# **ENSC350: DIGITAL SYSTEMS DESIGN**

## **SPRING 2024 - 1241**

## LAB 2: DATAPATHS

#### DESCRIPTION

In this lab, you will implement a Roulette engine using your DE2 boards. Roulette is a game played in casinos around the world. Casinos like the game, because it has (among the) worst odds of all games on the casino floor. Designing this Roulette engine will help you understand how a simple Datapath can be constructed and controlled by a state machine; this is the foundation of all large digital circuits.

Like all labs in this course, this lab will span two weeks. The first week is intended to be a work-week, where you spend the lab working on the tasks. A TA will be available to help you if you run into problems. The second week is primarily for marking (you should not expect help from the TA during the second week). It is expected that you should do some work on your own (at home or in the lab outside of lab hours) as well. You most certainly cannot finish the lab if you don't start until the marking week.

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Marking week: February 13 & 15, 2024

#### UNDERSTANDING THE GAME

Roulette is likely the simplest game you can find in casinos in Las Vegas, Macau, or other gambling meccas. The overall game is as follows: each player (we will assume only one player in our implementation) makes an arbitrary number of bets. A large wheel is then spun, resulting in one winning number. In Las Vegas, the wheel has 36 numbers (1 to 36) as well as a 0 and a 00 (so 38 possible outcomes). In Europe, there is no 00 (so 37 possible outcomes). We will consider the European version (no 00) in this lab. After the spin, the winning bets are paid off at a specified rate. If you have never seen roulette before, you can do an online search to learn more details.

In our implementation, we will consider only three types of bets: (1) straight-up, (2) colour, and (3) dozen.

- In a straight-up bet, the player bets on a single number from 0 to 36. If that number is the result of the spin, then the player wins. Otherwise, the player loses. The payoff from this type of bet is 35:1 (i.e. if the player bets \$10 in a straight-up bet and wins, the player gets \$350 back plus the original \$10).
- The second type of bet we will consider is a colour bet. Each number is associated with a colour (red or black). In a standard game, for numbers in the range [1,10] or [19,28], odd numbers are red and even numbers are black. For numbers in the range [11,18] or [29,36], the odd numbers are black and the even numbers are red (you can see this in the diagram to the right). The number 0 is green. The player can bet that either a red number will come up or a black number will come up. The payoff from

			0	
1 to 18	1st 12	1	2	3
		4	(5)	6
EVEN		7	8	9
		10	11	112
KED	2nd 12	13	14	15
		16	17	18
BLACK		19	20	21
		22	23	24
ОДД	3rd 12	25	26	27
		28	29	30
19 to 36		31	32	33
		34	35	36
		2 to 1	2 to 1	2 to

this type of bet is 1:1 (i.e. if the player bets \$10 and correctly predicts the colour of the winning number, the player will receive a payout of \$10 plus the original \$10 bet).

• The third type of bet is called a "dozen" bet. The player can bet that the winning number will be in one of the following ranges: [1,12], [13,24], or [25,36]. If the player is right, the payoff for this kind of bet is 2:1 (so if the player bets \$10 and predicts the correct dozen, the player will receive a payout of \$20 plus the original \$10 bet).

There are all sorts of other bets available in the real game, but we will not consider them here.

Our implementation will contain circuitry that keeps track of the player's money, allows the user to bet, comes up with a "random" winning number (since a roulette wheel is unfortunately not part of a standard DE2 board, we will use a different technique to choose the winning number), calculates whether each bet wins or loses, and pays off the user appropriately. To make the lab achievable in two weeks, we will make the following simplifications:

- 1. As described earlier, we will assume the European version of the game, which does not have a 00 on the wheel. Thus, the winning number can be any integer in the range [0,36].
- 2. We will assume only the three previously-mentioned types of bets. Further, we will assume that, before each spin, the user will make <u>exactly</u> three bets: bet #1 will <u>always</u> be a straight-up bet, bet #2 will <u>always</u> be a colour bet, and bet #3 will always be a dozen bet. Each bet is independent.
- 3. For each of the three bets, the maximum amount that can be bet is \$7 (we are very low-rollers here in ENSC) and the minimum bet is \$0 (effectively meaning no bet). Note that this means that the value of the bet can be represented by a 3-bit number.
- 4. All inputs of our circuit (switches) will be in binary and all outputs will be in base-16 (on the hex digits). Although this may make it more challenging to use, it will make the coding a lot easier.
- 5. The user starts out with \$32.
- 6. You do not need to implement code that checks for the legality of a bet, or whether the user goes below \$0 (if you want to add code to do this, it is not hard, so go ahead).

To make the betting process clearer, consider the following example.

