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Chapter 9: Hardware Description Languages

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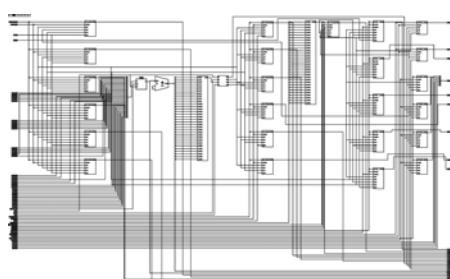
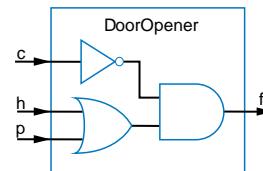
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Introduction

- A drawing of a circuit, or *schematic*, contains graphical information about a design
 - Inverter is above the OR gate, AND gate is to the right, etc.
- Such graphical information may not be useful for large designs
- Can use textual language instead



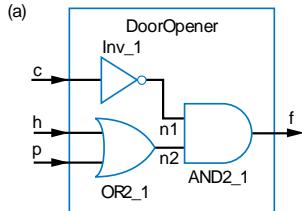
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Textual Language – English

- Can describe circuit using English text rather than using a drawing
 - Of course, English isn't a good language for a computer to read
 - Need a more precise, computer-oriented language



(b) We'll now describe a circuit whose name is *DoorOpener*.
The external inputs are *c*, *h* and *p*, which are bits.
The external output is *f*, which is a bit.
We assume you know the behavior of these components:
An inverter, which has a bit input *x*, and bit output *F*.
A 2-input ORgate, which has inputs *x* and *y*, and bit output *F*.
A 2-input AND gate, which has bit inputs *x* and *y*, and bit output *F*.
The circuit has internal wires *n1* and *n2*, both bits.
The *DoorOpener* circuit internally consists of:
An inverter named *Inv_1*, whose input *x* connects to
external input *c*, and whose output connects to *n1*.
A 2-input ORgate named *OR2_1*, whose inputs connect to external
inputs *h* and *p*, and whose output connects to *n2*.
A 2-input AND gate named *AND2_1*, whose inputs connect to *n1*
and *n2*, and whose output connects to external output *f*.
That's all.

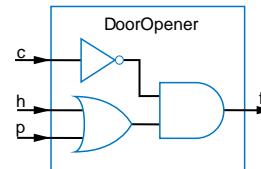
Computer-Readable Textual Language for Describing Hardware Circuits: HDLs

- Hardware description language (HDL)
 - Intended to describe circuits textually, for a computer to read
 - Evolved starting in the 1970s and 1980s
- Popular languages today include:
 - VHDL –Defined in 1980s by U.S. military; Ada-like language
 - Verilog –Defined in 1980s by a company; C-like language
 - SystemC –Defined in 2000s by several companies; consists of libraries in C++

Combinational Logic Description using Hardware Description Languages

- Structure**

- Another word for "circuit"
- An interconnection of components
- Key use of HDLs is to describe structure

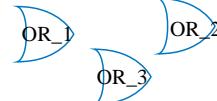


Note: The term "instantiate" will be used to indicate adding a new copy of a component to a circuit

The OR component



Three instances of the OR component

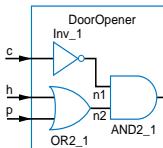


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Describing Structure in VHDL

- Entity – Defines new item's name & ports (inputs/outputs)
 - std_logic means bit type, defined in ieee library
- Architecture – Describes internals, which we named "Circuit"
 - Declares 3 previously-defined components
 - Declares internal signals
 - Note "--" comment
 - Instantiates and connects those components



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The external output is f, which is a bit.

We assume you know the behavior of these components:
An inverter, which has a bit input x, and bit output F.
A 2-input OR gate, which has inputs x and y, and bit output F.
A 2-input AND gate, which has bit inputs x and y, and bit output F.

The circuit has internal wires n1 and n2, both bits.

The DoorOpener circuit internally consists of:
An inverter named Inv_1, whose input x connects to external input c, and whose output connects to n1.
A 2-input OR gate named OR2_1, whose inputs connect to external inputs h and p, and whose output connects to n2.
A 2-input AND gate named AND2_1, whose inputs connect to n1 and n2, and whose output connects to external output f.

That's all.

```

library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
entity DoorOpener is
  port ( c, h, p: in std_logic;
         f: out std_logic );
end DoorOpener;

architecture Circuit of DoorOpener is
  component Inv
    port (x: in std_logic;
          F: out std_logic);
  end component;
  component OR2
    port (x,y: in std_logic;
          F: out std_logic);
  end component;
  component AND2
    port (x,y: in std_logic;
          F: out std_logic);
  end component;
  signal n1,n2: std_logic; --internal wires
begin
  Inv_1: Inv port map (x=>c, F=>n1);
  OR2_1: OR2 port map (x=>h,y=>p,F=>n2);
  AND2_1: AND2 port map (x=>n1,y=>n2,F=>f);
end Circuit;

```

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(b)

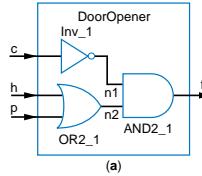
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Describing Structure in Verilog

- Modules defined for Inv, OR2, and AND2 (details omitted)
 - Note "/*" comment
- Module defined for DoorOpener
 - Lists inputs and outputs
 - Declares internal wires
 - Instantiates and connects three components

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(a)

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That's all.

(b)

```
module Inv(x, F);
  input x;
  output F;
  // details not shown
endmodule
module OR2(x, y, F);
  input x, y;
  output F;
  // details not shown
endmodule
module AND2(x, y, F);
  input x, y;
  output F;
  // details not shown
endmodule
module DoorOpener(c, h, p, f);
  input c, h, p;
  output f;
  wire n1, n2;
  Inv Inv_1(c, n1);
  OR2 OR2_1(h, p, n2);
  AND2 AND2_1(n1, n2, f);
endmodule
```

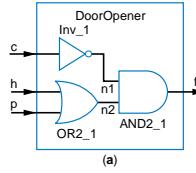
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Describing Structure in SystemC

- Module defined
 - Declares inputs and outputs
 - Declares internal wires
 - Note "/*" comment
 - Declares three previously-defined components
 - Constructor function "CTOR"
 - Instantiates components
 - Connects components

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That's all.

(b)

```
#include "systemc.h"
#include "inv.h"
#include "or2.h"
#include "and2.h"
SC_MODULE(DoorOpener)
{
  sc_in<sc_logic> c, h, p;
  sc_out<sc_logic> f;
  // internal wires
  sc_signal<sc_logic> n1, n2;
  // component declarations
  Inv Inv1;
  OR2 OR2_1;
  AND AND2_1;
  // component instantiations
  SC_CTOR(DoorOpener): Inv1("Inv_1"),
    OR2_1("OR2_1"), AND2_1("AND2_1")
  {
    Inv1.x(c);
    Inv1.F(n1);
    OR2_1.x(h);
    OR2_1.y(p);
    OR2_1.F(n2);
    AND2_1.x(n1);
    AND2_1.y(n2);
    AND2_1.F(f);
  }
};
```

(c)

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Combinational Behavior

- **Combinational behavior**

- Description of desired behavior of combinational circuit without creating circuit itself
- e.g., $F = c' * (h + p)$ can be described as equation rather than circuit
- HDLs support description of combinational behavior



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Describing Combinational Behavior in VHDL

