

ECE 4750 Linux, Git, PyMTL, Verilog Cheat Sheet

Linux Commands

man command	display help for given command
echo "string"	display given string
echo "string" > file	create file
cat a	display file a
less a	display file a with paging and search
ls	list contents of current working dir
ls -la	list contents of current working dir (verbose)
ls A	list contents of dir A
ls *.txt	list files with .txt suffix in current working dir
pwd	display current working dir
mkdir A	make dir A to B
mkdir -p A/B	make all dirs in path A/B
cd A	change current working dir to A
cd ..	change current working dir to parent dir
cd ~	change current working dir to home dir
tree	recursively list contents of current working dir
cp a b	copy file a to b
cp -r A B	copy dir A to B
mv a b	move file a to b
mv A B	move dir A to B
rm a	remove file a
rm -r A	remove dir A
wget url	download file at url
grep "string" a	search file a for given string
grep -r "string" A	recursively search files in dir A
find . -name "string"	find files named string in dir .
tar -czvf a.tgz A	create archive a.tgz of dir A
tar -xzvf a.tgz	extract archive a.tgz
top	view what is running on system
ENVVAR="string"	set environment variable
echo \${ENVVAR}	display given environment variable
cmd > a	redirect output of cmd to newly created file a
cmd >> a	redirect output of cmd to append to file a
cmd_a && cmd_b	execute cmd_a and then execute cmd_b
cmd_a cmd_b	send output from cmd_a to cmd_b
source setup-ece4750.sh	source setup script for course
quota	check disk usage
trash	move file to \${HOME}/tmp/trash

Git Commands

help cmd	display help on git command cmd
clone url	clone repo at given URL
add a	add file a to index
add A	add directory A to index
commit	commit indexed files
commit -m "msg"	commit indexed files w/ commit msg
commit -a -m "msg"	commit tracked files w/ commit msg
log	show history log of previous commits
status	show status of local repo
checkout a	revert file a to last commit
checkout A	revert dir A to last commit
pull --rebase	pull remote commits to local repository
push	push local commits to remote repository
whatchanged	show incremental changes for each commit
xstatus	compact status display
xlog	compact log display
xadd	add all tracked, modified files to index
xpull	short for pull --rebase

ECE 4750 Lab Management Script

ece4750-lab-admin	
--help	display help
--join-class <githubid>	join class on GitHub
--status	check group status
--make-request group-create	create a new group, use --status to find group num
--make-request group-join <groupnum>	join group with given group num
--make-request group-approve <netid>	approve student with given NetID to join group
--make-request group-leave	leave current group
--cancel-request	cancel pending request

Pending requests usually take one or two minutes to be accepted by the system, and updates to GitHub can take 5–10 minutes. Please be patient!

Remote Login to ecelinux Servers

```
ssh -X <netid>@ecelinux-01.ece.cornell.edu
ssh -X <netid>@ecelinux-02.ece.cornell.edu
```

GitHub and TravisCI URLs

```
http://github.com/cornell-ece4750/lab-groupXX
http://magnum.travis-ci.com
/cornell-ece4750/lab-groupXX
```

Example Development Session

```
% source setup-ece4750.sh
% cd ${HOME}/ece4750
% git clone \
  git@github.com:cornell-brg/ece4750-tut3-pymtl tut3
% mkdir -p tut3/sim/build
% cd tut3/sim/build
% py.test ../tut3_pymtl/gcd
% py.test ../tut3_pymtl/gcd --verbose
% py.test ../tut3_pymtl/gcd -x -s --tb=long
% py.test ../tut3_pymtl/gcd/test/GcdUnitRTL_test.py
% py.test ../tut3_pymtl/gcd/test/GcdUnitRTL_test.py \
  -k basic_0x0 --dump-vcd
% gtkwave *.vcd &
% ../tut3_pymtl/gcd/gcd-sim --help
% ../tut3_pymtl/gcd/gcd-sim --impl rtl \
  --input random --stats --trace --dump-vcd
% gtkwave gcd-rtl-random.vcd &
```

