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Chapter 1

Design Unit Index

1.1 Design Unit Hierarchy

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Chapter 2

Design Unit Index

2.1 Design Unit List

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Chapter 3

File Index

3.1 File List

Here is a list of all documented files with brief descriptions:

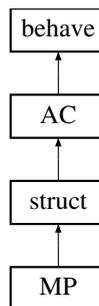
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Chapter 4

Class Documentation

4.1 AC Entity Reference

Inheritance diagram for AC:



Architectures

- [behaveArchitecture](#)

Libraries

- [ieee](#)

Packages

- [std_logic_1164](#)
- [std_logic_arith](#)
- [std_logic_unsigned](#)

Ports

- **d** in **std_logic_vector (7 downto 0)**
8-bit input data to AC from W-bus

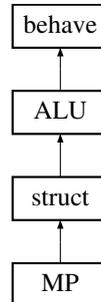
- **q_alu out std_logic_vector (7 downto 0)**
8-bit output data to AC from W-bus
- **q_data out std_logic_vector (7 downto 0)**
8-bit output data to Adder-Subtractor block
- **clk in std_logic**
Rising edge clock.
- **ea in std_logic**
Active high enable AC control input signal.
- **clr in std_logic**
Active high asynchronous clear.
- **la in std_logic**
Active low load AC control input signal.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [src/ac_behave.vhd](#)

4.2 ALU Entity Reference

Inheritance diagram for ALU:



Architectures

- [behaveArchitecture](#)

Libraries

- [ieee](#)

Packages

- [std_logic_1164](#)
- [std_logic_arith](#)
- [std_logic_unsigned](#)

Ports

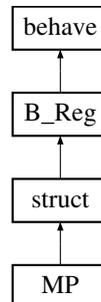
- **A in `std_logic_vector (7 downto 0)`**
ALU A input 8-bit from AC.
- **B in `std_logic_vector (7 downto 0)`**
ALU B input 8-bit from B-register.
- **S out `std_logic_vector (7 downto 0)`**
ALU output 8-bit to W-bus.
- **Su in `std_logic`**
Low Add, High Sub.
- **Eu in `std_logic`**
Active low enable ALU (tri-state).

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [src/alu_behave.vhd](#)

4.3 B_Reg Entity Reference

Inheritance diagram for B_Reg:



Architectures

- [behave](#)Architecture

Libraries

- [ieee](#)

Packages

- [std_logic_1164](#)

Ports

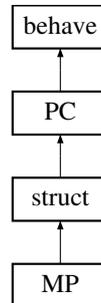
- **d** in **std_logic_vector (7 downto 0)**
8-bit B input from W-bus
- **q** out **std_logic_vector (7 downto 0)**
8-bit B output to Adder-Subtractor
- **clk** in **std_logic**
Rising edge clock.
- **clr** in **std_logic**
Active high asynchronous clear.
- **lb** in **std_logic**
Active low load B content into output.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [src/b_reg_behave.vhd](#)

4.4 behave Architecture Reference

Inheritance diagram for behave:



Processes

- `PROCESS_7(clr , ep , cp , clk , count)`

Signals

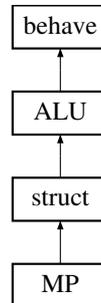
- `count std_logic_vector (3 downto 0)`

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- `src/pc_behave.vhd`

4.5 behave Architecture Reference

Inheritance diagram for behave:



Processes

- [PROCESS_1\(A , B , Su , Eu \)](#)

Signals

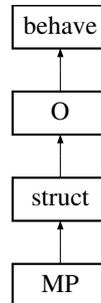
- [sub std_logic_vector \(7 downto 0 \)](#)
- [sum std_logic_vector \(7 downto 0 \)](#)

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- [src/alu_behave.vhd](#)

4.6 behave Architecture Reference

Inheritance diagram for behave:



Processes

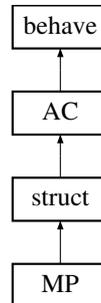
- [PROCESS_6\(**clr** , **clk** , **lo** , **d** \)](#)

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- [src/o_behave.vhd](#)

4.7 behave Architecture Reference

Inheritance diagram for behave:



Processes

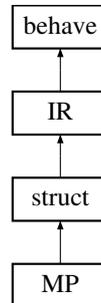
- [PROCESS_0\(**clr** , **clk** , **la** , **ea** , **d** \)](#)

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- [src/ac_behave.vhd](#)

4.8 behave Architecture Reference

Inheritance diagram for behave:



Processes

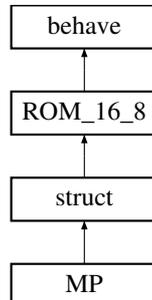
- [PROCESS_3\(**clr** , **clk** , **li** , **ei** \)](#)

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [src/ir_behave.vhd](#)

4.9 behave Architecture Reference

Inheritance diagram for behave:



Processes

- `PROCESS_8(read, address)`

Types

- `mem` array (0 to 15) of `std_logic_vector (7 downto 0)`

Signals

- `rom mem`

4.9.1 Member Function Documentation

4.9.1.1 `PROCESS_8(read, address)` [Process]

This program works as follow:

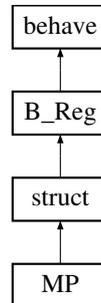
```
Load 5 to AC (memory content of 9)
Output 5 (content of AC)
Add 7 (memory content of 10) to 5 (AC content)
Output 12 (content of AC)
Add 3 (memory content of 11) to 12 (AC content)
Subtract 4 (memory content of 12) from 15 (AC content)
Output 11 (content of AC)
```

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- `src/rom_16_8_behave.vhd`

4.10 behave Architecture Reference

Inheritance diagram for behave:



Processes

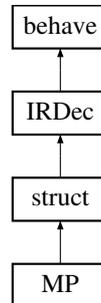
- [PROCESS_2\(clr , clk , lb \)](#)

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [src/b_reg_behave.vhd](#)

4.11 behave Architecture Reference

Inheritance diagram for behave:



Processes

- [PROCESS_4\(q_c\)](#)

Signals

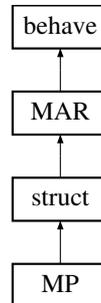
- [instruction std_logic_vector \(5 downto 0 \)](#)

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- [src/irdec_behave.vhd](#)

4.12 behave Architecture Reference

Inheritance diagram for behave:



Processes

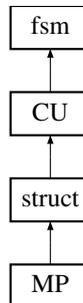
- [PROCESS_5\(CLR , CLK , Lm , D \)](#)

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [src/mar_behave.vhd](#)

4.13 CU Entity Reference

Inheritance diagram for CU:



Architectures

- [fsmArchitecture](#)

Libraries

- [ieee](#)

Packages

- [std_logic_1164](#)
- [std_logic_arith](#)
- [std_logic_unsigned](#)

Ports

- **ADD in std_logic**
Add instruction.
- **CLK in std_logic**
Positive edge trigger clock.
- **CLR in std_logic**
Active high asynchronous clear.
- **LDA in std_logic**
Load Accumulator instruction.
- **O in std_logic**
Out instruction.
- **SUB in std_logic**
Sub instruction.

- **CON out std_logic_vector (11 downto 0)**

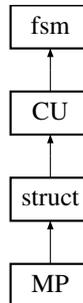
12-bit control word forming control bus ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ CpEpLmCE LiEiLaEa SuEuLbLo

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [src/control_unit_fsm.vhd](#)

4.14 fsm Architecture Reference

Inheritance diagram for fsm:



Processes

- `clocked(CLK , CLR)`
- `nextstate(ADD , CLR , LDA , O , SUB , current_state)`

Types

- `STATE_TYPE (s0 , s1 , s2 , s3 , s4 , s5 , s6 , s8 , s9 , s10 , s11 , s12)`

Signals

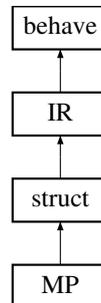
- `current_state STATE_TYPE`
- `next_state STATE_TYPE`

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- `src/control_unit_fsm.vhd`

4.15 IR Entity Reference

Inheritance diagram for IR:



Architectures

- [behaveArchitecture](#)

Libraries

- [ieee](#)

Packages

- [std_logic_1164](#)

Ports

- **clk in std_logic**
Rising edge clock.
- **clr in std_logic**
Active high asynchronous clear.
- **li in std_logic**
Active low load instruction into [IR](#).
- **ei in std_logic**
Active low enable [IR](#) output.
- **d in std_logic_vector (7 downto 0)**
[IR](#) 8-bit input data word from W-bus.
- **q_w out std_logic_vector (3 downto 0)**
[IR](#) 4-bit output data word to W-bus.
- **q_c out std_logic_vector (3 downto 0)**

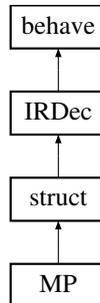
IR 4-bit output control word to Control-Sequencer block.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [src/ir_behave.vhd](#)

