OSVVM Release Guide

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1.2   AlertLogPkg   2015.03

Added AlertIfEqual, AlertIfNotEqual, and AlertIfDiff (file). Added ReadLogEnables to initialize LogEnables from a file. Added ReportNonZeroAlerts. Added PathTail to extract an instance name from MyEntity'PathName.   Added ReportLogEnables and GetAlertLogName. See AlertLogPkg_User_Guide.pdf for details.

For hierarchy mode, AlertIfEqual, AlertIfNotEqual, and AlertIfDiff have the AlertLogID parameter first.   Overloading was added for AlertIf and AlertIfNot to make these consistent.   Now with multiple parameters, it is easier to remember that the AlertLogID parameter is first.   The older AlertIf and AlertIfNot with the AlertLogID as the second parameter were kept for backward compatibility, but are considered bad practice to use in new code.

Added ParentID parameter to FindAlertLogID. This is necessary to correctly find an ID within an entity that is used more than once.

Bug fix: Updated GetAlertLogID to use the two parameter FindAlertLogID. Without this fix, Alerts with the same name incorrectly use the same AlertLogID.

Bug fix: Updated NewAlertLogRec (called by GetAlertLogID) so a new record gets Alert and Log enables based on its ParentID rather than the ALERTLOG_BASE_ID.   Issue, if created an Comp1_AlertLogID, and disabled a level (such as WARNING), and then created a childID of Comp1_AlertLogID, WARNING would not be disabled in childID.

Bug fix: Updated ClearAlerts to correctly set stop counts (broke since it previously did not use named association).   Without this fix, after calling ClearAlerts, a single FAILURE would not stop a simulation, however, a single WARNING would stop a simulation.

2   Revision 2015.01   January 2015

2.1   OsvvmContext (New)   2015.01

OsvvmContext is a context declaration. Rather than referencing osvvm packages with individual use clauses, instead use a single context reference:

```
library osvvm ;
context osvvm.OsvvmContext ;
```

2.2   OsvvmGlobalPkg (New)   2015.01

Manages global report settings for CoveragePkg and AlertLogPkg. Provides constants and base types for AlertLogPkg.

2.3   TranscriptPkg (New)   2015.01

TranscriptPkg simplifies different parts of a testbench using a common transcript file (named TranscriptFile). Also provides overloading for Print and WriteLine that use TranscriptFile when it is opened (via TranscriptOpen), and otherwise, use std.env.OUTPUT.

2.4   AlertLogPkg (New)   2015.01

New package added to allow catching and counting of assert FAILURE, ERROR, WARNING as well as do verbosity filtering for log files.

The package offers either a native OSVVM mode or an interface mode. In the interface mode, the package body is used to redirect OSVVM internal calls to a separate alert/log package. For example, for BitVis Utility Library (BVUL), there is a package body of AlertLogPkg that allows OSVVM to record asserts and logs via BVUL. By only changing the package body, the interface mode can be recompiled without requiring other elements of the OSVVM library to be recompiled. This same methodology allows connection to other packages.

2.5   RandomPkg and RandomBasePkg   2015.01

Replaced all asserts with calls to AlertPkg.

2.6   CoveragePkg   2015.01

2.6.1   Changes

Replaced all asserts and reports with calls to AlertPkg. Added a verbosity flag to WriteBin to allow it to handle debug calls.

WriteBin prints a multiple line report. As a result, instead of calling Log in the AlertPkg, package, when called with a verbosity flag, WriteBin first checks to see if its ScopeID and Verbosity Level are allowed to print. If enabled, it then uses write and writeline to print the report.

The undocumented method, DumpBin, now has a LogLevel parameter. Its interface is:

```
    procedure DumpBin (LogLevel : LogType := DEBUG) ;
```

2.6.2   Additions

The following methods were added:

```
    procedure SetAlertLogID (A : AlertLogIDType) ;
    impure function GetAlertLogID return AlertLogIDType ;
    impure function SetName (Name : String) return string ;
    impure function GetName return String ;
```

```
impure function InitSeed (S : string ) return string ;
procedure WriteBin (LogLevel : LogType ; . . .) ;
procedure WriteCovHoles ( LogLevel : LogType ; . . . ) ;
```

3   Revision 2014.07a   December 2014

3.1   CoveragePkg, MessagePkg, NamePkg   2014.12

Removed memory leak in CoveragePkg.Deallocate. Removed initialized pointers from CoveragePkg, MessagePkg, and NamePkg – when a protected type with initialized pointers is abandoned, such as when declared in a subprogram exits, a memory leak will occur as there is no destructor to deallocate the initialized pointers.

4   Revision 2014.07   July 2014

4.1   RandomPkg

No changes were made to RandomPkg. It is still labeled 2014.01.

4.2   CoveragePkg

CoveragePkg now references both MessagePkg and NamePkg.

Added names to bins. When using WriteBin or WriteCovHoles, if a bin name is set, it will print.   For details, see Setting Bin Names in the Reporting Coverage section of the CoveragePkg Users Guide.

Enhanced WriteBin to print "PASSED" if the count is greater than or equal to the goal (AtLeast value), otherwise, it prints "FAILED". Added a number of parameters to WriteBin to control what fields of a WriteBin report get printed. See Enabling and Disabling WriteBin fields in the Reporting Coverage section of the CoveragePkg Users Guide.

5   Revision 2014.01   January 2014

5.1   RandomPkg

Added randomization for time (RandTime), additional overloading for type real (RandReal), and sets of values for types (integer_vector, real_vector, and time_vector. Made Sort and RevSort from SortListPkg_int visible using aliases.

5.2   CoveragePkg

Revised ReadCovDb to support merging of coverage models (from different test runs).

