

A|RT Builder v2.1

Modeling a multirate design

Version 1.4

Application Note

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1. Introduction

Multirate designs are characterized by decimation (or downsampling) and interpolation (or upsampling) of the data samples. This application note gives a possibility of how to model this behavior in C/C++, by making use of a finite state machine (fsm).

2. General case

The general case has N function-blocks, which are separated by a decimation -or an interpolation stage.



A fsm with N boolean outputs is required to enable or disable each function block at the appropriate cycle during the execution of the top function. One output from the fsm is input for one function block. This function is executed when the input coming from the fsm is set to 1. The number of bits for the counter in the fsm is based on the max. decimation factor that is reached, e.g. if the block diagram consists of *input - function1 - decimation by 2 - function2 - decimation by 2 - output* then the max. decimation factor is 4. In this case a counter with 2 bits is sufficient.

The following C code shows how AIRT can be used to model this behavior:

```
#include <fxp.h>
#define W xxx // width of the counter is determined by the decimation factor
void fsm(
 bool& Phase_0,
 bool& Phase_1,
 bool& Phase_i,
 bool& Phase_N
  static Uint<W> counter=0;
  Phase_0 =
            // boolean expression based on the counter register
            // boolean expression based on the counter register
 Phase_1 =
  Phase_i =
            //boolean expression based on the counter register
  Phase_N =
            //boolean expression based on the counter register
  ++counter;
void func_0(
 bool run,
 DATA in,
 DATA& out)
#pragma OUT out
  if (run)
    // function 0
```

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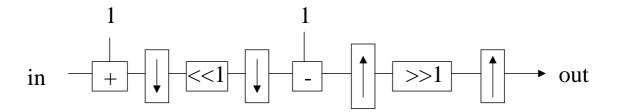
```
}
void func_1(
  bool run,
  DATA in,
  DATA& out)
#pragma OUT out
 if (run)
   // function 1
void func_i(
  bool run,
  DATA in,
  DATA& out)
#pragma OUT out
 if (run)
   // function i
void func_N(
  bool run,
  DATA in,
  DATA& out)
#pragma OUT out
  if (run)
    // function N
void multirate(
 DATA in,
 DATA& out)
  #pragma OUT out
  DATA tmp_1, tmp_2, ..., tmp_i, tmp_i+1, ..., tmp_N; bool phase_0, phase_1, phase_2, ... phase_i, ... phase_N;
  fsm(phase_0, phase_1, ..., phase_i, ..., phase_N);
  func_0(phase_0, in,tmp_1);
  func_1(phase_1,tmp_1,tmp_2);
  func_i(phase_i, tmp_i, tmp_i+1);
  func_N(phase_N, tmp_N, out);
```

3. Example

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This design example has the same input and output sample rate. However, the input is followed by two downsamplings of a factor 2 and this is followed by two upsamplings of a factor 2 before the output is produced.



The following C code shows how A|RT can be used to model this design:

```
#include <fxp.h>
typedef Uint<4> DATA;
void fsm(
  bool& Phasel,
 bool& Phase2,
 bool& Phase3,
 bool& Phase4
  static Uint<2> counter=0;
 Phase1 = (Uint<1>(counter)==0);
  Phase2 = (counter==0);
  Phase3 = (counter!=2);
 Phase4 = (Uint<1>(counter)==0);
  ++counter;
void func0(
 DATA in,
 DATA& out)
#pragma OUT out
  out=in+1;
void func1(
 bool run,
 DATA in,
 DATA& out)
#pragma OUT out
 if (run)
    out=in << DATA(1);
  else
    out="dontcare";
void func2(
 bool run,
```

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```
DATA in,
 DATA& out)
#pragma OUT out
  if (run)
    out=in -1;
  else
    out="dontcare";
void func3(
 bool run,
 DATA in,
 DATA& out)
#pragma OUT out
 if (run)
    out=in;
  else
    out=0;
void func4(
 bool run,
 DATA in,
 DATA& out)
#pragma OUT out
  if (run)
   out=in >> DATA(1);
  else
    out=0;
void multirate(
 DATA in.
 DATA& out)
  #pragma OUT out
 DATA tmp1, tmp2, tmp3, tmp4;
 bool phase1, phase2, phase3, phase4;
  fsm(phase1, phase2, phase3, phase4);
  func0(in,tmp1);
  func1(phase1,tmp1,tmp2);
  func2(phase2, tmp2, tmp3);
 func3(phase3, tmp3, tmp4);
  func4(phase4, tmp4, out);
```

For this design, A|RT Builder will generate one top component consisting of 7 subcomponents. The top component will run at a clock-frequency corresponding with the input and output sample-rate. The fsm makes the subcomponents process the samples at a different rate.

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