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EGEE-406

Project 4

Report

1.

- a. The FPGA controls the streetlights in a fairly simple way. Its able to complete everything required in the design and can utilize a clock to act as counter in seconds which allows it to be accurate in its timings. The design also has its conditions loop in a consistent circle when checking for what which state to get next. For example, this means that if there are still cars after the green light for them has turn red, they would have to wait a full cycle for the rest of the lights assuming there are cars in each of the other lanes. This means that it doesn't put give any of the sensors/lanes priority. Public safety wise everything functions according to the design, and there are no problems in controlling the light system. There are no U-turns allowed so that will have to accounted for. Cost effectiveness I'm not sure price wise the amount of silicon that is needed to implement this program in comparison to a microcontroller, but the program appears to be simple in its design so I don't believe much would be needed so probably on a mass scale it could be cheaper. Computing this program functions much quicker in comparison to a MCU because of how an FPGA being able to process things simultaneously, but for something as this I'm not sure if this speed necessary.
- b. The traffic light sequence table shows all the states in the design. You see 12 rows so there will 12 states that need to be implemented. From this you just need to create the logic that shows how each state would go from one to another. The way this is designed though makes it so that there can be no U-turns ever. An external sign on the light system that would show U-turns as illegal. This system doesn't account for pedestrians so there would have to be also signs that prohibit pedestrians from crossing the street.

** the notations on the following page are:

-- n = north, s = south, w = west, e = east

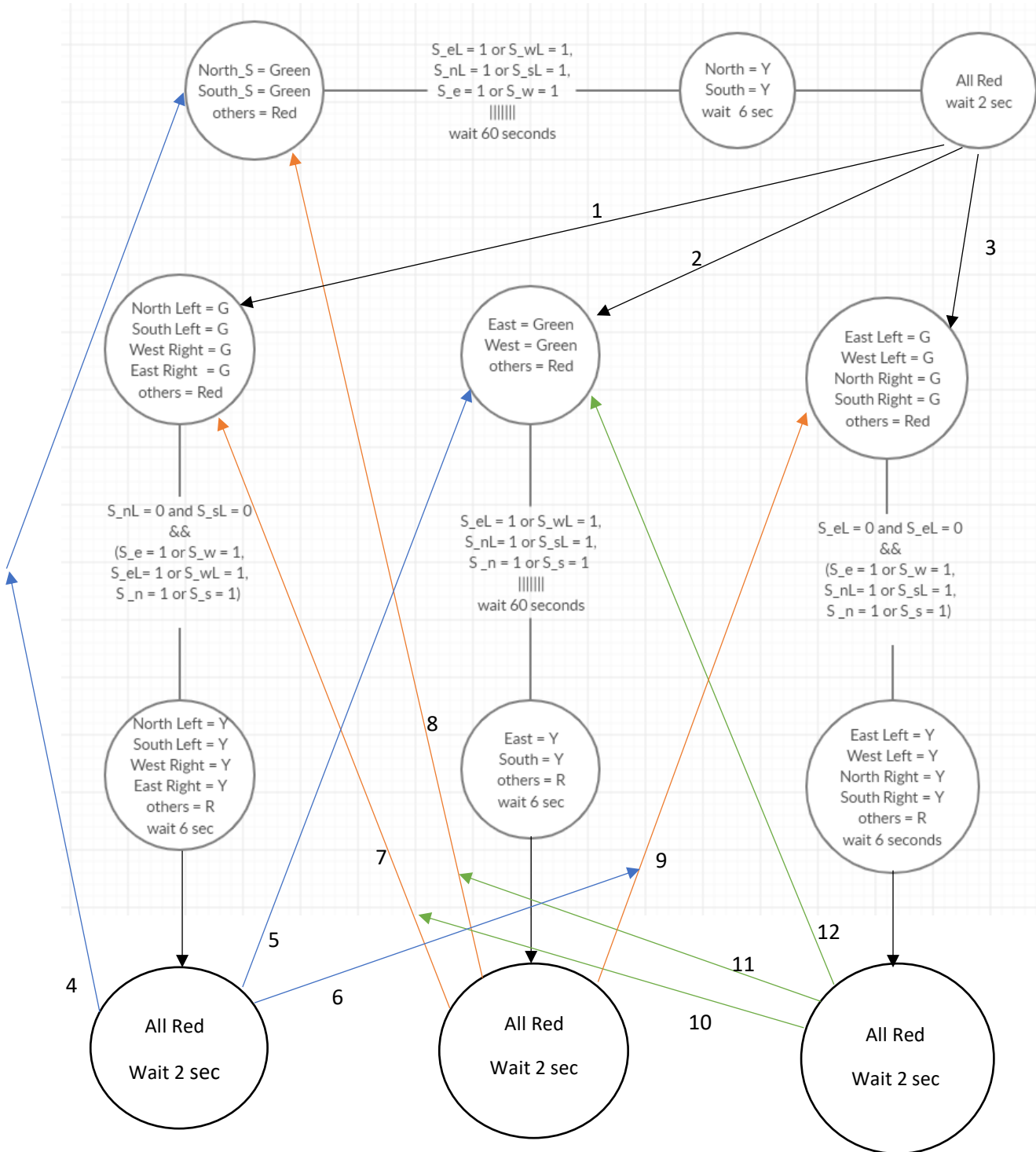
-- L = left, R = Right,

-- R = red, G = Green, y = yellow

-- ex. R_nL = Red light that is for north side intersection going left

-- S = sensor , ex = S_s = South sensor

c. State Transition Diagram



1. $S_{nL} = 1$ or $S_{sL} = 1$
2. $S_{w} = 1$ or $S_{e} = 1$
3. $S_{eL} = 1$ or $S_{nR} = 1$
4. $S_{n} = 1$ or $S_{s} = 1$
5. $S_{w} = 1$ or $S_{e} = 1$
6. $S_{eL} = 1$ or $S_{nR} = 1$

