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# Basic OVM

## *Connecting Components*

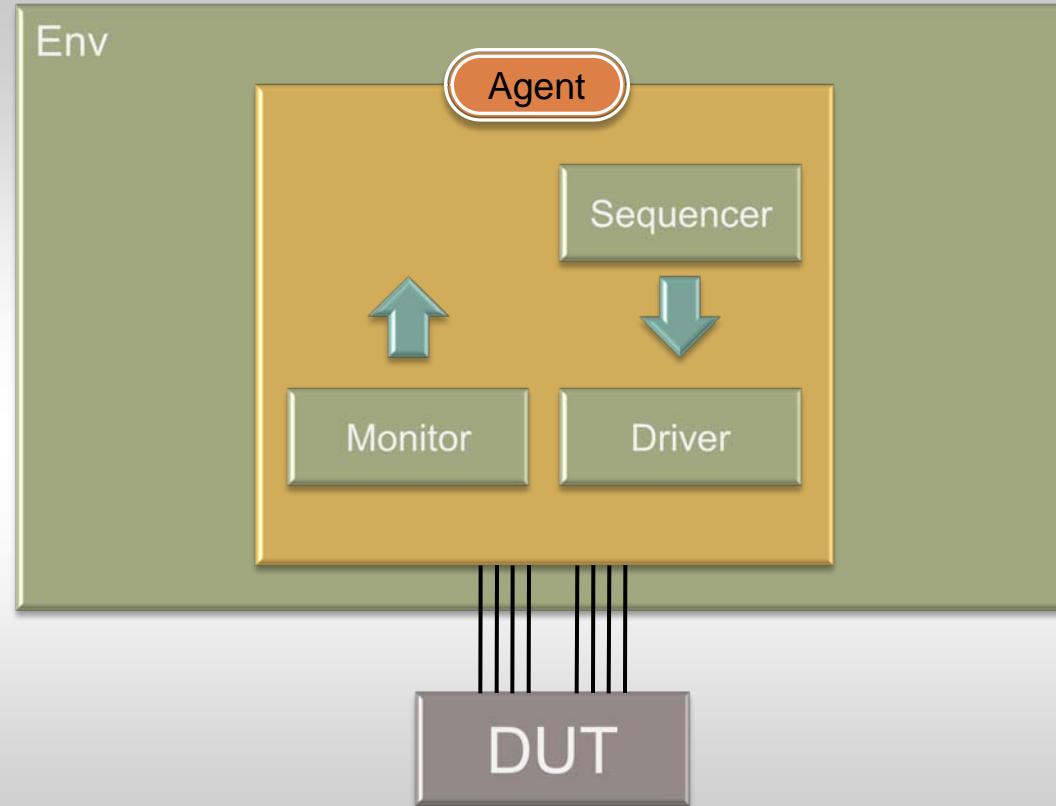
