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Lab 1
First Design on ZYNQ GPIO
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#### Introduction

In lab 1 our focus is to be able to create a ZYNQ system in the Vivado software that includes both hardware and software components. We will learn to use the Vitis software that comes with Vivado to program and drive the GPIO. We will learn how to configure the ZYNQ SoC system to verify the functionality of the design and also using the IP integrator to add IP to SoC design.

In this specific lab we will configure a ZYBO/ZedBoard to use the LEDs and switches to test the points mentioned above. We will use the IP integrator to build a Block Design and then export to SDK/xsa so that we can create a software application to drive the GPIO. By doing this we will show that we can do what was mentioned in the previous paragraph.

### Requirements

For lab 1 we mostly had to just follow the steps in the lab manual. The things we were tasked to come up with, on our own is making the patterns:

- 1. All on LEDs
- 2. All off LEDs
- 3. Alternating on and off LEDs
- 4. Ring counter
- 5. Johnson counter
- 6. Binary counter
- 7. Gray counter
- 8. Fibonacci counter

In addition to making the patterns above we also tasked with controlling which pattern to display by using the switches on our ZYBO/ZedBoard.

## Methodology

These are the steps I used to complete this lab:

- 1. Creating the Block Design in Vivado and exporting hardware
  - 1.1. Make sure to add the ZYBO/ZEDBoard board files to Vivado.
  - 1.2. Create a Vivado RTL project and set the target platform to ZYBO.
  - 1.3. Inside the project manager go to IP Integrator and click Create Block Design.
  - 1.4. Right click inside the diagram window and click add IP.
  - 1.5. Type ZYNQ in the search box and click the first option.
  - 1.6. Run the auto connection.
  - 1.7. Add a GPIO block using the same way.
  - 1.8. Run auto connection again.

- 1.9. This time make sure to connect the GPIO to the LEDs and switches.
- 1.10. Click on Regenerate Layout to clean up your Block Design.
- 1.11. Save your design by going to File->Save Block Design.
- 1.12. Then validate it by going to Tools->Validate Design.
- 1.13. Then go to the sources tab and right click your Block Design and select Create HDL Wrapper.
- 1.14. In your Flow Navigator window from Program and Debug select Generate Bitstream.
- 1.15. Make sure to select the Open Implemented Design in the last step.
- 1.16. Finally we can export our hardware configuration by going to File->Export->Export Hardware.
- 1.17. Make sure to save it somewhere accessible like your project folder and also check the box Include bitstream.
- 2. Creating a Software Application With Vitis
  - 2.1. Open vitis and make a new software application by going to File->New->Application Project.
  - 2.2. Enter an appropriate name and click Next.
  - 2.3. Go to the Create a new pla... tab and click the + button.
  - 2.4. Select the xsa file you exported and click next.
  - 2.5. Select next again and then select empty application then you can finally click the Finish button.
  - 2.6. Finally if you want you can use the code from the Zynq Book tutorials zip file as a reference. To do so just look for the file and then add it to your sources.
- 3. Modifying the c file to accomplish the requirements.
  - 3.1. Using the ZYBO LED example source code from the zip file I made an empty c file and pasted the code in there.
  - 3.2. I deleted everything in the main for now.
  - 3.3. I added one more definition for the switches.
  - 3.4. I initialized all of my functions before the main and declared them after the main function.
  - 3.5. I created a init() function.
    - 3.5.1. This function initializes the GPIO, sets the data directions for both LEDs and switches, and has a while loop with a switch statement selecting a pattern based on the state of the switches.
  - 3.6. I created a wait time(int) function.
    - 3.6.1. This function does as the name says so and it uses a for loop to run a number of times provided by the parameter.
  - 3.7. I created an all led on() function.
    - 3.7.1. Sets all LEDs on.
  - 3.8. I created an all led off() function.
    - 3.8.1. Sets all LEDs off.
  - 3.9. I created an on and off() function.
    - 3.9.1. Sets LEDs on and off with a delay between states.
  - 3.10. I created a ring counter() function.
    - 3.10.1. Displays a ring counter pattern with a delay before switching to the next state.

