



Complex Engineering Problem

System Verilog FSM for an Elevator Control System

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Introduction

Elevators have become a fundamental part of modern urban living, making it easier for people to move through multi-story buildings with convenience and safety. The smooth and reliable operation of elevators is essential to ensure efficient vertical transportation. In this project, we focus on designing a System Verilog Finite State Machine (FSM) that controls an elevator system, addressing the complex demands of multi-story buildings while balancing user requests and safety measures.

The elevator control system we're developing follows a set of key requirements, such as handling floor selection, managing emergency stops, supervising floors with limit sensors, and using an intuitive user interface. Rigorous testing and simulation will ensure the system functions effectively.

Assumptions

These assumptions guide how the elevator control system operates in different situations:

1. **Direction Persistence**

The elevator will not change direction until all requests in that direction are completed. If it's moving upwards, it will continue serving upward requests until there are none left, and the same for downward movement. This keeps the elevator's operation efficient.

2. **Idle State**

Once all requests are served, the elevator stops and enters an idle state at the last floor. This prevents unnecessary movement and ensures the elevator is available for new requests.

3. **Door Control Signal**

Arrival sensors trigger the elevator doors to open for a set time when reaching a destination floor. This ensures that passengers can safely enter and exit the elevator.

These assumptions provide a clear understanding of how the system works and help in designing states, transitions, and test scenarios to ensure the system runs efficiently and safely.

Improved Priority Algorithm

1. Priority Algorithm Overview

We've enhanced the elevator control system with a modified priority algorithm that improves how requests are handled. This system now prioritizes requests based on proximity and direction, surpassing the limitations of the traditional First-Come-First-Serve (FCFS) method.

2. Proximity-Based Prioritization

- **Directional Priority:**

The elevator prioritizes requests based on the direction it's moving. If it's going up, it will first serve requests for floors higher than its current position. Similarly, it will prioritize lower floors when moving downwards.

- **Proximity Priority:**

Within the same direction, the elevator prioritizes requests for the nearest floors. This ensures that the most relevant requests are handled first, reducing unnecessary travel and wait times.

3. Efficient Movement Planning

- **Direction Adjustment:**
The elevator adjusts its direction based on the highest-priority request. For example, if it's moving upward but a higher-priority request is in the opposite direction, it will change course to serve that request.
- **Reducing Unnecessary Stops:**
By focusing on requests in the same direction and minimizing the distance between them, the algorithm reduces the number of stops, saving energy and time for passengers.

4. Handling Multiple Requests

- **Optimized Order:**
When there are multiple requests in the same direction, the system optimizes the order in which they're served. This minimizes travel distance and maximizes efficiency.
- **Energy Efficiency:**
The optimized order reduces elevator movement and energy consumption, contributing to both passenger convenience and environmental benefits.

5. Emergency System Integration

- **Emergency Stop:**
In case of an emergency, passengers can press the emergency stop button, halting the elevator. Once the situation is resolved, the elevator resumes operation from where it left off, maintaining both safety and efficiency.
- **Resumption After Emergency:**
After an emergency stop, the elevator resumes normal operation, continuing to serve requests based on the saved direction and status.

Scalable Elevator Control System

Our elevator control system is currently designed for an 8-floor building, but it can easily scale to work with buildings of different heights, ranging from just 2 floors to high-rise buildings with 64 floors or more. This flexibility showcases the system's scalability and adaptability.

1. Adaptive Scalability

The system is not restricted to any particular number of floors. It can be scaled up or down with minimal changes to the code while keeping the core state machine intact.

2. Unified State Table and Diagram

The elevator's state table and transition logic remain consistent, regardless of the number of floors. This makes the system easy to modify, understand, and maintain.

3. Resource Efficiency

Our design balances flexibility with resource efficiency, ensuring the system remains responsive and resource-friendly, even when scaled to handle more floors.

