ECE3300L Lab 4

Switch-to-7-Segment Display with hexadecimal values

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Objective:

The objective of this lab is to design and implement a Verilog module that interfaces the switches on the Nexys A7 FPGA board with the onboard 8-digit 7-segment display. Specifically, the lab demonstrates how 4-bit binary inputs from groups of switches (SW[15:0]) can be decoded and displayed as hexadecimal digits (0–F) across the 7-segment display. The display is time-multiplexed so that each digit is refreshed rapidly in sequence, and the left four digits mirror the right four to validate signal replication

Top Display module:

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22  module top_display(
23      input clk,
24      input rst,
25      input [15:0] SW,
26      output [15:0] LED,
27      output [6:0] seg,
28      output dp,
29      output [7:0] an
30  );
31
32      assign LED = SW;
33      wire [31:0] SW_ext = {16'b0, SW};
34
35      seg7_driver u_seg7 (
36          .clk(clk),
37          .rst_n(~rst),
38          .SW(SW_ext),
39          .seg(seg),
40          .dp(dp),
41          .an(an)
42      );
43
44  endmodule
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XDC file:

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# Clock signal
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN E3    IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { clk }]; #IO_L12P_T1_MRCC_35 Sch=clk100mhz
create_clock -add -name sys_clk_pin -period 10.00 -waveform {0 5} [get_ports {clk}];
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# Clock signal
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN E3    IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { clk }]; #IO_L12P_T1_MRCC_35 Sch=clk100mhz
create_clock -add -name sys_clk_pin -period 10.00 -waveform {0 5} [get_ports {clk}];


##Switches

set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN J15   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { SW[0] }]; #IO_L24N_T3_RS0_15 Sch=sw[0]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN L16   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { SW[1] }]; #IO_L3N_T0_DQS_EMCCLK_14 Sch=sw[1]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN M13   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { SW[2] }]; #IO_L6N_T0_D08_VREF_14 Sch=sw[2]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN R15   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { SW[3] }]; #IO_L13N_T2_MRCC_14 Sch=sw[3]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN R17   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { SW[4] }]; #IO_L12N_T1_MRCC_14 Sch=sw[4]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN T18   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { SW[5] }]; #IO_L7N_T1_D10_14 Sch=sw[5]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN U18   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { SW[6] }]; #IO_L17N_T2_A13_D29_14 Sch=sw[6]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN R13   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { SW[7] }]; #IO_L5N_T0_D07_14 Sch=sw[7]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN T8    IOSTANDARD LVCMOS18 } [get_ports { SW[8] }]; #IO_L24N_T3_34 Sch=sw[8]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN U8    IOSTANDARD LVCMOS18 } [get_ports { SW[9] }]; #IO_25_34 Sch=sw[9]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN R16   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { SW[10] }]; #IO_L15P_T2_DQS_RDWR_B_14 Sch=sw[10]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN T13   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { SW[11] }]; #IO_L23P_T3_A03_D19_14 Sch=sw[11]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN H6    IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { SW[12] }]; #IO_L24P_T3_35 Sch=sw[12]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN U12   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { SW[13] }]; #IO_L20P_T3_A08_D24_14 Sch=sw[13]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN U11   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { SW[14] }]; #IO_L19N_T3_A09_D25_VREF_14 Sch=sw[14]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN V10   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { SW[15] }]; #IO_L21P_T3_DQS_14 Sch=sw[15]

## LEDs

set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN H17   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { LED[0] }]; #IO_L18P_T2_A24_15 Sch=led[0]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN K15   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { LED[1] }]; #IO_L24P_T3_RS1_15 Sch=led[1]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN J13   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { LED[2] }]; #IO_L17N_T2_A25_15 Sch=led[2]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN N14   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { LED[3] }]; #IO_L8P_T1_D11_14 Sch=led[3]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN R18   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { LED[4] }]; #IO_L7P_T1_D09_14 Sch=led[4]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN V17   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { LED[5] }]; #IO_L18N_T2_A11_D27_14 Sch=led[5]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN U17   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { LED[6] }]; #IO_L17P_T2_A14_D30_14 Sch=led[6]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN U16   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { LED[7] }]; #IO_L18P_T2_A12_D28_14 Sch=led[7]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN V16   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { LED[8] }]; #IO_L16N_T2_A15_D31_14 Sch=led[8]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN T15   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { LED[9] }]; #IO_L14N_T2_SRCC_14 Sch=led[9]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN U14   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { LED[10] }]; #IO_L22P_T3_A05_D21_14 Sch=led[10]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN T16   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { LED[11] }]; #IO_L15N_T2_DQS_DOUT_CSO_B_14 Sch=led[11]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN V15   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { LED[12] }]; #IO_L16P_T2_CSI_B_14 Sch=led[12]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN V14   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { LED[13] }]; #IO_L22N_T3_A04_D20_14 Sch=led[13]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN V12   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { LED[14] }]; #IO_L20N_T3_A07_D23_14 Sch=led[14]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN V11   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { LED[15] }]; #IO_L21N_T3_DQS_A06_D22_14 Sch=led[15]