- 3.11. I created a johnson counter() function.
  - 3.11.1. Displays a johnson counter pattern with a delay before switching to the next state.
- 3.12. I created a gray\_counter() function.
  - 3.12.1. Displays a gray counter pattern with a delay before switching to the next state.
- 3.13. I created a fibo() function.
  - 3.13.1. Displays a fibo pattern with a delay before switching to the next state.
- 3.14. I created a binary counter() function.
  - 3.14.1. Displays a binary counter pattern with a delay before switching to the next state.
- 3.15. After all these functions were created and tested I put init() in the main function and the program now works with the criteria specified in the requirements section.

#### Results

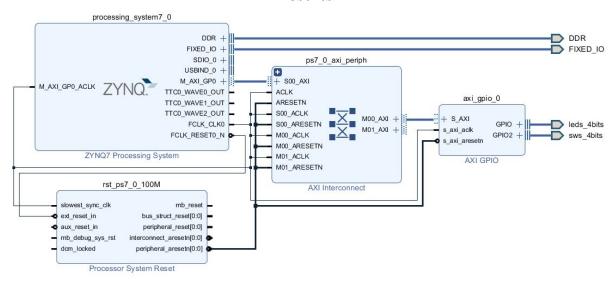


Fig 1. IP Block Design

```
/* Include Files */
#include "xparameters.h"
#include "xgpio.h"
#include "xstatus.h"
#include "xil printf.h"
/* Definitions */
#define GPIO_DEVICE_ID XPAR_AXI_GPIO_0_DEVICE_ID
#define LED 0x9
#define LED DELAY 20000000
#define LED CHANNEL 1
#define SW CHANNEL 2
#define printf xil printf
             /* GPIO Device driver instance */
XGpio Gpio;
void all led on(void);
void all led off(void);
void on and off(void);
void ring counter(void);
void johnson counter(void);
void binary counter(void);
void gray counter(void);
void fibo(int n);
void wait time(int time);
void init();
/* Main function. */
int main(void)
{
     init();
     return 0;
}
void init()
{
     int Status;
     Status = XGpio Initialize(&Gpio, GPIO DEVICE ID);
     XGpio SetDataDirection(&Gpio, LED CHANNEL, 0x0);
```

```
XGpio_SetDataDirection(&Gpio, SW_CHANNEL, 0xf);
while(Status == XST SUCCESS){
     switch(XGpio DiscreteRead(&Gpio, SW CHANNEL)){
           case 0x0:
                 all led on();
                 break;
           case 0x1:
                 all_led_off();
                 break;
           case 0x2:
                 on_and_off();
                 break;
           case 0x3:
                 ring_counter();
                 break;
           case 0x4:
                 johnson_counter();
                 break;
           case 0x5:
                 binary counter();
                 break;
           case 0x6:
                 gray_counter();
                 break;
           case 0x7:
                 fibo(8);
                 break;
           default :
                 all led off;
     }
}
if (Status != XST SUCCESS)
{
     xil printf("GPIO output to the LEDs failed!\r\n");
}
```

