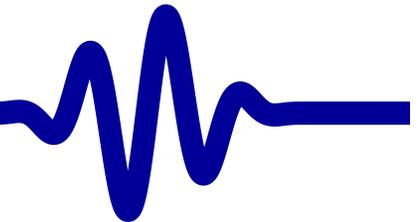




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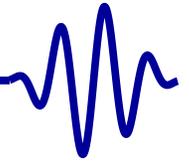
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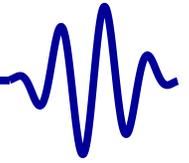
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Objective: Building a basic memory mapped peripheral

- Build a register controlled bus slave
 - With multiple simple registers per slave
- Output an audio sine wave

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- To build this project in hardware, you will need ...
- A [1-bit audio amplifier](#)
- An FPGA board with serial port control
 - We'll build off of the [AutoFPGA demo](#) from last time



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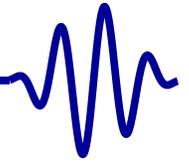
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This lesson is currently a work in progress.



It will remain so until ...

- I've added illustrations, and example course material
- I've built the design myself



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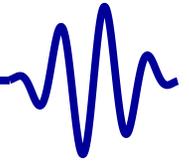
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Sound processing typically takes place at 200kHz or less

- Most FPGAs run at 20MHz or more
 - I typically run at 100Mhz
- We'll need to slow our logic down to process sound

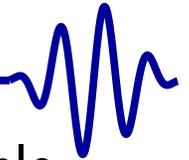
Sound timing is often determined by a sample clock

- This can come from an external source, asynchronous to our system clock
- We'll be at the beginning of the sound processing chain, so
 - We can generate our own sample clock
 - We'll use 48kHz

The rule: Logic *only* steps forward once every 1/48kHz



Clock Enables



The rule: Nothing moves forward except on a clock enable

- Let's let `audio_ce` be our audio clock enable signal

```
always @(posedge i_clk)
  if (i_reset)
    // Clear pipeline
  else if (audio_ce)
    // Pipeline data processing
  // else
  // *NOTHING*
```

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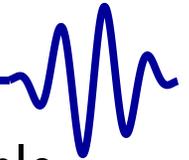
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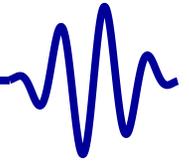
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The rule: Nothing moves forward except on a clock enable

- You may eventually come across operations that take more work than can be done in one sample clock
 - You can then violate this rule
 - ▷ Examples: [this FFT](#), or [some filters](#)
 - *Do so with care:* your core will then become dependent on the clock periods between sample clocks
 - This has consequences when it comes to [reuse](#)
- Our work today will (mostly) follow this rule



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We'll need to generate a clock enable

- Much like we did for the 1PPS in the beginner's tutorial
- We'll use a fractional clock divider for accuracy

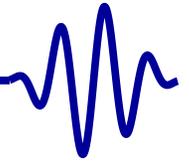
```
parameter real SAMPLE_RATE_HZ = 48.0e3; // 48 kHz
parameter [31:0] CLOCK_STEP =
    SAMPLE_RATE_HZ * 4.0 * (1<<30)
    * 1.0 / CLOCK_RATE_HZ;

reg [31:0] srate_counter;

always @(posedge i_clk)
    { audio_ce, srate_counter }
    <= srate_counter + CLOCK_STEP;
```



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In case this looks unfamiliar

```
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```

- We want to calculate $2^{32} \frac{\text{SAMPLE_RATE_HZ}}{\text{CLOCK_RATE_HZ}}$
- By itself, $1 \ll 32$ will overflow any 32-bit integer
- $1 \ll 31$ is the maximum unsigned negative integer
 - Not what we want
- Multiplying by 4.0 converts $1 \ll 30$ to a real number
 - Specifically, it converts it to 2^{32}

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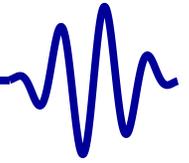
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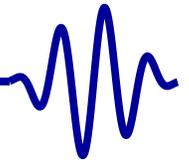
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- Much like we did for the 1PPS in the beginner's tutorial
- We'll use a fractional clock divider for accuracy
 - 32'bits will achieve 25mHz precision (that's *milli*-Hz)
 - Con: Phase noise
 - ▷ Clocks per enable will appear to jump between $\left\lfloor \frac{f_{\text{SYSCLK}}}{f_{\text{SAMPLE}}} \right\rfloor$ and $\left\lfloor \frac{f_{\text{SYSCLK}}}{f_{\text{SAMPLE}}} \right\rfloor + 1$ clocks
- Integer clock dividers may work as well
 - Con: Fewer potential frequency choices
 - ▷ Just how many clocks per enable would generate a 48kHz enable from a 100MHz system clock?
 - ▷ How about a 50MHz system clock? 25MHz?



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Imagine a big sinewave lookup table

- 2^N entries
- Let's assume for now that $N \rightarrow \infty$
i.e. N is *really* big
- Where 2^N entries captures one wavelength in the table

If we knew the phase of our sinewave

- We could look up the sine from the table