7. $S_{nL} = 1$ or $S_{sL} = 1$
8. $S_{n} = 1$ or $S_{s} = 1$
9. $S_{eL} = 1$ or $S_{nR} = 1$
10. $S_{nL} = 1$ or $S_{sL} = 1$
11. $S_{n} = 1$ or $S_{s} = 1$
12. $S_{w} = 1$ or $S_{e} = 1$

2. VHDL Code:

**Something to Note of is that right now this code is made to function off a 1 Hz clk from the Test Bench. The slow clock is coded in right now but is not being used. The reason for this is if I was simulating a 100 Mhz clk in the test bench then it would take an hours to simulate it when in comparison to a 1 Hz clk. I've highlighted where the change that would be necessary in order if you wanted it to run off the slow clock. You would simply replace "slowClk" with "clk" although I'm not sure it would work as I have no way of testing it since the simulation with it doesn't really work. This would need to be tested on the board since it has a 100 Mhz clock already. The same operation occurs though where everything is in seconds either way.

```
--Right now triggered off the TB clk instead of the slow clk
```

```
library IEEE;
```

```
use IEEE.STD_LOGIC_1164.ALL;
```

```
-- n = north, s = south, w = west, e = east
```

```
-- L = left, R = Right,
```

```
-- R = red, G = Green, y = yellow
```

```
-- ex. R_NL = Red light that is for north side intersection going left
```

```
-- S = sensor , ex = S_s = South sensor
```

```
entity TLC is
```

```
Port (clk, S_n, S_s, S_w, S_e, S_nL, S_sL, S_wL, S_eL: in std_logic; -- sensors
```

```
R_N, R_NR, R_NL, R_E, R_ER, R_EL, R_S, R_SR, R_SL, R_W, R_WR, R_WL: inout std_logic;
```

```
Y_N, Y_NR, Y_NL, Y_E, Y_ER, Y_EL, Y_S, Y_SR, Y_SL, Y_W, Y_WR, Y_WL: inout std_logic;
```

```
G_N, G_NR, G_NL, G_E, G_ER, g_EL, G_S, G_SR, G_SL, G_W, G_WR, G_WL: inout std_logic;
```

```
timer: inout integer := 0);
```

```
end TLC;
```

```
architecture Behavioral of TLC is
```

```
signal state, nextstate : integer range 0 to 11;
```

```

type light is (R, Y, G);
signal lightN, lightNR, lightNL: light;
signal lightS, lightSR, lightSL: light;
signal lightE, lightER, lightEL: light;
signal lightW, lightWR, lightWL: light;
signal clkCnt: integer := 0;
signal slowClk: std_logic;
signal rst_timer: std_logic := '0';

```

```

begin

```

```

--clk scaler with 100 MHz clk

```

```

Prescaler: Process(clk)

```

```

begin

```

```

if rising_edge(clk) then

```

```

    if clkCnt = 100000000 - 1 then -- if counts up to 100 million

```

```

        clkCnt <= 0; -- when one second passes reset counter

```

```

    else

```

```

        clkCnt <= clkCnt + 1; --incrementing counter to simulate seconds

```

```

    end if;

```

```

end if;

```

```

end process Prescaler;

```

```

process(state, S_n, S_s, S_w, S_e, S_nL, S_sL, S_wL, S_eL)

```

```

begin

```

```

    --initial setup of all the lights

```

```

    R_N <= '0';

```

```

    R_NR <= '0';

```

```

    R_NL <= '0';

```

```

    R_S <= '0';

```

```
R_SR <= '0';  
R_SL <= '0';  
R_E <= '0';  
R_ER <= '0';  
R_EL <= '0';  
R_W <= '0';  
R_WR <= '0';  
R_WL <= '0';
```

```
Y_N <= '0';  
Y_NR <= '0';  
Y_NL <= '0';  
Y_S <= '0';  
Y_SR <= '0';  
Y_SL <= '0';  
Y_E <= '0';  
Y_ER <= '0';  
Y_EL <= '0';  
Y_W <= '0';  
Y_WR <= '0';  
Y_WL <= '0';
```

```
G_N <= '0';  
G_NR <= '0';  
G_NL <= '0';  
G_S <= '0';  
G_SR <= '0';  
G_SL <= '0';  
G_E <= '0';  
G_ER <= '0';  
G_EL <= '0';  
G_W <= '0';
```

```
G_WR <= '0';
```

```
G_WL <= '0';
```