- Describing an OR gate's behavior
 - Entity defines input/output ports
 - Architecture
 - Process – Describes behavior
 - Process "sensitive" to x and y
 - » Means behavior only executes when x changes or y changes
 - Behavior assigns a new value to output port F, computed using built-in operator "or"

```
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;

entity OR2 is
  port (x, y: in std_logic;
        F: out std_logic
      );
end OR2;

architecture behavior of OR2 is
begin
  process (x, y)
  begin
    F <= x or y;
  end process;
end behavior;
```



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Describing Combinational Behavior in VHDL

- Describing a custom function's behavior
 - Desired function: $f = c' * (h + p)$
 - Entity defines input/output ports (not shown)
 - Architecture
 - Process
 - Sensitive to c , h , and p
 - Assigns a new value to output port f , computed using built-in operators "not", "and", and "or"

```
architecture beh of DoorOpener is
begin
  process(c, h, p)
  begin
    f <= not(c) and (h or p);
  end process;
end beh;
```



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Describing Combinational Behavior in Verilog

- Describing an OR gate's behavior
 - Module declares input/output ports
 - Also indicates that F is "reg"
 - Means F stores value
 - By default, ports are wires, having no storage
 - "always" procedure executes statement block when change occurs on x or on y
 - "Sensitive" to x and y
 - Assigns value to F , computed using built-in OR operator "|"

```
module OR2 (x,y,F);
  input x, y;
  output F;
  reg F;

  always @(x or y)
  begin
    F <= x | y;
  end
endmodule
```



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Describing Combinational Behavior in Verilog

- Describing a custom function's behavior
 - Desired function: $f = c' * (h + p)$
 - Module defines input/output ports
 - Output f defined as "reg"
 - "always" procedure sensitive to inputs
 - Assigns value to f, computed using built-in operators for NOT (~), AND (&), and OR (|)

```
module DoorOpener(c,h,p,f);
    input c, h, p;
    output f;
    reg f;

    always @(c or h or p)
    begin
        f <= (~c) & (h | p);
    end
endmodule
```



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Describing Combinational Behavior in SystemC

- Describing an OR gate's behavior
 - Module declares input/output ports
 - Constructor (CTOR)
 - Indicates module described by a method (procedure) "comblogic"
 - Sensitive to x and y
 - Method "comblogic" assigns F a new value using built-in OR operator "|"
 - Reading input port done using .read() function defined for input port type; likewise, writing done using .write() function

```
#include "systemc.h"

SC_MODULE(OR2)
{
    sc_in<sc_logic> x, y;
    sc_out<sc_logic> F;

    SC_CTOR(OR2)
    {
        SC_METHOD(comblogic);
        sensitive << x << y;
    }

    void comblogic()
    {
        F.write(x.read() | y.read());
    }
};
```



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Describing Combinational Behavior in SystemC

- Describing a custom function's behavior
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 - Module defines input/output ports
 - Constructor
 - Indicates module described by a method (procedure) "comblogic"
 - Sensitive to c , h , and p
 - "comblogic" method
 - Assigns value to f , computed using built-in operators for NOT (\sim), AND ($\&$), and OR (\mid)

```
#include "systemc.h"

SC_MODULE(DoorOpener)
{
    sc_in<sc_logic> c, h, p;
    sc_out<sc_logic> f;

    SC_CTOR(DoorOpener)
    {
        SC_METHOD(comblogic);
        sensitive << c << h << p;
    }

    void comblogic()
    {
        f.write((~c.read() & (h.read() | p.read())));
    }
};
```

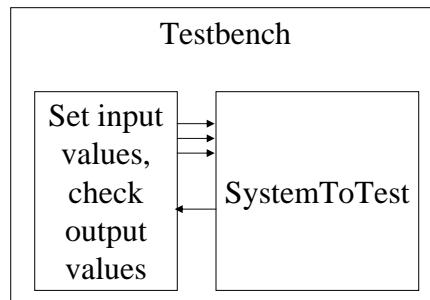


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Testbenches

- **Testbench**
 - Assigns values to a system's inputs, check that system outputs correct values
 - A key use of HDLs is to simulate system to ensure design is correct

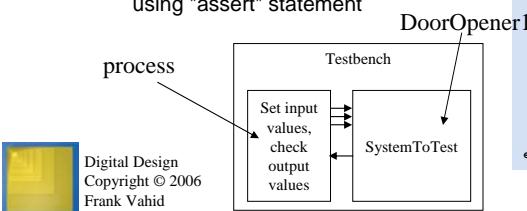


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Testbench in VHDL

- Entity
 - No inputs or outputs
- Architecture
 - Declares component to test, declares signals
 - Instantiates component, connects to signals
 - Process writes input signals, checks output signal
 - Waits a small amount of time after writing input signals
 - Checks for correct output value using "assert" statement

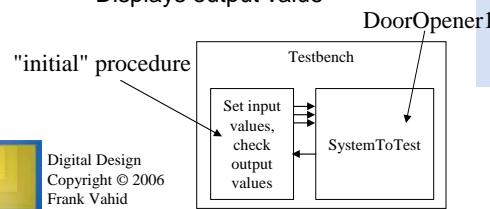


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Testbench in Verilog

- Module
 - Three register signals for inputs (values must be written and stored)
 - One wire signal for output (value is only read, need not be stored)
 - Instantiates component, connects to signals
 - "initial" procedure executed only once at beginning
 - Sets input values
 - Displays output value



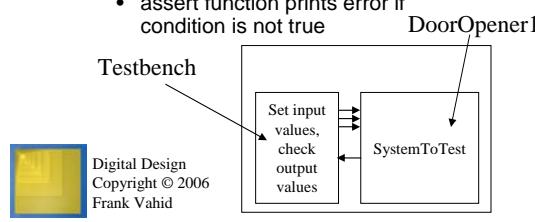
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Testbench in SystemC

- Module

- Testbench is its own module
- Three outputs, one for each input of system to test
- One input, for the one output of the system to test
- Constructor defined as THREAD
 - Like MODULE, but allows use of "wait" to control timing
- testbench procedure writes outputs, waits for small amount of time, checks for correct output
 - assert function prints error if condition is not true



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```
#include "systemc.h"
SC_MODULE(Testbench)
{
    sc_out<sc_logic> c_t, h_t, p_t;
    sc_in<sc_logic> f_t;

    SC_CTOR(Testbench)
    {
        SC_THREAD(testbench_proc);
    }

    void testbench_proc()
    {
        // case 0
        c_t.write(SC_LOGIC_0);
        h_t.write(SC_LOGIC_0);
        p_t.write(SC_LOGIC_0);
        wait(1, SC_NS);
        assert( f_t.read() == SC_LOGIC_0 );

        // case 1
        c_t.write(SC_LOGIC_0);
        h_t.write(SC_LOGIC_0);
        p_t.write(SC_LOGIC_1);
        wait(1, SC_NS);
        assert( f_t.read() == SC_LOGIC_1 );

        // (cases 2-6 omitted from figure)
        // case 7
        c_t.write(SC_LOGIC_1);
        h_t.write(SC_LOGIC_1);
        p_t.write(SC_LOGIC_1);
        wait(1, SC_NS);
        assert( f_t.read() == SC_LOGIC_0 );
    }
};
```

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Sequential Logic Description using Hardware Description Languages

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- Will consider description of three sequential components
 - Registers
 - Oscillators
 - Controllers

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Describing a 4-bit Register in VHDL

- Entity
 - 4 data inputs, 4 data outputs, and a clock input
 - Use std_logic_vector for 4-bit data
 - I: in std_logic_vector(3 downto 0)
 - I <= "1000" would assign I(3)=1, I(2)=0, I(1)=0, I(0)=0
- Architecture
 - Process sensitive to clock input
 - First statement detects if change on clock was a rising edge
 - If clock change was rising edge, sets output Q to input I
 - Ports are signals, and signals store values – thus, output retains new value until set to another value

