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Lecture title: Programmable Logic Devices

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Programmable Logic Devices

Digital Electronic systems consist of:

Memory,

Microprocessor,

Logic Devices:

- * Fixed Function Logic Devices.

- * **Programmable Logic Devices.**

A programmable logic device (PLD) is an electronic component used to build reconfigurable digital circuits.

Unlike a logic gate, a PLD has an undefined function at the time of manufacture.

There are two types of PLDs based on design architecture:

1- Simple PLDs.

2- Complex PLDs.

Software Programming:

Run on: Microprocessor

Architecture: Serial

Depend on: Instructions

Languages: C, C++, JAVA, Visual BASIC, Python, etc...



Hardware Programming:

Run on: PLDs

Architecture: Parallel

Depend on: Hardware components

Languages: VHDL, Verilog, SystemC.

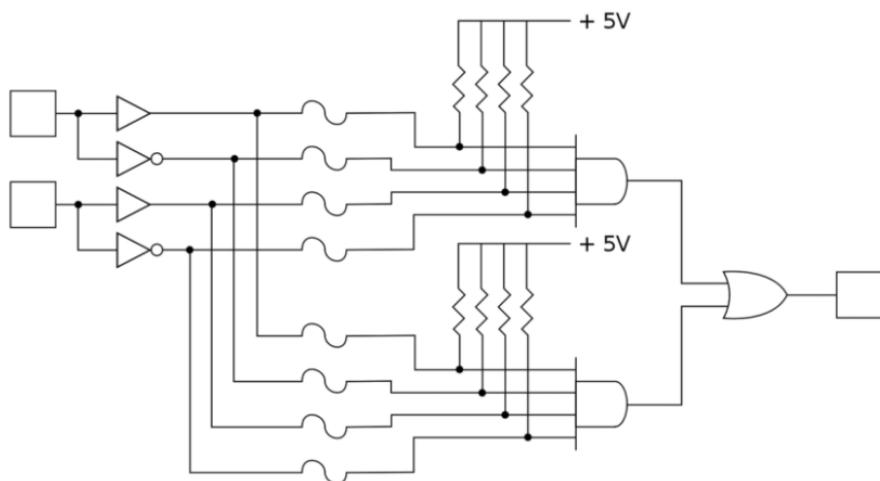


How PLDs be programmed?

In this simple PLD we can implement the following logic functions: $F = AE + \bar{A}\bar{E}$

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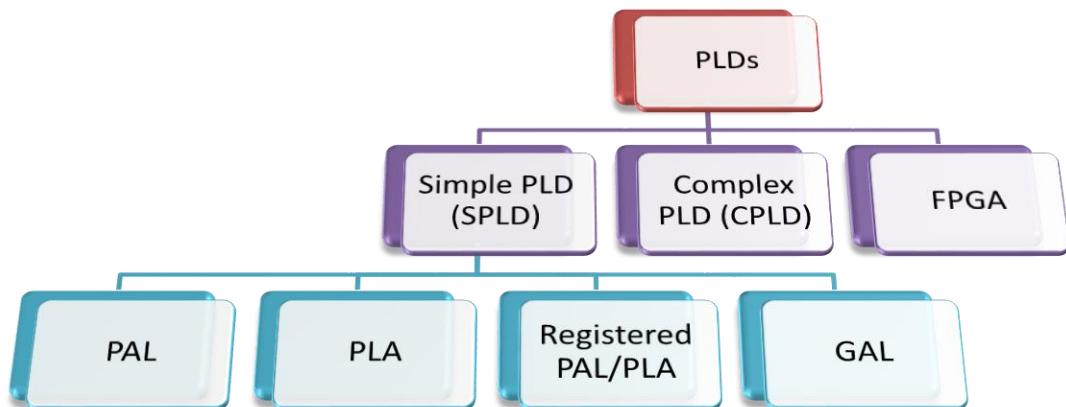
$$F = A\bar{E} + \bar{A}E \dots\dots$$



Advantages Programmable Logic Devices:

- * Less board space.
- * Easy to change with rewiring.
- * High speed.
- * Less cost.

PLDs types:



1- Programmable Array Logic (PAL):

- Consists of a programmable array of **AND gates**, followed by a fixed array of **OR gates**.
- The main limitation: allowed only the implementation of combinational functions and **Look-Up Table (LUT)**.

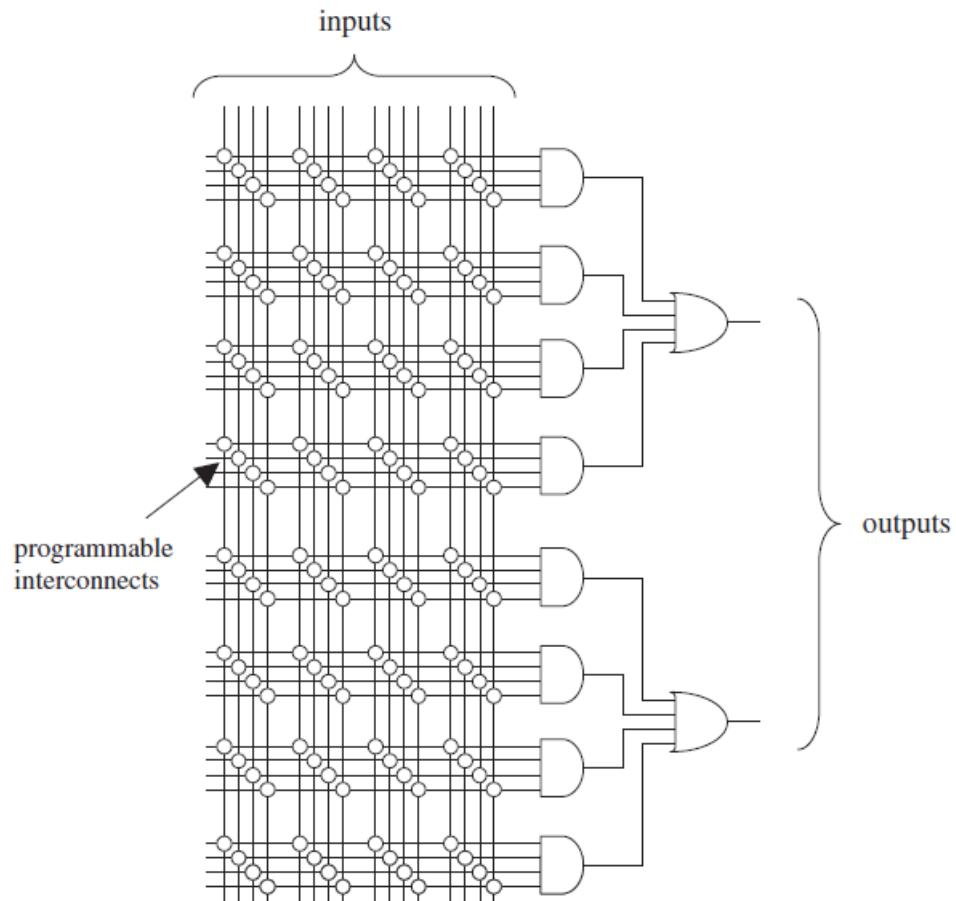


Figure A1
Illustration of PAL architecture.



2- Programmable Logic Array (PLA):

- * Programmable array of **AND gates**, followed by a programmable array of **OR gates**.
- * Advantage: has greater flexibility than PAL.
- * Disadvantage: Higher time constants at the internal nodes lowered the circuit speed.

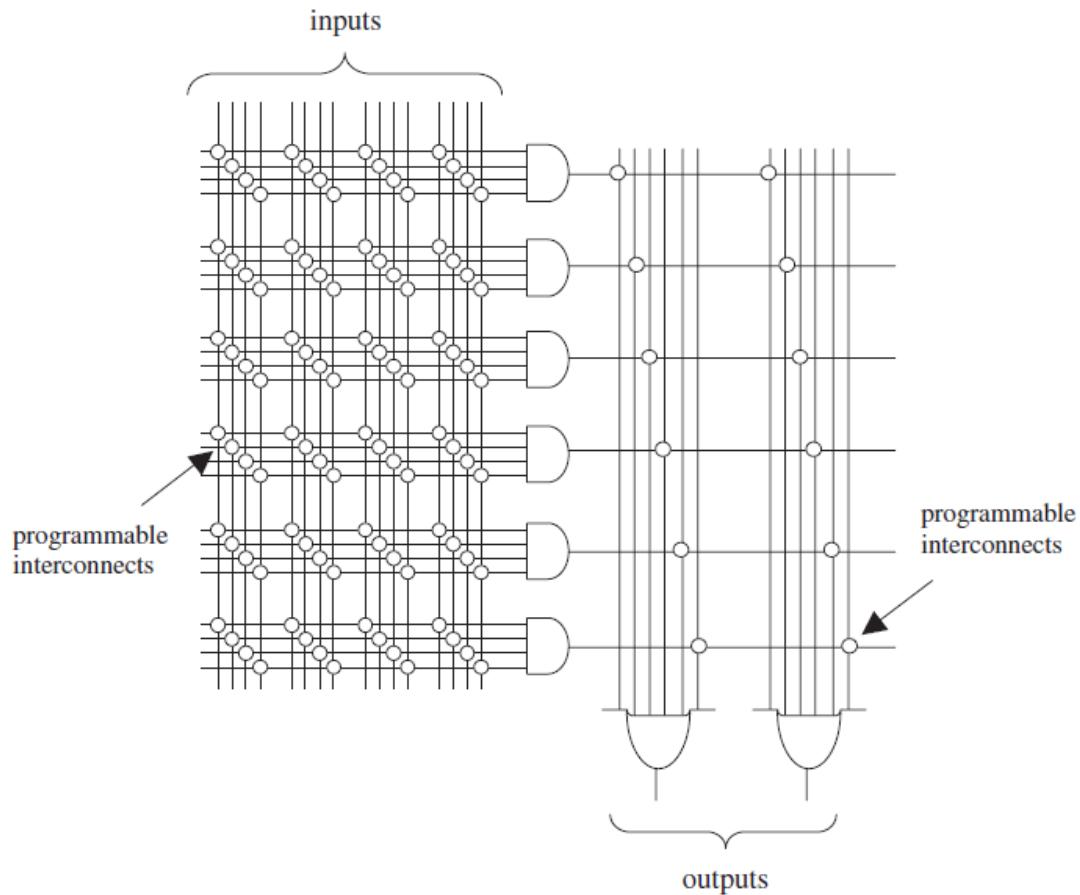
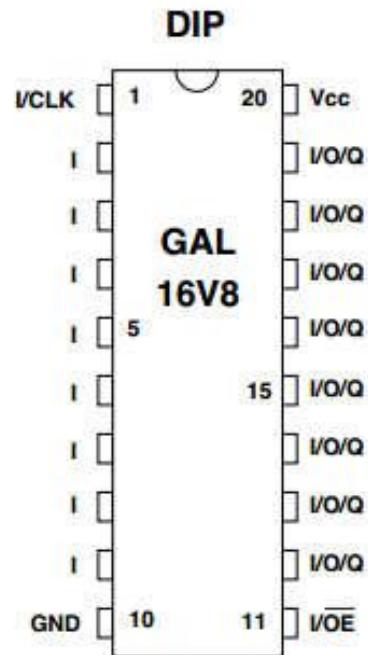


Figure A2
Illustration of PLA architecture.

3- Generic PAL (GAL):

- Introduced by Lattice in 1980s.
- A more sophisticated output cell (**Macrocell**):
 - Included besides the flip-flop, several gates and multiplexers.
 - Macrocell itself was programmable.
 - A ‘return’ signal from the output of the Macrocell to the programmable array.
- **EEPROM** was employed instead of PROM or EPROM.



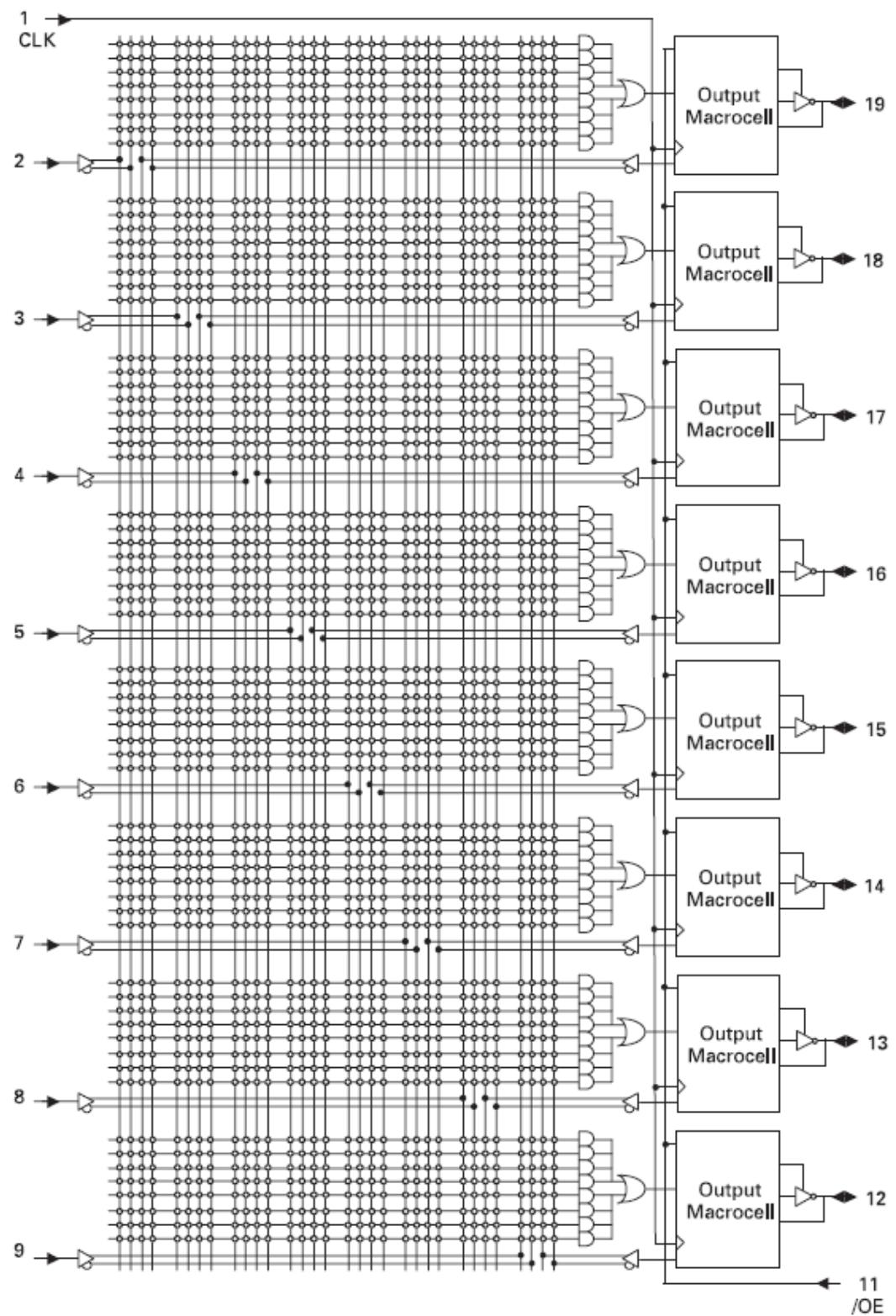


Figure A3
GAL 16V8 chip.

4- Complex PLD (CPLD):

- Several PLDs (in general of **GAL** type) fabricated on a single chip. With programmable switch matrix.
- Altera, Xilinx, Lattice, Atmel, Cypress, etc.

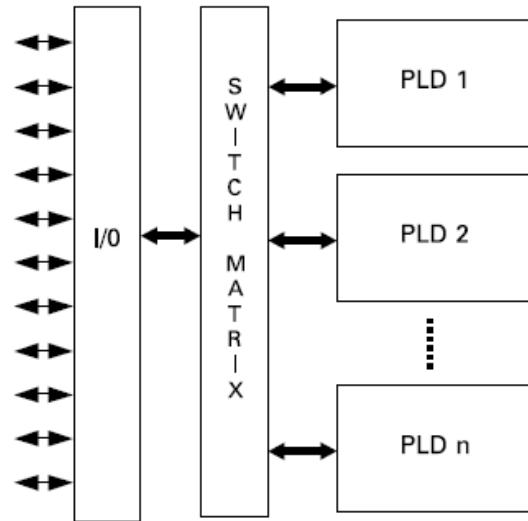


Figure A4
CPLD architecture.

* Applications:

- * Decoders
- * Encoders
- * Multiplexers
- * De-Multiplexers

Table A1
Altera CPLDs.

Family	<i>Max7000 (B, AE, S)</i>	<i>MAX3000 (A)</i>	<i>MAX II (G)</i>
Macrocells/ LUTs	32–512 macrocells	32–512 macrocells	240–2,210 LUTs (192–1,700 equiv. macrocells)
System gates	600–10,000	600–10,000	
I/O pins	32–512	34–208	80–272
Max. internal clock freq.	303 MHz	227 MHz	304 MHz (I/O limited)
Supply voltage	2.5 V (B), 3.3 V (AE), 5 V (S)	3.3 V	1.8 V (G), 2.5 V, 3.3 V
Interconnects	EEPROM	EEPROM	Flash + SRAM
Static current	9 mA–450 mA	9 mA–150 mA	2 mA–50 mA
Technology	0.22 μ CMOS EEPROM 4-layer metal (7000 B)	0.3 μ , 4-layer metal	0.18 μ , 6-layer metal

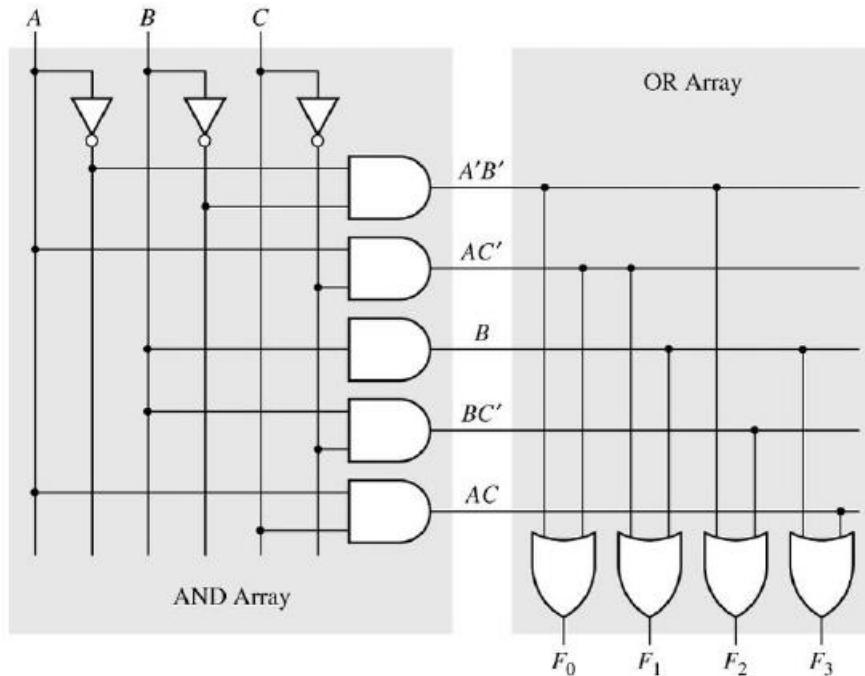
Table A2
Xilinx CPLDs.

Family	<i>XC9500 (XV, XL, –)</i>	<i>CoolRunner XPLA3</i>	<i>CoolRunner II</i>
Macrocells	36–288	32–512	32–512
System gates	800–6,400	750–12,000	750–12,000
I/O pins	34–192	36–260	33–270
Max. internal clock frequency	222 MHz	213 MHz	385 MHz
Building block	GAL 54V18 (XV, XL) GAL 36V18 (–)	PLA block	PLA block
Supply voltage	2.5 V (XV), 3.3 V (XL), 5 V	3.3 V	1.8 V
Interconnects	Flash	EEPROM	
Technology	0.35 μ CMOS	0.35 μ CMOS	0.18 μ CMOS
Static current	11–500 mA	<0.1 mA	22 μ A–1 mA

Tutorial sheet:

1- For the following Figure:

- Specify the device type: _____ (PAL, PLA, GAL)
- Find Boolean expression for each of the functions F_0 – F_3 .

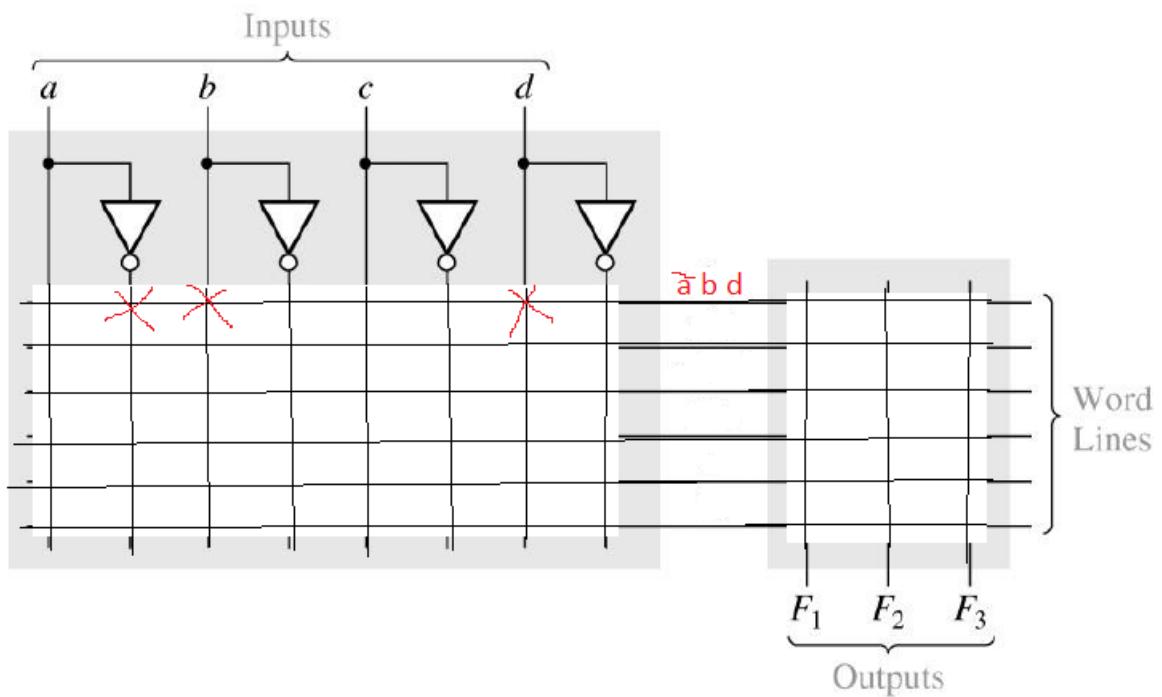


Answer:

2- For the following truth table, find a PLA realization.

a	b	c	d	f_1	f_2	f_3
0	1	-	1	1	1	0
1	1	-	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	-	1	0	1
-	0	1	-	1	0	0
-	-	1	-	0	1	0
-	1	1	-	0	0	1

Answer:



5- Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA):

Introduced by Xilinx in the mid-1980s. It differs from CPLDs in architecture, storage technology, number of built-in features, and cost. Aimed at the implementation of high performance, large-size circuits.

* **Applications:**

- * Aerospace and Defense.
- * Medical Electronics.
- * Wired Communications.
- * Wireless Communications.
- * High performance computing.

It consists of a **programmable** matrix of:

- Configurable Logic Blocks (**CLBs**),
- interconnected by an array of **switch matrices**.
- **Array Input/output Blocks**.
- **Clock Circuitry**.

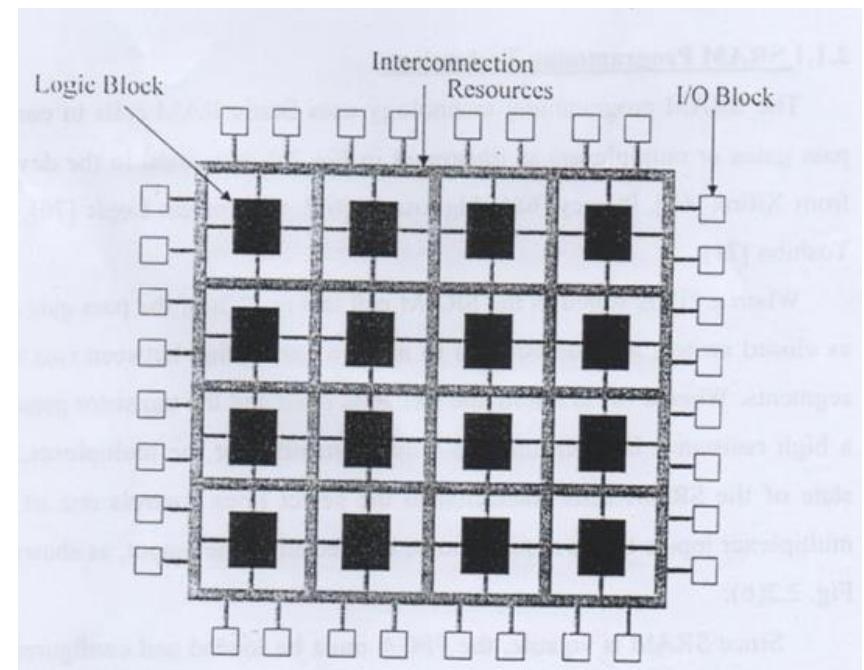
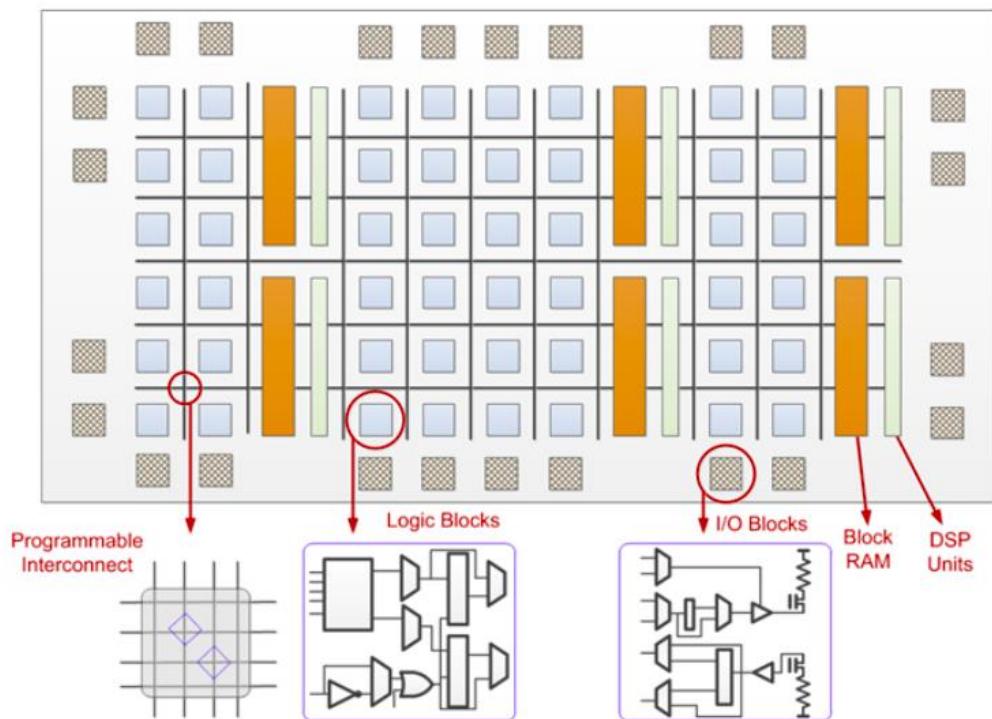


Fig. 2.1 FPGA architecture.



5.1 Configurable Logic Blocks (CLBs),

A CLB is the fundamental component of an FPGA, allowing the user to implement virtually any logical functionality within the chip. This is achieved by the usage of two sets of similar components within a block, known as slices.

There are two different types of slices:

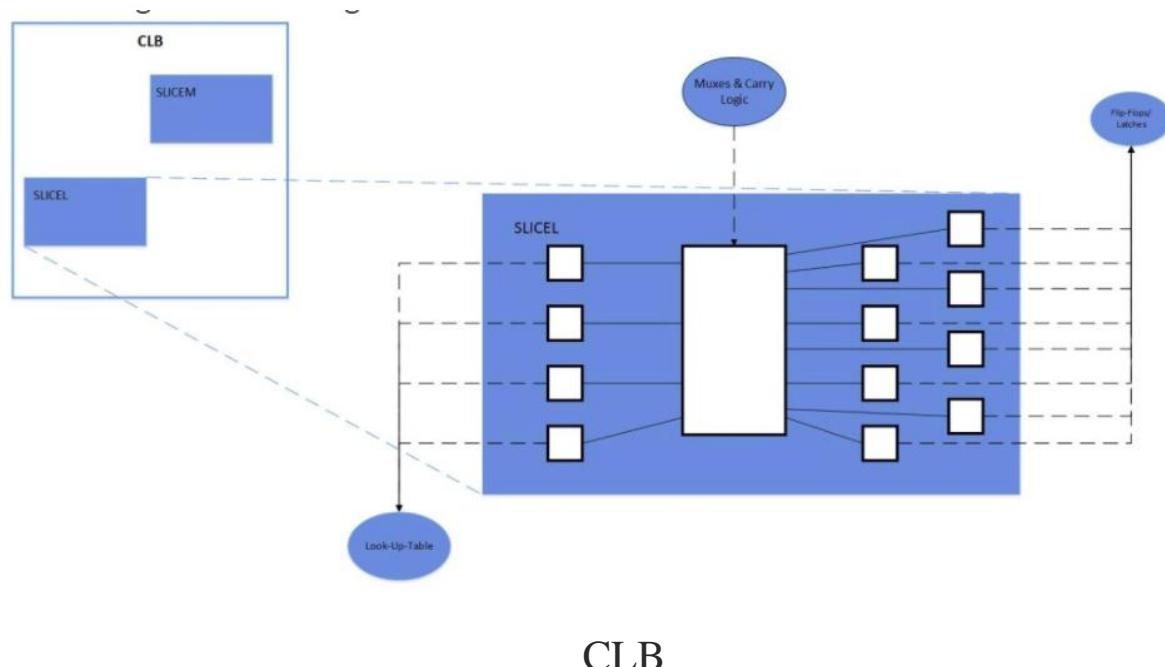
- **SLICEM:** ability to act as distributed memory in addition to its normal logic functionality.
- **SLICEL:** in addition to its normal logic functionality only.

