

Digital Design and Computer Architecture LU

Lab Exercises I and II

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1 Introduction

This document contains the assignments for Exercises I and II. The deadlines for these exercises are:

- Exercise I: 01.04.2022, 23:55
- Exercise II: 05.05.2022, 23:55

The combined points achieved in Exercises I and II count 25 % to the overall grade of the course. Please hand in your solutions via TUWEL. We would like to encourage you to fill out the feedback form in TUWEL after you submitted your solution. The feedback is anonymous and helps us to improve the course.

Please note that this document is only one part of the assignment. Take a look at the report template for all required measurements, screenshots and questions to be answered. Make sure that all necessary details can be seen in the figures you put into your report, otherwise they will be graded with zero points.

The application created in Exercises I and II is a simple “Tetris” clone¹, which uses a Nintendo GameCube controller² for user input and generates an RGB analog component video signal³ on the VGA connector of the board.

1.1 Coding Style

Refer to the “VHDL Coding and Design Guidelines” document before starting your solution. Moreover, we highly recommend to implement state machines with the 2 or 3-process method discussed in the Hardware Modeling lecture, since the 1-process method can easily lead to subtle and hence very hard-to-find bugs.

1.2 Software

As discussed in more detail in the Design Flow Tutorial, we are using Quartus and QuestaSim (formerly ModelSim) in the lab. If you want to work on your own computer, you can download a free version of Quartus (Quartus Prime Lite Edition) and Questa/Modelsim (ModelSim-Intel) from the Intel website⁴. However, note that the simulation performance of ModelSim-Intel is considerably lower than the full version of Questa/Modelsim provided in the lab (especially for large designs).

We also provide you with a (Virtual Box) VM image, which has the free version of these tools installed under CentOS 7 (the same operating system as used in the lab). You can download the VM using `scp` from `ssh.tilab.tuwien.ac.at:/opt/eda/vm/ECS-EDA-Tools_vm_04032022.txz`. Extract the archive using e.g., `tar -xf ECS-EDA-Tools_vm_DDMMYYYY.txz`

The root/user password of the VM is `ecsed`, change it using the `passwd` command.

¹<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tetris>

²https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GameCube_controller

³https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Component_video

⁴<https://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/software/programmable/quartus-prime/download.html>

1.3 Submission

Do not change the LaTeX template in any way. Most importantly do not delete, add or reorder any questions/subtasks (i.e., the “qa” environments). If you don’t answer a particular question, just leave it empty, but don’t delete it. Everything you enter into the lab protocol must be inside one of the “qa” environments, everything outside of these environments will not be considered for grading.

When including simulation screenshots, remove the window border and menus. Only show the relevant parts!

Further note that it is mandatory to put the files exactly in the required folders! The submission script will assist you to avoid mistakes.

1.4 Allowed Warnings

Although your design might be correct, Quartus still outputs some warnings during the compilation process. Table 1.1 lists all allowed warnings, i.e., warnings that won’t have a negative impact on your grade. All other warnings, however, indicate problems with your design and will hence reduce the total number of points you get for your solution.

The last two warnings in Table 1.1 may still indicate problems with your design. So thoroughly check which signals these warnings are reported for! If you have, for example, an input button that should trigger some action in your design but Quartus reports that it does not drive any logic, then there is certainly a problem. If you intentionally drive some output with a certain constant logic level (for example an unused seven segment display), then the “stuck at VCC or GND” warning is fine.

ID	Description
18236	Number of processors has not been specified which may cause overloading on shared machines. Set the global assignment NUM_PARALLEL_PROCESSORS in your QSF to an appropriate value for best performance.
13009	TRI or OPNDRN buffers permanently enabled.
276020	Inferred RAM node [...] from synchronous design logic. Pass-through logic has been added to match the read-during-write behavior of the original design.
276027	Inferred dual-clock RAM node [...] from synchronous design logic. The read-during-write behavior of a dual-clock RAM is undefined and may not match the behavior of the original design.
15064	PLL [...]altpll:altpll_component pll_altpll:auto_generated [...] output port clk[...] feeds output pin [...] via non-dedicated routing -- jitter performance depends on switching rate of other design elements. Use PLL dedicated clock outputs to ensure jitter performance
169177	[...] pins must meet Intel FPGA requirements for 3.3-, 3.0-, and 2.5-V interfaces. For more information, refer to AN 447: Interfacing Cyclone IV E Devices with 3.3/3.0/2.5-V LVTTTL/LVCMOS I/O Systems.
171167	Found invalid Fitter assignments. See the Ignored Assignments panel in the Fitter Compilation Report for more information.
15705	Ignored locations or region assignments to the following nodes
15714	Some pins have incomplete I/O assignments. Refer to the I/O Assignment Warnings report for details
12240	Synthesis found one or more imported partitions that will be treated as black boxes for timing analysis during synthesis
13024	Output pins are stuck at VCC or GND
21074	Design contains [...] input pin(s) that do not drive logic
292013	Feature LogicLock is only available with a valid subscription license. You can purchase a software subscription to gain full access to this feature.

Table 1.1: Allowed warnings

2 Exercise I (Deadline: 01.04.2022)

2.1 Overview

In the first exercise you will already design your first FPGA application using VHDL. Prior to that it is, however, necessary that you make yourself acquainted with the software tools, the lab and the remote working environment if you plan to work remotely. A basic FPGA design flow consists of simulation, synthesis and place&route. The simulation is used to verify and debug functionality and timing of the circuits. During synthesis the behavioral and/or structural description is translated into a gate-level netlist. This netlist can then be mapped to the FPGA's logic cells. Finally, a bitstream (SOF) file is created, which is used to configure the FPGA.

Note that we provide you with a reference implementation in the form of a bitstream file (located in the TILab under `/opt/ddca/ref_ex1.sof`). If some explanation in this document is unclear, this implementation can be used as a guideline for how the finished system should behave. Nonetheless, don't hesitate to contact the teaching staff using the provided communication channels. Please note that the TU Chat can also be used to ask questions outside of the tutor lab slots. This way, simpler questions can be answered by the staff and you don't have to wait for the next tutor slot.

2.2 Required and Recommended Reading

Essentials (read before you start!)

- Design Flow Tutorial
- VHDL Coding and Design Guidelines
- Hardware Modeling VHDL introduction slides (see TUWEL)

Consult as needed

- IP Cores Manual
- Datasheets and Manuals (e.g., for the board, see TUWEL)

2.3 Task Descriptions

Task 1: Introduction and Preparations [10 Points]

Your task is to create a Quartus project for the VHDL design that will be used throughout Exercises I and II, add some missing parts and program it onto the FPGA board. A structural overview of the top-level module (`top/src/top.vhd`) is shown in Figures 2.3-2.5.

Project Creation: Create a new Quartus project in the `top/quartus/` directory. The name of this project shall be `top`. Quartus will create two files named `top.qpf` and `top.qsf`. Set the VHDL version of the project to VHDL-2008 (otherwise it will not compile). We also provide you with a Makefile located in the `top/quartus/` directory, that allows you to start the synthesis process from the command line (using `make quartus`). This can be useful if you work on the lab computers over an SSH connection.

Add the top-level VHDL source file (`top/src/top.vhd`) as well as the source files of the required IP cores in the `vhd1/` directory to the project. Note that some of the cores are only provided as

precompiled modules. This includes the `precompiled_gc_cntrl`, the `precompiled_vga_gfx_cntrl`, the `audio_cntrl` and the `dbg_port`. These modules always come with one or more `*.vhd` files as well as a `*.qxp` and a `*.vho` file in their `src/` directories. For your Quartus project add all `*.vhd` files as well as the `*.qxp` file (the `*.vho` is only required for simulations). For example, for the `audio_cntrl` the files `audio_cntrl_top.qxp`, `audio_cntrl_2s.vhd` and `audio_cntrl_pkg.vhd` are needed.

Note that the `tetris_game` module internally uses IP cores from the `ram/`, `decimal_printer/` and `tetris_util/` directories. Thus, be sure to also add those source files to the project. Furthermore, don't forget to add the `math_pkg` package (`math/src/math_pkg.vhd`) as many IP cores depend on it.

Now, before you can synthesize the project, you also have to:

- create a PLL and instantiate it in your top-level source design
- configure the pin assignment of the FPGA

PLL Generation: The main system clock applied to the `clk` input of the top-level module has a frequency of 50 MHz. However our system requires two additional clock signals (`audio_clk` and `display_clk`), which have to be generated out of the 50 MHz clock using a PLL. However, the PLL shown in Figure 2.3 is not supplied by the code base and there is also no instance for it present in the top-level design (`top/src/top.vhd`). You need to generate it using the corresponding wizard in Quartus (see the Design Flow Tutorial for further information) and then add it to the system. The first clock output of the PLL (which will be named `c0` by the PLL generation utility) is required by the audio controller and must be configured to 12 MHz. The second output clock (`c1`) is needed for the `vga_gfx_cntrl` to generate the output video signal and must be set to 25 MHz. Place the VHDL files generated by the wizard for the PLL in the `top/src/` folder.

Create and add an SDC file as discussed in the Design Flow Tutorial. Additionally add the following line to the end of this file:

```
1 set_false_path -from [get_clocks {clk}] -to [get_clocks {PLL_INST_NAME|altpll_component
    ↳ |auto_generated|pll1|clk[0]}];
```

`PLL_INST_NAME` must be replaced by the name of your PLL instance in the top-level design architecture. This command prevents the timing analyzer to report problems for signals crossing between the 50 MHz system clock domain and the 12 MHz audio clock domain.

Pin Assignments: You don't have to take care of (most of) the pin assignments by yourself. Simply import the provided pinout file located in `top/quartus/top_pinout.csv`, as discussed in the Design Flow Tutorial. Now everything *except* for the 50 MHz clock signal is connected. Consult the FPGA board manual to find out its exact location (the signal is called `CLOCK_50` in the manual) and assign it using the Pin Planner in Quartus. Be sure to select the correct I/O Standard (3.3-V LVTTL).

