

NYCU-EE IC LAB – FALL 2023

Formal Verification – Lab11 Exercise

1. Using Assertion Based Verification IP (ABVIP) to verify AXI-4 Lite Master
2. Using Scoreboard & Customized SVA for Verification

Data Preparation

1. Data Extraction: `tar xvf ~iclabTA01/Bonus_formal_verification.tar`
2. The extracted LAB directory contains
 - 00_TESTBED/
 - Contain TA's **Usertype_PKG.sv** & **INF.sv**
 - 01_RTL/
 - Contain **bridge.sv** (bug inserted)
 - 02_JG/
 - Contain **run_jg**, **run.tcl**, **top.sv**, **jg.f**, **license.sh**
3. The answer of this lab: `tar xvf ~iclabTA01/Bonus_formal_verification_ans.tar`

Description

In this bonus exercise, you are going to use ABVIP to verify the offered **Customized I/O to AXI4-Lite bridge**. Main focus of this exercise is to check the protocol, and find some bug inside the bridge with build-in scoreboard and customized SVA by Formal Verification tool - **JasperGold**.

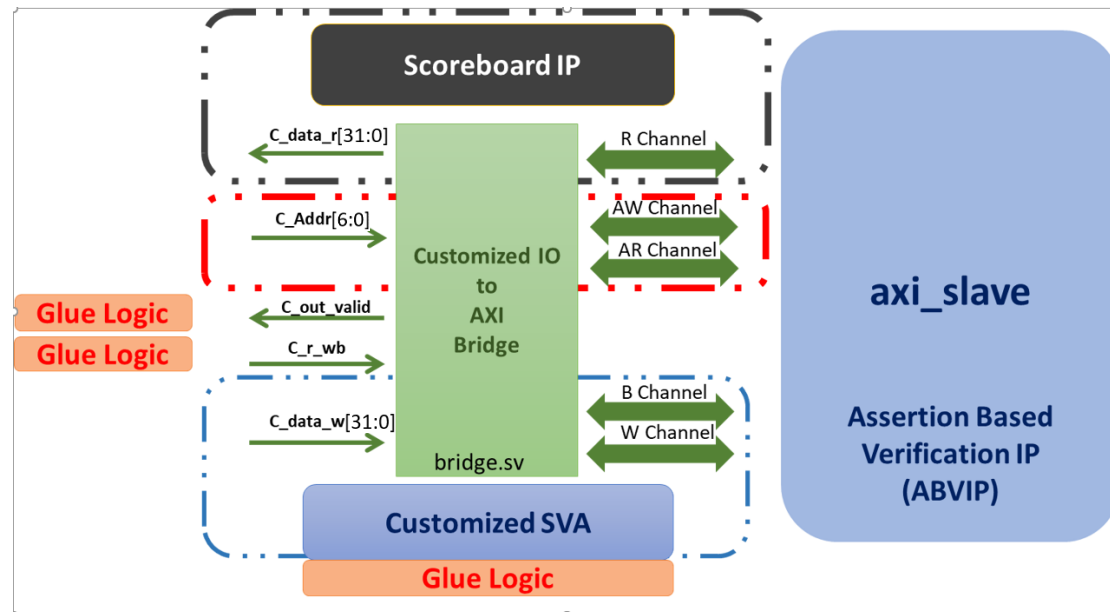
With ABVIP, we could use the build-in SVA property to check our design's AXI4-Lite interface part to make sure our design is reliable to handle any situation on the bus.

As for the interface connected to the design module, it requires customized SVA properties to check the remain of our design.

Different from previous lab (Simulation Based Verification with SVA), this lab demonstrates another perspective of verification – Formal Verification.

Formal Engine would transform our verification environment (including our design, SVA property and auxiliary logic) into another equivalent simplified mathematical problem, such that it uses different algorithms in the backend to finite number of traces to prove whether our design is verified or not.

