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## **Assertion Based Verification (ABV) with SystemVerilog (SVA)**

### **What is SystemVerilog?**

IEEE-1800, SystemVerilog is a major extension to Verilog-2001, adding significant new features to Verilog for verification, design and synthesis. Enhancements range from simple enhancements to existing constructs, addition of new language constructs to the inclusion of a complete Object-Oriented paradigm features. There are also considerable improvements in the usability of Verilog for RTL design.

### **What is SystemVerilog Assertion (SVA)?**

SVA is an integral part of IEEE-1800 SystemVerilog languages focusing on the temporal aspects of specification, modeling and verification. SVA allows sophisticated, multi-cycle assertions and functional checks to be embedded in HDL code. SVA allows simple HDL boolean expressions to be built into complex definitions of design behavior, which can be used for assertions, functional coverage, debug and formal verification.

### **Overview**

CVC's *ABV SystemVerilog* course gives you an in-depth introduction to the language, together with guidelines and methodologies to help you create, manage and debug effective assertions for complex design properties. The course is packed full of examples and case studies to demonstrate real life applications of the language.

### **Objectives**

- To explain the advantages of Assertion Based Verification (ABV) using the System Verilog Assertions (SVA).
- To describe in detail the boolean, temporal, verification layers of SVA and show how the layers are used to build assertions.
- To demonstrate, with examples, good and bad SVA coding styles and show workarounds for simulators with language support issues.

### **Duration**

Standard - One day with labs. We can also offer customized versions of this training onsite or at the location of your choice.

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## **Prerequisites**

Delegates must be able to read, write and understand VHDL or Verilog code, and be familiar with running and debugging HDL simulations. This training assumes no prior knowledge of SVA.

# **SystemVerilog Assertions**

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- Introduction to Assertions & ABV
- Introduction to SystemVerilog
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  - Concurrent
- Boolean Expression
  - Sequence
  - Disable\_iff
  - Allowed data types
  - restrictions
- Verification Directives
  - Assert
  - Assume
  - Cover
  - Expect
- Clock



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### Session 3: Sequences

- Declaration/structure
- Arguments
- Operations
  - Delay
  - And
  - Intersect
  - Or
  - First\_match
  - Throughout
  - Within
  - Repetition
    - Consecutive
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### Session 3: Properties

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- Arguments
- Termination
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### *Session 5: Advanced topics*

- Sample value functions
- System functions
- Recursive properties
- Assertion Overlapping
- Multiple threads
- Sequence methods
  - Ended
  - Triggered
  - matched

### *Session 6: Use models, Guidelines and common errors*

- Bind
- Labels

### *Session 7: clock*

- Clocking
- Clock resolution
- Clocking block
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### *Session 8: Formal Verification*

### *Session 9: SVA for VHDL/MX flow*