```
always @(posedge i_clk)
  if (audio_ce)
    sin <= sintable[phase];
```

We could then adjust our phase to generate a tone



Phase



From one sample to the next, the phase would step forwards

```
always @(posedge i_clk)
if (audio_ce)
    phase <= phase + r_frequency_step;
```

- phase will automatically wrap at the end of one wavelength
- Checking for rollover at 360 degrees or 2π radians
is no longer required

How should we set r_frequency_step?

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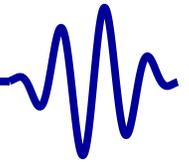
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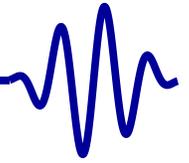
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If $r_frequency_step = \frac{1}{2}2^N$

- Two steps will span the whole table before wrapping
- Can create outputs 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1



- This will generate a tone at the 1/2 our sample rate
This is also called the Nyquist frequency



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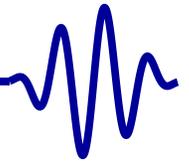


(or possibly 0,0,0,0 – see a DSP text)

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If $r_frequency_step = \frac{1}{4}2^N$

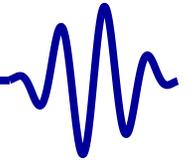
- Four steps will span the whole table before wrapping
- Each step will advance a quarter of the way through the table
- Will create outputs 0, 1, 0, -1, 0, 1, 0, -1, 0, 1, 0, -1
- This will generate a tone at the 1/4 our sample rate



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If $r_frequency_step = \frac{1}{8}2^N$

- Eight steps will span the whole table before wrapping
- Each step will advance one eighth of the way through the table
- Will create outputs $0, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 1, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -1, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0, \dots$
- This will generate a tone at the $1/8$ our sample rate



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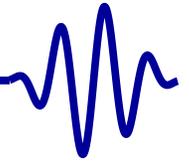
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Seeing a pattern?



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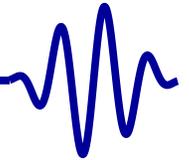
If $r_frequency_step = k2^N$, for $0 \leq k < \frac{1}{2}$

- We'll generate a tone at k times our sample rate
 - If $f_s = 48 \times 10^3$
 - The generated tone will be at kf_s

But how many entries should be in our table?



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What happens when the table size is smaller than 2^N ?

- There would be more phase bits than table entries



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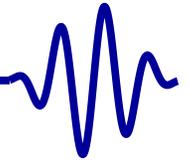
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Suppose the table size is 2

- We'd then approximate the sine wave by a square wave



At what cost?

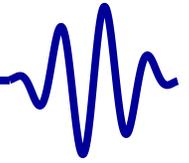
- We could skip the table lookup logic
- Just use the top bit of our phase

Whether this is “good enough” is application dependent

- I've used 1-bit tones for PLL inputs
- Old fashioned video games used to use 1-bit audio



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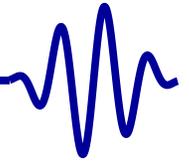
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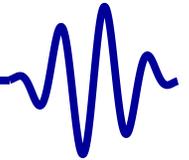
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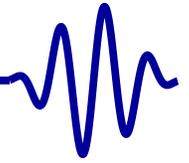


Cost?

- 1LUT/bit, nearly free on iCE40s



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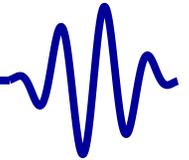


Cost?

- 1LUT/bit, nearly free on Xilinx chips



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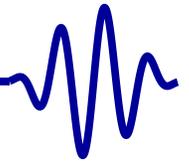


Cost?

- 1 Slice/bit (4 LUTs), still quite cheap on Xilinx chips



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The success of a given table size can be quantified

- Maximum error in time

$$\text{Max Err} = \max_{0 \leq t < 1} \sin(2\pi t) - \text{TBL} \lfloor 2^N t \rfloor$$

- Maximum spur energy in frequency

- Measure the Fourier Series of one wavelength of the table

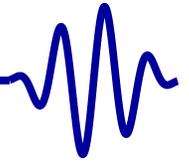
$$F_s(n) = \int_0^1 \text{TBL} \lfloor 2^N t \rfloor e^{-j2\pi nt} dt$$

- Look for the largest distortion

$$\text{Max Spur Energy} = \max_n \left| \frac{F_s(n)}{F_s(1)} \right|^2$$



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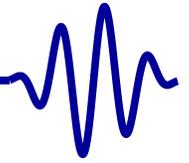
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Several techniques for generating sine waves in hardware

1. Just use the most significant phase bit
 - Cheap and easy
 - Works nicely for PLLs
 - Can be used to generate FM signals near 100MHz
 - It might be good enough for your application
 - Old-fashioned arcade games used something similar
 - Not good enough for quality audio



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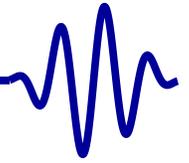
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Several techniques for generating sine waves in hardware

1. Just use the most significant phase bit
2. **Table lookup**
 - Fairly cheap for $2^N < 512$.
 - Still fairly low logic
 - Larger sizes will use (precious?) block RAM resources
 - Quality might be “good enough”
 - Only generates a single amplitude
 - A 4096 point table can achieve -70dB maximum spur energy



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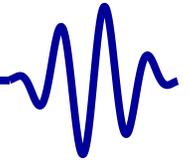
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Several techniques for generating sine waves in hardware

1. Just use the most significant phase bit
 2. Table lookup
 3. CORDIC
 - Very well known approach
 - Doesn't use any multiplies
 - Can be made arbitrarily good
 - Logic usage becomes *very* expensive
 - For high precision
 - Especially when pipelined
- Sequential implementations can be much lighter



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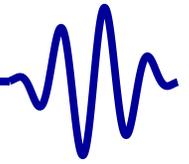
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 - Produces both sine and cosine outputs
 - Adjustable amplitude output
 - Result multiplies incoming value by sine/cosine
 - Algorithm introduces an additional scale
 - The internal scale factor may need compensation



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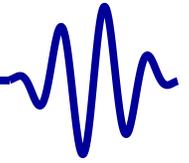
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4. Table + linear interpolation
 - Requires a multiply
 - Can greatly improve upon raw table lookups
 - Table can be built to ...
 - Achieve lowest sidelobe performance, or
 - Achieve minimum maximum error in time
 - A 64 point table can achieve -70dB maximum spur energy



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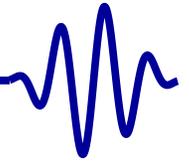
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Several techniques for generating sine waves in hardware

1. Just use the most significant phase bit
2. Table lookup
3. CORDIC
4. Table + linear interpolation
5. Table + quadratic interpolation
 - Requires a two multiplies and several steps
 - 16 point table \Rightarrow -70dB maximum spur energy
 - 64 point table \Rightarrow -180dB maximum spur energy



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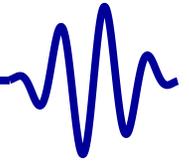
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1. Just use the most significant phase bit
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6. Higher order approximations are possible
 - But are they really necessary?



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We'll use the [basic table lookup method](#)

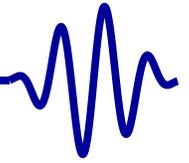
- Building a lookup table is covered in the [beginner's tutorial](#)
 - You are welcome to build your own
 - My own example of [sintable.v](#) is also available
- [This coregen](#) can make designs for arbitrary bit-widths

