

# ECE 564 – SHA 256 Report

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## Summary Risk Plan:

Understanding the flow of design. Design before coding.  
Debugging Complexity  
Repeating logic for 64 word vectors  
Serial read to parallel processing synchronization

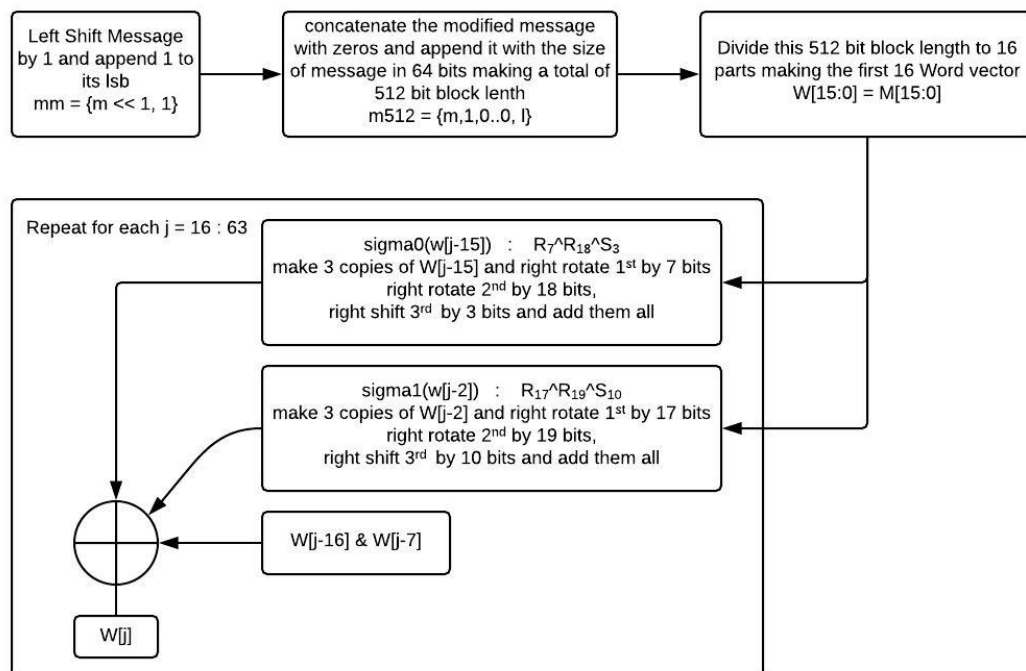
