

## **Vending Machine**

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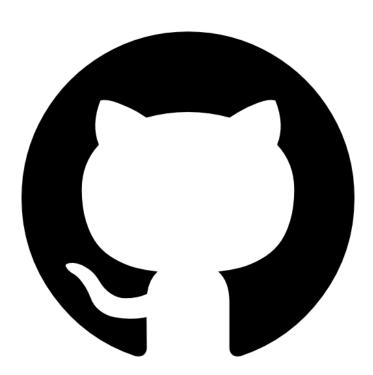


### Introduction

In this project we have designed a Vending Machine using VHDL.

In the following we will discuss state machine and digital design of this hard were and then we will discuss the code and test cases and at the final part you can see the user guide of the project and we have explained components and main code to help you understand it comprehensively.

You can acess the project through below link (tap the github icon).





## Design

In this part we will check and analyze the design of circuit using FSM and then functionality of module will be explained.

#### **Finite state machine**

First of all we should define states for our Vending machine then we will connect states to each other based on different inputs and signals.

■ STATES

- 1. Idle: waiting for coin input.
- 2. CoinInserted: A coin has been inserted,
- 3. ItemSelected: An item has been selected
- 4. AdditionalItemSelected: An additional item has been selected.
- 5. Dispenseltem: Dispensing the selected item.
- ReturnChange: Returning change if necessary.
- 7. OutOfStock: An item is out of stock.
- 8. Error: Not enough balance to select an item.

SIGNALS

1.CoinInput: 1,5,10

2.SelectItem : A,B,C

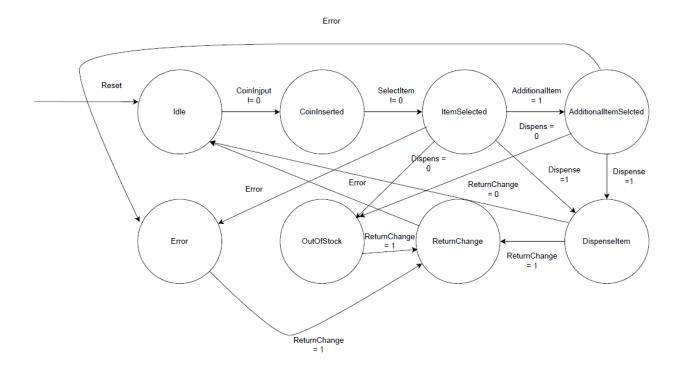
3.AdditionalItem: 0, 1

4.Dispense: 0,1

5.ReturnChange: 0,1

6.Error : 1,0 7.Reset : 0,1





## **Module Functionality**

Our first state is idle and it means the Machine is expecting a coin (signal) to go to our next state Coin Inserted then after inserting coin the machine expect a signal for selecting item and if an item is selected it will go to next state but here we face a dilemma choosing an extra item or dispensing the item and also another dilemma error or out of stock and they will happen based on the signal that you can see on their edges and if we go to out of stock or error or dispense Item we will go to return change and and after that we will get back to idle.



#### Reset is connected to idle so we somehow reset the system by getting back to Idle.

## **Testing report**

All actions are obvious if you take a look at the comments so I prefer not to explain them again one by one but as a summery when we enter a coin our balance will be increased and then we select item now we have several scenarios consist of error for not having enough balance or out of stock for not having an item or user may choose an extra item and each of this scenarios has their own signal and pass you can see step by step explanation on comments of the code.

```
-- Scenario 1: Insert coins and buy item A (price 5)
coin_input <- "01"; -- Insert 1 unit
wait for clk_period;
coin_input <- "10"; -- Insert 5 units
coin_input <- "10";
wait for clk_period;</pre>
 -- Request item A (available)
item_available <- '1';
item_selection <= "00"; -- Select item A
 wait for clk_period;
-- Scenario 2: Not enough balance for item B (price 7)
now_order_request <- '1'; -- Request new order
wait for clk_period;
now_order_request <- '8'; -- Reset new order request
 coin input <- "00":
item_selection <= "01"; -- Select item B
wait for clk_period; -- Should trigger error signal
-- Scenario 3: Insert enough coins and buy item B
coin_input <- "01"; -- Insert 1 unit (balance - 2)
wait for clk_period;
coin_input <- "10"; -- Insert 5 units (balance - 7)
-- Scenario 4: Out of stock for item C

new_order_request <= '1'; -- Request new order

wait for clk_period;

new_order_request <= '0'; -- Reset new order request
item_available <= '0'; -- Item C is not available
coin_input <= "01"; -- Insert 1 unit
wait for clk_period;</pre>
coin_input <- "10";
wait for clk_period;</pre>
item_selection <= "18"; -- Request item C (which is out of stock)
wait for clk_period; -- Should trigger error signal</pre>
 wait for clk_period;
item_selection <= "10"; -- Select item C
wait for clk_period; -- Should dispense item C</pre>
 wait for clk_period;
new_order_request <- '0'; -- Reset new order request
wait for clk_period;
coin_incut
 wait for clk period;
item_selection <= "00"; -- Select item A again
wait for clk_period; -- Should dispense item A</pre>
```