4.16 IRDec Entity Reference

Inheritance diagram for IRDec:



Architectures

- [behaveArchitecture](#)

Libraries

- [ieee](#)

Packages

- [std_logic_1164](#)

Ports

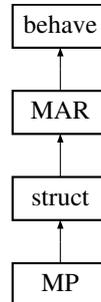
- [q_c](#) in [std_logic_vector](#) (3 downto 0)
- [LDA](#) out [std_logic](#)
- [ADD](#) out [std_logic](#)
- [SUB](#) out [std_logic](#)
- [OUTPUT](#) out [std_logic](#)
- [HLT](#) out [std_logic](#)

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [src/irdec_behave.vhd](#)

4.17 MAR Entity Reference

Inheritance diagram for MAR:



Architectures

- [behaveArchitecture](#)

Libraries

- [ieee](#)

Packages

- [std_logic_1164](#)
- [std_logic_arith](#)
- [std_logic_unsigned](#)

Ports

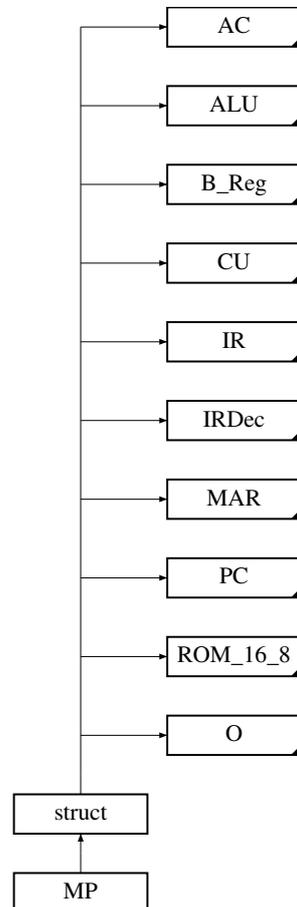
- **CLK in std_logic**
Rising edge clock.
- **CLR in std_logic**
Active high asynchronous clear.
- **Lm in std_logic**
Active low load [MAR](#).
- **D in std_logic_vector (3 downto 0)**
[MAR](#) 4-bit address input.
- **Q out std_logic_vector (3 downto 0)**
[MAR](#) 4-bit address output.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [src/mar_behave.vhd](#)

4.18 MP Entity Reference

Inheritance diagram for MP:



Architectures

- [structArchitecture](#)

Libraries

- [ieee](#)

Packages

- [std_logic_1164](#)
- [std_logic_arith](#)

Ports

- [clk](#) in [std_logic](#)

Active high asynchronous clear.

- **clr** in **std_logic**
Rising edge clock.
- **hlt** out **std_logic**
Halt signal to stop processing data.
- **q3** out **std_logic_vector (7 downto 0)**
8-bit output

4.18.1 Member Data Documentation

4.18.1.1 ieee library [Library]

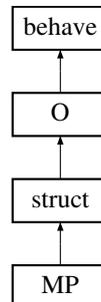
Reimplemented from [AC](#).

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [src/MP_struct.vhd](#)

4.19 O Entity Reference

Inheritance diagram for O:



Architectures

- [behaveArchitecture](#)

Libraries

- [ieee](#)

Packages

- [std_logic_1164](#)

Ports

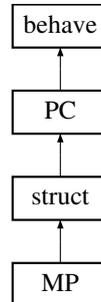
- **d** in **std_logic_vector (7 downto 0)**
8-bit O input from W-bus
- **q** out **std_logic_vector (7 downto 0)**
8-bit O output
- **clk** in **std_logic**
Rising edge clock.
- **clr** in **std_logic**
Active high asynchronous clear.
- **lo** in **std_logic**
Active low load O content into output.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [src/o_behave.vhd](#)

4.20 PC Entity Reference

Inheritance diagram for PC:



Architectures

- [behaveArchitecture](#)

Libraries

- [ieee](#)

Packages

- [std_logic_1164](#)
- [std_logic_unsigned](#)

Ports

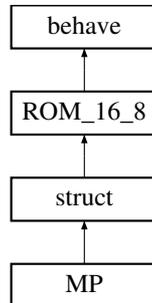
- **ep** in `std_logic`
Active high output enable from PC, or tri-state.
- **clr** in `std_logic`
Active high asynchronous clear.
- **clk** in `std_logic`
Falling edge clock.
- **cp** in `std_logic`
Active high enable PC to count.
- **q** out `std_logic_vector (3 downto 0)`
4-bit PC output