}

```
void all_led_on(void)
     XGpio DiscreteWrite(&Gpio, LED CHANNEL, 0xf);
}
void all led off(void)
     XGpio_DiscreteWrite(&Gpio, LED_CHANNEL, 0x0);
}
void on_and_off(void)
{
     all led on();
     wait_time(LED_DELAY);
     all_led_off();
     wait_time(LED_DELAY);
}
void ring counter(void)
{
     for(int i=1; i<=8; i *= 2)
     {
           XGpio DiscreteWrite(&Gpio, LED CHANNEL, i);
           wait_time(LED_DELAY);
     }
}
void johnson_counter(void)
{
     int jNum = 0xf0;
     for(int i=0; i<8; i++)
           XGpio_DiscreteWrite(&Gpio, LED_CHANNEL, jNum >> i);
           wait_time(LED_DELAY);
     }
}
void binary counter(void)
{
```

```
for(int i=0; i<16; i++)
     {
           XGpio DiscreteWrite(&Gpio, LED CHANNEL, i);
           wait time(LED DELAY);
      }
}
void gray_counter(void)
{
     int gcNum;
     for(int i=0; i<16; i++)
     {
           gcNum = i ^ (i >> 1);
           XGpio_DiscreteWrite(&Gpio, LED_CHANNEL, gcNum);
           wait_time(LED_DELAY);
     }
}
void fibo(int n)
{
     int fib[2] = \{0, 1\};
     int temp;
     XGpio DiscreteWrite(&Gpio, LED CHANNEL, fib[0]);
     wait_time(LED_DELAY);
     XGpio_DiscreteWrite(&Gpio, LED_CHANNEL, fib[1]);
     wait_time(LED_DELAY);
     for(int i=0; i<n-2; i++){</pre>
           temp = fib[0] + fib[1];
           fib[0] = fib[1];
           fib[1] = temp;
           XGpio_DiscreteWrite(&Gpio, LED_CHANNEL, temp);
           wait_time(LED_DELAY);
      }
}
void wait time(int time)
{
     for(int i=0; i<time; i++){}</pre>
}
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Fig. 2 Compilation Successful Message

## **Analysis**

For this lab we were left with the task of designing several patterns to display with LEDs on the ZYBO board. We first had to design each pattern generator and then a way to display each pattern based on the state of the switches on the ZYBO board. A delay function called wait\_time(int) was made to facilitate the creation of these said patterns.

Fig. 3 all led on(void)

The pattern for turning all of the LEDs on was a simple function called all\_led\_on() and simply set the LED channel to 0xf to turn all of them on.

#### **Fig. 4** all led off(void)

The pattern for turning all of the LEDs off was a simple function called all\_led\_off() and simply set the LED channel to 0x0 to turn all of them off.

```
97@ void on_and_off(void)
98 {
99     all_led_on();
00     wait_time(LED_DELAY);
01     all_led_off();
02     wait_time(LED_DELAY);
03 }
```

**Fig. 5** on\_and\_off(void)

The pattern turning the LEDs on and off simply called all\_led\_on() and all\_led\_off(). Each of those calls were also followed by a wait\_time(int) to see the results.

**Fig. 6** ring\_counter(void)

The ring counter pattern was made by having a for loop that runs starts with 1 and ends with 8. The for loop increments by multiplying itself by 2 thus simulating as if a bit was shifting to the left. Inside the loop we simply wrote the current value to the LED GPIO channel and put a delay afterwards.

**Fig. 7** johnson counter(void)

The johnson counter pattern works with a for loop that runs from 0 to 7. It uses a constant of 0xf0 and then shifts right by the current value of the loop variable and sets that value to the LEDs thus simulating a johnson counter.

Fig. 8 binary counter(void)

The binary counter works by having a for loop that runs from 0 to 15. The function simply sets the current loop variable to the LEDs and waits a small delay to display the results.

```
133@ void gray counter(void)
134 {
        int gcNum;
135
136
        for(int i=0; i<16; i++)
137
            gcNum = i ^ (i >> 1);
138
139
            XGpio DiscreteWrite(&Gpio, LED CHANNEL, gcNum);
140
            wait time(LED DELAY);
141
        }
142 }
```

**Fig. 9** gray counter(void)

The gray counter works the same way as the binary counter except that it converts the current loop variable to its gray code counterpart.

