

# Counters

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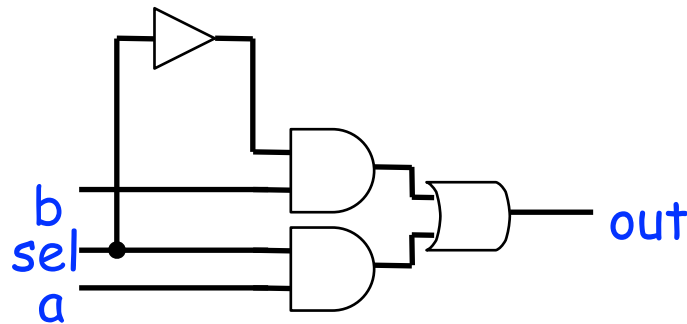
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# Testbenches

- Self-checking testbenches
- Self-checking testbench with `testvectors`

# Self-Checking Testbenches (1/2)



```

module smux(out, a, b, sel);
  output out;
  input a,b,sel;

  assign out = (a&sel) | (b&(~sel));

endmodule

```

Correct Version

```

module smux(xout, a, b, sel);
  output xout;
  input a,b,sel;

  assign xout = (a&sel) | (b&sel);

endmodule

```

Wrong Version

# Self-Checking Testbenches (2/2)

```

module test_smux;
wire OUT;
reg A,B,SEL;

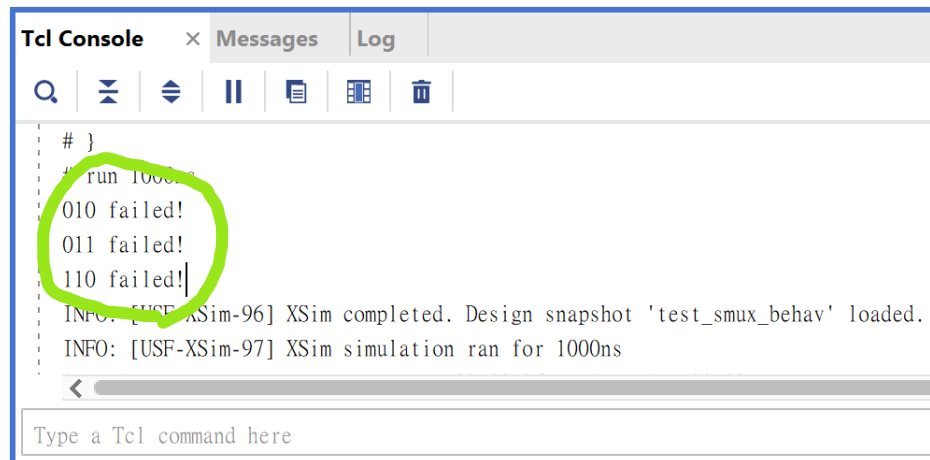
smux U0(.out(OUT),.a(A),.b(B),.sel(SEL));

initial
begin
  A=0;B=0;SEL=0; # 10; //apply input; wait
  if (OUT != 0) $display ("000 failed"); // check
  A=0;B=0;SEL=1; # 10;
  if (OUT != 0) $display ("001 failed");
  A=0;B=1;SEL=0; # 10;
  if (OUT != 1) $display ("010 failed");
  A=0;B=1;SEL=1; # 10;
  if (OUT != 0) $display ("011 failed");
  A=1;B=0;SEL=0; # 10;
  if (OUT != 0) $display ("100 failed");
  A=1;B=0;SEL=1; # 10;
  if (OUT != 1) $display ("101 failed");
  A=1;B=1;SEL=0; # 10;
  if (OUT != 1) $display ("110 failed");
  A=1;B=1;SEL=1; # 10;
  if (OUT != 1) $display ("111 failed");
end
endmodule

```

A	B	SEL	OUT	XOUT
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	1	1
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	1

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```

Tcl Console  x Messages  Log
[Icons: Search, Zoom, Scroll, Stop, Refresh, Print, Delete]
# }
run 1000ns
010 failed!
011 failed!
110 failed!
INFO: [USF-XSim-96] XSim completed. Design snapshot 'test_smux_behav' loaded.
INFO: [USF-XSim-97] XSim simulation ran for 1000ns
Type a Tcl command here

```

# Self-Checking Testbench with Testvectors

golden pattern

- Testvector file

- Text file containing vectors of input\_output from truth table

golden.txt

