

Hardware Assignment 1 Report

Our goal was to design and implement a circuit that takes a 4-digit decimal/hexadecimal number from switches in the Basys3 board and displays it on the 4-seven segment displays on the board. We had to use an on-board clock and create a timing circuit to drive all the displays.

We started by creating a 'led_to_bcd.vhd' file which converts a 4-bit binary input(using any 4 switches) to a hexadecimal number (on the seven segment display). Since initially all the anode switches are on, the same number is displayed on all the 4-seven segment displays. Truth table for 4 bit input signal and seven bit cathode output is :
(A,B,C,D are bits of the input digit, and a to g is the cathode output.)

A	B	C	D	a	b	c	d	e	f	g
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
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1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0

Below are the karnaugh maps used for the simplification of signals.

K-MAP FOR a :

SIMPLIFIED EXPRESSION : $A'B'C'D + A'BC'D' + AB'CD + ABC'D$

	$\bar{C}.\bar{D}$	$\bar{C}.D$	$C.D$	$C.\bar{D}$
$\bar{A}.\bar{B}$	0	1	0	0
$\bar{A}.B$	1	0	0	0
$A.B$	0	1	0	0
$A.\bar{B}$	0	0	1	0

K-MAP FOR b :

SIMPLIFIED EXPRESSION : $BCD' + ACD + ABD' + A'BC'D$

	$\bar{C}.\bar{D}$	$\bar{C}.D$	$C.D$	$C.\bar{D}$
$\bar{A}.\bar{B}$	0	0	0	0
$\bar{A}.B$	0	1	0	1
$A.B$	1	0	1	1
$A.\bar{B}$	0	0	1	0

K-MAP FOR c :

SIMPLIFIED EXPRESSION : $ABD' + ABC + A'B'CD'$

	$\bar{C}.\bar{D}$	$\bar{C}.D$	$C.D$	$C.\bar{D}$
$\bar{A}.\bar{B}$	0	0	0	1
$\bar{A}.B$	0	0	0	0
$A.B$	1	0	1	1
$A.\bar{B}$	0	0	0	0

K-MAP FOR d :

SIMPLIFIED EXPRESSION : $BCD + A'B'C'D + A'BC'D'$

	$\bar{C}.\bar{D}$	$\bar{C}.D$	$C.D$	$C.\bar{D}$
$\bar{A}.\bar{B}$	0	1	0	0
$\bar{A}.B$	1	0	1	0
$A.B$	0	0	1	0
$A.\bar{B}$	0	0	0	0

K-MAP FOR e :

SIMPLIFIED EXPRESSION : $A'D + B'C'D + A'BC'$

	$\bar{C}.\bar{D}$	$\bar{C}.D$	$C.D$	$C.\bar{D}$
$\bar{A}.\bar{B}$	0	1	1	0
$\bar{A}.B$	1	1	1	0
$A.B$	0	0	0	0
$A.\bar{B}$	0	1	0	0

K-MAP FOR f :

SIMPLIFIED EXPRESSION : $A'B'D + B'CD' + A'CD + ABC'D$

	$\bar{C}.\bar{D}$	$\bar{C}.D$	$C.D$	$C.\bar{D}$
$\bar{A}.\bar{B}$	0	1	1	1
$\bar{A}.B$	0	0	1	0
$A.B$	0	1	0	0
$A.\bar{B}$	0	0	0	1

K-MAP FOR g:

SIMPLIFIED EXPRESSION : $A'B'D + B'CD' + A'CD + ABC'D$

	$\bar{C}.\bar{D}$	$\bar{C}.D$	$C.D$	$C.\bar{D}$
$\bar{A}.\bar{B}$	1	1	0	0
$\bar{A}.B$	0	0	1	0
$A.B$	1	0	0	0
$A.\bar{B}$	0	0	0	0

