

## Systemverilog For Verification A Guide To Learning The Testbench Language Features

The Verilog Hardware Description Language (Verilog-HDL) has long been the most popular language for describing complex digital hardware. It started life as a proprietary language but was donated by Cadence Design Systems to the design community to serve as the basis of an open standard. That standard was formalized in 1995 by the IEEE in standard 1364-1995. About that same time a group named Analog Verilog International formed with the intent of proposing extensions to Verilog to support analog and mixed-signal simulation. The first fruits of the labor of that group became available in 1996 when the language definition of Verilog-A was released. Verilog-A was not intended to work directly with Verilog-HDL. Rather it was a language with similar syntax and related semantics that was intended to model analog systems and be compatible with SPICE-class circuit simulation engines. The first implementation of Verilog-A soon followed: a version from Cadence that ran on their Spectre circuit simulator. As more implementations of Verilog-A became available, the group defining the analog and mixed-signal extensions to Verilog continued their work, releasing the definition of Verilog-AMS in 2000. Verilog-AMS combines both Verilog-HDL and Verilog-A, and adds additional mixed-signal constructs, providing a hardware description language suitable for analog, digital, and mixed-signal systems. Again, Cadence was first to release an implementation of this new language, in a product named AMS Designer that combines their Verilog and Spectre simulation engines.

The SystemVerilog for Verification book is a follow-on to the SystemVerilog for Design book, published earlier this year. The book will introduce the reader to the advanced testbench, verification and programming features of the Accellera SystemVerilog 3.1a standard, focusing on how these constructs can be used to set up effective verification methodologies. Readers should have a working knowledge of the Verilog HDL and preferably have read the "SystemVerilog for Design" book. Familiarity with other verification languages, Object-Oriented programming, constrained-random data generation and assertion languages would be helpful, although these topics will be covered in detail. Other topics to be covered include: Advanced programming features, including dynamic and associative arrays; Multiple processes, synchronization, communication and process control; Functional coverage. The book will contain appendices that discuss the new programming interfaces that are included in SystemVerilog 3.1a.

This book is an "A-Z" guide to using SystemVerilog for ASIC design, from conception to RTL coding, to synthesis and verification. Readers will benefit from a thorough introduction to the powerful constructs and features of SystemVerilog. In addition, the verification methodology of Universal Verification Methodology (UVM) is used to build testbenches that allow for verification of complicated designs and synthesis basics are discussed, using the Synopsys Design Compiler (DC). To complete this book's package as a practical guide, readers are introduced to the fundamentals of static timing analysis.

The UVM Primer uses simple, runnable code examples, accessible analogies, and an easy-to-read style to introduce you to the foundation of the Universal Verification Methodology. You will learn the basics of object-oriented programming with SystemVerilog and build upon that foundation to learn how to design testbenches using the UVM. Use the UVM Primer to brush up on your UVM knowledge before a job interview to be able to confidently answer questions such as "What is a uvm\_agent?," "How do you use uvm\_sequences?," and "When do you use the UVM's factory." The UVM Primer's downloadable code examples give you hands-on experience with real UVM code. Ray Salemi uses online videos (on [www.uvmprimer.com](http://www.uvmprimer.com)) to walk through the code from each chapter and build your confidence. Read The UVM Primer today and start down the path to the UVM.

Why learn and use Verilog if you're a student, beginning designer, or leading edge systems designer? The naive would ignore Verilog and "standardize" by using VHDL, the result of a decade-long committee design process. A single language for the whole world would appear to: ease the training of designers and others who use descriptions, increase tool competition to lower costs, and increase design sharing and library usage. Further, the U. S. Department of Defense (DOD) mandated its use for design description. Mandated standards rarely are best, and often not very good. Competition is good because it encourages rapid evolution. Also, we know that evolved, de facto standards embodied in a time-tested product based on initial conceptual clarity from one person or organization versus de jure standards coming from large committees or government mandates are often preferred. A standard must be "open" so that many others can use it, build on it, and compete to make it better. One only has to compare: C, C++, and FORTRAN versus ADA (DOD's mandated language), PLI; TCP/IP versus OSI; the Intel X86 or PowerPC microprocessors versus DOD's many architectures; Windows versus the many UNIX dialects; and various industry buses versus DOD's Futurebus. Verilog, introduced in 1985, was developed by one person, Phil Moorby at Gateway Design Automation. It was Phil's third commercial logic simulator.