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [src/pc_behave.vhd](#)

4.21 ROM_16_8 Entity Reference

Inheritance diagram for ROM_16_8:



Architectures

- [behaveArchitecture](#)

Libraries

- [ieee](#)

Packages

- [std_logic_1164](#)
- [std_logic_arith](#)
- [std_logic_unsigned](#)

Ports

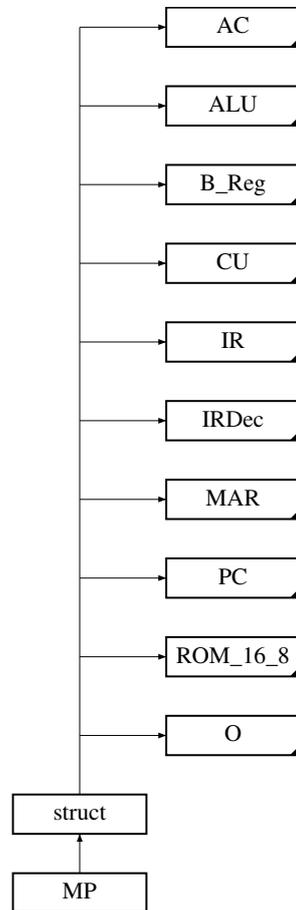
- [read](#) in [std_logic](#)
Active low enable ROM signal, (tri-state).
- [address](#) in [std_logic_vector \(3 downto 0 \)](#)
4-bit ROM address bits from [MAR](#)
- [data_out](#) out [std_logic_vector \(7 downto 0 \)](#)
8-bit ROM output word to W-bus

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [src/rom_16_8_behave.vhd](#)

4.22 struct Architecture Reference

Inheritance diagram for struct:



Components

- [AC](#)
- [ALU](#)
- [B_Reg](#)
- [CU](#)
- [IR](#)
- [IRDec](#)
- [MAR](#)
- [PC](#)
- [ROM_16_8](#)
- [O](#)

Signals

- [Ce std_logic](#)

Chip select for ROM.

- **D std_logic_vector (3 DOWNTO 0)**

MAR 4-bit address input.

- **Eu std_logic**

Enable ALU.

- **Lm std_logic**

Content of PC are latched into MAR on the next +ve edge (LOW).

- **Q2 std_logic_vector (3 DOWNTO 0)**

MAR 4-bit address output.

- **Su std_logic**

Add or Sub.

- **W std_logic_vector (7 DOWNTO 0)**

W-bus the major internal data bus.

- **add std_logic**

IR decoder add control signal.

- **con std_logic_vector (11 DOWNTO 0)**

Control word bus.

- **Cp std_logic**

Chip select PC.

- **d1 std_logic_vector (7 DOWNTO 0)**

8-bit output data to Adder-Subtractor block

- **Ea std_logic**

Enable AC.

- **Ei std_logic**

Enable IR.

- **Ep std_logic**

Enable PC.

- **La std_logic**

Load Accumulator AC.

- **Lb std_logic**

Load B Register B.

- **lda std_logic**

Load Accumulator instruction.

- **Li std_logic**
Load Instruction Register IR.
- **Lo std_logic**
Load Output Register O.
- **output std_logic**
Output the result.
- **q std_logic_vector (3 DOWNTO 0)**
4-bit PC output
- **q1 std_logic_vector (7 DOWNTO 0)**
ALU B input 8-bit from B-register.
- **q_alu std_logic_vector (7 DOWNTO 0)**
ALU A input 8-bit from AC.
- **q_c std_logic_vector (3 DOWNTO 0)**
IR 4-bit output control word to Control-Sequencer block.
- **q_w std_logic_vector (3 DOWNTO 0)**
IR 4-bit output data word to W-bus.
- **sub std_logic**
IR decoder sub control signal.

Component Instantiations

- AccumulatorAC
- AddSubALU
- BRegB_Reg
- CPUCU
- IRRegIR
- IRDecoderIRDec
- MemoryAddressRegMAR
- ProgramCounterPC
- ROMROM_16_8
- ORegO

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- src/MP_struct.vhd

Chapter 5

File Documentation

5.1 src/ac_behave.vhd File Reference

Accumulator ([AC](#)).

Architectures

- [ACEntity](#)
- [behaveArchitecture](#)

5.1.1 Detailed Description

Accumulator ([AC](#)). is a buffer register that stores intermediate answers during a computer run. It is connected directly to the W-bus (3-state) and Adder-Subtractor/ALU (2-state).

5.2 src/alu_behave.vhd File Reference

Arithmetic Logic Unit ([ALU](#)).

