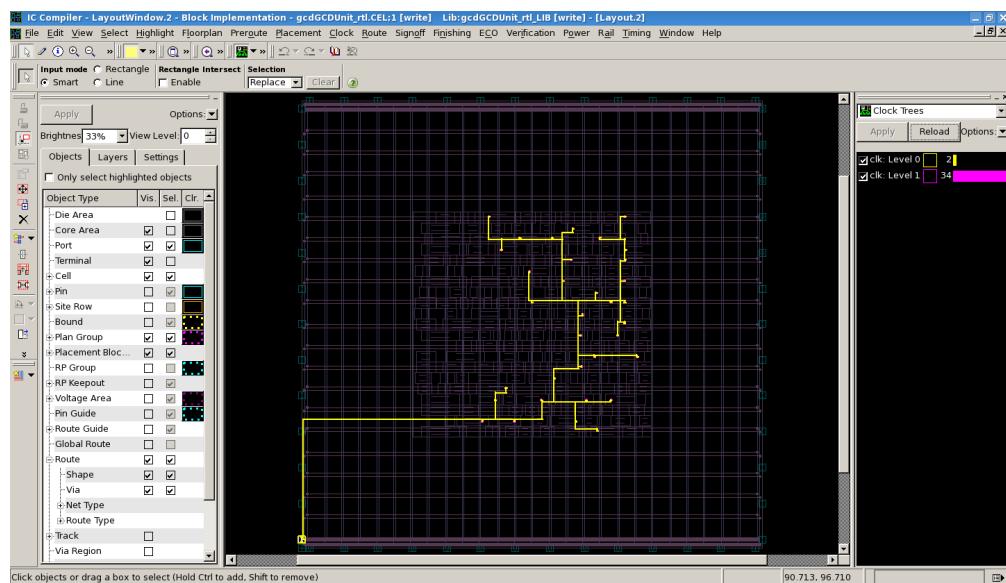


Figure 8: Synthesized clock tree shown in IC Compiler

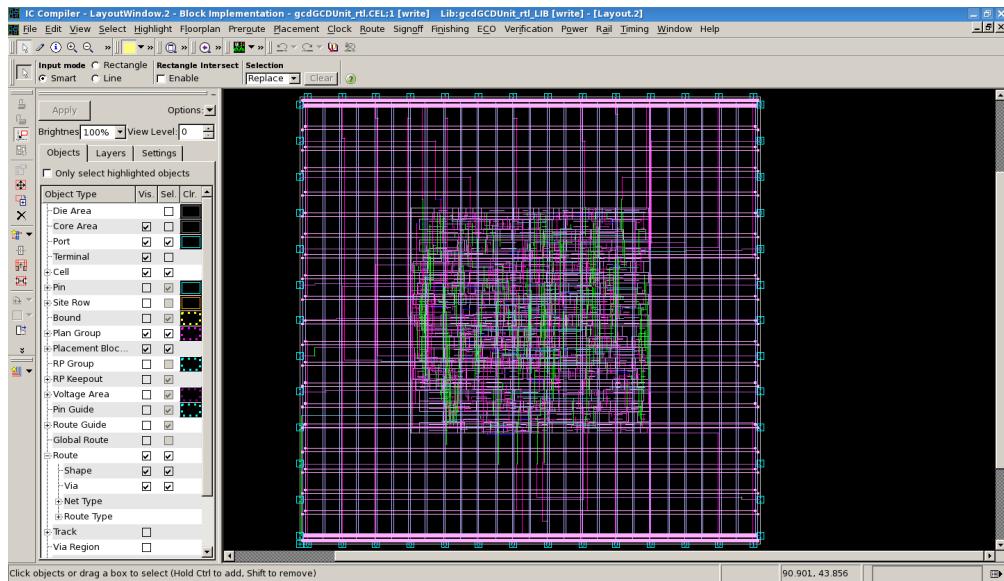


Figure 9: Routed signals shown in IC Compiler

Figure 9 shows the routed signals. Synopsys 90nm process provides nine metal layers (metal 1 is mostly used by the standard cell layout itself) to route your signals.