This book is a comprehensive guide to assertion-based verification of hardware designs using System Verilog Assertions (SVA). It enables readers to minimize the cost of verification by using assertion-based techniques in simulation testing, coverage collection and formal analysis. The book provides detailed descriptions of all the language features of SVA, accompanied by step-by-step examples of how to employ them to construct powerful and reusable sets of properties. The book also shows how SVA fits into the broader System Verilog language, demonstrating the ways that assertions can interact with other System Verilog components. The reader new to hardware verification will benefit from general material describing the nature of design models and behaviors, how they are exercised, and the different roles that assertions play. This second edition covers the features introduced by the recent IEEE 1800-2012. System Verilog standard, explaining in detail the new and enhanced assertion constructs. The book makes SVA usable and accessible for hardware designers, verification engineers, formal verification specialists and EDA tool developers. With numerous exercises, ranging in depth and difficulty, the book is also suitable as a text for students.

One of the biggest challenges in chip and system design is determining whether the hardware works correctly. That is the job of functional verification engineers and they are the audience for this comprehensive text from three top industry professionals. As designs increase in complexity, so has the value of verification engineers within the hardware design team. In fact, the need for skilled verification engineers has grown dramatically--functional verification now consumes between 40 and 70% of a project's labor, and about half its cost. Currently there are very few books on verification for engineers, and none that cover the subject as comprehensively as this text. A key strength of this book is that it describes the entire verification cycle and details each stage. The organization of the book follows the cycle, demonstrating how functional verification engages all aspects of the overall design effort and how individual cycle stages relate to the

larger design process. Throughout the text, the authors leverage their 35 plus years experience in functional verification, providing examples and case studies, and focusing on the skills, methods, and tools needed to complete each verification task. Comprehensive overview of the complete verification cycle Combines industry experience with a strong emphasis on functional verification fundamentals Includes real-world case studies

SystemVerilog Assertions Handbook, 4th Edition is a follow-up book to the popular and highly recommended third edition, published in 2013. This 4th Edition is updated to include: 1. A new section on testbenching assertions, including the use of constrained-randomization, along with an explanation of how constraints operate, and with a definition of the most commonly used constraints for verifying assertions. 2. More assertion examples and comments that were derived from users' experiences and difficulties in using assertions; many of these issues were reported in newsgroups, such as the verificationAcademy.com and the verificationGuild.com. 3. Links to new papers on the use of assertions, such as in a UVM environment. 4. Expected updates on assertions in the upcoming IEEE 1800-2018 Standard for SystemVerilog Unified Hardware Design, Specification, and Verification Language. The SVA goals for this 1800-2018 were to maintain stability and not introduce substantial new features. However, a few minor enhancements were identified and are expected to be approved. The 3rd Edition of this book was based on the IEEE 1800-2012.

Functional verification is an art as much as a science. It requires not only creativity and cunning, but also a clear methodology to approach the problem. The Open Verification Methodology (OVM) is a leading-edge methodology for verifying designs at multiple levels of abstraction. It brings together ideas from electrical, systems, and software engineering to provide a complete methodology for verifying large scale System-on-Chip (SoC) designs. OVM defines an approach for developing testbench architectures so they are modular, configurable, and reusable. This book is designed to help both novice and experienced verification engineers master the OVM through extensive examples. It describes basic verification principles and explains the essentials of transaction-level modeling (TLM). It leads readers from a simple connection of a producer and a consumer through complete self-checking testbenches. It explains construction techniques for building configurable, reusable testbench components and how to use TLM to communicate between them. Elements such as agents and sequences are explained in detail.

Verification is increasingly complex, and SystemVerilog is one of the languages that the verification community is turning to. However, no language by itself can guarantee success without proper techniques. Object-oriented programming (OOP), with its focus on managing complexity, is ideally suited to this task. With this handbook—the first to focus on applying OOP to SystemVerilog—we'll show how to manage complexity by using layers of abstraction and base classes. By adapting these techniques, you will write more "reasonable" code, and build efficient and reusable verification components. Both a learning tool and a reference, this handbook contains hundreds of real-world code snippets and three professional verification-system examples. You can copy and paste from these examples, which are all based on an open-source, vendor-neutral framework (with code freely available at [www.trusster.com](http://www.trusster.com)). Learn about OOP techniques such as these: Creating classes—code interfaces, factory functions, reuse Connecting classes—pointers, inheritance, channels Using "correct by construction"—strong typing, base classes Packaging it up—singletons, static methods, packages

