

Modeling & Simulating ASIC Designs with VHDL

Reference: *Application Specific Integrated Circuits*

M. J. S. Smith, Addison-Wesley, 1997 Chapters 10 & 12

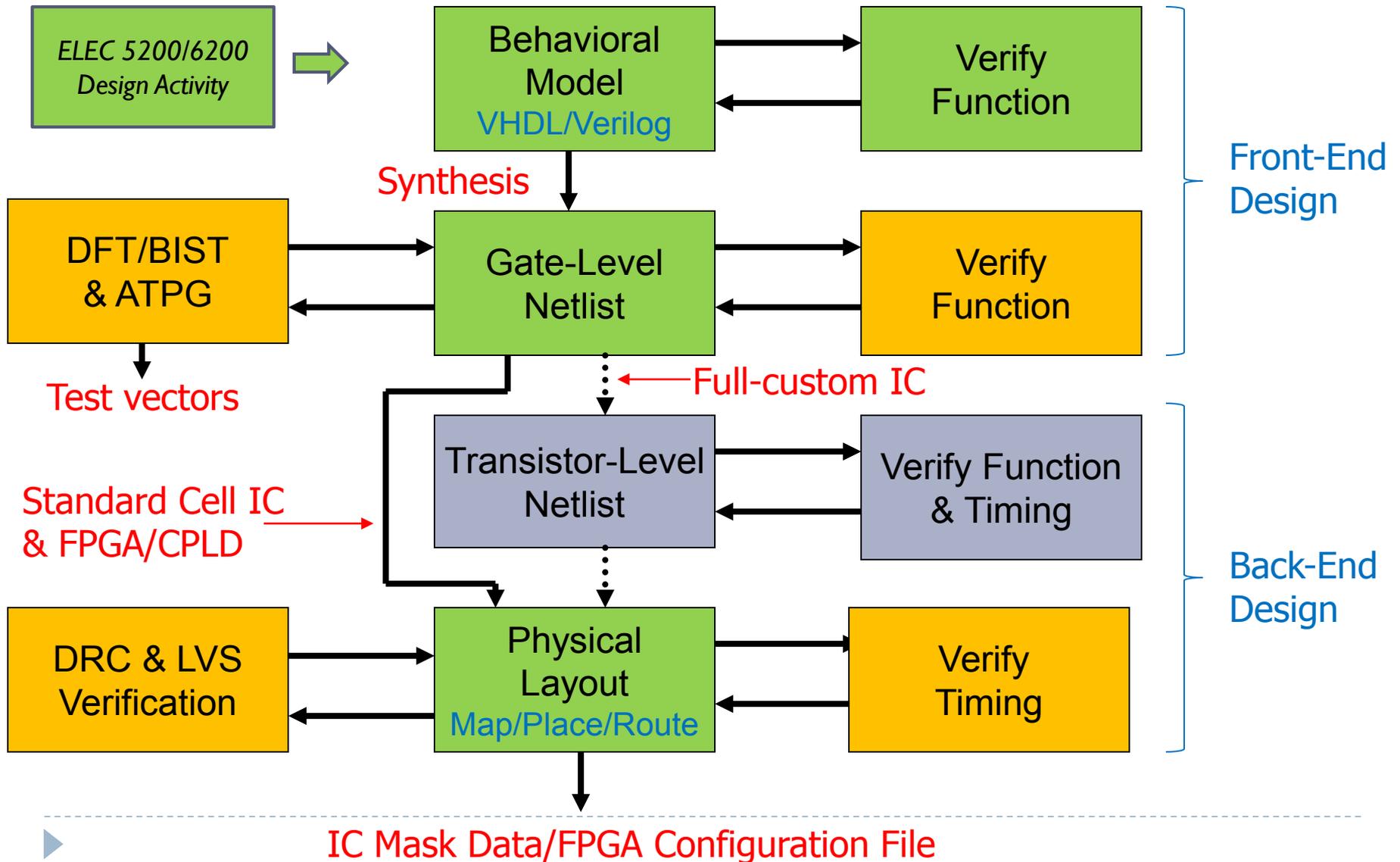
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VHDL resources from other courses:

ELEC 4200: <http://www.eng.auburn.edu/~strouce/elec4200.html>

ELEC 5250/6250: http://www.eng.auburn.edu/~nelsovp/courses/elec5250_6250/

Digital ASIC Design Flow



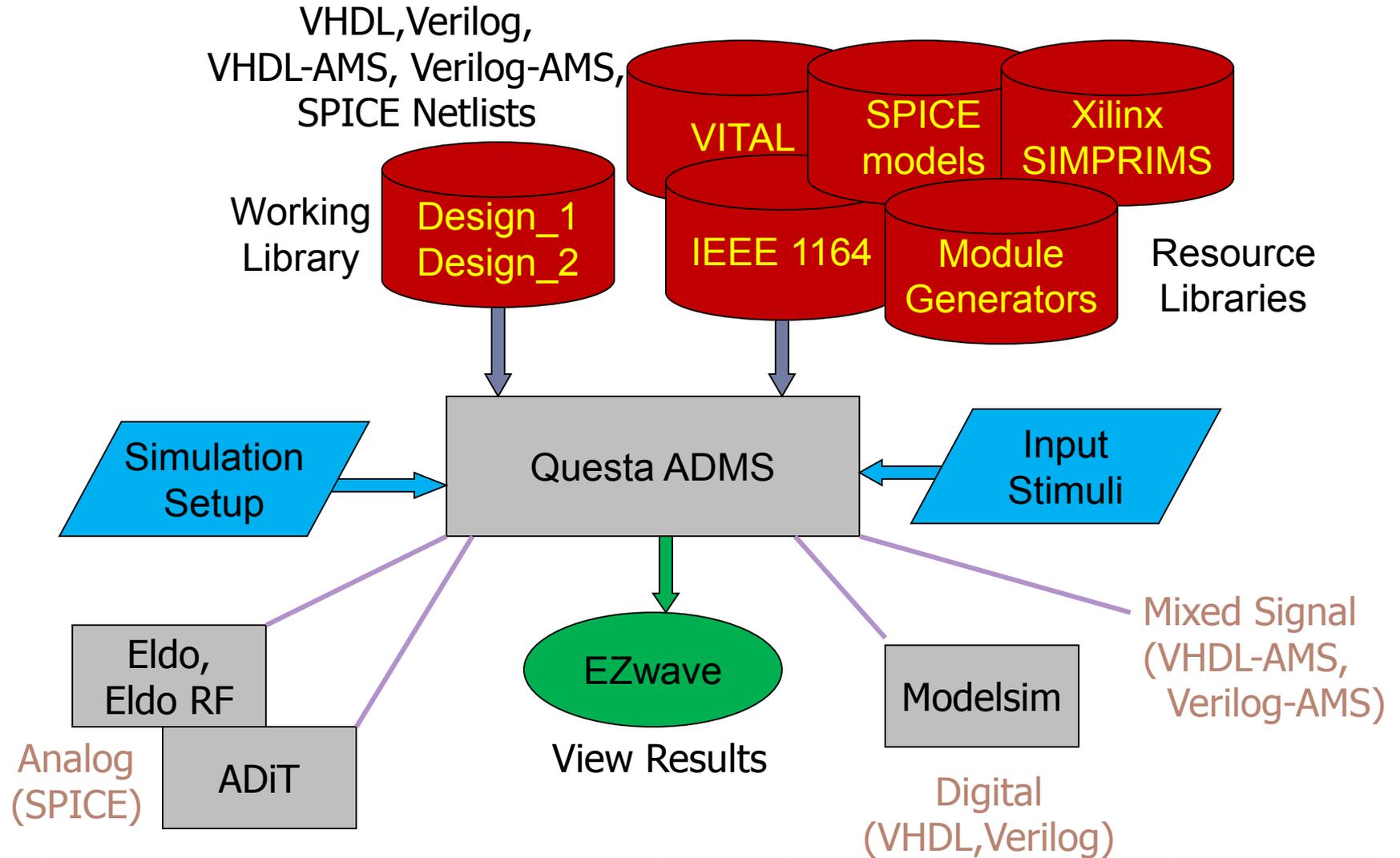
ASIC CAD tools available in ECE

- ▶ Modeling and Simulation
 - ▶ Active-HDL (Aldec)
 - ▶ Questa ADMS = Questa+Modelsim+Eldo+ADiT (Mentor Graphics)
 - ▶ Verilog-XL, NC_Verilog, Spectre (Cadence)
 - ▶ Design Synthesis (digital)
 - ▶ Leonardo Spectrum (Mentor Graphics)
 - ▶ Design Compiler (Synopsys), RTL Compiler (Cadence)
 - ▶ **FPGA: Xilinx ISE; CPLD: Altera Quartus II**
 - ▶ Design for Test and Automatic Test Pattern Generation
 - ▶ Tessent DFT Advisor, Fastscan, SoCScan (Mentor Graphics)
 - ▶ Schematic Capture & Design Integration
 - ▶ Design Architect-IC (Mentor Graphics)
 - ▶ Design Framework II (DFII) - Composer (Cadence)
 - ▶ Physical Layout
 - ▶ IC Station (Mentor Graphics)
 - ▶ SOC Encounter, Virtuoso (Cadence)
 - ▶ **Xilinx ISE/Altera Quartus II – FPGA/CPLD Synthesis, Map, Place & Route**
 - ▶ Design Verification
 - ▶ Calibre DRC, LVS, PEX (Mentor Graphics)
 - ▶ Diva, Assura (Cadence)
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Questa ADMS

