

Design Methodology:

In this lab work, we needed to design chronometer with some features. For this purpose, I used my seven segment displays code from Lab4 with minor changes such as displaying decimal numbers instead of hexa-decimal numbers. Then, I used 4-bit binary number to represent each digit of seven segment display. In this lab, display max values must be 59:59. Hence, the maximum value that second and minute digits can take is '9' and in binary, "1001"; maximum value that tenseconds and tenminutes digits can take is '5' and in binary, "0101". After that, I designed counter module under the top module. The other three modules are for seven segment displays. In counter module, firstly, I wrote clock divider to acquire 1 Hz clock which has a period of one second. And with using 1 Hz clock in the process that I wrote chronometer, three pushbuttons worked as I expected. But for the pushbuttons to toggle pause/resume feature and forwards/backwards feature, I needed to convert pushbuttons to switches. When I click once to pushbutton, it must toggle on and when I click again, it must toggle off. So, for this purpose I used FSM.

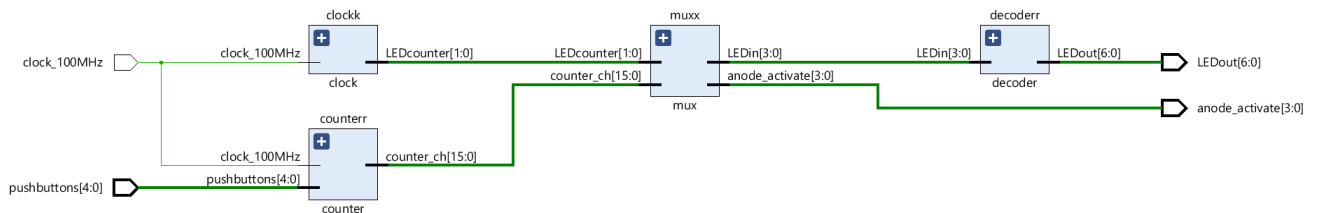


Figure 1: RTL Schematic

Pushbuttons	P.B. Working Type	Features
Pushbutton Up	Switch	Pause / Resume Chr.
Pushbutton Down	Switch	Change Counting Mode
Pushbutton Center	Button	Reset Chronometer
Pushbutton Right	Button	Add 10 Seconds
Pushbutton Left	Button	Subtract 10 Seconds

Table 1: Pushbuttons and Features

Results:

After Synthesis and Implementation, I checked for RTL schematics. Schematic of counter module is very long because of the if statements in VHDL code. Schematics are:

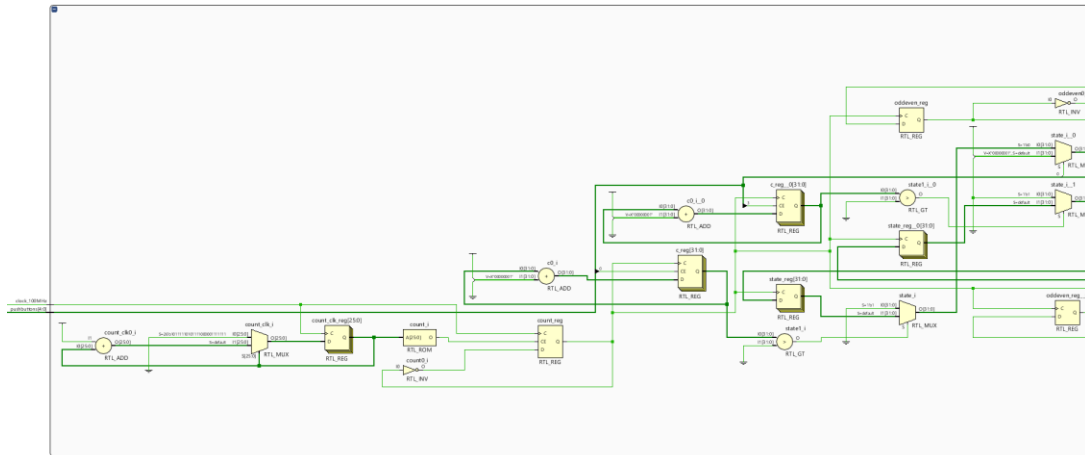


Figure 2: Schematic of Counter Module Part 1

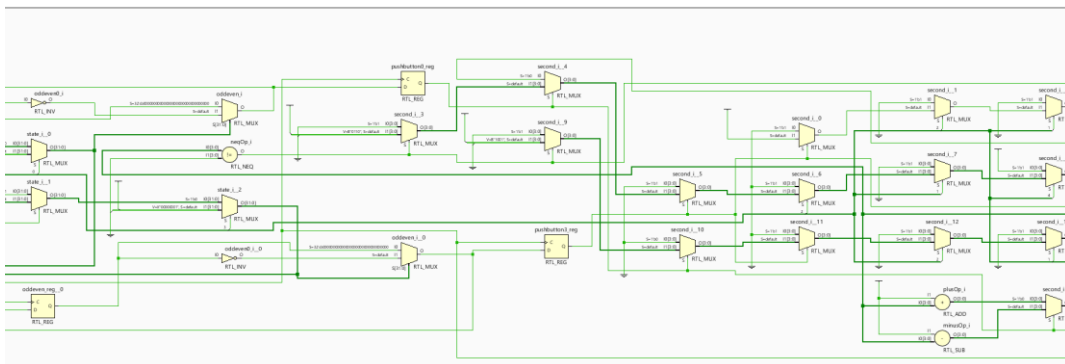


Figure 3: Schematic of Counter Module Part 2

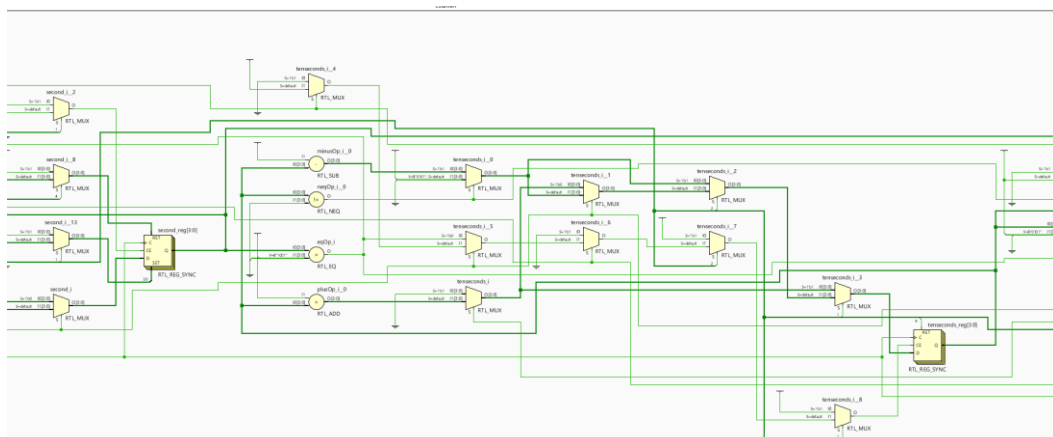


Figure 4: Schematic of Counter Module Part 3