```
//a b sel_out
```

```
000_0
```

```
001_0
```

```
010_1
```

```
011_0
```

```
100_0
```

```
101_1
```

```
110_1
```

```
111_1
```

要拿掉  
預期值

# Self-Checking Testbench with Testvectors

```

module test_smux;
wire OUT;
reg A,B,SEL,OUT_EXPECTED;
reg [7:0] vectornum;
reg [3:0] testvectors[7:0];
smux U0(.out(OUT),.a(A),.b(B),.sel(SEL));

```

每筆 4 bit (3 0)

```

initial
begin
  $readmemb("C:/Users/hp/LD/smux_testvector/smux_testvector.srscs/sim_1/new/golden.txt", testvectors);
  vectornum=0;
end

```

absolute directory of your golden pattern file

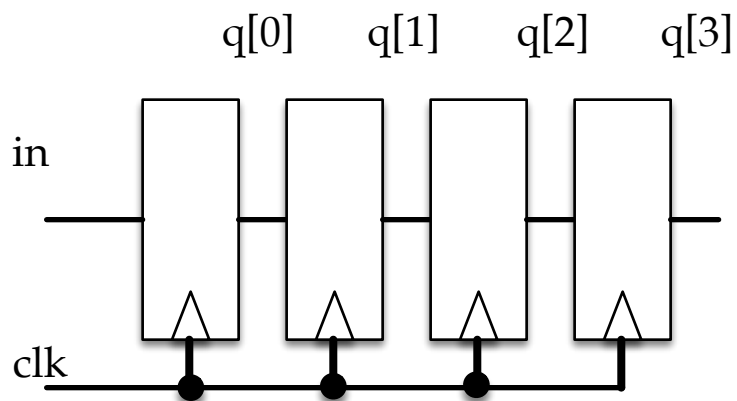
當下位置

```

initial
begin
  for (vectornum=0; vectornum<8; vectornum=vectornum+1)
  begin
    {A,B,SEL,OUT_EXPECTED} = testvectors[vectornum]; $10; //apply input; wait
    if (OUT != OUT_EXPECTED) $display("%b%b%b failed", A, B, SEL); // check
  end
end
endmodule

```

# Sequential Logic Testbench



```
module shiftreg(q, in, clk, rst_n);
```

```
output [3:0] q;
```

```
input in,clk,rst_n;
```

```
always@(posedge clk or negedge rst_n)
```

```
begin
```

```
  if (~rst_n)
```

```
    q <= 4'd0;
```

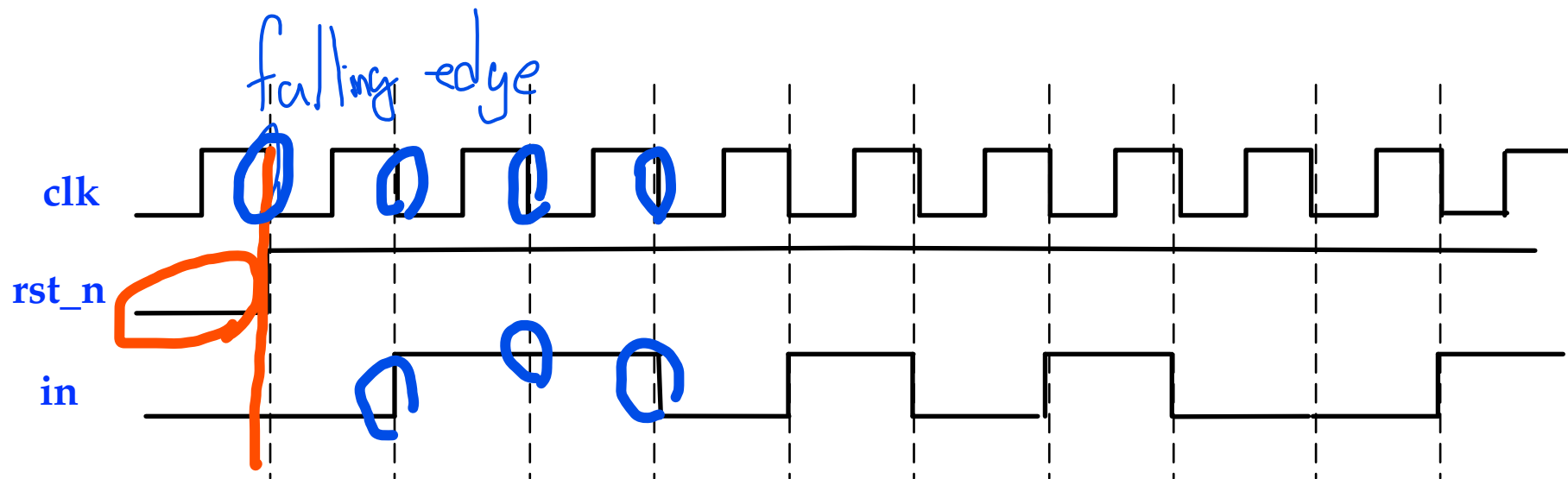
```
  else
```

```
    q <= {q[2:0],in};
```

```
end
```

```
endmodule
```

# Testbenches (1/3)





# Testbenches (2/3)

