

Multi-cycle Processor Modification

Introduction

Modification of the multi-cycle processor deals with changing the datapath and control. In this design, the datapath is implemented in 'multicycle.v' (Verilog implementation), and in 'multicycle.bdf' (schematic implementation), and the control is implemented in 'FSM.v'. When implementing the design, modifying the control first is suggested.

Review of Verilog

Verilog code consists of three major parts: the header, the module declaration, and the body. Module declaration consists of the keyword 'module' and its module name, and all inputs and outputs appear in brackets. See Figure 1.1.

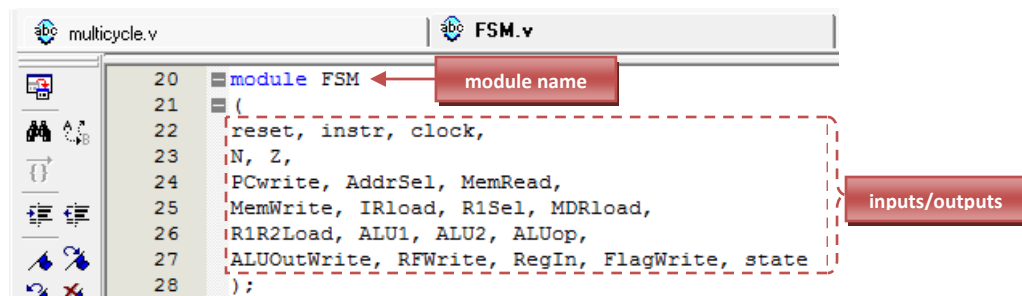


Figure 1.1 – module declaration with the module name and its inputs and outputs

To add an input or output in Verilog code, simply add the name inside the brackets of the module declaration. Then, add a line indicating whether it is an input or output, together with its size (if the signal is more than one bit in size).

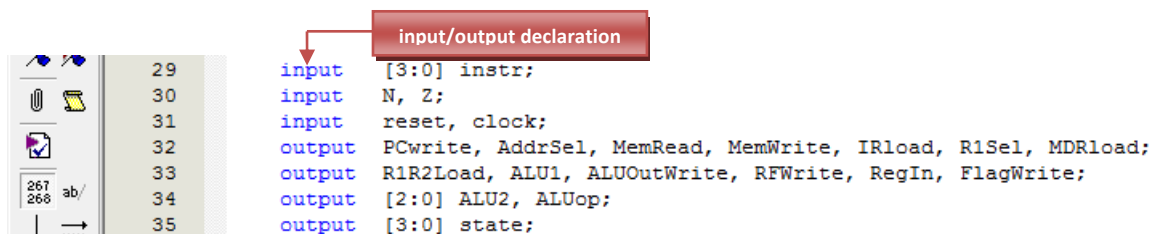


Figure 1.2 – declaration of inputs and outputs

If any output requires its value to be stored, or requires to be used in an *always* block, then a 'reg' declaration is required. See Figure 1.3 and 1.4.