#7 segment display

set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN T10   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports {  seg[0] }]; #IO_L24N_T3_A00_D16_14 Sch=ca
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN R10   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports {  seg[1] }]; #IO_25_14 Sch=cb
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN K16   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports {  seg[2] }]; #IO_25_15 Sch=cc
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN K13   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports {  seg[3] }]; #IO_L17P_T2_A26_15 Sch=cd
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN P15   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports {  seg[4] }]; #IO_L13P_T2_MRCC_14 Sch=ce
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN T11   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports {  seg[5] }]; #IO_L19P_T3_A10_D26_14 Sch=cf
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN L18   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports {  seg[6] }]; #IO_L4P_T0_D04_14 Sch=cg

set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN H15   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { dp }]; #IO_L19N_T3_A21_VREF_15 Sch=dp

set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN J17   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { an[0] }]; #IO_L23P_T3_FOE_B_15 Sch=an[0]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN J18   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { an[1] }]; #IO_L23N_T3_FWE_B_15 Sch=an[1]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN T9    IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { an[2] }]; #IO_L24P_T3_A01_D17_14 Sch=an[2]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN J14   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { an[3] }]; #IO_L19P_T3_A22_15 Sch=an[3]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN P14   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { an[4] }]; #IO_L8N_T1_D12_14 Sch=an[4]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN T14   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { an[5] }]; #IO_L14P_T2_SRCC_14 Sch=an[5]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN K2    IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { an[6] }]; #IO_L23P_T3_35 Sch=an[6]
set_property -dict { PACKAGE_PIN U13   IOSTANDARD LVCMOS33 } [get_ports { an[7] }]; #IO_L23N_T3_A02_D18_14 Sch=an[7]
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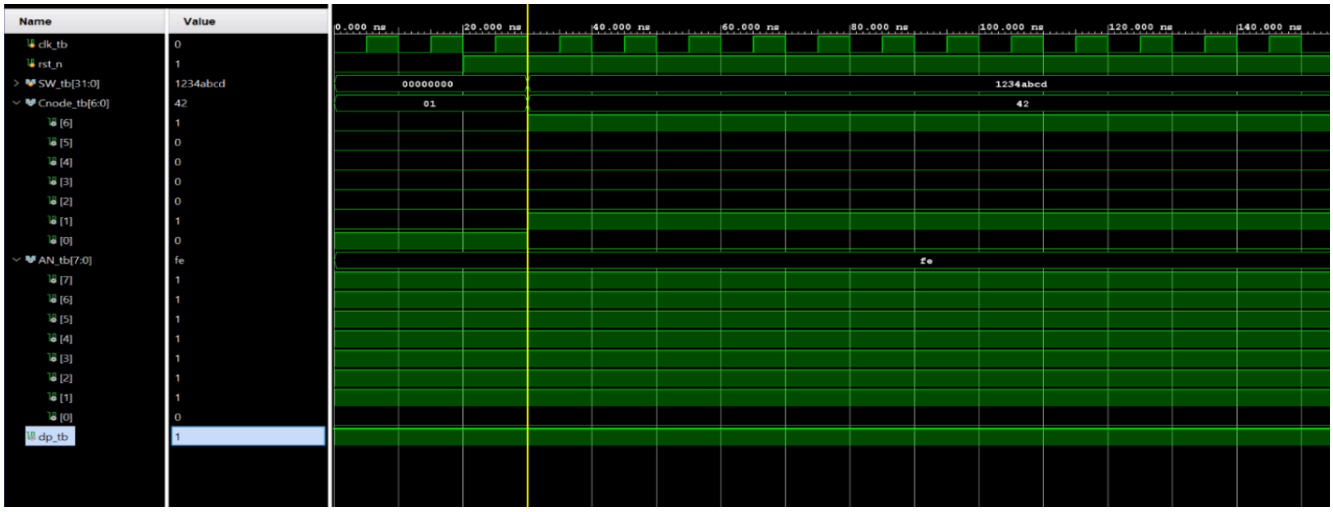
Test Bench:



This is a test bench to simulate the design's behaviour.

Video Link:
https://youtube.com/shorts/UUslM2u2vWI

Contributions:
Czyrone (50%) - Physical Demo, Verilog Code
Caleb (50%) - Test Bench
Both worked on the lab report together and troubleshooted code

Reflections:

We ran into a few issues along the way that helped us better understand how digital logic and hardware actually behave. At first, only the middle segments of the display were lighting up, which made it clear something was off. That led us to double-check the segment encodings, constraint file, and how we were handling the digit multiplexing. We also realized that using *assign* and *reg* types together can cause issues, and it's better to separate out combinational logic properly. As part of the final design, we mirrored the right four digits to the left four on the display to demonstrate data reuse and consistent segment control across all eight digits. Once we fixed those issues and got the mirrored display working correctly, everything came together. Overall, this lab really helped us get more comfortable debugging in Verilog and reminded us that in hardware design, slow and steady troubleshooting is key.