```
always @(posedge i_clk)
if (audio_ce)
    sin <= sin_table[phase[31:20]];
```

Link: [More advanced sinewave generators](#)



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We'd like to be able to control how loud our tone is

- Multiply the table output by a scale factor

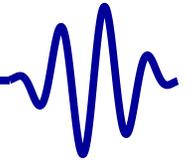
```
reg signed [15:0] sin, sample;
reg signed [16:0] r_scale;
reg signed [32:0] scaled;

always @(posedge i_clk)
  if (audio_ce)
    sin <= sintable[phase[31:20]];

always @(posedge i_clk)
  if (audio_ce)
  begin
    scaled <= sin * r_scale;
    sample <= scaled[32:16];
  end
```



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Bit widths must be carefully tracked in fixed bit math

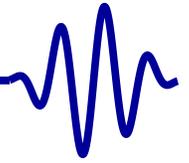
- Adding two numbers increases the bit width by one over the largest incoming bit width
- Multiplying two numbers creates a result having the width of the sum of the two numbers
 - Beware of multiplying signed with unsigned numbers
 - To make `r_scale` signed, we'll need to keep the MSB clear

In our case

- We'll let our table have 16-bits, `r_scale` with 17-bits
- `scaled` will then have 33-bits
- The `sample` result will then have 16-bits again
- `r_scale` will scale the result from full scale to zero



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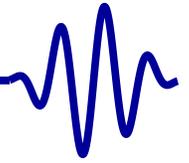
Many FPGAs have hard multiply accelerators

- These are often called *DSPs*
- Without hard DSP blocks
 - The synthesizer will try to pack all the multiplication logic in one clock cycle
 - This will consume a lot of logic
 - This may likely keep you from meeting timing as well
- If your FPGA doesn't have any DSPs, you may need to build an alternative
 - [See here for a low-logic example](#)
- As an engineer, you will need to manage DSP usage

Let's look at some rules to guarantee DSP allocation



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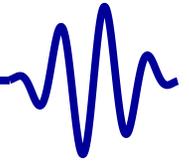
1. *Always* mark both operands as either signed or unsigned

