

SystemVerilog

語法學習

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Chapter 1

Data_Type

資料型態總類

- SystemVerilog 有分成 2-state 跟 4-state 的資料型態
 - 2-state: 指資料只有 0 或 1
 - 4-state: 指資料分成 0、1、Z(高阻抗)、X(don't care)

資料型態列表

	Data-type	2-state/4-state	# Bits	signed/unsigned	C equivalent	
S Y S T E M	reg	4	≥ 1	unsigned		V E R I L O G
	wire	4	≥ 1	unsigned		
	integer	4	32	signed		
	real				double	
	time					
	realtime				double	
V E R I L O G	logic	4	≥ 1	unsigned		
	bit	2	≥ 1	unsigned		
	byte	2	8	signed	char	
	shortint	2	16	signed	short int	
	int	2	32	signed	int	
	longint	2	64	signed	long int	
	shortreal				float	

Logic (4-State) (1/3)

- 它是一個四狀態型別（0、1、X、Z）
- 可以在程序區塊（如initial、always）和連續賦值（如assign）中都被驅動
- Logic 不能被使用在多個驅動源（drivers），
需使用**網路型別（net-type）**，例如wire，來代替。
因為SystemVerilog需要透過 強度解析（strength resolution）
來決定該信號的最終值

Logic (4-State) (2/3)

- 連續賦值（如assign）
 - `en = 1`，因為`my_data[0] = 1`

```
module tb;
  logic [3:0] my_data;
  logic en;
  assign en = my_data[0]; // 連續賦值給logic型別

  initial begin
    my_data = 4'h3; // 二進位 0011
    #10;
    $display("en = %b", en);
  end
endmodule
```

Logic (4-State) (3/3)

- 多重驅動（使用 wire 示範）
 - strong強度的1勝過weak強度的0，所以signal = 1。

```
module tb;
  wire signal;

  assign (strong1, weak0) signal = 1'b1; // 第一個驅動源，強度為strong
  assign (weak1, weak0) signal = 1'b0;  // 第二個驅動源，強度為weak

  initial begin
    #10;
    $display("signal = %b", signal);
  end
endmodule
```


Bit, Byte, Int (2-State) (1/2)

- 它們是一個二狀態型別（0、1）
- 它們減少了模擬期間的記憶體使用量，因為每個位元只需要一位存儲
- 由於記憶體開銷較低且處理狀態的複雜性降低，因此模擬效能更快。

Data Type	Size	Signed Range	Unsigned Range	Description
bit	1-bit		0 and 1	2-state variable
byte	8-bit	-2^7 to 2^7-1	0 to 2^8-1	2-state variable, similar to C char
shortint	16-bit	-2^{15} to $2^{15}-1$	0 to $2^{16}-1$	2-state variable, similar to C short int
int	32-bit	-2^{31} to $2^{31}-1$	0 to $2^{32}-1$	2-state variable, similar to C int
longint	64-bit	-2^{63} to $2^{63}-1$	0 to $2^{64}-1$	2-state variable, similar to C long int

Bit, Byte, Int (2-State) (2/2)

- 宣告方式 示範

```
module tb;
  bit          var_a;    // Declare a 1 bit variable of type "bit"
  bit [3:0]    var_b;    // Declare a 4 bit variable of type "bit"
  byte         m_var_byte;
  shortint     m_var_shortint;
  int          m_var_int;
  longint      m_var_longint;

  byte unsigned u_byte; // Byte is set to unsigned
  shortint unsigned u_var_shortint;

  initial begin
    var_b = 4'h3; // 二進位 0011
    $display("var_b=0x%0h ", var_b);
  end
endmodule
```

String (1/3)

- 宣告方式 示範

```
module tb;  
  // Declare a string variable called "dialog" to store string literals  
  // Initialize the variable to "Hello!"  
  string  dialog = "Hello!";  
  
  initial begin  
    // Display the string using %s string format  
    $display ("%s", dialog);  
  
    // Iterate through the string variable to identify individual characters and print  
    foreach (dialog[i]) begin  
      $display ("%s", dialog[i]);  
    end  
  end  
endmodule
```

模擬結果:
Hello!
H
e
l
l
o
!

