

ECE 178 Embedded Systems
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Project Presentation

Introduction

Problem Statement: Creating a music player from FPGA DE2-115 NIOS 2 processor to expand our knowledge in areas of SD card, PIO, Timer, Interrupt, and Audio CODEC hardware components as well as entertainment!

Division of Tasks to approach full design:

- 1. Identify a block diagram with all components of input and output
- 2. Hardware Create a new QSYS system required for our project
- 3. Software Start coding required modules and blocks
- 4. Complete the system



Block Diagram and Design

Inputs:

- 1. Pushbuttons for use with an ISR to skip or play/pause
- 2. SD card port, to read songs through FIFO buffer from memory

Outputs:

- 1. Hex 7-segment display for song time counter
- 2. LEDR display for progress bar
- 3. Audio via audio CODEC

Memory:

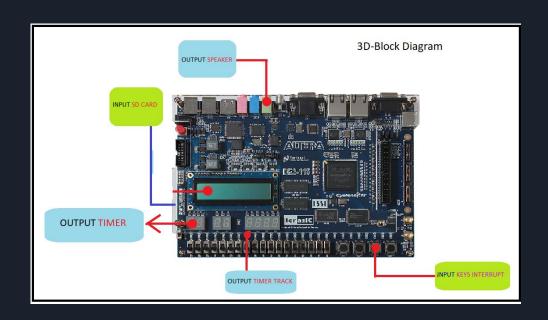
- 1. SD Card memory
- 2. SDRAM memory

Timer:

1 Will be used for counter

Interrupts:

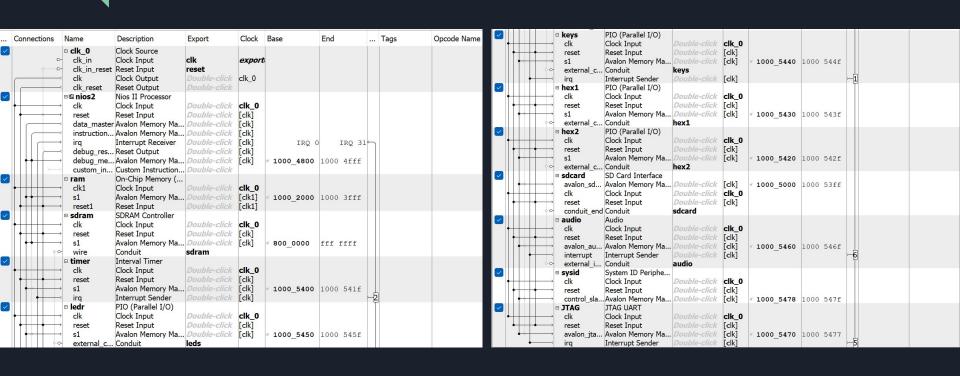
- 1. Pushbutton 1, skip to next song
- 2. Pushbutton 2, pause or play current song
- 3. Pushbutton 3, skip to previous song



Tasks and Approach & Code logic explanation

- 1. Create QSYS System
- Initialize Interval Timer
- Initialize KEYS Interrupt
 - KEYS will do PAUSE/PLAY, NEXT, PREVIOUS functions
- Program the LED Progress Bar
- Program the Song Runtime on the Seven-Segment Display
- Program and Integrate the SD Card to be read
- Program and Integrate the Audio CODEC

System Hardware Design and Qsys



Interval TIMER initialization

Important things to keep in mind:

- 1. Set the Period correctly to 1 sec interval
- 2. START and STOP the timer according to the system flow
- 3. Interconnect the system to work with KEYS Interrupt

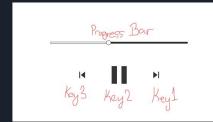
```
// Timer configuration //
   IOWR_ALTERA_AVALON_TIMER_CONTROL(TIMER_BASE, 0b1000); // Initial stop
   IOWR_ALTERA_AVALON_TIMER_PERIODH(TIMER_BASE, 0x02FA); // Top half of 50,000,000
   IOWR_ALTERA_AVALON_TIMER_PERIODL(TIMER_BASE, 0xF080); // Bottom half of 50,000,000
   IOWR_ALTERA_AVALON_TIMER_CONTROL(TIMER_BASE, 0b0110); // Start, Continuous

// May want to export the following code to a function //
```