```
reg signed [15:0]    sin;  
reg signed [16:0]    r_scale;
```

- Most math operations produce the same result independent of any operand sign: add, subtract, and, or, xor, etc
- Multiplication is a key exception to this rule
- Bit concatenations create unsigned values



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Rules for DSP usage

1. Always mark both operands as either signed or unsigned
2. Like memories, keep the logic blocks sparse

- Follow this form

```
always @(posedge i_clk)
if (CE) // Put nothing else in this
    A <= X * Y; // logic block
```

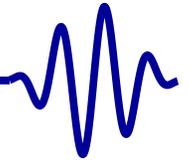
- Some hardware architectures allow an accumulate as well

```
always @(posedge i_clk)
if (CE)
    A <= X * Y + C;
```

- Know what your hardware supports



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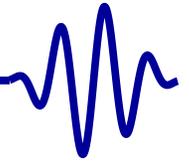
Rules for DSP usage

1. Always mark both operands as either signed or unsigned
2. Like memories, keep the logic blocks sparse
3. Resets should be kept external to the multiply
 - If you need a reset, reset the result on the next clock

```
initial { result , r_clear } = 1;  
always @(posedge i_clk)  
if (i_reset)  
    { result , r_clear } = 1;  
else if (r_clear)  
    { result , r_clear } = 0;  
else  
    result <= multiply_output;
```



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In many DSP applications, lag must only be bounded

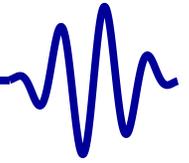
- μs processing delays are irrelevant
- At 20 ms, delays start to become relevant

My point:

Taking a couple of clocks to clear the pipeline won't hurt



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Our **chosen hardware** requires a one-bit audio output

- We need to drive this bit from our hardware
- You may wish to use some of your registers to control power and amplifiers

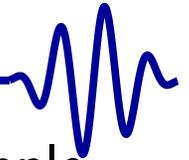
Ex. The **Pmod AMP2** has two amplifier controls to adjust:
`o_shutdown_n` and `o_gain`

Four possibilities we'll consider to drive one audio bit

- 1'bit, using the MSB of our sample
- Pulse width modulation (PWM)
- Pulse density modulation (PDM)
- Delta Sigma modulation



1'bit



Easiest output solution: just produce top bit of every sample

```
always @(*)  
    o_audio = o_sample[15];
```

It works, but ...

- No way to adjust volume
- Not a pleasant sound
 - Equivalent to using a 1-bit sign table

We can do a lot better

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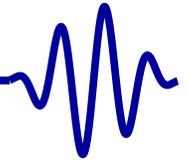
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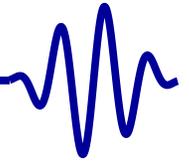
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Pulse Width Modulation (PWM)

- We could set `o_audio` on the first $(o_sample + \frac{1}{2}) M$ of every M clock periods
- Need to adjust the range of `o_sample`
 - Needs to be unsigned
 - Instead of a range from $-32,768, \dots, 32,767$
 - Flip the MSB, to get a range from $0, \dots, 65,535$

```
always @(posedge i_clk)
    pwm_counter <= pwm_counter + 1;

always @(posedge i_clk)
    o_audio <= (pwm_counter >=
        { !o_sample[15], o_sample[14:0] });
```



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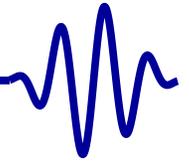
Pulse Density Modulation (PDM)

- We could scramble which bits are set
- Reverse the order of bits in the `pwm_counter`
- Pushes the distortion to higher frequencies

```
genvar k;  
generate for (k=0; k<PWM_BITS; k=k+1)  
begin  
    brev_counter[k] = pwm_counter[PWM_BITS-1-k];  
end endgenerate  
  
always @(posedge i_clk)  
    o_audio <= (brev_counter >=  
        ({ !o_sample[15], o_sample[14:0] }));
```



Delta-Sigma



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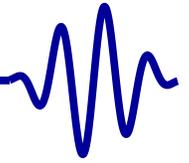
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Delta Sigma modulation

- A formalized approach to PDM
- Can get a lot more complicated
- There's a lot of math behind this
 - Delta-Sigma modulator is a control loop w/ feedback
 - First, second, and third order loops are possible



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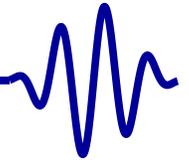
Delta Sigma modulation

- A simple, first-order, delta-sigma modulator

```
reg      [15:0]  ds_counter;

always @(posedge i_clk)
    { o_audio, ds_counter }
      <= ( { !o_sample[15], o_sample[14:0] }
          + ds_counter;
```

- We want high frequency, so we dropped the clock enable
- The carry from the addition is our output
- It's also naturally removed from the sum
 - This is the *delta* in delta-sigma modulation
 - The sum forms the *sigma*



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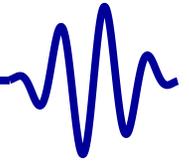
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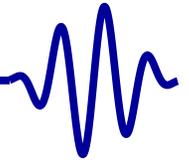
DSP is most easily debugged with pictures and graphs

- Step one: write the data to an external file

