

Objective to approximate analog signal by concept of Direct Digital Synthesis using the help of an 8-bit DAC was carried out in this laboratory experiment. Following the data sheet of 8-bit DAC MCP4801, we denote all the necessary inputs required for the DAC to approximate an analog saw-wave.

DAC requirements:

SCK : 16 period clock

Config bits : 0111 (7)

SDI : Serial data input from a magnitude counter.

CSbar : Active low to initiate operation.

Following laboratory manual 12, SPI master was obtained with control logic, two 8-bit up counter and Parallel in serial Out Shift register. Following diagram depicts data path and controller units.

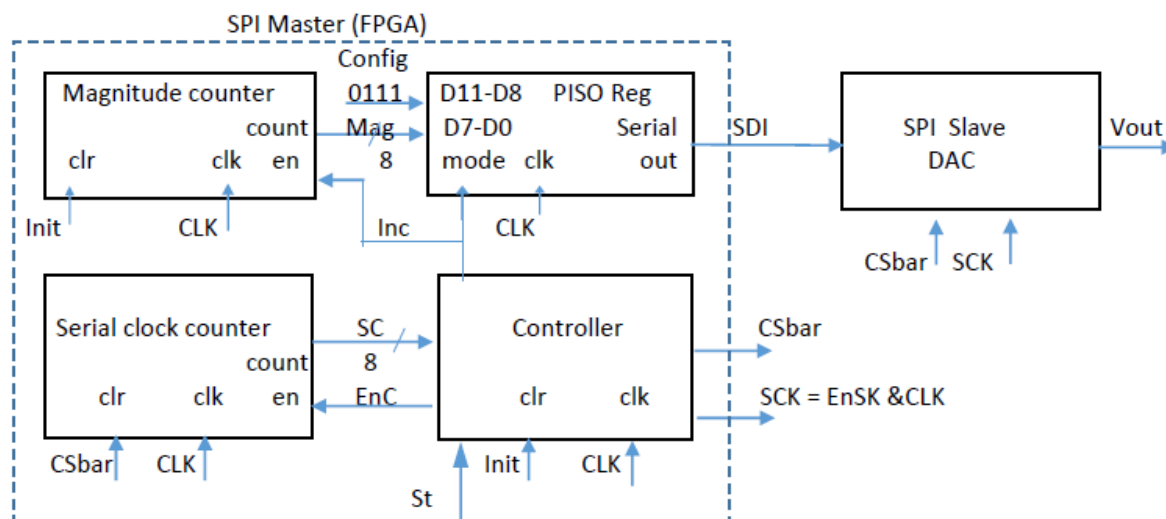


Figure 1: The block diagram of the system.

Following the ASM Chart provide by the laboratory manual, control unit was designed and implemented in active HDL.

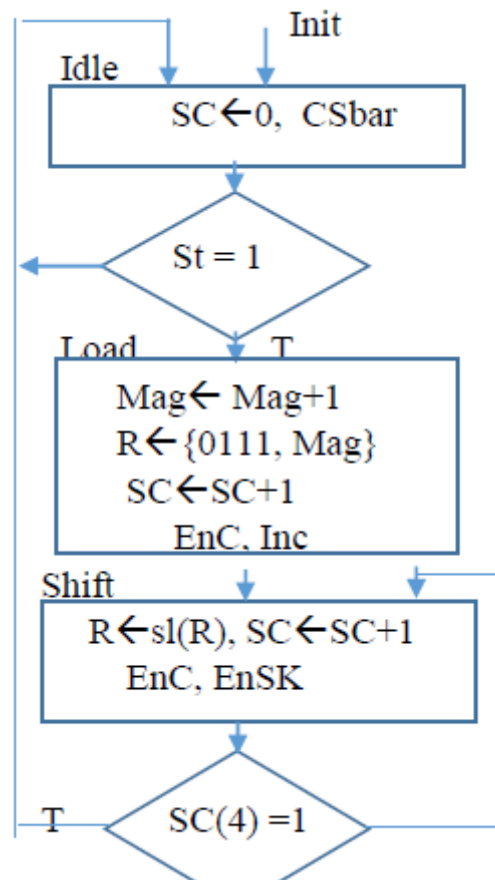
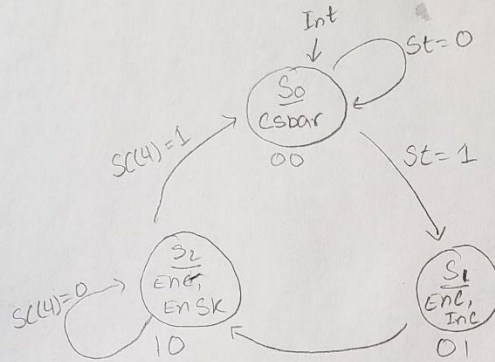


Figure 2: The ASM chart for control unit.

In obtaining control logic all states of ASM chart was identified along with all decisions box (inputs) to system. State diagram was obtained from the chart.



state variables	present state		inputs			NEXT states		outputs			
	G ₀	G ₁	Int	st	sc	G ₀ [*]	G ₁ [*]	Csb̄	Enc	Inc	Ensk
S?	x	x	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
S ₀	0	0	1	x	x	0	0	1	0	0	0
S ₀	0	0	x	0	x	0	0	1	0	0	0
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S ₁	0	1	x	x	x	1	0	0	1	1	0
S ₂	1	0	x	x	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
S ₂	1	0	x	x	1	0	0	0	1	0	1

Outputs = * In terms of present states and inputs.

$$① \text{Csb̄} = \bar{G}_0 \bar{G}_1 \text{Int} + \bar{G}_0 \bar{G}_1 \text{St} + \bar{G}_0 \bar{G}_1 \text{Sc}$$

$$② \text{Enc} = \bar{G}_0 \bar{G}_1 + G_0 \bar{G}_1 \bar{S}_c + G_0 \bar{G}_1 S_c$$

$$③ \text{Inc} = \bar{G}_0 \bar{G}_1$$

$$④ \text{Ensk} = G_0 \bar{G}_1 \bar{S}_c + G_0 \bar{G}_1 S_c$$

states

$$G_0^* = \bar{G}_0 \bar{G}_1 + G_0 \bar{G}_1 \bar{S}_c$$

$$G_1^* = \bar{G}_0 \bar{G}_1 \text{St}$$

Figure 3: State diagram and State Table for Controller.

