EECE 444 Microprocessor System Design

LAB 1

Part 1: Get familiar with Xilinx 14.7

Download and install Xilinx "ISE Design Suite - 14.7 Full Product Installation "

Use the link below (don't choose the Multi-file download, scroll down to the full product installation):

http://www.xilinx.com/support/download/index.html/content/xilinx/en/downloadNav/design-tools.html

If you have a windows 8 machine and the installation doesn't work, please follow the instructions in this link after installation.

http://www.eevblog.com/forum/microcontrollers/guide-getting-xilinx-ise-to-work-with-windows-8-64-bit/

You will need to register, makes sure to get the full free license not the 30 days one. (The download is free after registration).

To start ISE from the start menu

Start -> All Programs -> Xilinx Design Tools -> ISE Design Suit 14.7 -> ISE Design Tools -> Project Navigator

Step 1: create a new project:

- 1. Select File > New Project... The New Project Wizard appears.
- 2. Type **project1** in the Project Name field.
- 3. Enter or browse to a location (directory path) for the new project. A project1 subdirectory is created automatically.
- 4. Verify that HDL is selected from the Top-Level Source Type list.
- 5. Click Next to move to the device properties page.
- 6. Fill in the properties in the table as shown below:
 - Evaluation Development Board: None Specified
 - Product Category: General Purpose

Family: Artix7

Device: XC7A100TPackage: CSG324

- Speed Grade: -3
- Top-Level Source Type: HDL
- Synthesis Tool: XST (VHDL/Verilog)
- Simulator: ISE Simulator (VHDL/Verilog)
- Preferred Language: Verilog
- Leave the default values in the remaining fields.

When the table is complete, your project properties will look as shown in figure 1:

Project Settings	
Property Name	Value
Top-Level Source Type	HDL ▼
Evaluation Development Board	None Specified
Product Category	All
Family	Artix7 ▼
Device	XC7A100T ▼
Package	CSG324 ▼
Speed	-3 ▼
Synthesis Tool	XST (VHDL/Verilog) ▼
Simulator	ISim (VHDL/Verilog) ▼
Preferred Language	Verilog ▼
Property Specification in Project File	Store all values
Manual Compile Order	
VHDL Source Analysis Standard	VHDL-93 ▼
Enable Message Filtering	

Figure 1

7. Click next, then finish.

Step 2: Created a Verilog HDL Source file

Create the top-level Verilog source file for the project as follows:

- 1. Right click on xc7a100t-3csg324 in the hierarchy window and select new source.
- 2. Select Verilog Module as the source type in the New Source dialog box.
- 3. Type in the file name mux2.v.
- 4. Verify that "Add to Project:" checkbox is selected then click next.
- 6. Declare the ports for the 2x1 mux design by filling in the port information (in0, in1, select as inputs and out as output)

7. Click Next, then Finish in the New Source Information dialog box to complete the new source file template, as shown in figure 2.

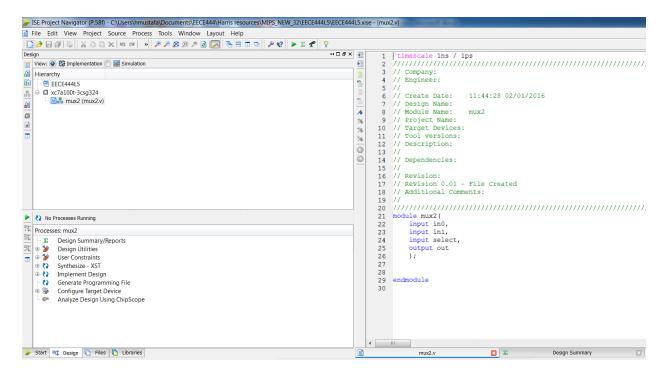


Figure 2

Step 3: Edit Verilog Source

Enter the following Verilog code to describe 2x1 multiplexer

assign out= (in0 & ~select) | (in1 & select);

Step 4: Checking the syntax:

When the source file is complete, you need to check for syntax errors:

- 1. Verify that Implementation is selected on the design window.
- 2. Select the mux2.v design source to display the related processes in the Processes window.
- 3. Click the "+" next to the Synthesize-XST process to expand the process group.
- 4. Double-click the Check Syntax process.

Note: You must correct any errors found in your source files. You can check for errors in the Console tab of the Transcript window. If you continue without valid syntax, you will not be able to simulate or synthesize your design.