String Operators (2/3)

	Operator	Semantics
Equality	Str1 == Str2	Returns 1 if the two strings are equal and 0 if they are not
Inequality	Str1 != Str2	Returns 1 if the two strings are not equal and 0 if they are
Comparison	Str1 < Str2 Str1 <= Str2 Str1 > Str2 Str1 >= Str2	Returns 1 if the correspondig condition is true and 0 if false
Concatenation	{Str1, Str2, ..., StrN}	All strings will be concatenated into one resultant string
Replication	{multiplier{Str}}	Replicates the string N number of times, where N is specified by the multiplier
Indexing	Str[index]	Returns a byte, the ASCII code at the given index. If given index is out of range, it returns 0
Methods	Str.method([args])	The dot(.) operator is used to call string functions

String Methods (3/3)

str.atoi()	function integer atoi();	Returns the integer corresponding to the ASCII decimal representation in str
str.atohex()	function integer atohex();	Interprets the string as hexadecimal
str.atooct()	function integer atooct();	Interprets the string as octal
str.atobin()	function integer atobin();	Interprets the string as binary
str.atoreal()	function real atoreal();	Returns the real number corresponding to the ASCII decimal representation in str
str.itoa(i)	function void itoa (integer i);	Stores the ASCII decimal representation of i into str
str.hextoa(i)	function void hextoa (integer i);	Stores the ASCII hexadecimal representation of i into str
str.octtoa(i)	function void octtoa (integer i);	Stores the ASCII octal representation of i into str
str.bintoa(i)	function void bintoa (integer i);	Stores the ASCII binary representation of i into str
str.realtoa(r)	function void realtoa (real r);	Stores the ASCII real representation of r into str

Usage	Definition	Comments
str.len()	function int len()	Returns the number of characters in the string
str.putc()	function void putc (int i, byte c);	Replaces the i th character in the string with the given character
str.getc()	function byte getc (int i);	Returns the ASCII code of the i th character in str
str.tolower()	function string tolower();	Returns a string with characters in str converted to lowercase
str.compare(s)	function int compare (string s);	Compares str and s, as in the ANSI C strcmp function
str.icompare(s)	function int icompare (string s);	Compares str and s, like the ANSI C strcmp function
str.substr (i, j)	function string substr (int i, int j);	Returns a new string that is a substring formed by characters in position i through j of str

Enumeration (1/1)

- Enum 範例

```
module tb;
    // "e_true_false" is a new data-type with two valid values: TRUE and FALSE
    typedef enum {TRUE, FALSE} e_true_false;

    initial begin
        // Declare a variable of type "e_true_false" that can store TRUE or FALSE
        e_true_false answer;

        // Assign TRUE/FALSE to the enumerated variable
        answer = TRUE;

        // Display string value of the variable
        $display ("answer = %s", answer.name);
    end
endmodule
```

Array (1/8)

- 分成

1. Packed array
2. Unpacked array

```
module tb;
    bit [7:0]          m_data;          // A vector or 1D packed array
    bit [3:0][7:0]     m_data0;         // multidimensional packed array, 4 bytes
    bit [2:0][3:0][7:0] m_data1;        // multidimensional packed array, 12 bytes

    bit                m_mem [10];      // Unpacked
    byte               stack0 [2][4];    // Unpacked 2 rows, 4 cols

    bit [3:0][7:0]     stack1 [2][4];   // packed + unpacked array.
endmodule
```

Array (2/8)

```
module tb;
    bit [3:0][7:0]    stack [2][4];           // 2 rows, 4 cols

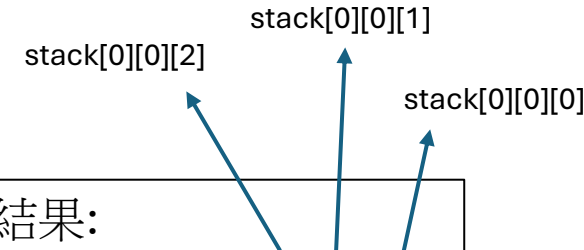
    initial begin
        // Assign random values to each slot of the stack
        foreach (stack[i])
            foreach (stack[i][j]) begin
                stack[i][j] = $random;
                $display ("stack[%0d][%0d] = 0x%0h", i, j, stack[i][j]);
            end

        // Print contents of the stack
        $display ("stack = %p", stack);

        // Print content of a given index
        $display("stack[0][0][2] = 0x%0h", stack[0][0][2]);
    end
endmodule
```

模擬結果:

stack[0][0] = 0x12153524
stack[0][1] = 0xc0895e81
stack[0][2] = 0x8484d609
stack[0][3] = 0xb1f05663
stack[1][0] = 0x6b97b0d
stack[1][1] = 0x46df998d
stack[1][2] = 0xb2c28465
stack[1][3] = 0x89375212
stack = '{'h12153524,
'hc0895e81, 'h8484d609,
'hb1f05663}, {'h6b97b0d,
'h46df998d, 'hb2c28465,
'h89375212}'
stack[0][0][2] = 0x15



