

# 1 Organization and Introduction

- The Art of managing complexity
  - Abstraction: Hiding details when they are not important
  - Discipline: Intentionally restricting your design choices so that you can work more productively at higher abstraction levels
  - The three -Y's
    - \* Hierarchy: A system is divided into modules of smaller complexity
    - \* Modularity: Having well defined functions and interfaces
    - \* Regularity: Encouraging uniformity, so modules can be easily re-used
- Bit: **B**inary **d**igit

# 2 Binary Numbers

- Powers of two:
 

$2^0 = 1$	$2^5 = 32$	$2^{10} = 1024$
$2^1 = 2$	$2^6 = 64$	$2^{11} = 2048$
$2^2 = 4$	$2^7 = 128$	$2^{12} = 4096$
$2^3 = 8$	$2^8 = 256$	$2^{13} = 8192$
$2^4 = 16$	$2^9 = 512$	$2^{14} = 16384$
- Binary to decimal conversion
 
$$\begin{aligned}
 10011_2 &= 2^4 \times 1 + 2^3 \times 0 + 2^2 \times 0 + 2^1 \times 1 + 2^0 \times 1 \\
 &= 16 \times 1 + 8 \times 0 + 4 \times 0 + 2 \times 1 + 1 \times 1 \\
 &= 16 + 0 + 0 + 2 + 1 = 19_{10}
 \end{aligned}$$
- Convert decimal to binary (roughly). Example with  $47_{10}$  to binary
 

$2^6 = 64$	is $64 \leq 47$ ?	no	0	do nothing
$2^5 = 32$	is $32 \leq 47$ ?	yes	1	$47-32=15$
$2^4 = 16$	is $16 \leq 15$ ?	no	0	do nothing
$2^3 = 8$	is $8 \leq 15$ ?	yes	1	$15-8=7$
$2^2 = 4$	is $4 \leq 7$ ?	yes	1	$7-4=3$
$2^1 = 2$	is $2 \leq 3$ ?	yes	1	$3-2=1$
$2^0 = 1$	is $1 \leq 1$ ?	yes	1	$1-1=0$ ; done!

$\Rightarrow 47_{10}$  to binary is  $0101111_2$
- Binary values and range
  - $N$ -digit decimal number
    - \* How many values:  $10^N$
    - \* Range:  $[0, 10^N - 1]$
    - \* Example (3-digit number):  $10^3 = 1000$  possible values, range:  $[0, 999]$
  - $N$ -bit binary number
    - \* How many values:  $2^N$

- \* Range:  $[0, 2^N - 1]$
- \* Example (3-digit number):  $2^3 = 8$  possible values, range:  $[0, 7] = [000_2 \text{ to } 111_2]$

- Hexadecimal (Base-16) Numbers

Decimal	Hexadecimal	Binary		Decimal	Hexadecimal	Binary
0	0	0000		8	8	1000
1	1	0001		9	9	1001
2	2	0010		10	A	1010
3	3	0011		11	B	1011
4	4	0100		12	C	1100
5	5	0101		13	D	1101
6	6	0110		14	E	1110
7	7	0111		15	F	1111

- Bits, Bytes, Nibbles...



Where MSB=Most significant Bit and LSB=Least significant Bit

- Addition in base two works exactly the same as in base 10, using carries
- Overflow
  - Digital systems operate on a fixed number of bits
  - Addition overflows when the result is too big to fit in the available number of bits
- Signed Binary Numbers
  - Sign/Magnitude Numbers
    - \* 1 sign bit,  $N - 1$  magnitude bits
    - \* Sign bit is the most significant (left-most) bit
    - \* Example: 4-bit sign/mag repr. of  $\pm 6$ :
      - $+6 = \mathbf{0110}$
      - $-6 = \mathbf{1110}$
    - \* Range of an  $N$ -bit sign/magnitude number:  $[-(2^{N-1} - 1), 2^{N-1} - 1]$
    - \* Problems:
      - Addition doesn't work
      - Two representations of 0 ( $\pm 0$ ): 1000 and 0000
      - Introduces complexity in the processor design
  - One's Complement Numbers

