

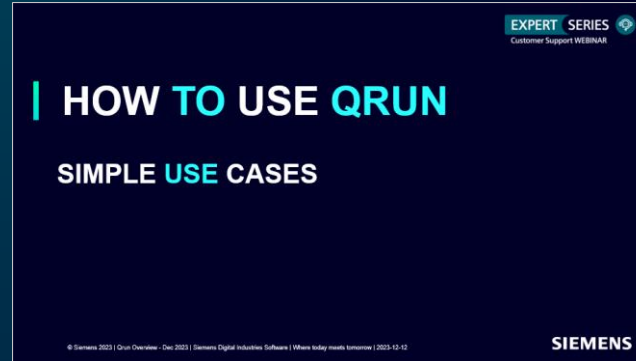
Compile, Optimise and Simulate With Just One Command

Simplifying Questa Usage and Deployment with Qrun

Agenda

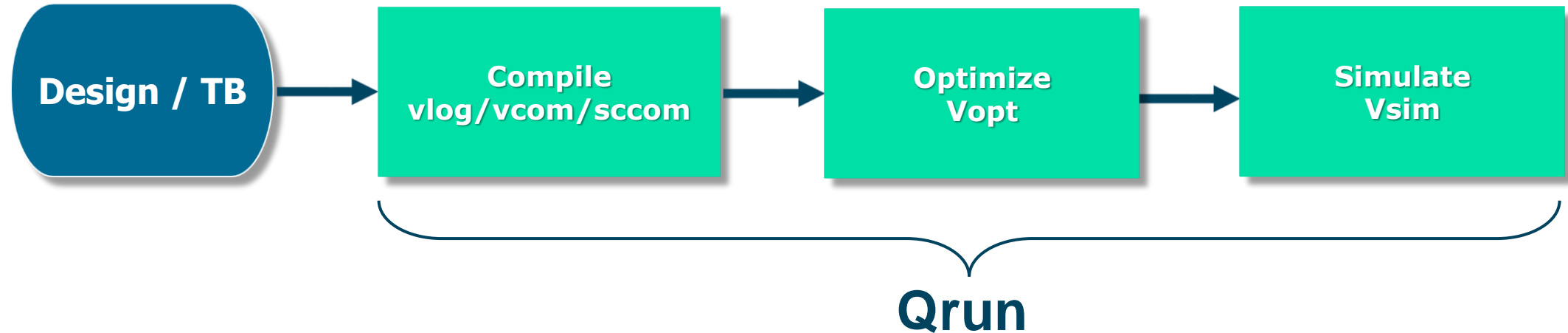
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| WHAT IS QRUN

Current Questa Run Flow



The Qrun utility simplifies the use of Questa tools to compile, optimize and simulate a design by taking all input files and options, and then automatically executing the correct tool and command-line arguments for each file.

Motivation

1. Source files must be separate by language for each compiler
 - vcom for VHDL
 - vlog for Verilog / SV
 - Sccom for SystemC

➔ Dispatch all source files to the appropriate compiler
2. VHDL source files must be ordered manually

➔ Determine compilation order for VHDL source files
3. The compile, optimize, and simulate “stages” must be ran Individually

➔ Dispatch all command line arguments to the appropriate tool
4. Questa supports various Methodologies
 - PowerAware, Coverage, UVM, etc

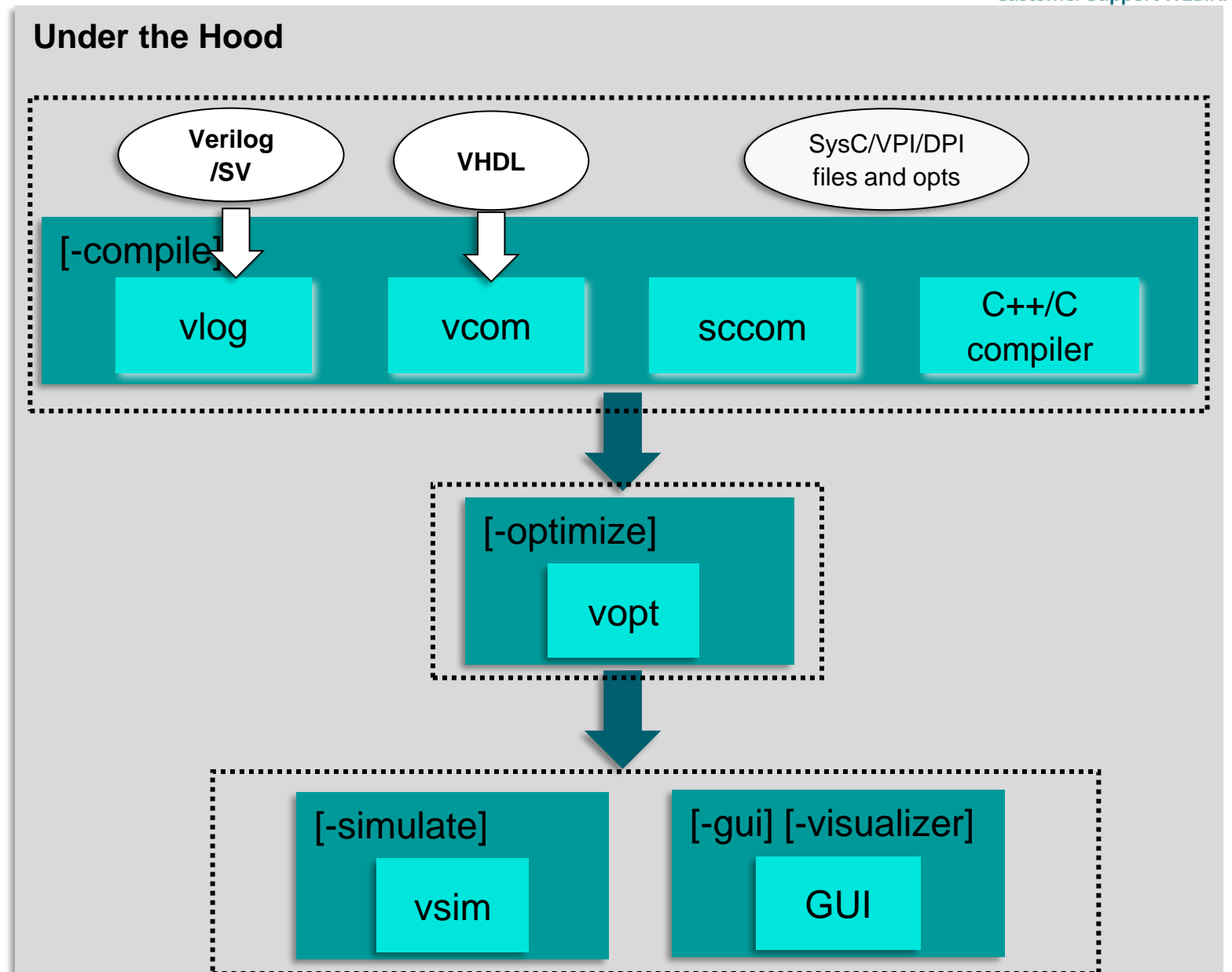
➔ Build in usage flows so the user doesn't have learn them (at first)
5. Modify vopt and vsim commands to bring up GUI for debug

➔ Make it easy to switch between batch run and GUI

Qrun Flow

Qrun

```
grun file1.v file2.v
file3.vhdl -work work
-o grun_opt -top top
-do "run -all" -gui
-visualizer
```



How does Qrun tool Simplifies the flow

- All in one line
 - Additional arguments to vlog/vcom, vopt, vsim are combined to a single command line all together.

- Manages Libraries
 - No need to call vlib/vmap directly
 - Libraries are created inside the qrun environment

- Easy access to other flows
 - Debug, Coverage, UVM, etc

- Abstracts Details
 - Abstracts the details of compiling and simulating

Qrun Key Features

- **Single Step Flow** - for compilation ,optimization and simulation
- **Automatic Compiler Selection** - SV, VHDL, SystemC, DPI, VPI, C/C++
- **VHDL File Ordering**
- **UVM** - Handles all aspects of UVM compilation, include C/C++ compilation
- **GUI** - easy switch from batch mode to interactive mode
- **Incremental Compilation and Optimization** - skips if there is no change
- **Parallel Compilation** - Automatically determines compile order and parallelization groupings



| HOW TO USE QRUN

SIMPLE USE CASES

Example 1 : Hello world - QuestaSim

test.sv

```
module test;  
    initial  
        → $display ("hello world!");  
endmodule
```

To test this in **batch mode**:

- vlog test.sv -work work
- vopt -work work -o out_opt
- vsim -lib work -c -do "run -all"

Example 1 : Hello world - QuestaSim

test.sv

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module test;  
    initial  
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endmodule
```

To test this in **GUI mode**:

- vlog test.sv -work work
- vopt -work work -o out_opt -debug,livesim -designfile=design.bin
- vsim -lib work ~~-c~~ -do "run -all" -visualizer

Example 1 : Hello world - Qrun

test.sv

```
module test;  
    initial  
        $display ("hello world!");  
endmodule
```

To test this using Qrun:

```
qrun test.sv -gui -visualizer
```



```
vlog test.sv -work qrun.out/work  
vopt test -work qrun.out/work -o qrun_opt  
vsim -lib qrun.out/work -c -do "run -all;  
quit -f" qrun_opt
```

Example 1 : Hello world - Results