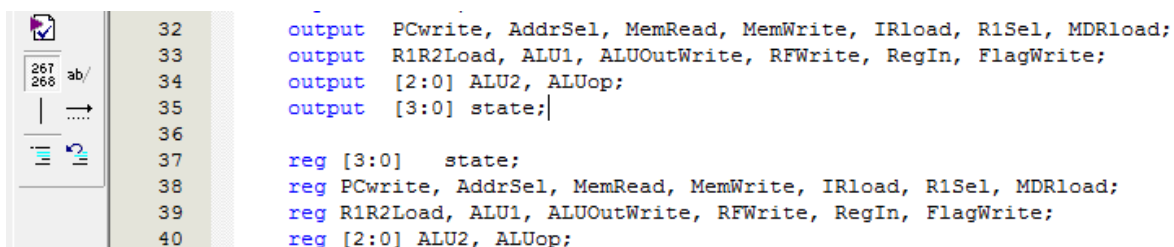


Figure 1.3 – outputs and registers declarations

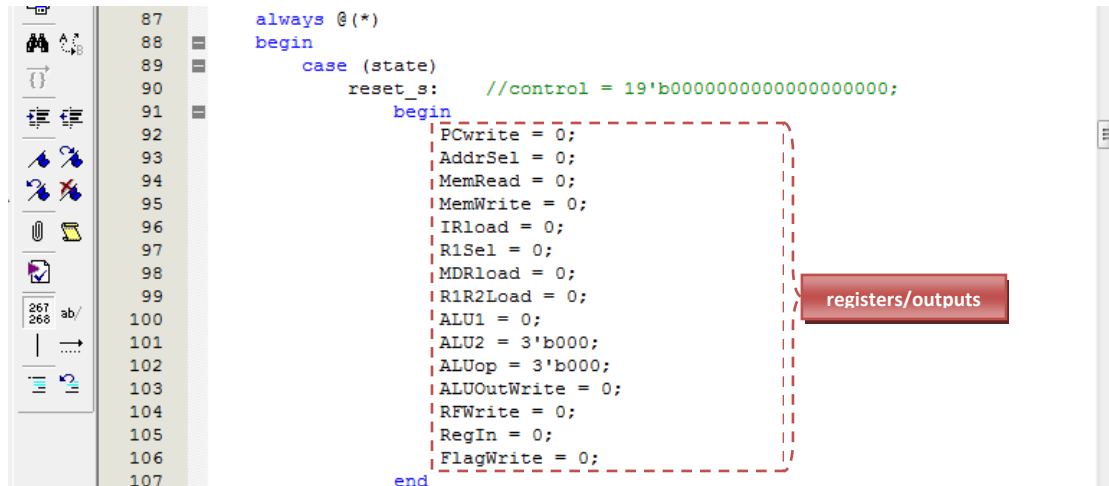


Figure 1.4 – outputs which require their values to be stored

Modifying the Control

The Verilog implementation of the control is called 'FSM.v'. If new signals are to be introduced, refer to "Review of Verilog". If new states are required, add the new states to the parameter declarations. Each state parameter contains the state name and a numerical value. Any numerical value can be assigned to a state, as long as it is unique. The width of the parameter values may have to be increased from the default size of 4 bits.

Before Declaration

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44 parameter [3:0] reset_s = 0, c1 = 1, c2 = 2,
45                c3_asn = 3, c4_asnsh = 4, c3_shift = 5,
46                c3_ori = 6, c4_ori = 7, c5_ori = 8,
47                c3_load = 9, c4_load = 10, c3_store = 11,
48                c3_bpz = 12, c3_bz = 13, c3_bnz = 14;

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47                c3_load = 9, c4_load = 10, c3_store = 11,
48                c3_bpz = 12, c3_bz = 13, c3_bnz = 14;
49                c5_load = 15;

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new state

Figure 2.1 – declaration of new load state

Once a new state has been declared, the state transition *case* block must be modified. The name of each new state needs to be included as a new case of the state transition *case* block. See Figure 2.2.

