ModelSim PE Student Edition testing at USC (EE101/EE201L/EE457/EE560)

1 Before you start:

- 1.1 We assume that you have installed ModelSim PE Student Edition on your computer already. We also assume that you obtained the license through email and place the license file in the stated directory already.
- 2 Download and save the test design files on your PC
- Create the following directory (if you have not done so before):C:\ModelSim projects
- You are being given a **zip file** ee201L_Middle_Finder.zip.

 Download the zip files from the webpage specified separately into the directory C:\ModelSim_projects on your PC and extract to form a directory C:\ModelSim projects\ee201L Middle Finder.
- 3 Testing the ModelSim PE installation including creating a new project
- 3.1 Invoke ModelSim PE either by double-clicking the icon added to your desktop



or by

Start => All Programs => ModelSim PE Student Edition 10.0 => ModelSim

3.2 In the welcome to ModelSim dialog box click on Click on Create Project.





Create a Project

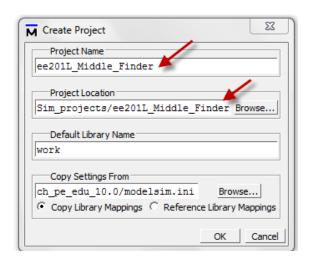
Choose suitable project location and project name.

Type-in the project name, say

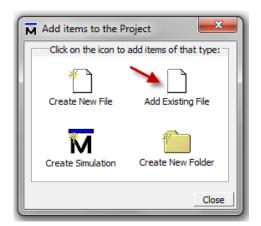
ee201L_Middle_Finder (or something appropriate
for your project), project location as C:/

ModelSim_projects/ee201L_Middle_Finder.

Leave the Default Library Name as work (as
chosen by the tool). Click OK. Note that, though the tool
does not require it, we are naming our project as well as
the folder holding the project files as
ee201L Middle Finder.

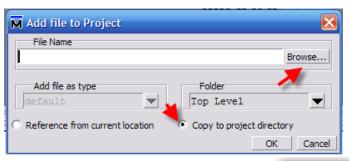


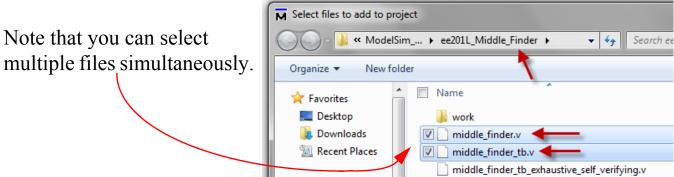
You will see the *Add items to the Project* dialog box. This box allows you to create a new hdl file or add an existing file. We suggest that you **close** this box as we intend to show another way to add existing files.



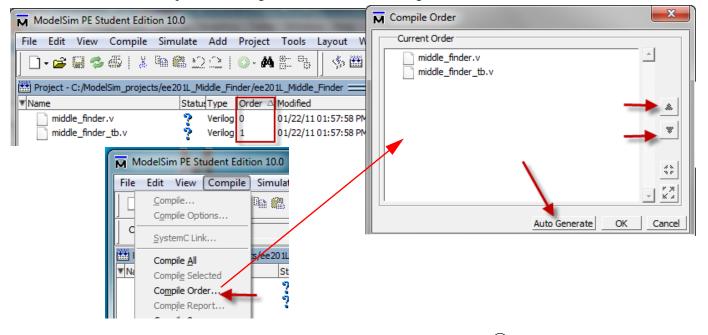
Another way to add existing files to a project is to use **Project** => **Add to Project** => **Existing file**.

Add the two files.





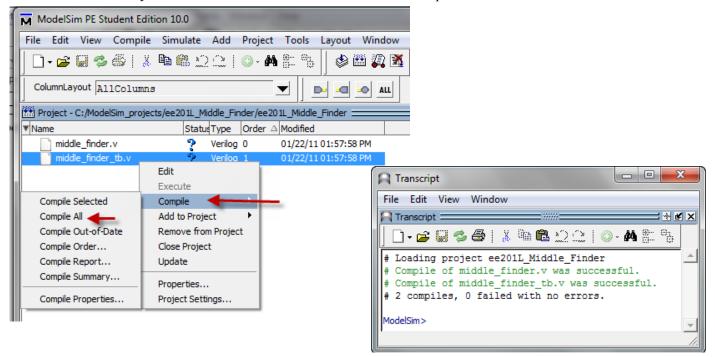
3.6 Notice that the compile order is right here but could be wrong sometimes.



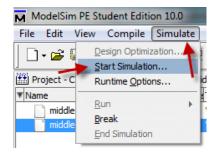
You can change the compile order manually by moving the files up and down or press

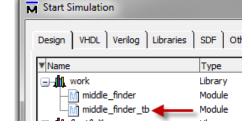
Auto Generate

3.7 After changing the compile order, you can compile all. Of course you can always compile one file at a time in the order of your choice and do not have to care about the compile order.



3.8 Now you can start simulating. Select the testbench middle finder tb and click OK. .





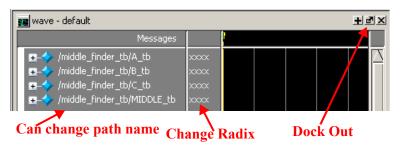
Make sure that the optimization is not enabled.

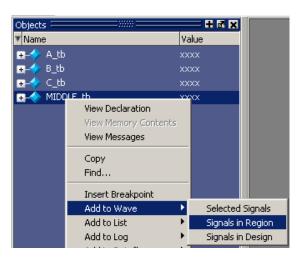
Enable optimization

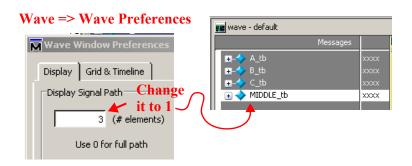
Optimization

3.9 Create a waveform with the "Signals in Region".

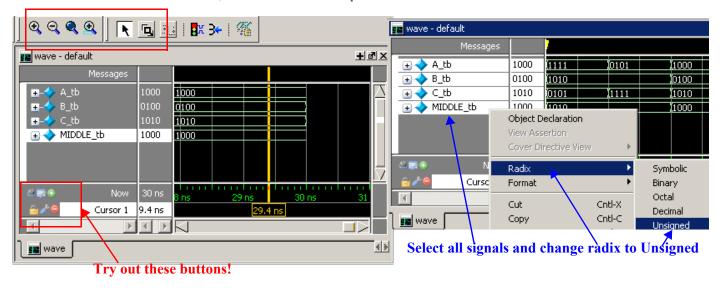
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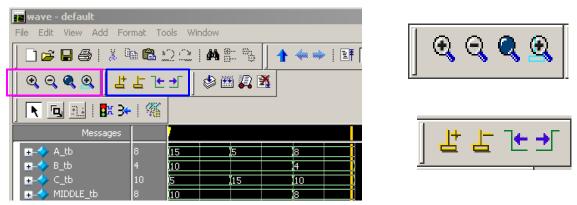




3.11 Run the simulation for say 30ns. run 30ns | VSIM 4> run 30ns



3.12 Dock out the waveform window and try to use a few more buttons.



- **3.13** Elaborate documentation is available.
- 3.14 You finished testing your ModelSim PE installation! Now it is time to celebrate!!!!

