

HJ-micro Register Design Automation Tool (HRDA Tool)

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0. HOW TO USE THIS MANUAL

This reference manual focuses on following topics:

- what the RTL architecture ([regmst](#), [regdisp](#), [regslv](#)) generated by HRDA is like. ([2. RTL Architecture](#))
- learn how to write SystemRDL to describe complicated registers and address space mappings. ([3. SystemRDL Coding Guideline](#))
 - the quickest way to write SystemRDL code: see [3.2 Overall Example](#)
- learn how to write Excel worksheets to describe simple registers. ([4. Excel Worksheet Guideline](#))
 - the quickest way to write SystemRDL code: see [4.1 Table Format](#)
- learn how to use the HRDA tool to get required output files. ([5. Tool Flow Guideline](#))

For someone who is going to maintain HRDA code repository and update new features, please refer to another HRDA Code Wiki (not available yet).

1. Introduction

HJ-micro Register design Automation (HRDA) Tool is a command-line register automation tool developed by Python, which consists of three major parts: Template Generator, Parser and Generator. Template Generator is used to generate register description templates in Excel worksheet (.xlsx) or SystemRDL (.rdl) format. Parser is used to parse and compile **input Excel worksheets (.xlsx), SystemRDL (.rdl) and IP-XACT (.xml) files**. Generator is used to generate Verilog RTL, documentations, UVM register abstraction layer (RAL) models and C header files.

For generating RTL modules with a few number of registers and simple address mapping, Excel worksheet is recommended. Nonetheless, for some complicated modules with numerous registers and sophisticated address mappings, SystemRDL is more expressive and flexible.

The overall HRDA tool flow is shown in [Figure 1.1](#).

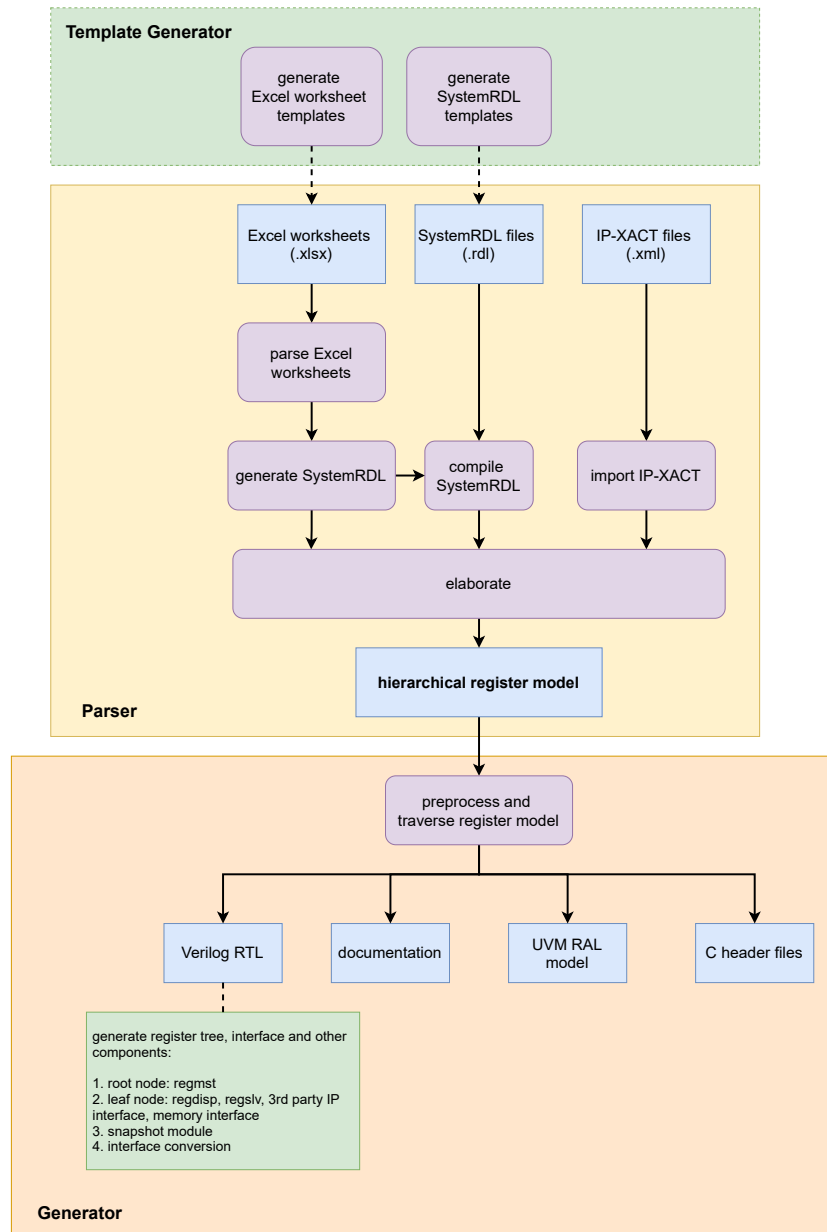


Figure 1.1 HRDA tool flow

1.1 Template Generator

Template Generator provides convenience for designers working with Excel worksheets or not familiar with SystemRDL. For Excel worksheets, it generates several template tables including basic register definitions such as name, width, address offset, field definitions, etc., in one worksheet. For SystemRDL, it provides example code. Designers can refer to these templates and modify them to meet their own requirements.

See Excel worksheet template format in [Figure 4.1](#), [Figure 4.2](#), SystemRDL template format in [3.2 Overall Example](#), and command options in [5.2.2 Template Generator Command Options and Arguments](#).

1.2 Parser

1.2.1 Excel Parser

Excel Parser checks all input Excel worksheets including basic format and design rules, and then converts them into SystemRDL files, which will be submitted to the [SystemRDL Compiler](#) later. Intermediate SystemRDL code generation also allows the designer to add more complicated features supported by SystemRDL.

To learn what rules are checked and how to write an acceptable Excel worksheet, see [4. Excel Worksheet Guideline](#). Once any rule is violated, Excel parser will raise error message and indicate where error occurs.

1.2.2 SystemRDL Parser/Compiler

SystemRDL parser relies on an open-source project [SystemRDL Compiler](#). SystemRDL Compiler is able to parse, compile, elaborate and check SystemRDL files followed by [SystemRDL 2.0 Specification](#) to generate a traversable and hierarchical register model as a Python object. Its basic workflow is shown in [Figure 1.2](#).

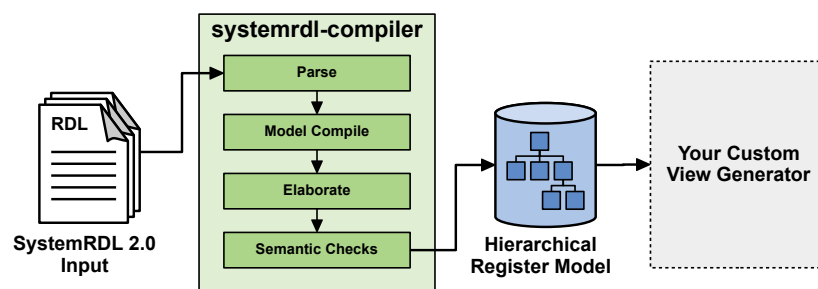


Figure 1.2 SystemRDL Compiler workflow

Simple example:

```
reg my_reg_t {
    field {} f1;
    field {} f2;
};

addrmap top {
    my_reg_t A[4];
    my_reg_t B;
};
```

Once compiled, the register model can be described like this:

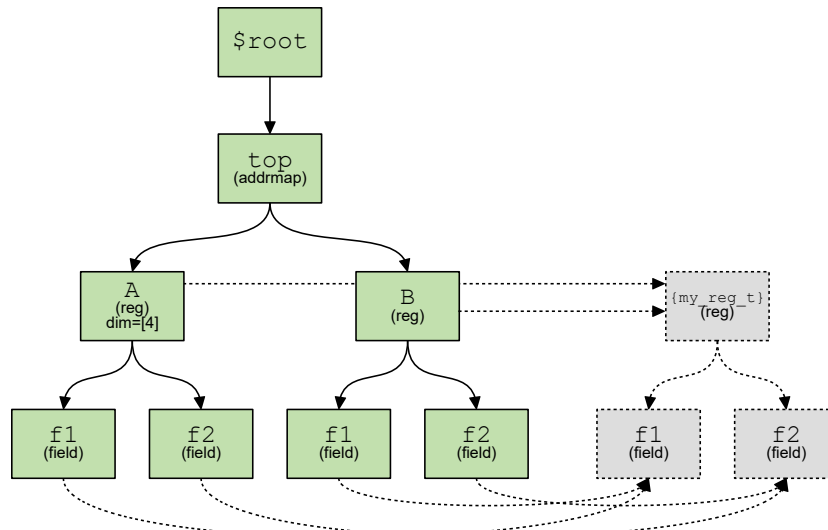


Figure 1.3 hierarchical register model

The hierarchical register model bridges HRDA Parser and Generator. Parser ultimately generates this model, and everything generated by Generator is based on it.

For a detailed description of this model, see [SystemRDL Compiler Documentation](#).

1.2.3 IP-XACT Importer

The IP-XACT importer relies on an open-source project [PeakRDL-ipxact](#), and involves the ability to compile from IP-XACT data exchange document (.xml) format into a SystemRDL register model.

Importing IP-XACT definitions can occur at any point alongside normal SystemRDL file compilation. When an IP-XACT file is imported, the register description is loaded into the SystemRDL register model as if it were an `addrmap` component declaration. Once imported, the IP-XACT contents can be used as-is, or referenced from another SystemRDL file.

1.3 Generator

1.3.1 Model Preprocessor

Model Preprocessor traverses the register model compiled by Parser, during which it modifies and double-check properties and hierarchical relationship.

To be more concrete, for component instances in SystemRDL:

- `addrmap`
 - complement user-defined properties to distinguish different RTL types of `addrmap` instances
 - `hj_gennetwork`
 - `hj_genmst`
 - `hj_gendisp`
 - `hj_genslv`
 - `hj_flatten_addrmap`
 - `hj_3rd_party_ip`
 - check whether properties above are mutually exclusive
 - complement RTL module names of all `regmst`, `regdisp`, `regslv` instances
- `mem`
 - check memory width
 - whether memories are instantiated under `regdisp` or 3rd party IP
- `field`
 - insert `hdl_path_slice` for UVM RAL model generation

Additionally:

- check violations of instance hierarchy relationship
- filter some instances by setting `ispresent` to false, thus generated uvm ral model would ignore them (wildcard matching are supported)

1.3.2 RTL Generator

RTL Generator is the core functionality of HRDA. It traverses the preprocessed register model and generates Verilog RTL.

For the detailed architecture, see [2. RTL Architecture](#).

1.3.3 HTML Generator

HTML Generator relies on an open-source project [PeakRDL-html](#). It is able to generate address space documentation HTML file from the preprocessed register model. A simple example of exported HTML is shown in [Figure 1.4](#).