4. Code Maintainability

Despite being scalable, the code remains well-organized and easy to maintain, ensuring that adding or removing floors doesn't introduce complexity.

5. Thorough Testing and Validation

Extensive testing has been done for the 8-floor configuration, proving the system's reliability and robustness. Future scalability tests will ensure it works well with larger or smaller buildings.

6. Universal Applicability

This system is versatile and can be applied to various buildings. Architects and developers can rely on it to meet different requirements, whether a small building or a high-rise.

Future-Ready Design

By optimizing the system for scalability, we are preparing for the evolving demands of vertical transportation. As buildings grow taller and more complex, this future-proof design will adapt without sacrificing performance or efficiency

State Tables

Table 1: Finite State Machine Transitions

Table 1 provides a comprehensive overview of the finite state machine transitions in our elevator control system. It details the current states, input conditions, next states, and the corresponding output actions. This table serves as a vital reference for understanding how the elevator behaves and responds in various scenarios, including reset conditions, door operations, and movement directions.

Current State	Input	Next State	Output
Reset	reset = 1	Reset	Idle =1,door=0, Up=1, Down=0,requests=0, estop=0, current_floor=0
	reset = 0	Door Closed & Idle (1)	Idle =1,door=0, Up=1, door_timer=0
Door Closed & Idle (1)	Checker : requests[current_floor] = 1	Door Open & Idle (1)	door = 1; idle = 1; requests[current_floor] = 0; door_timer = 1
	max_request > current_floor && Up = 0	Moving Up	idle = 0; current floor +=1
	min_request > current_floor && Down = 0	Moving Down	idle = 0; current floor -=1
	max_request = current_floor	Down Direction Setter	Up=0; Down=1
	min_request = current_floor	Up Direction Setter	Up=1; Down=0
Door Open & Idle (1)	door_timer = 1	Door Closed & Idle (1)	Idle =1,door=0, Up=1, door_timer=0
Moving Up	Checker = 1	Door Open & Idle (1)	door = 1; idle = 1; requests[current_floor] = 0; door_timer = 1
	Checker = 0	Moving Up	idle = 0; current floor +=1
	estop = 1	Door Closed & Idle (1)	Idle =1,door=0, Up=1, door_timer=0
Moving Down	Checker = 1	Door Open & Idle (1)	door = 1; idle = 1; requests[current_floor] = 0; door_timer = 1
	Checker = 0	Moving Down	idle = 0; current floor -=1
	estop = 1	Door Closed & Idle (1)	Idle =1,door=0, Up=1, door_timer=0
Up Direction Setter	x	Door Open & Idle (1)	door = 1; idle = 1; requests[current_floor] = 0; door_timer = 1
Down Direction Setter	x	Door Open & Idle (1)	door = 1; idle = 1; requests[current_floor] = 0; door_timer = 1

Table 2: Request Management and Prioritization

Table 2 offers a succinct representation of state transitions related to updating elevator requests, as well as managing max_request and min_request variables. It illustrates how the elevator system processes new floor requests and maintains these critical variables, which are essential for optimizing request prioritization and elevator movement. This table simplifies the understanding of how request management operates within the elevator control system.

Current State	Input	Next State	Output
UpdateRequests	NewFloorRequested	NewFloorRequested	x
	No NewFloorRequested	UpdateRequests	
NewFloorRequested	max_req < req_floor	UpdateMaxReq	max_req = req_floor
	min_req > req_floor	UpdateMinReq	min_req = req_floor
	req[max_req] == 0 & req_floor > currFloor	UpdateMaxReq	max_req = req_floor
	req[min_req] == 0 & req_floor < currFloor	UpdateMinReq	min_req = req_floor
UpdateMaxReq	x	UpdateRequests	x
UpdateMinReq		UpdateRequests	

State Diagrams

This section presents comprehensive state diagrams that illustrate the finite state machine of our elevator control system. Alongside the implementation in System Verilog, these diagrams were generated using the Python library pydot. They offer a clear and intuitive visualization of the elevator's operational states and transitions, facilitating a better understanding of the system's behavior and responses under various scenarios.