Block Diagram of the Verification Environment



Customized Signal Behavior

Input:

name	width	Send to	
C_addr	7-bit	bridge	C_addr Indicates which address we want to access.(Bridge would do Address Conversion)
C_data_w	32-bit	bridge	The data to over right DRAM.
C_in_valid	1-bit	bridge	High when the system is ready to communicate with bridge.
C_r_wb	1-bit	bridge	1'b1: Read axi_slave. 1'b0: Write axi_slave.

Output:

name	type	Send to	note
C_out_valid	1-bit	design	High when returned data from is ready.
C_data_r	32-bit	design	The returned data from DRAM.

Bugs

- I. There are **4 hardware bugs** TA has insert in the design.
- II. You should finish the blank in the top.sv to check **data integrity**
 - A. Scoreboard Port Connection (inf.AW_ADDR)
 - B. Customized Assertion (inf.C_data_w & W_DATA)
 - ✓ Method1. Glue Logic + Assertion
 - ✓ Method2. Undetermined Constant

Note of Submission

- 1. **This lab does not have a second demo opportunity!!!**
- 2. No need to submit Verilog files, but you need to submit the answer of Quick Test, which include the answer of this lab, before 2023/12/11 12:00
- 3. Please submit the PDF format on the **E3 platform**, and name the file as **Quick_Test_iclabxxx.pdf**, for example, Quick_Test_iclab180.pdf.
- 4. Please name the file according to the file naming convention. If not, it will be considered a **naming error**, and **five points will be deducted** from the score.

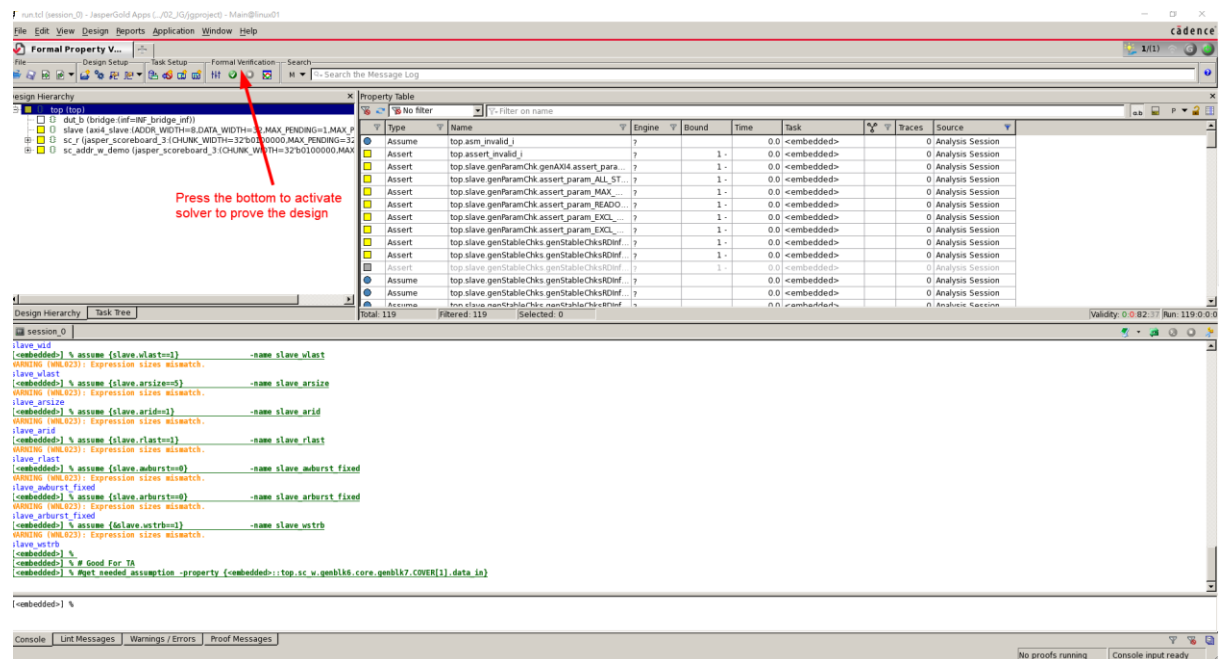
Enjoy Bug Hunting!!!



