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3. Digital Design and Applications

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3.1.1 Problems for classical Sequential Design

- Classical sequential circuit design techniques could, in theory, be used in arbitrarily complex design problems.
- In practice, however, classical techniques are ineffective for all but the simplest problems.
- Reason:
 - The complexity of the design problem overwhelms the human designer's ability to find a correct solution
 - Using classical techniques leads to designs that are
 - Hard to understand, hard to modify, and hard to test

3.1.2 Software solutions to Digital System Design

•Many digital design problems are entirely solvable using custom software and standard microprocessor: examples ?

- Advantages:
- No need to design hardware
- Software is relatively easy to change/customize
- Complex features can be readily provided in software
- Can test software designs using emulators.

- Disadvantages
- Microprocessors can be overly complicated for many controller problems
- Custom hardware can provide better performance than general-purpose hardware
- Custom techniques are still required in custom or semi custom integrated circuits
- Custom designs can be protected using patent or IC mask laws

3.1.3 Basic Strategies in Digital System Design

- Top-down design
 - Manage design complexity.
 - Postpone commitment to any particular hardware
 - Use iterative refinement to gradually converge on a natural solution
 - Decompose a module into loosely interacting sub modules
 - Design using high-level building blocks
- Conservative/safe design techniques
 - Use synchronous hardware wherever possible
 - Convert asynchronous inputs to synchronous inputs
 - Use a robust system-wide clocking strategy
 - Make design static if possible(ie. Correct operation is independent of clock speed)

3.1.3 Basic Strategies in Digital System Design (cont'd)

- Conservative/safe design techniques
 - Provide a single stepping mode
 - Make design testable by construction
 - Avoid obscure design tricks
- Document the design thoroughly
 - Requirement, (user-oriented), specification (designer-oriented)
 - Reasons for designs decisions
 - List relevant standards
 - Propose test plans
 - Develop maintenance procedures
 - Consider manufacturability issues



- System level control signals:
 - Highest level commands
 - External user is shielded form internal details
- System level status signals
 - Simplified high-level status information is provided to the external user
- Data in
 - Analog signals are typical converted to digital processing
- Data out
 - Analog signals may need to be reconstructed from their internal digital representation 169

3.1.5 Highest Level of System Architecture

- Control path
- Circuit that control algorithm by which operators are applied to the data
- State control and data operation sequencing are emphasized
- Typical control units:
 - Registers
 - Next state logic
 - Output logic
 - Control+status line

- Data path
- Circuits that directly store and transform the data
- Bit parallelism and regular structure are emphasized
- Typical data path elements:
- Registers
- Multiplexes
- Shift/adders/ALUs
- Counters
- buses

3.1.5 Highest Level of System Architecture (cont'd)



3.2 Register Transfer Level

- A convenient conceptual level intermediate between the system level and the gate level
 - RTL assumes a set of hardware constructs are defined in FPGA hardware and library elements
 - HDL code is mapped to these constructs
 - Describe the operation of synchronous system
 - Combine the control-flow state machine with means for defining and operating multi-bit registers
- Typical RTL constructs:
- Combinational logic
 - Arbitrary functions (random logic, ROMs, PALs, PLAs)
 - Multiplexers
 - Demultiplexers/decoders
 - Comparators
 - Arithmetic./logic circuits (ALUs, adders, subtractors)

3.2 Register Transfer Level (cont'd)

- Sequential Logic
 - Latches, flip-flops
 - Registers, shift registers
 - Counters, LFSRs
 - RAMs
- Interconnect:
 - Buses
 - Wires
 - Buffers
 - Tri-state able buffers
 - Bi-directional transceivers

3.2.1 Multiplexers (Mux)

- Multiplexer is a digital switch
 - It connects data from one of n sources to its output.
 - A logic equation:

$$iY = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} EN \bullet M_j \bullet iD_j$$

- Summation symbol represents a logical sum of product terms
- iY is a particular output bit (1 <= i< =b)
- iDj is input bit I of source j (0<=j<=n-1)
- Mj represents minterm j of the s select inputs
- ? The relationship between S and n Multiplexer



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3.2.1 Multiplexers (cont'd)

- Example 4 to 1 MUX
- How to implement?



| ΕN | S1 | S0 | Y |
|----|----|----|------------|
| 1 | х | х | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | I 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 12 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 13 |