Dynamic Array (3/8)

- Dynamic Array 類似 C++ 的 new (動態記憶體配置)
- 可以在run time時，create出array的大小 or 新增大小

```
module tb;
    // Create a dynamic array that can hold elements of type int
    int      array [];

    initial begin
        // Create a size for the dynamic array -> size here is 5
        // so that it can hold 5 values
        array = new [5];

        // Initialize the array with five values
        array = '{31, 67, 10, 4, 99};
    end
endmodule
```

Function	Description
function int size ();	Returns the current size of the array, 0 if array has not been created
function void delete ();	Empties the array resulting in a zero-sized array

Dynamic Array (4/8)

```
module tb;
    // Create two dynamic arrays of type int
    int array [];
    int id [];

    initial begin
        // Allocate 5 memory locations to "array" and initialize with values
        array = new [5];
        array = '{1, 2, 3, 4, 5};

        // Point "id" to "array"
        id = array;

        // Display contents of "id"
        $display ("id = %p", id);

        // Grow size by 1 and copy existing elements to the new dyn.Array "id"
        id = new [id.size() + 1] (id);

        // Assign value 6 to the newly added location [index 5]
        id [id.size() - 1] = 6;

        // Display contents of new "id"
        $display ("New id = %p", id);

        // Display size of both arrays
        $display ("array.size() = %0d, id.size() = %0d", array.size(), id.size());
    end
endmodule
```

模擬結果

id = '{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}'

New id = '{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}'

array.size() = 5

, id.size() = 6

Associative array(6/8)

Function	Description
function int num ();	Returns the number of entries in the associative array
function int size ();	Also returns the number of entries, if empty 0 is returned
function void delete ([input index]);	<i>index</i> when specified deletes the entry at that index, else the whole array is deleted
function int exists (input index);	Checks whether an element exists at specified index; returns 1 if it does, else 0
function int first (ref index);	Assigns to the given index variable the value of the first index; returns 0 for empty array
function int last (ref index);	Assigns to given index variable the value of the last index; returns 0 for empty array
function int next (ref index);	Finds the smallest index whose value is greater than the given index
function int prev (ref index);	Finds the largest index whose value is smaller than the given index

Array Manipulation Methods(7/8)

Method name	Description
find()	Returns all elements satisfying the given expression
find_index()	Returns the indices of all elements satisfying the given expression
find_first()	Returns the first element satisfying the given expression
find_first_index()	Returns the index of the first element satisfying the given expression
find_last()	Returns the last element satisfying the given expression
find_last_index()	Returns the index of the last element satisfying the given expression

Methods	Description
min()	Returns the element with minimum value or whose expression evaluates to a minimum
max()	Returns the element with maximum value or whose expression evaluates to a maximum
unique()	Returns all elements with unique values or whose expression evaluates to a unique value
unique_index()	Returns the indices of all elements with unique values or whose expression evaluates to a unique value

Method	Description
reverse()	Reverses the order of elements in the array
sort()	Sorts the array in ascending order, optionally using <code>with</code> clause
rsort()	Sorts the array in descending order, optionally using <code>with</code> clause
shuffle()	Randomizes the order of the elements in the array. <code>with</code> clause is not allowed here.

Array Manipulation Methods(8/8)

- 以上 Method 可以搭配 with()，去篩選出想要的結果

```
module tb;
  int array[9] = {4, 7, 2, 5, 7, 1, 6, 3, 1};
  int res[$];

  initial begin
    res = array.find(x) with (x > 3);
    $display ("find(x)      : %p", res);

    res = array.find_index with (item == 4);
    $display ("find_index   : res[%0d] = 4", res[0]);

    res = array.find_first with (item < 5 & item >= 3);
    $display ("find_first    : %p", res);

    res = array.find_first_index(x) with (x > 5);
    $display ("find_first_index: %p", res);

    res = array.find_last with (item <= 7 & item > 3);
    $display ("find_last     : %p", res);

    res = array.find_last_index(x) with (x < 3);
    $display ("find_last_index : %p", res);
  end
endmodule
```

模擬結果:

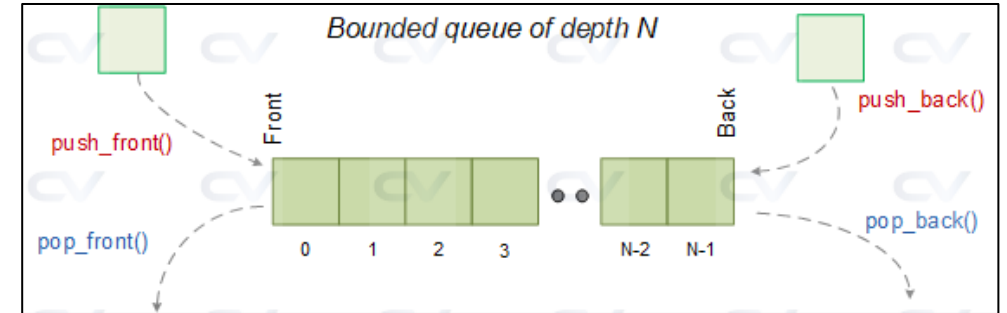
```
find(x)      : {4, 7, 5, 7, 6}
find_index   : res[0] = 4
find_first    : {4}
find_first_index: {1}
find_last     : {6}
find_last_index: {8}
```

Queue (1/1)

- 使用 [\$] 來宣告成queue

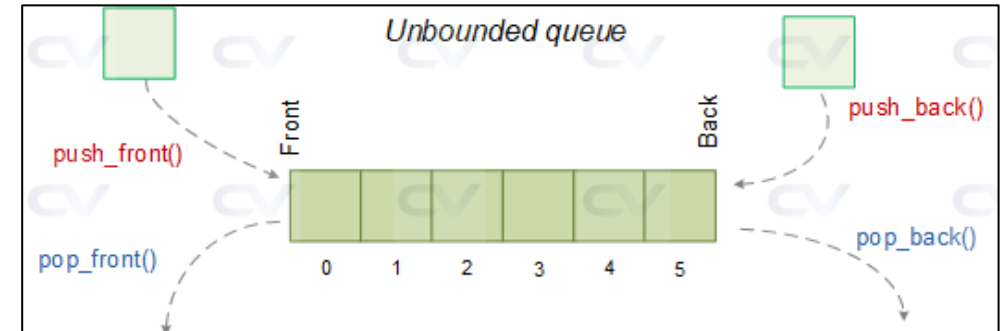
- Bounded queue

- [data_type] [name_of_queue] [\$:N];
 - int bounded_queue [\$:10]; // Depth 10



- Unbounded queue

- [data_type] [name_of_queue] [\$];
 - int unbounded_queue [\$]; // Unlimited entries



Structure (1/1)

- 分成 packed & unpacked struct
 - packed struct
 - 使用 packed 去宣告 struct，預設情況下它是無號的
 - 資料以連續的位元方式儲存，沒有記憶體間隙(padding)
 - 所有成員緊密排列，類似於一個連續的位向量(bit vector)
 - 適合用於硬體設計中需要精確控制位元對應的場景，例如通訊協定封包或暫存器映射。
 - Packed Struct：適合硬體設計，記憶體連續，支援位元操作，合成效率高，但限制於位元型別。
 - Unpacked Struct：適合測試平台或軟體風格的資料結構，靈活但可能有記憶體間隙，合成效率較低。

Chapter 2

Control_Flow

Types of looping constructs (1/1)

forever	Runs the given set of statements forever
repeat	Repeats the given set of statements for a given number of times
while	Repeats the given set of statements as long as given condition is true
for	Similar to while loop, but more condensed and popular form
do while	Repeats the given set of statements at least once, and then loops as long as condition is true
foreach	Used mainly to iterate through all elements in an array

Types of if-else statement (1/2)

- 分成三種 if-else
 1. unique-if
 - 如果設計要求條件互斥且必須有一個分支執行
 2. unique0-if
 - 如果設計要求條件互斥但允許無匹配的情況
 3. priority-if
 - 如果設計需要明確的優先級（條件可能重疊）

Types of if-else statement (2/2)

特性	unique-if	unique0-if	priority-if
條件互斥性	必須互斥	必須互斥	不要求互斥
多條件同時為真	報錯（違規）	報錯（違規）	按優先級執行第一個為真的分支
無條件為真	允許（執行 else 或無動作）	允許（無動作）	允許（執行 else 或無動作）
優先級	無優先級（假設互斥）	無優先級（假設互斥）	有明確優先級（從上到下）
典型應用	解碼器、互斥控制邏輯	靈活的互斥邏輯	優先級編碼器、仲裁器
綜合優化	假設互斥，可能生成更小電路	假設互斥，允許無匹配	生成優先級邏輯，可能更大電路

