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Resetting Anytime with the Cadence UVM Reset Package

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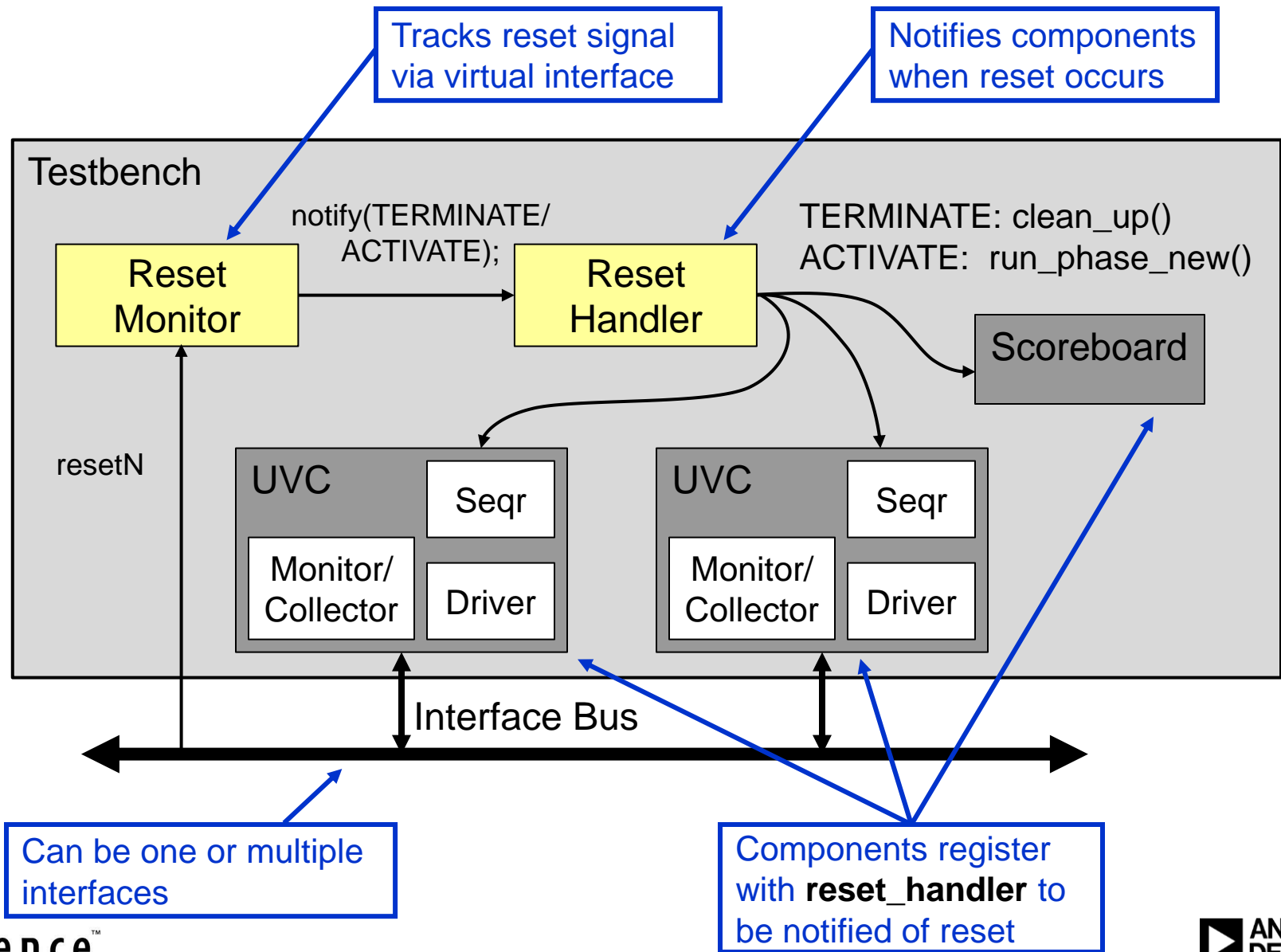
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Reset Requirements

- ◆ **A common verification requirement is to perform reset**
 - At the start of the simulation
 - In the middle of the DUT normal operation
- ◆ **Special care is required for verification environment during reset:**
 - Activities and stimulus needs to stop and possibly restart once the reset is de-asserted
 - Assertions and checkers need to shut down gracefully
 - Scoreboards and data structures need to reset to proper initial values



