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CS303 Term Project – Elevator Control System

#### A General Overview of the Modules We Defined

In our project, we have written 3 extra modules in addition to the elevator module. These extra modules include two counter modules (one of which counts up to 250 (corresponding to 5 seconds of waiting time) and the other one counts up to 500 (corresponding to 10 seconds of waiting time)) and a range\_checker module which returns a boolean value (1 if true, 0 if false) and checks whether a request made from a particular floor must be accepted or not.

We instantiated the range\_checker module once for all five floors so that the checks are made separately for requests from a particular floor.

We instantiated the counter module, which counts up to 250, twice so that we can use one of the timed\_up outputs that are returned in maintaining the elevator's floor changes in 5 seconds and the other one in turning the led\_busy on for 5 seconds.

We instantiated the counter\_2 module, which counts up to 500, once to use in the elevator's floor changes in 10 seconds for the situation when it is picking up or dropping off someone on a particular floor.

We negated the reset in the top\_module to convert it from a negedge reset to a posedge reset and used it accordingly in the always blocks of our elevator module. The reason why we decided to use a posedge reset instead of a negedge reset is that since the rest of the modules are using a posedge reset, we wanted all the modules to be synchronized, and thus, we used a posedge reset in the always blocks of our elevator module and the extra modules we defined, as described above.

The extra modules we have created and the functions we defined in the elevator module are explained in detail section by section below:

### **Range Checker Module**

In the elevator module, we have defined a range checker module which is used to accept/reject the floor requests and turn on the LEDs of the necessary floors accordingly. In the always block that works at all cases, we first compare the direction switch which the person pressed at a particular floor and the elevator's status which both of them can be either UP (2'b01 or 1) or DOWN (2'b10 or 0). If both of them are UP or DOWN, then we check whether the requested floor is between elevator\_state (current floor of elevator) and the final\_dest (final destination which the elevator will go). If the requested floor is in range then, output check is sent to the elevator module with value 1 indicating that a person will be taken at that floor, otherwise the request is ignored and elevator keeps moving.

```
module range_checker(
    input [1:0] elevator status,
    input [2:0] requested_floor,
    input [2:0] elevator_state,
input [2:0] final_dest,
    output reg check
always @* begin
    if (elevator_status == 2'b01 && direction == 1) begin
        if (elevator_state < requested_floor && requested_floor <= final_dest)
             check <= 1;
            check <= 0:
    end else if (elevator_status == 2'b10 && direction == 0) begin
        if (elevator_state > requested_floor && requested_floor >= final_dest)
            check <= 1;
            check <= 0;
    end else
        check <= 0;
```

Since the request can come from any floor at any time, we needed a range checker module for each floor hence we used a total of 5 instances of range checker module in our elevator module. As it was stated at the project pdf, direction from floor 0 can only be UP (1) and direction from floor 4 can only be DOWN (0).

```
range checker floor 0 (
      .direction(1),
      .elevator_status(status),
       requested_floor(FLOOR_0),
      .elevator_state(elevator_state),
      .final_dest(final_dest),
 range checker floor 1
      .direction(direction_1),
.elevator_status(status)
      .requested floor(FLOOR 1).
      .elevator_state(elevator_state),
      .final dest(final dest),
      .check(check_1)
      .direction(direction 2),
      .elevator_status(status),
.requested_floor(FLOOR_2),
      .elevator_state(elevator_state),
.final_dest(final_dest),
      .check(check_2)
range checker floor 3 (
      direction(direction_3)
     .elevator_status(status);
     .requested_floor(FLOOR_3),
.elevator_state(elevator_state),
     .final_dest(final_dest),
     .check(check_3)
range_checker floor_4 (
     .direction(0),
     .elevator_status(status),
.requested_floor(FLOOR_4),
     .elevator state (elevator state),
     .final_dest(final_dest),
.check(check_4)
```

