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Project Report of Memory Game



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1 Introduction

This proposal is to present the work to be done at the Computer Electronic Systems (SEC) course of the Master's degree in Electronic Engineering (MEE), the main objective is to develop the memory game, to be performed on Field-Programmable Gate Array device (FPGA).

The project will be developed using a hardware description language (verilog), following the structural logic description model, and the control part of the system will be implemented using assembly language of the PicoVersat processor.

2 Block Diagram

The project block diagram is shown in Fig. 1. The latest version of the project is for the entire system to work with the button interface, to enter the game keys according to the correct sequence.

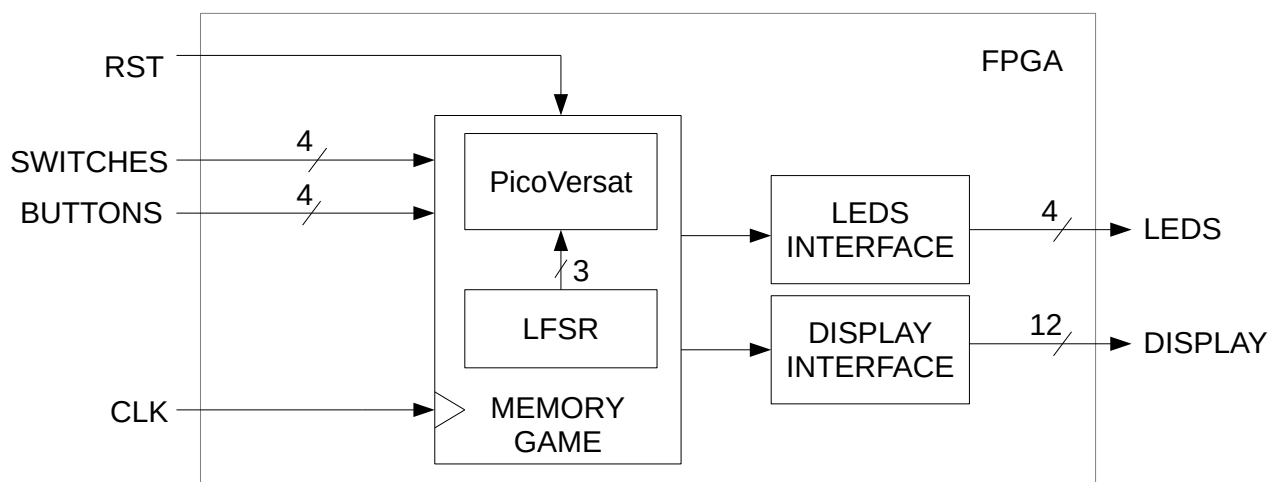


Figure 1: Block Diagram

3 Interface Signals

The interface signals of the project are described in Table 1.

Name	Direction	Peripheral	Description
clk	IN	FPGA clock	Clock signal.
rst	IN	Button driver	Reset game signal.
Buttons	IN	Button driver	Buttons to play the game.
Switches	IN	Switch driver	Implemented but not used.
Leds	OUT	LED driver	Represent the game board.
Displays	OUT	Display driver	Represents the game score and level.

Table 1: Interface signals.

4 Peripherals

A simple System on Chip (SoC) including picoVersat, a program and data memory, and the five peripherals attached to the data bus is shown in Figure 2.