```
QuestaSim-64 qrun QA Baseline: 2023_weekly_231020 - 5695866 Utility 2023.10 Oct 21 2023
Start time: 05:45:58 on Nov 13,2023
qrun test.sv
→ Creating library 'qrun.out/work'.
QuestaSim-64 vlog QA Baseline: 2023_weekly_231020 - 5695866 Compiler 2023.10 Oct 21 2023
Start time: 05:45:59 on Nov 13,2023
vlog test.sv -work qrun.out/work -statslog qrun.out/stats_log -writesessionid "+qrun.out/top_dus" -csession=incr -csessionid=0
-- Compiling module test

Top level modules:
    test
End time: 05:45:59 on Nov 13,2023, Elapsed time: 0:00:00
Errors: 0, Warnings: 0
QuestaSim-64 vopt QA Baseline: 2023_weekly_231020 - 5695866 Compiler 2023.10 Oct 21 2023
Start time: 05:46:00 on Nov 13,2023
vopt -findtoplevels ../test1/hello_world/qrun.out/work+0+ -work qrun.out/work -statslog qrun.out/stats_log -o qrun_opt -csession=incr -csessionid=1

Top level modules:
    test

Analyzing design...
-- Loading module test
Optimizing 1 design-unit (inlining 0/1 module instances):
-- Optimizing module test(fast)
Optimized design name is qrun_opt
End time: 05:46:01 on Nov 13,2023, Elapsed time: 0:00:01
Errors: 0, Warnings: 0
```

Example 1 : Hello world - Results



```
# vsim -lib grun.out/work -c -do "run -all; quit -f" -statslog grun.out/stats_log grun_opt -appendlog -l grun.log -csession=incr -  
csessionid=2  
# Start time: 05:46:03 on Nov 13,2023  
# // Questa Sim-64  
# // Version QA Baseline: 2023_weekly_231020 - 5695866 linux_x86_64 Oct 21 2023  
# //  
# // Copyright 1991-2023 Mentor Graphics Corporation  
# // All Rights Reserved.  
# //  
# // QuestaSim and its associated documentation contain trade  
# // secrets and commercial or financial information that are the property of  
# // Mentor Graphics Corporation and are privileged, confidential,  
# // and exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act,  
# // 5 U.S.C. Section 552. Furthermore, this information  
# // is prohibited from disclosure under the Trade Secrets Act,  
# // 18 U.S.C. Section 1905.  
# //  
# Loading sv_std.std  
# Loading work.test(fast)  
# run -all  
# hello world!  
# quit -f  
# End time: 05:46:04 on Nov 13,2023, Elapsed time: 0:00:01  
# Errors: 0, Warnings: 0  
# *** Summary *****  
# grun: Errors: 0, Warnings: 0  
# vlog: Errors: 0, Warnings: 0  
# vopt: Errors: 0, Warnings: 0  
# vsim: Errors: 0, Warnings: 0  
# Totals: Errors: 0, Warnings: 0
```

Example 2 : Randomization - Visualizer

```
module top;

    bit clk;
    reg [3:0] a, b, c;

    always
        #10 clk = ~clk;

    initial
        begin
            $monitor("a:%02d, b:%02d, c:%02d", a, b, c);
            `ifdef A
            $display("`A == %0d", `A);
            `endif

            repeat(10)
                begin
                    assert(
                        std::randomize(a, b, c) with { a < 8;
                                                    b > 6;
                                                    c == 5;
                                                    }
                    );
                    @(posedge clk);
                end
            $finish();
        end
endmodule // top
```

test.sv

Run CMD:

qrun test.sv

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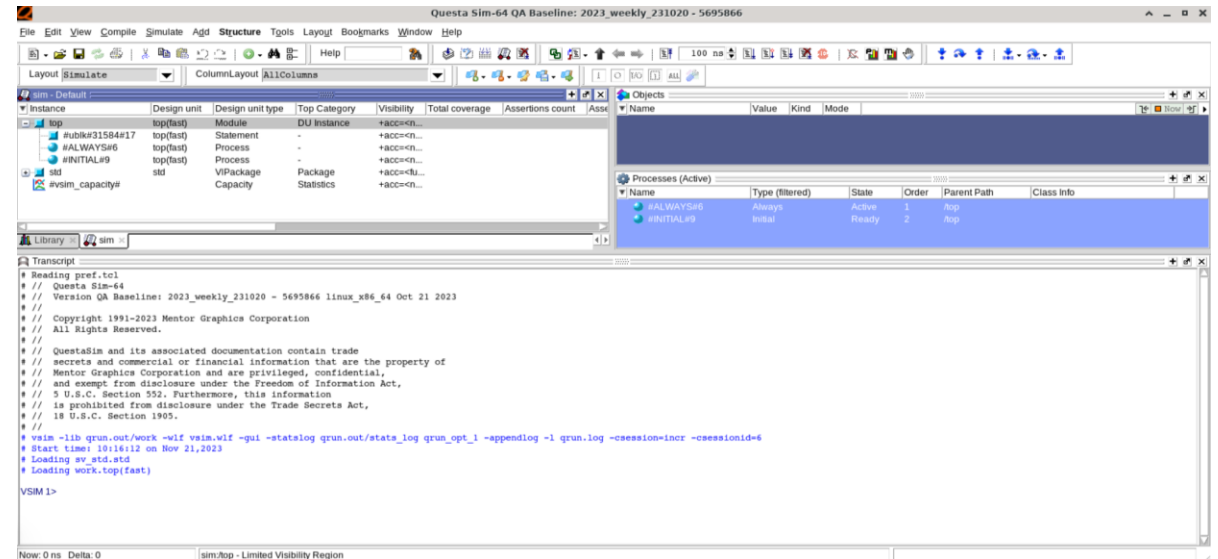
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test.sv

Run CMD:

grun test.sv -gui



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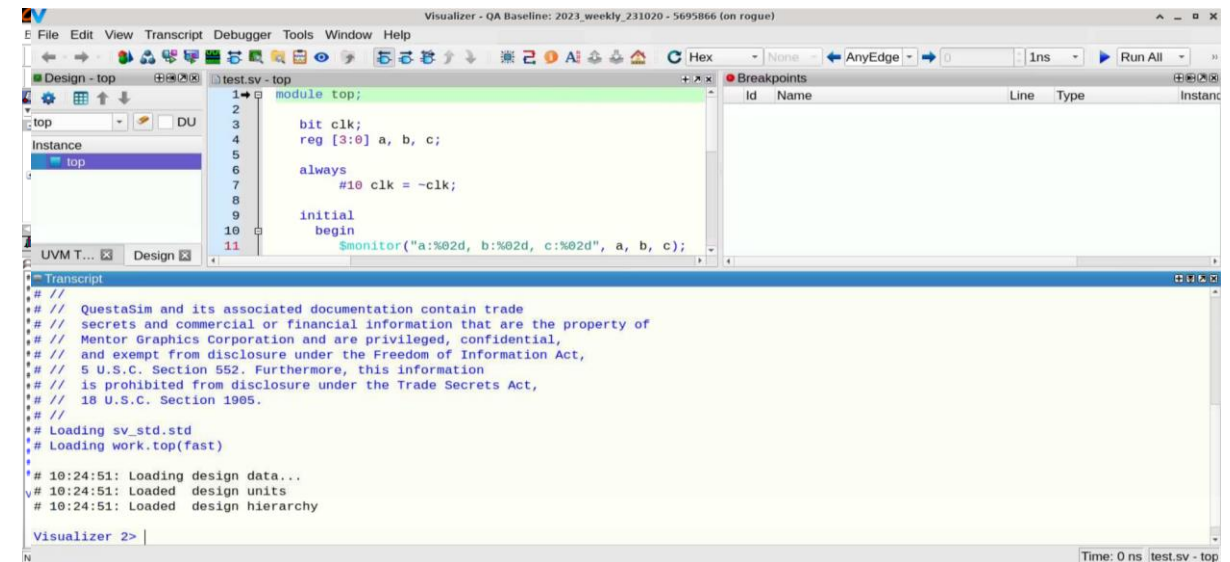
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                                                    }
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                end
            $finish();
        end
endmodule // top
```

test sv

Run CMD:

grun test.sv -gui -visualizer

```
vlog test.sv -work grun.out/work
vopt top -work grun.out/work -o grun_opt -debug -
designfile design.bin
vsim -lib grun.out/work -qavedb=+signal+class
grun_opt -visualizer
```



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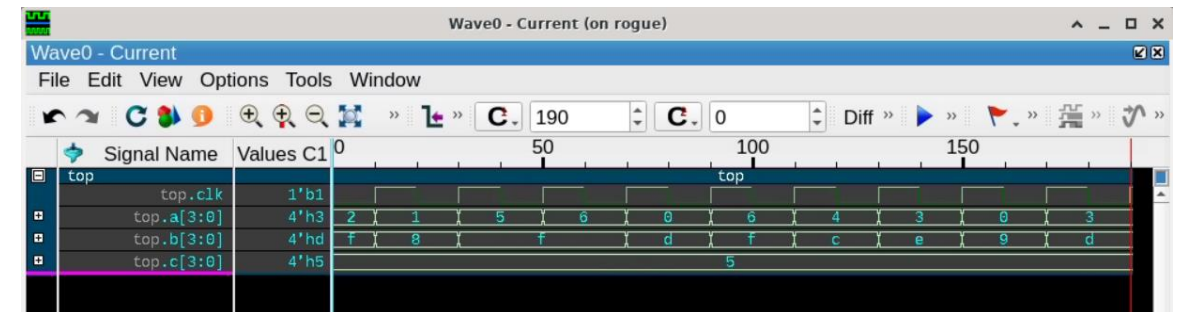
    initial
        begin
            $monitor("a:%02d, b:%02d, c:%02d", a, b, c);
            `ifdef A
            $display("`A == %0d", `A);
            `endif