```
FILE *fp = fopen("dumpfile.16t", "w");
// ...
while (/* ... */) {
    // ...
    tick();
    if (m_core->o_audio_ce) {
        fwrite(&m_core->o_sample,
            sizeof(short), 1, fp);
        // May need to fflush this if fp ...
        // might be unexpectedly closed
        fflush(fp); // ... your call
    }
} // ...
fclose(fp);
```



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- Matlab or [Octave](#) can really help here

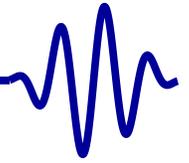
You can then create an m-file script

```
fid = fopen('dumpfile.16t','r');
data= fread(fid, inf, 'int16t');
fclose(fid);

plot(data);
```



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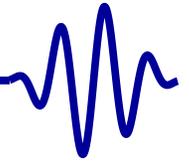
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To gate on the clock enables or not?

```
if (m_core->o_audio_ce) // <-- gate here?  
    fwrite(&m_core->o_sample,  
          sizeof(short), 1, fp);
```

- Pro: Minimizes the data that needs to be examined
 - Useful if signals violate the clock enable rule(s)
 - Also if the clock enables aren't consistent
- Con: Might hide important events w/in your design
- Con: Relating multiple signals can be a challenge
 - Challenging example: resamplers

Whether or not you gate your output on `audio_ce` is a design decision



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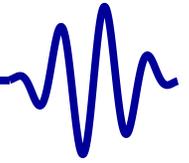
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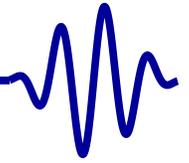
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Let's connect this design to our bus

- We'll give it four registers
 1. Frequency step
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 3. (Reserved for your curiosity)
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We'll use the AutoFPGA `SLAVE.TYPE=DOUBLE`

- Like SINGLE, DOUBLE uses a simplified bus interface
- DOUBLE slaves can have multiple registers
- Not allowed to stall the bus

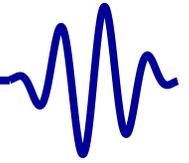
```
always @(*)  
    o_wb_stall = 1'b0;
```

- Require a single clock to generate any responses

```
initial o_wb_ack = 1'b0;  
always @(posedge i_clk)  
    o_wb_ack <= !i_reset && i_wb_stb;
```



Bus writes



The rest of the bus logic is straight forward

- We'll need to set our control registers

```
always @(posedge i_clk)
if (i_wb_stb && i_wb_we)
case(i_wb_addr)
2'b00: r_frequency_step <= i_wb_data;
2'b01: r_scale <= { 1'b0, i_wb_data[15:0] };
2'b10: begin end // Your option
2'b11: begin end // Your option
endcase
```

We can ignore the `i_wb_sel` lines

- Writing bytes or halfwords will produce *undefined* behavior
- This is not uncommon in digital design

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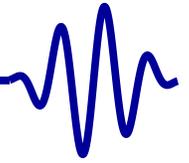
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The rest of the bus logic is straight forward

- Also want to be able to read our control registers

```
always @(posedge i_clk)
case (i_wb_addr)
2'b00: o_wb_data <= r_frequency_step;
2'b01: o_wb_data <= { 16'h0, r_scale };
2'b10: o_wb_data <= 0; // Your option
2'b11: o_wb_data <= 0; // Your option
endcase
```

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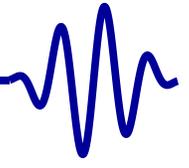
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We'll also need an AutoFPGA configuration file

```
@PREFIX=tonegen
```

```
@NADDR=4 Number of slave addresses
```

```
@SLAVE.BUS=wb Connect to bus named wb
```

```
@SLAVE.TYPE=DOUBLE
```

```
@MAIN.PORTLIST= Define a design port
```

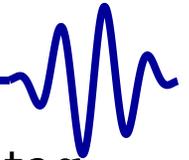
```
o_audio_ce, o_sample, o_audio
```

```
@MAIN.IODECL= Declare our outputs
```

```
output wire o_audio_ce;  
output wire [15:0] o_sample;  
output wire o_audio;
```



AutoFPGA Config



Our main level logic is inserted using the @MAIN.INSERT tag

@MAIN.INSERT= *Will be copied into main.v*