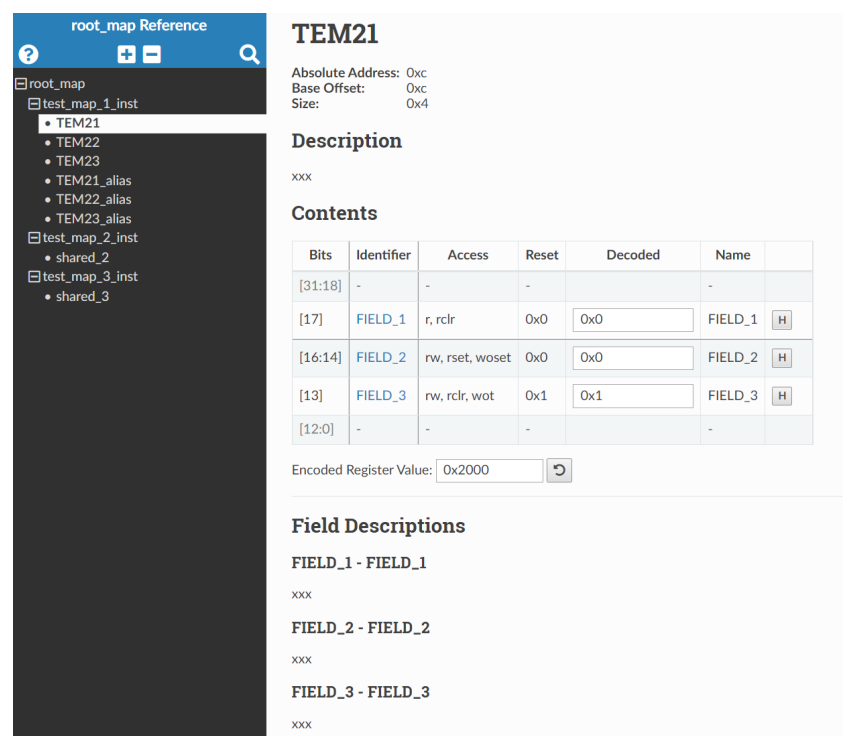


Figure 1.4 HTML document example

Warning: Once there are numerous registers, such as tens of thousands, the generation process and the response the generated HTML page will be very slow and stuck at the loading process.

1.3.4 PDF Generator

1.3.5 UVM RAL Generator

UVM RAL Generator relies on an open-source project [PeakRDL-uvvm](#).

1.3.6 C Header Generator

2. RTL Architecture

Control and status registers are distributed all around the chip in different subsystems, such as NoC, PCIe, MMU, SoC interconnect, Generic Interrupt Controller, Security, etc. Not only hardware logic inside the respective subsystem, but also software needs to access them via system bus. HRDA provides a unified RTL architecture to make all these registers accessible by hardware, and software, namely visible to Application Processors (APs). All RTL modules generated by HRDA ultimately forms a network where each subsystem designer occupies one or more register trees (see more details in [2.1 Register Network](#)).

Register Network, or `reg_network`, is a multi-root hierarchical network. The overall network architecture is shown in [Figure 2.1](#).



The entire network consists of many SoC-level Register Trees (`reg_tree`) at top of which are `regmst` modules which connect to upstream interconnect unit, such as ARM NIC-450 Non-coherent Interconnect by standard AMBA protocol (APB now). The number of SoC-level `reg_tree` modules determines the number of interface the upstream interconnect forwards.

Note: For designers who only need to generate internal registers not accessed through the `reg_network`, HRDA only requires SystemRDL or Excel worksheets that describe `regslv` modules (see [2.5 Register Access Slave \(regslv\)](#)).

- Register Access Master (**regmst**): an RTL module that serves as the root node of SoC-level **reg_tree**. It is responsible for transaction reception from upstream interconnect and transaction forwarding to downstream modules (actually **regdisp**), and monitoring child node status as well. See more details in [2.3 Register Access Master \(regmst\)](#).
- Register Dispatcher (**regdisp**): an RTL module that selectively dispatches transactions from upstream **reg_native_if** to one or more downstream **reg_native_if**. At SoC level, **regdisp** serves as a immediate child of **regmst** conducting one-to-many transaction forwarding. While at subsystem level, **regdisp** can either be the root node or child node (but not terminal node) in subsystem-level **reg_tree**. See more details in [2.4 Register Dispatcher \(regdisp\)](#)
- Register Access Slave (**regslv**): an RTL module that contains all **internal** registers described by SystemRDL or Excel worksheets. According to design and generation principles, **regslv modules can only be connected to regdisp and serve as terminal nodes in reg_tree**. If some registers are declared to be **external** in SystemRDL, **regslv** won't consist of their RTL code. See more details in [2.5 Register Access Slave \(regslv\)](#).
- 3rd party IP: registers in other 3rd party IPs can also be accessed by connecting themselves to **reg_tree** via **reg_native_if**. According to design and generation principles, **3rd party IPs can only be connected to regdisp nodes and serve as terminal nodes in reg_tree**.
- Memory: in some situations, memory is used to implement logical registers. External memories can be mapped to the register address space and integrated into the unified management of **reg_network** via **reg_native_if**, at which point the system bus sees no difference in the behavior of memory accesses and register accesses. According to design and generation principles, **memories can only be connected to regdisp and serve as terminal nodes in reg tree**.

All modules above are corresponding to some components defined in the SystemRDL description written by designers, and their relationship can be found in [4. Excel Worksheet Guideline](#) and [3. SystemRDL Coding Guideline](#).

Note: `reg_network` and `reg_tree` are not the RTL code generation boundry. In other words, there is not a RTL module named `reg_network` or `reg_tree`. Only separate `regdisp` and `regslv` RTL modules at subsystem level, and `regmst` modules at SoC level are generated.

2.2 Register Native Access Interface (`reg_native_if`)

Typically, except that the upstream interface of `regmst` is `APB`, every module is connected to another one as a child node in `reg_tree` via Register Native Access Interface (`reg_native_if`). `reg_native_if` is used under following circumstances in `reg_network`:

- `regmst <-> regdisp`
- `regdisp <-> regdisp`
- `regdisp <-> regslv`
- `regdisp <-> 3rd party IP`
- `regdisp <-> memory`

All signals are listed in [Table 2.2](#):

Signal Name	Direction	Width	Description	Comments
<code>req_vld</code>	input from upstream, output to downstream	1	request valid	
<code>ack_vld</code>	output to upstream, input from downstream	1	acknowledgement valid	
<code>addr</code>	input from upstream, output to downstream	<code>BUS_ADDR_WIDTH</code>	address	
<code>wr_en</code>	input from upstream, output to downstream	1	write enable	
<code>rd_en</code>	input from upstream, output to downstream	1	read enable	
<code>wr_data</code>	input from upstream, output to downstream	<code>BUS_DATA_WIDTH</code>	write data	
<code>rd_data</code>	output to upstream, input from downstream	<code>BUS_DATA_WIDTH</code>	read data	
<code>err</code>	output to upstream, input from downstream	1	error report signal	optional
<code>soft_rst</code>	input from upstream, output to downstream	1	soft reset all components but not register value	optional

Table 2.2 `reg_native_if` definition

where `BUS_ADDR_WIDTH` defaults to 64 bit, and `BUS_DATA_WIDTH` defaults to 32 bit.

As mentioned before, `reg_native_if` can be forwarded to connect external memories or 3rd party IPs which serve as terminal nodes in `reg_tree`. The following [2.2.1 Write Transaction](#) and [2.2.2 Read Transaction](#) sections show basic transaction sequences to help designers integrate modules and connect wires.

For one read or write transaction, **`ack_vld` is not allowed to be asserted by downstream modules before `req_vld` is asserted.**

2.2.1 Write Transaction

There are two methods for write transactions. One is with no wait state: `ack_vld` is asserted once `req_vld` and `wr_en` raises. The other is with one or more wait states: `ack_vld` is asserted after `req_vld` and `wr_en` have raised for more than one cycles. `req_vld`, `addr`, `wr_en` and `wr_data` should be valid at the same cycle, and are valid for **only one cycle**.

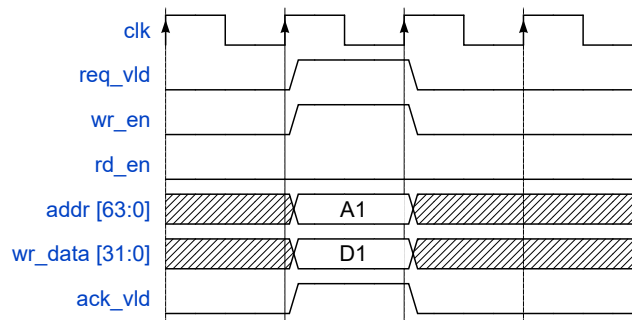


Figure 2.3 write transaction without wait state

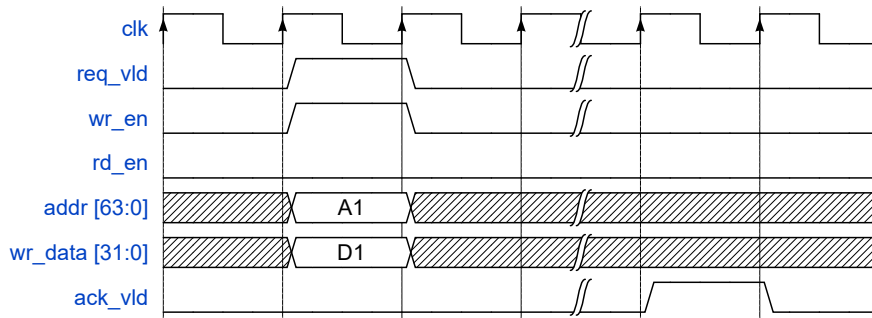


Figure 2.4 write transaction with one or more wait states

2.2.2 Read Transaction

There are two methods for read transactions. One is with no wait state: **ack_vld** is asserted and **rd_data** are valid once **req_vld** and **rd_en** raises. The other is with one or more wait states: **ack_vld** is asserted after **req_vld** and **rd_en** have raised for more than one cycles. **req_vld**, **addr**, **rd_en** should be valid at the same cycle, and are valid for **only one cycle**.

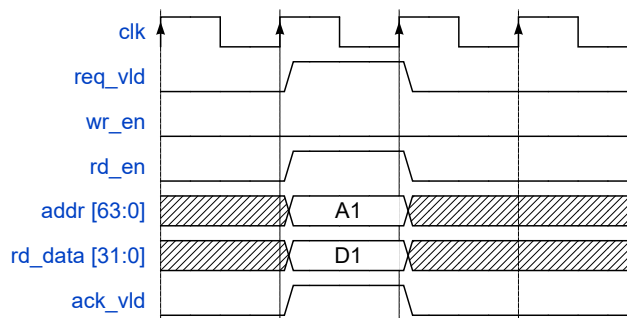


Figure 2.5 read transaction with no wait state

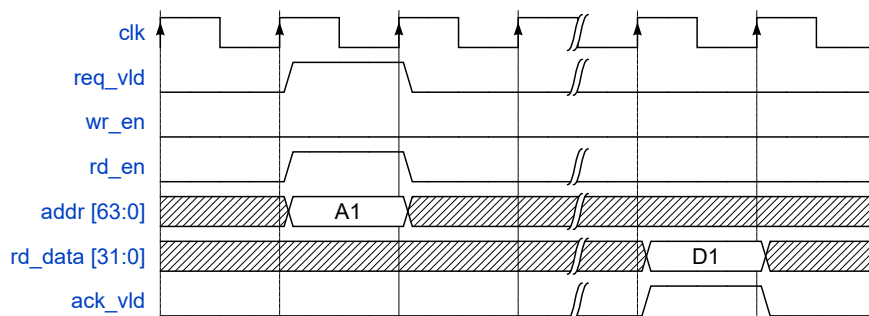


Figure 2.6 read transaction with one or more wait states

2.3 Register Access Master (regmst)

The top-level (root) **addrmap** instance in SystemRDL corresponds to a **regmst** module, and the RTL module name (also file name) is **regmst_<suffix>**, where **<suffix>** is instance name of root **addrmap** in SystemRDL.

If input files are Excel worksheets only, all of them will be converted to SystemRDL and an extra top-level (root) **addrmap** will be automatically generated, the instance name is **excel_top** or assigned by **-m/--module** option (see [5.2 Command Options and Arguments](#)).

`regmst` is the root node of `reg_tree`, and is responsible for monitoring all downstream nodes. Figure 2.7 shows the architecture of `regmst`.

