Verilog

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Verilog

- Verilog is a hardware description language (HDL).
- In this class, we use Verilog to implement and verify your processor.
- C/Java like syntax
Data type in Verilog

- Bit vector is the only data type in Verilog
- A bit can be one of the following
  - 0: logic zero
  - 1: logic one
  - X: unknown logic value, don’t care
  - Z: high impedance, floating
- Bit vectors expressed in multiple ways
  - binary: 4‘b11_10 ( _ is just for readability)
  - hex: 16‘h034f
  - decimal: 32‘d270
Operators

- Arithmetic: + - * / % ** (don’t use the last three)
- Logic: ! && ||
- Relational: > < >= <=
- Equality: == != === !===
- Bitwise: ~ & | ^ ^~
- Reduction: & ~& | ~| ^ ^~
- Shift: >> << >>> <<<<
- Concatenation: { }
- Conditional: ? :
High-level view of hardware wires
Wire to connect things together!

- wire is used to denote a hardware net
  - single wire
    ```
    wire my_wire;
    ```
  - array of wires
    ```
    wire[7:0] my_wire;
    ```
- For procedural assignments, we will use reg
  - again, can either have a single reg or an array
    ```
    reg[7:0] result; // 8-bit reg
    ```
  - reg is not necessarily a hardware register
  - you may consider it as a variable in C
Modules

- A Verilog module has a name and a port list
  - ports: must have a direction (input, output, inout) and a bitwidth

- Think about an 1-bit adder
  - input: 1-bit * 3
  - output 1-bit * 1 and 1-bit * 1

```verilog
module FA(
  input a,
  input b,
  input cin,
  output cout,
  output sum );
assign sum = a^b^cin;
assign cout = (a&b) | (a&cin) | (b&cin);
endmodule
```
Always block

- Executes when the condition in the sensitivity list occurs

always@(posedge clk)
beg
    ...
    ...
end

module FA( input a,
    input b,
    input cin,
    output cout,
    output sum );

reg s, cout
always@(a or b or cin)
beg
    ...
end
endmodule
Blocking and non-blocking

• Inside an always block, = is a blocking assignment
  • assignment happens immediately and affect the subsequent statements in the always block

• <= is a non-blocking assignment
  • All the assignments happens at the end of the block

Initially, a = 2, b = 3

```verilog
reg a[3:0];
reg b[3:0];
reg c[3:0];
always @(posedge clock)
begin
  a <= b;
  c <= a;
and
Afterwards: a = 3 and c = 2
```

combinational logic

```verilog
reg a[3:0];
reg b[3:0];
reg c[3:0];
always @(*)
begin
  a = b;
  c = a;
and
Afterwards: a = 3 and c = 3
```

sequential logic
Initial block

- Executes only once in beginning of the code

```markdown
initial
begin
  ...
  ...
end
```
A verilog module can instantiate other modules

```verilog
module adder(
    input [3:0] A,
    input [3:0] B,
    output carry,
    output [3:0] sum);
wire c0, c1, c2
FA fa0(A[0],B[0],cin,c0,sum[0]); // implicit binding
FA fa1(.a(A[1]), .b(B[1]), .cin(c0), .sum(sum[1]), .cout(c1)); // explicit binding
FA fa2(A[2],B[2],c1,c2,sum[2]);
FA fa3(A[3],B[3],c2,cout,sum[3]);
endmodule
```

Adapted from Arvind & Asanovic's MIT 6.375 lecture
Testing modules

```verilog
`timescale 1ns/1ns // Add this to the top of your file to set time scale
module testbench();
reg [3:0] A, B;
reg C0;
wire [3:0] S;
wire C4;
adder uut (.B(B), .A(A), .sum(S), .cout(C4)); // instantiate adder

initial
begin
A = 4'd0; B = 4'd0; C0 = 1'b0;
#50 A = 4'd3; B = 4'd4; // wait 50 ns before next assignment
#50 A = 4'b0001; B = 4'b0010; // don’t use #n outside of testbenches
end

endmodule
```
Resources

- Check out MIT’s 6.375 course webpage http://csg.csail.mit.edu/6.375/
  - thanks to Asanovic & Arvind for slides
- Tips for using Altera tools https://sites.google.com/a/eng.ucsd.edu/using-the-altera-tools/
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Q & A