Verilog Lab 2

Data Types for Signals or Variables

- Wire type: physical connections between ports
  (most popular type of input/internal signals)
  - wire
    ```
    wire reset, clock;
    wire [7:0] address;
    ```
- Register types: abstract data storage elements
  (only these types of signals can be on the left-hand side of assignments in procedural blocks)
  - reg: unsigned, varying width (most popular type of input/internal signals)
    ```
    reg carry_out;
    reg [31:0] data_a, data_b;
    ```

Example

```
wire out ;
reg  out ;
always @(sel or in1 or in2) begin
    if (sel == 1'b1) begin
            out = in1;
    end else begin
            out = in2;
    end
end
```

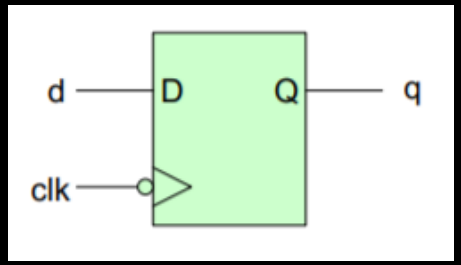
Combinational vs Sequential Circuits

- Sequential circuits
  - contain memory elements and logic gates
  - the outputs are a function of the current inputs and the state of the memory elements.
- Combinational circuits
  - consist of logic gates
  - the outputs at any time are determined from only the present combination of inputs.

Two types of always blocks

- Sequential block
  - is triggered by clock and other signals.

```
always @(posedge clk or negedge rst_n) begin
    if (rst_n== 1'b1) begin
            q<=0;
    end else begin
            q<=d;
    end
end
```



Two types of always blocks

- Combinational block
  - is triggered by the signals in the sensitivity list

Traditional style: full sensitivity list of the always block

```
always @(sel or in1 or in2) begin
    if (sel == 1'b1) begin
        out = in1;
    end else begin
        out = in2;
    end
end
```

Modern coding style:

```
always @* begin
```

You may also use combinational assignment. eg. assign out =(sel)?in1:in2;

Procedural Assignment

- Blocking procedural assignment: =
  - An assignment is completed before the next assignment starts.
  - (assume a = 0)

    a = 1;

    c = a; // c = 1
- Non-blocking procedural assignment: <=
  - Assignments are executed in parallel.
  - (assume a = 0)

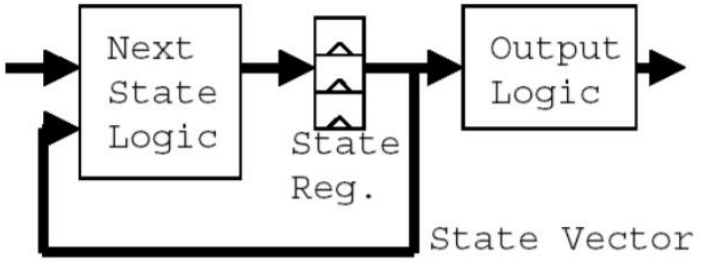
    a <= 1;

    c <= a; // c = 0

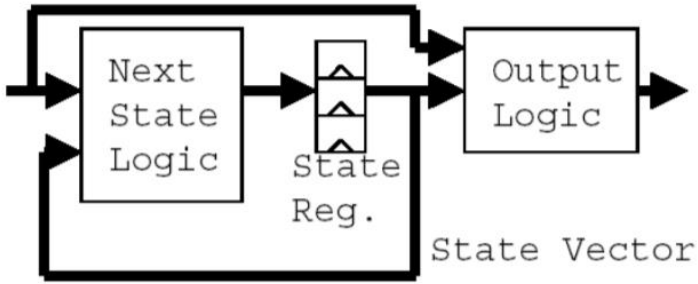
Procedural Assignment

- Do not mix blocking and non-blocking in the same always block.
- Sequential circuits usually use non-blocking.
- Combinational circuits usually use blocking.
- Use blocking assignment for assign.

Moore / Mealy machine



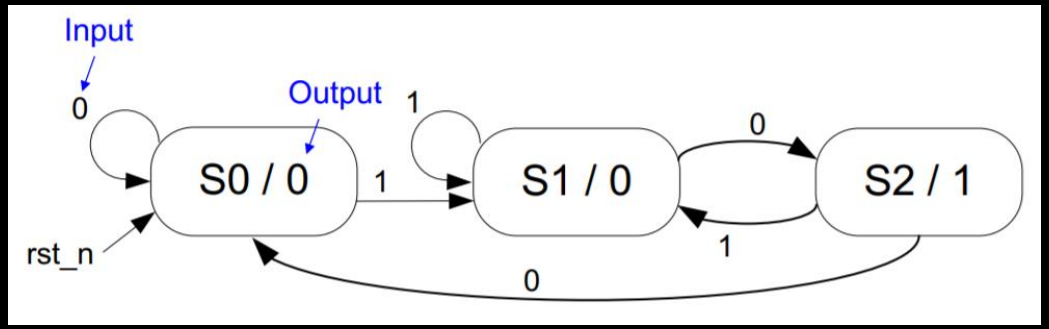
Moore Outputs
Outputs depend solely on state vector (generally, a Moore FSM is the simplest to design)



Mealy Outputs
Outputs depend on inputs and state vector (only use if it is significantly smaller or faster)

Moore Machine Example

- Recognizing the “10” sequence among the input bit stream



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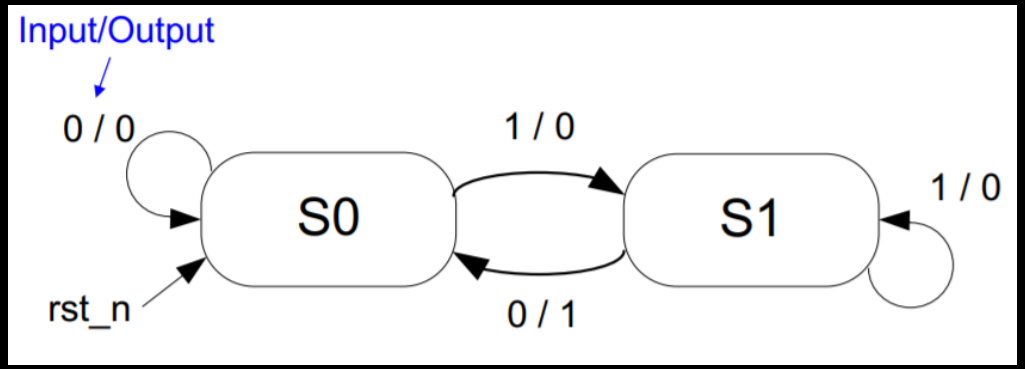
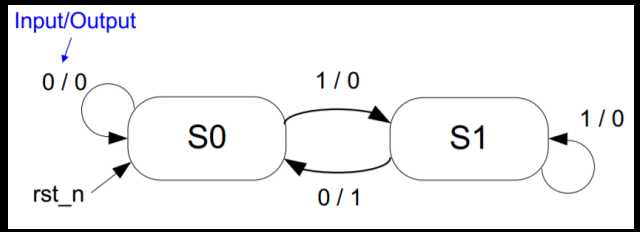