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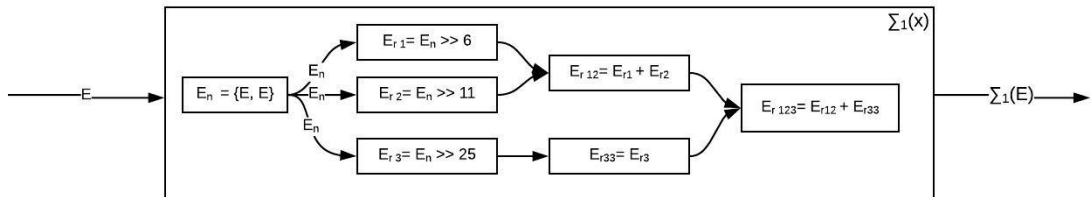
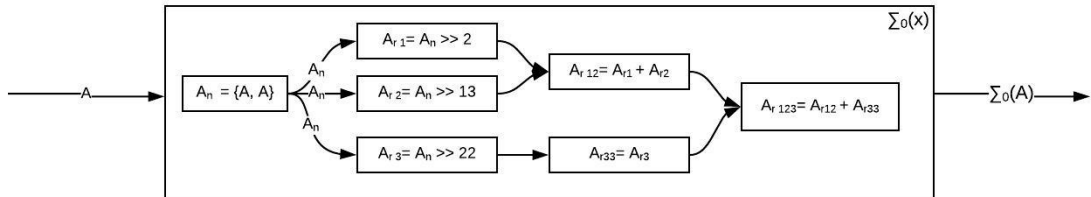
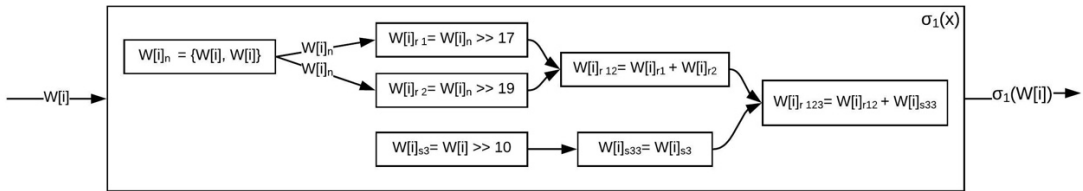
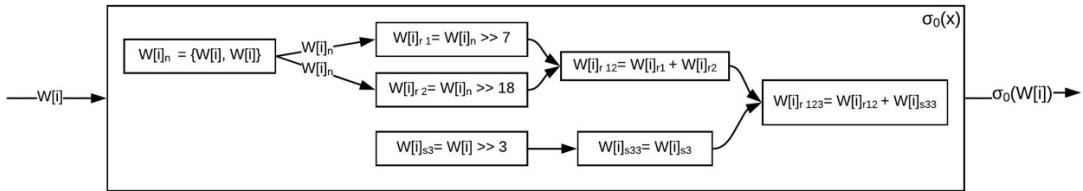
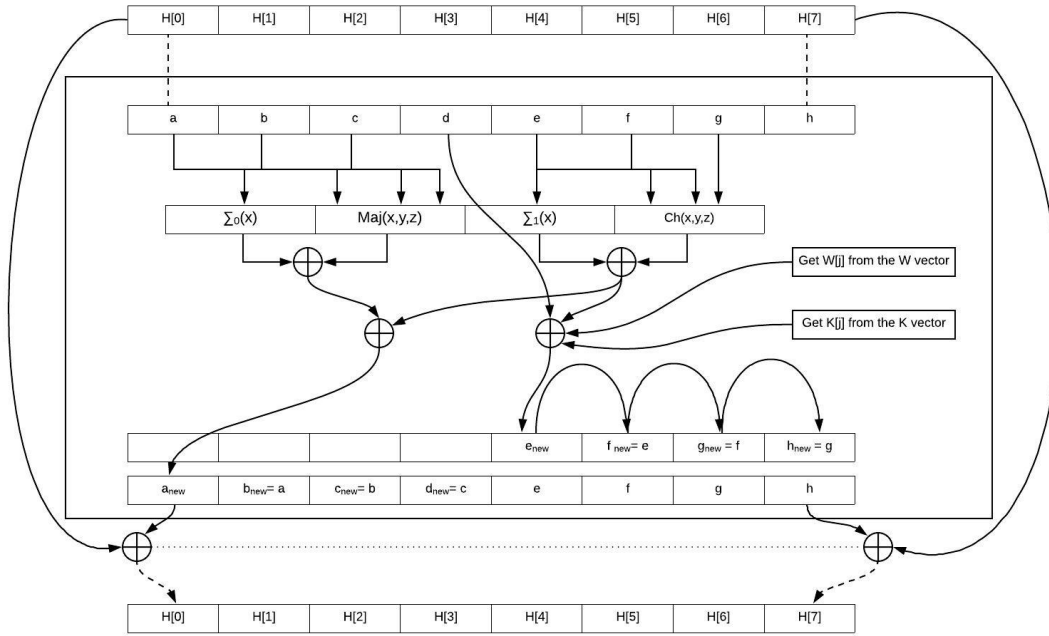
3 Days to form Message vector  
1 week to form W vector  
1 week to form final hash  
1 week debugging and final report submission