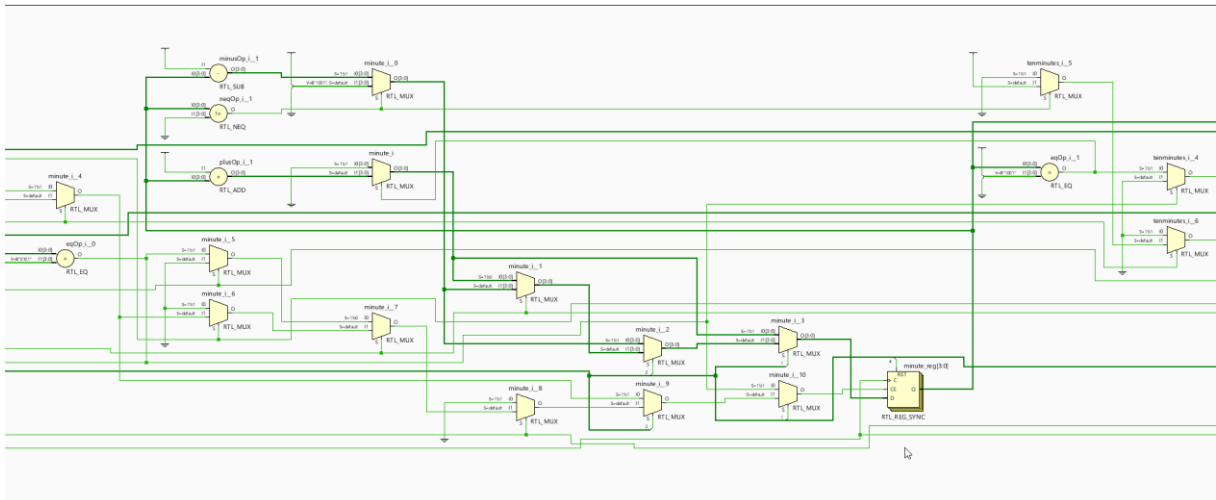


Figure 5: Schematic of Counter Module Part 4

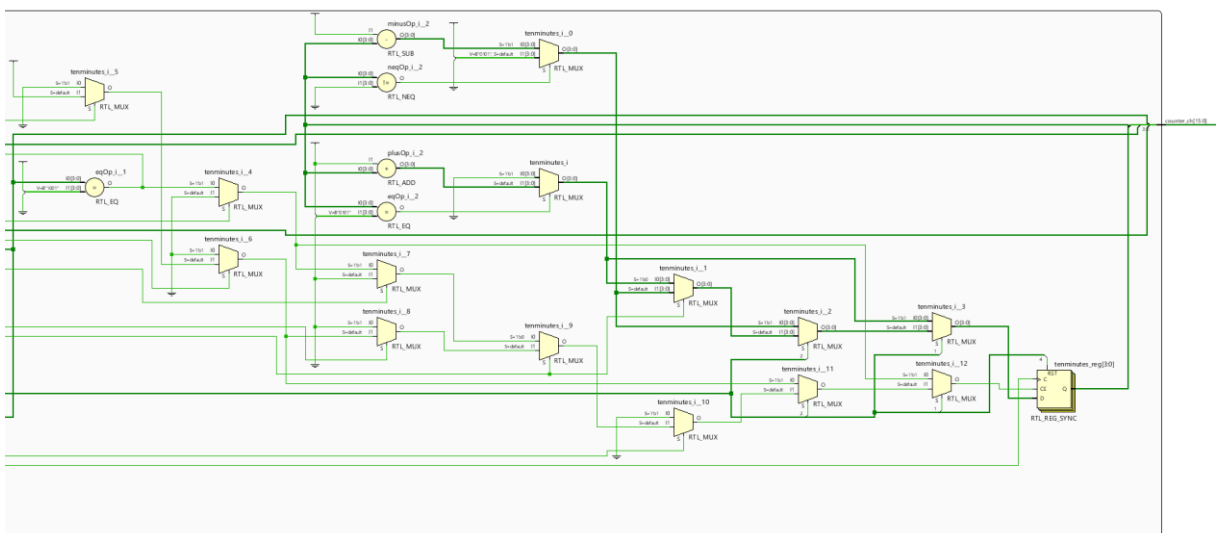


Figure 6: Schematic of Counter Module Part 5

After generating bitstream and programming FPGA device, our demo results are as we expected:

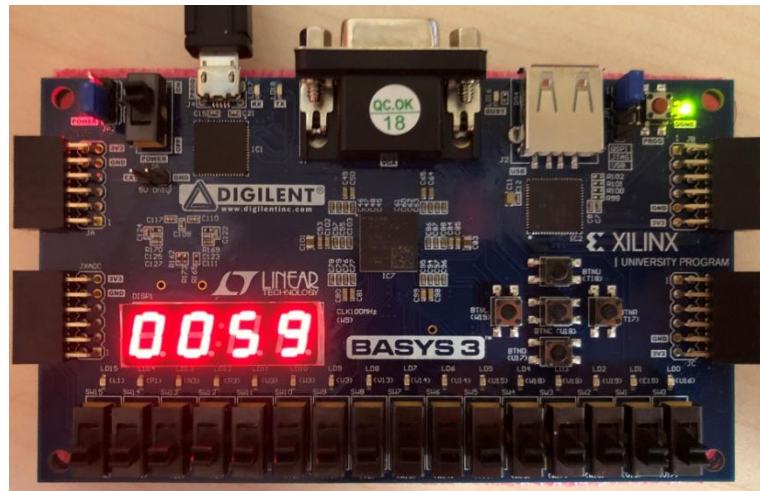


Figure 7: Demo 1 – Forwards Counting Mode and Pause

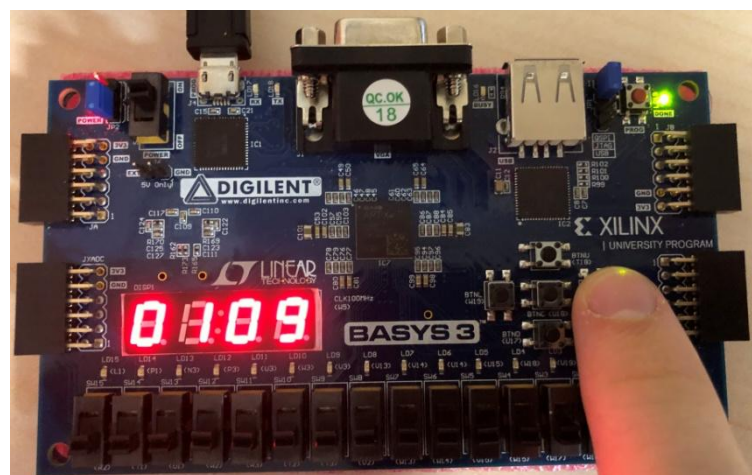


Figure 8: Demo 2 – Add 10 Seconds

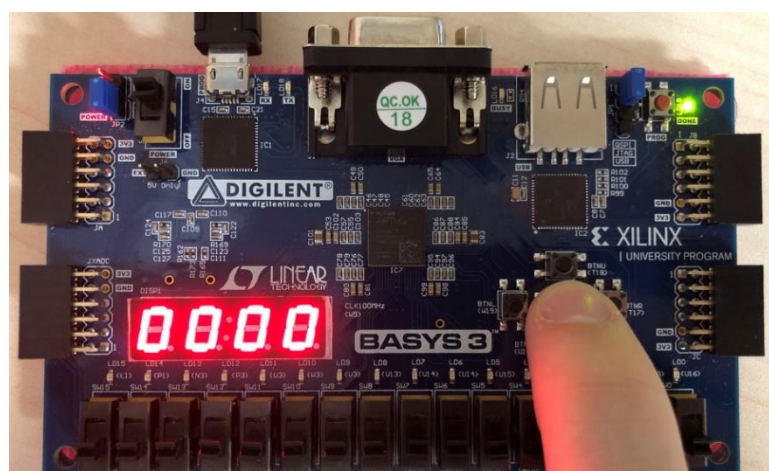


Figure 9: Demo 3 – Reset Chronometer

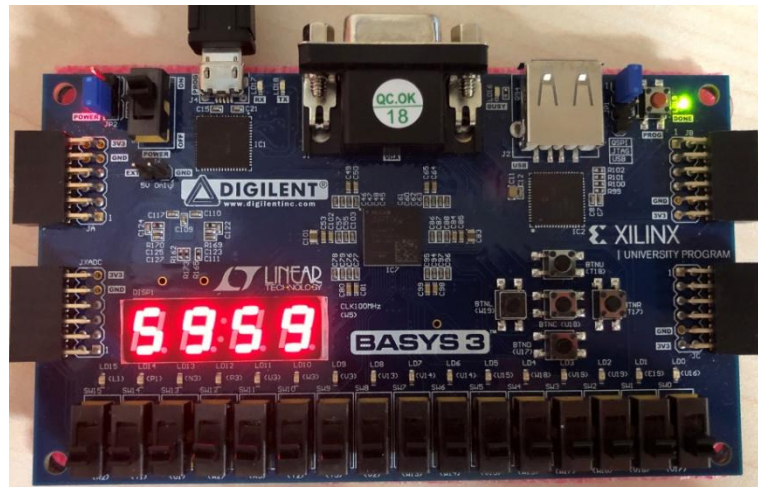


Figure 10: Demo 4 – Resume and Backwards Counting Mode

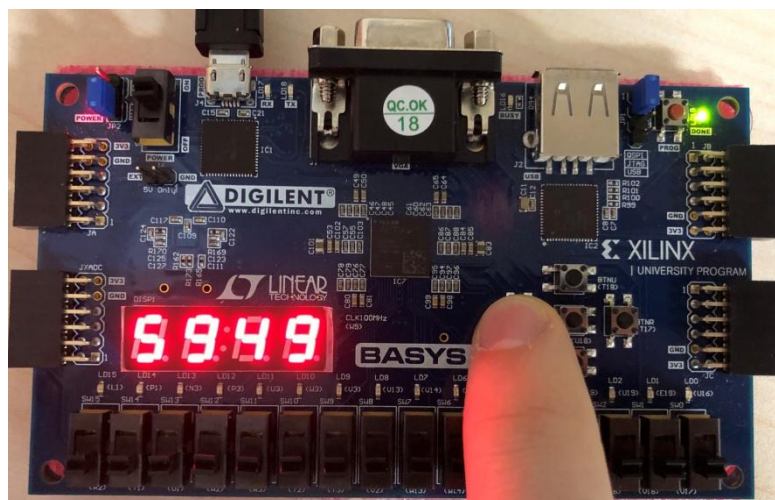


Figure 11: Demo 5 – Subtract 10 Seconds

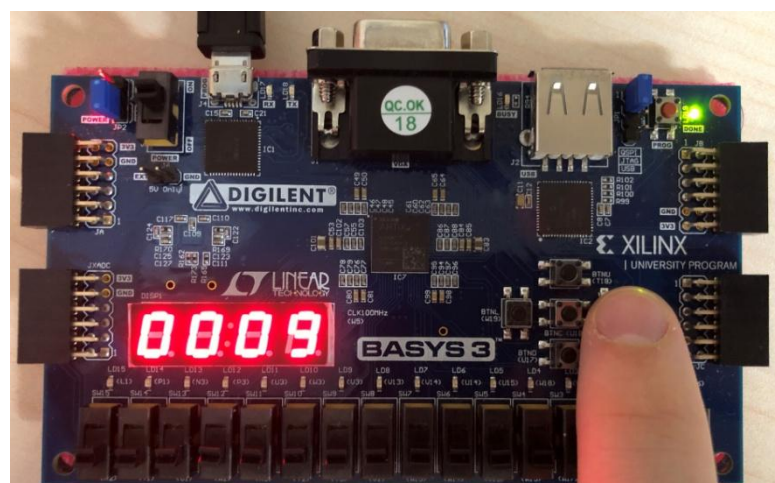


Figure 12: Demo 6 – Add 10 Second (Clicked twice)

Conclusion:

In this lab experiment I learned to design with memory and using 100 MHz clock to acquire real time values such as second. Also, I realized that using pushbuttons is a bit challenging because if we use fast clock, when we push to pushbutton, it can count 2 or 3 counts. So, we can use D FF's, FSM or slow clock. To use pushbuttons with features of reset, add 10 seconds, subtract 10 second; I use clock divider to acquire slow clock which is 1 Hz (I could use 4 Hz clock instead but since I am counting seconds, I did not wanted to write more if statements such as if count = 5 then second <= second +1;) And also I needed to use two pushbutton for pause/resume feature and change counting mode feature. In these features, I needed to convert pushbuttons to switches then I used Finite State Machine for this situation. I defined oddeven variable and I changed this value at every click.