As shown above, State diagram contains all the information derived from ASM chart. Following the diagram State Table was obtained, for further dissection of control logic. Finally, equations for Outputs and next states were obtained from state table. For three states sequence, we require 2 D- flip flops. Outputs will be decoded from flow of the signals.

For accurate designing of SPI master, operations of each component were verified, and results presented below.

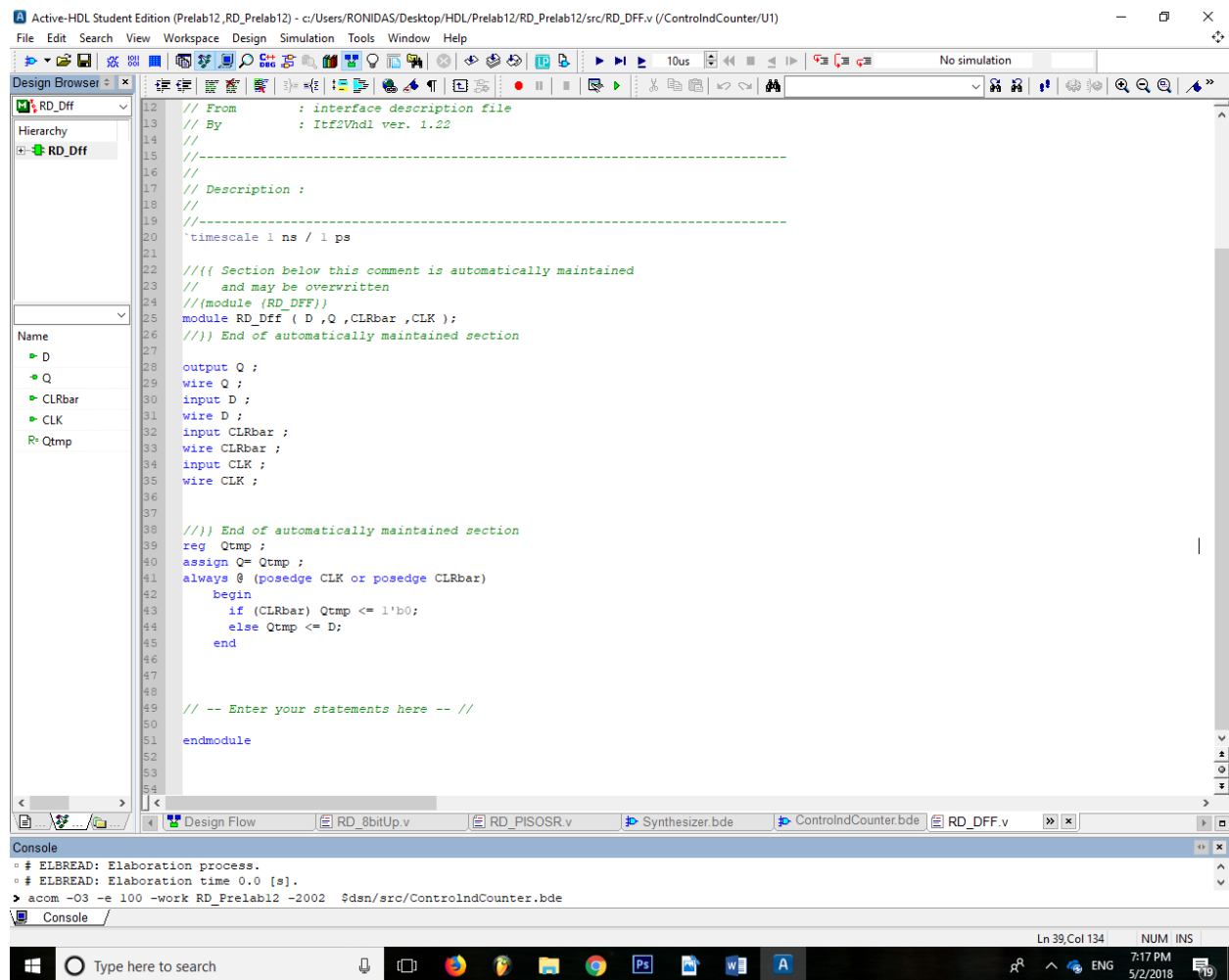


Figure 4: Verilog model for D-flip flops.

Verilog model for D-flip flops was obtained in Active HDL. Here, CLRbar simply clears the flip to initiate state transitions and is active high.

