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# Introduction to Lab 1

## Flashing LED



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# LAB 1 Objective

- Write some RISC-V assembly language instructions.
- Use different memory addressing modes.
- Test and debug the code on the RISC-V development board.



# General Notes

- In LEARN, under Lab 1 Templates, you will download files:
  - Lab\_1.h (DO NOT MODIFY!)
  - Lab\_1\_top.c (DO NOT MODIFY!)
  - Lab\_1.S
- You will need to modify the C wrapper code for the Lab\_1 to call the Lab\_1 assembly code to get the LED to flash.
- You will need to flash an LED (Light Emitting Diode) at an approximate 1 Hz frequency



# Branching

- BNEZ will branch if the result of the instruction is not equal 0.
  - BNEZ t0, label
- BEQZ will branch if the result of the instruction is equal to 0.
  - BNQZ t0, label



# I/O port addressing and configuration

- GPIO\_7SEGLED\_PINS (0x0000023F): Pins used for the Seven Segment LED display. (pins GPIO 0 – 5, 9)  
✓ 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0010 0011 1111
- GPIO\_LEDBAR\_PINS (0x00FC0C00): Pins for an LED bar (8 LEDs). (pins GPIO 10, 11, 18 - 23)  
✓ 0000 0000 1111 1100 0000 1100 0000 0000
- GPIO\_ALL\_LED\_PINS (0x00FC0E3F): All pins for both the Seven Segment display and the LED bar (a total of 15 pins).  
✓ 0000 0000 1111 1100 0000 1110 0011 1111
- GPIO\_LEDBAR\_LED\_1 (0x00000800): The pin for controlling the first LED in the LED bar.  
✓ 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 1000 0000 0000