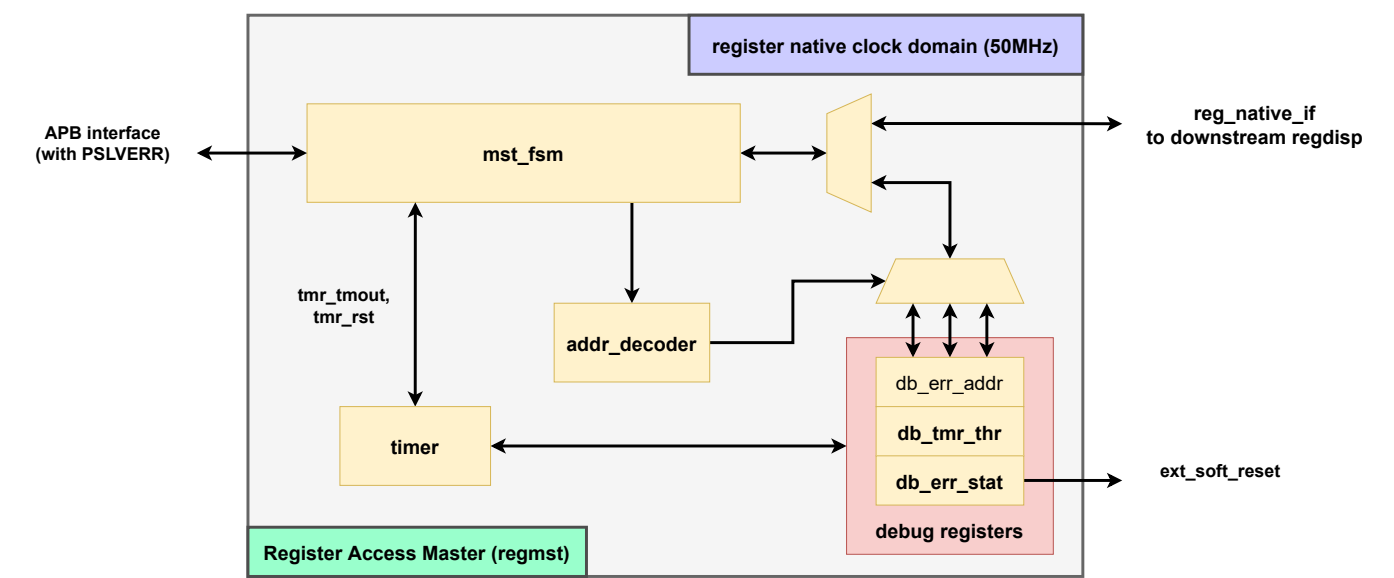


Figure 2.7 `regmst` architecture

`regmst` bridges SoC-level interconnect (APB now) and `reg_native_if`. `addr_decoder` decodes the **absolute address** from APB interface and `mst_fsm` launches the access request to downstream modules (actually `regdisp`).

Then `regmst` starts a timer. If a timeout event occurs in waiting for response from downstream modules, `regmst` responds to the upstream interconnect with `PREADY` and `PSLVERR` asserted, and with fake data `0xdead_1eaf` if it is a read transaction, and asserts an interrupt to report the timeout event. Meanwhile, unresponded request information is logged in local registers of `regmst` and software is able to determine the problematic module by reading them. Software also can assert soft reset by writing to the soft-reset register, which results in `regmst` broadcasting a synchronous reset signal to all downstream modules so that all sequential logic (FSM in `regslv`, all flip-flops, bridge components, etc.) can be reset to prevent `reg_tree` from being stuck in waiting for response (`ack_vld`).

`regmst` module does not support outstanding transactions, so the process logic is quite straitforward:

- Once receiving an APB transaction, `addr_decoder` in `regmst` decodes the **absolute address** to determine whether current access belongs to its downstream modules
- `regmst` forwards access to the downstream `regdisp` module, then waits for response (`ack_vld`), and starts a timer as well.
 - If downstream modules responds with `ack_vld` asserted in `reg_native_if`, `regmst` responds to the upstream interconnect with `PREADY` asserted in APB interface, then `mst_fsm` resets timer and returns to idle state.
 - If a timeout event occurs, `regmst` logs current address, finishes the transaction with `PREADY` and `PSLVERR` asserted, and returns fake data if it is a read transaction, and asserts the interrupt signal.
 - Software sets the soft-reset register inside `regmst` which then asserts global synchronous reset signal to all downstream modules.

With regard to clock domain, `regmst` runs on the register native domain (typically 50MHz).

Table 2.8 shows port definitions of `regmst`.

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Port	Direction	Width	Description
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Table 2.8 `regmst` port definition

2.4 Register Dispatcher (`regdisp`)

The immediate sub-addrmap instance of root `addrmap` or any `addrmap` instance which is assigned `hj_gendisp = true` corresponds to a `regdisp` module, and the RTL module name (also file name) is `regdisp_<suffix>`, where `<suffix>` is current `addrmap` instance name in SystemRDL.

`regdisp` is responsible for one-to-many access request dispatch like an inverse multiplexor, and it is **the only module in `reg_tree` that can connect multiple downstream modules which may be `regslv` modules implementing internal registers, 3rd party IPs, external memories or another `regdisp` module via `reg_native_if`**. Figure 2.9 shows the architecture of `regdisp`.

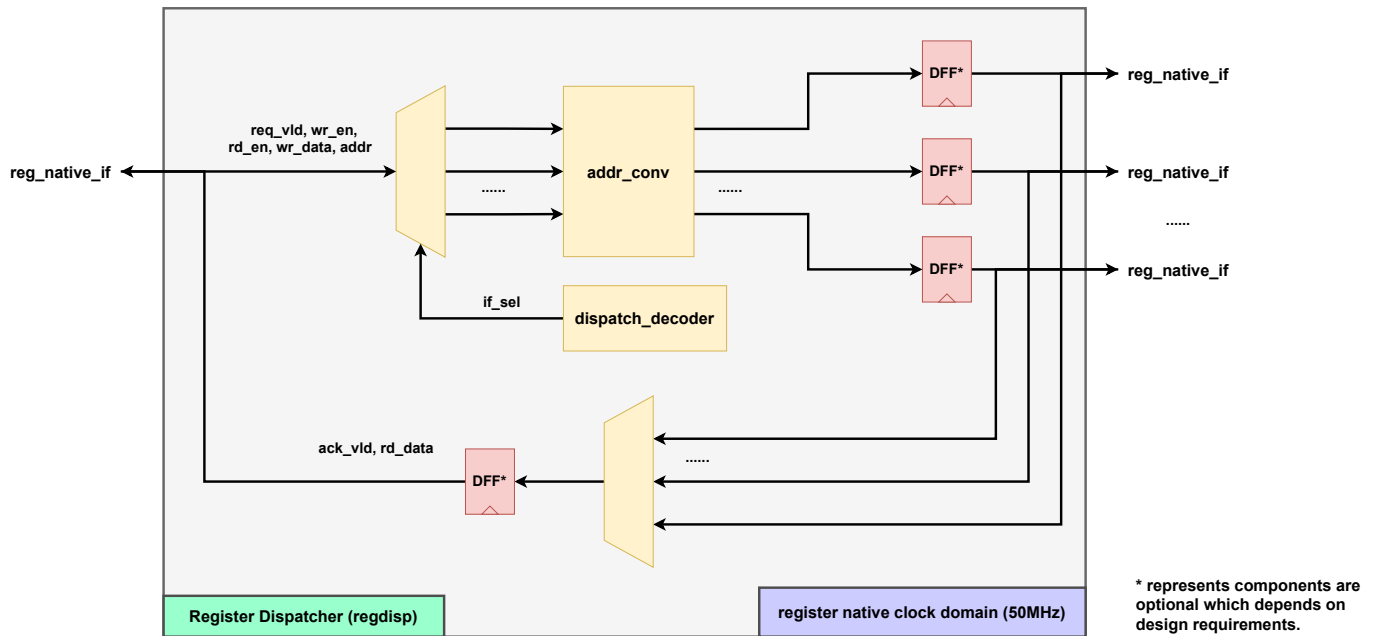


Figure 2.9 regdisp architecture

As Figure 2.9 shows, **regdisp** has additional optional functionalities based on design requirements described in SystemRDL by explicitly assigning user-defined properties such as *hj_use_abs_addr*, *hj_use_upstream_ff*, *hj_use_backward_ff* in **addrmap** components (see 3.1.10 Addrmap Component):

- Convert absolute address to base offset in **reg_native_if::addr** (assign *hj_use_abs_addr* = *false* in current **addrmap** representing for **regdisp**)
 - If base address of the downstream module is aligned, simply clip several high bits of **addr**. For example,

```
// cut 48 higher bits and reserve only 16 lower bits
assign addr_pre[0] = {48'b0, addr_imux[0][15:0]};
```

- Otherwise, generate a subtractor. For example,

```
// base address is 0x20c
assign addr_pre[0] = addr_imux[0] - 64'h20c;
```

- Insert DFFs alongside the forward datapath of **reg_native_if** (assign *hj_use_upstream_ff* = *true* in immediate sub-addrmap of current **addrmap** representing for **regdisp**)
- Insert a DFF alongside the backward datapath of **reg_native_if** (assign *hj_use_backward_ff* = *true* in current **addrmap** representing for **regdisp**)

With regard to clock domain, **regdisp** runs on the register native domain (typically 50MHz).

Table 2.10 shows port definitions of **regdisp**.

// TODO

Port	Direction	Width	Description
upstream_req_vld	input	1	
upstream_ack_vld	output	1	
upstream_wr_en	input	1	
upstream_rd_en	input	1	
upstream_addr	input	BUS_ADDR_WIDTH	
upstream_wr_data	input	BUS_DATA_WIDTH	
upstream_rd_data	output	BUS_DATA_WIDTH	

Port	Direction	Width	Description
downstream_req_vld	output	1	
downstream_ack_vld	input	1	
downstream_wr_en	output	1	
downstream_rd_en	output	1	
downstream_addr	output	BUS_ADDR_WIDTH	
downstream_wr_data	output	BUS_DATA_WIDTH	
downstream_rd_data	input	BUS_DATA_WIDTH	

Table 2.10 regdisp port definition

2.5 Register Access Slave (regslv)

regslv modules are used to implement internal registers. Any addrmap instance which is assigned hj_genslv = true or an Excel worksheet corresponds to a regslv module, and the RTL module name (also file name) is regslv_<suffix>, where <suffix> is the addrmap instance name in SystemRDL or Excel worksheet name.

Figure 2.11 shows the architecture of regslv.

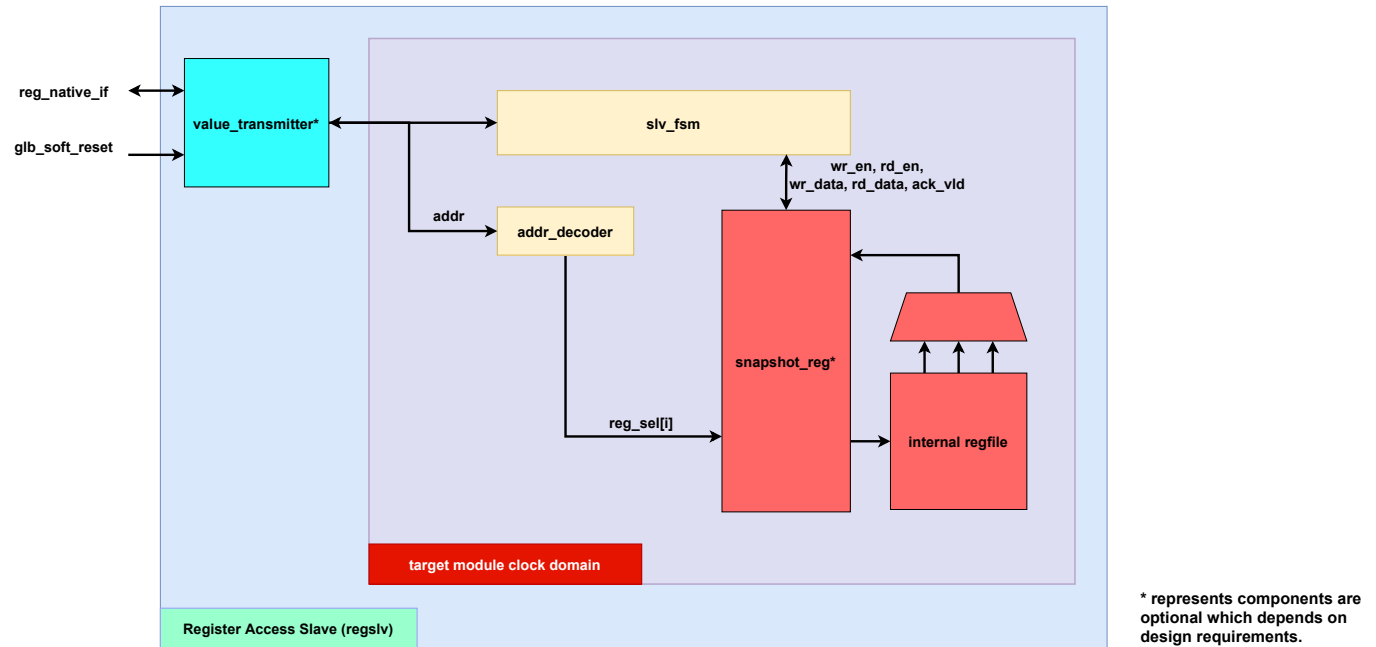


Figure 2.11 regslv architecture

regslv is the terminal node in reg_tree and its immediate parent node is regdisp, so it does not forward any interface. Designers should use regdisp if they want to forward interface to 3rd party IPs or external memories.

