Factsheet GEMAC OVM VIP – SI80GESV10

Gigabit Ethernet MAC **SystemVerilog** OVM VIP

Gigabit Ethernet Media Access Control (MAC) SystemVerilog OVM VIP is fully documented, off-the-shelf component for the Developers of the Gigabit Ethernet MAC.

Gigabit Ethernet Media Access Control (MAC) OVM VIP provides a concise, declarative mechanism to code the specification of sequences of events and activities of Gigabit Ethernet MAC Protocol.

Gigabit Ethernet MAC OVM VIP is developed using the OVM Class Library that provides ovm_sequence, ovm_driver etc. base classes and capabilities, that are used in dynamic simulation of Gigabit Ethernet MAC based design.

The OVM methodology provides the best framework to achieve coverage driven verification. The coverage driven verification combines automatic test generation, self-checking testbenches, and coverage metrics to significantly reduce the time spent verifying a design under test.

Product Specifications

- The OVM VIP can be adapted to test a standard Gigabit Ethernet MAC device in a Verification environment
- Separate set of tasks provided for Transmit as well as Receive sections in Full-duplex mode
- Extensive checking of the PHY Interface for the MAC

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Product Highlights

- ☑ OVM compliant verification Environment
- ☑ Accurately verifies IEEE 802.3 standard Gigabit Ethernet MAC specifications
- Full programmability and versatility of the VIP allows connection to any standard Gigabit Ethernet MAC device
- ☑ Application of Stimulus to the Generic Microcontroller Interface as well as PHY Interface
- ☑ Provides checking of valid Inter Packet Gap
- ☑ Support for checking of normal as well as VLAN tagged Packets
- ☑ Supports checking of Pause Frames
- Provides Checkers for Minimum and Maximum payload sizes, for both normal as well as VLAN tagged Packets
- ☑ Checkers to determine validity of Preamble bits along with SFD
- ☑ Separate Configuration file for Parameter definitions
- ☑ Architected with Protocol Checkers, Scoreboard and Monitor
- ☑ Supports scoreboard checking
- ☑ Built in Coverage model implemented for all transaction types
- ☑ Built in Monitors for protocol monitoring and checking

GEMAC OVM Environment



GEMAC DUT Description:

The Gigabit Ethernet MAC is connected between the Microcontroller-based Host and Physical Layer. The Microcontroller serves as the Host (Link Layer), which receives and transmits Packets from and to the MAC. The other end of the MAC is connected to the PHY (Physical Layer).

The **OVM VIP** is built around the **DUT** as an epicenter. Constructs within monitor the interfaces and provide a detailed log on the transactions that take place to and from the **DUT**. Thus, just by looking for Successes or Failures within the log output, the function of the **Gigabit Ethernet MAC** could be easily and effectively validated.

OVM Environment Description :

GEMAC Virtual Sequencer has collection of virtual sequences to control **Host** as well as **GMII** sequences. Sequences are the stimulus data which is fed to the **DUT** through the **Driver**. The **OVM Class Library** provides the **ovm_sequence** base class. These sequences are derived from the base class. The sequences body tasks are implemented with the specific scenarios to execute the sequences.

The **Driver** obtains data items from the sequencer for execution. The driver's role is to drive data items to the bus following the interface protocol. The **Driver** classes are derived from the **ovm_driver** base class.

Monitor extracts signal information from the bus and translates it into events, structs, and status information. The **Monitor** functionality includes protocol checking and coverage collection.

A **Scoreboard** verifies the proper operation of the design at a functional level. It taps the information going in and out of the **DUT** and determines the **DUT** response according to the stimulus generated.

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