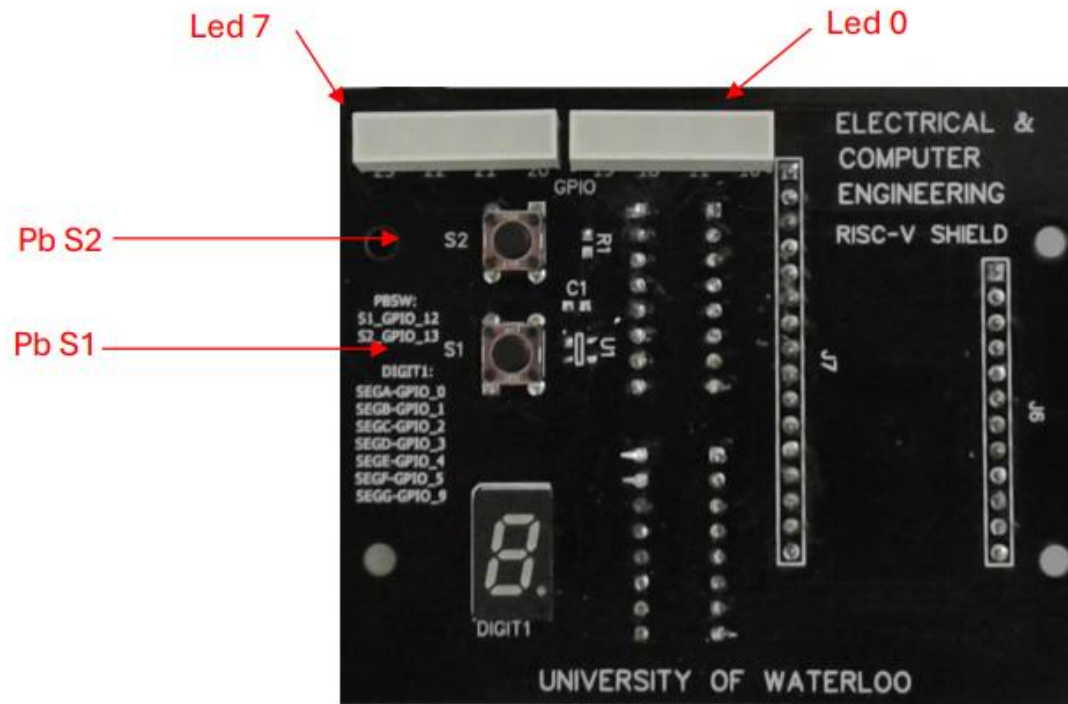


# I/O port addressing and configuration

- LED port addresses
  - Writing 0x00FC0E3F (GPIO\_ALL\_LED\_PINS) into memory address 0x1001200C (GPIO\_OUTPUT\_VAL) to turn “off” the 8 LEDs on the LED Bar (pins GPIO 10, 11, 18 - 23) and to turn “off” the 7 LEDs of the digital display (pins GPIO 0 – 5, 9)
  - Toggle bit 11 (bit 1 of the LED bar) of address 0x00FC0E3F (GPIO\_ALL\_LED\_PINS) and write to memory address 0x1001200C (GPIO\_OUTPUT\_VAL).
  - You will be toggling bit 11 between a 1 and a 0 with a 1 Hz frequency (500ms ON, 500ms OFF). Recall that the memory address is 32 bits wide (31 to 0)