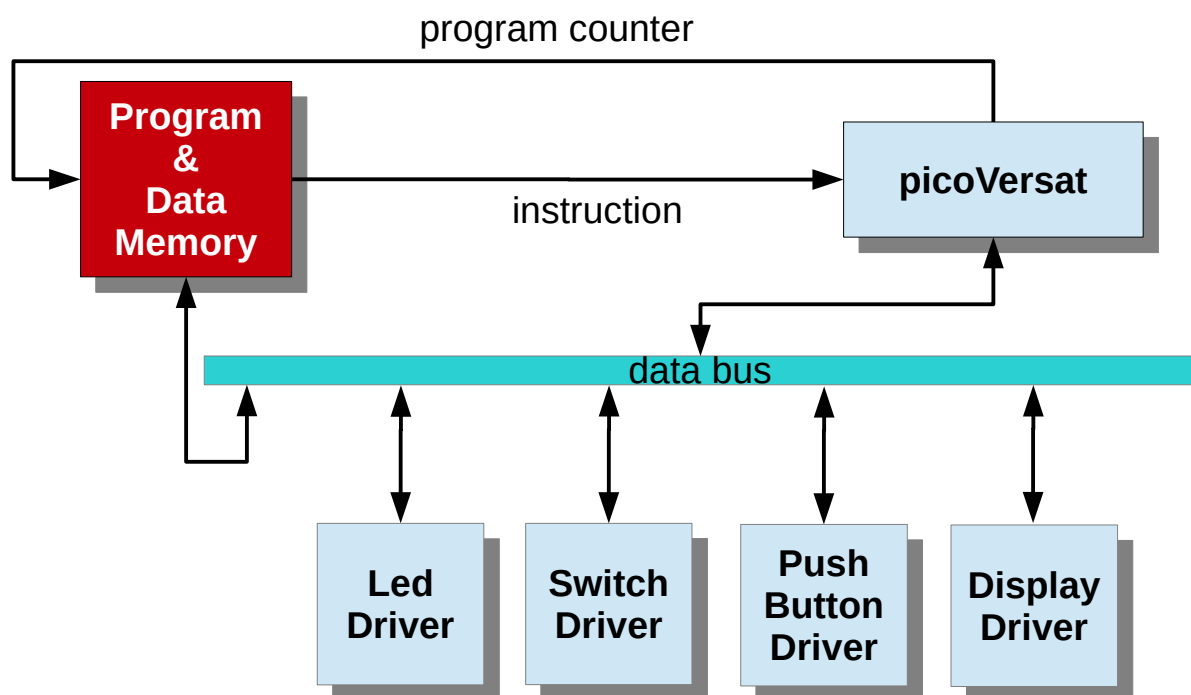


Figure 2: PicoVersat SoC with five peripherals

Refer to the memory map in section 5 to check the base addresses of the peripherals.

4.1 Display driver

This peripheral writes to the address from the Table 2, and the driver decodes which display should be light up, because the data from the 4 displays are connect in parallel and its just necessary to change the value of the anode.

Name	Address	Bits	Description
DISPLAY0	0x820	11-0	Data bits [7:0] and anode bit [8].
DISPLAY1	0x822	11-0	Data bits [7:0] and anode bit [9].
DISPLAY2	0x824	11-0	Data bits [7:0] and anode bit [10].
DISPLAY3	0x826	11-0	Data bits [7:0] and anode bit [11].

Table 2: Description of the base address from display peripheral.

4.2 Led driver

This peripheral shown in Table 3 is a driver to output the value of the LEDs, depending on the value written from the address in the table 3, the driver decodes which LEDs should be lighted.

Name	Address	Bits	Description
LED.BASE	0x828	7-0	Each bit corresponds a one LED.

Table 3: Description of the base address from led peripheral.

4.3 Switch driver

This peripheral shown in Table 4 is a driver for reading the value of the switches, depending on the value read from the address in table 4, the driver saves the status of each switch for PicoVersat use to control the system.

Name	Address	Bits	Description
SWITCH.BASE	0x82A	6-0	Each bit corresponds a one switch.

Table 4: Description of the base address from switch peripheral.

4.4 Button driver

This peripheral shown in Table 5 drives the value of the buttons and deals with the debounce problem.

Name	Address	Bits	Description
BUTTON_BASE	0x82C	3-0	Buttons to play the game.

Table 5: Description of the base address from button peripheral.

4.5 LFSR Driver

This peripheral shown in Table 8 can be used to generate random sequences with a range of 0 to 7.