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RegIncr.py

```

1  #=====
2  # Registered Incrementer
3  #=====
4
5  from pymtl import *
6
7  class RegIncr( Model ):
8
9      def __init__( s ):
10
11         s.in_ = InPort ( Bits(8) )
12         s.out = OutPort ( Bits(8) )
13
14         # Sequential logic
15
16         s.reg_out = Wire( Bits(8) )
17
18         @s.tick
19         def block1():
20             if s.reset:
21                 s.reg_out.next = 0
22             else:
23                 s.reg_out.next = s.in_
24
25         # Combinational logic
26
27         @s.combinational
28         def block2():
29             s.out.value = s.reg_out + 1

```

Example Line Trace for GCD

src	in	A	B	ST	out	sink
1:	0f05	>	0f:05(xx xx I)	>		
2:	#	>	#	(0f 05 C-)	>	
3:	#	>	#	(0a 05 C-)	>	
9:	#	>	#	(05 05 C-)	>	
10:	#	>	#	(00 05 Cs)	>	
11:	#	>	#	(05 00 C)	>	
12:	#	>	#	(05 00 D)05	>	05

Legend for val/rdy interfaces in line traces

spaces	!valid	&&	ready
#	valid	&&	!ready
.	!valid	&&	!ready
msg	valid	&&	ready

RegIncr.v

```

1  //=====
2  // Registered Incrementer
3  //=====
4
5  `ifndef REGINCR_REG_INCR_V
6  `define REGINCR_REG_INCR_V
7
8  module tut4_verilog_regincr_RegIncr
9  (
10     input logic      clk,
11     input logic      reset,
12     input logic [7:0] in,
13     output logic [7:0] out
14 );
15
16     // Sequential logic
17
18     logic [7:0] reg_out;
19     always @(posedge clk) begin
20         if ( reset )
21             reg_out <= 0;
22         else
23             reg_out <= in;
24     end
25
26     // Combinational logic
27
28     logic [7:0] temp_wire;
29     always @(*) begin
30         temp_wire = reg_out + 1;
31     end
32
33     // Combinational logic
34
35     assign out = temp_wire;
36
37 endmodule
38
39 `endif /* REGINCR_REG_INCR_V */

```

Valid PyMTL in Concurrent Blocks

```

Bits BitStruct
| & ^ ~ and or not
== != <= < >= > << >> + -
s.signal[n], s.signal[n:m]
sext(), zext(), concat()
reduce_and(), reduce_or()
reduce_xor()
if, else, elif

```

Coding Conventions

- Try to keep lines less than 74–80 chars
- Include header comment at top of each file
- Include comments to explain code
- Use only spaces, no tabs; use two-space indentation
- Use CamelCase for model/module names
- Use under_scores for var, port, instance names
- Use clk and reset for clock and reset
- Use informative variable names
- Separate sequential from combinational logic
- FSMs have 3 blocks: state, transitions, outputs
- Datapaths use structural composition

PyMTL Specific

- Use s instead of self
- All wires and modules must be members of parent model (i.e., s.wire, s.model)
- Only use .next in s.tick_rtl
- Only use .value in s.combinational
- Only signals (e.g., InPort, OutPort, Wire) can be used to communicate between concurrent blocks
- Prefer bit operators (|, &, ^) over or, and, not in boolean logic equations

Verilog Specific

- Use subdir prefix for macro and module names
- Explicitly include file dependencies
- Use include guards
- Use ALL_CAPS for macro names
- Use p_ prefix for parameters
- Use c_ prefix for constants
- Use localparams for local constants
- Always declare type of all ports
- Align port declarations, one per line
- Align port connections, one per line
- Align parameter config, one per line
- Avoid positional port connections & param config
- Only use <= in always_ff, = in always_comb
- Prefer ternary operator over if
- Prefer case over casez
- Use tasks for compact state output table

Synthesizable Verilog Keywords

```

logic
logic [N-1:0]
& | ^ ~ ~ (bitwise)
&& || !
& ~& | ~| ^ ~ (reduction)
+ - >> << >>> == != > <= < <=
{}
{N{}} (repeat)
?:
always_ff, always_comb
if, else
case, endcase
begin, end
module, endmodule
input, output
assign
parameter
localparam
genvar
generate, endgenerate
generate for
generate if else
generate case
named port connections
named parameter passing

```

Synthesizable Verilog Keywords with Limitations

```

always
enum
struct
casez, endcase
task, endtask
function, endfunction
= (blocking assignment)
<= (non-blocking assignment)
typedef
packed
$clog2()
$bits()
$signed()

```