VHDL Answers to Frequently asked Questions is a follow-up to the author's book VHDL Coding Styles and Methodologies (ISBN 0-7923-9598-0). On completion of his first book, the author continued teaching VHDL and actively participated in the comp. lang. vhdl newsgroup. During his experiences, he was enlightened by the many interesting issues and questions relating to VHDL and synthesis. These pertained to: misinterpretations in the use of the language; methods for writing error free, and simulation efficient, code for testbench designs and for synthesis; and general principles and guidelines for design verification. As a result of this wealth of public knowledge contributed by a large VHDL community, the author decided to act as a facilitator of this information by collecting different classes of VHDL issues, and by elaborating on these topics through complete simulatable examples. This book is intended for those who are seeking an enhanced proficiency in VHDL. Its target audience includes: 1. Engineers. The book addresses a set of problems commonly experienced by real users of VHDL. It provides practical explanations to the questions, and suggests practical solutions to the raised issues. It also includes packages to achieve common utilities, useful in the generation of debug code aDd testbench designs. These packages include conversions to strings (the IMAGE package), generation of Linear Feedback Shift Registers (LFSR), Multiple Input Shift Register (MISR), and random number generators.

This high-quality reissue of The Taylor Trading Technique contains the same time-honored information it did when it was first published in 1950. Taylor's "Book Method" of trading is based on his insights about the repetition of grain market cycles but applies to the financial futures market and others as well. By identifying moves in the market that might fool less-savvy traders into buying or selling at the wrong time, Taylor's system protects against pitfalls while giving you an edge over other traders. Taylor breaks down market movements into three-day cycles comprising a Buy Day, a Sell Day, and a Sell Short Day. These classifications are used to keep tabs on a market's rhythm and identify the ideal moments at which you should enter and exit. This book will help you understand the ways the market fluctuates and develops, so you can create and apply a plan for how best to trade in it. Combined with a bit of practice and a willingness to learn and experiment, The Taylor Trading Technique will arm you with a strong system for swing trading in financial futures.

Getting Started with UVM: A Beginner's Guide is an introductory text for digital verification (and design) engineers who need to ramp up on the Universal Verification Methodology quickly. The book is filled with working examples and practical explanations that go beyond the User's Guide.

SystemVerilog language consists of three categories of features -- Design, Assertions and Testbench. Assertions add a whole new dimension to the ASIC verification process.

Engineers are used to writing testbenches in verilog that help verify their design. Verilog is a procedural language and is very limited in capabilities to handle the complex ASICs built today. SystemVerilog assertions (SVA) is a declarative language. The temporal nature of the language provides excellent control over time and allows multiple processes to execute simultaneously. This provides the engineers a very strong tool to solve their verification problems. The language is still new and the thinking is very different from the user's perspective when compared to standard verilog language. There is not enough expertise or intellectual property available as of today in the field. While the language has been defined very well, there is no practical guide that shows how to use the language to solve real verification problems. This book is a practical guide that will help people to understand this new language and adopt assertion based verification methodology quickly.

This book provides a hands-on, application-oriented guide to the language and methodology of both SystemVerilog Assertions and SystemVerilog Functional Coverage. Readers will benefit from the step-by-step approach to functional hardware verification using SystemVerilog Assertions and Functional Coverage, which will enable them to uncover hidden and hard to find bugs, point directly to the source of the bug, provide for a clean and easy way to model complex timing checks and objectively answer the question 'have we functionally verified everything'. Written by a professional end-user of ASIC/SoC/CPU and FPGA design and Verification, this book explains each concept with easy to understand examples, simulation logs and applications derived from real projects. Readers will be empowered to tackle the modeling of complex checkers for functional verification, thereby drastically reducing their time to design and debug. This updated second edition addresses the latest functional set released in IEEE-1800 (2012) LRM, including numerous additional operators and features. Additionally, many of the Concurrent Assertions/Operators explanations are enhanced, with the addition of more examples and figures.