FSM design guideline

- An always block for updating state registers
  - Sequential block
- An always block for next state evaluation (state transition)
  - Combinational block
- Optional always blocks for output generation
  - Combinational block
- Parameterize all state encoding

Mealy Machine Example

```
parameter S0 = 1'b0;
parameter S1 = 1'b1;
reg state, next_state;
always @(posedge clk, negedge rst_n)
begin
        if (rst_n == 1'b0)
                state = S0;
        else
                state = next_state;
end
```




```
always @* begin
        next_state = S0;
        case(state)
            S0: begin
                if (in == 1)
                    next_state = S1;
                else
                    next_state = S0;
                end
            S1: begin
                if (in == 0)
                    next_state = S0;
                else
                    next_state = S1;
                end
         endcase // case end
end // always end
assign out = (state == S1 && in == 0) ? 1 : 0;
```

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- Framework Introduction in Block Diagram
- Testbench template
- nWave
- Precautions and Timeline

GCD Engine

- Calculate the greatest common divisor (GCD) of two 8-bit positive integers
- Using a START signal to load inputs
- Generate a DONE signal when the calculation is finished
- Assert an ERROR signal when invalid inputs are detected

GCD Engine

- The IO specification is shown below, and modification is unavailable:

```
module GCD (
    input wire CLK,
    input wire RST_N,
    input wire [7:0] A,
    input wire [7:0] B,
    input wire START,
    output reg [7:0] Y,
    output reg DONE,
    output reg ERROR
);
```

GCD Engine

- Inputs:
  - CLK: clock
  - RST_N: reset (low active)
  - A, B: two 8-bit input numbers
  - START: indicate the valid input with one-cycle pulse
- Outputs:
  - Y: the answer
  - DONE: indicate the valid output with one-cycle pulse
  - ERROR: 0 means valid result while 1 means invalid one (invalid: either A or B is 0 at the start)

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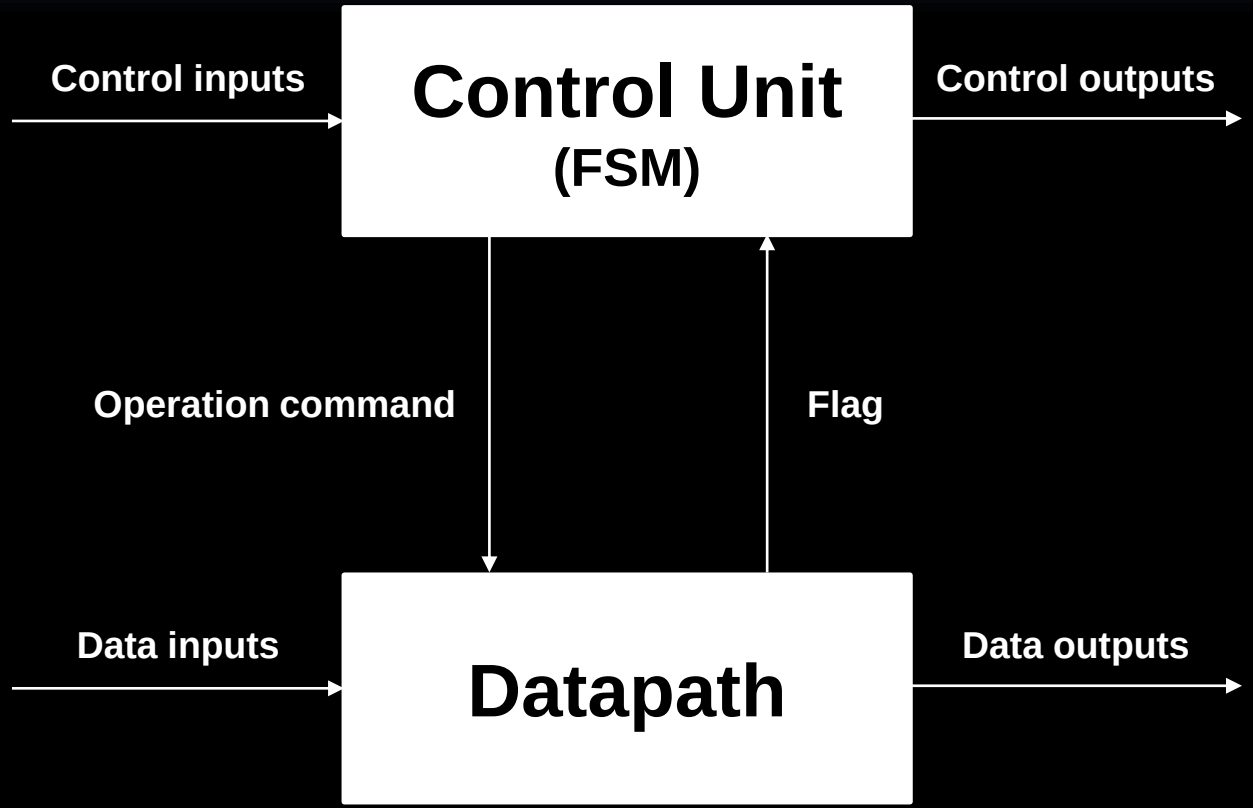
- Sequential circuits can be partitioned into datapath and control unit
  - Datapath: perform data processing, data registering, and data moving
  - Control unit: behavior control, state(mode) switching

GCD Engine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(FSM)
Control outputs
Operation command
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Data inputs
Datapath
Data outputs