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                    assert(
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                            c == 5;
                        }
                    );
                    @(posedge clk);
                end
            $finish();
        end
endmodule // top
```

test.sv

```
# qwavedb_dumpvars: Done initiating qwavedb waveform capturing
#
# a: 2, b:15, c: 5
# a: 1, b: 8, c: 5
# a: 5, b:15, c: 5
# a: 6, b:15, c: 5
# a: 0, b:13, c: 5
# a: 6, b:15, c: 5
# a: 4, b:12, c: 5
# a: 3, b:14, c: 5
# a: 0, b: 9, c: 5
# a: 3, b:13, c: 5
# ** Note: $finish      : test.sv(26)
#   Time: 190 ns  Iteration: 1  Instance: .top
# Stopped at test.sv line 26
# 1
# Break in Module top at test.sv line 26
# 10:26:00: Loading waveform header...
# 10:26:00: Loaded  waveform header
```

transcript



| QRUN **OPTION** SETS

Qrun creates and maps libraries automatically.

- How to separate files and options into different libraries?

```
-makelib <source files> <options> -end
```

- Chooses a default name for the library
- Creates library under ./qrun.out

- How can we control the name and location of libraries?

```
-makelib <libpath[:logical name]> <source files> <options> -end
```

- **libpath**: Physical location of the library
- **logical name**: Maps the logical name to the physical path (vmap)

- Any number of -makelib's are allowed on the qrun command line
- Only the source files in the options set will be compiled into the library

- Until now:

```
→ vlib /u/myFiles/project/lib1  
vlib /u/myFiles/project/lib2  
  
vmap myLib1 /u/myFiles/project/lib1  
vmap myLib2 /u/myFiles/project/lib2  
  
vlog file1.sv files2.sv -warning 1902 -work myLib1  
vlog file3.sv -permissive -work myLib2
```

- On Qrun:

```
-makelib /u/myFiles/project/lib1 myDir1 file1.sv files2.sv -warning 1902 -end  
-makelib /u/myFiles/project/lib2 myDir2 file3.sv -permissive -end
```

Library Management - Grouping

- Groups options together and applies them to specific files, libraries, or tools

```
-<group type> <files> or <options> -end
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- Option set types
 - `-makelib <library> <files> <options> -end|-endlib`
 - `-precompile <library> <files> <options> -end`
 - `-filemap <options> <files> -end|-endfile`
 - `-<tool>.options -opt1 -opt2 +op3 -end`
- Ex: `-vopt.options +nospecify -l vopt.log -end`

Useful Options:

- Pre-compiled libraries are reference with either the '-L' or '-reflib' switches

```
qrun -L /path/to/vendor/libs/my_gate_lib ... <other arguments>
```

```
qrun -reflib /path/to/vendor/libs/my_gate_lib ... <other arguments>
```

- The default qrun.out directory can be re-name or relocated with `–outdir` switch:

```
qrun -outdir /path/to/output/dir ... <other arguments>
```



Example 3 : usage of –makelib

command to launch qrun

qrun -f qrun_commands.f -verbose -gui -visualizer

qrun_commands.f

```
-reflib ../SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/libraries/unisim  
  
-makelib uart_lib -f uart_lib_files.f -endlib  
-makelib spi_uart_lib -f spi_uart_lib_files.f -2008 -endlib  
-makelib tb_lib -f work_files.f -endlib  
-makelib blk_mem_gen_v8_2 -f blk_mem_gen_v8_2_files.f -endlib  
  
-top tb_lib.spi_uart_testbench  
  
-vopt.options -debug -adaptive -L unisim +cover=sbfec+spi_uart_top. -end  
-vsim.options -t ps -coverage -end  
-do "run 10 us; coverage save sim.ucdb; coverage report -summary"
```

- -f <filename> - concatenate all arguments listed in the file to qrun command
- -verbose - prints additional output
- -visualizer - run simulation in visualizer

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```
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```

qrun_commands.f

```
-reflib ../SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/libraries/unisim

-makelib uart lib -f uart lib files.f -endlib
-makelib spi_uart lib -f spi_uart lib files.f -2008 -endlib
-makelib tb_lib -f work_files.f -endlib
-makelib blk_mem_gen_v8_2 -f blk_mem_gen_v8_2 files.f -endlib

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- Logical name, without physical path
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```
$PROJECT_ROOT/SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/Code/RTL_Code/uart/audGen.vhd
$PROJECT_ROOT/SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/Code/RTL_Code/uart/uart2BusTop.vhd
$PROJECT_ROOT/SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/Code/RTL_Code/uart/uart2BusTop_pkg.vhd
$PROJECT_ROOT/SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/Code/RTL_Code/uart/uartParser.vhd
$PROJECT_ROOT/SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/Code/RTL_Code/uart/uartRx.vhd
$PROJECT_ROOT/SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/Code/RTL_Code/uart/uartTop.vhd
$PROJECT_ROOT/SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/Code/RTL_Code/uart/uartTx.vhd
```

```
$PROJECT_ROOT/SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/Code/RTL_Code/clock_manager.v
$PROJECT_ROOT/SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/Code/RTL_Code/dual_port_ram.vhd
$PROJECT_ROOT/SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/Code/RTL_Code/reset_manager.v
$PROJECT_ROOT/SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/Code/RTL_Code/spi_slave_dut.vhd
$PROJECT_ROOT/SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/Code/RTL_Code/spi_uart_top.vhd
```

```
$PROJECT_ROOT/SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/Code/blk_mem_gen_v8_2/blk_mem_gen_v8_2.vhd
```

```
$PROJECT_ROOT/SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/Code/testbenches/bidir_txrx_testbench_rtl.vhd
$PROJECT_ROOT/SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/Code/testbenches/spi_uart_testbench_rtl.vhd
$PROJECT_ROOT/SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/Code/testbenches/uart_2_spi_testbench_rtl.vhd
```

Example 3 : usage of –makelib

command to launch qrun

```
qrun -f qrun_commands.f -verbose -gui -visualizer
```

qrun_commands.f

```
-reflib ../SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/libraries/unisim

-makelib uart_lib -f uart_lib_files.f -endlib
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-makelib tb_lib -f work_files.f -endlib
-makelib blk_mem_gen_v8_2 -f blk_mem_gen_v8_2_files.f -endlib

-top tb_lib.spi_uart_testbench

-vopt.options -debug -adaptive -L unisim +cover=sbfec+spi_uart_top. -end
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Top Design Unit:

- Define the top-level design unit with '-top'

Vopt options:

- Here we specify -debug access, any required libs, and code coverage options

Vsim Options:

- Timescale and coverage enabled
- Define TCL commands to be ran

Example 3 : usage of –makelib

qrun_commands.f

```
-reflib ../SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/libraries/unisim  
  
-makelib uart_lib -f uart_lib_files.f -endlib  
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-top tb_lib.spi_uart_testbench  
  
-vopt.options -debug -adaptive -L unisim +cover=sbfec+spi_uart_top. -end  
-vsim.options -t ps -coverage -end  
-do "run 10 us; coverage save sim.ucdb; coverage report -summary"
```

qrun.log transcript

```
QuestaSim-64 qrun QA Baseline: 2023_weekly_231020 - 5695866 Utility 2023.10 Oct 21 2023  
Start time: 05:18:31 on Nov 27,2023  
qrun -f qrun_commands2.f -verbose -gui  
***Vlib command: vlib -quiet qrun.out/work  
Creating library 'qrun.out/work'.  
***Vlib command: vlib -quiet qrun.out/uart_lib  
Creating library 'qrun.out/uart_lib'.  
***Vlib command: vlib -quiet qrun.out/spi_uart_lib  
Creating library 'qrun.out/spi_uart_lib'.  
***Vlib command: vlib -quiet qrun.out/tb_lib  
Creating library 'qrun.out/tb_lib'.  
***Vlib command: vlib -quiet qrun.out/blk_mem_gen_v8_2  
Creating library 'qrun.out/blk_mem_gen_v8_2'.
```

1. Create the libraries

Example 3 : usage of –makelib

qrun_commands.f

```
-reflib ../SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/libraries/unisim

-makelib uart_lib -f uart_lib_files.f -endlib
-makelib spi_uart_lib -f spi_uart_lib_files.f -2008 -endlib
-makelib tb_lib -f work_files.f -endlib
-makelib blk_mem_gen_v8_2 -f blk_mem_gen_v8_2_files.f -endlib

-top tb_lib.spi_uart_testbench

-vopt.options -debug -adaptive -L unisim +cover=sbfec+spi_uart_top. -end
-vsimsim.options -t ps -coverage -end
-do "run 10 us; coverage save sim.ucdb; coverage report -summary"
```

qrun.log transcript