Analog, Digital, Mixed-Signal Simulation



Hardware Description Languages

- ▶ **VHDL** = VHSIC Hardware Description Language
(VHSIC = Very High Speed Integrated Circuits)
 - ▶ Developed by DOD from 1983 – based on ADA
 - ▶ IEEE Standard 1076-1987/1993/2002/2008
 - ▶ Based on the ADA language
- ▶ **Verilog** – created in 1984 by Philip Moorby of Gateway Design Automation (merged with Cadence)
 - ▶ IEEE Standard 1364-1995/2001/2005
 - ▶ Based on the C language
 - ▶ IEEE P1800 “System Verilog” in voting stage & will be merged with 1364



Other VHDL Standards

- ▶ **I 076.1**–1999:VHDL-AMS (Analog & Mixed-Signal Extensions)
 - ▶ **I 076.2**–1996: Std.VHDL Mathematics Packages
 - ▶ **I 076.3**-1997: Std.VHDL Synthesis Packages
 - ▶ **I 076.4**-1995: Std.VITAL Modeling Specification (VHDL Initiative Towards ASIC Libraries)
 - ▶ **I 076.6**-1999: Std. for VHDL Register Transfer Level (RTL) Synthesis
 - ▶ **I 164**-1993: Std. Multivalued Logic System for VHDL Model Interoperability
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HDLs in Digital System Design

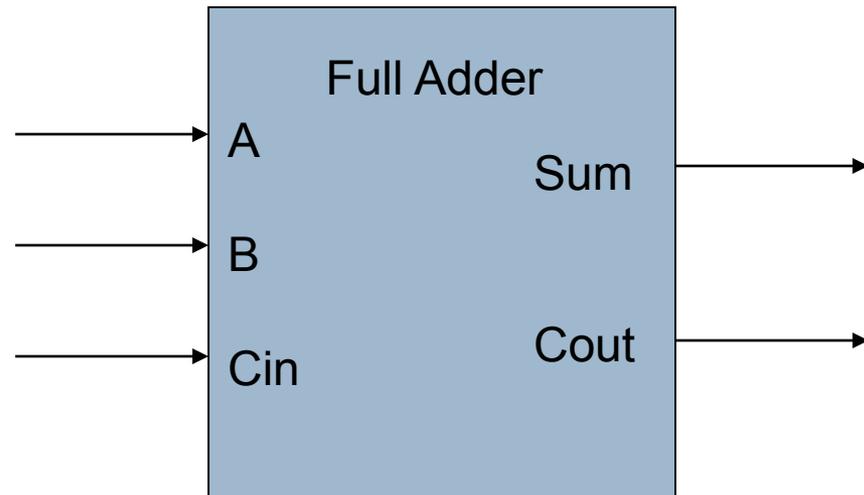
- ▶ Model and document digital systems
 - ▶ Hierarchical models
 - ▶ System, **RTL (Register Transfer Level)**, Gates
 - ▶ Different levels of abstraction
 - ▶ Behavior, structure
- ▶ Verify circuit/system design via simulation
- ▶ Automated synthesis of circuits from HDL models
 - ▶ using a technology library
 - ▶ output is primitive cell-level netlist (gates, flip flops, etc.)



Anatomy of a VHDL model

- ▶ “Entity” describes the **external** view of a component
- ▶ “Architecture” describes the **internal** behavior and/or structure of the component
- ▶ Example:

1-bit full adder



Example: 1-Bit Full Adder

entity full_add1 is

```
port (  
    a:    in  bit;    -- I/O ports  
    b:    in  bit;    -- addend input  
    cin:  in  bit;    -- augend input  
    sum:  out bit;    -- carry input  
    cout: out bit);  -- sum output  
                    -- carry output
```

I/O Port
Declarations

end full_add1 ;

Comments follow double-dash

Signal name

Type of signal

Signal direction (mode)



Port Format: `name: direction data_type;`

▶ **Direction**

▶ **in** - driven into the entity from an external source
(can read, but not update within architecture)

▶ **out** - driven from within the entity
(can drive but not read within architecture)

▶ **inout** – bidirectional; drivers both within the entity
and external
(can read or write within architecture)

▶ **buffer** – like “out” but can read and write

▶ **Data_type:** any scalar or aggregate signal type



8-bit adder - entity

-- Interconnect 8 1-bit adders for 8-bit adder

entity Adder8 is

port (A, B: in BIT_VECTOR(7 downto 0);

 Cin: in BIT;

 Cout: out BIT;

 Sum: out BIT_VECTOR(7 downto 0));

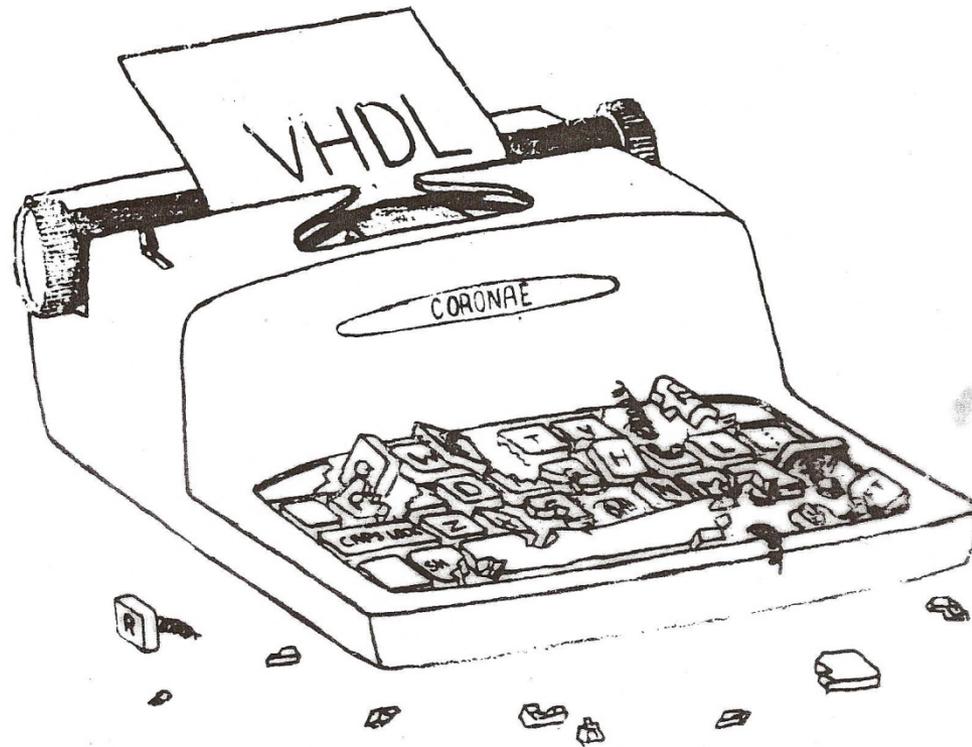
end Adder8;



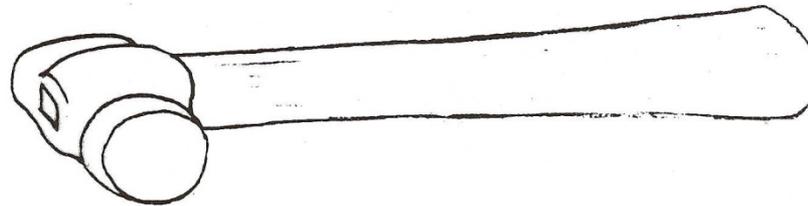
Built-in Data Types

- ▶ **Scalar (single-value) signal types:**
 - ▶ bit – values are '0' or '1'
 - ▶ boolean – values are **TRUE** and **FALSE**
 - ▶ integer – values $[-2^{31} \dots +(2^{31}-1)]$ on 32-bit host
- ▶ **Aggregate (multi-value) signal types:**
 - ▶ bit_vector – array of bits
 - signal b: bit_vector(7 downto 0);**
 - signal c: bit_vector(0 to 7);**
 - b <= c after 1 ns;**
 - c <= "01010011";**





VHDL: a strongly typed language



Numeric literals

▶ String of scalar values:

- ▶ `'1'` - scalar value
- ▶ `"11010101"` - aggregate value (array of scalar values)
- ▶ `"1101_0101"` - underline is ignored (improves readability)

▶ Based literals: designate number base between 2 and 16

▶ 1st Format = `base#digits#`

- ▶ `2#11010101#` - base 2
- ▶ `16#D5#` - base 16
- ▶ `8#325"`
- ▶ `16#2E4F_327F#` - underline ignored

