

Universal Shift Register

A Universal Shift Register is a type of register that can store data and shift it in both directions — left and right.

It is called “universal” because it can perform multiple operations:

1. Hold data (no change)
 2. Shift left
 3. Shift right
 4. Parallel load (load all bits at once)
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Key Points

- Can accept input serially or in parallel.
 - Can output data serially or in parallel.
 - Controlled by select lines (usually two) that decide the operation mode.
 - Uses flip-flops (mostly D flip-flops) and multiplexers for direction control.
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Operations Table Example

Control Inputs	Operation
00	Hold (no change)
01	Shift right
10	Shift left
11	Parallel load

◆ 1.1) Design Code

uni_reg.v

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// Module: Universal Shift Register (4-bit)

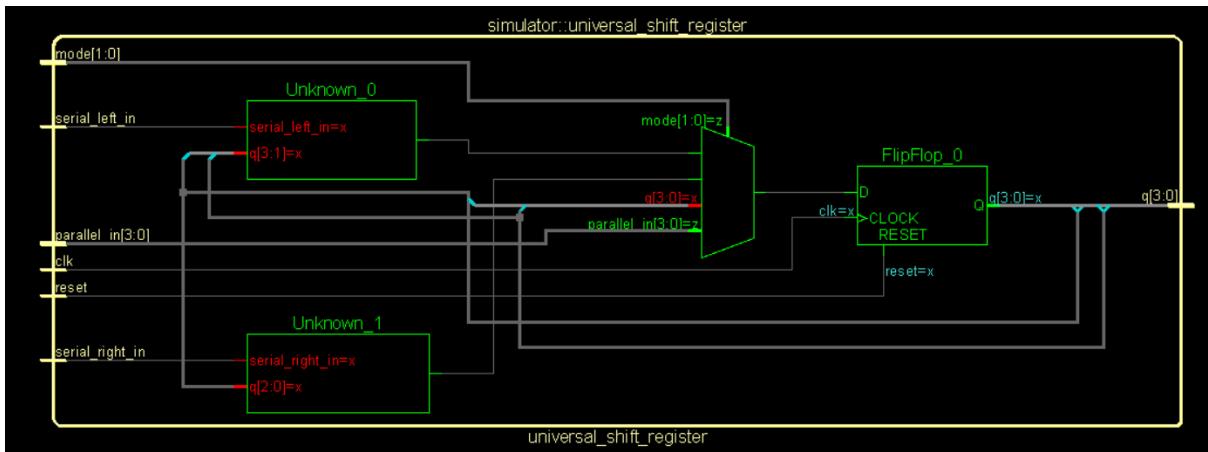
module universal_shift_register (
    input clk,           // clock signal
    input reset,         // asynchronous reset
    input [1:0] mode,   // mode control input
    input [3:0] parallel_in, // 4-bit parallel input
    input serial_left_in, // serial input for left shift
    input serial_right_in, // serial input for right shift
    output reg [3:0] q    // 4-bit register output
);

    always @ (posedge clk or posedge reset) begin
        if (reset)
            q <= 4'b0000; // clear register
        else begin
            case (mode)
                2'b00: q <= q; // Hold
                2'b01: q <= {serial_left_in, q[3:1]}; // Shift Right
                2'b10: q <= {q[2:0], serial_right_in}; // Shift Left
                2'b11: q <= parallel_in; // Parallel Load
                default: q <= q;
            endcase
        end
    end
endmodule
```

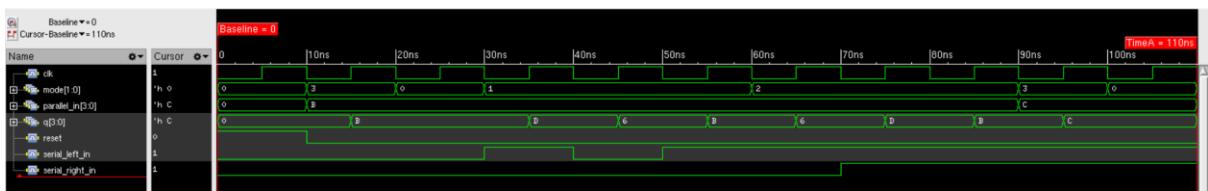
◆ **1.2) Test Bench Code**

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// Testbench: Universal Shift Register
module tb_universal_shift_register;
    reg clk;
    reg reset;
    reg [1:0] mode;
    reg [3:0] parallel_in;
    reg serial_left_in;
    reg serial_right_in;
    wire [3:0] q;
    // Instantiate DUT
    universal_shift_register uut (
        .clk(clk),
        .reset(reset),
        .mode(mode),
        .parallel_in(parallel_in),
        .serial_left_in(serial_left_in),
        .serial_right_in(serial_right_in),
        .q(q));
    // Clock generation (10ns period)
    always #5 clk = ~clk;
    initial begin
        // Initialize
        clk = 0;
        reset = 1;
        mode = 2'b00;
        parallel_in = 4'b0000;
        serial_left_in = 0;
        serial_right_in = 0;
        #10 reset = 0;
        mode = 2'b11; parallel_in = 4'b1011; #10;
        mode = 2'b00; #10;
        mode = 2'b01; serial_left_in = 1; #10;
        serial_left_in = 0; #10;
        serial_left_in = 1; #10;
        mode = 2'b10; serial_right_in = 0; #10;
        serial_right_in = 1; #10;
        serial_right_in = 1; #10;
        mode = 2'b11; parallel_in = 4'b1100; #10;
        mode = 2'b00; #10;
        $finish;
    end
endmodule
```

◆ 1.3) Schematic



◆ 1.4) Wave Forms



Applications

- **Data transfer between systems.**
- **Data conversion (serial ↔ parallel).**
- **Arithmetic and logic operations.**
- **Temporary data storage in CPUs.**