```
process(count) -- pushbutton 0 fsm to use as switch
  variable c: integer :=0;
  variable state: integer :=0;
  variable oddeven: std_logic :='0';
  begin
    if rising_edge(count) then
      if pushbuttons(0) = '0' then
        if c > 0 then
          state:= 0;
        end if;
      else
        state := 1;
        c := c+1;
      end if;
      if state = 0 then
        oddeven := oddeven;
      else
        oddeven := NOT oddeven;
      end if;
      if oddeven = '0' then
        pushbutton0 <= '0';
      else
        pushbutton0 <= '1';
      end if;
    end if;
  end process;
```

Questions:

- 1) Do you use any type of memory when taking inputs from buttons? If so, please explain.

Yes, I used memory in the code part above. To avoid multiple clicks, I defined variable "state" and to use pushbutton as switch, I defined variable "oddeven". Memory keeps

values of these variables. For example until I press button again, oddeven keeps its value and my chronometer's counting mode is not changing. To be more specific, I used positive edge triggered D-type Flip-Flops I think. I also added little part of code to below:

```
if rising_edge(count) then
    ...
    if state = 0 then
        oddeven := oddeven;
    else
        oddeven := NOT oddeven;
```

- 2) What type of memory do you think your chronometer uses (latches, flip-flops etc.)?
Can you show which part of your code results in this kind of memory?