5. If your code does not have any errors, you will have a green check mark next to Check Syntax.

Step 5: Simulate your design using ISIM and Verilog testbench

In this step you will be creating a testbench to test your circuit in the simulator.

1. Make sure the ISE mode is changed into "Simulation" form "Implementation" on the Design window

2. Create a new source "Verilog Test Fixture" source and associate it with the only Verilog source you have "mux2.v". You should have a window similar to figure 3 below after you finish.

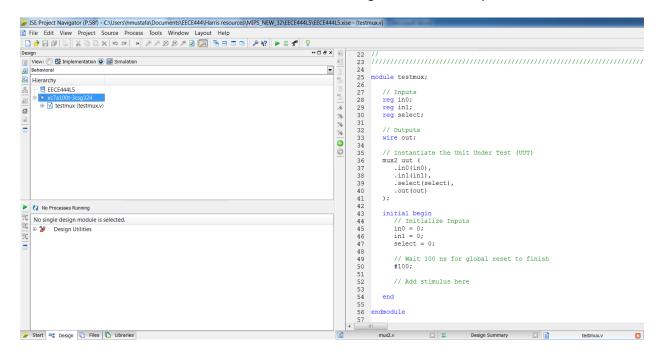


Figure 3

- 3. Edit the testbench to test for all possible cases. Use \$monitor to check for correct answers.
- 4. Check the schematics and the display result file to ensure all results are correct.

Step 7: Synthesize your design.

Now that you have correctly simulated your design, you will use the ISE tools to synthesize your Verilog code.

- 1. make sure "Implementation" is selected on the source menu
- 2. Locate the **Nexys4DDR_Master.ucf** file "provided on Blackboard" and add a "copy of a source file" to your project.
- 3. Open the ucf file and edit the first 3 switches and the first LED line as shown in figure 4.

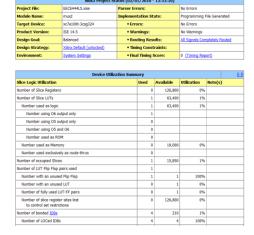
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   ## Switches
   NET "in0"
                           LOC=J15 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO L24N T3 RS0 15
13
                           LOC=L16 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO L3N TO DOS EMCCLK 14
LOC=M13 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO L6N TO DO8 VREF 14
14 NET "in1"
15 NET "select"
16 #NET "sw<3>"
                           LOC=R15 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO L13N T2 MRCC 14
17 #NET "sw<4>"
                           LOC=R17 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO L12N T1 MRCC 14
                           LOC=T18 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO_L7N_T1_D10_14
   #NET "sw<5>"
19
   #NET "sw<6>"
                           LOC=U18 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO L17N T2 A13 D29 14
   #NET "sw<7>"
                            LOC=R13 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO L5N T0 D07 14
21 #NET "sw<8>"
                           LOC=T8 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS18; #IO_L24N_T3_34
   #NET "sw<9>"
22
                           LOC=U8 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS18; #IO 25 34
23 #NET "sw<10>"
                           LOC=R16 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO_L15P_T2_DQS_RDWR_B_14
   #NET "sw<11>"
                           LOC=T13 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO_L23P_T3_A03_D19_14
LOC=H6 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO_L24P_T3_35
LOC=U12 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO_L20P_T3_A08_D24_14
24
25 #NET "sw<12>"
   #NET "sw<13>"
26
   #NET "sw<14>"
                            LOC=U11 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO L19N T3 A09 D25 VREF 14
2.7
   #NET "sw<15>"
                           LOC=V10 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO L21P T3 DQS 14
28
29
30
31
32
   #NET "cpu resetn"
                           LOC=C12 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO L3P T0 DQS AD1P 15
33
   #NET "btnc"
34
                           LOC=N17 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO L9P T1 DQS 14
35
   #NET "bt.nd"
                            LOC=P18 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO_L9N_T1_DQS_D13_14
   #NET "btnl"
36
                           LOC=P17 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO_L12P_T1_MRCC_14
   #NET "btnr"
37
                           LOC=M17 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO L10N T1 D15 14
38 #NET "btnu"
                           LOC=M18 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO_L4N_T0_D05_14
39
40
41 ## LEDs
42
   NET "out"
                           LOC=H17 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO L18P T2 A24 15
   #NET "led<1>"
                         LOC=K15 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO L24P T3 RS1 15
43
    #NET "led<2>"
                            LOC=J13 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO L17N T2 A25
44
   #NET "led<3>"
                           LOC=N14 | IOSTANDARD=LVCMOS33; #IO L8P T1 D11 14
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Figure 4

4. Double click on "Implement design" and make sure you receive a green check mark after the process finishes.

Step 6: Implement your Design and generate programming file:

- 1. Execute Implement Design from the processes window
- 2. Double click Generate Programming File to generate a .bit file which will be used to program the board.
- 3. Check the design summary: as the project progresses, a report are generated in each process. All reports can be checked on the design summary window. Also you can look at the RTL schematics by double clicking on "View RTL Schematics", see Figure 5.