Name	Address	Bits	Description
LFSR_BASE	0x82E	2-0	Linear-feedback shift register.

Table 6: Description of the base address from LFSR peripheral.

5 Memory Map

The memory map of the system, as seen by picoVersat programs, is given in Table 7.

Mnemonic	Address	Read/Write	Read Latency	Description
REGF_BASE	0x800	Read+Write	0	Register file peripheral.
CPRT_BASE	0x812	Write only	NA	Debug printer peripheral.
EXT_BASE	0x820	Write only	NA	External interface.
DISPLAY0	0x820	Read+Write	0	Display0 peripheral.
DISPLAY1	0x822	Read only	0	Display1 peripheral.
DISPLAY2	0x824	Read only	0	Display2 peripheral.
DISPLAY3	0x826	Write only	0	Display3 peripheral.
LED_BASE	0x828	Write only	0	LED peripheral.
SWITCH_BASE	0x82A	Write only	0	SWITCH peripheral.
BUTTON_BASE	0x82C	Write only	0	BUTTON peripheral.
LFSR_BASE	0x82E	Read only	1	LFSR peripheral.
PROG_BASE	0x0	Read+Write	1	User programs and data.

Table 7: Memory map base addresses

6 Program Description

The state diagram of the Fig. 3, it's the proposal system to implement, this diagram is intend to give an abstract description of the behavior of tthe system that will be running in the PicoVersat processor. This behavior is represented as a series of events that occur in the three states, and by this events the program will flow the schematic doing the value of the events.

The idle state has the main objective of reset all the important variables of the system, after resetting the value of each led, score and level. The system waits until the user pressed the condition of start to initiate the game and call the show state.

The show state is where a new level is generated, a new random sequence is shown in the led's. As the level increases the time between each led blinking increases too.

The game state have the responsibility of checking each move and increment the respective score and level. This state will show the value of each level and score. After the player win the game or loose the system will return to the idle mode showing a message that the player have won the game.