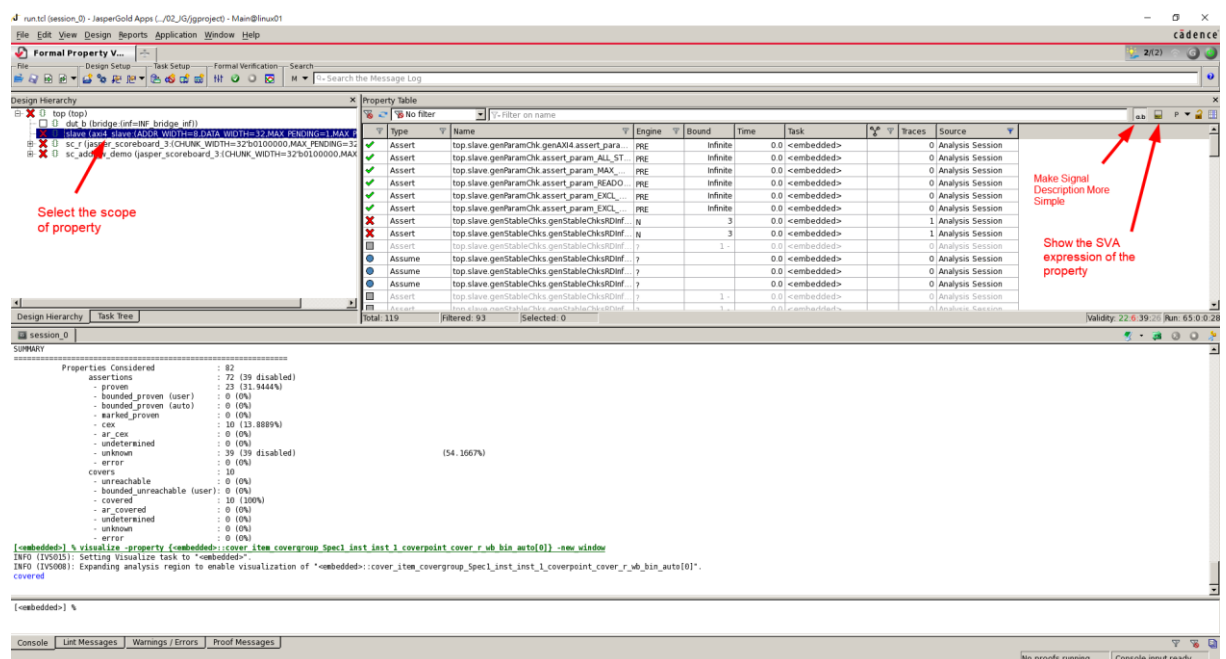
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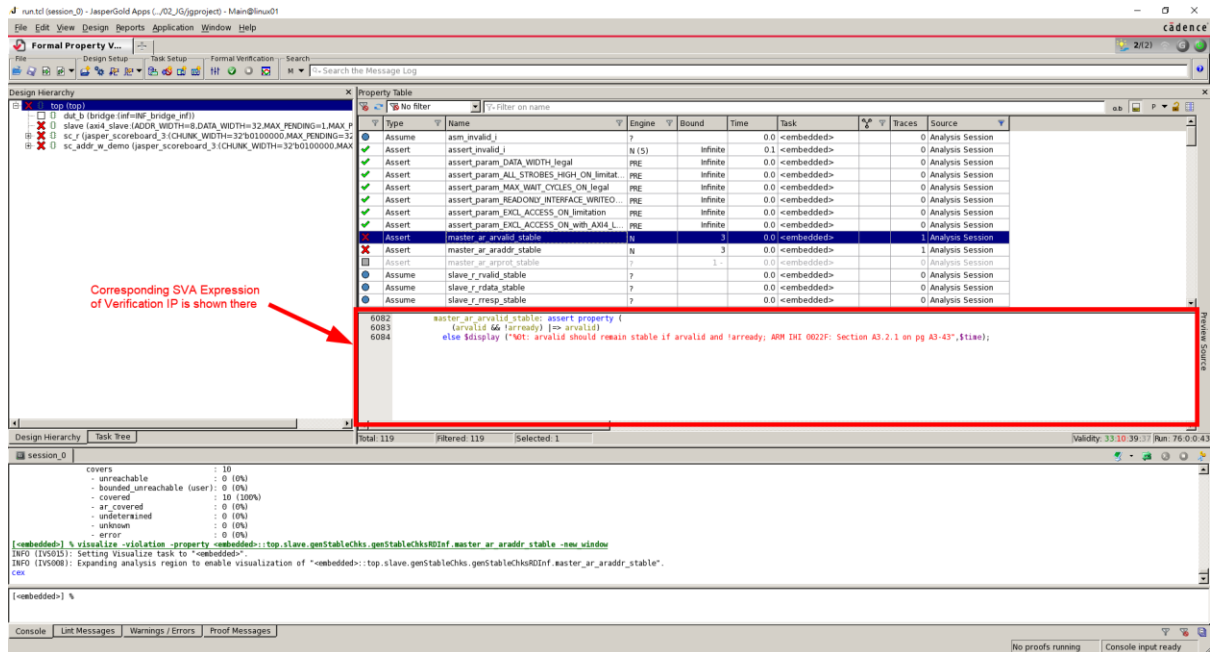
1. Go to Directory
~/.Bonus_formal_verification/Exercise/02_JG/
2. execute the command: `source license.sh` (Important!!!)
3. execute the command: `./run_jg`