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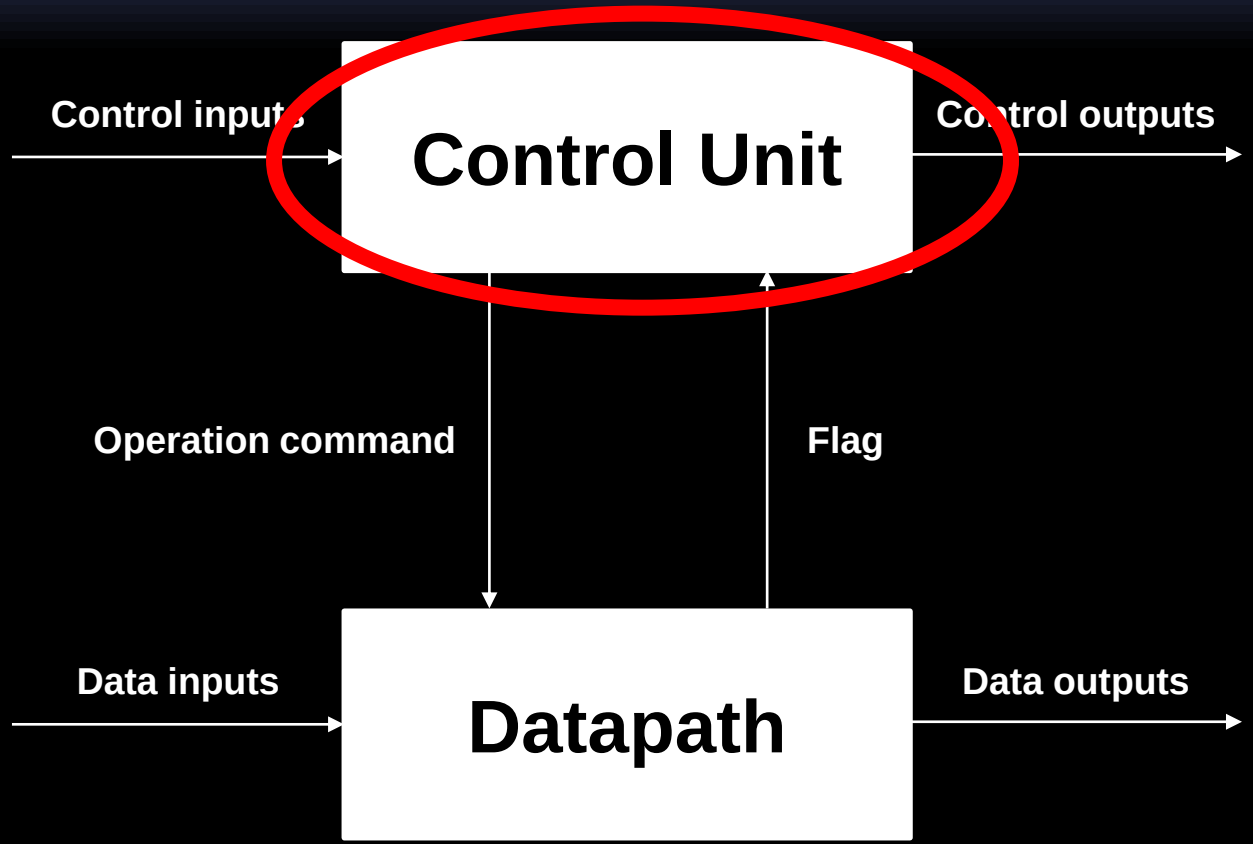