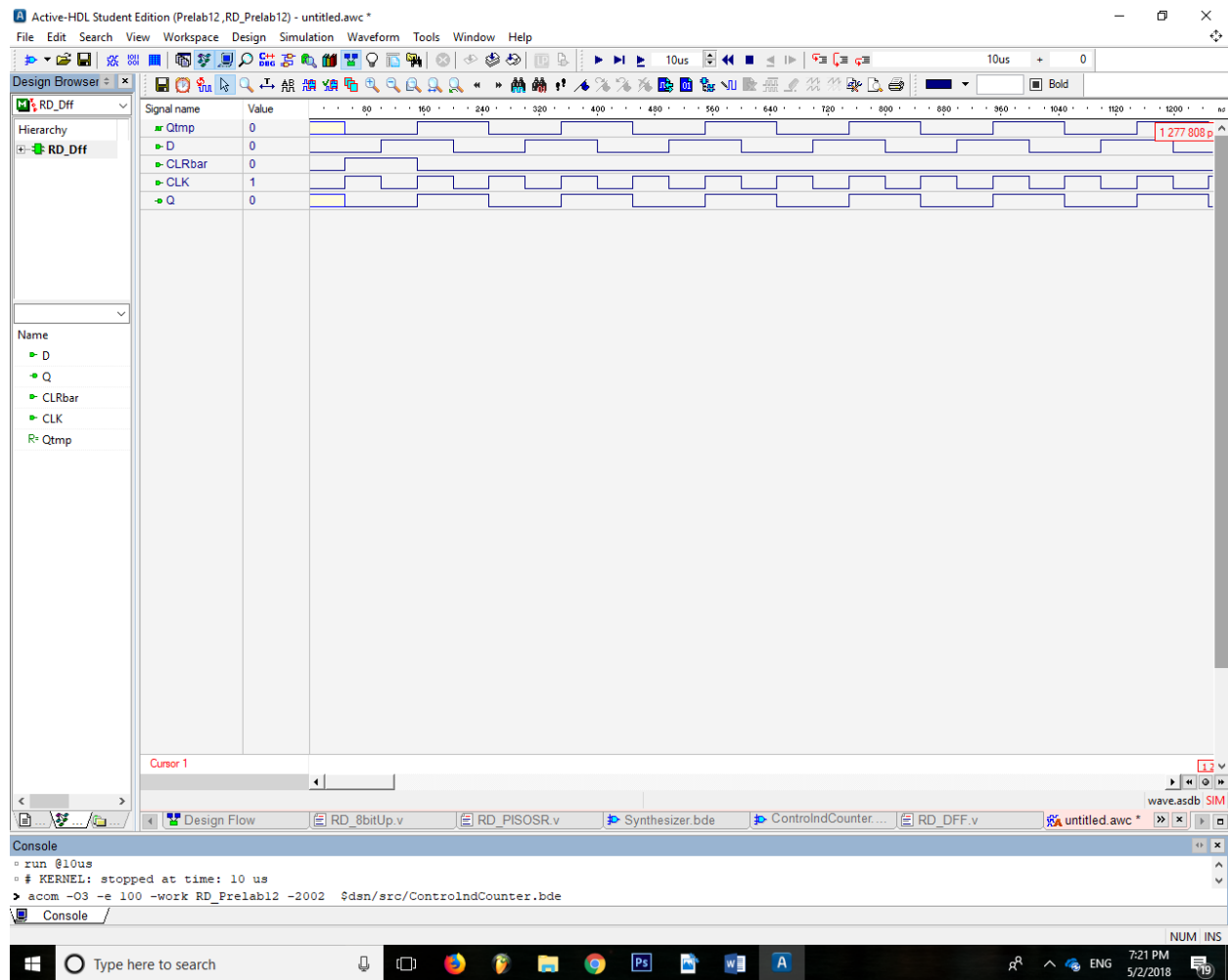


Figure 5: Operation of D-flip flops verified.

We can decode states Q (output) from the waveforms presented above. Initially CLRbar clears the D-ff, followed by positive clock edge D (input) transfers to Q. On the negative edge of the clock state of Q is unchanged regardless of the inputs values. The model operates as expected and cleared for implantation in control modules.

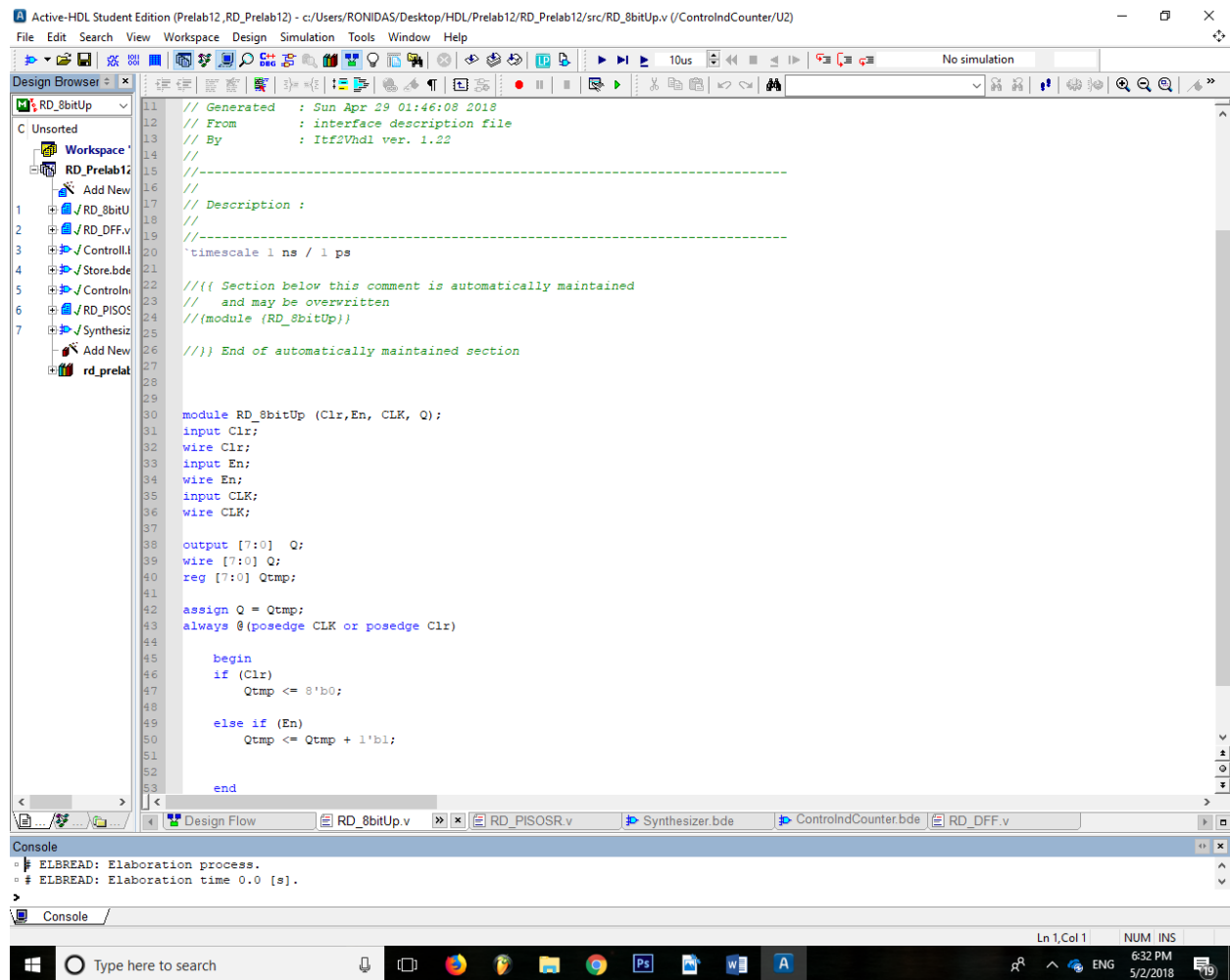


Figure 6: Verilog model for 8-bit Up Counter.