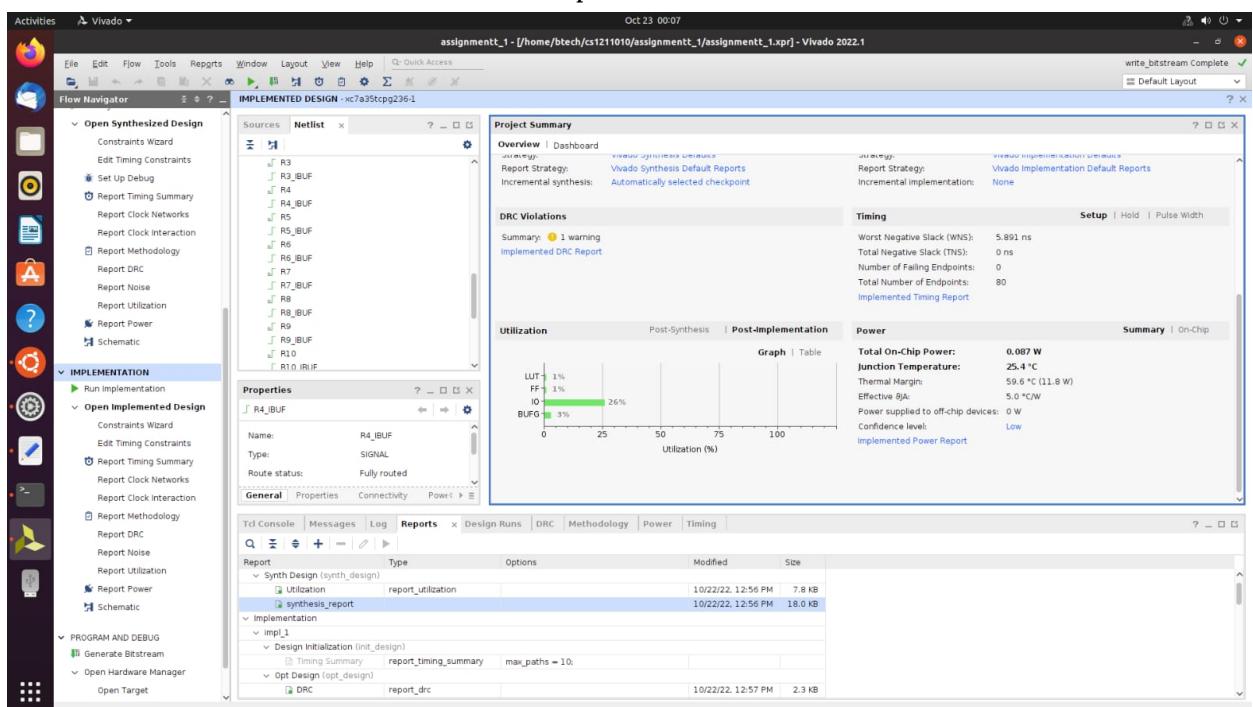
Then we created a file ‘mux_gate.vhd’ which uses all 16 switches on the basys board. We give 4-four bit binary inputs using the switches and use a multiplexer circuit on them. On the Basys3 board only one display can be activated at a given time. So, to display a separate digit on each LED display, the corresponding anode signal must be activated in a cyclic manner, and to avoid flickering, the refresh rate should vary between 1kHz - 60Hz (1-16 ms).

Another file ‘tim_ckt.vhd’ creates a timing circuit which helps to drive the different led displays. Frequency of the clock made was 1kHz. We defined two variables as counters, namely, ‘clk_inpt’ which is an integer that counts the number of cycles(frequency), and ‘refresh’ which is a 20-bit binary number whose last two bits are assigned to a variable called anode_activate which is used for activating the respective anodes.

We combined the utilities (behavioural) of all the above 3 files in a single file ‘display.vhd’ to get the desired circuit as per the specifications.

