

SIPO



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1 Usage

1.1 Introduction

This core converts the serial input data to parallel output data. This is done on a positive clock edge in relation to a active high enable. The enable sets the rate data is sampled. This core is useful for any serial to parallel operation such as UARTS, SPI, i2c, 1553, etc. This is a fusesoc 2.X compatible core and its VLNV is AFRL:simple:sipo:X.X.X.

1.2 Dependencies

The following are the dependencies of the cores.

- fusesoc 2.X
- iverilog (simulation)
- cocotb (simulation)

1.2.1 fusesoc_info Depenecies

- dep
 - AFRL:utility:helper:1.0.0

1.3 In a Project

This core is made to be used on the same clock domain as the input parallel data. The serial input rate is set by the enable. The enable should only be pulsed for one clock cycle. If the clock is the rate the enable should be tied high. Load has to be used to get the output data and reset the input count. The data count provers other cores a bit count to know what bit currently being input to the core. On load data is cleared from the input register and the count is reset to 0. Once enable is toggled the count will increment and indicates how many bits of the word are contained in the register. The register is full once the max number of bits is reached on the counter output. Direction of MSb first or LSb first is set by the rev input. This can be changed at anytime.

1. Set ena to 1 at rising clock edge for one clock cycle
2. Continue till the counter hits the number of bits needed.
3. Read the parallel data output to capture data.
4. Assert load to 1 to restart counter and clear parallel register.

Adding the core to a fusesoc project, outside of adding the verilog module to your code, requires it is added as dependency. Example:

```
dep:
  depend:
    - ">=AFRL:simple:sipo:1.0.0"
```

Module instantiation:

```
sipo #(
  .BUS_WIDTH(4)
) inst_sipo (
  .clk(clk),
  .rstn(rstn),
  .ena(ena),
  .rev(rev),
  .load(load),
  .pdata(pdata),
  .sdata(sdata),
  .dcount(dcount)
);
```

2 Architecture

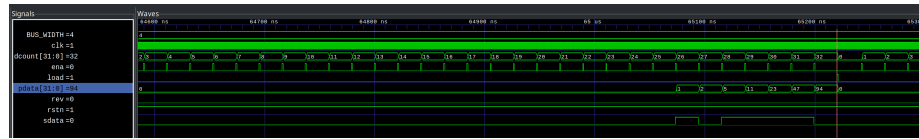
This core is made to interface for serial to parallel data. On each enable pulse on a positive clock edge the input serial line will be sampled. The counter starts at 0 and the shift is complete once it hits $BUS_WIDTH * 8$. For a 32 bit word you will need 32 enable pulses. These will correspond to counter output 0 to 31. 32 will signal the shift is done and the parallel output data is valid. Once it is valid data can be read and load asserted. Load will reset the core and clear it for the next shift operation. All data is shifted in MSb to LSb or LSb to MSb. This is set with the rev input. When active high (1) the LSb to MSb method is used. When rev is set to 0 MSb to LSb is used. The only module is the sipo module. It is listed below.

- **sipo** Convert serial data to parallel by shifting in data on each enable pulse on a rising clock. (see core for documentation).

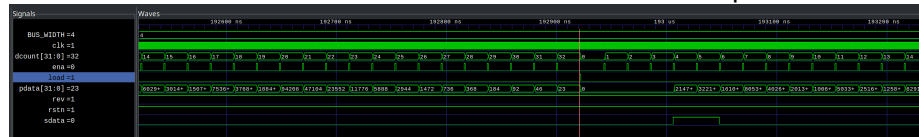
Please see 5 for more information.

2.1 Waveform

Below is a waveform in a typical application of the core for MSb to LSb. This shows the count up and how the enable is pulsed to increment it.



Next shows the core with rev set to 1 for LSb to MSb operation.



3 Building

The SIPO core is written in Verilog 2001. They should synthesize in any modern FPGA software. The core comes as a fusesoc packaged core and can be included in any other core as a dependency. Be sure you have met the dependencies listed in the previous section. This core also has a target called lint for verilog linting using verible-verilog-lint.

3.1 fusesoc

Fusesoc is a system for building FPGA software without relying on the internal project management of the tool. Avoiding vendor lock in to Vivado or Quartus. These cores, when included in a project, can be easily integrated into targets created based upon the end developer needs. The core by itself is not a part of a system and should be integrated into a fusesoc based system. Simulations are setup to use fusesoc and are a part of its targets.

3.2 Source Files

3.2.1 fusesoc_info File List

- src
 - src/sipo.v
- tb
 - tb/tb_sipo.v
- tb_cocotb
 - 'tb/tb_cocotb.py': 'file_type': 'user', 'copyto': '.'
 - 'tb/tb_cocotb.v': 'file_type': 'verilogSource'

3.3 Targets

3.3.1 fusesoc_info Targets

- default
Info: Default for IP intergration.
- lint
Info: Lint with Verible
- sim
Info: Base simulation using icarus as default.
- sim_cocotb
Info: Cocotb unit tests

3.4 Directory Guide

Below highlights important folders from the root of the directory.

1. **docs** Contains all documentation related to this project.
 - **manual** Contains user manual and github page that are generated from the latex sources.
2. **src** Contains source files for the core
3. **tb** Contains test bench files for iverilog and cocotb
 - **cocotb** testbench files

4 Simulation

There are a few different simulations that can be run for this core. The backend used for testing is iverilog for verilog or cocotb simulations. Usually GTKWave is used to view the fst waveform output. Cocotb are the unit tests that attempt to give a pass/fail verification to the core operation.