These slices contain four look-up-tables (LUTs), eight flip-flops (FF), a network of carry logic, and three types of multiplexers.

CLB = 2 slices,

one slice = 4 LUTs + 8 FF.

Therefore, one CLB = 8 LUTs + 16FF.



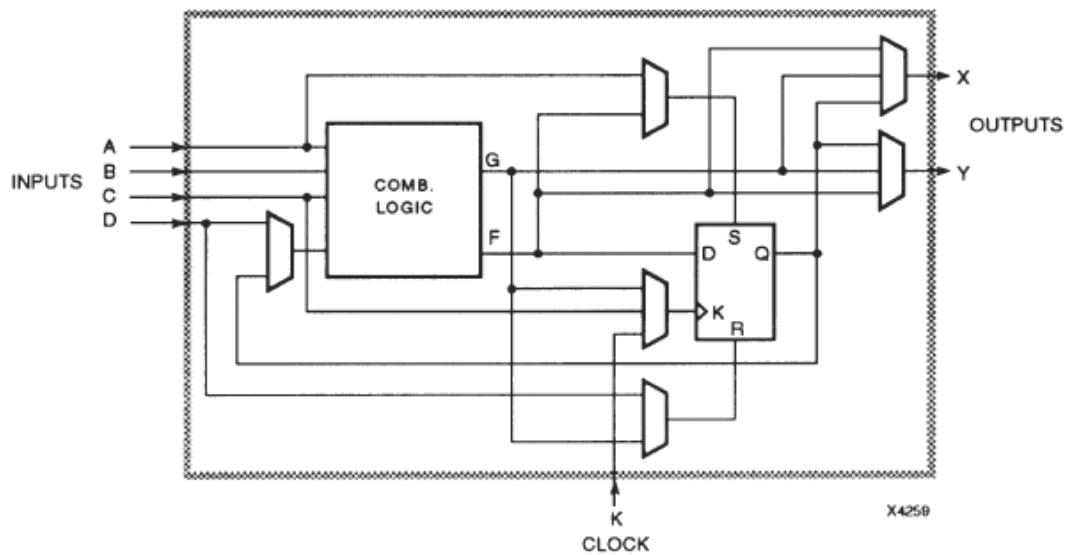


Figure 2.3.8. The XC2000 CLB.

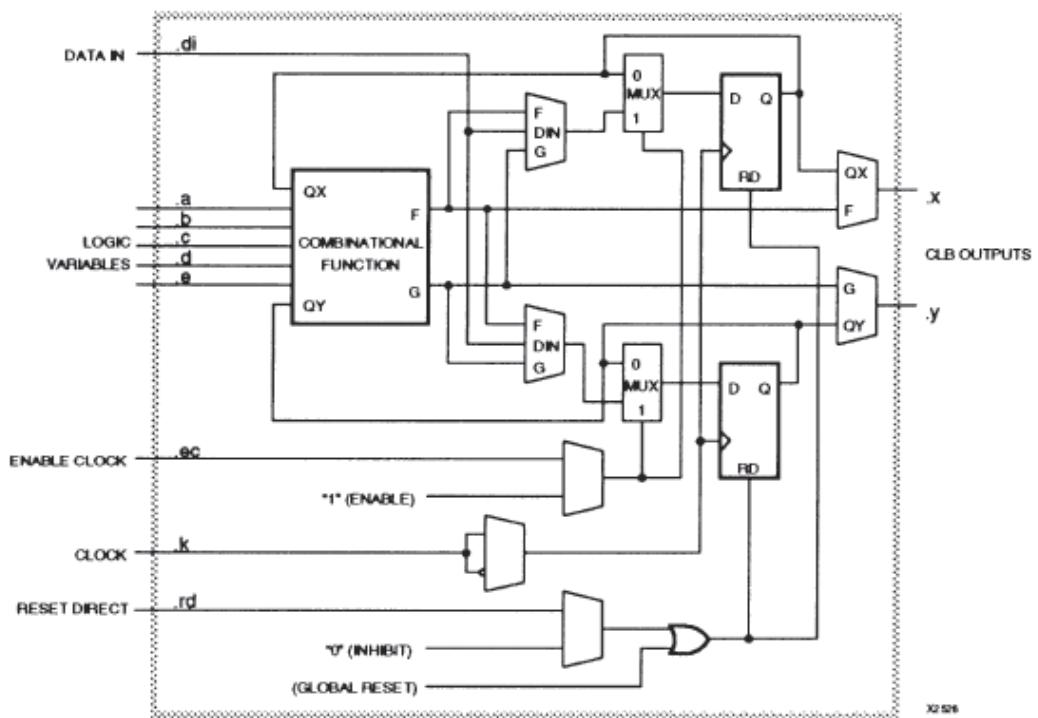


Figure 2.3.15. The XC3000 CLB.

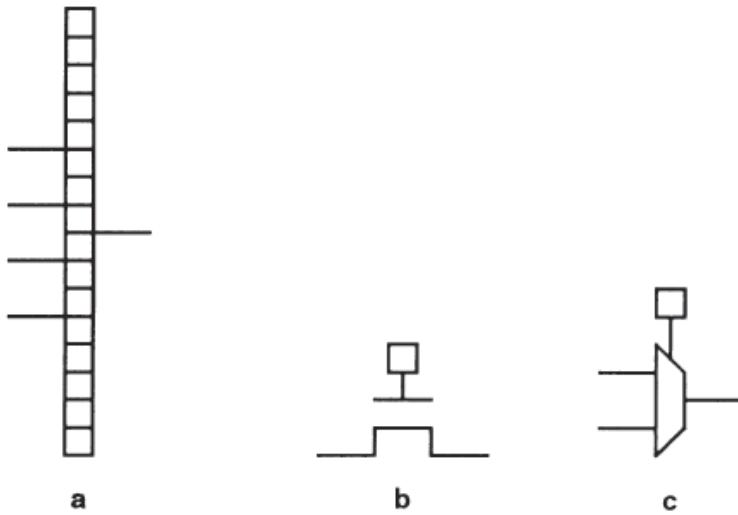


Figure 2.3.2. Three Important Pieces. a) Lookup Table. b) Pip. c) Multiplexer Controlled by a Configuration Memory Cell.

Lookup Table. Figure 2.3.2a shows a four-input *lookup table* (abbreviated *LUn* or *function generator*, a basic unit of configurable logic. A lookup table implements combinational logic as a $2^n \times 1$ memory composed of configuration memory cells. The memory is used as a lookup table, addressed by the n inputs. A lookup table can implement any of the 2^{2^n} functions of its inputs.

Programmable Interconnect Point. The second building block is called a programmable interconnect point, (Pip). Some authors use the term "configurable interconnect point" (cip). Pips control the connection of wiring segments in the programmable interconnect.

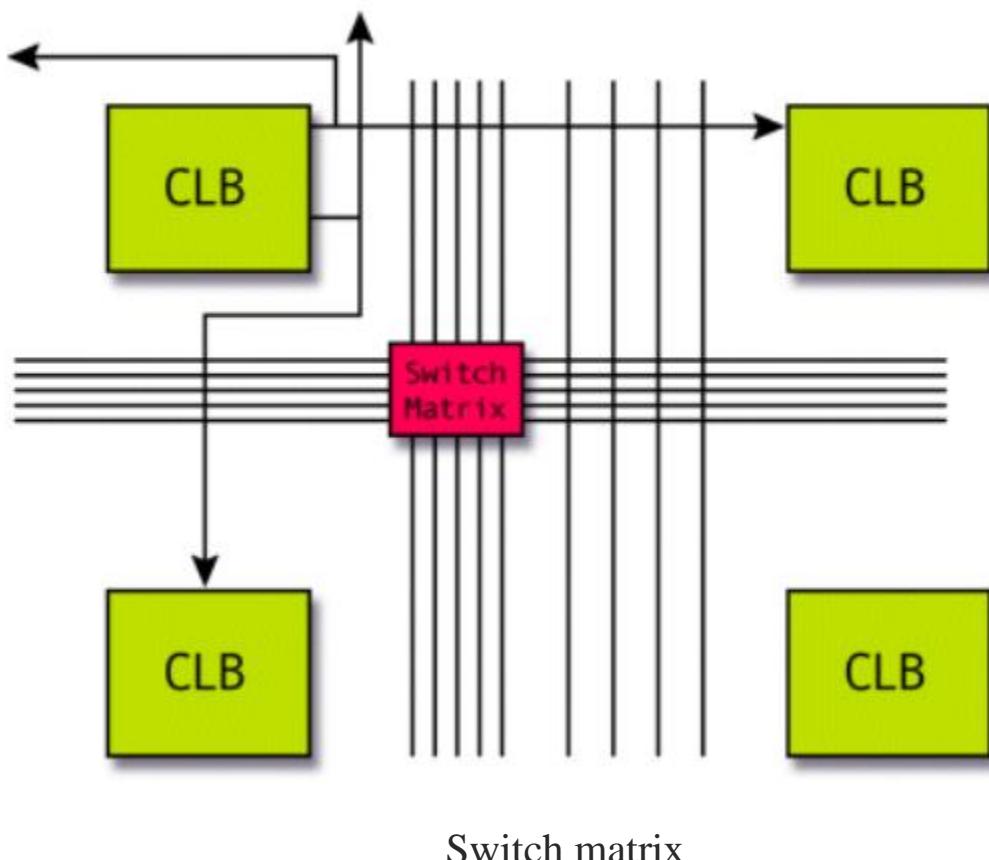
Multiplexer. The third building block is a multiplexer controlled by a configuration memory cell (figure 2.3.2c). The multiplexer is a special-case, one-directional routing structure. It may be of any width, with more configuration bits for wider multiplexers. Switches built with multiplexers reduce the number of memory cells required for controlling the switch, giving an area savings for large switches.

5.2 interconnection matrix (switch matrices):

There are **long lines** that can be used to connect critical CLBs that are physically far from each other on the chip without inducing much delay. These long lines can also be used as buses within the chip.

There are also **short lines** that are used to connect individual CLBs that are located physically close to each other.

Transistors are used to turn on or off connections between different lines.



Switch matrix

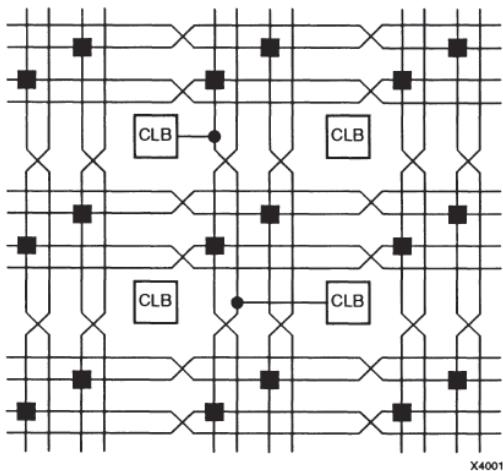
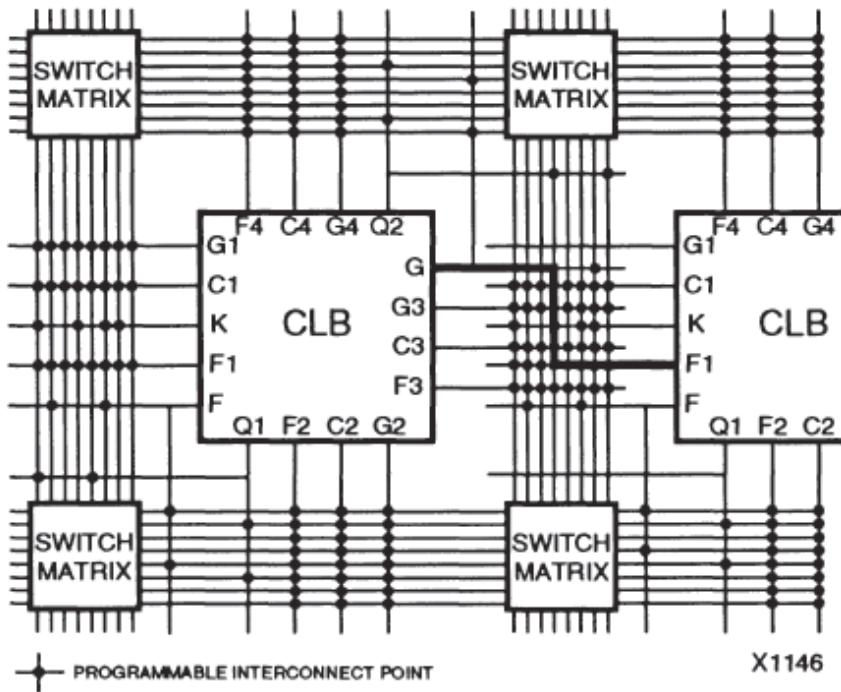


Figure 2.3.25. XC4000 Interconnect.



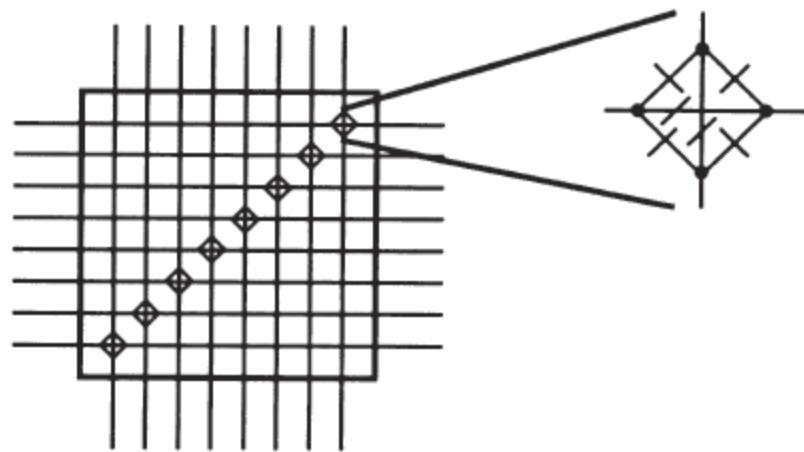


Figure 2.3.26. The XC4000 Switchbox Connections.

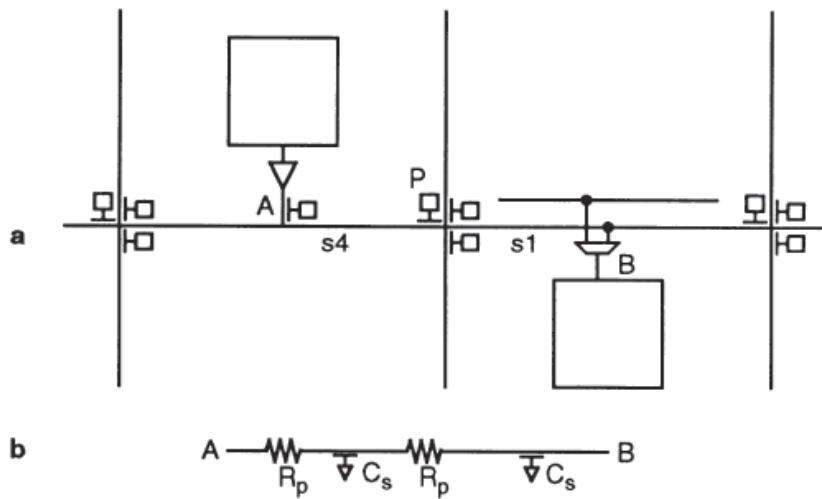


Figure 2.3.6. Interconnect Segment Detail. a) Architecture-Level. b) Electrical Equivalent.

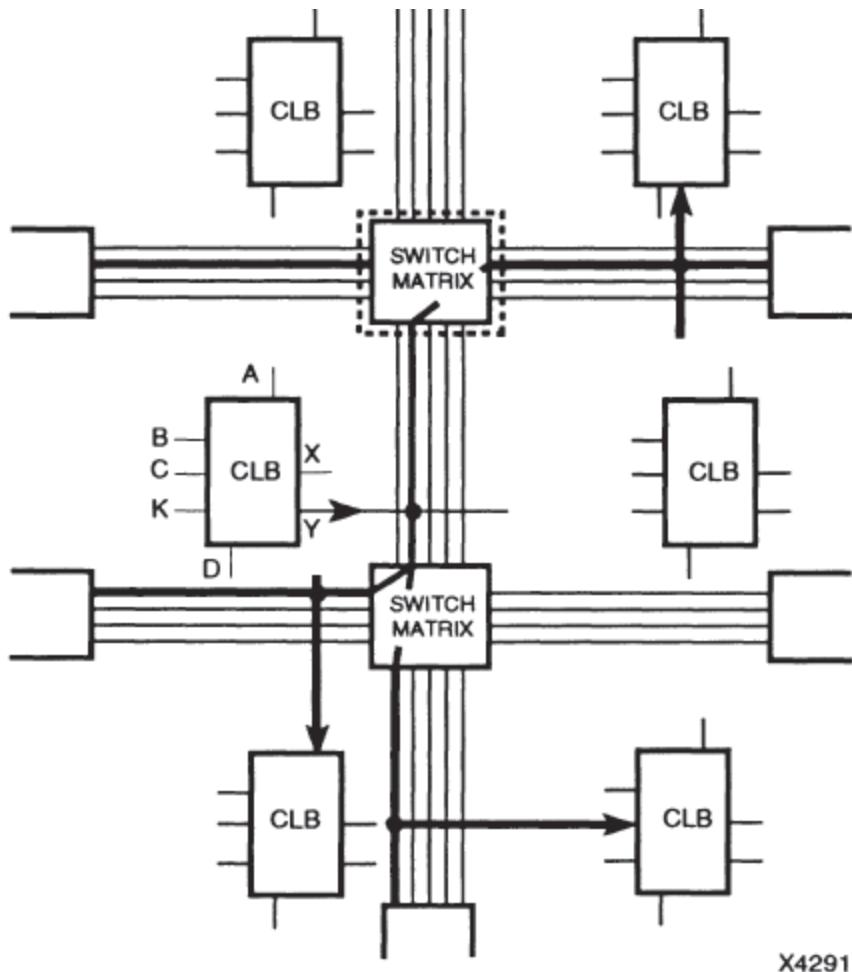
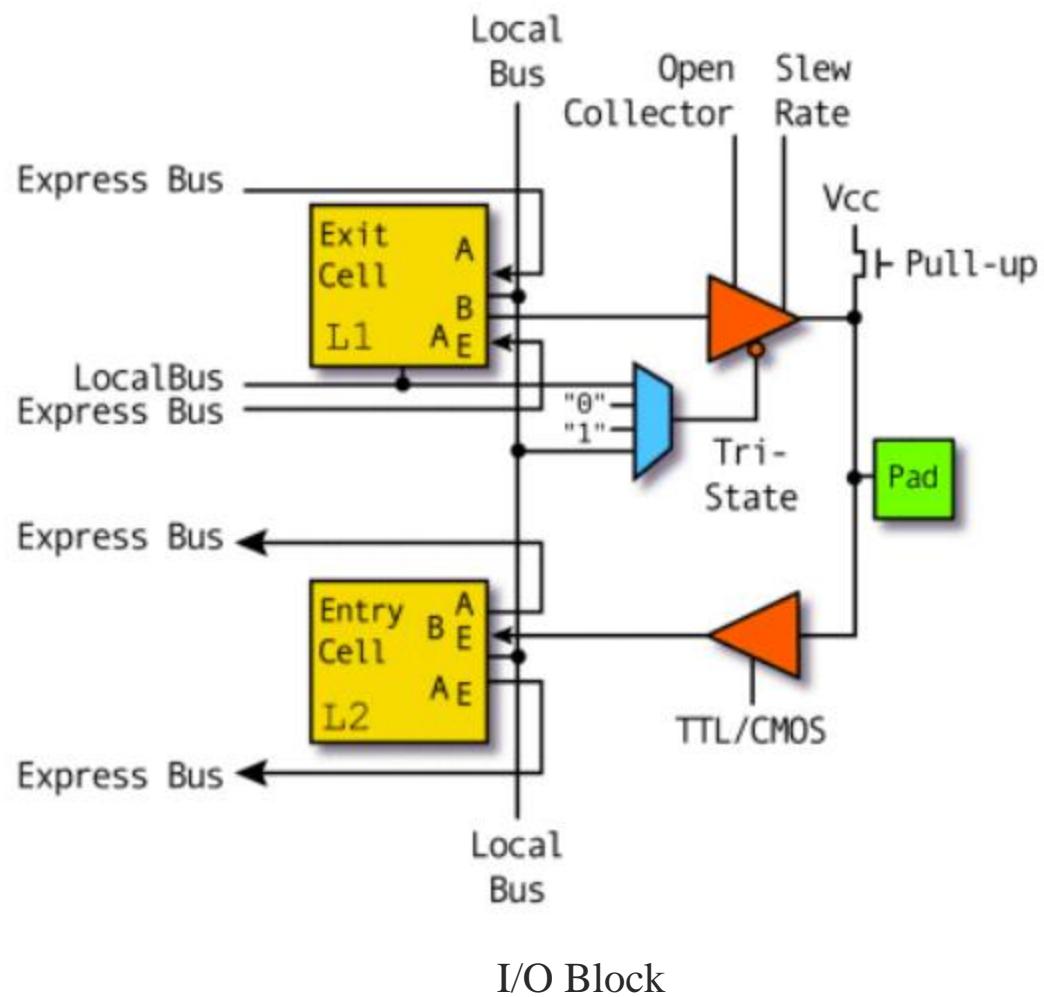


Figure 2.3.10. XC2000 Interconnect Structure.

5.3 Configurable I/O Blocks:

A Configurable input/output (I/O) Block is used to bring signals onto the chip and send them back off again. It consists of an input buffer and an output buffer with three-state and open collector output controls.



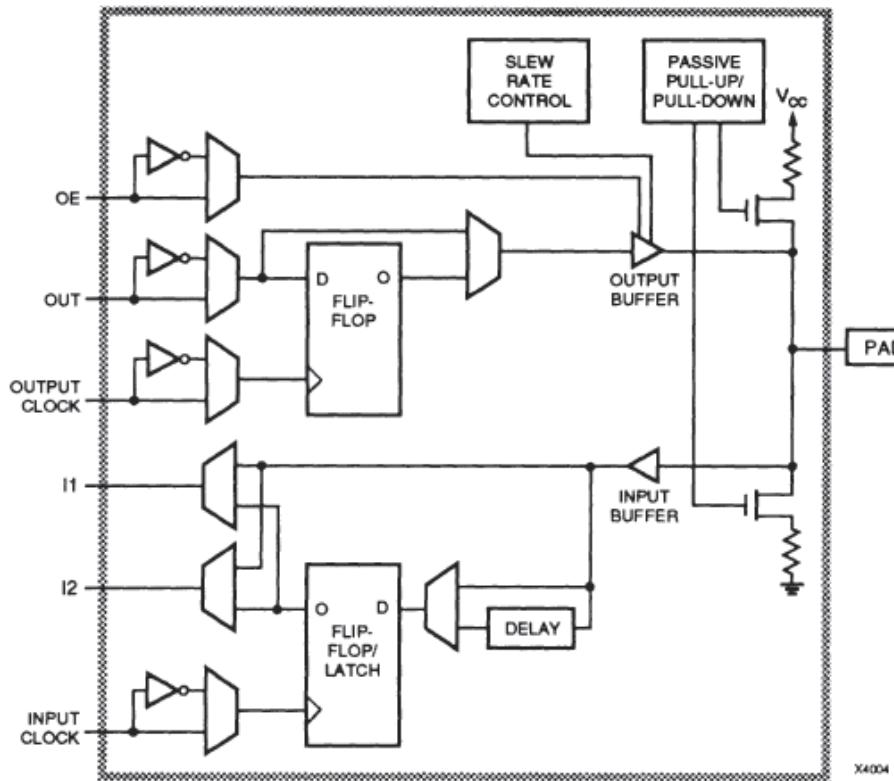


Figure 2.3.24. The XC4000 IOB.

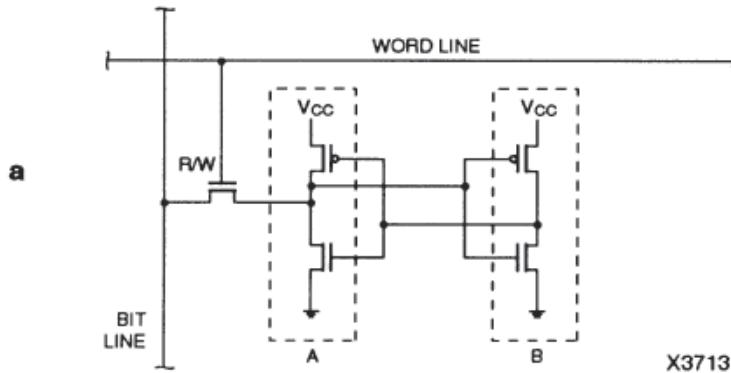
5.4 Clock Circuitry:

Special I/O blocks with special high drive clock buffers, known as clock drivers, are distributed around the chip. These buffers connect to clock input pads and drive the clock signals onto the global clock lines described above. These clock lines are designed for low skew times and fast propagation times. Note that synchronous design is a must with FPGAs, since absolute skew and delay cannot be guaranteed anywhere but on the global clock lines.

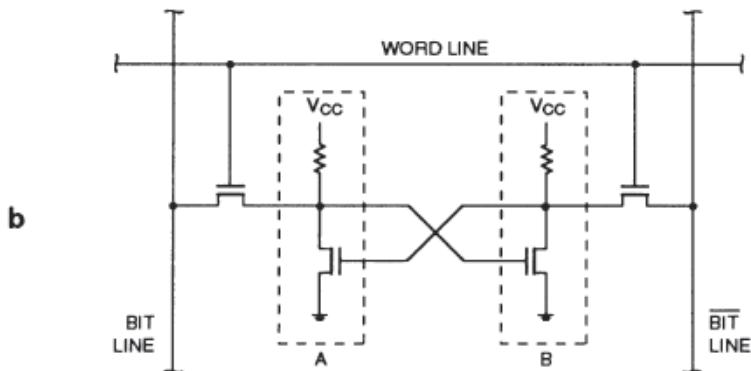
5.5 Technologies for programming FPGAs:

- SRAM programming: involves a small static RAM bit for each programming element.
- flash EPROM bits for each programming element.

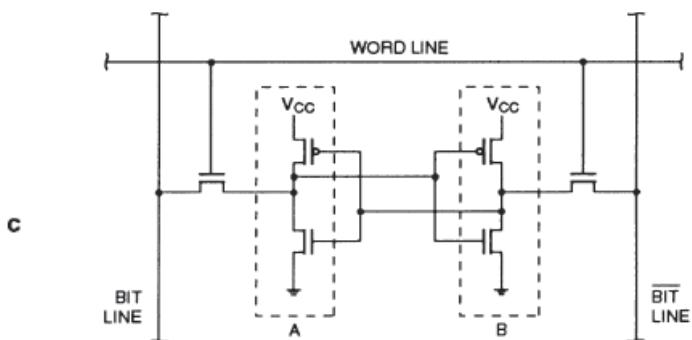
Five Transistor RAM Cell



Four Transistor RAM Cell



Six Transistor RAM Cell



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Figure 2.2.1. a) Xilinx Five-Transistor Configuration Memory Cell. b) Four-Transistor Memory Cell. c) Six-Transistor Memory Cell.

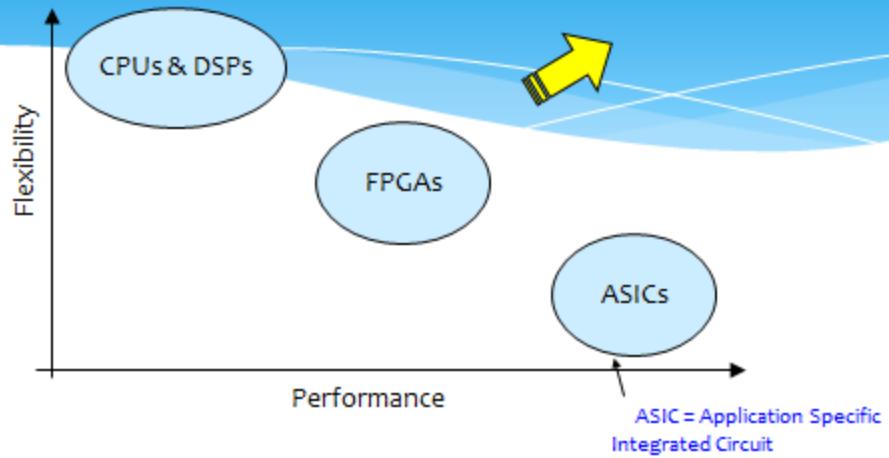
Example FPGA families

- Altera Stratix II and Cyclone II families
- Atmel AT6000 and AT40K families
- Lattice LatticeEC and LatticeECP families
- Xilinx Spartan-3 and Virtex-4 families.

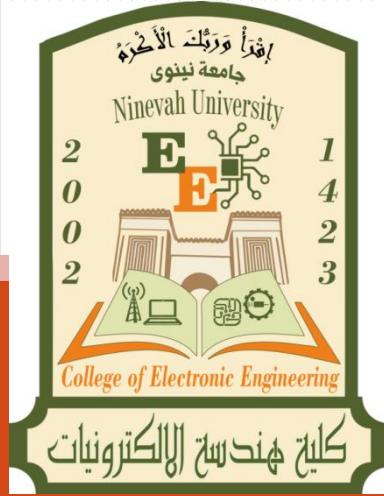
Table A3
Xilinx FPGAs.