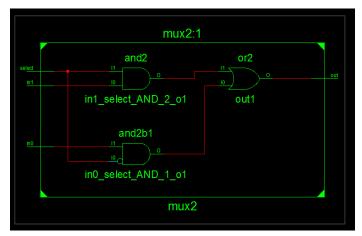


Figure 5

Step 7: Program the board

Before proceeding to the next step connect the board via USB cable to the PC and turn on the power.

1. Double click on Configure Target Device and the ISE will launch another Xilinx tool called iMpact. A warning box will appear complaining about "No iMpact project file exist" click OK

- 2. In the ISE iMpact window double click **Boundary Scan** in the top left pane. In the boundary scan window in the main pane, where it says "Right click to Add Device or Initialize Chain" right-click in the middle and select **Initialize Chain.** Xilinx will ask you if you want to continue and assign configuration files, click **Yes** and select the "mux2.bit" file from the browsing window that will open. You will be asked if you need to attach an SPI or PROM click **No.**
- 3. Next you will be asked which device on the board you will program, for our case we only have the FPGA chip, click **Ok** to complete as shown in figure 6.

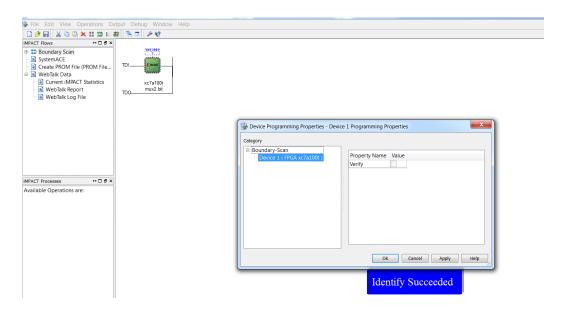


Figure 6

- 4. Right-click on the green chip and select program.
- 5. Test your circuit for functionality. Note, you don't need to restart your board, if you do you will lose the program and will need to program again.

Part 2: Create your own Binary to BCD decoder

Design a Gate-level greater-than circuit. The greater than circuit compares two inputs, **a** and **b**, and asserts an output **GT** when **a** is greater than **b**. You need to create a 4-bit greater-than circuit from the bottom up and use only gate-level logical operators. Design the circuit as follows:

1. Derive the truth table for a 2-bit greater than circuit and obtain the logic expression in the sum of product SOP format. Based on the expression, derive the Verilog code using only logical operators.

- 2. Derive a testbench for the 2-bit greater than circuit. Perform simulation and verify the correctness of your design.
- 3. Use 4 switches as the inputs and one LED as the output. Synthesize the circuit and download the configuration file to the board. Verify the operation.
- 4. Derive the Verilog code for a 2-bit equality comparator with two inputs i0 and i1, and one output eq. the eq signal will be asserted if i0 and i1 are equal.
- 5. Derive a testbench for the comparator. Perform simulation and verify the correctness of your design. You don't need to download this design to the board.
- 6. Use the 2-bit greater-than circuits and the 2-bit equality comparators and a minimal number of gates to construct a 4-bit greater than circuit. First draw a block diagram and then derive the structural Verilog code according to the diagram.
- 7. Derive a testbench for the 4-bit greater-than circuit. Perform simulation and verify the correctness of the design
- 8. Use eight switches as the input and one LED as the output. Synthesize the circuit and download the configuration file to the board. Verify the operation.

Demonstration:

Demonstrate your working design to your TA; make sure to get signed off.

What to Turn In

Include the following elements in your final submission.

Please indicate how many hours you spent on this lab. This will not affect your grade but will be helpful for calibrating the workload for next semester's labs.

- 1. Your design diagram for all components including the top module.
- 2. Verilog code.
- 3. Simulation waveforms of the final 4-bit greater-than circuit.