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Graph form



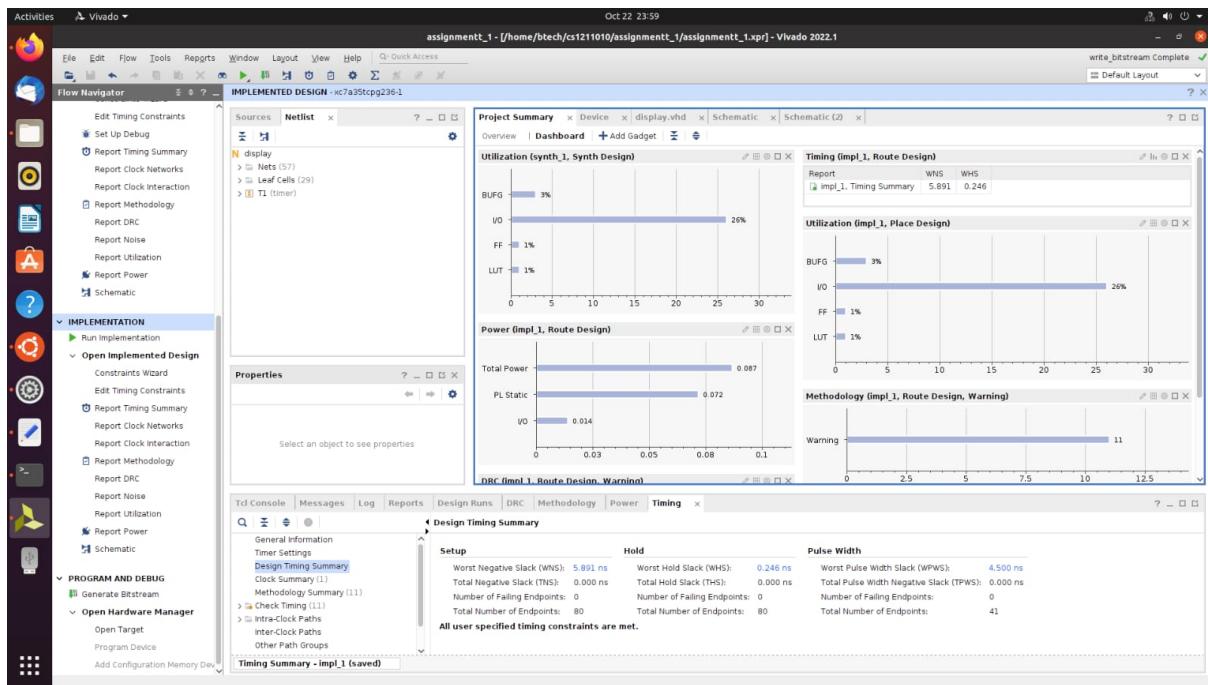
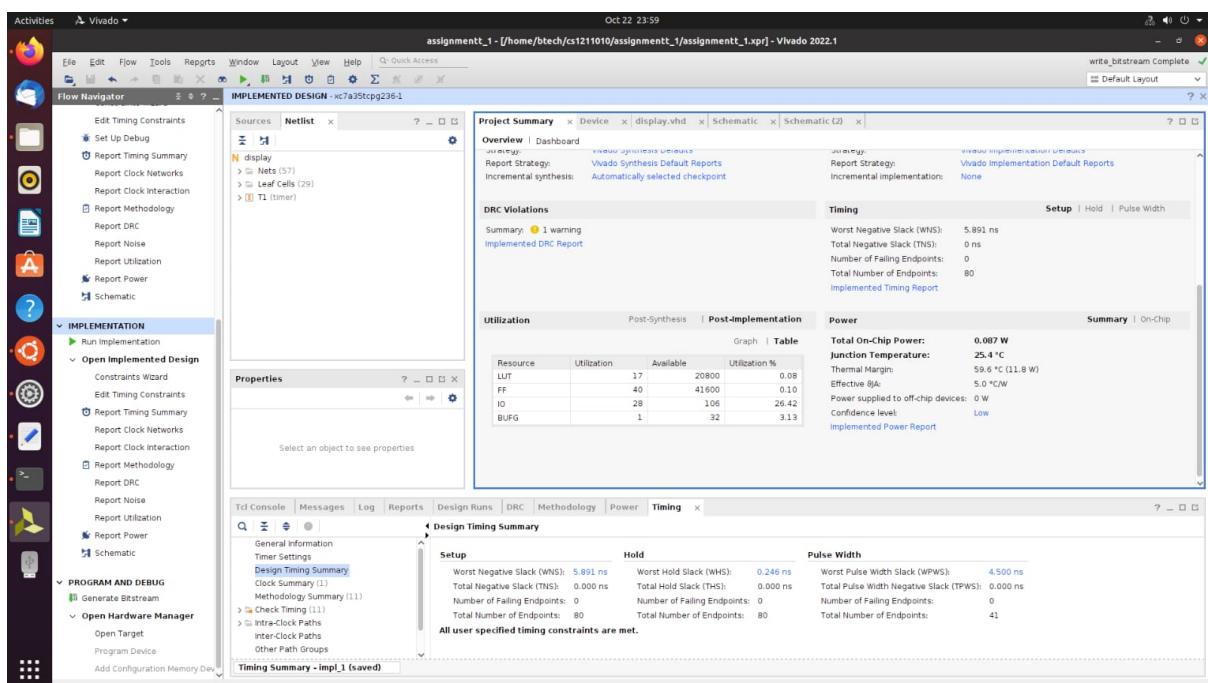
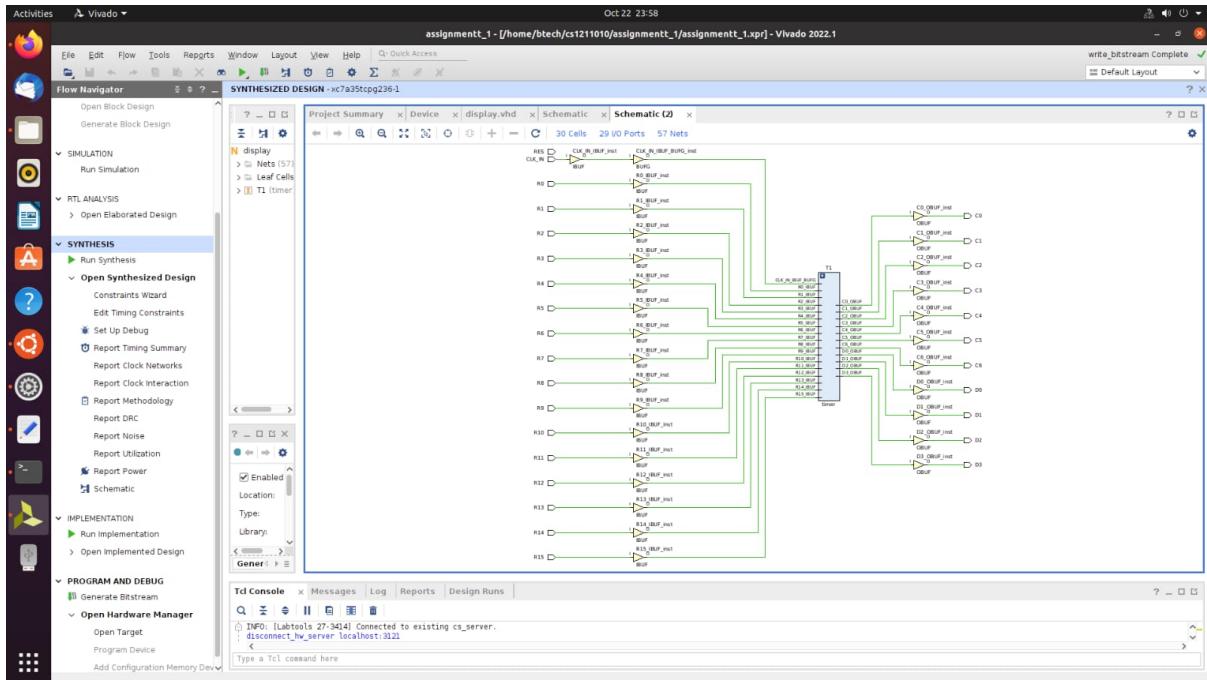


