Drinks Vending Machine

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Introduction

This project outlines the development of vending machines for drinks with the use of FPGAs (Field-Programmable Gate Arrays) and VHDL (VHSIC Hardware Description Language). A vending machine is a device designed to dispense drinks or other products automatically when users insert coins or tokens into the machine.

FPGAs are integrated circuits that can be programmed after manufacturing to perform a specific function, making them highly customizable. VHDL is a hardware description language used to design digital circuits. Together, FPGAs and VHDL provide a powerful toolset for designing complex digital systems, such as vending machines.

In the case of vending machines for drinks, FPGAs, and VHDL are used to implement the control logic for the machine. This includes tasks such as detecting and verifying the coins or tokens inserted by the user, dispensing the correct drink based on the user's selection, and providing feedback to the user about the status of the machine.

Overall, the flexibility and programmability of FPGAs make them an ideal choice for vending machine design, as they can be tailored to meet the specific requirements of the machine. VHDL is used to describe the behavior of the machine's digital circuits, which can then be implemented in the FPGA.

Concept description

The vending machine concept that we are proposing, consists of inserting specific coins and requesting a drink type, and according to the inserted money, the machine will dispense the requested drink if the balance is enough and will return money in case the inserted money is higher than the drink's price.

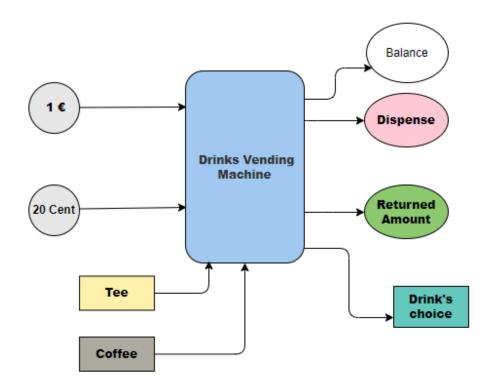
The developed concept of the vending machine accepts only two types of coins which are:

- 20 cents
- 1€

Moreover, the machine offers only two types of drinks which are:

- Tea: 40 cents
- Coffee: 60 cents

Therefore, for 1€ inserted coin, the user can choose to have one drink or two (only if the chosen drinks are Tea and Coffee).



Block Diagram of Vending Machine

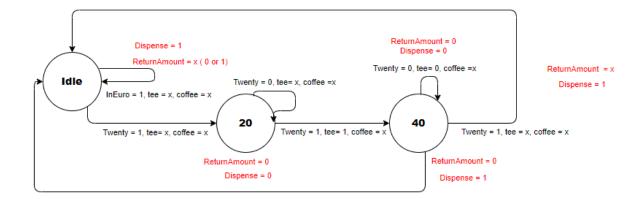
As shown in the block diagram, the vending machine has three inputs and two outputs which are respectively, 1€, 20 cents, drink's choice and it will result in, dispensing of the drinks and returned amount.

It's important to note that the coin reader of the 1€ and 20 Cents are separate.

1. Finite State Machine

The proposed finite state machine diagram of our vending machine consists of four different states which are:

- Idle: it is the start state of the system, where it is ready to receive money and requests. Besides it could be achieved by inserting 1€ or after reaching the amount of 60 cents. Hence the output of this state is a dispense of one or two drinks and it may or may not outcome a returned money as it depends on the requested drinks (Tea + Coffee)
- 20: in order to reach this state it depends on whether the inserted coin is equal to 20 or not and in this stage there will be no dispense nor a money return possible as the balance is less than the minimum price required (40 cents for Tea).
- **40**: Similar to the previous state, it's fulfilled, once a 20 cent is inserted. However, the only drink that is available for dispense is a Tee with no return. However, in the case of choosing coffee, both outputs will receive 0. Thus for both cases dispense = x as it could be 0 or 1 depending on the requested drink. However, if the user inserted another 20 cents, the balance will reach 60 cents. Hence, it will return to an idle state. The dispensed drink could be coffee or tea and in case of choosing tea, the returned amount will be 20 cents. Otherwise, no return. Thus, it's important to note that for this state, the user can choose tea or coffee to receive the drink.