## **Counter Module**

In the elevator module, we have defined a counter module to determine the transition between floors, the waiting time at the stopped floor and the duration of the LED to be turned on while waiting at the stopped floor, as 5 seconds. The clock in the counter module and the clock in the elevator module are the same 50 hertz clocks. Since the clock will come in every 50 hertz, that is, in 0.2 seconds, it is necessary to count up to 250 to wait for 5 seconds. Therefore, the MAX value has

been determined as 8'b11111010, that is, 250. If the start input from the elevator module is 1, it state is set to COUNT and it start counting otherwise it remains at the IDLE state. In the COUNT state, it increments the count value by 1 each time. If the count value is MAX, it returns to the IDLE state otherwise it remains at the COUNT state. Also, if a reset input is received, the counter set to 0 and state is set to IDLE state.

```
module counter(
    input clk,
    input reset.
   input start,
    output reg timed up
reg [7:0] count;
reg state;
parameter MAX = 8'b11111010; //equals to 250 in decimal
parameter IDLE = 1'b0, COUNT = 1'b1;
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset) begin
          count <= 0;
state <= IDLE;</pre>
      end else begin
           case (state)
               IDLE: begin
                     count <= 0;
                     if(start) begin
    state <= COUNT;</pre>
                     end else begin
                          state <= IDLE;
                     end
                end
                COUNT: begin
                     count <= count+1;
if (count == MAX) begin</pre>
                          state <= IDLE;
                     end else begin
                          state <= COUNT;
                end
                default: begin
                     count <= count;
state <= IDLE;</pre>
                end
          endcase
     end
```

We defined a second counter module, which has the same logic as in the above described counter module but is used to count up to 500 instead of 250 so that we could maintain the 10 seconds floor transitions when the elevator stops at that particular floor and picks up/drops off a person. The only difference between the codes of the two counter modules is that this time, the MAX value has been determined as 9'b111110100, that is, 500.

```
module counter_2(
    input clk,
   input reset,
    input start,
    output reg timed_up
reg [8:0] count;
reg state;
parameter MAX = 9'b111110100; //equals to 500 in decimal
parameter IDLE = 1'b0, COUNT = 1'b1;
always @(posedge clk or posedge reset) begin
   if (reset) begin
       count <= 0;
        state <= IDLE;
    end else begin
       case (state)
           IDLE: begin
               count <= 0;
                if(start) begin
                   state <= COUNT;
                end else begin
                   state <= IDLE;
                end
            COUNT: begin
               count <= count+1;
               if (count == MAX) begin
                   state <= IDLE;
                end else begin
                   state <= COUNT;
                end
            end
            default: begin
               count <= count;
               state <= IDLE;
            end
        endcase
    end
end
always@(*) begin
   if (count == MAX) begin
       timed_up <= 1;
    end else begin
       timed_up <= 0;
    end
end
endmodule
```

# Determining timed\_up

In the always block that works in all cases, the timed\_up output to be used in the elevator module is sent. If the count is equal to 250, it means that it has waited for 5 seconds and the timed\_up value is sent to the elevator module as 1 and is used in various control blocks and statements. Otherwise, timed\_up value is set to 0.

```
always@(*) begin
   if(count == MAX) begin
      timed_up <= 1;
   end else begin
      timed_up <= 0;
   end
end</pre>
```

At the elevator module, we used 3 different instances of the counter modules in order to determine the transition between floors, the waiting time at the stopped floor and the duration of the LED to be turned on while waiting at the stopped floor, as 5 seconds. Count function is used for changing the elevator state after 5 seconds. Count\_2 function is used for changing the elevator state and stopping at the floor for 5 seconds each making a total of 10 seconds. Count\_3 function is used for changing the value of led\_busy which is 1 if elevator stopped at floor and is on for 5 seconds.

```
counter count (
    .clk(clk_50hz),
    .reset(rst),
    .start(start_timer),
    .timed_up(timed_up)
);

counter count_3 (
    .clk(clk_50hz),
    .reset(rst),
    .start(start_timer_3),
    .timed_up(timed_up_3)
);

counter_2 count_2 (
    .clk(clk_50hz),
    .reset(rst),
    .start(start_timer_2),
    .timed_up(timed_up_2)
);
```