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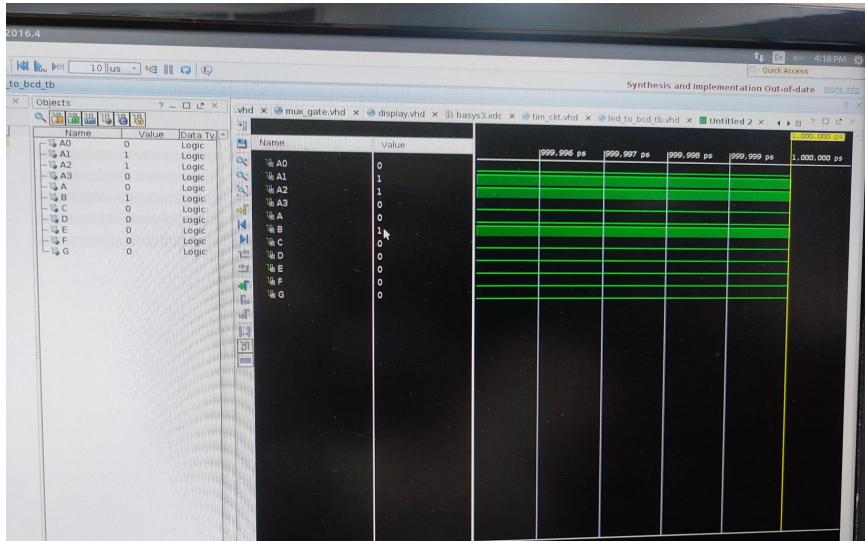


