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<http://standards.ieee.org/getieee/1800/download/1800-2012.pdf>

## The New SystemVerilog 2012 Standard

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## Additional SystemVerilog-2012 Resources



- IEEE SystemVerilog-2012 LRM ← FREE PDF version - download it !!  
[standards.ieee.org/getieee/1800/download/1800-2012.pdf](http://standards.ieee.org/getieee/1800/download/1800-2012.pdf)
- Stu Sutherland's Presentation: *A Summary of Changes in the Proposed SystemVerilog-2012 Standard*  
[www.sutherland-hdl.com/papers/2012-DAC\\_What-is-new-in-SystemVerilog-2012.pdf](http://www.sutherland-hdl.com/papers/2012-DAC_What-is-new-in-SystemVerilog-2012.pdf)
- Brad Pierce's Blog: *SV12 - what's new in SystemVerilog 2012?*  
[bradpierce.wordpress.com/2013/03/02/sv12-whats-new-in-systemverilog-2012](http://bradpierce.wordpress.com/2013/03/02/sv12-whats-new-in-systemverilog-2012)
- Dave Rich's Blog: *Get Ready for SystemVerilog-2012*  
[go.mentor.com/ready-for-systemverilog-2012](http://go.mentor.com/ready-for-systemverilog-2012)
- *List of 225 Changes in the SystemVerilog-2012 Standard*  
<http://tinyurl.com/1800-2012-changelog>

## 230 Modifications in SystemVerilog-2012



- 230 listed modifications in the SystemVerilog-2012 LRM  
[www.eda.org/svdb/view\\_all\\_bug\\_page.php](http://www.eda.org/svdb/view_all_bug_page.php)
- Breakdown of Modifications:
  - Enhancements - 35
  - Errata - 162
  - Clarifications - 33

## Types of Modifications

SystemVerilog-2012



- 230 listed modifications in the SystemVerilog-2012 LRM  
[www.eda.org/svdb/view\\_all\\_bug\\_page.php](http://www.eda.org/svdb/view_all_bug_page.php)
- Breakdown of types of Modifications:
  - Assertion-related - 87 - 13 new enhancements
  - Design-related - 66 - 9 new enhancements
  - C-Language / DPI-related - 25 - 4 new enhancements
  - Discrete Real Modeling - 5 - 1 new enhancements
  - Verification-related - 46 - 8 new enhancements
  - Typos / Cleanup - 1 - 0 new enhancements

## Discrete Real Modeling - 5 Modifications

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- Mantis Item of 1 new enhancements  
 3398 - User defined nets and resolution functions
- SV-DC Requirements:
  - Aggregate nets with real valued components, including constructs such as vectors, static arrays, structs, unions
  - Resolution functions for multiply driven aggregate nets
  - Unidirectional and bidirectional ports with aggregate nets
  - Atomic aggregate nets whose components are resolved jointly (correlated resolution)
  - Ability to represent X (unknown) and Z (undriven/high impedance) states for atomic aggregate nets

## Discrete Real Modeling Work

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- The SV-DC work consists of two primary pieces:
  - User-defined nettypes and resolution functions (6.6.7)
  - Generic interconnect (6.6.8)

Nice summary comments  
from Scott Little of Intel

*These features provide the users some nice capabilities, but it isn't a complete solution.*

*The SV-DC realized that they didn't have time to provide a complete solution but decided to provide some pieces to help out users willing to deal with the initial heavy handed restrictions.*

The intention is to add the missing pieces (a type conversion mechanism) and explore lifting some of the restrictions (no partial assignment to user-defined nettypes) as real world use cases make the proper solution clear. Because the new functionality was being developed in committee, the desire was to be very conservative and relax the restrictions later when we have real world examples and implementations to better guide the work.

