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**AMBA AXI**

**FAQ**

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# Preface

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## About This Guide

This guide contains the frequently asked questions for SystemVerilog UVM users of the VC Verification for AMBA AXI, and is for design or verification engineers who want to verify AXI operation using an UVM testbench written in SystemVerilog. Readers are assumed to be familiar with AXI, Object Oriented Programming (OOP), SystemVerilog, and Universal Verification Methodology (UVM) techniques.

## Guide Organization

The chapters of this databook are organized as follows:

- ❖ Chapter 1, “[Introduction](#)”, introduces the AXI VIP and its features.
- ❖ Chapter 2, “[Installation and Setup](#)”, describes system requirements and provides instructions on how to install, configure, and begin using the AXI VIP.
- ❖ Chapter 3, “[General Concepts](#)”, introduces the AXI VIP within the UVM environment and describes the data objects and components that comprise the VIP.
- ❖ Chapter 5, “[Verification Features](#)”, describes the verification features supported by AXI VIP such as, Verification Planner and Protocol Analyzer.
- ❖ Chapter 6, “[Verification Topologies](#)”, describes the topologies to verify master, slave and interconnect DUT.
- ❖ Chapter 7, “[Using AXI Verification IP](#)”, shows how to install and run a getting started example.
- ❖ Chapter 9, “[Troubleshooting](#)”, describes the debug port.
- ❖ Appendix A, “[Reporting Problems](#)”, outlines the process for working through and reporting AXI VIP issues.

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# AMBA SVT Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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## 1.1 General

### 1.1.1 How do I disable reporting of svt\_axi\_system\_configuration while using AMBA VIP's with UVM?



#### Note

This printing information is useful for debugging. If you have disabled the printing information in your simulation then enable this before sharing the simulation log with Synopsys support. It is recommended to keep this configuration reporting ON (default).

In order to disable this feature in your simulation :: >>uvm\_test\_top.env.axi\_system\_env  
[connect\_ph]

\*\*\*\*\*System Configuration\*\*\*\*\*

Use runtime switch

+uvm\_set\_action=uvm\_test\_top.env.\\*,connect\_ph,UVM\_INFO,UVM\_NO\_ACTION

Specifying hierarchical path uvm\_test\_top.env.\\* will switch off all activities in connect\_ph either from VIP(Synopsys) or DUT (Customer).



#### Note

For specific disabling of reporting, specify the exact path after uvm\_test\_top.env.

### 1.1.2 How do I set the virtual interface in AXI VIP?

You can set the virtual interface in the following ways:

1. Add the following to top.sv:

```
svt_axi_if  axi_if();

initial begin
    uvm_config_db#(virtual svt_axi_if)::set(uvm_root::get(),
        "uvm_test_top.env.axi_system_env", "vif", axi_if);
end
```

2. By using the method, set\_if() provided in the axi\_svt\_uvm\_system\_configuration.sv this.set\_if(test\_top.axi\_if);

## 1.2 Configuration

### 1.2.1 How do I configure different data widths for different AXI STREAM VIP components?

For use case, consider a signal TDATA.

The SVT\_AXI\_MAX\_TDATA\_WIDTH macro defines the \*maximum\* width (maximum footprint) of the tdata signal across the complete system (all masters, slaves). The default value is 128.

In order to change the default value from 128 to 256, create a svt\_axi\_user\_defines.svi file with the following content:

```
=====
`define SVT_AXI_USER_DEFINES_SVI
`define SVT_AXI_MAX_TDATA_WIDTH 256
=====
```

It is also required to pass the define SVT\_AXI\_INCLUDE\_USER\_DEFINES as command-line argument (for example: +define+SVT\_AXI\_INCLUDE\_USER\_DEFINES).

The tdata width of the individual master and slave components can be controlled using the port configuration attribute tdata\_width. The tdata\_width must be less than or equal to SVT\_AXI\_MAX\_TDATA\_WIDTH. The VIP drives only that part of tdata signal specified by tdata\_width.

## 1.3 Usage

### 1.3.1 How do I connect DUT and AXI VIP having different widths?

Consider a scenario where it is required to verify a master DUT having IF width of 32 with slave VIP having IF width of 64.

Connect the master DUT's 32-bit IF to the lower 32-bits of VIP slaveIF only. (Do not connect the upper 32-bits)

### 1.3.2 How do I generate data interleave response for read transactions in AXI?

In order to generate the read interleave transactions for AXI3, follow the following rules:

- Apply the constraints on the slave transaction object in order to enable transaction interleave (enable\_interleave field in the transaction object).
- Send the read transactions with multiple beats.



## Enable the AXI3 Interleave transactions

In order to enable interleave transactions, it is required to apply the following constraints in the slave transaction object. In this example, VIP interconnect is used, hence it is required to apply the constraints on the `svt_axi_ic_slave_transaction` as per the following description:

```
class cust_svt_axi_ic_slave_transaction extends svt_axi_ic_slave_transaction;
// Declare user-defined constraints over here
constraint slave_ic_constraints
{
    enable_interleave == 1;
    addr_ready_delay == 0; .....
}
.....
.....
endclass: cust_svt_axi_ic_slave_transaction
```

## In the test do factory override

```
set_type_override_by_type(svt_axi_ic_slave_transaction::get_type(), cust_axi_ic_slave_transaction::get_type());
```



### Note

The extended class above set the `enable_interleave` to 1 in order to enable the read transaction interleaves.

### 1.3.3 How do I generate out of order read data from AXI slave VIP?

Set the following configuration attribute in the customer configuration file extended from the `svt_axi_system_configuration` file.

Example:

```
class cust_axi_system_configuration extends svt_axi_system_configuration;
.....
this.slave_cfg[0].reordering_algorithm=svt_axi_port_configuration::
RANDOM;
.....
endclass
```



### Note

Ensure that the `rready` is getting delayed for at least one cycle.

### 1.3.4 How do I specify user-defined constraints?

There are two steps to achieve this:

1. Extend the user defined transaction class from the master or slave transaction class.

Example:

```
class cust_axi_snoop_transaction extends svt_axi_master_snoop_transaction;
```

```

.....
constraint my_constraint {
    data_before_resp == 1;
    aready_delay == 0;
    reference_event_for_areday_delay == ACVALID;
    reference_event_for_first_cdvalid_delay ==
    SNOOP_ADDR_HANDSHAKE;
    foreach(cdvalid_delay[i])
    cdvalid_delay[i] == 0;
    reference_event_for_next_cdvalid_delay ==
    PREV_SNOOP_DATA_HANDSHAKE;
    crvalid_delay == 10;
    reference_event_for_crvalid_delay ==
    SNOOP_ADDR_HANDSHAKE;
}
.....

endclass

```

## 2. Do the following factory override:

```

set_type_override_by_type(svt_axi_master_snoop_transaction::get_type(),
    cust_axi_snoop_transaction::get_type());

```

### 1.3.5 How do I drive channel signals low during idle cycles in AXI VIP?

Set the following configuration attribute in the customer configuration file extended from `svt_axi_system_configuration` file.

Example:

```

class cust_axi_system_configuration extends svt_axi_system_configuration;
.....
this.slave_cfg[0].read_data_chan_idle_val=svt_axi_port_configuration::
    INACTIVE_CHAN_LOW_VAL;
.....
endclass

```



**Note**

The same can be applied to the remaining channels depending on the usage of master or slave VIP.

### 1.3.6 How do I enable system monitor data integrity check on passive slave?

By default, the system monitor is in passive mode.

Update the content of the shadow memory with the return data from the read transaction. However in order to get the system monitor not to update the shadow memory with the read return data, configure the attribute as:

```

svt_axi_port_configuration::memory_update_for_read_xact_enable = 0

```

Passive slave memory needs to be aware of the backdoor writes to memory. Setting this attribute in configuration allows passive slave memory to be updated according to RDATA seen in the transaction coming from the slave. Note that the passive slave memory is updated when all read data beats have been transmitted by slave and accepted by the master. For an EXCLUSIVE transaction memory is updated only when all beats in a transaction have an EXOKAY response. For a normal transaction, memory is updated only when all the beats in a transaction have an OKAY response.

### 1.3.7 How to send dvm or barrier transactions such that the IDs of those transactions do not overlap with outstanding active non-dvm or non-barrier transactions?

There are two different ways to achieve this. The process is same for both DVM and Barrier. First, ID overlap can be disabled in the port configuration. This way when transactions are randomized both DVM and non-DVM, or barrier and non-barrier will not have overlapped IDs. Each Master can be enabled to have ID overlap for DVM or Barrier in the port configuration. The `dvm_id_overlap` and `barrier_id_overlap` are configuration parameters. Refer AXI Class Reference Documents for further details.