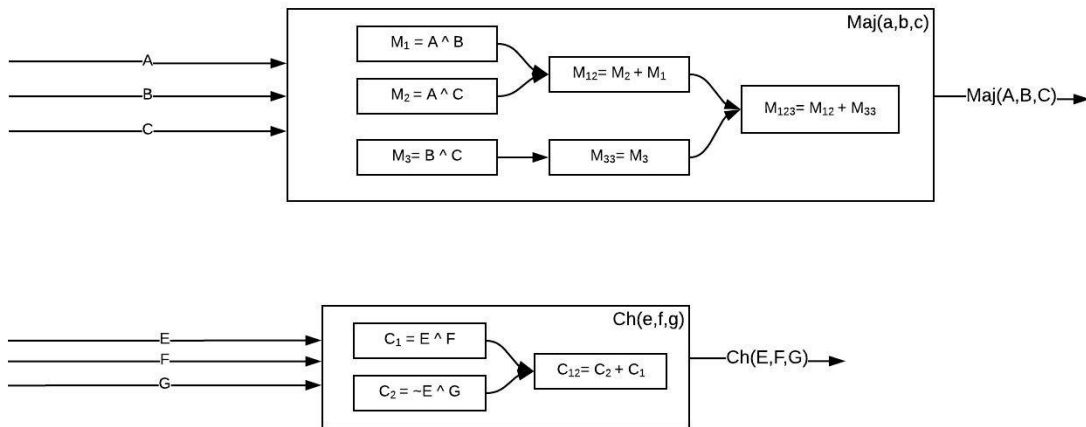
## Brief Description of Mode of operation, including selected algorithms

Read data serially from SRAM and store it in register.  
Form the 64 block vector  
Use this data to calculate the hash using the algorithm.  
Update the new hash.

## High level Design







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Delay (ns to run provided provided example).  
 Clock period: 24 ns  
 # cycles": 84

Logic Area: (um<sup>2</sup>)  
 33540.47  
 Memory: N/A

1/(delay.area)  
 (ns<sup>-1</sup>.um<sup>-2</sup>)  
 1.24228 \* 10<sup>-6</sup>

Delay (TA provided example. TA to complete)

1/(delay.area) (TA)

## Abstract

This Hardware Module Encrypts the message in SHA256 which is the standard encryption technique. The input message can be 1-55 bytes message string whereas the output message string is 256 bits encrypted unique hash for that particular bit. The module implements a standard logic in 4 main parts. Getting the message, K constants and initial Hash Vector, forming the Word Vector, Updating the Hashes and the Storing the encrypted hash in the SRAM. Each of the above four sections are executed by dedicated submodules integrated together to form the encrypted hash. We see,

## 1. Introduction

The SHA (Secure Hash Algorithm) is one of a number of **cryptographic hash functions**. A cryptographic hash is like a signature for a text or a data file. SHA-256 algorithm generates an almost-unique, fixed size 256-bit (32-byte) hash. Hash is a one way function – it cannot be decrypted back. This makes it suitable for password validation, challenge hash authentication, anti-tamper, digital signatures. To design this hardware module we split it into four main parts i.e. Getting the message, K constants

and initial Hash Vector, forming the Word Vector, Updating the Hashes and the Storing the encrypted hash in the SRAM.

We see that the module needs cell area around 32,000 and runs without violation on a clock of 24 ns. Total time required for the generation of the encrypted hash key is 120 cycles.

The report further illustrates the algorithm used and the design approach, implementation and verification methodologies.

