

COL215 HW Assignment 2 - 4-Digit 7-Segment Display

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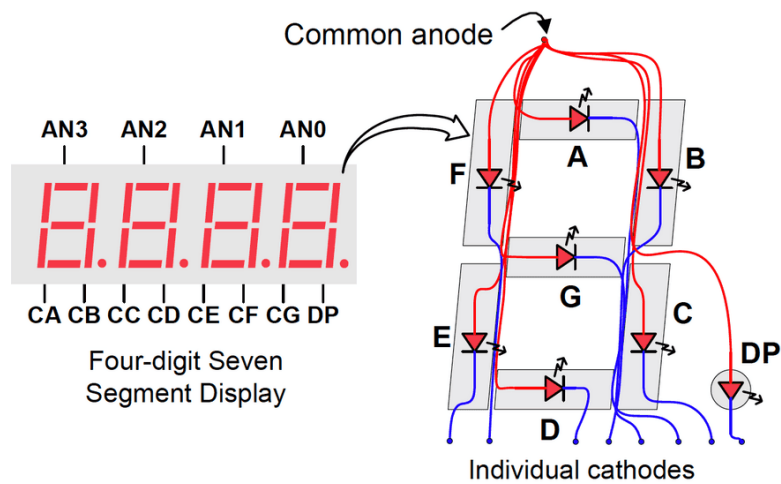
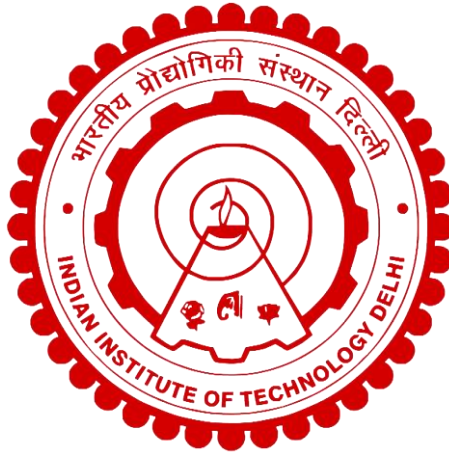


Figure 18. Common anode circuit node.

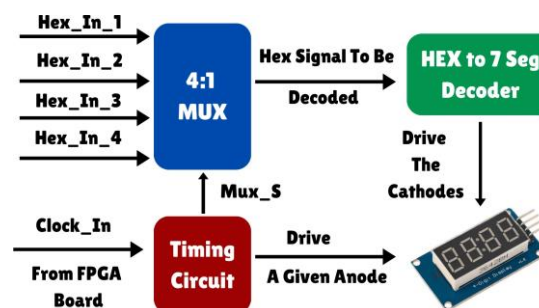
Problem Statement

Design a combinational circuit that converts a 4-bit hexadecimal or decimal input to a 7-bit output suitable for driving a seven-segment display on a Basys 3 FPGA board.

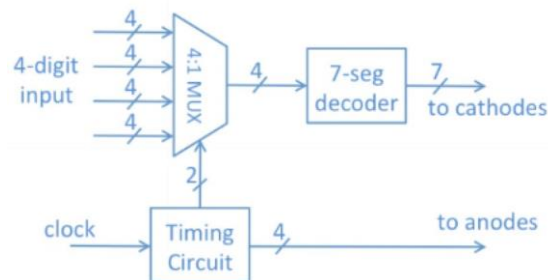
Expand the design to accommodate four 4-bit inputs, allowing for the simultaneous display of a 4-digit number on four seven-segment displays.

Overview of Assignment :

The assignment requires us to design three modules with the following inheritance logic :



Overview of Design of Assignment



Circuit Diagram of Assignment

A wrapper VHDL file, named 7SegDisplay, will encapsulate the entire design, managing the input signals and outputting the necessary control signals for the seven-segment displays. A 4-to-1 multiplexer will receive the four hexadecimal input signals and select the appropriate one based on the timing circuit's control signals.

A timing circuit will determine the anode to be activated and supply the corresponding selection bits to the multiplexer.

A decoder module will convert the 7-bit output from the multiplexer into a format suitable for driving the cathodes of the seven-segment displays using minimized combinational logic.