```
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;

entity Reg4 is
    port ( I: in std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
           Q: out std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
           clk: in std_logic
    );
end Reg4;

architecture behavior of Reg4 is
begin
    process(clk)
    begin
        if (clk='1' and clk'event) then
            Q <= I;
        end if;
    end process;
end behavior;
```



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Describing a 4-bit Register in Verilog

- Module
 - 4 data inputs, 4 data outputs, and a clock input
 - Define data inputs/outputs as vectors
 - input [3:0] I
 - I<=4'b1000 assigns I[3]=1, I[2]=0, I[1]=0, I[0]=0
 - Output defined as register to store value
 - "always" procedure sensitive to positive (rising) edge of clock
 - Sets output Q to input I

```
module Reg4(I, Q, clk);
    input [3:0] I;
    input clk;
    output [3:0] Q;
    reg [3:0] Q;

    always @(posedge clk)
    begin
        Q <= I;
    end
endmodule
```



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Describing a 4-bit Register in SystemC

- Module

- 4 data inputs, 4 data outputs, and a clock input
- Define data inputs/outputs as vectors
 - sc_in<sc_lv<4> > I;
 - I<="1000" assigns I[3]=1, I[2]=0, I[1]=0, I[0]=0
- Constructor calls seq_logic method, sensitive to positive (rising) edge of clock
 - seq_logic writes output Q with input I
 - Output port is signal, and signal has storage, thus output retains value

```
#include "systemc.h"

SC_MODULE(Reg4)
{
    sc_in<sc_lv<4> > I;
    sc_out<sc_lv<4> > Q;
    sc_in<sc_logic> clk;

    SC_CTOR(Reg4)
    {
        SC_METHOD(seq_logic);
        sensitive_pos << clk;
    }

    void seq_logic()
    {
        Q.write(I.read());
    }
};
```



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Describing an Oscillator in VHDL

- Entity

- Defines clock output

- Architecture

- Process

- Has no sensitivity list, so executes non-stop as infinite loop
 - Sets clock to 0, waits 10 ns, sets clock to 1, waits 10 ns, repeats

```
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;

entity Osc is
    port ( clk: out std_logic );
end Osc;

architecture behavior of Osc is
begin
    process
    begin
        clk <= '0';
        wait for 10 ns;
        clk <= '1';
        wait for 10 ns;
    end process;
end behavior;
```



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Describing an Oscillator in Verilog

- Module
 - Has one output, clk
 - Declare as "reg" to hold value
 - "always" procedure
 - Has no sensitivity list, so executes non-stop as infinite loop
 - Sets clock to 0, waits for 10 ns, sets clock to 1, waits for 10 ns, repeats

```
module Osc(clk);
    output clk;
    reg clk;

    always
    begin
        clk <= 0;
        #10;
        clk <= 1;
        #10;
    end
endmodule
```



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Describing an Oscillator in SystemC

- Module
 - Has one output, clk
 - Constructor creates single thread
 - Thread consists of infinite loop
 - while (true) {
 - Sets clock to 0, waits 10 ns, sets clock to 1, waits 10 ns, repeats

```
#include "systemc.h"

SC_MODULE(Osc)
{
    sc_out<sc_logic> clk;

    SC_CTOR(Osc)
    {
        SC_THREAD(seq_logic);
    }

    void seq_logic()
    {
        while(true) {
            clk.write(SC_LOGIC_0);
            wait(10, SC_NS);
            clk.write(SC_LOGIC_1);
            wait(10, SC_NS);
        }
    }
};
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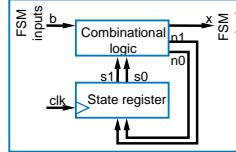
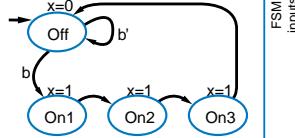


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Describing a Controller in VHDL

Inputs: b; Outputs: x



- FSM behavior captured using architecture with 2 processes
 - First process models state register
 - Asynchronous reset sets state to "S_Off"
 - Rising clock edge sets currentstate to nextstate
 - Second process models combinational logic
 - Sensitive to currentstate and FSM inputs
 - Sets FSM outputs based on currentstate
 - Sets nextstate based on currentstate and present FSM input values
 - Note declaration of new type, statetype



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```
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;

entity LaserTimer is
    port (b: in std_logic;
          x: out std_logic;
          clk, rst: in std_logic
        );
end LaserTimer;

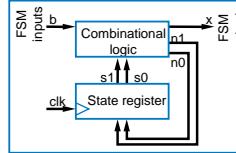
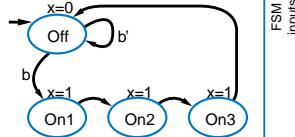
architecture behavior of LaserTimer is
    type statetype is
        (S_Off, S_On1, S_On2, S_On3);
    signal currentstate, nextstate: statetype;
begin
    statereg: process(clk, rst)
    begin
        if (rst='1') then -- initial state
            currentstate <= S_Off;
        elsif (clk='1' and clk'event) then
            currentstate <= nextstate;
        end if;
    end process;

    comblogic: process (currentstate, b)
    begin
        case currentstate is
            when S_Off =>
                x <= '0'; -- laser off
                if (b='0') then
                    nextstate <= S_Off;
                else
                    nextstate <= S_On1;
                end if;
            when S_On1 =>
                x <= '1'; -- laser on
                nextstate <= S_On2;
            when S_On2 =>
                x <= '1'; -- laser still on
                nextstate <= S_On3;
            when S_On3 =>
                x <= '1'; -- laser still on
                nextstate <= S_Off;
        end case;
    end process;
end behavior;
```

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Describing a Controller in Verilog

Inputs: b; Outputs: x



- FSM behavior captured using 2 "always" procedures
 - First procedure models state register
 - Asynchronous reset sets state to "S_Off"
 - Rising clock edge sets currentstate to nextstate
 - Second procedure models combinational logic
 - Sensitive to currentstate and FSM inputs
 - Sets FSM outputs based on currentstate
 - Sets nextstate based on currentstate and present FSM input values
 - Note state register size must be explicit – 2 bits, reg [1:0] currentstate



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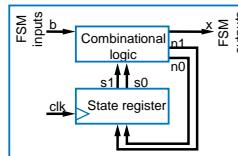
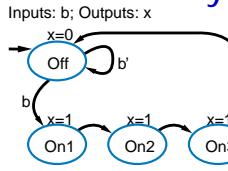
```
module LaserTimer(b, x, clk, rst);
    input b, clk, rst;
    output x;
    reg x;

    parameter S_Off = 2'b00,
              S_On1 = 2'b01,
              S_On2 = 2'b10,
              S_On3 = 2'b11;