Notice that there are various holes in the placement. You will add *filler* cells to fill up these spaces. Filler cells are just empty standard cells which connect the power and ground rails. Notice that you need to rerun routing due to some Design Rule Check (DRC) errors.

```
icc_shell> insert_stdcell_filler \
    -cell_with_metal "SHFILL1 SHFILL2 SHFILL3" \
    -connect_to_power "VDD" -connect_to_ground "VSS"
icc_shell> route_opt -incremental -size_only
```

Congratulations! Now you have your design on silicon. Go ahead and generate the post place and route netlist and the constraint file. You also need to generate parasitics files to generate power estimates of your design.

```
icc_shell> change_names -rules verilog -hierarchy
icc_shell> write_verilog "gcdGCDUnit_rtl.output.v"
icc_shell> write_sdf "gcdGCDUnit_rtl.output.sdf"
icc_shell> write_sdc "gcdGCDUnit_rtl.output.sdc"
icc_shell> extract_rc -coupling_cap
icc_shell> write_parasitics -format SBPF -output "gcdGCDUnit_rtl.output.sbpf"
icc_shell> source ./find_regs.tcl
icc_shell> find_regs gcdTestHarness_rtl/gcd
icc_shell> save_mw_cel
icc_shell> close_mw_cel
```

You can automate this process. Notice that the makefile creates new build directories like the one in Design Compiler.

```
% cd $LABROOT/build/icc-par
% make
% ls -l
-rw-r--r-- 1 yunsup grad 15232 Aug 28 18:40 Makefile
drwxr-xr-x 6 yunsup grad 4096 Aug 29 23:42 build-icc-2010-08-29_23-41
drwxr-xr-x 8 yunsup grad 4096 Aug 29 23:41 build-iccdp-2010-08-29_23-41
lrwxrwxrwx 1 yunsup grad    26 Aug 29 23:41 current-icc -> build-icc-2010-08-29_23-41
lrwxrwxrwx 1 yunsup grad    28 Aug 29 23:41 current-iccdp -> build-iccdp-2010-08-29_23-41
drwxr-xr-x 2 yunsup grad 4096 Aug 29 23:19 rm_icc_dp_scripts
drwxr-xr-x 2 yunsup grad 4096 Aug 29 23:29 rm_icc_scripts
drwxr-xr-x 2 yunsup grad 4096 Aug 29 23:38 rm_icc_zrt_scripts
drwxr-xr-x 2 yunsup grad 4096 Aug 28 16:20 rm_notes
drwxr-xr-x 2 yunsup grad 4096 Aug 29 23:34 rm_setup
```

Synopsys VCS: Simulating Post Place and Route Gate-Level Netlist

After you obtain the post place and route gate-level netlist, you will double-check the netlist by running a simulation using VCS. You also need to get the switching activities in several formats to estimate power. Use vpd2vcd and vcd2saif to convert a vpd format into a vcd and a saif format.

```
% cd $LABROOT/build-unscripted/icc-par
% sdfcorrect.py gcdGCDUnit_rtl.output.sdf gcdGCDUnit_rtl.output.corrected.sdf
% cd $LABROOT/build-unscripted/vcs-sim-gl-par
% vcs -full64 -PP +lint=all +v2k -timescale=1ns/10ps \
-P ../../icc-par/access.tab -debug \
+neg_tchk +sdfverbose \
-sdf typ:gcdGCDUnit_rtl:../../icc-par/gcdGCDUnit_rtl.output.corrected.sdf \
+incdir+$UCB_VLSI_HOME/install/vcplib \
-v $UCB_VLSI_HOME/install/vcplib/vcQueues.v \
-v $UCB_VLSI_HOME/install/vcplib/vcStateElements.v \
-v $UCB_VLSI_HOME/install/vcplib/vcTest.v \
-v $UCB_VLSI_HOME/install/vcplib/vcTestSource.v \
-v $UCB_VLSI_HOME/install/vcplib/vcTestSink.v \
$UCB_VLSI_HOME/stdcells/synopsys-90nm/default/verilog/cells.v \
../../icc-par/gcdGCDUnit_rtl.output.v \
../../../../src/gcdTestHarness_rtl.v \
+define+CLOCK_PERIOD=0.5
% ./simv -ucli +verbose=1
ucli% source ../../icc-par/force_regs.ucli
ucli% run
...
+ Running Test Case: gcdGCDUnit_rtl
[ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 0003 == 0003 ]
[ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 0007 == 0007 ]
[ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 0005 == 0005 ]
[ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 0001 == 0001 ]
[ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 0028 == 0028 ]
[ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 000a == 000a ]
```

```
[ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 0005 == 0005 ]
[ passed ] Test ( vcTestSink ) succeeded, [ 0000 == 0000 ]
[ passed ] Test ( Is sink finished? ) succeeded
...
% vpd2vcd vcdplus.vpd vcdplus.vcd
% vcd2saif -input vcdplus.vcd -output vcdplus.saif
```

You can use the makefile to build the post synthesis gate-level netlist simulator, run, and convert the switching activity file into a **vcd** and a **saif** format.

```
% cd $LABROOT/build/vcs-sim-gl-par
% make
% make run
% make convert
```