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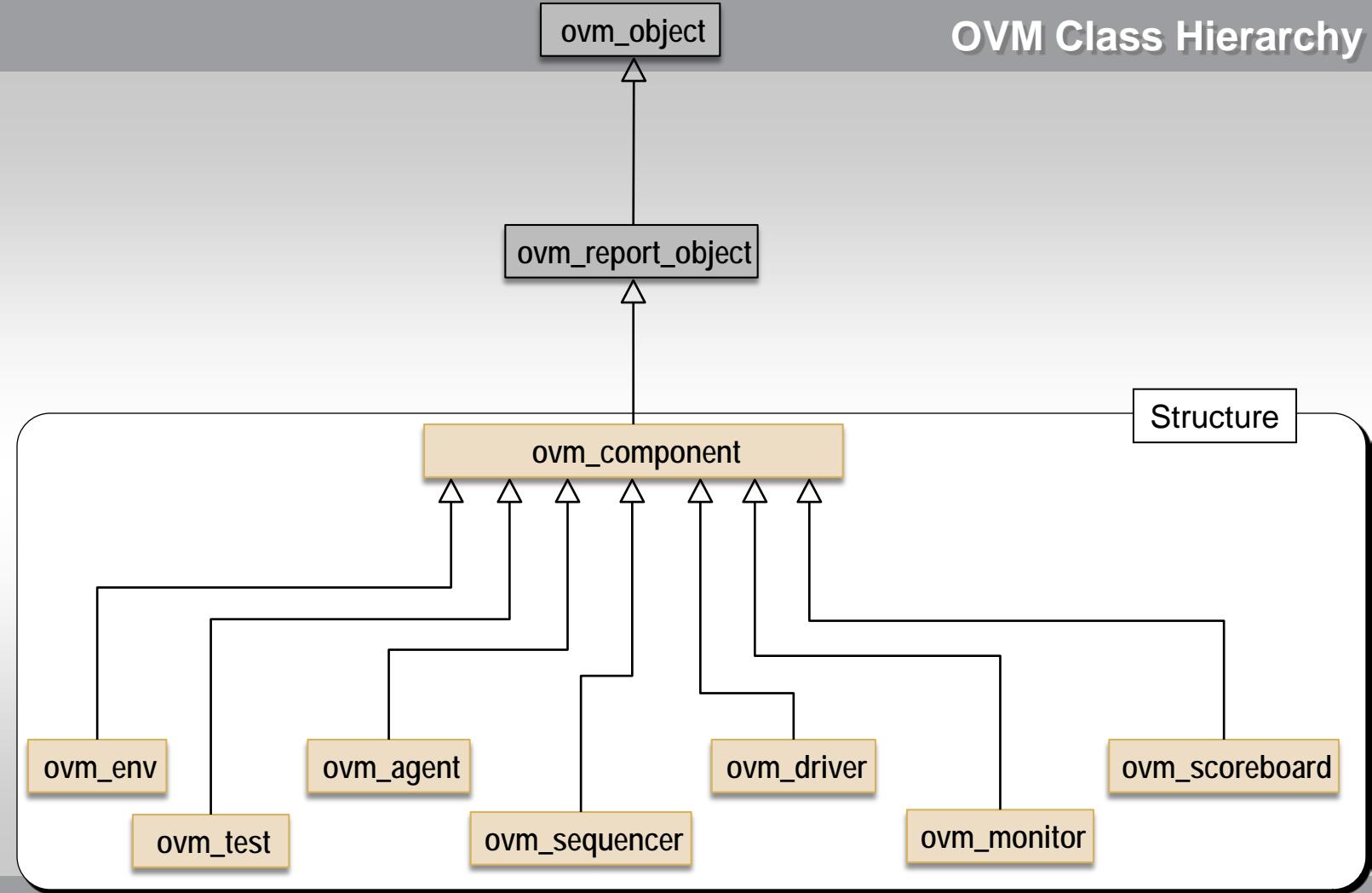