An 8-bit up counter was described using Verilog in Active HDL. From the code *if and else* , we denote the CLR has the highest priority followed by En. When clear is High, counter resets, and En = Enable is on, system starts counting from 0 .

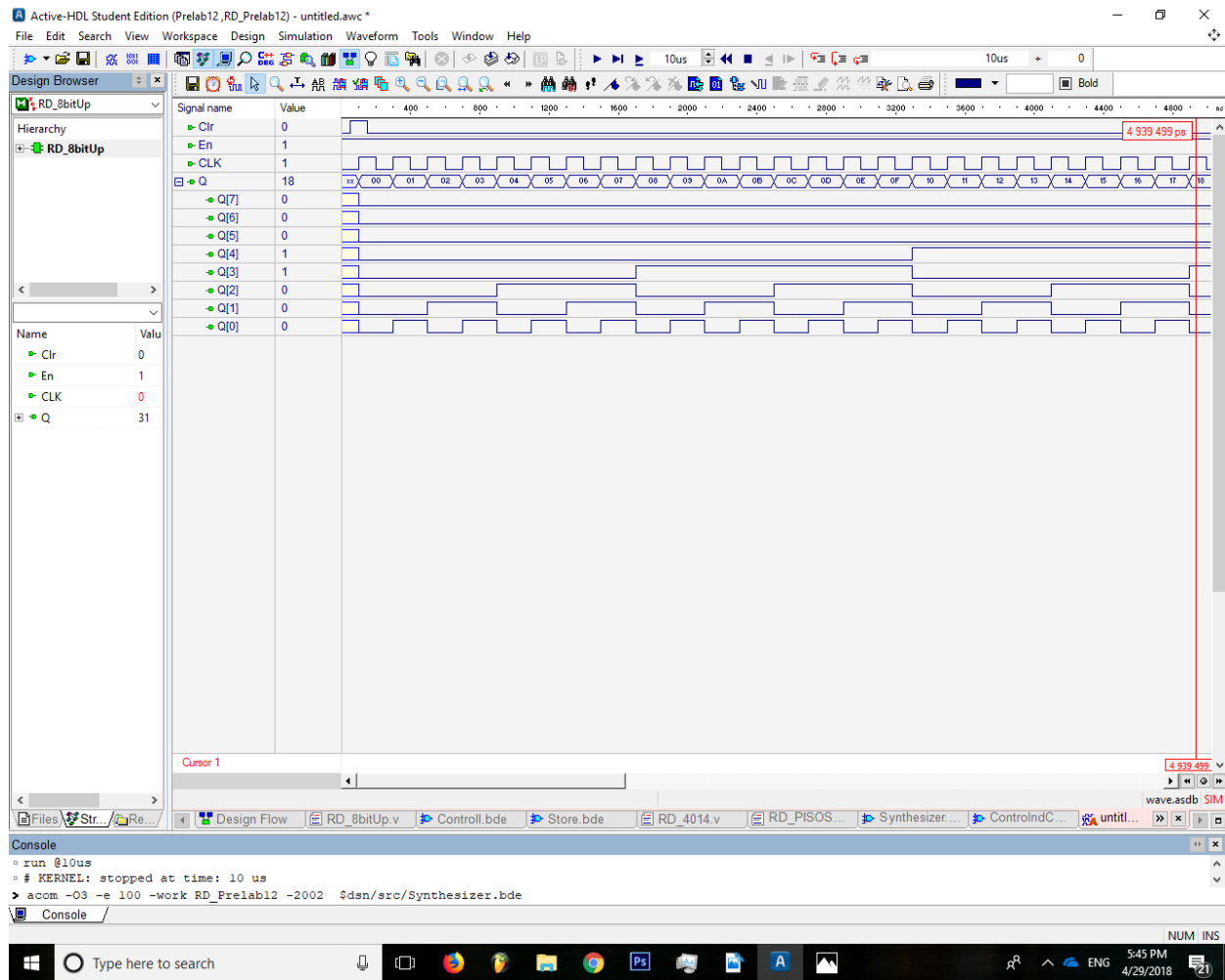


Figure 7: Operations of 8-bit Up counter verified using simulation.

From the waveforms above, we can denote that the counters works properly and given a pass to be implemented in SPI master.