Secondly, if ID overlap is enabled by setting `dvm_id_overlap = 1` or `barrier_id_overlap = 1` for DVM and barrier transactions respectively, then method

`svt_axi_master::get_ids_used_by_active_master_transactions()` can be used to gather the list of IDs used by non-DVM or non-barrier transactions and while randomizing the `sequence_items` before sending to the driver a single line of constraint can be added to ensure transaction ID does not match any element of the ID list obtained from that function. The following is the example to illustrate the usage. For more details, see `svt_axi_master` section in the AXI Class Reference Documents (

Example: `dvm_id_overlap` and `barrier_id_overlap` both are set to '1' for Master[0]. Now, before `sequence_items` are randomized within the body() of the sequence following steps are executed.

```
svt_configuration base_cfg;
    uvm or ovm_component my_component;
    p_sequencer.get_cfg(base_cfg);
    if (!$cast(sys_cfg, base_cfg)) begin
        `svt_xvm_fatal("body", "Unable to $cast the configuration to a
svt_axi_system_configuration class");
    end
    my_component = p_sequencer.get_parent();
    if (!$cast(my_system_env, my_component)) begin
        `svt_xvm_fatal("body", "Expected parent of svt_axi_system_sequencer to be of type
svt_axi_system_env, but it is not");
    end

    while(1) begin

if(my_system_env.master[port_id].driver.get_ids_used_by_active_master_transactions(id_q
,"non_dvm",0)) begin
        ..... custom logic ....
        <create sequence item>;
        <randomize sequence item with { ....custom constraints...; if(id_q.size()
> 0) { id inside {id_q}; } }>
        ..... custom logic ....
        <send sequence item>;
        ..... custom logic ....
    // dvm transaction sent so break the while() loop
```

```
break;
end
else begin
    <save number of outstanding transactions to "var1">;
    <if(var1 > 0) wait until number of outstanding transactions reduces by at least
one i.e. < current value "var1">;
end
end // while()
```

In order to get number of outstanding transactions either transactions sent from the sequence can be tracked within the sequence and a queue of outstanding transactions are maintained or VIP built-in method `my_system_env.master[port_id].driver.get_number_of_outstanding_master_transactions()` can be used for this purpose. For more details, see “svt\_axi\_master” section in the AXI Class Reference Documents.

The previous sequence can be referred from "svt\_axi\_ace\_master\_multipart\_dvm\_virtual\_sequence" in AXI Class Reference Document under sequence section.

```
/*Returns the number of outstanding transactions */
function int get_number_of_outstanding_master_transactions(bit silent = 1);
```

## 1.4 Debug

### 1.4.1 How do I resolve error: Response Queue Overflow in UVM?

AXI VIP master driver returns the response for every completed transaction (this behavior cannot be changed). All these responses get queued up in the response queue. The default depth of the queue is eight.

This error is displayed when the response overflow occurs and can happen in the following situations:

1. When the master sequence does not retrieve the responses, for example `get_response()` is not called in the sequence code for every transaction.

To resolve this error, you can either add `get_response()` in the sequence for each transaction, or you can simply turn off this error.

For example:

```
`uvm_do(req)
get_response(rsp);
```



#### Note

To turn off this error, use the UVM method `set_response_queue_error_report_disabled()` in the constructor of the sequence. For example,  
`set_response_queue_error_report_disabled(1);`

1. You may see this error even though `get_response()` is called for every transaction, if the number of outstanding transactions is high.

It can happen that more than eight responses can be received by the master at the same point of time, and can cause response queue overflow resulting in the error.

To resolve the error, you need to increase the depth of the response queue using the UVM method `set_response_queue_depth()` to a large value (as per the outstanding transaction setting).

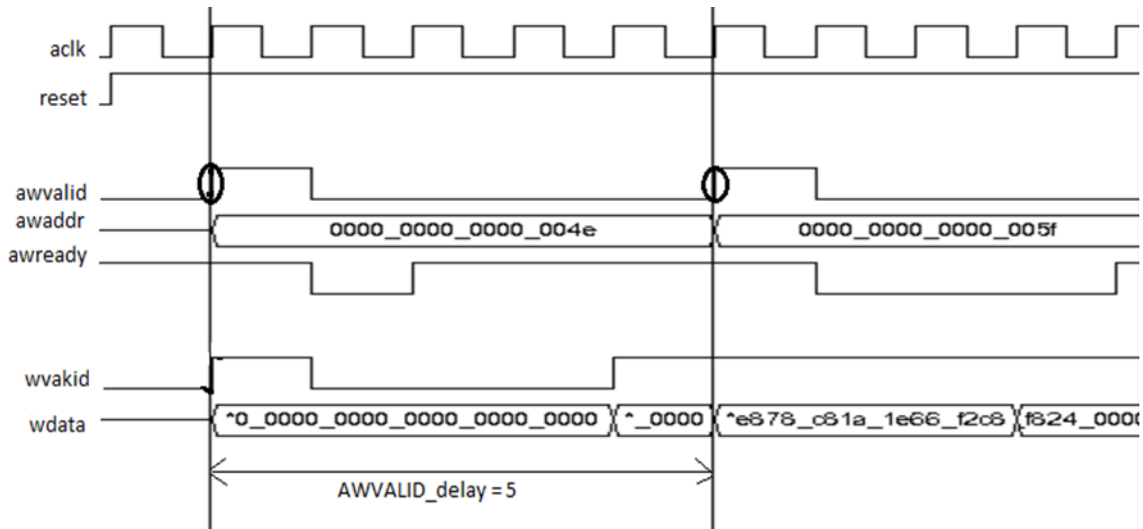
Call the following method inside the constructor of the sequence.

For example, `set_response_queue_depth(30);`

## 1.5 AXI delay control attributes

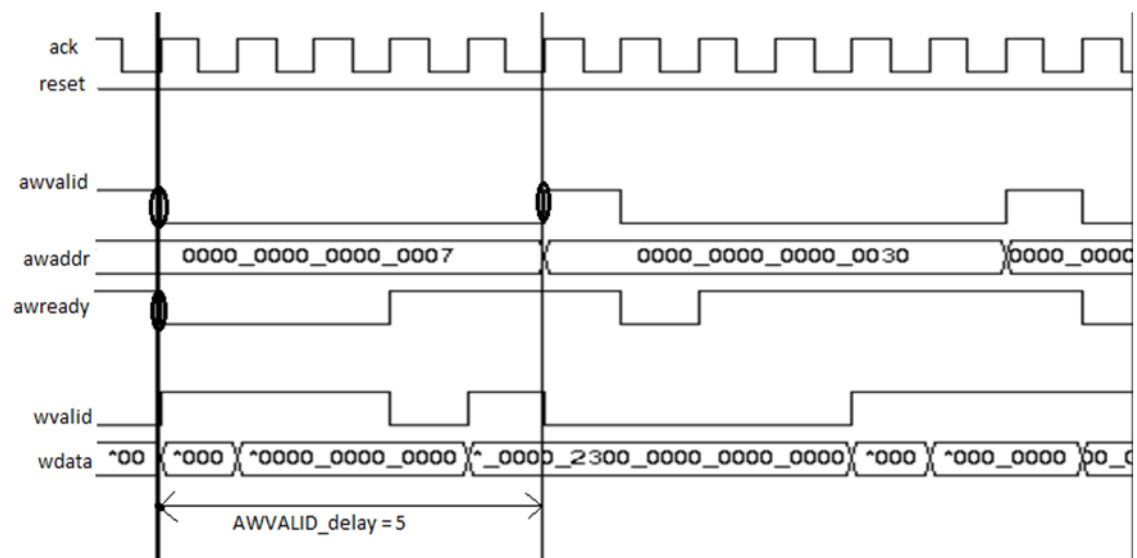
### 1.5.1 Description of address\_valid\_delay for reference event PREV\_ADDR\_VALID for write address channel

Addr\_valid\_delay defines the number of cycles the AWVALID signal is delayed with respect to the reference event PREV\_ADDR\_VALID. It is applicable only for the ACTIVE MASTER.



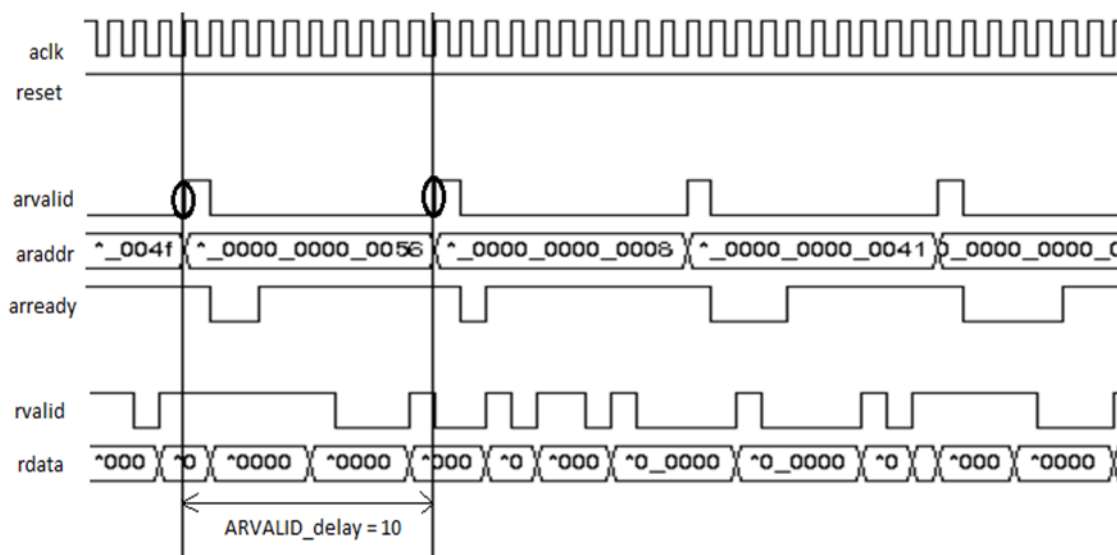
### 1.5.2 Description of address\_valid\_delay for reference event PREV\_ADDR\_HANDSHAKE for write address channel

Addr\_valid\_delay defines the number of cycles the AWVALID signal is delayed with respect to the reference event PREV\_ADDR\_HANSHAKE. It is applicable only for the ACTIVE MASTER.