## Verification Components





## OVM Class Hierarchy





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## Component

```
class my_agent extends ovm_agent;
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  `ovm_component_utils(my_agent)

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  my_driver     my_driver_h;
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    super.new(name, parent);
  endfunction: new

  function void build;
    ...
  endfunction: build

  function void connect;
    ...
  endfunction: connect
endclass
```



## Factory Method

```
function void build;
    super.build();
    my_sequencer_h =
        my_sequencer::type_id::create("my_sequencer_h", this);

    my_driver_h =
        my_driver    ::type_id::create("my_driver_h"     , this);
endfunction: build
```

Instance name

Parent

"Factory methods" can be overridden in tests



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function void connect;
    my_driver_h.seq_item_port.connect(
        my_sequencer_h.seq_item_export );
endfunction: connect
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  task run;  
    ...  
  endtask: run
```

The only task

Phase Methods 

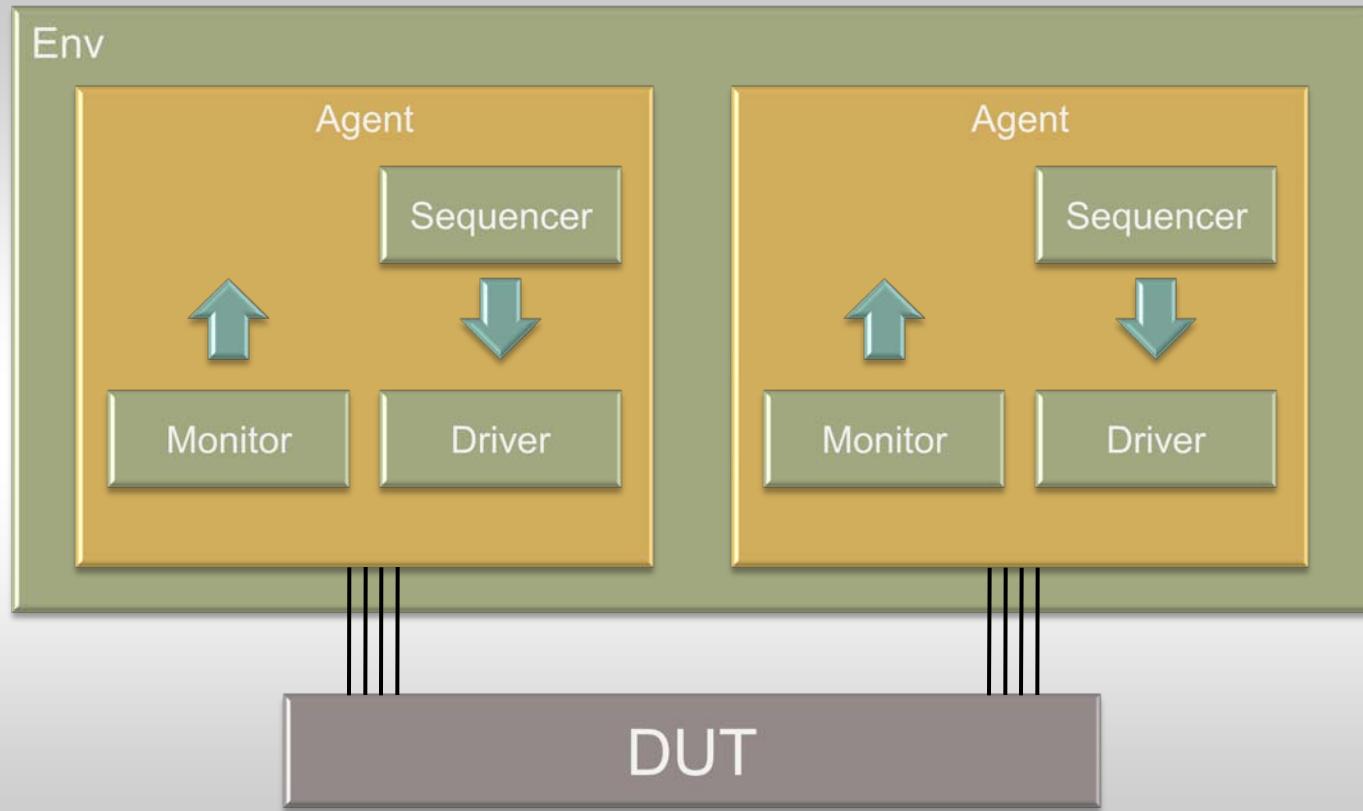
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  endfunction: start_of_simulation  
  task run;  
    ...  
  endtask: run  
  function report;  
    ...  
  endfunction: report
```



## Anatomy of an OVM Component

```
class my_component extends ovm_component;  
`ovm_component_utils(my_component)           Factory registration  
  
virtual dut_if dut_if_h;                   External interfaces  
  
my_sequencer my_sequencer_h;  
my_driver     my_driver_h;                 Internal component handles  
  
function new(string name, ovm_component parent); ...  
function void build; ...  
function void connect; ...  
function void start_of_simulation; ...  
task run; ...  
function check; ...  
function report; ...  
endclass
```

Standard phase methods





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