case state is

```
when 0 => --when north and south straights are green
```

```
    R_NR <= '1';
```

```
    R_NL <= '1';
```

```
    R_SR <= '1';
```

```
    R_SL <= '1';
```

```
    R_E <= '1';
```

```
    R_ER <= '1';
```

```
    R_EL <= '1';
```

```
    R_W <= '1';
```

```
    R_WR <= '1';
```

```
    R_WL <= '1';
```

```
    G_N <= '1';
```

```
    G_S <= '1';
```

```
--checking the sensors
```

```
if S_e = '1' or S_w = '1' or S_nL = '1' or S_sL = '1' or S_wL = '1' or S_eL = '1' then
```

```
    nextstate <= state + 1;
```

```
end if;
```

```
when 1 => -- when transition from Green to Yellow for north and south
```

```
    R_NR <= '1';
```

```
    R_NL <= '1';
```

```
    R_SR <= '1';
```

```
    R_SL <= '1';
```

```
    R_E <= '1';
```

```
    R_ER <= '1';
```

```
    R_EL <= '1';
```

```
R_W <= '1';
```

```
R_WR <= '1';
```

```
R_WL <= '1';
```

```
Y_N <= '1';
```

```
Y_S <= '1';
```

```
nextstate <= 2; --automatically go to next state after timer
```

```
when 2 => --red lights (dead-time)
```

```
    R_N <= '1';
```

```
    R_NR <= '1';
```

```
    R_NL <= '1';
```

```
    R_S <= '1';
```

```
    R_SR <= '1';
```

```
    R_SL <= '1';
```

```
    R_E <= '1';
```

```
    R_ER <= '1';
```

```
    R_EL <= '1';
```

```
    R_W <= '1';
```

```
    R_WR <= '1';
```

```
    R_WL <= '1';
```

```
--checking sensors
```

```
if S_e = '1' or S_w = '1' then
```

```
    nextstate <= 6; -- go to west and east green straights
```

```
elsif S_eL = '1' or S_wL = '1' then
```

```
    nextstate <= 3; -- go to east and west left
```

```
elsif S_nL = '1' or S_sL = '1' then
```

```
    nextstate <= 9; -- go to north and south left
```

```
end if;
```

```
when 3 => -- the East and West green left lights
```

```
    R_N <= '1';
```

```
    R_NL <= '1';
```

```
    R_S <= '1';
```

```
    R_SL <= '1';
```

```
    R_E <= '1';
```

```
    R_ER <= '1';
```

```
    R_W <= '1';
```

```
    R_WR <= '1';
```

```
    G_NR <= '1';
```

```
    G_SR <= '1';
```

```
    G_EL <= '1';
```

```
    G_WL <= '1';
```

```
--checking the sensors
```

```
if S_e = '1' or S_w = '1' or S_nL = '1' or S_sL = '1' or S_s = '1' or S_s = '1' then
```

```
    nextstate <= 4;
```

```
end if;
```

```
when 4 => -- the East and West yellow left lights
```

```
    R_N <= '1';
```

```
    R_NL <= '1';
```

```
    R_S <= '1';
```

```
    R_SL <= '1';
```

```
    R_E <= '1';
```

```
    R_ER <= '1';
```

```
    R_W <= '1';
```

```
    R_WR <= '1';
```


Y_NR <= '1';

Y_SR <= '1';

Y_EL <= '1';

Y_WL <= '1';

nextstate <= 5; --atuotmatically go to next lights after timer

when 5 => -- all read lights

R_N <= '1';

R_NR <= '1';

R_NL <= '1';

R_S <= '1';

R_SR <= '1';

R_SL <= '1';

R_E <= '1';

R_ER <= '1';

R_EL <= '1';

R_W <= '1';

R_WR <= '1';

R_WL <= '1';

if S_e = '1' or S_w = '1' then

nextstate <= 6; -- go to west and east green straights

elsif S_n = '1' or S_s = '1' then

nextstate <= 0; -- go to north and sourth green straights

elsif S_nL = '1' or S_sL = '1' then

nextstate <= 9; -- go to north and south left

end if;

when 6 => -- green and west green straights

 R_N <= '1';

 R_NR <= '1';

 R_NL <= '1';

 R_S <= '1';

 R_SR <= '1';

 R_SL <= '1';

 R_ER <= '1';

 R_EL <= '1';

 R_WR <= '1';

 R_WL <= '1';

 G_W <= '1';

 G_E <= '1';

--checking sensors

if S_s = '1' or S_n = '1' or S_nL = '1' or S_sL = '1' or S_wL = '1' or S_eL = '1' then

 nextstate <= 7;

end if;

when 7 => -- east and west yellow straights

 R_N <= '1';

 R_NR <= '1';

 R_NL <= '1';

 R_S <= '1';

 R_SR <= '1';

 R_SL <= '1';

 R_ER <= '1';

 R_EL <= '1';

 R_WR <= '1';

 R_WL <= '1';

Y_W <= '1';

Y_E <= '1';

nextstate <= 8;

when 8 => -- all red lights

R_N <= '1';

R_NR <= '1';

R_NL <= '1';

R_S <= '1';

R_SR <= '1';

R_SL <= '1';

R_E <= '1';

R_ER <= '1';

R_EL <= '1';

R_W <= '1';

R_WR <= '1';

R_WL <= '1';

if S_nL = '1' or S_sL = '1' then

nextstate <= 9; -- go to north and south left

elsif S_n = '1' or S_s = '1' then

nextstate <= 0; -- go to north and south green straights

elsif S_wL = '1' or S_eL = '1' then

nextstate <= 3;

end if;

when 9 => -- green for north and south left

R_N <= '1';