    reg [1:0] currentstate;
    reg [1:0] nextstate;
    // state register procedure
    always @ (posedge rst or posedge clk)
    begin
        if (rst==1) // initial state
            currentstate <= S_Off;
        else
            currentstate <= nextstate;
    end
    // combinational logic procedure
    always @ (currentstate or b)
    begin
        case (currentstate)
            S_Off: begin
                x <= 0; // laser off
                if (b==0)
                    nextstate <= S_Off;
                else
                    nextstate <= S_On1;
            end
            S_On1: begin
                x <= 1; // laser on
                nextstate <= S_On2;
            end
            S_On2: begin
                x <= 1; // laser still on
                nextstate <= S_On3;
            end
            S_On3: begin
                x <= 1; // laser still on
                nextstate <= S_Off;
            end
        endcase
    end
endmodule
```

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Describing a Controller in SystemC



- FSM behavior captured using 2 methods
 - First method models state register
 - Asynchronous reset sets state to "S_Off"
 - Rising clock edge sets currentstate to nextstate
 - Second process models combinational logic
 - Sensitive to currentstate and FSM inputs
 - Sets FSM outputs based on currentstate
 - Sets nextstate based on currentstate and present FSM input values
 - Note use of new type, statetype



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Datapath Component Description using Hardware Description Languages

- Will consider description of three datapath components
 - Full-adders
 - Carry-ripple adders
 - Up-counter



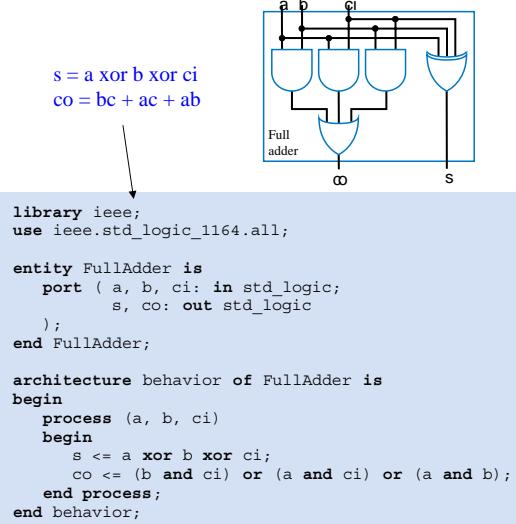
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Describing a Full-Adder in VHDL

- Entity
 - Declares inputs/outputs
- Architecture
 - Described behaviorally (could have been described structurally)
 - Process sensitive to inputs
 - Computes expressions, sets outputs

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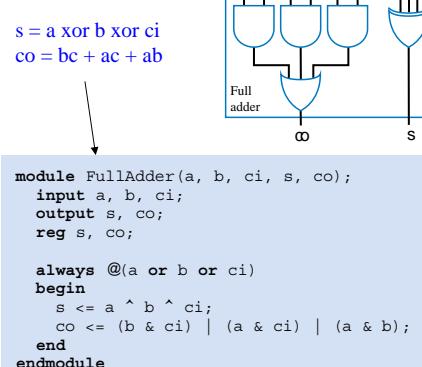


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Describing a Full-Adder in Verilog

- Module
 - Declares inputs/outputs
 - Described behaviorally (could have been described structurally)
 - "always" procedure
 - Sensitive to inputs
 - Computes expressions, sets outputs

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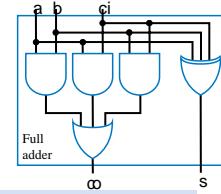
Describing a Full-Adder in SystemC

- Module
 - Declares inputs/outputs
 - Described behaviorally (could have been described structurally)
 - comblogic** method
 - Computes expressions, sets outputs

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$$s = a \text{ xor } b \text{ xor } ci$$

$$co = bc + ac + ab$$



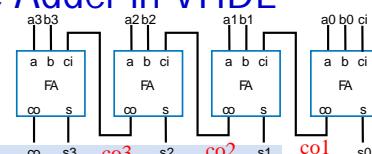
```
#include "systemc.h"
SC_MODULE(FullAdder)
{
    sc_in<sc_logic> a, b, ci;
    sc_out<sc_logic> s, co;
    SC_CTOR(FullAdder)
    {
        SC_METHOD(comblogic);
        sensitive << a << b << ci;
    }
    void comblogic()
    {
        s.write(a.read() ^ b.read() ^ ci.read());
        co.write((b.read() & ci.read()) |
                  (a.read() & ci.read()) |
                  (a.read() & b.read()));
    }
}
```

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Describing a Carry-Ripple Adder in VHDL

- Entity
 - Declares inputs/outputs
 - Uses std_logic_vector for 4-bit inputs/outputs
- Architecture
 - Described structurally by composing four full-adders (could have been described behaviorally instead)
 - Declares full-adder component, instantiates four full-adders, connects
 - Note use of three internal signals for connecting carry-out of one stage to carry-in of next stage

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```
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;

entity CarryRippleAdder4 is
    port ( a: in std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
           b: in std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
           ci: in std_logic;
           s: out std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
           co: out std_logic
      );
end CarryRippleAdder4;

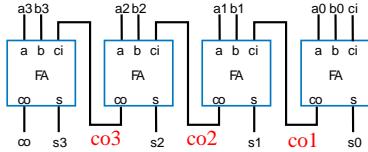
architecture structure of CarryRippleAdder4 is
    component FullAdder
        port ( a, b, ci: in std_logic;
               s, co: out std_logic
              );
    end component;
    signal co1, co2, co3: std_logic;
begin
    FullAdder1: FullAdder
        port map (a(0), b(0), ci, s(0), co1);
    FullAdder2: FullAdder
        port map (a(1), b(1), co1, s(1), co2);
    FullAdder3: FullAdder
        port map (a(2), b(2), co2, s(2), co3);
    FullAdder4: FullAdder
        port map (a(3), b(3), co3, s(3), co);
end structure;
```

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Describing a Carry-Ripple Adder in Verilog

- Module
 - Declares inputs/outputs
 - Uses vectors for 4-bit inputs/outputs
 - Described structurally by composing four full-adders (could have been described behaviorally instead)
 - Instantiates four full-adders, connects
 - Note use of three internal wires for connecting carry-out of one stage to carry-in of next stage

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```
module CarryRippleAdder4(a, b, ci, s, co);
  input [3:0] a;
  input [3:0] b;
  input ci;
  output [3:0] s;
  output co;

  wire co1, co2, co3;

  FullAdder FullAdder1(a[0], b[0], ci,
                        s[0], co1);
  FullAdder FullAdder2(a[1], b[1], co1,
                        s[1], co2);
  FullAdder FullAdder3(a[2], b[2], co2,
                        s[2], co3);
  FullAdder FullAdder4(a[3], b[3], co3,
                        s[3], co);
endmodule
```

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Describing a Carry-Ripple Adder in SystemC

- Module
 - Declares inputs/outputs
 - Uses vectors for 4-bit inputs/outputs
 - Described structurally by composing four full-adders (could have been described behaviorally instead)
 - Instantiates four full-adders, connects
 - Note use of three internal wires for connecting carry-out of one stage to carry-in of next stage

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```
#include "systemc.h"
#include "fulladder.h"

SC_MODULE(CarryRippleAdder4)
{
  sc_in<sc_logic> a[4];
  sc_in<sc_logic> b[4];
  sc_in<sc_logic> ci;
  sc_out<sc_logic> s[4];
  sc_out<sc_logic> co;

  sc_signal<sc_logic> co1, co2, co3;

  FullAdder FullAdder_1;
  FullAdder FullAdder_2;
  FullAdder FullAdder_3;
  FullAdder FullAdder_4;

  SC_CTOR(CarryRipple4):
    FullAdder_1("FullAdder_1"),
    FullAdder_2("FullAdder_2"),
    FullAdder_3("FullAdder_3"),
    FullAdder_4("FullAdder_4")
  {
    FullAdder_1.a(a[0]); FullAdder_1.b(b[0]);
    FullAdder_1.ci(ci); FullAdder_1.s(s[0]);
    FullAdder_1.co(co1);

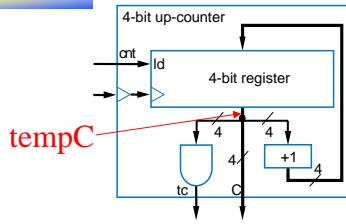
    FullAdder_2.a(a[1]); FullAdder_2.b(b[1]);
    FullAdder_2.ci(co1); FullAdder_2.s(s[1]);
    FullAdder_2.co(co2);

    FullAdder_3.a(a[2]); FullAdder_3.b(b[2]);
    FullAdder_3.ci(co2); FullAdder_3.s(s[2]);
    FullAdder_3.co(co3);

    FullAdder_4.a(a[3]); FullAdder_4.b(b[3]);
    FullAdder_4.ci(co3); FullAdder_4.s(s[3]);
    FullAdder_4.co(co);
  }
};
```