3.2.1 Multiplexers in VHDL (cont'd)

- Mutiplexers are very easy to describe in VHDL.
- Example for 4 in 1 bit MUX:
- Entity mux4in1b is
 - **Port** (**S** : **in** std_logic_vector (1 **downto** 0);
 - I0, I1, I2, I3 : **in** std_logic;
 - Y: **out** std_logic
 -);
- End mux4in1b;
- Architecture mux4_1b of mux4in1b is
 - Begin
 - with S select Y<=
 - I0 **when** "00",
 - I1 **when** "01",
 - I2 when "10",
 - I3 when "11",
- End mux4in1b;

3.2.1 Expanding Multiplexers

- Expand 4 input 1 bit output multiplexer to 4 input 8 bit output multiplexer
- Entity mux4in8b is
 - **Port** (**S** : **in** std_logic_vector (1 **downto** 0);
 - I0, I1, I2, I3 : **in** std_logic_vector (1 to 8) ;
 - Y: **out** std_logic_vector (1 to 8)
 -);
- End mux4in8b;
- Architecture mux4in_8b of mux4in8b is
 - Begin
 - with S select Y<=
 - I0 **when** "00",
 - I1 **when** "01",
 - I2 when "10",
 - I3 when "11",
- **End** mux4in_8b;

3.2.1 Expanding Multiplexers (cont'd)

- Expand 4 input 1 bit output multiplexer to 8 input 1 bit output multiplexer
- How to implement it in VHDL?



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3.2.2 DeMultiplexers

• Used to direct data to one of two or more possible destinations





| S1 | S0 | Y0 | Y1 | Y2 | Y3 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 0 | 0 | Е | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | Е | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Е | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Е |

3.2.2 DeMultiplexers in VHDL

- Example for demux:
- Entity Demux is
 - **Port** (S : in std_logic_vector (1 downto 0);
 - E : **in** std_logic;
 - Y0, Y1, Y2, Y3: **out** std_logic
 -);
- End Demux;
- Architecture Demux of demux is
 - Begin

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case S is

When "00" =>

Y0<=E ;

When "01" =>

Y1<=E ;

When "10" =>

Y2<=E ;

When "11" =>

Y3<=E ;

End case ;

End demux;
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3.2.3 Comparators

• Comparing two binary words for equality



3.2.3 Comparators in VHDL

- Example of four bit equality comparator
- entity eqcomp4 is
 - port (A0, B0, A1, B1, A2, B2, A3, B3
 - : in Std_logic; equals: out std_logic);
- **end** eqcomp4;
- architecture structure1 of eqcomp4 is
- Signal O0, O1, O2,O3 : Std_logic;
- begin
- O0 <= A0 xor B0;
- O1 <= A1 xor B1;
- O2 <= A2 xor B2;
- O3 <= A3 xor B3;
- Equals <= O0 and O1 and O2 and O3;
- **end** structure1;
- How to implement cascade comparator in VHDL ?

3.2.4 Binary Adders

- Half adders: adds two 1 bit operands X and Y, producing a 2-bit sum. The lower-order bit of the sum may be named HS (half sum), and the higher-order bit may be named CO (carry out)
 - HS = X xor Y = XY' + X'Y
 - CO=XY
- Full adders: to add operands with more than one bit, we must provide for carries between bit positions. The building block for this operation called full adder.
- Besides the added-bit inputs X and Y, a full adder has a carry-bit input, Cin.
- Out put is named S (sum) and Cout (carry out)
 - S = X xor Y xor Cin
 - Cout=XY+XCin+YCin

3.2.4 Binary Adders (cont'd)

- (a) One possible circuit that performs the full adder equations
- (b) The corresponding logic symbol
- (c) symbol for cascaded full adders



full adder

3.2.4 Binary Adders (cont'd)

- Entity for a full adder
 - entity adder is
 - **port** (X, Y, Cin : **in** Std_logic;
 - S, Cout : **out** Std_logic);
 - end adder;
- Ripple adder : two binary words, each with n bits, can be added using a ripple adder- cascade of n full-adder stages, each of which handles one bit.
- Ripple adder is slow, why ?
- Some other adders ?