Family	<i>Virtex II Pro (X)</i>	<i>Virtex II</i>	<i>Virtex E</i>	<i>Virtex</i>	<i>Spartan 3</i>	<i>Spartan II E</i>	<i>Spartan II</i>
Logic blocks (CLBs)	352–11,024	64–11,648	384–16,224	384–6,144	192–8,320	384–3,456	96–1,176
Logic cells	3,168–125,136	576–104,882	1,728–73,008	1,728–27,648	1,728–74,880	1,728–15,552	432–5,292
System gates		40 k–8 M	72 k–4 M	58 k–1.1 M	50 k–5 M	23 k–600 k	15 k–200 k
I/O pins	204–1,200	88–1108	176–804	180–512	124–784	182–514	86–284
Flip-flops	2,816–88,192	512–93,184	1,392–64,896	1,392–24,576	1,536–66,560	1,536–13,824	384–4,704
Max. internal frequency	547 MHz	420 MHz	240 MHz	200 MHz	326 MHz	200 MHz	200 MHz
Supply voltage	1.5 V	1.5 V	1.8 V	2.5 V	1.2 V	1.8 V	2.5 V
Interconnects	SRAM	SRAM	SRAM	SRAM	SRAM	SRAM	SRAM
Technology	0.13 μ 9-layer copper CMOS	0.15 μ 8-layer metal CMOS	0.18 μ 6-layer metal CMOS	0.22 μ 5-layer metal CMOS	0.09 μ 8-layer metal CMOS		
SRAM bits (Block RAM)	216 k–8 M	72 k–3 M	64 k–832 k	32 k–128 k	72 k–1.8 M	32 k–288 k	16 k–56 k

Performance vs. Flexibility



Goal: the performance of ASIC's with the flexibility of programmable processors.



HDL Programming -VHDL-

Textbook: Volnei A. Pedroni, “Circuit Design with VHDL”, MIT Press London, England, 2004.

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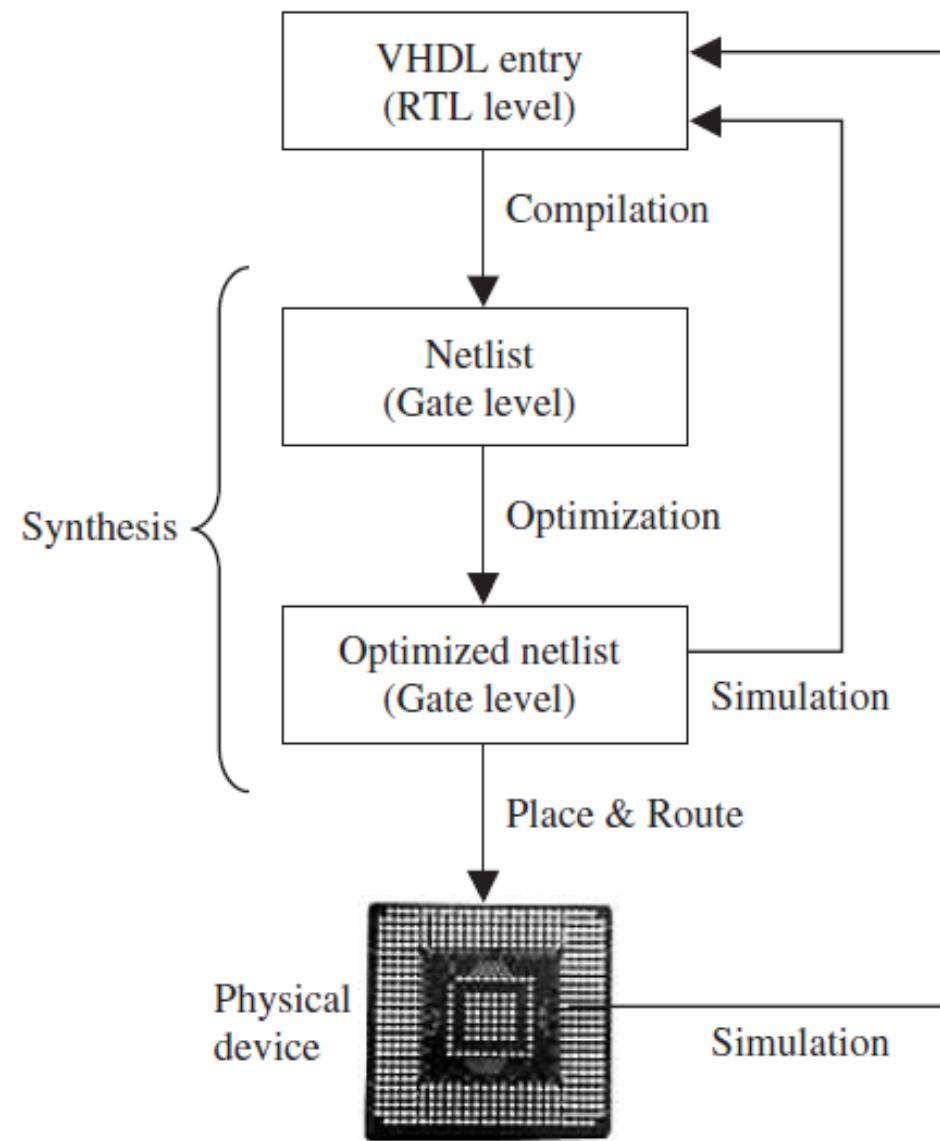
VHDL> Introduction

- VHDL stands for **VHSIC** Hardware Description Language.
- **VHSIC** is itself an abbreviation for Very High Speed Integrated Circuits.
- Describes the behavior of an electronic circuit or system, from which the physical circuit or system can then be implemented.
- first HDL standardized, IEEE 1076 standard.

VHDL> Introduction

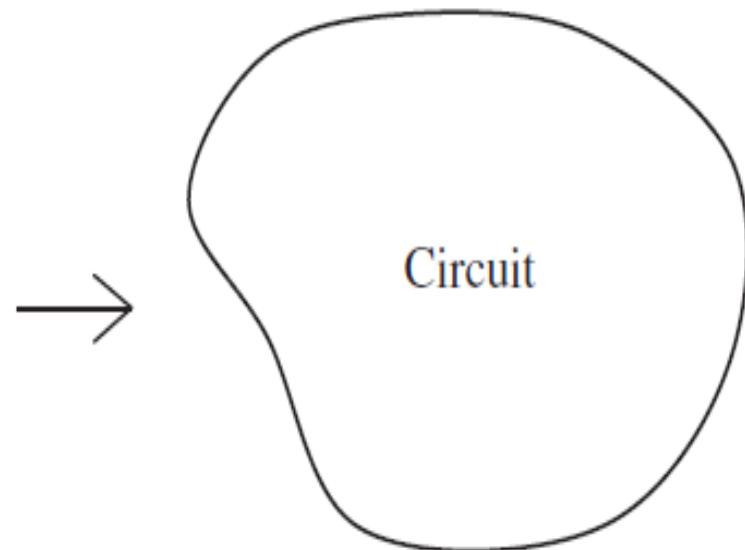
- Once the **VHDL** code has been written:
 - used either to implement the circuit in a programmable device (from Altera, Xilinx, Atmel, etc.)
 - or can be submitted to a foundry for fabrication of an **ASIC** chip.
- Currently, many complex commercial chips (microcontrollers, for example) are designed using such an approach.
- its statements are concurrent (parallel).

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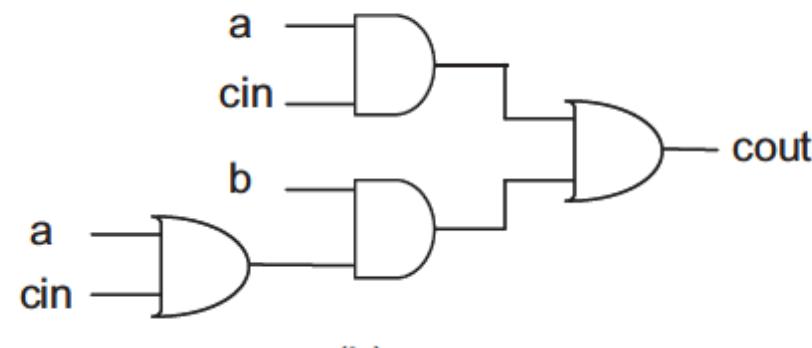
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ENTITY full_adder IS
PORT (a, b, cin: IN BIT;
      s, cout: OUT BIT);
END full_adder;
-----
ARCHITECTURE dataflow OF full_adder IS
BEGIN
  s <= a XOR b XOR cin;
  cout <= (a AND b) OR (a AND cin) OR
          (b AND cin);
END dataflow;
```



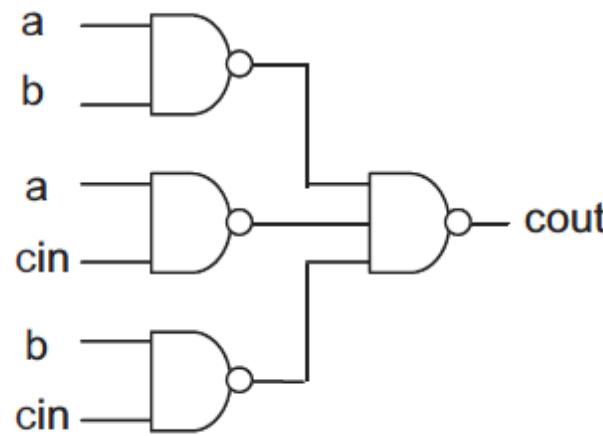
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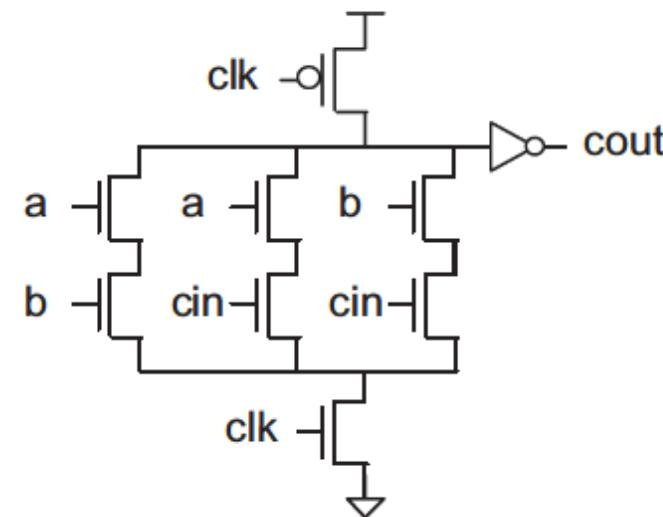
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Figure 1.4

Examples of possible circuits obtained from the full-adder VHDL code of figure 1.3.

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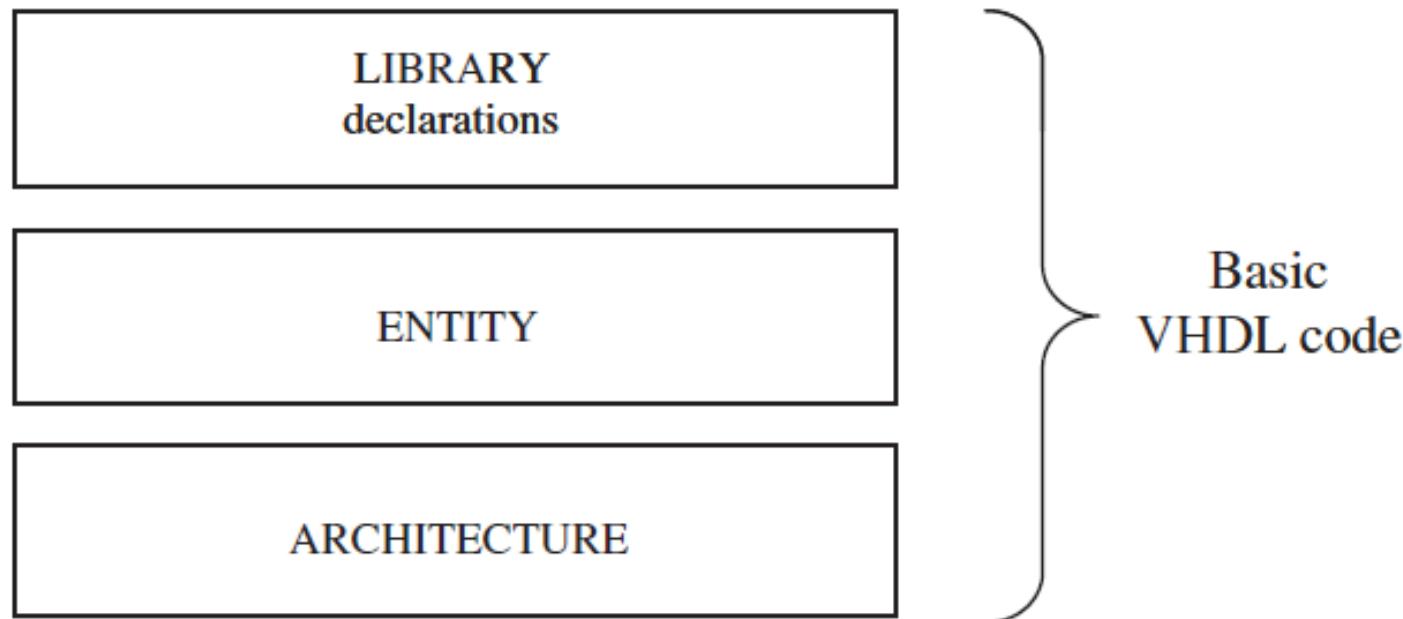


Figure 2.1
Fundamental sections of a basic VHDL code.

VHDL> Code Structure

LIBRARY declarations:

A LIBRARY is a collection of commonly used pieces of code. Placing such pieces inside a library allows them to be reused or shared by other designs.

```
LIBRARY library_name;  
USE library_name.package_name.package_parts;
```

```
LIBRARY ieee;           -- A semi-colon (;) indicates  
USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all; -- the end of a statement or  
  
LIBRARY std;           -- declaration, while a double  
USE std.standard.all;  -- dash (--) indicates a comment.  
  
LIBRARY work;  
USE work.all;  
  
library UNISIM;  
use UNISIM.VComponents.all;
```

VHDL> Code Structure

LIBRARY

PACKAGE

FUNCTIONS

PROCEDURES

COMPONENTS

CONSTANTS

TYPES

VHDL> Code Structure

An ENTITY is a list with specifications of all input and output pins (PORTS) of the circuit. Its syntax is shown below.

```
ENTITY entity_name IS
  PORT (
    port_name : signal_mode signal_type;
    port_name : signal_mode signal_type;
    ...);
END entity_name;
```

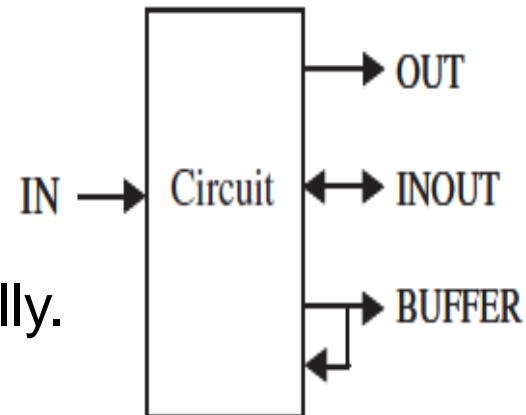
```
ENTITY nand_gate IS
  PORT (a, b : IN BIT;
        x : OUT BIT);
END nand_gate;
```

```
entity fulladder1 is
  Port ( a : in STD_LOGIC;
         b : in STD_LOGIC;
         cin : in STD_LOGIC;
         s : out STD_LOGIC;
         cout : out STD_LOGIC);
end fulladder1;
```

VHDL> Code Structure

```
ENTITY entity_name IS
  PORT (
    port_name : signal_mode signal_type;
    port_name : signal_mode signal_type;
    ...);
END entity_name;
```

- The mode of the signal can be:
 - IN, OUT, INOUT, or BUFFER.
 - **IN** and **OUT** are truly unidirectional pins,
 - **INOUT** is bidirectional.
 - **BUFFER**, output signal must read internally.
- The type of the signal can be BIT, STD_LOGIC, INTEGER, etc. (discussed later).
- Finally, the name any name, except VHDL reserved words



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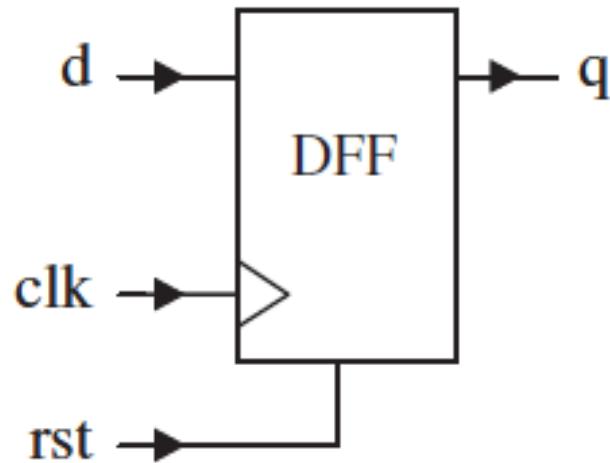
- The ARCHITECTURE is a description of how the circuit should behave (function). Its syntax is the following:

```
ARCHITECTURE architecture_name OF entity_name IS
  [ declarations ]
  BEGIN
    ( code )
  END architecture_name;
```

- declarative part (optional), where signals and constants are declared.
- the **code** part (from BEGIN down)

VHDL> Introductory Examples

- **DFF with Asynchronous Reset**
- Exam: Q1) Write a VHDL code to synthesis the following circuit (DFF with Asynchronous Reset) shown in figure below:



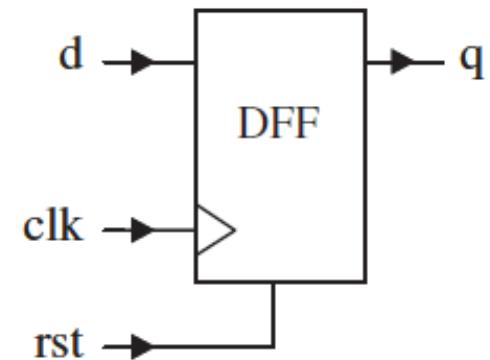
VHDL> Introductory Examples

- **DFF with Asynchronous Reset**
- VHDL is inherently concurrent (contrary to regular computer programs, which are sequential),
- so to implement any clocked circuit (flip-flops, for example) we have to “force” VHDL to be sequential.

```
PROCESS ( )  
BEGIN  
  (sequential code)  
END PROCESS;
```

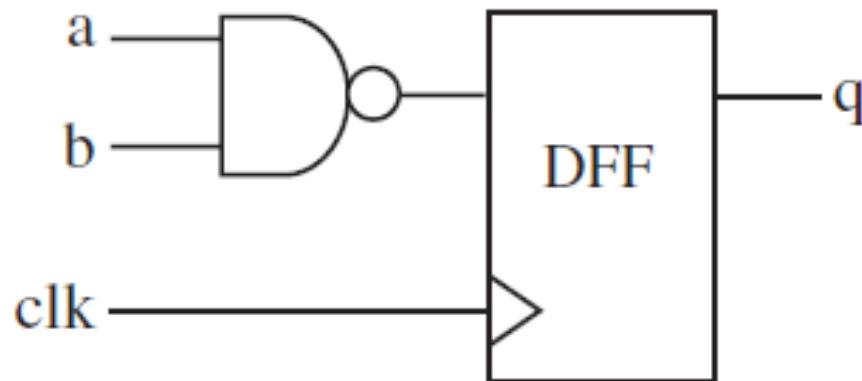
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```
1 -----
2 LIBRARY ieee;
3 USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
4 -----
5 ENTITY dff IS
6 PORT ( d, clk, rst: IN STD_LOGIC;
7 q: OUT STD_LOGIC);
8 END dff;
9 -----
10 ARCHITECTURE behavior OF dff IS
11 BEGIN
12 PROCESS (rst, clk)
13 BEGIN
14 IF (rst='1') THEN
15 q <= '0';
16 ELSIF (clk'EVENT AND clk='1') THEN
17 q <= d;
18 END IF;
19 END PROCESS;
20 END behavior;
21 -----
```



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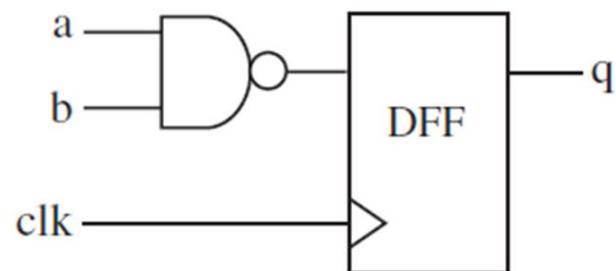
- **DFF plus NAND Gate**
- Exam: Q2) Write a VHDL code to synthesis the following circuit (DFF plus NAND Gate) shown in figure below:



VHDL> Introductory Examples

```
1  LIBRARY ieee;
2  USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
3
4
5  ENTITY DFFwNANDgate IS
6    PORT ( a, b, clk: IN BIT;
7           q: OUT BIT);
8  END DFFwNANDgate;
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```

```
10  ARCHITECTURE behavior OF DFFwNANDgate IS
11    SIGNAL temp : BIT;
12
13    BEGIN
14      temp <= a NAND b;
15      PROCESS (clk)
16      BEGIN
17        IF (clk'EVENT AND clk='1') THEN q<=temp;
18      END IF;
19    END PROCESS;
20  END behavior;
```



VHDL> Introductory Examples

- **Home work 1**
- Q3) Write a VHDL code for the circuit of figure P2.2. Notice that it is purely combinational, so a PROCESS is not necessary. Write an expression for d using only logical operators (AND, OR, NAND, NOT, etc.).

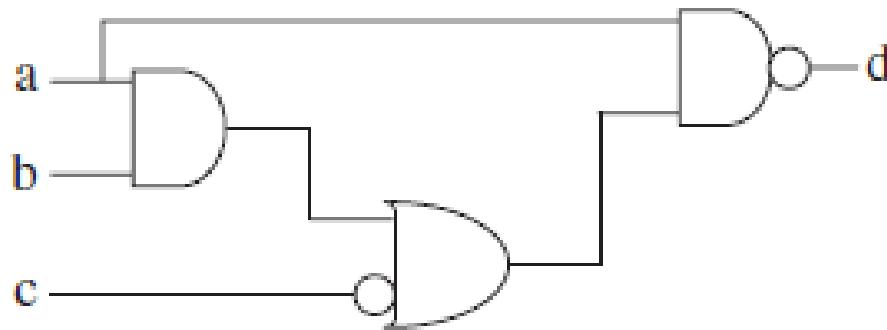
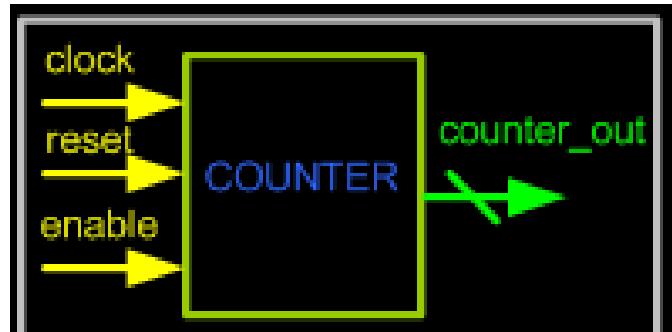


Figure P2.2

```

1  library ieee ;
2  use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
3  use ieee.std_logic_unsigned.all;
4
5  entity counter is
6    port(  clk:  in std_logic;
7          reset:  in std_logic;
8          enable:  in std_logic;
9          count:  out std_logic_vector(3 downto 0)
10 );
11 end counter;
12
13 architecture behav of counter is
14   signal pre_count: std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
15 begin
16   process(clk, enable, reset)
17 begin
18   if reset = '1' then
19     pre_count <= "0000";
20   elsif (clk='1' and clk'event) then
21     if enable = '1' then
22       pre_count <= pre_count + "1";
23     end if;
24   end if;
25   end process;
26   count <= pre_count;
27 end behav;

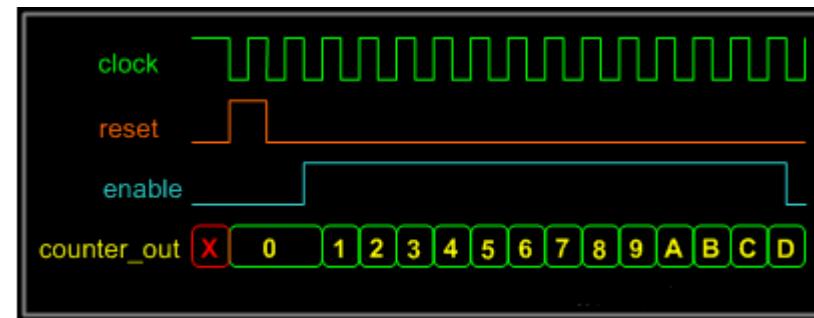
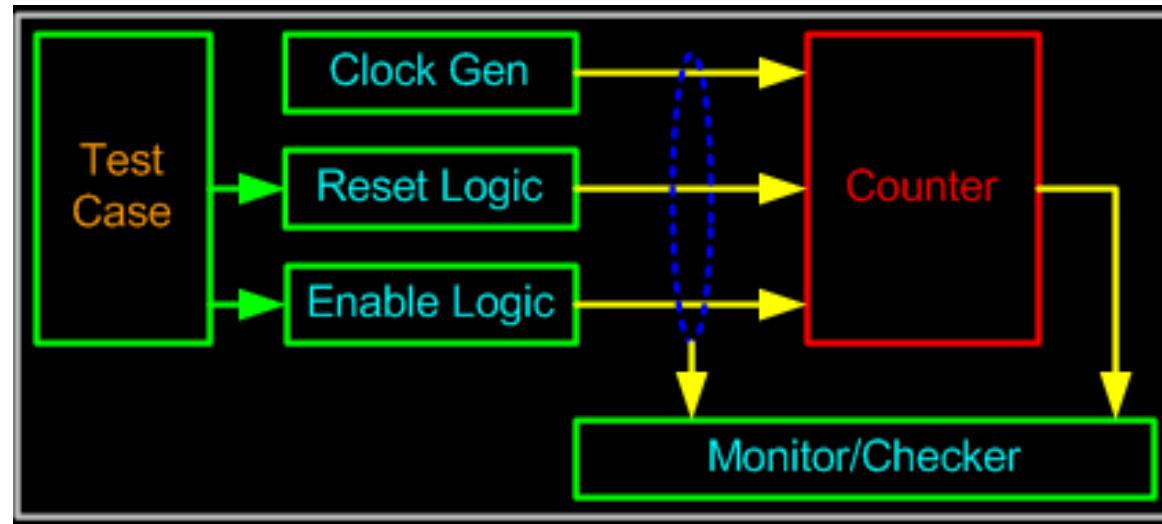
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Counter Test Bench

- Any digital circuit, no matter how complex, needs to be tested. For the counter logic, we need to provide a clock and reset logic. Once the counter is out of reset, we toggle the enable input to the counter, and check the waveform to see if the counter is counting correctly. The same is done in VHDL

Counter Test Bench



Testbench file

```
1  library ieee ;
2  use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
3  use ieee.std_logic_unsigned.all;
4  use ieee.std_logic_textio.all;
5  use std.textio.all;
6
7  entity counter_tb is
8  end;
9
10 architecture counter_tb of counter_tb is
11
12 COMPONENT counter
13     PORT ( count : OUT std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
14             clk   : IN std_logic;
15             enable: IN std_logic;
16             reset : IN std_logic);
17 END COMPONENT ;
18
19 SIGNAL    clk      : std_logic := '0';
20 SIGNAL    reset   : std_logic := '0';
21 SIGNAL    enable  : std_logic := '0';
22 SIGNAL    count   : std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
23
24 begin
--
```

```
25 |
26  dut : counter
27  PORT MAP (
28      count => count,
29      clk    => clk,
30      enable=> enable,
31      reset  => reset );
32
33  clock : PROCESS
34  begin
35      wait for 1 ns; clk  <= not clk;
36  end PROCESS clock;
37
38  stimulus : PROCESS
39  begin
40      wait for 5 ns; reset  <= '1';
41      wait for 4 ns; reset  <= '0';
42      wait for 4 ns; enable <= '1';
43      wait;
44  end PROCESS stimulus;
45
```

VHDL> Data Types

- Pre-Defined Data Types:
 - **BIT** (and **BIT_VECTOR**): 2-level logic ('0', '1').

```
SIGNAL x: BIT;
```

-- x is declared as a one-digit signal of type BIT.

```
SIGNAL y: BIT_VECTOR (3 DOWNTO 0);
```

-- y is a 4-bit vector, with the leftmost bit being the MSB.

```
SIGNAL w: BIT_VECTOR (0 TO 7);
```

-- w is an 8-bit vector, with the rightmost bit being the MSB.

VHDL> Data Types

```
x <= '1';

-- x is a single-bit signal (as specified above), whose value is
-- '1'. Notice that single quotes (' ') are used for a single bit.

y <= "0111";

-- y is a 4-bit signal (as specified above), whose value is "0111"
-- (MSB='0'). Notice that double quotes (" ") are used for
-- vectors.

w <= "01110001";

-- w is an 8-bit signal, whose value is "01110001" (MSB='1').
```

VHDL> Data Types

- **STD_LOGIC** (and **STD_LOGIC_VECTOR**):
8-valued logic system introduced in the IEEE 1164 standard.
 - ‘X’ Forcing Unknown (synthesizable unknown)
 - ‘0’ Forcing Low (synthesizable logic ‘1’)
 - ‘1’ Forcing High (synthesizable logic ‘0’)
 - ‘Z’ High impedance (synthesizable tri-state buffer)
 - ‘W’ Weak unknown
 - ‘L’ Weak low
 - ‘H’ Weak high
 - ‘–’ Don’t care

VHDL> Data Types

```
SIGNAL x: STD_LOGIC;  
  
-- x is declared as a one-digit (scalar) signal of type STD_LOGIC.  
  
SIGNAL y: STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (3 DOWNTO 0) := "0001";  
  
-- y is declared as a 4-bit vector, with the leftmost bit being  
-- the MSB. The initial value (optional) of y is "0001". Notice  
-- that the ":=" operator is used to establish the initial value.
```

VHDL> Data Types

- **BOOLEAN**: True, False.
- **INTEGER**: 32-bit integers (from -2,147,483,648 to +2,147,483,647).
- **NATURAL**: Non-negative integers (from 0 to +2,147,483,647).
- **SIGNED** and **UNSIGNED**: data types defined in the `std_logic_arith` package of the `ieee` library. They have the appearance of `STD_LOGIC_VECTOR`, but accept arithmetic operations, which are typical of `INTEGER` data types.
- **REAL**: Real numbers ranging from -1.0E38 to +1.0E38. Not synthesizable.
- **Physical literals**: Used to inform physical quantities, like time, voltage, etc. Useful in simulations. Not synthesizable.