## **2. Micro-Architecture**

- Hardware Algorithmic Approach:

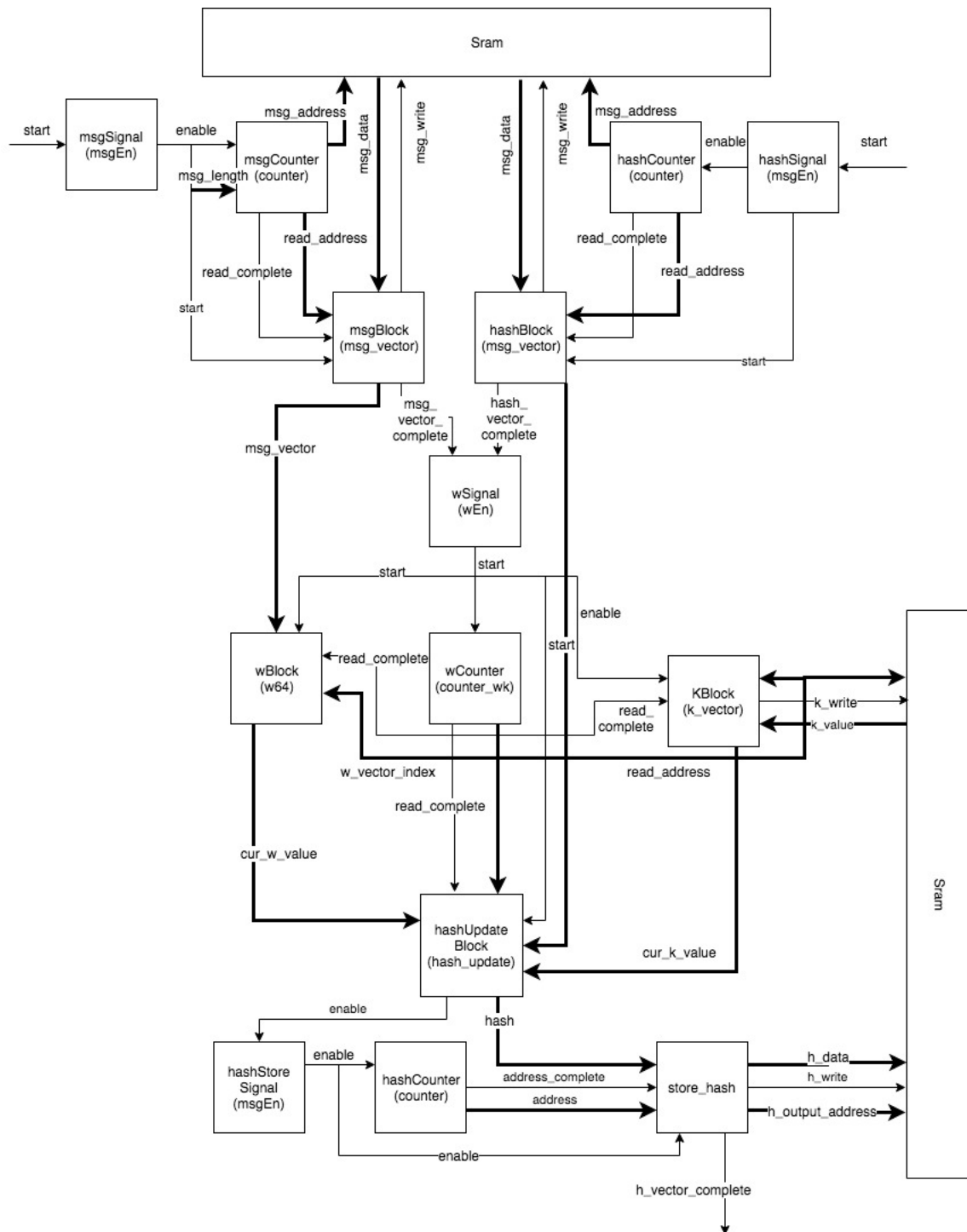
The algorithm is designed in the form of modules.

