CSE100 Lab 6 – Dino Run

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1 Submission

- Due: Tuesday 11/26/2024 at the end of your lab section.
- Submit your Lab Write-Up to Gradescope.
- Submit your code to the Gradescope autograder. (You have unlimited submission attempts).
- Demonstrate your implementation to a TA.

2 Goals

You will implement a state machine and connect several modules as part of a game called *Dino Run*. Once you finish your implementation, you will program it to a Basys 3 FPGA Board.

3 Prelab

Read the following sections before starting your lab.

3.1 Overview

Watch this video to understand what to do for this lab: https://youtu.be/5QAvpCmqt2s.

The video is summarized here:

- At the start of the game, the title screen should be visible, the dinosaur should be playing its running animation, and there should be no obstacles on-screen.
- Upon receiving up_i, the dino should jump.
- Upon receiving down_i, the dino should duck.
- Upon receiving start i, the title should disappear and the obstacles should begin spawning.
- Upon the dinosaur colliding with an obstacle, the obstacles should stop moving, and the dinosaur should begin flashing for 1 second.
- After 1 second of flashing, the obstacles should remain frozen, but the dinosaur should stop flashing.
- After flashing has finished, receiving start_i should reset the score and all the obstacles, and the obstacles should resume spawning and shifting left.
- Or after flashing has finished, receiving up_i or down_i should reset the score and all the
 obstacles, the dino should start its running animation again, and the title screen should be
 displayed.

On the BASYS3 board,

- PushButton btnC drives the start_i signal.
- PushButton btnU drives the up_i signal.
- PushButton btnD drives the down i signal.
- PushButton btnR drives the synchronous active-low global reset rst_ni.

3.2 Random Number Generator

You need to finish the random number generator in "rtl/lfsr16.sv".

You will use a Linear Feedback Shift Register (LFSR) to generate a random 16-bit binary number. You should adopt your RTL from an earlier lab.

For a 16-bit LFSR, you should use the following taps: 16'b110100000001000: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linear-feedback_shift_register#Example_polynomials_for_maximal_LFSRs

3.3 Edge Detector

You are given an edge_detector module. The edge detector will output a 1-cycle pulse when the data_i transitions from 0 to 1. You should use this to convert from VGA vsync into the next_frame input for each of the game objects.

3.4 Title

You will need to implement the title module that takes in an x and y coordinate and combinationally returns whether the pixel at that coordinate is on the title (0-cycle delay). You should use the pixel output when assigning vga_red_d, vga_green_d, and vga_blue_d.

You should use "title.memb" to fill a Verilog array that is read combinationally. You will need to scale up the image to fill the width of the screen.

You may run title_tb to generate a GIF of how the title will be displayed to the screen.

3.5 Cactus and Bird Obstacles

You are given a bird obstacle module, and you will need to implement the cactus obstacle module.

On reset, the obstacles appear off-screen. If <code>spawn_i</code> goes high while the obstacle is off-screen, the obstacle will spawn on the right side of the screen, and begin sliding to the right on every clock pulse that <code>next_frame</code> is high. If <code>spawn_i</code> goes high while the obstacle is on-screen, then <code>spawn_i</code> is ignored.

spawn_i should be activated at a random interval determinded by several bits from the LFSR. Each obstacle should have a different key that it waits for. When that key occurs, the obstacle should spawn. For example, you may choose to spawn a cactus when lfsr16.rand_o[12:8] == 5'b00000 or spawn a bird when lfsr16.rand_o[12:7] == 6'b101010.

Additionally, each obstacle takes in a rand_i input to determine bird height and cactus style. This rand_i should be aquired from the LFSR.

The obstacles take in an x and y coordinate and combinationally returns whether the pixel at that coordinate is on the respective obstacle (0-cycle delay). You should use the pixel output when assigning vga_red_d , vga_green_d , and vga_blue_d .

You should use "cactus_0.memb" through "cactus_3.memb" to generate all the different cactus styles. Each image should be loaded into a different Verilog array, then a MUX should determine which array to read. Also, you will need to scale up the cactus images to turn them into better obstacles.

You may run obstacle_tb to generate a GIF of how the obstacle will be displayed to the screen.

Your dinorun module must instantiate at minimum 3 obstacles. (For example, you may try 1 bird and 2 cacti).

3.6 Dino

You are given a dino module. When go_i goes high, the dino will jump. When down_i goes high, the dino will duck. When hit_i goes high, the dino will display the hit sprite. The position and animation will update each clock pulse that next_frame is high.

The dino takes in an x and y coordinate and combinationally returns whether the pixel at that coordinate is on the respective obstacle (0-cycle delay). You should use the pixel output when assigning vga_red_d , vga_green_d , and vga_blue_d .