- Covers in its entirety the latest IEEE-1800 2012 LRM syntax and semantics;
- Covers both SystemVerilog Assertions and SystemVerilog Functional Coverage language and methodologies;
- Provides practical examples of the what, how and why of Assertion Based Verification and Functional Coverage methodologies;
- Explains each concept in a step-by-step fashion and applies it to a practical real life example;
- Includes 6 practical LABs that enable readers to put in practice the concepts explained in the book.

SystemVerilog for Verification A Guide to Learning the Testbench Language Features Springer Science & Business Media

This book describes in detail all required technologies and methodologies needed to create a comprehensive, functional design verification strategy and environment to tackle the toughest job of guaranteeing first-pass working silicon. The author first outlines all of the verification sub-fields at a high level, with just enough depth to allow an engineer to grasp the field before delving into its detail. He then describes in detail industry standard technologies such as UVM (Universal Verification Methodology), SVA (SystemVerilog Assertions), SFC (SystemVerilog Functional Coverage), CDV (Coverage Driven Verification), Low Power Verification (Unified Power Format UPF), AMS (Analog Mixed Signal) verification, Virtual Platform TLM2.0/ESL (Electronic System Level) methodology, Static Formal Verification, Logic Equivalency Check (LEC), Hardware Acceleration, Hardware Emulation, Hardware/Software Co-verification, Power Performance Area (PPA) analysis on a virtual platform, Reuse Methodology from Algorithm/ESL to RTL, and other overall methodologies.

How should I prepare for a Digital VLSI Verification Interview? What all topics do I need to know before I turn up for an interview? What all concepts do I need to brush up? What all resources do I have at my disposal for preparation? What does an Interviewer expect in an Interview? These are few questions almost all individuals ponder upon before an interview. If you have these questions in your mind, your search ends here as keeping these questions in their minds, authors have written this book that will act as a golden reference for candidates preparing for Digital VLSI Verification Interviews. Aim of this book is to enable the readers practice and grasp important concepts that are applicable to Digital VLSI Verification domain (and Interviews) through Question and Answer approach. To achieve this aim, authors have not restricted themselves just to the answer. While answering the questions in this book, authors have taken utmost care to explain underlying fundamentals and concepts. This book consists of 500+ questions covering wide range of topics that test fundamental concepts through problem statements (a common interview practice which the authors have seen over last several years). These questions and problem statements are spread across nine chapters and each chapter consists of questions to help readers brush-up, test, and hone fundamental concepts that form basis of Digital VLSI Verification. The scope of this book however, goes beyond technical concepts. Behavioral skills also form a critical part of working culture of any company. Hence, this book consists of a section that lists down behavioral interview questions as well. Topics covered in this book: 1. Digital Logic Design (Number Systems, Gates, Combinational, Sequential Circuits, State Machines, and other Design problems) 2. Computer Architecture (Processor Architecture, Caches, Memory Systems) 3. Programming (Basics, OOP, UNIX/Linux, C/C++, Perl) 4. Hardware Description Languages (Verilog, SystemVerilog) 5. Fundamentals of Verification (Verification Basics, Strategies, and Thinking problems) 6. Verification Methodologies (UVM, Formal, Power, Clocking, Coverage, Assertions) 7. Version Control Systems (CVS, GIT, SVN) 8. Logical Reasoning/Puzzles (Related to Digital Logic, General Reasoning, Lateral Thinking) 9. Non Technical and Behavioral Questions (Most commonly asked) In addition to technical and behavioral part, this book touches upon a typical interview process and gives a glimpse of latest interview trends. It also lists some general tips and Best-Known-Methods to enable the readers follow correct preparation approach from day-1 of their preparations. Knowing what an Interviewer looks for in an interviewee is always an icing on the cake as it helps a person prepare accordingly. Hence, authors of this book spoke to few leaders in the semiconductor industry and asked their personal views on "What do they look for while Interviewing candidates and how do they usually arrive at a decision if a candidate should be hired?". These leaders have been working in the industry from many-many years now and they have interviewed lots of candidates over past several years. Hear directly from these leaders as to what they look for in candidates before hiring them. Enjoy reading this book. Authors are open to your feedback. Please do provide your valuable comments, ratings, and reviews.