Suppose the player starts with \$32 dollars (in base-16, that is 0x20). Before the spin, suppose the player makes the following three bets:

- Bet 1: Straight-up Bet. The player bets \$3 that the number 10 will come up.
- Bet 2: Color Bet. The player bets \$4 that the winning number will be black.
- Bet 3: Dozen Bet. The player bets \$2 that the winning number will be in the range [25,36].

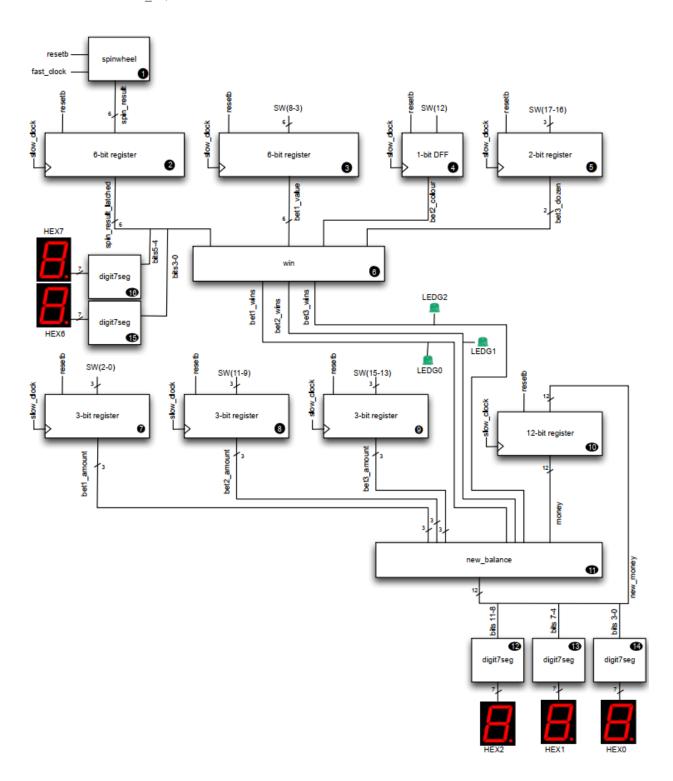
Then the wheel is spun. Suppose the winning number (the number that comes up when the wheel is spun) is 10. In that case, the following is true:

- Bet 1: The player wins this bet (lucky!) since he or she bet on 10, and a 10 came up. Since the original bet was \$3, and a straight-up bet pays off 35:1 as described on the first page of this handout, the player wins 35\*\$3 = \$105 from bet #1.
- Bet 2: The player is extra lucky, since the winning number 10 is black (see the image on the previous page) and a bet of \$4 was set on black coming up. Since the payout of a colour bet is 1:1, the player wins \$4 from bet #2
- Bet 3: In this case, the bet did not win, since the winning number 10 is not in the range [25, 36]. Therefore, the player loses the \$2 bet.

After all the bets are counted, the player gets \$105 from bet 1, gets \$4 from bet 2, and looses \$2 from bet 3. Since the initial balance was \$32, the new balance is 32+105+4-2 = \$139. Encouraged by this success, the player could then play another spin (and another and another...).

Since you have taken many math courses, you can use the payoffs from each bet as described above, along with the odds of each bet winning (which you should be able to determine) to estimate the expected payoff of this game, played over a long time. If you do this, you'll see that, over a long time, you'll lose.

The overall design is as shown in the following diagram. There are two clocks in this design: **slow\_clock** is controlled by the user using Key(0) (the rightmost push-button on your board). This **slow\_clock** is the main clock in your system (don't forget to debounce it). There is also a **fast\_clock**, which is *only* used to clock the **spinwheel** block. This **fast\_clock** is connected to CLOCK\_50, which is a 50MHz clock.



The operation of the system is as follows. The game starts when the player presses **resetb** (Key(1)). When this happens, the 12-bit register (<u>labeled 10</u> in the diagram) is loaded with \$32, which is the initial amount of money the player starts with. All other registers (<u>labeled 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9</u> in the diagram) are initialized to zero.

The user places the following quantities on the switches:

- Bet 0:
  - Amount to bet (\$0-\$7): Switches 2-0
  - o Number to bet on (0-36): Switches 8-3
- Bet 1:
  - O Amount to bet (\$0-\$7): Switches 9-11
  - o Colour to bet on (0-1): Switch 12 [red=1, black=0]
- Bet 2:
  - o Amount to bet (\$0-\$7): Switches 15-13
  - O Dozen to bet on (0,1 or 2): Switches 17-16

Meanwhile, block **spinwheel** is continuously cycling through potential spin results, clocked at 50MHz (**fast\_clock**). The 6-bit bus, **spin result**, thus changes every 1/50MHz.