```
144@ void fibo(int n)
145 {
146
        int fib[2] = \{0, 1\};
147
        int temp;
148
        XGpio DiscreteWrite(&Gpio, LED CHANNEL, fib[0]);
        wait time(LED DELAY);
149
150
        XGpio_DiscreteWrite(&Gpio, LED_CHANNEL, fib[1]);
        wait_time(LED_DELAY);
151
        for(int i=0; i<n-2; i++){
152
            temp = fib[0] + fib[1];
153
            fib[0] = fib[1];
154
155
            fib[1] = temp;
            XGpio DiscreteWrite(&Gpio, LED CHANNEL, temp);
156
157
            wait time(LED DELAY);
158
        }
159 }
```

Fig. 10 fibo(int)

The fibonacci counter works by displaying the first 2 numbers in the fibonacci sequence. It then runs a for loop the remainder of the fibonacci sequence specified by the parameter. Inside the for loop the current value of the fibo sequence is added from the previous value and then it is displayed with the LEDs.

```
43@ void init()
44 {
45
        int Status;
        Status = XGpio Initialize(&Gpio, GPIO DEVICE ID);
46
47
        XGpio SetDataDirection(&Gpio, LED CHANNEL, 0x0);
48
        XGpio SetDataDirection(&Gpio, SW CHANNEL, 0xf);
49
50
        while(Status == XST SUCCESS){
51
            switch(XGpio_DiscreteRead(&Gpio, SW_CHANNEL)){
52
                case 0x0:
53
                    all led on();
54
                    break;
55
                case 0x1:
                    all_led_off();
56
57
                    break;
58
                case 0x2:
59
                    on and off();
60
                    break;
61
                case 0x3:
62
                    ring counter();
63
                    break;
64
                case 0x4:
65
                    johnson counter();
66
                    break:
67
                case 0x5:
68
                    binary counter();
69
                    break;
70
                case 0x6:
71
                    gray counter();
72
                    break;
73
                case 0x7:
74
                    fibo(8);
75
                    break;
                default :
76
77
                    all_led_off;
78
            }
79
        }
80
81
        if (Status != XST_SUCCESS)
82
        {
            xil_printf("GPIO output to the LEDs failed!\r\n");
83
84
        }
85 }
```

Fig. 11 init(void)

Lastly, to put all of these together the init() function initializes the GPIO. Then sets the LED channel data direction to write and set the switch channel data direction to read. A while loop follows this and its condition to run is that GPIO successfully initializes. Inside this while loop there is a switch statement that reads the values of the switches and selects its cases based on that. Each case runs only one of the patterns and the default case turns all LEDs off.

#### Conclusion

In conclusion we learned how to create a project and target a specific board in vivado, learned how to create a Block Design using the IP Integrator, and finally exporting that hardware design to an SDK/xsa file for use in creating application software. We were also tasked in the second week to design various patterns and display them to the ZYBO built in LEDs using GPIO. By doing this we also learned how to control the ZYBO board using the c language.

#### **Questions**

#### Week 1:

1. What is the utilization of the part for this design in terms of FPGA resources? You can find this information from two reports: post synthesis and post implementation. Is the device utilization the same in both reports? If not, why?