Synopsys PrimeTime PX: Estimating Power

PrimeTime PX is an add-on feature to PrimeTime that analyzes power dissipation of a cell-based design. PrimeTime PX supports two types of power analysis modes. They are averaged mode and time-based mode. Averaged mode calculates averaged power based on toggle rates. Time-based mode let's you know the peak power as well as the averaged power using gate-level simulation activity.

```
% cd $LABROOT/build-unscripted/pt-pwr
% pt_shell -64bit
...
pt_shell> alias "pt_shell>" ""
```

Go ahead and execute some commands to setup your environment. Enable the power analysis mode.

```
pt_shell> set ucb_vlsi_home [getenv UCB_VLSI_HOME]
pt_shell> set stdcells_home \
    $ucb_vlsi_home/stdcells/synopsys-90nm/default
pt_shell> set search_path "$stdcells_home/db"
pt_shell> set target_library "cells.db"
pt_shell> set link_path "* $target_library"
pt_shell> set power_enable_analysis "true"
```

Read the post place and route gate-level netlist into PrimeTime PX.

```
pt_shell> read_verilog "../icc-par/gcdGCDUnit_rtl.output.v"
pt_shell> current_design "gcdGCDUnit_rtl"
pt_shell> link
```

Start with the averaged mode power analysis. This mode uses the **saif** format. Read the parasitics generated by IC Compiler before you run **report_power**.

```
pt_shell> set power_analysis_mode "averaged"
```

```

pt_shell> read_saif "../vcs-sim-gl-par/vcdplus.saif" \
    -strip_path "gcdTestHarness_rtl/gcd"
pt_shell> report_switching_activity -list_not_annotated
pt_shell> read_parasitics -increment \
    -format sbpf "../icc-par/gcdGCDUnit_rtl.output.sbpf.max"
pt_shell> report_power -verbose -hierarchy
...

```

Hierarchy	Switch Power	Int Power	Leak Power	Total Power	%
gcdGCDUnit_rtl	9.48e-05	9.48e-05	1.52e-05	2.05e-04	100.0
dpath (gcdGCDUnitDpath_W16)	8.29e-05	6.67e-05	1.42e-05	1.64e-04	80.0
clk_gate_A_reg_reg (SNPS_CLOCK_GATE_HIGH_gcdGCDUnitDpath_W16_1)	3.14e-05	1.35e-05	2.22e-07	4.52e-05	22.1
clk_gate_B_reg_reg (SNPS_CLOCK_GATE_HIGH_gcdGCDUnitDpath_W16_0)	3.14e-05	1.27e-05	2.22e-07	4.44e-05	21.7
ctrl (gcdGCDUnitCtrl)	1.19e-05	2.81e-05	9.46e-07	4.09e-05	20.0
...					

You can see the average power consumption by each module in your design.

Try the time-based power analysis. This mode takes the vcd format as an input. Read the parasitics and run `report_power`. You will see the estimated peak power as well as the average power.

```

pt_shell> set power_analysis_mode "time_based"
pt_shell> read_vcd "../vcs-sim-gl-par/vcdplus.vcd" \
    -strip_path "gcdTestHarness_rtl/gcd"
pt_shell> report_switching_activity -list_not_annotated
pt_shell> read_parasitics -increment \
    -format sbpf "../icc-par/gcdGCDUnit_rtl.output.sbpf.max"
pt_shell> report_power -verbose -hierarchy
...

```

Hierarchy	Switch Power	Int Power	Leak Power	Total Power	%
gcdGCDUnit_rtl	1.37e-04	1.05e-04	1.51e-05	2.57e-04	100.0
dpath (gcdGCDUnitDpath_W16)	1.21e-04	7.69e-05	1.42e-05	2.12e-04	82.3
clk_gate_A_reg_reg (SNPS_CLOCK_GATE_HIGH_gcdGCDUnitDpath_W16_1)	4.62e-05	1.33e-05	2.22e-07	5.96e-05	23.2
clk_gate_B_reg_reg (SNPS_CLOCK_GATE_HIGH_gcdGCDUnitDpath_W16_0)	4.80e-05	1.21e-05	2.22e-07	6.03e-05	23.4
ctrl (gcdGCDUnitCtrl)	1.67e-05	2.79e-05	9.37e-07	4.54e-05	17.7
...					