# RISC-V board

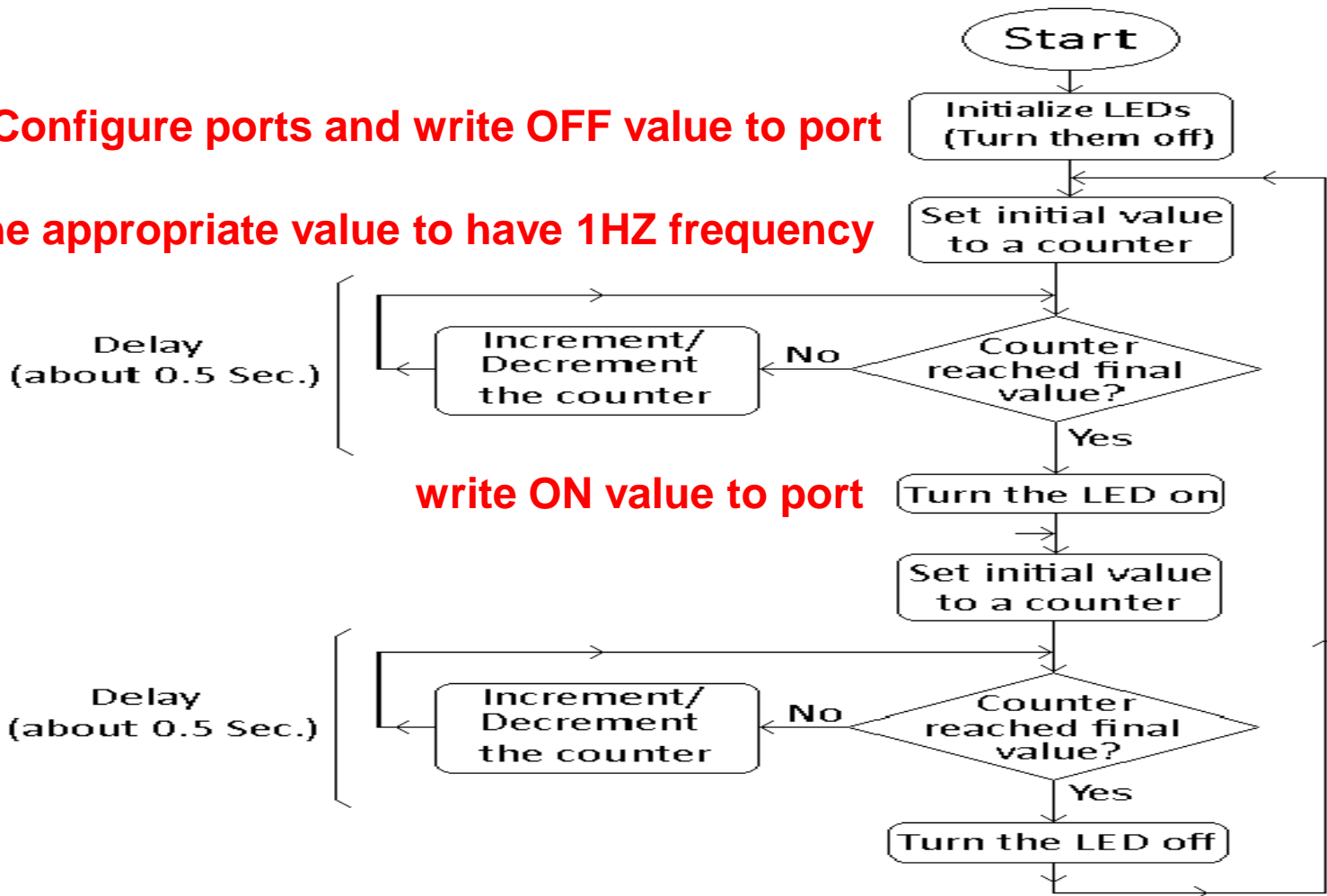




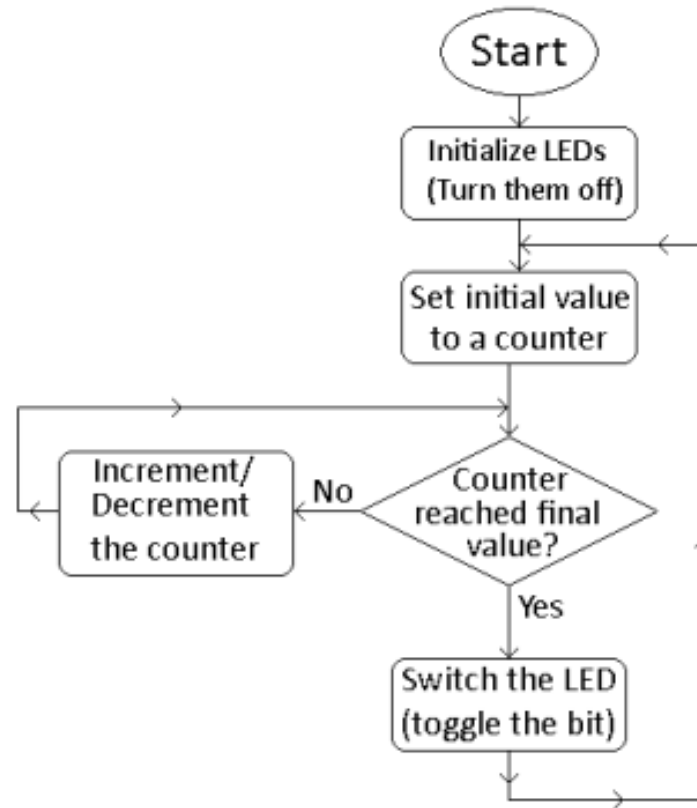
# Flashing LED flowchart

Configure ports and write OFF value to port

Use the appropriate value to have 1HZ frequency



# Flashing LED flowchart



# Information to Calculate Delay

- Clock frequency: 20 MHz
- Command ADDI: 1 clock cycle
- Command BNEZ: 1 clock cycle