3.2.4 Binary Adders in VHDL

- entity rippleadder is
- **port** (X, Y: **in** Std_logic_vector(0 to 3);
 - S : **out** std_logic_vector(0 to 3);
- Cout : **out** Std_logic);
- end rippleadder;

Architecture structure1 of rippleadder is

component adder –pre-defined part type

port (X, Y, Cin : in Std_logic;

S, Cout : **out** Std_logic);

End component;

Signal Cout0cin1, cout1cin2, cout2cin3 : in std_logic; Begin

adder_0: adder **port map** (X=>X(0), Y=>Y(0),Cin =>low, S=> s(0), Cout => Cout0cin1);

adder_1: adder **port map** (X=>X(1), Y=>Y(1),Cin =>Cout0cin1, S=> s(1), Cout => Cout1cin2);

adder_1: adder **port map** (X=>X(0), Y=>Y(0),Cin =>Cout1cin2, S=> s(2), Cout => Cout2cin3);

adder_1: adder **port map** (X=>X(0), Y=>Y(0),Cin =>Cout2cin3, S=> s(3), Cout => Cout);



3.2.4 A Design Example: Recursive Adder/Subtractor

- Objective: Implement an adder and subtractor using VHDL.
- Design steps
- Define Specifications
- Data Path Design
- Control Path Design
- Simulation
- Hardware Implementation
- Testing

3.2.4 Define Specifications

- 4-bit Switch Input A
- 4-bit Switch Input B
- 1 bit switch for Opcode.
- LED output 4 LED for Sum, one for
- Cout, one done signal
- Restricted building blocks:
 - An inverter, 2 2N-N mux, three registers and an adderN.



3.2.4 Define Specifications

- Opcode 0, A+B
 - example 0101+0111
- Opcode 1, A-B=A+NotB+1
 - Example 1100-0011=?
- Adder implementation
 - Ripple adder
 - fast adder
- Register ? Synchronize the add and subtract procedure





3.2.4 Example : Data Path Entity

- Entity DataPath is
 - **port** (A, B **in** Std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
 - loadA, loadB : in std_logic;
 - CK, reset1 ,sw : **in** std_logic;
 - Sum : out std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
 - Cout : out std_logic);
- end Entity DataPath;
- Architecture struture1 of DataPath is
 - **Signal** NotB : std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
 - **Signal OutMuxB** : std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
 - **Signal InternalA, InternalB :** std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
 - Signal inC: std_logic;
 - Begin
 - ...
- End architecture structure1;

3.2.4 Example : Control Path

- Control Signals in Data Path
- Sw Control the mode
- Reset, reset the output active low
- CK, clock synchronize the calculation of Sum and sub
- Load A, Load B: allow the input of register to be loaded into the register.
- Done : High when the calculation is done, low when the reset is activated.

3.2.4 Example : Control Path



| | next state | | output | | | |
|----|------------|---------|--------|-------|--------|------|
| | enter=0 | enter=1 | loadA | loadB | resetı | done |
| s0 | s1 | s0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| s1 | s2 | s1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| s2 | s0 | s0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

3.2.4 Example : Final Design



3.2.4 Hardware Implementation

- Wiring
- Pin assignment
- Programming
- Testing

3.2.5 Shift Register

• A shift Register is an n-bit register with a provision for shifting its stored data by one bit position at each tick of the clock. Following is a 4-bit register:





3.2.5 Shift Register (cont'd)

• Multi-mode 4 bit shift register





3.2.5 Shift Register in VHDL

- Entity Vshftreg is
 - Port(
 - Clk, clr,rin,lin : in std_logic;
 - S: in std_logic_vector (2 downto 0); --function select
 - D: in std_logic_vector(7 downto 0); --data in
 - Q: out std_logic_vector (7 downto 0) –data out
 -);
- End entity;
- Architecture vshftreg_arch of vshreg is
 - Signal Iq: std_logic_vector (7 downto 0);
- Begin
- Process(clk,clr,iq)
- begin
 - If(clr='1') then Iq <= (others=>'0');--asynchronous clear
 - Elsif (clk'event and clk='1') then
 - Case conv_integer(s) is
 - When $0 \Rightarrow \text{null}; \text{--hold}$
 - When 1=> iq <=D; --load
 - When 2 =>iq <=rin & iq(7 downto 1); --shift right
 - When $3 \Rightarrow iq \le iq(6 \text{ downto } 0) \& \text{ lin; --shift left}$
 - When $4 \Rightarrow iq = iq(0) \& iq(7 \text{ downto } 1); --circular right$
 - When $5 \Rightarrow iq \ll iq(6 \text{ downto } 0) \& Iq(7); --circular left$
 - When $6 \Rightarrow iq \ll iq(7) \& iq(7 \text{ downto } 1); --shift arith right$
 - When 7 => iq <=iq(6 downto 0) & '0'; --shift arith left
 - When others => null;
 - End case;
 - End if;
 - Q<=iq;
- End process;
- End vshftreg_arch;
3.2.6 Counters

