# Lab 03 Report: Vivado AXI Interrupt

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### **Summary**

Lab 03 introduces AXI interrupts. AXI interrupts are used to set the state of a finite state machine. Based on the state, different patterns are displayed on the LEDs and a count is incremented, decremented, or held.

#### Introduction

The main objective of this lab is to review programming with interrupts. The secondary objective was to learn how to setup the interrupts for the Zynq chip. Zynq has exactly one interrupt pin. In this lab, exactly one interrupt is used so this is not a problem. Furthermore, the example code from *The Zynq Book Tutorials* configures the interrupt in software for the user.

The specifications for this lab, taken from the lab manual, are as follows (Silage, 2020):

- a) BTN0 turns all the LEDs ON (1111) and pauses the current LED count
- b) BTN1 increments the LED count by first 1 then 2 and repeat and outputs the count to the LEDs
- c) BTN2 decrements the LED count by first 1 then 2 and repeat and outputs the count to the LEDs
- d) BTN3 turns all the LEDs OFF (0000) and the count continues but not shown in the LEDs
- e) If more than one BTN is depressed the LED count is paused and LED display is 1001 followed by 0110 and repeat
- f) If no BTNs are depressed the LED count is incremented by 1 and the LED display continues

A finite state machine will be used to keep track of which buttons have been pressed. The interrupt service routine (ISR), will update an internal state variable. Based on the internal state, the LEDs will behave as per the specification.

### Discussion

# Hardware Setup in Vivado HLx

The following screenshot shows the final hardware design used for this lab. It was generated by following the steps outlined in exercises 2A and 2B in *The Zynq Book Tutorials*.

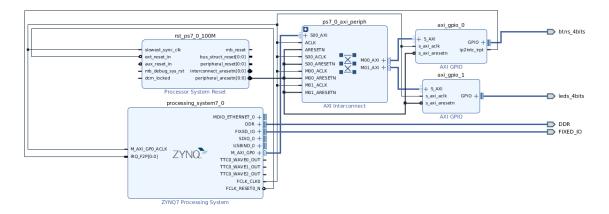


Figure 1: Hardware Design in Vivado HLx

This design is similar to the previous two labs: it connects two AXI GPIOs to the main processing system. However, there is a small difference if one inspects GPIO and the main processing block more closely:

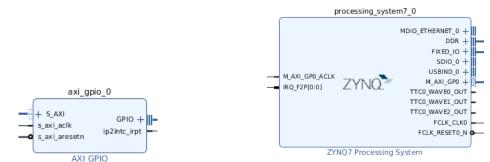


Figure 2: Close-up of axi\_gpio\_0

Figure 3: Close-up of Processing System

Note the pin *ip2ubtc\_irpt* in Figure 2: Close-up of axi\_gpio\_0. This new pin is the interrupt output from GPIO 0. It connects to the interrupt input, *iIRQ\_F2P[0:0]*, on the processing system, as seen in Figure 3: Close-up of Processing System. The system is now ready to use interrupts in the C code.

# <u>Initializing GPIOs and Interrupts in C Code</u>

In order to use interrupts, a few more Xilinx files are added to the include list as seen in the following screenshot:

Figure 4: Include files

In addition to more include files, more parameter definitions are added are added:

Figure 5: Parameter definitions

The INTC\_DEVICE\_ID and INTC\_GPIO\_INTERRUPT parameters are new to this lab. The others have been used in labs one and two.

The follow is a screenshot of the prototype functions:

**Figure 6: Prototype functions** 

The prototype function on line 48 is for the button interrupt handler function. It takes a pointer to the memory location of the buttons. The next prototype function is for the interrupt system setup. It takes the pointer to the global interrupt controller. The function on line 50 is the interrupt controller initialization function. It takes the device ID and a pointer to the address of the GPIO instance. All of the above functions were supplied by *The Zync Book Tutorial*. The last two are written by this student and will be explained in detail later.