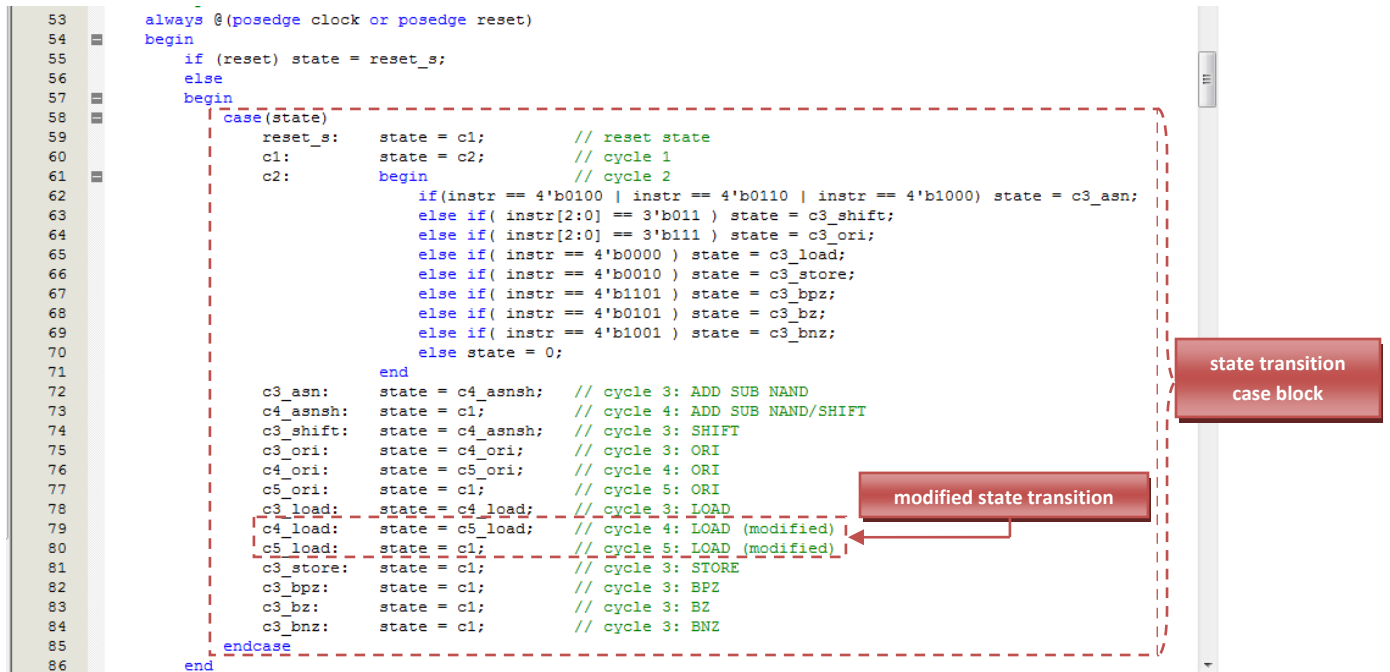


Figure 2.2 – modified state transition case block with new load state introduced

After the new state has been added and the state transition case block has been modified, the control signals *case* block (in the level-sensitive *always* block) can now be modified. See Figure 2.3.