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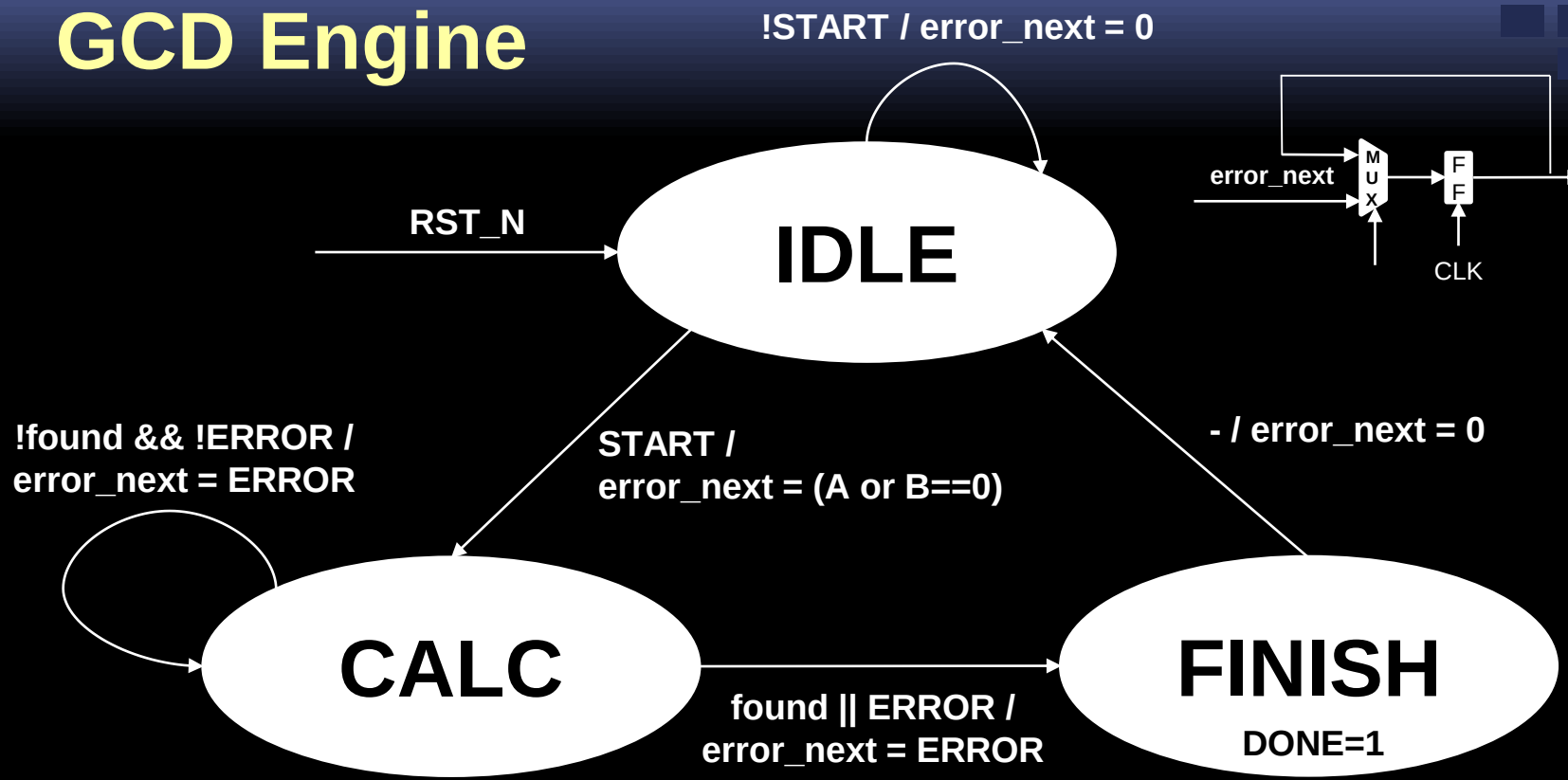
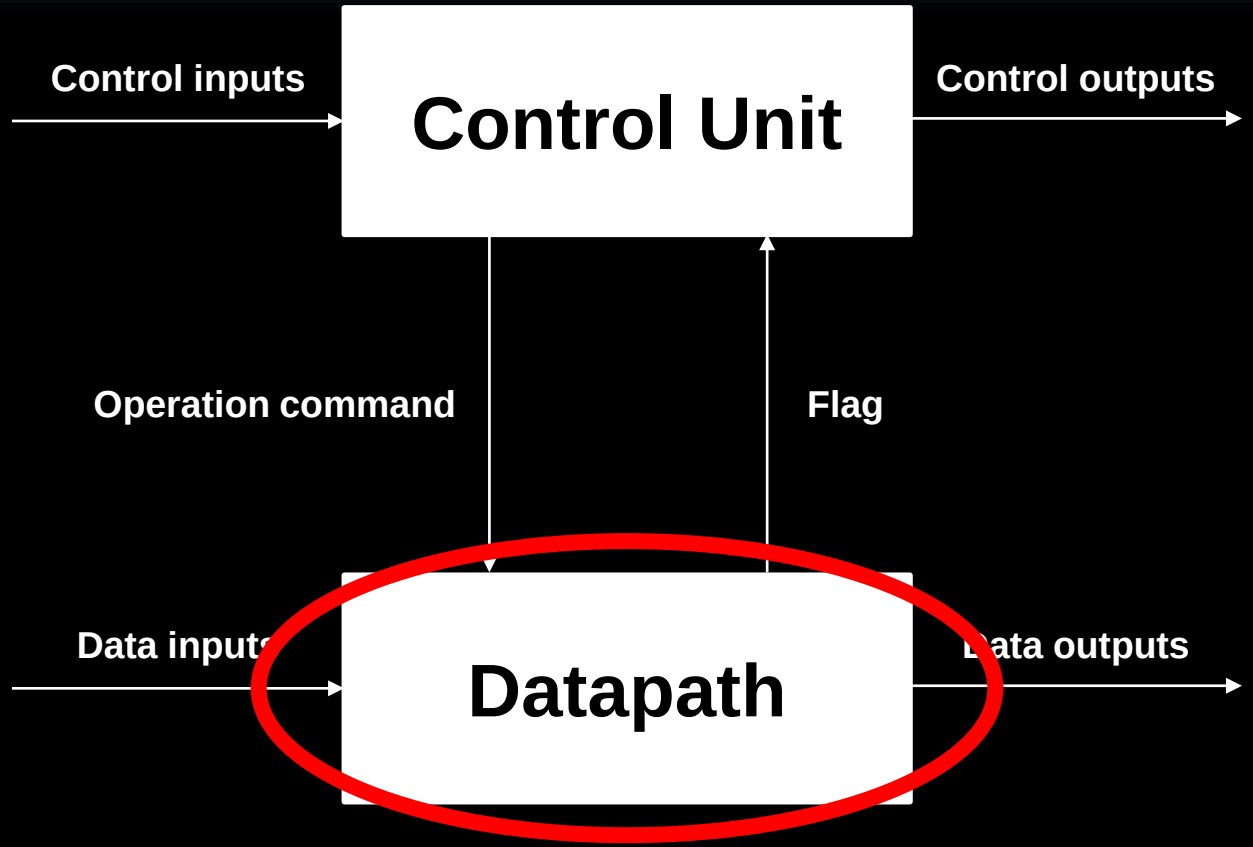