Moreover, to start the timer in these counter models, we have written three always blocks, specifying the conditions to when these counter modules should start counting. Based on these conditions, we start the timers of the counter modules, and they start counting. Here are the always blocks handling these timers:

```
always @* begin
   if (elevator_state != final_dest || led_busy == 1)
       start timer <= 1;
    else
       start_timer <= 0;
end
always @* begin
   if (led_busy == 1)
       start_timer_2 <= 1;
       start_timer_2 <= 0;
end
always @* begin
   if (led busy == 1)
       start_timer_3 <= 1;
      start_timer_3 <= 0;
end
```

#### **Elevator Module**

# Displaying led for requested floor

This always block is for displaying the led for the floor if there was a request made to that floor and elevator has reached to that particular floor. If the request comes from the floor which the elevator currently is, then led\_busy will be 1, otherwise if led\_busy is 1, that is elevator stopped at that floor, led\_busy should be kept 1 for 5 seconds and then be set to 0 using the timed\_up\_3 value which comes from the counter\_3 module. This explanation can be generalized for all floors at this project which can be seen below:

```
always @(posedge clk_50hz or posedge rst) begin
   if (rst) begin
       led_busy <= 0;</pre>
   end else begin
       case (elevator_state)
           FLOOR_0: begin
               if (led_inside_0 || led_outside_0) begin
                   led busy <= 1;</pre>
                end else begin
                   if (led busy == 1) begin
                        if (timed_up_3)
                            led_busy <= 0;</pre>
                        else
                            led_busy <= 1;</pre>
                    end else
                       led_busy <= 0;</pre>
               end
FLOOR 1: begin
     if (led_inside_1 || led_outside_1) begin
          led busy <= 1;
     end else begin
         if (led_busy == 1) begin
               if (timed_up_3)
                     led_busy <= 0;</pre>
               else
                    led_busy <= 1;</pre>
          end else
              led_busy <= 0;</pre>
     end
FLOOR_2: begin
     if (led_inside_2 || led_outside_2) begin
         led_busy <= 1;</pre>
     end else begin
         if (led_busy == 1) begin
               if (timed_up_3)
                     led_busy <= 0;</pre>
                else
                     led_busy <= 1;</pre>
          end else
              led_busy <= 0;</pre>
     end
end
```

```
FLOOR_3: begin
   if (led_inside_3 || led_outside_3) begin
        led busy <= 1;
    end else begin
        if (led_busy == 1) begin
              if (timed up 3)
                  led busy <= 0;
                 led_busy <= 1;</pre>
        end else
            led_busy <= 0;</pre>
    end
FLOOR_4: begin
   if (led_inside_4 || led_outside_4) begin
        led busy <= 1;
    end else begin
        if (led_busy == 1) begin
              if (timed_up_3)
                  led_busy <= 0;</pre>
                  led_busy <= 1;</pre>
        end else
             led_busy <= 0;</pre>
end
```

## Turning the LEDs Inside and Outside the Elevator On and Off

The logic of our elevator pick-up/drop-off system is that we open the LEDs (either the outside LEDs or the inside LEDs) based on the requests that are accepted and the elevator stops at a particular floor if either the outside led or the inside led in that floor is turned on. Thus, we use the LEDs as an indicator for the elevator to pick up/drop off someone on a particular floor.

Firstly, we were turning the LEDs on and off according to the changes in the push buttons and the destination switches but while implementing the design on the FPGA on the Simulation Demo day, we realized that the push buttons do not stay pressed but go back to zero logic instantaneously. Therefore, to overcome this problem, we defined registers for each push button and destination switch to store the current status of the push buttons and destination switches. In total, we have 5 registers for the push buttons and 5 for the destination switches, corresponding to each floor.