```
@$(PREFIX)
@$(PREFIX)i(i_clk, i_reset,
           // Connect to the bus
           @$(SLAVE.PORTLIST),
           // Connect our outgoing signals
           o_audio_ce, o_sample, o_audio);
```

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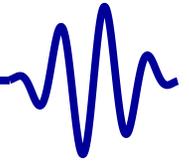
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We'll also tell our debug port about our registers

`@REGS.N=2` *Define two registers*

`@REGS.0=0 R_FREQUENCY FREQUENCY` *Reg #1*

`@REGS.1=1 R_AMPLITUDE AMPLITUDE` *Reg #2*

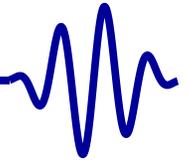
The format of the @REGS tag:

- First field, the word offset of the register
- Then a C++ name for the register
- Finally, a user name (wbregs) for the register
- Additional names, if present, are additional usernames (aliases) for the same register

You can add more definitions if you choose to define more registers



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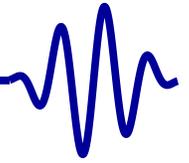
If your flow uses a Makefile when processing rtl/

- You can add `tonegen.v` to the list of dependencies used by this core

```
@RTL.MAKE.FILES=tonegen.v sintable.v RTL files used
```



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We'll want to add our debugging logic

- This will be called on every tick of the clock `clk`

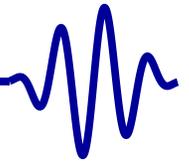
```
@SIM.CLOCK=clk
```

```
@SIM.TICK=
```

```
if (m_core->o_audio_ce) {  
    fwrite (&m_core->o_sample ,  
           sizeof(short), 1, fp);  
    fflush (fp); // ... your call  
}
```



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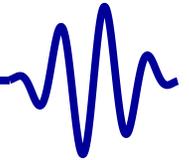
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What about the top level I/O's?

- `o_audio_ce` is really an internal signal
- As is `o_sample`
- Without telling AutoFPGA otherwise
 - `@MAIN.PORTLIST` is used at the toplevel
 - As is `@MAIN.IODECL`
 - These will not just be outputs of our verilator simulation
 - But also our top level hardware build
- Solution: Define separate top level ports



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What about the top level I/O's?

- Solution: Define separate top level ports

@TOP.PORTLIST= *List toplevel ports*

```
o_audio
```

@TOP.IODECL= *Declare our toplevel ports*

```
output wire o_audio;
```

@TOP.DEFNS= *Define toplevel wires*

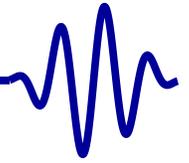
```
wire w_audio_ce;  
wire [15:0] w_sample;
```

@TOP.MAIN= *Connect these toplevel signals to main*

```
w_audio_ce, w_sample, o_audio
```



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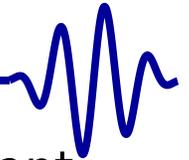
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Last steps:

- Put your config, `tonegen.txt`, in the `autodata` directory
- Include `tonegen.txt` in the `autodata/Makefile`
- Place your logic, `tonegen.v` and `sintable.v`, into the `rtl` directory
- Re-run AutoFPGA, `make autodata`
- Rebuild the rest of the project



Build problems?



If you struggle at all to get AutoFPGA to do what you want

- There's a -d option you can enable
- This will produce an autofpga.dbg file
- Shows you how the data is transformed throughout

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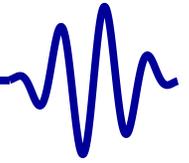
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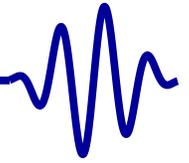
- Formally verifying signal processing blocks can be a challenge
 - We'll debug those via simulation
- Formally verifying bus slaves is easy
 - A bus slave failure will hang your entire design
 - Complicates debugging
 - Could leave you in **FPGA Hell**

Always formally verify any and all bus components

- The time to get into the habit starts now



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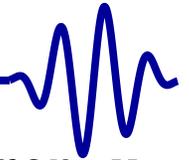
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The first thing you will need is a bus property file

- Here's a [Wishbone slave property file](#)
- Any core that passes this property check will not hang the bus
- That's not the same as proving that it will work
 - It just won't hang the bus



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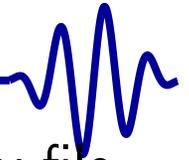
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Instantiate this core in a formal property section of `tonegen.v`

- You'll need to set some parameters
- $AW=2$, since we have $2 = \log_2 4$ registers
- $F_MAX_STALL=1$, otherwise maximum stalls won't be checked
- $F_MAX_ACK_DELAY=2$, since we return all results in one cycle
- $F_LGDEPTH=2$, specifies that two-bit counters can be used to keep track of the number of outstanding bursts



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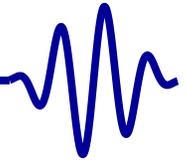
You'll also need to capture three results from the property file

- The number of total requests that have been made, `fwb_nreqs`
- The number of total acknowledgments received, `fwb_nacks`
- The total number of outstanding requests, `fwb_outstanding`

```
localparam      F_LGDEPTH=2;  
  
wire [F_LGDEPTH-1:0] fwb_nreqs , fwb_nacks ,  
      fwb_outstanding;
```



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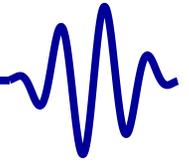
Your code should look something like ...