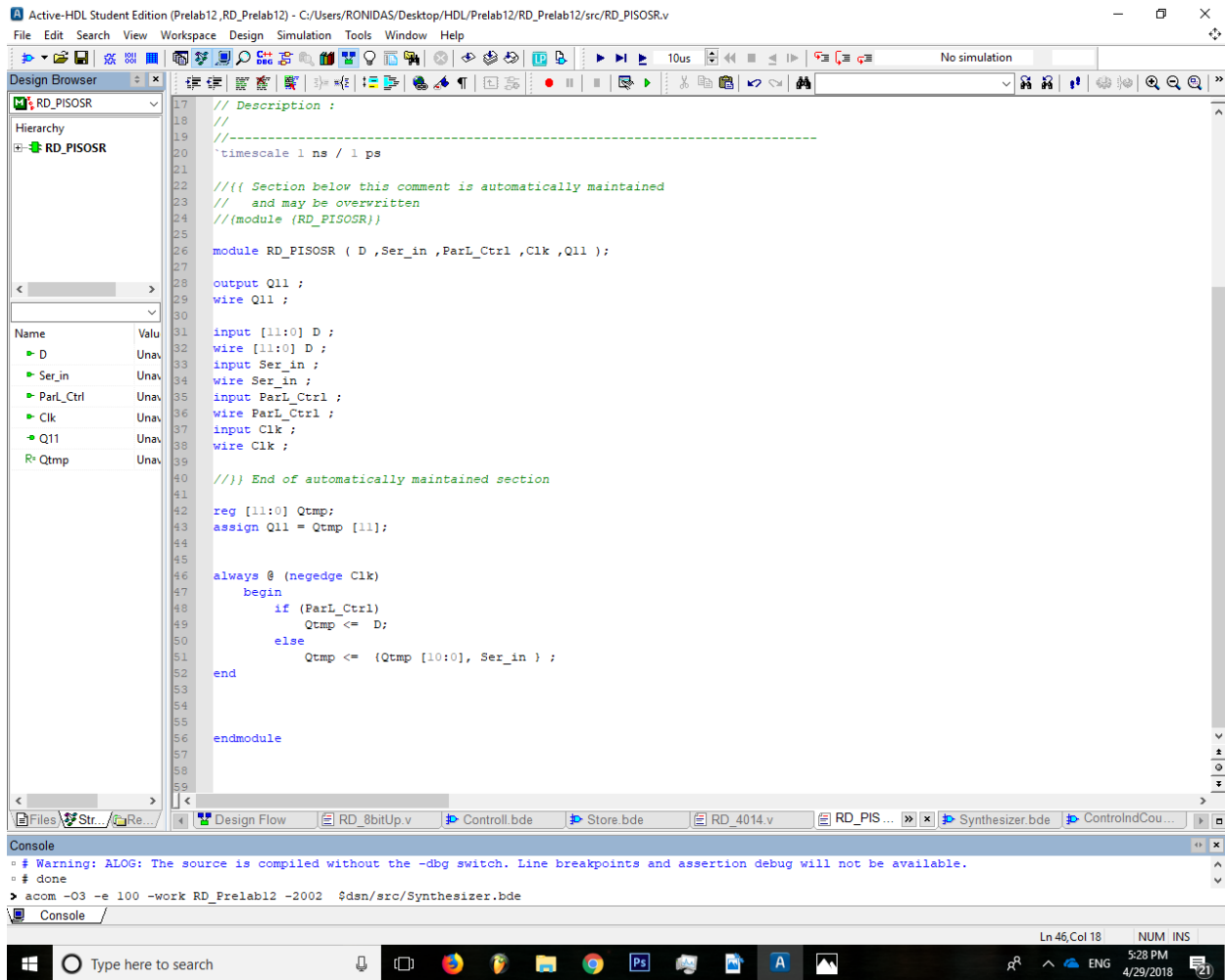


Figure 8: Verilog model for 12-bit PISO SR.