Table 2.12 shows port definition of regslv.

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Port	Direction	Width	Description
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Table 2.12 regslv port definition

2.6 Register and Field

field is the structural component at the lowest level. The field architecture is shown in Figure 2.13.

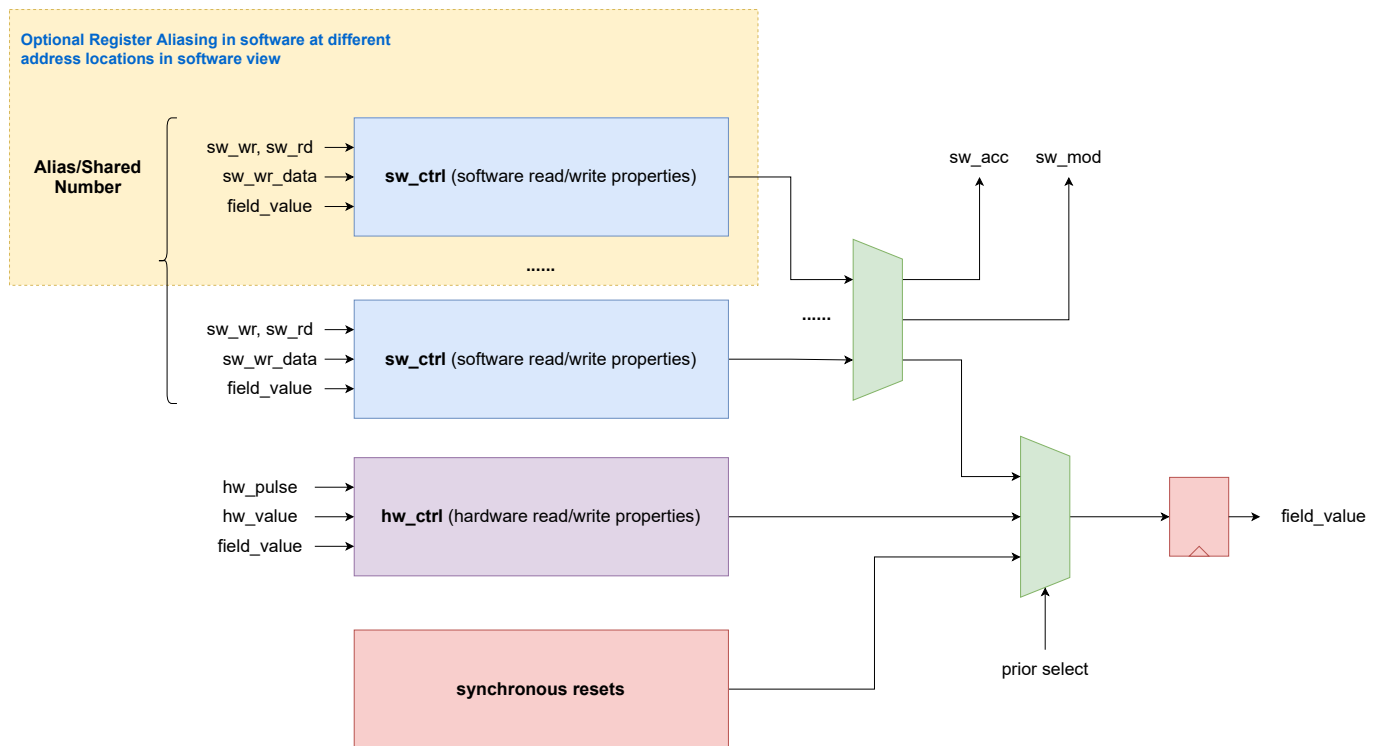


Figure 2.13 field architecture

The **field** module implements hardware and software access types defined in Excel worksheets, SystemRDL and IP-XACT files.

sw_ctrl unit corresponds to software access (read and write) types of registers. It uses software access signals from **slv_fsm** in **regslv**, which are initially forwarded by **reg_native_if** from upstream modules.

All supported software access types are listed in Table 2.14 and Table 2.15. **field** can be readable and writeable, write only once, and has some read or write side-effects on software behavior. Additionally, *alias* and *shared* property in SystemRDL can be used to describe **reg** if designers wants to generate registers with more than one software address locations and access types but only one physical implementation. If *alias* or *shared* property is assigned in SystemRDL, a corresponding number of software control (**sw_ctrl**) units will be generated. For simple register description without *alias* or *shared* property, there is only one **sw_ctrl** instance in **field** RTL.

Software Read Type	Description
NA	not allowed to read (if read, read data are all 0's)
R	able to read, no side effect
RCLR	all bits of the field are cleared to 0 after read
RSET	all bits of the field are set to 1 after read

Table 2.14 supported software read types

Software Write Type	Description
W1	write once (only first write after reset is valid)
WOCLR	bitwise write 1 to clear ($field = field \& \sim write_data$)
WOSET	bitwise write 1 to set ($field = field write_data$)
WOT	bitwise write 1 to toggle ($field = field \wedge write_data$)
WZS	bitwise write 0 to set ($field = field \sim write_data$)
WZC	bitwise write 0 to clear ($field = field \& write_data$)
WZT	bitwise write 0 to toggle ($field = field \sim \wedge write_data$)

Table 2.15 supported software write types

hw_ctrl unit corresponds to hardware access types of registers. It simply uses **hw_pulse** and **hw_value** for hardware access, and these two signals also appear in **regslv** module port declaration if the **field** instance they belong to are writeable on hardware behavior.

All supported hardware access types are listed in Table 2.16.

Hardware Access Type	Description
R	read only, thus <code><field_name>__pulse</code> and <code><field_name>__next_value</code> are not generated as <code>regslv</code> ports
W	write only, thus <code><field_name>__curr_value</code> are not generated as <code>regslv</code> ports
RW	able to read and write when <code>hw_pulse</code> is asserted
CLR	bitwise write to clear, and <code>hw_pulse</code> input is ignored
SET	bitwise write to set, and <code>hw_pulse</code> input is ignored

Table 2.16 supported hardware access types

All supported sodtware and hardware access types also can be found in the verilog header file `field_attr.vh`.

Note: `hw_pulse` and `hw_value` correspond to `<field_inst_name>__pulse` and `<field_inst_name>__next_value` as port names of `regslv`, and `field_value` corresponds to `<field_inst_name>__curr_value` as the port name of `regslv`.

Additionally, there are some other advanced features in SystemRDL that can be implemented and generated as RTL code. See more in [SystemRDL Coding Guideline](#).

`field` is concatenated to form `register` and mapped into address space for software access, as shown in [Figure 2.17](#).

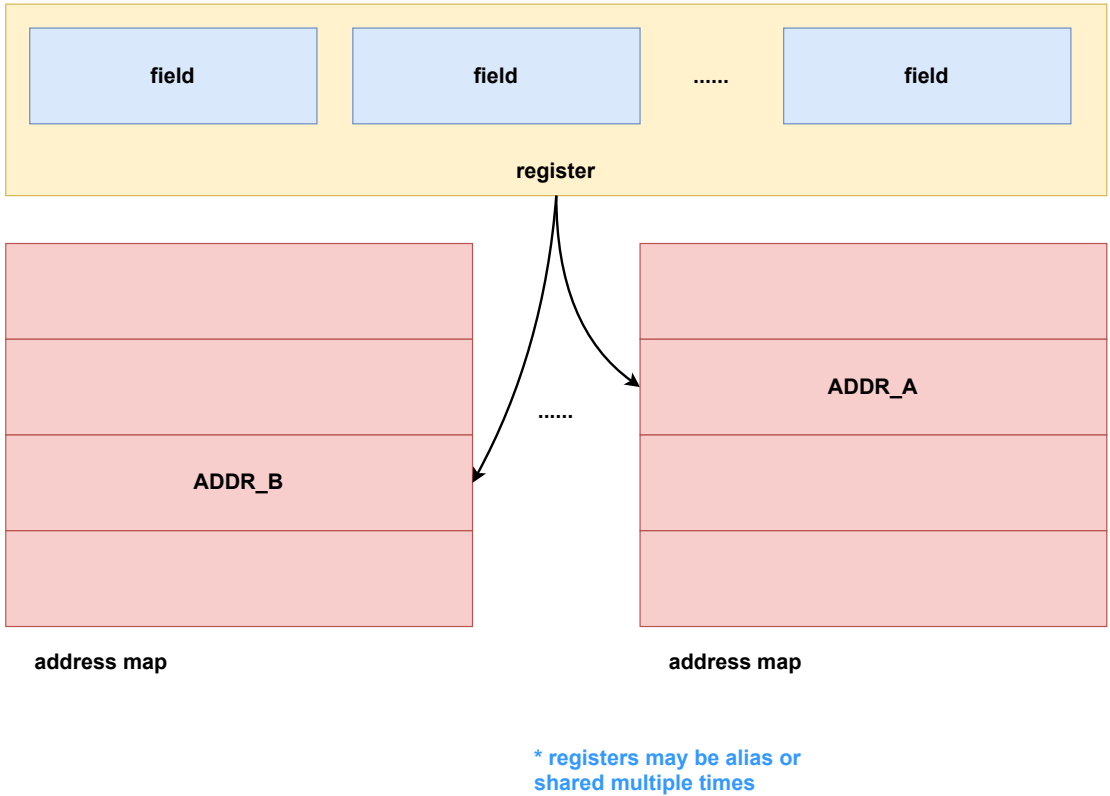


Figure 2.17 fields are concatenated to form registers (software view)

3. SystemRDL Coding Guideline

SystemRDL is a language for the design and delivery of intellectual property (IP) products used in designs. SystemRDL semantics supports the entire life-cycle of registers from specification, model generation, and design verification to maintenance and documentation. Registers are not just limited to traditional configuration registers, but can also refer to register arrays and memories.