Synthesised design

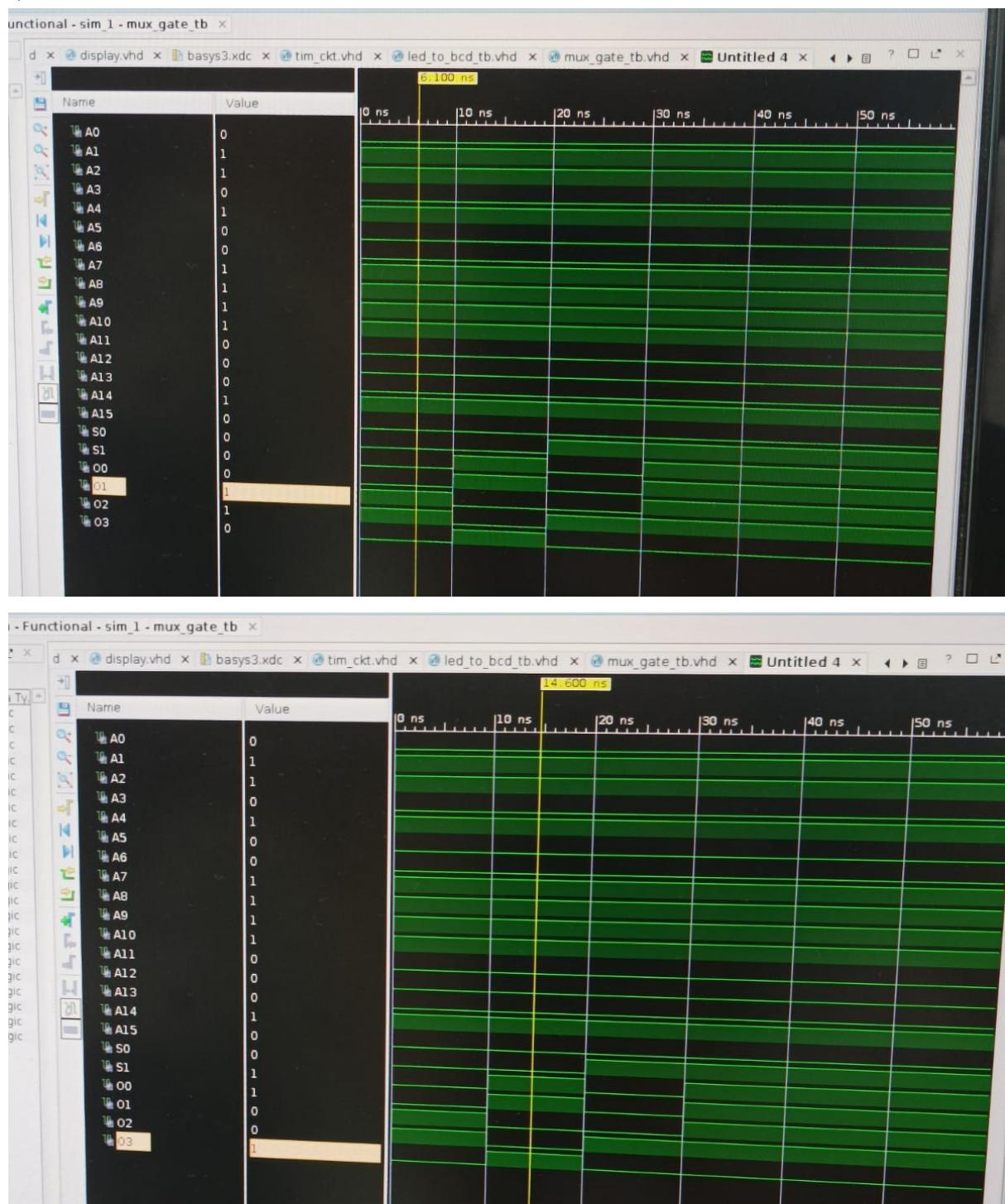