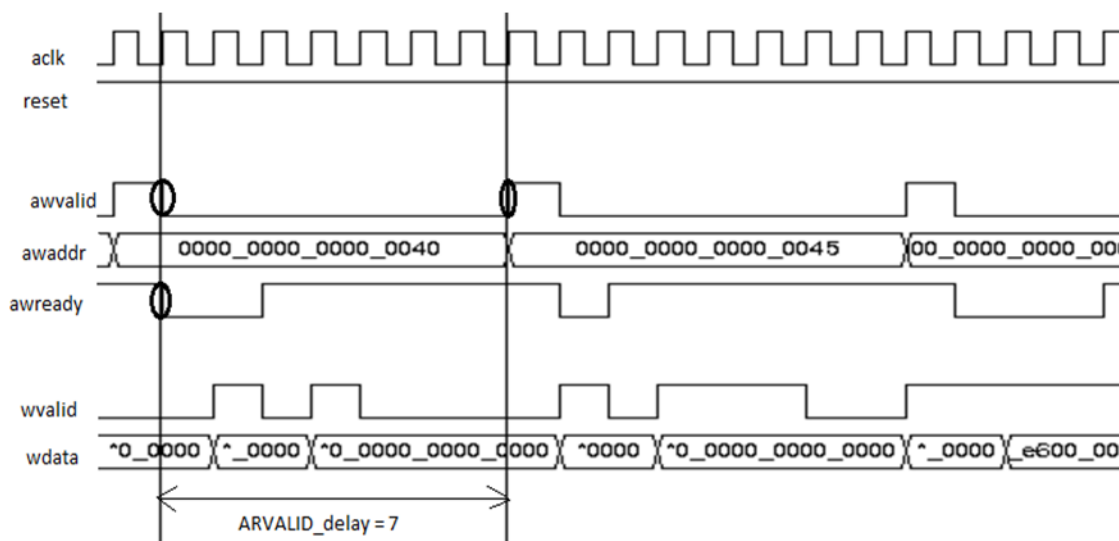
### 1.5.3 Description of address\_valid\_delay for reference event PREV\_ADDR\_VALID for read address channel

Addr\_valid\_delay defines the number of cycles the ARVALID signal is delayed with respect to the reference event PREV\_ADDR\_VALID. It is applicable only for the ACTIVE MASTER.



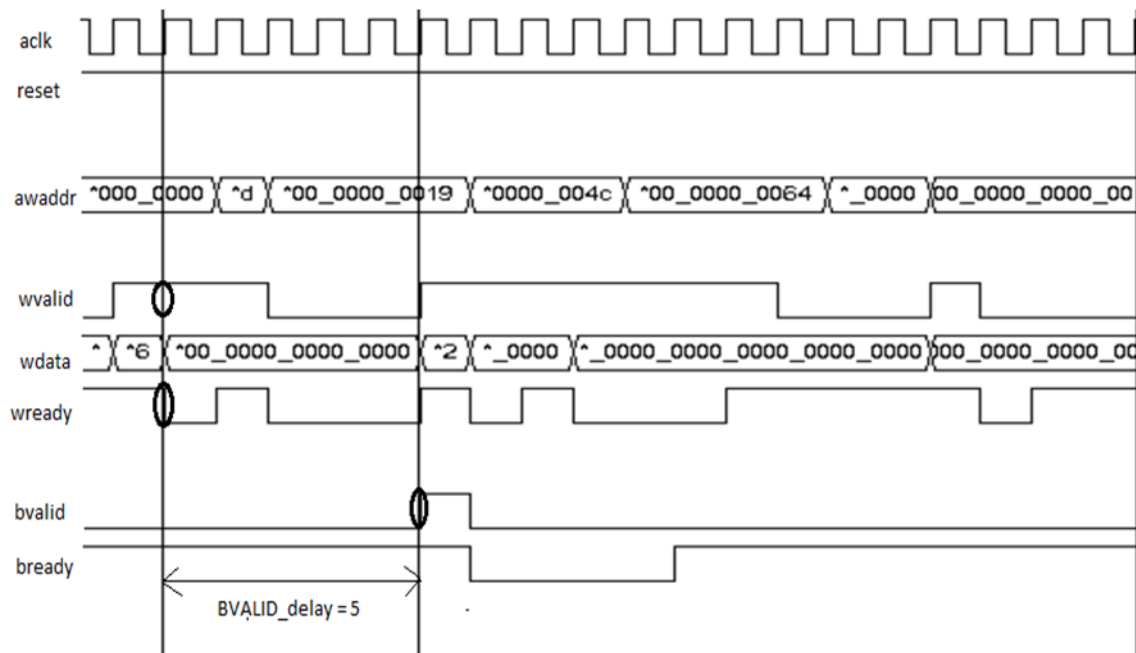
### 1.5.4 Description of address\_valid\_delay for reference event PREV\_ADDR\_HANDSHAKE for read address channel

Addr\_valid\_delay defines the number of cycles the ARVALID signal is delayed with respect to the reference event PREV\_ADDR\_HANDSHAKE. It is applicable only for the ACTIVE MASTER.



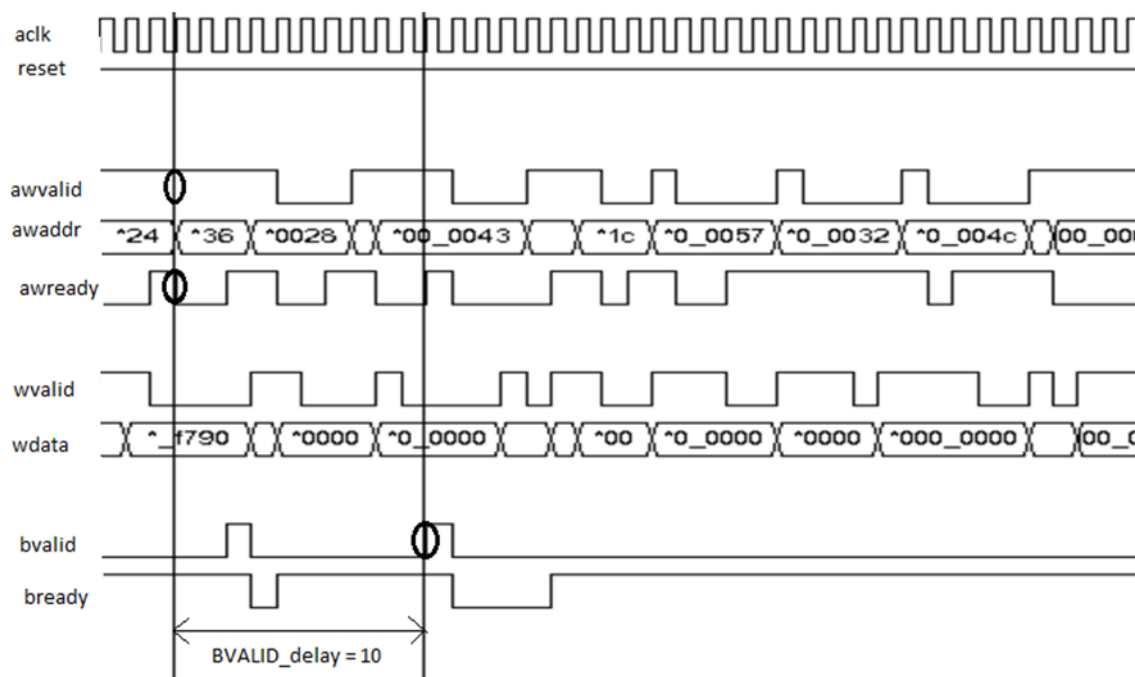
### 1.5.5 Description of bvalid\_delay for reference event LAST\_DATA\_HANDSHAKE for write response channel

Represents delay in terms of clock cycle for bvalid assertion with respect to the reference event LAST\_DATA\_HANDSHAKE. It is applicable only for the ACTIVE SLAVE.