- i. “msgEn”: This module sets the enable signal high for processing the following sections. It takes a signal input stable and sets the output high until the next reset occurs.
- ii. “counter”: This module is a standard up counter and counts the address/index of the Message Vectors. The module has a parameter Number of Blocks which is used to set the maximum counter limit. The module takes input maximum message length, start flag which comes from the “msgEn” module and outputs the address/index and the completeFlag indicating that the counter is complete. After complete the counter latches the last value till the enable is high.
- iii. “msg\_vector”: This module constructs the 512 bit Message Vector. The module takes input enable flag which comes from the output of “msgEn” module, address read complete flag and address/index which comes from the output of the “counter” and msg\_data which is the 8 bit data to form the msg\_vector. The module outputs the msg\_write flag indicating that it is a read instruction or a write, the 512 bit message\_vector and the completeFlag indicating that the msg\_vector is complete. After complete the msg\_vector module latches the msg\_vector till the enable is high.
- iv. “counter\_h”: This module is a standard up counter and counts the address/index of the Hash Vector. The module has a parameter Number of Blocks which is used to set the counter limit. The module takes input start flag which comes from the “msgEn” module and outputs the address/index and the completeFlag indicating that the counter is complete. After complete the counter latches the last value till the enable is high.
- v. “hash”: This module constructs the initial 256 bit Hash Vector. The module takes input enable flag which comes from the output of “msgEn” module, address read complete flag and address/index which comes from the output of the “counter\_h” and hash\_data which is the 8 bit data to form the hash. The module outputs the hash\_write flag indicating that it is a read instruction or a write, the 256 bit hash\_vector and the completeFlag indicating that the hash\_vector is complete. After “complete” the hash module latches the hash\_vector till the enable is high.

- vi. “counter\_wk”: This module is a standard up counter and counts the address/index of the Word and K Values. The module has a parameter Number of Blocks whose default is 64 which is used to set the counter limit. The module takes input start flag which comes from the “msgEn” module and outputs the address/index and the completeFlag indicating that the counter is complete. After complete the counter latches the last value till the enable is high.
- vii. “wEn”: This module sets the enable signal high for processing the following sections. It takes 2 signal inputs, one to indicate message vector formation and other to indicate the hash vector formation and sets the output high if both the input signals are high.
- viii. “k\_vector”: This module constructs the 32 bit K Value. The module takes input enable flag which comes from the output of “wEn” module, address read complete flag and address/index value which comes from the output of the “counter\_wk” and k\_data which is the 32 bit data. The module outputs the k\_write flag indicating that it is a read instruction or a write, the 32 bit current K Value and the completeFlag indicating that the last K value is read. After “complete” the k\_vector module latches the last k value till the enable is high.
- ix. “w64”: This module constructs the 32 bit Word and the Word vector which is stored internally. The module takes input enable flag which comes from the output of “wEn” module, address read complete flag and address/index value which comes from the output of the “counter\_wk” and message\_vector which is the 512 bit message formed by the msg\_vector module. The module outputs the 32 bit current W Value and the complete Flag indicating that the last W value is read. After “complete” the w64 module latches the last w value till the enable is high.
- x. “hash\_update”: This module updates the 256 bit hash until the 64<sup>th</sup> word. The module takes input enable flag which comes from the output of “wEn” module, address read complete flag and address/index value which comes from the output of the “counter\_wk” and cur\_w\_value and cur\_k\_value (both 32 bits) formed by the k\_vector and w64 module. The module outputs the 256 bit current hash update Value and the complete Flag indicating that the last hash update is complete. After “complete” the hash\_update module latches the 256 bit hash value till the enable is high.
- xi. “store\_hash”: This module stores the resultant 256 bit updated or encrypted Hash Vector. The module takes input enable flag which comes from the output of “msgEn” module, address read complete flag and address/index which comes from the output of the “counter\_h” and the 256 bit hash\_vector. The module outputs the hash\_data which is the 8 bit data hash, hash\_write flag indicating that it is a write, and the complete Flag indicating that the hash storage is complete.