▶ 2nd Format = `base_specifier"digits"`

- ▶ `B"11010101" = B"1101_0101"` - binary
 - ▶ `X"2E4F327F" = X"2E4F_327F"` - hexadecimal
 - ▶ `O"325"` - letter "O" for octal
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VHDL “Package”

- ▶ Package = file of type definitions, functions, procedures to be shared across VHDL models
 - ▶ User/vendor created
 - ▶ Standard lib's/3rd party – usually distributed in “libraries”
 - ▶ Example: IEEE libraries, Xilinx/Altera “primitives” libraries, etc.

package name is

–type, function, procedure declarations

end package name;

package body name is – *only if functions to be defined*

– function implementations

end package body name;



IEEE std_logic_1164 package

-- Provides additional logic states as data values

package Part_STD_LOGIC_1164 is

```
type STD_ULOGIC is ( 'U', -- Uninitialized
                    'X', -- Forcing Unknown
                    '0', -- Forcing 0
                    '1', -- Forcing 1
                    'Z', -- High Impedance
                    'W', -- Weak Unknown
                    'L', -- Weak 0
                    'H', -- Weak 1
                    '-' -- Don't Care);
```

```
type STD_ULOGIC_VECTOR is array (NATURAL range <>) of STD_ULOGIC;
```



Bus resolution

- ▶ subtype **STD_LOGIC** is **resolved** STD_ULOGIC;
 - ▶ Most common data type in system design
 - ▶ Bus resolution function specifies value when there are multiple drivers of this type

function **resolved** (s : STD_ULOGIC_VECTOR) return STD_ULOGIC;

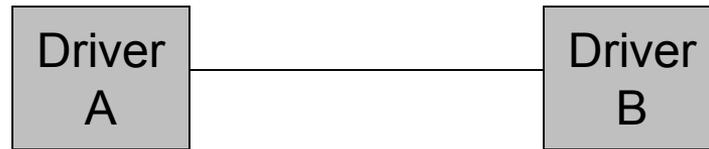


- ▶ type **STD_LOGIC_VECTOR** is array (NATURAL range <>) of STD_LOGIC;
 - ▶ Use for multi-bit values in RTL designs
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Bus resolution function

`std_logic` type includes a “bus resolution function” to determine the signal state where there are multiple drivers



Driver B value

Driver A value

	'0'	'1'	'Z'	'X'
'0'	'0'	'X'	'0'	'X'
'1'	'X'	'1'	'1'	'X'
'Z'	'0'	'1'	'Z'	'X'
'X'	'X'	'X'	'X'	'X'

Resolved
Bus
Value



Example: 1-Bit Full Adder

```
library ieee;                                --supplied library
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;                --package of definitions
entity full_add1 is
    port (                                    -- I/O ports
        a:    in  std_logic;                -- addend input
        b:    in  std_logic;                -- augend input
        cin:   in  std_logic;               -- carry input
        sum:   out std_logic;                -- sum output
        cout:  out std_logic);              -- carry output
end full_add1 ;
```



Example: 8-bit full adder

-- 8-bit inputs/outputs

library ieee; --supplied library
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all; --package of definitions

entity full_add8 is

```
    port ( a:    in std_logic_vector(7 downto 0);  
          b:    in std_logic_vector(7 downto 0);  
          cin:  in std_logic;  
          sum:  out std_logic_vector(7 downto 0);  
          cout: out std_logic);
```

```
end full_add8 ;
```



User-Defined Data Types

- ▶ Any abstract data type can be created

- ▶ Examples:

```
type mnemonic is (add,sub,mov,jmp);  
signal op: mnemonic;
```

```
type byte is array(0 to 7) of bit;  
signal dbus: byte;
```

- ▶ Subtype of a previously-defined type:

```
subtype int4 is integer range 0 to 15;  
subtype natural is integer range 0 to integer'high;
```



Miscellaneous – for RTL design

▶ “Alias” for existing elements

signal instruction: bit_vector(0 to 31);

alias opcode: bit_vector(0 to 5) is instruction(0 to 5);

alias rd: bit_vector(0 to 4) is instruction(6 to 10);

alias rs: bit_vector(0 to 4) is instruction(11 to 15);

▶ Fill a vector with a constant (right-most bits):

A <= ('0','1','1', others => '0');

A <= (others => '0'); -- set to all 0

B(15 downto 0) <= C(15 downto 0);

B(31 downto 16) <= (others => C(15)); -- sign extension!

▶ Concatenate bits and bit_vectors

A <= B & C(0 to 3) & “00”; -- A is 16 bits, B is 10 bits



“Architecture” defines function/structure

```
entity Half_Adder is
    port (X, Y : in std_logic:= '0';      -- formals
          Sum, Cout : out std_logic); -- formals
end;
```

```
architecture Behave of Half_Adder is
begin
    Sum <= X xor Y;  -- use formals from entity
    Cout <= X and Y;
end Behave;
```



Behavioral architecture example (no circuit structure specified)

architecture dataflow of full_add1 is

begin

sum <= a xor b xor cin;

cout <= (a and b) or (a and cin) or (b and cin);

end;



Example using an internal signal

-- can both drive and reference an internal signal

architecture dataflow of full_add1 is

```
    signal x1: std_logic; -- internal signal
```

```
begin
```

```
    x1 <= a xor b;           --drive x1
```

```
    sum <= x1 xor cin;      --reference x1
```

```
    cout <= (a and b) or (a and cin) or (b and cin);
```

```
end;
```



Signal assignment statement

- ▶ Model signal driven by a value (signal value produced by “hardware”)

`a <= b and c after 1 ns;`

- ▶ Data types must match (**strongly typed**)
- ▶ Delay can be specified (as above)
- ▶ Infinitesimally small delay “delta” used if no delay specified:

`a <= b and c;`

- ▶ Signals cannot change in zero time!
 - ▶ **Delay usually unknown in behavioral & RTL models and therefore omitted**
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VHDL Signals and Simulation

- ▶ Signal assignment creates a “driver” for the signal
 - ▶ An “event” is a time/value pair for a signal change
 - ▶ Ex. (‘1’, 5 ns) – Signal assigned value ‘1’ at current time + 5ns
 - ▶ Driver contains a queue of pending events
 - ▶ Only one driver per signal (except for special buses)
 - ▶ *can only drive signal at one point in the model*
- ▶ Statements appear to be evaluated *concurrently*
 - ▶ Time held constant during statement evaluation
 - ▶ Evaluate each statement affected by a signal event at time T
 - ▶ Resulting events “scheduled” in the affected signal driver
 - ▶ New values assigned when time advances to scheduled event time



Event-Driven Simulation Example

a \leq b after Ins;

c \leq a after Ins;

<u>Time</u>	<u>a</u>	<u>b</u>	<u>c</u>	
T	'0'	'0'	'0'	
T+1	'0'	'1'	'0'	- external event on b
T+2	'1'	'1'	'0'	- resulting event on a
T+3	'1'	'1'	'1'	- resulting event on c



Structural architecture example (no behavior specified)

architecture structure of full_add1 is

```
component xor          -- declare component to be used
```

```
    port (x,y: in bit;  
          z: out bit);
```

```
end component;
```

```
for all: xor use entity work.xor(eqns); -- if multiple arch's
```

```
signal x1: bit; -- signal internal to this component
```

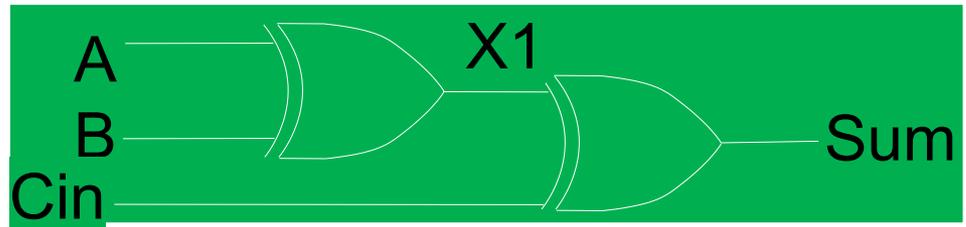
```
begin
```

```
G1: xor port map (a, b, x1);      -- instantiate 1st xor gate
```

```
G2: xor port map (x1, cin, sum); -- instantiate 2nd xor gate
```

```
...add circuit for carry output...
```

```
end;
```



Example: adder behavioral model

```
library ieee;
use ieee.numeric_std.all; --defines arithmetic functions
                           --on types SIGNED/UNSIGNED

entity adder is
    port ( a:    in  signed(31 downto 0); -- “signed” type
          b:    in  signed(31 downto 0); -- related to
          sum:  out signed(31 downto 0); -- std_logic type
    );
end adder ;

architecture behave of adder is
    begin
        sum <= a + b;  -- adder to be synthesized
    end;
end;
```