The following is a screenshot of the BoardInt() function, which is called from main to initialize the GPIOs and the interrupts:

```
221@int BoardInit()
222 {
223
         int status:
224
225
        // INITIALIZE THE PERIPHERALS & SET DIRECTIONS OF GPIO
226
227
228
         // Initialize LEDs
229
        status = XGpio Initialize(&LEDInst, LEDS DEVICE ID);
230
        if(status != XST SUCCESS) return XST FAILURE;
231
        // Initialize Push Buttons
232
        status = XGpio_Initialize(&BTNInst, BTNS DEVICE ID);
233
234
        if(status != XST_SUCCESS) return XST_FAILURE;
235
236
         // Set LEDs direction to outputs
237
        XGpio SetDataDirection(&LEDInst, 1, 0x00);
238
239
         // Set all buttons direction to inputs
240
        XGpio SetDataDirection(&BTNInst, 1, 0xFF);
241
242
         // Initialize interrupt controller
243
         status = IntcInitFunction(INTC DEVICE ID, &BTNInst);
244
        if(status != XST SUCCESS) return XST FAILURE;
245
         return XST SUCCESS;
246
247 }
```

Figure 7: Function to initialize board

Lines 223-240 are familiar at this point; the GPIOs for the LEDs and buttons are initialized and their data directions are set. The new code is line 243. This line calls a function to initialize the interrupt controller. It takes the interrupt controller device ID as its first argument and the address of the button instance as its second argument. This allows interrupts to be used throughout the program. A screenshot of this function can be found below:

```
265⊖ int IntcInitFunction(ul6 DeviceId, XGpio *GpioInstancePtr)
266 {
         XScuGic Config *IntcConfig;
         int status;
269
         // Interrupt controller initialization
         IntcConfig = XScuGic_LookupConfig(DeviceId);
         status = XScuGic CfgInitialize(&INTCInst, IntcConfig, IntcConfig->CpuBaseAddress); if(status != XST_SUCCESS) return XST_FAILURE;
         // Call to interrupt setup
         status = InterruptSystemSetup(&INTCInst);
         if(status != XST_SUCCESS) return XST_FAILURE;
         // Connect GPIO interrupt to handler
         status = XScuGic_Connect(&INTCInst,
                                    INTC_GPIO_INTERRUPT_ID,
                                     (\verb|Xil_ExceptionHandler|) \\ \textbf{BTN}_{Intr\_Handler},
283
                                     (void *)GpioInstancePtr):
         if(status != XST SUCCESS) return XST FAILURE;
284
285
          // Enable GPIO interrupts interrupt
         XGpio InterruptEnable(GpioInstancePtr, 1);
288
         XGpio InterruptGlobalEnable(GpioInstancePtr);
289
         // Enable GPIO and timer interrupts in the controller
290
         XScuGic Enable(&INTCInst, INTC GPIO INTERRUPT ID);
291
293
         return XST SUCCESS;
```

**Figure 8: Interrupt Controller Initialization Function** 

The code on line 271 creates an object which contains information about the interrupt controller. On the next line, this information is passed into a function that initializes the interrupt controller. This function takes as an input the address of the interrupt controller instance, the object created on line 271, and the CPU base address pulled from the interrupt

controller configuration object. The status variable holds whether or not the processes succeeded or failed. This function calls the interrupt system setup function, pictured below.

```
249@ int InterruptSystemSetup(XScuGic *XScuGicInstancePtr)
250 {
        // Enable interrupt
252
        XGpio InterruptEnable(&BTNInst, BTN INT);
253
        XGpio_InterruptGlobalEnable(&BTNInst);
254
255
        Xil ExceptionRegisterHandler(XIL EXCEPTION ID INT,
                                     (Xil ExceptionHandler)XScuGic InterruptHandler,
257
                                    XScuGicInstancePtr);
258
        Xil ExceptionEnable():
259
260
        return XST SUCCESS;
```

**Figure 9: Interrupt System Setup function** 

This function enables the button interrupt. The code on line 255 registers instance of the interrupt controller with the systems exception handler. Then exceptions are enabled.

## Control Logic Design

A finite state machine is used control the LEDs based on the state of the machine. The following is a screenshot of the global variables representing the machine states:

```
35 // button states
36 enum btn_state {NO_BTN, BTN0, BTN1, BTN2, BTN3, ERROR};
37 enum btn_state current_state;
38
39 // event states
40 enum event_state {FIRST, SECOND};
41 enum event_state error; // which error code, 1 or 2
42 enum event_state increment; // whether to increment by 1 or 2
43 enum event_state decrement; // whether to decrement by 1 or 2
```

Figure 10: States for the finite state machine

The enumeration btn\_state defines the states for the state machine. These correspond to the states of no buttons being pressed, button zero being pressed, button one being pressed, button two being pressed, button three being pressed, and finally, more than one button being pressed. The event\_states will be explained shortly. These states are assigned according to the following finite state machine:

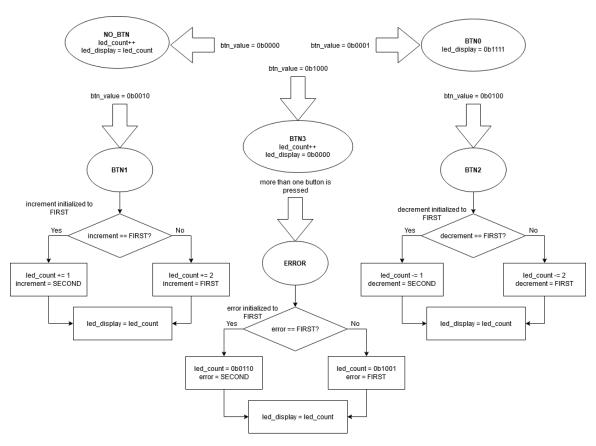


Figure 11: Finite state machine

The states, listed in bold, are set by the button interrupt service routine (ISR). This ISR is called when any button changes states. That is, if a button goes from not pressed to pressed or from pressed to not pressed. The following screenshots shows the first part of the ISR code:

```
121 // Run on button press and release.
122 // Sets current_state based on pressed buttons
124@ void BTN_Intr_Handler(void *InstancePtr)
125 {
           // Disable GPTO interrupts
          XGpio_InterruptDisable(&BTNInst, BTN_INT);
                 nore additional button presse
         if ((XGpio_InterruptGetStatus(&BTNInst) & BTN_INT) !=
130
                   BTN INT) {
                   return;
133
         // debounce time. needed to wait to see if more than one button is pressed for (int Delay = 0; Delay < 5000000; Delay++);
135
          // Read button value
btn value = XGpio_DiscreteRead(&BTNInst, 1) % 0xF;
ifdef DEBUG
    printf("button value = %d\n", btn_value);
#endif
```

Figure 12: Button press ISR, part 1

In the first part of the ISR, the button interrupt is disabled on line 127. The if statement on line 130 gets the status of the interrupt associated with the buttons and ANDs it with the button interrupt mask. If the result is not equal to the button interrupt mask, then the

interrupt was not disabled and the ISR is exited. Then the code verifies that the interrupts are disabled on lines 130-133. Next, the code waits for a brief moment using an empty for loop. This for loop was necessary because the time between a single button being pressed and the value being read was faster than the time it took to press two buttons "simultaneously." Without that wait, every time two buttons are pressed, the ISR sets the current state to whichever one was pressed "first," then updates the state for two or more buttons being pressed. If this lab used timers, the code would have been structured so that the button press started a timer, then the state would have been set from the timer interrupt.

The next section of the ISR sets the machine state based on the value read in from the buttons:

```
144
        // Update the current state based on button value
145
        switch(btn_value)
146
147
            case 0b0000:
148
                current state = NO BTN;
149
                break;
150
            case 0b0001:
151
                current state = BTNO;
152
                break:
153
            case 0b0010:
154
                current state = BTN1;
155
                break:
            case 0b0100:
156
157
                current state = BTN2;
158
                break;
159
            case 0b1000:
160
                current state = BTN3;
161
                break:
162
            default:
163
                current state = ERROR;
164
                break:
165
        }
166
167
        UpdateLEDs();
168
         (void)XGpio InterruptClear(&BTNInst, BTN INT);
169
170
         // Enable GPIO interrupts
171
        XGpio InterruptEnable(&BTNInst, BTN INT);
172
173 }
```

Figure 13: Button press ISR, part 2

As can be see from the code, the state is set to correspond with which buttons have been pressed. The case where no buttons are pressed happens when all of the buttons have been released. Once the state is set, the <code>UpdateLEDs()</code> function is called, the GPIO interrupt flag is cleared, and interrupts are re-enabled.