Improve design efficiency and reduce costs with this practical guide to formal and simulation-based functional verification. Giving you a theoretical and practical understanding of the key issues involved, expert authors including Wayne Wolf and Dan Gajski explain both formal techniques (model checking, equivalence checking) and simulation-based techniques (coverage metrics, test generation). You get insights into practical issues including hardware verification languages (HVLs) and system-level debugging. The foundations of formal and simulation-based techniques are covered too, as are more recent research advances including transaction-level modeling and assertion-based verification, plus the theoretical underpinnings of verification, including the use of decision diagrams and Boolean satisfiability (SAT).

Based on the highly successful second edition, this extended edition of SystemVerilog for Verification: A Guide to Learning the Testbench Language Features teaches all verification features of the

SystemVerilog language, providing hundreds of examples to clearly explain the concepts and basic fundamentals. It contains materials for both the full-time verification engineer and the student learning this valuable skill. In the third edition, authors Chris Spear and Greg Tumbush start with how to verify a design, and then use that context to demonstrate the language features, including the advantages and disadvantages of different styles, allowing readers to choose between alternatives. This textbook contains end-of-chapter exercises designed to enhance students' understanding of the material. Other features of this revision include: New sections on static variables, print specifiers, and DPI from the 2009 IEEE language standard Descriptions of UVM features such as factories, the test registry, and the configuration database Expanded code samples and explanations Numerous samples that have been tested on the major SystemVerilog simulators SystemVerilog for Verification: A Guide to Learning the Testbench Language Features, Third Edition is suitable for use in a one-semester SystemVerilog course on SystemVerilog at the undergraduate or graduate level. Many of the improvements to this new edition were compiled through feedback provided from hundreds of readers.

Formal Verification: An Essential Toolkit for Modern VLSI Design presents practical approaches for design and validation, with hands-on advice to help working engineers integrate these techniques into their work. Formal Verification (FV) enables a designer to directly analyze and mathematically explore the quality or other aspects of a Register Transfer Level (RTL) design without using simulations. This can reduce time spent validating designs and more quickly reach a final design for manufacturing. Building on a basic knowledge of SystemVerilog, this book demystifies FV and presents the practical applications that are bringing it into mainstream design and validation processes at Intel and other companies. After reading this book, readers will be prepared to introduce FV in their organization and effectively deploy FV techniques to increase design and validation productivity. Learn formal verification algorithms to gain full coverage without exhaustive simulation Understand formal verification tools and how they differ from simulation tools Create instant test benches to gain insight into how models work and find initial bugs Learn from Intel insiders sharing their hard-won knowledge and solutions to complex design problems

The Definitive, Up-to-Date Guide to Digital Design with SystemVerilog: Concepts, Techniques, and Code To design state-of-the-art digital hardware, engineers first specify functionality in a high-level Hardware Description Language (HDL)—and today's most powerful, useful HDL is SystemVerilog, now an IEEE standard. Digital System Design with SystemVerilog is the first comprehensive introduction to both SystemVerilog and the contemporary digital hardware design techniques used with it. Building on the proven approach of his bestselling Digital System Design with VHDL, Mark Zwolinski covers everything engineers need to know to automate the entire design process with SystemVerilog—from modeling through functional simulation, synthesis, timing simulation, and verification. Zwolinski teaches through about a hundred and fifty practical examples, each with carefully detailed syntax and enough in-depth information to enable rapid hardware design and verification. All examples are available for download from the book's companion Web site, [zwolinski.org](http://zwolinski.org). Coverage includes Using electronic design automation tools with programmable logic and ASIC technologies Essential principles of Boolean algebra and combinational logic design, with discussions of timing and hazards Core modeling techniques: combinational building blocks, buffers, decoders, encoders, multiplexers, adders, and parity checkers Sequential building blocks: latches, flip-flops, registers, counters, memory, and sequential multipliers Designing finite state machines: from ASM chart to D flip-flops, next state, and output logic Modeling interfaces and packages with SystemVerilog Designing testbenches: architecture, constrained random test generation, and assertion-based verification Describing RTL and FPGA synthesis models Understanding and implementing Design-for-Test Exploring anomalous behavior in asynchronous sequential circuits Performing Verilog-AMS and mixed-signal modeling Whatever your experience with digital design, older versions of Verilog, or VHDL, this book will help you discover SystemVerilog's full power and use it to the fullest.

