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Lab Access

- We're working on getting the right key for Room 205 to the main gate.
- Please avoid using Elm, the one with the separate desk in room 205; it's the master for ghosting.
- Second lab handout updated 9/19
- Change in Lab Procedure

Change in Lab Procedure

- From now on use "My Projects" under local "My Documents"
 - Gets backed up/restored to/from H: when you log out/in
 - Faster working from C: than H:
 - Be sure to back up your own work!
 - File sharing for real projects
 - Right-click a folder, select "Security" from Properties

About Cygwin

- We installed it so Handel-C can link to gcc/g++ code for simulations
- Bash shell uses Unix syntax (/) in a DOS world(\).
 - "/cygdrive/c" is a bit awkward ...
 - We'll make it easier ...
 - We'll install emacs ...
 - We won't use command line operation any more.

Additional Documentation

- Celoxica Web Site
 - Go to "Library" and look around
 - "Handel-C FAQ"
 - "The Technology Behind DK1"
 - Others ...
- New Tutorial Documents
 - Handel-C and PSL Basics
 - VGA Graphics Output
 - Code Optimization

Handel-C Design Layers

- Application
 - Handel-C Code
 - Can use "interfaces" for direct I/O
- Platform Abstraction Layer (PAL)
 - Uses macros to give common look to drivers
- Device Driver
 - Code (channel I/O) to operate peripheral devices on a particular board
 - Platform Support Layer (PSL) is a collection of device drivers for a board such as RC-200E

Handel-C Basics

- Timing Model
 - One Hot Encoding for assignments
 - Combinational logic for r.h.s.
 - Delay / Parallel / Serial structures
- Channel Communication
- Signals
- Bit manipulation operators
 - Take (←)
 - Drop (\\)
 - Select ([m:n])
 - Concatenate(@)

Channel Communication

- chan unsigned 1 sync;
 - sync! 1; // Write to channel
 - sync ? x; // Read from channel
- The read and write statements will complete execution in the same clock cycle
- Multiple bits of information can be sent
 - chan unsigned 2 sync_2