```

module t_shiftref;
wire [3:0] q;
reg in, clk, rst_n;
reg [3:0] vectornum;
reg [4:0] testvectors[9:0];
reg [3:0] q_expected;

shiftreg U0(.q(q),.in(in),.clk(clk),.rst_n(rst_n));

initial
begin
  $readmemb("C:/Users/hp/LD/shiftreg/shiftreg.srcs/sim_1/new/golden.txt", testvectors);
  vectornum=0;
end

```

*[Handwritten notes: A green bracket underlines the index 9:0 of testvectors, with the number 4 written above it. Another green bracket underlines the index 3:0 of q\_expected, with the number 0 written above it.]*

```

//in q_expected
0_0000
1_0000
1_0001
0_0011
1_0110
0_1100
1_1000
0_0001
0_0010
1_0100

```

**golden.txt**

# Testbenches (3 / 3)

```
always #5 clk=~clk;
```

```
initial
```

```
begin
```

```
clk=0; rst_n=0; in=0;
```

```
end
```

```
initial
```

```
begin
```

```
#10 rst_n=1;
```

```
for (vectornum=0; vectornum<10; vectornum=vectornum+1)
```

```
begin
```

```
#10 {in,q_expected} = testvectors[vectornum]; //apply input; wait
```

```
if (q != q_expected) $display("%b: %b failed", in, q); // check
```

```
end
```

```
end
```

```
endmodule
```

# Modularized Binary Counter

# Binary Up Counter

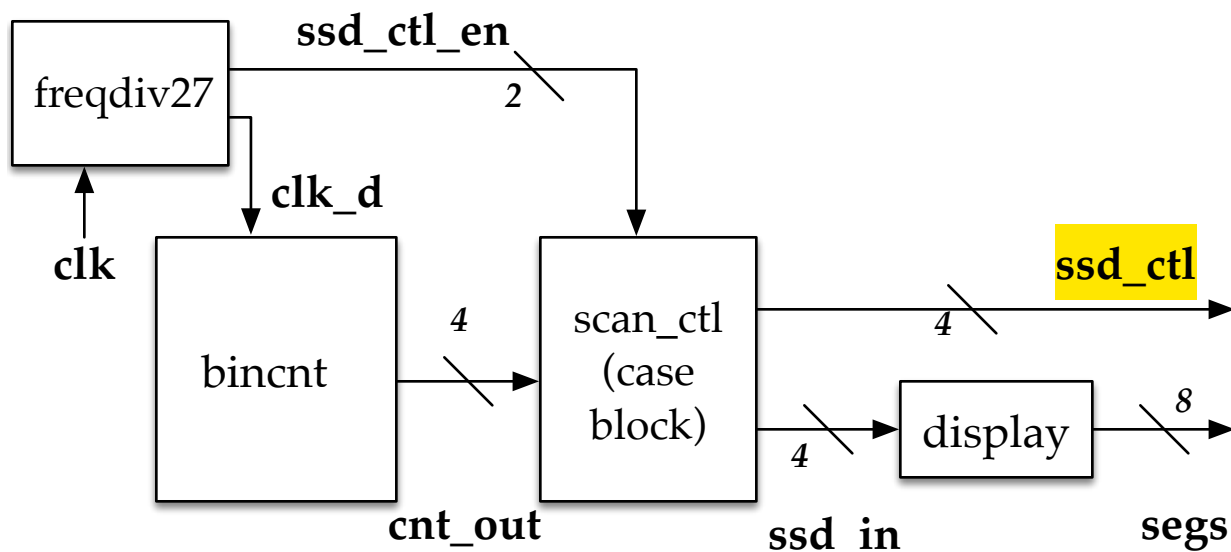
binary\_counter.v

bincnt.v

freqdiv27.v

scan\_ctl.v

display.v



# Binary Up Counter (bincnt.v)

```

`include "global.v"
module bincnt(
    out, // counter output
    clk, // global clock
    rst_n // active low reset
);

output [CNT_BIT_WIDTH-1:0] out; // counter output
input clk; // global clock
input rst_n; // active low reset