Diagram 1

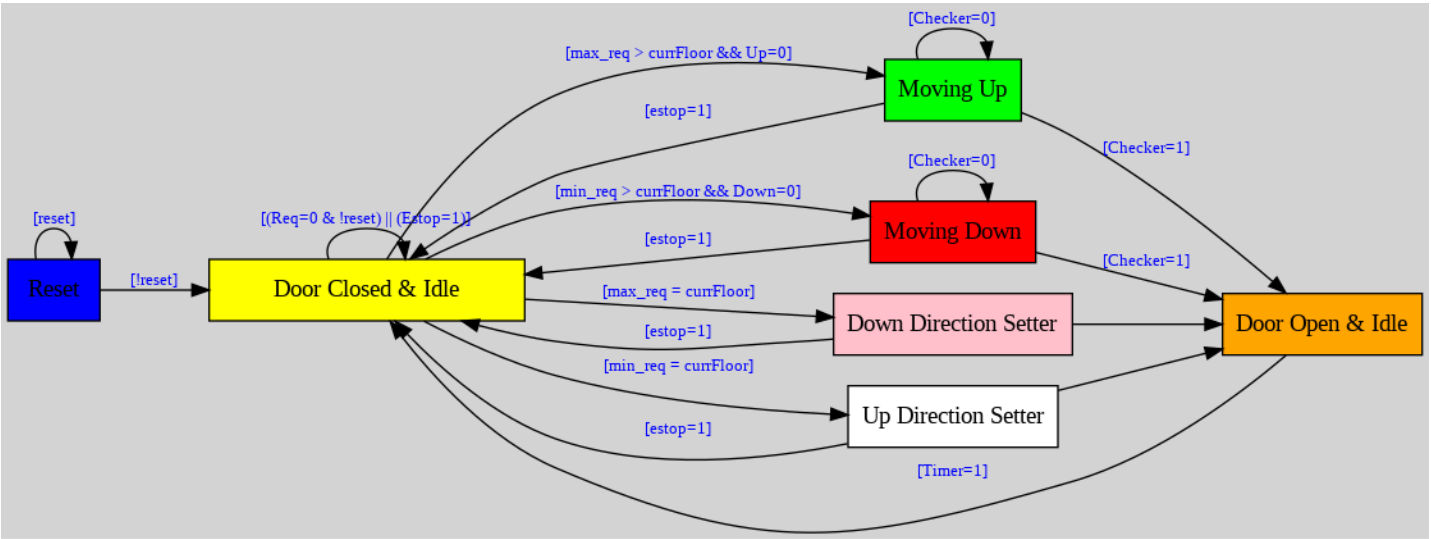
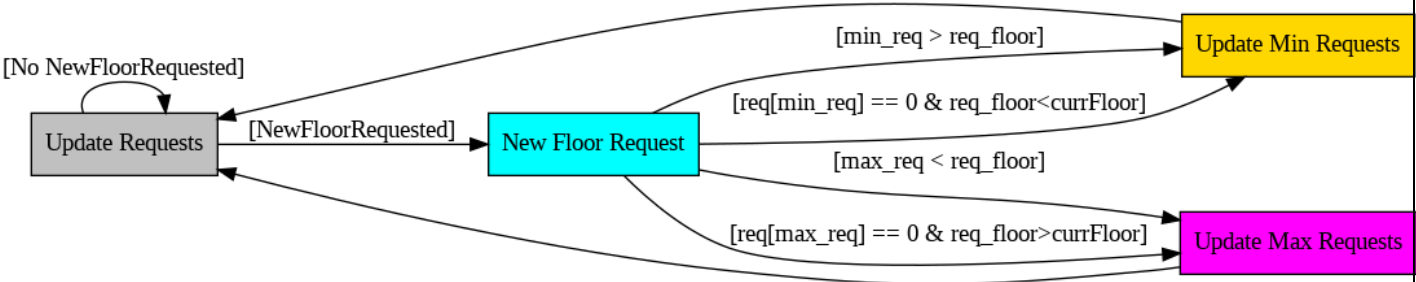