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Describing an Up-Counter in VHDL



- Described structurally (could have been described behaviorally)
- Includes process that updates output port C whenever internal signal tempC changes
 - Need tempC signal because can't read C due to C being an output port

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```
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;

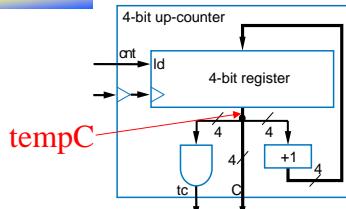
entity UpCounter is
  port ( clk: in std_logic;
         cnt: in std_logic;
         C: out std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
         tc: out std_logic
      );
end UpCounter;

architecture structure of UpCounter is
  component Reg4
    port ( I: in std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
           Q: out std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
           clk, ld: in std_logic
      );
  end component;
  component Inc4
    port ( a: in std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
           s: out std_logic_vector(3 downto 0)
      );
  end component;
  component AND4
    port ( w,x,y,z: in std_logic;
           F: out std_logic
      );
  end component;
  signal tempC: std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
  signal incC: std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
begin
  Reg4_1: Reg4 port map(incC, tempC, clk, cnt);
  Inc4_1: Inc4 port map(tempC, incC);
  AND4_1: AND4 port map(tempC(3), tempC(2),
                         tempC(1), tempC(0), tc);

  outputC: process(tempC)
  begin
    C <= tempC;
  end process;
end structure;
```

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Describing an Up-Counter in Verilog



- Described structurally (could have been described behaviorally)
- Includes always procedure that updates output C whenever internal wire tempC changes
 - Need tempC wire because can't use C in the connection statements

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```
module Reg4(I, Q, clk, ld);
  input [3:0] I;
  input clk, ld;
  output [3:0] Q;
  // details not shown
endmodule

module Inc4(a, s);
  input [3:0] a;
  output [3:0] s;
  // details not shown
endmodule

module AND4(w, x, y, z);
  input w, x, y, z;
  output F;
  // details not shown
endmodule

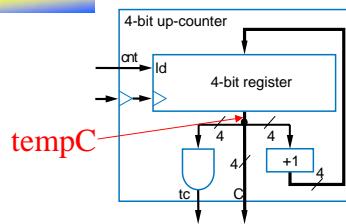
module UpCounter(clk, cnt, C, tc);
  input clk, cnt;
  output [3:0] C;
  reg [3:0] C;
  output tc;
  wire [3:0] tempC;
  wire [3:0] incC;

  Reg4 Reg4_1(incC, tempC, clk, cnt);
  Inc4 Inc4_1(tempC, incC);
  AND4 AND4_1(tempC[3], tempC[2],
               tempC[1], tempC[0], tc);

  always @ (tempC)
  begin
    C <= tempC;
  end
endmodule
```

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Describing an Up-Counter in SystemC



- Described structurally (could have been described behaviorally)
- Includes method that updates output C whenever internal signal tempC changes
 - Need tempC signal because can't use C in the connection statements
- Can't use logic vector bits individually for connections, so needed tempC_b array too



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```
#include "systemc.h"
#include "reg4.h"
#include "inc4.h"
#include "and4.h"

SC_MODULE(UpCounter)
{
    sc_in<sc_logic> clk, cnt;
    sc_out<sc_lv<4>> C;
    sc_out<sc_logic> tc;

    sc_signal<sc_lv<4>> tempC, incC;
    sc_signal<sc_logic> tempC_b[4];

    Reg4 Reg4_1;
    Inc4 Inc4_1;
    AND4 AND4_1;

    SC_CTOR(UpCounter) : Reg4_1("Reg4_1"),
                         Inc4_1("Inc4_1"),
                         AND4_1("AND4_1")
    {
        Reg4_1.I(incC); Reg4_1.Q(tempC);
        Reg4_1.clk(clk); Reg4_1.Id(cnt);

        Inc4_1.a(tempC); Inc4_1.s(incC);

        AND4_1.w(tempC_b[0]); AND4_1.x(tempC_b[1]);
        AND4_1.y(tempC_b[2]); AND4_1.z(tempC_b[3]);
        AND4_1.F(tc);
    }

    SC_METHOD(comblogic);
    sensitive << tempC;
}

void comblogic()
{
    tempC_b[0] = tempC.read()[0];
    tempC_b[1] = tempC.read()[1];
    tempC_b[2] = tempC.read()[2];
    tempC_b[3] = tempC.read()[3];
    C.write(tempC);
}
};
```

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RTL Design using Hardware Description Languages

9.5

- Will consider two forms of RTL descriptions
 - High-level state machine
 - Controller and datapath



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High-Level State Machine of the Laser-Based Distance Measurer in VHDL

- Architecture similar to FSM, but single process
- Asynch reset forces to state S0
- For each rising clock
 - Perform state's computation
 - Prepare to go to next state based on state and inputs

```

library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
use ieee.std_logic_arith.all;

entity LaserDistMeasurer is
  port ( clk, rst: in std_logic;
         B, S: in std_logic;
         L: out std_logic;
         D: out unsigned(15 downto 0)
        );
end LaserDistMeasurer;

architecture behavior of LaserDistMeasurer is
type statetype is (S0, S1, S2, S3, S4);

signal state : statetype;
signal Dctr : unsigned(15 downto 0);

constant U_ZERO :
  unsigned(15 downto 0) := "0000000000000000";
constant U_ONE : unsigned(0 downto 0) := "1";

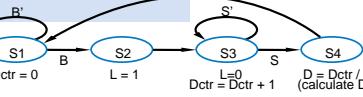
begin
statemachine: process(clk, rst)
begin
  if (rst='1') then
    L <= '0';
    D <= U_ZERO;
    Dctr <= U_ZERO;
    state <= S0; -- initial state
  elsif (clk='1' and clk'event) then
    case state is
      when S0 =>
        when B='0' then
          L <= '0';
          D <= U_ZERO;
          state <= S1;
        else
          L <= '1';
          state <= S2;
        end if;
      when S1 =>
        Dctr <= 0;
        state <= S3;
      when S2 =>
        L <= '0';
        Dctr <= Dctr + 1;
        state <= S4;
      when S3 =>
        D <= U_ZERO;
        state <= S1;
      when S4 =>
        D <= SHR(Dctr, U_ONE); -- calculate D
        state <= S1;
    end case;
  end if;
end process;
end behavior;

```

(continued from Figure 9.34)

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(continued in Figure 9.35)

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```

module LaserDistMeasurer(clk, rst, B, S, L, D);
  input clk, rst, B, S;
  output L;
  output [15:0] D;
  reg L;
  reg [15:0] D;

  parameter S0 = 3'b000,
            S1 = 3'b001,
            S2 = 3'b010,
            S3 = 3'b011,
            S4 = 3'b100;

  reg [2:0] state;
  reg [16:0] Dctr;

  always @(posedge rst or posedge clk)
begin
  if (rst==1) begin
    L <= 0; // laser off
    D <= 0; // D = 0
    Dctr <= 0; // reset count
    state <= S0; // initial state
  end
  else begin
    case (state)
      S0: begin
        L <= 0; // laser off
        D <= 0; // clear D
        state <= S1;
      end
      S1: begin
        Dctr <= 0; // reset count
        if (B==1)
          state <= S2;
        else
          state <= S1;
      end
      S2: begin
        L <= 1; // laser on
        state <= S3;
      end
    endcase
  end
end