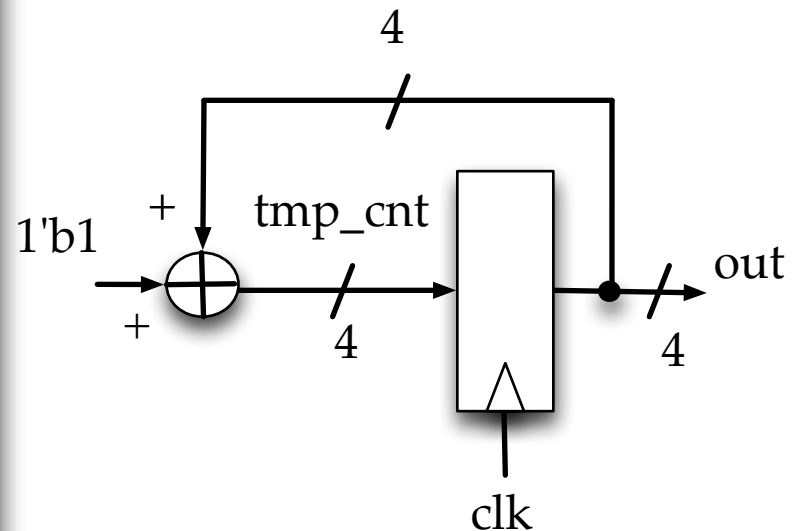
reg [CNT_BIT_WIDTH-1:0] out; // counter output (in always block)
reg [CNT_BIT_WIDTH-1:0] tmp_cnt; // input to dff (in always block)

// Combinational logics
always @*
    tmp_cnt = out + 1'b1;

// Sequential logics: Flip flops
always @(posedge clk or negedge rst_n)
    if (~rst_n)
        out<=0;
    else
        out<=tmp_cnt;

endmodule

```



# Scan Control

```

`include "global.v"
module scan_ctl(
    ssd_ctl, // ssd display control signal
    ssd_in, // output to ssd display
    in0, // 1st input
    in1, // 2nd input
    in2, // 3rd input
    in3, // 4th input
    ssd_ctl_en // divided clock for scan control
);

output [BCD_BIT_WIDTH-1:0] ssd_in; // Binary data
output [SSD_NUM-1:0] ssd_ctl; // scan control for 7-segment display
input [BCD_BIT_WIDTH-1:0] in0,in1,in2,in3; // binary input control for the four digits
input [SSD_SCAN_CTL_BIT_WIDTH-1:0] ssd_ctl_en; // divided clock for scan control

reg [SSD_NUM-1:0] ssd_ctl; // scan control for 7-segment display (in the always block)
reg [BCD_BIT_WIDTH-1:0] ssd_in; // 7 segment display control (in the always block)

```

```

always @*
    case (ssd_ctl_en)
        2'b00:
            begin
                ssd_ctl=4'b0111;
                ssd_in=in0;
            end
        2'b01:
            begin
                ssd_ctl=4'b1011;
                ssd_in=in1;
            end
        2'b10:
            begin
                ssd_ctl=4'b1101;
                ssd_in=in2;
            end
        2'b11:
            begin
                ssd_ctl=4'b1110;
                ssd_in=in3;
            end
        default:
            begin
                ssd_ctl=4'b0000;
                ssd_in=in0;
            end
    endcase

endmodule

```

第 16-17 bit

2

1

00  
01  
10  
11

# A Binary to Seven-Segment Display Decoder

```

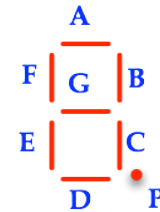
`include "global.v"
module display(
    segs, // 7-segment display
    bin // binary input
);

output reg [SSD_BIT_WIDTH-1:0] segs; // 7-segment display out
input [BCD_BIT_WIDTH-1:0] bin; // binary input

// Combinatioanl Logic
always @*
case (bin)
    `BCD_BIT_WIDTH'd0: segs = `SSD_ZERO;
    `BCD_BIT_WIDTH'd1: segs = `SSD_ONE;
    `BCD_BIT_WIDTH'd2: segs = `SSD_TWO;
    `BCD_BIT_WIDTH'd3: segs = `SSD_THREE;
    `BCD_BIT_WIDTH'd4: segs = `SSD_FOUR;
    `BCD_BIT_WIDTH'd5: segs = `SSD_FIVE;
    `BCD_BIT_WIDTH'd6: segs = `SSD_SIX;
    `BCD_BIT_WIDTH'd7: segs = `SSD_SEVEN;
    `BCD_BIT_WIDTH'd8: segs = `SSD_EIGHT;
    `BCD_BIT_WIDTH'd9: segs = `SSD_NINE;
    `BCD_BIT_WIDTH'd10: segs = `SSD_A;
    `BCD_BIT_WIDTH'd11: segs = `SSD_B;
    `BCD_BIT_WIDTH'd12: segs = `SSD_C;
    `BCD_BIT_WIDTH'd13: segs = `SSD_D;
    `BCD_BIT_WIDTH'd14: segs = `SSD_E;
    `BCD_BIT_WIDTH'd15: segs = `SSD_F;
    default: segs = `SSD_DEF;
endcase