Design Decisions of Overall Project

Hexadecimal Digits

As we are implementing display of 4 hexadecimal digits, we require 16 input bits from the board to represent the inputs to the MUX. We use the following symbols for representation on 7 Segment display :



Truth Table - For BCD to 7 Segment Display

Digits & Input Bits					7 Segment Display							Min-Terms: $f(A, B, C, D)$
Digit	A	B	C	D	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	Min-Term Index
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	m_0
1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	m_1
2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	m_2
3	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	m_3
4	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	m_4
5	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	m_5
6	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	m_6
7	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	m_7
8	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	m_8
9	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	m_9
A	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	m_{10}
b	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	m_{11}
C	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	m_{12}
d	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	m_{13}
E	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	m_{14}
F	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	m_{15}

Minimizing the Combinational Logic using K-Maps

Segment a

		C, D			
		00	01	11	10
A, B	00	1	0	1	1
	01	0	1	1	1
	11	1	0	1	1
	10	1	1	0	1

The reduced formula for segment a using the mentioned K-Map reduction is as following :

$$f(A,B,C,D) = A'B'D' + A'BD + AC'D' + AB'C' + A'C + BC + CD'$$

Segment b

		C, D			
		00	01	11	10
A, B	00	1	1	1	1
	01	1	0	1	0
	11	0	1	0	0
	10	1	1	0	1

The reduced formula for segment b using the mentioned K-Map reduction is as following :

$$f(A,B,C,D) = A'C'D' + A'CD + AC'D + B'D' + A'B'$$

Segment c

		C, D			
		00	01	11	10
A, B	00	1	1	1	0
	01	1	1	1	1
	11	0	1	0	0
	10	1	1	1	1

The reduced formula for segment c using the mentioned K-Map reduction is as following :

$$f(A,B,C,D) = A'CD + A'C' + A'B + C'D + AB'$$

Segment d

		C, D			
		00	01	11	10
A, B	00	1	0	1	1
	01	0	1	0	1
	11	1	1	0	1
	10	1	0	1	0

The reduced formula for segment d using the mentioned K-Map reduction is as following :

$$f(A,B,C,D) = A'B'D' + B'CD + BC'D + BCD' + A'C'D'$$

Segment e

		C, D			
		00	01	11	10
A, B	00	1	0	0	1
	01	0	0	0	1
	11	1	1	1	1
	10	1	0	1	1

The reduced formula for segment e using the mentioned K-Map reduction is as following :

$$f(A,B,C,D) = B'C'D' + AB + CD' + AC$$

Segment f

		C, D			
		00	01	11	10
A, B	00	1	0	0	0
	01	1	1	0	1
	11	1	0	1	1
	10	1	1	1	1

The reduced formula for segment f using the mentioned K-Map reduction is as following :

$$f(A,B,C,D) = A'BC' + BCD' + AB' + AC + C'D'$$

Segment g

		C, D			
		00	01	11	10
A, B	00	0	0	1	1
	01	1	1	0	1
	11	0	1	1	1
	10	1	1	1	1

The reduced formula for segment g using the mentioned K-Map reduction is as following :

$$f(A,B,C,D) = A'B'C + A'BC' + CD' + AB' + AD$$

Design Decisions for Modules

Hexadecimal-To-7-Segment-Display

Decoder is a combinational module which accepts the 4 input bits from the **mux4x1_4bit** to be displayed on a seven segment display. Then the decoder implements the reduced combinational logic and sets the respective states of cathodes to drive the output on the seven segment display.

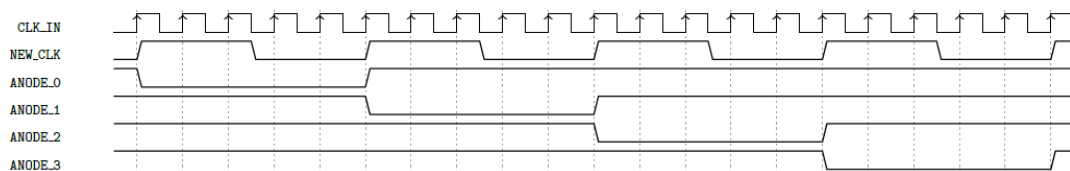
4:1 MUX

The board is used to generate 4 hexadecimal inputs, one for each seven segment display. Since the cathodes of all the 4 displays are common, the timer circuit provides select bits : *dec_in* which also corresponds to the anode, i.e. one of the four 7 Segment displays which are being driven. The implemented MUX Process chooses the hexadecimal input to be displayed using case statement, which is passed onto the decoder module to be decoded into 7 segment bits.

Timing Circuit

Timing circuit is the crux of this project. Since the cathodes of all the four 7 Segment displays are common, we need a way to cycle through the different anodes and a way to keep track which hexadecimal input is to be displayed on the given anode (which is what the 4:1 MUX module implements).

This module also accepts **clk in** from the Basys3 board, an inbuilt 100 MHz clock. For our practical purposes using such a high frequency clock is not viable since it may cause flickering issues, care is taken to implement a **new clk** which uses a **counter** and **N** to increase the time period from 10 ns to 1ms, a frequency 1000 Hz as given below.