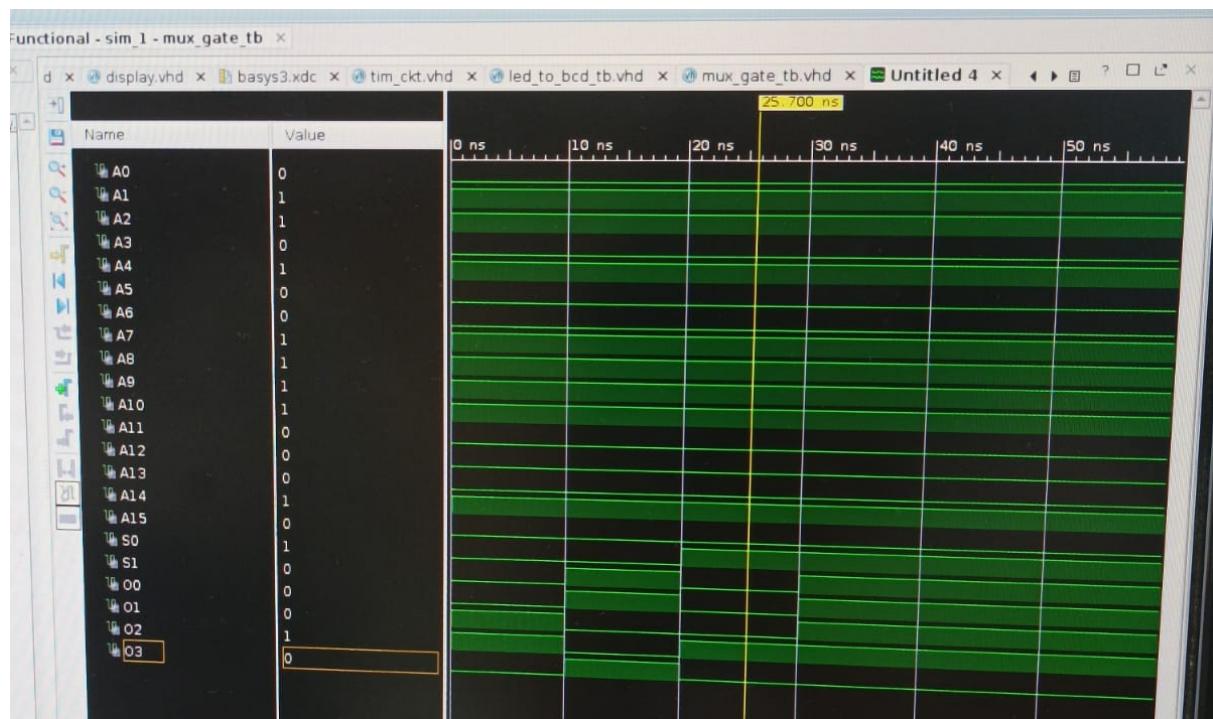
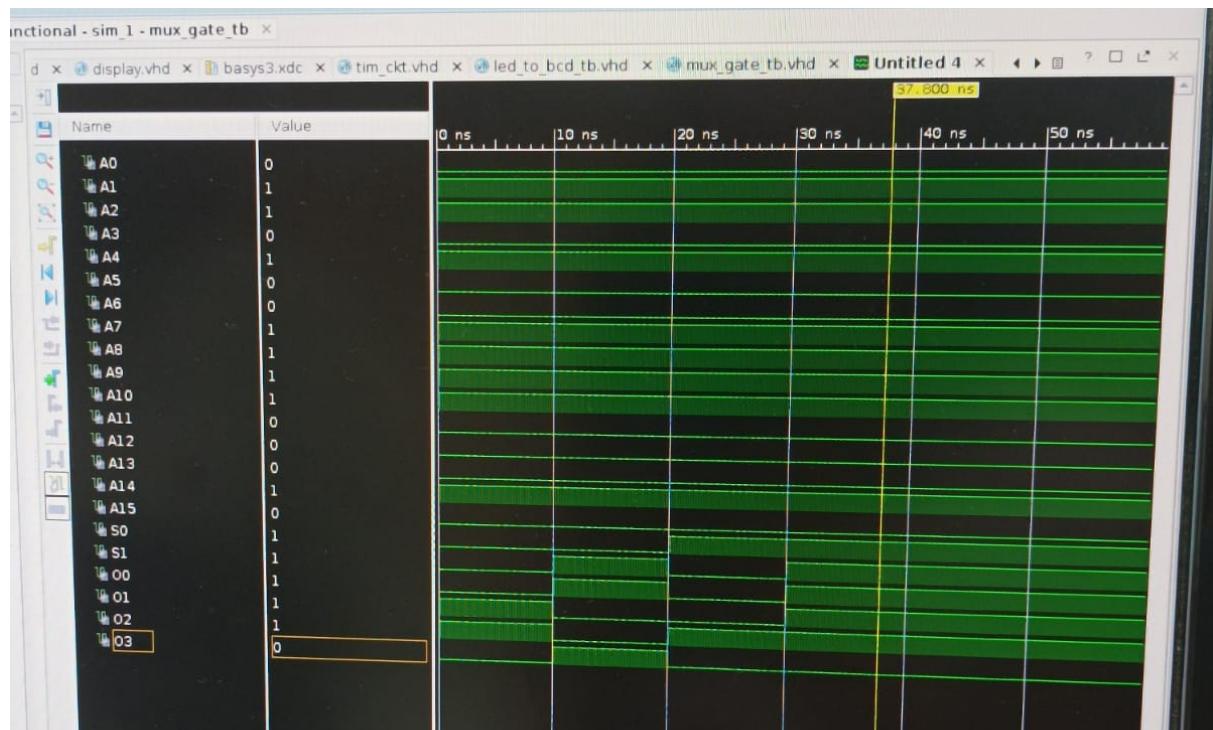
SYNTHESIS SNAPSHOTS