### 3. Interface Specification

- Interface Diagram/ Module Diagram



○ Module IO ports Table

| Sr No.             | Inputs and Outputs            | Width | Function   |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------|--|
| Module: msgEn      |                               |       |  |
| 1.                 | Start (input)                 | 1     | Used as starting point for the functions                               |
| 2.                 | Enable (output)               | 1     | Used to enable modules   |
| Module: counter    |                               |       |  |
| 1.                 | Start (input)                 | 1     | Used as starting point for the function                                |
| 2.                 | Msg_length (input)            | 6     | Used to compare the counter length                                     |
| 3.                 | Read_address (output)         | 6     | Used to specify the address index of the vector                        |
| 4.                 | Read_complete (output)        | 1     | Used to detect if the address index has reached its limit and complete |
| Module: msg_vector |                               |       |  |
| 1.                 | enable (input)                | 1     | Used as starting point for the function                                |
| 2.                 | Address_read_complete (input) | 1     | Used as end point for the function                                     |
| 3.                 | Msg_address (input)           | 6     | Used to specify the address index of the vector                        |
| 4.                 | Msg_data (input)              | 8     | Gets the Message data bytes  |
| 5.                 | Msg_write (output)            | 1     | Set 0 for Reading the message data                                     |
| 6.                 | Message_vector (output)       | 512   | Get the 512 Bit message vector.  |
| 7.                 | Msg_vector_complete (output)  | 1     | Detects the Completion of Message vector formation                     |
| Module: counter_h  |                               |       |  |
| 1.                 | Start (input)                 | 1     | Used as starting point for the function                                |
| 2.                 | Read_address (output)         | 6     | Used to specify the address index of the vector                        |
| 3.                 | Read_complete (output)        | 1     | Used to detect if the address index has reached its limit and complete |
| Module: wEn        |                               |       |  |
| 1.                 | Start1 (input)                | 1     | Used as starting point for the functions                               |
| 2.                 | Start2 (input)                | 1     | Used as starting point for the functions                               |
| 3.                 | Enable (output)               | 1     | Used to enable modules   |
| Module: hash       |                               |       |  |
| 1.                 | enable (input)                | 1     | Used as starting point for the function                                |
| 2.                 | Address_read_complete (input) | 1     | Used as end point for the function                                     |
| 3.                 | hash_address (input)          | 3     | Used to specify the address index of the vector                        |
| 4.                 | hash_data (input)             | 8     | Gets the Hash data bytes   |
| 5.                 | hash_write (output)           | 1     | Set 0 for Reading the message data                                     |
| 6.                 | hash_vector (output)          | 256   | Get the 256 Bit hash vector.   |
| 7.                 | hash_vector_complete (output) | 1     | Detects the Completion of Hash vector formation                        |
| Module: k_vector   |                               |       |  |