JasperGold would automatically start reading files (01_RTL/bridge.sv , 02_JG/top.sv)



After running proof

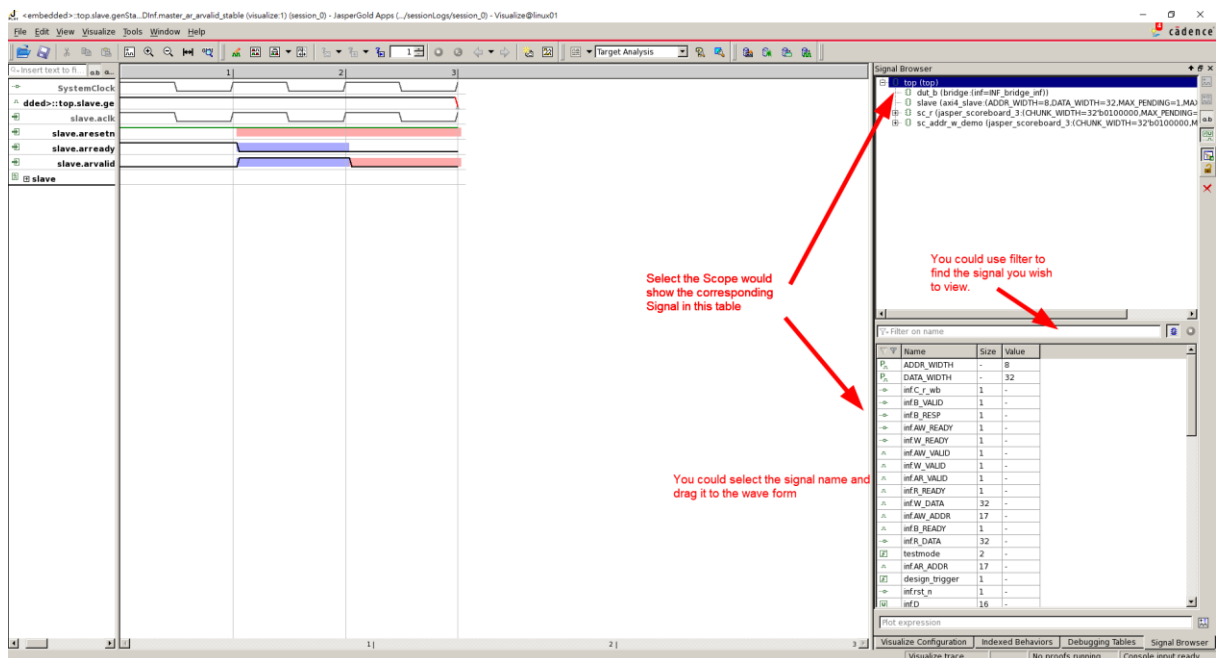




You could double click the **red check** to see the waveform which follow the property

If there is assertion violation in your design, open the waveform and try your best to analyze the root cause of this violation and debug it.

Basic Tutorial to view waveform



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Target Analysis

Signal Browser

Reduce distractions in waveform

1 2 3

SystemClock

er_ar_arvalid_stable

slave.ack

slave.resetn

slave.arready

slave.arvalid

slave

infAR_VALID

You could double click the waveform to see the corresponding source code

After Drag the Signal Name

Filter on name

Name	Size	Value
ADDR_WIDTH	8	-
DATA_WIDTH	32	-
infC_rwb	1	-
infB_VALID	1	-
infB_RESP	1	-
infAW_READY	1	-
infW_READY	1	-
infW_VALID	1	-
infAR_VALID	1	-
infR_READY	1	-
infW_DATA	32	-
infAW_ADDR	17	-
infB_READY	1	-
infR_DATA	32	-
testmode	2	-
infAR_ADDR	17	-
design_trigger	1	-
infst_n	1	-
infD	16	-

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infAR_VALID

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Source Pane - visualize:1

Why at iteration 2 for infAR_VALID (1 of 2)