```
***Vlog '-makelib' command: vlog -adaptive -L unisim -L ../SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/libraries/unisim
../VRM_VHDL_Qrun_Version2/SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/Code/RTL_Code/clock_manager.v
../VRM_VHDL_Qrun_Version2/SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/Code/RTL_Code/reset_manager.v -work qrun.out/spi_uart_lib
-statslog qrun.out/stats_log -writesessionid +qrun.out/top_dus -csession=incr -csessionid=0
QuestaSim-64 vlog QA Baseline: 2023_weekly_231020 - 5695866 Compiler 2023.10 Oct 21 2023
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../VRM_VHDL_Qrun_Version2/SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/Code/RTL_Code/reset_manager.v -work qrun.out/spi_uart_lib
-statslog qrun.out/stats_log -writesessionid "+qrun.out/top_dus" -csession=incr -csessionid=0
-- Compiling module clock_manager
-- Compiling module reset_manager

Top level modules:
    clock_manager
    reset_manager
End time: 05:18:31 on Nov 27,2023, Elapsed time: 0:00:00
Errors: 0, Warnings: 0
```

1. Create the libraries
2. Compiles any Verilog/SV files

```
qrun.out/
|-- blk_mem_gen_v8_2
|   |-- _info
|   |-- _lib1_1.qdb
|   |-- _lib1_1.qpg
|   |-- _lib1_1.qtl
|   |-- _lib.qdb
|   `-- _vmake
-- history
-- history.cnt
-- spi_uart_lib
|   |-- _info
|   |-- _lib1_1.qdb
|   |-- _lib1_1.qpg
|   |-- _lib1_1.qtl
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|   `-- _vmake
-- stats_log
-- tb_lib
|   |-- _info
|   |-- _lib1_1.qdb
|   |-- _lib1_1.qpg
|   |-- _lib1_1.qtl
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|   `-- _vmake
-- top_dus
-- uart_lib
|   |-- _info
|   |-- _lib1_1.qdb
|   |-- _lib1_1.qpg
|   |-- _lib1_1.qtl
|   |-- _lib.qdb
|   `-- _vmake
-- version
-- work
`-- _info
```

Example 3 : usage of –makelib

qrun_commands.f

```
-reflib ../SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/libraries/unisim  
  
-makelib uart_lib -f uart_lib_files.f -endlib  
-makelib spi_uart_lib -f spi_uart_lib_files.f -2008 -endlib  
-makelib tb_lib -f work_files.f -endlib  
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```
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../VRM_VHDL_Qrun_Version2/SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/Code/testbenches/spi_uart_testbench_rtl.vhd  
../VRM_VHDL_Qrun_Version2/SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/Code/testbenches/uart_2_spi_testbench_rtl.vhd -work  
qrun.out/tb_lib -noautoorderrefresh -autoorder -statslog qrun.out/stats_log -writesessionid  
"+qrun.out/top_dus" -csession=incr -csessionid=0  
-- Loading package STANDARD  
-- Scanning entity bidir_txrx_testbench  
-- Scanning architecture rtl of bidir_txrx_testbench  
-- Loading entity spi_uart_top  
-- Scanning entity spi_uart_testbench  
-- Scanning architecture rtl of spi_uart_testbench  
-- Scanning entity uart_2_spi_testbench  
-- Scanning architecture rtl of uart_2_spi_testbench  
End time: 06:16:26 on Nov 27,2023, Elapsed time: 0:00:01  
Errors: 0, Warnings: 0
```

1. Create the libraries
2. Compiles any Verilog/SV files
3. Scan the VHDL libraries to work out compile dependencies
4. Compiles any VHDL files in correct dependency order

Example 3 : usage of –makelib

qrun_commands.f

```
-reflib ../SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/libraries/unisim  
  
-makelib uart_lib -f uart_lib_files.f -endlib  
-makelib spi_uart_lib -f spi_uart_lib_files.f -2008 -endlib  
-makelib tb_lib -f work_files.f -endlib  
-makelib blk_mem_gen_v8_2 -f blk_mem_gen_v8_2_files.f -endlib  
  
-top tb_lib.spi_uart_testbench  
  
-vopt.options -debug -adaptive -L unisim +cover=sbfec+spi_uart_top. -end  
-vsim.options -t ps -coverage -end  
-do "run 10 us; coverage save sim.ucdb; coverage report -summary"
```

qrun.log transcript

```
vopt -debug -adaptive -L unisim "+cover=sbfec+spi_uart_top." -L ../SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/libraries/unisim  
tb_lib.spi_uart_testbench -work qrun.out/work -L uart_lib -L spi_uart_lib -L tb_lib -L blk_mem_gen_v8_2  
-designfile design.bin -statslog qrun.out/stats_log -o qrun_opt -csession=incr -csessionid=0
```

```
Top level modules:  
    spi_uart_testbench
```

```
Analyzing design...
```

```
-- Loading package STANDARD  
-- Loading package TEXTIO  
-- Loading architecture behaviour of spi_slave_dut  
.  
.  
.  
-- Optimizing package uart2BusTop_pkg  
-- Optimizing architecture BUFG_V of BUFG
```

```
Optimized design name is qrun_opt
```

```
End time: 01:36:29 on Nov 28,2023, Elapsed time: 0:00:01
```

```
Errors: 0, Warnings: 0
```

1. Create the libraries
2. Compiles any Verilog/SV files
3. Scan the VHDL libraries to work out compile dependencies
4. Compiles any VHDL files in correct dependency order
5. Runs vopt on the testbench

- Optimizes the design with -debug
- Applies –adaptive switch
- Applies code coverage only to the DUT
- Automatically adds the –L switches

Example 3 : usage of –makelib

qrun_commands.f

```
-reflib ../SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/libraries/unisim  
  
-makelib uart_lib -f uart_lib_files.f -endlib  
-makelib spi_uart_lib -f spi_uart_lib_files.f -2008 -endlib  
-makelib tb_lib -f work_files.f -endlib  
-makelib blk_mem_gen_v8_2 -f blk_mem_gen_v8_2_files.f -endlib  
  
-top tb_lib.spi_uart_testbench  
  
-vopt.options -debug -adaptive -L unisim +cover=sbfec+spi_uart_top. -end  
-vsim.options -t ps -coverage -end  
-do "run 10 us; coverage save sim.ucdb; coverage report -summary"
```

qrun.log transcript

```
# vsim -t ps -coverage -L ../SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/libraries/unisim -lib qrun.out/work -  
qwavedb=+livesim+signal+class -statslog qrun.out/stats_log qrun_opt -appendlog -csession=incr -  
csessionid=1 "+no_qwavedb_threading" -classdebug  
# Start time: 06:16:36 on Nov 27,2023  
# Loading std.standard  
# Loading std.standard  
# Loading std.textio(body)  
# Loading ieee.std_logic_1164(body)  
# Loading ieee.std_logic_arith(body)  
# Loading ieee.numeric_std(body)  
# Loading tb_lib.spi_uart_testbench(rtl)#1  
# Loading verilog.vl_types(body)  
# Loading ieee.std_logic_unsigned(body)  
# Loading uart_lib.uart2bustop_pkg  
# Loading spi_uart_lib.spi_uart_top(behaviour)#1  
# Loading spi_uart_lib.clock_manager(fast)  
.  
.  
.
```

1. Create the libraries
2. Compiles any Verilog/SV files
3. Scan the VHDL libraries to work out compile dependencies
4. Compiles any VHDL files in correct dependency order
5. Runs vopt on the testbench
6. Run vsim to launch the simulation

- Automatically applies specified vsim switches & do file commands

Example 3 : usage of –makelib

qrun_commands.f

```
-reflib ../SPI2UART_VHDL_CODE/libraries/unisim

-makelib uart_lib -f uart_lib_files.f -endlib
-makelib spi_uart_lib -f spi_uart_lib_files.f -2008 -endlib
-makelib tb_lib -f work_files.f -endlib
-makelib blk_mem_gen_v8_2 -f blk_mem_gen_v8_2_files.f -endlib

-top tb_lib.spi_uart_testbench

-vopt.options -debug -adaptive -L unisim +cover=sbfec+spi_uart_top. -end
-vsim.options -t ps -coverage -end
-do "run 10 us; coverage save sim.ucdb; coverage report -summary"
```

qrun.log transcript