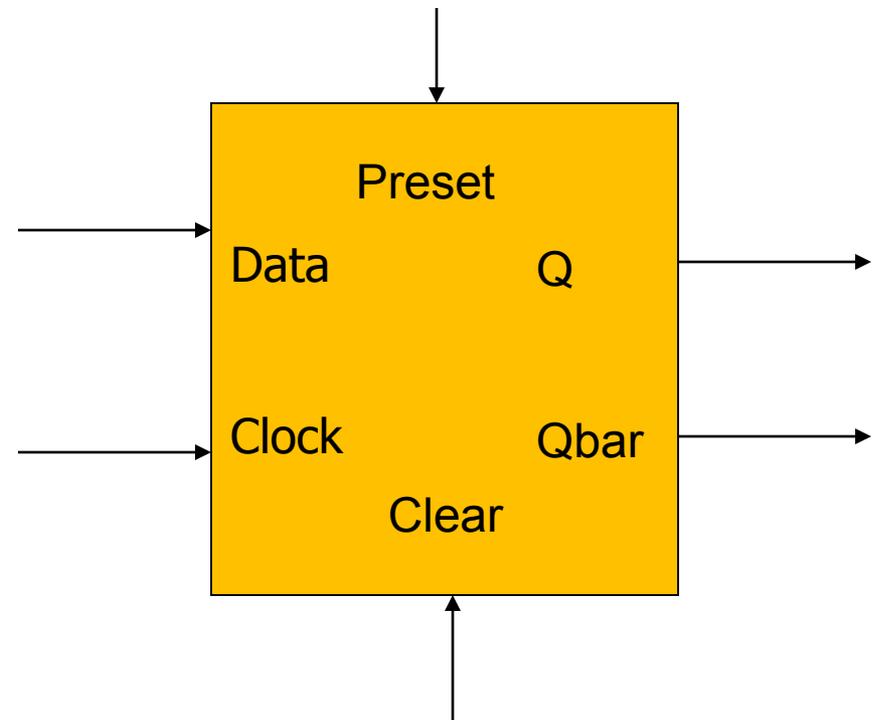


Example: D flip-flop

entity DFF is

```
port (Preset: in bit;  
      Clear: in bit;  
      Clock: in bit;  
      Data: in bit;  
      Q: out bit;  
      Qbar: out bit);
```

```
end DFF;
```



7474 D flip-flop equations

architecture eqns of DFF is

signal A,B,C,D: bit;

signal QInt, QBarInt: bit;

begin

A <= not (Preset and D and B) after 1 ns;

B <= not (A and Clear and Clock) after 1 ns;

C <= not (B and Clock and D) after 1 ns;

D <= not (C and Clear and Data) after 1 ns;

QInt <= not (Preset and B and QbarInt) after 1 ns;

QBarInt <= not (QInt and Clear and C) after 1 ns;

Q <= QInt;

QBar <= QBarInt;

end;

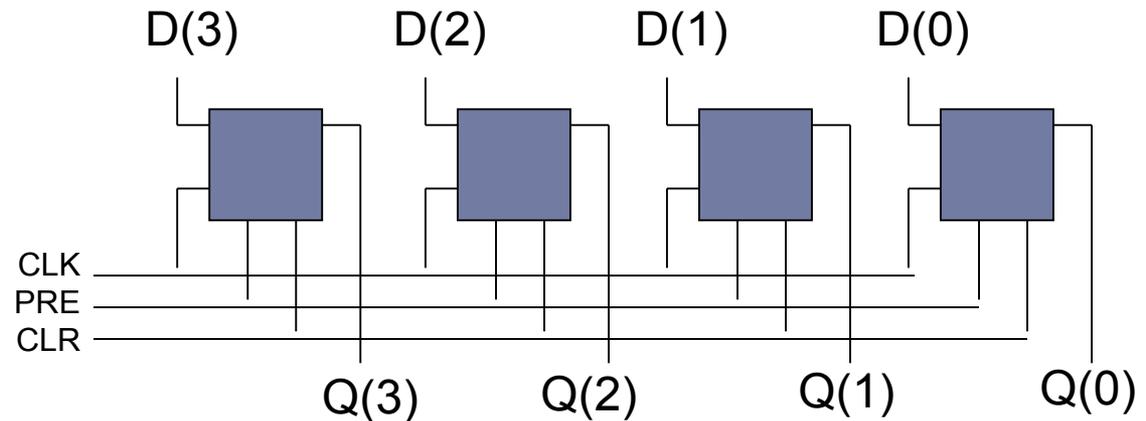


4-bit Register (Structural Model)

entity Register4 is

```
port ( D: in bit_vector(0 to 3);  
      Q: out bit_vector(0 to 3);  
      Clk: in bit;  
      Clr: in bit;  
      Pre: in bit);
```

end Register4;



Register Structure

architecture structure of Register4 is

```
component DFF      -- declare library component to be used
  port (Preset: in bit;
        Clear: in bit;
        Clock: in bit;
        Data: in bit;
        Q: out bit;
        Qbar: out bit);
end component;
  signal Qbar: bit_vector(0 to 3); -- dummy for unused FF output
begin -- Signals connected to ports in order listed above
  F3: DFF port map (Pre, Clr, Clk, D(3), Q(3), Qbar(3));
  F2: DFF port map (Pre, Clr, Clk, D(2), Q(2), Qbar(2));
  F1: DFF port map (Pre, Clr, Clk, D(1), Q(1), OPEN);
  F0: DFF port map (Pre, Clr, Clk, D(0), Q(0), OPEN);
end;      -- keyword OPEN may be connected to unused output
```



Register Structure

(short cut – “generate” statement)

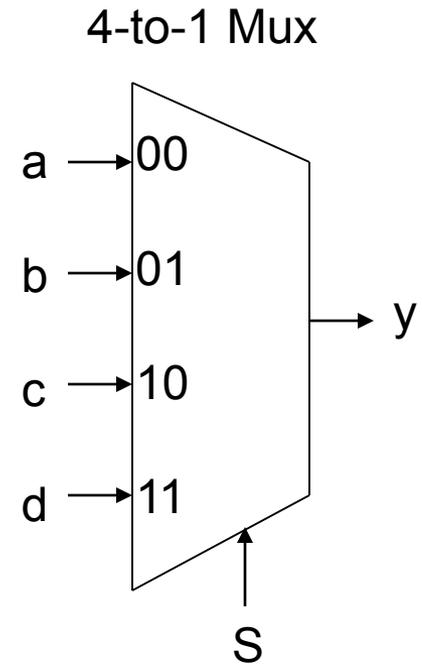
```
begin
  for k in 0 to 3 generate
    F: DFF port map (Pre, Clr, Clk, D(k), Q(k), OPEN);
  end generate;
end;
```

- ▶ Generates multiple copies of the given statement(s)
- ▶ Value of k inserted where specified
- ▶ Iteration number k is appended to each label F
- ▶ Result is identical to previous example



Conditional Signal Assignment

```
signal a,b,c,d,y: bit;  
signal S: bit_vector(0 to 1);  
begin  
  with S select  
    y <= a after 1 ns when "00",  
         b after 1 ns when "01",  
         c after 1 ns when "10",  
         d after 1 ns when "11";  
  
  (or: d after 1 ns when others;)
```



32-bit-wide 4-to-1 multiplexer

```
signal a,b,c,d,y: bit_vector(0 to 31);
```

```
signal S: bit_vector(0 to 1);
```

```
begin
```

```
  with S select
```

```
    y <= a after 1 ns when "00",
```

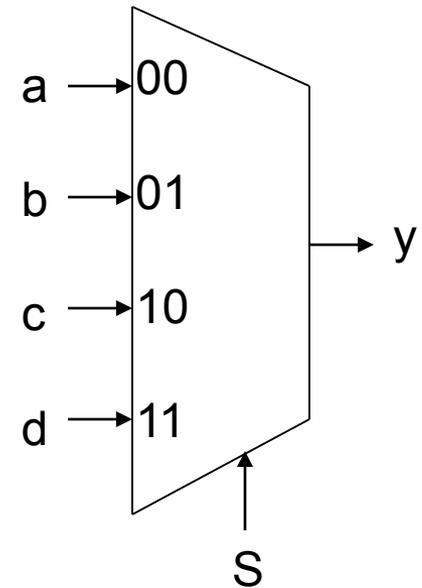
```
        b after 1 ns when "01",
```

```
        c after 1 ns when "10",
```

```
        d after 1 ns when "11";
```

a,b,c,d,y can be any type, as long as they are the same

4-to-1 Mux

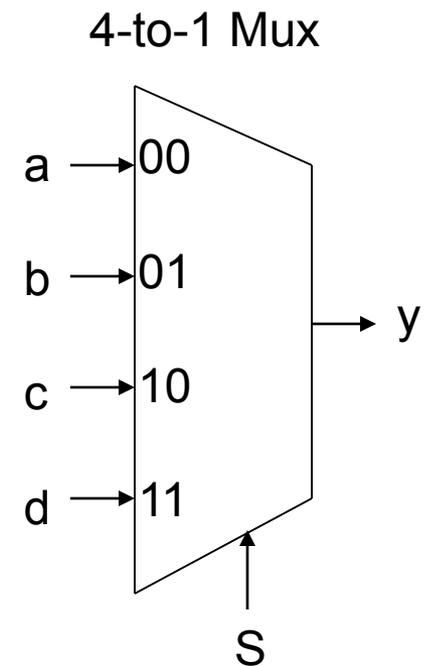


Conditional Signal Assignment – Alternate Format

$y \leq a$ after 1 ns when $(S = "00")$ else
b after 1 ns when $(S = "01")$ else
c after 1 ns when $(S = "10")$ else
d after 1 ns;

Any boolean expression can be used for each condition.

