

# CPEN 230L: Introduction to Digital Logic Laboratory

## Lab T0: Installing, setting up and running Icarus Verilog and GTKWave

### Objectives

- Install and set up Icarus Verilog and GTKWave
- Learn to model and simulate the functionality of simple logic circuits by using Verilog

### Part 1. Installing Icarus Verilog and GTKWave

- Install a text Editor on your own computer (examples: Visual Studio Code, emacs, vim, notepad++, etc.). Visual Studio Code can be found at <https://code.visualstudio.com/>. If you already have a text editor you are comfortable with skip this step.
- If your computer is a PC with Windows OS install MobaXterm Home Edition v10.4 (portable edition): <https://mobaxterm.mobatek.net/download-home-edition.html/>
- If your computer is a PC with Windows OS install Icarus Verilog and GTKWave as follows. Go to the url: <http://bleyer.org/icarus> and download the installation file `iverilog-10.0-x86_setup.exe`
- If your computer is a PC setup the path for Icarus Verilog and GTKWave as shown in the link [Instructions to set up the PATH](#)
- If your computer is a Mac follow the instructions in the link [Instructions for MAC users](#)
- Test the installation of Icarus Verilog and GTKWave by compiling, simulating, and viewing the simulation waveforms for the supporting files `simple.v` and `simple_tb.v`.
  - Create a directory (aka folder) `LabT0_a` and download `simple.v` and `simple_tb.v` into it
  - Compile the files `simple.v` and `simple_tb.v` into the output file `a.out`  
`iverilog -o a.out simple.v simple_tb.v`
  - Using the testbench `simple_tb.v` it is possible to check the functionality of the circuits modeled in `simple.v`. To do so execute the output file generated through the compilation of the two files `simple.v` and `simple_tb.v`:  
`vvp a.out`
  - Verify the functionality of the circuits by looking at the simulation's waveforms (`simple.vcd`)  
`gtkwave simple.vcd`

### Part 2: Model and simulate various implementations of a multiplexing circuit

- Create a directory `LabT0_b`. Download the supporting files `mux.v` and `mux_tb.v` into the directory `LabT0_b`.
- Open the two files with a text editor and make sure to thoroughly understand every single line of the two files.
- Compile the two files.
- Execute the output files generated through the compilation command.
- Verify the functionality of the circuits by looking at the simulation's waveforms. When you are satisfied that your results are correct, show your waveforms to your lab instructor.

**Reminder: Always clean up at the end of the lab session. Leave everything in better shape than you found it.**