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ABSTRACT

Synchronous Dynamic Random-Access Memory (SDRAM) has become a mainstream memory of choice in any design due to its speed, burst access and pipeline features. For high end applications processors, the interface to the SDRAM is supported by the processor's built-in peripheral module. However, for other applications, the system designer must design a memory controller to provide proper commands for SDRAM initialization, read/write accesses and memory refresh. DDR SDRAM uses double data rate architecture to achieve high-speed data transfers. DDR SDRAM (referred to as DDR1) transfers data on both the rising and falling edge of the clock. The proposed DDR controller is interface between the DDR memory and processor. The DDR is designed using Verilog HDL, functional verification carried out using Modelsim 6.4b and Xilinx ISE 9.2 synthesizer used for synthesis. Functional coverage is carried out using SystemVerilog, QuestaSim tool. Random combinational patterns are applied to the memory banks and it will cover all the combinations. In this proposed work, it is mainly focused on getting higher coverage, which may result in 100% coverage using Questasim tool.

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