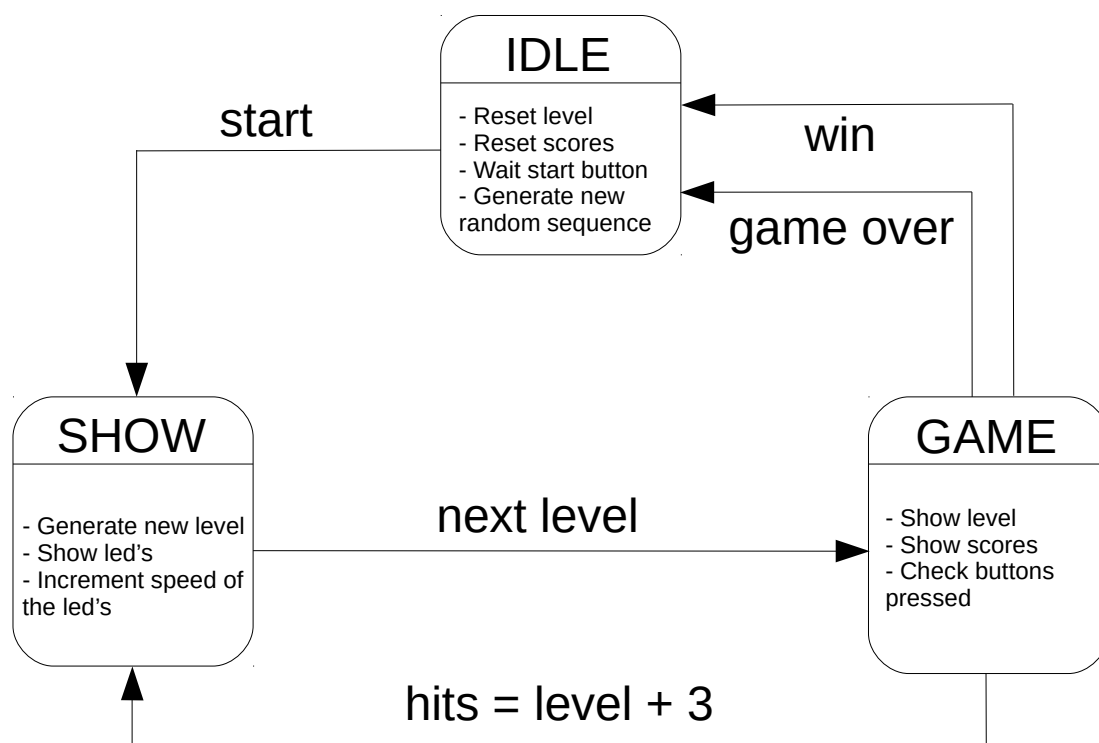


Figure 3: State diagram

7 Implementation

7.1 External interface

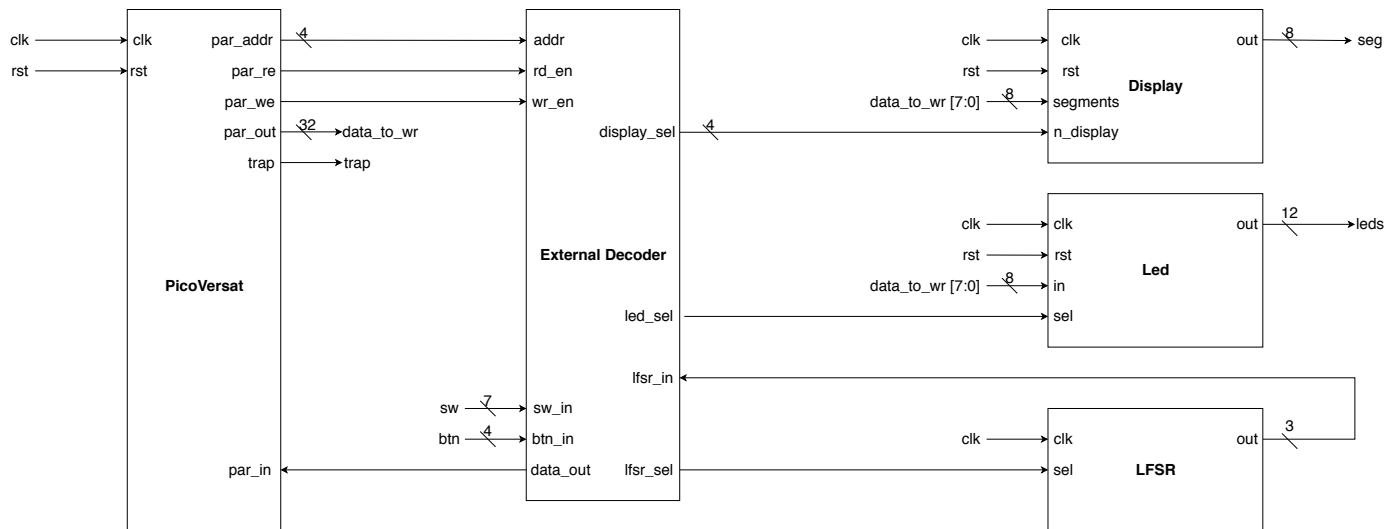


Figure 4: External interface block diagram.