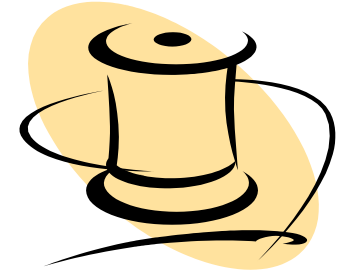
UVM Thread Reset Methodology



Reset Methodology Components

◆ Reset Monitor

- Monitor reset signal(s)
- Notify **reset_handler** of reset status



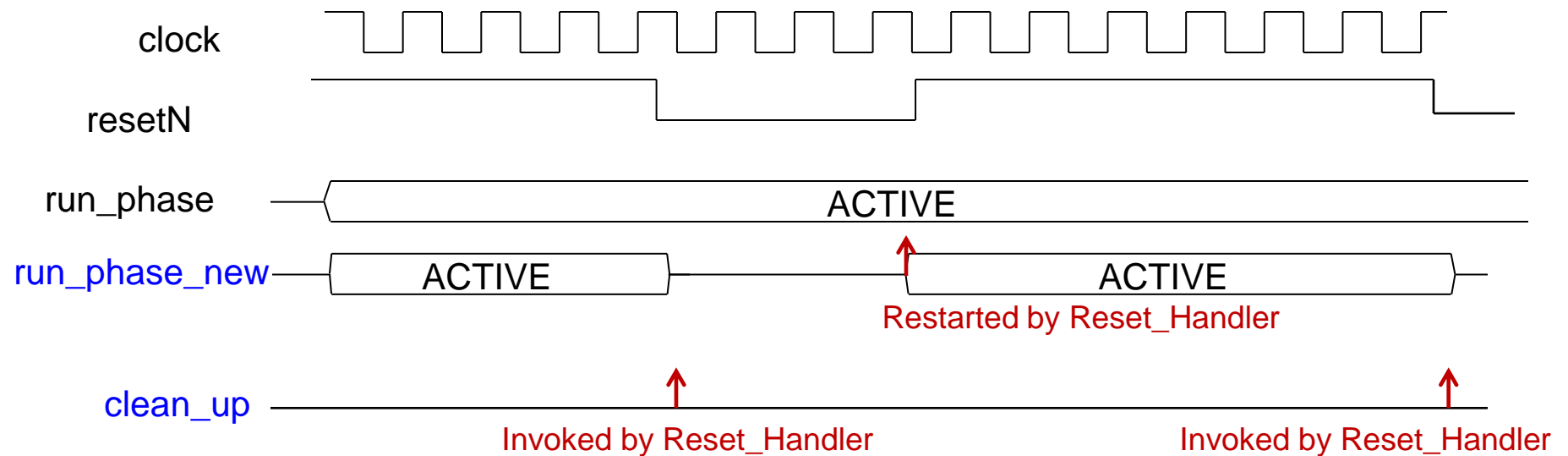
◆ Reset Handler

- An instance of **uvm_thread**, provided by the Cadence package
- Manages “reset-aware” components using their reset API:
 - ◆ Reset goes away → Invokes **run_phase_new()**
 - ◆ Reset active → Terminates threads, Invokes **clean_up()**

◆ Reset-aware components:

- Register themselves with the **reset_handler**
- Implement new reset APIs: **clean_up()** and **run_phase_new()**

run_phase_new & clean_up

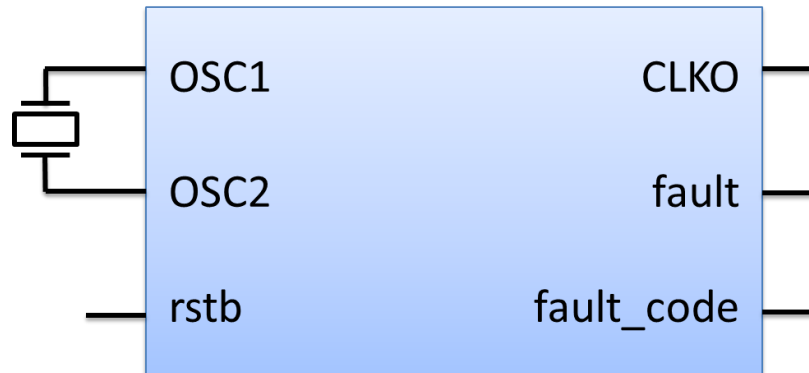


- ◆ **Thread management instead of phase management**
 - Works with existing UVM components to handle reset within the **run_phase**
 - Can be extended to multiple reset domains
 - No changes to the UVM library are required