VHDL> Data Types

- Examples:

```
x0 <= '0'; -- bit, std_logic, or std_ulogic value '0'
```

```
x1 <= "00011111"; -- bit_vector, std_logic_vector,  
-- std_ulogic_vector, signed, or unsigned
```

```
x2 <= "0001_1111"; -- underscore allowed to ease visualization
```

```
x3 <= "101111" -- binary representation of decimal 47
```

```
.
```

VHDL> Data Types

- Examples:

```
x4 <= B"101111" -- binary representation of decimal 47
x5 <= O"57" -- octal representation of decimal 47
x6 <= X"2F" -- hexadecimal representation of decimal 47

n <= 1200; -- integer

m <= 1_200; -- integer, underscore allowed

IF ready THEN... -- Boolean, executed if ready=TRUE

y <= 1.2E-5; -- real, not synthesizable

q <= d after 10 ns; -- physical, not synthesizable
```

VHDL> Data Types

```
SIGNAL a: BIT;
SIGNAL b: BIT_VECTOR(7 DOWNTO 0);
SIGNAL c: STD_LOGIC;
SIGNAL d: STD_LOGIC_VECTOR(7 DOWNTO 0);
SIGNAL e: INTEGER RANGE 0 TO 255;
...
a <= b(5); -- legal (same scalar type: BIT)
b(0) <= a; -- legal (same scalar type: BIT)
c <= d(5); -- legal (same scalar type: STD_LOGIC)
d(0) <= c; -- legal (same scalar type: STD_LOGIC)

a <= c; -- illegal (type mismatch: BIT x STD_LOGIC)
b <= d; -- illegal (type mismatch: BIT_VECTOR x
           -- STD_LOGIC_VECTOR)
e <= b; -- illegal (type mismatch: INTEGER x BIT_VECTOR)
e <= d; -- illegal (type mismatch: INTEGER x
           -- STD_LOGIC_VECTOR)
```

Ex: Write VHDL code to design 8-3 encoder (use if statement)

```
1  library ieee;
2      use ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
3
4  entity encoder_using_if is
5      port (
6          enable      :in  std_logic;                      --  Enable for the encoder
7          encoder_in :in  std_logic_vector (7 downto 0); --  16-bit Input
8          binary_out :out std_logic_vector (2 downto 0)  --  4 bit binary Output
9
10     );
11 end entity;
12
13 architecture behavior of encoder_using_if is
14
15 begin
16     process (enable, encoder_in) begin
17         binary_out <= "00";
18         if (enable = '1') then
19             if (encoder_in = X"02") then binary_out <= "001"; end if;
20             if (encoder_in = X"04") then binary_out <= "010"; end if;
21             if (encoder_in = X"08") then binary_out <= "011"; end if;
22             if (encoder_in = X"10") then binary_out <= "100"; end if;
23             if (encoder_in = X"20") then binary_out <= "101"; end if;
24             if (encoder_in = X"40") then binary_out <= "110"; end if;
25             if (encoder_in = X"80") then binary_out <= "111"; end if;
26
27         end if;
28     end process;
29 end architecture;
```

VHDL> Data Types

- User-Defined Data Types:
 - VHDL also allows the user to define his/her own data types.

```
TYPE integer IS RANGE -2147483647 TO +2147483647;  
-- This is indeed the pre-defined type INTEGER.
```

```
TYPE natural IS RANGE 0 TO +2147483647;  
-- This is indeed the pre-defined type NATURAL.
```

```
TYPE my_integer IS RANGE -32 TO 32;  
-- A user-defined subset of integers.
```

```
TYPE student_grade IS RANGE 0 TO 100;  
-- A user-defined subset of integers or naturals.
```

VHDL> Data Types

```
TYPE bit IS ('0', '1');
-- This is indeed the pre-defined type BIT
```

```
TYPE my_logic IS ('0', '1', 'Z');
-- A user-defined subset of std_logic.
```

```
TYPE state IS (idle, forward,
                backward, stop);
-- An enumerated data type, typical of
-- finite state machines.
```

```
TYPE color IS (red, green, blue, white);
-- Another enumerated data type.
```

VHDL> Data Types

- Sub-Types:

- The main reason for using a subtype rather than specifying a new type is that, though operations between data of different types are not allowed, they are allowed between a subtype and its corresponding base type.

```
SUBTYPE natural IS INTEGER RANGE 0 TO INTEGER'HIGH;  
-- As expected, NATURAL is a subtype (subset) of INTEGER.
```

```
SUBTYPE my_logic IS STD_LOGIC RANGE '0' TO 'Z';  
-- Recall that STD_LOGIC=('X','0','1','Z','W','L','H','-').  
-- Therefore, my_logic=('0','1','Z').
```

```
SUBTYPE my_color IS color RANGE red TO blue;  
-- Since color=(red, green, blue, white), then  
-- my_color=(red, green, blue).
```

```
SUBTYPE small_integer IS INTEGER RANGE -32 TO 32;  
-- A subtype of INTEGER.
```

VHDL> Data Types

- Signed and Unsigned Data Types:
 - defined in the *std_logic_arith* package of the *ieee* library.

```
LIBRARY ieee;
USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
USE ieee.std_logic_arith.all;      -- extra package necessary
...
SIGNAL a: IN SIGNED (7 DOWNTO 0);
SIGNAL b: IN SIGNED (7 DOWNTO 0);
SIGNAL x: OUT SIGNED (7 DOWNTO 0);
...
v <= a + b;      -- legal (arithmetic operation OK)
w <= a AND b;    -- illegal (logical operation not OK)
```

VHDL> Data Types

Example: Legal and illegal operations with std_logic_vector.

```
LIBRARY ieee;
USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;      -- no extra package required
...
SIGNAL a: IN STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (7 DOWNTO 0);
SIGNAL b: IN STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (7 DOWNTO 0);
SIGNAL x: OUT STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (7 DOWNTO 0);
...
v <= a + b;      -- illegal (arithmetic operation not OK)
w <= a AND b;    -- legal (logical operation OK)
```

```
LIBRARY ieee;
USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
USE ieee.std_logic_unsigned.all;      -- extra package included

SIGNAL a: IN STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (7 DOWNTO 0);
SIGNAL b: IN STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (7 DOWNTO 0);
SIGNAL x: OUT STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (7 DOWNTO 0);
...
v <= a + b;          -- legal (arithmetic operation OK), unsigned
w <= a AND b;        -- legal (logical operation OK)
```

VHDL> Data Conversion

- VHDL does not allow direct operations between data of different types.
- it is necessary to convert data from one type to another.
- If the data are closely related: std_logic_1164 of the ieee library provides straightforward conversion functions.

```
TYPE long IS INTEGER RANGE -100 TO 100;
TYPE short IS INTEGER RANGE -10 TO 10;
SIGNAL x : short;
SIGNAL y : long;
...
y <= 2*x + 5;          -- error, type mismatch
y <= long(2*x + 5);    -- OK, result converted into type long
```

VHDL> Data Conversion

- Data conversion functions: *std_logic_arith* package of the *ieee* library.

keyword	Input data type	Output data type
conv_integer(p)	INTEGER, UNSIGNED, SIGNED, or STD_ULOGIC	INTEGER
conv_unsigned(p, b)	INTEGER, UNSIGNED, SIGNED, or STD_ULOGIC	UNSIGNED <i>* Where b is number of bits.</i>
conv_signed(p, b):	INTEGER, UNSIGNED, SIGNED, or STD_ULOGIC	SIGNED
conv_std_logic_vector(p, b)	INTEGER, UNSIGNED, SIGNED, or STD_ULOGIC	STD_LOGIC_VECTOR

VHDL> Data Conversion

- Data conversion functions: `std_logic_signed` or `std_logic_unsigned` package of the *ieee* library.

keyword	Input data type	Output data type
<code>unsigned(p)</code>	<code>STD_LOGIC_VECTOR</code>	<code>UNSIGNED</code>
<code>signed(p):</code>	<code>STD_LOGIC_VECTOR</code>	<code>SIGNED</code>

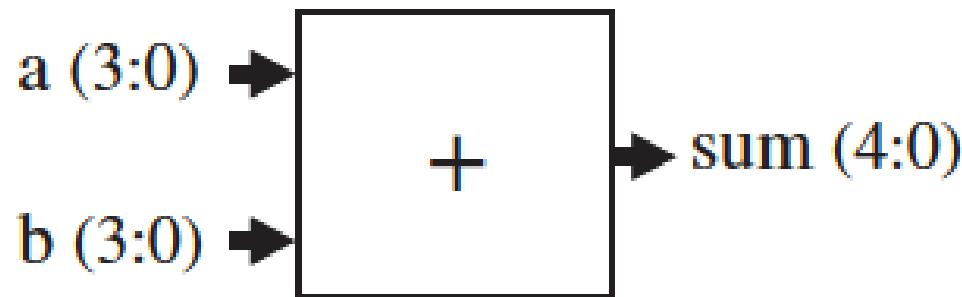
VHDL> Data Conversion

- Example:

```
LIBRARY ieee;
USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
USE ieee.std_logic_arith.all;
...
SIGNAL a: IN UNSIGNED (7 DOWNTO 0);
SIGNAL b: IN UNSIGNED (7 DOWNTO 0);
SIGNAL y: OUT STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (7 DOWNTO 0);
...
y <= CONV_STD_LOGIC_VECTOR ((a+b), 8);
-- Legal operation: a+b is converted from UNSIGNED to an
-- 8-bit STD_LOGIC_VECTOR value, then assigned to y.
```

VHDL> Examples:

- A 4-bit adder:



VHDL> Examples:

- A 4-bit adder:

```
----- Solution 1: in/out=SIGNED -----
LIBRARY ieee;
USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
USE ieee.std_logic_arith.all;

ENTITY adder1 IS
PORT ( a, b : IN SIGNED (3 DOWNTO 0);
sum : OUT SIGNED (4 DOWNTO 0));
END adder1;

ARCHITECTURE adder1 OF adder1 IS
BEGIN
sum <= a + b;
END adder1;
```

```
----- Solution 2: out=INTEGER -----
LIBRARY ieee;
USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
USE ieee.std_logic_arith.all;

ENTITY adder2 IS
PORT ( a, b : IN SIGNED (3 DOWNTO 0);
sum : OUT INTEGER RANGE -16 TO 15);
END adder2;

ARCHITECTURE adder2 OF adder2 IS
BEGIN
sum <= CONV_INTEGER(a + b);
END adder2;
```

VHDL>Static and non-static data

- **CONSTANT:**

- establish default values
- can be declared in a PACKAGE, ENTITY, or ARCHITECTURE.

```
CONSTANT name : type := value;
```

```
CONSTANT set_bit : BIT := '1';
```

```
CONSTANT datamemory : memory := ((('0','0','0','0'),  
('0','0','0','1'),  
('0','0','1','1')));
```

VHDL>Static and non-static data

- **GENERIC:**

- specifying a generic parameter (that is, a static parameter).
- code more flexibility and reusability.
- must be declared in the ENTITY.

```
GENERIC (parameter_name : parameter_type := parameter_value);
```

```
ENTITY adder2 IS
  GENERIC (n : INTEGER := 8);
  PORT ( a, b : IN SIGNED (3 DOWNTO 0);
          sum : OUT INTEGER RANGE 1 TO 16 );
```

VHDL>Static and non-static data

- **SIGNAL:**

- pass values in and out the circuit, as well as between its internal units.
- circuit interconnects (wires).

```
SIGNAL name : type [range] [:= initial_value];
```

```
SIGNAL control: BIT := '0';
```

```
SIGNAL count: INTEGER RANGE 0 TO 100;
```

```
SIGNAL y: STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (7 DOWNTO 0);
```

VHDL>Static and non-static data

- **VARIABLE:**
 - represents only local information.
 - It can only be used inside a sequential code (PROCESS for example).

```
VARIABLE name : type [range] [:= init_value];
```

```
variable control: BIT := '0';
variable count: INTEGER RANGE 0 TO 100;
variable y: STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (7 DOWNTO 0);
```

VHDL>Static and non-static data

Table 7.1

Comparison between SIGNAL and VARIABLE.

	SIGNAL	VARIABLE
Assignment	<code><=</code>	<code>:=</code>
Utility	Represents circuit interconnects (wires)	Represents local information
Scope	Can be global (seen by entire code)	Local (visible only inside the corresponding PROCESS, FUNCTION, or PROCEDURE)
Behavior	Update is not immediate in sequential code (new value generally only available at the conclusion of the PROCESS, FUNCTION, or PROCEDURE)	Updated immediately (new value can be used in the next line of code)
Usage	In a PACKAGE, ENTITY, or ARCHITECTURE. In an ENTITY, all PORTS are SIGNALS by default	Only in sequential code, that is, in a PROCESS, FUNCTION, or PROCEDURE

VHDL > Operators

- VHDL provides several kinds of pre-defined operators:
 - Assignment operators
 - Logical operators
 - Arithmetic operators
 - Relational operators
 - Shift operators
 - Concatenation operators

VHDL > Operators

- Assignment operators

Operator	using
<code><=</code>	<code>SIGNAL.</code>
<code>:=</code>	<code>VARIABLE, CONSTANT, GENERIC, initial values.</code>
<code>=></code>	<code>vector elements or with OTHERS.</code>

VHDL> Operators

- Assignment operators

```
SIGNAL x : STD_LOGIC;
VARIABLE y : STD_LOGIC_VECTOR(3 DOWNTO 0); -- Leftmost bit is MSB
SIGNAL w: STD_LOGIC_VECTOR(0 TO 7); -- Rightmost bit is -- MSB
-----
x <= '1'; -- '1' is assigned to SIGNAL x using "<="
y := "0000"; -- "0000" is assigned to VARIABLE y using ":="
w <= "10000000"; -- LSB is '1', the others are '0'
w <= (0 =>'1', OTHERS =>'0'); -- LSB is '1', the others are '0'
```

VHDL > Operators

- **Logical operators:**
- perform logical operations.
- Data types: **BIT, STD_LOGIC, STD_ULOGIC, BIT_VECTOR, STD_LOGIC_VECTOR, or STD_ULOGIC_VECTOR**

- NOT
 - AND
 - OR
 - NAND
 - NOR
 - XOR
 - XNOR

Examples:

```
y <= NOT a AND b;          -- (a'.b)
y <= NOT (a AND b);        -- (a.b)'
y <= a NAND b;             -- (a.b)'
```

VHDL > Operators

- **Arithmetic Operators:**
- perform arithmetic operations
- data types: INTEGER, SIGNED, UNSIGNED, or REAL
- With *std_logic_signed* or *std_logic_unsigned* package: STD_LOGIC_VECTOR.

+	Addition
-	Subtraction
*	Multiplication
/	Division only power of two dividers
**	Exponentiation only static values of base and exponent are accepted

VHDL > Operators

- N bit adder circuit:

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

-----  
  
entity ADDER is
  generic(n: natural :=2);
  port( A: in std_logic_vector(n-1 downto 0);
        B: in std_logic_vector(n-1 downto 0);
        carry: out std_logic;
        sum: out std_logic_vector(n-1 downto 0)
      );
  
end ADDER;
```

VHDL > Operators

- N bit adder circuit:

```
architecture behv of ADDER is

  -- define a temporary signal to store the result

  signal result: std_logic_vector(n downto 0);

begin

  -- the 3rd bit should be carry

  result <= ('0' & A) + ('0' & B);
  sum <= result(n-1 downto 0);
  carry <= result(n);

end behv;
```

VHDL > Operators

- **Comparison Operators:**
- Used for making comparisons.
- Data types: any.

= Equal to

/= Not equal to

< Less than

> Greater than

<= Less than or equal to

>= Greater than or equal to

VHDL> Operators

N bit comparator:

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

-----
entity Comparator is
  generic(n: natural :=2);
  port( A: in std_logic_vector(n-1 downto 0);
        B: in std_logic_vector(n-1 downto 0);
        less:    out std_logic;
        equal:   out std_logic;
        greater: out std_logic
      );
end Comparator;
```

VHDL > Operators

```
architecture behv of Comparator is

begin

    process (A,B)
    begin
        if (A<B) then
            less <= '1';
            equal <= '0';
            greater <= '0';
        elsif (A=B) then
            less <= '0';
            equal <= '1';
            greater <= '0';
        else
            less <= '0';
            equal <= '0';
            greater <= '1';
        end if;
        end process;

    end behv;
```

VHDL > Operators

- **Shift Operators:**

- sll Shift left logic
 - positions on the right are filled with '0's
- srl Shift right logic
 - positions on the left are filled with '0's

- **Syntax:**

<left operand> <shift operation> <right operand>

BIT_VECTOR

INTEGER

sll, srl, sla, sra, rol, ror

VHDL> Data Attributes

- The pre-defined, synthesizable data attributes are the following:
 - **d'LOW**: Returns lower array index
 - **d'HIGH**: Returns upper array index
 - **d'LEFT**: Returns leftmost array index
 - **d'RIGHT**: Returns rightmost array index
 - **d'LENGTH**: Returns vector size
 - **d'RANGE**: Returns vector range
 - **d'REVERSE_RANGE**: Returns vector range in reverse order

VHDL> Data Attributes

Example: Consider the following signal:

```
SIGNAL d : STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (7 DOWNTO 0);
```

Then:



```
d'LOW=0, d'HIGH=7, d'LEFT=7, d'RIGHT=0, d'LENGTH=8,  
d'RANGE=(7 downto 0), d'REVERSE_RANGE=(0 to 7).
```

Example: Consider the following signal:

```
SIGNAL x: STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (0 TO 7);
```

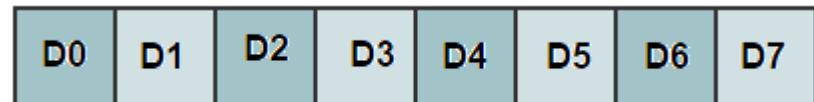
Then all four LOOP statements below are synthesizable and equivalent.

```
FOR i IN RANGE (0 TO 7) LOOP ...
```

```
FOR i IN x'RANGE LOOP ...
```

```
FOR i IN RANGE (x'LOW TO x'HIGH) LOOP ...
```

```
FOR i IN RANGE (0 TO x'LENGTH-1) LOOP ...
```



VHDL> Signal Attributes

- Let us consider a signal s. Then:
 - s'EVENT: Returns true when an event occurs on s.
 - s'STABLE: Returns true if no event has occurred on s.

```
IF (clk'EVENT AND clk='1')...          -- EVENT attribute used
                                         -- with IF
IF (NOT clk'STABLE AND clk='1')...     -- STABLE attribute used
                                         -- with IF
WAIT UNTIL (clk'EVENT AND clk='1');    -- EVENT attribute used
                                         -- with WAIT
IF RISING_EDGE(clk)...                 -- call to a function
```

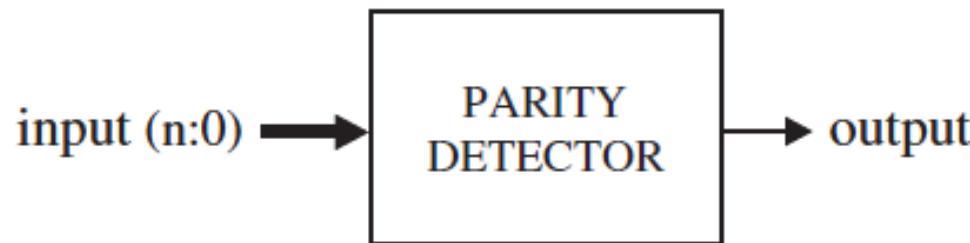
VHDL> User-Defined Attributes

- VHDL also allows the construction of user defined attributes.

```
ATTRIBUTE attribute_name: attribute_type;  
  
ATTRIBUTE attribute_name OF target_name: class IS value;  
  
-- declaration  
ATTRIBUTE number_of_inputs: INTEGER;  
-- specification  
ATTRIBUTE number_of_inputs OF nand3: SIGNAL IS 3;  
...  
-- attribute call, returns 3  
inputs <= nand3'number_of_pins;
```

VHDL> Examples

- Generic Parity Detector:
- The circuit must provide output = '0' when the number of '1's in the input vector is odd, or output = '1' otherwise.



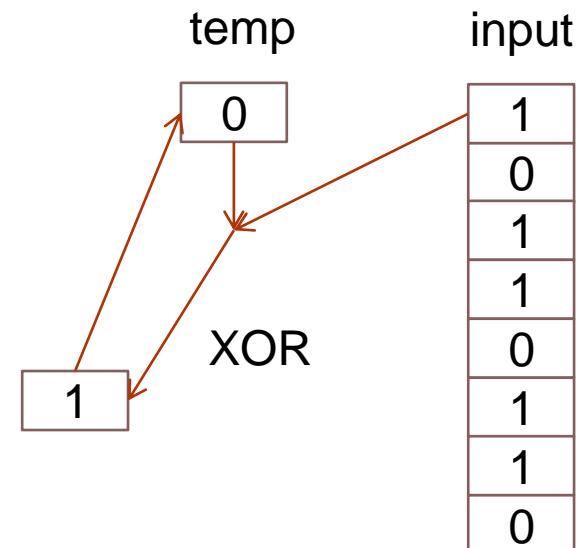
VHDL> Examples

- Generic Parity Detector:

```
LIBRARY ieee;
USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;

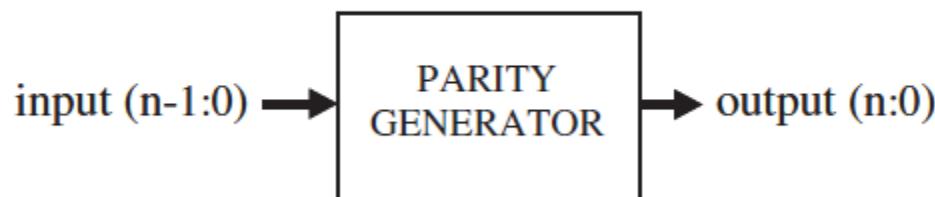
ENTITY parity_det IS
  GENERIC (n : INTEGER := 7);
  PORT ( input: IN Std_logic_VECTOR (n DOWNTO 0);
         output: out Std_logic);
END parity_det;

ARCHITECTURE parity OF parity_det IS
BEGIN
  PROCESS (input)
    VARIABLE temp: Std_logic;
  BEGIN
    temp := '0';
    FOR i IN input'RANGE LOOP
      temp := temp XOR input(i);
    END LOOP;
    output <= not temp;
  END PROCESS;
END parity;
```



VHDL> Examples

- **Generic Parity Generator:**
 - The circuit must add one bit to the input vector (on its left).
 - Such bit must be a '0' if the number of '1's in the input vector is even, or a '1' if it is odd, such that the resulting vector will always contain an even number of '1's (even parity).



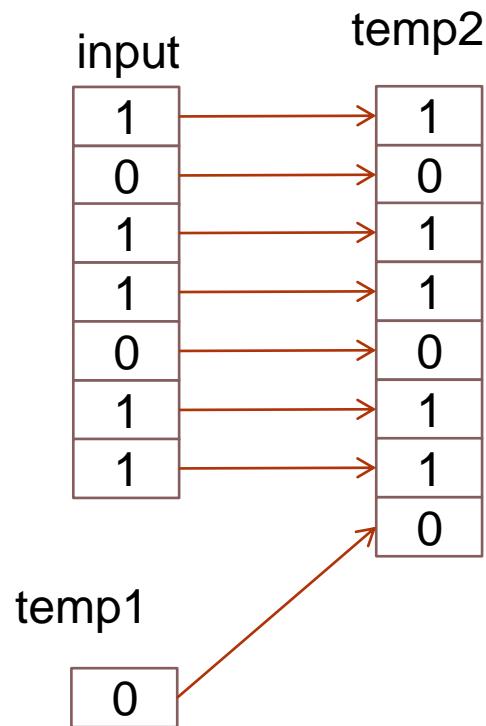
VHDL> Examples

- Generic Parity Generator:

```
library IEEE;
use IEEE.STD_LOGIC_1164.ALL;

ENTITY parity_gen IS
  GENERIC (n : INTEGER := 7);
  PORT ( input: IN STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (n-1 DOWNTO 0);
         output: OUT STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (n DOWNTO 0));
END parity_gen;

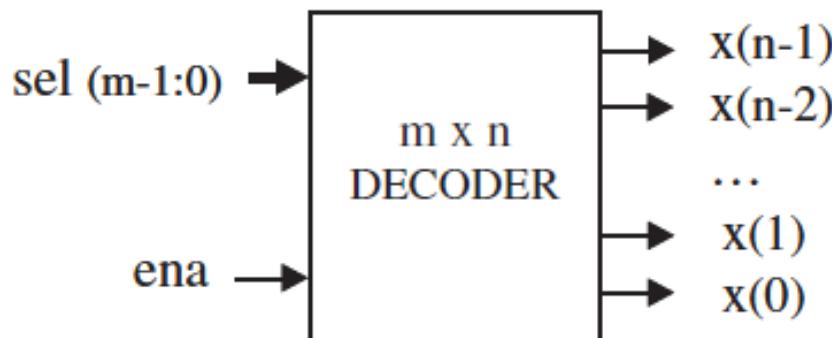
ARCHITECTURE parity OF parity_gen IS
BEGIN
  PROCESS (input)
    VARIABLE temp1: STD_LOGIC;
    VARIABLE temp2: STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (output'RANGE);
  BEGIN
    temp1 := '0';
    FOR i IN input'_RANGE LOOP
      temp1 := temp1 XOR input(i);
      temp2(i) := input(i);
    END LOOP;
    temp2(output'HIGH) := temp1;
    output <= temp2;
  END PROCESS;
END parity;
```



VHDL> Examples

- **Generic Decoder:**

- If $\text{ena} = '0'$, then all bits of x should be high; otherwise, the output bit selected by sel should be low.



$$m = \log_2 n$$

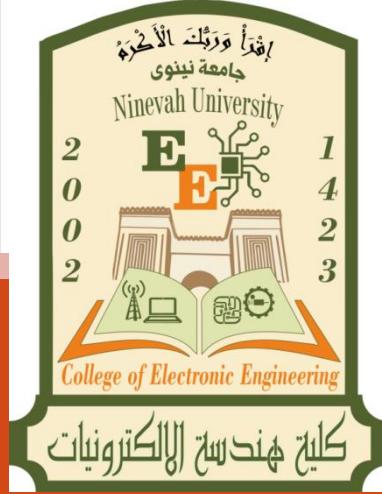
ena	sel	x
0	00	1111
1	00	1110
	01	1101
	10	1011
	11	0111

VHDL> Examples

- **Generic Decoder:**

```
LIBRARY ieee;
USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;

-----  
ENTITY decoder IS
PORT ( ena : IN STD_LOGIC;
sel : IN STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (2 DOWNTO 0);
x : OUT STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (7 DOWNTO 0));
END decoder;  
  
ARCHITECTURE generic_decoder OF decoder IS
BEGIN
PROCESS (ena, sel)
VARIABLE temp1 : STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (x'HIGH DOWNTO 0);
VARIABLE temp2 : INTEGER RANGE 0 TO x'HIGH;
BEGIN
temp1 := (OTHERS => '1');
IF (ena='1') THEN
temp2:=conv_integer(signed(sel));
temp1(temp2):='0';
END IF;
x <= temp1;
END PROCESS;
END generic_decoder;
```



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Textbook: Volnei A. Pedroni, “Circuit Design with VHDL”, MIT Press London, England, 2004.

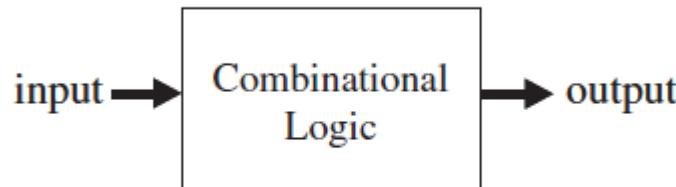
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VHDL> Concurrent & sequential Code

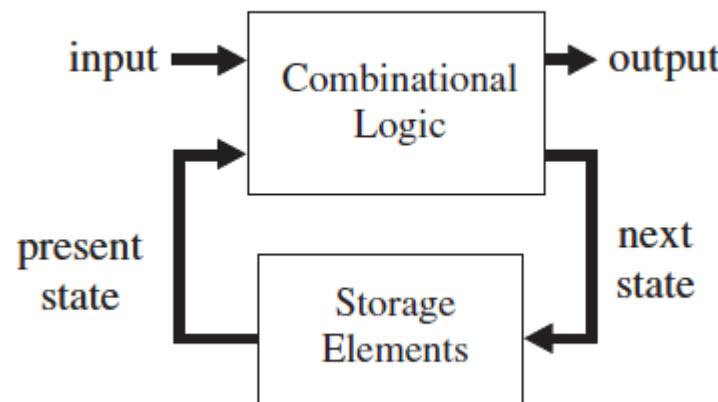
- Concurrent Code:
 - WHEN,
 - GENERATE,
 - Assignments using only operators (AND, NOT, +, *, sll, etc.),
 - A special kind of assignment, called BLOCK.
- Sequential Code:
 - PROCESSES, FUNCTIONS, PROCEDURES.
 - IF, WAIT, CASE, and LOOP.
 - VARIABLES.

VHDL>Combinational vs Sequential Logic

- **Combinational Logic:** output depends solely on the current inputs.



- **sequential logic:** output depend on previous inputs.



VHDL> Concurrent versus Sequential

- VHDL code is inherently concurrent (parallel).
- Only statements placed inside a PROCESS, FUNCTION, or PROCEDURE are sequential.
 - the block, as a whole, is concurrent with any other (external) statements.
- Concurrent code is also called **dataflow** code.
- Concurrent: The order does not matter.

VHDL> Concurrent Code

- In summary, in concurrent code the following can be used:
 - Operators;
 - The WHEN statement (WHEN/ELSE or WITH/SELECT/WHEN);
 - The GENERATE statement;
 - The BLOCK statement.

VHDL> Concurrent Code

- Operators: Operators are type of Concurrent code.