This chapter is based on the [SystemRDL 2.0 Specification](#). In other words, it specifies a subset of SystemRDL syntax and features to use, and some pre-defined properties under this framework. What's more significant, **except for general concepts and rules which may not be covered in 3.1 General Concepts, Rules, and Properties completely, HRDA Tool only interpret SystemRDL features mentioned in this chapter, namely other features are not supported and make no sense or even raise some unknown error in the tool back-end generation process.**

3.1 General Concepts, Rules, and Properties

Def: Some definition marks and conventions in this chapter:

- `[]` indicates optional parameters. For example, the value assignment is optional in the following line:

```
default property_name [= value];
```

- `{}` indicates items that can be repeated zero or more times. For example, the following shows one or more universal properties can be specified for this command:

```
mnemonic_name = value [{universal_property;}*];
```

- `*` signifies that parameter can be repeated. For example, the following line means multiple properties can be specified for this command:

```
field {[property;]*} name = value;
```

3.1.1 Component Definition

A component in SystemRDL is the basic building block or a container which contains properties that further describe this component's behavior. There are several structural components in SystemRDL: `field`, `reg`, `mem`, `regfile`, and `addrmap`. All structural components are supported in HRDA Tool, and their mappings to RTL module are as follows:

- `field` describes fields in registers.
- `reg` describes registers that contains many fields
- `regfile` is used to pack the same sort of registers together to make it easier to organize them and understand their meaning. `regfile` is also used to allocate an base address.
- `addrmap`: similar to `regfile` on packing register and allocating addresses. What's different and more important, some types of `addrmap` defines the **RTL code generation boundary**. There are six types of `addrmap` which corresponds to the entire `reg_network`, `regmst`, `regdisp`, `regslv`, `3rd party IP` and flattened address map respectively, and they are distinguished by user-defined properties in HRDA (see [3.1.10 Addrmap Component](#)).

Additionally, HRDA supports a non-structural component, `signal`. Signals are used to describe synchronous resets of `field`. But SystemRDL specification does not seem to allow direct reference to `signal` components in property assignment by their names, so HRDA implements it by assigning a string to a user-defined property named `hj_syncresetsignal`, see [3.1.5 Signal Component](#)) and [3.1.6 Field Component](#).

SystemRDL components can be defined in two ways: *definitively* or *anonymously*.

- *Definitive* defines a named component type, which is instantiated in a separate statement. The definitive definition is suitable for reuse.
- *Anonymous* defines an unnamed component type, which is instantiated in the same statement. The anonymous definition is suitable for components that are used once.

A *definitive* definition of a component appears as follows.

```
component new_component_name [#(parameter_definition [, parameter_definition]*)]
{[component_body]} [instance_element [, instance_element]*];
```

An *anonymous* definition (**and also instantiation**) of a component appears as follows.

```
component {[component_body]} instance_element [, instance_element]*;
```

More explanations:

- `component` is one of the keywords mentioned above (`field`, `reg`, `regfile`, `addrmap`, `signal`).
- For a *definitively* defined component, `new_component_name` is the user-specified name for the component.
- For a *definitively* defined component, `parameter_definition` is the user-specified parameter as defined like this:

```
parameter_type parameter_name [= parameter_value]
```

where `parameter_type` is a type reference taken from the list of SystemRDL types, `parameter_name` is a user-specified parameter name, and `parameter_value` is an expression whose resolved type should be consistent with `parameter_type`.

- For an *anonymously* defined component, `instance_element` is the description of instantiation attributes, as defined like this:

```
instance_name [[constant_expression]]* | [constant_expression : constant_expression]][addr_alloc]
```

- The `component_body` is comprised of zero or more of the following.
 - Default property assignments
 - Property assignments
 - Component instantiations
 - Nested component definitions
- The first instance name of an *anonymous* definition is also used as the component type name.
- The *address allocation operators* like *stride* (`+=`), *alignment* (`%`), and *offset* (`@`) of *anonymous* instances are the same as the definitive instances. See [3.1.4.3 Address Allocation Operator](#) for more information.

Components can be defined in any order, as long as each component is defined before it is instantiated. **All structural components (and signals) need to be instantiated before being generated.**

Here is an example for register definition, where the register `myReg` is a definitive definition, and the field `data` is an *anonymous* definition (also instantiation):

```
reg myReg #(longint unsigned SIZE = 32, boolean SHARED = true) {  
    regwidth = SIZE;  
    shared = SHARED;  
    field {} data[SIZE - 1];  
};
```

For more details, see [SystemRDL 2.0 Specification](#) Chapter 5.1.1.

3.1.2 Component Instantiation and Parameterization

In a similar fashion to defining components, SystemRDL components can be instantiated in two ways.

- A *definitively* defined component is instantiated in a separate statement, as follows:

```
type_name [#(parameter_instance [, parameter_instance]*)] instance_element [, instance_element]* ;
```

For example:

```
// myReg is defined before  
myReg reg_0, reg_1, reg_2;
```

- An *anonymously* defined component is instantiated in the statement that defines it. For example:

```
// The following code fragment shows a simple scalar field component instantiation  
field {} myField; // single bit field instance named "myField"  
  
// The following code fragment shows a simple array field component instantiation.  
field {} myField[8]; // 8 bit field instance named "myField"
```

Parameters can be overwritten during component instantiation. Here is an example:

```
addrmap myAmap {
    myReg reg32;
    myReg reg32_arr[8];
    myReg #(.SIZE(16)) reg16;
    myReg #(.SIZE(8), .SHARED(false)) reg8;
};
```

For more details, see [SystemRDL 2.0 Specification](#) Chapter 5.1.2.

3.1.3 Component Property

In SystemRDL, components have various properties to determine their behavior. For built-in properties, there are general component properties and specific properties for each component type (*field*, *reg*, *addrmap*, etc.) in SystemRDL. Each property is associated with at least one data type (HRDA supports *boolean*, *string*, *bit*, *longint unsigned*, *accesstype*, *addressingtype*, *onreadtype*, *onwritetype*, *precedencetype*, *array*). In addition to build-in properties, SystemRDL also supports for user-defined properties, and HRDA tool pre-defines some user-defined properties to assist RTL module generation process, which are concretely specified in following chapters of each component type.

3.1.3.1 Property Assignment

A property assignment appears as follows:

```
property_name [= expression];
```

When expression is not specified, it is presumed the *property_name* is of type boolean and the default value is set to *true*.

For example:

```
field myField {
    rclr; // Bool property assign, set implicitly to true
    woset = false; // Bool property assign, set explicitly to false
    name = "my field"; // string property assignment
    sw = rw; // accesstype property assignment
};
```

3.1.3.2 Property Default Value

Default values for a given property can be set within the current or any enclosing lexical scope. Any components defined in the same or enclosed lexical scope as the default property assignment shall use the default values for properties in the component not explicitly assigned in a component definition. A specific property default value shall only be set once per scope. A default property assignment appears as follows.

```
default property_name [= value];
```

When the value is not specified, the property shall be assigned the boolean value *true*.

For example:

```
field {} outer_field ;
reg {
    default name = "default name";
    field {} f1; // assumes the name "default name" from above
    field { name = "new name";} f2; // name assignment overrides "default name"
    outer_field f3 ; // name is undefined, since outer_field is not
                    // defined in the scope of the default name
} some_reg;
```

3.1.3.3 Dynamic Assignment

Properties can be assigned in two ways. One is at the definition time like the example above, the other way is called *dynamic assignment* using the *->* operator. For example:

```
reg {  
  field {} f1;  
  f1->name = "New name for Field 1";  
} some_reg[8];  
  
some_reg->name = "This value is applied to all elements in the array";  
some_reg[3]->name = "Only applied to the 4th item in the array of 8";
```

Dynamic assignment allows the designer to overwrite or assign properties outside component definitions, thus provides much convenience for component instantiation.

3.1.3.4 Supported General Properties

All general component properties supported by HRDA are described in [Table 3.1](#), and other supported component-specific properties are also discussed in following chapters.

Property	Description	Type	Dynamic Assignment
name	Specifies a more descriptivename (for documentation purposes).	string	Supported
desc	Describes the component’s purpose.	string	Supported

Table 3.1 all supported general component properties

3.1.4 Instance Address Allocation

The offset of an component instance is relative to its parent component instance. If an instance is not explicitly assigned an address using address allocation operators (see [Address Allocation Operator](#)), HRDA assigns addresses according to the alignment and addressing mode. The address of an instance from the top-level `addrmap` is calculated by adding the instance offset and the offset of all its parent instances.

3.1.4.1 Alignment

The `alignment` property supported in `addrmap` and `regfile` components defines the byte value of which addresses of all instances inside the corresponding addressable component instance shall be a integral multiple. The value of `alignment` shall be a power of two (2^N) and is inherited by all child component instances. By default, instantiated components shall be aligned to a multiple of their width (e.g., the address of a 64-bit register is aligned to the next 8-byte boundary).

A simple example:

```
regfile fifo_rfile {
    alignment = 8;
    reg {field {} a;} a; // Address of 0
    reg {field {} a;} b; // Address of 8. Normally would have been 4
};
```

3.1.4.2 Addressing Mode

The `addressing` property can only be used in `addrman` component. There are three addressing modes: `compact`, `regalign` (default), and `fullalign`.

- **compact** specifies the components are packed tightly together but are still aligned to the **accesswidth** parameter. Examples are as follows.

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```
addrmap some_map {
    default accesswidth=64;
    addressing=compact;
    reg { field {} a; } a; // Address 0x0 - 0x3: 4 bytes
    reg { regwidth=64; field {} a; } b; // Address 0x8 - 0xB:
    reg { field {} a; } c[20]; // Address 0x10 - Element 0
                                // Address 0x14 - Element 1
                                // Address 0x18 - Element 2
                                // starting address is 0x10, align to 64-bit, 4 bytes in 0xC-0xF is skipped
};
```

- **regalign** (default) specifies the components are packed in a way that each component's start address is a multiple of its size (in bytes). Array elements are aligned according to the individual element's size (this results in no gap between the array elements). This generally results in simpler address decode logic. Examples are as follows.

```
addrmap some_map {
    default accesswidth = 32;
    addressing = regalign;
    reg { field {} a; } a; // Address 0x0
    reg { regwidth=64; field {} a; } b; // Address 0x8-0xF, align to 64-bit
    reg { field {} a; } c[20]; // Address 0x10
                                // Address 0x14 - Element 1
                                // Address 0x18 - Element 2
};
```

- **fullalign** The assigning of addresses is similar to **regalign** except for arrays. The alignment value for the first element in an array is the size in bytes of the whole array (i.e., the size of an array element multiplied by the number of elements), rounded up to nearest power of two. The second and subsequent elements are aligned according to their individual size (so there are no gaps between the array elements).

```
addrmap some_map {
    default accesswidth = 32;
    addressing = fullalign;
    reg { field {} a; } a; // Address 0
    reg { regwidth=64; field {} a; } b; // Address 8
    reg { field {} a; } c[20]; // Address 0x80 - Element 0
                                // Address 0x84 - Element 1
                                // Address 0x88 - Element 2
                                // starting address align to 4*20=80Byte,
};
```

3.1.4.3 Address Allocation Operator

When instantiating **reg**, **regfile**, **mem**, or **addrmap**, the address may be assigned using one of following address allocation operators.

- **offset (@)** : It specifies the address for the instance.

```
addrmap top {
    regfile example{
        reg some_reg {
            field {} a;
        };
        some_reg a @0x0;
        some_reg b @0x4;
        // Implies address of 8
        // Address 0xC is not implemented or specified
        some_reg c;
        some_reg d @0x10;
    };
};
```

- **stride (+=)** : It specifies the address stride when instantiating an array of components (controls the spacing of the components). The address stride is relative to the previous instance's address. It is only used for arrayed **addrmap**, **regfile**, **reg**, or **mem**.

```

addrmap top {
  regfile example {
    reg some_reg { field {} a; };

    some_reg a[10]; // So these will consume 40 bytes
                   // Address 0,4,8,C...

    some_reg b[10] @0x100 += 0x10; // These consume 160-12 bytes of space
                                   // Address 0x100 to 0x103, 0x110 to 0x113,...
  };
};

```

- **alignment (%)** : It specifies the alignment of address when instantiating a component (controls the alignment of the components like property **alignment** does). The initial address alignment is relative to the previous instance's address. **@** and **%=** are mutually exclusive per instance.