On the next rising clock edge of **slow\_clock** (controlled using Key(0)), the switch values are read into registers 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9. At the same time, the value on **spin\_result** (which is changing very quickly) is latched into the register <u>labeled 2</u> (to produce signal **spin result latched**). Examine the diagram carefully to be sure you understand why this happens.

The signal **spin\_result\_latched** is the "winning number" and it is held constant until the next rising edge of **slow\_clock**. In this way, the "winning number" is random; the value on **spin\_result** changes very quickly, and the value latched depends on when exactly the user presses **slow\_clock**.

After the rising clock edge, combinational block win (<u>labeled 6</u> in the diagram) looks at information from all the bets (bet1\_value, bet2\_colour, bet3\_dozen) as well as the winning number (spin\_result\_latched) and determines whether each bet 1-3 is a winner. This block asserts bet1\_wins if bet 1 is a winner, bet2\_wins if bet 2 is a winner, and bet3\_wins if bet 3 is a winner (clearly, there may be more than one winner so multiple output signals may go high at the same time, or there may be no winner at all).

The combinational logic block **new\_balance** (<u>labeled 11</u>) then uses that information to adjust the amount of money the player has (which is stored in register 10). For each bet, if the bet is a loser, the bet amount is subtracted from the balance. If the bet is a winner, the payout amount is added to the balance. The updated balance appears on bus **new\_money** (and will be stored in register <u>labeled 10</u> at the next rising edge of **slow\_clock**).

Notice that the value of **new\_money** is displayed on HEX2, HEX1 and HEX0 using three instances of combinational block **digit7seg** (blocks 12, 13, and 14). Note that each digit is driven by 4 bits of **new\_money**; 4 bits corresponds to one hex digit. This means that the output will be in base 16 (hexadecimal). In the challenge task, you can change this to base 10 output if you want. Similarly, the value of **spin\_result\_latched** is displayed on HEX7 and HEX6 (note that this quantity is only 6 bits, so the higher-order two bits of the 4-bit bus that is input to block 16 should be tied to 0).

In the following tasks, you will first design and test the combinational logic blocks in isolation. Then, you will combine the blocks with registers and the **spinwheel** block (which we will give you) to create a working system. Note that we are providing a lot of details in this lab writeup. This may be the first big datapath circuit you have designed, so we are purposely making it easy for you. In later labs, there will be less detail in the writeup.

## Marks

No implementations done in this section; therefore, no marks. However, the information provided must be understood to proceed to the next sections for a correct implementation of the system.

#### THE WIN DETECTOR

<u>TASK 1:</u> you will build and test the **win** sub-block. Given the set of bets placed by the player, and the winning number that has come up on the wheel, this combinational block (no clock) determines whether each of the three bets was a winner.

The entity part of the block showing the inputs and outputs is as follows (a skeleton file is provided in Canvas as part of this lab folder):

Notice that there are four inputs: the **spin\_result\_latched** encodes the result of the latest spin (since the result can be between 0 and 36, a 6-bit number is needed). The next three inputs describe the three bets the player made.

- Recall that bet 1 is a "Straight up" bet in which the player has to predict the exact number that will come up. The input **bet1 value** is the value that the user predicted. Since this <u>value can be between 0 and 36</u>, a 6-bit number is needed.
- Recall that bet 2 is a "colour" bet in which the user has to predict the colour of the number that will come up. The input **bet2\_colour** indicates the colour that the player has predicted. Since there are only two colours the user can bet on, this is a one-bit signal, with '1' meaning 'red' and '0' meaning black.
- Recall that bet 3 is a "dozen" bet in which the user has to predict in which of three ranges the winning number will lie. The input **bet3\_dozen** indicates which range the user has predicted. Since there are three ranges possible, this input is 2-bits wide, and is encoded as follows: "00" means the user has predicted the winning number will be in the range [1,12], "01" means the user has predicted the winning number will be in the range [13,24], and "10" means the user has predicted the winning number will be in the range [25,36]. The value "11" should never happen.

There are three outputs of the block:

- **bet1 wins** indicates whether bet 1 is a win (i.e. if **bet1 value** is the same as **spin result**).
- **bet2 wins** indicates whether bet 2 is a win.
- **bet3 wins** indicates whether bet 3 is a win.

Using this information as well as the information on the first page that describes the board setup, complete this block, starting with the skeleton win.vhd that you can find in Canvas under LAB02 subsection.

<u>TASK 2:</u> you will test your **win** implementation using Modelsim. Although you may be tempted to jump right to Quartus II, this task will introduce you to text-based debugging, which will make your life much easier.