This book is both a tutorial and a reference for engineers who use the SystemVerilog Hardware Description Language (HDL) to design ASICs and FPGAs. The book shows how to write SystemVerilog models at the Register Transfer Level (RTL) that simulate and synthesize correctly, with a focus on proper coding styles and best practices. SystemVerilog is the latest generation of the original Verilog language, and adds many important capabilities to efficiently and more accurately model increasingly complex designs. This book reflects the SystemVerilog-2012/2017 standards. This book is for engineers who already know, or who are learning, digital design engineering. The book does not present digital design theory; it shows how to apply that theory to write RTL models that simulate and synthesize correctly. The creator of the original Verilog Language, Phil Moorby says about this book (an excerpt from the book's Foreword): "Many published textbooks on the design side of SystemVerilog assume that the reader is familiar with Verilog, and simply explain the new extensions. It is time to leave behind the stepping-stones and to teach a single consistent and concise language in a single book, and maybe not even refer to the old ways at all! If you are a designer of digital systems, or a verification engineer searching for bugs in these designs, then SystemVerilog will provide you with significant benefits, and this book is a great place to learn the design aspects of SystemVerilog."

This book introduces the reader to FPGA based design for RTL synthesis. It describes simple to complex RTL design scenarios using SystemVerilog. The book builds the story from basic fundamentals of FPGA based designs to advance RTL design and verification concepts using SystemVerilog. It provides practical information on the issues in the RTL design and verification and how to overcome these. It focuses on writing efficient RTL codes using SystemVerilog, covers design for the Xilinx FPGAs and also includes implementable code examples. The contents of this book cover improvement of design performance, assertion based verification, verification planning, and architecture and system testing using FPGAs. The book can be used for classroom teaching or as a supplement in lab work for undergraduate and graduate coursework as well as for professional development and training programs. It will also be of interest to researchers and professionals interested in the RTL design for FPGA and ASIC.

The Universal Verification Methodology is an industry standard used by many companies for verifying ASIC devices. It has now become an IEEE standard IEEE 1800.2. This book provides step-by-step instructions, coding guidelines and debugging features of UVM explained clearly using examples. It also contains porting instructions from UVM 1.2 to UVM 1800.2 along with detailed explanations of many new features in the latest release of UVM. The Table of Contents, Preface, and detailed information on this book is available on [www.uvmbook.com](http://www.uvmbook.com).

This book provides a hands-on, application-oriented guide to the entire IEEE standard 1800 SystemVerilog language. Readers will benefit from the step-by-step approach to learning the language and methodology nuances, which will enable them to design and verify complex ASIC/SoC and CPU chips. The author covers the entire spectrum of the language, including random constraints, SystemVerilog Assertions, Functional Coverage, Class, checkers, interfaces, and Data Types, among other features of the language. Written by an experienced, professional end-user of ASIC/SoC/CPU and FPGA designs, this book explains each concept with easy to understand examples, simulation logs and applications derived from real projects. Readers will be empowered to tackle the complex task of multi-million gate ASIC designs. Provides comprehensive coverage of the entire IEEE standard SystemVerilog language; Covers important topics such as constrained random verification, SystemVerilog Class, Assertions, Functional coverage, data types, checkers, interfaces, processes and procedures, among other language features; Uses easy to understand examples and simulation logs; examples are simulatable and will be provided online; Written by an experienced, professional end-user of ASIC/SoC/CPU and FPGA designs. This is quite a comprehensive work. It must have taken a long time to write it. I really like that the author has taken apart each of the SystemVerilog constructs and talks about them in great detail, including example code and simulation logs. For example, there is a chapter dedicated to arrays, and another

dedicated to queues - that is great to have! The Language Reference Manual (LRM) is quite dense and difficult to use as a text for learning the language. This book explains semantics at a level of detail that is not possible in an LRM. This is the strength of the book. This will be an excellent book for novice users and as a handy reference for experienced programmers. Mark Glasser Cerebras Systems.

This book will help engineers write better Verilog/SystemVerilog design and verification code as well as deliver digital designs to market more quickly. It shows over 100 common coding mistakes that can be made with the Verilog and SystemVerilog languages. Each example explains in detail the symptoms of the error, the languages rules that cover the error, and the correct coding style to avoid the error. The book helps digital design and verification engineers to recognize, and avoid, these common coding mistakes. Many of these errors are very subtle, and can potentially cost hours or days of lost engineering time trying to find and debug them.