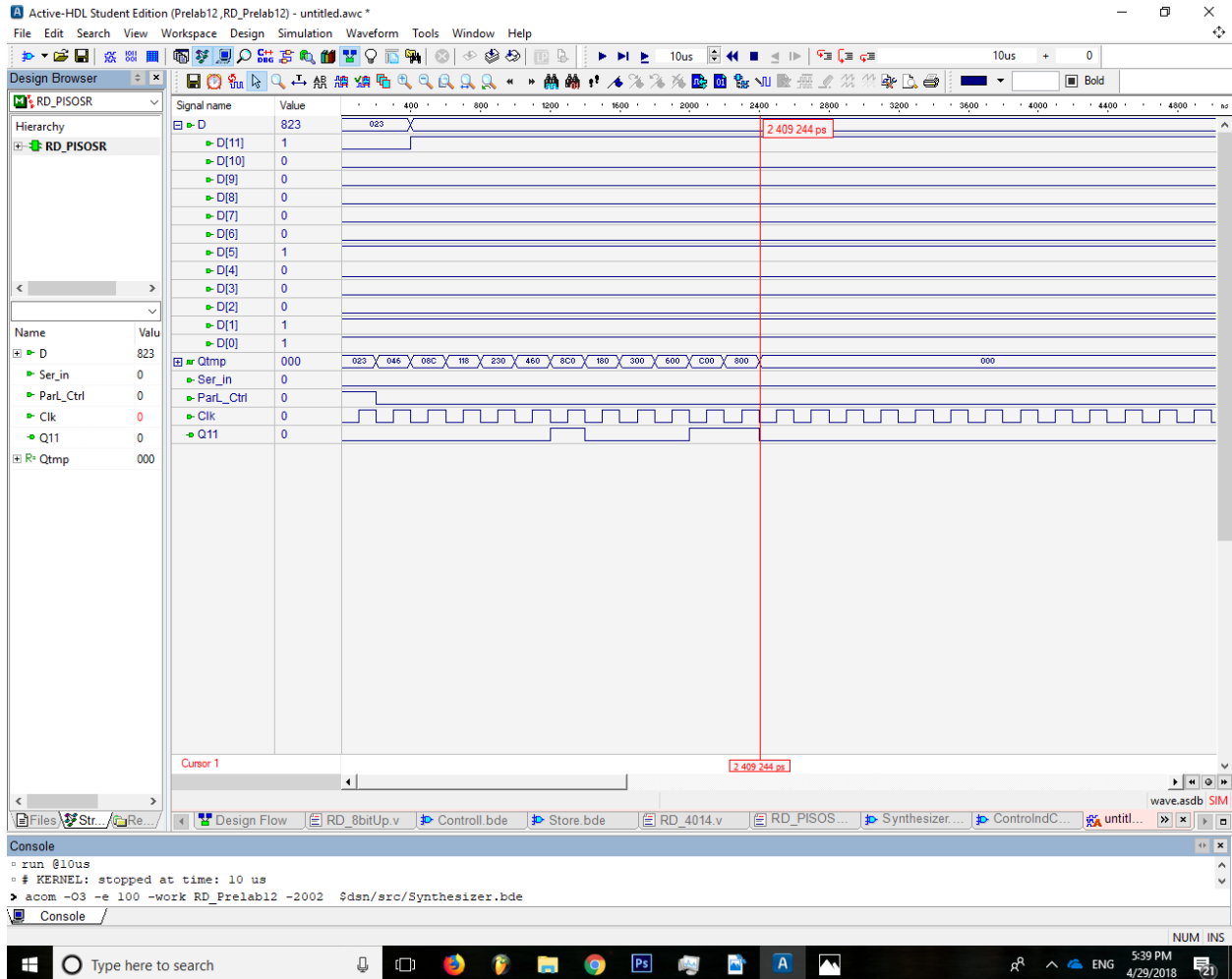


Figure 9: 12-bit PISO SR operation verified.

Q11 = Serial output of 12-bit PISO SR. By moving the cursor from left to right, one can count digit 0 , 2 , 3 from Q11. ID digit 0 , 2 , 3 was indeed used as data input. Using parallel control Data in was processed to Q11. Note the serial input is grounded.

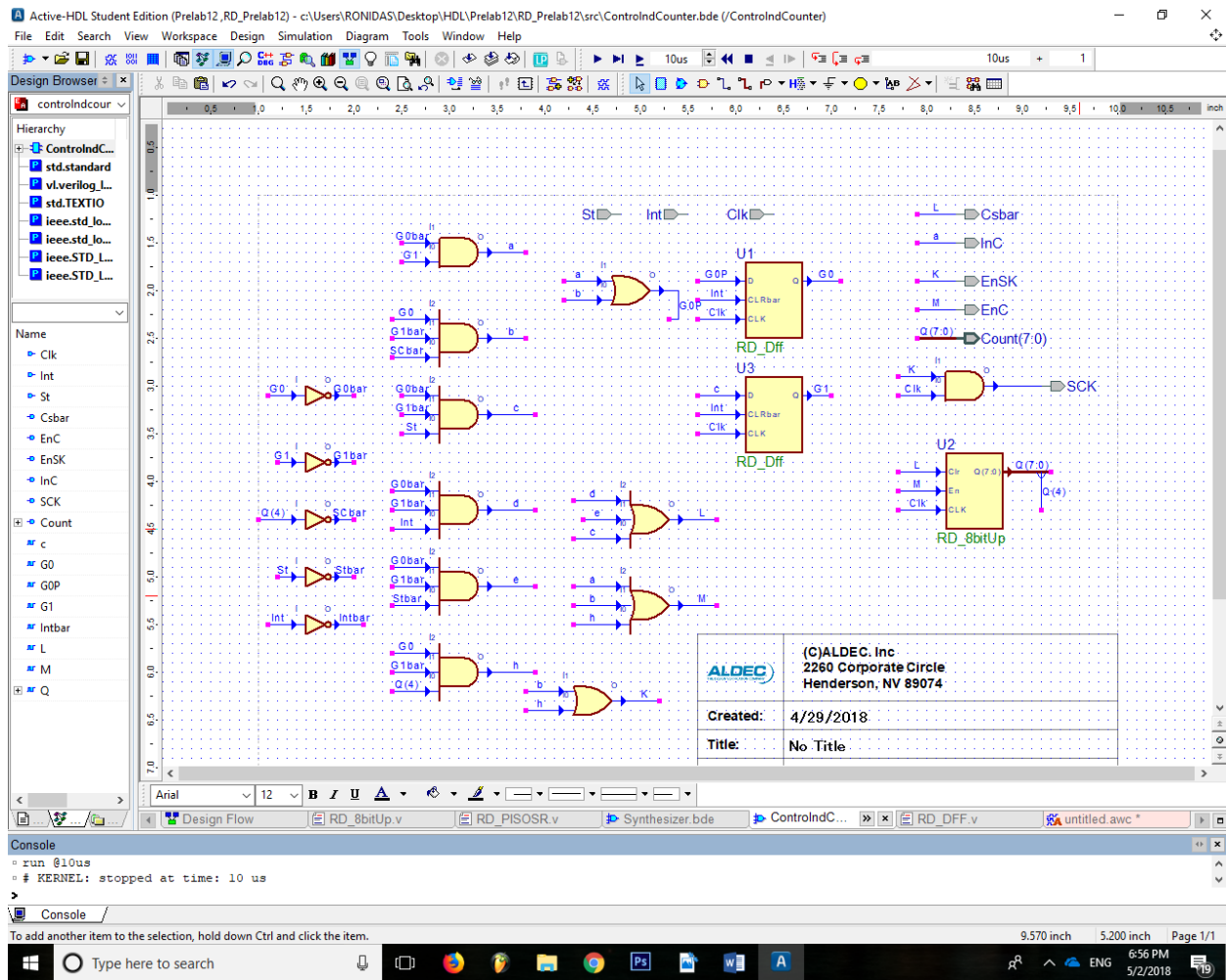


Figure 10: Controller schematic.

Following state equations and output equations controller logic was obtained and implemented in Active HDL. Controller counts with the help of 8-bit up counter. $SC = Q(4)$ decodes 16 from 8-bit up counter's output. Schematic converted into fub for later implementation.