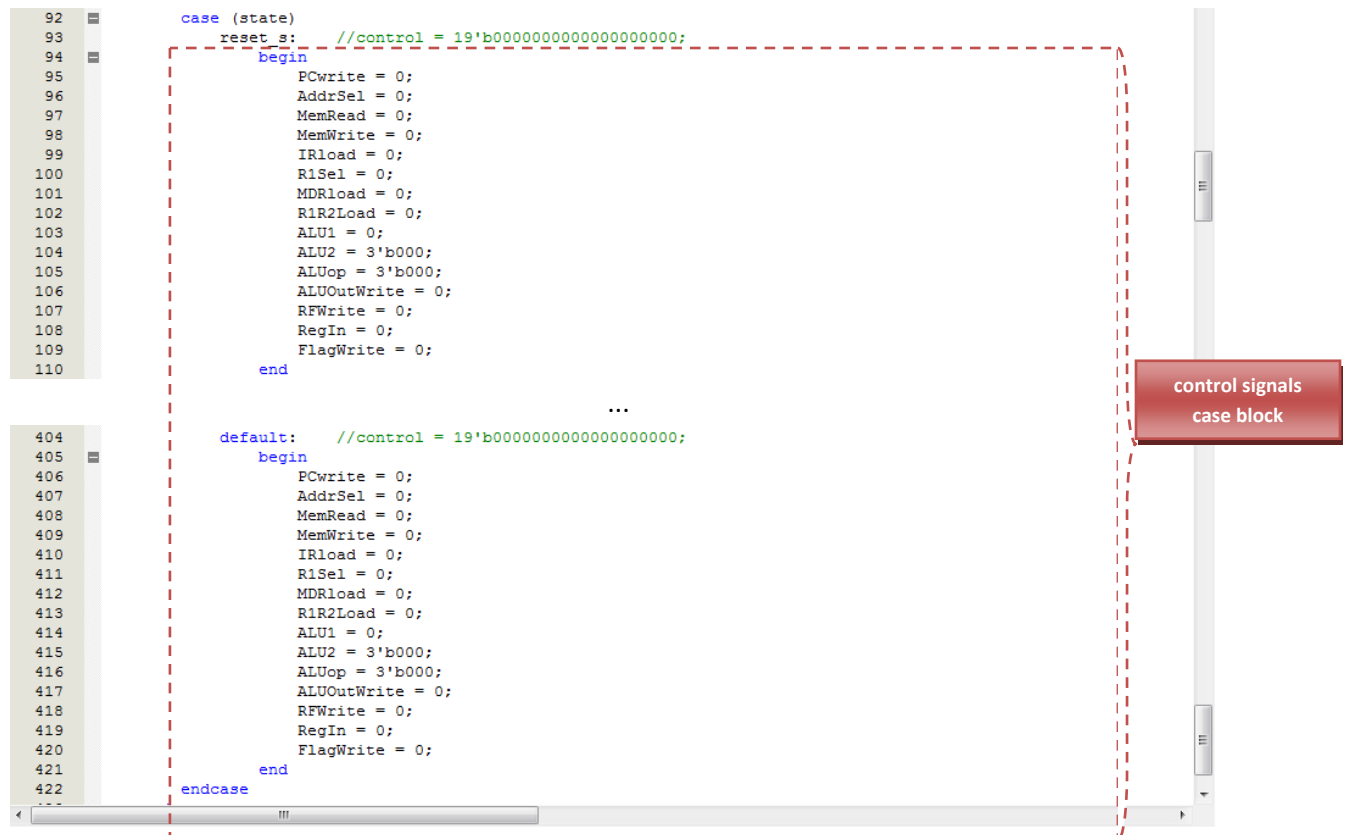


Figure 2.3 – control signals case block with output control signals

When a new state is added, the control signals for that state need to be added in the control signals case block. When making modifications to existing states, changes can be made directly to each control signal. See Figure 2.4.

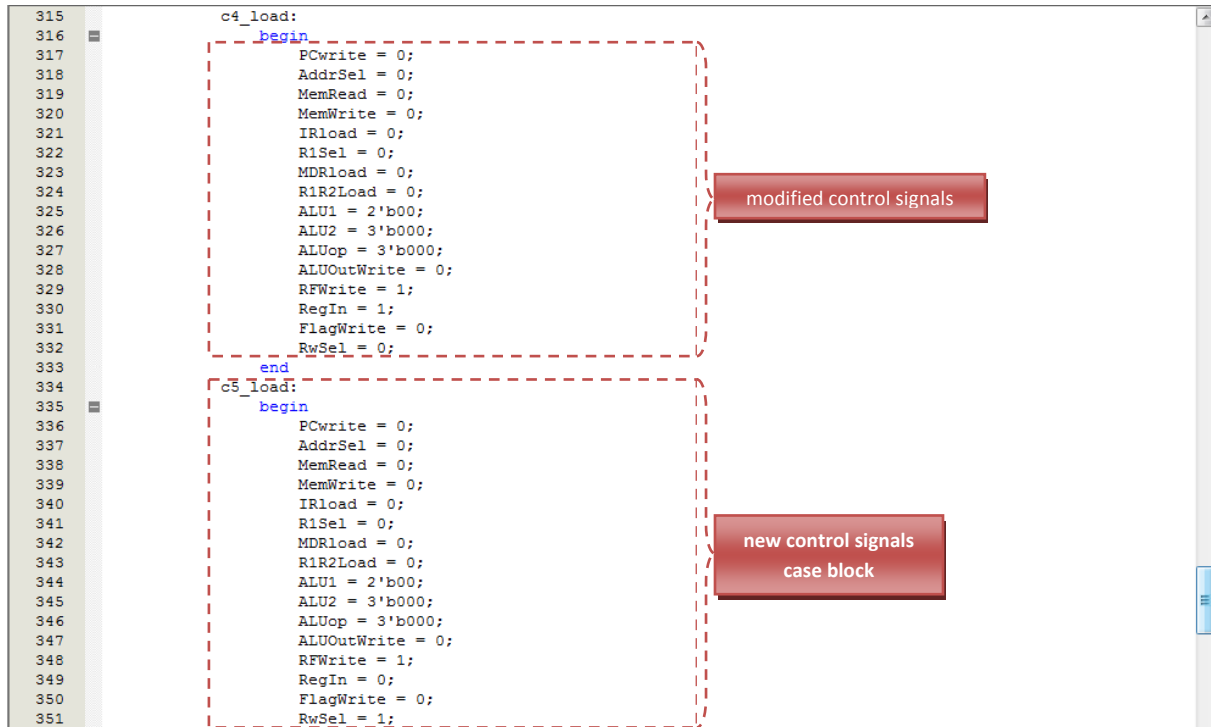


Figure 2.4 – modification of control signals