

In this lab, you will design a base 5 modulo  $125_{10}$  3-digit counter. Binary encodings of the base 5 digits are given in the table below.

Digit	Code
$0_{B=5}$	$110_b$
$1_{B=5}$	$010_b$
$2_{B=5}$	$111_b$
$3_{B=5}$	$001_b$
$4_{B=5}$	$100_b$

Table 1: Binary encoding of digits.

Unused binary sequences are considered *don't cares*.

Please construct your circuit starting from the template file called *tp34.circ*, found in this archive. The top level module of the file is named *TP34*. You must not change that name nor make any other module top. You must also neither modify nor rename any of the components existing in the template file. Finally, you must not change the board mapping of any of the components. A submission violating any of these rules will be awarded 0 points.

Components that you can use in the design are: NOT, AND, OR, NAND, NOR, XOR, and XNOR gates, D-Flipflops, any wiring and I/O components, and subcircuits that you created. If you use any other components, the total number of points awarded to your design will be halved. The prohibited components also include the button emulators (Section 1). Please use them only in the version of the circuit intended for video recording.

Solution .circ file is to be submitted for automated grading at the following link: <https://digsys.epfl.ch>. Please use the job prefixed with *01-tp34* and not *RFA* which is only for remote FPGA access.

You are allowed to make ten submissions, out of which the best one will be counted. Functionality of each of the questions below assumes functionality of all the previous questions. Hence, the grader will check for functionality of questions in reverse order, and award the points for the first correctly answered one and all the preceding ones. Note that it is only necessary to upload the file containing the solution of the last question that you have solved.

The last 25 points will be awarded after successful demonstration of the functionality of the last question correctly answered, to the teaching assistants, on Gecko4Education, by producing an adequate video (see Section 1).

#### A Note on Using the Grader

Besides producing a brief report with the scores awarded, the grader outputs two plain text files for each graded question: *golden\_qN.txt* and

*trace-qN.txt*, where  $N$  is the question number. Both files contain the values of the output signals for each clock cycle of the simulation. Outputs of the submitted solution are dumped into *trace-qN.txt*, while those of the reference model are stored in *golden-qN.txt*. The console output of the grader will point you to the first cycle at which a mismatch between the submitted solution and the reference model occurred. You may then use any file comparison tool to track the issue. For instance, running *vim* with a *-d* switch on the two files will open them side by side, highlighting the mismatches (e.g., you may run *vim -d golden-q1.txt trace-q1.txt*).

The present archive also contains a small script for trace manipulation named *tracer.py*. This allows you to hide some signals, letting you concentrate on the ones that are problematic. The script can also convert the outputs to decimal numbers. Besides being useful for catching errors in state changes more quickly, this can also help you detect small mistakes such as bit permutation, which will result in conversion failures. To use the script, call it with *python tracer.py -cmd sig\_name input\_file -o output\_file*. Where *cmd* can be either *hide* for hiding a signal or *dcd* for converting it to a decimal value; *sig\_name* is the name of the signal that is being manipulated (only one at each call); *input\_file* is the file that is to be manipulated and *outfile* is an optional destination file. If the destination file is not specified, the output will be printed on the screen. Piping is not supported. To hide or convert multiple signals, you can simply call the script again on the intermediate files.

**Question 1 [20 pts]:** Design an upward counter that counts from  $000_{B=5}$  to  $444_{B=5}$  in a loop, and displays the count on 7-segment displays included in the template file. Display *Disp2* should display the most significant digit, and display *Disp0* the least significant one. Furthermore, bit  $j \in [0, 3)$  of the encoding of digit  $i \in [0, 3)$  should be displayed on LED  $Q_{ij}$ , of the template. For example, LED  $Q_{22}$  should display the most significant bit of the encoding of the most significant digit. System should be reset by the button *reset*. State upon reset should be  $210_{B=5}$  and the counter should start counting upwards. Clock generator from the template should be the only clock generator used.

**Question 2 [20 pts]:** Extend the functionality of the counter, so that it counts upwards while button *But* from the template is pressed and downwards while it is released. Again, state upon reset should be  $210_{B=5}$ , but now the counting direction should depend on whether the button is pressed or not.

**Question 3 [35 pts]:** Change the functionality of the counter so that briefly pressing the button *But* from the template achieves the following: Once the button is pressed, a change in the direction of counting is scheduled for the clock cycle immediately after the next transition to the value  $314_{B=5}$ . For example, if the counter is counting upwards at the time of pressing the button, and holds the value  $312_{B=5}$ , a partial sequence of values observed in the future is:  $312_{B=5}, 313_{B=5}, 314_{B=5}, 313_{B=5}, 312_{B=5}, 311_{B=5}$ . You can assume that the button will not be pressed when the counter is in the state  $314_{B=5}$ . Hence, it is up to you to define the behavior in that case. State upon reset should be

$210_{B=5}$  and the counter should start counting upwards.

## 1 Demonstrating on the FPGA

In order to prepare your circuit for remote execution on Gecko4Education, replace the *But* and the *reset* buttons with the emulating components found in the *stim\_gen\_lib.circ* library, as indicated in the remote FPGA access instructions on Moodle. The choice of the *But* emulator will depend on the question you are trying to demonstrate. After that, generate the bitstream as indicated in the aforementioned instructions and upload it to your RFA job at [digsys.epfl.ch](http://digsys.epfl.ch). Like the submissions for functional grading, there is a limit of 10 tries. Note however that you will not have any feedback before the final video is graded. It is up to you to make sure it captures a functioning design. Note also that only the last video submitted before the deadline (and before the 10 tries are expanded, counting from the start date of the TP) to your RFA job will be graded, regardless of what the prior videos contain. Please make sure that the last video is the one you wish to get graded.

Finally, in order for the entire tests to fit the 30" video time limit, please set the clock frequency when synthesizing the bitstream to 32 Hz (Figure 1). If needed, you may reduce the playback speed when watching the video afterwards.

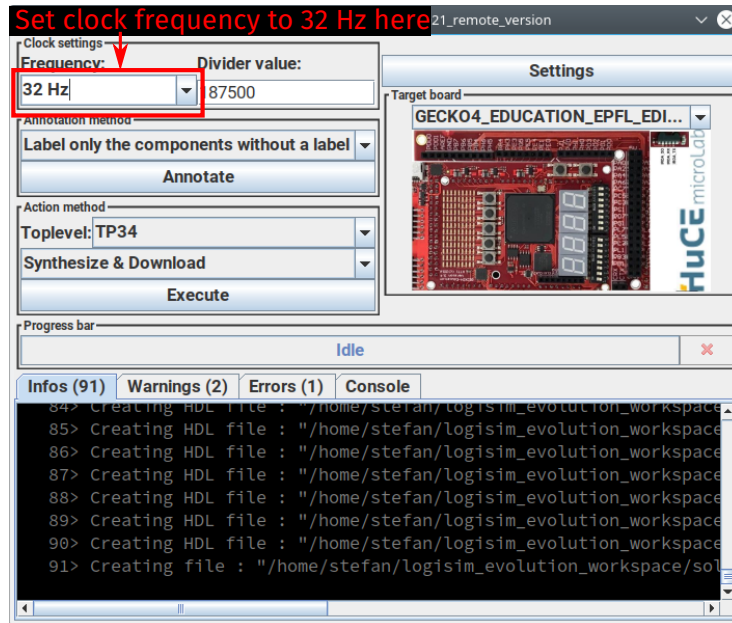


Figure 1: Setting clock frequency.