

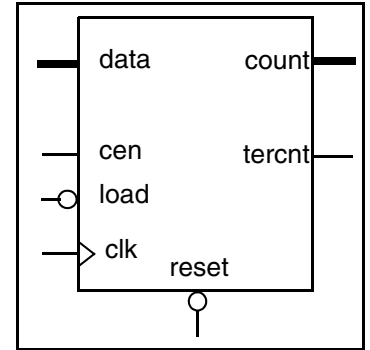
DW03_lfsr_scnto

LFSR Counter with Static Count-to Flag

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Features and Benefits

- Parameterized count-to value to indicate when the counter reaches a specified value
- Parameterized word length
- High speed, area-efficient
- Asynchronous reset
- Terminal count flag



Description

DW03_lfsr_scnto is a parameterized word-length up counter with a static count-to flag. DW03_lfsr_scnto implements a counter as LFSR (linear feedback shift register) which also acts as a pseudo-random counter constructed as primitive characteristic polynomials.

Table 1-1 Pin Description

Pin Name	Width	Direction	Function
data	<i>width</i> bit(s)	Input	Input data
load	1 bit	Input	Input load, active low
cen	1 bit	Input	Input count enable
clk	1 bit	Input	Clock
reset	1	Input	Asynchronous reset, active low
count	<i>width</i> bit(s)	Output	Output count bus
tercnt	1 bit	Output	Output terminal count

Table 1-2 Parameter Description

Parameter	Values ^a	Function
width	2 to 50	Word length of counter
count_to	1 to $2^{width-2}$	count_to bus

a. The upper bound of the legal range is a guideline to ensure reasonable compile times.

Table 1-3 Synthesis Implementations

Implementation Name	Function	License Feature Required
str	Synthesis model	DesignWare

Table 1-4 Simulation Models

Model	Function
DW03.DW03_LFSR_SCNT0_CFG_SIM	Design unit name for VHDL simulation
dw/dw03/src/DW03_lfsr_scnto_sim.vhd	VHDL simulation model source code
dw/sim_ver/DW03_lfsr_scnto.v	Verilog simulation model source code

Table 1-5 Counter Operation Truth Table

reset	load	cen	Operation
0	X	X	Reset
1	0	1	Load
1	X	0	Standby
1	1	1	Count

The shift register is fed back from two or more taps. The number of taps does not increase with a large counter *width*.

A LFSR counter runs faster than a binary counter in synchronous systems because the first bit is calculated and the remaining bits are shifted.

DW03_lfsr_scnto can be used in built-in test circuitry in VLSI chips and used as a modulus counter. Refer to [Figure 1-1](#).

Counter Function

The *width* is a generic parameter with an integer value ranging from 1 to 50.

The counter is loaded with *data* by asserting *load* (LOW) and applying data to *data*. The data load operation is synchronous with respect to the positive edge of *clk*.

The *count_to* is an integer parameter of pseudorandom binary sequences that ranges from 1 to $2^{width-2}$. Refer to the Logic-Sequential Overview section, [Table 1](#) for a listing of the primitive polynomials.