The always code blocks of these 5 registers are the same for all five push button and 5 destination switches. Thus, here I only put the always blocks for the registers corresponding to the push button in floor-0 and the destination switch at floor-0 as example code blocks:

```
always @(posedge clk_50hz or posedge rst) begin
   if (rst) begin
      floor_0_p_reg <= 0;
end else begin
      if(floor_0_p && check_0)
           floor_0_p_reg <= 1;
      else if(elevator_state == FLOOR_0)
           floor_0_p_reg <= 0;
      else
           floor_0_p_reg <= floor_0_p_reg;
end</pre>
```

```
always @(posedge clk_50hz or posedge rst) begin
   if (rst) begin
     floor_0_d_reg <= 0;
end else begin
   if(floor_0_d && check_0)
     floor_0_d_reg <= 1;
else if(elevator_state == FLOOR_0)
     floor_0_d_reg <= 0;
else
     floor_0_d_reg <= floor_0_d_reg;
end</pre>
```

Once a push button outside the elevator or a destination switch inside the elevator is turned on, we process the request, conduct a range check and decide whether to accept the request or not. If we accept the request, we make the value of the corresponding register logic 1 and then turn on the corresponding LED in another always block. In this way, we achieve to turn on the LEDs once a request is accepted and hold them turned on until the elevator reaches that particular floor and picks up/drops off the person.

Likewise the always blocks we assign values to the registers, the always blocks where we make assignments to the LEDs are the same for all the LEDs inside and outside the elevator. So, here I only put the always blocks for the registers corresponding to the LED inside corresponding to floor-0 and the LED outside at floor-0 as example code blocks:

```
always @(posedge clk_50hz or posedge rst) begin
    if (rst) begin
         led inside 0 <= 0;
    end else begin
        if (floor 0 d reg) //turn on the inside led when the floor 0 destination switch is turned on
            led_inside_0 <= 1;</pre>
        else
           led inside 0 <= 0;
    end
end
always @(posedge clk 50hz or posedge rst) begin
   if (rst) begin
       led_outside_0 <= 0;</pre>
   end else begin
       if (floor 0 p reg) //turn on the led when the push button at floor 0 is pressed and floor 0 is in range
          led outside 0 <= 1;
          led outside 0 <= 0;
   end
end
```

#### Determining final destination and status (behavior) of the elevator

At this always block, which works at positive edge of clock or positive edge of reset, the final destination of elevator and status of the elevator is determined. Final destination can only be set to a floor when the current status of elevator is IDLE, hence we first check the status of elevator. If there is a request from floor n and elevator is at a floor below floor n, then status of the elevator should be UP with final destination being set to floor n. Similarly, if there is a request from floor n and elevator is at a floor above floor n, then status of the elevator should be DOWN with final destination being set to floor n. If the request comes from the floor in which the elevator is currently at, then status is preserved. When status of elevator is IDLE and there aren't any requests coming from any floor, then both status and final destination of elevator is preserved. Another possibility is

that the status of elevator also can be UP or DOWN hence those conditions should also be considered that is while the elevator hasn't reached its final destination, both status and final destination of elevator is preserved. Otherwise if elevator has reached its final destination, then the status of elevator is set to IDLE and final destination is set to 3'b101 which is another way of saying that elevator is at IDLE status. At the screenshots below, you can see the implementation of the explanation above:

```
always @(posedge clk_50hz or posedge rst) begin
    if (rst) begin
          final_dest <= 3'b101; //dummy variable -> equalizing to a state I am not using as my elevator_state
          status <= IDLE;
     end else begin
         if (status == IDLE) begin
              if (floor_0_p || floor_0_d) begin
    final_dest <= FLOOR_0;</pre>
                    case (elevator_state)
                        3'b000: status <= status;
                         3'b001: status <= DOWN;
                        3'b010: status <= DOWN;
                        3'b011: status <= DOWN;
                         3'b100: status <= DOWN;
                        default: status <= status;
                   endcase
               end else if (floor_l_p || floor_l_d) begin
                   final_dest <= FLOOR_1;
                   case (elevator state)
                         3'b000: status <= UP;
                         3'b001: status <= status;
                         3'b010: status <= DOWN:
                         3'b011: status <= DOWN;
                        3'b100: status <= DOWN:
                        default: status <= status:
              end else if (floor_2_p || floor_2_d) begin
    final_dest <= FLOOR_2;</pre>
                   Case (elevator_state)
3'b000: status <= UP;
3'b001: status <= UP;
3'b010: status <= UP;
3'b011: status <= DOWN;
3'b100: status <= DOWN;
                         default: status <= status:
              endcase
end else if (floor_3_p || floor_3_d) begin
                   final_dest <= FLOOR_3;
case (elevator_state)</pre>
                         3'b000: status <= UP;
3'b001: status <= UP;
3'b010: status <= UP;
3'b010: status <= UP;
3'b011: status <= status;
3'b100: status <= DOWN;
                         default: status <= status;
                    endcase
               end else if (floor_4_p || floor_4_d) begin
                    final dest <= FLOOR 4;
                    case (elevator_state)
                         3'b000: status <= UP;
                         3'b001: status <= UP;
3'b010: status <= UP;
3'b011: status <= UP;
3'b010: status <= status;
                         default: status <= status;
                 end else begin
                      final dest <= final_dest;</pre>
                      status <= status:
                 end
           end else begin //status is either UP or DOWN
                 if (elevator_state == final_dest) begin
                       status <= IDLE;
                       final_dest <= 3'b101;
                 end else begin
                       status <= status;
                       final_dest <= final_dest;
                 end
           end
     end
```