```
# run 10 us
# ** Note: #####
# Time: 0 ps Iteration: 0 Instance: /spi_uart_testbench
# ** Note: ## param1 value = 8
# Time: 0 ps Iteration: 0 Instance: /spi_uart_testbench
# ** Note: #####
# Time: 0 ps Iteration: 0 Instance: /spi_uart_testbench
# coverage save sim.ucdb
# coverage report -summary
# Coverage Report Totals BY INSTANCES: Number of Instances 18
#
# Enabled Coverage      Bins      Hits      Misses      Weight      Coverage
# -----
# Branches              583       187       396          1      32.07%
# Conditions            201         7       194          1       3.48%
# Expressions            31         4        27          1     12.90%
# FSM States             36         3        33          1       8.33%
# FSM Transitions        73         0        73          1       0.00%
# Statements             527      236       291          1     44.78%
# Total coverage (filtered view): 16.92%
```

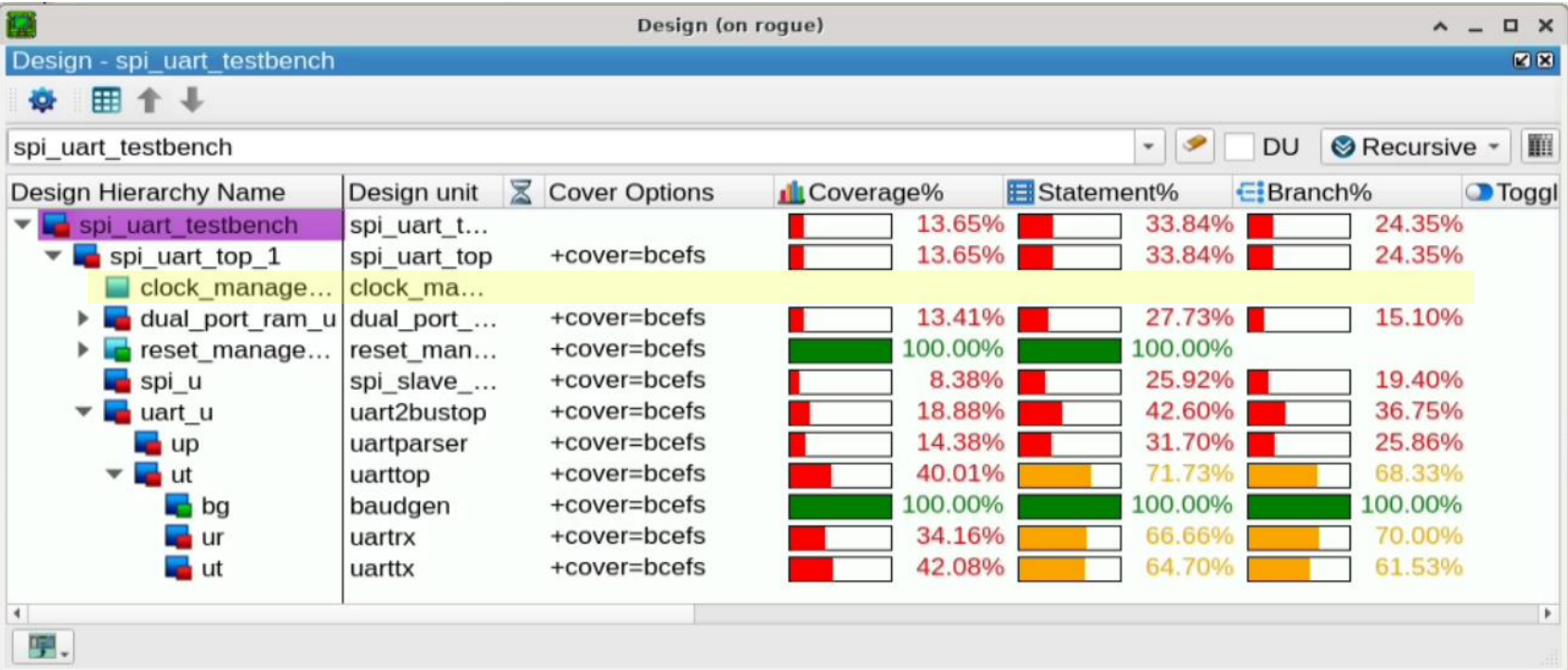
1. Create the libraries
2. Compiles any Verilog/SV files
3. Scan the VHDL libraries to work out compile dependencies
4. Compiles any VHDL files in correct dependency order
5. Runs vopt on the testbench
6. Run vsim to launch the simulation
7. Exec do command

Example 3 : usage of –makelib

command to view coverage

visualizer -viewcov sim.ucdb

- View coverage Visualizer:
View -> Coverage -> Testplan Tracker
- Code coverage applied to only the DUT



Help Menu



Help menu is available on the manual page

`qrun -help`

The qrun utility simplifies the use of Questa tools to compile, optimize and simulate a design by taking all input files and options, and then automatically executing the correct tool and command-line arguments for each file.

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Try the following to get help on specific options or categories:

```
qrun -help all           : List all categories and options
qrun -help category      : List all categories
qrun -help <option>      : Help on an option
qrun -help <command-line> : Help on all options in a command-line
qrun -help <category>    : List all options in a category
```

Category: The list of categories in qrun tool.

General	List most common general options
Compiler	List options for compiler, and optimizer controls
Design	List options for design units, and libraries
File	List options for file and option specifications
Flow	List options for Flow (Coverage, PA, Debug, ...)
Messages	List all warn, error, note, fatal messages options
Script	List options for scripts, environment, history, and log
Subgroup	List options for handle grouping files and options
SystemC	List options supporting for SystemC



Help Menu



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qrun -help Subgroup

```
-----Subgroup-----
Grouping files and options

-----
-filemap <vcom/vlog files, options> -end|-endfilemap
        Compile the Verilog and VHDL files with the
        given options added.

-makelib <libpath[:logical]> <vcom/vlog files, options> -end|-endlib
        Compile the Verilog and VHDL files into library
        'libname'. The optional 'logical' name will be
        mapped to the path.

-precompile [libpath[:logical]] <vcom/vlog files, options> -end
        Compile the Verilog and VHDL files with the
        given options before other files.

-reflib <library>
        Add to library search path for all tools.

-refreshlibs
        Refresh all libraries referenced by
        -makelib/-reflib switches.
```



Incremental Compilation



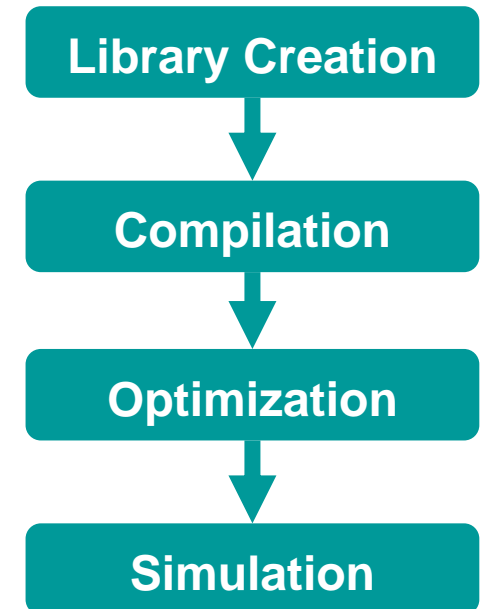
Assuming running Qrun again, after it has compiled and optimized a design.

- If there is no change in source files or options:
 - All compilation and optimization will be skipped
 - Qrun will print messages like the following:
 - Skipping 'vlog pkg.sv t.sv -work qrun.out/work...'
 - Skipping vopt
- A change in vsim options will **not** trigger a re-compile:
 - For instance: +UVM_TESTNAME, sv_seed, -do
- A change in "-makelib" commands will trigger compilation (and optimization)
- A change in "-makepdu" commands will trigger optimization

For instance:

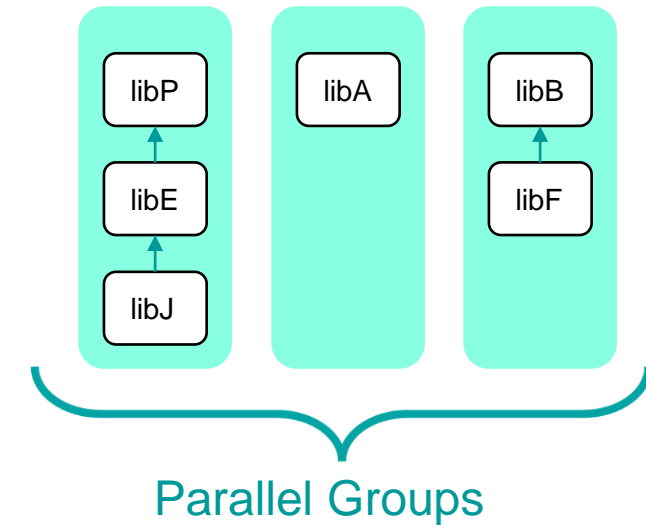
```
-makelib lib1 t1.sv -endlib  
-makelib lib2 t2.sv -endlib
```

if only t1.sv is changed then only `-makelib lib1` will be re-run.



Parallel Compilation

- **Multiple vlog and vcom occur at the same time**
 - Use `-parallel` to enable this feature
 - Use `-jcomp <n>` to indicate how many cores to use. The default is 4
- **Packages and some design units must be compiled before others**
 - Qrun determines these dependencies and orders the compiles accordingly.
 - This results in “parallel groups”
- **Best parallel performance**
 - `-makelibs` must be present to benefit from this feature
 - `-makelibs` should use different libraries (`-makelibs` to the same library will be serialized)



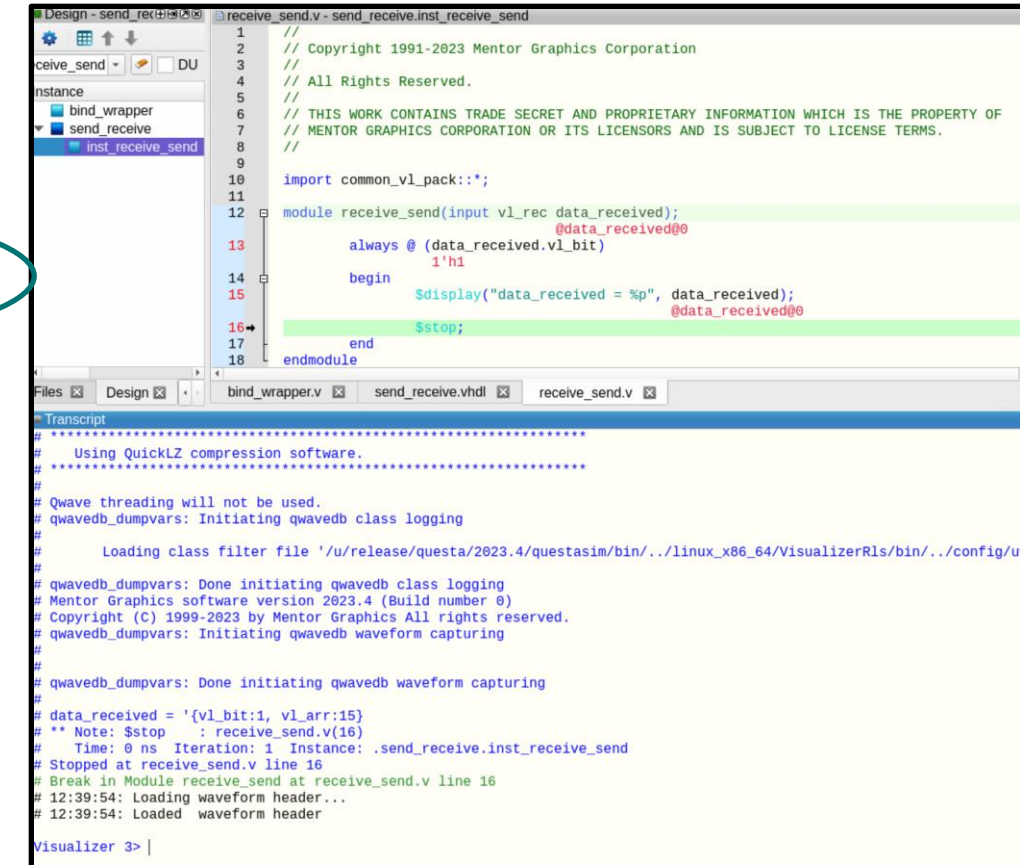


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Invoking Visualizer

- `qrun -f qrun_commands.f -gui -visualizer`
 - Adding `-visualizer` with `-gui` invokes the Visualizer GUI
- `qrun` adds the following switches to `vopt` and `vsim`
 - `vopt` switches: `-debug, livesim -designfile design.bin`
 - `vsim` switches: `-qavedb=+signal+class`
- Brings up Visualizer in live simulation mode
 - Allows you to set breakpoints and add signals to the wave



The screenshot displays the Visualizer GUI. The top pane shows a VHDL code editor for the file `receive_send.v`. The code defines a module `receive_send` with an input `data_received`. It includes a copyright notice for Mentor Graphics Corporation (1991-2023) and a license disclaimer. The module contains an `always` block that triggers on `data_received.vl_bit` and a `begin` block with a `$display` statement and a `$stop` statement. The bottom pane shows the Transcript window, which contains the following text:

```
*****
# Using QuickLZ compression software.
*****
# Qwave threading will not be used.
# qwavedb_dumpvars: Initiating qwavedb class logging
# Loading class filter file '/u/release/questa/2023.4/questasim/bin/./linux_x86_64/VisualizerRls/bin/./config/u
# qwavedb_dumpvars: Done initiating qwavedb class logging
# Mentor Graphics software version 2023.4 (Build number 0)
# Copyright (C) 1999-2023 by Mentor Graphics All rights reserved.
# qwavedb_dumpvars: Initiating qwavedb waveform capturing
#
# qwavedb_dumpvars: Done initiating qwavedb waveform capturing
# data_received = '{vl_bit:1, vl_arr:15}
# ** Note: $stop : receive_send.v(16)
# Time: 0 ns Iteration: 1 Instance: .send_receive.inst_receive_send
# Stopped at receive_send.v line 16
# Break in Module receive_send at receive_send.v line 16
# 12:39:54: Loading waveform header...
# 12:39:54: Loaded waveform header
Visualizer 3> |
```

DPI/VPI and SystemC

- C/C++ Source code
 - Put C, VPI and DPI source files directly on qrun command line
- Precompiled .so (shared objects)
 - User `-pli`<library.so> or `-sv_lib`<library.so>
- SystemC
 - All source files and arguments follow the `“-sysc”` switch

SystemC/DPI Example



hello.cpp

```
#include "systemc.h"
#include "dpiheader.h"

SC_MODULE(hello)
{
    void call_verilog_task();
    SC_CTOR(hello)
    {
        SC_THREAD(call_verilog_task);
    }
    ~hello() {};
};

void hello::call_verilog_task()
{
    svSetScope(svGetScopeFromName("top"));
    for(int i = 0; i < 3; ++i)
    {
        verilog_task();
    }
}

SC_MODULE_EXPORT(hello);
```

hello.sv

```
module top;

export "DPI-C" task verilog_task;

task verilog_task();
    $display("[%t] hello from verilog_task.", $time);
    #200;
    $display("[%t] exiting verilog_task.", $time);
endtask

initial
begin
    $display("starting initial block");
    #200000 $finish;
end
endmodule
```

SystemC/DPI Example

qrun.f

```
# Compile the HDL source(s)
-precompile
-sv -dpiheader dpiheader.h hello.sv -ccflags -g
-endlib
-dpioutoftheblue 2
# Simulate the design
-sysc
-g
hello.cpp
-top hello
-top top
```

command to launch qrun

qrun -f qrun.f

```
vlog -sv -dpiheader dpiheader.h -ccflags -g hello.sv -work qrun.out/work
sccom -g -incr hello.cpp -work qrun.out/work
sccom -link -statslog qrun.out/stats_log -work qrun.out/work
vopt hello top -work qrun.out/work -o qrun_opt
vsim -dpioutoftheblue 2 -lib qrun.out/work -c -do "run -all; quit -f" qrun_opt
```

```
# run -all
# starting initial block
# [ 0] hello from verilog_task.
# [ 200] exiting verilog_task.
# [ 200] hello from verilog_task.
# [ 400] exiting verilog_task.
# [ 400] hello from verilog_task.
# [ 600] exiting verilog_task.
# ** Note: $finish : hello.sv(14)
```

- Qrun handles UVM compilation for the user
 - You don't have to add any UVM information to the qrun command line
- Add the “-uvm” switch to the qrun command line
 - Qrun adds the required +incdirs and compiles uvm_dpi.cc
 - The Questa UVM libraries are used by default
 - The default uvm version is uvm-1.1d
- To change the default UVM version (uvm-1.1d)
qrun -uvm -uvmhome uvm-1.1c
- To use a custom version of UVM
qrun -uvm -uvmhome <path to UVM src>

UVM - Simple “Hello World” Example

my_pkg.sv

```
`include "uvm_macros.svh"
package my_pkg;
import uvm_pkg::*;
class my_env extends uvm_env;
    `uvm_component_utils(my_env)
    function new(string name, uvm_component parent);
        super.new(name, parent);
    endfunction
endclass: my_env
class my_test extends uvm_test;
    `uvm_component_utils(my_test)
    my_env m_env;
    function new(string name, uvm_component parent);
        super.new(name, parent);
    endfunction
    function void build_phase(uvm_phase phase);
        m_env = my_env::type_id::create("m_env", this);
    endfunction
    task run_phase(uvm_phase phase);
        phase.raise_objection(this);
        #10;
        `uvm_info("", "Hello World", UVM_MEDIUM)
        phase.drop_objection(this);
    endtask
endclass: my_test
endpackage: my_pkg
```

design.sv

```
interface dut_if;
endinterface
module dut(dut_if dif);
endmodule
```

testbench.sv

```
module top;
    import uvm_pkg::*;
    import my_pkg::*;
    dut_if dut_if1 ();
    dut dut1 (.dif(dut_if1) );
    initial
    begin
        run_test("my_test");
    end
endmodule: top
```

UVM - Simple “Hello World” Example

grun.f

command to launch grun

grun -f grun.f

```
-sv my_pkg.sv testbench.sv design.sv  
-uvm -uvmhome uvm-1.1c
```

```
vlog -work grun.out/work +incdir+/u/release/questa/2023.4/questasim/verilog_src/uvm-1.1c/src -  
ccflags -Wno-missing-declarations -ccflags -Wno-maybe-uninitialized -ccflags -Wno-return-type -  
ccflags -DQUESTA /u/release/questa/2023.4/questasim/verilog_src/uvm-1.1c/src/dpi/uvm_dpi.cc  
/u/release/questa/2023.4/questasim/verilog_src/uvm-1.1c/src/uvm_pkg.sv  
/u/release/questa/2023.4/questasim/verilog_src/questa_uvm_pkg-1.2/src/questa_uvm_pkg.sv  
vlog -sv testbench.sv design.sv -work grun.out/work  
+incdir+/u/release/questa/2023.4/questasim/verilog_src/uvm-1.1c/src  
vopt <TOP-DESIGN-UNIT> -work grun.out/work -o grun_opt  
vsim -lib grun.out/work -c -do "run -all; quit -f" grun_opt
```

```
# run -all  
# -----  
# UVM-1.1c  
# (C) 2007-2012 Mentor Graphics Corporation  
# (C) 2007-2012 Cadence Design Systems, Inc.  
# (C) 2006-2012 Synopsys, Inc.  
# (C) 2011-2012 Cypress Semiconductor Corp.  
# .....  
# UVM_INFO my_pkg.sv(30) @ 10: uvm_test_top [] Hello World
```

ALU UVM Example

- Here we will see how to use qrun in complete ALU UVM Testbench

qrun_commands.f