- \* A negative number is formed by reversing the bits of the positive number (MSB still indicates the sign of the integer)

$2^7$	$2^6$	$2^5$	$2^4$	$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$		One's Compl.	Unsigned
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	=	1	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	=	2	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	=	127	127
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=	-127	128
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	=	-126	129
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	=	-2	253
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	=	-1	254
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	=	-0	255

- \* Range of  $n$ -bit number:  $[-2^{n-1} - 1, 2^{n-1} - 1]$ , 8 bits:  $[-127, 127]$
- \* Addition: Done using binary addition with end-around carry. If there is a carry out of the MSB of the sum, this bit must be added to the LSB of the sum

#### – Two's Complement Numbers

- \* Don't have same problems as sign/magnitude numbers:
  - addition works
  - Single representation for 0
- \* Has advantages over one's complement:
  - Has a single 0 representation
  - Eliminates the end-around carry operation required in one's complement addition.
- \* A negative number is formed by reversing the bits of the positive number (MSB still indicates the sign of the integer) and adding 1:

$2^7$	$2^6$	$2^5$	$2^4$	$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$		Two's Compl.	Unsigned
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	=	1	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	=	2	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	=	127	127
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=	-128	128
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	=	-127	129
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	=	-3	253
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	=	-2	254
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	=	-1	255

- \* Same as unsigned binary, but the most significant bit (MSB) has value of  $-2^{N-1}$ 
  - Most positive 4-bit number: 0111
  - Most negative 4-bit number: 1000
- \* The most significant bit still indicates the sign (1=neg., 0=pos.)
- \* Range of an  $N$ -bit two's comp. number:  $[-2^{N-1}, 2^{N-1} - 1]$ , 8 bits:  $[-128, 127]$

- Increasing bit width (assume from  $N$  to  $M$ , with  $M > N$ ):

- Sign-extension

- \* Sign bit is copied into MSB
- \* Number value remains the same
- \* Give correct result for two's compl. numbers
- \* Example 1:
  - 4-bit representation of  $3 = 0011$
  - 8-bit sign-extended value: **00000011**
- \* Example 2:
  - 4-bit representation of  $-5 = 1011$
  - 8-bit sign-extended value: **11111011**

- Zero-extension

- \* Zeros are copied into MSB
- \* Value will change for negative numbers
- \* Example 1:
  - 4-bit value:  $0011_2 = 3_{10}$
  - 8-bit zero-extended value: **00000011<sub>2</sub>**  $= 3_{10}$
- \* Example 2:
  - 4-bit value:  $1011_2 = -5_{10}$
  - 8-bit zero-extended value: **00001011<sub>2</sub>**  $= 11_{10}$

### 3 Short Introduction to Electrical Engineering (EE Perspective)

- The goal of circuit design is to optimize:
  - Area: Net circuit area is proportional to the cost of the device
  - Speed/Throughput: We want circuits that work faster, or do more
  - Power/Energy
    - \* Mobile devices need to work with a limited power supply
    - \* High performance devices dissipate more than  $100\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$
  - Design time
    - \* Designers are expensive
    - \* The competition will not wait for you
- (Frank's) Principles for engineering
  - Good engineers are lazy: They do not want to work unnecessarily, be creative
  - They know how to ask the question “why”?: take nothing for granted
  - Engineering is not a religion: Use what works best for you
  - Keep it simple and stupid: Engineers' job is to manage complexity