Diagram 2



Design.sv (Part 1)

design.sv



```
1 module Lift8(clk, reset, req_floor, idle, door, Up, Down, current_floor, requests, max_request, min_request, emergency_stop);
2
3   input clk, reset, emergency_stop;
4   input logic [2:0] req_floor;    // 3-bit input for 8 floors (0 to 7)
5   output logic [1:0] door;
6   output logic [2:0] max_request;
7   output logic [2:0] min_request;
8   output logic [1:0] Up;
9   output logic [1:0] Down;
10  output logic [1:0] idle;
11  output logic [2:0] current_floor;
12  output logic [7:0] requests;
13
14  logic door_timer;
15  logic emergency_stopped;
16  logic flag=0;
17
18  // Update requests when a new floor is requested
19  always @(req_floor)
20  begin
21    requests[req_floor] = 1;
22  // Update max_request and min_request based on requested floors
23    if (max_request < req_floor)
24    begin
25      max_request = req_floor;
26    end
27
28    if (min_request > req_floor)
29    begin
30      min_request = req_floor;
31    end
32
33    // Update max_request and min_request based on current floor
34
35    if (requests[max_request] == 0 && req_floor > current_floor)
36    begin
37      max_request = req_floor;
38    end
39
40    if (requests[min_request] == 0 && req_floor < current_floor)
41    begin
42      min_request = req_floor;
43    end
44  end
45
46  // Check and update lift behavior based on current floor
47  always @(current_floor )
48  begin
49    if (requests[current_floor] == 1)
50    begin
51      idle = 1;
52      door = 1;
53      requests[current_floor] = 0;
54      door_timer = 1; // Start the door timer when opening
55    end
56  end
57 end
```

Design.sv (Part 2)

design.sv

```
59 // State machine for lift control
60 always @(posedge clk)
61
62 begin
63     if (door_timer == 1)
64     begin
65         door <= 0; // Close the door after the one clock expires
66         // $display("%h", current_floor);
67     end
68     if (reset)
69     begin
70         // Reset lift to initial state
71         flag=0;
72         current_floor <= 0;
73         idle <= 0;
74         door <= 0; // door open
75         Up <= 1; // going up
76         Down <= 0; // not going down
77         max_request <= 0;
78         min_request <= 7;
79         requests <= 0;
80         emergency_stopped <= 0; // Initialize emergency stop state
81     end
82     else if (requests == 0 && !reset)
83     begin
84         // Stay on the current floor if no requests
85         current_floor <= current_floor;
86         emergency_stopped <= 0; // Clear emergency stop when not moving
87     end
88     // emergency
89     else if (emergency_stop)
90     begin
91         // Emergency stop button is turned on
92         idle <= 1;
93         flag <=1;
94         emergency_stopped <= 1; // Set emergency stop state
95     end
96     else if (emergency_stopped && emergency_stop)
97     begin
98         // Remain stopped until the emergency stop button is reset
99         current_floor <= current_floor;
100         door <= 0; // Keep the door closed during an emergency stop
101     end
102     // emergency reset
103     else if (!emergency_stop && flag)
104     begin
105         // Emergency stop button is turned off
106         emergency_stopped <= 0; // Set emergency stop state
107         flag <=0;
108     end
109     else
110     begin
111         // Normal operation when not in emergency stop
112         if (max_request <= 7)
113         begin
114             if (min_request < current_floor && Down == 1)
115                 begin
```