```

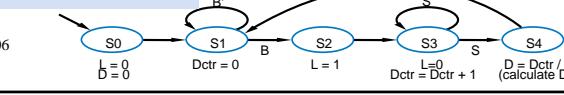
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High-Level State Machine of the Laser-Based Distance Measurer in Verilog

- Module similar to FSM, but single "always" procedure
- Asynch reset forces to state S0
- For each rising clock
 - Perform state's computation
 - Prepare to go to next state based on state and inputs

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(continued in Figure 9.37)

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High-Level State Machine of the Laser-Based Distance Measurer in SystemC

- Module similar to FSM, but single method
- Asynch reset forces to state S0
- For each rising clock
 - Perform state's computation
 - Prepare to go to next state based on state and inputs

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```
#include "systemc.h"
enum statetype { S0, S1, S2, S3, S4 };
SC_MODULE(LaserDistMeasurer)
{
    sc_in<sc_logic> clk, rst;
    sc_in<sc_logic> B, S;
    sc_out<sc_logic> L;
    sc_out<sc_lv<16>> D;
    sc_signal<statetype> state;
    sc_uint<16> Dctr;
    SC_CTOR(LaserDistMeasurer)
    {
        SC_METHOD(statemachine);
        sensitive_pos << rst << clk;
    }
    void statemachine()
    {
        if( rst.read() == SC_LOGIC_1 ) {
            L.write(SC_LOGIC_0); // laser off
            D.write(0);
            Dctr = 0;
            state = S0; // initial state
        }
        else {
            switch (state) {
                case S0:
                    L.write(SC_LOGIC_0); // laser off
                    D.write(0);
                    state = S1;
                    break;
                case S1:
                    Dctr = 0; // clear count
                    if (B.read() == SC_LOGIC_1)
                        state = S2;
                    break;
                case S2:
                    L.write(SC_LOGIC_1); // laser on
                    D.write(0);
                    state = S3;
                    break;
                case S3:
                    D.write(Dctr.read() + 1);
                    state = S4;
                    break;
                case S4:
                    D.write(Dctr.read()>>1); // Calculate D
                    state = S1;
                    break;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

(continued from Figure 9.38)

case S2:
 L.write(SC_LOGIC_1); // laser on
 state = S3;
 break;
case S3:
 L.write(SC_LOGIC_0); // laser off
 Dctr = Dctr.read() + 1;
 if (S.read() == SC_LOGIC_1)
 state = S4;
 else
 state = S3;
 break;
case S4:
 D.write(Dctr.read()>>1); // Calculate D
 state = S1;
 break;

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$B = 0$

$Dctr = 0$

$L = 1$

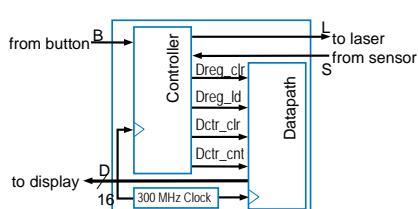
$Dctr = Dctr + 1$

$D = Dctr / 2$ (calculate D)

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Controller and Datpath of the Laser-Based Distance Measurer in VHDL

- At highest level, just connection of controller and datapath components



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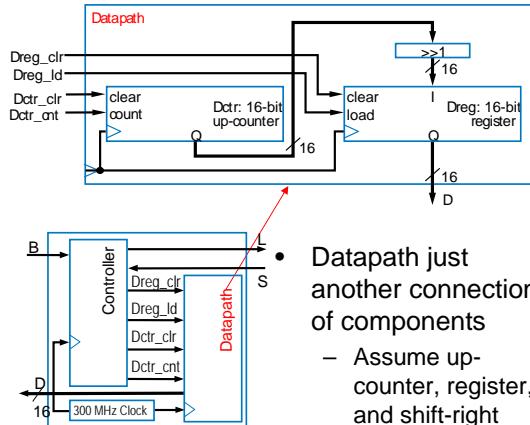
```
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;

entity LaserDistMeasurer is
    port ( clk, rst: in std_logic;
           B, S: in std_logic;
           L: out std_logic;
           D: out std_logic_vector(15 downto 0)
         );
end LaserDistMeasurer;

architecture structure of LaserDistMeasurer is
    component LDM_Controller
        port ( clk, rst: in std_logic;
               B, S: in std_logic;
               L: out std_logic;
               Dreg_clr, Dreg_id: out std_logic;
               Dctr_clr, Dctr_cnt: out std_logic
             );
    end component;
    component LDM_Datapath
        port ( clk: in std_logic;
               Dreg_clr, Dreg_id: in std_logic;
               Dctr_clr, Dctr_cnt: in std_logic;
               D: out std_logic_vector(15 downto 0)
             );
    end component;
    signal Dreg_clr, Dreg_id: std_logic;
    signal Dctr_clr, Dctr_cnt: std_logic;
begin
    LDM_Controller_1: LDM_Controller
        port map (clk, rst, B, S, L,
                  Dreg_clr, Dreg_id, Dctr_clr,
                  Dctr_cnt);
    LDM_Datapath_1: LDM_Datapath
        port map (clk, Dreg_clr, Dreg_id,
                  Dctr_clr, Dctr_cnt, D);
end structure;
```

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Datapath of the Laser-Based Distance Measurer in VHDL



- Datapath just another connection of components

- Assume up-counter, register, and shift-right components are already designed (similar to earlier-designed items)

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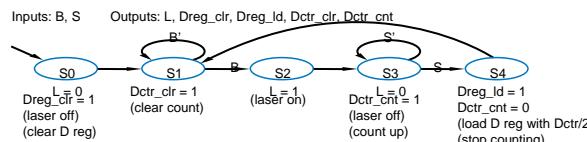
```
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;

entity LDM_Datapath is
port ( clk: in std_logic;
Dreg_clr, Dreg_Id: in std_logic;
Dctr_clr, Dctr_cnt: in std_logic;
D: out std_logic_vector(15 downto 0)
);
end LDM_Datapath;

architecture structure of LDM_Datapath is
component UpCounter16
port ( clk: in std_logic;
clr, cnt: in std_logic;
C: out std_logic_vector(15 downto 0)
);
end component;
component Reg16
port ( I: in std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
Q: out std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
clk, clr, ld: in std_logic
);
end component;
component ShiftRightOne16
port ( I: in std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
S: out std_logic_vector(15 downto 0)
);
end component;
signal tempC: std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
signal shiftC: std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
begin
Dctr: UpCounter16
port map (clk, Dctr_clr, Dctr_cnt, tempC);
ShiftRight: ShiftRightOne16
port map (tempC, shiftC);
Dreg: Reg16
port map (shiftC, D, clk, Dreg_clr, Dreg_Id);
end structure;
```