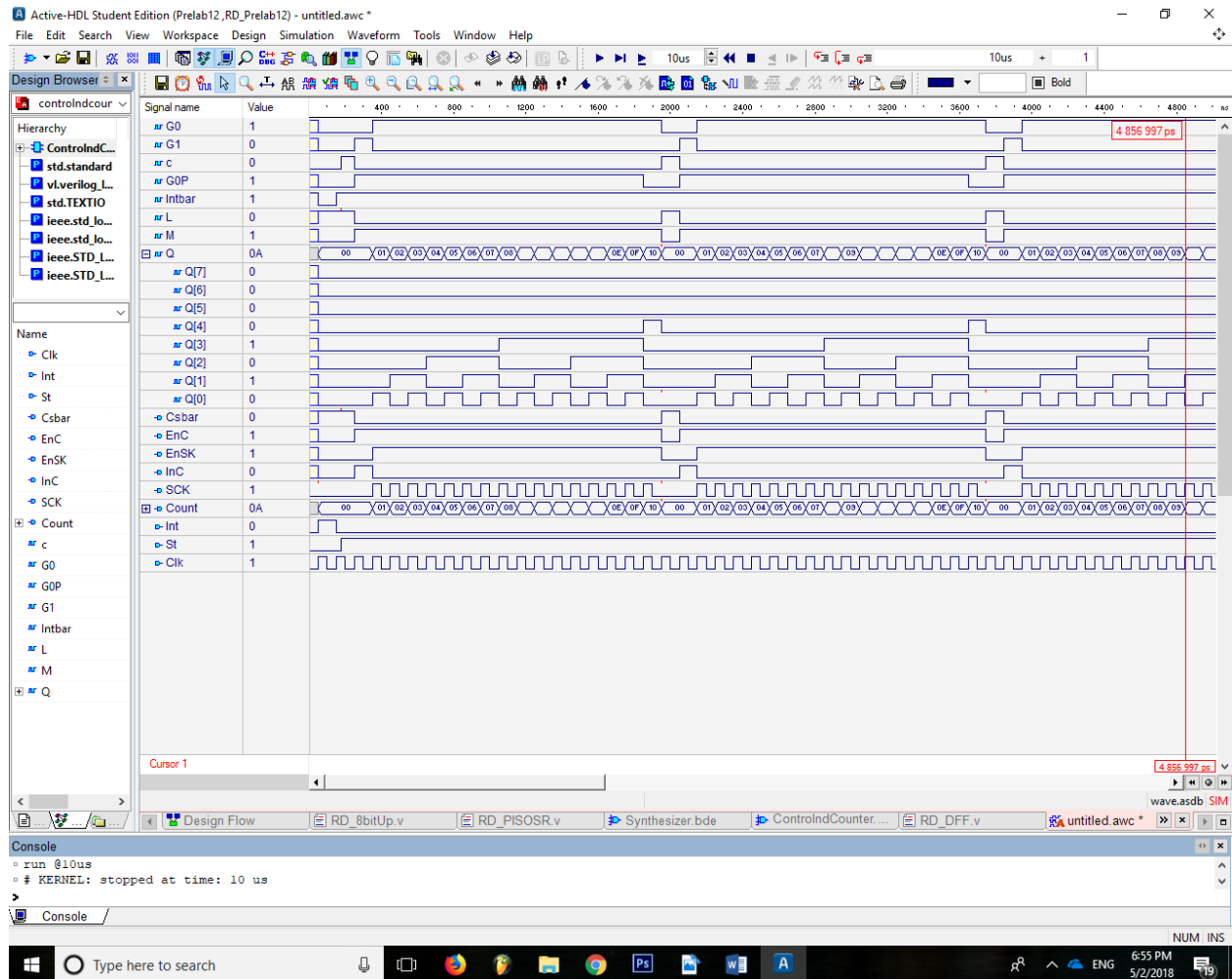


Figure 11: Controller’s logic in Waveforms.

As depicted above, G0 and G1 = states. Outputs of counter is shown as bus Outputs = Q(7:0) . SC= Q(4) = 1 cuts off counter and cycles back to idle state . Csbar = 1 , at beginning of each cycle. SCK provides 16 clock periods needed by the DAC .

