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## Introduction:

With this being the first lab of the semester, our main objective was to grasp some sort of understanding the basics of our DE0-NANO board. Since this is the first lab, I had to first install all of the programs and drivers according to the tutorial (lab 1). Next I followed through the set of instructions on how to set up my board with my pc. The main objective of the lab was to figure out and familiarize myself with the NANO board and Quartus 15.0.

## Background:

The DE0-NANO board is a Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA). For our board, the processor is a Nios II Processor, which gives us a register structure to follow, as well as an instruction set. An instruction set is how you manipulate the binary code for registers.

## Preliminary:

The preliminary work for this lab was to basically follow the instructions until the end and then modify the code accordingly. I had to do a lot of personal research to try and figure out the delay until a good example was done in class. I messed around a lot with the LEDS to figure out the functionality and how it works.

## Results:

1)

The screenshot displays the Quartus II IDE interface with two windows open: Disassembly and Memory.

**Disassembly Window:**

- Address (hex) or symbol name:** Search field with a "Go" button.
- Assembly Code:**

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.equ GREENLEDS, 0x10000010
.text
.global main
main: movia r5, GREENLEDS
main:
0x00000000 01440034      orhi    r5, zero, 0x1000
0x00000004 29400404      addi    r5, r5, 0x10
                                movi    r6, 0b10000000
0x00000008 01802004      addi    r6, zero, 0x80
                                movi    r8, 0x7FFF
0x0000000C 021FFFC4      addi    r8, zero, 0x7FFF
                                add     r8, r8, r8
0x00000010 4211883A      add     r8, r8, r8

                                load: movi r4, 0b00000001
                                load:
0x00000014 01000044      addi    r4, zero, 0x1