Blocking & Non-Blocking assignment statement (1/2)

- 賦值分為兩類
 1. 阻塞賦值 (Blocking Assignment)
 - 阻塞賦值是立即執行的，當前語句完成賦值後，才會執行下一條語句。
 2. 非阻塞賦值 (Non-Blocking Assignment)
 - 非阻塞賦值是延遲執行的，賦值操作在當前模擬時間步（time step）的調度階段完成。

Blocking & Non-Blocking assignment statement (2/2)

特性	阻塞賦值 (=)	非阻塞賦值 (<=)
符號	=	<=
執行時機	立即執行	延遲到模擬時間步結束
模擬行為	順序執行，立即更新變數	並行執行，所有更新同時發生
變數影響	後續語句使用更新後的值	後續語句使用舊值
典型應用	組合邏輯 (always_comb)	時序邏輯 (always_ff)
硬體對應	模擬連線或組合邏輯	模擬寄存器或觸發器
潛在風險	在時序邏輯中可能導致 race condition	在組合邏輯中可能導致不必要延遲

Function & Task (1/2)

- Task

- 可以消耗時間，使用input, output, inout 來傳遞參數
- 不能使用@(posedge)和@(negedge)。
- 沒有return值

- Function

- Function 不可以消耗時間，所以不能有以下時間控制statements
 - @, #, fork join, or wait
- Function不能呼叫 task，因為 task 可以消耗時間

Function & Task (2/2)

特性	Function	Task
模擬時間	不消耗模擬時間（立即執行）	可以消耗模擬時間（支持延遲、等待）
返回值	可以有返回值（默認為 void ）	無返回值（僅通過 output/inout 傳遞結果）
語法結構	使用 function 和 endfunction	使用 task 和 endtask
時序控制	不能包含時序控制語句（如 #delay, @(posedge clk) ）	可以包含時序控制語句 (delay、wait、@) (不能使用 posedge、negedge)
賦值類型	使用阻塞賦值 (=)	可以使用阻塞 (=) 或非阻塞 (<=) 賦值
輸入/輸出	支持 input、output、inout 參數	支持 input、output、inout 參數
調用場景	用於組合邏輯計算（例如數學運算、邏輯處理）	用於時序邏輯或行為模擬（例如測試平台、協議實現）
執行範圍	必須在單個模擬時間步內完成	可以跨多個模擬時間步執行

Chapter 3

Processes

fork (1/2)

- fork 分成三種

1. fork join

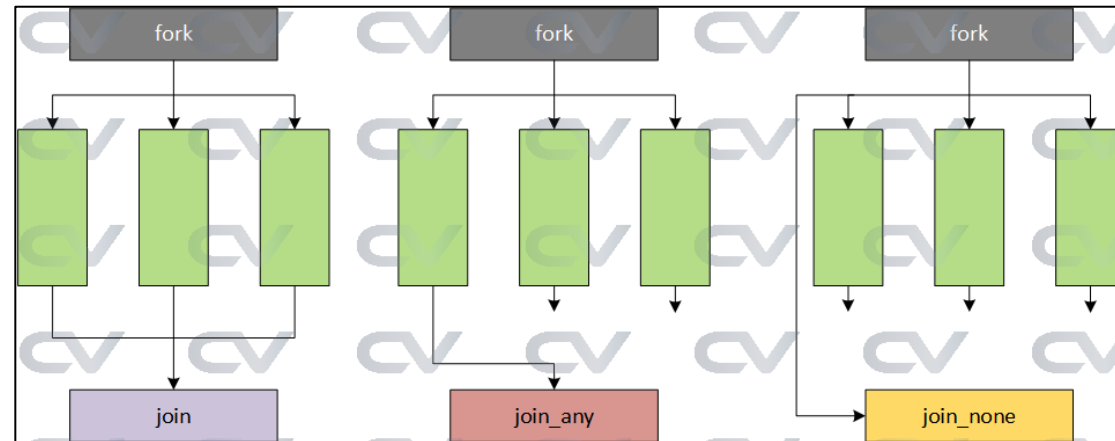
- 需要所有 thread 完成後才會離開 fork 區塊往下執行

2. fork join_any

- 只要有其中一個 thread 完成，就會離開 fork 區塊往下執行

3. fork join_none

- 不管 thread 是否完成，都直接離開fork區塊往下執行



fork (2/2)