KEYS Interrupt initialization

- 1. Continuously check if the corresponding KEY is pressed
 - a. KEY3: skip to previous song and load it to the board to play.
 - b. KEY2: play and pause the current loaded song.
 - c. KEY1: skip to next song and load it to the board to play.

```
else if (*edge capture ptr == 0b0100) // Assuming the Play/Pause button is KEY2
        if (paused == 0) // If not paused, pauses
                paused = 1;
                // Stops Timer, thereby stopping normal operations but not the PC from checking Pushbuttons again
                IOWR ALTERA AVALON TIMER CONTROL (TIMER BASE, 0b1000);
                IOWR ALTERA AVALON TIMER STATUS(TIMER BASE, 0b00);
                // !!! Insert whatever other code needs to execute and pause here !!! //
                IOWR_ALTERA_AVALON_PIO_EDGE_CAP(KEYS_BASE, 0x00); // Resets the Pushbutton context; IMPORTANT
        else // If paused, plays
                paused = 0:
                IOWR_ALTERA_AVALON_TIMER_CONTROL(TIMER_BASE, 0b0110);
                // !!! Insert whatever other code needs to execute and play here !!! //
                IOWR ALTERA AVALON PIO EDGE CAP(KEYS BASE, 0x00); // Resets the Pushbutton context; IMPORTANT
else if (*edge capture ptr == 0b1000) // Previous song KEY3
```



LEDR Progress bar implementation

Important things to keep in mind:

- 1. Do the correct partition required to divide the period of the time equally to 18 LEDs.
- 2. Create a function that will continuously write the correct partition required as the song progresses.
- 3. Make sure to reset after finishing the progress bar.

```
TOBit = IORD_ALTERA_AVALON_TIMER_STATUS(TIMER_BASE) & 0b0001;

if (TOBit == 0b0001) // Meaning a whole second has passed

{

scrub++;

if (scrub < totalSecs) // As long as the timer is still within the song playing

{

if (scrub >= partitions) // If a threshold has passed and an LED needs to light up.

{

scrub = 0; // Resets scrub so as to keep partitions static

progress = (progress * 2) + 1; // Shifts left, then keeps the previous LEDs lit

IOMR_ALTERA_AVALON_PIO_DATA(LEDR_BASE, progress); // Updates LEDs

}

//IOWR_ALTERA_AVALON_TIMER_STATUS(TIMER_BASE, 0b00); // Resets TO bit to continue operations; IMPORTANT
}
else // When a song has completely elapsed

{

break; // Exit loop, change later

// Will probably want to reset all the variables used after the song is finished
}
```

HEX Display Counter

Important things to keep in mind:

- 1. Close and reset all HEX display before starting and set it to 0.
- 2. Create the corresponding masking array that will have the corresponding counter.
- 3. Create a loop that will continuously count++ and write to HEX1 and HEX2 display locations.

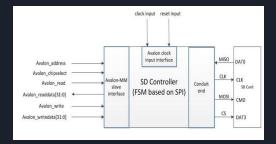
Masking array:

Counter code for HEX:

SD Card implementation

Important things to keep in mind:

- 1. SD card must be kept in FAT16 format to function properly.
- 2. SD card must be less than 4GB storage.
- 3. Read .wav file data from SD card which will be used to import music files.
- 4. Store the file in SDRAM via FIFO buffer.



Audio CODEC

In this section of our project, we have a lot of problem initializing our Audio CODEC software and running it. It is still debugging and trying to figure out what the problem is.

Current code we have to implement Audio CODEC:

```
#define BUF SIZE 80000 // about 10 seconds of buffer (@ 8K samples/sec)
int main(void)
alt_up_audio_dev * audio_dev;
/* used for audio record/playback */
unsigned int 1 buf:
unsigned int r_buf;
// open the Audio port
audio_dev = alt_up_audio_open_dev (AUDIO_NAME);
if ( audio_dev == NULL)
alt_printf ("Error: could not open audio device \n");
alt printf ("Opened audio device \n");
/* read and echo audio data */
int fifospace = alt up audio read fifo avail (audio dev. ALT UP AUDIO RIGHT);
if ( fifospace > 0 ) // check if data is available
// read audio buffer
alt up audio read fifo (audio dev, &(r buf), 1, ALT UP AUDIO RIGHT);
alt up audio read fifo (audio dev, &(1 buf), 1, ALT UP AUDIO LEFT);
// write audio buffer
alt_up_audio_write_fifo (audio_dev, &(r_buf), 1, ALT_UP_AUDIO_RIGHT);
alt_up_audio_write_fifo (audio_dev, &(1_buf), 1, ALT_UP_AUDIO_LEFT);
// What if len (the 1s in the HAL functions) gets changed to 10?
```

Challenges and Constraints

- Audio CODEC ended up being much too difficult for us to be able to read the .wav file from the SD card and output
 - Also very little information online about the DE2-115 Wolfson WM8731 CODEC

• Interrupts with push buttons gave a lot of error since it didn't turn back to main() and continue the rest of the program

• Reading a .wav file from an SD card proved challenging as the data was not easily read in (ie. lots of random symbols, letters, and numbers)

Final Deliverable Demo