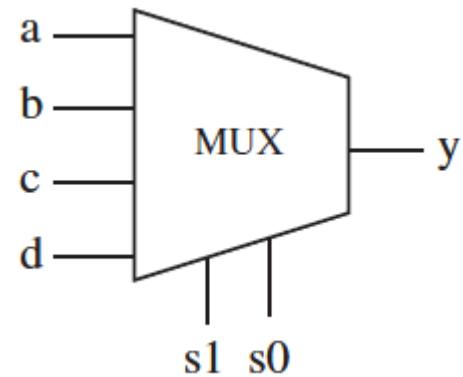
Table 5.1
Operators.

Operator type	Operators	Data types
Logical	NOT, AND, NAND, OR, NOR, XOR, XNOR	BIT, BIT_VECTOR, STD_LOGIC, STD_LOGIC_VECTOR, STD_ULOGIC, STD_ULOGIC_VECTOR
Arithmetic	+, -, *, /, ** (mod, rem, abs)	INTEGER, SIGNED, UNSIGNED
Comparison	=, /=, <, >, <=, >=	All above
Shift	sll, srl, sla, sra, rol, ror	BIT_VECTOR
Concatenation	&, (,,)	Same as for logical operators, plus SIGNED and UNSIGNED

VHDL> Concurrent Code Examples

- Multiplexer #1

```
1  LIBRARY ieee;
2  USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
3
4
5  ENTITY mux IS
6  PORT ( a, b, c, d, s0, s1: IN STD_LOGIC;
7  y: OUT STD_LOGIC);
8  END mux;
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
```



VHDL> Concurrent Code

- WHEN (Simple and Selected)

WHEN / ELSE:

```
assignment WHEN condition ELSE
assignment WHEN condition ELSE
...
;
```

simple

WITH / SELECT / WHEN:

```
WITH identifier SELECT
assignment WHEN value,
assignment WHEN value,
...
;
```

selected

VHDL> Concurrent Code

- Whenever **WITH** / **SELECT** / **WHEN** is used:
- all permutations must be tested,
 - keyword **OTHERS** is often useful.
- keyword **UNAFFECTED**,
 - which should be used when no action is to take place.
- “**WHEN value**” can indeed take up three forms:

<code>WHEN value</code>	-- single value
<code>WHEN value1 to value2</code>	-- range, for enumerated data types
	-- only
<code>WHEN value1 value2 ...</code>	-- value1 or value2 or ...

VHDL> Concurrent Code

- Examples:

```
----- With WHEN/ELSE -----
```

```
outp <= "000" WHEN (inp='0' OR reset='1') ELSE
    "001" WHEN ctl='1' ELSE
    "010";
```

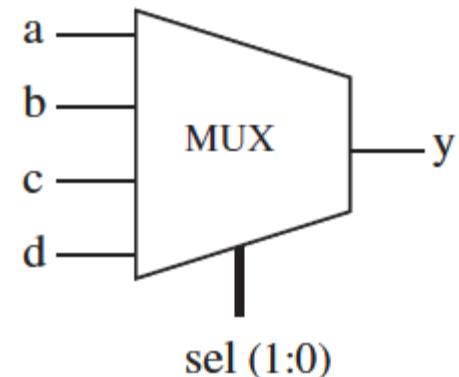
```
----- With WITH/SELECT/WHEN -----
```

```
WITH control SELECT
    output <= "000" WHEN reset,
    "111" WHEN set,
    UNAFFECTED WHEN OTHERS;
```

VHDL> Concurrent Code

- Multiplexer #2: when/else

```
1 ----- Solution 1: with WHEN/ELSE -----
2 LIBRARY ieee;
3 USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
4 -----
5 ENTITY mux IS
6     PORT ( a, b, c, d: IN STD_LOGIC;
7             sel: IN STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (1 DOWNTO 0);
8             y: OUT STD_LOGIC);
9 END mux;
10 -----
11 ARCHITECTURE mux1 OF mux IS
12 BEGIN
13     y <=  a WHEN sel="00" ELSE
14             b WHEN sel="01" ELSE
15             c WHEN sel="10" ELSE
16             d;
17 END mux1;
```

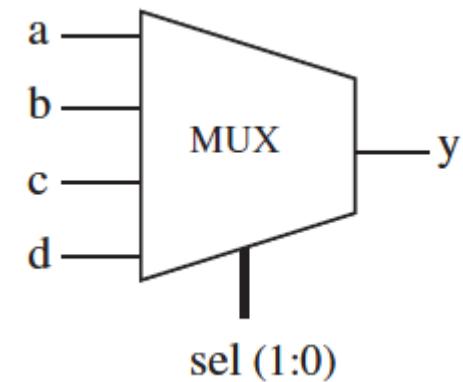


Simple
when

VHDL> Concurrent Code

- Multiplexer #2: with/select/when

```
1  --- Solution 2: with WITH/SELECT/WHEN -----
2  LIBRARY ieee;
3  USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
4  -----
5  ENTITY mux IS
6      PORT ( a, b, c, d: IN STD_LOGIC;
7              sel: IN STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (1 DOWNTO 0);
8              y: OUT STD_LOGIC);
9  END mux;
10 -----
11 ARCHITECTURE mux2 OF mux IS
12 BEGIN
13     WITH sel SELECT
14         y <=  a WHEN "00",          -- notice "," instead of ";"
15                 b WHEN "01",
16                 c WHEN "10",
17                 d WHEN OTHERS;      -- cannot be "d WHEN "11" "
18 END mux2;
```

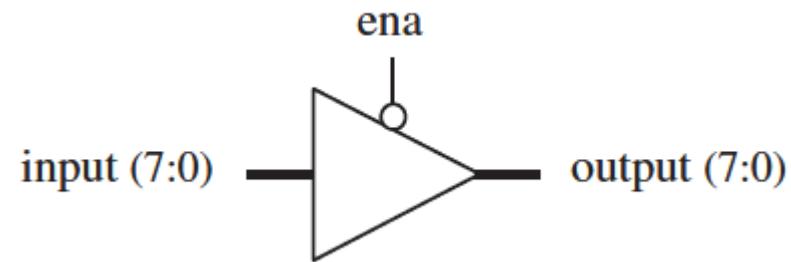


selected
when

VHDL> Concurrent Code

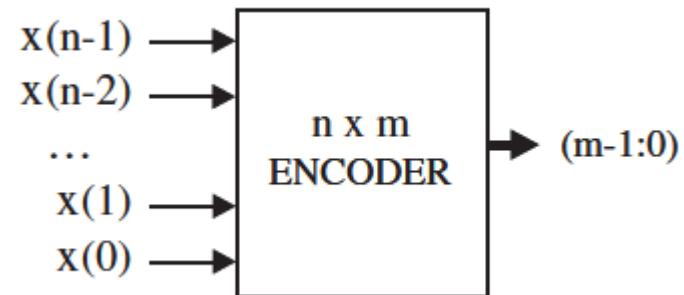
- Tri-state Buffer:

```
1 LIBRARY ieee;
2 USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
3 -----
4 ENTITY tri_state IS
5     PORT ( ena: IN STD_LOGIC;
6             input: IN STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (7 DOWNTO 0);
7             output: OUT STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (7 DOWNTO 0));
8 END tri_state;
9 -----
10 ARCHITECTURE tri_state OF tri_state IS
11 BEGIN
12     output <= input WHEN (ena='0') ELSE
13             (OTHERS => 'Z');
14 END tri_state;
```



VHDL> Concurrent Code

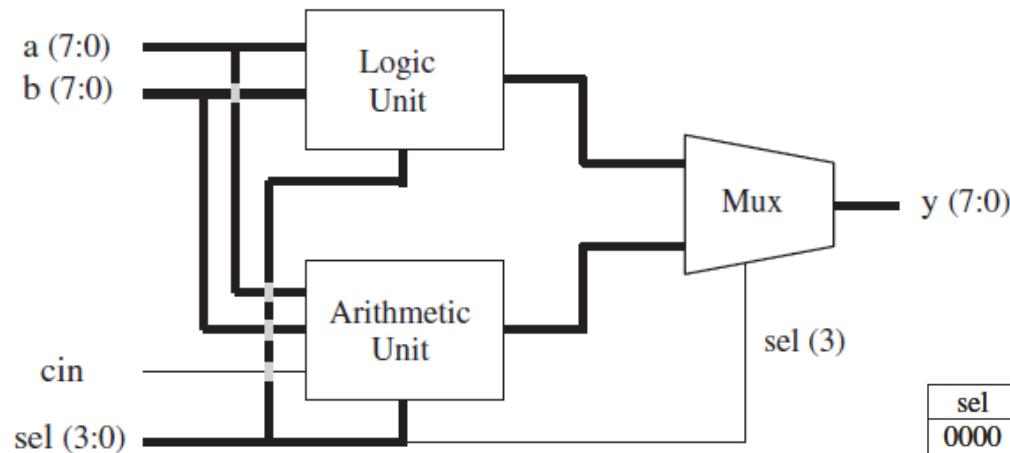
- Home Works: Encoder: page 73:



```
ARCHITECTURE encoder1 OF encoder IS
BEGIN
    y <=    "000" WHEN x="00000001" ELSE
              "001" WHEN x="00000010" ELSE
              "010" WHEN x="00000100" ELSE
              "011" WHEN x="00001000" ELSE
              "100" WHEN x="00010000" ELSE
              "101" WHEN x="00100000" ELSE
              "110" WHEN x="01000000" ELSE
              "111" WHEN x="10000000" ELSE
              "ZZZ";
```

VHDL > Concurrent Code

- Home Works: ALU: page 75



sel	Operation	Function	Unit
0000	$y \leq a$	Transfer a	Arithmetic
0001	$y \leq a+1$	Increment a	
0010	$y \leq a-1$	Decrement a	
0011	$y \leq b$	Transfer b	
0100	$y \leq b+1$	Increment b	
0101	$y \leq b-1$	Decrement b	
0110	$y \leq a+b$	Add a and b	
0111	$y \leq a+b+cin$	Add a and b with carry	
1000	$y \leq \text{NOT } a$	Complement a	Logic
1001	$y \leq \text{NOT } b$	Complement b	
1010	$y \leq a \text{ AND } b$	AND	
1011	$y \leq a \text{ OR } b$	OR	
1100	$y \leq a \text{ NAND } b$	NAND	
1101	$y \leq a \text{ NOR } b$	NOR	
1110	$y \leq a \text{ XOR } b$	XOR	
1111	$y \leq a \text{ XNOR } b$	XNOR	

VHDL> Concurrent Code

- The **GENERATE** statement:
 - allows a section of code to be repeated a number of times (loop).
 - GENERATE must be labeled.
 - limits of the range must be **static**.

```
label: FOR identifier IN range GENERATE
      (concurrent assignments)
END GENERATE;
```

VHDL> Concurrent Code

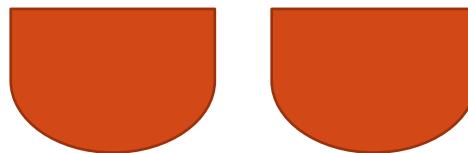
- IF/GENERATE: (ELSE is not allowed).
 - IF/GENERATE can be nested inside FOR/GENERATE, the opposite can also be done.

```
label1: FOR identifier IN range GENERATE
  ...
  label2: IF condition GENERATE
    (concurrent assignments)
  END GENERATE;
  ...
END GENERATE;
```

VHDL> Concurrent Code

- Example:

```
SIGNAL x: BIT_VECTOR (7 DOWNTO 0);
SIGNAL y: BIT_VECTOR (15 DOWNTO 0);
SIGNAL z: BIT_VECTOR (7 DOWNTO 0);
...
G1: FOR i IN x'RANGE GENERATE
    z(i) <= x(i) AND y(i+8);
END GENERATE;
```



VHDL> Concurrent Code

- Vector Shifter:
 - the output vector must be a shifted version of the input vector, with twice its width and an amount of shift specified by another input.

row(0): 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 **Input vector**
row(1): 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0
row(2): 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0
row(3): 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0
row(4): 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0

VHDL> Concurrent Code

- Vector Shifter:

```
1  -----
2  LIBRARY ieee;
3  USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
4  -----
5  ENTITY shifter IS
6  PORT ( inp: IN STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (3 DOWNTO 0);
7  sel: IN INTEGER RANGE 0 TO 4;
8  outp: OUT STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (7 DOWNTO 0));
9  END shifter;
10 -----
```

VHDL> Concurrent Code

- Vector Shifter:

```
11 ARCHITECTURE shifter OF shifter IS
12 SUBTYPE vector IS STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (7 DOWNTO 0);
13 TYPE matrix IS ARRAY (4 DOWNTO 0) OF vector;
14 SIGNAL row: matrix;
15 BEGIN
16 row(0) <= "0000" & inp;
17 G1: FOR i IN 1 TO 4 GENERATE
18 row(i) <= row(i-1) (6 DOWNTO 0) & '0';
19 END GENERATE;
20 outp <= row(sel);
21 END shifter;
```

row(0): 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1
row(1): 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0
row(2): 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0
row(3): 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0
row(4): 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0

VHDL> Concurrent Code

- **BLOCK:**
- **Simple BLOCK**
 - locally partitioning the code.
 - turning the overall code more readable (long codes).
- can be nested inside another BLOCK.

```
label : BLOCK
  [declarative part]
BEGIN
  (concurrent statements)
END BLOCK label;
```

VHDL> Concurrent Code

- Simple BLOCK: `ARCHITECTURE example ...`

```
        BEGIN
```

```
        ...
```

```
        block1: BLOCK
```

```
        BEGIN
```

```
        ...
```

```
        END BLOCK block1
```

```
        ...
```

```
        block2: BLOCK
```

```
        BEGIN
```

```
        ...
```

```
        END BLOCK block2;
```

```
        ...
```

```
END example;
```

VHDL> Concurrent Code

- Nested BLOCK:

nested

```
label1: BLOCK
    [declarative part of top block]
BEGIN
    [concurrent statements of top block]
    label2: BLOCK
        [declarative part nested block]
    BEGIN
        (concurrent statements of nested block)
    END BLOCK label2;
    [more concurrent statements of top block]
END BLOCK label1;
```

VHDL> Concurrent Code

- Guarded BLOCK:
 - includes an additional expression, called guard expression.
- A guarded statement executed only when the guard expression is TRUE.
- sequential circuits can be constructed.

```
label: BLOCK (guard expression)
      [declarative part]
      BEGIN
          (concurrent guarded and unguarded statements)
      END BLOCK label;
```

VHDL> Concurrent Code Example

- DFF with Guarded BLOCK:

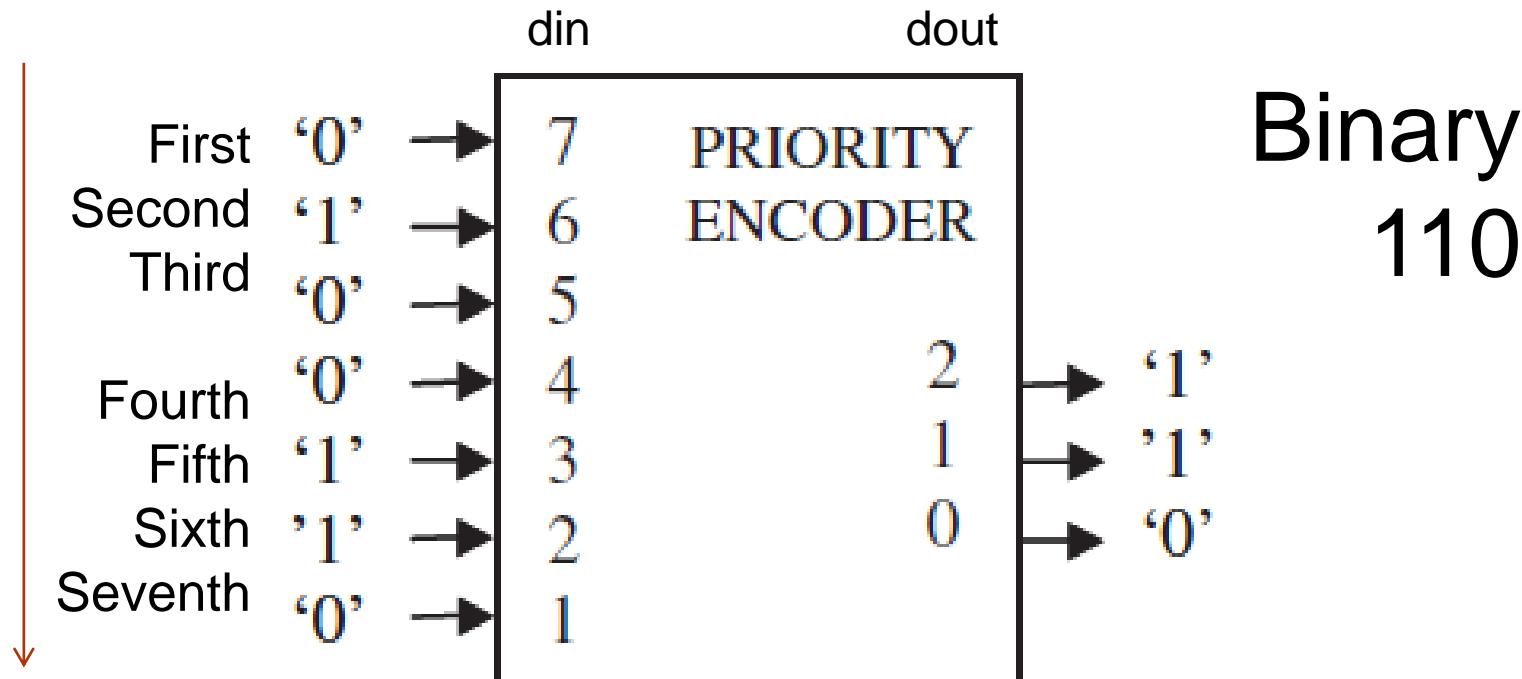
```
LIBRARY ieee;
USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;

ENTITY dffwGBlock IS
PORT ( d, clk, rst: IN STD_LOGIC;
q: OUT STD_LOGIC);
END dffwGBlock;

ARCHITECTURE dff OF dffwGBlock IS
BEGIN
b1: BLOCK (clk'EVENT AND clk='1')
BEGIN
q <= GUARDED '0' WHEN rst='1' ELSE d;
END BLOCK b1;
END dff;
```

VHDL> Concurrent Code Example

- Problem 5.2: Priority Encoder



```
dout <= "000" when din(7)='1' else
      "001" when din(6)='1' else
      "010" when din(5)='1' else
      "011" when din(4)='1' else
      "100" when din(3)='1' else
      "101" when din(2)='1' else
      "110" when din(1)='1' else
      "111" when din(0)='1' else
      "000" when din(7)='0' else
      "001" when din(6)='0' else
      "010" when din(5)='0' else
      "011" when din(4)='0' else
      "100" when din(3)='0' else
      "101" when din(2)='0' else
      "110" when din(1)='0' else
      "111" when din(0)='0' else
      "000" when din(7)='0' and din(6)='0' and din(5)='0' and din(4)='0' and din(3)='0' and din(2)='0' and din(1)='0' and din(0)='0' else
      "001" when din(6)='0' and din(5)='0' and din(4)='0' and din(3)='0' and din(2)='0' and din(1)='0' and din(0)='0' else
      "010" when din(5)='0' and din(4)='0' and din(3)='0' and din(2)='0' and din(1)='0' and din(0)='0' else
      "011" when din(4)='0' and din(3)='0' and din(2)='0' and din(1)='0' and din(0)='0' else
      "100" when din(3)='0' and din(2)='0' and din(1)='0' and din(0)='0' else
      "101" when din(2)='0' and din(1)='0' and din(0)='0' else
      "110" when din(1)='0' and din(0)='0' else
      "111" when din(0)='0' else
      "000" when others
```

VHDL> Concurrent Code

- Problem 5.2: Priority Encoder

```
1 library IEEE;
2 use IEEE.STD_LOGIC_1164.all;
3 use ieee.numeric_std.all;
4 -----
5 entity pri_encoder_8_3 is
6     port(
7         din : in STD_LOGIC_VECTOR(7 downto 0);
8         dout : out STD_LOGIC_VECTOR(2 downto 0)
9     );
10 end pri_encoder_8_3;
11 -----
```

VHDL> Concurrent Code

- Problem 5.2: Priority Encoder

```
12 architecture pri_enc_arc of pri_encoder_8_3 is
13 begin
14     dout <= "000" when din(7)='1' else
15             "001" when din(6)='1' else
16             "010" when din(5)='1' else
17             "011" when din(4)='1' else
18             "100" when din(3)='1' else
19             "101" when din(2)='1' else
20             "110" when din(1)='1' else
21             "111" when din(0)='1';
22 end pri_enc_arc;
```

VHDL> Sequential Code•

VHDL> Sequential Code

- PROCESSES, FUNCTIONS, and PROCEDURES are executed sequentially.
- any of these blocks is still concurrent with any other statements placed outside it.
- with it we can build sequential circuits as well as combinational circuits.

VHDL> Sequential Code

- IF, WAIT, CASE, and LOOP.
- VARIABLES restricted to be used in sequential code.

VHDL> PROCESS

- A PROCESS must be installed in the main code.
- executed every time a signal in the sensitivity list changes.

```
[label:] PROCESS (sensitivity list)
  [VARIABLE name type [range] [:= initial_value;]]
BEGIN
  (sequential code)
END PROCESS [label];
```

VHDL> PROCESS

- initial value is not synthesizable.
- monitoring a signal (clock, for example) is necessary.
A common way of detecting a signal change is by means of the EVENT attribute.
- For instance, if clk is a signal to be monitored, then clk'EVENT returns TRUE when a change on clk occurs (rising or falling edge).

VHDL> PROCESS

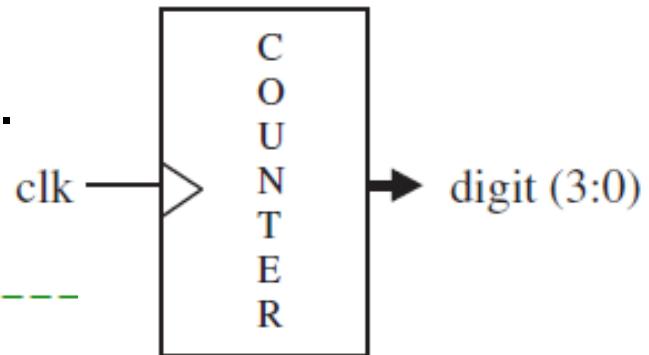
- IF statement:

```
IF conditions THEN assignments;  
ELSIF conditions THEN assignments;  
...  
ELSE assignments;  
END IF;
```

```
IF (x<y) THEN temp:="11111111";  
ELSIF (x=y AND w='0') THEN temp:="11110000";  
ELSE temp:=(OTHERS =>'0');  
end if
```

VHDL> IF statement

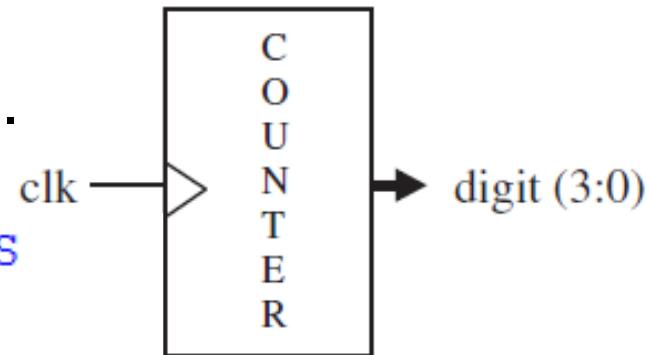
- One-digit Counter #1
 - 1-digit decimal counter ($0 \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow 0$).



```
1 LIBRARY ieee;
2 USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
3
4 ENTITY counter IS
5 PORT (clk : IN STD_LOGIC;
6 digit : OUT INTEGER RANGE 0 TO 9);
7 END counter;
8
```

VHDL> IF statement

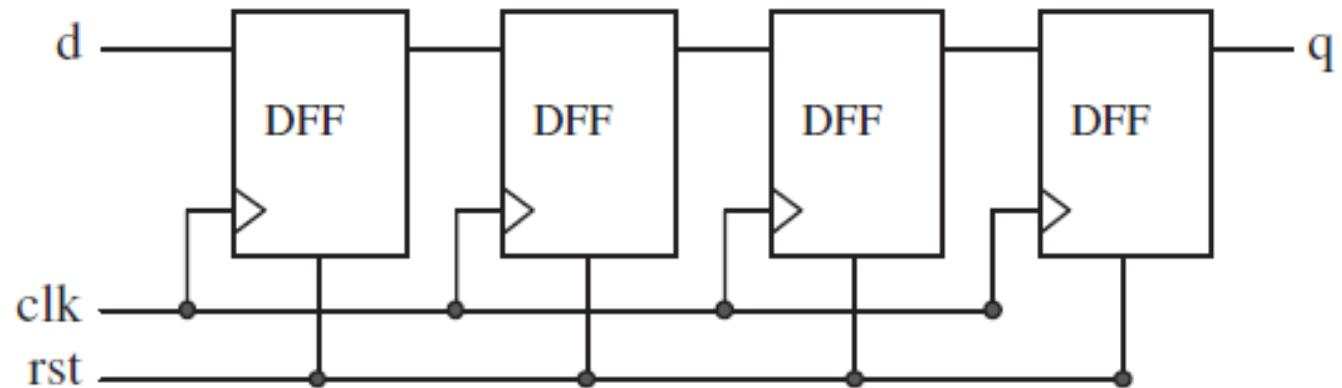
- One-digit Counter #1
 - 1-digit decimal counter ($0 \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow 0$).



```
10  ARCHITECTURE counter OF counter IS
11  BEGIN
12  count: PROCESS(clk)
13  VARIABLE temp : INTEGER RANGE 0 TO 10;
14  BEGIN
15  IF (clk'EVENT AND clk='1') THEN
16  temp := temp + 1;
17  IF (temp=10) THEN temp := 0;
18  END IF;
19  END IF;
20  digit <= temp;
21  END PROCESS count;
22  END counter;
23  -----
```

VHDL> IF statement

- 4 bit Shift Register:



```
1 LIBRARY ieee;
2 USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
3
4 ENTITY shiftreg IS
5   GENERIC (n: INTEGER := 4); -- # of stages
6   PORT (d, clk, rst: IN STD_LOGIC;
7         q: OUT STD_LOGIC);
8 END shiftreg;
```

VHDL> IF statement

- 4 bit Shift Register:

```
--  
11 ARCHITECTURE behavior OF shiftreg IS  
12 SIGNAL internal: STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (n-1 DOWNTO 0);  
13 BEGIN  
14 PROCESS (clk, rst)  
15 BEGIN  
16 IF (rst='1') THEN  
17 internal <= (OTHERS => '0');  
18 ELSIF (clk'EVENT AND clk='1') THEN  
19 internal <= d & internal(internal'LEFT DOWNTO 1);  
20 END IF;  
21 END PROCESS;  
22 q <= internal(0);  
23 END behavior;  
24
```



VHDL> WAIT statement

- WAIT statement:
- the PROCESS cannot have a sensitivity list when WAIT is employed.

```
WAIT UNTIL signal_condition;
```

```
WAIT ON signal1 [, signal2, ...];
```

```
WAIT FOR time;
```

Simulation only

VHDL> WAIT statement

- WAIT statement:
- the PROCESS cannot have a sensitivity list when WAIT is employed.

```
Example: 8-bit_register _with synchronous reset.
PROCESS -- no sensitivity list
BEGIN
  WAIT UNTIL (clk'EVENT AND clk='1');
  IF (rst='1') THEN
    output <= "00000000";
  ELSIF (clk'EVENT AND clk='1') THEN
    output <= input;
  END IF;
END PROCESS;
```

VHDL> WAIT statement

- WAIT ON:

```
Example: 8-bit_register _with asynchronous reset.  
PROCESS  
BEGIN  
  WAIT ON clk, rst;  
  IF (rst='1') THEN  
    output <= "00000000";  
  ELSIF (clk'EVENT AND clk='1') THEN  
    output <= input;  
  END IF;  
END PROCESS;
```

- WAIT FOR is intended for simulation only (waveform generation for testbenches). Example: WAIT FOR 5ns;

VHDL> WAIT statement

- Home Works:
- DFF with Asynchronous Reset #2, P99.
- One-digit Counter #2, P99-100.

VHDL> CASE statement

- CASE statement:

```
CASE identifier IS
    WHEN value => assignments;
    WHEN value => assignments;
    ...
END CASE;
```

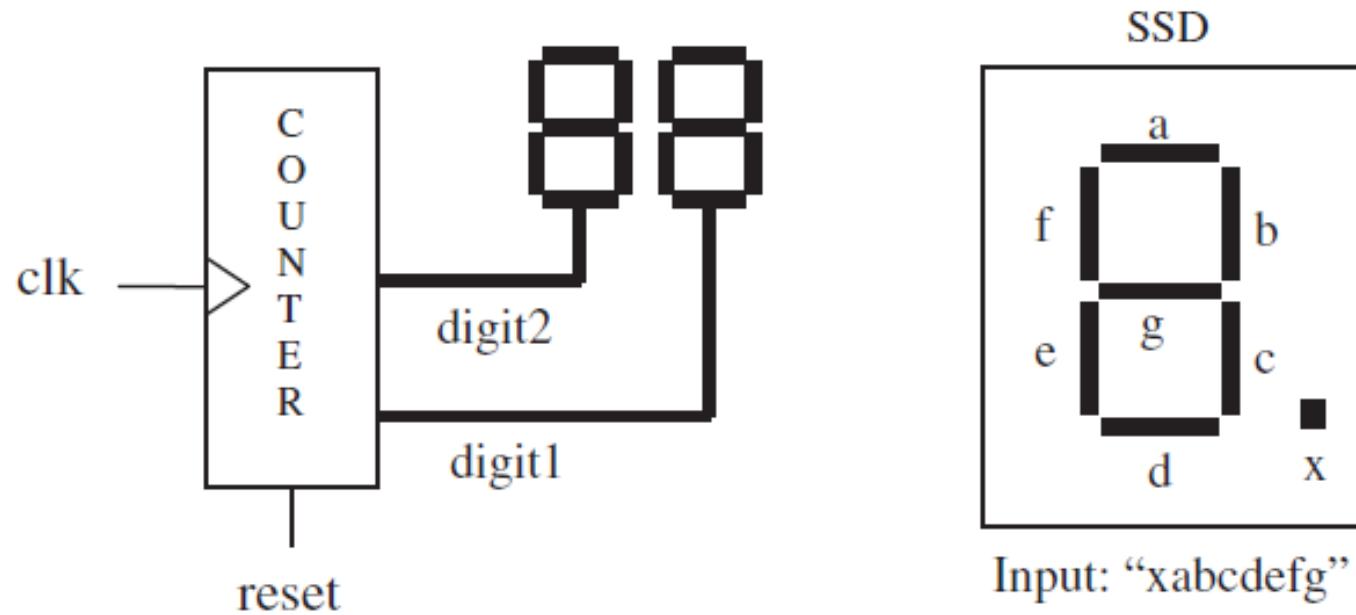
```
CASE control IS
    WHEN "00" => x<=a; y<=b;
    WHEN "01" => x<=b; y<=c;
    WHEN OTHERS => x<="0000"; y<="ZZZZ";
END CASE;
```

VHDL> CASE statement

- CASE statement:
- CASE statement (sequential) is very similar to WHEN (combinational)
- keyword **OTHERS** is often helpful.
- Another important keyword is **NULL** (the counterpart of UNAFFECTED), which should be used when no action is to take place.
- CASE allows multiple assignments for each test condition.