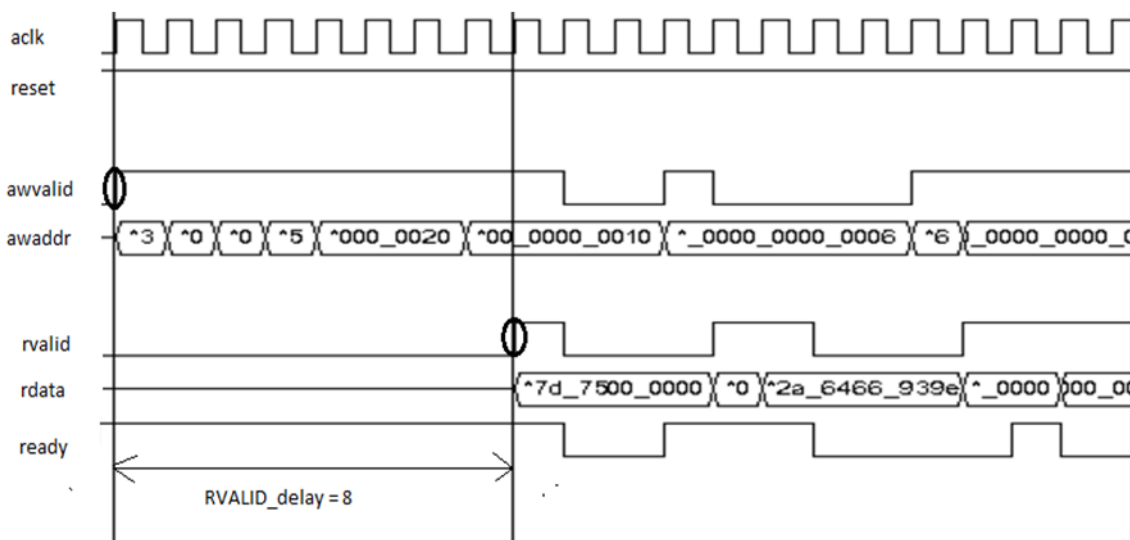
### 1.5.6 Description of bvalid\_delay for reference event ADDR\_HANDSHAKE for write response channel

Represents delay in terms of clock cycles for bvalid assertion with respect to the reference event ADDR\_HANDSHAKE. It is applicable only for the ACTIVE SLAVE.



### 1.5.7 Description of first rvalid\_delay for reference event READ\_ADDR\_VALID for read data channel

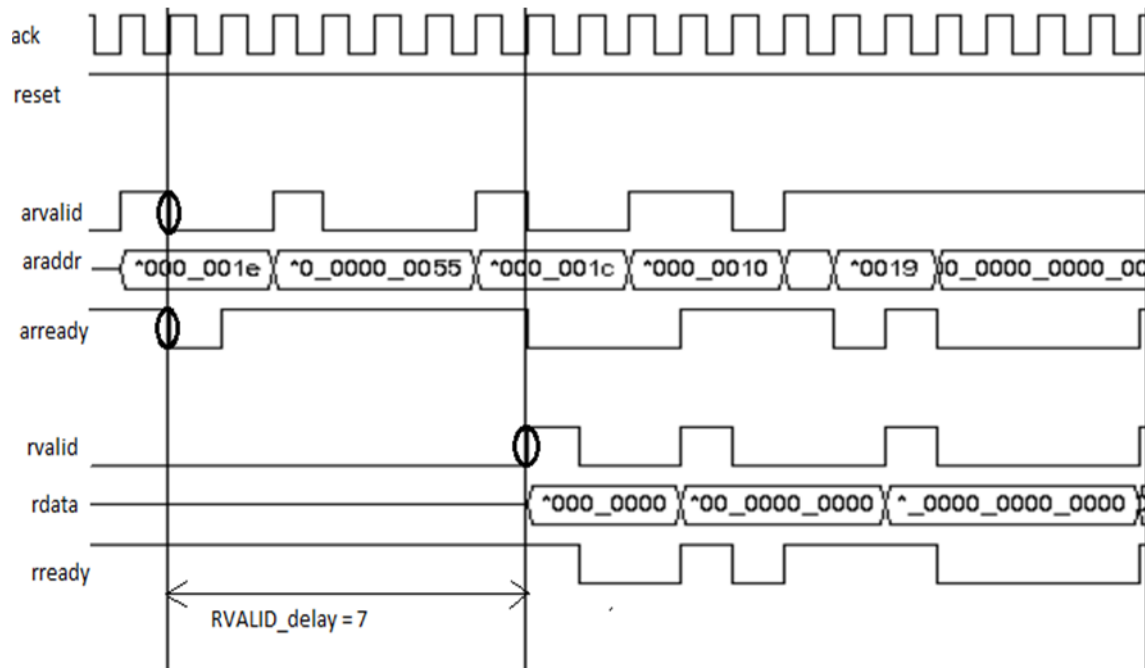
Represents a delay for the first RVALID assertion with respect to the reference event READ\_ADDR\_VALID. It is applicable only for the ACTIVE SLAVE.



### 1.5.8 Description of first rvalid\_delay for reference event READ\_ADDR\_HANDSHAKE for read data channel

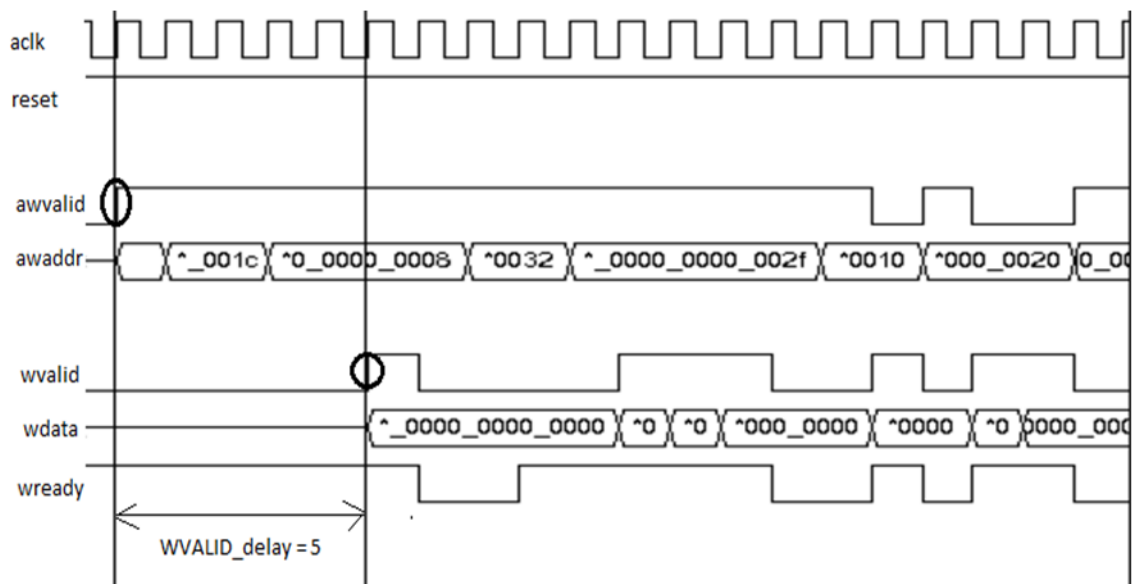
Represents a delay for the first RVALID assertion with respect to the reference event READ\_ADDR\_HANDSHAKE.





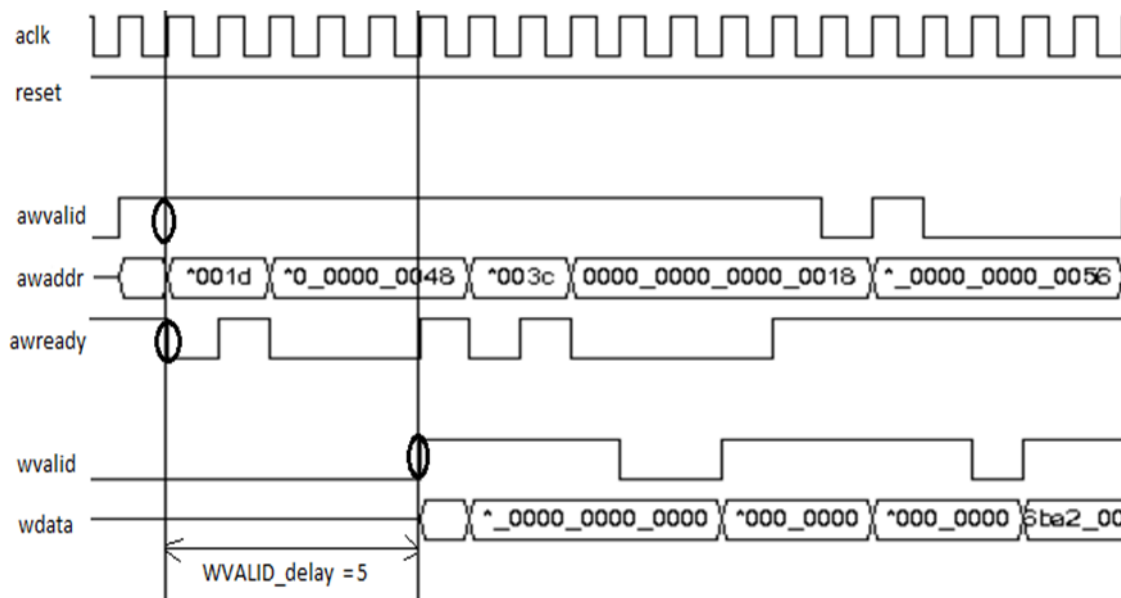
### 1.5.9 Description of first wvalid\_delay for reference event WRITE\_ADDR\_VALID for write data channel

Represents a delay for the first WVALID assertion with respect to the reference event WRITE\_ADDR\_VALID.