System Explanation and Download: The top-level module connects all the modules that make up our Tetris game system. The “heart” of the system is the `tetris_game` module which implements the actual game logic, processes controller input, sends instructions to the `vga_gfx_cntrl` and plays sounds using the `audio_cntrl`. However, currently it only supports quite basic functionality. Its main purpose now is to demonstrate some of the functions of the other modules in the system and how to interact with them. Implementing the actual game logic will be done in Exercise II.

The `audio_cntrl` implements a simple synthetic sound generator that interfaces with the board's audio DAC (digital to analog converter) WM8731. The `vga_gfx_cntrl` processes graphics instructions from the `tetris_game` module or the `dbg_port` and generates the video signal for the VGA port of the board. For that purpose it uses the board's SRAM to store the required frame buffers. Figure 2.1 highlights the external components on our FPGA board these modules interface with. More information about both of these components can be found in the IP Cores Manual.

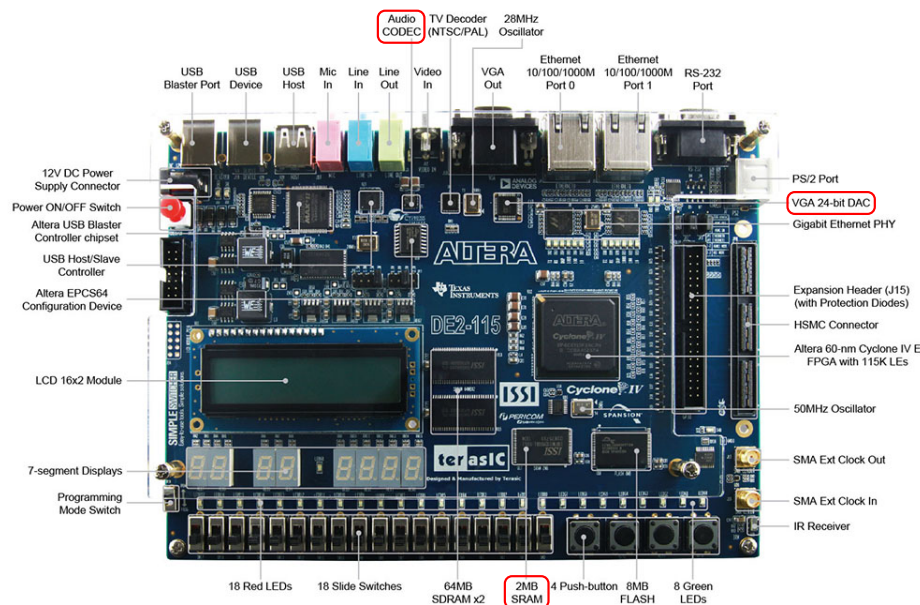


Figure 2.1: DE2-115 FPGA Development Board

The `precompiled_gc_cntrl` implements the interface to the GameCube controller. In the next Task, you will implement this module by yourself.

After creating the project, adding the PLL and adjusting the pin assignment, you can synthesize/compile the project and download it to the FPGA board. This can be done using the Quartus GUI or the provided Makefile in the `top/quartus` folder using the `download` target.

If the download succeeds, the monitor attached to the VGA connector of the board should show a tetromino⁵ that can be moved in a certain section of the screen using the arrow keys of the GameCube controller. The seven-segment displays should display the current x and y displacement of the joysticks, while the green LEDs show the state of (some of) the controller buttons. The state of the switches should be directly reflected by the red LEDs.

Debug Port: The `dbg_port` is a central system component that enables you to

- work completely remotely, i.e., without coming to the TILab physically and
- conveniently test and debug your system, even when you have physical access to the board.

From Figure 2.5 it can be seen that the keys and switches inputs of the top-level design are directly connected to the `dbg_port`. All other parts of the system only use the internal signals `int_keys` and `int_switches` produced by the `dbg_port`. After start-up of the design (or physical reset, by pressing KEY0) the `dbg_port` will simply relay the values of keys and switches to `int_keys` and

⁵<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tetromino>

`int_switches` completely unchanged. However, the `dbg_port` can also be switched into a mode where instead of the physical keys and switches signals, it outputs values that can be set using a simple software tool provided on the lab computers called `remote.py`.

When you are logged in to a computer with a board connected to (i.e., either physically in the lab or using a Remote Lab computer) you can hence use this command to interact with your design. To use it, please first execute the following commands (when logged in at a TILab computer, of course you can also do this via SSH) to install the required Python packages.

```
1 pip3 install --user termcolor dataclasses docopt pyserial
```

Now you can execute the following commands:

```
1 remote.py -s # read the current state of the (hardware) switches
2 remote.py -s 0x2aaaa # set the software switches to an alternating pattern
3 remote.py -s # read back the value just set
```

After running these commands, the red LEDs should light up in an alternating pattern and changing the physical switches should have no effect. The `-s` command line argument lets you access the switches, the keys can be accessed analogously using the `-k` argument. Setting the value of the switches or the keys using the `remote.py` tools automatically disconnects the physical inputs from the switches and keys outputs of the `dbg_port` and connects the software configurable values. Internally this is achieved using a multiplexer which is controlled by the software input control (SWIC) flag, which can be directly accessed using the `--swic` command line argument:

```
1 remote.py --swic 0 # disable the software buttons
2 remote.py --swic 1 # manually enable the software buttons
3 remote.py --swic # read the current value of the software input control flag
```

Figure 2.5 also shows that the `dbg_port` is connected to the green and red LEDs (`ledg`, `ledr`) and the seven-segment displays (`hex0-7`). Those values can be read using the `-g`, `-r` and `-x` command line arguments.

The `dbg_port` also contains an emulator for the physical GameCube controller, such that the design can also be operated in the Remote Lab. This is the reason for the `emulated_gc_data` signal of the top-level entity. The boards in the Remote Lab have this (inout) signal connected with `gc_data` using an external wire. The boards at the normal workplaces in the lab have the physical GameCube controller connected at `gc_data`. To control the state of the emulated controller `remote.py` offers the `-n` command line argument, which lets you access a 64-bit value. Individual buttons and analog inputs can be accessed using the `-b` command line option:

```
1 remote.py -n 0 # reset all buttons and analog values to zero
2 remote.py -n -b A 1 # press the A button
3 remote.py -n -b S 1 # press the Start button
4 remote.py -n -b Left 1 # press the left arrow button
5 remote.py -n -b LT 0xdd # set the left trigger to 0xdd
6 remote.py -n -b JX 0xca # set the x axis of the joy stick to 0xca
7 remote.py -n -b CY 0x22 # set the y axis of the c stick to 0x22
```

However, a more convenient way to interact with the emulated controller (as well as the other I/O of the board) is the interactive mode of the `remote.py` tool. Using the `-i` command line argument brings up the user interface shown in Figure 2.2.

Another important feature, which will become important for Exercise II, is the ability to send graphics instructions to the `vga_gfx_cntrl`. Figure 2.4 shows that the `gfx_instr` and `gfx_instr_wr` outputs of the `tetris_game` module are not directly connected to the `vga_gfx_cntrl`, but that there

Figure 2.2: Screenshot of the interactive mode of the `remote.py` tool

are multiplexers in between. These multiplexers are controlled by the graphics instruction source control signal (`gisc`) coming from the `dbg_port`. If this signal is asserted, the multiplexers relay the signals `dbg_gfx_instr` and `dbg_gfx_instr_wr` of the `dbg_port` to the `vga_gfx_cntrl`. To issue instructions using the `remote.py` tool, use the `--gfx` command line option, which will automatically assert the `gisc` signal. Executing the following script will color the screen green and then draw a diagonal line in red.

```

1 remote.py --gfx 0x7000 # disable double buffering
2 remote.py --gfx 0xf003 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0xf800 0x07e0 # load palette 3
3 remote.py --gfx 0xe003 # select palette 3
4 remote.py --gfx 0x4e00 # clear the screen
5 remote.py --gfx 0x1000 0 0 # set graphics pointer register to (0,0)
6 remote.py --gfx 0x3f00 319 239 # draw the line

```

For more information about the instruction format, refer to IP Cores Manual. Note that all those instructions could also have been issued using just a single call to `remote.py`. To deassert the `gisc` signal run `remote.py --gisc 0`.

Please refer to `remote.py -h` for a full documentation of all command line options and features.

Reset: Note that the `dbg_port` module's reset is directly connected to `keys(0)`, hence it can only be reset by physically pressing the reset button on the board. All other components are reset by the signals `res_n`, `audio_res_n` and/or `display_res_n`, which are generated using the (synchronized) output of the AND gate in Figure 2.3. Because the reset signals in our system are low active, the AND gate ensures that the reset can be triggered by either of the AND gate inputs. One input of this AND gate is connected to `int_keys(0)` (which, as explained above can be connected to the physical button or the “virtual” button of the debug interface) while the other one is connected to the `sw_reset` output of the `dbg_port`. The software reset can be issued using `remote.py --reset`.