I think chronometer uses positive edge triggered D-type Flip-Flops. Because I used process with rising_edge of 1 Hz clock signal. Also "second <= second" or "second <= second+1" usage inside process with clock shows us it uses memory and FF. Some part of code can be found below:

```
process(count) --chronometer process
begin
    if rising_edge(count) then

        -- ... I cut some codes here

    if pushbutton3 = '1' then -- pause and resume chronometer
        second <= second;
    else
        if pushbutton0 = '0' then -- forward counting mode
            second <= second +1;
            if second = "1001" then
                second <= "0000";
                tenseconds <= tenseconds +1;

            -- ... I cut some codes here

        else -- backward counting mode
            if second /= "0000" then
                second <= second -1;
```

Appendices:

Top Module - Chronometer:

```
library IEEE;
```

```
use IEEE.STD_LOGIC_1164.ALL;
```

```
entity chronometer is
```

```
    Port (
```

```
        clock_100MHz: in std_logic;
```

```
        pushbuttons: in std_logic_vector(4 downto 0);
```

```
        LEDout: out std_logic_vector (6 downto 0);
```

```
        anode_activate: out std_logic_vector (3 downto 0)
```

```
    );
```

```
end chronometer;
```

```
architecture Behavioral of chronometer is
```

```
    component counter is
```

```
        Port (
```

```
            clock_100MHz: in std_logic;
```

```
            pushbuttons: in std_logic_vector(4 downto 0);
```

```
            counter_ch: out std_logic_vector (15 downto 0)
```

```
        );
```

```
    end component;
```

```
    component clock is
```

```
        Port (
```

```
            clock_100MHz: in std_logic;
```



```
    LEDcounter: out std_logic_vector (1 downto 0)

);

end component;

component mux is

Port (

    LEDcounter: in std_logic_vector (1 downto 0);

    counter_ch: in std_logic_vector (15 downto 0);

    LEDin: out std_logic_vector (3 downto 0);

    anode_activate: out std_logic_vector (3 downto 0)

);

end component;

component decoder is

Port (

    LEDin: in std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);

    LEDout: out std_logic_vector (6 downto 0)

);

end component;

signal LEDcounter: std_logic_vector (1 downto 0);

signal LEDin: std_logic_vector (3 downto 0);

signal counter_ch: std_logic_vector(15 downto 0);

begin

clockk: clock port map ( clock_100MHz => clock_100MHz, LEDcounter => LEDcounter);

decoderr: decoder port map ( LEDin => LEDin, LEDout => LEDout);

muxx: mux port map ( LEDcounter => LEDcounter, counter_ch => counter_ch, LEDin =>
LEDin, anode_activate => anode_activate);
```

```
counterr: counter port map ( clock_100MHz => clock_100MHz, pushbuttons => pushbuttons,  
counter_ch => counter_ch);
```

```
end Behavioral;
```

Counter Module:

```
library IEEE;
```

```
use IEEE.STD_LOGIC_1164.ALL;
```

```
use IEEE.std_logic_unsigned.all;
```

```
entity counter is
```

```
    Port (
```

```
        clock_100MHz: in std_logic;
```

```
        pushbuttons: in std_logic_vector(4 downto 0);
```

```
        counter_ch: out std_logic_vector (15 downto 0)
```

```
    );
```

```
end counter;
```

```
architecture Behavioral of counter is
```

```
    signal counter2: integer:= 0;
```

```
    signal count : std_logic;
```

```
    signal second :std_logic_vector(3 downto 0);
```

```
    signal tenseconds : std_logic_vector (3 downto 0);
```

```
    signal minute : std_logic_vector (3 downto 0);
```

```
    signal tenminutes : std_logic_vector (3 downto 0);
```

```
    signal pushbutton3 : std_logic;
```

```
    signal pushbutton0 : std_logic;
```