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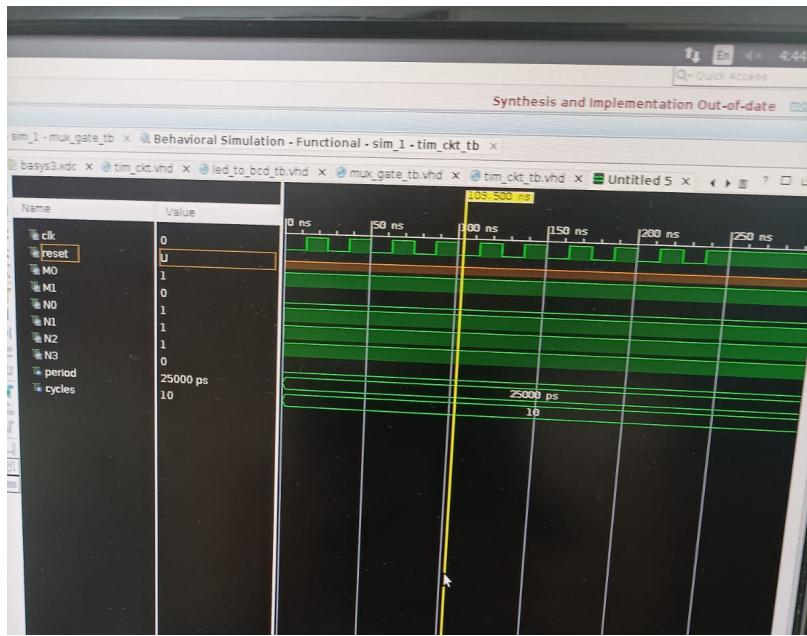