#### **User Guide**

In this part we will analyze the code and explain usage of each component and explain their inputs, outputs, entities and architectures.

#### **Files and Components**

Coin\_Input\_Controller.vhd
 DIspense\_Controller.vhd
 Item\_selector.vhd
 Vending\_Machine\_TB.vhd
 Vending\_Machine.vhd

As you can see we have 3 components and main file for vending machine which is made of other 3 components and we have test bench file for our project.

#### **Instruments**

#### Let's check them all one by one:

 Coin\_Input \_Controller: this component's duty is to get coin as input and give us a balance as output as you can see on the photo of its entity. (all components have clk and reset as their input so I would not kepp mentioning them for all sections.



#### Now take a look at its architecture:

```
ARCHITECTURE Behavioral OF Coin Input Controller IS
    SIGNAL internal balance : INTEGER := 0;
BEGIN
    PROCESS (clk, reset)
    BEGIN
        IF reset = '1' THEN
             internal balance <= 0;</pre>
        ELSIF rising edge(clk) THEN
             CASE coin input IS
                 WHEN "00" =>
                     IF (internal balance + 1) < 128 THEN</pre>
                          internal balance <= internal balance + 1;</pre>
                     END IF;
                 WHEN "01" =>
                     IF (internal balance + 5) < 128 THEN
                          internal balance <= internal balance + 5;</pre>
                     END IF;
                 WHEN "11" =>
                     IF (internal_balance + 10) < 128 THEN</pre>
                          internal balance <= internal balance + 10;</pre>
                     END IF:
                 WHEN OTHERS => NULL;
             END CASE;
        END IF:
    END PROCESS;
    balance <= internal balance;</pre>
END Behavioral;
```

Here we got a behavioral architecture for our component so let's start to explain it:



We have an internal signal here name internal\_balance and here I will brief the reason of using internal signals and in other part I won't repeat it again :

- 1. it's the main difference between combinational logic and sequential logic if we assign the value in clk edges to balance directly it would lead to combinational logic.
- 2. Storage: signals in vhdl acts like a storage element and in digital design it corresponds to using Flip\_Flops.
- 3. Using an internal signal allows you to control when the balance updates happen. In our design, the balance is only updated when there is a rising edge on the clock. If we were to use the balance output directly, we would have a situation where it could change on every input signal change, which could lead to unpredictable behavior in a synchronous circuit.

The other part in this component is clear and easy to understand we just have a progress which increase the balance based on the coin input and you may notice the condition that controls balance not to exceed 128, we use it to have an limitation for our system and avoid potential errors from wrong inputs but we could've not to use it.

• Dispense\_Controller: so here we get balance, item price and extra item request as inputs and dispense signal and change (of balance) and error as output.