!START / error_next = 0
RST_N
IDLE
error_next
M
U
X
F
F
ERROR
CLK
!found && !ERROR /
error_next = ERROR
START /
error_next = (A or B==0)
- / error_next = 0
CALC
found || ERROR /
error_next = ERROR
FINISH
DONE=1

GCD Engine

- Your design “must” include these components:

```
parameter [1:0] IDLE = 2'b00;
parameter [1:0] CALC = 2'b01;
parameter [1:0] FINISH = 2'b10;
```

GCD Engine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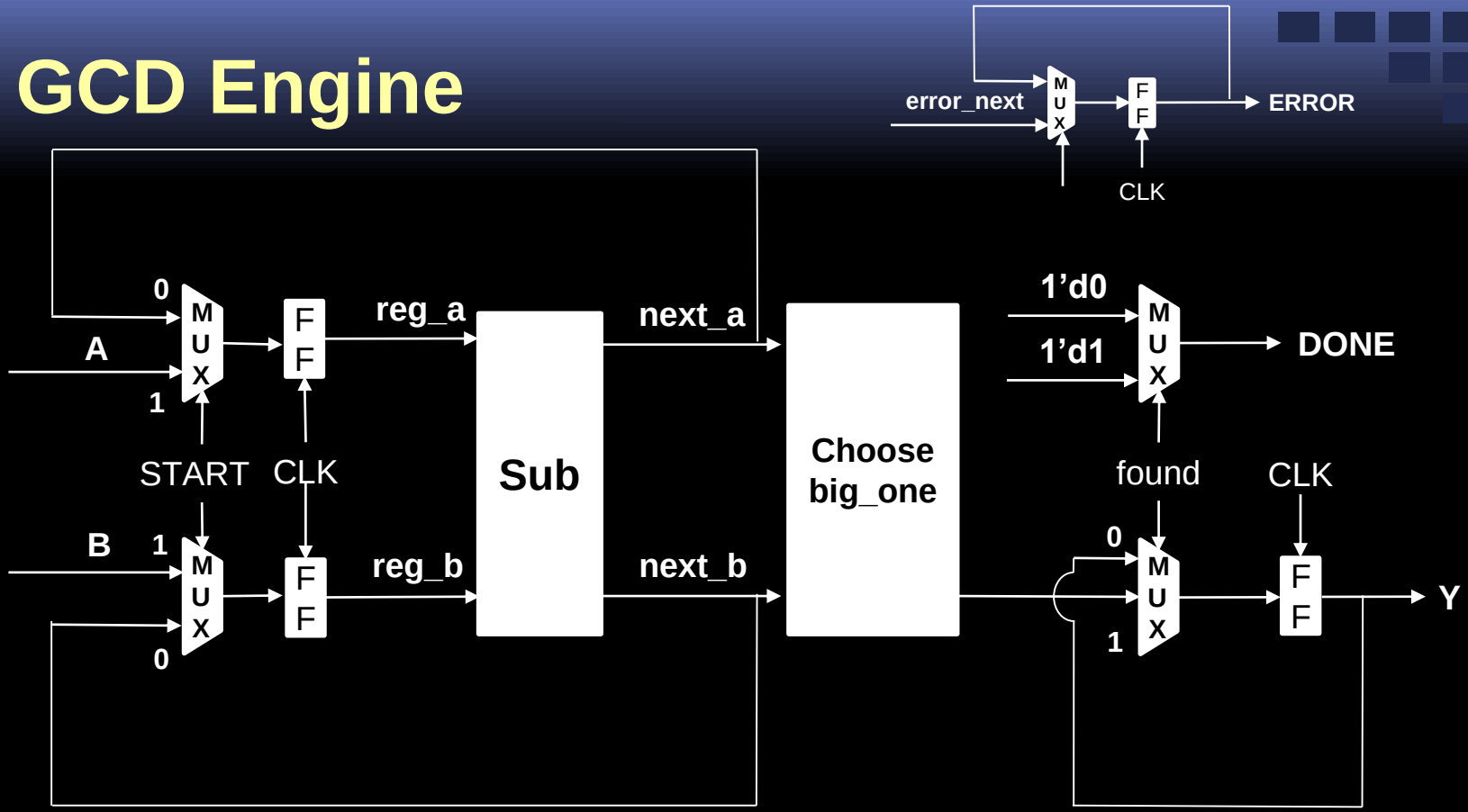

Warning: This is just a simplified version for easy understanding, the practical implementation can be more complicated.

Example

- (40,12)->(28,12)->(16,12)->(4,12)->(4,8)->(4,4)->(4,0)
- 4 is the answer

```
assign found =(next_a==0 ||next_b==0)?1:0;
```

GCD Engine

- Your design “must” include these components:

```
wire found, err
reg [7:0] reg_a, reg_b, next_a, next_b;
reg [7:0] big_one;
reg error_next;
reg [1:0] state, state_next;
```

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Testbench

- We will provide testbench file for this lab.You don’t need to write it on your own.
- However, you can add your own cases on top of our test cases.
- Testbench file contains 5 basic cases. You will get 60% if you passed all 5 cases.

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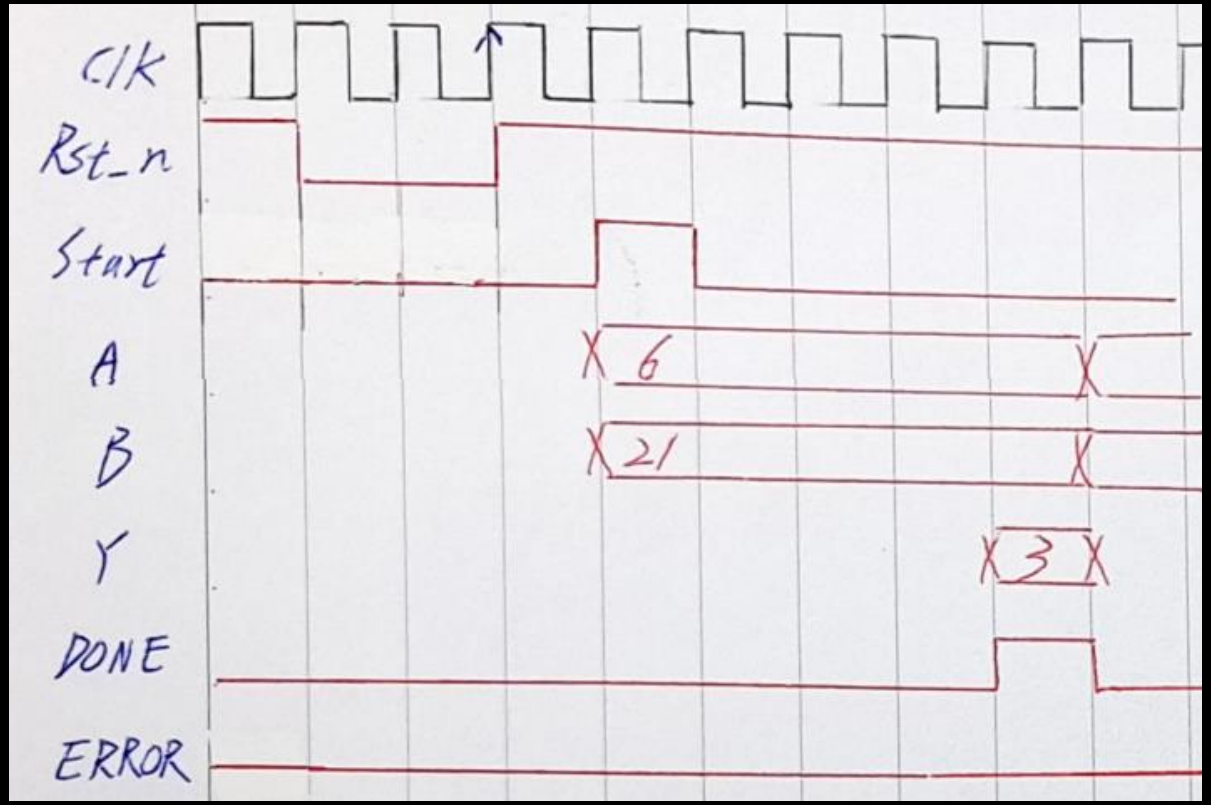
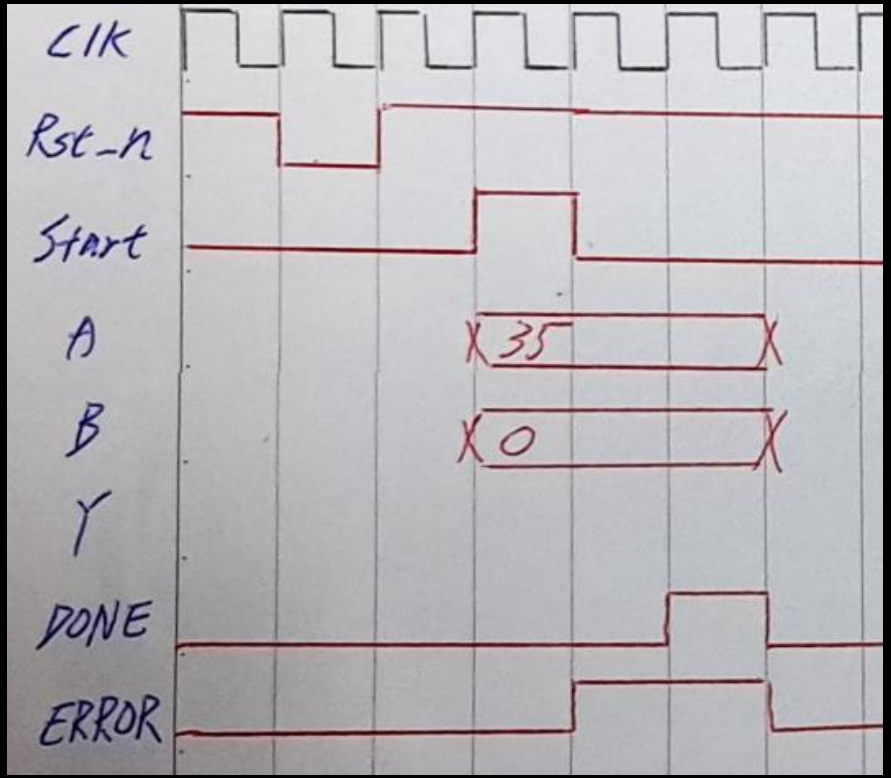
Timing diagram