Hierarchy	Peak Power	Peak Time	Glitch Power	X-tran Power
gcdGCDUnit_rtl	1.49e-02	72.000-72.001	3.19e-07	7.61e-09
dpath (gcdGCDUnitDpath_W16)	9.05e-03	173.325-173.326	2.29e-07	0.000

```

clk_gate_A_reg_reg (SNPS_CLOCK_GATE_HIGH_gcdGCDUnitDpath_W16_1)
    2.69e-03 129.999-130.000 2.78e-09      0.000
clk_gate_B_reg_reg (SNPS_CLOCK_GATE_HIGH_gcdGCDUnitDpath_W16_0)
    2.71e-03 49.999-50.000      0.000      0.000
ctrl (gcdGCDUnitCtrl)          9.44e-03 27.999-28.000 9.05e-08 7.61e-09
...

```

You can automate this process using makefiles.

```
% cd $LABROOT/build/pt-pwr
% make
```

Introduction to Chisel

Chisel is a hardware description language currently being developed at UC Berkeley. In this section, we will rewrite GCD in Chisel, then push the design through the entire flow again. So far, we have been working in `lab1-verilog/`, but now we will begin working in `lab1-chisel/`.

For this class, we can treat Chisel as one extra step in front of the traditional tool flow. Chisel will be used to generate Verilog code, and then the rest of the flow remains exactly the same. The only change is that during debugging, Chisel code needs to be fixed, and Verilog serves only as an intermediate description of hardware.

First, we will introduce the new directory structure used. `src/` is where Chisel code should go, and `src/top.scala` is a top level file that will instantiate your design. We have provided a sample file `src/gcd.scala` where you can begin coding your Chisel implementation. The module interface to the test harness is already given, so you only need change the functionality of the component. If you want, you can use the Verilog implementation as a guide and do an almost direct translation, or you can experiment with some of Chisel's language features to make the implementation more clear and concise. By typing `make verilog` inside the top level directory, Chisel will generate Verilog code from your chisel code and place it in `vlsi/generated-src`.

Then, to push this code through the VLSI tools, go to `vlsi/build`, which is essentially the same as `lab1-verilog/` and pushing the design through the flow follows the exact same steps as earlier in the lab.

Using the Chisel tool flow

First, make sure you have updated to the latest lab template.

```
% cd /scratch/yunsup/lab1-chisel/
% git pull template master
```

Figure 10 shows each directory that you have been given and includes comments about what they do.

lab1-chisel/

Makefile "make verilog" takes .scala from src/ and generates vlsi/generated-src/*.v
.gitignore Tells Git to ignore generated-src/, dynamically generated files in sbt/
sbt/ "Magic" directory for chisel
src/ Chisel code (*.scala). top.scala is a mandatory top level file that instantiates design
emulator/ Chisel target: C emulator
 Makefile Automate emulator testing
 generated-src/ C code generated by Chisel
 testbench/ Testbench that drives Chisel C emulator
vlsi/ Chisel target: VLSI
 build/ VLSI toolflow for vlsi/generated-src
 Makefile Controls all pieces of toolflow. Eg. "make dc-syn" will synthesize
 vcs-sim-rtl/ Simulate RTL in generated-src/
 dc-syn/ Synthesize RTL in generated-src/
 vcs-sim-gl-syn/ Simulate synthesized netlist in dc-syn/current-dc
 icc-par/ Place and route synthesized netlist from dc-syn/current-dc
 vcs-sim-gl-par/ Simulate place and routed netlist in icc-par/current-icc
 pt-pwr/ Power analysis of design in icc-par/current-icc
 generated-src/ Verilog code generated by Chisel (*.v)
Makefile Does nothing by default. Will be used later for design space exploration

Notation:

blue means that these files generated dynamically, and are not stored in the repository

Figure 10: Directory organization for lab1-chisel/

First, change your \$LABROOT to point to the new Chisel-enabled tool flow.

```
% cd /scratch/yunsup/lab1-chisel/
% LABROOT=$PWD
$ cd src
$ vim top.scala
```

You are now looking at the top file. This is just a given template that instantiates your design. This is also where the interfaces to testbenches are defined. Now you will open the GCD module that is being called in `top.scala`

```
% vim gcd.scala
```

Enter all of your code here. When you are ready to test your code, there are two methods currently supported. First, Chisel produces a powerful C++ emulator. To run your code through the emulator testbench, use the commands:

```
% cd $LABROOT
% make emulator
% cd emulator
% make run
```

As well as an emulator, Chisel also generates Verilog code that can be used with an ASIC flow such as the one you already experimented with in the beginning of this lab. As long as the components in Chisel are named the same as they were in the Verilog implementation (which is true because we supplied the top level interface to you with the same naming scheme) you can run the testbench for Verilog on Chisel-generated Verilog code. Once this passes, you can run the design through the entire flow.

```
% cd $LABROOT
% make vlsi
% cd vlsi/build/vcs-sim-rtl
% make run
```

Debugging

You can use either testbench to debug..either the Verilog vcs-sim-rtl directory or the emulator.

