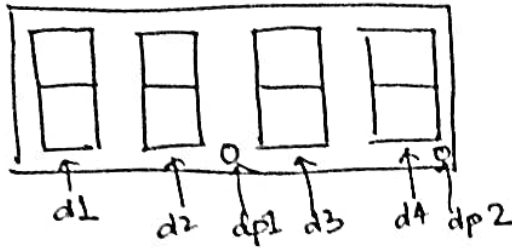


Display design



This is the display where 4 digits will be displayed as HH:MM or MM:SS as per current state/mode and decimal point will be blinking also with some dependence on current state. (explained ahead).

In my design,

I have basically 4 states and 4 buttons.

States/Modes

S_1 : In this state, the normal clock runs and time is displayed in HH:MM. Both the decimal points blink in speed of a second's clock.

S_2 : In this state, the normal clock runs and time is displayed in MM:SS. Both the decimal points blink at the speed of second's clock.

S_3 : In this mode, the clock enters timer setting mode. In this the minute value is set by the user. Clock displays HH:MM.

$dp2$ { Decimal point, right to the minutes digits blinks whereas the one on right of hours' digits stops blinking indicating that user is currently changing ~~seconds~~ minutes' digits.

S_4 : Similarly, this is also a time setting mode, here Hour's digits are changed. Similar to above explanation, only $dp1$ blinks, $dp2$ is off indicating that user is in mode for changing digits of Hours'.

Now, there are 4 buttons en, sw, in, dn. First we will see the specifications of button, then the state transition or finite state diagrams

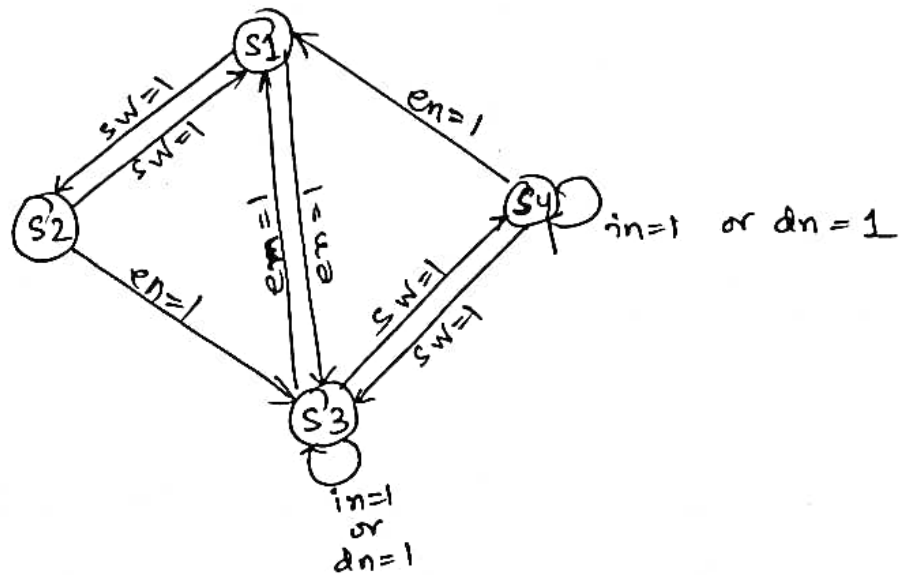
① en \rightarrow 'Enable': This button switches ~~between S_1 and S_2 from~~ ~~on pressing, this button~~ ~~from MM:SS to normal time setti.~~ normal clock modes (S_1 and S_2) to time setting mode S_3 .
It also switches from time setting mode (S_3 and S_4) to S_1 .
By default, the button sends us to S_1 or S_3 (never S_2 or S_4) depending on initial state.

② sw \rightarrow 'Switch': This button switches between S_1 and S_2 . (S_1 to S_2 and S_2 to S_1)
So, this switches from HH:MM to MM:SS in normal clock mode. (2 viceversa)
~~It also switch~~
It also switches between S_3 and S_4 . (Minute setting to hour setting and vice versa)

③ in \rightarrow 'Increase': This button works only when we are in S_3 or S_4 (time ~~or~~ setting modes). If this button is pressed for less than 1 sec, it increases the value of hour or minute (depending on S_3 or S_4) by 1. When this is pressed for \geq more the 1 sec continuously, then after 1 sec, the ~~to~~ value of hour or minute (S_3 or S_4) increases at rate of 4 per second.