```
-vlog.options -sv -timescale 1ps/1ps -suppress 2223 -suppress 2286  
+define+UVM_REPORT_DISABLE_FILE_LINE -end
```

```
-makelib work -f work_files.f -endlib
```

```
-top hdl_top  
-top hvl_top
```

```
-vopt.options -debug +cover=sbfec+alu. -end  
-o opt_debug
```

```
-do " set NoQuitOnFinish 1; run 0; do wave.do "
```

```
-vsim.options -sv_seed random +UVM_TESTNAME=test_top -permit_unmatched_virtual_intf +notimingchecks -suppress 8887 -suppress 8887 -suppress 8887 -suppress  
8887 -solvefaildebug -solvefailtestcase -assertdebug -uvmcontrol=all +uvm_set_config_int=*,enable_transaction_viewing,1 -classdebug -msgmode tran -coverage  
+qwavedb=+signal+transaction+class+uvm_schematic -end
```

```
-do "run 10 us; coverage save sim.ucdb; coverage report -summary"
```

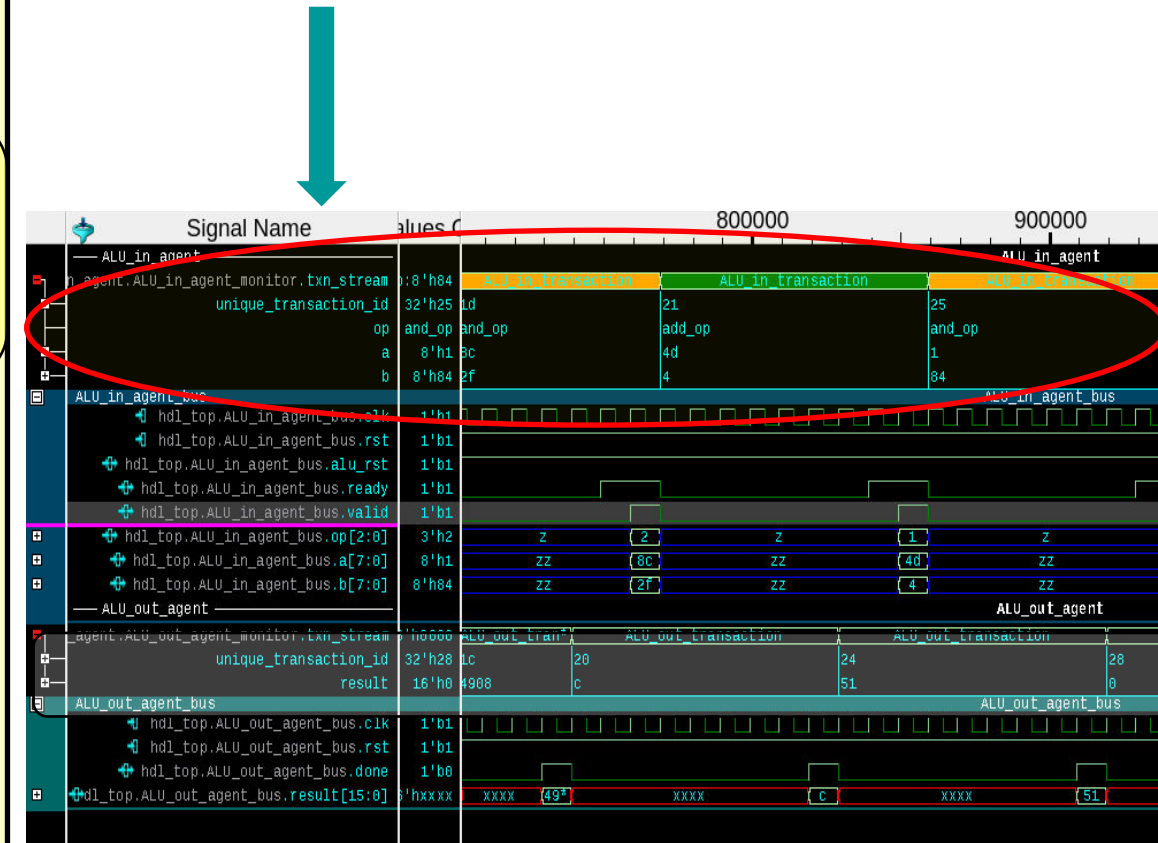

ALU UVM Example

```
## Compile the DUT
$PROJ_TOP/Source_Code/project_benches/ALU/rtl/verilog/alu.v
$PROJ_TOP/Source_Code/project_benches/ALU/rtl/vhdl/vhdl_dut.vhd
## Compile UVMF Base Package
+incdir+$UVMF_HOME/common/fli_pkg
+incdir+$UVMF_HOME/uvmf_base_pkg
$UVMF_HOME/common/fli_pkg/fli_pkg.sv
-F $UVMF_HOME/uvmf_base_pkg/uvmf_base_pkg_filelist_hdl.f
-F $UVMF_HOME/uvmf_base_pkg/uvmf_base_pkg_filelist_hvl.f
## Compile UVMF Agent Code
+incdir+$PROJ_TOP/Source_Code/verification_ip/interface_packages/ALU_in_pkg
+incdir+$PROJ_TOP/Source_Code/verification_ip/interface_packages/ALU_out_pkg
-F $PROJ_TOP/Source_Code/verification_ip/interface_packages/ALU_in_pkg/ALU_in_filelist_hdl.f
-F $PROJ_TOP/Source_Code/verification_ip/interface_packages/ALU_in_pkg/ALU_in_filelist_hvl.f
-F $PROJ_TOP/Source_Code/verification_ip/interface_packages/ALU_out_pkg/ALU_out_filelist_hdl.f
-F $PROJ_TOP/Source_Code/verification_ip/interface_packages/ALU_out_pkg/ALU_out_filelist_hvl.f
## Compile UVMF Environment Code
+incdir+$PROJ_TOP/Source_Code/verification_ip/environment_packages/ALU_env_pkg
$PROJ_TOP/Source_Code/verification_ip/environment_packages/ALU_env_pkg/ALU_env_pkg.sv
## Compile UVMF testbench
+incdir+$PROJ_TOP/Source_Code/project_benches/ALU/tb/parameters
$PROJ_TOP/Source_Code/project_benches/ALU/tb/parameters/ALU_parameters_pkg.sv
+incdir+$PROJ_TOP/Source_Code/project_benches/ALU/tb/sequences
$PROJ_TOP/Source_Code/project_benches/ALU/tb/sequences/ALU_sequences_pkg.sv
+incdir+$PROJ_TOP/Source_Code/project_benches/ALU/tb/tests
$PROJ_TOP/Source_Code/project_benches/ALU/tb/tests/ALU_tests_pkg.sv
+incdir+$PROJ_TOP/Source_Code/project_benches/ALU/tb/testbench
-F $PROJ_TOP/Source_Code/project_benches/ALU/tb/testbench/top_filelist_hdl.f
-F $PROJ_TOP/Source_Code/project_benches/ALU/tb/testbench/top_filelist_hvl.f
```

work_files.f

command to launch qrun

qrun -f qrun_commands.f -gui -visualizer



UVMF_HOME* refers to UVM Framework Home whose base classes are extended from UVM base classes

Preoptimised Design Unit – PDU Flow - Visualizer

- PDU flow is often used to avoid optimizing your design over and over again specially when it takes a long time
- When your design freezes, it is possible to create a pre-optimized image and use it for simulating with various tests for regression
 - reuse the PDU and exclude it from being optimized
 - We create pdu's with qrun using `-makepdu/-end`
 - `vopt -access` inside the `-makepdu/-end` if you have hierarchical references that crosses the PDU boundary.
 - `-access=rw+/.` (global read/write access) negatively impact performance.
 - `-access=rw+m1/u2/u2/m1_bot2_reg` point specifically to the objects that need visibility

PDU Flow - Visualizer

qrun.f

```
// Create library lib1 in qrun.out and compile all source into it
-makelib lowerLibs
    lower_mods.sv
-end
-makelib lib1
    top.sv test1.sv test2.sv test3.sv
-end

// Create a PDU from module m1 in lib1
-makepdu m1_opt_pdu lib1.m1
    -L lowerLibs
    // Add design access for hierarchical ref
    // -access=rw+/.
    -access=rw+m1/u2/u2/m1_bot2_reg
    // Create a visualizer design.bin file for the
    PDU
    -designfile m1_opt_design.bin -debug
-end

// Create a PDU from module m2 in lib1
// This PDU will be a "blackbox" in Visualizer since we don't
// generate
// a design.bin for this PDU
-makepdu m2_opt_pdu lib1.m2
    -L lowerLibs
-end

