

# Introduction to Vending Machines

Vending machines are self-service retail units that dispense a variety of products, from snacks and beverages to personal care items and electronics, upon the insertion of coins, bills, or electronic payment. These convenient and ubiquitous fixtures have become an integral part of modern life, providing quick and easy access to a range of goods across diverse settings.

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# Components and Mechanics of Vending Machines

## **1** Coin Mechanism

Accepts and verifies coins or bills to initiate the vending process.

## **3** Inventory Management

Tracks product levels and triggers restocking notifications.

## **22** Product Dispensing System

Responsible for selecting and delivering the chosen product to the customer.

## **4** Electronic Control Systems

Coordinate the various components and enable advanced features, such as cashless payments.

# Advantages and Disadvantages of Vending Machines

## Advantages

Convenience, 24/7 availability, cost-effectiveness, and reduced labor costs for businesses.

## Disadvantages

Limited product selection, potential for vandalism or theft, and maintenance requirements.



# Vending Machine Trends and Innovations



## Cashless Payments

Integrating mobile wallets, contactless cards, and other digital payment methods.



## Healthier Options

Offering a wider selection of nutritious snacks and drinks to meet changing consumer preferences.



## Smart Vending

Incorporating internet connectivity, data analytics, and remote management capabilities.



## Sustainability

Implementing eco-friendly features, such as energy-efficient cooling systems and recycling programs.

# Considerations for Vending Machine Placement and Maintenance

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## Location

Choosing high-traffic areas with a steady flow of potential customers.

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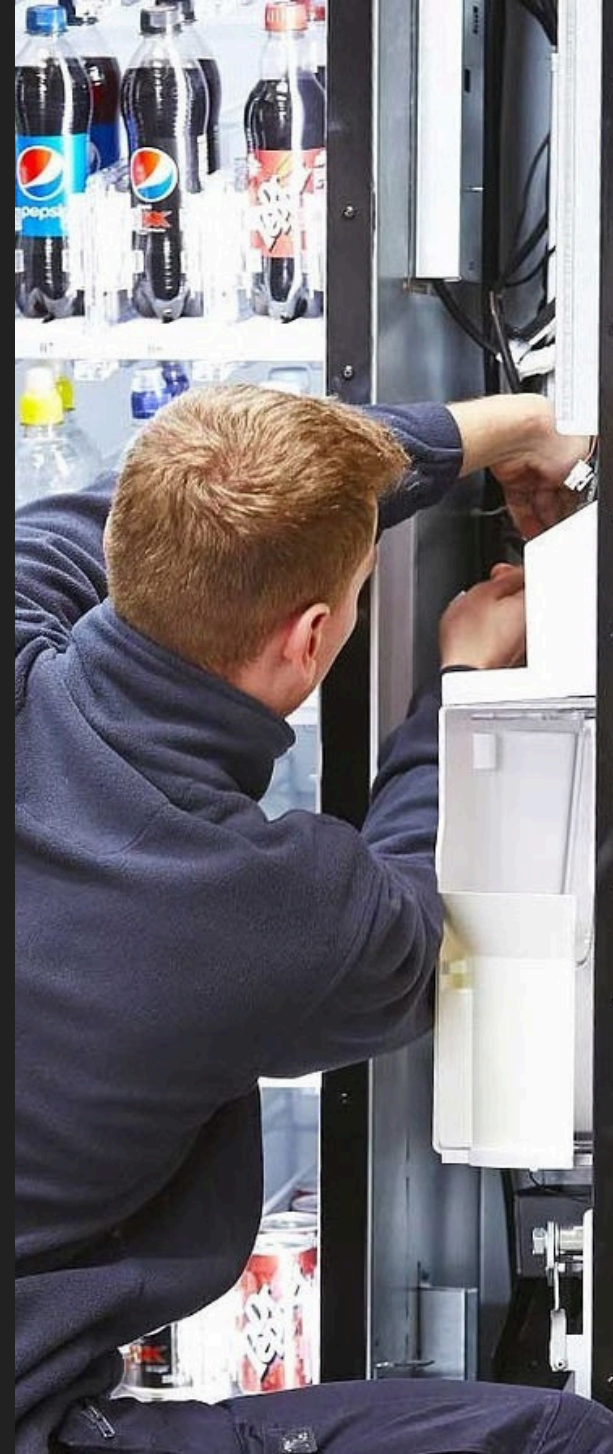
## Accessibility

Ensuring the machine is easily visible and within reach for all users.

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## Maintenance

Regularly stocking, cleaning, and repairing the machine to ensure optimal performance.



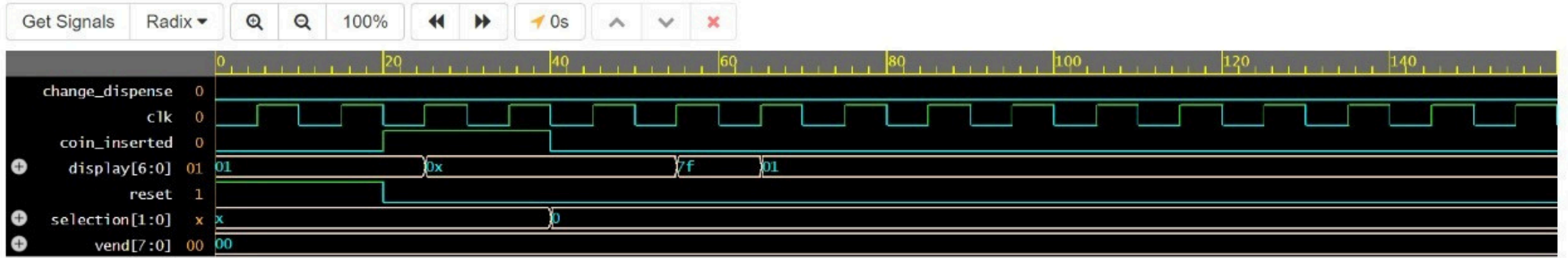


applications

- create a functioning NFA
- create a workable vending machine simulation

## Conclusion and Slide for Adding Images

Vending machines have evolved from simple coin-operated devices to sophisticated, technologically-advanced systems that cater to the diverse needs of modern consumers. As the industry continues to innovate, these ubiquitous fixtures will likely play an even more integral role in our daily lives, providing convenient access to a wide range of products and services.



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2  input wire clk,
3  input wire reset,
4  input wire coin_inserted,
5  input wire [1:0] selection,
6  output reg [6:0] display,
7  output reg [7:0] vend,
8  output reg change_dispense
9  );
10
11 // Define parameters for item prices
12 parameter PRICE_A = 5; // Price of item A in cents
13 parameter PRICE_B = 10; // Price of item B in cents
14 parameter PRICE_C = 15; // Price of item C in cents
15
16 // Internal registers
17 reg [7:0] inventory; // Inventory register for items A, B,
    and C (initially 10 of each)
18 reg [7:0] balance; // Balance register for tracking the
    amount inserted by the user
19

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3 // Parameters
4 parameter CLK_PERIOD = 10; // Clock period in ns
5
6 // Inputs
7 reg clk = 0;
8 reg reset = 0;
9 reg coin_inserted = 0;
10 reg [1:0] selection;
11 // Outputs
12 wire [6:0] display;
13 wire [7:0] vend;
14 wire change_dispense;
15
16 // Instantiate the vending machine module
17 VendingMachine dut (
18     .clk(clk),
19     .reset(reset),
20     .coin_inserted(coin_inserted),
21     .selection(selection),

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