2)MUX GATE SYNTHESIS

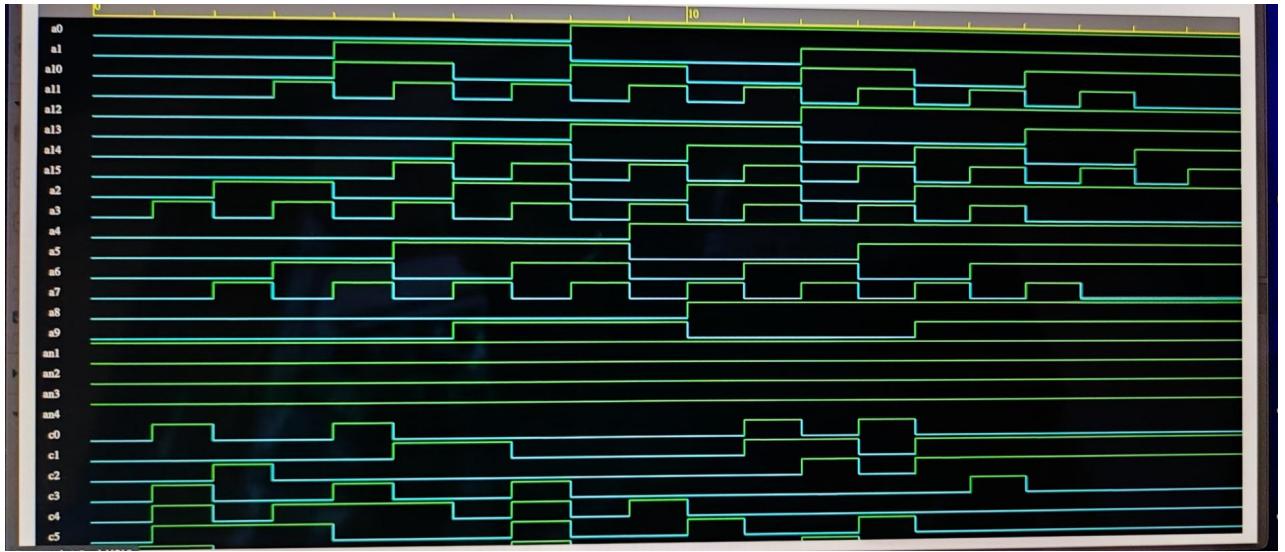




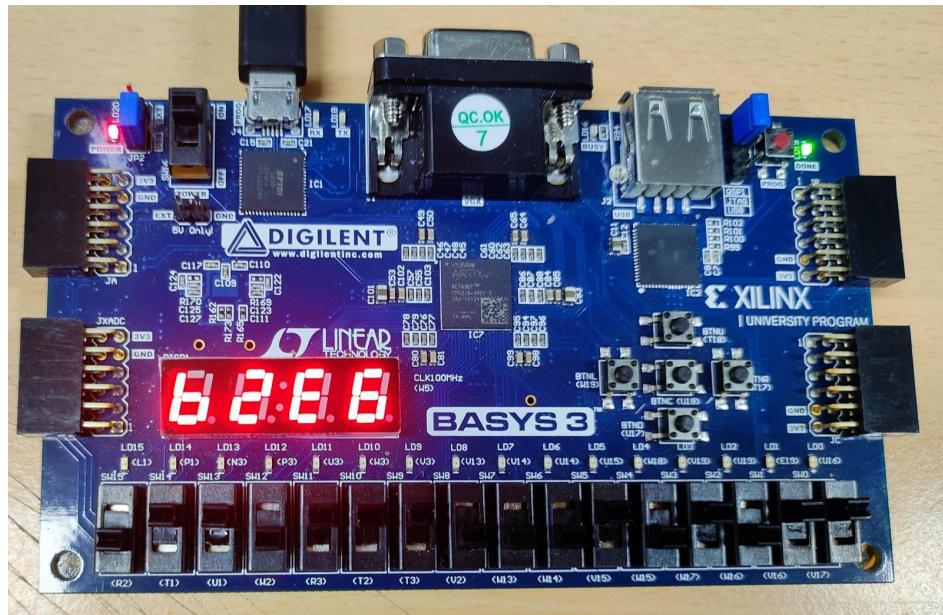
3) TIMER CIRCUIT SYNTHESIS



4) DESIGN (FINAL CIRCUIT)



Working code on hardware(input on switch 0110 1110 0010 1011)



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