Clock and Anode Selection Logic to be implemented by Timing Block

Since human eye vision is persistent at these refresh rates, the **MUX PROC** process changes the state of **mux select counter** cyclically according to the

rising edge of **new_clk** and assigns it to **mux_select** which goes to MUX module. This part handles the cyclical change of anodes which allow us to display all 4 digits perceived at once.

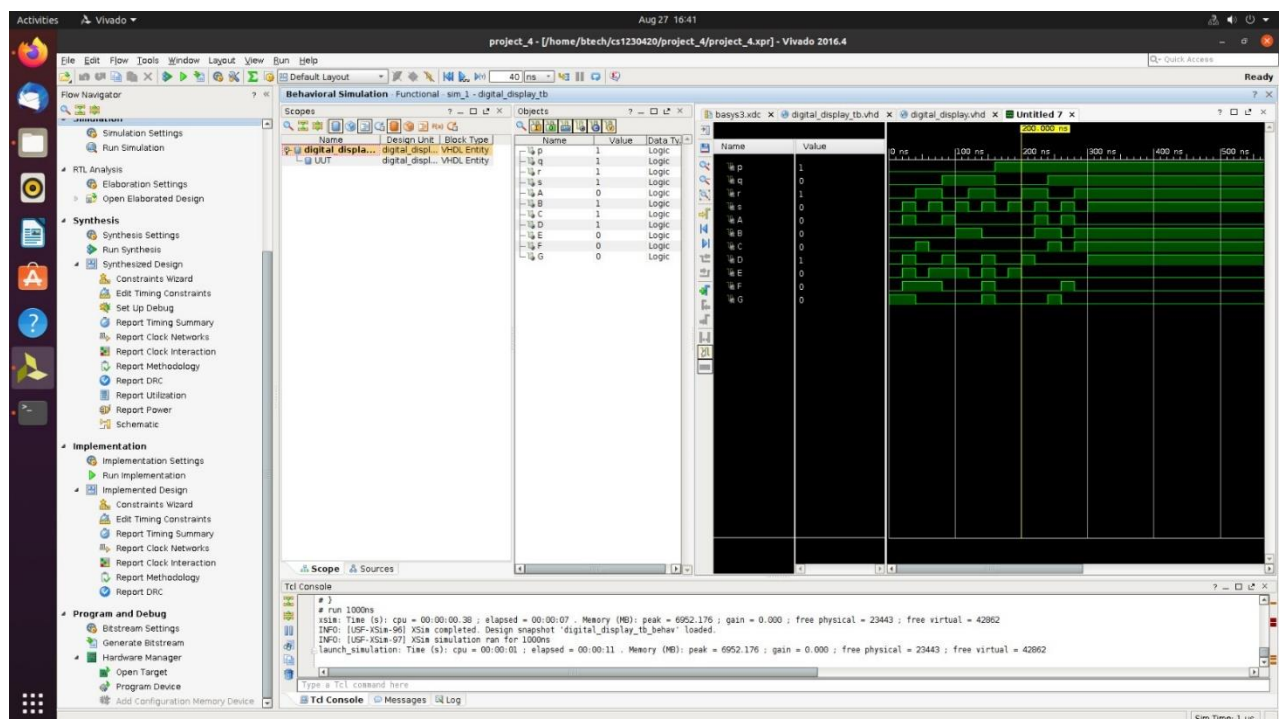
Finally the **ANODE select** process chooses the anode states for choosing which anode the digit is to be displayed upon.

Note that whenever the board detects reset, the **counter** and the **new_clk** is restored to a known default. Also all the displays/anodes are switched off to show the circuit is in a reset state. (We used N = 50000). When there are 50000 rising edges of click_in, new_clk will invert its value, which means it will take 100k rising edges for one complete cycle of new_clk.