#### Take a look at its architecture:

```
ARCHITECTURE Behavioral OF Dispense_Controller IS
    PROCESS (reset, clk)
    BEGIN
            dispense_signal <= '0';</pre>
            change_return <= 0;
            error_signal <= '0';
        ELSIF rising_edge(clk) THEN
             IF new order request = '1' THEN
                 dispense_signal <= '0';</pre>
                 IF balance < item price THEN
                     error signal <= '1';
                 ELSE
                     error_signal <= '0';
                 END IF;
             ELSIF balance >= item_price AND item_price > 0 THEN
                 dispense_signal <= '1';</pre>
                 change_return <= balance - item_price;</pre>
                 error_signal <= '0';
             ELSE
                 dispense signal <= '0';</pre>
                 IF balance < item_price THEN</pre>
                     error_signal <= '1';
                     error_signal <= '0';
                 END IF;
            END IF;
        END IF;
    END PROCESS;
END Behavioral;
```



It is only an obvious progress I forgot to talk about reset in previous section here I tell you if reset is 1 everything will be 0 so now about other parts in rising edge of clk if user has an extra request dispense signal would be 0 it means we won't dispense item until user choose next item but now for dispensing we're gonna have an error if user has not enough balance and if he has we will dispense item and return change to him from balance.

• Item\_Selector: item available and item selection are our inputs and item price is our output.

```
ENTITY Item_Selector IS

PORT (
        clk : IN STD_LOGIC;
        reset : IN STD_LOGIC;
        item_selection : IN STD_LOGIC_VECTOR (1 DOWNTO 0);
        item_available : IN STD_LOGIC;
        item_price : OUT INTEGER
    );
END Item_Selector;
```

#### take a look at its architecture :

```
ARCHITECTURE Behavioral OF Item Selector IS
   PROCESS (reset, clk)
   BEGIN
           item price <= 0;
       ELSIF rising edge(clk) THEN
           IF item available = '1' THEN
               CASE item selection IS
                   WHEN "00" => item_price <= 5; -- item A
                   WHEN "01" => item_price <= 7; -- item B
                   WHEN "10" => item price <= 10; -- item C
                   WHEN OTHERS => item price <= 0; -- invalid selection
               END CASE:
           ELSE
               item_price <= 0;</pre>
           END IF;
       END IF:
   END PROCESS;
END Behavioral;
```



So simple we just assign item price based the item that is selected and we get it from input and also if it's available otherwise nothing will happen.

 Vending\_Machine: so now we explain our main part, the Vending Machine here we have used structural style of coding and we have the other tree elements as components here so all inputs and output are clear just take a look at the entity here:

```
ENTITY Vending Machine IS
   PORT (
       clk : IN STD LOGIC;
       reset IN STD LOGIC
       coin input : IN STD LOGIC VECTOR (1 DOWNTO 0); -- 1,5,10
       item selection : IN STD LOGIC VECTOR (1 DOWNTO 0); -- A, B, C
       item available : IN STD LOGIC; -- assume as control elsewhere
       new order request : IN STD LOGIC; -- extra order
       balance display : OUT STD LOGIC VECTOR (6 DOWNTO 0); -- two seven segments
       change return : OUT INTEGER; -- amount of the change
       dispense signal : OUT STD LOGIC; -- signal for dispense
       error signal : OUT STD LOGIC -- signal for error
   ) ;
   SIGNAL balance INTEGER
   SIGNAL item price : INTEGER;
   SIGNAL dispense sig : STD LOGIC;
   SIGNAL error sig : STD LOGIC;
ND Vending Machine;
```

And we have 4 internal signals here to make our system sequential (they are storage elements)

So let's analyze the architecture:

We got 3 component of the mentioned ones on previous pages and we have connected the inputs and outputs of our machine to them and o won't bother to explain all the connections one by one because you can see them and they also have same names.

And at the end we assign the internal values to output signals .

That's it no need to explain anymore.



```
ARCHITECTURE Structural OF Vending Machine IS
   Coin_input_Controller : ENTITY work.Coin_Input_Controller
       PORT MAP(
            reset => reset,
            coin_input => coin_input,
            balance => balance
   Item_Selector : ENTITY work.Item_Selector
        PORT MAP(
            reset => reset,
            item_selection => item_selection,
            item_available => item_available,
            item_price => item_price
   Dispense_Controller : ENTITY work Dispense_Controller
        PORT MAP(
            clk \Rightarrow clk
            reset => reset,
            balance => balance,
            item_price => item_price,
            new_order_request => new_order_request,
            dispense_signal => dispense_sig,
            error_signal => error_sig,
            change_return => change_return
   dispense_signal <= dispense_sig;</pre>
   error_signal <= error_sig;
   balance_display <= STD_LOGIC_VECTOR(to_unsigned(balance, balance_display*length));</pre>
END Structural;
```



# The end.