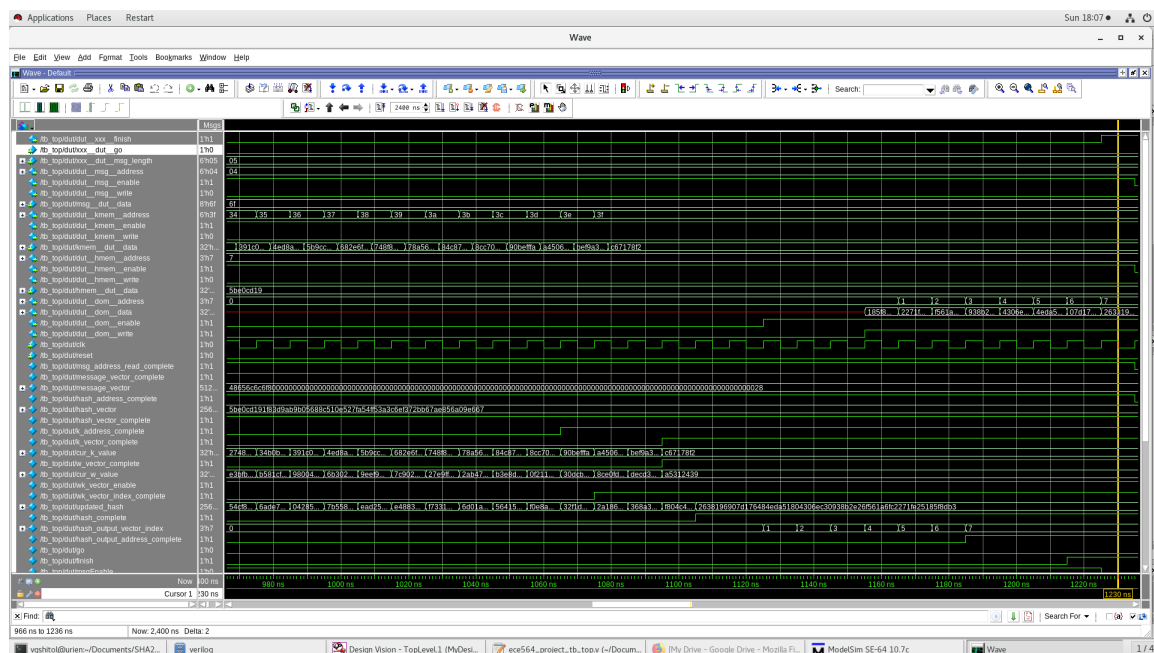
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|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----|--|
| 1.                  | enable (input)                | 1   | Used as starting point for the function                                  |
| 2.                  | Address_read_complete (input) | 1   | Used as end point for the function                                       |
| 3.                  | k_address (input)             | 6   | Used to specify the address index of the vector                          |
| 4.                  | k_data (input)                | 32  | Gets the K word of 32 bits   |
| 5.                  | k_write (output)              | 1   | Set 0 for Reading the message data                                       |
| 6.                  | Cur_k_value (output)          | 32  | Get the 32 Bit current K value.  |
| 7.                  | hash_vector_complete (output) | 1   | Detects K vector has been read fully                                     |
| Module: w64         |                               |     |  |
| 1.                  | enable (input)                | 1   | Used as starting point for the function                                  |
| 2.                  | W_index_complete (input)      | 1   | Used as end point for the function                                       |
| 3.                  | Message_vector (input)        | 512 | Message Vector that is used to form the Word Vector                      |
| 4.                  | w_vector_index (input)        | 6   | Used to specify the address index of the vector                          |
| 5.                  | Cur_w_value (output)          | 32  | Get the 32 Bit current Word.   |
| 6.                  | w_vector_complete (output)    | 1   | Detects W vector formation has been completed                            |
| Module: hash_update |                               |     |  |
| 1.                  | enable (input)                | 1   | Used as starting point for the function                                  |
| 2.                  | WK_index_complete (input)     | 1   | Used as end point of the indexing  |
| 3.                  | Prev_hash (input)             | 256 | Initial Hash that is used to update and encrypt SHA256                   |
| 4.                  | wk_vector_index (input)       | 6   | Used to specify the address index of the vector                          |
| 5.                  | Cur_w_value (output)          | 32  | Get the 32 Bit current Word.   |
| 6.                  | Cur_k_value (output)          | 32  | Get the 32 Bit current K Value.  |
| 7.                  | hash_complete (output)        | 1   | Detects hash update has been completed                                   |
| Module: store_hash  |                               |     |  |
| 1.                  | enable (input)                | 1   | Used as starting point for the function                                  |
| 2.                  | Address_read_complete (input) | 1   | Used as end point for the function                                       |
| 3.                  | h_address (input)             | 3   | Used to specify the address index of the vector                          |
| 4.                  | hash_vector (input)           | 256 | Hash vector needed to be stored in sram                                  |
| 5.                  | h_write (output)              | 1   | Set 1 for writing the hash data  |
| 6.                  | h_data (output)               | 32  | Extract the 32 Bit hash data part by part to store it in sram.           |
| 7.                  | H_output_address (output)     | 3   | Needed to Extract the 32 Bit hash data part by part to store it in sram. |
| 8.                  | hash_vector_complete (output) | 1   | Detects the Completion of Hash vector formation                          |