VHDL> CASE statement

- Two-digit Counter with SSD Output:

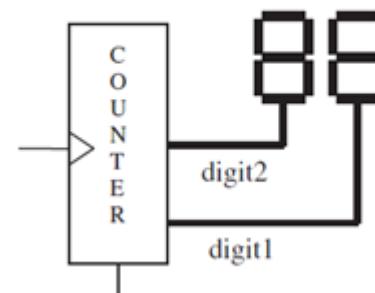


VHDL> Two-digit Counter with SSD

```
1 LIBRARY ieee;
2 USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
3
4 ENTITY counter2digit IS
5 PORT (clk, reset : IN STD_LOGIC;
6 digit1, digit2 : OUT STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (6 DOWNTO 0));
7 END counter2digit;
8
9
10 ARCHITECTURE counter OF counter2digit IS
11 BEGIN
12 PROCESS(clk, reset)
13 VARIABLE temp1: INTEGER RANGE 0 TO 10;
14 VARIABLE temp2: INTEGER RANGE 0 TO 10;
15 BEGIN
16 ---- counter: -----
17 IF (reset='1') THEN
18 temp1 := 0;
19 temp2 := 0;
20 ELSIF (clk'EVENT AND clk='1') THEN
```

VHDL> Two-digit Counter with SSD

```
20  ELSIF (clk'EVENT AND clk='1') THEN
21  temp1 := temp1 + 1;
22  IF (temp1=10) THEN
23  temp1 := 0;
24  temp2 := temp2 + 1;
25  IF (temp2=10) THEN
26  temp2 := 0;
27  END IF;
28  END IF;
29  END IF;
30  ----- BCD to SSD conversion: -----
```

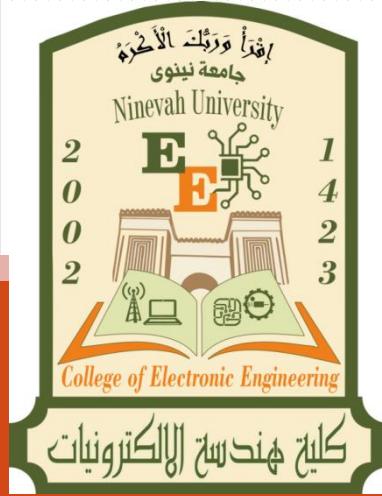


VHDL> Two-digit Counter with SSD

```
30  ----- BCD to SSD conversion: -----
31  CASE temp1 IS
32  WHEN 0 => digit1 <= "1111110"; --7E
33  WHEN 1 => digit1 <= "0110000"; --30
34  WHEN 2 => digit1 <= "1101101"; --6D
35  WHEN 3 => digit1 <= "1111001"; --79
36  WHEN 4 => digit1 <= "0110011"; --33
37  WHEN 5 => digit1 <= "1011011"; --5B
38  WHEN 6 => digit1 <= "1011111"; --5F
39  WHEN 7 => digit1 <= "1110000"; --70
40  WHEN 8 => digit1 <= "1111111"; --7F
41  WHEN 9 => digit1 <= "1111011"; --7B
42  WHEN OTHERS => NULL;
43  END CASE;
```

VHDL> Two-digit Counter with SSD

```
44  CASE temp2 IS
45  WHEN 0 => digit2 <= "1111110"; --7E
46  WHEN 1 => digit2 <= "0110000"; --30
47  WHEN 2 => digit2 <= "1101101"; --6D
48  WHEN 3 => digit2 <= "1111001"; --79
49  WHEN 4 => digit2 <= "0110011"; --33
50  WHEN 5 => digit2 <= "1011011"; --5B
51  WHEN 6 => digit2 <= "1011111"; --5F
52  WHEN 7 => digit2 <= "1110000"; --70
53  WHEN 8 => digit2 <= "1111111"; --7F
54  WHEN 9 => digit2 <= "1111011"; --7B
55  WHEN OTHERS => NULL;
56  END CASE;
57  END PROCESS;
58  END counter;
59  -----
```



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VHDL> Loop statement

- LOOP is useful when a piece of code must be instantiated several times.
- inside a PROCESS, FUNCTION, or PROCEDURE.
- FOR / LOOP: repeated a fixed number of times.

```
[label:] FOR identifier IN range LOOP
  (sequential statements)
END LOOP [label];
```

VHDL> Loop statement

- WHILE / LOOP: repeated until a condition no longer holds.

```
[label:] WHILE condition LOOP
  (sequential statements)
END LOOP [label];
```

VHDL> Loop statement

- EXIT: Used for ending the loop.

```
[label:] EXIT [label] [WHEN condition];
```

- NEXT: Used for skipping loop steps.

```
[label:] NEXT [loop_label] [WHEN condition];
```

VHDL> Loop statement

- Example of **FOR** / LOOP:

```
FOR i IN 0 TO 5 LOOP
    x(i) <= enable AND w(i+2);
    y(0, i) <= w(i);
END LOOP;
```

- Example of **WHILE** / LOOP:

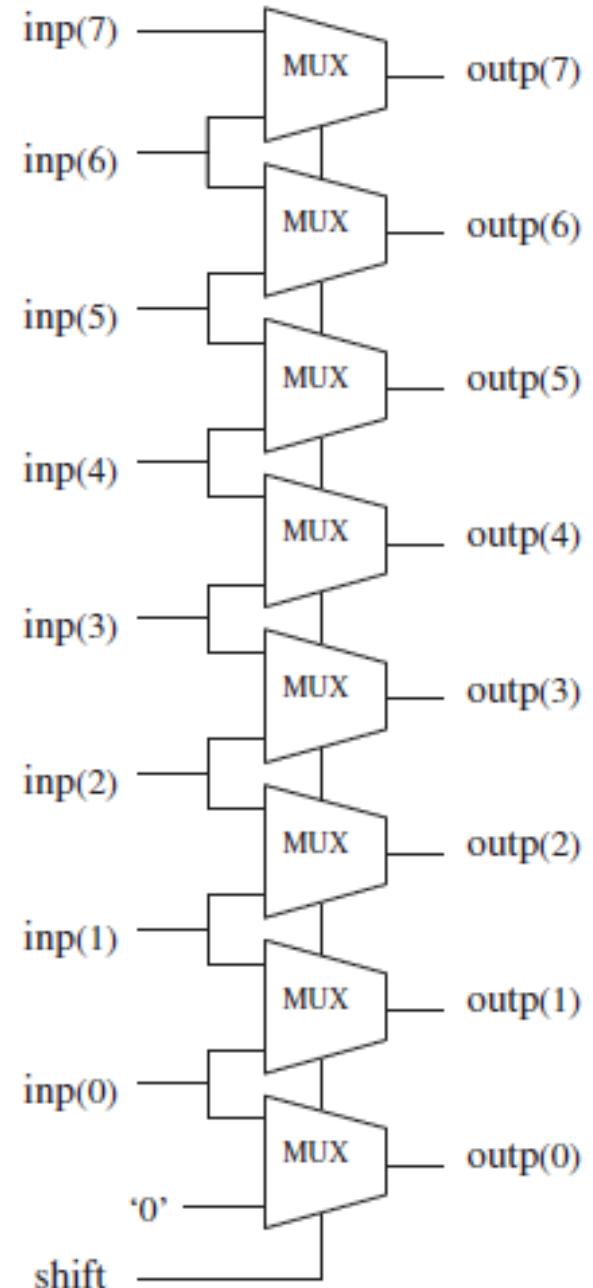
```
WHILE (i < 10) LOOP
    WAIT UNTIL clk'EVENT AND clk='1';
    (other statements)
END LOOP;
```

VHDL> Loop statement

- Simple Barrel Shifter:
- The circuit must shift the input vector (of size 8) either 0 or 1 position to the left. When actually shifted (shift = 1), the LSB bit must be filled with '0' (shown in the bottom left corner of the diagram).
- If shift = 0, then outp = inp;
- if shift = 1, then outp(0) = '0' and outp(i) = inp(i - 1), for $1 \leq i \leq 7$.

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- If shift = 0, then outp = inp;
- if shift = 1, then outp(0) = '0' and outp(i) = inp(i - 1), for $1 \leq i \leq 7$.

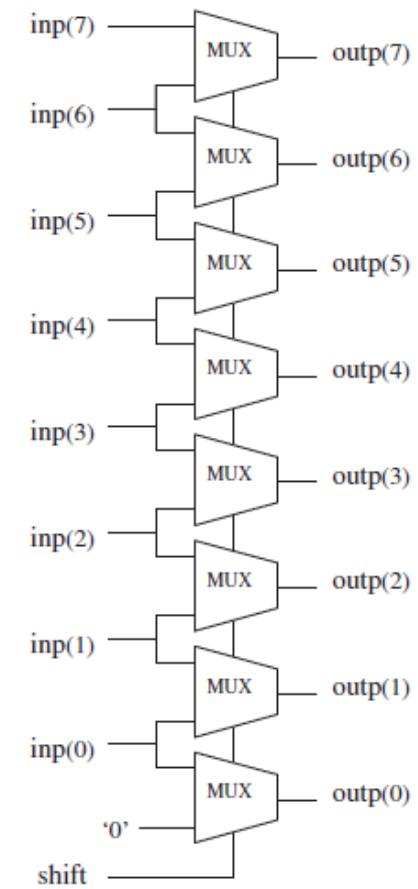


VHDL> Simple Barrel Shifter

```
1 LIBRARY ieee;
2 USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
3
4
5 ENTITY barrel IS
6   GENERIC (n: INTEGER := 8);
7   PORT ( inp: IN STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (n-1 DOWNTO 0);
8         shift: IN INTEGER RANGE 0 TO 1;
9         outp: OUT STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (n-1 DOWNTO 0));
10 END barrel;
```

VHDL > Simple Barrel Shifter

```
11 -----
12 ARCHITECTURE RTL OF barrel IS
13 BEGIN
14     PROCESS (inp, shift)
15     BEGIN
16         IF (shift=0) THEN
17             outp <= inp;
18         ELSE
19             outp(0) <= '0';
20             FOR i IN 1 TO inp'HIGH LOOP
21                 outp(i) <= inp(i-1);
22             END LOOP;
23         END IF;
24     END PROCESS;
25 END RTL;
26 -----
```



VHDL> Arrays in VHDL

- Arrays are collections of objects of the same type.
- one-dimensional (1D),
- two-dimensional (2D),
- one-dimensional-by-one-dimensional (1Dx1D).

0	1	0	0	0
---	---	---	---	---

1	0	0	1	0
---	---	---	---	---

1	1	0	0	1
---	---	---	---	---

0	1	0	0	0
---	---	---	---	---

0	1	0	0	0
---	---	---	---	---

1	0	0	1	0
---	---	---	---	---

1	1	0	0	1
---	---	---	---	---

VHDL> Arrays in VHDL

- First the new TYPE must be defined,
- Then the new SIGNAL, VARIABLE, or CONSTANT can be declared using that data type.

```
TYPE type_name IS ARRAY (specification) OF data_type;
```

```
            
SIGNAL signal_name: type_name [:= initial_value];
```

VHDL> Arrays in VHDL

- 1D-1D Array

```
TYPE row IS ARRAY (7 DOWNTO 0) OF STD_LOGIC;      -- 1D array
TYPE matrix IS ARRAY (0 TO 3) OF row;              -- 1Dx1D array
SIGNAL x: matrix;                                 -- 1Dx1D signal

TYPE matrix IS ARRAY (0 TO 3) OF STD_LOGIC_VECTOR(7 DOWNTO 0);
```

VHDL> Arrays in VHDL

• 2D Array

```
TYPE matrix2D IS ARRAY (0 TO 3, 7 DOWNTO 0) OF STD_LOGIC;  
-- 2D array
```

Initial value

VHDL> Arrays in VHDL

- Arrays assignments

```
x(0) <= y(1)(2);          -- notice two pairs of parenthesis
                           -- (y is 1Dx1D)
x(1) <= v(2)(3);          -- two pairs of parenthesis (v is 1Dx1D)
x(2) <= w(2,1);           -- a single pair of parenthesis (w is 2D)
```

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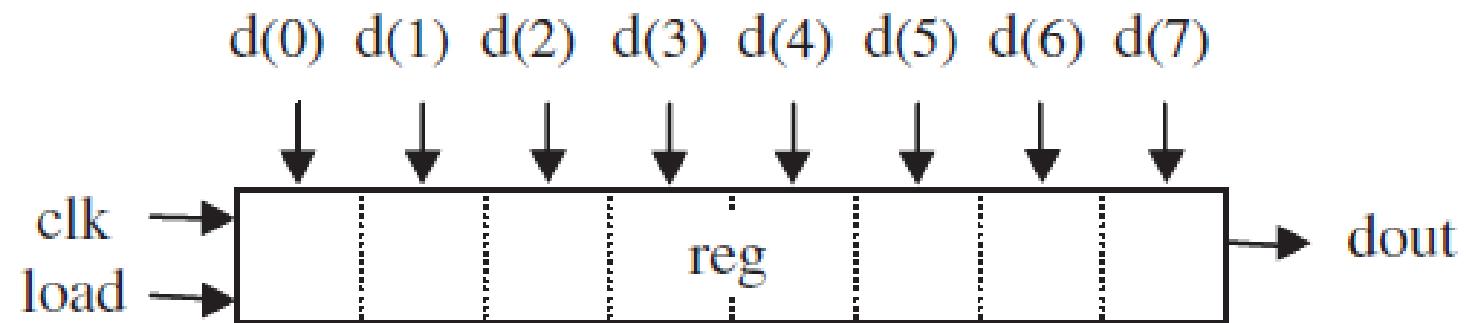
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- Signed and Unsigned Comparators

```
1  ---- Signed Comparator: -----
2  LIBRARY ieee;
3  USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
4  USE ieee.std_logic_arith.all;  -- necessary!
5  -----
6  ENTITY comparator IS
7      GENERIC (n: INTEGER := 7);
8      PORT (a, b: IN SIGNED (n DOWNTO 0);
9             x1, x2, x3: OUT STD_LOGIC);
10 END comparator;
11 -----
12 ARCHITECTURE signed OF comparator IS
13 BEGIN
14     x1 <= '1' WHEN a > b ELSE '0';
15     x2 <= '1' WHEN a = b ELSE '0';
16     x3 <= '1' WHEN a < b ELSE '0';
17 END signed;
18 -----
```

VHDL> Examples

- Parallel-to-Serial Converter



VHDL> Examples

- Parallel-to-Serial Converter

```
1  -----
2  LIBRARY ieee;
3  USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
4  -----
5  ENTITY serial_converter IS
6      PORT ( d: IN STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (7 DOWNTO 0);
7              clk, load: IN STD_LOGIC;
8              dout: OUT STD_LOGIC);
9  END serial_converter;
10 -----
```

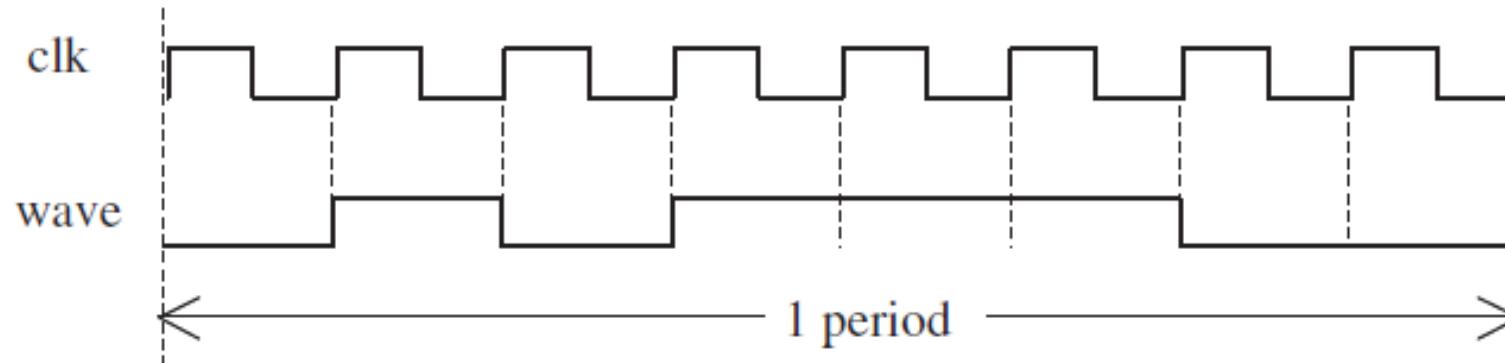
VHDL> Examples

- Parallel-to-Serial Converter

```
11 ARCHITECTURE serial_converter OF serial_converter IS
12     SIGNAL reg: STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (7 DOWNTO 0);
13 BEGIN
14     PROCESS (clk)
15     BEGIN
16         IF (clk'EVENT AND clk='1') THEN
17             IF (load='1') THEN  reg <= d;
18             ELSE reg <= reg(6 DOWNTO 0) & '0';
19             END IF;
20         END IF;
21     END PROCESS;
22     dout <= reg(7);
23 END serial_converter;
24 -----
```

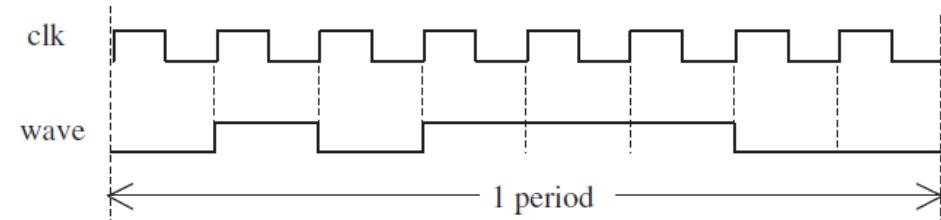
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- Signal Generators



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- Signal Generators

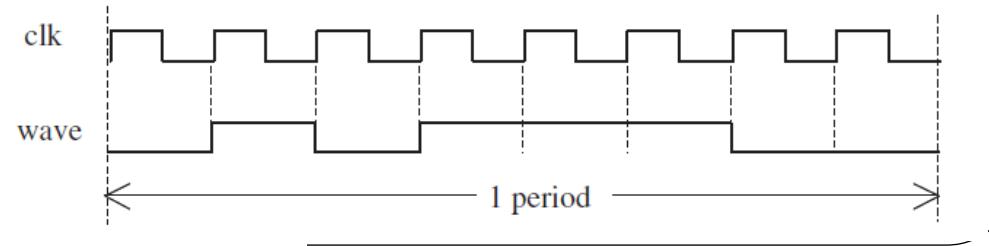


```
1 -----
2 LIBRARY ieee;
3 USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
4 -----
5 ENTITY signal_gen1 IS
6     PORT (clk: IN BIT;
7             wave: OUT BIT);
8 END signal_gen1;
9 -----
```

VHDL> Examples

- Signal Generators

```
10 ARCHITECTURE arch1 OF signal_gen1 IS
11 BEGIN
12     PROCESS
13         VARIABLE count: INTEGER RANGE 0 TO 7;
14     BEGIN
15         WAIT UNTIL (clk'EVENT AND clk='1');
16         CASE count IS
17             WHEN 0 => wave <= '0';
18             WHEN 1 => wave <= '1';
19             WHEN 2 => wave <= '0';
20             WHEN 3 => wave <= '1';
21             WHEN 4 => wave <= '1';
22             WHEN 5 => wave <= '1';
23             WHEN 6 => wave <= '0';
24             WHEN 7 => wave <= '0';
25         END CASE;
26         count := count + 1;
27     END PROCESS;
28 END arch1;
29 -----
```



VHDL> Examples

- ROM (Read Only Memory)

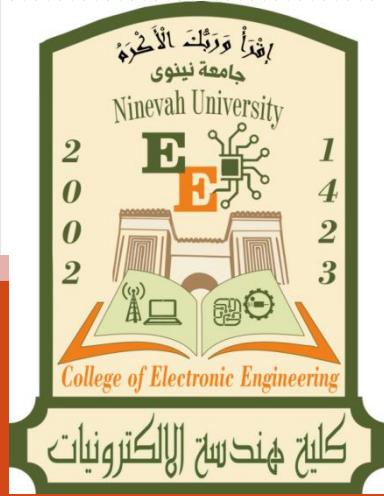
```
1 -----  
2 LIBRARY ieee;  
3 USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;  
4 -----  
5 ENTITY rom IS  
6     GENERIC ( bits: INTEGER := 8;      -- # of bits per word  
7                 words: INTEGER := 8);  -- # of words in the memory  
8     PORT ( addr: IN INTEGER RANGE 0 TO words-1;  
9                 data: OUT STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (bits-1 DOWNTO 0));  
10 END rom;
```

VHDL> Examples

- ROM (Read Only Memory)

```
11 -----
12 ARCHITECTURE rom OF rom IS
13     TYPE vector_array IS ARRAY (0 TO words-1) OF
14         STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (bits-1 DOWNTO 0);
15     CONSTANT memory: vector_array := (    "00000000",
16                                         "00000010",
17                                         "00000100",
18                                         "00001000",
19                                         "00010000",
20                                         "00100000",
21                                         "01000000",
22                                         "10000000");
23 BEGIN
24     data <= memory(addr);
25 END rom;
26 -----
```

The End. Thanks for listen



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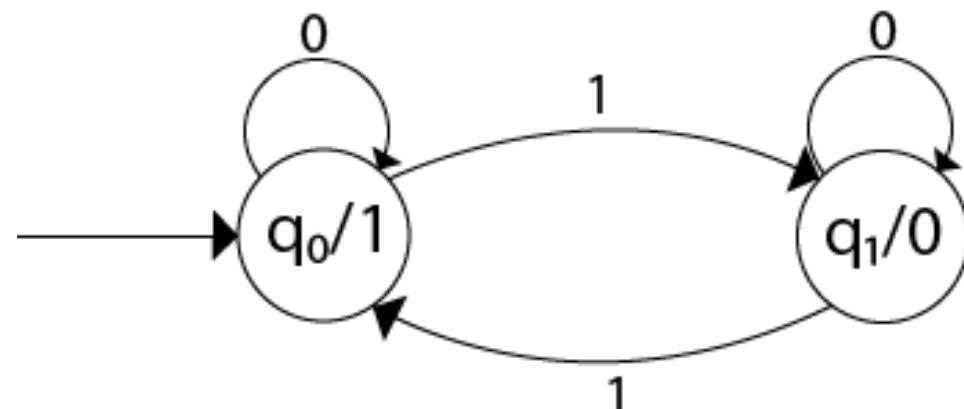
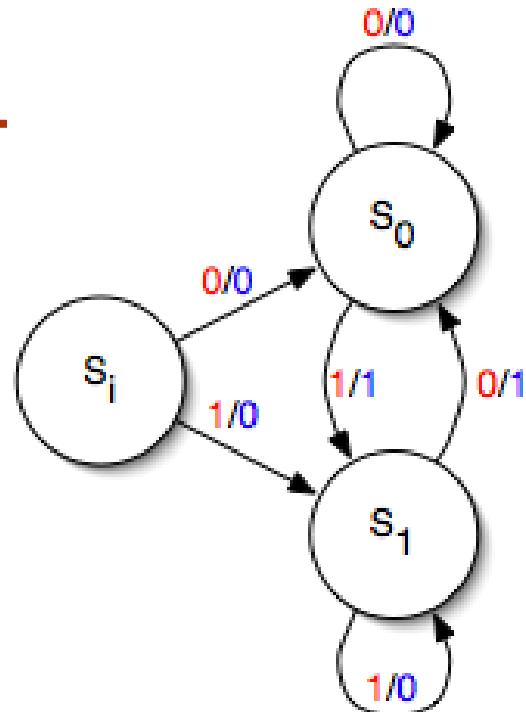
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VHDL> State Machines

- Finite state machines (FSM) constitute a special modeling technique for sequential logic circuits.
- helpful in the design of certain types of systems, (digital controllers, for example).

VHDL> State Machines

- Types of Machine modeling:
- **Mealy machine**: the output of the machine depends not only on the present state but also on the current input.
- **Moore machine**: the output depends only on the current state.



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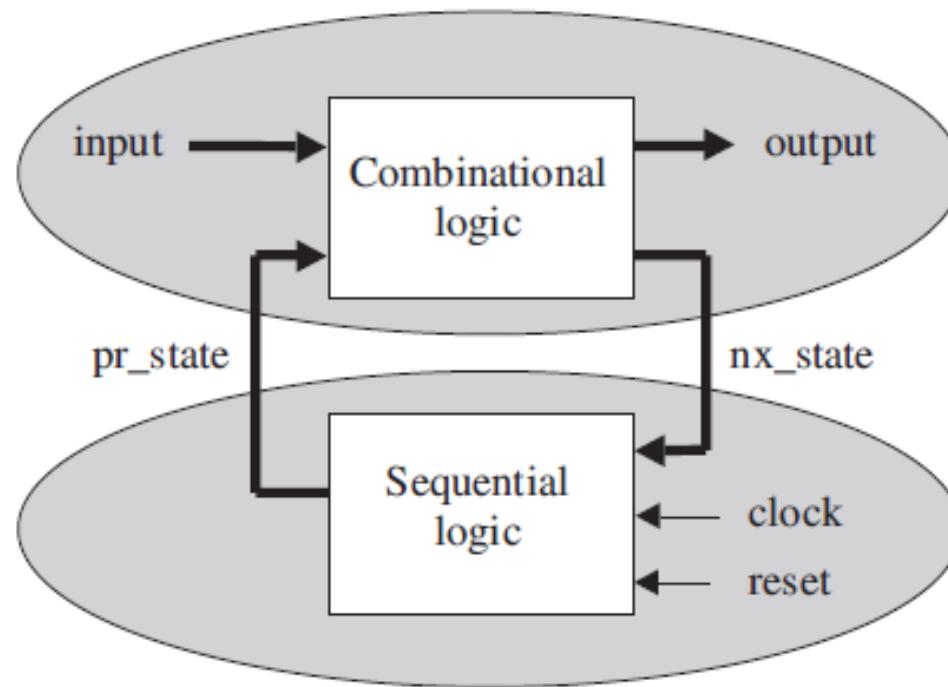


Figure 8.1
Mealy (Moore) state machine diagram.

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FSM type definition:

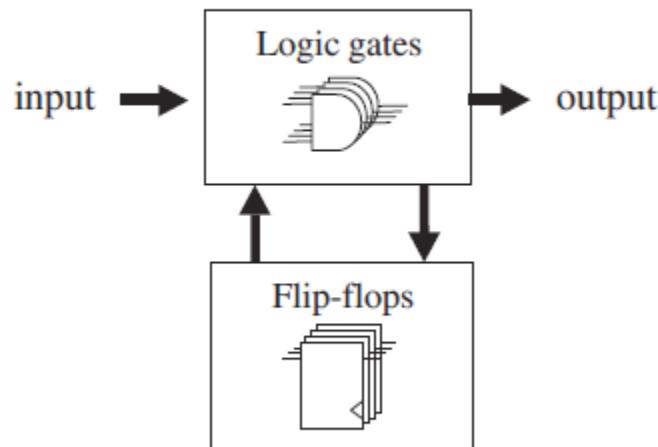
```
LIBRARY ieee;
USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
-----
ENTITY <entity_name> IS
  PORT ( input: IN <data_type>;
          reset, clock: IN STD_LOGIC;
          output: OUT <data_type>);
END <entity_name>;
-----
ARCHITECTURE <arch_name> OF <entity_name> IS
  TYPE state IS (state0, state1, state2, state3, ...);
  SIGNAL pr_state, nx_state: state;
BEGIN
```

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FSM Design Styles:

Design Style #1:

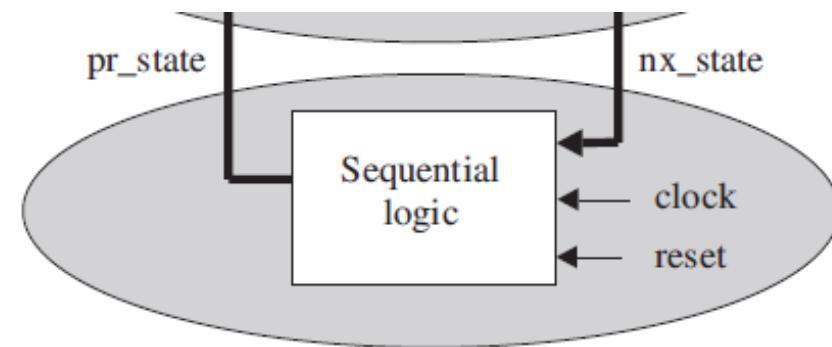
- The design of the lower section is completely separated from that of the upper section.