Architectures

- [ALUEntity](#)
- [behaveArchitecture](#)

5.2.1 Detailed Description

Arithmetic Logic Unit ([ALU](#)). It just perform addition and subtraction operation.

It is asynchronous block.

5.3 src/b_reg_behave.vhd File Reference

B register (B).

Architectures

- [B_RegEntity](#)
- [behaveArchitecture](#)

5.3.1 Detailed Description

B register (B). It is another buffer register. It is used in arithmetic operations.

Its input connected to the W-bus, it transfer the data in when Lb is low.

Its output connected to [ALU](#) B input.

5.4 src/control_unit_fsm.vhd File Reference

Controller-Sequencer ([CU](#)).

Architectures

- [CUEntity](#)
- [fsmArchitecture](#)

5.4.1 Detailed Description

Controller-Sequencer ([CU](#)). The output is 12-bit form a word controlling the rest of the processor.

It is called the control bus.

CON = Cp Ep nLm nCE nLi nEi nLa Ea Su Eu nLb nLo

The control word determines how the registers will react to the next clock edge.

P.S. n for activ low signal

5.5 src/ir_behave.vhd File Reference

Instruction Register ([IR](#)).

Architectures

- [IREntity](#)
- [behaveArchitecture](#)

5.5.1 Detailed Description

Instruction Register ([IR](#)). It is a part of the control unit.

The output of the [IR](#) is 8-bit word. It is divided into two nibbles.

Upper Nibble Lower Nibble

2-state 3-state

[CU](#) W-bus

The provided instruction set is:

LDA 0000 Load Accumulator with corresponding memory content

ADD 0001 Add the content of the [AC](#) to the content of the memory adder

SUB 0010 Subtract the content of the memory location from the [AC](#)

OUT 1110 Transfer the [AC](#) content to the output port

HLT 1111 Stop processing data

Fetch = 3 cycles Execute = 3 cycles

5.6 src/irdec_behave.vhd File Reference

Instruction Register Decoder ([IRDec](#)).

Architectures

- [IRDecEntity](#)
- [behaveArchitecture](#)

5.6.1 Detailed Description

Instruction Register Decoder ([IRDec](#)). It is equivalent to a ring counter driving the [CU](#).

5.7 src/mar_behave.vhd File Reference

Memory Address Register ([MAR](#)).

Architectures

- [MAREntity](#)
- [behaveArchitecture](#)

5.7.1 Detailed Description

Memory Address Register ([MAR](#)). It is part of the processor memory. During a computer run, the address in the [PC](#) is latched into the [MAR](#).

A bit later, the [MAR](#) applies this 4-bit address to the RAM, where a read operation is performed.

5.8 src/MP_struct.vhd File Reference

This is the top-level design for a simple 8-bit microprocessor.

Architectures

- [MPEntity](#)
- [structArchitecture](#)

5.8.1 Detailed Description

This is the top-level design for a simple 8-bit microprocessor. This is a 8-bit microprocessor which is known as SAP-1 or Simple-As-Possible Computer. It is described in [1].

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See also

[1] Malvino, A.P. and Brown, J.A., "Digital computer electronics", Glencoe/McGraw-Hill, 1992.

5.9 src/o_behave.vhd File Reference

Output Register (O).

Architectures

- [OEntity](#)
- [behaveArchitecture](#)

5.9.1 Detailed Description

Output Register (O). This buffer is used to transfer the answer to the problem being solved to the outside world.

At high Ea and low Lo at next clock edge the content of the [AC](#) is loaded into the [O](#) register.

5.10 src/pc_behave.vhd File Reference

Program Counter ([PC](#)).

Architectures

- [PCEntity](#)
- [behaveArchitecture](#)

5.10.1 Detailed Description

Program Counter ([PC](#)). The [PC](#) is reset to 0000 before the processor runs. Then the [PC](#) send the address 0000 to the RAM/ROM,

to fetch and execute the corresponding instruction. After the first instruction is fetched and executed the [PC](#) sends the following address 0001 to the RAM/ROM, and so on.

The [PC](#) is part of the control unit, it counts from 0000 to 1111.

It is called pointer; it points to a memory location where instruction is stored.

It work as 4-bit counter.

5.11 src/rom_16_8_behave.vhd File Reference

Read Only Memory.

Architectures

- [ROM_16_8Entity](#)
- [behaveArchitecture](#)

5.11.1 Detailed Description

Read Only Memory. It is used to store the program on it. It replaces a RAM on the original design.

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