7.2 Description of the display peripheral

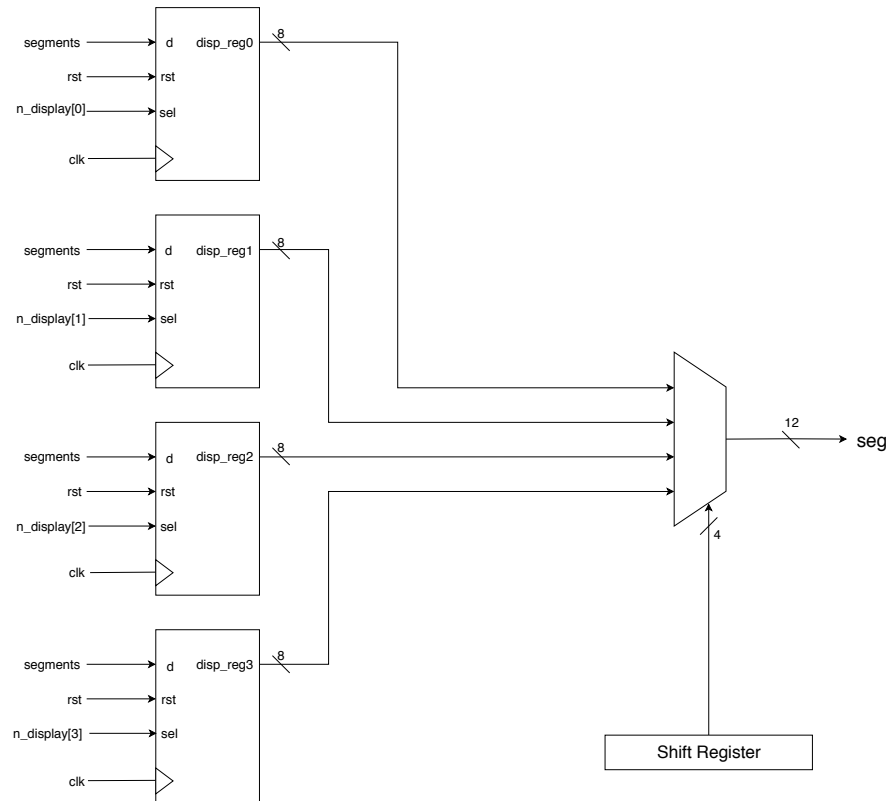


Figure 5: Block diagram of the display implementation.

7.3 Description of the buttons and switches peripheral

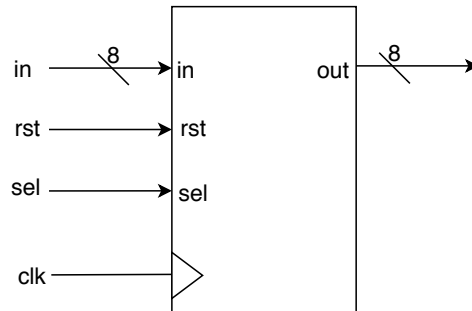


Figure 6: Buttons and switches interface.

7.4 Description of the LFSR peripheral

Linear Feedback Shift Register (LFSR) shown in Figure 7, it is a shift register whose input bit is a linear function of its previous state. The output from a standard shift register is fed back into its input in such a way as to cause the function to endlessly cycle through a sequence of patterns. Due the fact these circuit is simple to construct and are useful on our application, it is used to generate the random sequences to the memory game.