```

addrmap top {
  regfile example {
    reg some_reg { field {} a; };

    some_reg a[10]; // So these will consume 40 bytes
                   // Address 0,4,8,C...

    some_reg b[10] @0x100 += 0x10; // These consume 160-12 bytes of space
                                   // Address 0x100 to 0x103, 0x110 to 0x113,...

    some_reg c %=0x80; // This means ((address % 0x80) == 0))
                       // So this would imply an address of 0x200 since
                       // that is the first address satisfying address>=0x194
                       // and ((address % 0x80) == 0)
  };
};

```

3.1.5 Signal Component

The **signal** component does not support any property other than general properties in [Table 3.1](#), and all signals are treated and used as synchronous reset of **field** components, thus the user-defined property **hj_syncresetsignal** can be only assigned in **field** components.

For example:

```

addrmap foo {
  signal {} mySig;
};

```

3.1.6 Field Component

3.1.6.1 RTL Naming Convention

Each **field** instance in SystemRDL will be generated to a **field** module instance in **regslv** RTL module. In generated RTL code, stem name of field is **<reg_inst_name>__<field_inst_name>**. Other signals belong to the field are named by prefixing/suffixing elements.

For example, register instance name is **ring_cfg**, field instance name is **rd_ptr**:

1. **field** instance name is **x__<stem>** (prefixed with **x__**): **x__ring_cfg__rd_ptr**
2. output port name for current field value is **<stem>__curr_value**: **ring_cfg__rd_ptr__curr_value**
3. input port for update its value from hardware is **<stem>__next_value**: **ring_cfg__rd_ptr__next_value**
4. input port for qualifying the input update value is **<stem>__pulse**: **ring_cfg__rd_ptr__pulse**

3.1.6.2 Description Guideline

All specific properties supported in **field** component besides general component properties in [Table 3.1](#) are listed in [Table 3.2](#)

Property	Description	Type	Default	Dynamic Assignment
<code>fieldwidth</code>	Width of field.	<i>longint unsigned</i>	1	Not Supported
<code>reset</code>	Reset value of field.	<i>bit</i>	0	Supported
<code>hj_syncresetsignal</code>	Signal names used as <i>synchronous reset</i> of the field.	<i>reference</i>		Supported
<code>name</code>	Specifies a more descriptive name (for documentation purposes).	<i>string</i>	""	Supported
<code>desc</code>	Describes the component's purpose. Markdown syntax is allowed	<i>string</i>	""	Supported
<code>sw</code>	Software access type, one of <code>rw</code> , <code>r</code> , <code>w</code> , <code>rw1</code> , <code>w1</code> , or <code>na</code> .	<i>access type</i>	<code>rw</code>	Supported
<code>onread</code>	Software read side effect, one of <code>rclr</code> , <code>rset</code> .	<i>onreadtype</i>	<code>na</code>	Supported
<code>onwrite</code>	Software write side effect, one of <code>woset</code> , <code>woclr</code> , <code>wot</code> , <code>wzs</code> , <code>wzc</code> , <code>wzt</code> , or <code>na</code> .	<i>onwritetype</i>	<code>na</code>	Supported
<code>swmod</code>	Populate an output signal which is asserted when field is modified by software (written or read with a set or clear side effect).	<i>boolean</i>	false	Supported
<code>swacc</code>	Populate an output signal which is asserted when field is read.	<i>boolean</i>	false	Supported
<code>singlepulse</code>	Populate an output signal which is asserted for one cycle when field is written 1.	<i>boolean</i>	false	Supported
<code>hw</code>	Hardware access type, one of <code>rw</code> , or <code>r</code>	<i>access type</i>	<code>r</code>	Not Supported
<code>hwclr</code>	Hardware clear. field is cleared upon assertion on hardware signal in bitwise mode.	<i>boolean</i>	false	Supported
<code>hwset</code>	Hardware set. field is set upon assertion on hardware signal in bitwise mode.	<i>boolean</i>	false	Supported
<code>precedence</code>	One of <code>hw</code> or <code>sw</code> , controls whether precedence is granted to hardware (<code>hw</code>) or software (<code>sw</code>) when contention occurs.	<i>precedencetype</i>	<code>sw</code>	Supported

Table 3.2 supported field component properties

More explanations:

`hj_syncresetsignal` is an user-defined property that refer to `signal` components used as synchronous reset for `field` instances. By default, a field doesn't have synchronous reset. Register designers can set `hj_syncresetsignal` property to specify multiple synchronous reset signals. For example:

```
reg REG_def {
    regwidth = 32;
    field {
        sw = rw;
    } FIELD_0[31:0] = 0xaaaaaaaa;
};
signal {} srst_1, srst_2, srst_3;

REG_def REG1_SRST;
REG1_SRST.FIELD_0 -> hj_syncresetsignal = "srst_1,srst_2,srst_3";
```

Each synchronous reset signal must be active high and one clock cycle wide. Reset value of synchronous reset is the same as that of asynchronous reset. Assigning `hj_syncresetsignal` property in a `field` instance will generate extra input ports in the corresponding field RTL module and the parent `regslv` module as a synchornous reset signal.

When `singlepulse` is `true`, `onwrite` property is ignored.

Current value of field (`<stem>__curr_value`) always exists as an output port in `regslv`. If `hw = rw`, two more inputs are populated (`<stem>__next_value` and `<stem>__pulse`) for updating field value from user logic. If value from hardware is expected to be continously updated into field, user should tie `<stem>__pulse` to `1'b1`. If either `hwclr` or `hwset` is `true` (they are mutually exclusive), `field` module use `<stem>__next_value` in bitwise mode and ignores `<stem>__pulse`. Each pulse in `<stem>__next_value` will clear or set corresponding bit on `field`.

3.1.6.3 Examples

```

field {sw=rw; hw=r;} f1[15:0] = 1234;

field f2_t {sw=rw; hw=r;};

f2_t f2[16:16] = 0;
f2_t f3[17:17] = 0;

field {
    sw=rw;
    hw=r;
} f4[31:30] = 0;

field {
    sw=rw; hw=r;
} f5[29:28] = 0;

```

3.1.7 Register Component

3.1.7.1 RTL Naming Convention

Each `reg` instance is a concatenation of `field` instance. In RTL code, no module is implemented for Register. Instead, an `always_comb` block is used to concatenate `curr_value` of `field`. For example:

```

// ring_cfg
always_comb begin
    ring_cfg[31:0] = 32'd0;
    ring_cfg[31]   = ring_cfg__ring_en__curr_value;
    ring_cfg[7:4]  = ring_cfg__ring_size__curr_value[3:0];
end

```

All `field` components in a `reg` share same register `rd_en`, `wr_en`, and `wr_data`. HRDA tool will connect the correct signal from address decoder to field instances.

3.1.7.2 Description Guideline

Register definitions are all considered to be *internal*. *external* is only applied on `regfile` instances.

Additionally, *alias* property is supported on register instances within regfile.

An *alias register* is a register that appears in multiple locations of the same address map. It is physically implemented as a single register such that a modification of the register at one address location appears at all the locations within the address map. From the perspective of software, the accessibility of this register may be different in each address location of the address block.

Alias registers are allocated addresses like physical registers and are decoded like physical registers, but they perform these operations on a previously instantiated register (called the primary register). Since alias registers are not physical, hardware access and other hardware operation properties are not used. Software access properties for the alias register can be different from the primary register. For example:

```

reg some_intr_r { field { level intr; hw=w; sw=r; woclr; } some_event; };
addrmap foo {
    some_intr event1;

    // Create an alias for the DV team to use and modify its properties
    // so that DV can force interrupt events and allow more rigorous structural
    // testing of the interrupt.
    alias event1 some_intr event1_for_dv;
    event1_for_dv.some_event->woclr = false;
    event1_for_dv.some_event->woset = true;
};

```

Another similar property, *shared*, allows the same physical register to be mapped in different address locations.

Registers which *share* or *alias* the same `reg` type are all generated in the same `regslv`. *alias* registers only can be used in one `addrmap`. *shared* registers can be used across different `addrmap` instances whose `hj_flatten_addrmap` is assigned to *true* to make them integrated in the same `regslv` RTL module.

All specific properties supported in **reg** component besides general component properties in Table 3.1 are listed in Table 3.3.

Property	Notes	Type	Default	Dynamic Assignment
regwidth	Width of Register.	<i>longint unsigned</i>	32	Not Supported
accesswidth	Minimum software access width operation performed on the register.	<i>longint unsigned</i>	32	Not Supported
shared	Defines a register as being shared in different address maps.	<i>boolean</i>	false	Not Supported

Table 3.3 supported register component properties

3.1.7.3 Example

```
reg my64bitReg {
    regwidth = 64;
    field {} a[63:0]=0;
};
reg my32bitReg { regwidth = 32;
    accesswidth = 16;
    field {} a[16]=0;
    field {} b[16]=0;
};
```

3.1.8 Regfile Component

3.1.8.1 Description Guideline

A **regfile** is a logical group of registers and subordinate **regfile** instances. It packs registers together and provides address allocation support, which is useful for introducing **address gap between registers**. The only difference between the **regfile** and the address map (**addrmap**) is that an **addrmap** instance defines an RTL implementation boundary while a **regfile** instance does not.

When **regfile** is instantiated within another **regfile**, HRDA considers inner **regfile** instances are flattened and concatenated to form a larger **regfile**. So **regfile** nesting is just a technique to organize register descriptions.

SystemRDL allows *external* to be applied on **regfile** instances, but HRDA tool ignores *external* declaration on **regfile** instances. **regfile** instances are always considered as a pack of registers.

All specific properties supported in **regfile** component besides general component properties in Table 3.1 are listed in Table 3.4.

Property	Notes	Type	Default	Dynamic Assignment
alignment	Specifies alignment of all instantiated components in the associated register file.	<i>longint unsigned</i>		Not Supported

Table 3.4 supported regfile component properties

3.1.8.2 Example

```
regfile myregfile #(.A (32)) {
    alignment = 32;
    reg { field {} field0; } reg0;
}
```

3.1.9 Memory Description

3.1.9.1 Descriptions Guideline

Memory (**mem**) instances **should always be declared as external during instantiation**. As Figure 2.1 shows, external memories can only be forwarded by **regdisp** modules, so the parent of **mem** instances in SystemRDL should be Type 3 **addrmap** (see 3.1.10 Addressmap Component).

All specific properties supported in **mem** component besides general component properties in Table 3.1 are listed in Table 3.5.

Property	Notes	Type	Default	Dynamic Assignment
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Property	Notes	Type	Default	Dynamic Assignment
<i>mementries</i>	The number of memory entries, a.k.a memory depth.	<i>longint</i> <i>unsigned</i>		Not Supported
<i>memwidth</i>	The memory entry bit width, a.k.a memory width.	<i>longint</i> <i>unsigned</i>		Not Supported
<i>hj_cdc</i>	Whether to generate a clock domain crossing (CDC) module from register native domain to target domain.	<i>boolean</i>	false	Supported
<i>hj_use_upstream_ff</i>	Whether to insert flip-flops for <i>reg_native_if</i> from upstream <i>regdisp</i> .	<i>boolean</i>	false	Supported

Table 3.5 supported memory component properties

If *memwidth* is larger than bus *accesswidth* and each memory entry occupies \$N\$ address slots where \$N\$ should be power of 2 (2^i) to simplify decode logic, *reg_native_if* from upstream *regdisp* to this memory will implement a *snapshot register* to atomically read/write memory entries, and the converted interface has a *ADDR_WIDTH* and *DATA_WIDTH* matching this memory.

If *hj_cdc* is assigned to *true*, *reg_native_if* from upstream *regdisp* to memory will conduct clock domain crossing (CDC).

If *hj_use_upstream_ff* is assigned to *true*, flip-flops will be inserted to *reg_native_if* from upstream *regdisp* to this memory to improve timing performance.

3.1.9.2 Example