ADI Evaluation Block

◆ System Oscillator with Watchdog

- Provides the main system clock from a crystal oscillator input
- Oscillator watchdog detects faults on the input clock
- Active low rstb disables the block



◆ Verification Requirements

- Check CLKO frequency based on crystal frequency
- Activate and check the detection of various fault conditions
- Check that the block shuts down gracefully when reset is asserted
- Check that the block restarts correctly when reset is de-asserted

wd_osc_env

```
class wd_osc_env extends uvm_env;
```

```
wd_osc_agent agent_wd_osc;  
wd_osc_scoreboard wd_osc_sb;  
virtual wd_osc_interface vif;
```

```
reset_monitor reset_mon;  
uvm_thread reset_handler;
```

```
function void build_phase(uvm_phase phase);
```

```
...
```

```
reset_mon = reset_monitor::type_id::create("reset_mon", this);  
reset_handler = uvm_thread::type_id::create("reset_handler", this);  
uvm_config_db#(uvm_thread)::set(this, "*", "reset_handler", reset_handler);
```

```
endfunction : build_phase
```

```
...
```

```
endclass
```

Pointer to **reset_handler**
and **reset_monitor**.

Registers **reset_mon** and
reset_handler with the factory

Store the handle to
reset_handler in the **config_db**

reset_monitor

```
class reset_monitor extends uvm_monitor;
  virtual reset_if vif;
  uvm_thread reset_handler;

  function void connect_phase(uvm_phase phase);
    uvm_config_db#(virtual reset_if)::get(this, "", "vif", vif);
    uvm_config_db#(uvm_thread)::get(this, "", "reset_handler", reset_handler);
  endfunction

  virtual task run_phase(uvm_phase phase);
    forever begin
      @(vif.resetN);
      if (vif.resetN) reset_handler.notify(ACTIVATE);
      else reset_handler.notify(TERMINATE);
    end
  endtask
endclass
```

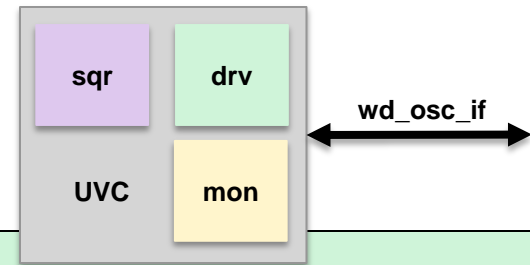
Virtual Interface contains reset signal

Pointer to `reset_handler`

Get `vif` and `reset_handler` from `config_db`

activate UVCs when reset goes away
terminate UVC processes when reset starts

wd_osc_drv (1 of 2)



```
class wd_osc_drv extends uvm_driver #(wd_osc_data);  
  uvm_thread reset_handler;  
  local uvm_thread_imp #(wd_osc_drv) reset_export;
```

Pointer to `reset_handler`

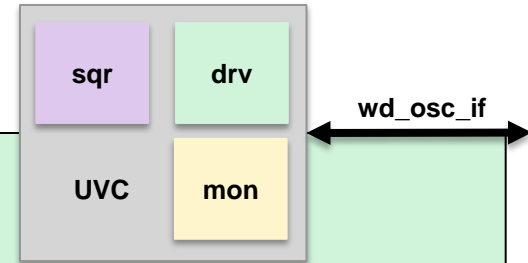
```
function new(string name, uvm_component parent);  
  reset_export = new("reset_export", this);  
endfunction : new virtual
```

TLM-like port `reset_export` for notification

```
function void connect_phase(uvm_phase phase);  
  uvm_config_db #(uvm_thread)::get(this, "", "reset_handler", reset_handler)  
  reset_handler.register(reset_export, uvm_thread_pkg::default_map);  
endfunction
```

Get `reset_handler` & register this component

wd_osc_drv (2 of 2)



```
virtual function void clean_up();  
    vif.OSC1 <= $urandom_range(1,0);  
    vif.OSC2 <= $urandom_range(1,0);  
endfunction : clean_up
```

