

EECE 251 Final Project: Stopwatch and Timer

Our design allows the user to utilize the Papilio board as a stopwatch or a timer via the seven-segment display.

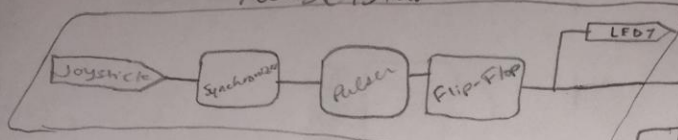
By flipping the leftmost switch the user can decide between activating the stopwatch (HIGH), where time counts upward, and the timer (LOW), where the time counts downward from a specified number of minutes.

The second-to-leftmost switch is multifunctional. When the stopwatch mode is activated, the switch acts as a start (HIGH) and reset (LOW). Start activates the clock to begin counting upward in seconds, then minutes. Reset brings the time back to 0. When the timer is activated, the switch acts as a start (HIGH) and a time-set (LOW). When in time-set mode, the user has the ability to flip the 6 remaining switches to set a number of minutes (in binary) to count down from, and the number is shown on the seven-segment display. Then switching to start begins the countdown.

Aside from the switches there is one more functional input the user can utilize: the joystick. Pressing the center of the joystick pauses the timer or stopwatch and keeps the current time shown on the seven-segment display. The leftmost LED is a pause indicator. Since it isn't obvious by looking at the joystick whether the time is paused or not, the leftmost LED lights up to show notify the user when the time is paused.

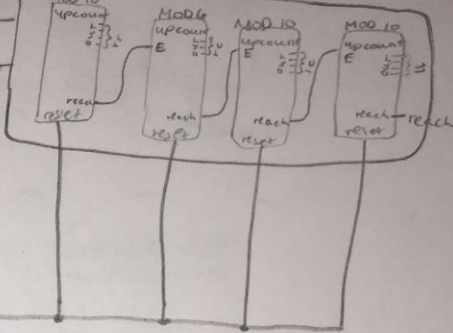
Below is the block diagram. This project had a lot of upper level components, so perhaps it appears too detailed for a block diagram. However, the overall processes are lightly outlined and captioned.

Pause/start



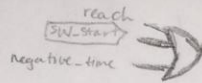
26-bit upcounter

clock divider

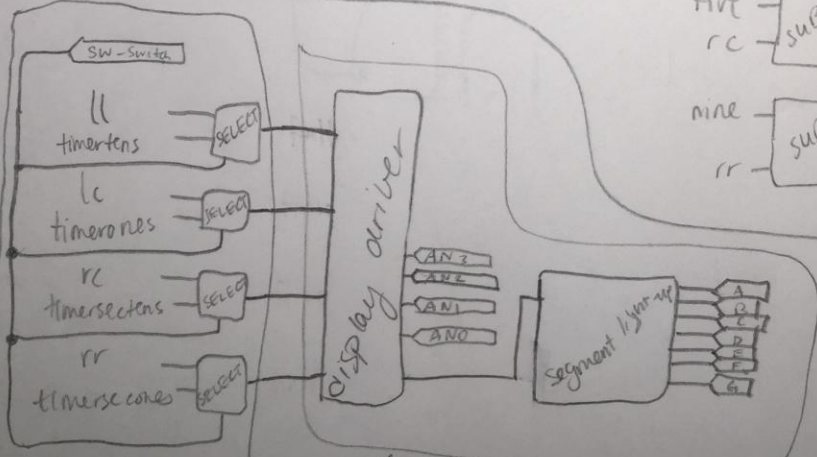
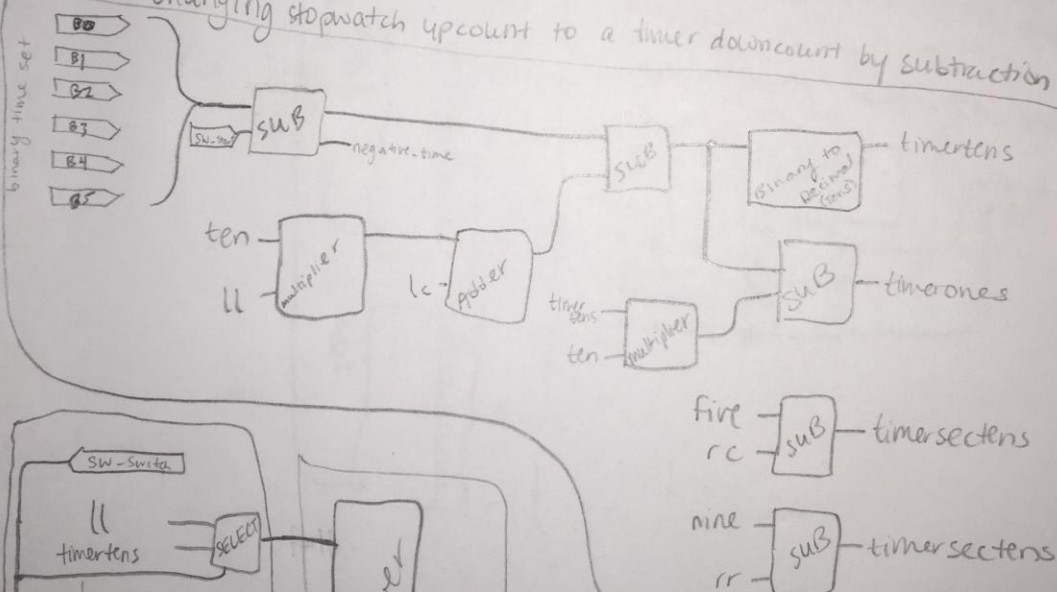