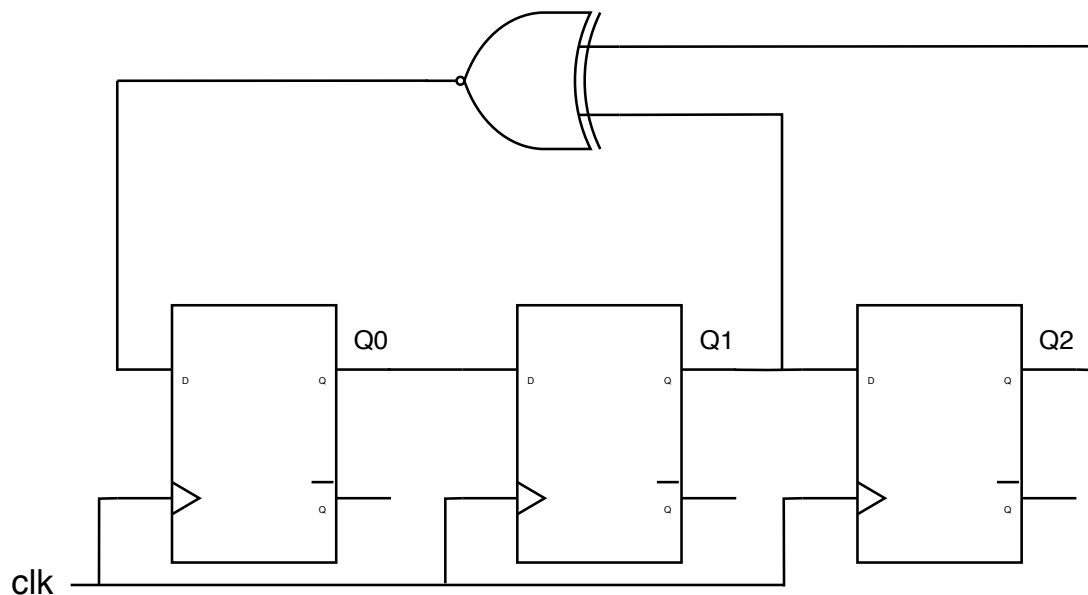


Figure 7: LFSR peripheral.

The LFSR have 3 bits and the Table 8 shows the generation of multiple sequences contained in a range from [0:7]. During the development of this project we find some issues in the generation key of the game. To resolve this problem we create a LUT with a size of 8 containing shuffled values (1,2,4,8) of the game LEDS, finally we use the values produce by the LFSR to index this LUT to generate different sequences for the game.

clk	Q_0	Q_1	Q_2
-	0	0	1
1	1	0	0
2	0	1	0
3	1	0	1
4	1	1	0
5	1	1	1
6	0	1	1
7	0	0	1

Table 8: Truth table of the circuit LFSR.

8 Results

9 Conclusions

During the development of this project, many issues were encountered either software and hardware related. This is not ideal due to the fact that it takes too much memory. But since we didn't found a way of getting it to work properly and reliably, the less efficient but working method was used. During the requirement definition of the project, it was discussed if the TIVA had enough space for a full framebuffer. Other hardware related problems were encountered, the GPIO expanders had some anomalous behavior on the MISO line that prevented the GPIO read functions from working properly. Also it was later discovered that the input impedance of the ADCs was too high and it was preventing it from reading the proper values. The amount of time spent debugging the software and hardware also prevented from testing the I2C interface, although being quite important for the EGSE main purpose, the core of the driver was implemented and since a working version of the driver was already implemented on the non-FreeRTOS version of the EGSE, the rest of the I2C testing and debugging would be not complicated in the future in the scope of the ISTSAT-1 project.

Even after these drawbacks, we considered this project an excellent learning experience. After this the group understands and it's able to design, implement, test and manufacture programmable and completely dedicated electronic systems based on microcontrollers and configurable logic electronic devices (FPGA).

Appendices

A Header file included on the source code

```
1 #define D0 2080
2 #define D1 2082
3 #define D2 2084
4 #define D3 2086
5 #define LED 2088
6 #define SWITCHES 2090
7 #define BUTTONS 2092
8 #define LFSR 2094
9 #define TRAP 2098
10
11
12 #define TODISP0 0xC0
13 #define TODISP1 0xF9
14 #define TODISP2 0xA4
15 #define TODISP3 0xB0
16 #define TODISP4 0x99
17 #define TODISP5 0x92
18 #define TODISP6 0x82
19 #define TODISP7 0xF8
20 #define TODISP8 0x80
21 #define TODISP9 0x90
22 #define TODISPE 0x86
23 #define TODISPNILL 0xFF
```