*Why is the work valuable? It provides a much improved solution for those building real-valued models.*

## C / DPI - 25 Modifications

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- Mantis Items of 4 new enhancements

minor 3188 - Added VPI support to distinguish join, join\_none, and join\_any

minor 3459 - Remove redundant DPI section "H.6.6 Pure functions"

3884 - Added VPI support for soft constraints

minor 4130 - Update VPI compatibilities & table for IEEE Std 1800-2012

All minor VPI support enhancements  
except for soft-constraint support  
(new feature)

## Assertion - 87 Modifications

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- Mantis Items of 13 new enhancements

	2093	- Checker construct should permit output arguments
	2206	- Checkers: Random sim of non-deterministic free variables
	2209	- Add optional event control to deferred assertions in 2005
major	2328	- Review and relax restrictions on data types in assertions
minor	2412	- Allow clock inference in sequences <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Duplicate of Mantis 2476</span>
	3202	- Clarifies \$countbits, global clocking & other assertion functions
	3033	- Enhance checker modeling capabilities
minor	3037	- Introduce assertion system functions for 4-valued type support
minor	3069	- Multi-clock support - allow global clocking per module, interface, checker or program
minor	3191	- Allow sequence methods with sequence expressions
major	3206	- Deferred assertions are sensitive to glitches
	3295	- Need a way to control only asserts/covers/assume directives
minor	3474	- Allows assertion control over unique/priority violation reporting

## SystemVerilog Assertions



- The SVA "circle of life" ← "The Disillusioned Design Engineer cycle!!"
  - Engineers get excited about SVA capabilities
  - Engineers take SVA training
  - Engineers start to use SVA
  - Engineers find SVA to be too verbose
  - Engineers abandon SVA ← \*aargh\*

## How Much SVA Training Should Your Team Take?



- 2-day SystemVerilog Assertion (SVA) training is too much

Sunburst Design has been re-training  
SVA-trained engineers

- Inefficient SVA coding styles are shown in books and training
- Most engineers should take 2 hours of SVA training with labs

Learn the simple techniques

Reduce SVA coding efforts

Learn best-practice tricks

Learn styles that avoid mistakes

## SVA Fundamentals

### Guidelines



- Start learning and using SVA after 2 hours of training
- Use long, descriptive labels to:
  - document the assertions
  - accelerate debugging using waveform displays
- Use simple macros to:
  - efficiently add concise assertions
  - reduce assertion syntax errors
  - reduce assertion coding efforts
- Use concurrent assertions but avoid immediate assertions
- Use `|-> ##1` implications instead of `|=>` implications
- Use `bind` files to add assertions to a design

## Design - 66 Modifications

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- Mantis Items of 9 new enhancements

	154	- Dual Data Rate (DDR) always_ff	←	Actually fixed by Mantis 2396 in SV2009
	696	- Add parameterized tasks and functions		
minor	931	- BNF should be hyperlinked		
minor	1223	- Red hyperlinked BNF?		
	1504	- Introduce parameterized structures		
	2525	- Allow hierarchical references in \$unit scope		
minor	2734	- Mechanism to initialize an array to a constant value		
minor	3750	- Update LRM & `begin_keywords with table of new keywords		
minor	4126	- Allow for-loop initialization, step & termination stmts to be null		

## Parameterized Functions



- Additional descriptions:

– **Brad Pierce** - SV12 – *deliver parameterized functions with let expressions*

[bradpierce.wordpress.com/2013/04/20/sv12-deliver-parameterized-functions-with-let-expressions](http://bradpierce.wordpress.com/2013/04/20/sv12-deliver-parameterized-functions-with-let-expressions)



## always\_ff

For Dual Data Rate (DDR) Sequential Logic ??

- Possible future enhancement to synthesis tools ??

Currently illegal syntax  
for synthesis

```
module ddrff (
  output bit_t q,
  input bit_t d, clk, rst_n);

  always_ff @(clk, negedge rst_n)
    if (!rst_n) q <= 0;
    else      q <= d;
endmodule
```

No posedge (clk)  
No negedge (clk)

Remove posedge to permit  
triggering on both edges  
??

always\_ff shows  
designer's intent

always\_ff @(edge clk, negedge rst\_n)

Could this synthesize to a DDR flip-flop  
in an ASIC vendor library ??