```
mem fifo_mem {
    mementries = 1024;
    memwidth = 32;
};
```

3.1.10 Addrmap Component

An address map component (*addrmap*) is able to contain registers (*reg*), register files (*regfile*), memories (*mem*), and other address maps and assigns address to each structural component instance. Non-structural *signal* components also can be defined and instantiated inside *addrmap*. **An *addrmap* instance defines the boundary of RTL implementations**, and there are six types of *addrmap* instances:

- Type 1: represents for the entire register network (*reg_network*). It only can and should be defined as the root *addrmap* at SoC level.
- Type 2: represents for *regmst* module (see [2.3 Register Access Master \(regmst\)](#)). It only can and should be defined as the immediate child of Type 1 *addrmap* at SoC level, and serves as **a root node of SoC-level *reg_tree***.
- Type 3: represents for *regdisp* module (see [2.4 Register Dispatcher \(regdisp\)](#)). It can be instantiated as the immediate child of Type 2 *addrmap* to forward transactions from *regmst* to many other modules, or serves as **a root node of subsystem-level *reg_tree*** which receives transactions from SoC-level *regdisp*. Additionally, nested Type 3 *addrmap* instantiation (another *regdisp* under current *regdisp*) is supported.
- Type 4: represents for *regslv* module (see [2.5 Register Access Slave \(regslv\)](#)).
- Type 5: represents for 3rd party IP so no RTL module is generated by HRDA. According to the design principle that 3rd party IP access interface can only be forwarded by *regdisp*, its parent *addrmap* instance must be Type 3. **Imported IP-XACT (.xml) files will be automatically treated as a Type 5 *addrmap* definition, and designers can just instantiate them without any other user-defined properties assigned.**
- Type 6: like *regfile*, it is flattened in its parent *addrmap* instance which must be Type 4.

Only Type 1, Type 3 and Type 4 and Type 5 *addrmap* can be the root *addrmap* in SystemRDL.

Different types of *addrmap* are distinguished by following user-defined properties: *hj_gennetwork*, *hj_genmst*, *hj_gendisp*, *hj_genslv*, *hj_3rd_party_ip* and *hj_flatten_addrmap*, as listed in [Table 3.6](#). **All of these properties are mutually exclusive.**

<i>hj_gennetwork</i>	<i>hj_genmst</i>	<i>hj_gendisp</i>	<i>hj_genslv</i>	<i>hj_3rd_party_ip</i>	<i>hj_flatten_addrmap</i>	<i>addrmap</i> type	module	usage
true	false	false	false	false	false	Type 1	<i>reg_network</i>	Represent for the whole register network.

hj_gennetwork	hj_genmst	hj_gendisp	hj_genslv	hj_3rd_party_ip	hj_flatten_addrmap	addrmap type	module	usage
false	true	false	false	false	false	Type 2	regmst	Generate a regmst module as the root node of SoC-level reg_tree .
false	false	true	false	false	false	Type 3	regdisp	Generate a regdisp module to handle one-to-many transaction dispatch.
false	false	false	true	false	false	Type 4	regslv	Generate a regslv module to implement internal registers.
false	false	false	false	true	false	Type 5	3rd party IP	Forward a reg_native_if to this IP from regdisp .
false	false	false	false	false	true	Type 6	no module	All contents in the addrmap is flattened in its parent Type 4 addrmap . shared property to map same register into different address spaces

Table 3.6 user-defined properties to recognize different types of addrmap

With regard to address allocation, each structural component might have already assigned address offset to its internal component instances, and **addrmap** further adds its base address to them. After the root (top-level) **addrmap** finishes assigning base address, absolute address allocation of all structural component instances are settled.

Note: The Type 1 root (top-level) **addrmap** only needs a definition name and its base address is automatically assigned to **0x0**. Any instantiation introduced in [3.1.2 Component Instantiation and Parameterization](#) and address allocation introduced in [3.1.4 Instance Address Allocation](#) to the root **addrmap** will trigger error in SystemRDL Compiler.

3.1.10.1 RTL Naming Convention

Naming conventions of RTL module name (also file name) for six types of **addrmap** are as follows.

- Type 1: no RTL module.
- Type 2: **regmst_<suffix>**, where **<suffix>** is the **definition name** of top-level **addrmap**.
- Type 3: **regdisp_<suffix>**, where **<suffix>** is the instance name of **addrmap**.
- Type 4: **regslv_<suffix>**, where **<suffix>** is the instance name of **addrmap**, or the file name of Excel worksheet.
- Type 5: no RTL module (only forward interface).
- Type 6: no RTL module (already flattened).

3.1.10.2 Description Guideline

All specific properties supported in **addrmap** component besides general component properties in [Table 3.1](#) are listed in [Table 3.7](#).

Property	Notes	Type	Default	Dynamic Assignment
<i>hj_gennetwork</i>	Whether current addrmap represents for the whole register network at SoC level.	<i>boolean</i>	false	Supported
<i>hj_genmst</i>	Whether to generate a regmst for this addrmap .	<i>longint unsigned</i>	false	Supported
<i>hj_gendisp</i>	Whether to generate a regdisp for this addrmap .	<i>longint unsigned</i>	false	Supported
<i>hj_genslv</i>	Whether to generate a regslv for this addrmap .	<i>longint unsigned</i>	false	Supported
<i>hj_flatten_addrmap</i>	Whether current addrmap is flattened in its parent addrmap so no RTL module will be generated.	<i>longint unsigned</i>	false	Supported
<i>hj_3rd_party_ip</i>	Whether current addrmap represents for 3rd party IP.	<i>longint unsigned</i>	false	Supported
<i>hj_cdc</i>	Whether to generate a clock domain crossing (CDC) module from register native domain to target domain.	<i>boolean</i>	false	Supported
<i>hj_use_abs_addr</i>	Whether to use absolute address as input in current module.	<i>boolean</i>		Supported
<i>hj_use_upstream_ff</i>	Whether to insert flip-flops for reg_native_if from upstream regdisp to current module.	<i>boolean</i>	false	Supported
<i>hj_use_backward_ff</i>	Whether to insert flip-flops for reg_native_if from current regdisp to upstream regdisp or regmst .	<i>boolean</i>	false	Supported
<i>alignment</i>	Specifies alignment of all instantiated components in the address map.	<i>longint unsigned</i>		Not Supported
<i>addressing</i>	Controls how addresses are computed in an address map.	<i>addressingtype</i>		Not Supported
<i>rsvdset</i>	The read value of all fields not explicitly defined is set to 1 if rsvdset is true ; otherwise, it is set to 0.	<i>boolean</i>	true	Not Supported
<i>msb0</i>	Specifies register bit-fields in current addrmap are defined as 0:N versus N:0. This property affects all fields in current addrmap .	<i>boolean</i>	false	Not Supported
<i>lsb0</i>	Specifies register bit-fields in current addrmap are defined as N:0 versus 0:N. This property affects all fields in current addrmap .	<i>boolean</i>	true	Not Supported

Table 3.7 other supported addrmap component properties

More explanations:

- The default for the *alignment* shall be the address is aligned to the width of the component being instantiated (e.g., the address of a 64-bit register is aligned to the next 8-byte boundary).
- All *alignment* values shall be a power of 2 (1, 2, 4, etc.) and shall be in units of bytes.
- *hj_cdc* is allowed to be assigned in Type 4 and Type 5 **addrmap** instances. RTL modules corresponding to these **addrmap** instances are connected to a **regdisp** module. If it is assigned to **true**, **reg_native_if** from upstream **regdisp** to current module is at the target clock domain after clock domain crossing (CDC).
- *hj_use_abs_addr* defaults to and must be **false** in Type 4 **addrmap** because the address decoder inside **regslv** module uses **address offset** to access internal registers, and defaults to **true** in Type 2 and Type 3 **addrmap** because **regmst** and **regdisp** modules use **absolute address** to receive, monitor and forward transactions.
- *hj_use_upstream_ff* is used in Type 3, Type 4 and Type 5 **addrmap**. If it is assigned to **true**, flip-flops will be inserted to **reg_native_if** from upstream **regdisp** to current module to improve timing performance (implemented in upstream **regdisp**, see Figure 2.9).
- *hj_use_backward_ff* is used only in Type 3 **addrmap** representing for **regdisp**. If it is assigned to **true**, flip-flops will be inserted to **reg_native_if** after many-to-one multiplexor from downstream modules in current **regdisp**, see Figure 2.9.
- *msb0* and *lsb0* are mutually exclusive.

3.1.10.3 Example

```
addrmap some_map {
    desc="xxx";
```

```

reg status {
    // Shared property tells compiler this register
    // will be shared by multiple addrmaps
    shared;

    field {
        hw=rw;
        sw=r;
    } stat1 = 1'b0;
};

reg some_axi_reg {
    field {
        desc="credits on the AXI interface";
    } credits[4] = 4'h7; // End of field: {}
}; // End of Reg: some_axi_reg

reg some_ahb_reg {
    field {
        desc="credits on the AHB Interface";
    } credits[8] = 8'b00000011;
}; // End of Reg: some_ahb_reg

addrmap {
    littleendian;

    some_ahb_reg ahb_credits; // Implies addr = 0
    status ahb_stat @0x20; // explicitly at address=20
    ahb_stat.stat1->desc = "bar"; // Overload the registers property in this instance
} ahb;

addrmap { // Define the Map for the AXI Side of the bridge
    bigendian; // This map is big endian
    some_axi_reg axi_credits; // Implies addr = 0
    status axi_stat @0x40; // explicitly at address=40
    axi_stat.stat1->desc = "foo"; // Overload the registers property in this instance
} axi;
} some_map;

```

3.1.11 Other User-defined Property (Experimental)

// TODO

hj_skip_reg_mux_dff_0

hj_skip_reg_mux_dff_1

hj_skip_ext_mux_dff_0

hj_skip_ext_mux_dff_1

hj_reg_mux_size

hj_ext_mux_size

3.2 Overall Example

Overall example also can be generated by command `hrda template -rdl` (see [5.2 Command Options and Arguments](#)).

```
// this is an addrmap definition
// it will be instantiated in the top-level (root) addrmap below and
// represents for a regslv module
// in order to generate a regslv module to implement internal registers,
// designers need assign:
//     hj_genslv = true;
addrmap template_slv {
    hj_genslv = true;
    name = "template_slv";
    desc = "[Reserved for editing]";

    signal {
        name = "srst_10";
        desc = "[Reserved for editing]";
        activehigh;
    } srst_10;

    // register definitions start here
    reg {
        name = "TEM";
        desc = "Template Register";
        regwidth = 32;

        // field definitions start here
        field {
            name = "FIELD_1";
            desc = "[Reserved for editing]";
            sw = r; onread = rclr;
            hw = rw;
            hj_syncresetsignal = "srst_10";
        } FIELD_1[17:17] = 0x0;

        field {
            name = "FIELD_2";
            desc = "[Reserved for editing]";
            sw = rw; onread = rset; onwrite = woset;
            hw = rw; hwclr;
        } FIELD_2[16:14] = 0x0;

        field {
            name = "FIELD_3";
            desc = "[Reserved for editing]";
            sw = rw; onwrite = wot;
            hw = rw; hwset;
        } FIELD_3[13:13] = 0x1;
    } TEM @0x0;
};

// if designers only need a regslv module, following example two-level hierarchy is not used,
// and only regslv above is used.