R_NR <= '1';

```
R_S <= '1';  
R_SR <= '1';  
R_E <= '1';  
R_EL <= '1';  
R_W <= '1';  
R_WL <= '1';
```

```
G_NL <= '1';  
G_SL <= '1';  
G_ER <= '1';  
G_WR <= '1';
```

```
--checking sensors for any cars
```

```
if S_s = '1' or S_n = '1' or S_w = '1' or S_e = '1' or S_wL = '1' or S_eL = '1' then
```

```
    nextstate <= 10;
```

```
end if;
```

```
when 10 => --yellow for north and south left
```

```
R_N <= '1';  
R_NR <= '1';  
R_S <= '1';  
R_SR <= '1';  
R_E <= '1';  
R_EL <= '1';  
R_W <= '1';  
R_WL <= '1';
```

```
Y_NL <= '1';  
Y_SL <= '1';  
Y_ER <= '1';  
Y_WR <= '1';
```

--automatically go to next state after timer

nextstate <= 11;

when 11 => -- all red lights

R_N <= '1';

R_NR <= '1';

R_NL <= '1';

R_S <= '1';

R_SR <= '1';

R_SL <= '1';

R_E <= '1';

R_ER <= '1';

R_EL <= '1';

R_W <= '1';

R_WR <= '1';

R_WL <= '1';

if S_n = '1' or S_s = '1' then

nextstate <= 0; -- go to north and south green straights

elsif S_wL = '1' or S_eL = '1' then

nextstate <= 3; -- go to east and west green left

elsif S_w = '1' or S_e = '1' then

nextstate <= 6; -- go to west and east green

end if;

end case;

end process;

process(timer) -- this transitions to the next state and is triggered of a timer in seconds

begin

--reseting the timer reset

if rst_timer = '1' then rst_timer <= '0'; end if;

if state = 0 then

if timer = 60 then -- when 60 seconds

state <= nextstate;

rst_timer <= '1';

end if;

end if;

if state = 1 then

if timer = 6 then -- when 6 seconds

state <= nextstate;

rst_timer <= '1';

end if;

end if;

if state = 2 then

if timer = 2 then -- when 2 seconds

state <= nextstate;

rst_timer <= '1';

end if;

end if;

if state = 3 then

if S_wL = '0' and S_eL = '0' then -- when no more cars

state <= nextstate;

rst_timer <= '1';

end if;

end if;

if state = 4 then

```
    if timer = 6 then -- when 6 seconds
        state <= nextstate;
        rst_timer <= '1';
    end if;
end if;
```

```
if state = 5 then
    if timer = 2 then --when 2 seconds
        state <= nextstate;
        rst_timer <= '1';
    end if;
end if;
```

```
if state = 6 then
    if timer = 60 then -- when 60 seconds
        state <= nextstate;
        rst_timer <= '1';
    end if;
end if;
```

```
if state = 7 then
    if timer = 6 then -- when 6 seconds
        state <= nextstate;
        rst_timer <= '1';
    end if;
end if;
```

```
if state = 8 then
    if timer = 2 then -- when 2 seconds
        state <= nextstate;
        rst_timer <= '1';
    end if;
```

```

end if;

if state = 9 then
    if S_nL = '0' and S_sL = '0' then -- when no more cars
        state <= nextstate;
        rst_timer <= '1';
    end if;
end if;

if state = 10 then
    if timer = 6 then -- when 6 seconds
        state <= nextstate;
        rst_timer <= '1';
    end if;
end if;

if state = 11 then
    if timer = 2 then -- when 2 seconds
        state <= nextstate;
        rst_timer <= '1';
    end if;
end if;

end process;

-- right now functions off a 1 Hz clk in the testbench and not the slowclk
second_timer: Process(clk,rst_timer) -- this acts as a second counter
begin
    if(rising_edge(clk)) then --increments until reset timer is triggered
        timer <= timer + 1;
    end if;
    if(rst_timer = '1') then
        timer <= 0;
    end if;
end process;

```



```

        end if;

    end process;

--this would be the slowclk that converts 100Mhz to 1Hz
slowClk <= '1' when clkCnt = 100000000 - 1 else '0';

--This is an easier way of displaying the lights in the simulation/testbench
lightN <= R when R_N = '1' else Y when Y_N = '1' else G when G_N = '1';
lightS <= R when R_S = '1' else Y when Y_S = '1' else G when G_S = '1';
lightE <= R when R_E = '1' else Y when Y_E = '1' else G when G_E = '1';
lightW <= R when R_W = '1' else Y when Y_W = '1' else G when G_W = '1';
lightNR <= R when R_NR = '1' else Y when Y_NR = '1' else G when G_NR = '1';
lightNL <= R when R_NL = '1' else Y when Y_NL = '1' else G when G_NL = '1';
lightSR <= R when R_SR = '1' else Y when Y_SR = '1' else G when G_SR = '1';
lightSL <= R when R_SL = '1' else Y when Y_SL = '1' else G when G_SL = '1';
lightER <= R when R_ER = '1' else Y when Y_ER = '1' else G when G_ER = '1';
lightEL <= R when R_EL = '1' else Y when Y_EL = '1' else G when G_EL = '1';
lightWR <= R when R_WR = '1' else Y when Y_WR = '1' else G when G_WR = '1';
lightWL <= R when R_WL = '1' else Y when Y_WL = '1' else G when G_WL = '1';

end Behavioral;

```

3. Force Commands: - (is in ms because seconds have the 10x bug for force commands)

```

add_force clk {0 0} {1 500us} -repeat_every 1ms
add_force S_s {0 0ms}
add_force S_w {0 0ms} {1 80ms}
add_force S_e {0 0ms}
add_force S_nL {0 0ms}
add_force S_sL {0 0ms} {1 105ms}
add_force S_wL {0 0ms} {1 10ms} {0 90ms}
add_force S_eL {0 0ms}
add_force S_n {1 0ms}