```
localparam          F_LGDEPTH=2;

fwb_slave #(.AW(2), .F_LGDEPTH(F_LGDEPTH),
           .F_MAX_STALL(1),
           .F_MAX_ACK_DELAY(2))
fwb (i_clk, i_reset,
     i_wb_cyc, i_wb_stb, i_wb_we, i_wb_addr,
     i_wb_data, i_wb_sel,
     o_wb_ack, o_wb_stall, o_wb_data, 1'b0);
```



Induction



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To pass induction, you'll need just one more property

```
always @(*)  
if (i_wb_cyc)  
    assert(fwb_outstanding == (o_wb_ack ? 1:0));
```

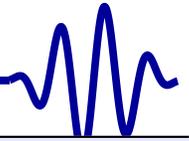
Beware of the definition of fwb_outstanding

```
assign f_outstanding = (i_wb_cyc  
    ? (f_nreqs - f_nacks):0;
```

- It will always be zero if !i_wb_cyc, regardless of o_wb_ack
- Hence the **if** (i_wb_cyc) above



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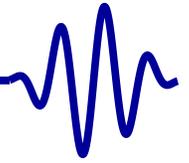
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```
[options] # Place in bench/formal subdir
mode prove # Unbounded (i.e. induction) proof
depth 3
```

```
[engines]
smtbmc # The default engine
```

```
[script] # Yosys script
read -formal fwb_slave.v
read -formal sintable.v
read -formal tonegen.v
prep -top tonegen
```

```
[files] # Read files
fwb_slave.v
../.. / rtl / sintable.v
../.. / rtl / tonegen.v
```



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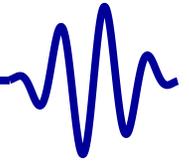
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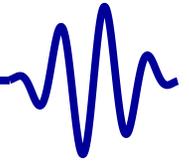
How will you know if it works

- Before you place it on hardware?
- ... where you can no longer tell why it isn't working?

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Hardware

As with your last design

- Build and run `sim/main_tb.cpp`

```
main_tb -d
```

- While running, run

```
wbregs frequency 0x0258bf25  
wbregs amplitude 0x0300
```

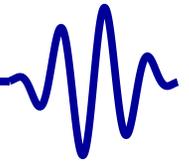
- This should create a 440Hz tone
 - 440Hz is an “A” above middle C
 - Used extensively for tuning instruments

Let it run for several seconds, and then kill `main_tb` with Ctrl-C

- Open and examine the waveform



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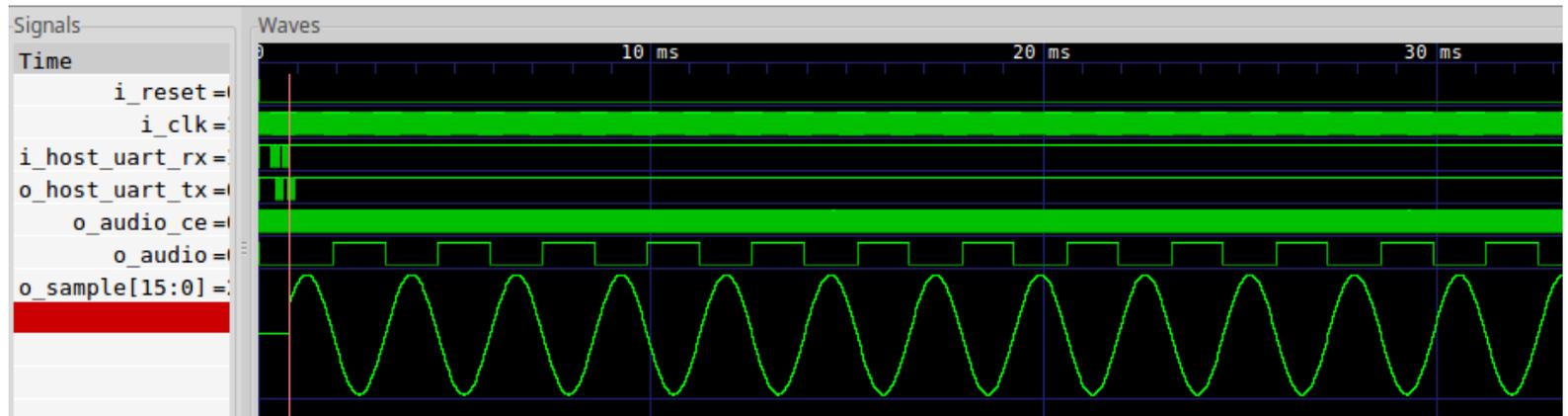
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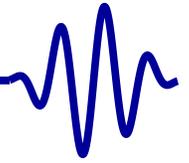
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Hardware

