Lab 3: Counters and Shifters I

Objective

- ✓ Review synchronous sequential circuits.
- ✓ Review counter logics.

Prerequisite

- ✓ Fundamentals of logic gates.
- ✓ Clocking concepts
- ✓ Logic modeling in Verilog HDL.

Pre-labs

1 Consider a 4-bit synchronous binary up counter ($\mathbf{q_3q_2q_1q_0}$).
  1.1 Draw the logic diagram
  1.2 Construct Verilog RTL representation for the logics with verification.

2 Cascade eight DFFs together as a shift register. Connect the output of the last DFF to the input of the first DFF as a ringer counter. Let the initial value of DFF output after reset be 01010101. Construct the Verilog RTL representation for the logics with verification.

Experiments

1 Frequency Divider: Construct a 27-bit synchronous binary counter. Use the MSB of the counter, we can get a frequency divider which provides a $1/2^{27}$ frequency output (f_{out}) of the original clock ($f_{crystal}$, 100MHz). Construct a frequency divider of this kind.
  1.1 Write the specification of the frequency divider.
  1.2 Draw the block diagram of the frequency divider.
  1.3 Implement the frequency divider with the following parameters.

I/O	$f_{crystal}$	f_{out}
Site	W5	U16

2 Frequency Divider: Use a count-for-50M counter and some glue logics to construct a 1 Hz clock frequency. Construct a frequency divider of this kind.
  2.1 Write the specification of the frequency divider.
  2.2 Draw the block diagram of the frequency divider.
  2.3 Implement the frequency divider with the following parameters.

I/O	$f_{crystal}$	f_{out}
Site	W5	U16

3 Implement pre-lab1 with clock frequency of 1 Hz. Use the following I/O to demonstrate the counter results.

I/O	$f_{crystal}$	$\mathbf{q_3}$	$\mathbf{q_2}$	$\mathbf{q_1}$	$\mathbf{q_0}$
Site	W5	V19	U19	E19	U16

4 Implement pre-lab2 with clock frequency of 1 Hz. The I/O pins can be assigned by yourself.

5 Use the idea from pre-lab2. We can do something on the seven-segment display. Assume we have the pattern of E, H, N, T, U, C, S for seven-segment display as shown below. Try to implement the scrolling pre-stored pattern "NTHU EECS" (a space between NTHU and EECS) with the four seven-segment displays.

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