```

4. VHDL Test Bench Code:

```
library IEEE;
use IEEE.STD_LOGIC_1164.ALL;

-- Uncomment the following library declaration if using
-- arithmetic functions with Signed or Unsigned values
--use IEEE.NUMERIC_STD.ALL;

-- Uncomment the following library declaration if instantiating
-- any Xilinx leaf cells in this code.
--library UNISIM;
--use UNISIM.VComponents.all;

entity TLC_TB is
-- Port ( );
end TLC_TB;

architecture Behavioral of TLC_TB is

component TLC --I/O from main code
    Port (clk, S_n, S_s, S_w, S_e, S_nL, S_sL, S_wL, S_eL: in std_logic; -- sensors
R_N, R_NR, R_NL, R_E, R_ER, R_EL, R_S, R_SR, R_SL, R_W, R_WR, R_WL: inout std_logic;
Y_N, Y_NR, Y_NL, Y_E, Y_ER, Y_EL, Y_S, Y_SR, Y_SL, Y_W, Y_WR, Y_WL: inout std_logic;
G_N, G_NR, G_NL, G_E, G_ER, g_EL, G_S, G_SR, G_SL, G_W, G_WR, G_WL: inout std_logic;
timer: inout integer := 0);
end component;

--inputs
signal wire_clk: std_logic;
signal S_n: std_logic;
signal S_s: std_logic;
```

```
signal S_e: std_logic;
signal S_w: std_logic;
signal S_nL: std_logic;
signal S_sL: std_logic;
signal S_wL: std_logic;
signal S_eL: std_logic;
```

```
--signal/outputs
```

```
signal R_N, R_NR, R_NL, R_E, R_ER, R_EL: std_logic;
signal R_S, R_SR, R_SL, R_W, R_WR, R_WL: std_logic;
signal Y_N, Y_NR, Y_NL, Y_E, Y_ER, Y_EL, Y_S: std_logic;
signal Y_SR, Y_SL, Y_W, Y_WR, Y_WL: std_logic;
signal G_N, G_NR, G_NL, G_E, G_ER, G_EL, G_S: std_logic;
signal G_SR, G_SL, G_W, G_WR, G_WL: std_logic;
```

```
--main output
```

```
type light is (R, Y, G);
signal lightN, lightNR, lightNL: light;
signal lightS, lightSR, lightSL: light;
signal lightE, lightER, lightEL: light;
signal lightW, lightWR, lightWL: light;
signal timer: integer;
```

```
begin
```

```
uut: TLC Port Map( --connecting the test bench to the main code
```

```
    clk => wire_clk,
    S_n => S_n,
    S_s => S_s,
    S_e => S_e,
```

$$S_w \Rightarrow S_w,$$

$$S_{nL} \Rightarrow S_{nL},$$

$$S_{sL} \Rightarrow S_{sL},$$

$$S_{wL} \Rightarrow S_{wL},$$

$$S_{eL} \Rightarrow S_{eL},$$

$$R_N \Rightarrow R_N,$$

$$R_{NR} \Rightarrow R_{NR},$$

$$R_{NL} \Rightarrow R_{NL},$$

$$R_E \Rightarrow R_E,$$

$$R_{ER} \Rightarrow R_{ER},$$

$$R_{EL} \Rightarrow R_{EL},$$

$$R_S \Rightarrow R_S,$$

$$R_{SR} \Rightarrow R_{SR},$$

$$R_{SL} \Rightarrow R_{SL},$$

$$R_W \Rightarrow R_W,$$

$$R_{WR} \Rightarrow R_{WR},$$

$$R_{WL} \Rightarrow R_{WL},$$

$$Y_N \Rightarrow Y_N,$$

$$Y_{NR} \Rightarrow Y_{NR},$$

$$Y_{NL} \Rightarrow Y_{NL},$$

$$Y_E \Rightarrow Y_E,$$

$$Y_{ER} \Rightarrow Y_{ER},$$

$$Y_{EL} \Rightarrow Y_{EL},$$

$$Y_S \Rightarrow Y_S,$$

$$Y_{SR} \Rightarrow Y_{SR},$$

$$Y_{SL} \Rightarrow Y_{SL},$$

$$Y_W \Rightarrow Y_W,$$

$$Y_{WR} \Rightarrow Y_{WR},$$

$$Y_{WL} \Rightarrow Y_{WL},$$

$$G_N \Rightarrow G_N,$$

$$G_{NR} \Rightarrow G_{NR},$$

$$G_{NL} \Rightarrow G_{NL},$$

$$G_E \Rightarrow G_E,$$

```
G_ER => G_ER,  
G_EL => G_EL,  
G_S => G_S,  
G_SR => G_SR,  
G_SL => G_SL,  
G_W => G_W,  
G_WR => G_WR,  
G_WL => G_WL,  
timer => timer  
);
```

```
clk: process  -- 1 Hz clock  
begin  
    wire_clk <= '0';  
    wait for 0.5 sec;  
    wire_clk <= '1';  
    wait for 0.5 sec;  
end process;
```

```
stim_proc: process  --simulating traffic  
begin  
    S_s <= '0';  
    S_w <= '0';  
    S_e <= '0';  
    S_nL <= '0';  
    S_sL <= '0';  
    S_wL <= '0';  
    S_eL <= '0';  
    S_n <= '1';  
    wait for 10 sec;  
    S_wL <= '1';  
    wait for 70 sec;  
    S_w <= '1';
```

