OpenCPI
CDC Bits Tester Component Data Sheet

OpenCPI Release: v2.4.7

Revision History

Revision	Description of Change	Date
v1.6	Initial Release	02/2020

Summary - CDC Bits Tester

Name	cdc_bits_tester
Worker Type	Application Worker
OpenCPI Release	v2.4.7
Last Update	02/2020
Component Library	ocpi.assets.misc_comps
Workers	cdc_bits_tester.hdl
Tested Platforms	isim, xsim, ZedBoard(PL)

Functionality

The cdc_bits_tester serves as a testbench for the `bits` cdc primitive. The `bits` primitive synchronizes a bus of bits using single-bit multi-register synchronizers. The `bits` primitive's `width` generic sets how many single-bit multi-register synchronizers to use. Coherency among the bus of bits is not guaranteed and is intended for uses cases where bits need to be synchronized but data coherency doesn't matter. An example use case of the `bits` primitive is using it for status bits for unrelated conditions.

The worker generates data and sends the data through the bits synchronizer. The output of the synchronizer is sent to worker's output port.

Worker Implementation Details

The cdc_bits_tester worker instantiates the `bits` primitive with the input and output being 4 bits wide. The worker uses 4 LFSRs with each one having the same polynomial but different seeds. The bit shifted out from each LFSR is then used as the input to the `bits` primitive. Once the input signal has crossed into the destination clock domain it is stored in a FIFO until the worker's output port is ready for the data. The FIFO is used because the data is sent only once and also used to mitigate synchronizing the backpressure from the output port to the LFSRs.

The `src_clk_hz` and `dst_clk_hz` parameter properties are used to define the source and destination domain clock frequencies.

A clock generator is used to generate the clocks for the source and destination clock domains when the source and destination clock domains are different.

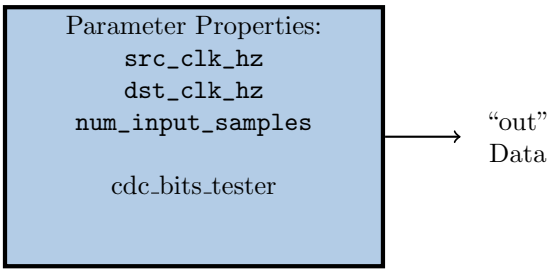
Fast clock domain to slow clock domain:
When the source clock frequency is faster than destination clock frequency, the destination domain reset signal is sent through a reset synchronizer to synchronize it to the source domain. The source domain uses the sychronized reset to enable a advance_counter module that outputs a signal to enable the LFSRs. It is used to ensure that the minimum input signal width to the `bits` primitive is 2x the period of the destination clock and they are seperated by 2x src_clk cycles to ensure proper crossing of the CDC boundary. See `http://www.sunburst-design.com/papers/CummingsSNUG2008Boston_CDC.pdf` - Section 4.4 and `https://m.eet.com/media/1137372/17561-310388.pdf` for more information on the 2x requirement. The FIFO is enabled when the destination clock domain has come out of reset.

Slow clock domain to fast clock domain:
When the source clock frequency is slower than the destination clock frequency, the LFSRs are enabled when the source domain has come out of reset. The source domain reset signal is sent through a reset synchronizer to synchronize it to the destination domain and is used to enable the FIFO.

Same clock domain:
When the source clock frequency is equal to the destination clock frequency, the destination domain reset signal is sent through a reset synchronizer to synchronize it to the source domain. The source domain uses the sychronized reset to enable a advance_counter. The source domain reset signal is sent through a reset synchronizer to synchronize it to the destination domain and is used to enable the FIFO.

Block Diagrams

Top level



Source Dependencies

cdc_bits_tester.hdl

- assets/components/misc_comps/cdc_bits_tester.hdl/cdc_bits_tester.vhd
- core/hdl/primitives/cdc/bits.vhd
- core/hdl/primitives/cdc/cdc_pkg.vhd

Component Properties

Name	Type	SequenceLength	ArrayDimensions	Accessibility	Valid Range	Default	Description
src_clk_hz	Float	-	-	Parameter	Standard	100000000.0	Source clock frequency
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Component Ports

Name	Producer	Protocol	Optional
out	True	(none)	False

Worker Interfaces

cdc_bits_tester.hdl

Type	Name	Producer	Protocol	Optional	DataWidth	Clock	ClockDirection	WorkerEOF	InsertEOM
StreamInterface	out	True	(none)	False	32	-	out	True	True

Data Timing and Signals

The cdc_bits_tester worker uses the clock from the Control Plane as input to the clock generator. The output of the clock generator is used to drive the output port clock.

Performance and Resource Utilization

Test and Verification

There are files used to validate the data the cdc_bits_tester worker sends. The files used in the verification were created from the output of the unit test when running the unit test in simulation and contain the expected output data when there is no metastability. Since there might or might not be a perfect match of the output data to the expected output data when running the tests in hardware due to metastability or phase offset, the output data is correlated with the expected output data. If there is at least a 0.7 positive Pearson product-moment correlation coefficient, then test case is considered passing. This correlation is only used when running the unit test on hardware. If the test are run in simulation, the output data is compared with expected output data. If the they match exactly, then test case is considered passing.