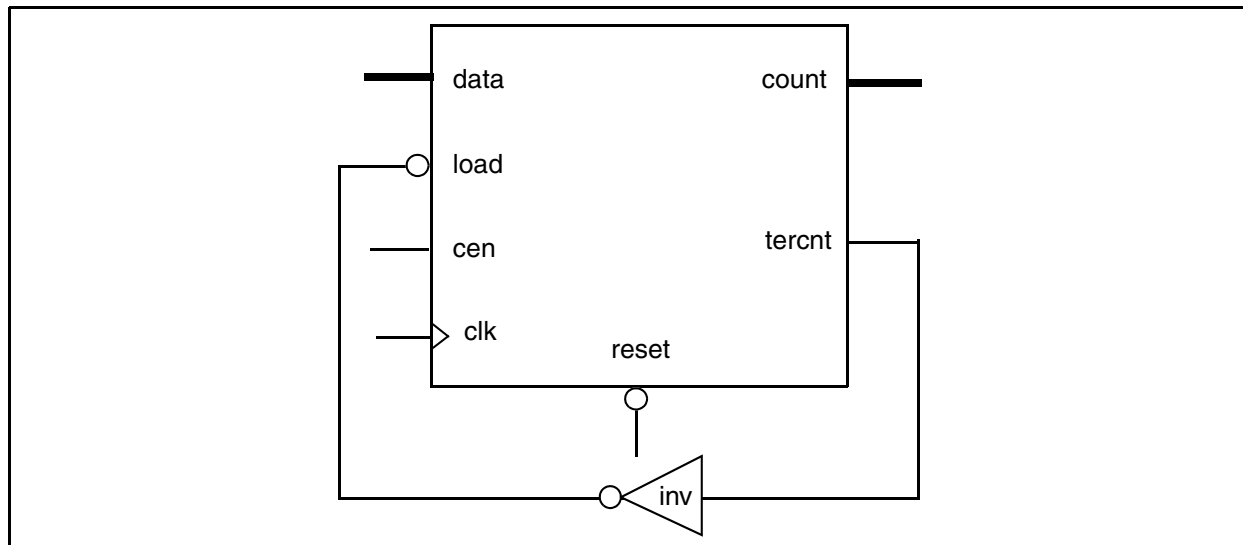
The count enable pin, *cen*, is active high. When *cen* is HIGH, the counter is active. When *cen* is LOW, the counter is disabled and *count* remains at the same value.

The *reset* signal is an asynchronous reset that is active low. When *reset* is LOW, the counter output is "00...00". When *reset* is HIGH, the counter operates normally.

The `count` is the output port of pseudorandom binary sequences, ranging from $width-1$ to 0. A value of $2^{width-2}$ ("11...11") is an illegal state; therefore, the counter stops at "11...11".

The `tercnt` is an output terminal count signal, active HIGH. The `tercnt` output goes high for one clock cycle to indicate the different number of clock cycles between starting count to `count_to` value.

Figure 1-1 Counter Application: "count_to"



Timing Diagrams

Figure 1-2 and Figure 1-3 show various timing conditions for DW03_lfsr_scnto.

Figure 1-2 Functional Operation: load and count_enable sequence

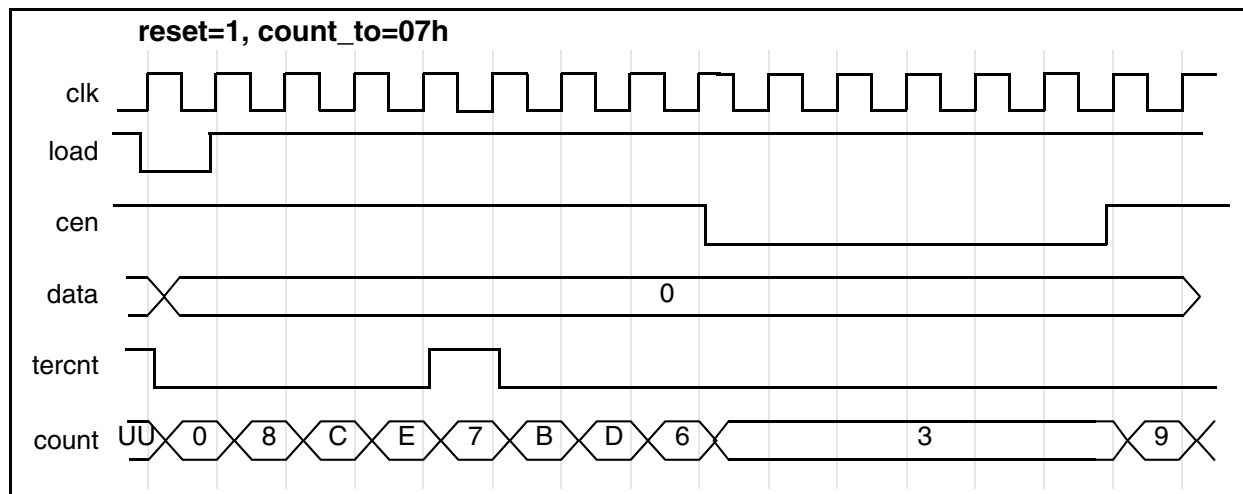
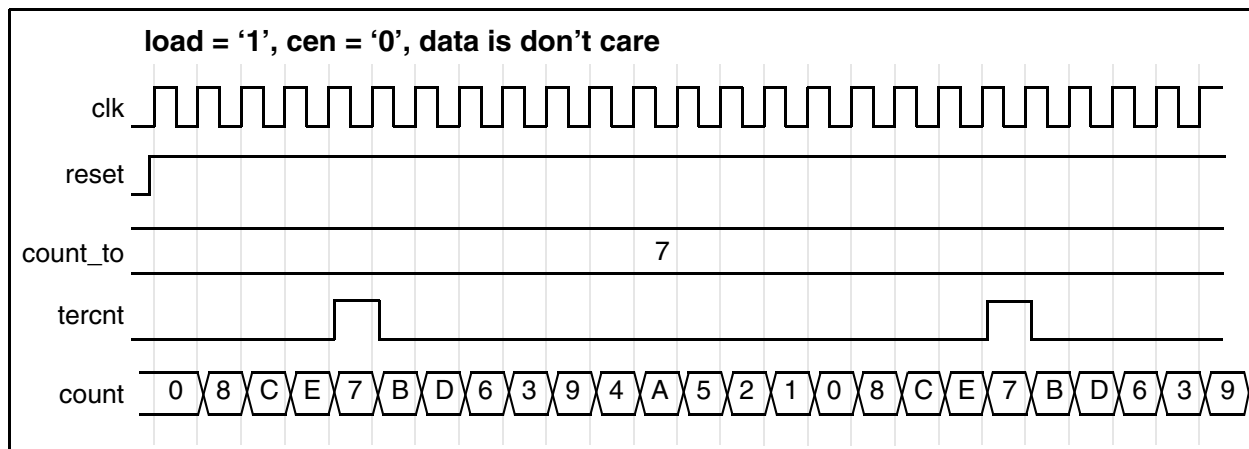