As a result, we chose to use Mealy FSM as the states depend on the input value.

2. Truth table

The truth table of the Finite state machine will be described as follows:

Current State	euroln	twentyCent	Теа	Coffee	Next state	Dispense	Returned Amount
Idle	0	0	Х	Х	Idle	0	0
Idle	1	0	1	0	Idle	1	1
Idle	1	0	0	1	Idle	1	1
Idle	1	0	1	1	Idle	1	0
Idle	0	1	х	х	20	0	0
20	0	1	1	0	40	1	0
20	0	1	0	1	40	0	0
20	0	1	1	1	40	0	0
40	0	0	0	х	40	0	0
40	0	1	1	0	idle	1	1
40	0	1	0	1	idle	1	0
40	0	1	1	1	40	0	0

Project/Team management

As a team, we chose to work with the scrum project management model. As it is easier to break down the life cycle of the project into several iterations. The tasks are gradually

assigned to reach the ultimate task of the project. This leads to periodic meetings to check the progress status of the tasks of each team member.

To manage this project we used several tools:

- Github: to upload files
- WhatsApp group: to discuss some points briefly and send meetings information
- Google Meet: to meet and discuss the progress, tasks, and problems we have faced.

Tasks and Roles

The project is divided into three main parts:

- VHDL Code
- TestBench
- FPGA Implementation
- KiCad (schematic, PCB layout, and 3D view)
- Documentation

Every team member worked on a different task:

- Jaouaher: developed the VHDL source code of the vending machine and did the FPGA implementation (xdc file setup). For the documentation, I wrote the concept (Block diagram + FSM diag and truth table), VHDL implementation, Project management, VHDL, and FPGA implementations.
- Jasmeet: Developed the earlier stage concept diagram, InputOutput for VHDL Code (7-Segment Display), and PCB Design. For documentation: PCB and VHDL input/outputs part
- **Evrard**: responsible for the testbench of the VHDL code. For documentation: Introduction

Technologies

- VHDL
- FPGA
- KiCAD

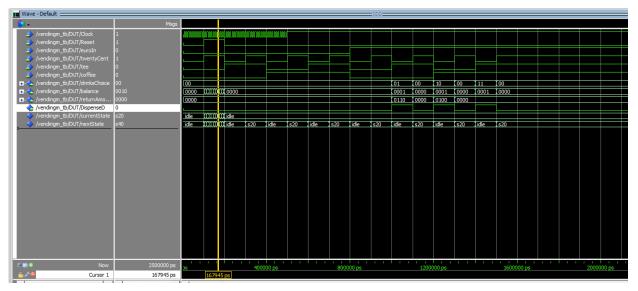
VHDL and FPGA Implementation

The implementation of the vending machine is divided into two phases:

1. VHDL

The VHDL code is composed of three processes:

- As we need to update the different states of the FSM we used D flipflop for storing the data.
- The second process is composed of the logic of the state machine. Where we are setting the different conditions for transitioning from one state to another.
- The last process if about the output itself. where we are assigning the values
 of the dispense and returned money outputs with respect to all the inputs
 such as the inserted coin and drinks choice.



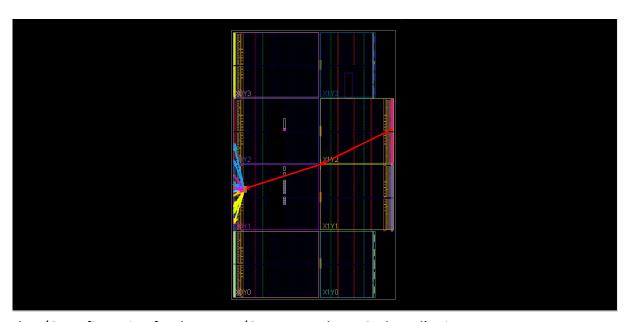
(The simulation is not perfect yet as the testbench is not delivered yet)