Richard Munden demonstrates how to create and use simulation models for verifying ASIC and FPGA designs and board-level designs that use off-the-shelf digital components. Based on the VHDL/VITAL standard, these models include timing constraints and propagation delays that are required for accurate verification of today's digital designs. ASIC and FPGA Verification: A Guide to Component Modeling expertly illustrates how ASICs and FPGAs can be verified in the larger context of a board or a system. It is a valuable resource for any designer who simulates multi-chip digital designs. \*Provides numerous models and a clearly defined methodology for performing board-level simulation. \*Covers the details of modeling for verification of both logic and timing. \*First book to collect and teach techniques for using VHDL to model "off-the-shelf" or "IP" digital components for use in FPGA and board-level design verification.

Offers users the first resource guide that combines both the methodology and basics of SystemVerilog Addresses how all these pieces fit together and how they should be used to verify complex chips rapidly and thoroughly. Unique in its broad coverage of SystemVerilog, advanced functional verification, and the combination of the two.

There is much excitement in the design and verification community about assertion-based design. The question is, who should study assertion-based design? The emphatic answer is, both design and verification engineers. What may be unintuitive to many design engineers is that adding assertions to RTL code will actually reduce design time, while better documenting design intent. Every design engineer should read this book! Design engineers that add assertions to their design will not only reduce the time needed to complete a design, they will also reduce the number of interruptions from verification engineers to answer questions about design intent and to address verification suite mistakes. With design assertions in place, the majority of the interruptions from verification engineers will be related to actual design problems and the error feedback provided will be more useful to help identify design flaws. A design engineer who does not add assertions to the RTL code will spend more time with verification engineers explaining the design functionality and intended interface requirements, knowledge that is needed by the verification engineer to complete the job of testing the design.

by Phil Moorby The Verilog Hardware Description Language has had an amazing impact on the modern electronics industry, considering that the essential composition of the language was developed in a surprisingly short period of time, early in 1984. Since its introduction, Verilog has changed very little. Over time, users have requested many improvements to meet new methodology needs. But, it is a complex and time consuming process to add features to a language without ambiguity, and maintaining consistency. A group of Verilog enthusiasts, the IEEE 1364 Verilog committee, have broken the Verilog feature doldrums. These individuals should be applauded. They invested the time and energy, often their personal time, to understand and resolve an extensive wish-list of language enhancements. They took on the task of choosing a feature set that would stand up to the scrutiny of the standardization process. I would like to personally thank this group. They have shown that it is possible to evolve Verilog, rather than having to completely start over with some revolutionary new language. The Verilog 1364-2001 standard provides many of the advanced building blocks that users have requested. The enhancements include key components for verification, abstract design, and other new methodology capabilities. As designers tackle advanced issues such as automated verification, system partitioning, etc., the Verilog standard will rise to meet the continuing challenge of electronics design.

mental improvements during the same period. What is clearly needed in verification techniques and technology is the equivalent of a synthesis productivity breakthrough. In the second edition of Writing Testbenches, Bergeron raises the verification level of abstraction by introducing coverage-driven constrained-random transaction-level self-checking testbenches all made possible through the introduction of hardware verification languages (HVLs), such as e from Verisity and OpenVera from Synopsys. The state-of-art methodologies described in Writing Test benches will contribute greatly to the much-needed equivalent of a synthesis breakthrough in verification productivity. I not only highly recommend this book, but also I think it should be required reading by anyone involved in design and verification of today's ASIC, SoCs and systems. Harry Foster Chief Architect Verplex Systems, Inc. xviii Writing Testbenches: Functional Verification of HDL Models PREFACE If you survey hardware design groups, you will learn that between 60% and 80% of their effort is now dedicated to verification.