The UpdateLEDs () function determines what to do based on the current state as shown in the following screenshots:

```
55 // Update LEDs based on current_state set by interrupt
57⊖ void UpdateLEDs()
59 #ifdef DEGBUG
60
       printf("Current state = %d\n", current state);
   #endif
        switch(current state)
            case NO BTN:
                            // no buttons pressed
            // handled in main break; case BTNO: // BTNO pressed
                led_display = 0b1111;
           break;
case BTN1: // BTN1 pressed
                                                                                 case BTN3: // BTN3 pressed
                if (increment == FIRST)
{// increment count by 1
                                                                                        // increment count...
                                                                                       led_count++;
// but don't show it on the LEDs
                     led count += 1:
                    increment = SECOND;
                                                                                       led_display = 0;
                else if (increment == SECOND)
                                                                     101
                                                                                       break:
                {// increment count by 2
  led_count +=2;
                                                                                 case ERROR: // More than one button pressed
                                                                                       if (error == FIRST)
{// First part of error code
                                                                     103
                    increment = FIRST;
                                                                                           led_display = 0b1001;
                led_display = led_count;
                                                                                           error = SECOND; // do the SECOND part next time
          break;
case BTN2: // BTN2 pressed
                                                                                       else if (error == SECOND)
                                                                     108
                if (decrement == FIRST)
                                                                                       {// Second part of error code
                {// decrement count by 1
                                                                     110
                                                                                            led_display = 0b0110;
                     led_count -= 1;
                                                                                           error = FIRST; // do the FIRST part next run
                                                                     111
                    decrement = SECOND;
                                                                     113
                                                                                       break:
                else if (decrement == SECOND)
                                                                     114
                                                                              }
                {// decrement count by 2
  led count -=2:
                                                                              // Write to LEDs
                     decrement = FIRST;
                                                                     116
                                                                              XGpio_DiscreteWrite(&LEDInst, 1, led_display);
                 led_display = led_count;
                                                                     118 }
                                                                    119
```

Figure 14: UpdateLEDs () function code

The NO\_BTN state is handled in main and will be discussed later. If the state is set to BTNO, the led\_display is set to all ones and nothing is done to the led\_count. When the state is BTN1, the event variable increment is checked. If it is set to FIRST, then led\_count is incremented by one; else, if it is set to SECOND, then led\_count is incremented by two. Once the led\_count is updated, led\_display is set to led\_count. A similar action happens for the BTN2 state, but the count is decremented by one or two based on the decrement variable. If the state is BTN3, then led\_count is incremented and led\_display is set to zero. Finally, if the state is ERROR, the error event state variable is checked. If it is FIRST, then the led\_display is set to 1001 and if it is set to SECOND, led\_display is set to 0110. Finally, the led\_display is written to the LEDs.

The following is a screenshot of the main function:

```
176 // MAIN FUNCTION
177 //-----
178⊖ int main (void)
179 {
         // Initialize board
181
        int status = BoardInit();
182
        if (status != XST SUCCESS) return status;
183
184
         // Declare local Delay variable
185
        int Delay;
186
187
         // Initialize led count and led display
188
        led count = 0b0000;
        led display = 0b0000;
189
190
191
        // Initialize button state
192
        current state = NO BTN;
193
        // Initialize event states
194
        increment = FIRST;
195
196
        decrement = FIRST:
197
        error = FIRST;
198
        while(1)
199
200
201
             // Update led count and led display based on state and write to LEDs
202
            UpdateLEDs();
203
204
            // Wait about one second for user to be able to read LEDs
205
            for (Delay = 0; Delay < LED DELAY; Delay++);</pre>
206
            // Update led variables for when no buttons are pressed
207
208
            if (current state == NO BTN)
            {// this gets written out to LEDs in UpdateLEDs
209
210
                 led count++;
211
                led display = led count;
            }
212
213
        }
214
        return 0;
215 }
```

Figure 15: main function

First, the <code>BoardInit()</code> function is called to initialize the hardware and interrupts as previously discussed. Next, the <code>Delay</code>, which is used in the <code>for</code> loop that causes the delay, is declared. Next <code>led\_count</code> and <code>led\_display</code> are initialized to zero. Next, each of the event state variables are initialized to <code>FIRST</code>. Finally, the infinite <code>while</code> loop is entered. This loop is simple. First the leds are updated, then it waits for about one second, then state <code>NO\_BTN</code> is handled.

Something to note: it is possible that the interrupt would be called while <code>UpdateLEDs()</code> is running from main. However, this is extremely unlikely. The time the program spends in <code>UpdateLEDs()</code> is much less than the time it is in the empty <code>for</code> loop or handling the <code>NO BTN</code> state.

### Results

As can be seen in the photos below, the LEDs behaved as expected for BTN0, BTN3 and more than one button being pressed.