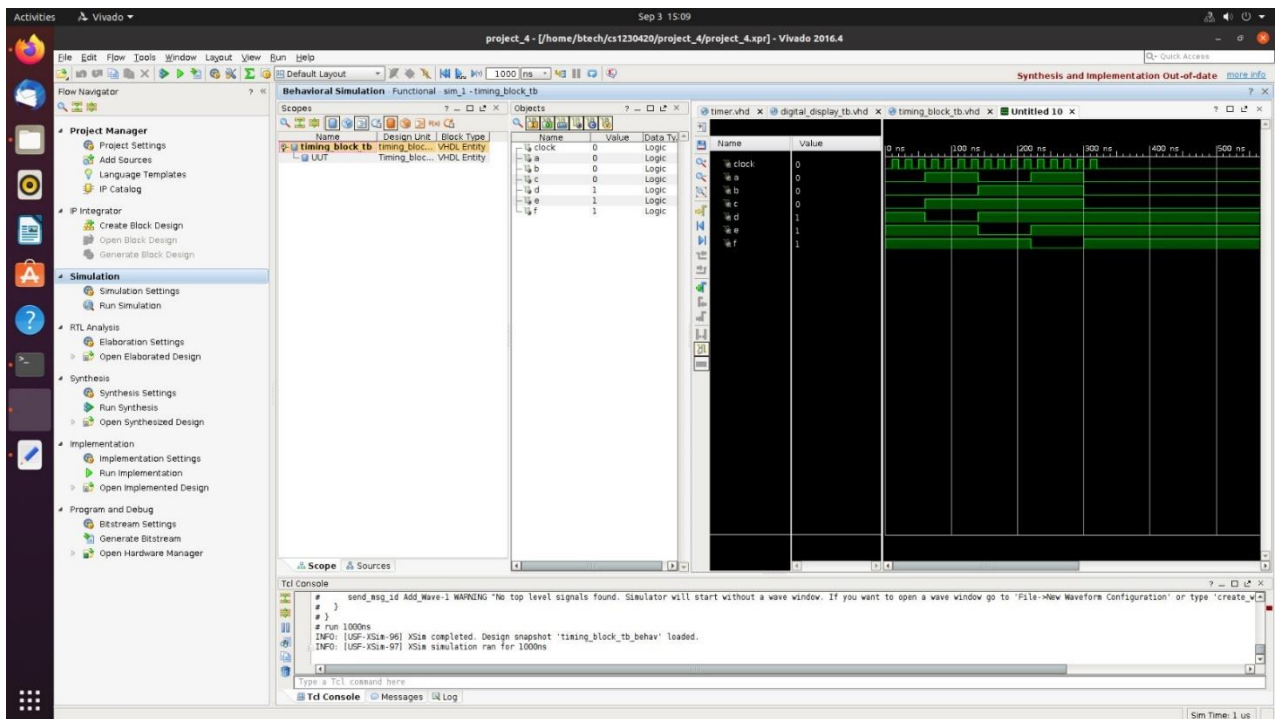
7Seg_Display - The Final Wrapper

This instantiates all the other modules as entities and implements the necessary signals for input from the board to the modules and the output back to board.

