

I chose the columns to be inputs and rows to be outputs. My solution consisted of 6 modules:

1. A 48MHz to 1KHz clock divider
2. A 48MHz to 9600Hz clock divider
3. The keypad scanner
4. A decoder for the seven segment display
5. A decoder for ascii outputs to PuTTY
6. A UART transmitter

The 1KHz clock was used to run the keypad scanner. The scanner uses a state machine to go through powering each row and check each column for button presses. If a button is pressed, the output is set to the correct value for that button. This output is fed to the decoders for the seven segment display and ascii output. Then the state machine moves to a “key pressed” state. In this state, every row is powered and if any column still sees a button press the hardware will loop in this state. This is how I implemented my button lockout. With this method no matter what key is pressed, no other key affects it, including those from the same column/row. Once the button is released, the state machine starts over and continues scanning. The ascii decoder also controls the UART output by allowing only one character to be sent for a button press. It does this by making a copy of the input data in an internal register, and checking if they are the same after a character is output. The UART transmitter receives the decoded data from the ascii decoder and outputs it serially through Header B, Pin 37. The only issue with my approach is that my decoders use sequential logic instead of combinational. I learned it will still work, but it is just bad practice because it won’t always work as expected.

Pin on Keypad	Row/Column?	owlBoard pin	FPGA pin	Set as
1	Column	17	80	input
2	Column	15	78	input
3	Column	13	74	input
4	Column	11	55	input
5	Row	9	50	output
6	Row	7	47	output
7	Row	5	45	output
8	Row	3	43	output