Using GTKWave, I produced this image



See if you can do it too



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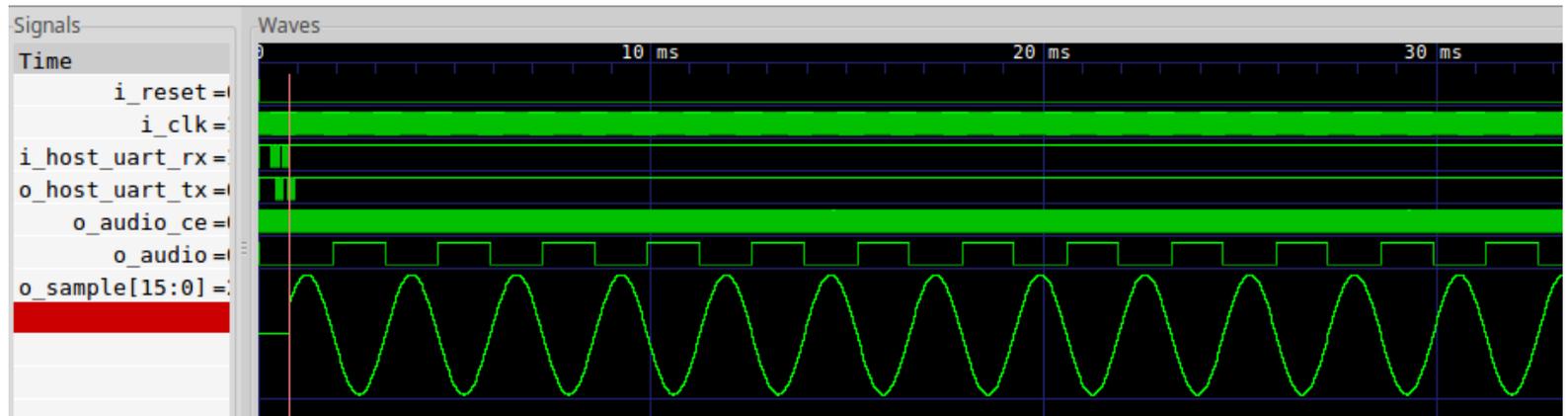
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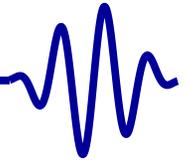


Notice the poor quality o_audio

- This was produced by using only the top bit of o_sample



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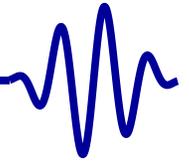
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You should also have a `dumpfile.16t`

- Open it with [Octave](#) (or Matlab)
- How do the samples look?
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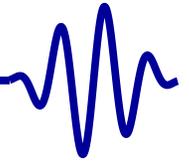
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You should also have a `dumpfile.16t`

- Open it with [Octave](#) (or Matlab)
- How do the samples look?
- Try using the included `simscrip.m` to display them



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Now modify your simulation to ...

- Bring the `o_audio` output pin into **Octave**
- You'll need to filter it to get something recognizable

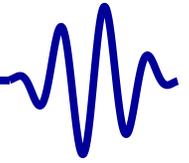
```
pin = % You'll need to set this
% Filter the incoming samples
fltrd = conv(ones(500,1), pin);
fltrd = conv(ones(500,1), fltrd);
plot(fltrd);
```

- How does the result look?
- It should look like `o_sample`

—



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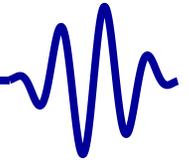
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- It should look like `o_sample`
 - Does it?



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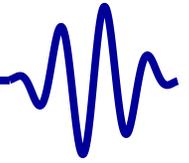
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fltrd = conv(ones(500,1), fltrd);
plot(fltrd);
```

- How does the result look?
- It should look like `o_sample`
 - Does it? Can you plot the two together?



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Modify your design again so you can choose:

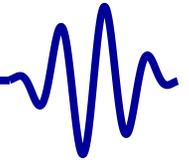
- Either the 1'bit audio output, or
- The PWM, PDM, or the Delta-Sigma output

Which is better?

- You may wish to look at the FFT of your tone

```
freq = (1:length(fltrd)) ./ length(fltrd);  
freq = (freq - 1/2) * sample_rate;  
plot(freq, fftshift(abs(fft(fltrd))));  
xlabel('Frequency (Hz)');  
ylabel('Magnitude');
```

- Or compare the FFT's of each approach against the others
- Perhaps you want to adjust your design to create all four outputs at once



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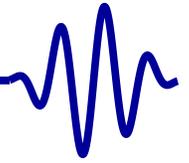
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This is the moment you've been waiting for!

- It's now time to build your design for your board
- Connect the [amplifier](#)
- Is the sound at all what you expect?
- Which approach "sounds" the best?
- Can you create a script to play Yankee Doodle?