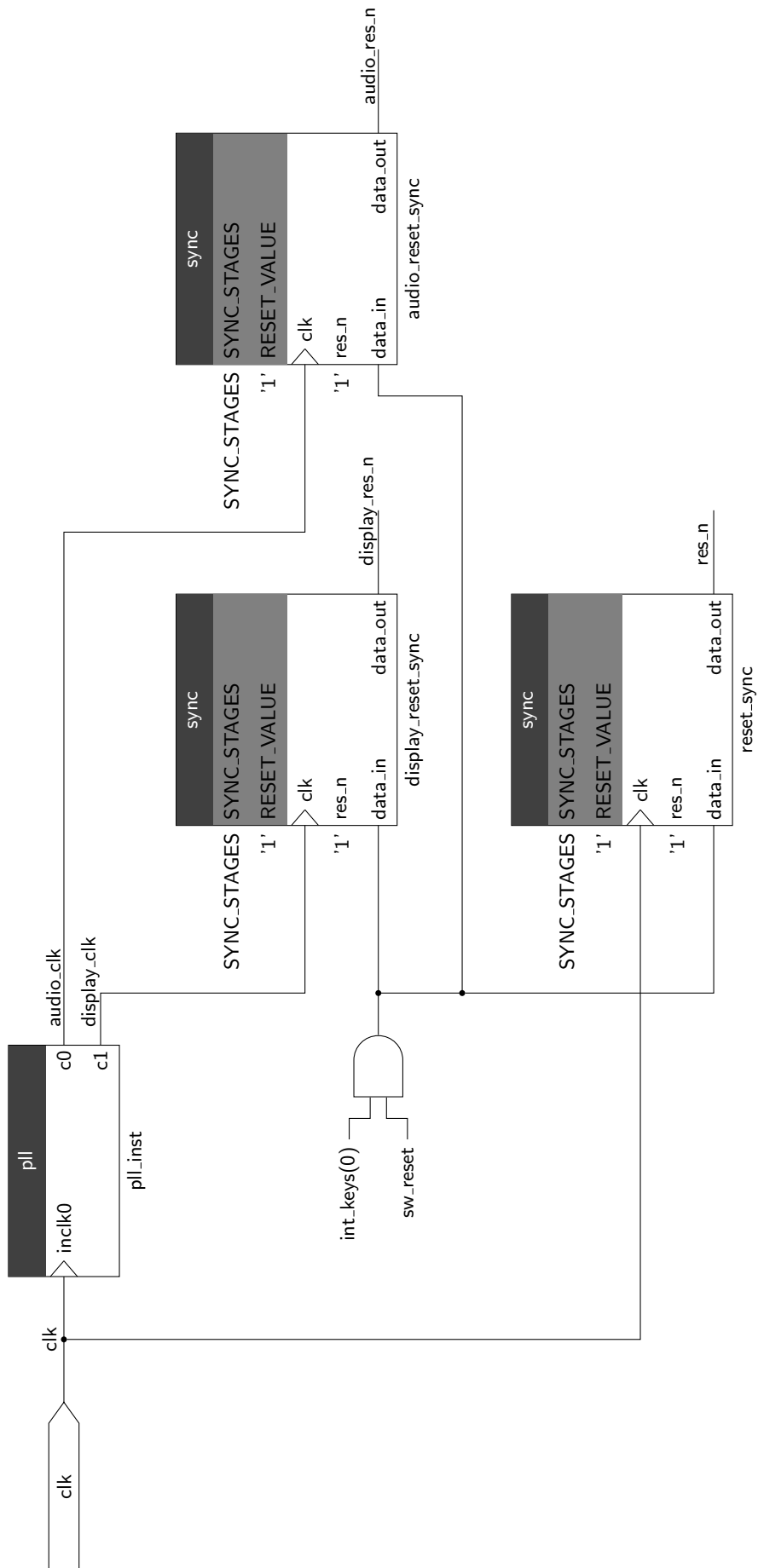


Figure 2.3: Structural system specification (clock and reset)

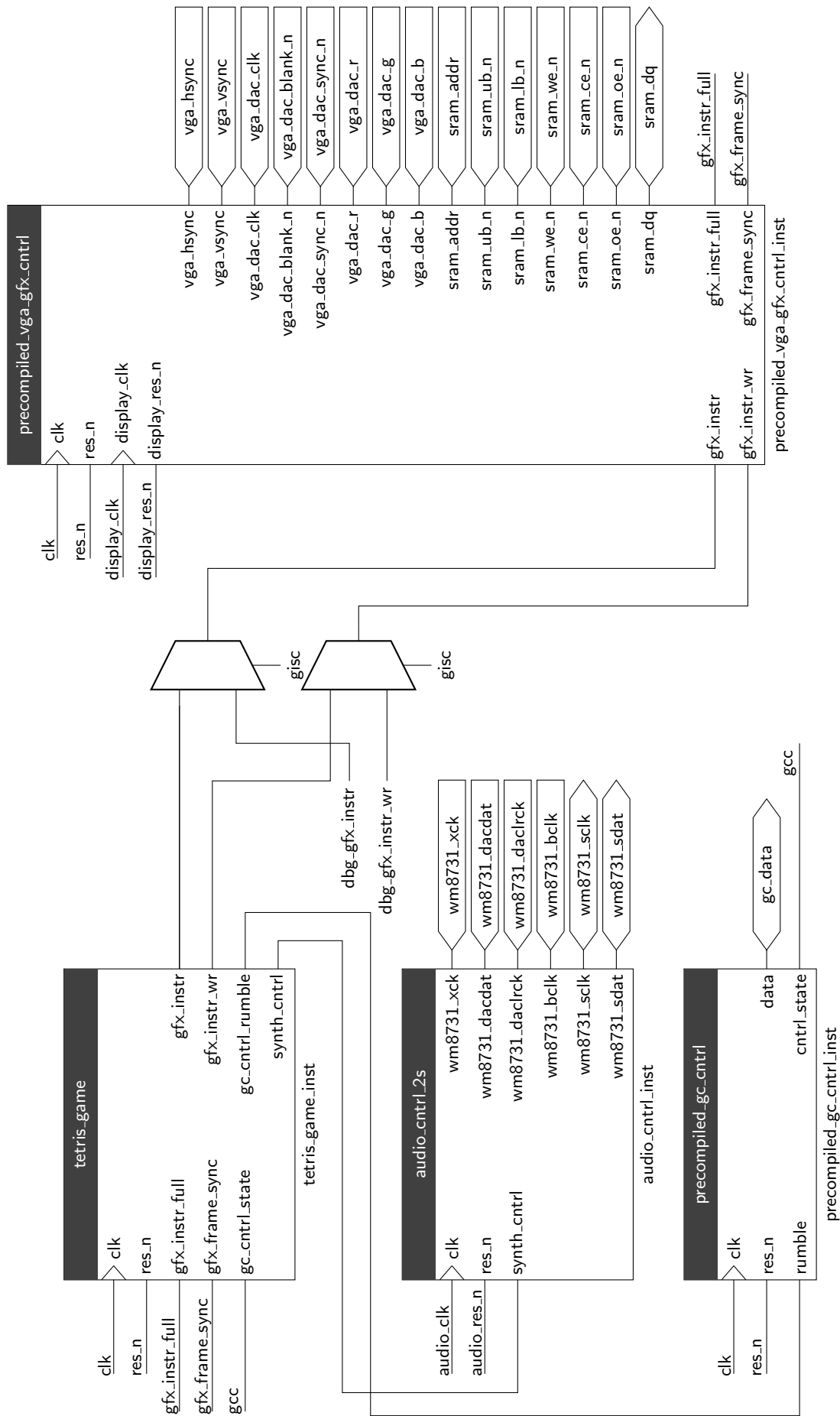


Figure 2.4: Structural system description (core system components)

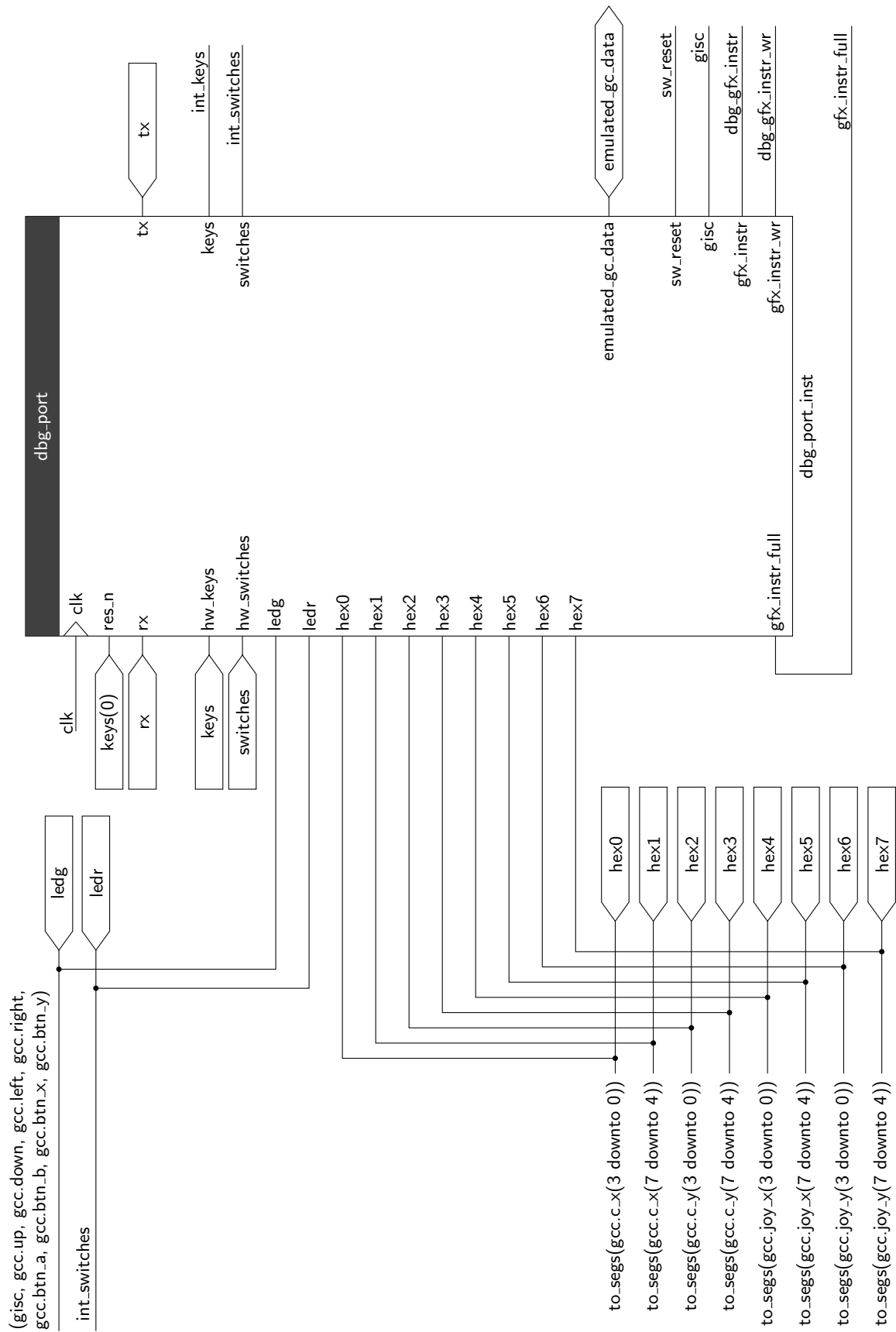


Figure 2.5: Structural system description (debug port)

Task 2: GameCube Controller [40 Points]

In this task you will implement the interface to the GameCube controller by yourself and replace the `precompiled_gc_cntrl`. The GameCube uses a simple serial interface to transfer the button states, analog triggers and joy stick values over a single (half-duplex) wire `data`. As shown in Figure 2.6 a pull-up resistor is used to connect this wire to the supply voltage (3.3 V)⁶. This means that unless no communication partner actively drives `data` low, the idle state of the wire is high. Although Figure 2.6 shows the pull-up resistor as an external component to the FPGA, it is actually an internal resistor integrated into the I/O cell of the chip that can be activated by the FPGA design. You don't have to take care for this resistor, since this has already been configured by the pinout file.