- Counter is generally used for any a clocked sequential circuit whose state diagram contains a single cycle.
 - The modulus of a counter is the number of states in the cycle
 - Counter with m states is called a modulom counter of a divide-by-m counter



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3.2.6 Counters (cont'd)

• Ripple counters : can be constructed with just n flips –flops and no other components—drawback slow



- Synchronous counters: connect the inputs to the same common Clk signal.
- Clock period should > propagation delay.—improvement: synch parallel counter



3.2.6 Counters (cont'd)

- LFSR: linear Feedback shift register counters.
 - Many shift register counters have far less than the maximum of 2ⁿ normal states (nbit).
 - LFSR can have $2^n 1$ states.
 - LFSR is called maximum-length sequence generator.
 - Based on finite field theory Evariste Galois (1811-1832)

3.2.7 Buses

- Bus is a collection of two or more related signals lines. They are used to move data around within a system and among systems.
 - Bus are drawn with a double or heavy line
 - A slash and a number may indicate how many individual signal lines are contained in a bus
 - Size may be denoted in the bus name (e.g. inbus[31..0].
 - Why we need a bus?

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3.2.7 Buses (cont'd)

- Direct connection
- Advantages:
 - High bandwidth
 - No sharing required
- Disadvantages:
 - Number of wires increases rapidly as each new system is added

- Bus connection
- Advantages:
 - Less wiring
 - Easy & cheap to add a new system
 - Disadvantages:
 - Bus becomes a bottle neck
 - Need control circuitry to prevent bus contention

3.2.8 Three State Buffers

• Three state buffer or three state driver.

- Three states 0, 1 or Hi-Z
- Various three-state buffers
 - A) non-inverting, active high enable
 - B) non inverting, active-low enable
 - C) inverting, active-high enable
 - D) inverting, active-low enable



Bi-directional transceivers

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| direction | mode |
|-----------|--------|
| L | B to A |
| Н | A to B |

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3.2.9 RAM

- RAM: random access memories, which means that the time it takes to read or write a bit of memory is independent of the bits location in the RAM.
- SRAM (static RAM): once a word is written at a location, it remains stored as long as power is applied to the chip. Unless what ?
- DRAM (dynamic RAM): the data stored at each location must be refreshed periodically by reading it and then writing it back again. Why ?

3.2.9 RAM (cont'd) : a Simplified Block Diagram of RAM



3.3 Impediments to Synchronous Design

- Synchronous approach is the most straightforward and reliable method of digital system design, however...
- Synchronous systems using edgetriggered flip-flops work properly only if all flip-flops see the triggering clock at the same time.
- Clock skew: the situation when the clock signal arrives at different flip-flops at different times
 - Caused by unequal clock propagation times
 - Clock skew may cause flip-flops to load transient input signals.

3.3.1 Clock Skew : Example of Clock Skew



3.3.1 Clock Skew (cont'd)

• Clock skew are caused by



- DC and AC loading
- Signals on PCB are auto routed by CAD
- Some wire maybe slower than other
- To control this problem, many high performance systems and VLSI chips use a two-phase latch design

3.3.1 Two Phase Clocking

- Popular in custom CMOS ICs
- Standard scheme at IBM



- Advantages:
 - Simple memory elements
 - Essential hazards avoided
 - Clock skew problems avoided
- Disadvantages
 - Two separate clock signals are required
 - Non-overlapping condition must be guaranteed to ensure correct operation 210

3.3.2 Gating the Clock

- If CLKEN is a state machine output or other signal produced by a register clocked by clock, the CLKEN changes some time after clock has already gone high. This produces glitches and false clocking of the registers controlled by GCLK
- AND gate delays gives GCLK excessive clock skew, which cause problems.