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Design of the Lower (Sequential) Section:

```
PROCESS (reset, clock)
BEGIN
    IF (reset='1') THEN
        pr_state <= state0;
    ELSIF (clock'EVENT AND clock='1') THEN
        pr_state <= nx_state;
    END IF;
END PROCESS;
```



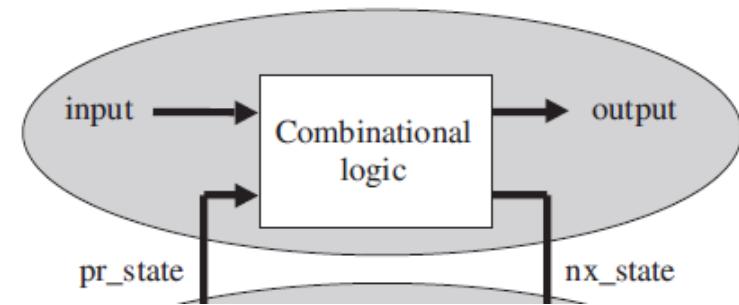
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Design of the Upper (Combinational) Section:

```

PROCESS (input, pr_state)
BEGIN
    CASE pr_state IS
        WHEN state0 =>
            IF (input = ...) THEN
                output <= <value>;
                nx_state <= state1;
            ELSE ...
            END IF;
        WHEN state1 =>
            IF (input = ...) THEN
                output <= <value>;
                nx_state <= state2;
            END IF;
    END CASE;
END;

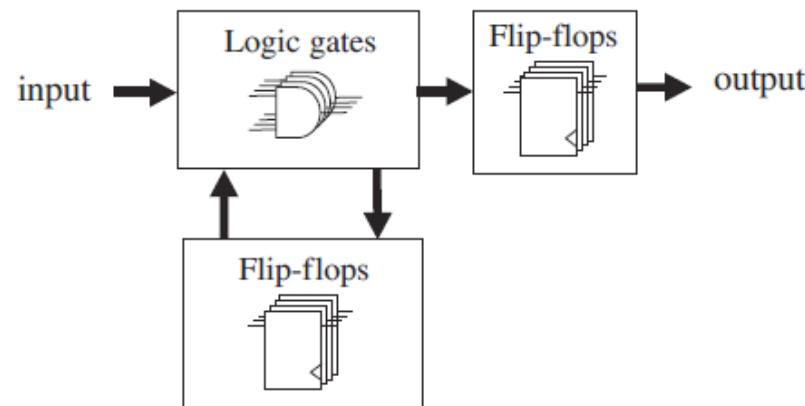
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Design Style #2 (Stored Output):

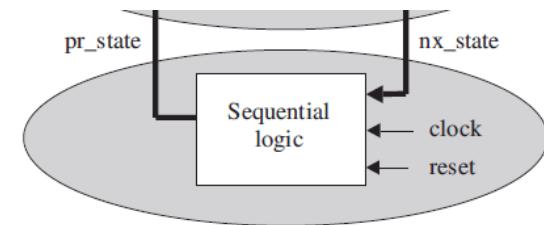
- In Design style #1: Notice that in this case, if it is a Mealy machine (one whose output is dependent on the current input), the output might change when the input changes (asynchronous output).
- To make Mealy machines synchronous.



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State Machine Template for Design **Style #2**

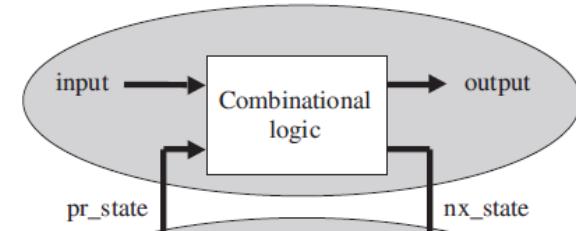
```
ENTITY <ent_name> IS
  PORT (input: IN <data_type>;
         reset, clock: IN STD_LOGIC;
         output: OUT <data_type>);
END <ent_name>;
-----
ARCHITECTURE <arch_name> OF <ent_name> IS
  TYPE states IS (state0, state1, state2, state3, ...);
  SIGNAL pr_state, nx_state: states;
  SIGNAL temp: <data_type>;
BEGIN
  ----- Lower section: -----
  PROCESS (reset, clock)
  BEGIN
    IF (reset='1') THEN
      pr_state <= state0;
    ELSIF (clock'EVENT AND clock='1') THEN
      output <= temp;
      pr_state <= nx_state;
    END IF;
  END PROCESS;
```



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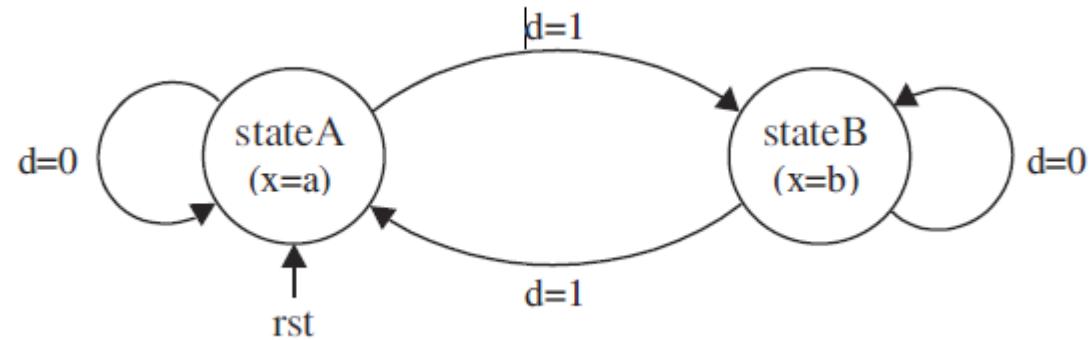
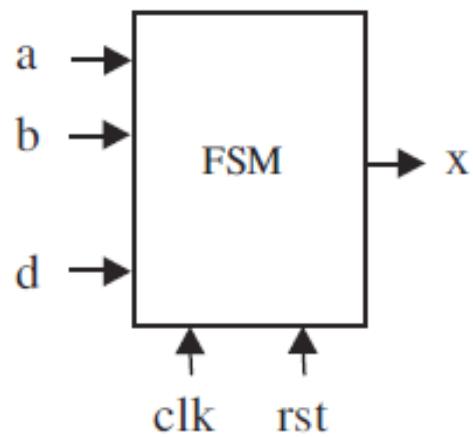
State Machine Template for Design **Style #2 – cont.**

```
----- Upper section: -----
PROCESS (pr_state)
BEGIN
  CASE pr_state IS
    WHEN state0 =>
      temp <= <value>;
      IF (condition) THEN nx_state <= state1;
      ...
      END IF;
    WHEN state1 =>
      temp <= <value>;
      IF (condition) THEN nx_state <= state2;
      ...
      END IF;
    WHEN state2 =>
      temp <= <value>;
      IF (condition) THEN nx_state <= state3;
      ...
      END IF;
    ...
  END CASE;
END PROCESS;
END <arch_name>;
```



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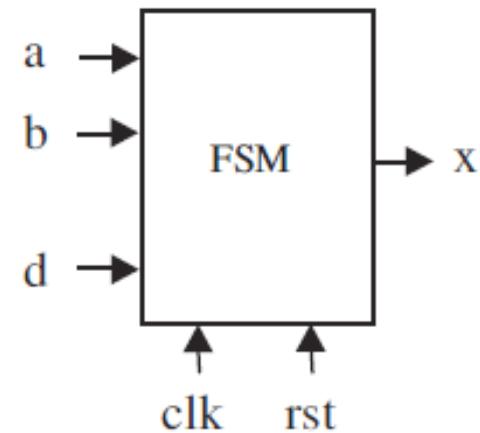
Example: Simple FSM #1



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Example: Simple FSM #1

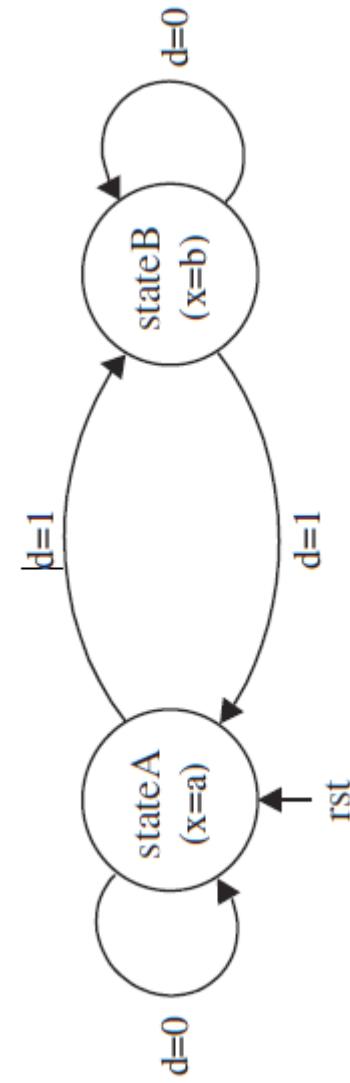
```
1 -----  
2 ENTITY simple_fsm IS  
3     PORT ( a, b, d, clk, rst: IN BIT;  
4             x: OUT BIT);  
5 END simple_fsm;  
6 -----
```



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Example: Simple FSM #1

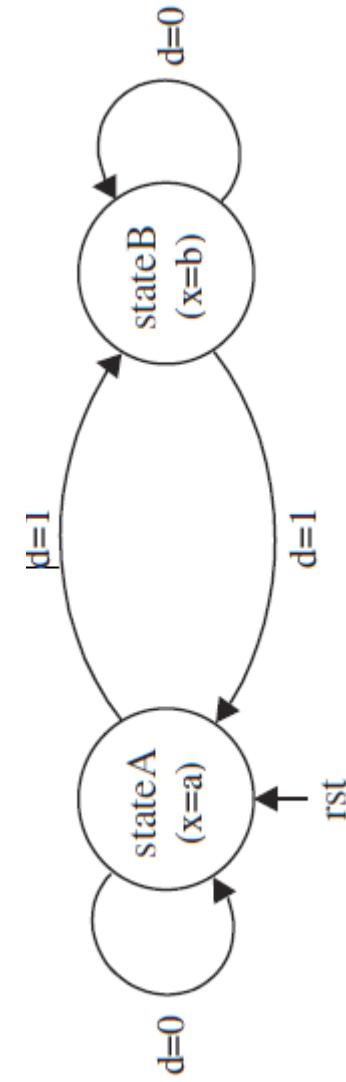
```
7 ARCHITECTURE simple_fsm OF simple_fsm IS
8   TYPE state IS (stateA, stateB);
9   SIGNAL pr_state, nx_state: state;
10 BEGIN
11   ----- Lower section: -----
12   PROCESS (rst, clk)
13   BEGIN
14     IF (rst='1') THEN
15       pr_state <= stateA;
16     ELSIF (clk'EVENT AND clk='1') THEN
17       pr_state <= nx_state;
18     END IF;
19   END PROCESS;
```



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Example: Simple FSM #1

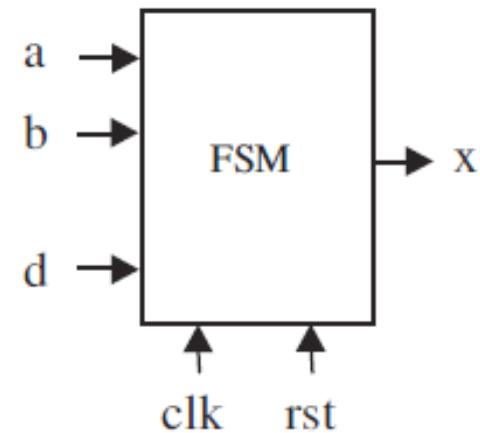
```
20      ----- Upper section: -----
21      PROCESS (a, b, d, pr_state)
22      BEGIN
23          CASE pr_state IS
24              WHEN stateA =>
25                  x <= a;
26                  IF (d='1') THEN nx_state <= stateB;
27                  ELSE nx_state <= stateA;
28                  END IF;
29              WHEN stateB =>
30                  x <= b;
31                  IF (d='1') THEN nx_state <= stateA;
32                  ELSE nx_state <= stateB;
33                  END IF;
34          END CASE;
35      END PROCESS;
36 END simple_fsm;
```



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Example: Simple FSM #2

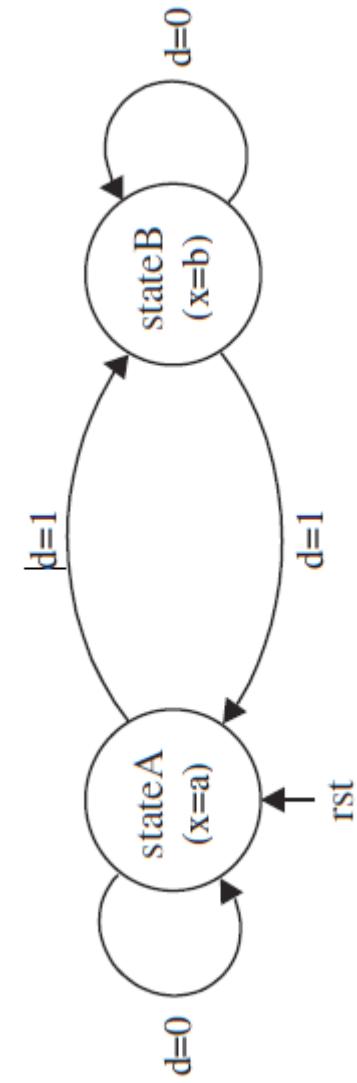
```
1 -----  
2 ENTITY simple_fsm IS  
3     PORT ( a, b, d, clk, rst: IN BIT;  
4             x: OUT BIT);  
5 END simple_fsm;  
6 -----
```



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Example: Simple FSM #2

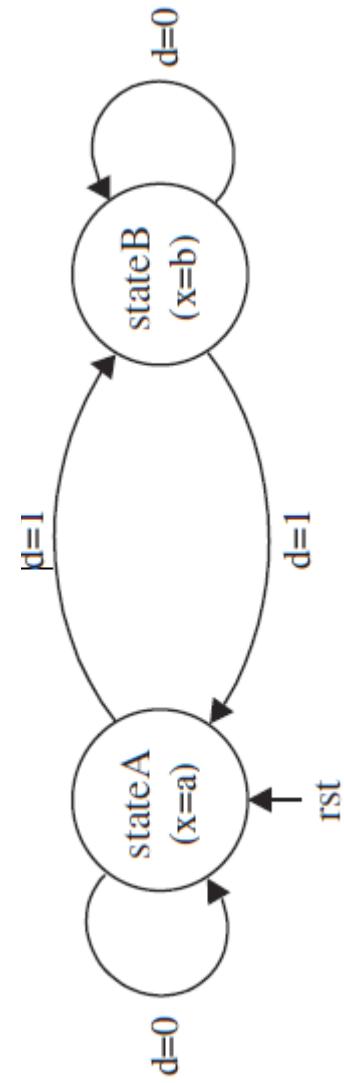
```
7  ARCHITECTURE simple_fsm OF simple_fsm IS
8      TYPE state IS (stateA, stateB);
9      SIGNAL pr_state, nx_state: state;
10     SIGNAL temp: BIT;
11 BEGIN
12     ----- Lower section: -----
13     PROCESS (rst, clk)
14     BEGIN
15         IF (rst='1') THEN
16             pr_state <= stateA;
17         ELSIF (clk'EVENT AND clk='1') THEN
18             x <= temp;
19             pr_state <= nx_state;
20         END IF;
21     END PROCESS;
```



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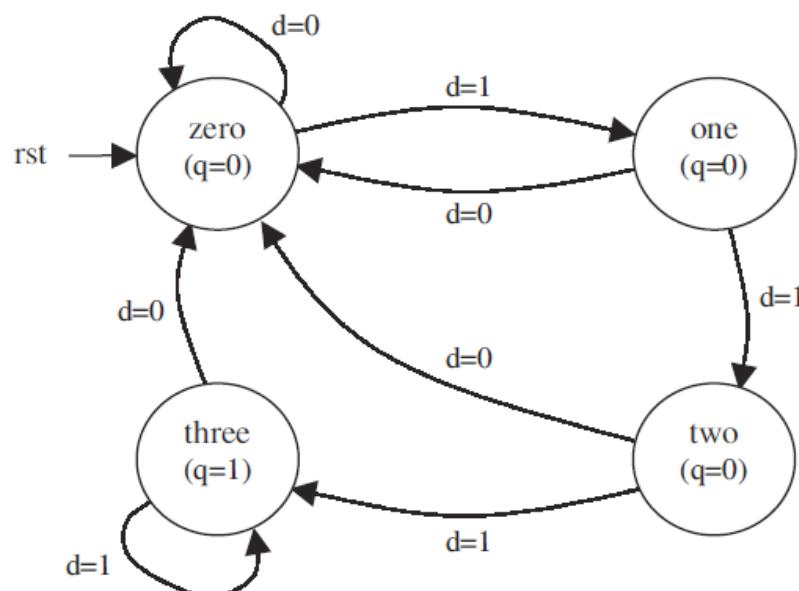
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22      ----- Upper section: -----
23  PROCESS (a, b, d, pr_state)
24  BEGIN
25      CASE pr_state IS
26          WHEN stateA =>
27              temp <= a;
28              IF (d='1') THEN nx_state <= stateB;
29              ELSE nx_state <= stateA;
30              END IF;
31          WHEN stateB =>
32              temp <= b;
33              IF (d='1') THEN nx_state <= stateA;
34              ELSE nx_state <= stateB;
35              END IF;
36      END CASE;
37  END PROCESS;
38
39  END simple_fsm;
```



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Example: String Detector

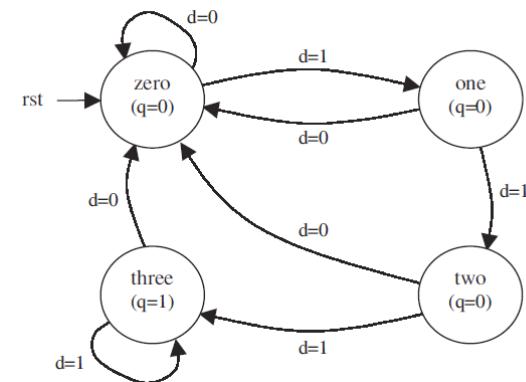
- We want to design a circuit that takes as input a serial bit stream and outputs a ‘1’ whenever the sequence “111” occurs. Overlaps must also be considered, that is, if . . .0111110 . . . occurs, than the output should remain active for three consecutive clock cycles.



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Example: String Detector

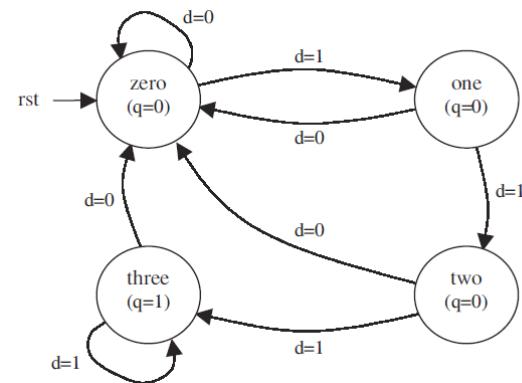
```
1 -----  
2 LIBRARY ieee;  
3 USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;  
4 -----  
5 ENTITY string_detector IS  
6     PORT ( d, clk, rst: IN BIT;  
7             q: OUT BIT);  
8 END string_detector;  
9 -----  
10 ARCHITECTURE my_arch OF string_detector IS  
11     TYPE state IS (zero, one, two, three);  
12     SIGNAL pr_state, nx_state: state;
```



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Example: String Detector

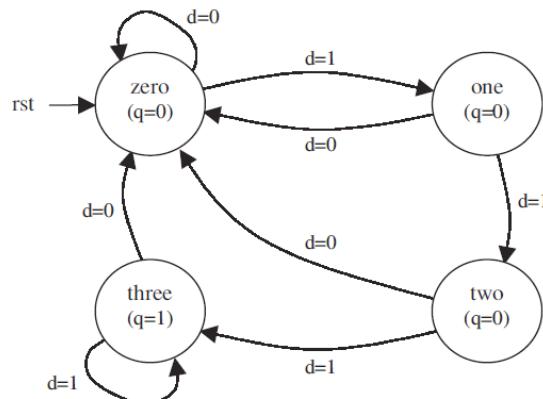
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13 BEGIN
14     ----- Lower section: -----
15     PROCESS (rst, clk)
16     BEGIN
17         IF (rst='1') THEN
18             pr_state <= zero;
19         ELSIF (clk'EVENT AND clk='1') THEN
20             pr_state <= nx_state;
21         END IF;
22     END PROCESS;
```



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Example: String Detector

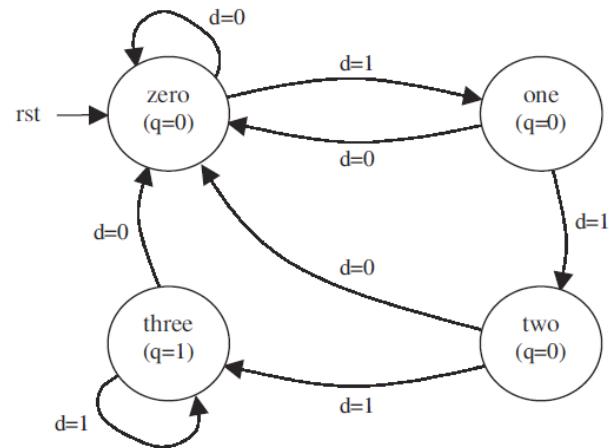
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23      ----- Upper section: -----
24      PROCESS (d, pr_state)
25      BEGIN
26          CASE pr_state IS
27              WHEN zero =>
28                  q <= '0';
29                  IF (d='1') THEN nx_state <= one;
30                  ELSE nx_state <= zero;
31                  END IF;
32              WHEN one =>
33                  q <= '0';
34                  IF (d='1') THEN nx_state <= two;
35                  ELSE nx_state <= zero;
36                  END IF;
37              WHEN two =>
38                  q <= '0';
39                  IF (d='1') THEN nx_state <= three;
```



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Example: String Detector

```
40      ELSE nx_state <= zero;  
41      END IF;  
42      WHEN three =>  
43          q <= '1';  
44          IF (d='0') THEN nx_state <= zero;  
45          ELSE nx_state <= three;  
46          END IF;  
47      END CASE;  
48  END PROCESS;  
49 END my_arch;  
50 -----
```



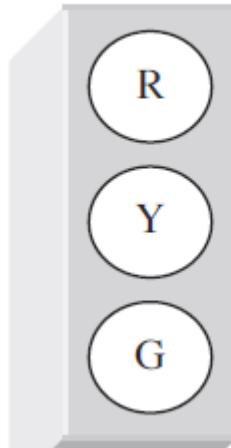
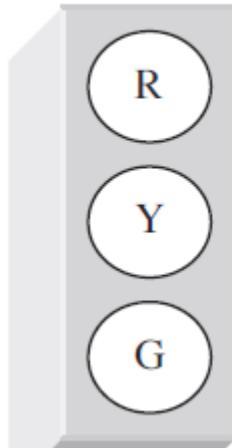
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Example: Traffic Light Controller (TLC)

- Three modes of operation: Regular, Test, and Standby.
- Test mode: allows all pre-programmed times to be overwritten (by a manual switch) with a small value, such that the system can be easily tested during maintenance (1 second per state).
- Standby mode: the system should activate the yellow lights in both directions and remain so while the standby signal is active.
- Assume that a 60 Hz clock (obtained from the power line itself) is available.

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Example: Traffic Light Controller (TLC)

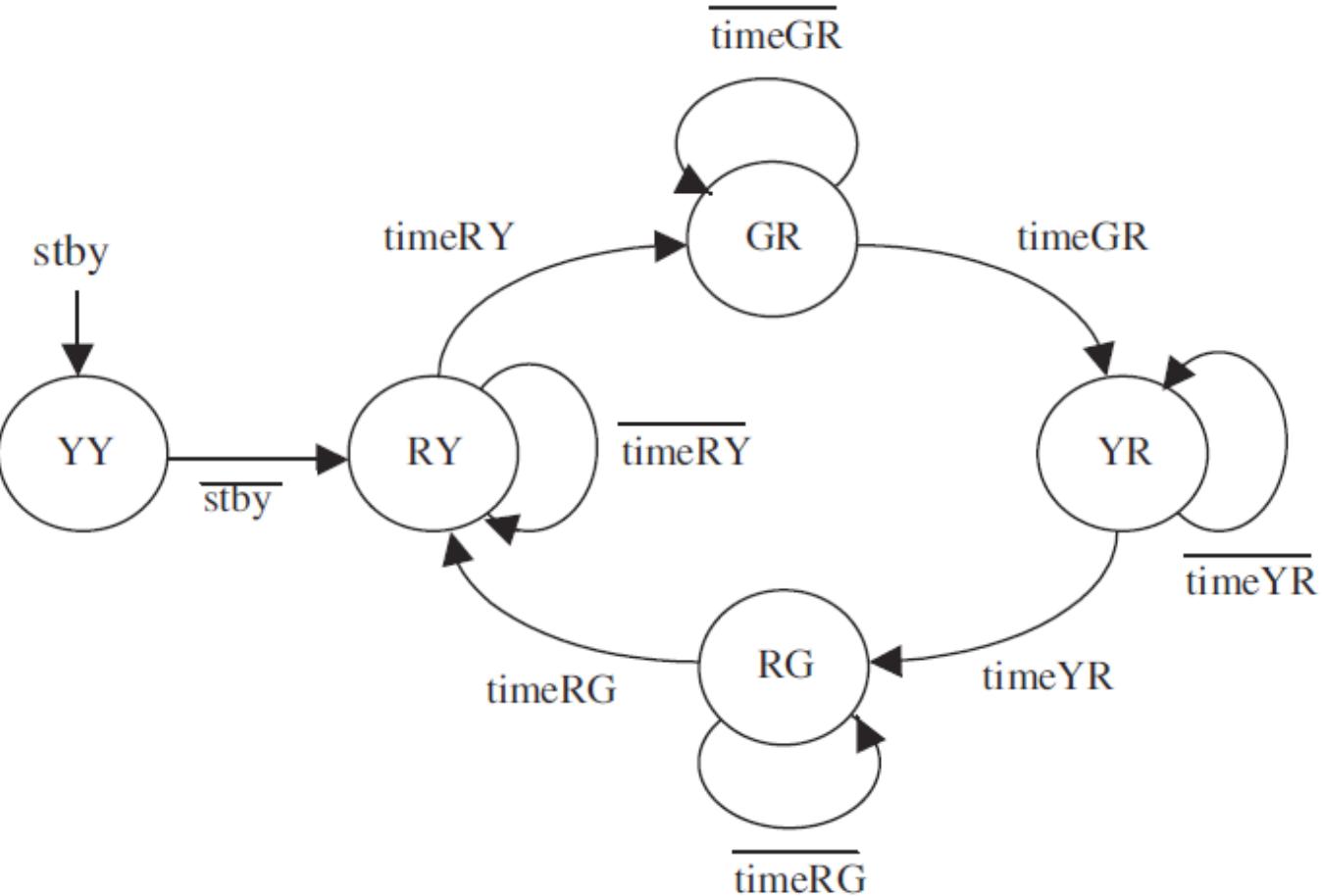


State	Operation Mode		
	REGULAR	TEST	STANDBY
	Time	Time	Time
RG	timeRG (30s)	timeTEST (1s)	---
RY	timeRY (5s)	timeTEST (1s)	---
GR	timeGR (45s)	timeTEST (1s)	---
YR	timeYR (5s)	timeTEST (1s)	---
YY	---	---	Indefinite

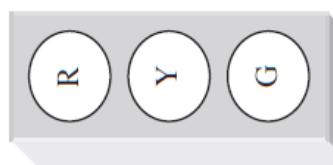
```
CONSTANT timeMAX : INTEGER := 2700; 45 * 60
CONSTANT timeRG : INTEGER := 1800; 30 * 60
CONSTANT timeRY : INTEGER := 300; 5 * 60
CONSTANT timeGR : INTEGER := 2700; 45 * 60
CONSTANT timeYR : INTEGER := 300; 5 * 60
CONSTANT timeTEST : INTEGER := 60; 1 * 60
```

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Example: Traffic Light Controller (TLC)



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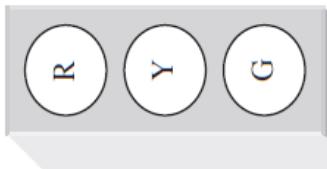
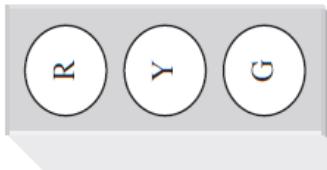


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Example: Traffic Light Controller (TLC)

```
1 -----
2 LIBRARY ieee;
3 USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
4 -----
5 ENTITY tlc IS
6     PORT ( clk, stby, test: IN STD_LOGIC;
7             r1, r2, y1, y2, g1, g2: OUT STD_LOGIC);
8 END tlc;
9 -----
```

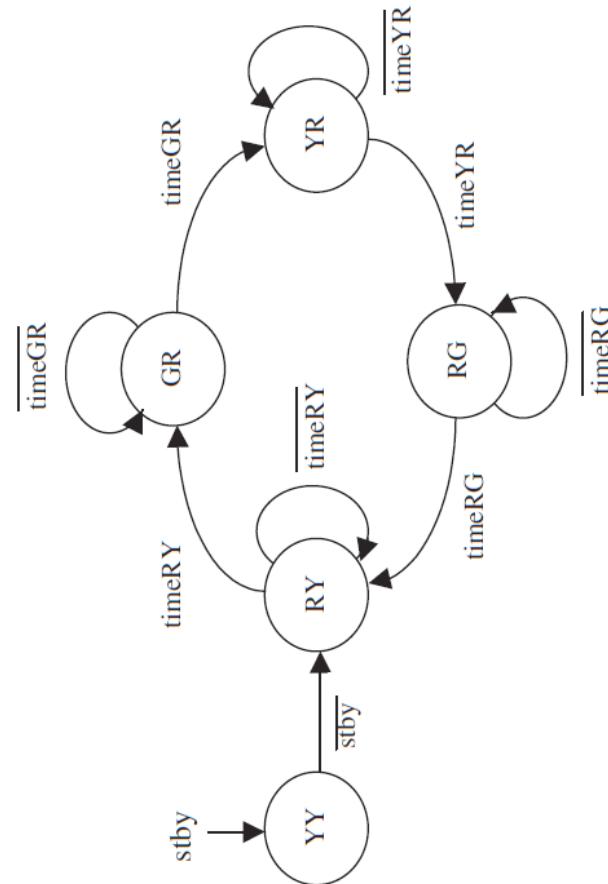
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Example: Traffic Light Controller (TLC)