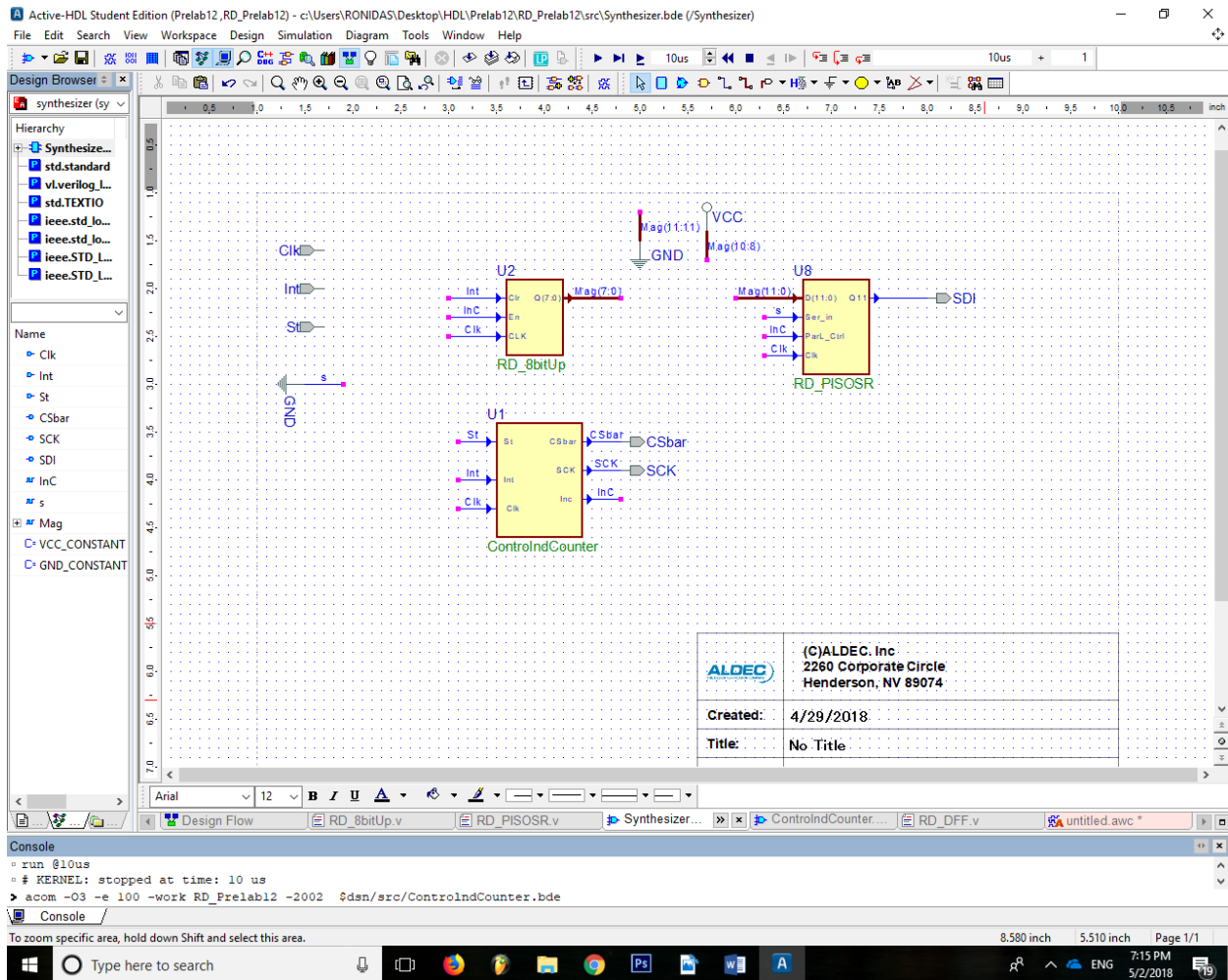


Figure 12 : SPI Master implementation in Active HDL.

Control unit and a 8-bit Counter was converted to fub (single box) ; only necessary outputs were obtained from controller for further simplification in circuit design. An 8-bit Counter(aptly named Magnitude counter) was implemented in data path (shown above). 12-bit PSIO SR , takes inputs from Magnitude counter for 8 bit data D(7:0) and 4-config Bit = 0111 D(11:8). SDI is the final Output of the system (readied for DAC).

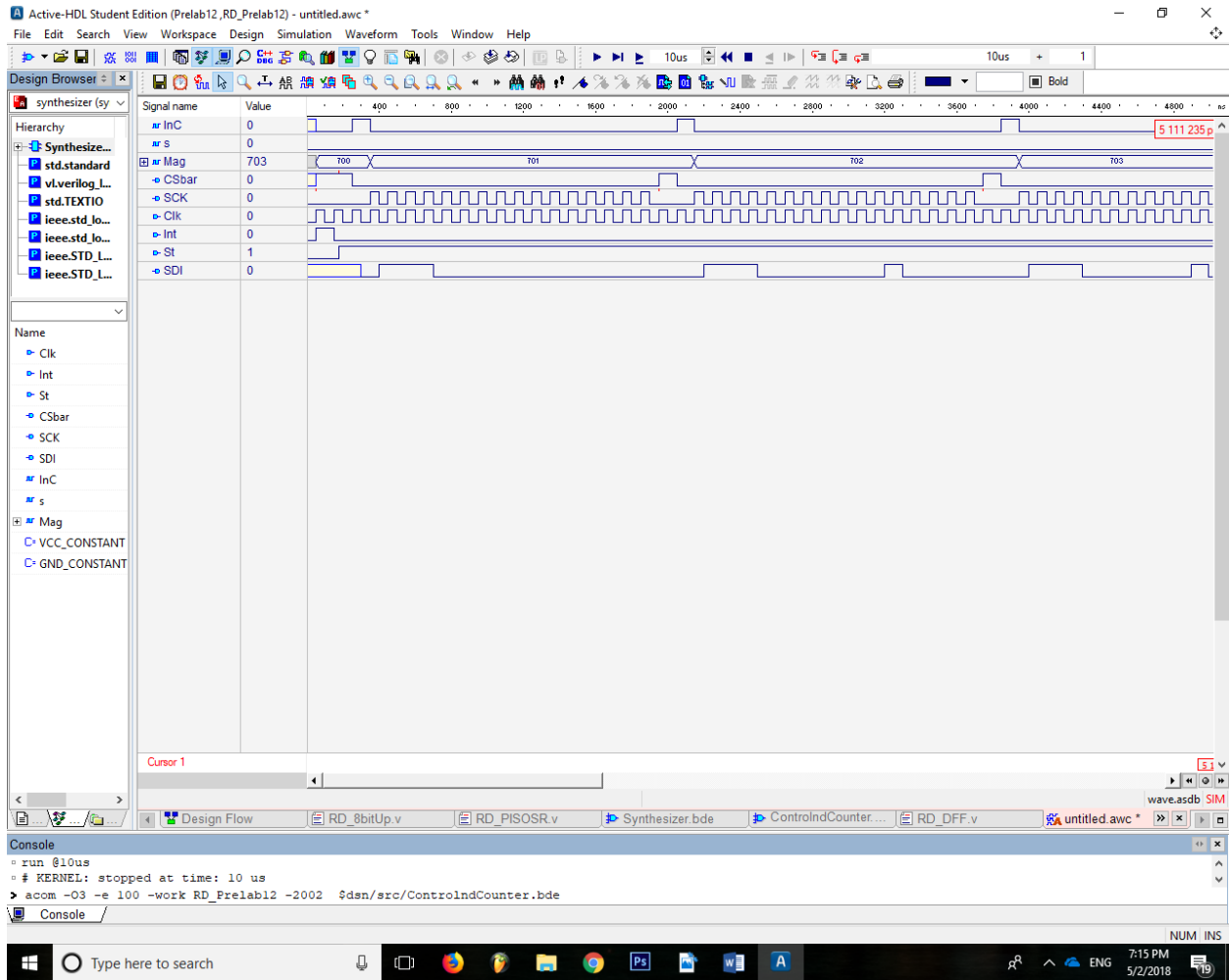


Figure 13: SPI Master operation verified in Waveform.

As shown in the waveform, SPI Master is operating correctly as expected. SCK provided 16 clock periods for DAC. CSbar activates at beginning of each cycle, (puts DAC in high impedance mode after each SCK cycle) . SDI produces all data needed for generation of an analog saw-wave signal.