## Verification - 47 Modifications

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- Mantis Items of 8 new enhancements

	1356	- Multiple inheritance
major	2112	- Remove restrictions on NBA assignments to class members
	2506	- Non-trivial coverage space shapes and joint conditions are difficult to specify with covergroups
	2987	- Soft Constraints
	3001	- Proper Polymorphic behavior of instantiation
minor	3028	- Constraints for unique array elements
trivial	3298	- Use of 'this' in a coverpoint expression
major	4131	- function prototype syntax requires parentheses after function_identifier even if argument list is empty



# SystemVerilog-2012

## Miscellaneous Favorite Features



- As reported by SystemVerilog-2012 committee members

**My favorite enhancement in SV-2012 is that it doesn't have AOP ;-)**  
 - Tom Fitzpatrick - Mentor

This feeling was echoed in committee meetings by all of the developers !!

**But my favorite thing out of that list is that only 35 are enhancements. That is a testament to the stability users have demanded from their verification environment.**  
 - Dave Rich - Mentor

Also echoed by other developers on the committee

# Unconstrained Randomization

## Repetitive Random Values



```
class trans1;
  rand logic [1:0] a, b, c, d;

  function void post_randomize();
    $display("a=%h b=%h c=%h d=%h",
             a, b, c, d);
  endfunction
endclass

module top;
  trans1 b1 = new();

  initial repeat(16) if(!b1.randomize())
    $error("Randomization Error");
endmodule
```

Four 2-bit variables

No randomization constraints

Rare, unique values!

Multiple, repeated random values

Rare, unique values!

a=0	b=2	c=0	d=2
a=0	b=1	c=0	d=0
a=1	b=0	c=1	d=3
a=0	b=2	c=0	d=3
a=2	b=0	c=3	d=1
a=1	b=0	c=0	d=1
a=3	b=3	c=1	d=1
a=2	b=0	c=2	d=1
a=3	b=0	c=1	d=3
a=0	b=2	c=1	d=3
a=1	b=0	c=1	d=2
a=0	b=1	c=1	d=2
a=0	b=1	c=2	d=1
a=0	b=3	c=2	d=3
a=1	b=0	c=1	d=3
a=2	b=1	c=0	d=1



# Unique Constraint

## Applied to a Randomization List

```

class trans2;
  rand logic [1:0] a, b, c, d;

  constraint c1 {unique{a,b,c,d};}

  function void post_randomize();
    $display("a=%h b=%h c=%h d=%h",
             a, b, c, d);
  endfunction
endclass

module top;
  trans2 b1 = new();

  initial repeat(16) if(!b1.randomize())
    $error("Randomization Error");
endmodule
    
```

**Four 2-bit variables** (points to `rand logic [1:0] a, b, c, d;`)

**Create unique random values for each variable in the list** (points to `constraint c1 {unique{a,b,c,d};}`)

**Each variable has a unique value** (points to the list of values)

a=2	b=1	c=0	d=3
a=2	b=0	c=1	d=3
a=3	b=2	c=1	d=0
a=0	b=1	c=2	d=3
a=0	b=1	c=2	d=3
a=2	b=1	c=0	d=3
a=0	b=2	c=1	d=3
a=3	b=1	c=2	d=0
a=2	b=1	c=0	d=3
a=3	b=2	c=1	d=0
a=2	b=0	c=3	d=1
a=3	b=0	c=2	d=1
a=2	b=3	c=1	d=0
a=2	b=3	c=1	d=0
a=2	b=1	c=0	d=3
a=0	b=3	c=1	d=2



# Unique Constraint

## Applied to an Array

```

class trans3;
  rand logic [2:0] a [0:6];

  constraint c1 {unique{a};}

  function void
  foreach(a
    $display(
  endfunction
endclass

module top;
  trans3 b1 =
  initial rep
  $er
endmodule
    
```