Revised RandCovPoint and RandCovBinVal to log the bin index in the LastIndex variable. Revised ICover to look in bin referenced by LastIndex first. Added method

GetLastIndex to get the variable value. Added GetLastBinVal to get the BinVal of LastIndex.

Revised AddBins and AddCross bin merging to allow arbitrary CountBin overlap. With the addition of LastIndex, the overlap is not an issue.

Split SetName into SetMessage (headers) and SetName (printing illegal bins)

Added method GetItemCount to return the count of the number of randomizations and method GetTotalCovGoal to return the sum of the individual coverage goals in the coverage model.

6   Revision 2013.05   May 2013

6.1   RandomPkg

Added big vector randomization.

6.2   CoveragePkg

No substantial changes. Removed extra variable declaration in functions GetHoleBinval, RandCovBinVal, RandCovHole, GetHoleBinVal. Now referencing NULL_RANGE type from RandomPkg to remove NULL range warnings.

7   Revision 2013.04   April 2013

7.1   RandomPkg

Changed DistInt return value. The return value is now determined by the range of the input array. For literal values, this produces the same value as it did previously. Also added better error checking for weight values.

Added better min, max error handling in Uniform, FavorBig, FavorSmall, Normal, Poisson.

7.2   CoveragePkg

Revised AddBins and AddCross such that bin merging is off by default. Added SetMerging to enable/disable merging. Note: Merging is an experimental feature and still evolving.

Revised AddBins and AddCross to check for changes in BinVal size (different size bin).

Added RandCovPoint for integer.

Added SetThresholding and SetCovThreshold (Percent) to enable/disable(default) thresholding. Revised RandCovPoint and RandCovBinVal to use the new mechanism.

Added SetCovTarget to increase/decrease coverage goals for longer/shorter simulation runs. Made CovTarget the default percentage goal (via overloading) for methods RandCovPoint, RandCovBinVal, IsCovered, CountCovHoles, GetHoleBinVal, and WriteCovHoles.

Revised SetIllegalMode and ICover to support ILLEGAL_FAILURE (severity FAILURE on illegal bin).

Added manual bin iteration support. Added the following methods that return a bin index value: GetNumBins, GetMinIndex, and GetMaxIndex. Added the following methods that return bin values: GetBinVal(BinIndex), GetMinBinVal, and GetMaxBinVal. Added the following methods that return point values: GetPoint(BinIndex), GetMinPoint, and GetMaxPoint.

Added GetCov to return the current percent done of the entire coverage model.

Added FileOpenWriteBin and FileCloseWriteBin to specify default file for WriteBin, WriteCovHoles, and DumpBin.

Added CompareBins to facilitate comparing two coverage models. Added CompareBins to facilitate comparing two coverage models.

Revised WriteBin, WriteCovHoles, and WriteCovDb to check for uninitialized model.

Revised WriteBins and WriteCovHoles to only print weight if the selected WeightMode uses the weight.

Added IsInitialized to check if a coverage model is initialized.

Added GetBinInfo and GetBinValLength to get bin information

Changed WriteCovDb default for File_Open_Kind to WRITE_MODE. Generally only one WriteCovDb is needed per coverage model.

Revised WriteCovDb and ReadCovDb for new internal control/state variables, in the order of ThresholdingEnable, CovTarget, and MergingEnable. To manually edit old file, add FALSE, 100.0, FALSE to end of first line.

Removed IgnoreBin with AtLeast and Weight parameters. These are zero for ignore bins.

Revised method naming for consistency. The following have changed:

New Name	Old Name	Why
GetErrorCount	CovBinErrCnt	Consistency between packages
GetMinCount	GetMinCov[return integer]	Naming clarity
GetMaxCount	GetMaxCov[return integer]	Naming clarity
SetName	SetItemName	SetName now does multi-line messages
RandCovBinVal	RandCovHole	Naming consistency (2.4)
GetHoleBinVal	GetCovHole	Naming consistency (2.4)

Deprecated usage of the AtLeast parameter (integer) with the following methods: RandCovPoint, RandCovBinVal, IsCovered, CountCovHoles, GetHoleBinVal, and WriteCovHoles.

8   Revision 2.4   January 2012

8.1   RandomPkg

No changes

8.2   CoveragePkg

Added bin merging and deletion for overlapping bins.

Working on consistency of naming. Renamed RandCovHole to RandCovBinVal. Renamed GetCovHole to GetCovBinVal. Old names maintained for backward compatibility.

New Name	Old Name	Why
RandCovBinVal	RandCovHole	Naming consistency
GetCovBinVal	GetCovHole	Naming consistency

9 Revision 2.3   January 2012

9.1 RandomPkg

No changes

9.2 CoveragePkg

Revision 2.3 adds the function GetBin. GetBin is an accessor function that returns a bin in the form of a record. It is only intended for debugging. In particular, the return value of this function may change as the internal data types evolve.

10 Revision 2.2   July 2011

10.1 RandomPkg

Removed '_' in the name of subprograms FavorBig and FavorSmall to make more consistent with other subprogram names.

10.2 CoveragePkg

Revision 2.2 adds AtLeast and Weights to the coverage database. The AtLeast value allows individual bins to have a specific coverage goal. A conjunction of the AtLeast and Weight (depending on the WeightMode) are used to weight the random selection of coverage holes. These features are at the heart of intelligent coverage.

11 Revision 2.1   June 2011

11.1 RandomPkg

Bug fix to convenience functions for slv, unsigned, and signed.

11.2 CoveragePkg

Removed signal based coverage support.

12 Revision 2.0   April 2011

12.1 CoveragePkg

Coverage modeled in a protected type.

13.1 CoveragePkg

Coverage modeled in signals of type integer_vector. The signal based coverage methodology is available in the package, CoverageSigPkg, however, it is recommended that you use CoveragePkg instead.