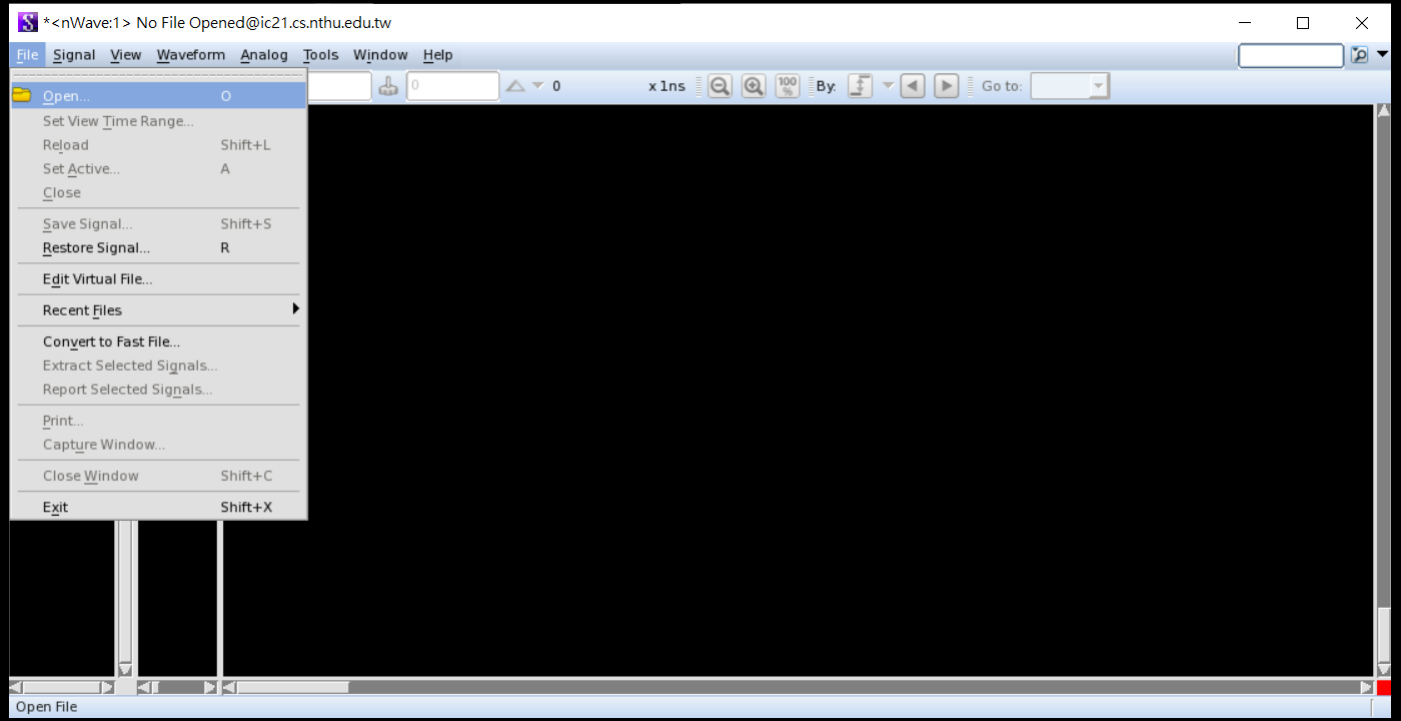
Timing diagram (error case)



nWave

- You can use waveform viewer to debug.
- Command
  - $ncverilog tb.v design.v +access+r
  - $nWave