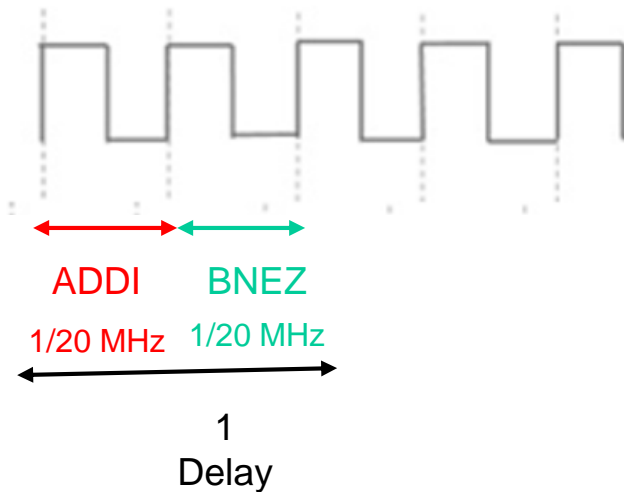


# Delay

Delay

ADDI 1

BNEZ Delay 1



$F = 20 \text{ MHz}$

$T = 1/20 \text{ MHz}$

Here,

1 loop =  $2/20 \text{ MHz}$

$\Rightarrow \text{No. of loops} \times 2/20 \text{ MHz} = 0.5$

1 Hz ON for 0.5 Sec  
OFF for 0.5 Sec

Clock Frequency/Speed (F) = 20 MHz



# Formula to Calculate Delay

Clock Cycles in Loop= (Clock Speed x Time Delay)/Instruction Cycles

Delay

1 ADDI

1 BNEZ Delay

Clock Frequency/Speed (F) = 20 MHz



# Template Code

```
.section .text
.globl _start
.align 2

// -----
// Name:      Lab_1.S
// Purpose:   This code will flash a single LED at an approximate 1 Hz frequency
// Author:    Julius Olajos
// -----
//
// -----

_start:

// GPIO Control Registers Memory Mapping

.equ GPIO_BASE_CTRL_ADDR, 0x10012000 // Base address for the GPIO control registers
.equ GPIO_OUTPUT_EN,      0x08      // address offset for enabling GPIO outputs
.equ GPIO_OUTPUT_VAL,     0x0C      // Address offset for writing to GPIO outputs
.equ GPIO_OUTPUT_XOR,     0x40      // Address offset for GPIO Outputs XOR

// -----
// 8 LEDs, 7 Segment LED Display Pins Register Address Mapping

.equ GPIO_7SEGLED_PINS, 0x0000023F // Seven Segment LED Display Pins (7)
.equ GPIO_LEDBAR_PINS,  0x00FC0C00 // LED Bar Pins (8)
.equ GPIO_ALL_LED_PINS, 0x00FC0E3F // All LED Pins (15)
.equ GPIO_LEDBAR_LED_1, 0x00000800 // LEDBAR LED1 (Bit 11)
// -----
// Initialize the GPIO control registers and run the delay loop code
// -----
```



# Template Code

```
li t0, GPIO_BASE_CTRL_ADDR      // Load Base Address for GPIO Control Registers
li t1, GPIO_ALL_LED_PINS        // Load GPIO Register to set GPIO_OUTPUT_EN and
                                // | GPIO_OUTPUT_XOR registers for all GPIO LED Pins
sw t1, GPIO_OUTPUT_EN(t0)        // Enable outputs on all GPIO LED Pins
li t2, 0xFF03F1C0
sw t2, GPIO_OUTPUT_VAL(t0)       // Set all LED pins to zero to turn off all LEDs.

li t5, GPIO_LEDBAR_LED_1        // Load LED_1 Address into t5 (Bit 11)
lw t3, GPIO_OUTPUT_VAL(t0)       // Read GPIO output values into t3
xor t3, t5, t3                   // XOR the GPIO output value (all zeroes to the LEDs)
sw t3, GPIO_OUTPUT_VAL(t0)       // Store this new value in GPIO output register

loop:
    li t4, 0x0000FFFF            // Load immediate 0x0000FFFF into t4 (counter value)
                                // YOU NEED TO CALCULATE A CORRECT VALUE FOR 1 Hz
loop1:
//                                // You need to add 5 - 10 lines of code here
//                                // Add the instructions to get the LED to flash

    j loop                       // Jump back to loop and start over
```



# Deliverables

- Lab report:
  - Your code, well documented.
  - Hand assembly of instruction: `ADDI t4, t3, 0x100`.
  - **Exact** 1 HZ frequency is not required.
  - Read your lab manual carefully and use the code skeleton supplied.
  - Report is submitted on Learn.
  - Make sure you understand your code for demo questions.