                                loop: stw r4, 0(r5)
```

**Memory Window:**

- Address (hex):** Search field with a "Go" button and a "Query Memory Mapped Devices" checkbox.
- Memory Dump:** A table showing memory addresses and their corresponding values.

Address	+0x0	+0x4	+0x8	+0xc
0x00000000	01440034	29400404	01802004	021FFFC4
0x00000010	4211883A	01000044	29000015	000F883A
0x00000020	39C00044	3A3FFE1E	21BFA26	2008107A
0x00000030	003FF906	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0
0x00000040	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0
0x00000050	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0
0x00000060	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0
0x00000070	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0
0x00000080	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0
0x00000090	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0
0x000000A0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0
0x000000B0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0
0x000000C0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0
0x000000D0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0
0x000000E0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0
0x000000F0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0
0x00000100	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0
0x00000110	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0
0x00000120	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0
0x00000130	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0
0x00000140	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0	0FF00FF0

**Registers Window:**

- Registers:** A table showing the current values of the Nios II registers.

Reg	Value
pc	0x00000024
zero	0x00000000
r1	0x00000000
r2	0x00000000
r3	0x00000000
r4	0x00000020
r5	0x10000010
r6	0x00000080
r7	0x00005BD6
r8	0x0000FFFE
r9	0x00000000
r10	0x00000000
r11	0x00000000
r12	0x00000000
r13	0x00000000
r14	0x00000000
r15	0x00000000
r16	0x00000000
r17	0x00000000
r18	0x00000000
r19	0x00000000
r20	0x00000000
r21	0x00000000
r22	0x00000000
r23	0x00000000
et	0x00000000
bt	0xFFFFFFFF

2)

movia – Move Immediate Address (loads a 32-bit value that goes to a label. Hi/Lo order. This breaks up into orhi/ori)

movi – Move Immediate (sign extends the immediate 16 bits to 32 bit and loads it into the new register.)

add – adds contents of two registers

stw – Store Word instruction. addresses it by an offset value and store its contents into the new register

addi – add immediate (adds content of a register then sign-extends 16 bits. Same for signed/unsigned values.

bne – Branch if not equal (A != B) (Boolean function)

roli – rotate left immediate. Rotates the bits of a register from right to left by the # of bits given (IMMED5) then stores it into the new register

br – something as a jump instruction, but executes unconditionally to the address it has.. Addresses the label as well.

Functions that change (pseudo code changes):

movia – orhi/addi

movi – addi

add r7,zero,zero = mov r7,r0

bne changed to show the address of the labels when broken down.

3)

The program gets stuck between two instructions because it is acting as a loop and has a secondary step between each instruction. Once it hits the bne (Branch Not ) it will continue to loop until r7 = r8. Once this happens it then exits the loop then loads the memory/ turn on the next LED.

		count: addi r7,r7,1
		count:
0x00000020	39C00044	<b>addi</b> r7, r7, 0x1
		bne r7,r8,count
0x00000024	3A3FFE1E	<b>bne</b> r7, r8, -0x8 (0x00000020: count)
		beq r4,r6,load
0x00000028	21BFFA26	<b>beq</b> r4, r6, -0x18 (0x00000014: load)
		roli r4,r4,1
0x0000002C	2008107A	<b>roli</b> r4, r4, 0x1
0x00000030	003FF906	<b>br</b> -0x1C (0x00000018: loop)
0x00000034	0FF00FF0	<b>cmpltui</b> ra, r1, 0xC03F

  

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4)

From my understanding the branches and jump instructions are the reasons why the LEDs cycle (LED0-LED7) The branches will make sure the values of r4 and r6 are the same before loading/cycling to the next LED. (0x0000FFFF). It affects the PC because it had to automatically allocate the space for the labels (count, load, loop). The address of PC changes according to the last used label from my observation and understanding.

For example:

0x00000020 and 0x00000024 (addi/bne for-loop)

5)

Main: stores and creates the location of LEDS. I'm pretty sure this is where we would add our delay for problem 6). R4 holds the addresses for the LEDS which gives the addresses shown below. R7 is a counter that will go until it equals R8 (which from my understanding R8 is a constant 0x7FFF)

R4 = LEDS

LED0 – 0x00000001

LED1 – 0x00000002

LED2 – 0x00000004

LED3 – 0x00000008

LED4 – 0x00000010

LED5 – 0x00000020

LED6 – 0x00000040

LED7 – 0x00000080

The LEDs flash when there is a bit loaded into it. The label load, loads a bit into the register r4. The label loop: makes the program go into an infinite loop until it is interrupted by the user. The label count: counts up a temporary variable r7 until it equals r8, then it load a bit into the next LED.

6)

I wanted to add a delay like we learned in class recently, it's a helpful tip especially since we know that our DE0 board runs @ 50 Mhz. Sadly, I didn't have a chance to copy it down from the board to use it for my code. I took note that r8 is what set the speed of the LEDs, I then repeated to add r8, r8, r8. The result of add r8, r8, r8 is a delay because the processor has to waste more processes therefore slowing down the LED so it is much easier to observe.

The screenshot shows a disassembler window with the following assembly code:

```

.equ GREENLED5, 0x10000010
.text
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0x00000014 4211883A      add     r8, r8, r8
                                add     r8, r8, r8
0x00000018 4211883A      add     r8, r8, r8
                                add     r8, r8, r8
0x0000001C 4211883A      add     r8, r8, r8

```

The registers panel on the right shows the following values:

Reg	Value
pc	0x00000030
zero	0x00000000
r1	0x00000000
r2	0x00000000
r3	0x00000000
r4	0x00000040
r5	0x10000010
r6	0x00000080
r7	0x0004F67A
r8	0x0007FFF0
r9	0x00000000
r10	0x00000000
r11	0x00000000
r12	0x00000000
r13	0x00000000
r14	0x00000000
r15	0x00000000
r16	0x00000000
r17	0x00000000
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r19	0x00000000
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7) My program was incredibly close to functioning as asked. My LEDs lit up in the order of LED0 ,LED1, LED2, LED3 ,LED7. Sadly the flashing does stop because of the MSB rotation not really working like it's suppose to. I tried to figure it out, but I couldn't successfully accomplish the non-stop flashing of the LEDs. The assembly program will be attached.