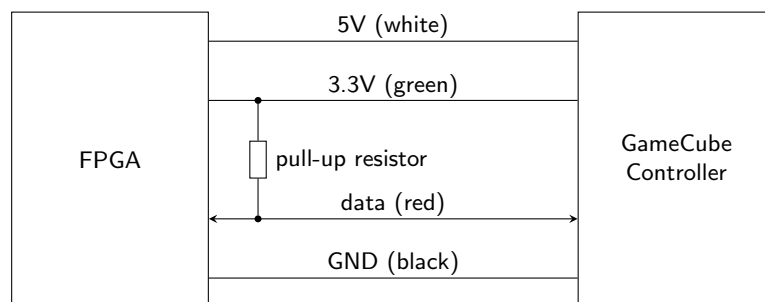


Figure 2.6: Physical connection between GameCube controller and FPGA

Depending on the current state of the communication protocol, the `data` wire is either driven low by your design (i.e., the FPGA) or the GameCube controller. Note that there is no need to ever actively drive this wire high, since this is already the idle state thanks to the pull-up resistor⁷. It is important that whenever one communication party drives the output, the receiver goes into the high-Z state, such that the transmitted value can be read.

To start a new transmission to read the current state (pressed/not pressed) of each button and the analog values of the triggers and joy sticks (x and y displacement), a 24-bit long polling command ("0100 00000000 0011 0000 000R") followed by a single (high) stop-bit must be sent to the controller. The individual bits are transmitted using a pulse width encoding. The transmission of a single bit takes 4 μs and always starts with a falling edge on `data`. A logic zero is represented by a rising edge after 3 μs (measured from the start of the bit, i.e., the falling edge), while for a logic one the rising edge must happen after 1 μs . Using this scheme the receiver can always synchronize to the falling edge of the `data` signal without the need for an explicit clock signal. Notice that one bit in the polling command is marked with *R*. This bit controls the rumble feature of the controller. Setting it to one will activate rumbling until the next transmission cycle. Figure 2.7 visualizes this protocol.

After sending the polling command, the GameCube controller immediately answers with a 64-bit response using the same encoding, again followed by a stop bit. In order to receive this data, the FPGA has to switch off its output driver (i.e., output 'Z') immediately after the end of the polling command. Table 2.1 lists the meaning of the individual bits of the controller's response.

Implementation: Create an entity named `gc_cntrl` and place it in the `gc_cntrl/src/gc_cntrl.vhd` file. The required generics and the port signals are described in Tables 2.2 and 2.3, respectively.

⁶The additional 5 V supply line is required to drive the rumble motor in the controller.

⁷Driving a signal high that is driven low by another communication partner leads to a short-circuit that can possibly damage one or both of the communication partners!

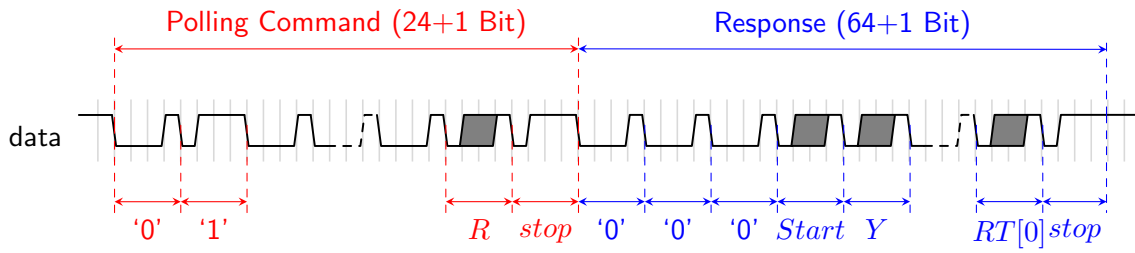


Figure 2.7: GameCube controller serial interface protocol

Bit	Content
0-2	unused (always 0)
3	Start
4	Y
5	X
6	B
7	A
8	unused (always 1)
9	L
10	R
11	Z
12	Up
13	Down
14	Right
15	Left
16-23	Joy Stick X-Axis (16 MSB)
24-31	Joy Stick Y-Axis (24 MSB)
32-39	C Stick X-Axis (32 MSB)
40-47	C Stick Y-Axis (40 MSB)
48-55	Left Trigger (48 MSB)
56-63	Right Trigger (56 MSB)
64	Stop bit (always 1)

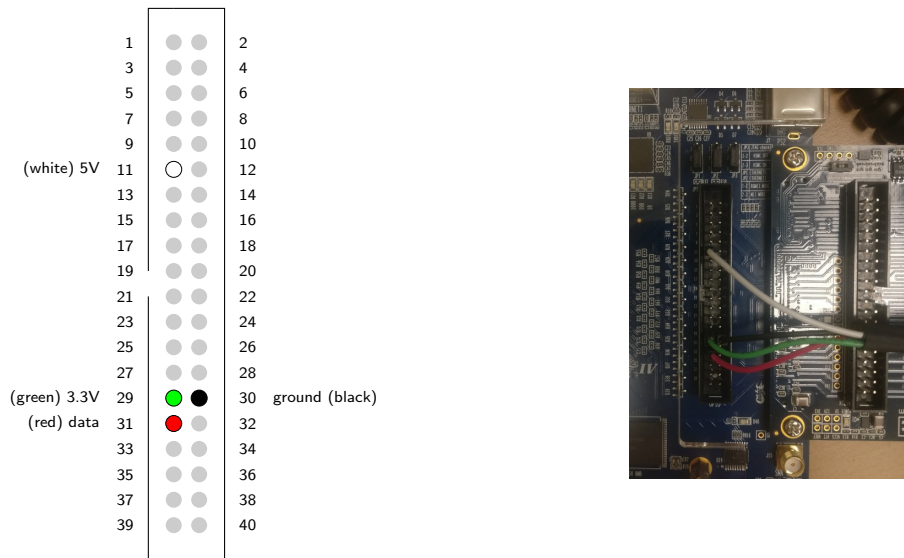
Table 2.1: Response of the GameCube controller

Name	Functionality
SYNC_STAGES	Number of flip flop stages used for the synchronization of the data signal
CLK_FREQ	Actual clock frequency of the <i>clk</i> signal given in Hz
REFRESH_TIMEOUT	The timeout in <i>clk</i> cycles the controller should wait in between controller state readouts. Set this generic to the equivalent of 6 ms.

Table 2.2: *gc_cntrl* generics description

The state diagram of the *gc_cntrl* is shown in Figure 2.9. Implement a state machine according to this specification. The edges in this graph are labeled with the relevant condition that needs to be satisfied for the state change. Additionally the edge labels also contain assignments (indicated by the `:=` operator) that must be executed when the condition is fulfilled. The initial state is `WAIT_TIMEOUT`.

Since, from the point of view of the FPGA the *data* signal is asynchronous, it must be syn-



(a) GPIO board connector pinout (top view) (b) Connected wires for the GameCube controller

Figure 2.8: Physical controller/board interface

Name	Dir.	Width/Type	Functionality
clk	in	1	Global clock signal
res_n	in	1	Global reset signal (low active, not internally synchronized)
data	inout	1	The serial half-duplex data wire to the controller
rumble	in	1	The rumble-control signal.
cntrl_state	out	gc_cntrl_state.t	The actual state of the controller, represented by record type defined in the gc_cntrl_pkg package.