endmodule

```



# Top Module

```

`include "global.v"
module binary_counter(
    segs, // 7-segment display
    ssc_ctl, // scan control for 7-segment display
    clk, // clock from oscillator
    rst_n // active low reset
);

output [^SSD_BIT_WIDTH-1:0] segs; // 7-segment display
output [^SSD_NUM-1:0] ssc_ctl; // scan control for 7-segment display
input clk; // clock from oscillator
input rst_n; // active low reset

wire clk_d; // frequency-divided clock
wire [^CNT_BIT_WIDTH-1:0] cnt_out; // binary counter output
wire [^SSD_SCAN_CTL_BIT_WIDTH-1:0] ssc_ctl_en;
wire [^CNT_BIT_WIDTH-1:0] ssc_in;

```

```

// Frequency Divider
freqdiv27 U_FD0(
    .clk_out(clk_d), //divided clock output
    .clk_ctl(ssc_ctl_en), // divided scan clock for 7-segment display scan
    .clk(clk), // clock from the 40MHz oscillator
    .rst_n(rst_n) // low active reset
);

// Binary Counter
bincnt U_BC(
    .out(cnt_out), //counter output
    .clk(clk_d), // clock
    .rst_n(rst_n) //active low reset
);

```

```

// Scan control
scan_ctl U_SC(
    .ssc_ctl(ssc_ctl), // ssc display control signal
    .ssc_in(ssc_in), // output to ssc display
    .in0(cnt_out), // 1st input
    .in1(4'b1111), // 2nd input
    .in2(4'b1111), // 3rd input
    .in3(4'b1111), // 4th input
    .ssc_ctl_en(ssc_ctl_en) // divided clock for scan control
);

// binary to 7-segment display decoder
display U_display(
    .segs(segs), // 7-segment display output
    .bin(ssc_in) // BCD number input
);

endmodule

```



# global.v

```

// Frequency divider
`define FREQ_DIV_BIT 27
`define SSD_SCAN_CTL_BIT_WIDTH 2 // scan control bit with for 7-segment display

// Counter
`define CNT_BIT_WIDTH 4 //number of bits for the counter

// 14-segment display
`define SSD_BIT_WIDTH 8 // 7-segment display control
`define SSD_NUM 4 //number of 7-segment display
`define BCD_BIT_WIDTH 4 // BCD bit width
`define SSD_ZERO `SSD_BIT_WIDTH'b0000_0011 // 0
`define SSD_ONE `SSD_BIT_WIDTH'b1001_1111 // 1
`define SSD_TWO `SSD_BIT_WIDTH'b0010_0101 // 2
`define SSD_THREE `SSD_BIT_WIDTH'b0000_1101 // 3
`define SSD_FOUR `SSD_BIT_WIDTH'b1001_1001 // 4
`define SSD_FIVE `SSD_BIT_WIDTH'b0100_1001 // 5
`define SSD_SIX `SSD_BIT_WIDTH'b0100_0001 // 6
`define SSD_SEVEN `SSD_BIT_WIDTH'b0001_1111 // 7
`define SSD_EIGHT `SSD_BIT_WIDTH'b0000_0001 // 8
`define SSD_NINE `SSD_BIT_WIDTH'b0000_1001 // 9
`define SSD_A `SSD_BIT_WIDTH'b0000_0101 // a
`define SSD_B `SSD_BIT_WIDTH'b1100_0001 // b
`define SSD_C `SSD_BIT_WIDTH'b1110_0101 // c
`define SSD_D `SSD_BIT_WIDTH'b1000_0101 // d
`define SSD_E `SSD_BIT_WIDTH'b0110_0001 // e
`define SSD_F `SSD_BIT_WIDTH'b0111_0001 // f
`define SSD_DEF `SSD_BIT_WIDTH'b0000_0000 // default, all LEDs being lighted

```

# Modularized BCD Counter

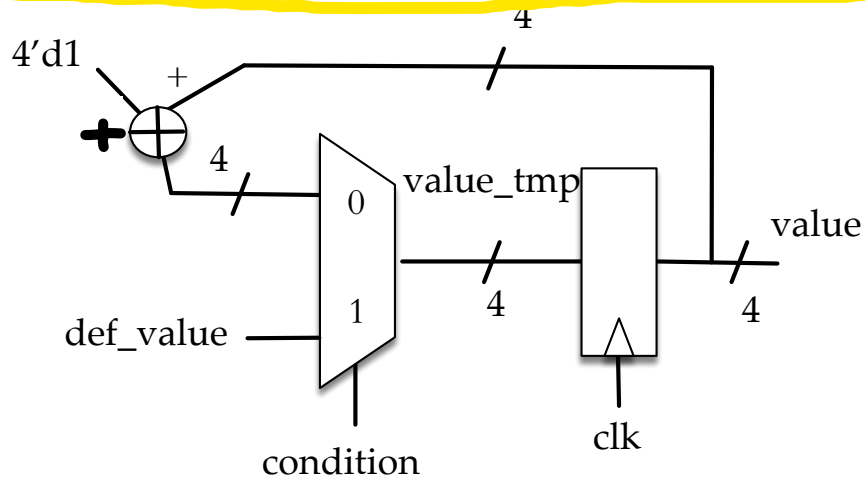
# Load Default Value for DFFs

- at reset of DFFs