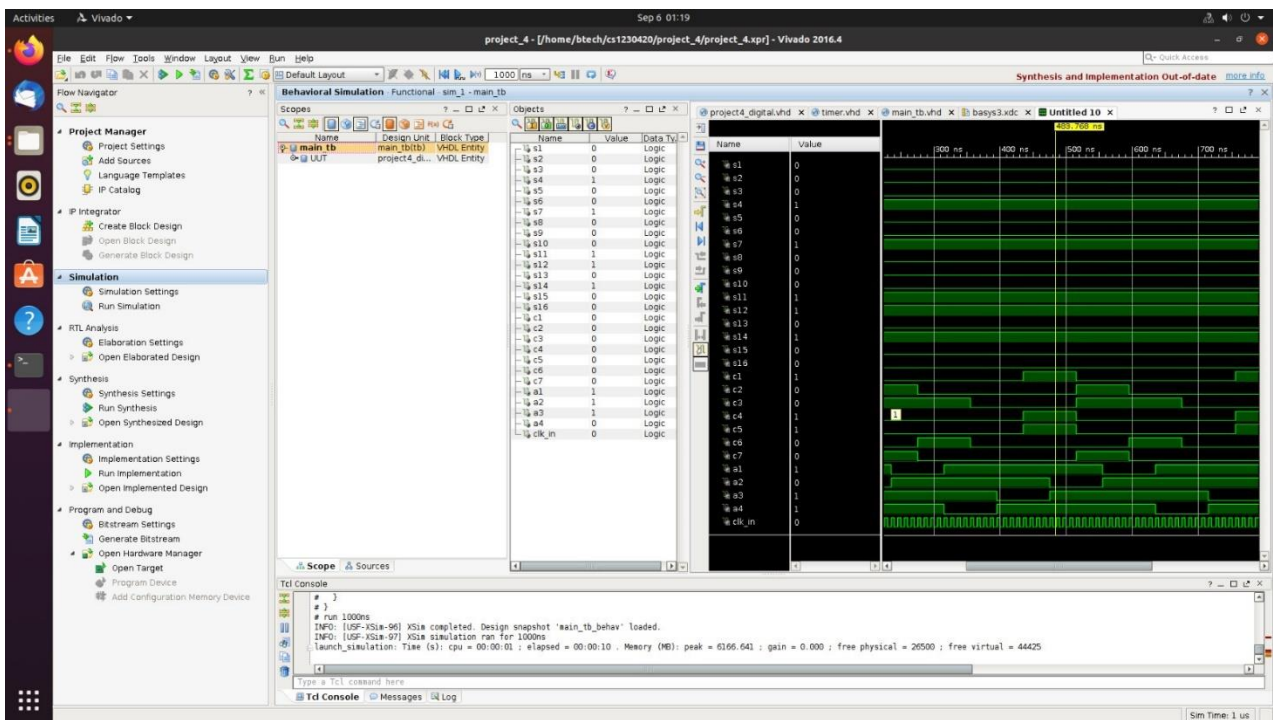
Simulation Snapshots



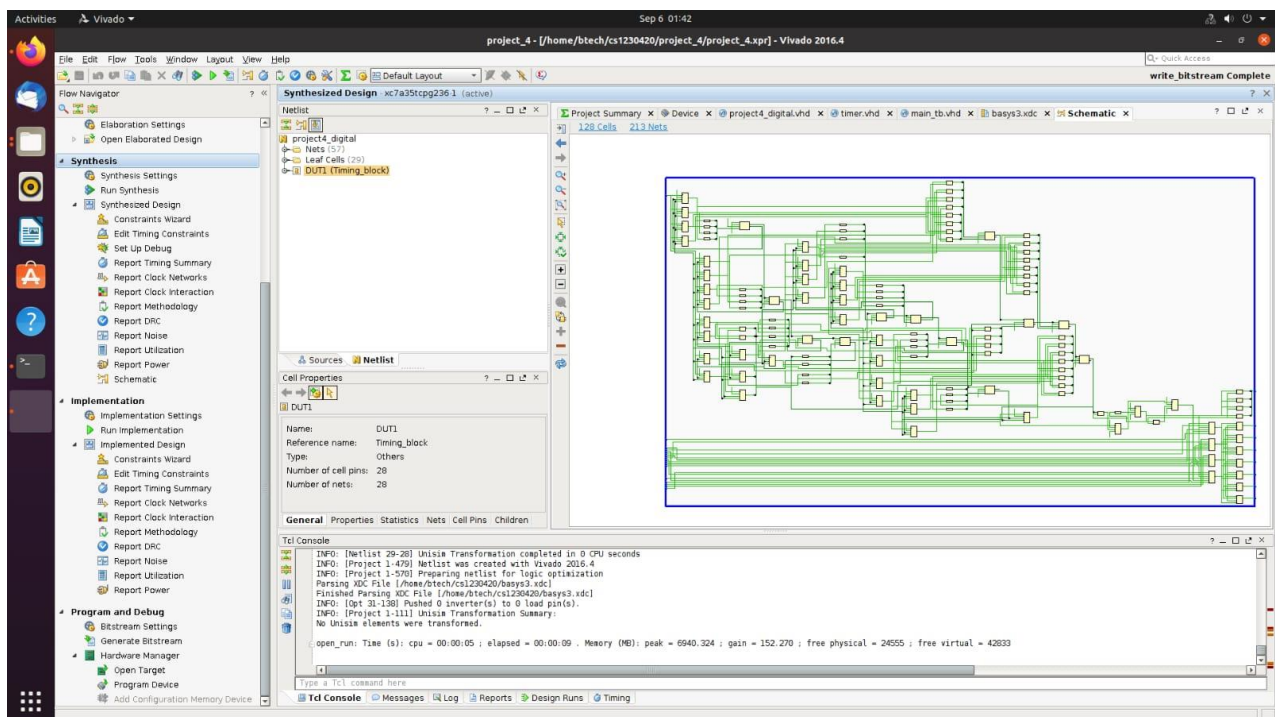