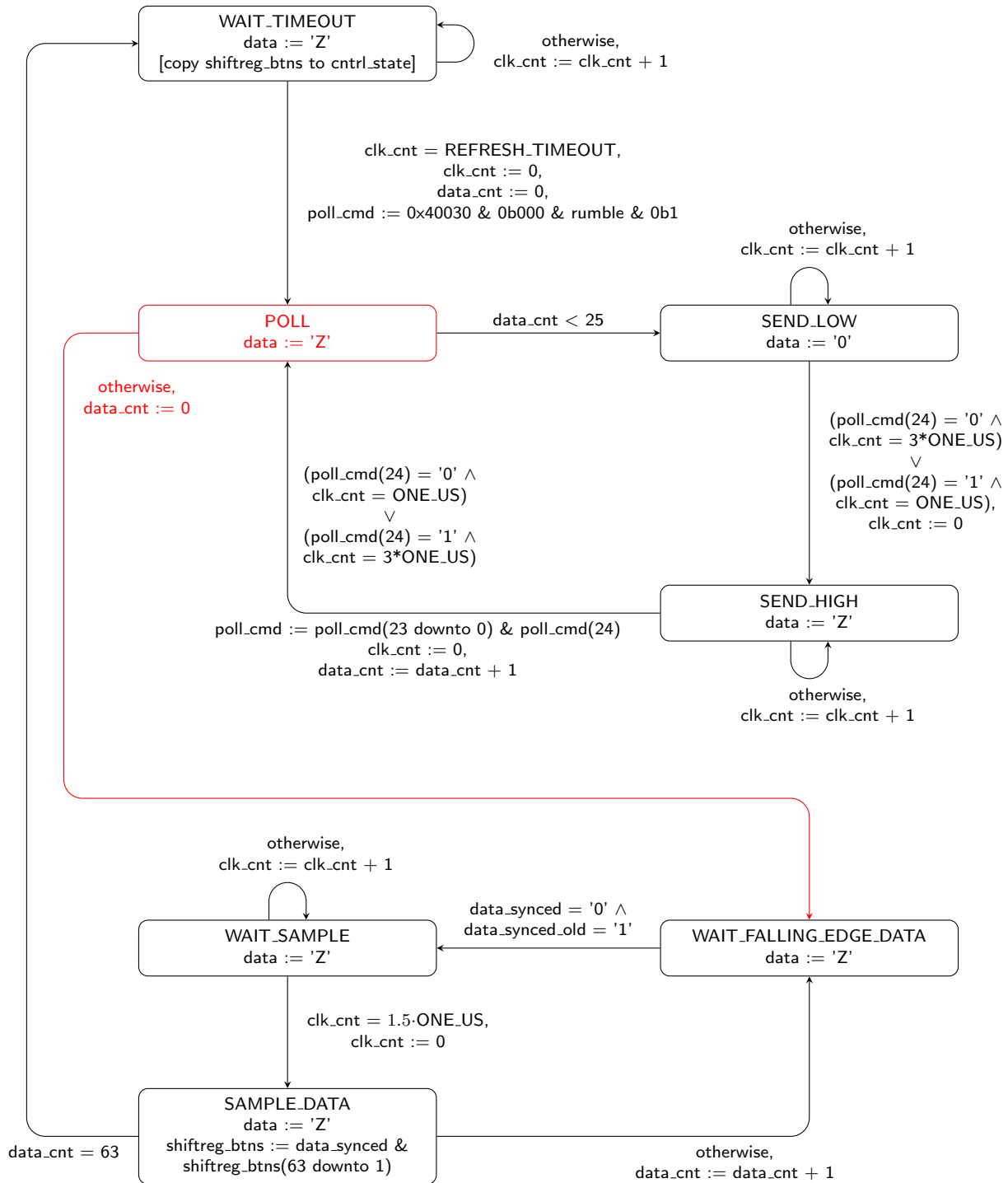
Table 2.3: gc_cntrl port signals description

chronized before it can be processed in the FSM. Hence you have to instantiate a synchronizer for this signal. In Figure 2.9 the output of this synchronizer is referred to as `data_synced`. The signal `data_synced_old` holds to the value of `data_synced` from the previous cycle (you will need a register for that).

The 25-bit register `poll_cmd` must be initialized to the value of the polling command (and the stop bit) discussed above. Note that the polling command is transmitted MSB first. The FSM always rotates the bits in the `poll_cmd` register to the left, such that next bit to transmit is always at `poll_cmd(24)`.

Note that the `cntrl_state` output is updated only in the `WAIT_TIMEOUT` state. Otherwise it must hold the value of the last known button state. This implies that a register must be used to buffer this output value. However, don't use a register for the `data` output. Don't forget to initialize all used registers during reset.

The `ONE_US` constant used in Figure 2.9 is the duration of a μs in clock cycles of `clk`. You have to calculate this constant from the generics.

Figure 2.9: `gc_cntrl` state diagram

Simulation: After implementation use the template in `gc_cntrl/tb/gc_cntrl_tb.vhd` to create a testbench for the `gc_cntrl` entity.

Your testbench shall simulate 8 controller state transmissions. For that purpose the testbench shall wait for the polling command and then generate appropriate input data on the `data` input of the controller. Your testbench shall be able to detect when the polling command is not correct and raise an error. After the transmission is complete and the `cntrl_state` output of the `gc_cntrl`

is updated, your testbench shall again check if the received data matches the transmitted data. If this is not the case for any of the entries in `cntrl_state`, an error should be raised. To raise an error use a `report` statement with the severity `error` (e.g., `report "polling command wrong" severity error;`). You don't have to use the 6 ms value for the `REFRESH_TIMEOUT` generic in the testbench. You may set it to a value that seems appropriate for your simulation.

The test vectors that your testbench uses for the data transmission, shall be generated randomly. The testbench template already contains code, which lets you create random `gc_cntrl_state_t` values. Initialize the seed variables (`seed1` and `seed2`) to your matriculation number. Before you change anything in the template, try running a simulation with it.

Be careful when processing and writing the `data` signal. Since the pull-up resistor is not simulated, 'Z' must be interpreted as high for the polling command. For the same reason you have to actively drive the `data` input (i.e., set it to '1') when you generate your response.

To automate the compilation and simulation process use the makefile example, provided in the `ram/` directory, to create your own makefile-based simulation flow. The makefile for the `gc_cntrl` entity shall be placed in `gc_cntrl/Makefile`. To get better acquainted with the tools, you can also create a Questa/Modelsim project using the GUI as outlined in the Design Flow Tutorial. However, this is not needed for the submission or the grading. Your makefile should support at least the targets `compile`, `sim`, `sim_gui` and `clean`. The `compile` target should compile all required source files using the Questa/Modelsim compiler (`vcom`). The simulation target `sim_gui` should start the graphical user interface of Questa/Modelsim, load an appropriate waveform viewer configuration script to add the relevant signals to the waveform viewer (`gc_cntrl/scripts/wave.do`) and run the simulation for long enough such that all 8 state transmissions are visible.

The `sim` target shall not start a graphical simulation but just run the simulation (i.e., execute the testbench). If everything works correctly, the testbench will run through without any errors being reported. In case the unit under test (UUT), i.e., the `gc_cntrl`, does not work as expected, the problem will be reported through the text output of the simulator (in the terminal). Make sure that in both cases the simulator terminates.

The `clean` target should delete *all* files generated during the compilation and simulation process.

System Integration: Add an instance of the `gc_cntrl` to your top-level design (`top/src/top.vhd`) and remove the `precompiled_gc_cntrl`. Connect it to the relevant signals and configure the `REFRESH_TIMEOUT` generic to the equivalent of 6 ms. If everything works, the overall design should behave exactly as before.

Task 3: Decimal Printer [40+(10) Points]

In this task you will design and implement the state machine for the `decimal_printer` module that will eventually be used to display the player points in the finished game.

Hence, the input to this module will be an unsigned (16-bit) number alongside a screen position. The output shall be a sequence of graphics instructions (see the IP Cores Manual for details) that can be fed into the `vga_gfx_cntrl` and that will cause it to print the decimal representation of the number to the screen at the desired position.

Implementation: The file `decimal_printer/src/decimal_printer.vhd` already contains a template for your module. Don't change the interface of the entity in any way!

```

1 entity decimal_printer is
2   port (
3     clk : in std_logic;
4     res_n : in std_logic;
5
6     gfx_instr : out std_logic_vector(GFX_INSTR_WIDTH-1 downto 0);
7     gfx_instr_wr : out std_logic;
8     gfx_instr_full : in std_logic;
9
10    start : in std_logic;
11    busy : out std_logic;
12    x : in std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
13    y : in std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);
14    number : in std_logic_vector(15 downto 0)
15  );
16 end entity;

```

Initially the FSM should start in a state where it **waits** for a logic one at the **start** input and then begins the conversion process. The unsigned 16-bit value at the **number** input shall be converted from its binary representation to a BCD value⁸. For each digit generated this way, a **BIT_BLIT** instruction⁹ shall be used to print the digit to the screen. As long as your core is processing and/or generating graphics instructions, the **busy** signal must be asserted. Figure 2.10 visualizes this interface protocol.

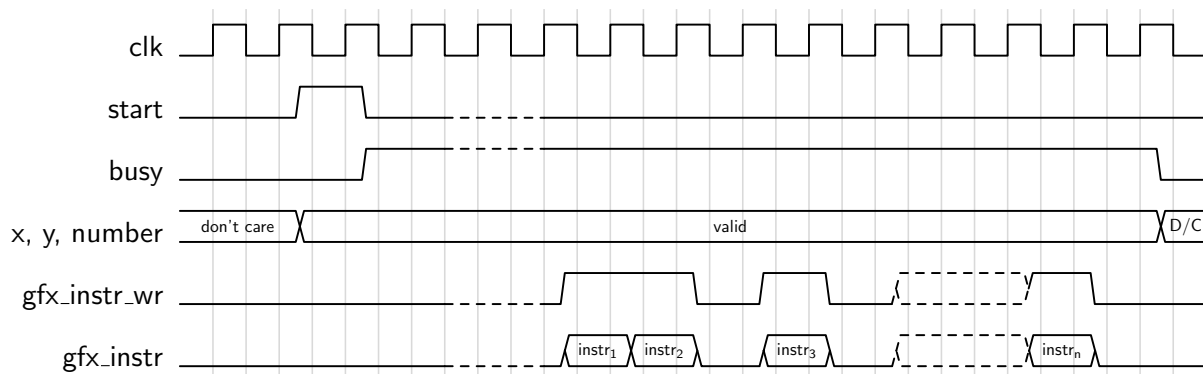


Figure 2.10: Example timing diagram for the `decimal_printer`

Note that the inputs **number**, **x** and **y** must be applied at the same cycle as the **start** signal is asserted and must be kept stable until the **busy** signal is deasserted by the core. Be sure that your FSM respects the **gfx_instr_full** signal, not shown in the timing diagram. This means that it must never be the case that **gfx_instr_wr** gets asserted while **gfx_instr_full** is asserted. There is no constraint on the processing time of the state machine or the number or type of graphics instructions to be used.

The conversion itself **must not** be implemented using a division operation, but by successively subtracting decimal powers (i.e., once per clock cycle) from the binary value. Start by subtracting 10^4 until the value is smaller or equal to 9999. By counting the number of times 10^4 could be subtracted, the ten-thousands digit is obtained. Now repeat the process by subtracting 10^3 to obtain the thousands digit and so on.

The decimal number shall be positioned at the screen coordinate defined by the inputs **x** and **y**. These coordinates mark the position of the upper left corner of the ten-thousands digit. Hence,

⁸https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binary-coded_decimal

⁹Of course also the compact version of the **BIT_BLIT** instruction can be used.

the first graphics instruction generated by your core will have to be a `MOVE_GP` instruction, that loads these coordinates into the graphics pointer register. Don't print leading zeros. Figure 2.11 shows the result of printing the numbers 12345 and 123 to the position $(x, y) = (10, 10)$.