To debug in the emulator, you can add printf statements to `testbench/GCD-emulator.cpp`. All internal signals are renamed as `GCD_oldsignalname` unless there are duplicates, and the input/outputs are always available. Another good way is to use GDB. More methods are currently being developed.

```
% cd $LABROOT/emulator
% vim generated-src/GCD.cpp
(find the line number of the last line in the clock_lo function)
% gdb GCD-emulator
gdb% break GCD.cpp:linenumYouFound
gdb% run
gdb% p/x GCD_signalname
gdb% p/x GCD_signalname_shadow (what it will get next cycle)
gdb% c (go to next cycle)
```

To debug in Verilog, you can use the existing methodology (except there will be many T_ wires that hold intermediate values.

```
% cd $LABROOT
% cd vlsi/build/vcs-sim-rtl
% make run
% dve -vpd vcdplus.vpd &
```

Questions

Your writing should not exceed two pages. Make your writings as crisp as you can!

Q1. W=16 vs. W=32 (For Verilog implementation only)

Throughout the lab, you assumed operand A, B, and the result to be 16 bits wide. We would like to make a GCD unit which takes 32 bits operands and produces a 32 bit result.

- What changes would be necessary for the gcdGCDUnit_rtl module?
- Does the Verilog test harness gcdTestHarness_rtl work? If not, what changes do you need to make in order to test our new 32-bit gcdGCDUnit_rtl? Show us that your 32-bit gcdGCDUnit_rtl works.
- How does this affect your chip? Explain by filling in the following table. Write a python script which goes through all the generated reports. You should be able to run a script like the following and simplify fill in the table. Commit the script to the repository.

```
% cd $LABROOT/build
% ./collect_data.py
```

	Unit	gcdGCDUnit_rtl (W=16)	gcdGCDUnit_rtl (W=32)
Post Synthesis Critical Path Length	ns		
Post Synthesis Area	um^2		
Post Synthesis Power	mW		
Post Place+Route Critical Path Length	ns		
Post Place+Route Area	um^2		
Post Place+Route Power	mW		
Average Power (max)	mW		
Peak Power (max)	mW		
Total Cell Count (exclude SHFILL2 Cell)			
DFFX* Cell Count			

Q2. Chisel vs. Verilog

Tell us how your Chisel generated results vary from the RTL version we supplied. Be sure to summarize the differences between important metrics such as performance, energy, and area using the script you wrote for Q1. If there are discrepancies, can you find the cause?

Read me before you commit!

- Committing is not enough for us to grade this lab, you will also need to push your changes to github with the following command: `git push origin master`
- As you may have learned in this lab, makefiles for Design Compiler, IC Compiler, PrimeTime PX makes a new build directory for every new run. Don't submit all of them. Make sure that you only turn in the most recent build result.
- You don't need to submit results for the VCS simulation. We will build and run simulation based on your committed source code or gate-level netlist.
- When you commit a symbolic link in Git, it stores the link as a file, and if the link is to a folder, it does not look past this. Therefore just adding current-dc will do nothing, you also need to do a git add of build directory that it points to.
- Try using `.gitignore` to not track `build-unscripted` or any older builds
- You don't need to submit build results which are done manually.
- To summarize, your Git tree for lab1 should look like the following (use the github.com browser to check that everything is there):

```
/yunsup
  /lab1-verilog
    /src: no change
    /build: COMMIT PYTHON SCRIPT
      /dc-syn: COMMIT THE MOST RECENT BUILD VERSION
      /icc-par: COMMIT THE MOST RECENT BUILD VERSION
      /pt-pwr: COMMIT THE MOST RECENT BUILD VERSION
      /vcs-sim-behav: no change
      /vcs-sim-gl-par: no change
      /vcs-sim-gl-syn: no change
      /vcs-sim-rtl: no change
    /build-unscripted: no change
  /lab1-chisel
    /src: COMMIT CHISEL CODE
    /vlsi:
      /build:
        /dc-syn: COMMIT THE MOST RECENT BUILD VERSION
        /icc-par: COMMIT THE MOST RECENT BUILD VERSION
        /pt-pwr: COMMIT THE MOST RECENT BUILD VERSION
        /vcs-sim-behav: original files only
        /vcs-sim-gl-par: original files only
        /vcs-sim-gl-syn: original files only
        /vcs-sim-rtl: original files only
  /writeup: COMMIT REPORT
```

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