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80 end
81
82
83 //////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////// AR
84
85 always_ff@(posedge clk or negedge inf_rst_n) begin
86   if(!inf_rst_n)begin
87     infAR_VALID <= 'b0;
88   end
89   else begin
90     if(!infAR_READY) infAR_VALID <= 'b1;
91     '1'0; infAR_VALID <= 'b0;
92   end
93 end
94
95 always_ff@(posedge clk or negedge inf_rst_n) begin
96   if(!inf_rst_n)begin
97     infAR_ADDR <= 'b0;
98   end
99   else begin
100     if(in_state == AXI_AR && c_state != AXI_AR) infAR_ADDR <= {1'b1, 6'b0, infC_addr, 2'b0};
101     infAR_ADDR <= infAR_ADDR;
102   end
103 end
104
105 //////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////// R
106
107 always_ff@(posedge clk or negedge inf_rst_n) begin
108   if(!inf_rst_n)begin
109     infR_READY <= 'b0;
110   end
111   else begin
112     if(infR_VALID) infR_READY <= 'b1;
113     else infR_READY <= 'b0;
114   end
115 end
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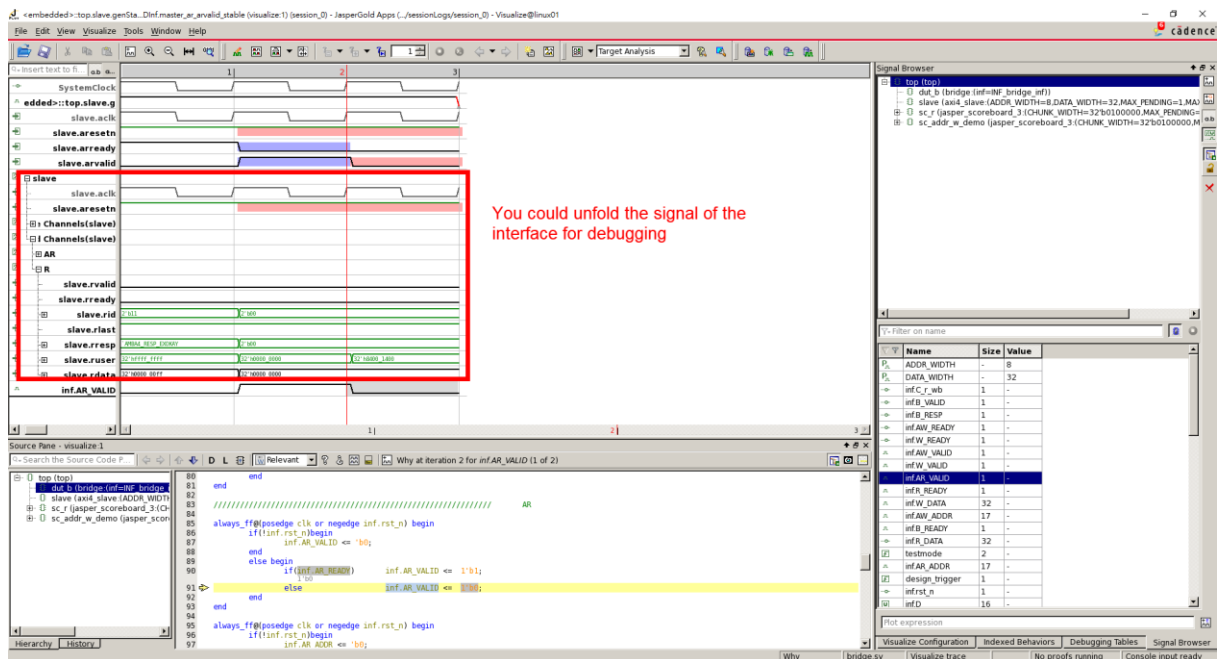
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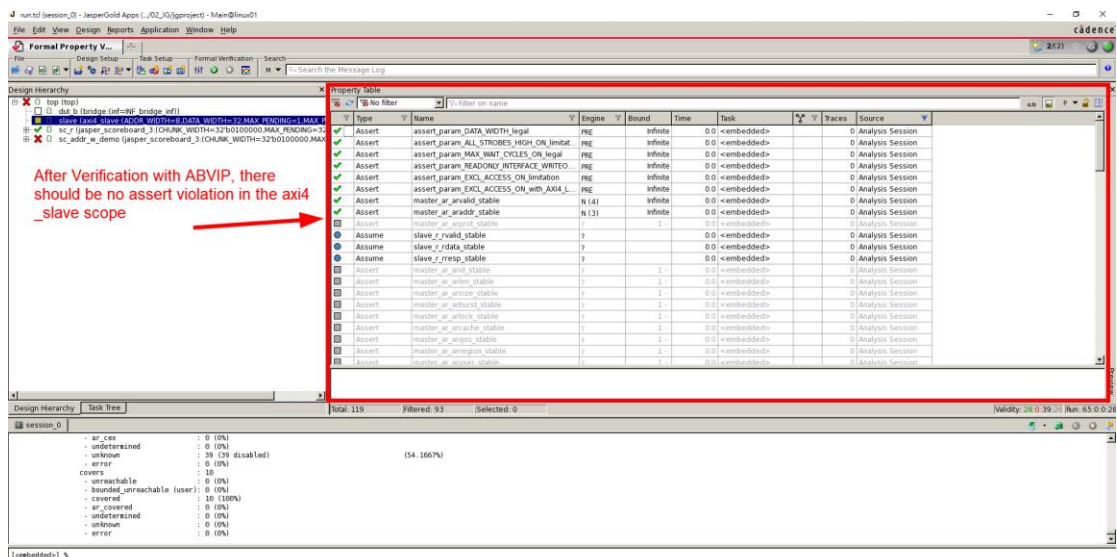
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Visualize trace No proofs running Console input ready



The figure of full proof of your assertion property



If the AXI-Lite Interface is already been proven, you could start debugging in the other scope such as scoreboards and or your customized SVA property in the top

The assertion property should not be violated, you could double click to check the waveform to see whether it match your property. You could scrutinize your **assumption, assertion or glue logic** to find the bugs with your SVA.

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