Don't use the `all` keyword for the implementation of the `decimal_printer`. Create explicit sensitivity lists for your processes.

Simulation: To test your `decimal_printer` in simulation, implement the `gfx_instr_interpreter` whose entity declaration is shown below:

```

1 entity gfx_instr_interpreter is
2   generic (
3     OUTPUT_DIR : string := "./";
4     BB_ROM : bb_rom_t := MEMORY_CONTENTS
5   );
6   port (
7     clk : in std_logic;
8     gfx_instr : in std_logic_vector(GFX_INSTR_WIDTH-1 downto 0);
9     gfx_instr_wr : in std_logic;
10    gfx_frame_sync : out std_logic;
11    dump_frame : in std_logic
12  );
13 end entity;
```

A template is already provided in the file `decimal_printer/tb/gfx_instr_interpreter.vhd`. As can be derived from its name, this module should implement a simulation model that offers the same (internal) interface as the `vga_gfx_cntrl`. This means that this module is **not** meant to be synthesizable. It should just receive graphics instructions and immediately execute them by performing the appropriate graphic operations on an internal image data structure.

In order to visualize the data stored in this data structure, the `gfx_instr_interpreter` features the `dump_frame` input. Whenever this signal exhibits a rising edge, an image shall be dumped that corresponds to what the `vga_gfx_cntrl` would currently display. For that purpose we use the ASCII version of the Portable Pixmap¹⁰ format (magic number: P3). The file names of the dumped images shall be `frame_[N].ppm`, where `[N]` is a number increased with every frame dump, starting at 0. The image files should be placed in the directory specified by the generic `OUTPUT_DIRECTORY`.

Your `gfx_instr_interpreter` should support *all* instructions supported by the `vga_gfx_cntrl` as documented in the IP Cores Manual. The only exceptions are the `DRAW_LINE` and the `CFG` instructions. You don't have to draw anything when a `DRAW_LINE` instruction is encountered. However, you still need to advance the graphics pointer correctly. Moreover, you can treat `GFG` instructions as `NOP` instructions, i.e., you don't need to support double buffering or switching the output to the test pattern. If you are unsure how certain instructions should behave, you can use the graphics instruction interface of the `dbg_port` to test them on the "real" `vga_gfx_cntrl` in hardware. Be sure to have a look at the `vga_gfx_cntrl_pkg` as it contains constants and functions that can be helpful for your implementation.

Use the `decimal_printer/tb/decimal_printer_tb.vhd` as a template for your testbench for the `decimal_printer`. This file already contains instances for both the `decimal_printer` and the `gfx_instr_interpreter`. Before triggering the `decimal_printer` via the `start` signal, load an appropriate color palette and clear the screen. You can use the signals `init_gfx_instr` and `init_gfx_instr_wr` for that purpose. Then set up the `decimal_printer` in such a way that it prints your matriculation number modulo 2^{16} at the position $(x, y) = (10, 10)$. Then dump the generated frame to `decimal_printer/frame_0.ppm`. The generated image may also contain other output created to

¹⁰<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Netpbm>

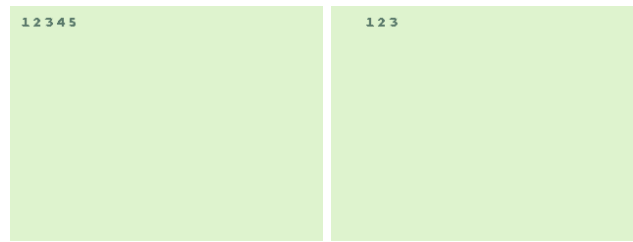


Figure 2.11: Sample output for 12345 and 123

test other features of the `gfx_instr_interpreter` not used by the `decimal_printer`. Figure 2.11 shows how a valid result can look like for number values of 12345 and 123.

To start the simulation, create a Makefile with the targets `compile`, `sim` and `clean`, which should behave as described in the previous task.

System Integration: The `tetris_game` module already contains an instance of the `decimal_printer`, hence no action from your side is required. If you implemented the core correctly, the design should output the 16-bit value formed by the concatenation of the left and right triggers of the GameCube controller on the screen.

Bonus Task (10 Points): Fully implement the `DRAW_LINE` instruction for the `gfx_instr_interpreter`. For that purpose you can implement a version of Bresenham's line algorithm¹¹. If you implement the Bonus Task, modify the testbench for the `decimal_printer` such that it draws a diagonal line from (0,239) to (319,0). Bonus points will only be awarded if the rest of the `gfx_instr_interpreter` is fully implemented and works (mostly) correctly.

2.4 Submission

To create an archive for submission in TUWEL, execute the `submission_exercise1` makefile target of the template we provided you with.

```
1 cd path/to/ddca_ss2022/dd
2 make submission_exercise1
```

The makefile creates a file named `submission.tar.gz` which contains all the required files. The submission script automatically checks if all the required files are present and in the right location. If the script reports an error, no archive will be created. Carefully check the warnings that are generated. The created archive should have the following structure.

```
submission.tar.gz
├── report.pdf ..... Your lab report
├── vhdl ..... The source code of all IP cores
│   ├── top
│   ├── gc_cntrl
│   ├── decimal_printer
│   └── [... all other cores]
```

Make sure the submitted Quartus project compiles and that your makefiles are working. All submissions which can not be compiled will be graded with zero points! **Don't create the archive manually.** If you have problems running the makefile target, consult a tutor.

¹¹https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bresenham%27s_line_algorithm

3 Exercise II (Deadline: 05.05.2022)

3.1 Overview

In this exercise you have to implement (i) the complete game logic of the Tetris game and (ii) your own version of the VGA graphics controller.

Please note that Tasks 1 and 2 do not depend on each other, and thus enable you to work on them in any order or even in parallel. Nevertheless, before you start we highly recommend to read the *whole* assignment and to run the reference solution, to get an intuition on how the game is supposed to behave.

3.2 Required and Recommended Reading

Essentials (read before you start!)

- Design Flow Tutorial
- VHDL Coding and Design Guidelines
- Hardware Modeling VHDL introduction slides (see TUWEL)

Consult as needed

- IP Cores Manual
- Datasheets and Manuals (FPGA board, DAC, see TUWEL)
- SignalTap manuals

3.3 Task Descriptions

Task 1: VGA Graphics Controller [50 Points]

In this task you will implement your own version of the `vga_gfx_cntrl`, which was supplied as a precompiled module for Exercise I. Don't change its interface, i.e., its entity declaration in any way. You can add new instructions, however, don't change the predefined ones.

To implement this module you can use the overall structure described in the IP Cores Manual. For that purpose we already provide you with some IP cores that you can use for your implementation:

- Use the cores provided by the `gfx_util_pkg` package to implement the rasterizer sub module.
- The `sram_cntrl` lets you access the external SRAM on the FPGA board to store the frame buffers.
- To continuously read the SRAM we provide the `frame_reader` module in `vga_gfx_cntrl/src/frame_reader.vhd`.
- The test pattern is generated using the `tpg` provided in `vga_gfx_cntrl/src/tpg.vhd`.

Internal Interface: As described in the IP Cores Manual, the `vga_gfx_cntrl` implements a simple 16 bit wide FIFO-like instruction interface. Your graphics controller must support **all** of the instructions and features specified in the IP Cores Manual. This means that when presented with the same stream of graphics instructions, your core should produce the exact same output as the `precompiled_vga_gfx_cntrl`.

Use a FIFO provided by the `ram_pkg` package to buffer incoming instructions and expose its write port to the port signals `gfx_instr`, `gfx_instr_wr` and `gfx_instr_full` of your `vga_gfx_cntrl`. Internally you can then read the commands and operands from this FIFO and perform the appropriate actions.

To store the color palettes you can use the `dp_ram_1c1r1w` from the `ram_pkg` package.

Whenever the `gfx_bb` core produces a set of output coordinates on `pixel_x` and `pixel_y` and an associated color value on `pixel_color`, you have to take this color value and use it to access the palette memory in the next clock cycle. This will then give you the actual 16-bit color value to write to the frame buffer. There are essentially two ways how you can implement this. You can setup a processing pipeline that is fed by the `gfx_bb` core, performs the color lookup and outputs the final color value. The other possibility is to implement the lookup in a state machine and stall the `gfx_bb` core after each set of coordinates.

Video Memory: The `vga_gfx_cntrl` uses the external SRAM on the FPGA board to store its frame buffers. To interface with this memory, you can use the `sram_cntrl` documented in the IP Cores Manual.

To continuously read a frame from the external memory, in order to display it using the VGA controller (discussed in the next section), we provide you with the `frame_reader` module. This core can be directly attached to the read port of the `sram_cntrl` and handles data buffering, upscaling and implements the clock-domain crossing to the 25 MHz display clock domain used by the VGA Controller. As already explained in the IP Cores Manual, upscaling is required because the VGA Controller outputs a video signal with a resolution of 640x480. Hence every pixel of the 320x240 frame buffer is output four times.

Figure 3.1 shows an example timing diagram demonstrating how to interact with the `frame_reader`. Initially the core waits for a rising transition on the `prepare_frame_start` input, which signals the core that it should get ready to output data for a new frame and hence start pre-fetching pixel data from SRAM. Although this signal is sampled in the 50 MHz clock domain, it can also be driven by signals originating in the 25 MHz display clock domain (no synchronizer is necessary here). However, due to the time it takes to initially pre-fetch the first pixels of a frame, this transition must be applied **at least** 32 clock cycles before the first pixel can be read at `pix_data*`. Note that `prepare_frame_start` may stay high for an arbitrary amount of cycles. You only have to make sure to deassert it **before** `pix_ack` goes high for the first time within a frame.

In response to the signal transition at `prepare_frame_start` the `frame_reader` produces a one-clock-cycle-long pulse (in the 50 MHz clock domain) on the `frame_start` output signal, which is intended to be used by the rasterizer to synchronize itself to the start of a frame. In the cycle following this pulse the core samples the `vram_base_addr` input, which (as the name suggests) is used as the base address in the SRAM to fetch the pixel data from. The `frame_reader` expects a certain memory layout. The (16-bit) color information for the pixel with the coordinates x and y must be located at the memory address

$$B + y * 320 + x,$$

where B is the base address configured using the `vram_base_addr` input.