VERILOG HDL, Second Edition by Samir Palnitkar With a Foreword by Prabhu Goel Written for both experienced and new users, this book gives you broad coverage of VerilogHDL. The book stresses the practical design and verification perspective of Verilog rather than emphasizing only the language aspects. The information presented is fully compliant with the IEEE 1364-2001 Verilog HDL standard. Among its many features, this edition-  
• Describes state-of-the-art verification methodologies  
• Provides full coverage of gate, dataflow (RTL), behavioral and switch modeling  
• Introduces you to the Programming Language Interface (PLI)  
• Describes logic synthesis methodologies  
• Explains timing and delay simulation  
• Discusses user-defined primitives  
• Offers many practical modeling tips  
Includes over 300 illustrations, examples, and exercises, and a Verilog resource list. Learning objectives and summaries are provided for each chapter. About the CD-ROM The CD-ROM contains a Verilog simulator with a graphical user interface and the source code for the examples in the book. What people are saying about Verilog HDL- "Mr. Palnitkar illustrates how and why Verilog HDL is used to develop today's most complex digital designs. This book is valuable to both the novice and the experienced Verilog user. I highly recommend it to anyone exploring Verilog based design."  
-Rajeev Madhavan, Chairman and CEO, Magma Design Automation "This book is unique in its breadth of information on Verilog and Verilog-related topics. It is fully compliant with the IEEE 1364-2001 standard, contains all the information that you need on the basics, and devotes several chapters to advanced topics such as verification, PLI, synthesis and modeling techniques."  
-Michael McNamara, Chair, IEEE 1364-2001 Verilog Standards Organization This has been my favorite Verilog book since I picked it up in college. It is the only book that covers practical Verilog. A must have for beginners and experts."  
-Berend Ozceri, Design Engineer, Cisco Systems, Inc. "Simple, logical and well-organized material with plenty of illustrations, makes this an ideal textbook."  
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Silicon technology now allows us to build chips consisting of tens of millions of transistors. This technology not only promises new levels of system integration onto a single chip, but also presents significant challenges to the chip designer. As a result, many ASIC developers and silicon vendors are re-examining their design methodologies, searching for ways to make effective use of the huge numbers of gates now available. These designers see current design tools and methodologies as inadequate for developing million-gate ASICs from scratch. There is considerable pressure to keep design team size and design schedules constant even as design complexities grow. Tools are not providing the productivity gains required to keep pace with the increasing gate counts available from deep submicron technology. Design reuse - the use of pre-designed and pre-verified cores - is the most promising opportunity to bridge the gap between available gate-count and designer productivity. Reuse Methodology Manual for System-On-A-Chip Designs, Second Edition outlines an effective methodology for creating reusable designs for use in a System-on-a-Chip (SoC) design methodology. Silicon and tool technologies move so quickly that no single methodology can provide a permanent solution to this highly dynamic problem. Instead, this manual is an attempt to capture and incrementally improve on current best practices in the industry, and to give a coherent, integrated view of the design process. Reuse Methodology Manual for System-On-A-Chip Designs, Second Edition will be updated on a regular basis as a result of changing technology and improved insight into the problems of design reuse and its role in producing high-quality SoC designs. SystemVerilog is a rich set of extensions to the IEEE 1364-2001 Verilog Hardware Description Language (Verilog HDL). These extensions address two major aspects of HDL based design. First, modeling very large designs with concise, accurate, and intuitive code. Second, writing high-level test programs to efficiently and effectively verify these large designs. This book, SystemVerilog for Design, addresses the first aspect of the SystemVerilog extensions to Verilog. Important modeling features are presented, such as two-state data types, enumerated types, user-defined types, structures, unions, and interfaces. Emphasis is placed on the proper usage of these enhancements for simulation and synthesis. A companion to this book, SystemVerilog for Verification, covers the second aspect of SystemVerilog.

SystemVerilog is a Hardware Description Language that enables designers to work at the higher levels of logic design abstractions that match the increased complexity of current day integrated circuit and field-programmable gate array (FPGA) designs. The majority of the book assumes a basic background in logic design and software programming concepts. It is directed at: \* students currently in an introductory logic design course that also teaches SystemVerilog, \* designers who want to update their skills from Verilog or VHDL, and \* students in VLSI design and advanced logic design courses that include verification as well as design topics. The book starts with a tutorial introduction on hardware description languages and simulation. It proceeds to the register-transfer design topics of combinational and finite state machine (FSM) design - these mirror the topics of introductory logic design courses. The book covers the design of FSM-datapath designs and their interfaces, including SystemVerilog interfaces. Then it covers the more advanced topics of writing testbenches including using assertions and functional coverage. A comprehensive index provides easy access to the book's topics. The goal of the book is to introduce the broad spectrum of features in the language in a way that complements introductory and advanced logic design and verification courses, and then provides a basis for further learning. Solutions to problems at the end of chapters, and text copies of the SystemVerilog examples are available from the author as described in the Preface.

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