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wait for 10 sec;  
S_wL <= '0';  
wait for 15 sec;  
S_sL <= '1';  
wait for 70 sec;  
assert false report "End of Simulation" severity failure;
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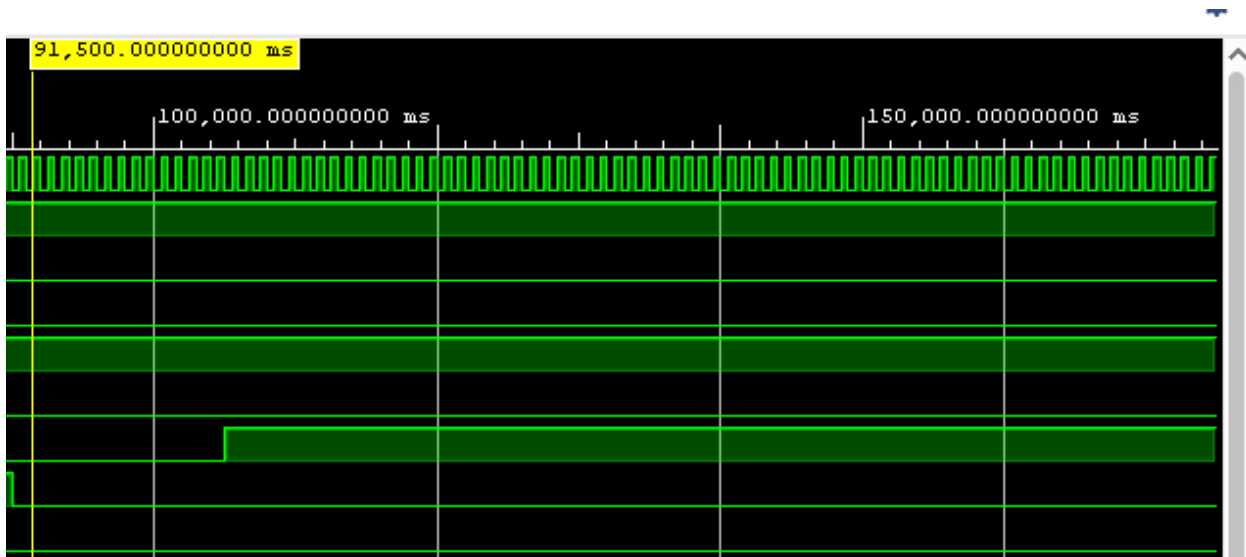
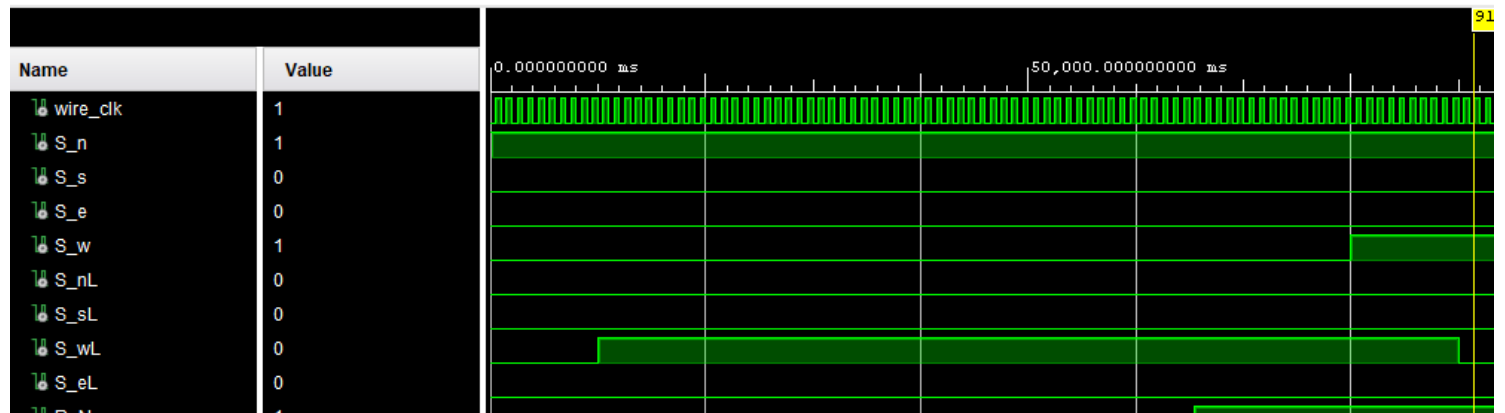
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end process;
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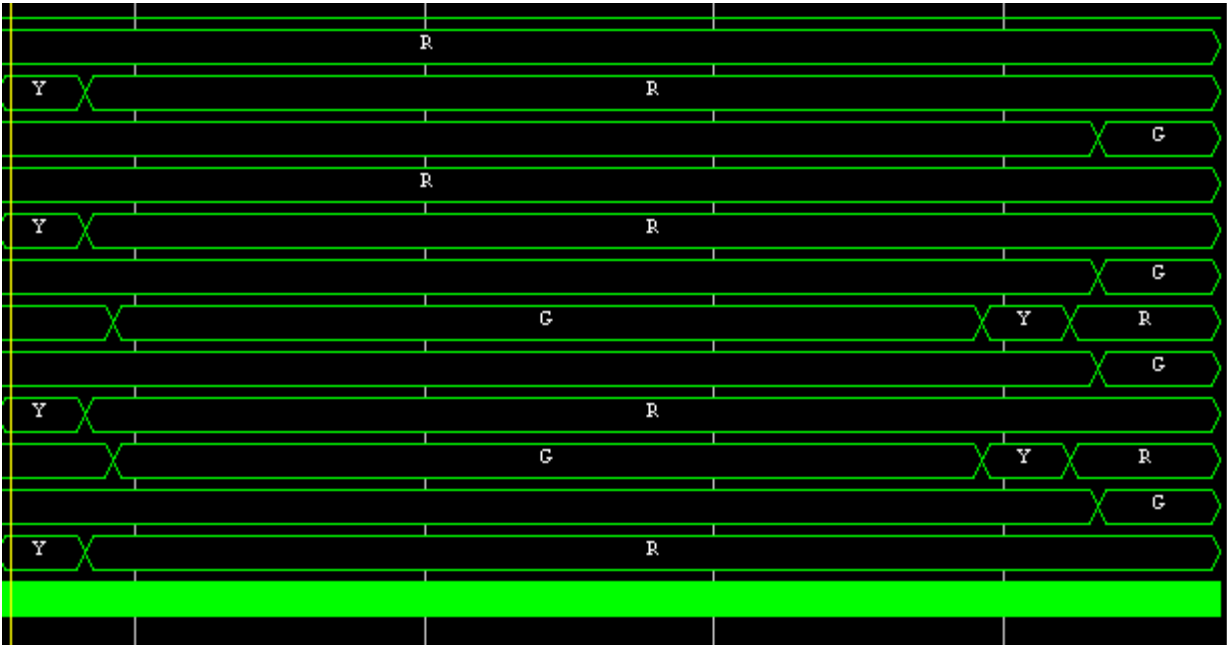
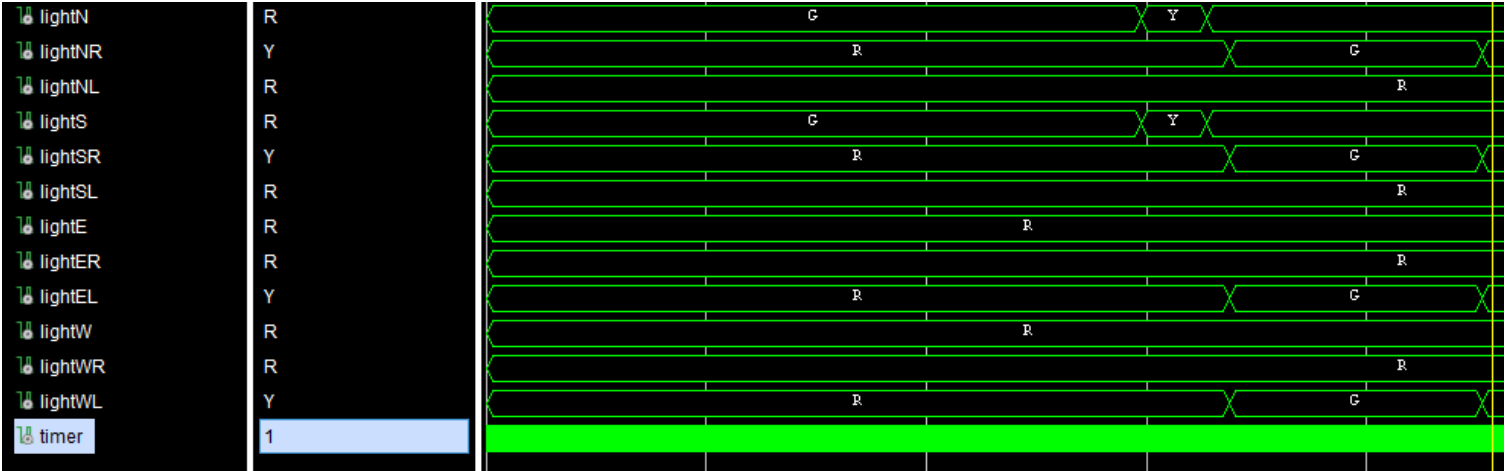
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--Main outputs for ease of reading in simulation
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lightN <= R when R_N = '1' else Y when Y_N = '1' else G when G_N = '1';  
lightS <= R when R_S = '1' else Y when Y_S = '1' else G when G_S = '1';  