Figure 16: BTN0 being pressed



Figure 17: BTN3 being pressed



Figure 18: Two buttons being pressed at the same time

Also, a full demonstration of this lab can be found in the following YouTube video:

https://youtu.be/g0aSq0J1obI

# **Conclusions**

The specifications for this lab were completed without polling the buttons. Therefore, the concept how to use an interrupt was successfully introduced. However, how to setup the interrupts was not well grasped. By using the example code from *The Zynq Book Tutorials*, this student did not spend the time to learn how setting up the interrupt worked in software. The supporting material in *The Zynq Book Tutorials* was vague on the details of what each function in the initialization functions did.

# **Appendix**

# References

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```
C Code
```

```
//----
// INCLUDE FILES
//----
#include "xparameters.h"
#include "xgpio.h"
#include "xscugic.h"
#include "xil exception.h"
#include "xil_printf.h"
//-----
// PARAMETER DEFINTIONS
//-----
#define INTC_DEVICE_ID XPAR_PS7_SCUGIC_0_DEVICE_ID #define BTNS_DEVICE_ID XPAR_AXI_GPIO_0_DEVICE_ID #define LEDS_DEVICE_ID XPAR_AXI_GPIO_1_DEVICE_ID
#define INTC_GPIO_INTERRUPT_ID XPAR_FABRIC_AXI_GPIO_0_IP2INTC_IRPT INTR
#define BTN_INT XGPIO_IR_CH1_MASK #define LED_DELAY 80000000 // Software delay length
#define printf xil_printf
#define DEBUG
//-----
// OBJECT DELCARATIONS
//----
XGpio LEDInst, BTNInst;
XScuGic INTCInst;
//-----
// GLOBAL VARIABLES
//-----
// button states
enum btn state {NO BTN, BTN0, BTN1, BTN2, BTN3, ERROR};
enum btn state current state;
// event states
enum event state {FIRST, SECOND};
enum event_state error; // which error code, 1 or 2 enum event_state increment; // whether to increment by 1 or 2 enum event_state decrement; // whether to decrement by 1 or 2
//----
// PROTOTYPE FUNCTIONS
//----
static void BTN_Intr_Handler(void *baseaddr_p);
static int InterruptSystemSetup(XScuGic *XScuGicInstancePtr);
static int IntcInitFunction(u16 DeviceId, XGpio *GpioInstancePtr);
```

```
static int BoardInit();
static void UpdateLEDs();
//-----
// Update LEDs based on current state set by interrupt
void UpdateLEDs()
#ifdef DEGBUG
      printf("Current state = %d\n", current state);
      switch(current state)
             case NO BTN: // no buttons pressed
                   \overline{//} handled in main
                   break;
             case BTN0: // BTN0 pressed
                   led_display = 0b1111;
                   break;
             case BTN1: // BTN1 pressed
                   if (increment == FIRST)
                   { } increment count by 1
                         led count += 1;
                         increment = SECOND;
                   else if (increment == SECOND)
                   {// increment count by 2
                         led_count +=2;
                         increment = FIRST;
                   led display = led count;
                   break;
             case BTN2: // BTN2 pressed
                   if (decrement == FIRST)
                   {// decrement count by 1
                         led_count -= 1;
                         decrement = SECOND;
                   else if (decrement == SECOND)
                   {// decrement count by 2
                         led count -=2;
                         decrement = FIRST;
                   led_display = led_count;
                   break;
             case BTN3: // BTN3 pressed
                   // increment count...
                   led count++;
                   // but don't show it on the LEDs
                   led_display = 0;
                   break;
             case ERROR: // More than one button pressed
                   if (error == FIRST)
                   {// First part of error code
                          led display = 0b0110;
                          error = SECOND; // do the SECOND part next time
                   }
                   else if (error == SECOND)
                   {// Second part of error code
                         led display = 0b1001;
                          error = FIRST; // do the FIRST part next run
                   }
```