B Source code running on PicoVersat

```
1 #include "memorygame.h"
2 #include "assign.h"
3
4 int d0 = D0;
5 int d1 = D1;
6 int d2 = D2;
7 int d3 = D3;
8 int leds = LED;
9 int btn = BUTTONS;
10 int lfsr = LFSR;
11 int t = TRAP;
12
13 void init(int* disp0, int* disp1, int* disp2, int* disp3){
14     assign(TODISP5, disp3);
15     assign(TODISPNILL, disp2);
16     assign(TODISPNILL, disp1);
17     assign(TODISPNILL, disp0);
18
19     return;
20 }
21
22 int main (){
23     int* disp0 = (int*)d0;
24     int* disp1 = (int*)d1;
25     int* disp2 = (int*)d2;
26     int* disp3 = (int*)d3;
27     int* t = (int*)t;
28     int* b = (int*)btn;
29     int* l = (int*)leds;
30     int* lr = (int*)lfsr;
31     int a[8] = {1,8,4,2,4,2,1,8};
32     int numDisplay[10] = {TODISP0, TODISP1, TODISP2, TODISP3, TODISP4,\
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```
33         TODISP5, TODISP6, TODISP7, TODISP8, TODISP9});
34     int key[8] = {0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0};
35     int state = 0;
36     int i, j = 0;
37     int level = 1;
38     int hits = 0;
39     int totalHits = 0;
40     int index = 0;
41     int button = 0;
42     int speed = 3000000;
43     while (1){
44         switch (state) {
45             case 0:
46                 init(disp0, disp1, disp2, disp3);
47                 for(i = 0; i < 8; i++){
48                     key[i] = a[*lr];
49                 }
50                 while(*b != 9);
51                 assign(TODISP0, disp3);
52                 assign(TODISP0, disp2);
53                 state = 1;
54                 break;
55             case 1:
56                 assign(TODISPNILL, disp1);
57                 assign(numDisplay[level], disp0);
58                 for(i=0; i < (level + 3); i++){
59                     assign(0, l);
60                     for(j=0; j < speed; j++){
61                         assign(key[i], l);
62                         for(j=0; j < speed; j++){
63                             }
64                         assign(0, l);
65                         state = 2;
66                         break;
67             case 2:
68                 hits = 0;
69                 while(hits < (level + 3)){
70                     while(button == 0){
71                         button = *b;
72                     }
73                     for(j=0; j < 1000000; j++){
74                         if(button != 1 && button != 2 && button != 4 && button != 8) {
75                             continue;
76                         }
77                         if(button != key[hits]) {
78                             assign(TODISPNILL, disp0);
79                             assign(TODISPNILL, disp3);
80                             assign(TODISP0, disp1);
81                             assign(TODISP6, disp2);
82                             for(j=0; j < 1000000; j++){
83                                 level = 1;
84                                 speed = 3000000;
85                                 totalHits = 0;
86                                 button = 0;
87                                 state = 0;
88                                 break;
89                             }
90                             hits++;
91                             totalHits++;
92                             button = 0;
93                             if(totalHits < 10){
94                                 assign(TODISP0, disp3);
95                                 assign(numDisplay[totalHits], disp2);
96                             }
97                             else if(totalHits >= 10 && totalHits < 20){
98                                 assign(TODISP1, disp3);
99                                 index = totalHits - 10;
100                                assign(numDisplay[index], disp2);
101                            }
98
```

```
102         else if (totalHits >= 20 && totalHits < 30){
103             assign(TODISP2, disp3);
104             index = totalHits - 20;
105             assign(numDisplay[index], disp2);
106         }
107         else if (totalHits >= 30){
108             assign(TODISP3, disp3);
109             index = totalHits - 30;
110             assign(numDisplay[index], disp2);
111             for (j=0;j<10000000;j++);
112             assign(TODISPE, disp1);
113             assign(TODISP6, disp0);
114             for (j=0;j<10000000;j++);
115             level = 1;
116             speed = 3000000;
117             totalHits = 0;
118             button = 0;
119             state = 0;
120             break;
121         }
122     }
123     if (hits == (level + 3)){
124         level++;
125         speed -= 500000;
126         state = 1;
127         break;
128     }
129     default:
130         break;
131 }
132 }
133 return 0;
134 }
```