

# Implementation of the INOUT Block in Buses

The INOUT block can be used in serial communication protocols like SPI and I2C, which require bidirectional signals.

## 1. Implementation on the SPI Bus

The SPI protocol (Serial Peripheral Interface) typically uses four signals:

- MOSI (Master Out Slave In): Master output, slave input.
- MISO (Master In Slave Out): Master input, slave output.
- SCK (Clock): Managed by the master.
- SS (Slave Select): Activates a slave device.

The MISO signal is a great example of a bidirectional pin because the master configures it as an input, while the slave configures it as an output. The INOUT block can be implemented in this case as follows:

```
assign miso = (slave_enable) ? data_out : 1'bZ;
```

Here, the slave writes to MISO only when it is enabled (`slave_enable = 1`). Otherwise, the pin remains in high impedance (Z), allowing another slave to control the line.

## 2. Implementation on the I2C Bus

The I2C bus (Inter-Integrated Circuit) uses two main signals:

- SDA (Serial Data): Bidirectional data line.
- SCL (Serial Clock): Clock line.

SDA must be an open-drain pin, meaning devices can only pull it to logical zero (0) or leave it in high impedance (Z). This is implemented with the INOUT block as follows:

```
assign sda = (write_enable) ? data_out : 1'bZ;
```

When **write\_enable = 1**, the pin takes the value of `data_out` (it can be 0 or 1).

When **write\_enable = 0**, the pin remains in high impedance (Z), allowing another device to control the line.

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