// regdisp is at the top level and it can forward transactions to
// downstream regdisp, regslv, memory and 3rd party IP
addrmap template_disp {
    hj_gendisp = true;

    // instantiate an addrmap defined above to generate a regslv module,
    // or designers can define and instantiate addrmap here
    template_slv template_slv;
};
```


4. Excel Worksheet Guideline

This guideline is provided for designers who are not familiar with SystemRDL and want to generate simple registers and address mappings.

4.1 Table Format

An Excel worksheet example that describes one register is shown in Figure 4.1, Figure 4.2, and designers can use command `hrda template -excel` to generate these templates and modify them (see 5.2 Command Options and Arguments).

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	名称	TEM						
2	地址偏移	0X00000000						
3	位宽	32						
4	简写	TEM						
5	描述	示例寄存器						
6								
7								
8	比特位	域名称	描述	软件读属性	软件写属性	硬件访问属性	复位值	同步复位信号
9	31:18	Reserved	保留位	R	W	NA	0x0	None
10	17:17	FIELD_1	[功能描述] [0: 可选说明, 该FIELD为0时的作用 1: 可选说明, 该FIELD为1时的作用]	RCLR	NA	RW	0x0	srst_10, srst_11
11	16:14	FIELD_2	[功能描述] [0: 可选说明, 该FIELD为0时的作用 1: 该FIELD为1时的作用 ... 7: 该FIELD为7时的作用]	RSET	WOSET	CLR	0x0	srst_20
12	13:13	FIELD_3	[功能描述] [0: 可选说明, 该FIELD为0时的作用 1: 可选说明, 该FIELD为1时的作用]	R	WOT	SET	0x1	None
13	12:0	Reserved	保留位	R	W	NA	0x0	None

Figure 4.1 Excel worksheet template (Chinese version)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Name	TEM						
2	Address Offset	0X00000000						
3	Width	32						
4	Abbreviation	TEM						
5	Description	Template Register						
6								
7								
8	Bit	Field Name	Description	SW Read Type	SW Write Type	HW Access Type	Reset Value	Sync. Reset Signal
9	31:18	Reserved	Reserved	R	W	NA	0x0	None
10	17:17	FIELD_1	[Functionality description] [0: optional explanation for value 0 1: optional explanation for value 1]	RCLR	NA	RW	0x0	srst_10, srst_11
11	16:14	FIELD_2	[Functionality description] [0: optional explanation for value 0 ... 7: optional explanation for value 7]	RSET	WOSET	CLR	0x0	srst_20
12	13:13	FIELD_3	[Functionality description] [0: optional explanation for value 0 1: optional explanation for value 1]	R	WOT	SET	0x1	None
13	12:0	Reserved	Reserved	R	W	NA	0x0	None

Table 4.2 Excel worksheet template (English version)

Designers shall refer to this template generated by Template Generator, and arrange several tables corresponding to more than one registers in the worksheet in a way that a few blank lines separate each table.

Register elements are as follows.

- Register Name: consistent with the `name` property in SystemRDL. It is used to help understand register functionality which will be shown on HTML documents.
- Address Offset: each Excel worksheet is mapped to an `addrmap` component in SystemRDL and has a independent base address. Therefore, the address offset value filled in by the designer is based on the current worksheet's base address. It is recommended to start addressing from `0X0`.
- Register Bitwidth: currently only `32 bit` or `64 bit` is supported. If 32-bit bus interface is used to connected to the whole system, the snapshot feature will be implemented in 64-bit registers.
- Register Abbreviation: consistent with the register instance name in SystemRDL and in module name in Verilog RTL.
- Register Description: consistent with the `desc` property in the SystemRDL. It is used to help understand register functionality which will be shown on HTML documents.
- Fields: define all fields including `Reserved`, listed in lines one by one.
 - Bit Range: indicates the location of the field in the form of `xx:xx`.
 - Field Name: corresponds to the field instance name of the generated RTL, also consistent with the `name` property in SystemRDL.

- Field Description: consistent with the `desc` property in SystemRDL.
- Software Read property (SW Read Type): consistent with the `onread` property in SystemRDL. `R`, `RCLR` and `RSET` are supported (see [Table 2.15](#)).
- Software Write property (SW Write Type): consistent with the `onwrite` property in SystemRDL. `W`, `W1`, `WOC`, `WOS`, `WOT`, `WZC`, `WZS`, `WZT` are supported (see [Table 2.15](#)).
- Hardware Type (HW Access Type): consistent with the `hw` property in SystemRDL. `R`, `W`, `RW`, `CLR`, `SET` are supported (see [Table 2.16](#)).
- Reset value: field reset value for synchronous and generic asynchronous reset signals.
- Synchronous Reset Signals: In addition to the generic asynchronous reset by default, declaration of independent, one or more synchronous reset signals are supported.

Designers should keep items mentioned above complete, otherwise HRDA will raise error during Excel worksheet parse.

4.2 Rules

Follows are rules that designers should not violate when editing Excel worksheets.

- **BASIC_FORMAT** : Basic format constrained by regular expressions.
 1. the base address must be hexadecimal and prefixed with `0X(x)`
 2. the address offset must be hexadecimal and prefixed with `0X(x)`
 3. the register width can only be `32` or `64`.
 4. supported field software read and write properties: `R`, `RCLR`, `RSET`, `W`, `W1`, `WOC`, `WOS`, `WOT`, `WZC`, `WZS`, `WZT`
 5. supported field hardware access properties: `R`, `RW`, `SET`, `CLR`
 6. field bit range is in `xx:xx` format
 7. the reset value is hexadecimal and prefixed with `0X(x)`
 8. field synchronous reset signals is `None` if there is none, or there can be one or more, separated by `,` in the case of more than one
- **REG_ADDR** : Legality of the assignment of register address offsets.
 1. address offset is by integral times of the register byte length (called `regalign` method in SystemRDL)
 2. no address overlap is allowed in the same Excel worksheet
- **FIELD_DEFINITION** : Legality of field definitions.
 1. the bit order of multiple fields should be arranged from high to low
 2. the bit range of each field should be arranged in `[high_bit]:[low_bit]` order
 3. field bit range no overlap (3.1), and no omission (3.2)
 4. the reset value cannot exceed the maximum value which field can represent
 5. no duplicate field name except for `Reserved`
 6. the synchronous reset signal of the `Reserved` field should be `None`.
 7. no duplicate synchronous reset signal name in one field.

5. Tool Flow Guideline

This chapter helps designers to understand how to use HRDA.

5.1 Environment and Dependencies

- Available OS: Windows/Linux
- Python Version 3.7+
 - systemrdl-compiler: <https://github.com/SystemRDL/systemrdl-compiler>
 - PeakRDL-html: <https://github.com/SystemRDL/PeakRDL-html>
 - PeakRDL-uvim: <https://github.com/SystemRDL/PeakRDL-uvim>

5.2 Command Options and Arguments

5.2.1 General Options and Arguments

- `-h, --help`
Show help information.
- `-v, --version`
Show tool version.

5.2.2 Template Generator Options and Arguments

Subcommand `hrda template` is used to generate register templates in Excel worksheet (.xlsx) or SystemRDL (.rdl) format with following options and arguments.

- `-h, --help`
Show help information for `hrda template`.
- `-rdl`
Generate a SystemRDL (.rdl) template.
- `-excel`
Generate an Excel worksheet (.xlsx) template.
- `-d, --dir [DIR]`
Directory where the template will be generated. Default is current directory.
- `-n, --name [NAME]`
File name of the generated template, if there is a duplicate name, it will be automatically suffixed with a number. Default is `template.xlsx`.
- `-rnum [RNUM]`
Number of registers to be included in the generated template. Default is `1`. This option is only for Excel worksheets with `-excel` option.
- `-rname [TEM1 TEM2 ...]`
Names of registers in the template to be generated. Default is `TEM` (also for abbreviation). This option is only for Excel worksheets with `-excel` option.
- `-l, --language [cn | en]`
Specify the language format of the generated template: `cn/en`, default is `cn`. This option is only for Excel worksheets with `-excel` option.

5.2.3 Parser Options and Arguments

Subcommand `hrda parse` is used to parse input Excel(.xlsx) worksheets and SystemRDL(.rdl) files, and compile them into a hierarchical model defined in `systemrdl-compiler`, with following options and arguments.

- `-h, --help`
Show help information for this subcommand.
- `-f, --file [FILE1 FILE2 ...]`

Specify the input Excel(.xlsx)/SystemRDL(.rdl) files, support multiple, mixed input files at the same time, error will be reported if any of input files do not exist.

- `-l, --list [LIST]`

Specify a file list text including all files to be read. Parser will read and parse files in order, if the file list or any file in it does not exist, an error will be reported.

Note that `-f, --file` or `-l, --list` options must be used but not at the same time. If so, warning message will be reported and parser will ignore the `-l, --list` option.

- `-g, --generate`

Explicitly specifying this option parses and converts all input Excel (.xlsx) files to SystemRDL (.rdl) files one by one, with separate `addrmap` for each Excel worksheet. When the input is all Excel (.xlsx) files, parser generates an additional SystemRDL (.rdl) file containing the top-level `addrmap`, which instantiates all child `addrmaps`.

If this option is not used, Parser will only conduct rule check and parse, thus no additional files will be generated.

- `-m, --module [MODULE_NAME]`

If `-g, --generate` option is specified, this option specifies top-level `addrmap` name and top-level RDL file name to be generated for subsequent analysis and further modification.

- `-gdir, --gen_dir [GEN_DIR]`

When using the `-g, --generate` option, this option specifies the directory where the files are generated, the default is the current directory.

5.2.4 Generator Options and Arguments

Subcommand `hrda generate` is used to generate Verilog RTL, documentations, UVM RAL model, C header Files, with following options and arguments.

- `-h, --help`

Show help information for this subcommand.

- `-f, --file [FILE1 FILE2 ...]`

Specify the input Excel (.xlsx) / SystemRDL (.rdl) files, support multiple, mixed input files at the same time, error will be reported if any of input files do not exist.

- `-l, --list [LIST]`

Specify a text-based file list including all files to be read. Parser will read and parse files in order, if the file list or any file in it does not exist, an error will be reported.

Note that `-f, --file` or `-l, --list` options must be used but not at the same time. If so, warning message will be reported and parser will ignore the `-l, --list` option.

- `-m, --module [MODULE_NAME]`

Used in the situation where all input files are Excel worksheets. Like `-m` option in `parse` sub-command, this option specifies top-level `addrmap` name and top-level RDL file name to be generated for subsequent analysis and further modification.

- `-gdir, --gen_dir [dir]`

Specify the directory where the generated files will be stored. If the directory does not exist, an error will be reported. Default is the current directory.

- `-grtl, --gen_rtl`

Specify this option explicitly to generate RTL Module code.

- `-ghtml, --gen_html`

Specify this option explicitly to generate the register description in HTML format.

- `-gral, --gen_ral`

Specify this option explicitly to generate the UVM RAL verification model.

- `-gch, --gen_chdr`

Specifying this option explicitly generates the register C header file.

- `-gall,--gen_all`

Specifying this option explicitly generates all of the above files.

5.3 Tool Configuration and Usage Examples

Before trying all below examples, please ensure that you can execute `hrda` command. If execution of `hrda` fails, first check that `hrda` is in `PATH`, if not, try one of following possible solutions:

- switch to the source directory of the tool
- add the executable `hrda` to `PATH`
- use `module` tool and `module load` command for configuration, and it follows the RTL Standard Operating Procedure (rtl_sop).
 - clone the `rtl_sop` repository to your local directory or use `git pull` to get the latest version:

```
git clone http://10.2.2.2:2000/hj-micro/rtl_sop.git
```

- load modules:

```
module load [path_to_rtl_sop]/setup
module load inhouse/hrda
```

If you can execute `hrda` successfully, it is recommended to use subcommands and options `-h`, `template -h`, `parse -h`, `generate -h` to get more help information. Examples are as follows:

- Generate a register template in Excel format.

```
mkdir test
hrda template -excel test.xlsx -rnum 3 -rname tem1 tem2 tem3 -d ./test
hrda template -rdl -n test.rdl -d ./test
```

- Parse the Excel worksheet and generate corresponding SystemRDL files.

```
hrda parse -f test/test.xlsx -g -gdir ./test -m test_top
# another method: edit and save a list file
hrda parse -l test.list -g -gdir ./test -m test_top
```

- Generate RTL modules, HTML docs, UVM RAL and C header files

```
hrda generate -f test.xlsx -gdir ./test -grtl -ghtml -gral -gch
# another method: edit and save a list file
hrda generate -l test.list -gdir ./test -gall
```

6. Miscellaneous

filelist format:

```
# This is a comment.  
# Excel files  
.\test_1.xlsx  
.\test_2.xlsx  
  
# This is a comment.  
# RDL files  
# .\test_map.rdl
```


7. Errata

// TODO uvm access type mismatch

8. Bibliography

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