begin

clk_div : process (clock_100MHz) -- 100MHz to 1Hz, 50% duty cycle, clock divider

variable count_clk : integer range 0 to 49999999 := 0; -- (100.000.000/1)/2 - 1

begin

if (rising_edge(clock_100MHz)) then

if (count_clk = 49999999) then

count <= not count; -- to obtain a 50% duty cycle

count_clk := 0;

else

count_clk := count_clk + 1;

end if;

end if;

end process clk_div;

process(count) -- pushbutton 3 fsm to use as switch

variable c: integer :=0;

variable state: integer :=0;

variable oddeven: std_logic;

begin

if rising_edge(count) then

if pushbuttons(3) = '0' then

if c > 0 then

state:= 0;

```
        end if;

    else

        state := 1;

        c := c+1;

    end if;

    if state = 0 then

        oddeven := oddeven;

    else

        oddeven := NOT oddeven;

    end if;

    if oddeven = '0' then

        pushbutton3 <= '0';

    else

        pushbutton3 <= '1';

    end if;

end if;

end process;

process(count) -- pushbutton 0 fsm to use as switch
variable c: integer :=0;
variable state: integer :=0;
variable oddeven: std_logic :='0';
begin

    if rising_edge(count) then
```

```
if pushbuttons(0) = '0' then
    if c > 0 then
        state:= 0;
    end if;
else
    state := 1;
    c := c+1;
end if;

if state = 0 then
    oddeven := oddeven;
else
    oddeven := NOT oddeven;
end if;

if oddeven = '0' then
    pushbutton0 <= '0';
else
    pushbutton0 <= '1';
end if;
end if;
end process;

process(count) --chronometer process
begin
    if rising_edge(count) then -- reset chronometer
```

```
if pushbuttons(4) = '1' then
```

```
second <= "0000";
```

```
tenseconds <= "0000";
```

```
minute <= "0000";
```

```
tenminutes <= "0000";
```

```
elseif pushbuttons(1) = '1' then -- add 10 seconds
```

```
    tenseconds <= tenseconds +1;
```

```
    if tenseconds = "0101" then
```

```
        tenseconds <= "0000";
```

```
        minute <= minute +1;
```

```
        if minute = "1001" then
```

```
            minute <= "0000";
```

```
            tenminutes <= tenminutes +1;
```

```
            if tenminutes = "0101" then
```

```
                tenminutes <= "0000";
```

```
            end if;
```

```
        end if;
```

```
    end if;
```

```
elseif pushbuttons(2) = '1' then --subtract 10 seconds
```

```
    if tenseconds /= "0000" then
```

```
        tenseconds <= tenseconds - 1;
```

```
    else
```

```
tenseconds <= "0101";  
  
if minute /= "0000" then  
  
    minute <= minute -1;  
  
else  
  
    minute <= "1001";  
  
    if tenminutes /= "0000" then  
  
        tenminutes <= tenminutes -1;  
  
    else  
  
        tenminutes <= "0101";  
  
    end if;  
  
end if;  
  
end if;  
  
else  
  
    if pushbutton3 = '1' then -- pause and resume chronometer  
  
        second <= second;  
  
    else  
  
        if pushbutton0 = '0' then -- forward counting mode  
  
            second <= second +1;  
  
            if second = "1001" then  
  
                second <= "0000";  
  
                tenseconds <= tenseconds +1;  
  
                if tenseconds = "0101" then  
  
                    tenseconds <= "0000";
```



```
minute <= minute +1;

if minute = "1001" then

    minute <= "0000";

    tenminutes <= tenminutes +1;

    if tenminutes = "0101" then

        tenminutes <= "0000";

    end if;

end if;

end if;

end if;

else          -- backward counting mode

    if second /= "0000" then

        second <= second -1;

    else

        second <= "1001";

        if tensesconds /= "0000" then

            tensesconds <= tensesconds - 1;

        else

            tensesconds <= "0101";

        end if;

        if minute /= "0000" then

            minute <= minute -1;

        else
```

```
minute <= "1001";

if tenminutes /= "0000" then

    tenminutes <= tenminutes -1;

else

    tenminutes <= "0101";

end if;

end if;

end if;

end if;

end if;

end if;

end process;


counter_ch(3 downto 0) <= second;

counter_ch(7 downto 4) <= tenseconds;

counter_ch(11 downto 8) <= minute;

counter_ch(15 downto 12) <= tenminutes;


end Behavioral;
```