**3-bit by 7-element rand-array declaration** (points to `rand logic [2:0] a [0:6];`)

**Create unique random values in each array element** (points to `constraint c1 {unique{a};}`)

a[0]=0	a[1]=5	a[2]=7	a[3]=6	a[4]=3	a[5]=4	a[6]=1
a[0]=3	a[1]=7	a[2]=5	a[3]=6	a[4]=1	a[5]=2	a[6]=4
a[0]=3	a[1]=1	a[2]=7	a[3]=2	a[4]=6	a[5]=5	a[6]=4
a[0]=6	a[1]=5	a[2]=3	a[3]=2	a[4]=7	a[5]=4	a[6]=1
a[0]=7	a[1]=5	a[2]=3	a[3]=1	a[4]=6	a[5]=4	a[6]=0
a[0]=2	a[1]=3	a[2]=1	a[3]=4	a[4]=5	a[5]=7	a[6]=6
a[0]=5	a[1]=0	a[2]=2	a[3]=3	a[4]=6	a[5]=1	a[6]=4
a[0]=7	a[1]=4	a[2]=5	a[3]=2	a[4]=1	a[5]=6	a[6]=3
a[0]=1	a[1]=5	a[2]=4	a[3]=3	a[4]=6	a[5]=7	a[6]=0
a[0]=6	a[1]=3	a[2]=4	a[3]=7	a[4]=2	a[5]=1	a[6]=5
a[0]=4	a[1]=2	a[2]=7	a[3]=0	a[4]=3	a[5]=5	a[6]=6
a[0]=2	a[1]=0	a[2]=1	a[3]=6	a[4]=4	a[5]=5	a[6]=7
a[0]=2	a[1]=0	a[2]=4	a[3]=6	a[4]=7	a[5]=1	a[6]=5
a[0]=1	a[1]=4	a[2]=5	a[3]=6	a[4]=3	a[5]=2	a[6]=0
a[0]=1	a[1]=0	a[2]=4	a[3]=7	a[4]=3	a[5]=6	a[6]=2
a[0]=5	a[1]=7	a[2]=3	a[3]=2	a[4]=6	a[5]=0	a[6]=4

**Each row has unique values** (points to the table)



## Unique Constraint

### Applied to an Array - Randomization Error

```
class trans4;
  rand logic [2:0] a [0:8];

  constraint c1 {unique{a};}

  function void post_randomize();
    foreach(a[i]) $write("a[%1d]=%h ",
                        i, a[i]);
    $display();
  endfunction
endclass

module top;
  trans4 b1 = new();

  initial repeat(16) if(!b1.randomize())
    $error("Randomization Error");
endmodule
```

3-bit by 9-element  
rand-array declaration

Create unique random values  
in each array element

"Randomization Error"  
(Not enough unique values for  
each element of the array)



## Soft Constraints

### Example with No Constraints

```
class trans1;
  rand logic [2:0] a;
  randc logic [2:0] b;
  logic [2:0] c;

  function void post_randomize();
    $display("a=%h b=%h c=%h", a, b, c);
  endfunction
endclass

module top;
  trans1 b1 = new();

  initial repeat(16) if(!b1.randomize())
    $error("Randomization Error");
endmodule
```

3-bit rand variable

3-bit randc variable

3-bit non-rand variable

a=0	b=0	c=x
a=3	b=7	c=x
a=0	b=2	c=x
a=6	b=1	c=x
a=3	b=4	c=x
a=0	b=3	c=x
a=5	b=6	c=x
a=4	b=5	c=x
a=4	b=1	c=x
a=2	b=4	c=x
a=6	b=0	c=x
a=6	b=7	c=x
a=7	b=3	c=x
a=2	b=6	c=x
a=0	b=2	c=x
a=6	b=5	c=x

## Soft Constraints

### Example with Hard Constraints



```

class trans2;
  rand logic [2:0] a;
  randc logic [2:0] b;
  logic [2:0] c;

  constraint c1 {a[0]=='0; b[0]=='1;}

  function void post_randomize();
    $display("a=%h b=%h c=%h", a, b, c);
  endfunction
endclass

module top;
  trans2 b1 = new();

  initial repeat(16) if(!b1.randomize())
    $error("Randomization Error");
endmodule

```

3-bit rand variable

3-bit randc variable

3-bit non-rand variable

a=4	b=5	c=x
a=2	b=7	c=x
a=4	b=1	c=x
a=2	b=3	c=x
a=4	b=7	c=x
a=0	b=1	c=x
a=0	b=5	c=x
a=2	b=3	c=x
a=0	b=3	c=x
a=4	b=5	c=x
a=4	b=1	c=x
a=0	b=7	c=x
a=2	b=3	c=x
a=4	b=5	c=x
a=4	b=1	c=x
a=4	b=7	c=x