Ex. $y \leq a$ after 1 ns when $(F = '1')$ and $(G = '0')$...



Unconstrained Bit Vectors

- ▶ Model a component with variable data widths

entity mux is

```
port (a,b: in bit_vector; -- unconstrained  
      c: out bit_vector;  
      s: in bit );
```

end mux;

architecture x of mux is

begin

```
c <= a when (s='0') else b;
```

end;



Unconstrained Bit Vectors

- ▶ Vector constrained when instantiated:

```
signal s1,s2: bit;
```

```
signal a5,b5,c5: bit_vector (0 to 4);
```

```
signal a32,b32,c32: bit_vector (0 to 31);
```

```
component mux
```

```
port (a,b: in bit_vector; -- unconstrained
```

```
      c: out bit_vector;
```

```
      s: in bit );
```

```
end component;
```

```
begin
```

```
M5: mux port map (a5,b5,c5,s1);    -- 5-bit mux
```

```
M32: mux port map (a32,b32,c32,s2); -- 32-bit mux
```



Parameterized models

- ▶ Allows a generic component with variable sizes:

entity mux is

generic (N: integer := 32);

port (a,b: in bit_vector(N-1 downto 0);

c: out bit_vector(N-1 downto 0);

s: in bit);

end mux;

architecture x of mux is

begin

c <= a when (s='0') else b;

end;



Parameterized Bit Vectors

- ▶ Vector constrained when instantiated:

```
signal s1,s2: bit;
```

```
signal a5,b5,c5: bit_vector (0 to 4);
```

```
signal a32,b32,c32: bit_vector (0 to 31);
```

```
component mux
```

```
    generic (N: integer := 32);
```

```
    port (a,b: in bit_vector(N-1 downto 0);
```

```
          c: out bit_vector(N-1 downto 0);
```

```
          s: in bit );
```

```
end component;
```

```
begin
```

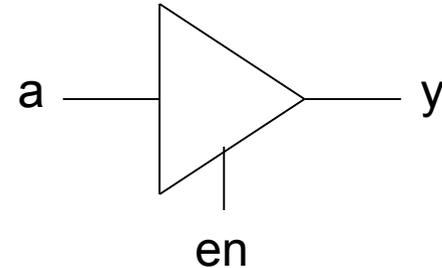
```
M5: mux generic map (5) port map (a5,b5,c5,s1);    -- 5-bit mux
```

```
M32: mux generic map (32) port map (a32,b32,c32,s2); -- 32-bit mux
```



Tristate bus buffer example

```
library ieee;  
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;  
entity tristate is  
  port ( a: in std_logic_vector(0 to 7);  
        y: out std_logic_vector(0 to 7);  
        en: in bit);
```



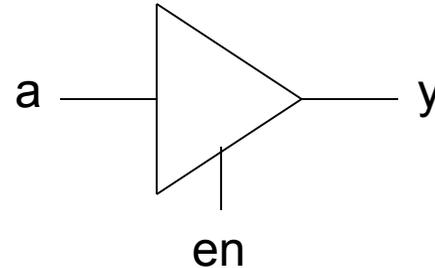
```
end tristate;  
architecture a1 of tristate is  
begin  
  y <= a          after 1 ns when (en='1') else  
    "ZZZZZZZZ" after 1 ns;  
end;  -- signal types of y and a match
```



Tristate buffer example

(incorrect)

```
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
entity tristate is
  port ( a: in bit;
         y: out std_logic;
         en: in bit);
end tristate;
architecture a1 of tristate is
begin
  y <= a after 1 ns when (en='1') else
    'Z' after 1 ns;
end;
```

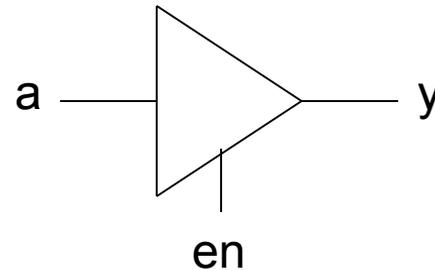


Type mismatch between y and a



Tristate buffer example (correct)

```
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
entity tristate is
  port ( a: in bit;
         y: out std_logic;
         en: in bit);
end tristate;
architecture a1 of tristate is
begin
  y <= '0' after 1 ns when (en='1') and (a='0') else
    '1' after 1 ns when (en='1') and (a='1') else
    'Z' after 1 ns;
end;
```



VHDL “Process” Construct

- ▶ Allows conventional programming language methods to describe circuit behavior
- ▶ Supported language constructs (“sequential statements”) – **only allowed within a process:**
 - ▶ variable assignment
 - ▶ if-then-else (elsif)
 - ▶ case statement
 - ▶ while (condition) loop
 - ▶ for (range) loop



Process Format

```
[label:] process (sensitivity list)  
    declarations  
begin  
    sequential statements  
end process;
```

- ▶ Process statements executed once at start of simulation
- ▶ Process halts at “end” until an event occurs on a signal in the “sensitivity list”



Using a “process” to model sequential behavior

entity DFF is

```
port (D,CLK: in bit;  
      Q: out bit);
```

```
end DFF;
```

```
architecture behave of DFF is
```

```
begin
```

```
  process(clk)  -- “process sensitivity list”
```

```
  begin
```

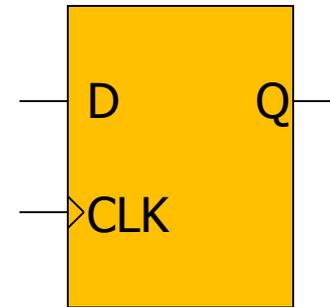
```
    if (clk'event and clk='1') then
```

```
      Q <= D after 1 ns;
```

```
    end if;
```

```
  end process;
```

```
end;
```



- ▶ Process statements executed sequentially (sequential statements)
- ▶ clk'event is an attribute of signal clk which is TRUE if an event has occurred on clk at the current simulation time



Alternative to sensitivity list

entity DFF is

```
port (D,CLK: in bit;  
      Q: out bit);
```

```
end DFF;
```

```
architecture behave of DFF is
```

```
begin
```

```
  process -- no “sensitivity list”
```

```
  begin
```

```
    wait on clk; -- suspend process until event on clk
```

```
    if (clk='1') then
```

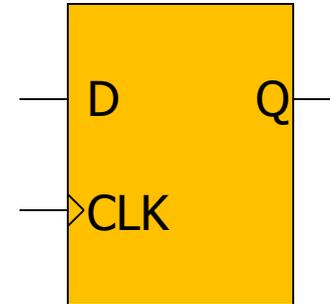
```
      Q <= D after 1 ns;
```

```
    end if;
```

```
  end process;
```

```
end;
```

- ▶ Other “wait” formats: wait until (clk'event and clk='1'); wait for 20 ns;
- ▶ Process executes endlessly if no sensitivity list or wait statement!



D latch vs. D flip-flop

entity Dlatch is

```
port (D,CLK: in bit;  
      Q: out bit);
```

```
end Dlatch;
```

architecture behave of Dlatch is

```
begin
```

```
  process(D, clk)
```

```
  begin
```

```
    if (clk='1') then
```

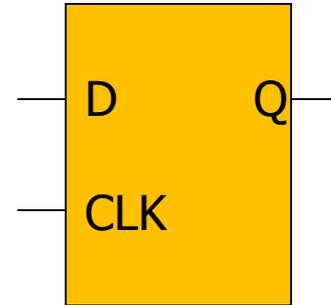
```
      Q <= D after 1 ns;
```

```
    end if;
```

```
  end process;
```

```
end;
```

```
-- For latch, Q changes whenever the latch is enabled by CLK='1' rather than being  
edge-triggered)
```



