
DAY 11

MEMORY ELEMENTS - I

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Memory Modeling

In Verilog, memory elements can be modeled using arrays of **reg** data types. These memory elements can represent various types of storage devices, such as registers, RAMs, ROMs, and FIFOs. The most common memory element modeled in Verilog is Random Access Memory (RAM). In this implementation we are using a ROM to create a 2-bit comparator. ROM modules also can be used in different FSM implementations.

First, we derive the Truth Table for a 2-bit comparator. Next, we define these values

$A1A0$	$B1B0$	$A > B$	$A = B$	$A < B$
00	00	0	1	0
00	01	0	0	1
00	10	0	0	1
00	11	0	0	1
01	00	1	0	0
01	01	0	1	0
01	10	0	0	1
01	11	0	0	1
10	00	1	0	0
10	01	1	0	0
10	10	0	1	0
10	11	0	0	1
11	00	1	0	0
11	01	1	0	0
11	10	1	0	0
11	11	0	1	0

Table 1: Truth Table

(output) in a separate text file, which then can be read by verilog using either **readmemb** or **readmemh**. In this case I have used the **readmemb** command as these values are stored in binary format. Alternatively, you can use ".mif" file format to store data for each memory address.

ROM Module

```
module rom16_4(output reg [3:0] data_out,input [3:0] data_addr);

reg [3:0] mem [15:0]; // Memory to hold 4 bit wide 16 memory addresses

initial begin
    $readmemb("mem.txt",mem);
end

always@(*) begin
    data_out = mem[data_addr];
end

endmodule
```

2-bit Comparator Module

```
'include "rom16_4.v"
module comp(output A_eq_B,A_ls_B,A_gr_B,input [1:0] A,B);

// Define the address
wire [3:0] addr;
// Define the data_out
wire [3:0] out;

assign addr = {A,B};

// Instantiate the ROM
rom16_4 ROM(.data_addr(addr),.data_out(out));

// Assign the outputs
assign A_eq_B = out[2];
assign A_ls_B = out[1];
assign A_gr_B = out[3];

endmodule
```

Simulation Results

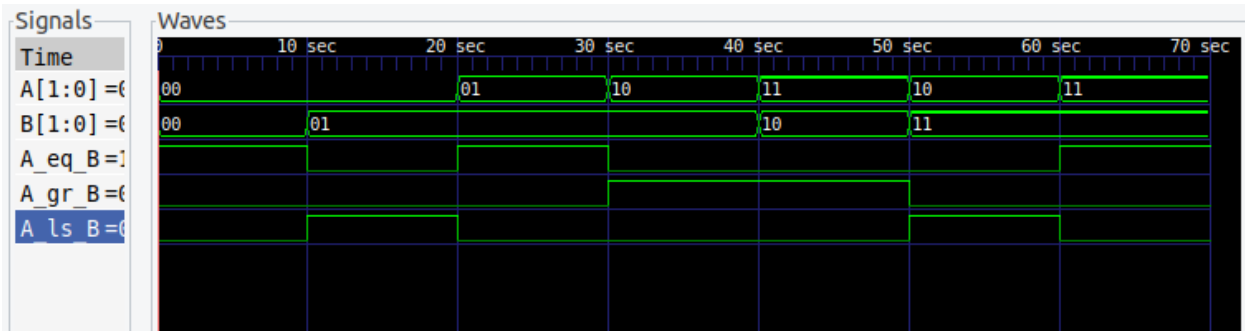


Figure 1: Simulation