## Soft Constraints

### Example with Conflicting Hard Constraints



```

class trans3;
  rand logic [2:0] a;
  randc logic [2:0] b;
  logic [2:0] c;

  constraint c1 {a[0]=='0; b[0]=='1;}

  function void post_randomize();
    $display("a=%h b=%h c=%h", a, b, c);
  endfunction
endclass

module top;
  trans3 b1 = new();

  initial repeat(16) if(!(b1.randomize()
    with {a[0]=='1;}))
    $error("Randomization Error");
endmodule

```

3-bit rand variable

3-bit randc variable

3-bit non-rand variable

```

** Error: Randomization Error
  Scope: top File: trans3.sv Line: 18
** Error: Randomization Error
  Scope: top File: trans3.sv Line: 18
**
** (repeated 16 times)

```

## Soft Constraints

### Example with Soft & Hard Constraints



```

class trans4;
  rand logic [2:0] a;
  randc logic [2:0] b;
  logic [2:0] c;

  constraint c1 {soft a[0]=='0; soft b[0]=='1;}

  function void post_randomize();
    $display("a=%h b=%h c=%h", a, b, c);
  endfunction
endclass

module top;
  trans4 b1 = new();

  initial repeat(16) if(!(b1.randomize()
    with {a[0]=='1;}))
    $error("Randomization Error");
endmodule

```

3-bit rand variable  
3-bit randc variable  
3-bit non-rand variable

a=5	b=5	c=x
a=3	b=7	c=x
a=5	b=1	c=x
a=3	b=3	c=x
a=5	b=7	c=x
a=1	b=1	c=x
a=1	b=5	c=x
a=3	b=3	c=x
a=1	b=3	c=x
a=5	b=5	c=x
a=5	b=1	c=x
a=1	b=7	c=x
a=3	b=3	c=x
a=5	b=5	c=x
a=5	b=1	c=x
a=5	b=7	c=x

## Soft Constraints

### Example #2 with Soft & Hard Constraints



```

class trans5;
  rand logic [2:0] a;
  randc logic [2:0] b;
  logic [2:0] c;

  constraint c1 {a[0]=='0; b[0]=='1;}

  function void post_randomize();
    $display("a=%h b=%h c=%h", a, b, c);
  endfunction
endclass

module top;
  trans5 b1 = new();

  initial repeat(16) if(!(b1.randomize()
    with {soft a[0]=='1;}))
    $error("Randomization Error");
endmodule

```

3-bit rand variable  
3-bit randc variable  
3-bit non-rand variable

a=4	b=5	c=x
a=2	b=7	c=x
a=4	b=1	c=x
a=2	b=3	c=x
a=4	b=7	c=x
a=0	b=1	c=x
a=0	b=5	c=x
a=2	b=3	c=x
a=0	b=3	c=x
a=4	b=5	c=x
a=4	b=1	c=x
a=0	b=7	c=x
a=2	b=3	c=x
a=4	b=5	c=x
a=4	b=1	c=x
a=4	b=7	c=x

## Soft Constraints

### Example with Prioritized Soft Constraints



```

class trans6;
  rand logic [2:0] a; ← 3-bit rand variable
  randc logic [2:0] b; ← 3-bit randc variable
  logic [2:0] c; ← 3-bit non-rand variable

  constraint c1 {soft a[0]=='0; b[0]=='1;}

  function void post_randomize();
    $display("a=%h b=%h c=%h", a, b, c);
  endfunction
endclass

module top;
  trans6 b1 = new();

  initial repeat(16) if(!(b1.randomize()
    with {soft a[0]=='1;}))
    $error("Randomization Error");
endmodule

```

a=5	b=5	c=x
a=3	b=7	c=x
a=5	b=1	c=x
a=3	b=3	c=x
a=5	b=7	c=x
a=1	b=1	c=x
a=1	b=5	c=x
a=3	b=3	c=x
a=1	b=3	c=x
a=5	b=5	c=x
a=5	b=1	c=x
a=1	b=7	c=x
a=3	b=3	c=x
a=5	b=5	c=x
a=5	b=1	c=x
a=5	b=7	c=x