After (at most) 32 cycles the `frame_reader` outputs the color information for the first pixel of the frame (i.e., the pixel at the coordinates $(x,y)=(0,0)$) at the 8-bit outputs `pix_data_r`, `pix_data_g` and

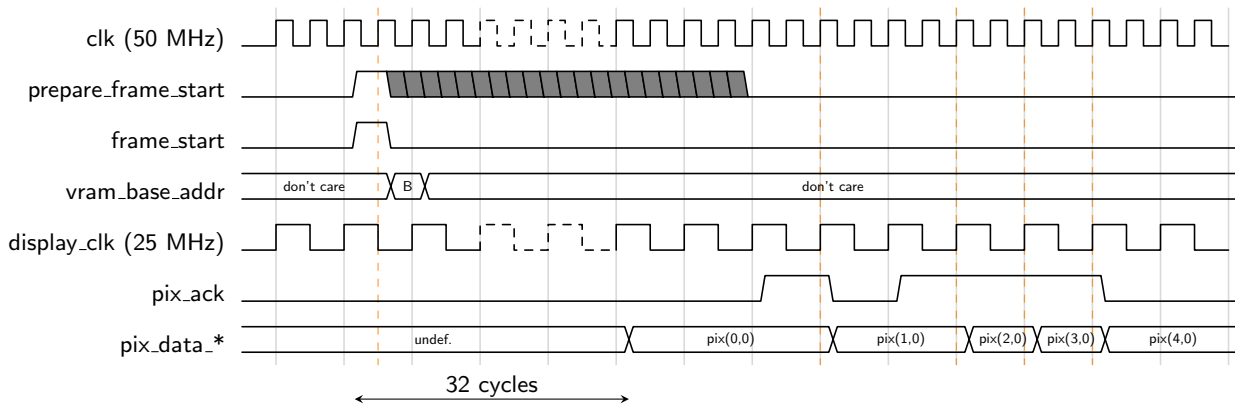


Figure 3.1: Frame Reader interface protocol

pix_data_b. It automatically converts the 5-6-5 pixel format stored in the SRAM into three separate 8-bit color channels. To get the color of the next pixel, the current one must be acknowledged. This is achieved by asserting **pix_ack** for one (25 MHz) clock cycle.

This interface is essentially the read port of a FIFO with first-word-fall-through behavior (see IP Cores Manual). However, the valid signal is omitted here, because it is guaranteed that this FIFO will never run empty during a frame.

Note that **all** pixels of a frame must be read before **prepare_frame_start** can be asserted again. This means that the **pix_ack** signal must be asserted for exactly 640×480 (25 MHz) cycles during one frame.

External Interface: The external interface, which we refer to as the VGA Controller, has to communicate with the ADV7123 digital-to-analog converter (DAC) to generate the appropriate RGB analog component video signal, which is then output at the VGA connector of the board. For the sake of compatibility we use a video signal resolution of 640×480 pixels instead of the 320×240 pixels used for the frame buffer. Although we could also generate a video signal with the native resolution, not all monitors can deal with it and display it correctly. However, this is nothing you really need to worry about, since the upscaling is already handled by the **frame_reader**.

Figure 3.2 shows the physical video interface of the FPGA board. It can be seen that it essentially consists of five signals. The digital signals **vga_hsync** and **vga_vsync** are used to transport horizontal and vertical synchronization information.

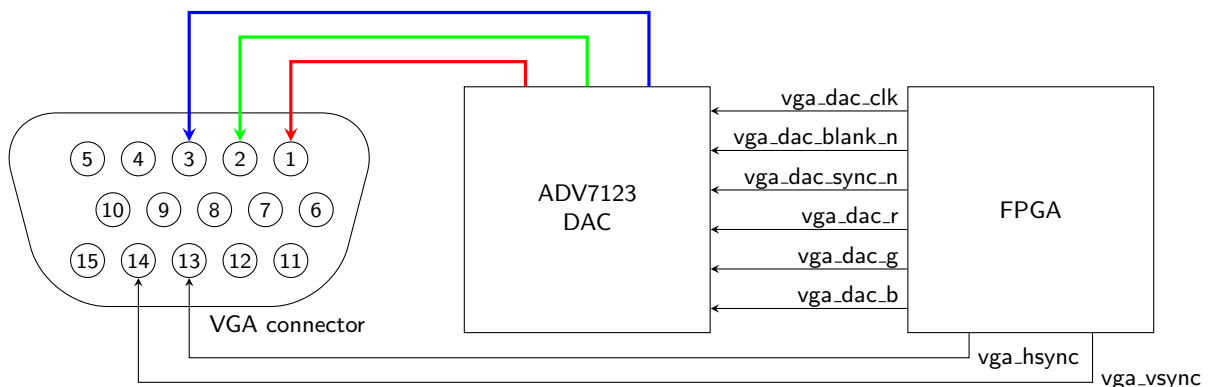


Figure 3.2: Video output circuitry of the FPGA board

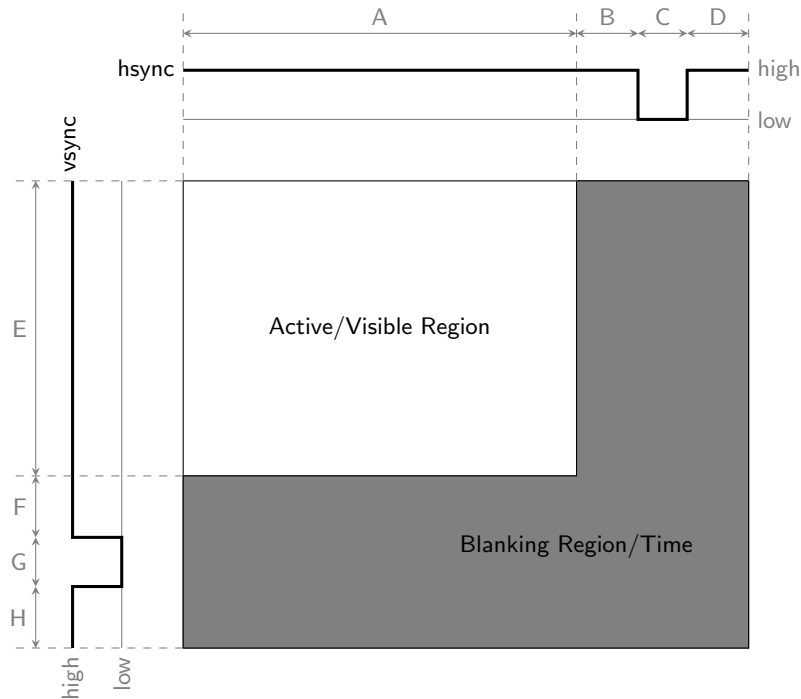


Figure 3.3: Synchronization signal timing

The actual color information for the individual pixels is transmitted using three analog signals (one for each color channel). Since the FPGA cannot directly output analog voltages, an external DAC is required, which is connected to the FPGA via the `vga_dac_*` signals.

Video information is transmitted frame by frame with a rate of approximately 60 frames per second. A frame is transmitted using a series of horizontal lines (in our case 525) starting at the top of the frame. Only a subset of these lines (in our case 480) actually represent the visible image, the rest is only needed for synchronization. A line has a duration of 800 25 MHz clock cycles (i.e., the frequency of `display_clk`)¹². Pixel information is only transmitted in the first 640 cycles. Figure 3.3 shows the timing of a frame¹³. The names and the values of the symbols A-H can be found in Table 3.1.

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit
A	Horizontal Visible Area	640	cycles
B	Horizontal Front Porch	16	cycles
C	Horizontal Sync. Pulse Width	96	cycles
D	Horizontal Back Porch	48	cycles
E	Vertical Visible Area	480	lines
F	Vertical Front Porch	10	lines
G	Vertical Sync. Pulse Width	2	lines
H	Vertical Back Porch	33	lines

Table 3.1: Signal timings for 640x480 VGA

¹²Actually, the video mode we are using requires a pixel clock frequency of 25.175 MHz. However, for the sake of simplicity we use 25 MHz, as most displays are fine with this slightly off-spec frequency.

¹³We define the start of a frame with the visible portion of the frame. However, some explanations also use other points in time.

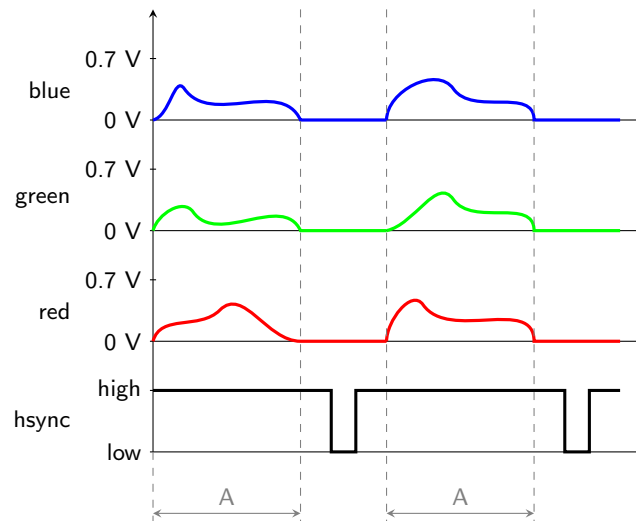


Figure 3.4: Timing diagram showing

Figure 3.4 shows the transmission of two successive visible lines. During the horizontal and vertical blanking region, the analog signals must stay at 0 V.

When interfacing with the ADV7123 DAC, directly connect `display_clk` to the output `vga_dac_clk`. The `vga_dac_sync_n` is not needed for this exercise and can be permanently set to '1'. Be sure to accommodate the fact that the digital-to-analog conversion is not instantaneous and delay your synchronization signals appropriately. The datasheet for the DAC is available in TUWEL.