```

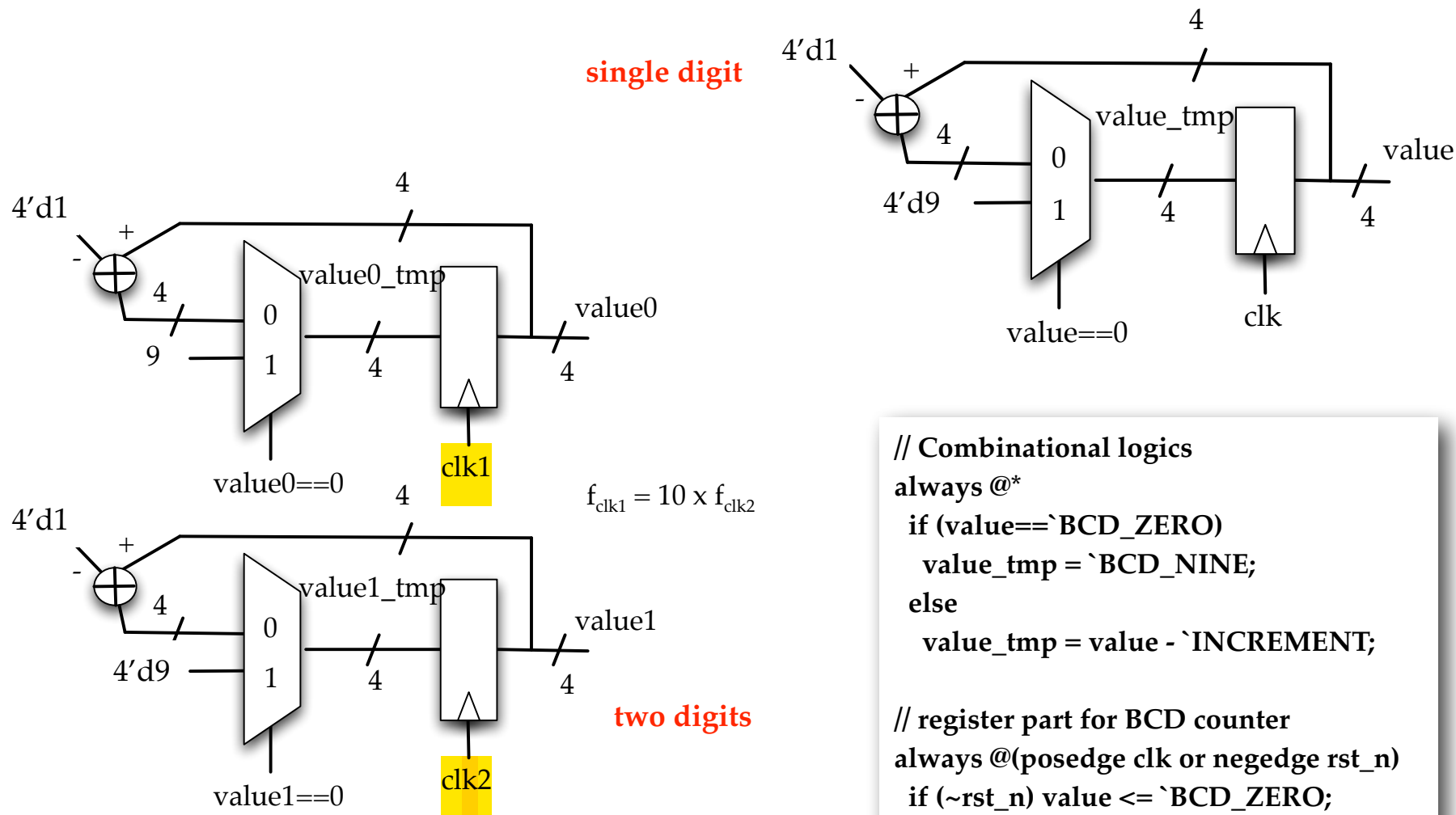
always @(posedge clk or negedge rst_n)
  if (~rst_n)
    q <= 0;
  else
    q <= d;
  
```

- Use MUX for conditional load to the DFFs



- Do not use *initial*

# BCD Down-Counter



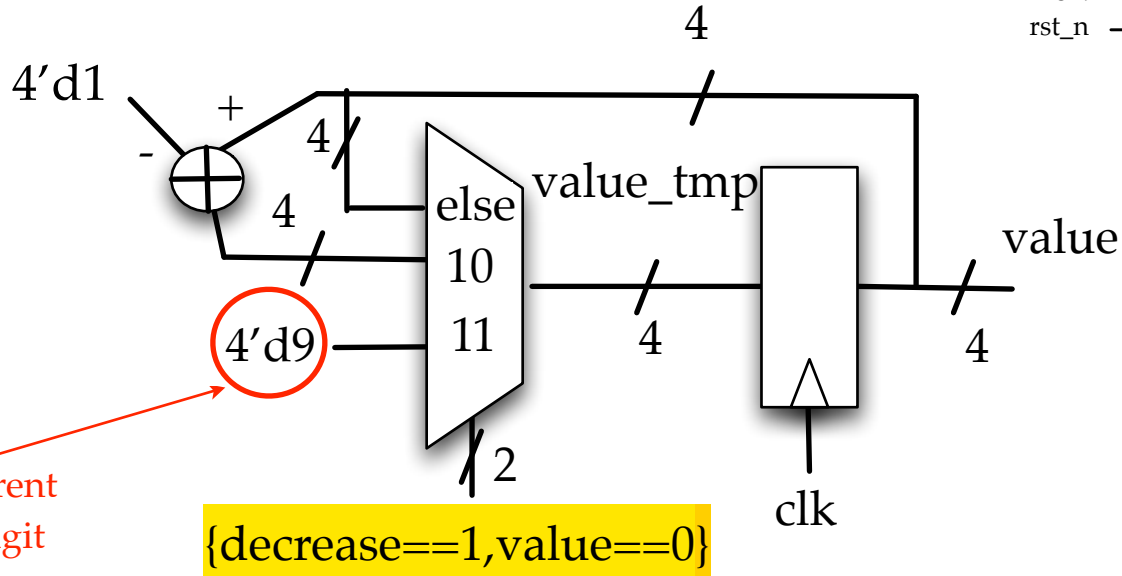
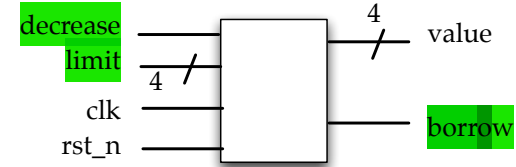
```
// Combinational logics
always @*
  if (value==`BCD_ZERO)
    value_tmp = `BCD_NINE;
  else
    value_tmp = value - `INCREMENT;