lightE <= R when R_E = '1' else Y when Y_E = '1' else G when G_E = '1';  
lightW <= R when R_W = '1' else Y when Y_W = '1' else G when G_W = '1';  
lightNR <= R when R_NR = '1' else Y when Y_NR = '1' else G when G_NR = '1';  
lightNL <= R when R_NL = '1' else Y when Y_NL = '1' else G when G_NL = '1';  
lightSR <= R when R_SR = '1' else Y when Y_SR = '1' else G when G_SR = '1';  
lightSL <= R when R_SL = '1' else Y when Y_SL = '1' else G when G_SL = '1';  
lightER <= R when R_ER = '1' else Y when Y_ER = '1' else G when G_ER = '1';  
lightEL <= R when R_EL = '1' else Y when Y_EL = '1' else G when G_EL = '1';  
lightWR <= R when R_WR = '1' else Y when Y_WR = '1' else G when G_WR = '1';
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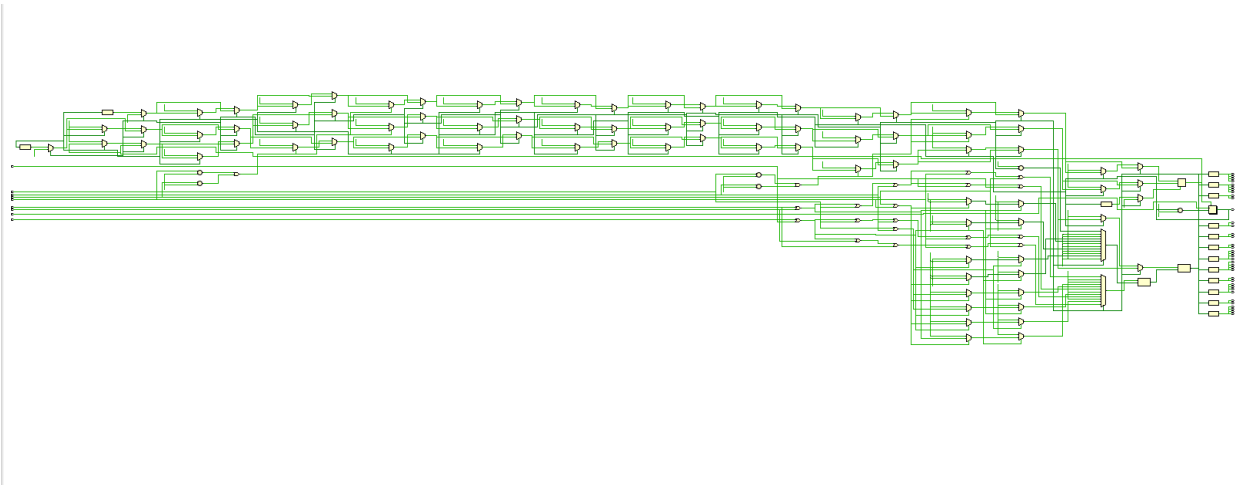
5. Simulation of Test Bench