- fork 兩種後續指令
 1. disable fork
 - 關閉 fork 內所有 thread
 2. wait fork
 - 等待所有 thread 完成後，再繼續執行

Chapter 4

Communication

Communication (1/6)

- SV 分成三種 Communication

Events	Different threads synchronize with each other via event handles in a testbench
Semaphores	Different threads might need to access the same resource; they take turns by using a semaphore
Mailbox	Threads/Components need to exchange data with each other; data is put in a mailbox and sent

Event (2/6)

- Create event
 - `event eventA; // Creates an event called "eventA"`
- Trigger event
 - `-> eventA;`
- Wait for event to happen
 - `@eventA; // Use "@" operator to wait for an event`
 - `wait (eventA.triggered); // Or use the wait statement with "eventA.triggered"`
 - 使用 `.triggered` 可以避免 race condition
- `wait_order()`
 - 用來判斷多個 event 有沒有照順序trigger
 - Ex: `wait_order(a, b) // 觸發順序 -> a -> b`

Semaphore (3/6)

- Create semaphore
 - semaphore key;
key = new (1); // Argument to new () defines the number of keys.
- Use semaphore
 - get ()
 - get the key by using get (), the keyword which will wait until a key is available
 - put()
 - put the key back using the put () keyword

Semaphore (4/6)

- Semaphore Methods

Name	Description
<code>function new (int keyCount = 0);</code>	Specifies number of keys initially allocated to the semaphore bucket
<code>function void put (int keyCount = 1);</code>	Specifies the number of keys being returned to the semaphore
<code>task get (int keyCount = 1);</code>	Specifies the number of keys to obtain from the semaphore
<code>function int try_get (int keyCount = 1);</code>	Specifies the required number of keys to obtain from the semaphore

Mailbox (5/6)

- Create mailbox
 - mailbox mbx;
- Use mailbox
 - mbx.put (trns); // 放入物件
 - mbx.get (trns); // 取出物件

Mailbox (6/6)

- Mailbox Methods

Function	Description
function new (int bound = 0);	Returns a mailbox handle, bound > 0 represents size of mailbox queue
function int num ();	Returns the number of messages currently in the mailbox
task put (singular message);	Blocking method that stores a message in the mailbox in FIFO order; message is any singular expression
function int try_put (singular message);	Non-blocking method that stores a message if the mailbox is not full, returns a postive integer if successful else 0
task get (ref singular message);	Blocking method until it can retrieve one message from the mailbox, if empty blocks the process
function int try_get (ref singular message);	Non-blocking method which tries to get one message from the mailbox, returns 0 if empty
task peek (ref singular message);	Copies one message from the mailbox without removing the message from the mailbox queue.
function int try_peek (ref singular message);	Tries to copy one message from the mailbox without removing the message from queue

Chapter 5

Interface

Interface (1/3)

- **Interface**是一種將訊號封裝到區塊中的方法
- 所有相關訊號被組合在一起形成一個**Interface**區塊
- **Interface** 可以重複用於其他項目。
- 且與 **DUT** 和其他驗證組件的連接也變得更加容易

```
// 以下是一個 APB bus protocol 的 interface
interface apb_if (input pclk);
    logic [31:0] paddr; // address 變數
    logic [31:0] pwdata; // write data 傳輸變數
    logic [31:0] prdata; // read data 傳輸變數
    logic        penable;
    logic        pwrite;
    logic        psel;
endinterface
```

modport (2/3)

- Modport 可以用來定義 interface 內的訊號，
用在不同 module 上時的輸入輸出關係

```
interface myBus (input clk);  
    logic [7:0] data;  
    logic    enable;  
  
    // 從 TestBench 來看, 'data' 是 input and 'write' 是 output  
    modport TB (input data, clk, output enable);  
  
    // 從 DUT 來看, 'data' 是 output and 'enable' 是 input  
    modport DUT (output data, input enable, clk);  
endinterface
```

Clocking block (3/3)

- Clocking block 可以用來降低 module 跟 module 連接時，所產生的訊號取樣 race condition

```
interface my_int (input bit clk);  
    // Rest of interface code  
  
    clocking cb_clk @(posedge clk);  
        // 定義 input 提前 3ns 取樣, output 延後 2 ns 取樣  
        default input #3ns output #2ns;  
        input enable;  
        output data;  
    endclocking  
endinterface
```

Chapter 6

Constraints