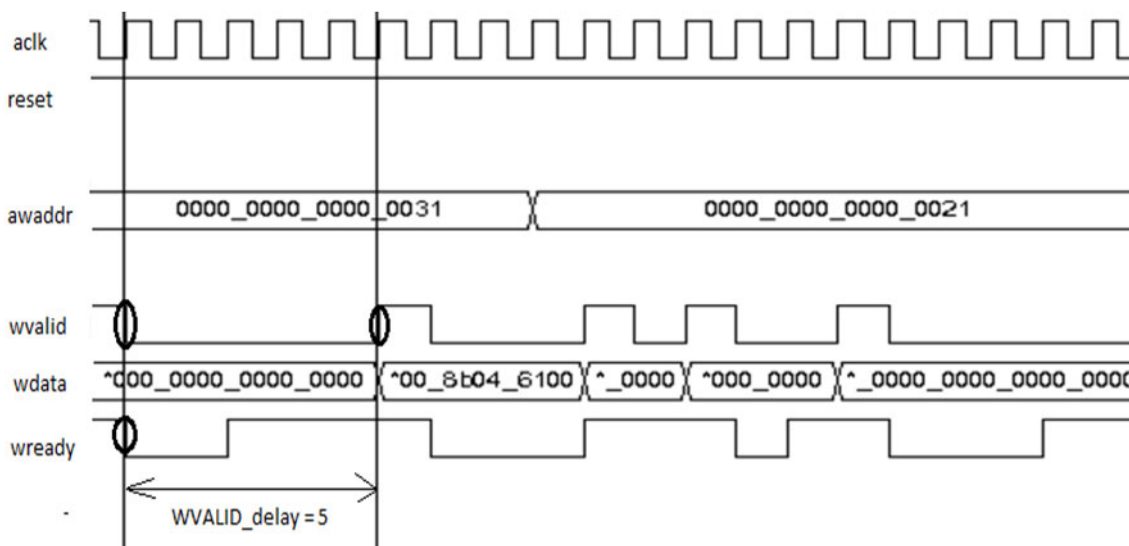
### 1.5.10 Description of first wvalid\_delay for reference event WRITE\_ADDR\_HANDSHAKE for write data channel

Represents a delay for the first WVALID assertion with respect to the reference event WRITE\_ADDR\_HANDSHAKE.



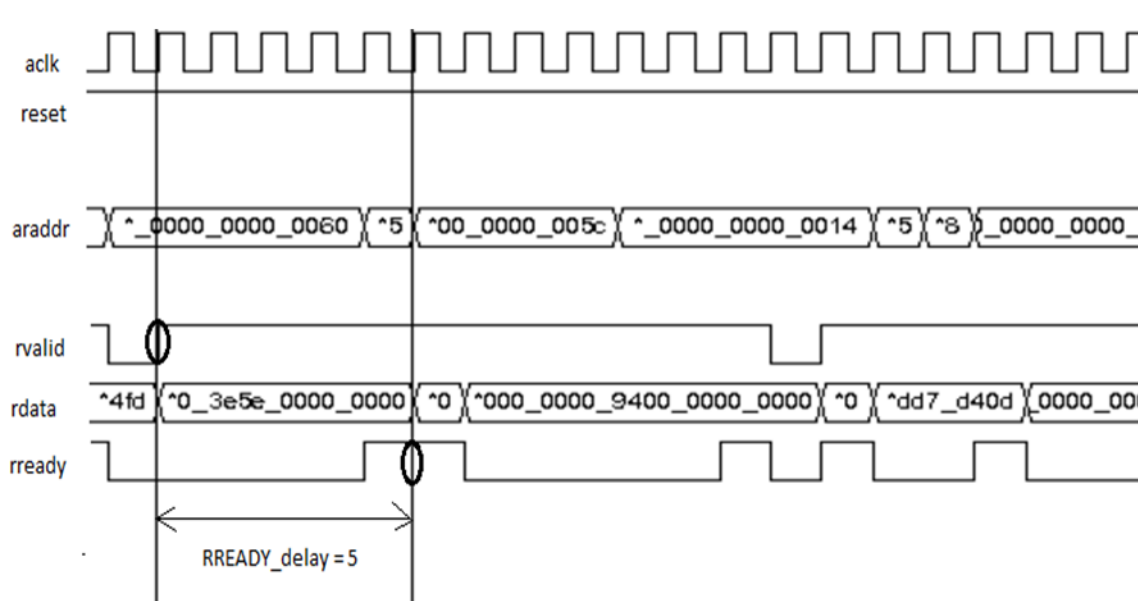
### 1.5.11 Description of first wvalid\_delay for reference event PREV\_WRITE\_DATA\_HANDSHAKE for write data channel

Represents a delay for the first WVALID assertion with respect to the reference event PREV\_WRITE\_DATA\_HANDSHAKE.



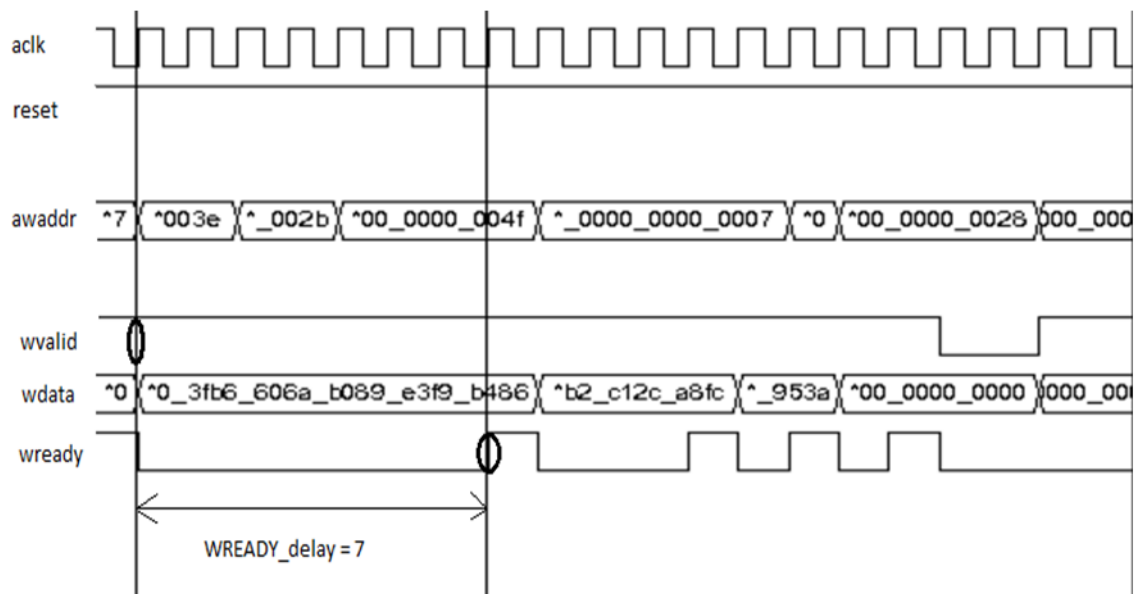
### 1.5.12 Description of rready\_delay for reference event RVALID for read data channel

Represents a delay for the first RREADY assertion with respect to the reference event RVALID.



### 1.5.13 Description of wready\_delay for reference event WVALID for write data channel

Represents a delay for the first WREADY assertion with respect to the reference event WVALID.

