

Netlist Simulator

Netlist simulator written in OCaml for Digital Systems Course (Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris).

Compilation

```
ocamlbuild ./netlist_sim.byte
```

Execution example

```
./netlist_sim.byte -net test/fulladder.net
```

Options

```
./netlist_sim.byte [-steps {n}] [-mem {*}] [-net {*}] [-input {*}] [-output {*}]
```

- `-steps {n}`: Sets the number of steps to n. Defaults to 100.
 - `-mem {*}`: Sets the filepath to the RAM/ROM initialisation file. Defaults to "" (No RAM/ROM initialisation).
 - `-net {*}`: Sets the filepath to the netlist. Defaults to "./net.net".
 - `-input {*}`: Sets the filepath to the input file. Defaults to "" (stdin).
 - `-output {*}`: Sets the filepath to the output file. Defaults to "" (stdout).
 - `-nowr`: Benchmarking option (no printing).
 - `-help`: Shows information on available options.
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Format

Memory

The memory initialisation file should contain, on the first line, the number of variables to be initialised.

The description of each of those variables has 3 lines:

- The first line contains the name of the variable
- The second line contains the parameters of the memory block to be allocated (address_size and word_size) separated by one space
- The third line contains $2^{\text{address_size}} * \text{word_size}$ bits (without spaces) - the initial values of the allocated memory block

Example:

We want to initialize 2 ROM memories, named u and v.

u has the following parameters: (address_size = 1, word_size = 2); the first address of u contains 10 and the second address of u contains 11

v has the following parameters: (address_size = 2, word_size = 4); the first address of v contains 0000, the second address of v contains 1100, the third address of v contains 0011, and the fourth address of v contains 1111

Then, then .mem file should look like:

```
2
u
1 2
1011
v
2 4
0000110000111111
```

Input

The input file should contain (number of steps) * (number of entries) lines. There should be (number of steps) blocks of (number of entries) lines, line i of block j representing the value of the i-th input for the j-th step. The order must be the same as in the netlist declaration of inputs.

Example:

We want to execute 5 steps of a netlist that looks like:

```
INPUT a, b
...
VAR
    ..., a, b : 2, ...
...
```

Then, the .in file should look like:

```
0
00
0
10
1
11
0
01
1
00
```



(0, 00) - value of (a, b) for the first step, (0, 10) - value of (a, b) for the second step, etc.

Notice

Memory addresses should be given in little-endian format (lowest bit should be the leftmost one; e.g. $10(2) = 1(10)$ and $01(2) = 2(10)$).