SW-Switch means stopwatch switch (B7)

SW-Start means stopwatch start which starts either count (B6)



Changing stopwatch upcount to a timer downcount by subtraction

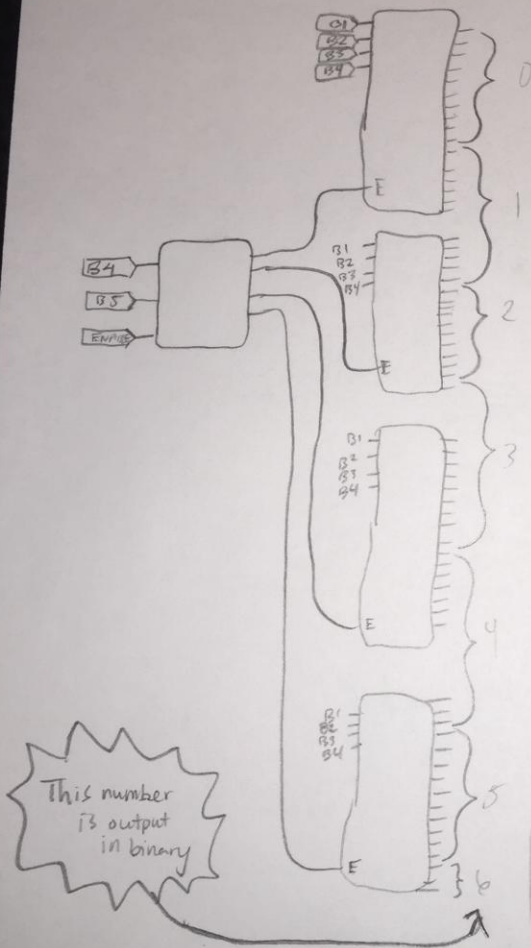


decide whether to send upcount or downcount to display

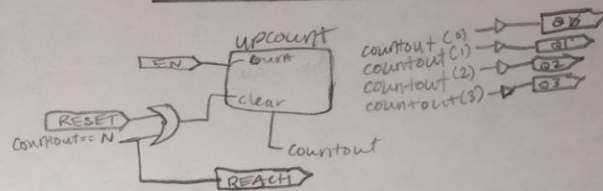
display time on 7-seg display

The Mod N Counters, the Binary to Decimal Converter, and the Select Component are all self-made components. The inner workings of these can be seen below:

Binary to Decimal (Tens)



Mod N upcount



Select