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Controller of the Laser-Based Distance Measurer in VHDL



- FSM similar to high-level state machine
 - But high-level operations replaced by low-level datapath signals
 - Use two-process FSM description approach

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```
(continued from Figure 9.42)
when S2 =>
    L <= '1'; -- laser on
    nextstate <= S3;
when S3 =>
    L <= '0'; -- laser off
    Dctr_cnt <= '1'; -- count up
    if (S='1') then
        nextstate <= S4;
    else
        nextstate <= S3;
    end if;
when S4 =>
    Dreg_Id <= '1'; -- load Dreg
    Dctr_cnt <= '0'; -- stop counting
    nextstate <= S1;
end case;
end process;
end behavior;
```

```
library ieee;
use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;

entity LDM_Controller is
port ( clk, rst: in std_logic;
B, S: in std_logic;
L: out std_logic;
Dreg_clr, Dreg_Id: out std_logic;
Dctr_clr, Dctr_cnt: out std_logic
);
end LDM_Controller;

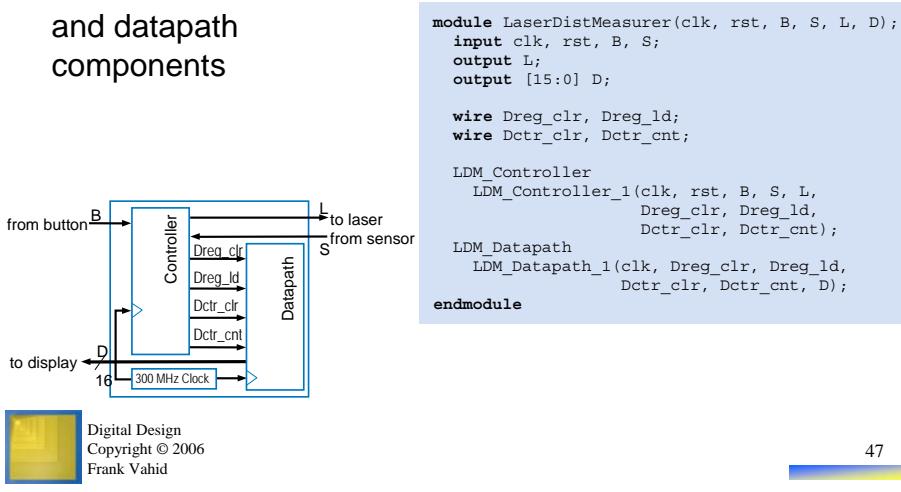
architecture behavior of LDM_Controller is
type statetype is (S0, S1, S2, S3, S4);
signal currentstate, nextstate: statetype;
begin
stateeq: process(clk, rst)
begin
if (rst='1') then
    currentstate <= S0; -- initial state
elsif (clk='1' and clk'event) then
    currentstate <= nextstate;
end if;
end process;

combglogic: process(currentstate, B, S)
begin
L <= '0';
Dreg_clr <= '0';
Dreg_Id <= '0';
Dctr_clr <= '0';
Dctr_cnt <= '0';
case currentstate is
when S0 =>
    S <= '0';
    Dreg_clr <= '0';
    Dreg_Id <= '0';
    Dctr_clr <= '0';
    Dctr_cnt <= '0';
when S1 =>
    Dctr_clr <= '1' -- clear count
    if (B='1') then
        nextstate <= S2;
    else
        nextstate <= S1;
    end if;
end if;
end process;
end behavior;
```

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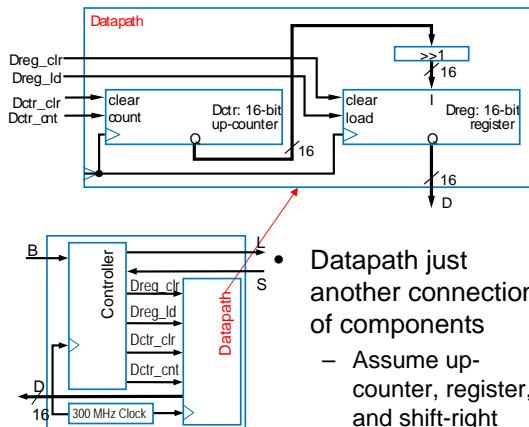
Controller and Datpath of the Laser-Based Distance Measurer in Verilog

- At highest level, just connection of controller and datapath components



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Datpath of the Laser-Based Distance Measurer in Verilog



- Datpath just another connection of components
 - Assume up-counter, register, and shift-right components are already designed (similar to earlier-designed items)

```

module UpCounter16(clk, clr, cnt, C);
    input clk, clr;
    output [15:0] C;
    // details not shown
endmodule

module Reg16(I, Q, clk, clr, ld);
    input [15:0] I;
    input clk, clr, ld;
    output [15:0] Q;
    // details not shown
endmodule

module ShiftRightOne16(I, S);
    input [15:0] I;
    output [15:0] S;
    // details not shown
endmodule

module LDM_Datapath(clk, Dreg_clr, Dreg_ld,
                     Dctr_clr, Dctr_cnt, D);
    input clk;
    input Dreg_clr, Dreg_ld;
    input Dctr_clr, Dctr_cnt;
    output [15:0] D;

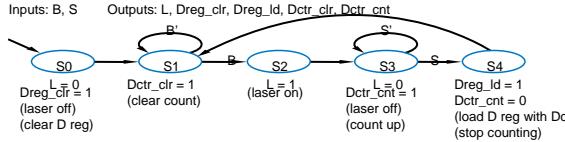
    wire [15:0] tempC, shiftC;
    UpCounter16 Dctr(clk, Dctr_clr, Dctr_cnt,
                      tempC);
    ShiftRightOne16 ShiftRight(tempC, shiftC);
    Reg16 Dreg(shiftC, D, clk, Dreg_clr, Dreg_ld);
endmodule

```

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Controller of the Laser-Based Distance Measurer in Verilog



- FSM similar to high-level state machine
 - But high-level operations replaced by low-level datapath signals
 - Use two-procedure FSM description approach



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```

module LDM_Controller(clk, rst, B, S, L, Dreg_clk,
                      Dreg_Id, Dctr_clr,
                      Dctr_cnt);
    input clk, rst, B, S;
    output L;
    output Dreg_clk, Dreg_Id;
    output Dctr_clr, Dctr_cnt;
    reg L;
    reg Dreg_clk, Dreg_Id;
    reg Dctr_clr, Dctr_cnt;

parameter S0 = 3'b000,
          S1 = 3'b001,
          S2 = 3'b010,
          S3 = 3'b011,
          S4 = 3'b100;

reg [2:0] currentstate;
reg [2:0] nextstate;

always @(posedge rst or posedge clk)
begin
    if (rst==1)
        currentstate <= S0; // initial state
    else
        currentstate <= nextstate;
end

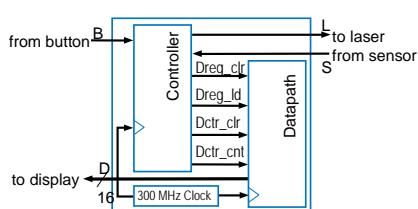
always @(currentstate or B or S)
begin
    L <= 0;
    Dreg_clk <= 0;
    Dreg_Id <= 0;
    Dctr_clr <= 0;
    Dctr_cnt <= 0;
    case (currentstate)
        S0: begin
            L <= 0; // laser off
            Dreg_Id <= 1; // clear Dreg
            nextstate <= S1;
        end
        S1: begin
            Dctr_clr <= 1; // clear count
            if (B==1)
                nextstate <= S2;
            else
                nextstate <= S1;
        end
        S2: begin
            L <= 1; // laser on
            nextstate <= S3;
        end
        S3: begin
            L <= 0; // laser off
            Dctr_cnt <= 1; // count up
            if (S==1)
                nextstate <= S4;
            else
                nextstate <= S3;
        end
        S4: begin
            Dreg_Id <= 1; // load Dreg
            Dctr_cnt <= 0; // stop counting
            nextstate <= S1;
        end
    endcase
end
endmodule