- Building blocks for microchips
  - Conductors: Metals (Aluminium, Copper)
  - Insulators: Glass ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ), Air
  - Semiconductors: Silicon (Si), Germanium (Ge)
- N-type Doping: Add extra electron (negatively charged), zone becomes negatively charged
- P-type Doping: Remove electron, zone becomes positively charged
- Semiconductors:
  - You can “Engineer” its properties, i.e.
    - \* Make it P type by injecting type-III elements (b, Ga, In)
    - \* Make it N type by injecting elements from type-V (P, As)
  - You can combine P and N regions to each other, from a pure semiconductor
  - Allows you to make interesting electrical devices (Diodes, Transistors, Thyristors)
- pMOS is a P type transistor, nMOS an N type transistors; combined they are a CMOS
- CMOS (Properties)
  - No input current: Capacitive input, no resistive path from the input
  - No current when output is at logic levels: Little static power, current is needed only when switching
  - Electrical properties determined directly by geometry: A transistor that is 2 times larger drives twice the current
  - Very simple to manufacture: pMOS and nMOS can be manufactured on the same substrate
- CMOS Gate Structure
  - The general form used to construct any inverting logic, such as: NOT, NAND, NOR
    - \* The networks may consist of transistors in series or parallel
    - \* When transistors are in parallel, the network is ON if either transistor is ON
    - \* When transistors are in series, the network is ON only if all transistors are ON
  - In a proper logic gate: One of the networks should be ON and the other OFF at any given time
  - Use the rule of conduction complements:
    - \* When nMOS transistors are in series, the pMOS transistor must be in parallel

Maybe add a definition or a better explanation



- Manufacturing smaller structures: some structures are already a few atoms in size
- Developing materials with better properties
- Optimizing the manufacturing steps
- New technologies
- Power consumption
  - Power = Energy consumed per unit time
  - Two types of power consumption:
    1. Dynamic power consumption: Power to charge transistor gate capacitances
 
$$P_{\text{dynamic}} = \frac{1}{2}CV_{DD}^2f$$
    2. Static power consumption: Power consumed when no gates are switching, caused by the leakage current
 
$$P_{\text{static}} = I_{DD}V_{DD}$$
- Power Consumption example:
  - Estimate the power consumption of a wireless handheld computer
    - \*  $V_{DD} = 1.2V$
    - \*  $C = 20nF$
    - \*  $f = 1GHz$
    - \*  $I_{DD} = 20mA$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{\text{total}} &= P_{\text{dynamic}} + P_{\text{static}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}CV_{DD}^2f + I_{DD}V_{DD} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}(20nF)(1.2V)^2(1GHz) + (20mA)(1.2V) \\
 &= 14.4W
 \end{aligned}$$

## 4 Combinational Circuits: Theory

- Circuit elements. A circuit consists of:
  - Inputs
  - Outputs
  - Nodes (wires): Connections between I/O and circuit elements. To count them, look at
    - \* Outputs of every circuit elements
    - \* Inputs to the entire circuit
  - Circuit elements
- Types of Logic Circuits

- Combinational Logic
  - \* Memoryless
  - \* Outputs determined by current values of inputs
  - \* In some books called Combinatorial Logic
- Sequential Logic
  - \* Has Memory
  - \* Outputs determined by previous and current values of inputs
- Rules of Combinational Composition
  - Every circuit element is itself combinational
  - Every node of the circuit is either
    - \* Designated as an input to the circuit
    - \* Connects to exactly one output terminal of a circuit element
  - The circuit contains no cyclic paths: Every path through the circuit visits each node at most once
- Boolean Equations<sup>1</sup>
  - Functional specifications of outputs in terms of inputs.
- Boolean Algebra
  - Set of axioms and theorems to simplify Boolean equations
  - Like regular algebra, but in some cases simpler because variables only have 1 or 0 as a value
  - Axioms and theorems obey the principles of duality:
    - \* Stay corrected if: ANDs and ORs interchanged and 0's and 1's interchanged
    - \* Example:

	Dual
$\overline{0} = 1$	$\overline{1} = 0$
$B \cdot \overline{B} = 0$	$B + \overline{B} = 1$