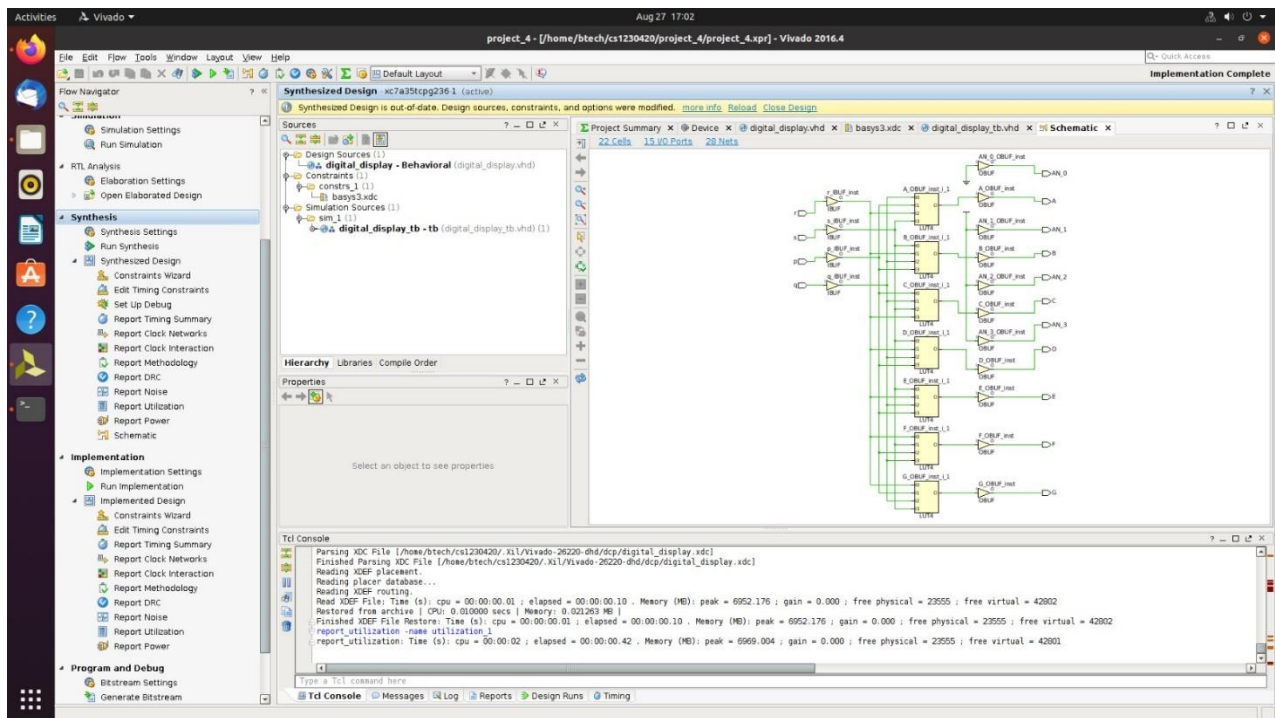
7 Segment Display Simulation