3.3.2 Gating the Clock (Cont'd)

• An acceptable way to gate the clock



3.3.3 Asynchronous Input

- There are always asynchronous inputs
 - Key input (very low frequency)
 - Interrupts
 - Status flags
- Solution synchronizer:



3.3.3 Asynchronous Input (cont'd)

• It is essential for asynchronous inputs to be synchronized at only one place



3.4 Variable Entered Maps (VEM)

- Add the power to K-map method
- Reduce the work to plot and read maps
- A technique to reduce the map size.
- Regular K-maps entries
- 1
- 0
- Don't care

- VEM entries
- 1
- 0
- Don't care
- Boolean variables
- expressions







3.4.1 Variable Entered Maps (cont'd)

- VEM are most effective when a function depends strongly on <= 4 inputs and depends only weakly on the remaining inputs.
- Map Entered variable (MEV) : a variable that appears in a box in a VEM



3.4.2 Plotting the Map

- How to plot a VEM from a truth table
 - Select the MEV
 - Partition the truth table so that the non-MEVs have the same values in each partition

| А | В | С | F1 | F2 | F3 | F4 |
|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Φ |

| BA | 0 | 1 | | | | |
|----|----|---|--|--|--|--|
| 0 | С | 1 | | | | |
| 1 | c' | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

| BA | 0 | 1 |
|----|----|---|
| 0 | c' | 0 |
| 1 | С | 1 |

| BA | 0 | 1 | |
|----|---|----|--|
| 0 | 0 | С | |
| 1 | 1 | с' | |

| BA | 0 | 1 |
|----|---|----|
| 0 | 1 | c' |
| 1 | С | сФ |

3.4.2 Plotting the Map(cont'd)

- How to plot a VEM from an equation
 - Rearrange the function into S.O.P form
 - Identify the most dependant variable
 - Factor out the minterms in the identified variables
 - Draw out an map
 - Fill in the VEM
 - Example :

$F = BCEFH + \overline{B}CDEH + \overline{B}\overline{C}\overline{E}H$ $+ A\overline{B}CE\overline{H} + \overline{B}\overline{C}E + B\overline{E}H$ $+ B\overline{C}E\overline{G}\overline{H} + A\overline{B}C\overline{E}\overline{H}$

Don't Cares

BCEH BCEGH BCEGH

3.4.3 Reading Theory

- Step1: first image that all 1 entries in the map are replaced by the map entered variables Ored with its complement. 1=D+D'
 - First loop all single MEV entries that will not loop with another identical MEV in an adjacent cell or with a 1 or don't care (island).
 - Loop all MEV's that will loop into duals only with another identical MEV in an adjacent cell
 - Loop all MEV's that will loop into a dual only with a 1.
 - Loop all MEV's that will loop into a dual only with a don't care.
 - Any MEV that will loop two ways with another identical MEV, 1 or don't care but won't loop into a quad, leave until later
 - Continue looping in similar fasion for quads and groups of eight until every MEV has been looped at least once

3.4.3 Reading Theory (cont'd)

- Step2: once all single MEV entries have been covered, transform the map according to the following transformations:
 - A) Replace the MEV and MEV' with 0.
 - B) 0 to 0, don't care to don't care
 - C) 1 : two possible transformations:
 - 1 if not completed covered
 - Don't care if completed covered, I.e. looped with both the MEV and MEV'
 - D) MEV Φ and MEV $\Phi \rightarrow 0$
 - E) $(MEV+MEV\Phi)$ and $(MEV+MEV\Phi)$

 - $\begin{cases} 1 & if not \operatorname{cov} ered at all or if \\ just the \Phi is \operatorname{cov} ered \\ \Phi & if completed \operatorname{cov} ered or \\ if just the necessary term \\ is \operatorname{cov} ered \end{cases}$
- Step3: OR together the terms from steps 1 and 2