- Boolean Axioms

	Axiom		Dual	Name
A1	$B = 0 \text{ if } B \neq 1$	A1'	$B = 1 \text{ if } B \neq 0$	Binary Field
A2	$\overline{0} = 1$	A2'	$\overline{1} = 0$	NOT
A3	$0 \cdot 0 = 0$	A3'	$1 + 1 = 1$	AND/OR
A4	$1 \cdot 1 = 1$	A4'	$0 + 0 = 0$	AND/OR
A5	$0 \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 0 = 0$	A5'	$1 + 0 = 0 + 1 = 1$	AND/OR

Duality: If the symbols 0 and 1 and the operators  $\cdot$  (AND) and  $+$  (OR) are interchanged, the statement will still be correct

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<sup>1</sup>For a more in depth look, use the material from Diskrete Mathematik



- Boolean Theorems

	Theorem		Dual	Name
T1	$B \cdot 1 = B$	T1'	$B + 0 = B$	Identity
T2	$B \cdot 0 = 0$	T2'	$1 = 0$	Null Element
T3	$B \cdot B = B$	T3'	$1 + 1 = 1$	Idempotency
T4			$\overline{\overline{B}} = B$	Involution
T5	$B \cdot \overline{B} = 0$	T5'	$1 + 0 = 0 + 1 = 1$	Complements
T6	$B \cdot C = C \cdot B$	T6'	$B + C = C + B$	Commutativity
T7	$(B \cdot C) \cdot D = B \cdot (C \cdot D)$	T7'	$(B + C) + D = B + (C + D)$	Associativity
T8	$(B \cdot C) + (B \cdot D) = B \cdot (C + D)$	T8'	$(B + C) \cdot (B + D) = B + (C \cdot D)$	Distributivity
T9	$B \cdot (B + C) = B$	T9'	$B + (B \cdot C) = B$	Covering
T10	$(B \cdot C) + (B \cdot \overline{C}) = B$	T10'	$(B + C) \cdot (B + \overline{C}) = B$	Combining
T11	$(B \cdot C) + (\overline{B} \cdot D) + (C \cdot D) = B \cdot C + \overline{B} \cdot D$	T11'	$(B + \overline{C}) \cdot (\overline{B} + D) \cdot (C + D) = (B + C) \cdot (\overline{B} + D)$	Consensus
T12	$\overline{B_0 \cdot B_1 \cdot B_2 \cdot \dots} = (\overline{B_0} + \overline{B_1} + \overline{B_2} + \dots)$	T12'	$\overline{B_0 + B_1 + B_2 + \dots} = (\overline{B_0} \cdot \overline{B_1} \cdot \overline{B_2} \cdot \dots)$	De Morgan's Theorem

- Bubble Pushing

- Pushing bubbles backward (from the output) or forward (from the inputs) changes the body of the gate from AND to OR or vice versa
  - \* Pushing a bubble from the output back to the inputs puts bubbles on all gate inputs
  - \* Pushing bubbles on all gate inputs forward toward the output puts a bubble on the output and changes the gate body



- Rules:
  - \* Begin at the output of the circuit and work toward the inputs
  - \* Push any bubbles on the final output back toward the inputs
  - \* Draw each gate in a form so that bubbles cancel

## 5 Combinational Circuits Design

- Some Definitions:

- Complement: variable with a bar over it ( $\overline{A}, \overline{B}, \overline{C}$ )
- Literal: variable or its complement ( $A, \overline{A}, B, \overline{B}, C, \overline{C}$ )
- Implicant: product (AND) of literals ( $A \cdot B \cdot \overline{C}$ )
- Minterm: product (AND) that includes all input variables ( $A \cdot B \cdot \overline{C}$ )
- Maxterm: sum (OR) that includes all input variables ( $A + \overline{B} + \overline{C}$ )