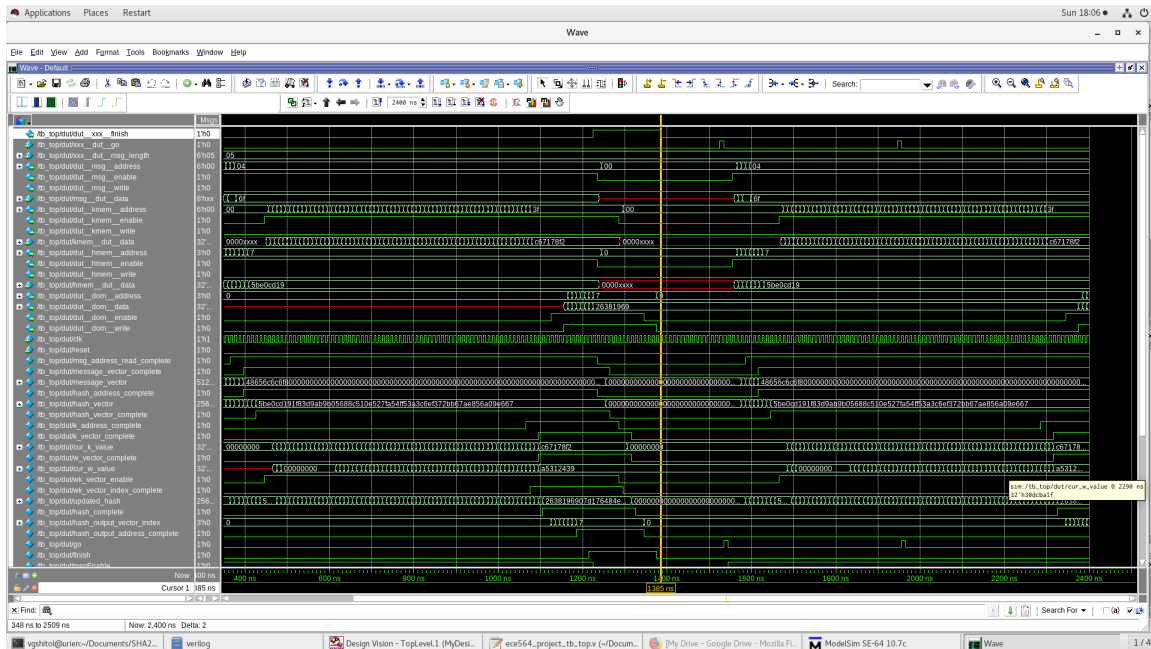
## 4. Technical Implementation – High Level Description and Hierarchy

As stated in the previous sections we follow the modular approach for designing our required functionality. We execute every stage with its enable signal, a counter for its index referencing and the main processing block/module. The enable module only sets the enable flag which enables the counter and the process block. The counter up-counts till the maximum limit and stops at the last index latching the output. The process block executes step by step until the counter runs and completes when the counter is complete. Message and Hash Blocks run in parallel. When both of them are complete the W block, K block and the Hash Update Block run in parallel with the counter WK-Counter. Once the Hash Update is complete, we enable the store functionality which runs its counter and store the updated hash step by step.

## 5. Verification



From the above screenshot we can verify that our hash vector is formed and stored correctly.



From the above screenshot it is evident that the message signal does not respond to intermediate go signals. Once the hash formation of the previous go is complete, the module accepts a new request and new hash is created. We see a delay of some finite clock cycles is required between two consecutive go signals for the system to detect a new request instead of ignoring it.

## 6. Results Achieved

- We see that for the message “Hello”, we complete the hash in **84** cycles.
- We see that the clock for no violation after synthesis is **24ns**. This is mainly due to the increased logic in the W process Block and the Hash Update Process Block.
- We see that the cell area comes out to be **33540.47  $\mu\text{m}^2$** .

## 7. Conclusion

We achieve our desired functionality of hash. We are able to get 256 bit updated hash at the expense of 33540.47  $\mu\text{m}^2$