Open your waveform file



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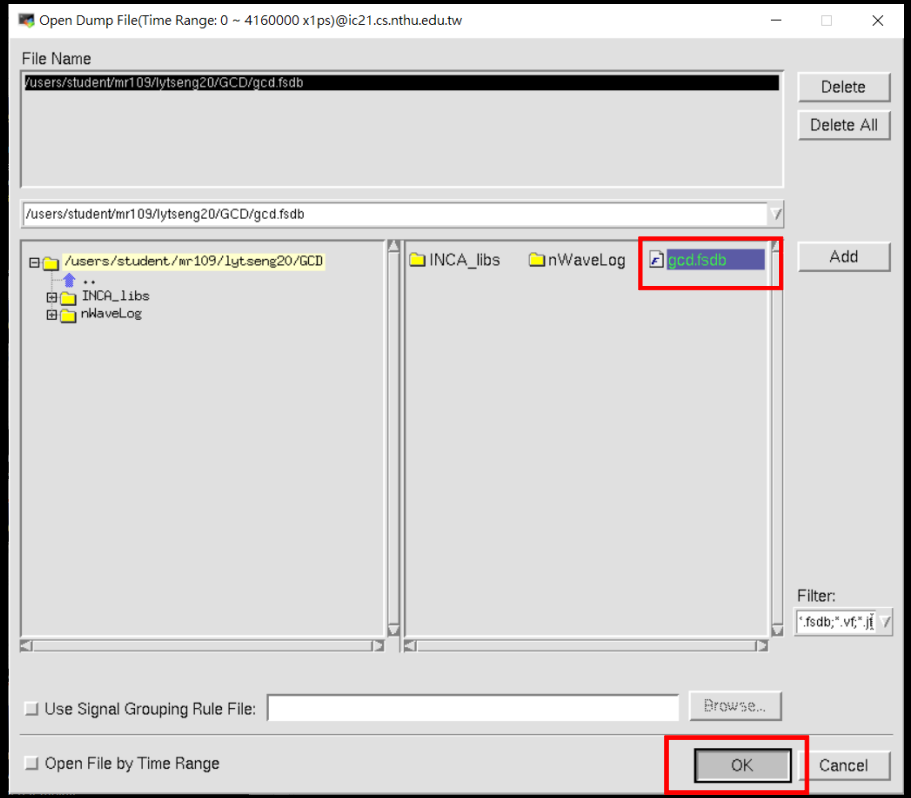

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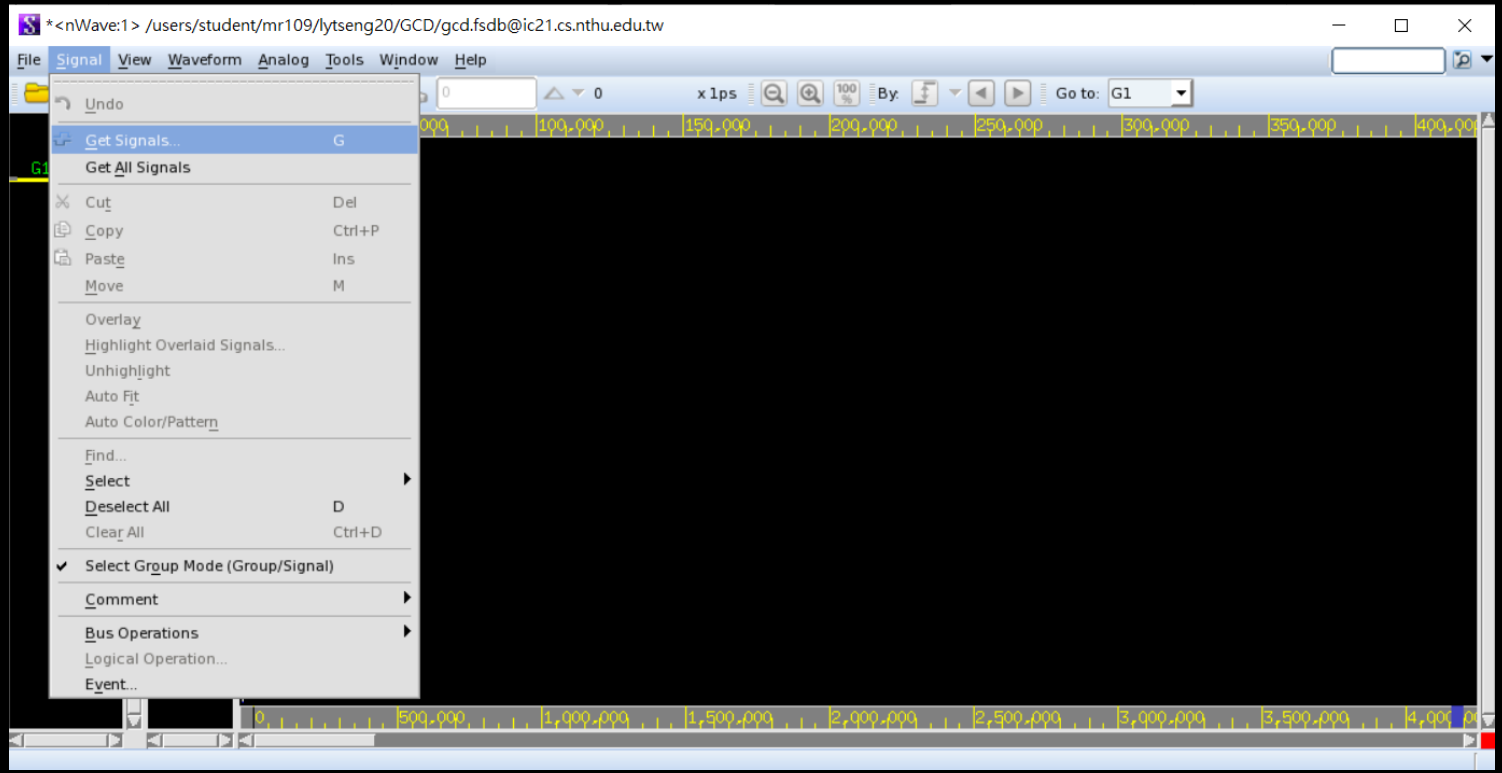