- Sum-of-Products (SOP) Form

aggiungere tabella cerchiata ai valori Y=1

A	B	Y	minterm
0	0	0	$\overline{A}\overline{B}$
0	1	1	$\overline{A}B$
1	0	0	$A\overline{B}$
1	1	1	$AB$

$$Y = F(A, B) = (\overline{A} \cdot B) + (A \cdot B)$$

- All boolean equations can be written in SOP form
  - \* Each row in a truth table has a minterm
  - \* A minterm is a product (AND) of literals
  - \* Each minterm is TRUE for that row (and only that row)
- Formed by ORing the minterms for which the output is TRUE
- The Dual: Product-of-Sums (POS) Form

aggiungere tabella cechiata ai valori Y=0

A	B	Y	maxterm
0	0	0	$A + B$
0	1	1	$A + \overline{B}$
1	0	0	$\overline{A} + B$
1	1	1	$\overline{A} + \overline{B}$

$$Y = F(A, B) = (A + B) \cdot (\overline{A} + B)$$

- All Boolean equations can be written in POS form
  - \* Each row in a truth table has a maxterm
  - \* A minterm is a sum (OR) of literals
  - \* Each minterm is FALSE for that row (and only that row)
- Formed by ANDing the maxterms for which the output is FALSE
- Karnaugh Maps (K-Maps)
  - Boolean expressions can be minimized by combining terms
  - K-maps minimize equations graphically
  - Rules:
    - \* Special order for bit combinations:  $\overleftarrow{00, 01, 11, 10}$  (only one bit changes to the next)
    - \* Every 1 in a K-map must be circled at least once
    - \* Each circle must span a power of 2 ( $2^0$  included) squares in each direction
    - \* Each circle must be as large as possible
    - \* A circle may wrap around the edges of the K-map
    - \* A “Don’t care” (X) is circled only if it helps minimize the equation
- Circuit schematics
  - Inputs: left (or top) side of a schematic
  - Outputs: right (or bottom) side of a schematic
  - Circuits should flow from left to right
  - Straight wires are better than wires with multiple corners
  - Wires always connect at a T junction

- A dot where wires cross indicated a connection between the wires
- Wires crossing without a dot make no connection
- Additional Logic Levels:  $X$  and  $Z$ 
  - Contention:  $X$ 
    - \* When a signal is being driven to 1 and 0 simultaneously
    - \* Not a real level, could be any value (1,0 or something in between)
    - \* Usually a problem:
      - Two outputs drive one node to opposite values
      - Normally there should only be one driver for every connection
    - \* WARNING: “Don’t care” and “contention” are both called  $X$ 
      - These are not the same
      - Verilog uses  $X$  for both, VHDL uses “-” for don’t care, and “ $X$ ” for contention
      - Don’t care: degree of freedom that is fixed at implementation time
      - Contention: a bug really, undetermined behaviour
  - High-impedance or tri-state (or Floating):  $Z$ 
    - \* When an output is not driving to any specific value
    - \* Means the output is disconnected
    - \* Not a real level, some other output is able to determine the level
    - \* Output is called Floating, high impedance, tri-stated, or high- $Z$
    - \* Floating output might be 0, 1 or somewhere in between
    - \* Floating nodes are used in tri-state busses:
      - Many different drivers share one common connection
      - Exactly one driver is active at any time
      - All the other drivers are “disconnected”
      - The disconnected drivers are said to be floating, allowing exactly one node to drive
      - More than one input can listen to the shared bus without problems
- Combinational Building Blocks
  - Combinational logic is often grouped into larger building blocks to build more complex systems
  - Hide the unnecessary gate-level details to emphasize the function of the building block (full adders, priority circuits, etc.)
- Multiplexer (Mux)
  - Selects between one of  $N$  inputs to connect to the output
  - Needs  $\log_2 N$ -bit control input
  - A 4:1 Multiplexer can be implemented with:

- \* Two-level logic
- \* Tristate buffers
- \* Tree of 2:1 muxes
- In general, a  $2^N$ –input multiplexer can be programmed to perform any  $N$ –input logic function by applying 0's and 1's to the appropriate data inputs
- Decoders
  - $N$  inputs,  $2^N$  outputs
  - One-hot outputs: only one output HIGH at once
- Timing
  - Propagation delay:  $t_{pd}$  = max delay from input to output
  - Contamination delay:  $t_{cd}$  = min delay from input to output



- Delay is caused by
  - \* capacitance and resistance in a circuit
  - \* Speed of light limitation (not as fast as you think)
- Reasons why  $t_{pd}$  and  $t_{cd}$  may be different:
  - \* Different rising and falling delays
  - \* Multiple inputs and outputs, some of which are faster than other
  - \* Circuits slow down when hot and speed up when cold
- Critical (Long) and short paths



\* Critical (Long) path:  $t_{pd} = 2t_{pd\_AND} + t_{pd\_OR}$

\* Short path:  $t_{cd} = t_{cd\_AND}$

– Propagation Times

Gate	$t_{pd}(\text{ps})$
NOT	30
2-input AND	60
3-input AND	80
4-input OR	90
tristate ( $A$ to $Y$ )	50
tristate (enable to $Y$ )	35

- Glitches

- Glitch: when a single input change causes multiple output changes
- Glitches don't cause problems because of synchronous design conventions
- But it's important to recognize a glitch when you see one in timing diagrams
- In general a glitch can occur when a change in a single variable crosses the boundary between two prime implicants in a  $K$ -map.
- You **can't** get rid of all glitches - simultaneous transitions on multiple inputs can also cause glitches

## 6 Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA)

- Logic arrays

- Programmable logic arrays (PLAs)
  - \* AND array followed by OR array
  - \* Perform combinational logic only
  - \* Fixed internal connections
  - \* Composed of:
    - LUTs (LookUp Tables): perform combinational logic

- Flip-flops: perform sequential functions
- Multiplexers connect LUTs and flip-flops
- Field programmable gate arrays (FPGAs)
  - \* Array of configurable logic blocks (CLBs)
  - \* Perform combinational and sequential logic
  - \* Programmable internal connections
  - \* Composed of:
    - CLBs (Configurable Logic Blocks): Perform logic  
too deeply nested
    - LUTs (LookUp Tables): perform combinational logic
    - Flip-flops: performs sequential functions
    - Multiplexers: connect LUTs and flip-flops  
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    - IOBs (Input/Output Buffers): Interface with outside world
    - Programmable interconnection: connect CLBs and IOBs
  - \* Some FPGAs include other building blocks such as multipliers and RAMs

## 7 Verilog for Combinational Circuits

- Two hardware description languages
  - Verilog
    - \* Developed in 1984
    - \* Became an IEEE standard (1364) in 1995
    - \* More popular in US
  - VHDL
    - \* Developed in 1981
    - \* Became an IEEE standard (1076) in 1987
    - \* More popular in Europe
- We used Verilog
- Defining a module
  - A module is the main buliding block in Verilog
  - Need to declare:
    - \* Name of the module
    - \* Types of its connections (input, output)
    - \* Names of its connections

*The following two codes are identical*

```
module test ( a, b, y );
    input a;
    input b;
    output y;

endmodule
```

```
module test ( input a,
              input b,
              output y );

endmodule
```

- You can also define multi-bit busses

– [range\_start : range\_end]

*Example*

```
input  [31:0] a;    // a[31], a[30] .. a[0]
output [15:8] b1;   // b1[15], b1[14] .. b1[8]
output [7:0]  b2;   // b2[7], b2[6] .. b1[0]
input          clk; // single signal
```

- Basic Syntax

- Verilog is case sensitive:
  - \* SomeName **and** somename **are not the same!**
- Names cannot start with numbers:
  - \* 2good **is not a valid name**
- White space is ignored
- Comments
  - \* Single Line comment starts with //
  - \* Multiline comments start and end with /\*...\*/