You may run dino_tb to generate a GIF of how the dino will be displayed to the screen.

3.7 Score Counter

You are given a score_counter module. On reset, the score is set to 0. When en_i is high, the score goes up by 1. When not on the title screen, and not hit, the score should increment by 1 every frame.

The digits are outputted as binary-coded-decimal.

3.8 Dino Run SystemVerilog Package

You need to finish the state_t enum in dinorun_pkg. It is common to use SystemVerilog packages to organize parameters and typedefs so that they can be used across a variety of files including RTL and testbenches.

3.9 VGA Timer

You need to finish the VGA Timer in "rtl/vga_timer.sv". You should use your RTL from an earlier lab.

3.10 7 Segment Display

You need to finish the 7 Segment Display driver in "rtl/basys3/basys3_7seg_driver.sv". You should use your RTL from an earlier lab.

3.11 Dino Run Module

You need to finish "rtl/dinorun.sv" such that it connects all the modules together according to the lab instructions.

For example, you should pass the x and y coordinates from your VGA timer into your game objects to determine which objects should be drawn at which pixels. You may choose which colors correspond with which objects (dino, cactus, bird, title). You will also need to draw a separate color for the ground. Be sure to add a flip-flop right before the VGA outputs for the best image clarity.

Additionally, you need to create a state machine to ensure the correct behavior with the title screen. Read the State Machine section in the lowRISC SystemVerilog style guide: https://github.com/lowRISC/style-guides/blob/master/VerilogCodingStyle.md#finite-state-machines.

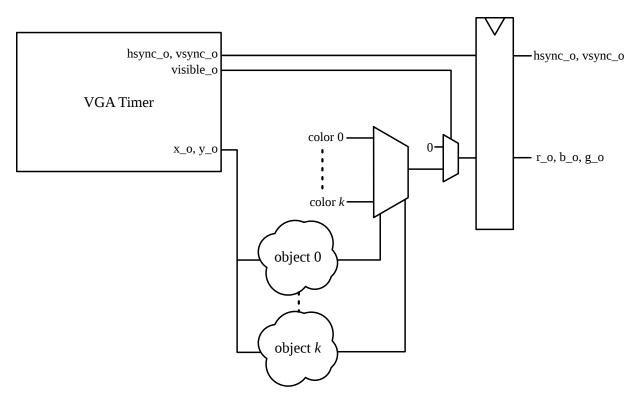


Figure 1: Connecting the VGA timer to the objects

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- "synth/basys3/Basys3_Master.xdc"
- "rtl/dinorun_pkg.sv"
- "rtl/dinorun.sv"
- "rtl/lfsr16.sv"
- "rtl/vga_timer.sv"
- "rtl/basys3/basys3_7seg_driver.sv"
- "rtl/basys3/hex7seg.sv"
- "rtl/objects/cactus.sv"
- "rtl/objects/title.sv"
- 1. Complete the auxiliary modules and ensure they pass the tests mentioned in the README.
- 2. Draw a state diagram for *Dino Run* using all the states mentioned in dinorun_pkg::state_t in "rtl/dinorun_pkg.sv". Be sure to denote on each arrow what condition is required to enter the next state. There is no need to assign an encoding in your state diagram; simply use the dinorun_pkg::state_t enum labels.
- 3. Implement the state machine you drew. Be sure to follow the lowRISC coding style for designing state machines.
- 4. The Basys3 constraints file "synth/basys3/Basys3_Master.xdc" was downloaded from Digilent's GitHub: https://github.com/Digilent/Basys3/blob/master/Resources/XDC/Basys3_Master.xdc. Complete it to match your basys3 module. Refer to previous labs and the Basys3 Reference Manual if you have questions: https://reference.digilentinc.com/reference/

programmable-logic/basys-3/reference-manual.

- 5. Simulate your design using commands specified in the "README.md". Submit to the autograder until you get 100%. Note that passing the autograder will not guarantee that your implementation is correct.
- 6. Synthesize your design and program it to the Basys3 using commands specified in the "README.md". Your design may not work the first time. Review the waveforms for any issues that the autograder did not catch.
- 7. Get checked off by a TA.
- 8. Finish the writeup.

Important Please remember to turn off the power to BASYS3 board when you are done.

5 Write-Up

- 1. Include a state bubble diagram. The diagram can be hand drawn or drawn digitally (https://inkscape.org/release, https://draw.io/).
- 2. Describe each state of your machine in words.

Example: "The machine starts in TITLE_SCREEN. It stays in this state until the start_i signal (btnC) goes high."

3. Draw the MUX tree that implements state_d. For each MUX select input, you only need to write the Verilog condition; you do not need to draw extra logic cells. The diagram can be hand drawn or drawn digitally (https://inkscape.org/release, https://draw.io/).