```

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Controller and Datpath of the Laser-Based Distance Measurer in SystemC

- At highest level, just connection of controller and datapath components



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```

#include "systemc.h"
#include "LDM_Controller.h"
#include "LDM_Datapath.h"

SC_MODULE(LaserDistMeasurer)
{
    sc_in<sc_logic> clk, rst;
    sc_in<sc_logic> B, S;
    sc_out<sc_logic> L;
    sc_out<sc_lv<16>> D;

    sc_signal<sc_logic> Dreg_clr, Dreg_Id;
    sc_signal<sc_logic> Dctr_clr, Dctr_cnt;

    LDM_Controller LDM_Controller_1;
    LDM_Datapath LDM_Datapath_1;

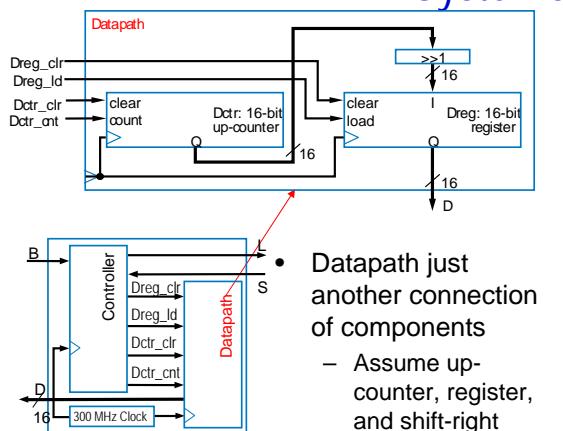
    SC_CTOR(LaserDistMeasurer) :
        LDM_Controller_1("LDM_Controller_1"),
        LDM_Datapath_1("LDM_Datapath_1")
    {
        LDM_Controller_1.clk(clk);
        LDM_Controller_1.rst(rst);
        LDM_Controller_1.B(B);
        LDM_Controller_1.S(S);
        LDM_Controller_1.Dreg_clr(Dreg_clr);
        LDM_Controller_1.Dreg_Id(Dreg_Id);
        LDM_Controller_1.Dctr_clr(Dctr_clr);
        LDM_Controller_1.Dctr_cnt(Dctr_cnt);

        LDM_Datapath_1.clk(clk);
        LDM_Datapath_1.Dreg_clr(Dreg_clr);
        LDM_Datapath_1.Dreg_Id(Dreg_Id);
        LDM_Datapath_1.Dctr_clr(Dctr_clr);
        LDM_Datapath_1.Dctr_cnt(Dctr_cnt);
        LDM_Datapath_1.D(D);
    }
}

```

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Datapath of the Laser-Based Distance Measurer in SystemC



- Datapath just another connection of components
 - Assume up-counter, register, and shift-right components are already designed (similar to earlier-designed items)

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```
#include "systemc.h"
#include "upcounter16.h"
#include "reg16.h"
#include "shiftrightone16.h"

SC_MODULE(LDM_Datapath)
{
    sc_in<sc_logic> clk;
    sc_in<sc_logic> Dreg_clr, Dreg_Id;
    sc_in<sc_logic> Dctr_clr, Dctr_cnt;
    sc_out<sc_lv<16>> D;

    sc_signal<sc_lv<16>> tempC;
    sc_signal<sc_lv<16>> shiftC;

    UpCounter16 Dctr;
    Reg16 Dreg;
    ShiftRightOne16 ShiftRight;

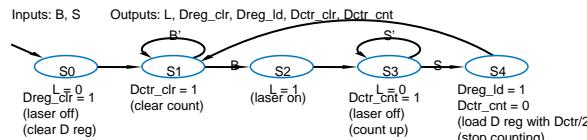
    SC_CTOR(LDM_Datapath) :
        Dctr("Dctr"), Dreg("Dreg"),
        ShiftRight("ShiftRight")
    {
        Dctr.clk(clk);
        Dctr.clr(Dctr_clr);
        Dctr.cnt(Dctr_cnt);
        Dctr.C(tempC);

        ShiftRight.I(tempC);
        ShiftRight.S(shiftC);

        Dreg.I(shiftC);
        Dreg.Q(D);
        Dreg.clk(clk);
        Dreg.clr(Dreg_clr);
        Dreg.ld(Dreg_Id);
    }
}
```

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Controller of the Laser-Based Distance Measurer in SystemC



- FSM similar to high-level state machine
 - But high-level operations replaced by low-level datapath signals
 - Use two-procedure FSM description approach

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```
(continued from Figure 9.50)

case S1:
    Dctr_clr.write(SC_LOGIC_1); // clear count
    if (B.read() == SC_LOGIC_1)
        nextstate = S2;
    else
        nextstate = S1;
    break;
case S2:
    L.write(SC_LOGIC_1); // laser on
    nextstate = S3;
    break;
case S3:
    L.write(SC_LOGIC_0); // laser off
    Dctr_cnt.write(SC_LOGIC_1); // count up
    if (S.read() == SC_LOGIC_1)
        nextstate = S4;
    else
        nextstate = S3;
    break;
case S4:
    Dreg_Id.write(SC_LOGIC_1); // load Dreg
    Dctr_cnt.write(SC_LOGIC_0); // stop counting
    nextstate = S1;
    break;
}
```

```
#include "systemc.h"
enum statetype { S0, S1, S2, S3, S4 };
SC_MODULE(LDM_Controller)
{
    sc_in<sc_logic> clk, rst, B, S;
    sc_out<sc_logic> L;
    sc_out<sc_logic> Dreg_Clr, Dreg_Id;
    sc_out<sc_logic> Dctr_Clr, Dctr_Cnt;

    sc_signal<statetype> currentstate, nextstate;
    SC_CTOR(LDM_Controller)
    {
        SC_METHOD(statereg);
        sensitive_pos << rst << clk;
        SC_METHOD(comblogic);
        sensitive << currentstate << B << S;
    }

    void statereg()
    {
        if (rst.read() == SC_LOGIC_1)
            currentstate = S0; // initial state
        else
            currentstate = nextstate;
    }

    void comblogic()
    {
        L.write(SC_LOGIC_0);
        Dreg_Clr.write(SC_LOGIC_0);
        Dreg_Id.write(SC_LOGIC_0);
        Dctr_Clr.write(SC_LOGIC_0);
        Dctr_Cnt.write(SC_LOGIC_0);

        switch (currentstate) {
            case S0:
                L.write(SC_LOGIC_0); // laser off
                Dreg_Clr.write(SC_LOGIC_0); // clear Dreg
                nextstate = S1;
                break;
        }
    }
}
```

(continued in Figure 9.51)

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Chapter Summary

- Hardware Description Languages (HDLs) are widely used in modern digital design
 - Textual rather than graphical language sufficient for many purposes
 - HDLs are computer-readable
 - Great for simulation
- VHDL, Verilog, and SystemC are popular
- Introduced languages mainly through examples
- Numerous HDL books exist to teach each language in more detail



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