Download the testbench win\_tb.vhd from the folder. Look at this file carefully. You will see an array defined near the top of the file that describes each of the test vectors. The body of the testbench cycles through all elements of this array, applying input test vectors, waiting a while for the circuit to respond (arbitrarily 1ns) and then checking the outputs.

Notice that the output is printed to the transcript window (you are not going to need to look at waveforms when you run this simulation).

Once you understand how the testbench works, create a new Modelsim project containing your **win** block and the testbench (you do *not* have to modify this testbench unless you want to add more test vectors).

Compile both designs. Don't be surprised if your win block doesn't compile perfectly the first time; when working with numbers, it is easy to get type casts wrong. Don't continue until both files compile without errors.

This testbench sends it outputs to the transcript window. Normally, the transcript window is at the bottom of your Modelsim window, and is quite small (too small to be useful). You can expand the transcript window to a separate window using the button. Be sure to do this before running the simulation.

Set the maximum run-time to at least 10ns (nothing wrong with making it longer). Now run the simulation.

You do *not* need to add signals to the waveform window, since you are not going to use the waveform window in this task. Instead, you will use the transcript window to determine whether your design works. If it works, you should see something like:



Each test vector is separated by " "lines, and for each, the applied inputs, expected outputs, and actual outputs are shown. The testbench is set up to fail (and stop) as soon as the first failing test vector is encountered, and it will print an error message. If you see the "ALL TESTS PASSED" statement, that means the simulation has made it to the end, and you *likely* have a working design (although, to be really sure, you need a lot more test vectors). If you see an error message, you have some debugging to do.

#### Marks

This section will have a value of 5 marks.

## THE NEW\_BALANCE SUB-BLOCK

<u>TASK 3:</u> You will build and test the **new\_balance** sub-block. This block is a combinational block (<u>label 11</u>) that, given the current balance (amount of money the player has), along with information about each bet that has just been played, computes the new balance (the new amount of money the player has).

The entity part of the description (which shows the inputs and outputs) is below. A skeleton file is available in Canvas.