```
break;
      }
      // Write to LEDs
      XGpio DiscreteWrite(&LEDInst, 1, led display);
}
//----
// Run on button press and release.
// Sets current state based on pressed buttons
______
void BTN Intr Handler(void *InstancePtr)
      // Disable GPIO interrupts
      XGpio_InterruptDisable(&BTNInst, BTN INT);
      // Ignore additional button presses
      if ((XGpio InterruptGetStatus(&BTNInst) & BTN INT) !=
                  BTN INT) {
                  return;
      // debounce time. needed to wait to see if more than one button is pressed
      for (int Delay = 0; Delay < 5000000; Delay++);</pre>
      // Read button value
      btn_value = XGpio_DiscreteRead(&BTNInst, 1) % 0xF;
#ifdef DEBUG
      printf("button value = dn, btn value);
#endif
      // Update the current state based on button value
      switch(btn value)
      {
            case 0b0000:
                  current state = NO BTN;
                  break;
            case 0b0001:
                  current_state = BTN0;
                  break;
            case 0b0010:
                  current_state = BTN1;
                  break;
            case 0b0100:
                  current state = BTN2;
                  break;
            case 0b1000:
                  current_state = BTN3;
                  break;
            default:
                  current state = ERROR;
                  break;
      UpdateLEDs();
      (void)XGpio InterruptClear(&BTNInst, BTN INT);
   // Enable GPIO interrupts
   XGpio InterruptEnable(&BTNInst, BTN INT);
```

}

```
//----
// MAIN FUNCTION
//-----
int main (void)
     // Initialize board
     int status = BoardInit();
     if (status != XST SUCCESS) return status;
     // Declare local Delay variable
     int Delay;
     // Initialize led count and led display
     led count = 0b000\overline{0};
     led display = 0b0000;
     // Initialize button state
     current state = NO BTN;
     // Initialize event states
     increment = FIRST;
     decrement = FIRST;
     error = FIRST;
     while(1)
            // Update led_count and led_display based on state and write to LEDs
           UpdateLEDs();
           // Wait about one second for user to be able to read LEDs
           for (Delay = 0; Delay < LED DELAY; Delay++);</pre>
           // Update led variables for when no buttons are pressed
           if (current state == NO BTN)
           {// this gets written out to LEDs in UpdateLEDs
                 led count++;
                 led display = led count;
     return 0;
//-----
// INITIAL SETUP FUNCTIONS
//-----
int BoardInit()
{
     int status;
      // INITIALIZE THE PERIPHERALS & SET DIRECTIONS OF GPIO
     // Initialize LEDs
     status = XGpio Initialize(&LEDInst, LEDS DEVICE ID);
     if(status != XST SUCCESS) return XST FAILURE;
     // Initialize Push Buttons
     status = XGpio Initialize(&BTNInst, BTNS DEVICE ID);
     if(status != XST SUCCESS) return XST FAILURE;
     // Set LEDs direction to outputs
```

```
XGpio SetDataDirection(&LEDInst, 1, 0x00);
      // Set all buttons direction to inputs
      XGpio SetDataDirection(&BTNInst, 1, 0xFF);
      // Initialize interrupt controller
      status = IntcInitFunction(INTC DEVICE ID, &BTNInst);
      if(status != XST_SUCCESS) return XST_FAILURE;
      return XST SUCCESS;
int InterruptSystemSetup(XScuGic *XScuGicInstancePtr)
      // Enable interrupt
      XGpio InterruptEnable(&BTNInst, BTN INT);
      XGpio InterruptGlobalEnable(&BTNInst);
      Xil ExceptionRegisterHandler(XIL EXCEPTION ID INT,
(Xil_ExceptionHandler) XScuGic_InterruptHandler, XScuGicInstancePtr);
      Xil_ExceptionEnable();
      return XST SUCCESS;
}
int IntcInitFunction(u16 DeviceId, XGpio *GpioInstancePtr)
      XScuGic Config *IntcConfig;
      int status;
      // Interrupt controller initialization
      IntcConfig = XScuGic LookupConfig(DeviceId);
      status = XScuGic CfgInitialize(&INTCInst,
                                                       IntcConfig,
                                                                    IntcConfig-
>CpuBaseAddress);
      if(status != XST_SUCCESS) return XST_FAILURE;
      // Call to interrupt setup
      status = InterruptSystemSetup(&INTCInst);
      if(status != XST SUCCESS) return XST FAILURE;
      // Connect GPIO interrupt to handler
      status = XScuGic_Connect(&INTCInst,INTC_GPIO_INTERRUPT_ID,
                                        (Xil ExceptionHandler) BTN Intr Handler,
                                        (void *)GpioInstancePtr);
      if(status != XST SUCCESS) return XST FAILURE;
      // Enable GPIO interrupts interrupt
      XGpio InterruptEnable(GpioInstancePtr, 1);
      XGpio_InterruptGlobalEnable(GpioInstancePtr);
      // Enable GPIO and timer interrupts in the controller
      XScuGic Enable (&INTCInst, INTC GPIO INTERRUPT ID);
      return XST_SUCCESS;
}
```