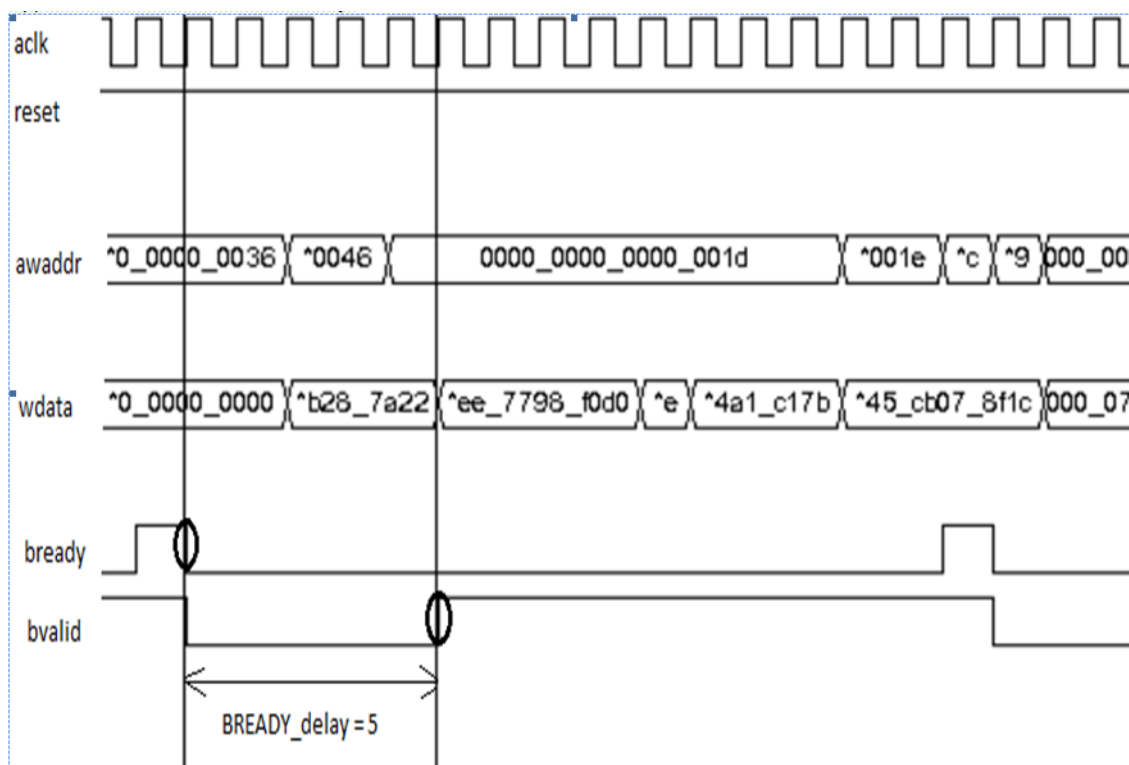


### 1.5.14 Description of bready\_delay for reference event BVALID for write response channel

If configuration parameter `svt_axi_port_configuration :: default_bready` is FALSE, this member defines the BREADY signal delay in number of clock cycles. The reference event for this delay is assertion of `bvalid`.

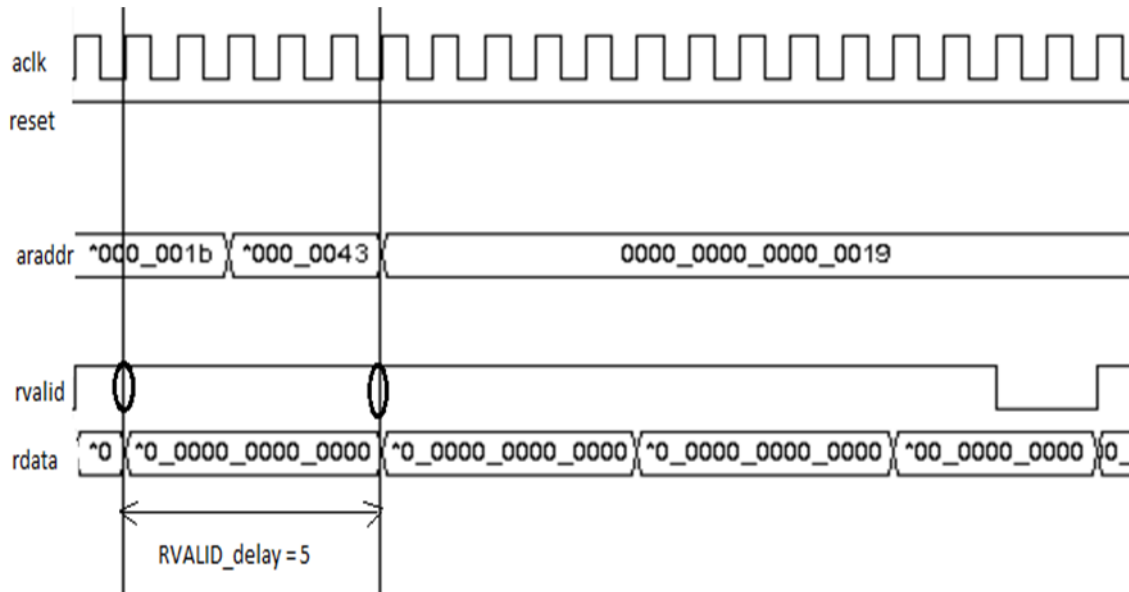
If the configuration parameter `svt_axi_port_configuration :: default_bready` is TRUE, this member defines the number of clock cycles for which BREADY signal should be deasserted after each handshake, before pulling it up again to its default value.

Represents the bready delay for reference event BVALID for `default_bready` is TRUE. It is applicable only for the ACTIVE MASTER.



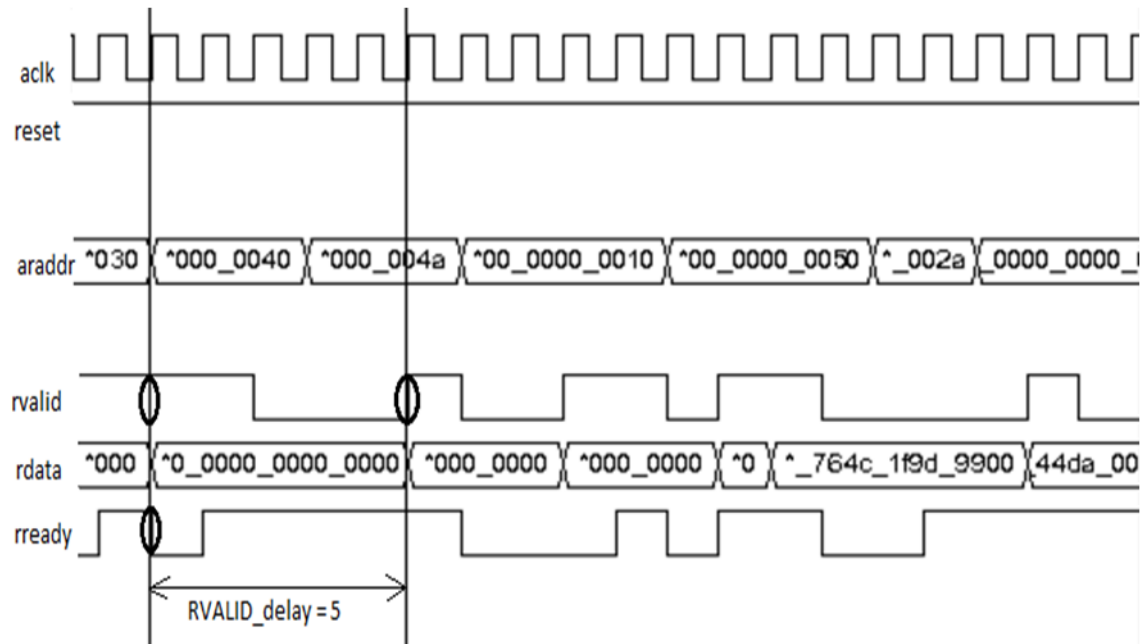
### 1.5.15 Description of next rvalid\_delay for reference event PREV\_RVALID for read data channel

Represents a delay for the next RVALID assertion with respect to the reference event PREV\_RVALID.



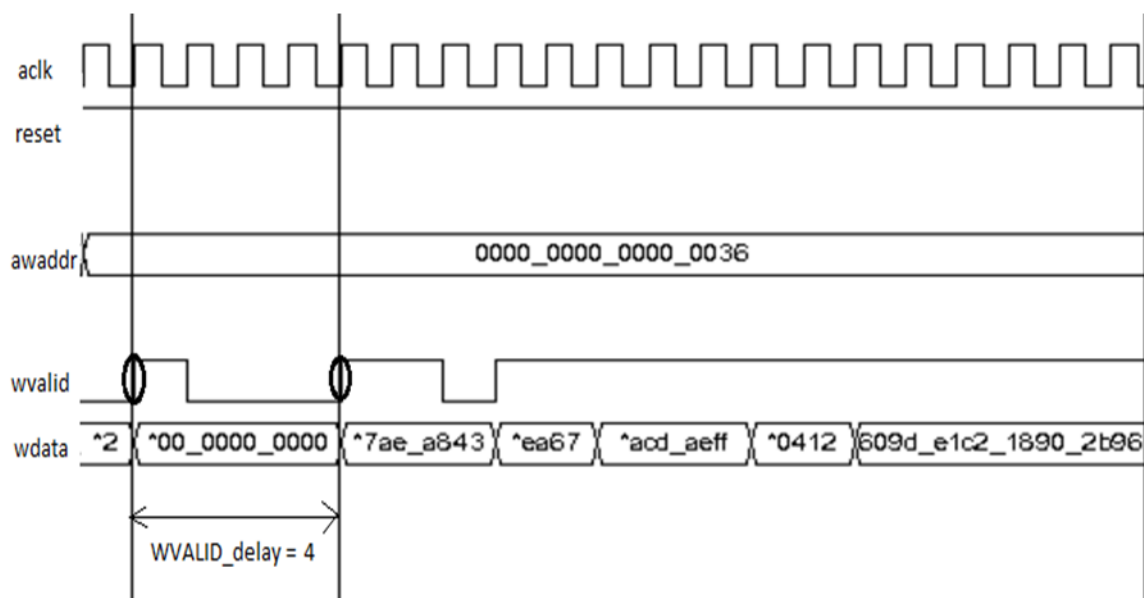
### 1.5.16 Description of next rvalid\_delay for reference event PREV\_READ\_HANDSHAKE for read data channel

Represents a delay for the next RVALID assertion with respect to the reference event PREV\_READ\_HANDSHAKE.