2. Testbench

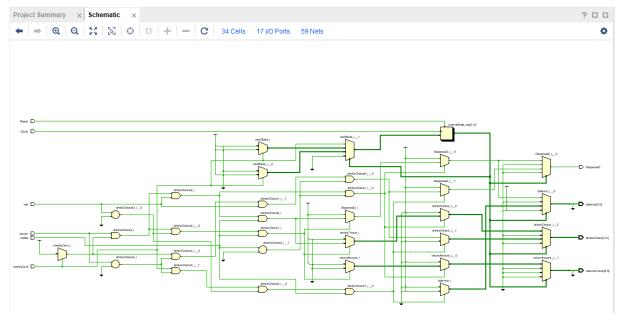
3. VHDL InputOutput

- 1) The Dataflow Design of the 7 Segment Display on the FPGA is different than the regular segment display. on fpga there are two units of 4-seven segment display attached together therefore they share the same data line on the fpga evaluation kit making it a little complex to program them.
- 2) The code version takes the input from the FSM and displays it accordingly.

4. FPGA

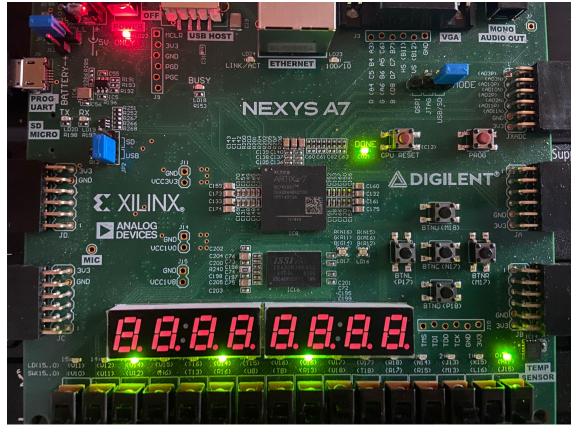


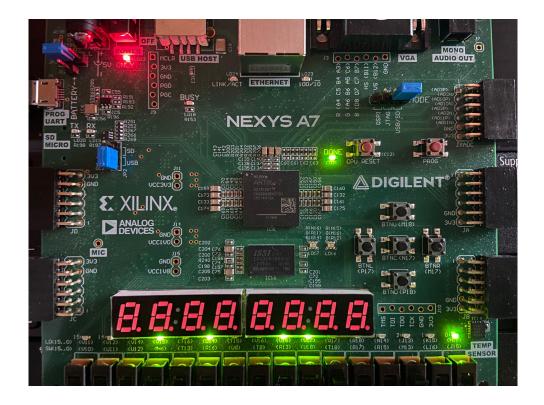
The I/O configuration for the Inputs/Outputs to the FPGA board's pins.



FPGA Schematic

For both FPGA screenshots, both are for inserting 1 euro but one for choosing the tea and the second for choosing the coffee as a drink. However, for the outputs, they are shown according to the LEDs.





This is the I/O port mapping from VHDL inputs/outputs to FPGA pins.

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# Clock signal
#ucreate clock -add -name sys clk pin -period 10.00 -waveform (0 5) [get ports (CLK100MHZ)];
#set property -dict ( PACKAGE_PIN L16 IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 ) [get_ports { SW[1] }]; #IO_L3N_TO_DQS_EMCCLK_14 Sch=sw[1]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN R15 | IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { twentyCent }]; #IO_L12N_T2_MRCC_14 Sch=sw[3] #set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN R17 | IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { SW[4] }]; #IO_L12N_T1_MRCC_14 Sch=sw[4]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN T18 | IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { tee }]; #IO_L7N_T1_D10_14 Sch=sw[5]
#set property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN R13 | IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get ports { SW[7] }]; #IO_LSN_TO_DO7_14 Sch=sw[7] 
#set property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN T8 | IOSTANDARD LVCMOS18 } [get ports { SW[8] }]; #IO_L24N_T3_34 Sch=sw[8] 
#set property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN U8 | IOSTANDARD LVCMOS18 } [get_ports { SW[9] }]; #IO_25_34 Sch=sw[9]
set property -dict { PACKAGE PIN J13 IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get ports { balance[2] }]; #IO L17N T2 A25 15 Sch=led[2]
set property -dict { PACKAGE PIN N14 IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get ports { balance[3] }]; #IO L8P T1 D11 14 Sch=led[3]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN V15 | IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { drinksChoice[0] }]; #IO_L16P_T2_CSI_B_14 Sch=led[12]
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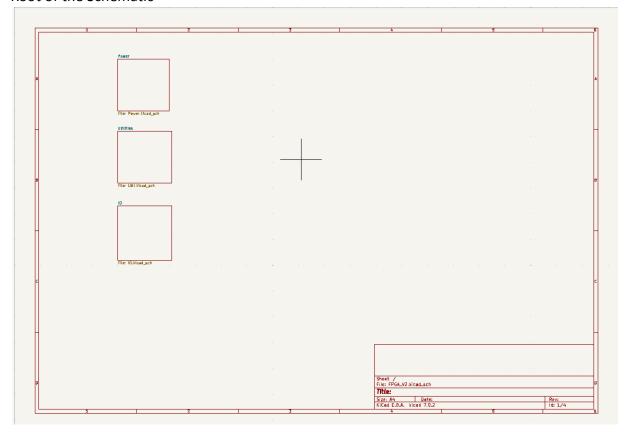
PCB Design