Looking at the reports in **Fig. 12** and **Fig. 13** we can see that they are not using the same resources. The post implementation utilization report uses less slice LUTs and slice registers compared to the post synthesis utilization report.

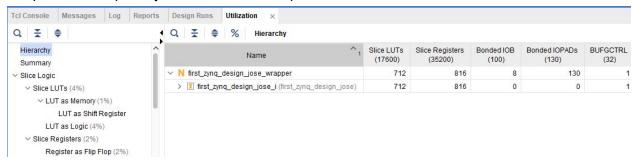
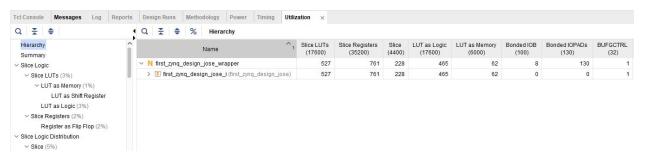


Fig. 12 Post Synthesis Utilization Report



**Fig. 13** Post Implementation Utilization Report

2. When SDK project environment is set up completely, you will see three main folders in the project Explorer. What are these three main folders and what are they related to?

Since I am using the 2019.2 version of Vivado they have changed the SDK method to a different one using an xsa file instead. So if we look at **Fig. 15** we can see that we have two main folders, one being first\_zynq\_design\_jose\_wrapper and the other being Lab1\_JoseM\_system. The first zynq design jose wrapper folder is where the configured hardware is located. It also

contains all of the source code required to program the Soc. The Lab1\_JoseM\_system folder is where we create our application software.

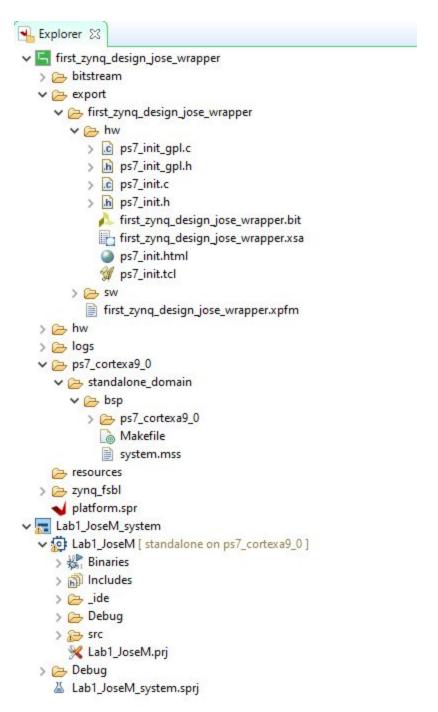


Fig. 15 Vitis Explorer Tab

Open the two files system.hdf and system.mss. What do these files represent?

The system.mss contains all of the drivers for peripherals, processor information, and information of what os is in use. In my case the system.hdf file is replaced with

first\_zynq\_design\_jose\_wrapper.xsa shown in **Fig. 16**. This file contains the information about the target FPGA device and also has the address map of the components in the Soc.

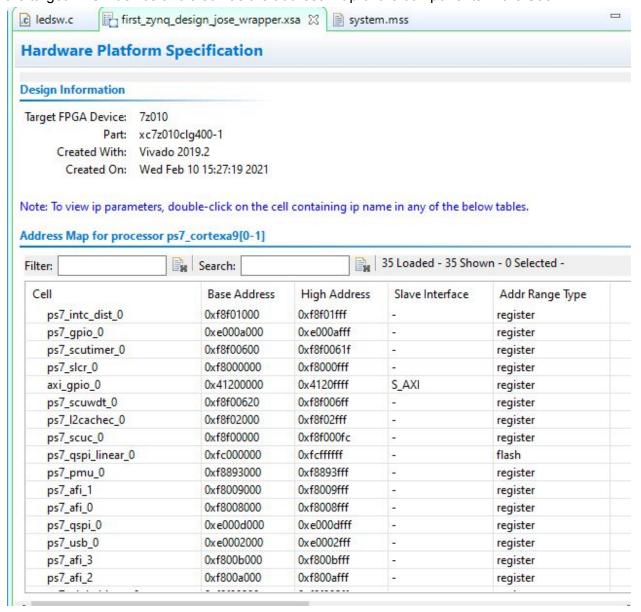


Fig. 16 first\_zynq\_design\_jose\_wrapper.xsa file

- 4. Review system.hdf and system.mss and answer the following questions:
  - a. As you know, processor peripherals are memory mapped. What is the UART address space?
  - b. Find out what functions are available for GPIO operations to use to develop software applications?
  - a) According to Fig. 18, the address space for UART is from 0xe0001000 to 0xe0001000.
  - b) GPIO functions are located in Fig. 17.

- GpioDisableIntr(): xgpio\_intr\_tapp\_example.c
- GpioHandler(): xgpio\_intr\_tapp\_example.c
- GpioInputExample(): xgpio\_tapp\_example.c
- GpioIntrExample(): xgpio\_intr\_tapp\_example.c
- GpioOutputExample(): xgpio\_tapp\_example.c
- GpioSetupIntrSystem(): xgpio\_intr\_tapp\_example.c
- main(): xgpio\_example.c , xgpio\_tapp\_example.c , xgpio\_low\_level\_example.c , xgpio\_intr\_tapp\_example.c
- XGpio\_CfgInitialize(): xgpio.c
- XGpio\_DiscreteClear(): xgpio.h
- XGpio DiscreteRead(): xgpio.c
- XGpio\_DiscreteSet(): xgpio.h
- XGpio\_DiscreteWrite(): xgpio.c
- XGpio\_GetDataDirection(): xgpio.c
- XGpio\_Initialize(): xgpio.h
- XGpio\_InterruptClear(): xgpio.h
- XGpio\_InterruptDisable(): xgpio.h
- XGpio\_InterruptEnable(): xgpio.h
- XGpio\_InterruptGetEnabled(): xgpio.h
- XGpio\_InterruptGetStatus(): xgpio.h
- XGpio\_InterruptGlobalDisable(): xgpio.h
- XGpio\_InterruptGlobalEnable(): xgpio.h
- XGpio\_LookupConfig(): xgpio.h
- XGpio\_SelfTest(): xgpio.h
- XGpio\_SetDataDirection(): xgpio.c

#### Fig. 17 GPIO functions

Base Address	High Address	Slave Interface	Addr Range Type
0xf8007100	0xf8007120	-	register
0x00100000	0x1fffffff	2	memory
0xf8006000	0xf8006fff	-	register
0xf800c000	0xf800cfff		register
0xf8f02000	0xf8f02fff	-	register
0xe0001000	0xe0001fff	-	register