The template provides a test pattern generator (`tpg`) in the file `vga_gfx_cntrl/src/tpg.vhd`, which you can use to test your VGA signal without the need to implement the rest of the graphics controller. The interface of the `tpg` is exactly the same as for the `frame_reader`. The test pattern is shown in Figure 3.5. What is not visible in this picture is that the test pattern has a white border, i.e., all pixels with an x coordinate of 0 or 639 or a y coordinate of 0 or 479 are white.

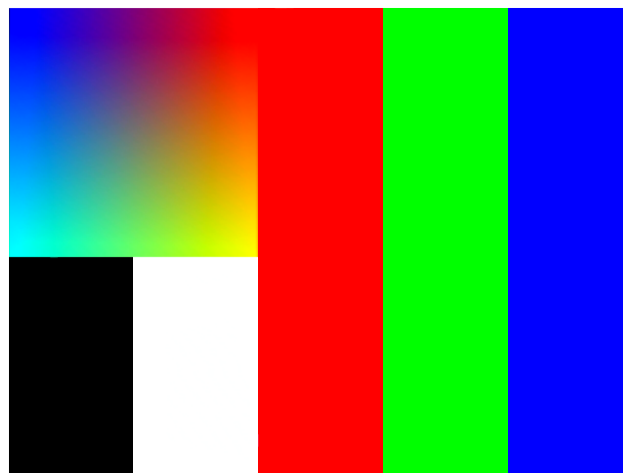


Figure 3.5: VGA test pattern as generated by the test pattern generator

Testing: To test all features of your graphics controller you can use the `--gfx` command line argument of the `remote.py` script. You can use this command in the Remote Lab and locally in the TILab.

Note that all values supplied to the `remote.py` script can make use of the bit-wise OR operator (i.e., `|`-operator). Hence the following two commands are equivalent.

```
1 remote.py --gfx 0x1234
2 remote.py --gfx "0x1000 | 0x200 | 0x03 | 0x4"
```

Note, that when you issue graphics instructions using the `--gfx` command line argument, the `dbg_port` automatically sets the `gisc` signal.

Oscilloscope Measurement: Perform an oscilloscope measurement to demonstrate the correctness of the VGA signal you are generating. For that purpose, configure the design to output the test pattern generated by the `tpg`.

If you are working in the TILab, connect the oscilloscope to an FPGA board using the provided cable. Connect the three color channels and the horizontal synchronization signal to the four inputs of the device.

If you want to use the Remote Lab you have to use the host `ti40`. The board located at this host is already connected to an oscilloscope that can be controlled using the `rpa_gui.py` tool. Channels 1 to 3 of this oscilloscope are connected to the R, G and B channels of the VGA signal, while channel 4 is connected to the horizontal synchronization signal.

Make a measurement showing one of the visible lines that goes through the gradient area of the test image. Use markers to measure the length of the whole line as well as the length of the synchronization pulse. Add screenshots of those measurements to your report. The oscilloscope in the TILab is able to write to USB flash drives.

System Integration: When your core is working, replace the `precompiled_vga_gfx_cntrl` in the top-level entity with your own version. Note, that if you want to change the contents of the BB ROM, you can use the script `create_bb_rom_pkg.py` located in `vga_gfx_cntrl/tools/`. Furthermore, we provide the `convert_palette.py` script, that prints the color of each pixel of the image file passed to it, in the RGB 5-6-5 format used by the graphics controller.

Task 2: Tetris Game [50 Points]

For Exercise I we supplied you with an architecture for the `tetris_game` module (`tetris_game_ex1.vhd`), which only implemented very basic functions, like initializing the `vga_gfx_cntrl` and moving a tetromino using controller input within certain bounds.

In this task you will implement your own `tetris_game` architecture which shall provide the actual game logic. The architecture must be called `ex2` and must be placed in the file `tetris_game/src/tetris_game_ex2.vhd`.

Figure 3.6 shows a screenshot of how the final game shall look like and what information it shall display. To avoid describing the mechanics of the game in every detail, we refer to the reference solution located in `/opt/ddca/ref_ex2.sof` in the TILab. The controls for the game are as follows:

Controller Button	Function
Up	Rotate the current tetromino by 90 degrees (clockwise)
Left	Move the current tetromino on the map one block to the left.
Right	Move the current tetromino on the map one block to the right.
Down	Move the current tetromino on the map down one block.
A	Move the current tetromino downwards until it collides with something.
Start	Restart the game when the previous game is over.



Figure 3.6: Tetris screenshot

Your implementation of the game shall behave similarly and use the exact same control scheme as the reference solution. You can choose an appropriate speed for the game (i.e., the speed with which the tetrominoes fall down the map). Note that, unlike the “real” Tetris game our version does not get faster as the game progresses.

Collision Detection: To assist you with the implementation of the collision detection between the currently “falling” tetromino and the blocks on the map as well as the walls, we provide you with the `tetromino_collider`. The `ex1` architecture for the `tetris_game` module also already contains an example on how to use it. See the IP Cores Manual for further details on this core.

When you detect a collision between the current tetromino and the map, you will have to convert the current tetromino to solid blocks on the map (i.e., set certain locations in the on-chip memory that represents the map to a value that indicates that the respective position is solid). Here the function `is_tetromino_solid_at` provided by the `tetris_util_pkg` will be useful. Whenever a tetromino is placed on the map, you need to check if lines are complete and remove them if necessary. Placing a tetromino on the map can lead to the removal of up to four rows.

Scoring: The game keeps track of two values: the total number of lines removed during a game and the score of the player. Both of these values start at zero.

The score is increased depending on how many rows are removed simultaneously.

rows removed	score
1	1
2	3
3	7
4	10

Tetromino Generation: Make sure that upon reset of the `tetris_game` module the exact same sequence of tetrominoes appears as in the reference solution. The reference solution always starts with a Z-type tetromino followed by a I-type one. Whenever a new (random) tetromino is needed in the `ex1` architecture of the `tetris_game` the `prng_en` is asserted for exactly one clock cycle. You can directly use this implementation as it will generate the required sequence of tetrominoes.

New tetrominoes must always be placed in the center of the upper end of the map. If placing a new tetromino immediately leads to a collision with map blocks, the game is over. To signify this condition to the player, the newly added tetromino (that caused the collision) should blink. Pressing the start button on the controller starts a new game, all other input (i.e., arrow keys and the A button) is ignored.

Audio Output and Controller Rumble: The game shall play sounds at the following occasions:

- The player completed a row (and it is removed)
Play a single tone for ≈ 0.25 s with a frequency that depends on how many rows have been removed simultaneously. The more rows have been removed the higher the frequency.
- The game is over
Play two successive single tones (≈ 0.25 s each) with increasing frequency

The controller rumble should be activated in both of these cases for ≈ 0.5 s.

Architecture: We recommend that you use the `ex1` architecture of the `tetris_game` module as a basis for your implementation. Moreover, you may use the `tetrimino_colider` and the `tetrimino_drawer` modules as is, but you don't have to. Feel free to modify them, change their interface, or just pick specific parts of it.

You may also create new entities that implement parts of the described game behavior and instantiate them in the `tetris_game` module (similar to what is already done with the `decimal_printer` module in the `arch_ex1` architecture). If you do so, put all additional entities in the `tetris_game/src/` directory.

Suggested implementation sequence:

- Start by implementing the rendering of the map and its borders.
- Add functionality that converts the current tetromino to solid blocks on the map.
- Add detection for complete lines and implement their removal from the map.
- Implement the automatic downwards movement.
- Add the score/lines display (use the `decimal_printer` for that) and the sound effects. Note that the `tetrimino_drawer` has the same interface protocol as the `decimal_printer` implemented in Exercise I.

Task 3: Bonus: SignalTap Measurement [12 Points]

Use a SignalTap II Logic Analyzer to analyze the behavior of your design during run-time. For this purpose trace the following port signals of the `tetris_game` module:

- gfx_instr
- gfx_instr_wr
- gfx_instr_full

Trigger on the first instruction that is issued to the graphics controller for some frame (probably a CLEAR instruction). Include a screenshot of the trigger condition in your lab protocol. Furthermore, add a screenshot to your lab protocol showing at least the first 4 instructions (command and operands) issued to the graphics controller. Make sure that the value of the vector signal `gfx_instr` is visible in the figure (split the screenshot into multiple images if necessary). Decode the first four instructions using the table provided in the template.

3.4 Submission

To create an archive for submission in TUWEL, execute the `submission_exercise2` makefile target of the template we provided you with.

```
1 cd path/to/ddca_ss2022/dd
2 make submission_exercise2
```

The makefile creates a file named `submission.tar.gz` which contains all the required files. The submission script automatically checks if all the required files are present and in the right location. If the script reports an error, no archive will be created. Carefully check the warnings that are generated. The created archive should have the following structure.

```
submission.tar.gz
├── report.pdf ..... Your lab report
├── vhdl ..... The source code of all IP cores
│   ├── top
│   ├── vga_gfx_cntrl
│   ├── tetris_game
│   └── [... all other IP cores]
```

Make sure the submitted Quartus project compiles and that your makefiles are working. All submissions which can not be compiled will be graded with zero points! **Don't create the archive manually.** If you have problems running the makefile target, consult a tutor.

Revision History

Revision	Date	Author(s)	Description
2.3	20.04.2022	FH	Added logic levels to Figure 3.3
2.2	14.04.2022	FH	Fixed signal name in the Internal Interface section of the <code>vga_gfx_cntrl</code> , improved wording of the tetromino collision detection section
2.1	07.04.2022	FH	Fixed paths in the submission instruction sections
2.0	07.04.2022	FH	Added Exercise II assignment
1.3	22.03.2022	FH	Figure 2.9: fixed <code>data</code> assignment in <code>POLL</code> state, changed successor state of <code>POLL</code> from <code>WAIT_SAMPLE</code> to <code>WAIT_FALLING_EDGE_DATA</code> .
1.2	19.03.2022	FH	Fixed generic name in GameCube Controller \Rightarrow System Integration section.
1.1	08.03.2022	FH	Fixed inconsistent statements about the bit order of the polling command of the GameCube controller (Figure 2.9).
1.0	06.03.2022	FH	Initial version

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