*shows each of the lights operating

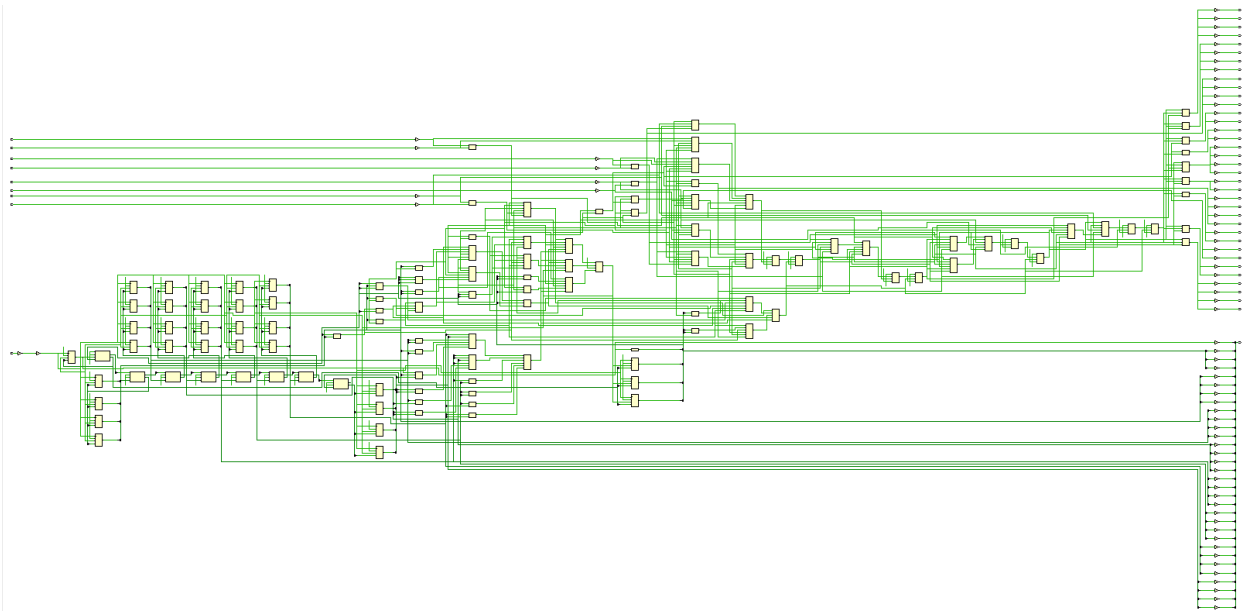




6. RTL Schematic:



7. Synthesized Schematic:



8. Conclusions:

- a. An FPGA has a lot of flexibility when using it to design something. An MCU on other hand is limited by its components. Depending on the application but if you were to upgrade or complete a design quickly then an FPGA allows for a lot of power/processing speed as it can compute things parallelly. This allows for some applications which may be throttled by the hardware they are being implemented on be upgraded easily by an FPGA. Also, the flexibility of the FPGA allows for you to implement or create a lot of things on your own while an MCU would require another purchase which requires recoding the program.
- b. Most FPGA's don't have non-volatile memory so if for some reason power was to shut off then the FPGA would stop functioning. This could be solved though by having external wiring that programs the device upon reboot, but this requires more work and to learn the internal hardware of the device/PCB it is on. An FPGA also requires a lot more power in comparison to other devices so if you had a limit then that would have to be taken into consideration as well.