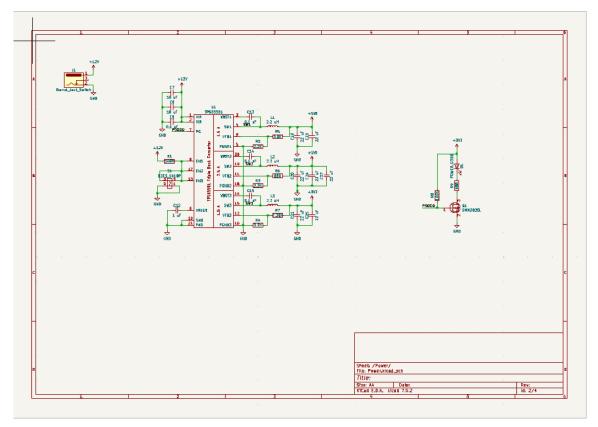
For PCB Design - Initially, Nexys A7 FPGA was used to create the PCB solution; however, due to the complexity of the FPGA and the simplicity of the project, the design was shifted to use Spartan 7 FPGA; however, the unfinished FPGA design for Nexys 7 is available on GitHub.

1) Schematic

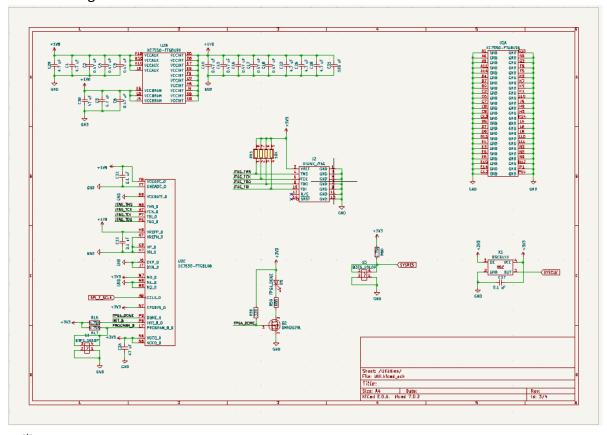
a) Power Schematic for providing power to the component on the PCB board, In the power schematic - a buck converter is used as different components take different voltages, and sometimes the same component needs different voltages, such as the FPGA and input for power.

Root of the Schematic

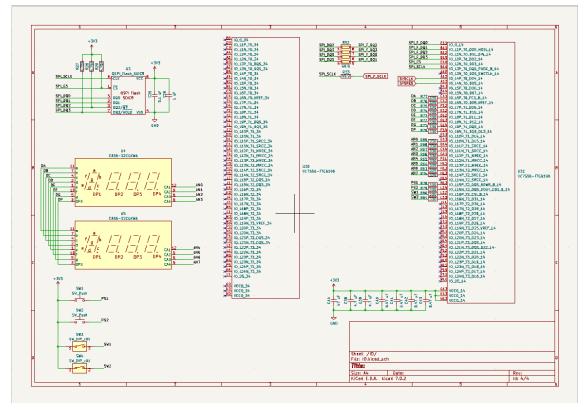




Power managment



Utility management



IO connected to the IC



Sources/References

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