## Multiple Inheritance / Interface Classes



- Additional descriptions:
  - **Dave Rich** - *The Problems with Lack of Multiple Inheritance in SystemVerilog and a Solution*  
[bradpierce.files.wordpress.com/2010/03/multiple\\_inheritance\\_sv.pdf](http://bradpierce.files.wordpress.com/2010/03/multiple_inheritance_sv.pdf)

## Interface Class Rules



KEY: In the text below:	
Text	Actual Keyword
extend	extends
implement	implements

- An **interface class**
  - may declare **pure virtual** prototypes
  - may **extend** zero or more **interface classes**
  - may extend multiple other **interface classes**
  - may not **implement** an **interface class**
  - may not **extend** a class or **virtual class**
  - may not **implement** a class or **virtual class**
  - may not implement any class methods

## Interface Classes & Multiple Inheritance

Example: ifc1\_pass.sv



```
interface class ifbase;
    pure virtual function void print();
endclass

class base implements ifbase;
    virtual function void print();
        $display("%m: print() method");
    endfunction
endclass

module top;
    base b1 = new();

    initial begin
        b1.print();
    end
endmodule
```

Interface classes may declare  
pure virtual prototypes

Provide the implementation

top module and  
simulation output

ifc1\_pass\_sv\_unit.base.print: print() method

## Interface Classes & Multiple Inheritance

Example: ifc2\_pass.sv



Interface classes may extend zero or more interface classes

```
interface class ifbase;
    pure virtual function void print();
endclass

interface class GetImp#(type GET_T = int)
    extends ifbase;
    pure virtual function GET_T get();
endclass

class base implements GetImp;
    virtual function void print();
        $display("%m: print() method");
    endfunction

    virtual function int get();
        $display("%m: get() method");
    endfunction
endclass
```

Provide the implementation

```
module top;
    base b1 = new();

    initial begin
        b1.print();
        void'(b1.get());
    end
endmodule
```

```
ifc2_pass_sv_unit.base.print: print() method
ifc2_pass_sv_unit.base.get: get() method
```

## Interface Classes & Multiple Inheritance

Example: ifc3\_pass.sv



Interface classes may extend multiple other interface classes

```
interface class ifbase1;
    pure virtual function void print();
endclass

interface class ifbase2;
    pure virtual function void showit();
endclass

interface class GetImp#(type GET_T = int)
    extends ifbase1, ifbase2;
    pure virtual function GET_T get();
endclass
```

```
class base implements GetImp;
    virtual function void print();
        $display("%m: print() method");
    endfunction

    virtual function void showit();
        $display("%m: showit() method");
    endfunction

    virtual function int get();
        $display("%m: get() method");
    endfunction
endclass
```



## Interface Classes & Multiple Inheritance

Example: ifc3\_pass.sv



```
class base implements GetImp;
  virtual function void print();
    $display("%m: print() method");
  endfunction

  virtual function void showit();
    $display("%m: showit() method");
  endfunction

  virtual function int get();
    $display("%m: get() method");
  endfunction
endclass
```

```
module top;
  base b1 = new();

  initial begin
    b1.print();
    b1.showit();
    void'(b1.get());
  end
endmodule
```

The example ran !!

```
ifc3_pass_sv_unit.base.print: print() method
ifc3_pass_sv_unit.base.showit: showit() method
ifc3_pass_sv_unit.base.get: get() method
```

## Interface Classes & Multiple Inheritance

Example: ifc4\_error.sv



```
interface class ifbase;
  pure virtual function void print();
endclass

interface class GetImp#(type GET_T = logic) implements ifbase;
  pure virtual function GET_T get();
endclass
```

Interface classes may not implement other interface classes

```
Error: ifc4_error.sv(5): Interface classes may
not have an implements specification.
```

## Interface Classes & Multiple Inheritance

Example: ifc5\_error.sv



```
virtual class vbase;
  virtual function void print();
  $display("Virtual base class");
endfunction
endclass
```

Interface classes may not extend a class or a virtual class

```
interface class GetImp#(type GET_T = logic) extends vbase;
  pure virtual function GET_T get();
endclass
```

Error: ifc5\_error.sv(7): Illegal reference to non-interface class vbase in interface class extends clause.