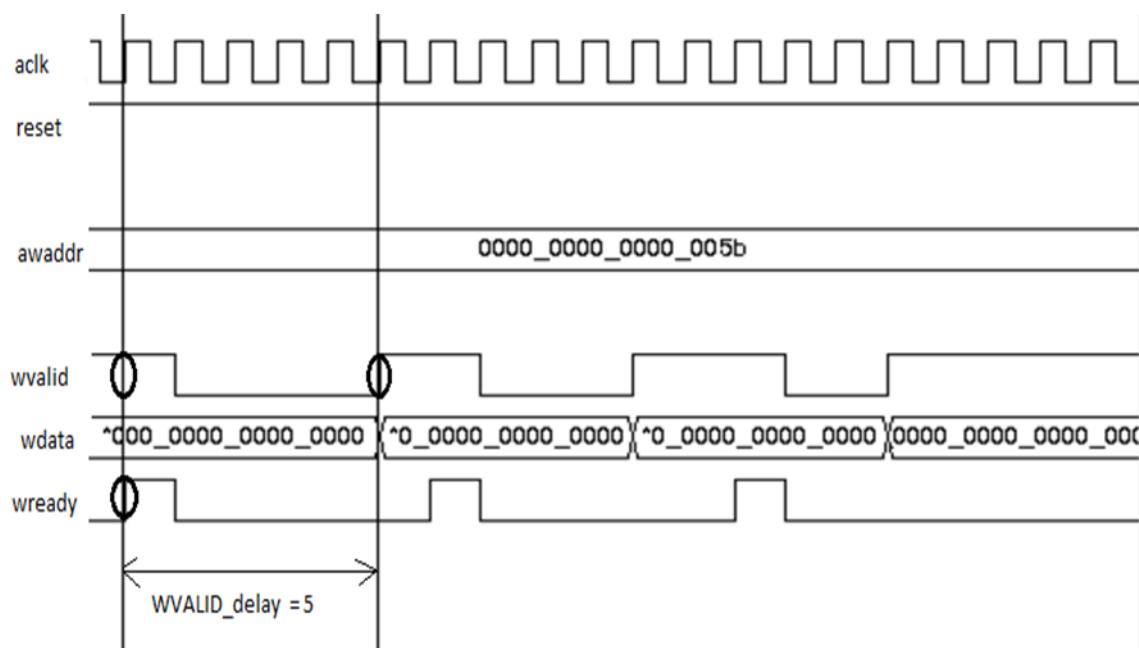
### 1.5.17 Description of next wvalid\_delay for reference event PREV\_WVALID for write data channel

Represents a delay for the next WVALID assertion with respect to the reference event PREV\_WVALID.



### 1.5.18 Description of next `wvalid_delay` for reference event `PREV_WRITE_HANDSHAKE` for write data channel

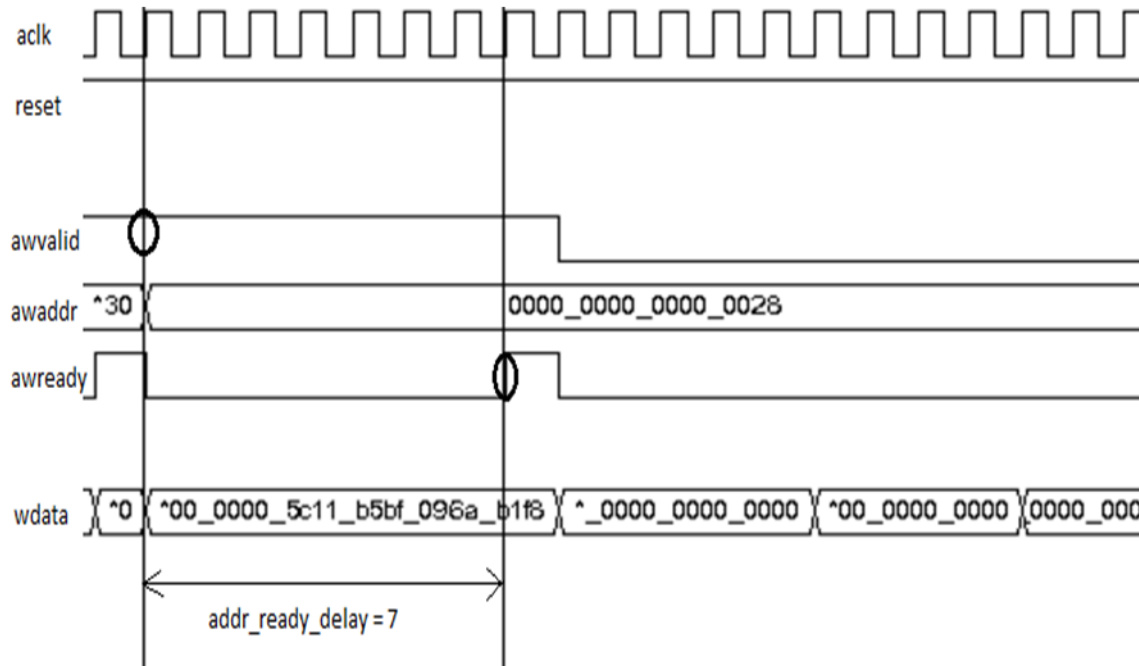
Represents a delay for the next `WVALID` assertion with respect to the reference event `PREV_WRITE_HANDSHAKE`.



### 1.5.19 Description of addr\_ready delay for reference event ADDR\_VALID for write address channel

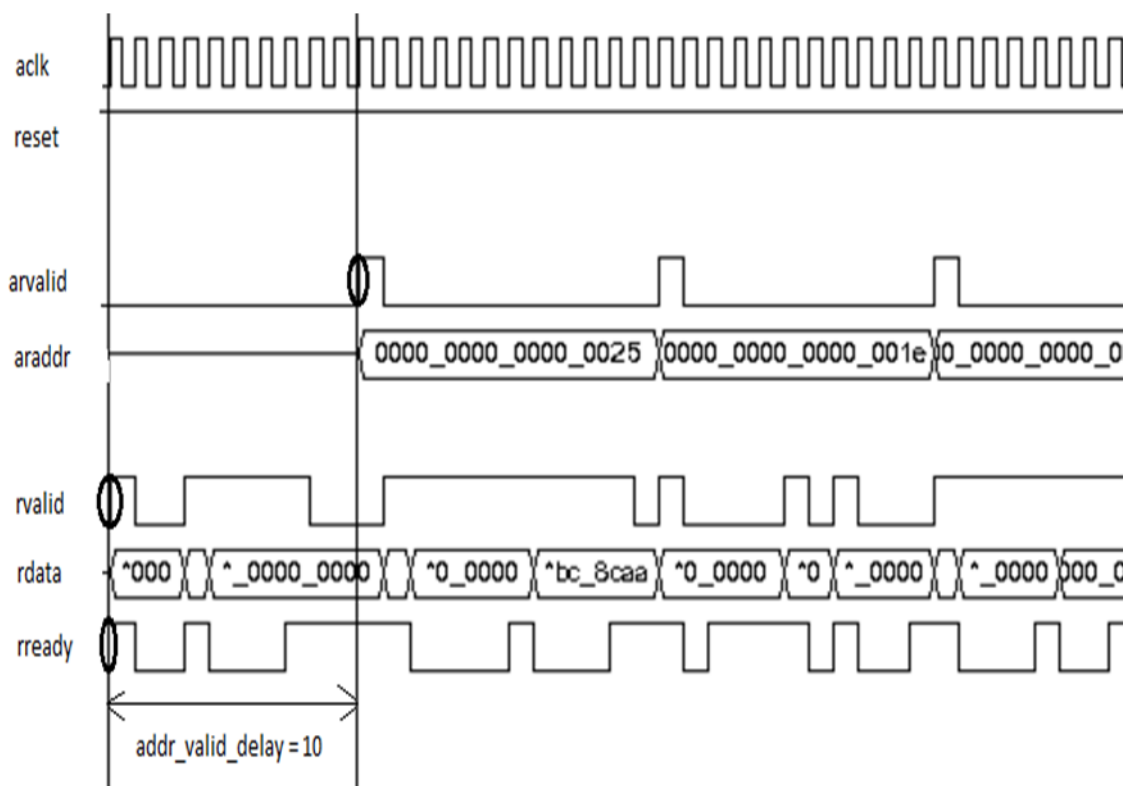
If the configuration parameter `svt_axi_port_configuration :: default_awready` is FALSE, this member defines the AWREADY signal delay in number of clock cycles. The reference event used for this delay is `addr_valid`.