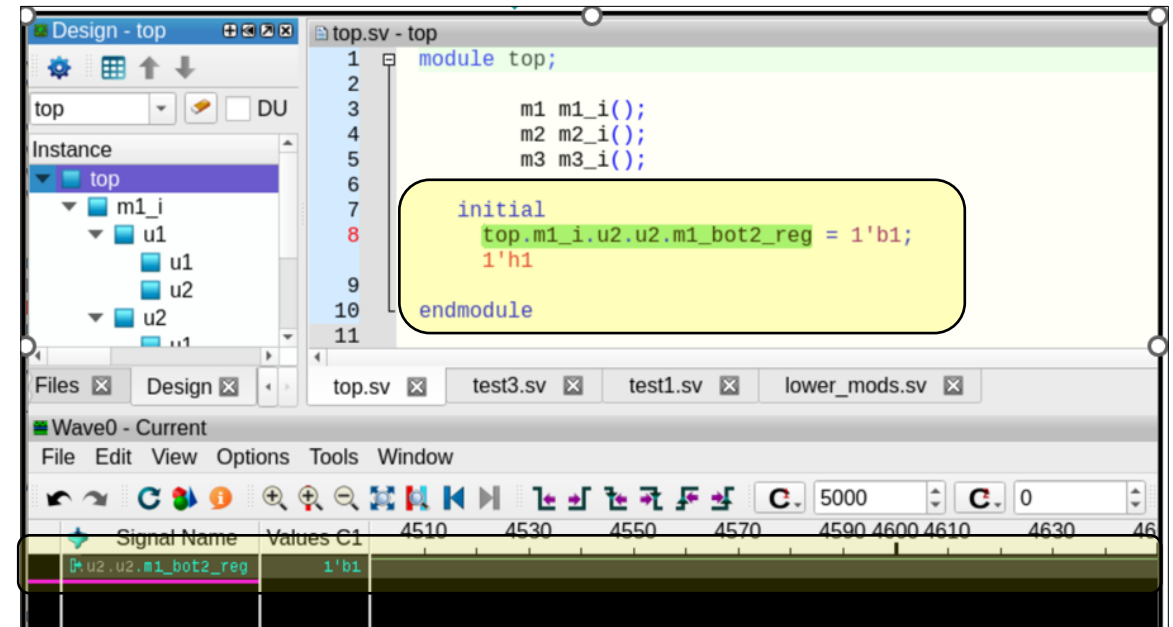
-top top

// Invoke visualizer in live simulation mode
-gui -visualizer
-do "run -all;"
```

```
vlog lower_mods.sv -work qrun.out/lowerLibs
vlog top.sv test1.sv test2.sv test3.sv -work qrun.out/lib1
vopt -pdu -o m1_opt_pdu lib1.m1 -L lowerLibs -access=rw+m1/u2/u2/m1_bot2_reg
    -designfile m1_opt_design.bin -debug -work lib1
vopt -pdu -o m2_opt_pdu lib1.m2 -L lowerLibs -work lib1
vopt top -work qrun.out/work -L lowerLibs -L lib1 -o qrun_opt -debug,livesim
    -designfile design.bin
vsim -lib qrun.out/work -qavedb=+signal+class -visualizer -do "run -all;"
qrun_opt
```

command to launch qrun

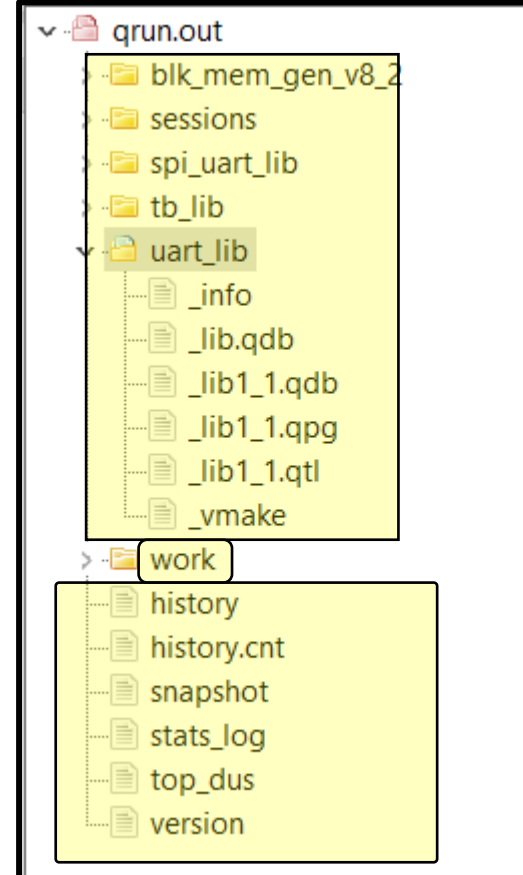
qrun -f qrun.f



Qrun directory structure

- qrun puts all output in the directory ./qrun.out
 - All `-make lib` libraries are created in ./qrun.out by default
- qrun.out contains
 - The work library
 - Any library that was created with `-make lib` without a libpath
 - A command history file
 - Other qrun housekeeping information
- Renaming qrun.out
 - The qrun output directory can be renamed
 - `-outdir <path and directory name>`

qrun.out directory



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HOW TO INTEGRATE QRUN INTO YOUR ENVIRONMENT

QRUN FLOWS

Qun 1, 2, and 3 step flows

- Qrun flows
 - Qrun supports 1, 2, and 3 step flow
 - You can also create an “elaboration file”
- Flow descriptions
 - `qrun -f qrun.f <no switch>`: compile, optimize, and simulate are all run together
 - `qrun -f qrun.f -optimize`: only compile and optimize are run
 - `qrun -f qrun.f -simulate`: only runs simulate
- Makes qrun more flexible
 - Fits into existing environments easier

Running Regressions with qrun

- Single step flow
 - Qrun compiles, optimizations, and simulates the first time
 - Only runs simulation on subsequent runs if nothing changes
 - Skips compilation and optimization
 - Changing test dependent switches does not cause a recompile
 - i.e. +UVM_TESTNAME, -sv_seed, and others
 - Changes to src files or compile/opt switches will trigger a recompile
 - i.e. adding +defines, +incdir, etc will trigger a recompile and optimization

Running Regressions with qrun

■ Two step flow

- `qrun -f qrun.f -optimize`
- Compiles and optimizes for the first test
 - Skips both on subsequent tests if no src files or switches change
- `qrun -f qrun.f -simulate`
- prevents re-compilation and/or re-optimization

■ Three step flow

- `qrun -f qrun.f -compile`
- `qrun -f qrun.f -optimize`
- `qrun -f qrun.f -simulate`

■ Elaboration flow – Four step flow

- `qrun -f qrun.f -elab <filename>`
- `qrun -f qrun.f -load_elab <filename>`

Snapshots

- A Snapshot is the named output of the optimizer
 - Allows you to create several “flavors” of optimized output
- Examples
 - Creating the snapshot
 - `qrun -f qrun.f -optimize -snapshot fullOpt_sn`
 - `qrun -f qrun.f -optimize -snapshot coverage_sn`
 - `qrun -f qrun.f -optimize -snapshot sdf_sn`
 - Using the Snapshot
 - `qrun -simulate -snapshot fullOpt_sn`
- Qrun uses the default snapshot name “`qrun_opt`”
 - If you don’t use the `-snapshot` switch, the default named is `qrun_opt`

Qrun usage tips

- Users commonly use three step mode
 - Their scripts are generally setup to run three step flow
 - Three step mode makes it easy to integrate qrun into existing scripts
- Separate build and run directories
 - Use two step mode “`qrun -qrun.f -optimize`” to build in one location
 - Use “`qrun -f qrun.f -outdir <path> -simulate`” to simulate from a different directory
 - `-outdir` <path> points the build location
- `-top` <top level du>
 - Use `-top` to specify top level module. Multiple `-top` switches allowed
 - qrun can usually determine the top level module
 - `-top` not always necessary
 - Required with SystemC and sometimes with VHDL and definitely with several top designs

Qrun troubleshooting

- `-script <filename>`
 - Creates a script of all the tool command lines
 - Helps to understand qrun behavior
 - Example:
 - `qrun -f qrun.f -script t.csh`
 - File t.csh will contain all the Questa commands that qrun will call
- `-env <filename>(format)`
 - Same as `-script` plus it dumps all the current environment variables
 - Environment variable output can be formatted
 - Ex: `-env "env.out(setenv %s = %s)"`:
 - The first %s is the environment variable
 - The second %s is the value

Qrun Script example

- `qrun test.sv -top top -script script.out`

```
cat script.out  
vlog test.sv -work qrun.out/work  
vopt top -work qrun.out/work -o qrun_opt  
vsim -lib qrun.out/work -c -do "run -all; quit -f" qrun_opt
```

- `qrun test.sv -top top -env "env.out(setenv %s %s)"`

```
cat env.out  
.....  
setenv MTI_VCO_MODE 64  
setenv HOSTTYPE x86_64-linux  
.....  
setenv MODEL_TECH /u/release/questa/2023.4/questasim/linux_x86_64  
vlog test.sv -work qrun.out/work  
vopt top -work qrun.out/work -o qrun_opt  
vsim -lib qrun.out/work -c -do "run -all; quit -f" qrun_opt
```

Summary

- Qrun simplifies the use of Questa tools
 - Eliminates the need to think at the tool level
- It provides shortcuts for complex tool usage
 - UVM, Coverage, etc.
 - Getting the switches right can be challenging
- Makes Questa adoption easier for new users
 - You don't have to understand all the tools and switches
- Simplifies debug
 - Makes bringing up the GUI and setup it for debug easy
- Can be used in the user's Regression flow
 - Is flexible enough to fit into many regression flows
- It makes it easier to switch between Questa Classic and Visualizer flow



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