3.4.3 Reading Theory (cont'd)



3.4.3 Reading Theory (cont'd): example1

given



step1



step2





F = AC + BC + AB

3.4.3 Reading Theory (cont'd): example2

| А | В | С | D | F1 | F2 |
|---|---|---|---|----|----|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | θ | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Φ | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Φ | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | Φ |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Φ |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Φ | 0 |





| | 00 | 01 | 11 | 10 |
|---|----|----|----|----|
| 0 | | | | |
| 1 | | | | |

| \sim | AB | | | | |
|--------|----|----|----|----|----|
| C | | 00 | 01 | 11 | 10 |
| | 0 | | | | |
| | 1 | | | | |

 $F1 = B\overline{C}D + \overline{A}\overline{D} + A\overline{B}C$ $F2 = \overline{A}BD + C\overline{D} + \overline{A}C$

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3.5 Design Steps for Digital System Design

- 1. Define the system specifications
- 2. Develop a rough design for the system
- 3. Develop a detailed design for the data path
- 4. Develop a detailed specification for the controller
- 5. Complete the design of the controller
- 6. Finalize the design
- 7. Simulation and hardware implementation

3.5.1 Step1:Define the System Specifications

- Define the purpose of the system
 - Input, output
 - System-level
- Define the system's operation
 - Algorithms
 - flowchart
- Define the operational constrains
 - Cost
 - Speed
 - Size
 - Power requirement
 - Reliability
 - Upgrade ability
 - Marketing plans
 - Other considerations

3.5.2 Step2 : Develop a Rough Design for the System

- Objectives
 - Define the control relationships within system
 - Define basic sequential behavior
 - Identify functional units in data path
 - Choose signal names
- Graphical illustrations
 - Block diagram
 - flowchart

3.5.3 Step3: Develop a Detailed Design for the Data Path

- Objectives
 - Fully define the data path
- Documentation aids
 - Detailed timing diagram
 - Detailed flowchart
 - Detailed functional partial partition

3.5.4 Step4 : Develop a Detailed Specification for the Controller

- Objectives:
 - Fully specify the controller behavior
- The operation of the system controller is completed defined by the detailed flowchart
- The controller is a synchronous sequential machine
- It should be expressed as a state diagram.
- Translate the flow diagram to a state diagram

3.5.4 Step4 : Rules for Converting Flow Chart to State Diagram

• Rule1 : Action block in flow diagram→ state in the state diagram





3.5.4 Step4 : Rules for Converting Flow Chart to State Diagram(cont'd)

• Rule2: the branching conditions for a state are derived by tracing through all possible decision paths from the given action block to all possible other action blocks





3.5.4 Step4 : Rules for Converting Flow Chart to State Diagram(cont'd)

• Rule3: Avoid making branching decisions on more than one asynchronous variable at a time



3.5.4 Step4 : Rules for Converting Flow Chart to State Diagram(cont'd)

• Rule3: Avoid making branching decisions on more than one asynchronous variable at a time


3.5.5 Step5: Complete the Design of the Controller

- Complications:
 - Short/brief input pulses
 - Asynchronous inputs
 - Avoid glitches in the outputs
 - Debug and testability features
- Design steps:
 - Select a controller architecture
 - Deal with synchronous problems
 - Select a clock frequency
 - Find a suitable state assignment
 - Use a state map
 - Implement the next state maps
 - Plot next state maps
 - Design the output decoder
 - Plot output maps (if necessary)
 - Produce an output list

3.5.6 Step6 : Finalize the Design Controller Data Path Interface



3.5.7 Step7: Simulation and Hardware Implementation

3.6 An Example: pop machine controller

- Requirement:
- Pop machine capable of automatically dispensing soda pop at 75 cents per can and make proper change for coin sequences comprising nickels, dimes, quarters. The new machine use existing inventory including coin receiver, coin changer, and pop drop mechanism. These three given subsystems are to be controlled by a newly designed digital controller.

3.6.1 Specs

- Constrains:
 - Must operate out of doors
 - Must operate in an electrically noisy environment
 - Mean time between failures > 2 months
 - Hardware constraints : coin receiver, coin changer and pop-drop mechanism have already been chosen.



3.6.1 Specs (cont'd)

• Time Specs for the coin receiver



• Time Specs for the coin changer





3.6.2 Roughly Block Diagram for the Data Path



3.6.3 Refined Data Path



3.6.4 Develop a detailed specification for the controller



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3.6.5 Complete the Design of Controller



3.6.6 Finalize the Design: Controller Data Path Interface



3.6.7 VHDL Implementation

3.6.7 Digital Design



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