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ENTITY new_balance IS
  PORT(money: in unsigned(11 downto 0);
    value1: in unsigned(2 downto 0);
    value2: in unsigned(2 downto 0);
    value3: in unsigned(2 downto 0);
    bet1_wins: in std_logic;
    bet2_wins: in std_logic;
    bet3_wins: in std_logic;
    new_money: out unsigned(11 downto 0));
END new balance;
```

The algorithm that this block should implement is as follows (this is pseudo-code, not VHDL).

Starting with the skeleton file **new\_balance.vhd**, which you can find in Canvas, write a VHDL description of the block as described above. Some hints that might help you:

- Remember that assignments to signals only happen at the end of a process. You likely want to use variables here.
- 2. Remember that you can use the + operator to add signals or variables (or the operator to subtract signals or variables) of type **unsigned**. For example, if **a**, **b**, and **c** are each 4 bit unsigned values, you can write the following to create a 4-bit adder:

$$c := a + b;$$

You need to make sure that **a**, **b**, and **c** have the same length (Quartus II will let you get away with being lazy, but Modelsim won't, and you want portable code).

You can do the same with the \* operator, however, there is something to be aware of. Consider the operation:

$$c := a * b;$$

If all quantities are unsigned, then the width (in bits) of c must be the width of **a** plus the width of **b**. So, for example, if **a** and **b** are each defined with a width of 4 bits, then the width of **c** must be defined as exactly 8 bits. This might seem strange at first, but work out a few examples on paper, and you will see that it is always sufficient to have the width of a multiplication output to be equal to the sum of the widths of its operands.

3. If one of the operands is a literal, things are a bit different. Suppose you have:

$$c := 36 * b$$

In this case, 36 is a literal (a number), not a signal. In that case, the width of **c** is *equal to* the width of **b**. That might seem very strange, and it is. This can cause problems because suppose **b** is 3 bits (the amount of bet1) and **c** is the expected payoff. In this case, it would expect **c** to have a width of only 3 bits, which is not large enough to store the product, so you will get truncation.

This is bad. One way of dealing with this is to convert the constant 36 to an unsigned value of the appropriate width. In the above example, suppose  $\bf b$  is defined to be 3 bits wide, and  $\bf c$  is defined to be 12 bits wide. In that case, you could write:

$$c := to unsigned(36, 9) * b$$

The call to **to\_unsigned** returns an unsigned representation for the number 36 that is 9 bits long. If you don't like hardcoding bit widths, you could be even more fancy:

Quartus II is somewhat forgiving, but Modelsim requires you to get it exactly right. Since portable code is your goal, you should make sure that Modelsim compiles and simulates your designs correctly

<u>TASK 4:</u> Open the testbench **new\_balance\_tb.vhd**. If you examine the testbench, you will see that, like Task 2, this testbench sends it outputs to the transcript window.

Create a new Modelsim project containing **new\_balance\_tb.vhd** (you do not have to change this file unless you want to add more tests) and your **new\_balance.vhd**. Set the maximum run-time to at least 10ns (nothing wrong with making it longer). Compile and simulate the project, and observe the results in the transcript window, remembering to open the transcript window as wide as possible (you can expand the transcript window to a separate window using the button).

As in Task 2, you will not be viewing waveforms in this task... text is easier. The testbench we provide first performs a number of tests. If any test fails, the simulation stops. Examine the output and make sure every test passes, and the simulation ends with the message "ALL TESTS PASSED".

During your simulation, you may see errors or warnings related to operator width mismatch or truncation. You need to fix these. Have a look at the discussion at the end of Task 3 to help find your errors. I anticipate that most people will spend some time debugging at this point. Do not go on if your design does not pass the Modelsim testbench.

Be able to tell your TA what additional Tests you might add to the testbench to verify your circuit.

#### Marks

This section will have a value of 4 marks.

## THE DIGIT7SEG BLOCK

<u>Task 5:</u> As shown in the diagram earlier, each instance of digit7seg converts a 4-bit input to a 7- bit bus that can drive one of the HEX digits. This is a combinational decoder, similar to what you designed in Lab 01.

If the value of the four-bit input is 0-9, the corresponding digit should be displayed on the seven-segment display. If the value of the four-bit input is 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, or 15, the seven-segment display should show A, b, C, d, E, F respectively.

The entity description of this block is as follows:

Using the skeleton file digit7seg.vhd found in Canvas, complete this block.

First, create a testbench with a series of tests using Modelsim.

- We aren't giving you a testbench for this module, but you can use the testbenches from the previous tasks as a template.
- Your testbench should provide *complete* coverage for all possible input combinations (but not all the possible sequences of input combinations).

After your design passes all the tests, you should verify it using the DE2 board.

#### Marks

This section will have a value of 2 mark.

## ASSEMBLE THE PARTS

<u>TASK 6:</u> You have now designed all the combinational blocks. You can download **spinwheel.vhd** from Canvas (be sure to study it so you know how it works). Combine these blocks along with the required registers in a structural description. You can start with the skeleton file **roulette.vhd** also given to you on Canvas.

Import pin assignments, compile and download your design to the DE2, and test it.

Remember: When you are testing, remember that the HEX displays are displaying the balance and winning number in base-16.

#### Marks

This section will have a value of 3 mark.

## **CHALLENGE TASK**

Playing the game in base-16 is fine for engineers, but it won't fly in Vegas. Change the code so that it outputs both the winning number and the balance in base 10.

(NOTE: You will also need to add an additional base-10 seven-segment display if you want to do this, as new\_balance stores 4096 different values).

## Marks

This section will have a value of 1 mark.

## WHAT TO DEMO

Each section of this lab builds a component of the whole system. Because you have limited demo time with your TA, you don't need to demo each version individually. However, Simulations will have their own marking points assigned, so plan carefully how you will manage your time. Also, the block architecture must be shown, and explained.

To show your system is fully operational, bring ready a routine of bets that you would like to try with the respective expected results (Try as many combinations as possible). The TA's will also have some examples ready for you to input into your system.

In all cases, for full marks, you must demo your working circuit on the FPGA board (simulation will get you part marks).

## Remember to always:

- Have support material to explain the operation of your code (State Machine diagrams, Logic blocks diagrams, Commented code, etc.).
- Get a backed up fully operational code copy in case any corrupted file or unexpected situation happens to your original files.
- Be certain of how your device operates and how to explain its operation so that full marks could be achieved.
- Use additional hardware resources to make your implementation easier to explain (LEDs to show changes or events), mostly for FMS.

If you got the entire design working (with or without the challenge task), demonstrate that to the TA and submit all VHDL files.

Your code must be submitted no later than 24 hours after your demo. You must ensure you submit exactly the code that you demoed; submitting code other than the code you demo is considered academic misconduct.

You should submit all of the .vhd files that you have written. Please do not zip up your entire working directory and submit it; if everyone does this, it takes too much space. Only submit the .vhd files. Do not submit temporary files, or .vhd files that you did not modify.

Finally, a reminder that **all team members must be present** to demo the operation of your design (**if one person is not present**, **that person will not receive marks for this lab**).