4.1 iverilog

iverilog is used for simple test benches for quick visual verification of the core. This will autofinish after it has run up to a certain number of words have been output.

4.2 cocotb

This method allows for quick writing of test benches that actually assert and check the state of the core. These tests are much more conclusive since it will run all test vectors and generate a report if they pass or fail. All tests generate to a single fst wave file. The method of launching the tests is to use fusesoc. These have not been written to use the python runner method or makefiles. To use the cocotb tests you must install the following python libraries.

```
$ pip install cocotb
```

The targets available are listed below.

- **sim_cocotb** Standard simulation PISO conversion using cocotb.

The targets above can be run with various parameters.

```
$ fusesoc run --target sim_cocotb AFRL:simple:sipo  
→ :1.0.0
```

5 Module Documentation

- **sipo** SIPO converter
- **tb_sipo-v** Verilog test bench
- **tb_cocotb-py** Cocotb python test routines
- **tb_cocotb-v** Cocotb verilog test bench

The next sections document the module in detail.

sipo.v

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INFORMATION

Brief

SIPO (serial in parallel out) The idea is to keep this core simple, and let the control logic be handled outside of this core.

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sipo

```
module sipo #(
  parameter
    BUS_WIDTH
    =
    1,
  parameter
    COUNT_AMOUNT
    =
    0
) ( input wire clk, input wire rstn, input wire ena, input wire rev, input v
```

Serial to Parallel out

Parameters

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| BUS_WIDTH | width of the parallel data input in bytes. |
| COUNT_AMOUNT | If anything other than zero, the dcount and data output will use this value instead of the BUS_WIDTH size. |

Ports

| | |
|---------------|--|
| clk | global clock for the core. |
| rstn | negative synchronus reset to clk. |
| ena | enable for core, use to change input rate. Enable serial shift input. |
| rev | reverse, 0 is MSb first out, 1 is LSB first out. |
| load | load parallel data from core, and reset counters for next incoming serial data. |
| pdata | parallel data output, valid when dcount is BUS_WIDTH*8 or COUNT_AMOUNT. |
| sdata | serialized data input. |
| dcount | Number of bits to shift out. BUS_WIDTH*8 or COUNT_AMOUNT means all bits have been sampled and put into the register. |

tb_sipo.v

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Test bench for Serial in Parallel out core.

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tb_sipo

```
module tb_sipo ()
```

Test bench for serial in parallel out

INSTANTIATED MODULES

sipo

```
sipo #(
```

```
BUS_WIDTH(1)
) dut ( .clk(tb_clk), .rstn(tb_rstn), .ena(tb_ena), .rev(1'b0), .load(tb_lo
```

Device under test, serial to parallel data conversion.

tb_cocotb.py

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Cocotb test bench

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pisso

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Convert parallel data to serial

VARIABLES

wqueue

```
self.wqueue
```

Queue to store write requests

_idle_write

`self._idle_write`

Event trigger for cocotb read

FUNCTIONS

_restart

```
def _restart(  
    self  
)
```

kill and restart `_run` thread.

random_bool

```
def random_bool()
```

Return a infinite cycle of random bools

Returns: List

start_clock

```
def start_clock(  
    dut  
)
```

Start the simulation clock generator.

Parameters

dut Device under test passed from cocotb test function

reset_dut

```
async def reset_dut(  
    dut  
)
```

Cocotb coroutine for resets, used with `await` to make sure system is reset.

increment test MSb

Coroutine that is identified as a test routine. Write data, on one clock edge, read on the next.

Parameters

dut Device under test passed from cocotb.

increment test LSB

Coroutine that is identified as a test routine. Write data, on one clock edge, read on the next.

Parameters

dut Device under test passed from cocotb.

in_reset

```
@cocotb.test()
async def in_reset(
    dut
)
```

Coroutine that is identified as a test routine. This routine tests if device stays in unready state when in reset.

Parameters

dut Device under test passed from cocotb.

no_clock

```
@cocotb.test()
async def no_clock(
    dut
)
```

Coroutine that is identified as a test routine. This routine tests if no ready when clock is lost and device is left in reset.

Parameters

dut Device under test passed from cocotb.

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Test bench wrapper for cocotb

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tb_cocotb

```
module tb_cocotb #(
  parameter
  BUS_WIDTH
  =
  4
) ( input clk, input rstn, input ena, input rev, input load, output [BUS_W
```

SIPO interface DUT

Parameters

BUS_WIDTH Width of the data port in bytes.
parameter

Ports

| | |
|---------------|--|
| clk | Clock |
| rstn | negative reset |
| ena | enable for core, use to change input rate. Enable serial shift input. |
| rev | reverse, 0 is MSb first out, 1 is LSB first out. |
| load | load parallel data from core, and reset counters for next incoming serial data. |
| pdata | parallel data output, valid when dcount is BUS_WIDTH*8. |
| sdata | serialized data input. |
| dcount | Number of bits to shift out. BUS_WIDTH*8 means all bits have been sampled and put into the register. |

INSTANTIATED MODULES

dut

```
sipo #(
    BUS_WIDTH(BUS_WIDTH)
) dut ( .clk(clk), .rstn(rstn), .ena(ena), .rev(rev), .load(load), .pdata(pdata), .sdata(sdata), .dcount(dcount) )
```

Device under test, sipo