Defining a “register” for an RTL model (not gate-level)

entity Reg8 is

```
port (D: in bit_vector(0 to 7);  
      Q: out bit_vector(0 to 7)  
      LD: in bit);
```

end Reg8;

architecture behave of Reg8 is

begin

```
process(LD)
```

```
begin
```

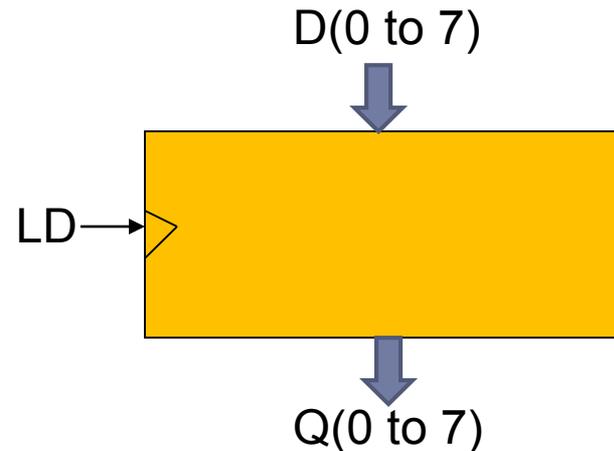
```
    if (LD'event and LD='1') then
```

```
        Q <= D after 1 ns;
```

```
    end if;
```

```
end process;
```

```
end;
```



D and Q can be any abstract data type



Synchronous vs. Asynchronous Flip-Flop Inputs

entity DFF is

```
port (D,CLK: in bit;  
      PRE,CLR: in bit;  
      Q: out bit);
```

```
end DFF;
```

architecture behave of DFF is

```
begin
```

```
  process(clk,PRE,CLR)
```

```
  begin
```

```
    if (CLR='0') then -- CLR has precedence
```

```
      Q <= '0' after 1 ns;
```

```
    elsif (PRE='0') then -- Then PRE has precedence
```

```
      Q <= '1' after 1 ns;
```

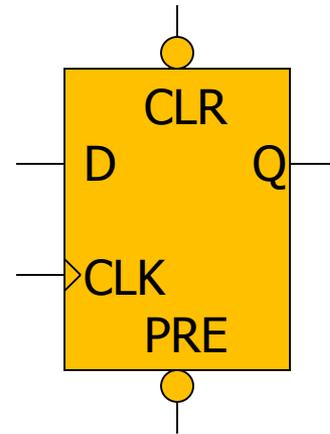
```
    elsif (clk'event and clk='1') then
```

```
      Q <= D after 1 ns; -- Only if CLR=PRE='1'
```

```
    end if;
```

```
  end process;
```

```
end;
```



Using a “variable” to describe sequential behavior within a process

```
cnt: process(clk)
    variable count: integer;    -- internal counter state
begin                            -- valid only in a process
    if clk='1' and clk'event then
        if ld='1' then          -- “to_integer” must be supplied
            count := to_integer(Din);
        elsif cnt='1' then
            count := count + 1;
        end if;
    end if;                    -- “to_bitvector” must be supplied
    Dout <= to_bitvector(count);
end process;
```

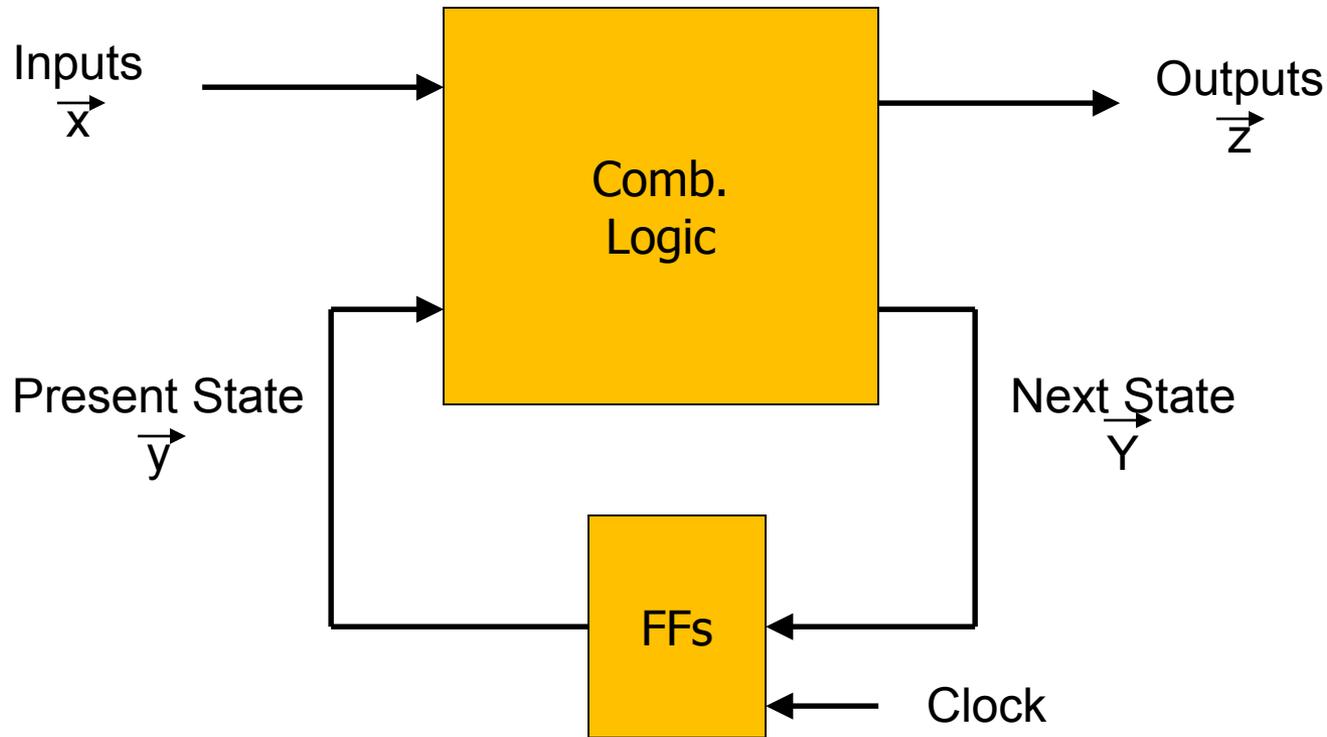


Modeling Finite State Machines (Synchronous Sequential Circuits)

- ▶ **FSM design & synthesis process:**
 1. Design state diagram (behavior)
 2. Derive state table
 3. Reduce state table
 4. Choose a state assignment
 5. Derive output equations
 6. Derive flip-flop excitation equations
- ▶ Synthesis steps 2-6 can be automated, given the state diagram



Synchronous Sequential Circuit Model

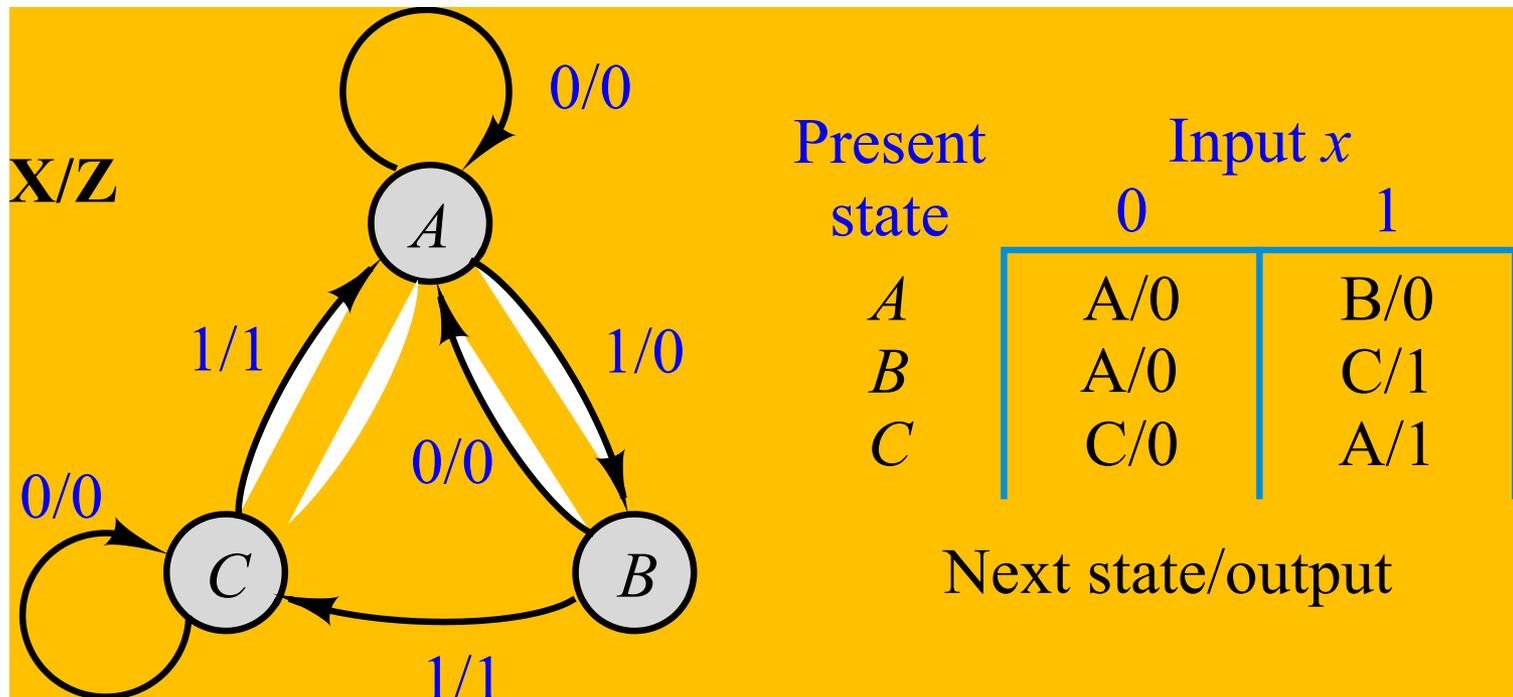


Mealy Outputs $z = f(x,y)$, Moore Outputs $z = f(y)$

Next State $Y = f(x,y)$



Synchronous Sequential Circuit (FSM) Example



FSM Example – entity definition

entity seqckt is

port (

x: in bit; -- FSM input

z: out bit; -- FSM output

clk: in bit); -- clock

end seqckt;