Figure 1-3 Reset Sequence



Related Topics

- [Logic – Sequential Overview](#)
- [DesignWare Building Block IP Documentation Overview](#)

HDL Usage Through Component Instantiation - VHDL

```
library IEEE,DWARE,DWARE;
use IEEE.std_logic_1164.all;
use DWARE.DWpackages.all;
use DWARE.DW_foundation_comp.all;

entity DW03_lfsr_scnto_inst is
  generic ( inst_width      : INTEGER := 8;
            inst_count_to  : INTEGER := 8);
  port ( inst_data      : in std_logic_vector(inst_width-1 downto 0);
        inst_load      : in std_logic;
        inst_cen       : in std_logic;
        inst_clk       : in std_logic;
        inst_reset     : in std_logic;
        count_inst     : out std_logic_vector(inst_width-1 downto 0);
        tercnt_inst    : out std_logic );
end DW03_lfsr_scnto_inst;

architecture inst of DW03_lfsr_scnto_inst is
begin

  -- Instance of DW03_lfsr_scnto
  U1 : DW03_lfsr_scnto
    generic map ( width => inst_width, count_to => inst_count_to )
    port map ( data => inst_data, load => inst_load,
              cen => inst_cen, clk => inst_clk, reset => inst_reset,
              count => count_inst, tercnt => tercnt_inst );
end inst;

-- pragma translate_off
configuration DW03_lfsr_scnto_inst_cfg_inst of DW03_lfsr_scnto_inst is
  for inst
    end for; -- inst
end DW03_lfsr_scnto_inst_cfg_inst;
-- pragma translate_on
```

HDL Usage Through Component Instantiation - Verilog

```
module DW03_lfsr_scnto_inst( inst_data, inst_load, inst_cen, inst_clk,  
                             inst_reset, count_inst, tercnt_inst );  
  
    parameter width = 8;  
    parameter count_to = 8;  
  
    input [width-1 : 0] inst_data;  
    input inst_load;  
    input inst_cen;  
    input inst_clk;  
    input inst_reset;  
    output [width-1 : 0] count_inst;  
    output tercnt_inst;  
  
    // Instance of DW03_lfsr_scnto  
    DW03_lfsr_scnto #(width, count_to)  
        U1 ( .data(inst_data), .load(inst_load), .cen(inst_cen), .clk(inst_clk),  
            .reset(inst_reset), .count(count_inst), .tercnt(tercnt_inst) );  
  
endmodule
```

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