0xf8800000	0xf88fffff	-	register
	0xf8007100 0x00100000 0xf8006000 0xf800c000 0xf8f02000 0xe0001000	0xf8007100         0xf8007120           0x00100000         0x1fffffff           0xf8006000         0xf8006fff           0xf800c000         0xf800cfff           0xf8f02000         0xf8f02fff           0xe0001000         0xe0001fff	0xf8007100       0xf8007120       -         0x00100000       0x1fffffff       -         0xf8006000       0xf8006fff       -         0xf800c000       0xf800cfff       -         0xf8f02000       0xf8f02fff       -         0xe0001000       0xe0001fff       -

#### Fig. 18 UART Address Space

5. Mark up the blocks that have been used in this lab in the following Zyng SoC block diagram.

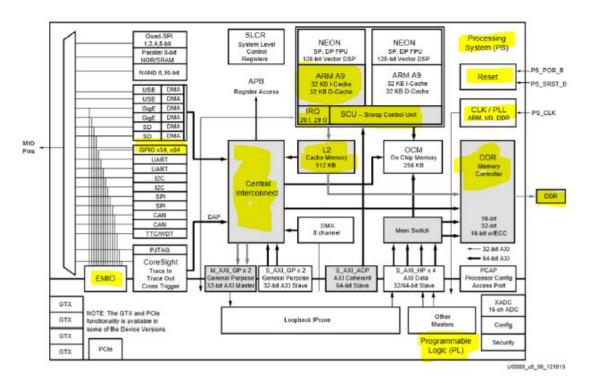


Fig. 19 Blocks Used

- 6. Review the C source file (LED\_test\_tut\_1C.c) and answer the following questions:
  - a. What is the value of the variable "XPAR AXI GPIO 0 DEVICE ID"?
  - b. What are the functions in this source file?
  - Explain the tasks of each function you listed above.
  - Explain how the task of each function you listed above is performed.
  - e. Explain all the arguments of the functions you listed above.
  - a) 0
  - b) Functions in this file are main(), XGpio\_Initialize(&Gpio, GPIO\_DEVICE\_ID), XGpio\_SetDataDirection(&Gpio, LED\_CHANNEL, 0x0), and XGpio\_DiscreteWrite(&Gpio, LED\_CHANNEL, 0xf).
  - c) Their tasks are as follows:
    - i) main(): Serves as the starting point in your application.
    - ii) XGpio\_Initialize(&Gpio, GPIO\_DEVICE\_ID): initializes the GPIO so it is ready to use.
    - iii) XGpio\_SetDataDirection(&Gpio, LED\_CHANNEL, 0x0): sets the channel of the specified GPIO to either write or read.
    - iv) XGpio\_DiscreteWrite(&Gpio, LED\_CHANNEL, 0xf): sets a value to the specified channel in the GPIO.
  - d) They perform their tasks are as follows:
    - i) main(): Anything in the main will be run sequentially from top to bottom.
    - ii) XGpio\_Initialize(&Gpio, GPIO\_DEVICE\_ID): Takes in the address of the GPIO and its ID to initialize it.

- iii) XGpio\_SetDataDirection(&Gpio, LED\_CHANNEL, 0x0): Will set the channel to either read or write depending on the parameters.
- iv) XGpio\_DiscreteWrite(&Gpio, LED\_CHANNEL, 0xf): Will write a value based on the parameters to the given channel from a GPIO.
- e) The arguments for each function are as follows:
  - i) main(): Does not have any parameters.
  - ii) XGpio\_Initialize(&Gpio, GPIO\_DEVICE\_ID): The first parameter is the address of the GPIO you are trying to initialize and the second contains the ID of the GPIO.
  - iii) XGpio\_SetDataDirection(&Gpio, LED\_CHANNEL, 0x0): The first parameter is the address of the GPIO, the second parameter the channel, and last one is the direction that you are setting the channel to.
  - iv) XGpio\_DiscreteWrite(&Gpio, LED\_CHANNEL, 0xf): The first parameter is the address of the GPIO, the second parameter is the channel within the GPIO, and last parameter is value that you want to write to that channel.
- How do you change the LED pattern on the board? Create a custom pattern for LED on the board. Explain your answer by presenting the original and modified source code.

You can simply change the pattern on the board by modifying the constant LED. When you compare **Fig. 20** and **Fig. 21** you can see only the value of LED has been changed. So now instead of the 1001->0110 pattern, the new pattern will be 0101->1010.