Remember:

- \* Use a consistent naming style
- \* Use MSB to LSB ordering for busses, e.g a[31:0] and not a[0:31]
- \* Define one module per file, it makes managing your design hierarchy easier
- \* Use a file name that equals your module name

- Two main HDL's styles

- Structural
  - \* Describe how modules are interconnected
  - \* Each module contains other modules (instances) and interconnections between them
  - \* Describes a hierarchy
- Behavioral
  - \* The module body contains functional description of the circuit
  - \* Contains logical and mathematical operators

quando togli il todo, il titolo dell'immagine e l'immagine vengono separati su due pagine

### Structural HDL Example

```

module top (A, SEL, C, Y);
    input A, SEL, C;
    output Y;
    wire n1;

    // alternative
    small i_first ( A, SEL, n1 );

    /* Shorter instantiation,
       pin order very important */

    // any pin order, safer choice
    small i2 ( .B(C),
               .Y(Y),
               .A(n1) );

endmodule

```



```

module small (A, B, Y);
    input A;
    input B;
    output Y;

    // description of small

endmodule

```

- Behavioral HDL: Defining Functionality

```

module example (a, b, c, y);
    input a;
    input b;
    input c;
    output y;

    // here comes the circuit description
    assign y = ~a & ~b & ~c |
               a & ~b & ~c |
               a & ~b & c;

endmodule

```

- Bitwise Operators

```

module gates(input [3:0] a, b,
             output [3:0] y1, y2, y3, y4, y5);

    /* Five different two-input logic
       gates acting on 4 bit busses */

    assign y1 = a & b;    // AND
    assign y2 = a | b;    // OR
    assign y3 = a ^ b;    // XOR
    assign y4 = ~(a & b); // NAND
    assign y5 = ~(a | b); // NOR

endmodule

```

- Reduction Operators



```

module and8(input  [7:0] a,
            output  y);

    assign y = &a;

    // &a is much easier to write than
    // assign y = a[7] & a[6] & a[5] & a[4] &
    //          a[3] & a[2] & a[1] & a[0];

endmodule

```

- Conditional Assignments

```

module mux4(input  [3:0] d0, d1, d2, d3
            input  [1:0] s,
            output [3:0] y);

    assign y = s[1] ? ( s[0] ? d3 : d2)
                : ( s[0] ? d1 : d0);

    // if (s1) then
    //     if (s0) then y=d3 else y=d2
    // else
    //     if (s0) then y=d1 else y=d0

endmodule

```

```

module mux4(input  [3:0] d0, d1, d2, d3
            input  [1:0] s,
            output [3:0] y);

    assign y = (s == 2'b11) ? d3 :
                (s == 2'b10) ? d2 :
                (s == 2'b01) ? d1 :
                d0;

    // if      (s = "11" ) then y= d3
    // else if  (s = "10" ) then y= d2
    // else if  (s = "01" ) then y= d1
    // else
    //         y= d0

endmodule

```

- How to express numbers

N'Bxx  
8'b0000\_0001

- (N) Number of bits
  - \* Expresses how many bits will be used to store the value
- (B) Base
  - \* Can be n (binary), h (hexadecimal), d (decimal), o (octal)
- (xx) Number
  - \* The value expressed in base, apart from numbers it can also have X and Z as values
  - \* Underscore\_ can be used to improve readability

- Number representation in Verilog

Verilog	Stored Number
4'b1001	1001
8'b1001	0000 1001
8'b0000_1001	000 1001
8'bxX0X1zZ1	XX0X 1ZZ1
'b01	0000...0001
4'd5	0101
12'hFA3	1111 1001 0011
8'o12	00 001 010
4'h7	0111
12'h0	0000 0000 0000

non so cosa ce di importante da aggiungere...