## Interface Classes & Multiple Inheritance

Example: ifc6\_error.sv



```
virtual class vbase;
  virtual function void print();
  $display("Virtual base class");
endfunction
endclass
```

Interface classes may not implement a class or a virtual class

```
interface class GetImp#(type GET_T = logic) implements vbase;
  pure virtual function GET_T get();
endclass
```

Error: ifc6\_error.sv(7): Interface classes may not have an implements specification.  
 Error: ifc6\_error.sv(7): Illegal reference to non-interface class vbase in implements clause.

## Interface Classes & Multiple Inheritance

Example: ifc7\_error.sv



```
interface class GetImp#(type GET_T = logic);
  virtual function GET_T get();
  endfunction
endclass
```

Interface classes may not  
implement any methods

Error: Method get of interface class  
GetImp must be pure virtual.

## Interface Class Rules



KEY: In the text below:	
Text	Actual Keyword
extend	extends
implement	implements

- A class or virtual class
  - may not **extend** an interface class
  - may **implement** zero or more interface classes
  - may **extend** at most one other class or virtual class
  - may not **implement** a class or virtual class
  - may simultaneously **extend** a class and **implement** interface classes



## TLM FIFO with Multiple Inheritance



## Interface Classes & Multiple Inheritance

Example: ifclass\_TLMfifo.sv

```

interface class PutImp#(type PUT_T = int); ← PutImp#() interface class
    pure virtual task put(PUT_T a);
endclass

interface class GetImp#(type GET_T = int); ← GetImp#() interface class
    pure virtual task get(output GET_T a);
endclass

class MyFIFO #(type T = int, int DEPTH=0); ← MyFIFO class
    mailbox #(T) queue;
endclass

```

## Interface Classes & Multiple Inheritance

Example: ifclass\_TLMfifo.sv



```

class fifo #(type T = int, int DEPTH=0)
  extends MyFIFO#(T)
  implements PutImp#(int), GetImp#(int);

  function new();
    queue = new(DEPTH);
  endfunction

  virtual task put(int a);
  endtask

  virtual task get(output int a);
  endtask
endclass

```

**Inheritance of mailbox**  
 mailbox #(T) queue;

**Implementation for put() method**  
 pure virtual task put(PUT\_T a);

**Implementation for get() method**  
 pure virtual task get(output GET\_T a);

## Interface Classes & Multiple Inheritance

Example: ifclass\_TLMfifo.sv



```

module top;
  fifo f = new();
  int i, j;

  initial begin
    $timeformat(-9,0,"ns", 4);
    fork
      repeat(5) begin
        #1;
        i = $urandom_range(0,99);
        $display("%t: FIFO: put %2d", $time, i);
        f.put(i);
      end
      repeat(5) begin
        #2;
        f.get(j);
        $display("%t: FIFO:          get %2d", $time, j);
      end
    join
    $finish;
  end
endmodule

```

```

1ns: FIFO: put 34
2ns: FIFO:          get 34
2ns: FIFO: put 7
3ns: FIFO: put 87
4ns: FIFO:          get 7
4ns: FIFO: put 43
5ns: FIFO: put 14
6ns: FIFO:          get 87
8ns: FIFO:          get 43
10ns: FIFO:          get 14

```

## Nothing More To Do! (???)



- Patent Office Quote

**"Everything that can be invented has been invented."**

*Charles H. Duell, Commissioner, U.S. patent office, 1899 (attributed)*

NOTE: Debunked - This quotation is not really the words of Mr. Duell.  
([www.quotationspage.com/quote/22779.html](http://www.quotationspage.com/quote/22779.html))

Point is, nobody should ever claim that all important work has been done

## More Features Proposed



- `alwaysx` - X-trapping ← **Don't lose the X's**
- Connectivity checking ← **Check to make sure each signal has:**
  - *Driving source*
  - *Destination receiver*

```
module ...
  input () scanin;
  ...
```
- ``default_nettype` / ``default_type` logic ← **Cliff's request**
  - Implicit variables for the LHS of procedural assignments ← **Stu's request**
- Signed operators -vs- sign data types
 

<code>HDL</code>	-vs-	<code>Software DL</code>
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```
<+> <->
<*> <*,ieee754>
<etc.>
```
- Default `ignore_bins` in cross coverage ← **Stu's request**



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