Design.sv (Part 3)

```
114     if (min_request < current_floor && Down == 1)
115     begin
116         // Move down one floor
117         current_floor <= current_floor - 1;
118         door <= 0;
119         idle <= 0;
120     end
121     else if (max_request > current_floor && Up == 1)
122     begin
123         // Move up one floor
124         current_floor <= current_floor + 1;
125         door <= 0;
126         idle <= 0;
127     end
128     else if (req_floor == current_floor)
129     begin
130         // Open door and handle request
131         door <= 1;
132         idle <= 1;
133     end
134     else if (max_request == current_floor)
135     begin
136         Up <= 0;
137         Down <= 1;
138     end
139     else if (min_request == current_floor)
140     begin
141         Up <= 1;
142         Down <= 0;
143     end
144 end
145 end
146 end
147 endmodule
148
```

Design.sv Explanation

Module Declaration

- The Verilog module named "**Lift8**" is designed to manage the elevator system. It has several input and output signals that help it function smoothly:
 - **Inputs:**
 - **clk**: The clock signal keeps everything in sync.
 - **reset**: A reset signal to start the elevator system from scratch.
 - **req_floor**: A 3-bit input representing the requested floors (from 0 to 7).
 - **emergency_stop**: A button to immediately stop the elevator in case of an emergency.
 - **Outputs:**
 - **door**: A 2-bit output showing the state of the elevator door (open or closed).
 - **max_request**: A 3-bit output indicating the highest requested floor.
 - **min_request**: A 3-bit output indicating the lowest requested floor.
 - **Up**: A 2-bit output that tells whether the elevator is moving up.
 - **Down**: A 2-bit output that tells whether the elevator is moving down.
 - **idle**: A 2-bit output indicating if the elevator is idle.
 - **current_floor**: A 3-bit output showing which floor the elevator is currently on.
 - **requests**: An 8-bit output representing all floor requests.

Internal Variables

- **door_timer**: This signal manages how long the elevator door stays open or closed.
- **emergency_stopped**: Indicates if the elevator is currently in emergency stop mode.
- **flag**: Helps manage transitions when the elevator is in emergency stop mode.
- **updownflag**: Tracks the previous "Up" and "Down" directions during an emergency reset.

Request Handling

- An **always block** updates the elevator's request list based on what floors are requested.
- It also keeps track of the **max_request** (highest requested floor) and **min_request** (lowest requested floor) to efficiently manage the requests.

Current Floor Handling

- Another **always blocks** takes care of what happens when the elevator reaches a requested floor:
 - When the elevator arrives at a requested floor, it switches to idle mode, opens the door,

clears the request, and starts the door timer.

State Machine for Lift Control

- The main logic of the elevator control system is implemented in an **always @(posedge clk)** block, which represents a synchronous state machine.
- It manages different states and transitions:
 - **Reset:** Initializes the elevator's state.
 - **Emergency Stop:** Activated when the emergency stop button is pressed.
 - **Emergency Stop (During Stopped State):** The elevator stays stopped until the emergency stop button is released.
 - **Emergency Reset:** Clears the emergency stop state when the button is released.
 - **Normal Operation:** Controls the elevator's movement based on requests and the current floor.
 - **Opening Door:** Opens the door when the elevator arrives at a requested floor.
 - **Other Cases:** Manages the elevator's movement when going up, down, or staying idle based on requests.

Usage of min_request and max_request

- **min_request** tracks the lowest floor with pending requests, while **max_request** tracks the highest.
- These variables help the elevator move efficiently:
 - If the elevator is going up and reaches the **max_request**, it will change direction and start moving down to serve the lower floors.
 - Similarly, if it's going down and hits the **min_request**, it will switch to go back up for higher floors.
- This ensures that the elevator prioritizes requests based on their locations, reducing unnecessary travel and wait times.