FSM Example - behavioral model

architecture behave of seqckt is

type states is (A,B,C); -- symbolic state names

signal curr_state,next_state: states;

begin

-- Model the memory elements of the FSM

process (clk)

begin

if (clk'event and clk='1') then

curr_state <= next_state;

end if;

end process;

(continue on next slide)



FSM Example - continued

-- Model the next-state and output functions of the FSM
process (x, pres_state) -- function inputs

begin

 case pres_state is -- describe each state

 when A => if (x = '0') then

 z <= '0';

 next_state <= A;

 else -- (x = '1')

 z <= '0';

 next_state <= B;

 end if;

(continue next slide for pres_state = B and C)



FSM Example (continued)

```
when B => if (x='0') then
    z <= '0';
    next_state <= A;
else
    z <= '1';
    next_state <= C;
end if;
when C => if (x='0') then
    z <= '0';
    next_state <= C;
else
    z <= '1';
    next_state <= A;
end if;

end case;
end process;
end;
```



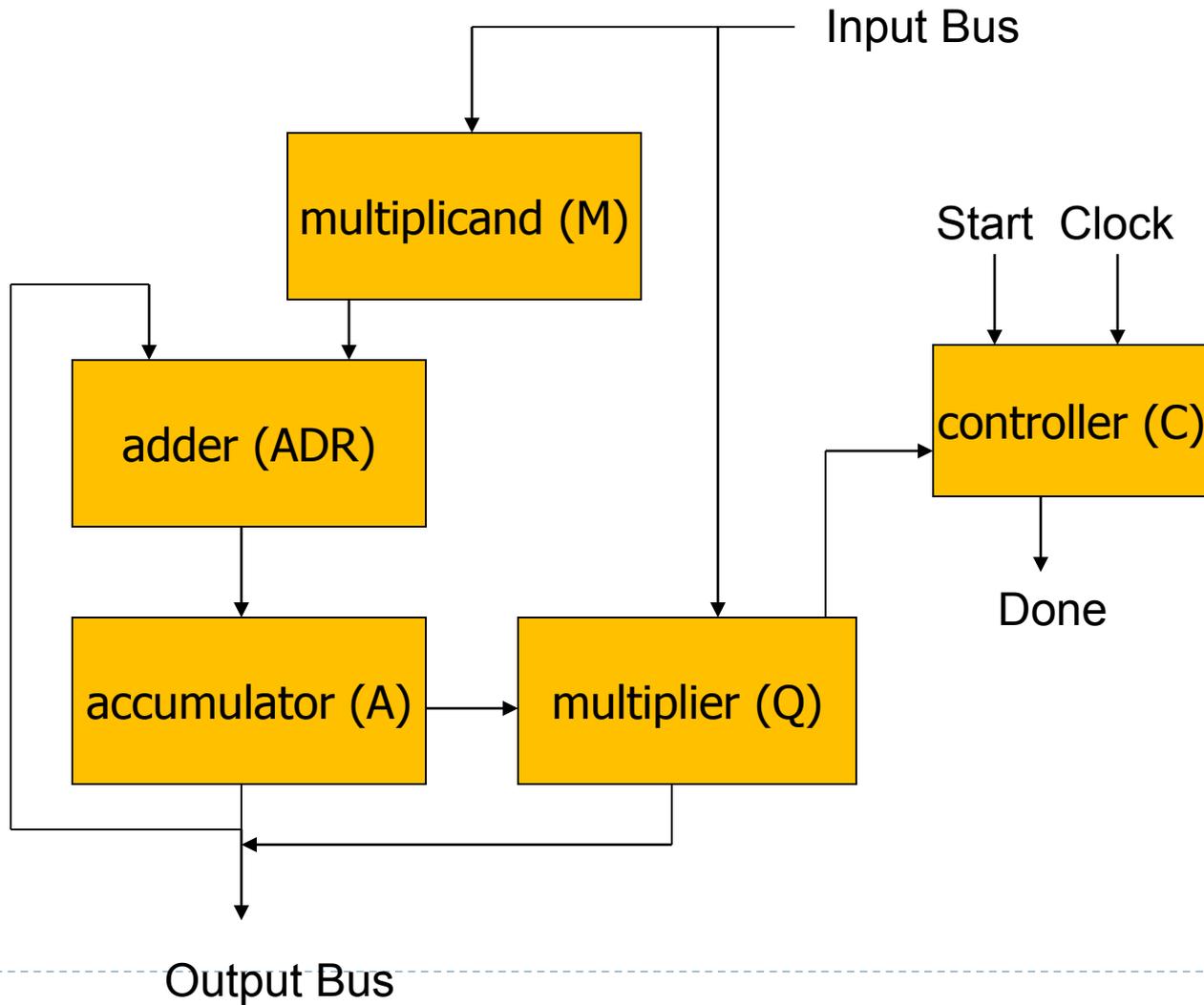
Alternative Format for Output and Next State Functions

```
z <= '1' when ((curr_state = B) and (x = '1'))  
             or ((curr_state = C) and (x = '1'))  
             else '0';
```

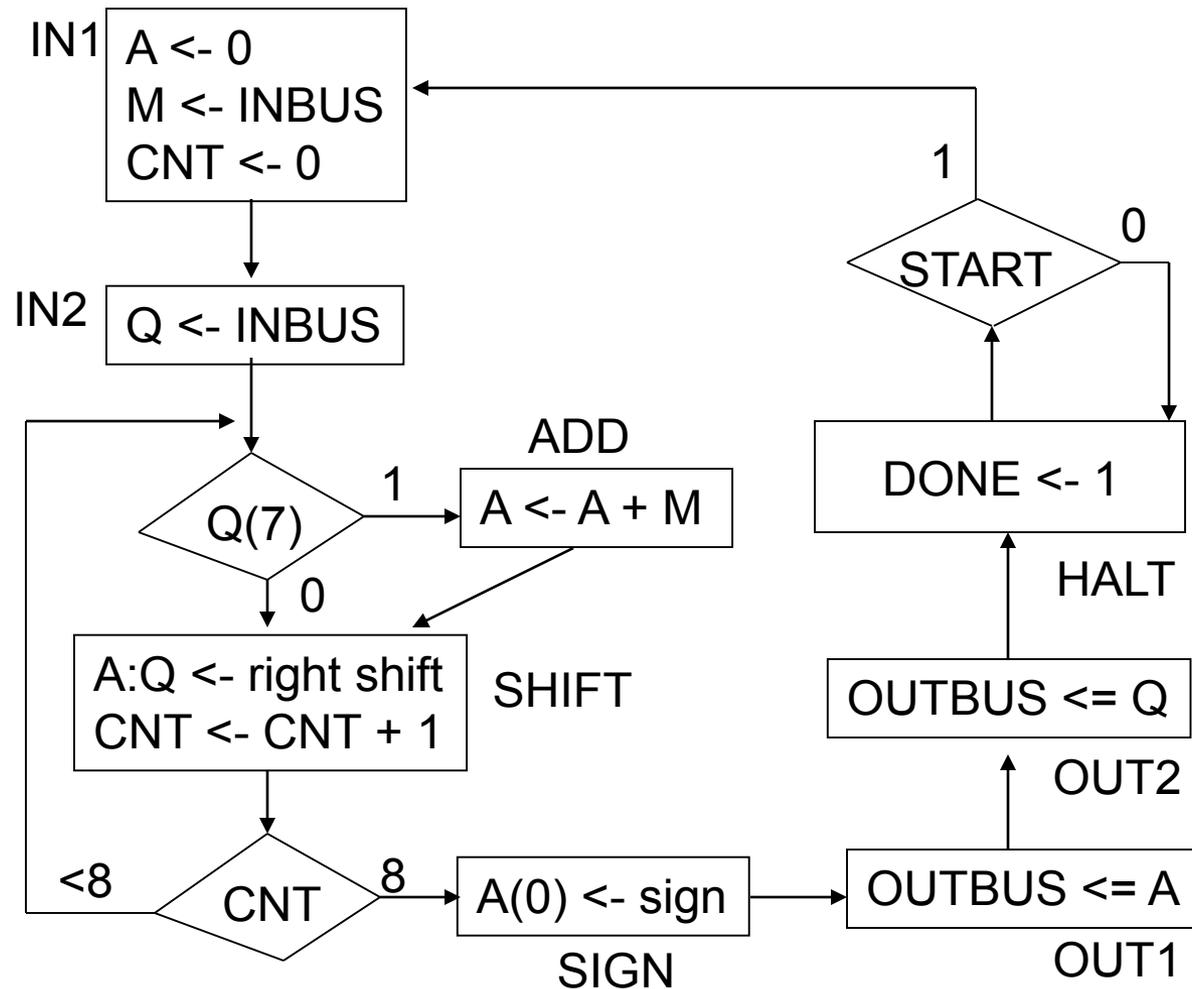
```
next_state <= A when ((curr_state = A) and (x = '0'))  
                  or ((curr_state = B) and (x = '0'))  
                  or ((curr_state = C) and (x = '1')) else  
B when ((curr_state = A) and (x = '1')) else  
C;
```



