

Verilog HDL Design, Simulation & Synthesis of Fixed Priority Arbiter

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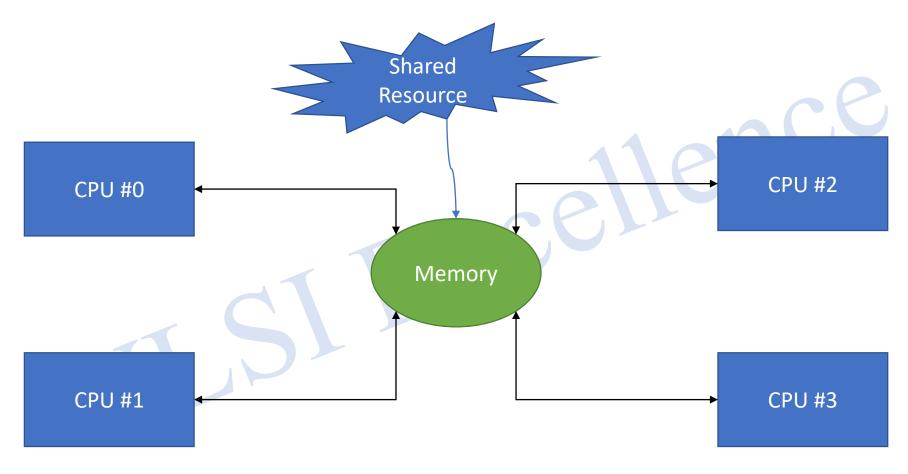


Figure #01: Shared Resource Access by 4 CPUs



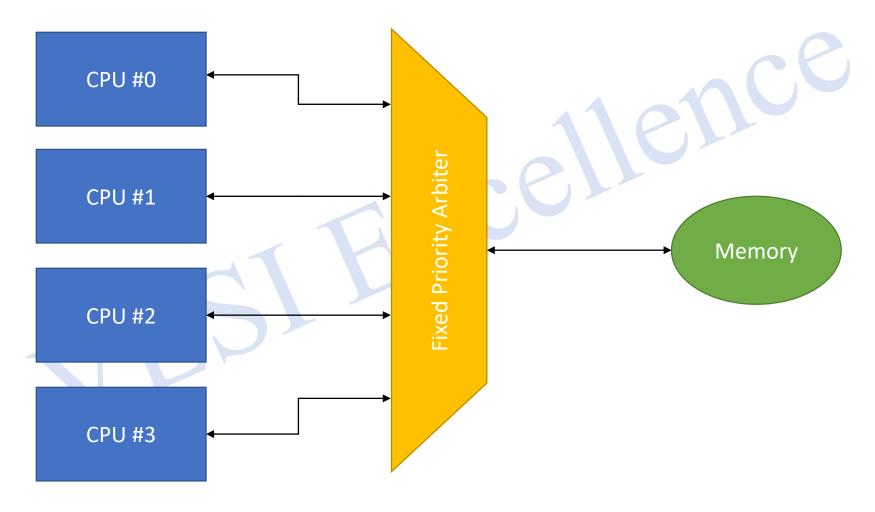


Figure #02: Application of Arbiter in Accessing Shared Resource



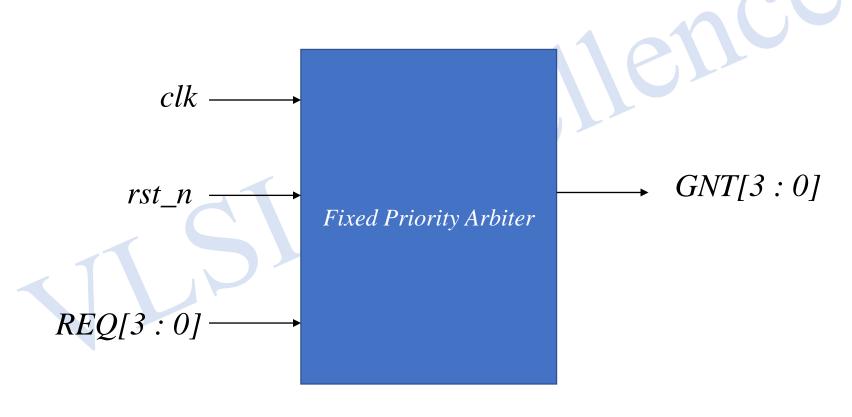


Figure #03: Arbiter Block Diagram



Applications/Examples:

- 1. Accessing a memory location by multiple process
- 2. Routers where users are competing for a switch



Advantages and Disadvantages of Fixed Priority Arbiter

Advantage:

We can give preference to a particular requester

Disadvantage:

When a high priority requester keeps requesting frequently for a resource, it will result in **Starvation** of requesters with low priority

Note:

Solution for a Starvation free Arbiter: Round Robin Arbiter



Specification:

- 1. The arbiter takes 4 input requests and outputs a single grant in the form of ONE HOT
- 2. Priority of requests are REQ[3] > REQ[2] > REQ[1] > REQ[0]



Verilog HDL Design and Test-Bench Simulation:

We will be using **EDA Playground (https://www.edaplayground.com)** to design Fixed Priority Round Robin Arbiter in Verilog HDL.

Synthesis using Open Source Synthesis Tool: Yosys (Available in EDA Playgound)

Simulation using Open Source Simulation Tool: Riviera (Available in EDA Playground)

Verilog Project Link



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