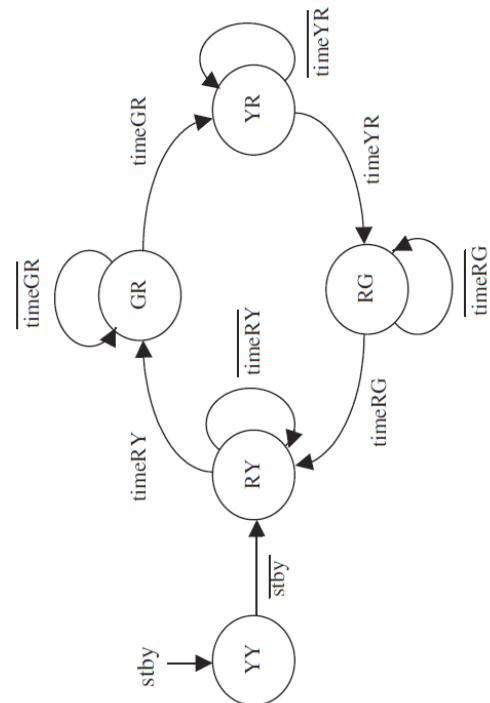
```
10 ARCHITECTURE behavior OF tlc IS
11     CONSTANT timeMAX : INTEGER := 2700;
12     CONSTANT timeRG : INTEGER := 1800;
13     CONSTANT timeRY : INTEGER := 300;
14     CONSTANT timeGR : INTEGER := 2700;
15     CONSTANT timeYR : INTEGER := 300;
16     CONSTANT timeTEST : INTEGER := 60;
17     TYPE state IS (RG, RY, GR, YR, YY);
18     SIGNAL pr_state, nx_state: state;
19     SIGNAL time : INTEGER RANGE 0 TO timeMAX;
20 BEGIN
```



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Example: Traffic Light Controller (TLC)

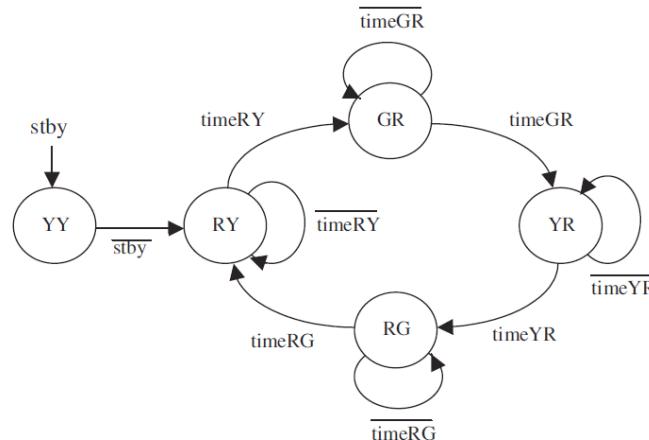
```
21      ----- Lower section of state machine: -----
22      PROCESS (clk, stby)
23          VARIABLE count : INTEGER RANGE 0 TO timeMAX;
24      BEGIN
25          IF (stby='1') THEN
26              pr_state <= YY;
27              count := 0;
28          ELSIF (clk'EVENT AND clk='1') THEN
29              count := count + 1;
30              IF (count = time) THEN
31                  pr_state <= nx_state;
32                  count := 0;
33              END IF;
34          END IF;
35      END PROCESS;
```



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Example: Traffic Light Controller (TLC)

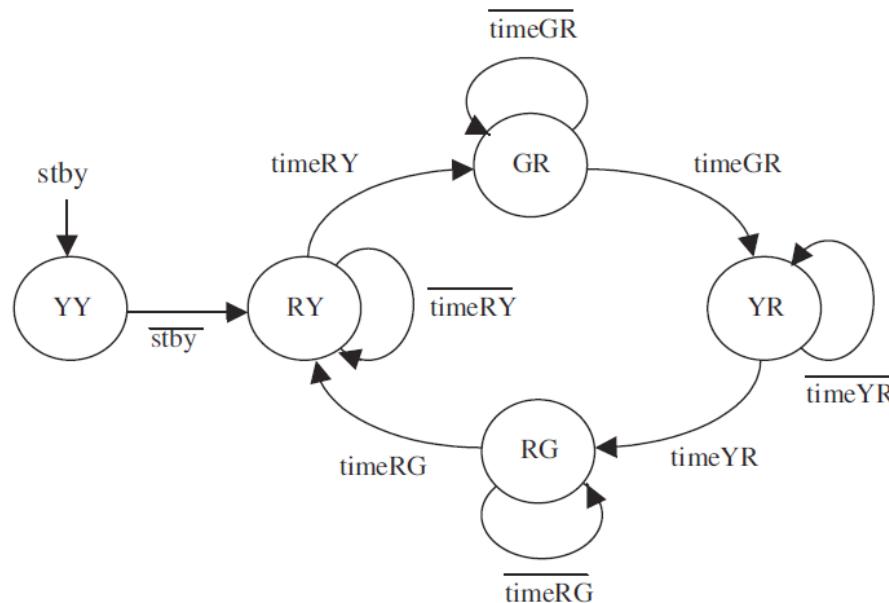
```
36      ----- Upper section of state machine: -----
37      PROCESS (pr_state, test)
38      BEGIN
39          CASE pr_state IS
40              WHEN RG =>
41                  r1<='1'; r2<='0'; y1<='0'; y2<='0'; g1<='0'; g2<='1';
42                  nx_state <= RY;
43                  IF (test='0') THEN time <= timeRG;
44                  ELSE time <= timeTEST;
45          END IF;
```



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Example: Traffic Light Controller (TLC)

```
46      WHEN RY =>
47          r1<='1'; r2<='0'; y1<='0'; y2<='1'; g1<='0'; g2<='0';
48          nx_state <= GR;
49          IF (test='0') THEN time <= timeRY;
50          ELSE time <= timeTEST;
51      END IF;
```



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Example: Traffic Light Controller (TLC)

```
52      WHEN GR =>
53          r1<='0'; r2<='1'; y1<='0'; y2<='0'; g1<='1'; g2<='0';
54          nx_state <= YR;
55          IF (test='0') THEN time <= timeGR;
56          ELSE time <= timeTEST;
57          END IF;
58      WHEN YR =>
59          r1<='0'; r2<='1'; y1<='1'; y2<='0'; g1<='0'; g2<='0';
60          nx_state <= RG;
61          IF (test='0') THEN time <= timeYR;
62          ELSE time <= timeTEST;
63          END IF;
64      WHEN YY =>
65          r1<='0'; r2<='0'; y1<='1'; y2<='1'; g1<='0'; g2<='0';
66          nx_state <= RY;
67      END CASE;
68  END PROCESS;
69 END behavior;
```

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FSM Encoding Style:

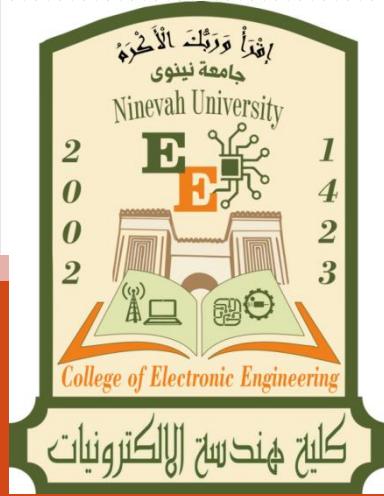
- To encode the states of a state machine, we can select one among several available styles.
- The default style is **binary**.
 - requires the least number of flip-flops.
 - with n flip-flops (n bits), up to 2^n states can be encoded
 - requires more logic and is slower than the others.
- **One-hot encoding style**,
 - which uses one flip-flop per state. Therefore, it demands the largest number of flip-flops.
 - with n flip-flops (n bits), only n states can be encoded.
 - requires the least amount of extra logic and is the fastest.

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FSM Encoding Style:

- **Two-hot encoding scheme:**
 - An style that is inbetween the two styles above.
 - which presents two bits active per state.
 - Therefore, with n flip-flops (n bits), up to $n(n-1)/2$ states can be encoded.

STATE	Encoding Style		
	BINARY	TWOHOT	ONEHOT
state0	000	00011	00000001
state1	001	00101	00000010
state2	010	01001	00000100
state3	011	10001	00001000
state4	100	00110	00010000
state5	101	01010	00100000
state6	110	10010	01000000
state7	111	01100	10000000



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- **FUNCTION**

- A **FUNCTION** is a section of sequential code.
- Its purpose is to create new functions to deal with commonly encountered problems, like data type conversions, logical operations, arithmetic computations, and new operators and attributes.
- By writing such code as a **FUNCTION**, it can be shared and reused, also propitiating the main code to be shorter and easier to understand.

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- **FUNCTION**

```
FUNCTION function_name [<parameter list>] RETURN data_type IS
    [declarations]
BEGIN
    (sequential statements)
END function_name;
```

- **Example**

```
FUNCTION f1 (a, b: INTEGER; SIGNAL c: STD_LOGIC_VECTOR)
    RETURN BOOLEAN IS
BEGIN
    (sequential statements)
END f1;
```

VHDL> Additional System Design

- Digital Filters
 - Digital signal processing (DSP) finds innumerable applications in the fields of audio, video, and communications, among others. Such applications are generally based on LTI (linear time invariant) systems, which can be implemented with digital circuitry.
 - Any LTI system be represented by the following equation:

$$y[n] = \frac{1}{a_0} \sum_{k=0}^M b_k x[n-k] - \frac{1}{a_0} \sum_{k=1}^N a_k y[n-k]$$

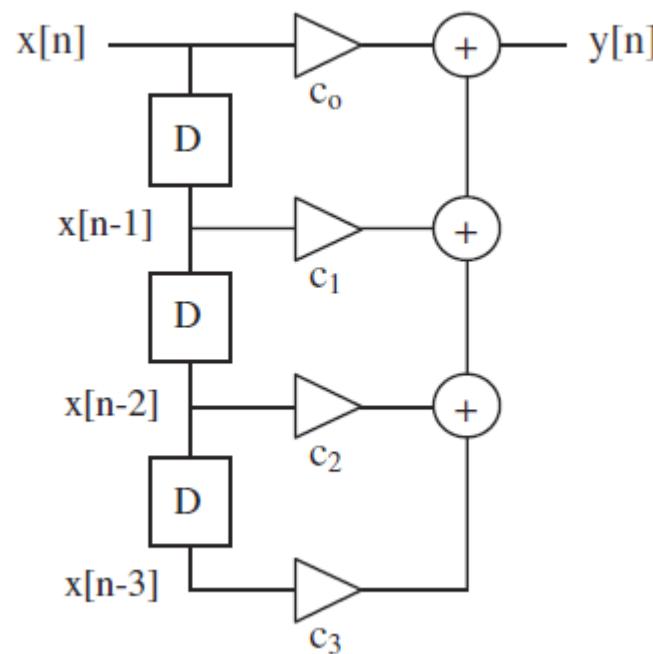
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- Digital Filters

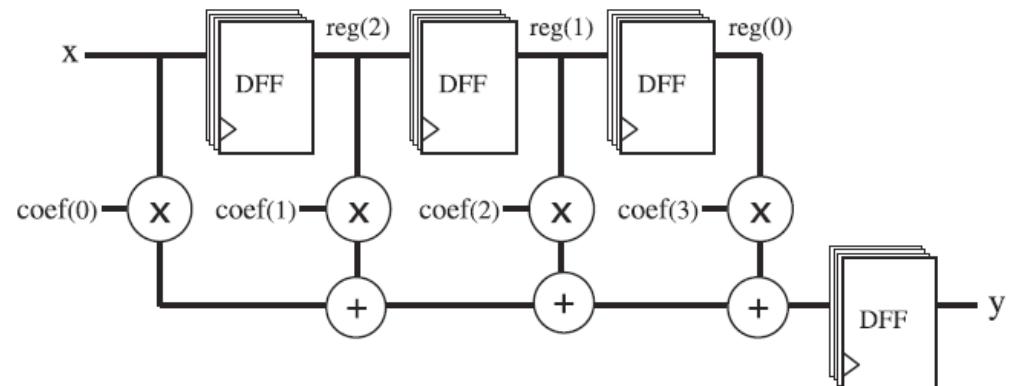
- FIR Filter:

$$Y(n) = \sum_{K=0}^N b_K x(n - k)$$

4-tap FIR Filter



RTL Representation



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- Digital Filters
 - VHDL code for FIR Filter:

```
1 -----
2 LIBRARY ieee;
3 USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
4 USE ieee.std_logic_arith.all;  -- package needed for SIGNED
5 -----
6 ENTITY fir2 IS
7     GENERIC (n: INTEGER := 4; m: INTEGER := 4);
8     -- n = # of coef., m = # of bits of input and coef.
9     -- Besides n and m, CONSTANT (line 19) also need adjust
10    PORT ( x: IN SIGNED(m-1 DOWNTO 0);
11            clk, rst: IN STD_LOGIC;
12            y: OUT SIGNED(2*m-1 DOWNTO 0));
13 END fir2;
14 -----
```

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- Digital Filters
 - VHDL code for FIR Filter: (continued)

```
14 -----
15 ARCHITECTURE rtl OF fir2 IS
16     TYPE registers IS ARRAY (n-2 DOWNTO 0) OF
17                     SIGNED(m-1 DOWNTO 0);
18     TYPE coefficients IS ARRAY (n-1 DOWNTO 0) OF
19                     SIGNED(m-1 DOWNTO 0);
20     SIGNAL reg: registers;
21     CONSTANT coef: coefficients := ("0001", "0010", "0011",
22                                         "0100");
```

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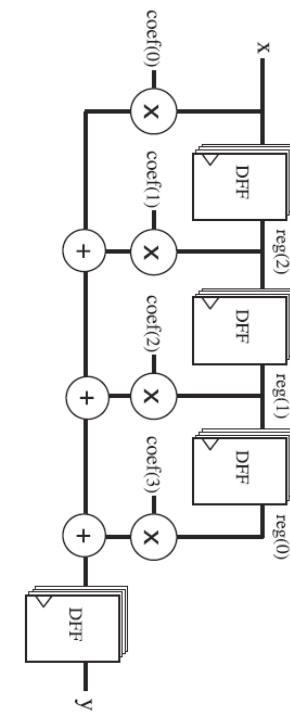
- Digital Filters
 - VHDL code for FIR Filter: (continued)

```
23 BEGIN
24     PROCESS (clk, rst)
25         VARIABLE acc, prod:
26             SIGNED(2*m-1 DOWNTO 0) := (OTHERS=>'0');
27         VARIABLE sign: STD_LOGIC;
28     BEGIN
29         ----- reset: -----
30         IF (rst='1') THEN
31             FOR i IN n-2 DOWNTO 0 LOOP
32                 FOR j IN m-1 DOWNTO 0 LOOP
33                     reg(i)(j) <= '0';
34                 END LOOP;
35             END LOOP;
```

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- Digital Filters
 - VHDL code for FIR Filter: (continued)

```
36      ----- register inference + MAC: -----
37      ELSIF (clk'EVENT AND clk='1') THEN
38          acc := coef(0)*x;
39          FOR i IN 1 TO n-1 LOOP
40              sign := acc(2*m-1);
41              prod := coef(i)*reg(n-1-i);
42              acc := acc + prod;
43          ----- overflow check: -----
44          IF (sign=prod(prod'left)) AND
45              (acc(acc'left) /= sign)
46          THEN
47              acc := (acc'LEFT => sign, OTHERS => NOT sign);
48          END IF;
49          END LOOP;
50          reg <= x & reg(n-2 DOWNTO 1);
51      END IF;
52      y <= acc;
53  END PROCESS;
54 END rtl;
```

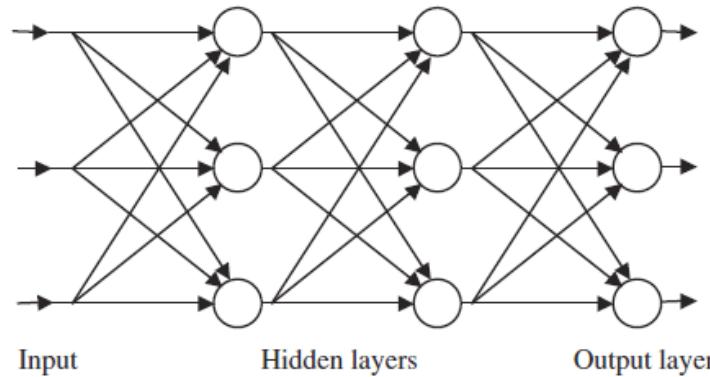


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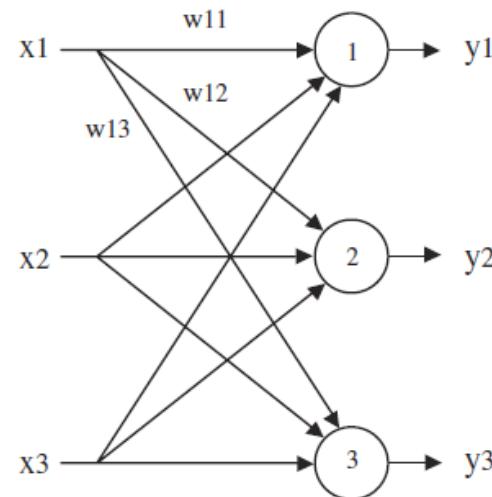
- Neural Networks

- Neural Networks (NN) are highly parallel, highly interconnected systems. Such characteristics make their implementation very challenging, and also very costly, due to the large amount of hardware required.

- **3 layer network**



- **layer details**

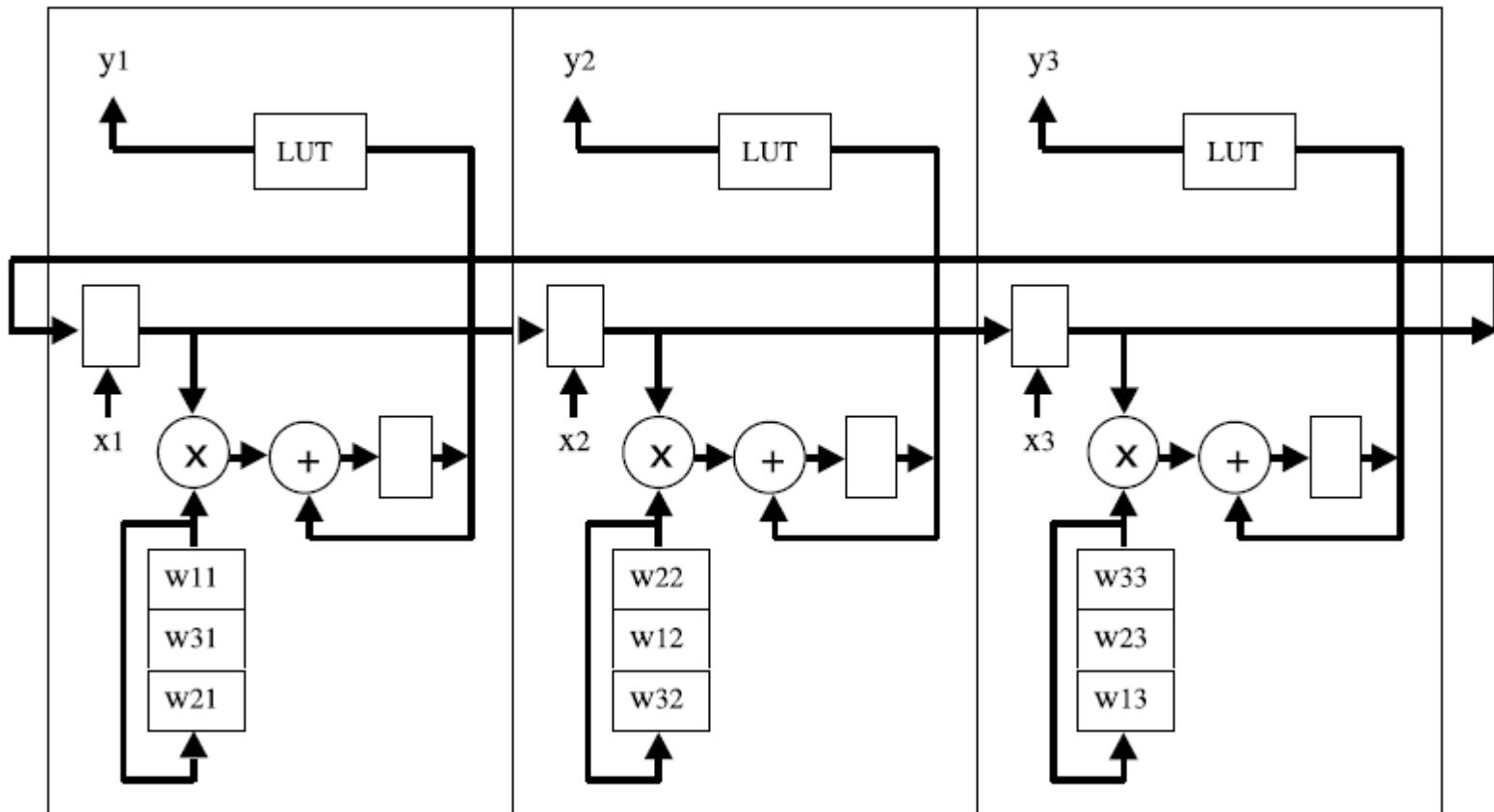


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- Neural Networks
- A “ring” architecture for the NN is presented in figure, which implements one layer of the NN.
- Each box represents one neuron.
- There are several circular shift registers, one for each neuron (vertical shifters) plus one for the whole set (horizontal shifter).
- The vertical shifters hold the weights, while the horizontal one holds the inputs (shift registers with ‘data_load’ capability).
- At the output of a vertical shifter there is a MAC circuit, which accumulates the product between the weights and the inputs.

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- Neural Networks



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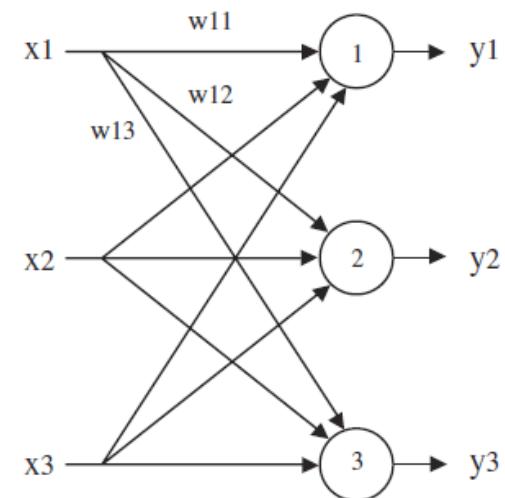
- Neural Networks
- For Small Neural Networks The solution below has the advantage of being simple, easily understandable, and self-contained in the main code. Its only limitation is that the inputs (x) and outputs (y) are specified one by one rather than using some kind of two-dimensional array, thus making it inappropriate for large NNs. Everything else is generic.

```
1 -----
2 LIBRARY ieee;
3 USE ieee.std_logic_1164.all;
4 USE ieee.std_logic_arith.all;  -- package needed for SIGNED
5 -----+-----
```

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• Neural Networks

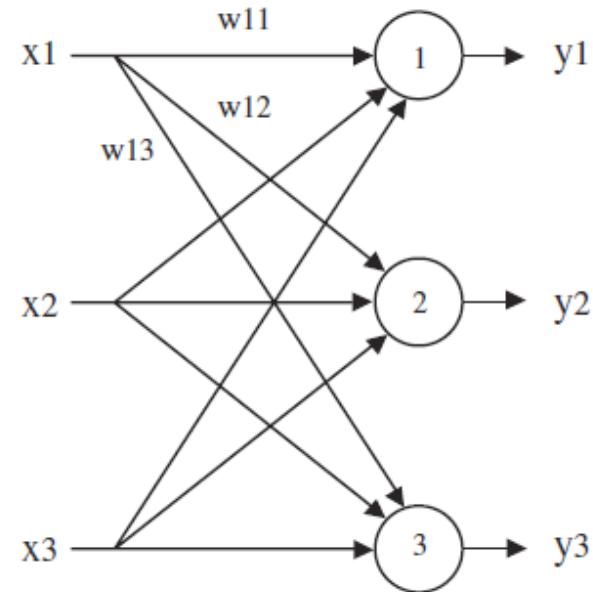
```
6  ENTITY nn IS
7  GENERIC ( n: INTEGER := 3; -- # of neurons
8          m: INTEGER := 3; -- # of inputs or weights per neuron
9          b: INTEGER := 4 ); -- # of bits per input or weight
10 PORT ( x1: IN SIGNED(b-1 DOWNTO 0);
11         x2: IN SIGNED(b-1 DOWNTO 0);
12         x3: IN SIGNED(b-1 DOWNTO 0);
13         w: IN SIGNED(b-1 DOWNTO 0);
14         clk: IN STD_LOGIC;
15         test: OUT SIGNED(b-1 DOWNTO 0); -- register test output
16         y1: OUT SIGNED(2*b-1 DOWNTO 0);
17         y2: OUT SIGNED(2*b-1 DOWNTO 0);
18         y3: OUT SIGNED(2*b-1 DOWNTO 0));
19 END nn;
```



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- Neural Networks

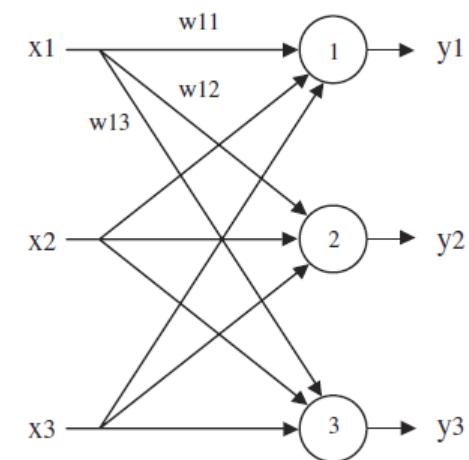
```
20 -----
21 ARCHITECTURE neural OF nn IS
22     TYPE weights IS ARRAY (1 TO n*m) OF SIGNED(b-1 DOWNTO 0);
23     TYPE inputs IS ARRAY (1 TO m) OF SIGNED(b-1 DOWNTO 0);
24     TYPE outputs IS ARRAY (1 TO m) OF SIGNED(2*b-1 DOWNTO 0);
```



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- Neural Networks

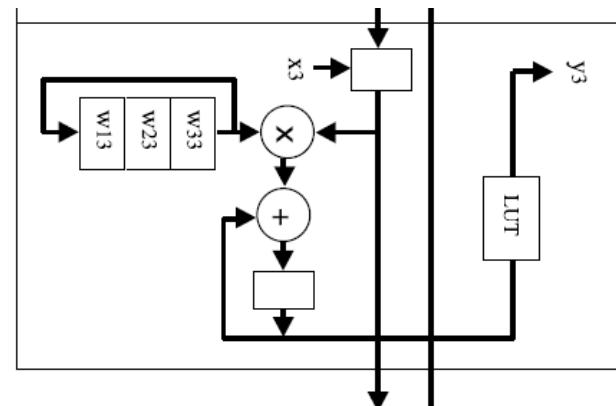
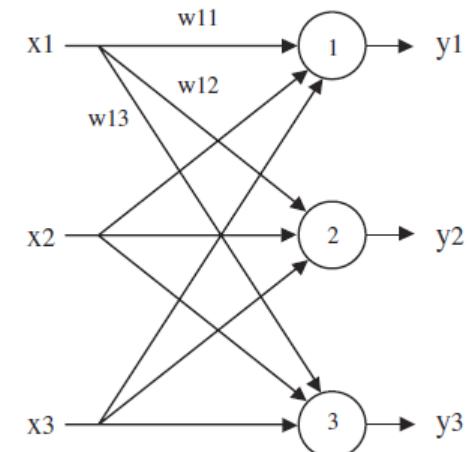
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25 BEGIN
26     PROCESS (clk, w, x1, x2, x3)
27         VARIABLE weight: weights;
28         VARIABLE input: inputs;
29         VARIABLE output: outputs;
30         VARIABLE prod, acc: SIGNED(2*b-1 DOWNTO 0);
31         VARIABLE sign: STD_LOGIC;
32     BEGIN
33         ----- shift register inference: -----
34         IF (clk'EVENT AND clk='1') THEN
35             weight := w & weight(1 TO n*m-1);
36         END IF;
37         ----- initialization: -----
38         input(1) := x1;
39         input(2) := x2;
40         input(3) := x3;
```



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• Neural Networks

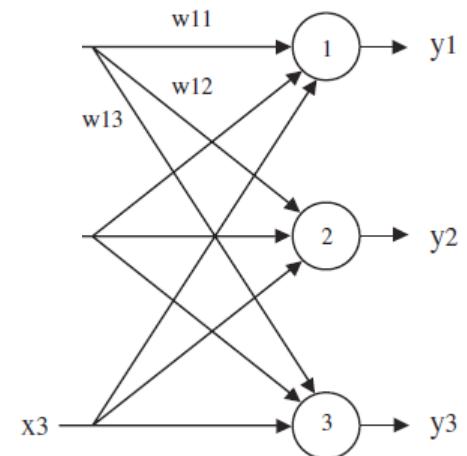
```
41      ----- multiply-accumulate: -----
42      L1: FOR i IN 1 TO n LOOP
43          acc := (OTHERS => '0');
44          L2: FOR j IN 1 TO m LOOP
45              prod := input(j)*weigth(m*(i-1)+j);
46              sign := acc(acc'LEFT);
47              acc := acc + prod;
48          ----- overflow check: -----
49          IF (sign=prod(prod'left)) AND
50              (acc(acc'left) /= sign) THEN
51              acc := (acc'LEFT => sign, OTHERS => NOT sign);
52          END IF;
53      END LOOP L2;
54      output(i) := acc;
55  END LOOP L1;
```



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- Neural Networks

```
56      ----- outputs: -----
57      test <= weight(n*m);
58      y1 <= output(1);
59      y2 <= output(2);
60      y3 <= output(3);
61  END PROCESS;
62 END neural;
```



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- Neural Networks