```
/* Definitions */
39  #define GPIO_DEVICE_ID XPAR_AXI_GPIO_0_DEVICE_ID
40  #define LED_0x9
41  #define LED_DELAY 10000000
```

Fig. 20 Original Code

```
/* Definitions */
39 #define GPIO_DEVICE_ID XPAR_AXI_GPIO_0_DEVICE_ID
40 #define LED 0x5
41 #define LED_DELAY 10000000
```

Fig. 21 Modified code

How do you change the LED blinking rate? Explain your answer by presenting the original and modified source code.

To change the blinking rate of the pattern all you have to do is modify the LED\_DELAY value. Looking at **Fig. 22** and **Fig. 23**, I modified the original value of LED\_DELAY to be 20000000 instead of 10000000, essentially doubling the time it takes to blink.

```
/* Definitions */
39 #define GPIO_DEVICE_ID XPAR_AXI_GPIO_0_DEVICE_ID
40 #define LED 0x5
41 #define LED_DELAY 10000000
```

Fig. 22 Original Code

```
/* Definitions */
39 #define GPIO_DEVICE_ID XPAR_AXI_GPIO_0_DEVICE_ID
40 #define LED 0x5
41 #define LED_DELAY 20000000
```

Fig. 23 Modified Code

#### Week 2:

1. Explain your algorithm to design the Gray code counter in task 1. Your Gray code counter should count all 256 combinations!

The algorithm for the gray code counter includes a for loop counting from 0 to 7 because of the ZYBO board only having 4 bits. However modifying the for loop to run 256 times will still work. Inside the for loop we have a single statement that will convert our values into grey code by taking the current value and XORing it bitwise with the current value shifted once to the right. Using this statement only modifying the for loop value will be necessary to count all 256 combinations. The code for this can be found in **Fig. 9**.

2. Include the block design as well as the software application for all designs in an organized manner.

See the **Results** section for both block diagram and source code.