System Example: 8x8 multiplier



Multiply Algorithm



Multiplier – Top Level

entity multiplier is

```
port (INBUS:   in bit_vector(0 to 7);  
      OUTBUS: out bit_vector(0 to 7);  
      CLOCK:   in bit;  
      START:   in bit;  
      DONE:    out bit);
```

end multiplier;

architecture struc of multiplier is

[component declarations go here]

-- internal signals to interconnect components

```
signal AR, MR, QR, AD, Ain: bit_vector(0 to 7);  
signal AMload, AMadd, Qload, AQshift, AQoutEn, AQoutSel: bit;  
signal SignLd: bit;
```



Multiplier – Top Level (continued)

begin

```
OUTBUS <= AR when AQoutEn = '1' and AQoutSel = '0' else  
        QR when AQoutEn = '1' and AQoutSel = '1' else  
        "00000000";
```

```
Ain(0) <= AD(0) when AMadd = '1' else MR(0) xor QR(7);
```

```
Ain(1 to 7) <= AD(1 to 7);
```

```
M:  mreg  port map (INBUS, MR, AMload);
```

```
Q:    Qreg  port map (INBUS, QR, AR(7), Qload, SignLd, AQshift);
```

```
A:  areg  port map (Ain, AR, AMadd, SignLd, AQshift, AMload);
```

```
ADR: adder port map (AR, MR, AD);
```

```
C:  mctrl port map (START, CLOCK, QR(7), AMload, AMadd, Qload, AQshift,  
                  SignLd, AQoutEn, AQoutSel, DONE);
```

end;



Multiplicand Register (mreg)

-- simple parallel-load register

entity mreg is

```
port (Min: in bit_vector(0 to 7);  
      Mout: out bit_vector(0 to 7);  
      Load: in bit);
```

end mreg;

architecture comp of mreg is

begin

```
process (Load)          -- wait for change in Load
```

```
begin
```

```
    if Load = '1' then
```

```
        Mout <= Min;    -- parallel load
```

```
    end if;
```

```
end process;
```

```
end;
```



Accumulator Register (areg)

-- shift register with clear and parallel load

entity Areg is

```
port (Ain:  in bit_vector(0 to 7);
      Aout:  out bit_vector(0 to 7);
      Load:  in bit;                -- load entire register
      Load0: in bit;                -- load a0 only
      Shift: in bit;                -- shift right
      Clear: in bit);              -- clear register
```

end Areg;

architecture comp of areg is

```
    signal A: bit_vector(0 to 7);    -- internal state
```



Accumulator Register (areg)

```
begin
```

```
  Aout <= A;           -- internal value to outputs
```

```
  process (Clear, Load, Load0, Shift) -- wait for event
```

```
  begin
```

```
    if Clear = '1' then
```

```
      A <= "00000000";           -- clear register
```

```
    elsif Load = '1' then
```

```
      A <= Ain;                 -- parallel load
```

```
    elsif Shift = '1' then
```

```
      A <= '0' & A(0 to 6);     -- right shift
```

```
    elsif Load0 = '1' then
```

```
      A(0) <= Ain(0);          -- load A(0) only
```

```
    end if;
```

```
  end process;
```

```
end;
```



Multiplier/Product Register (Qreg)

-- shift register with parallel load

entity Qreg is

port (Qin: in bit_vector(0 to 7);

Qout: out bit_vector(0 to 7);

SerIn: in bit; -- serial input for shift

Load: in bit; -- parallel load

Clear7: in bit; -- clear bit 7

Shift: in bit); -- right shift

end Qreg;

architecture comp of qreg is

signal Q: bit_vector(0 to 7); -- internal storage



Multiplier/Product Register (Qreg)

```
begin
```

```
    Qout <= Q;    -- drive output from internal storage
```

```
    process (Load, Shift, Clear7) -- wait for event
```

```
    begin
```

```
        if Load = '1' then
```

```
            Q <= Qin;                -- load Q
```

```
        elsif Shift = '1' then
```

```
            Q <= SerIn & Q(0 to 6); -- shift Q right
```

```
        elsif Clear7 = '1' then
```

```
            Q(7) <= '0';            -- clear bit Q(7)
```

```
        end if;
```

```
    end process;
```

```
end;
```



8-bit adder (behavioral)

use work.qsim_logic.all; -- contains bit_vector addition
entity adder is

```
    port( X,Y:in  bit_vector(0 to 7);  
          Z: out bit_vector(0 to 7));
```

```
end adder;
```

architecture comp of adder is

```
    signal temp:bit_vector(0 to 8);
```

```
begin
```

```
    temp <= ("00" & X(1 to 7)) + ("00" & Y(1 to 7));  
    Z <= temp (1 to 8);
```

```
end;
```



Multiplier Controller

entity mctrl is

```
port (Start:          in bit;          -- start pulse
      Clock:          in bit;          -- clock input
      Q7:              in bit;          -- LSB of multiplier
      AMload:          out bit;         -- load M & A registers
      AMadd:           out bit;         -- load adder result into A
      Qload:           out bit;         -- Load Q register
      AQshift:         out bit;         -- shift A & Q registers
      SignLd:          out bit;         -- load sign into A(0)
      AQoutEn:         out bit;         -- enable output
      AQoutSel:        out bit;         -- select A or Q for output
      DONE:            out bit);       -- external DONE signal
```

end mctrl;



Multiplier Controller - Architecture

architecture comp of mctrl is

```
type states is (Halt,In1,In2,Add,Shift,Sign,Out1,Out2);
```

```
signal State: States := Halt;           -- state of the controller
```

```
begin
```

```
  -- decode state variable for outputs
```

```
  AMload  <= '1' when State = In1 else '0';
```

```
  Qload   <= '1' when State = In2 else '0';
```

```
  AMadd   <= '1' when State = Add and Q7 = '1' else '0';
```

```
  AQshift <= '1' when State = Shift else '0';
```

```
  AQoutSel <= '1' when State = Out2 else '0';
```

```
  SignLd  <= '1' when State = Sign else '0';
```

```
  AQoutEn <= '1' when State = Out1 or State = Out2 else '0';
```

```
  DONE    <= '1' when State = Halt else '0';
```



Controller – State transition process

```
process (Clock) -- implement state machine state transitions
    variable Count: integer;
begin
    if Clock = '1' then
        case State is
            when Halt => if Start = '1' then           -- wait for start pulse
                            State <= In1;
                            Count := 0;
                        end if;
            when In1  => State <= In2;           -- Read 1st operand
            when In2  => State <= Add;          -- Read 2nd operand
```

(Continued)



Controller – State transition process

(continued)

```
when Add => State <= Shift; -- Add multiplicand to accumulator
                Count := Count + 1;
when Shift => if Count = 7 then-- Shift accumulator/multiplier
                State <= Sign;
                else
                State <= Add;
                end if;
when Sign  => State <= Out1; -- Set sign of result
when Out1  => State <= Out2; -- Output lower half of product
when Out2  => State <= Halt; -- Output upper half of product
end case;
end if;
end process;
```



64K x 8 Memory Example

```
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
use work.qsim_logic.all;      -- package with to_integer() func

entity memory8 is
  port (dbus: inout std_logic_vector(0 to 7);
        abus: in    std_logic_vector(0 to 15);
        ce:  in bit;      -- active low chip enable
        oe:  in bit;      -- active low output enable
        we:  in bit);     -- active low write enable
end memory8;
```



64K x 8 Memory Example

architecture reglevel of memory8 is

begin

process (ce,oe,we,abus,dbus)

type mem is array(natural range <>) of std_logic_vector(0 to 7);

variable M: mem(0 to 65535);

begin

if (ce='0') and (oe='0') then -- read enabled

dbus <= M(to_integer(abus)); -- drive the bus

elsif (ce='0') and (we='0') then -- write enabled

dbus <= "ZZZZZZZZ"; -- disable drivers

M(to_integer(abus)) := dbus; -- write to M

else

dbus <= "ZZZZZZZZ"; --disable drivers

end if;

end process;

end;