// register part for BCD counter
always @(posedge clk or negedge rst_n)
  if (~rst_n) value <= `BCD_ZERO;
  else value <= value_tmp;
```

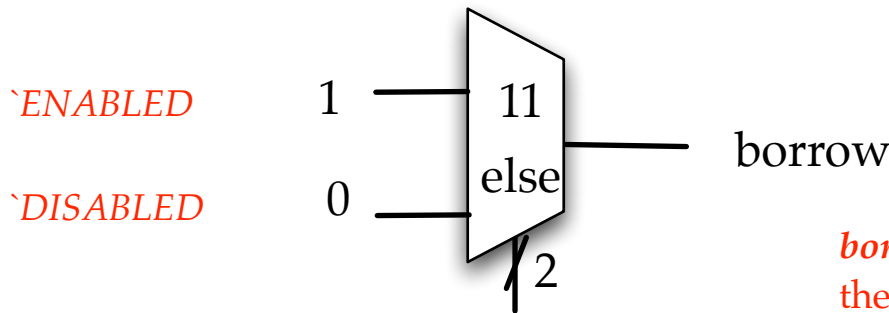
**clk1 and clk2 needed to be synchronized in frequency and phase!!**

# BCD Down-Counter

How to use one single clock for different digit counting?



Use *limit* as different ceiling for each digit



*borrow* signal in lower digit is the *decrease* control in the upper digit

{decrease==1,value==0}

# BCD Down-Counter