Invoked by the **reset_handler**
when reset is active

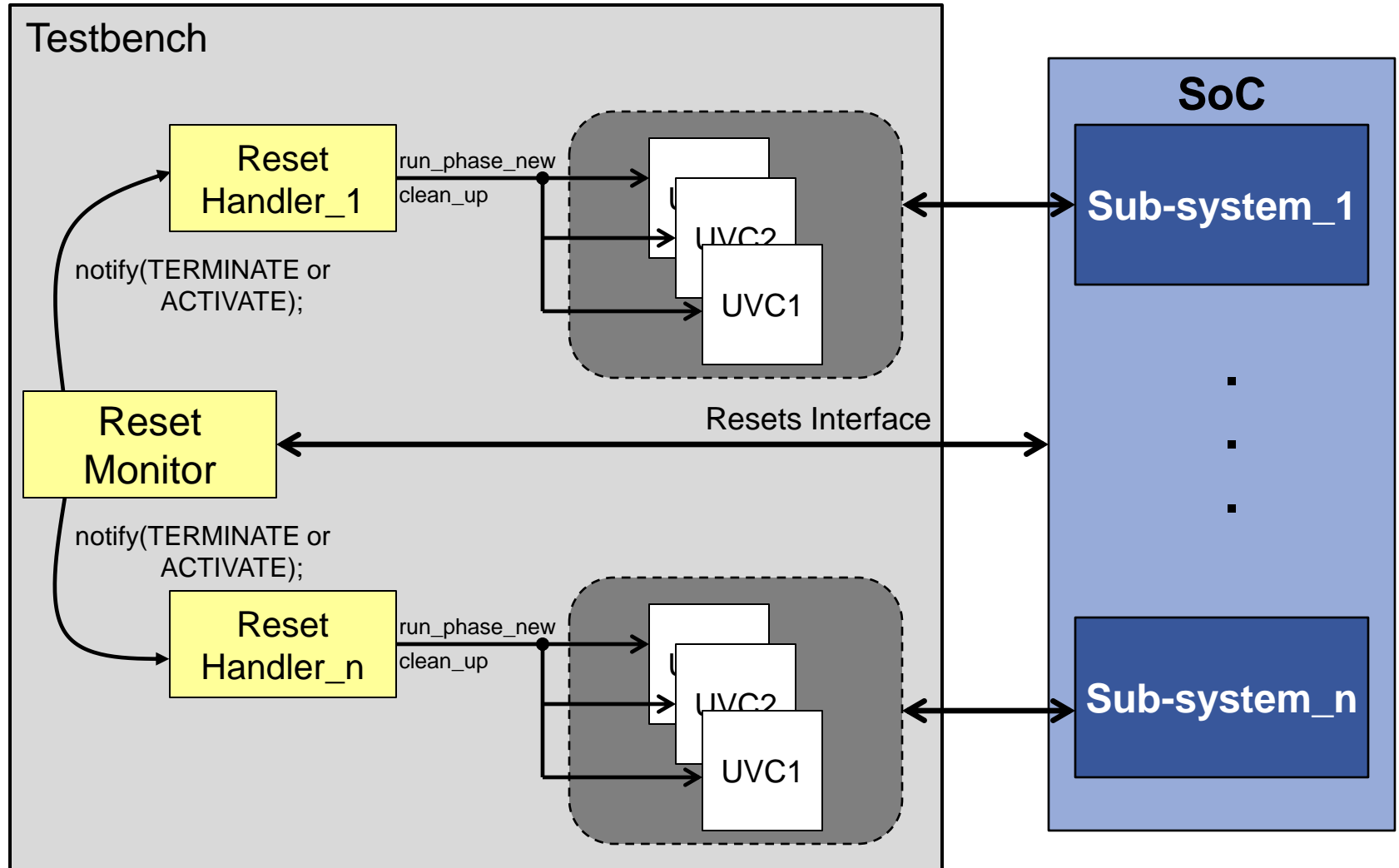
```
virtual task run_phase(uvm_phase phase);  
endtask : run_phase
```

```
virtual task run_phase_new(uvm_phase phase);  
    super.run_phase(phase);  
    get_and_drive();  
endtask : run_phase_new
```

Invoke these activities
when reset goes away

```
endclass
```

Handling Multiple Reset Regions





Summary & Conclusions

Cadence uvm_thread Reset Package provides a good methodology for adding reset verification to UVM testbenches

- ◆ **Flexible and extendible**

- You define reset triggers based on project requirements
- Can extend to multiple resets; active low or active high reset
- clean_up and run_phase_new are coded based on specific UVC

- ◆ **Works with standard UVM library source code (LRM compliant)**

- ◆ **Provides testbench standardization for reset verification**

- ◆ **Easy to implement in new or existing testbench environments**

- Only two additional classes
- Minimal modifications to existing UVCs

Resources for More Information

- ◆ Cadence uvm_thread package and simple reset examples is available in the “**Accellera UVM Uploads (Users contribution area)**”:

- ◆ <http://forums.accellera.org/files/category/3-uvm/>