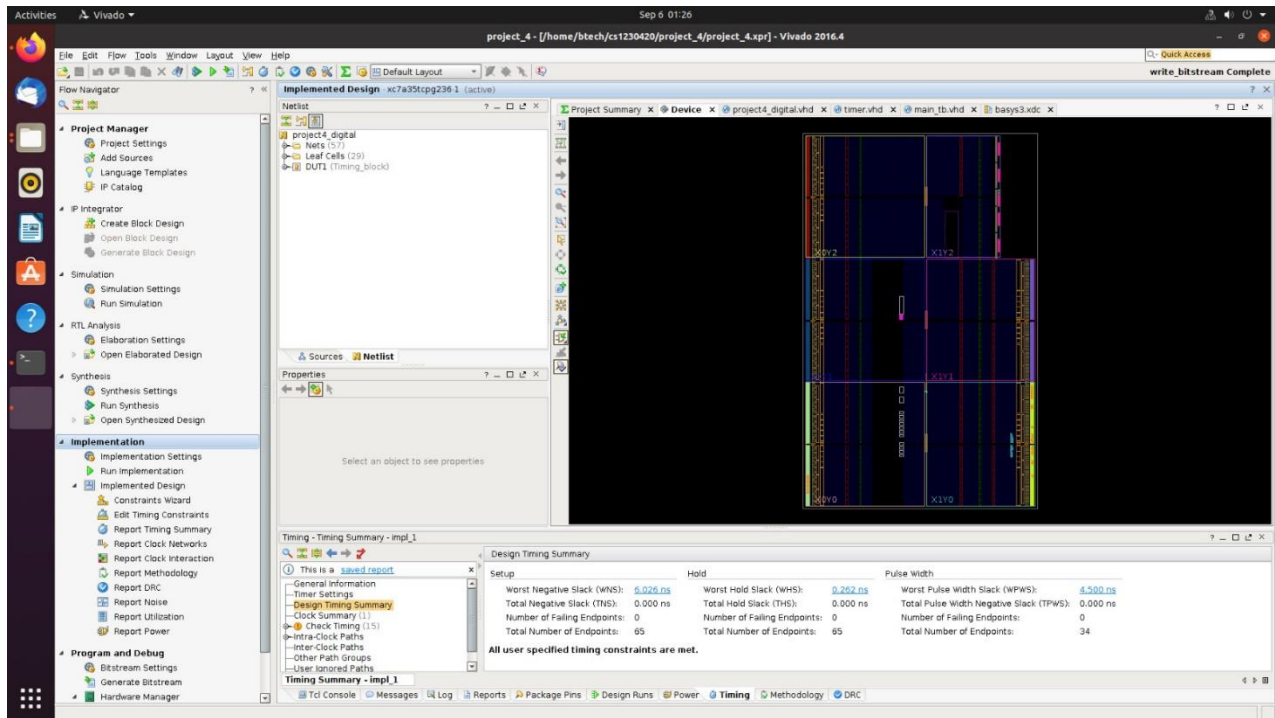


Timing Block Simulation

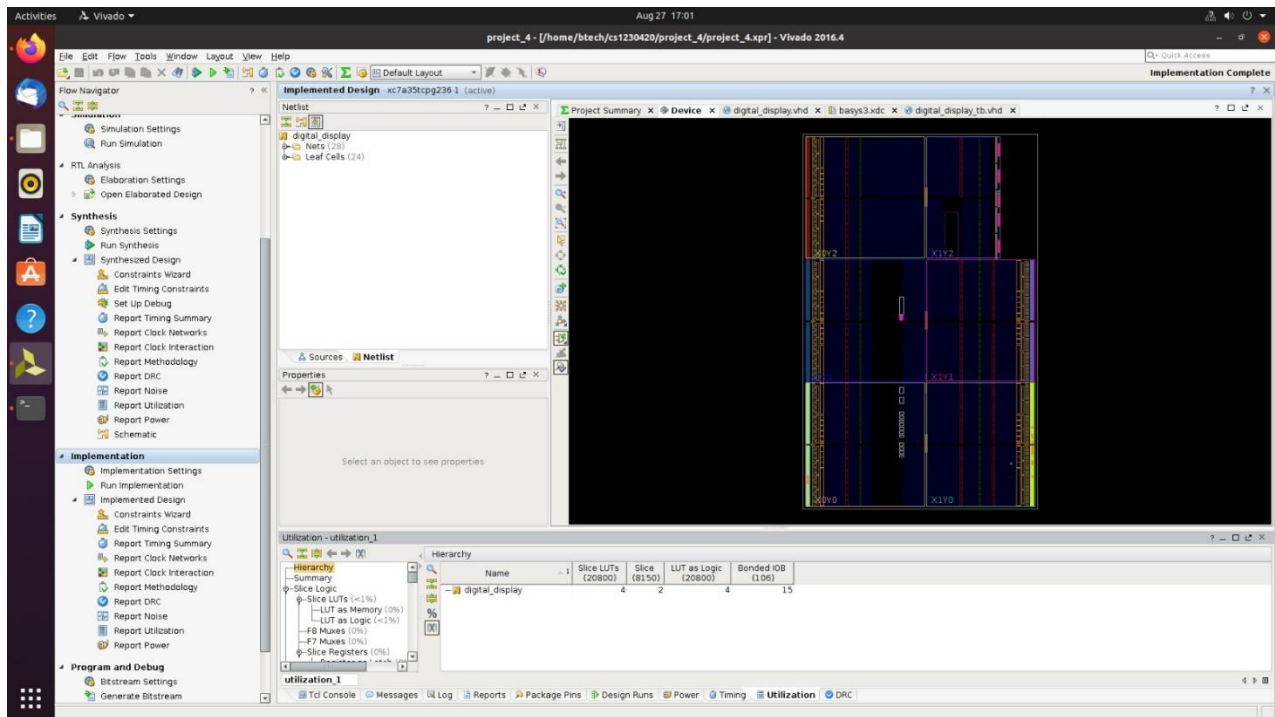


Main Code Simulation

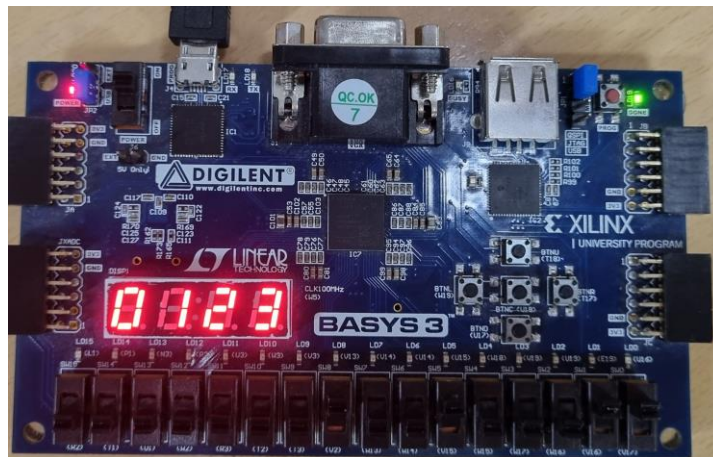




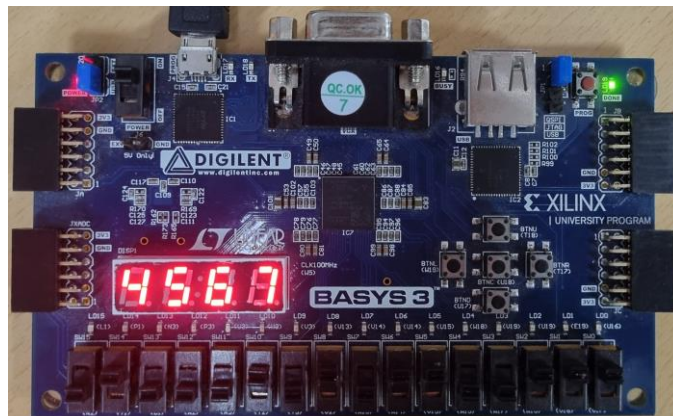
Main Code Implementation



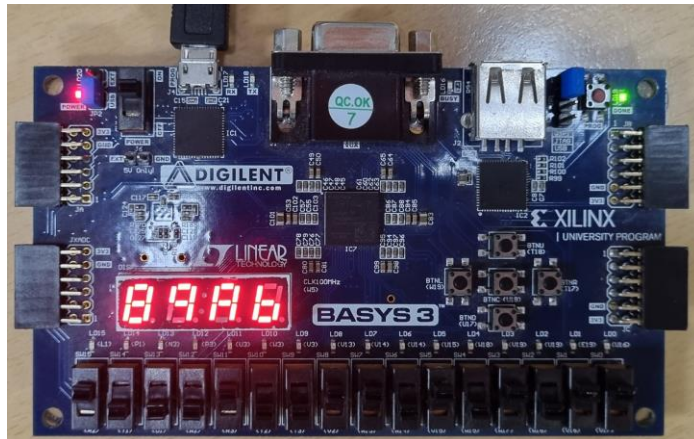
Basys 3 Board Output:



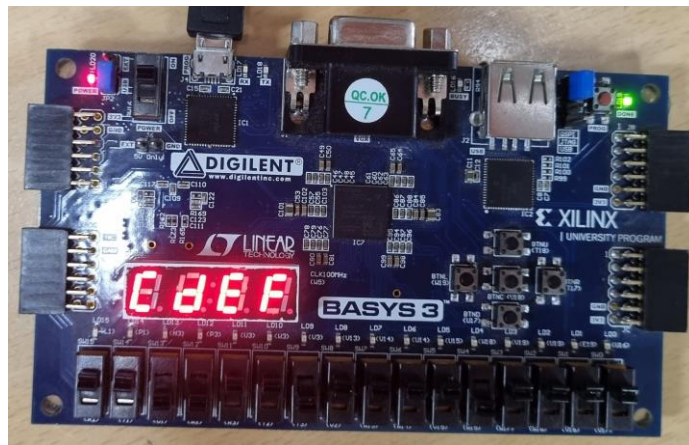
Digits 0-3



Digits 4 – 7



Digits 8 – *b*



Digits *C* – *F*

Resource Utilisation:-

1. Slice Logic

Site Type	Used	Fixed	Available	Util%
Slice LUTs*	60	0	20880	0.29
LUT as Logic	60	0	20880	0.29
LUT as Memory	0	0	9600	0.00
Slice Registers	35	0	41600	0.08
Register as Flip Flop	35	0	41600	0.08
Register as Latch	0	0	41600	0.00
F7 Muxes	0	0	16300	0.00
F8 Muxes	0	0	8150	0.00

* Warning! The Final LUT count, after physical optimizations and full implementation, is typically lower. Run `opt_design` after synthesis, if not already completed, for a more realistic count.

2. Memory

Site Type	Used	Fixed	Available	Util%
Block RAM Tile	0	0	50	0.00
RAMB36/FIFO*	0	0	50	0.00
RAMB18	0	0	100	0.00

* Note: Each Block RAM Tile only has one FIFO logic available and therefore can accommodate only one FIFO36E1 or one FIFO18E1. However, if a FIFO18E1 occupies a Block RAM Tile, that tile can still accommodate a RAMB18E1

3. DSP

Site Type	Used	Fixed	Available	Util%
DSPs	0	0	90	0.00