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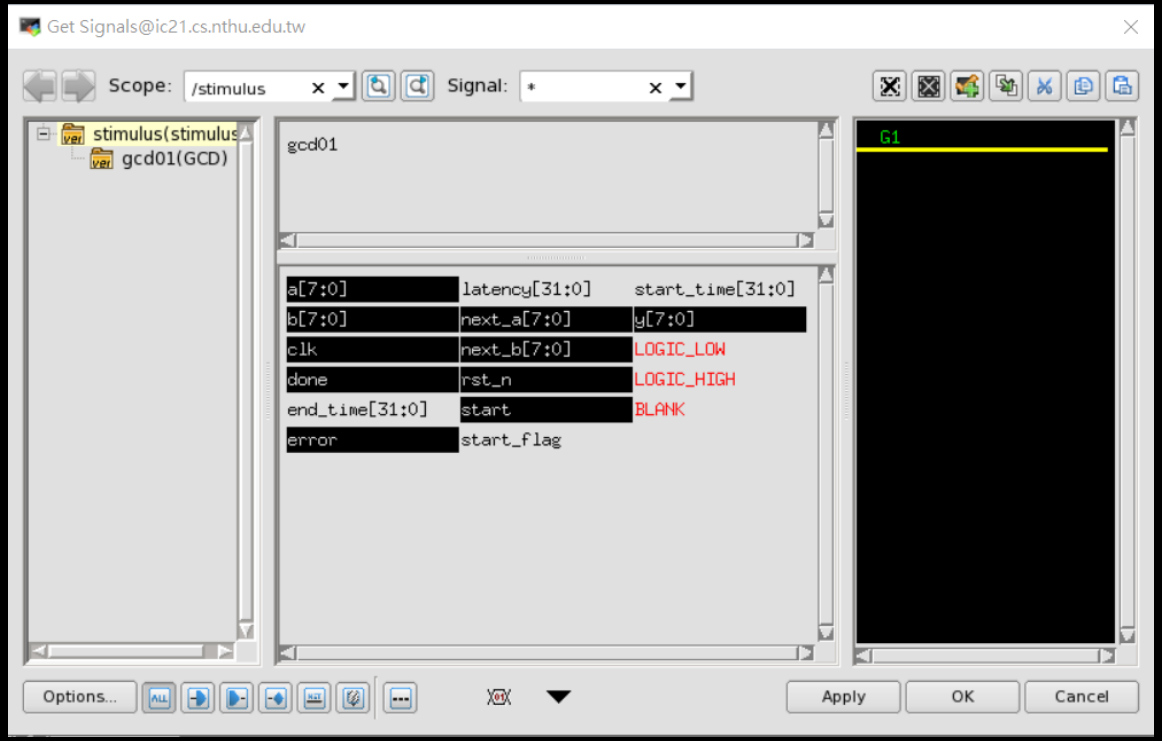
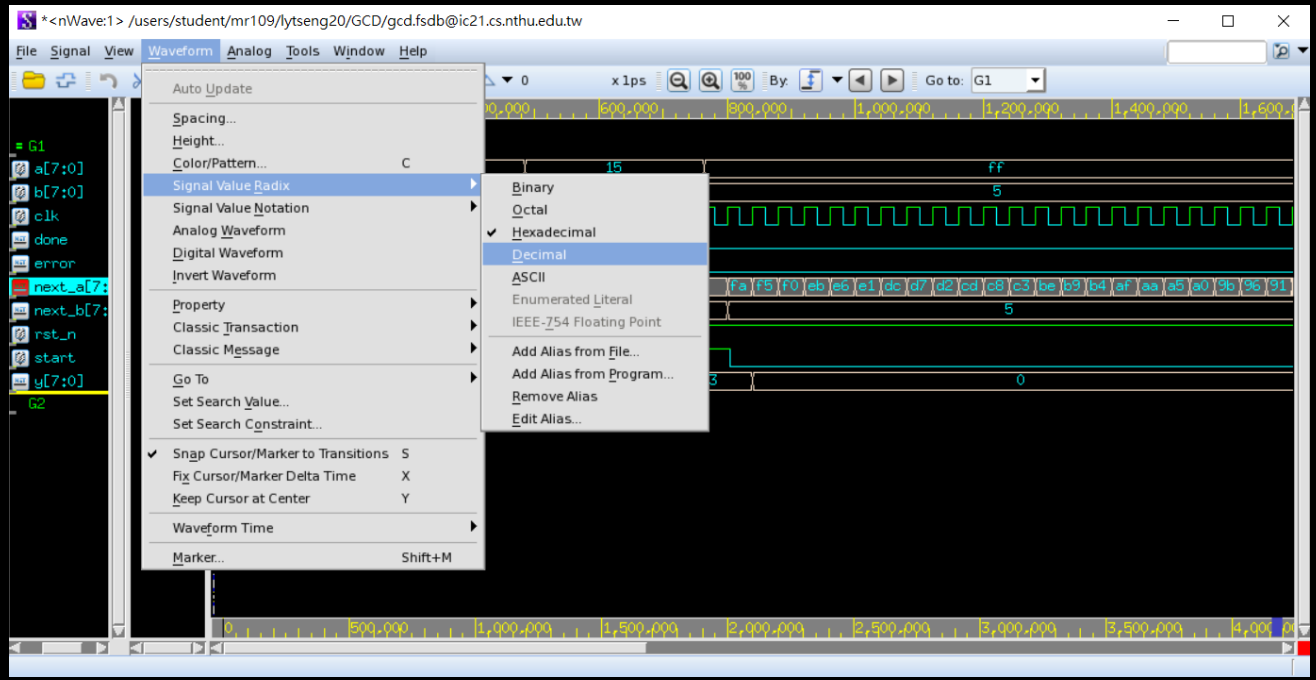


Change signal value radix

- Example: next_a (Hex->Dec)



Change signal value radix

- Before

- After

Vim (text editor)

- Command
  - vim your_file.v
  - Press i to enter insert mode
    - You can edit your file in insert mode
    - Press Esc to leave insert mode
  - type :wq to exit vim

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10 );
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12 wire found, err;
13 reg [7:0] reg_a, reg_b, next_a, next_b;
14 reg [7:0] big_one;
15 reg error_next;
16 reg [1:0] state, state_next;
17
18 parameter [1:0] IDLE = 2'b00;
19 parameter [1:0] CALC = 2'b01;
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21
22
23 endmodule
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Grading

- 60%: basic test cases (5)
- 40%: hidden test cases

Warning

- Be careful of handling boundary conditions and make sure your testbench check for that
- For simplicity, use only subtraction for GCD calculation
- Use waveform viewer nWave to debug your timing issue
- Plagiarism is forbidden and gets you 0 point
  - Also punished by NTHUCS(drop out etc.)
- Discussion is pleasant, but no coding detail.

Submission rule

- Lab 2 code submission due date & time: 2021/05/27,23:59pm
- Please submit your Verilog codes to ILMS Lab2_YourStudentID_Codes.v

- *Important*: If you want to email us, please sent it to this email address “bibi1483070@gmail.com”