```

module dncounter(
  value, // counter output
  borrow, // borrow indicator
  clk, // global clock
  rst_n, // active low reset
  decrease, // counter enable control
  limit // limit for the counter
);
... ..
// Combinational logics
always @*
  if (value==`BCD_ZERO && decrease)
    begin
      value_tmp = limit;
      borrow = `ENABLED;
    end
  else if (value!=`BCD_ZERO && decrease)
    begin
      value_tmp = value - `INCREMENT;
      borrow = `DISABLED;
    end
  else
    begin
      value_tmp = value;
      borrow = `DISABLED;
    end
end

```

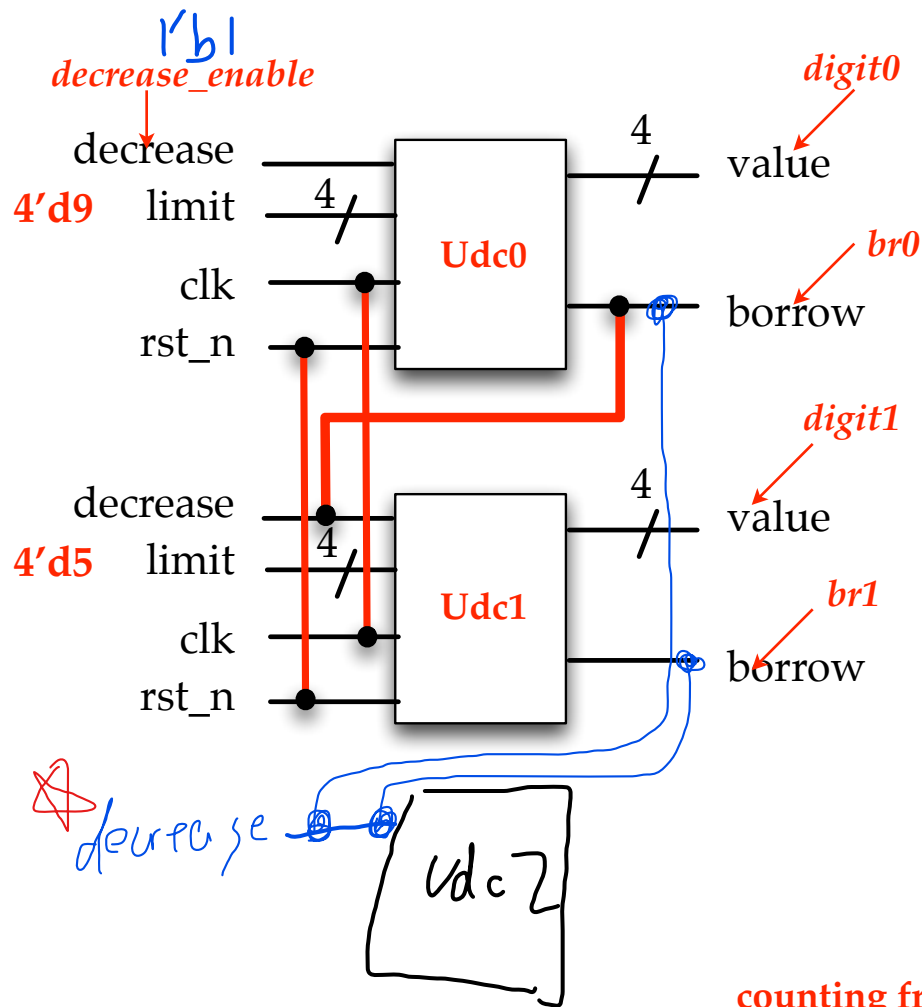
```

// register part for BCD counter
always @(posedge clk or negedge rst_n)
  if (~rst_n) value <= `BCD_ZERO;
  else value <= value_tmp;

endmodule

```

# 2-digit BCD Down-Counter



```
// 30 sec down counter
```

```
downcounter Udc0(
```

```
    .value(digit0), // counter value
```

```
    .borrow(br0), // borrow indicator
```

```
    .clk(clk), // global clock signal
```

```
    .rst_n(rst_n), // low active reset
```

```
    .decrease(decrease_enable), // counter enable control
```

```
    .limit(BCD_NINE) // limit for the counter
```

```
);
```

```
downcounter Udc1(
```

```
    .value(digit1), // counter value
```

```
    .borrow(br1), // borrow indicator
```

```
    .clk(clk), // global clock signal
```

```
    .rst_n(rst_n), // low active reset
```

```
    .decrease(br0), // counter enable control
```

```
    .limit(BCD_FIVE) // limit for the counter
```

```
);
```

counting from 59 to 0