Testbench (Part 1)

testbench.sv

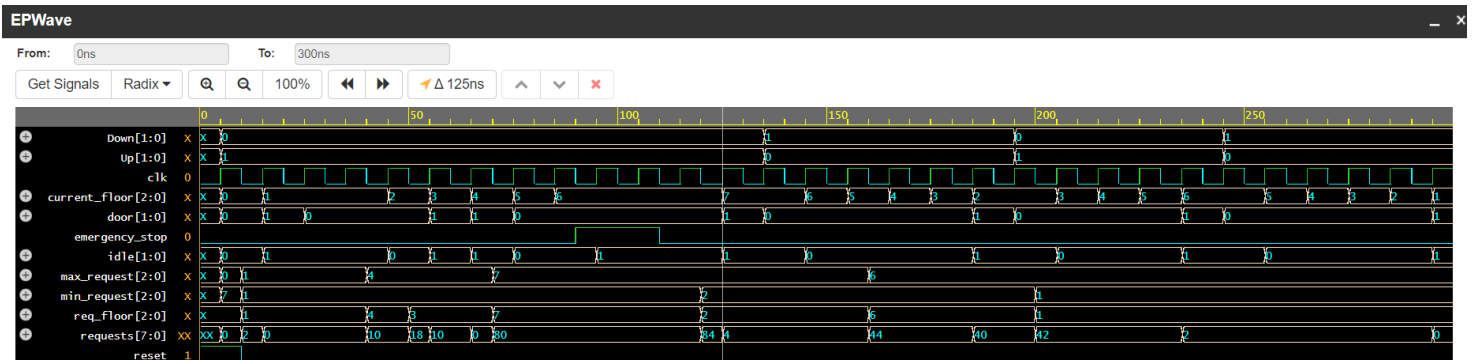


```
1 module Lift8_Tb();
2   logic clk, reset;
3   logic [2:0] req_floor;
4   logic [1:0] idle, door, Up, Down;
5   logic [2:0] current_floor;
6   logic [2:0] max_request, min_request;
7   logic [7:0] requests;
8   logic emergency_stop;
9
10  Lift8 dut(
11    .clk(clk),
12    .reset(reset),
13    .req_floor(req_floor),
14    .idle(idle),
15    .door(door),
16    .Up(Up),
17    .Down(Down),
18    .current_floor(current_floor),
19    .max_request(max_request),
20    .min_request(min_request),
21    .requests(requests),
22    .emergency_stop(emergency_stop)
23  );
24
25  initial begin
26    $dumpfile("waveform.vcd"); // Specify the VCD waveform output file
27    $dumpvars(0, Lift8_Tb);    // Dump all variables in the module hierarchy
28
29    clk = 1'b0;
30    emergency_stop = 0;
31    reset = 1;
32    #10;
33    reset = 0;
34    req_floor = 1;
35    #30;
36    req_floor = 4;
37
38    #10
39
40    // Simulate elevator operation
41    req_floor = 3; // Request floor 3
42    #20;
43    req_floor = 7; // Request floor 5
44    #20;
45    emergency_stop = 1; // Activate emergency stop
46    #20;
47    emergency_stop = 0; // Deactivate emergency stop
48    #10;
49    req_floor = 2; // Request floor 2
50    #40;
51    req_floor = 6; // Request floor 6
52    #20;
53
54    #20;
55    req_floor = 1;
56  end
```

Testbench (Part 2)

```
57
58   initial begin
59     $display("Starting simulation...");
60
61     $monitor("Time=%t,clk=%b,reset=%b,req_floor=%h,idle=%h,door=%h,Up=%h,Down=%h,current_floor=%h,max_request=%h,min_re
quest=%h,requests=%h",
62       $time, clk, reset, req_floor, idle, door, Up, Down, current_floor, max_request, min_request, requests);
63     // Run the simulation for a sufficient duration
64     #305; // Adjust the simulation time as needed
65     $display("Simulation finished.");
66     $finish;
67   end
68   // C
69   always #5 clk = ~clk;
70 endmodule
71
```

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