④ dn \rightarrow 'decrease': This button is totally similar to 'in' button. It works when we are S_3 or S_4 , has no effect in S_1 or S_2 .
If it is pressed less than second, the digit decreases by 1. Else if, it is pressed for more than one second then after 1 sec, the value of hour or minute (S_3/S_4) decreases at ~~4~~ 1 per second.

Now, let us see the state transition diagram,
4 buttons en, sw, in and dn as inputs.

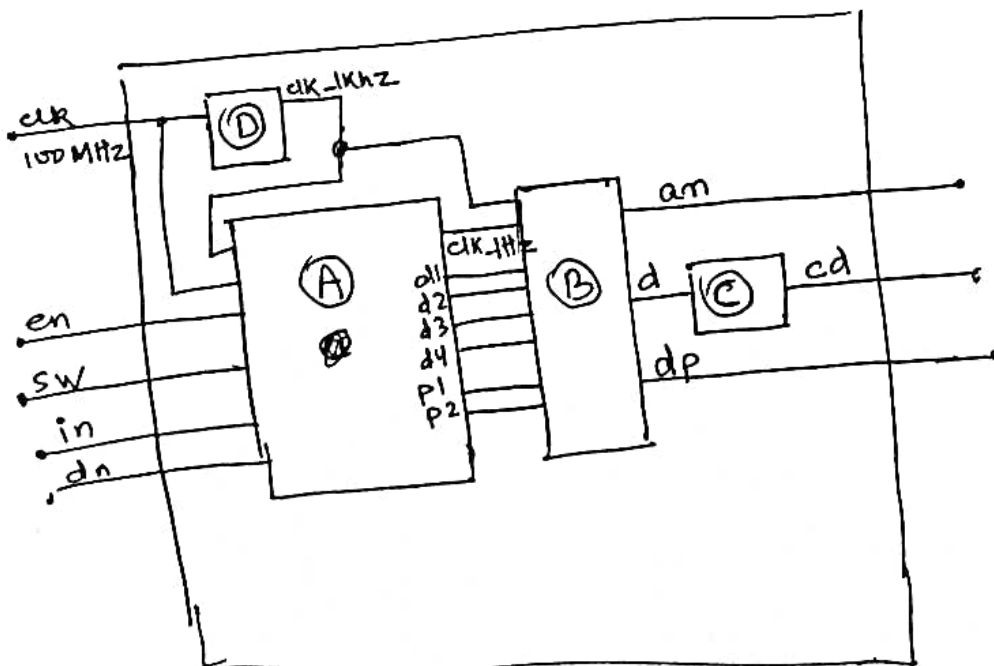


CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

I have basically 8 4 components in my final entity.

- (i) Clock and time setting (main) → (A)
- (ii) Seven segment display (sevensegment) → (B)
- (iii) Encoder (encoder) → (C)
- (iv) 1000Hz clock (clk_1kHz) → (D)

← In bracket, I have mentioned the name of the entity in my VHDL code.



an, cd, dp are the outputs of the whole circuit.

an \rightarrow This is a 4 bit vector^(anode) and has 3 '0's and 1 '1', indicating which digit of the 4 is to be displayed.

cd \rightarrow This is the ^{7 bit vector} cathode which has some '0's and some '1's according to value of the digit to be displayed.

dp \rightarrow This is the 2 bit vector having '0' or '1' indicating whether a decimal point has to blink or not.

If any bit of dp is '0' then that ~~bit~~ decimal point will blink. Basically, if the cathode bit is '0', and ~~anode bit~~ then that segment gets displayed in the digit for which anode bit is '1'.

Explaining my design & decisions

Firstly, I have used a 1KHz clock to trigger processes in which button changes are considered.

I have used a 1Hz clock for the normal clock time counting.

For, blinking the decimal point, I have used a 1Hz clock, as the decimal point should blink at the rate of a second's clock. Whenever bit of 'dp' is '0', that means it is 'on'.

Now, refresh rate of my display of digits.

~~Each~~ I have used a clock of 1000Hz (1KHz). So, each digit is displayed for 10^{-3} seconds. So, displaying the 4 digits for one cycle will take 4×10^{-3} seconds.

So, the screen basically refreshes after 4×10^{-3} sec or 4ms. Refresh rate is 4ms.

I have also ensured that 'cn' has higher priority than 'sw' and 'in' has higher priority than 'dn'.