If the configuration parameter `svt_axi_port_configuration :: default_awready` is TRUE, this member defines the number of clock cycles for which AWREADY signal should be deasserted after each handshake, before pulling it up again to its default value. It is applicable only for the ACTIVE SLAVE.



### 1.5.20 Description of addr\_valid\_delay for reference event FIRST\_DATA\_HANDSHAKE\_DATA\_BEFORE\_ADDR for read address channel

Addr\_valid\_delay defines the number of cycles the ARVALID signal is delayed with respect to the reference event FIRST\_DATA\_HANDSHAKE\_DATA\_BEFORE\_ADDR. It is applicable only for the ACTIVE MASTER.

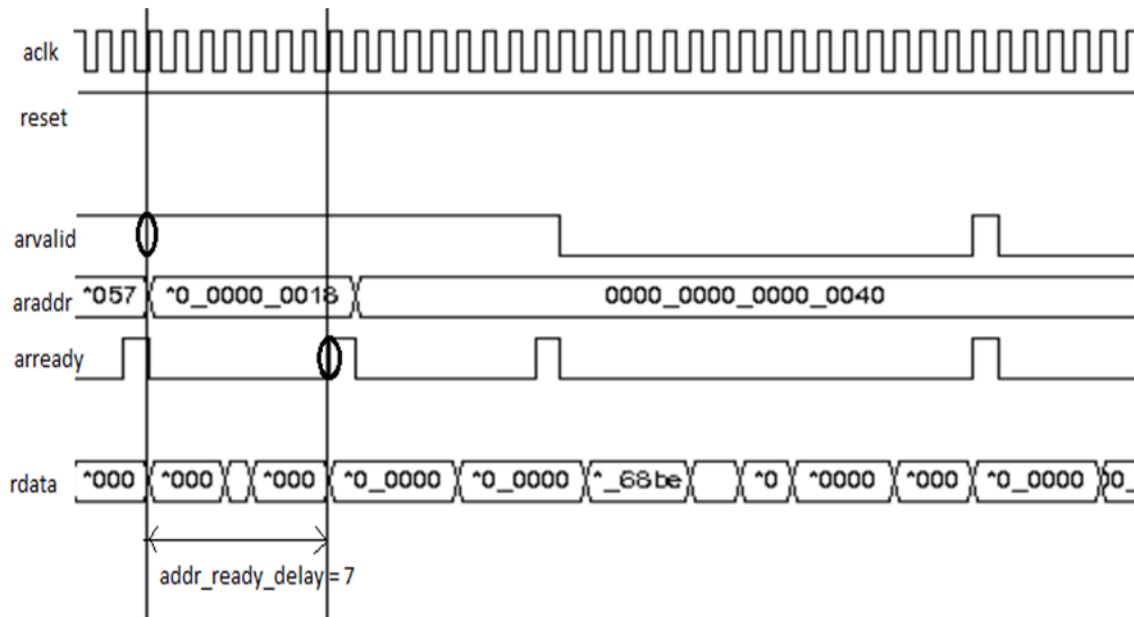


### 1.5.21 Description of addr\_ready\_delay for reference event ADDR\_VALID for read address channel

If the configuration parameter `svt_axi_port_configuration :: default_arready` is FALSE, this member defines the ARREADY signal delay in number of clock cycles. The reference event used for this delay is `addr_valid`.

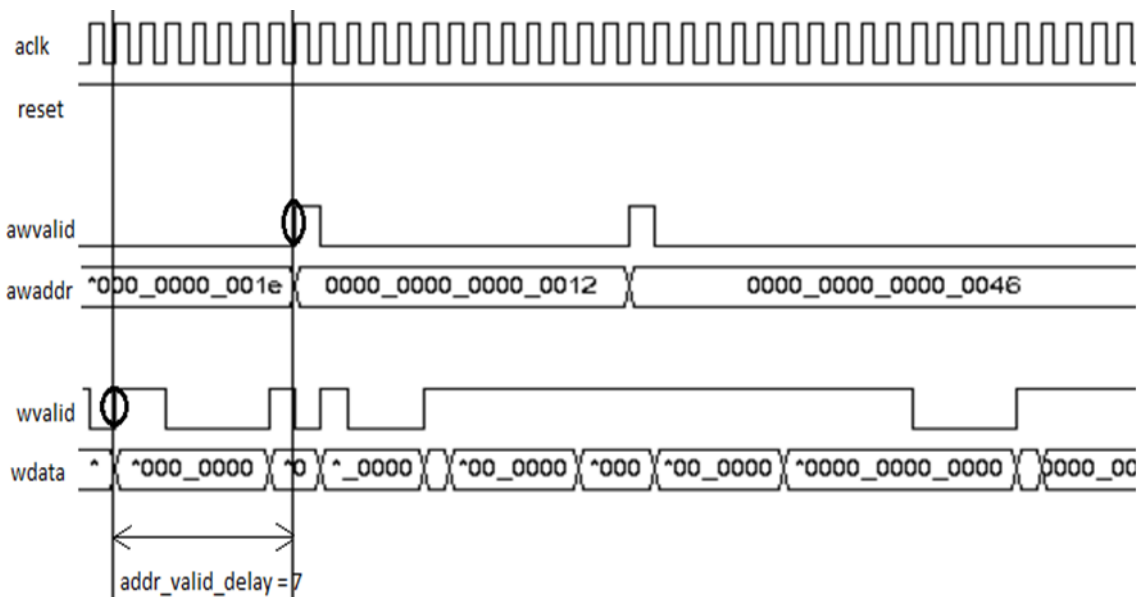
If the configuration parameter `svt_axi_port_configuration :: default_arready` is TRUE, this member defines the number of clock cycles for which ARREADY signal should be deasserted after each handshake, before pulling it up again to its default value. It is applicable only for the ACTIVE SLAVE.





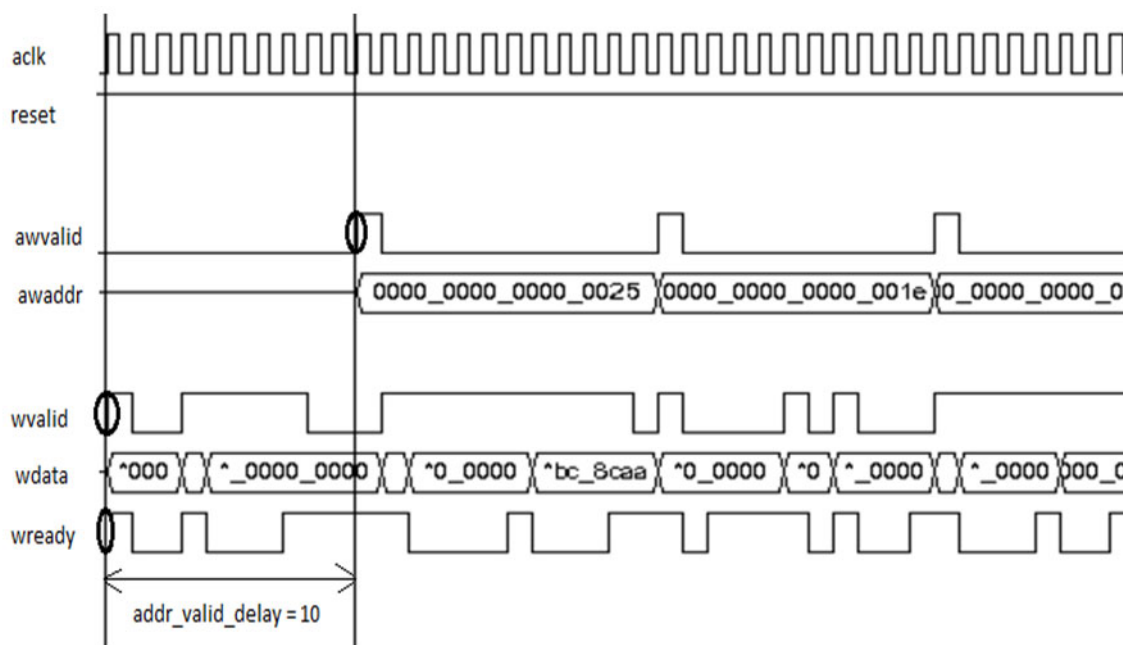
### 1.5.22 Description of `addr_valid_delay` for reference event `FIRST_WVALID_DATA_BEFORE_ADDR` for write address channel

`Addr_valid_delay` defines the number of cycles the `AWVALID` signal is delayed with respect to the reference event `FIRST_WVALID_DATA_BEFORE_ADDR`. It is applicable only for the ACTIVE MASTER.



### 1.5.23 Description of `addr_valid_delay` for reference event `FIRST_DATA_HANDSHAKE_DATA_BEFORE_ADDR` for write address channel

`Addr_valid_delay` defines the number of cycles the `AWVALID` signal is delayed with respect to the reference event `FIRST_DATA_HANDSHAKE_DATA_BEFORE_ADDR`. It is applicable only for the ACTIVE MASTER.



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