#### **Transition between floors**

This always block, which works at positive edge of clock or positive edge of reset, is used for transition between floors of the elevator. If the elevator is moving up and didn't reach its final destination and there is a valid request from the floors between current floor and final destination, then it waits at the requested floor for 5 seconds and then goes to the floor above at 5 seconds making a total of 10 seconds. However, if there wasn't any request from the floors between, then the elevator will go the floor above at 5 seconds. Similarly, if the elevator is moving down and didn't reach its final destination and there is a valid request from the floors between current floor and final destination, then it waits at the requested floor for 5 seconds and then goes to the floor below at 5 seconds making a total of 10 seconds. However, if there wasn't any request from the floors between, then the elevator will go the floor below at 5 seconds. If there is a reset input give to the module, then the current floor of elevator is set to floor 0.

```
always @(posedge clk_50hz or posedge rst) begin
   if (rst) begin
      elevator state <= FLOOR 0:
   end else begin
       if (status == UP && elevator_state != final_dest) begin
           if (led_busy) begin
               if (timed_up_2) //change the elevator state after 10 seconds (5+5)
                    elevator_state <= elevator_state + 1;
                   elevator state <= elevator state;
           end else begin //change the elevator state after 5 seconds
               if (timed_up)
                   elevator state <= elevator state + 1;
                   elevator state <= elevator state;
           end
       end else if (status == DOWN && elevator_state != final_dest) begin
           if (led_busy) begin
               if (timed up 2)
                   elevator_state <= elevator_state - 1;</pre>
                   elevator_state <= elevator_state;
           end else begin
               if (timed_up)
                   elevator_state <= elevator_state - 1;
                   elevator_state <= elevator_state;</pre>
           end
       end else begin
           elevator_state <= elevator_state;
```

#### Left side of SSD

For the left side of the SSD, we had to define left side according to the elevator's status which can be Idle, UP, or Down and since it had to shown at all times, the always block was used without any constraints coming from clock or reset button that is it always checked for the current status of elevator. The coding of the letters was done as requested in the project file which can be seen below.

```
always 0* begin
     //Defining the left SSD -> Status: IDLE, UP, DOWN
    case (status)
         IDLE: begin
             a[7:4] <= 4'b1111:
             c[7:4] <= 4'b1100;
             d[7:4] <= 4'b1110:
             f[7:4] <= 4'b1111;
g[7:4] <= 4'b0010;
             p[7:4] <= 4'b1111;
         end
         UP: begin
              a[7:4] <= 4'b1110;
             b[7:4] <= 4'b1100:
             c[7:4] <= 4'b1101;
             d[7:4] <= 4'b1101;
             e[7:4] <= 4'b1100:
             f[7:4] <= 4'b1100;
             g[7:4] <= 4'b0010;
             p[7:4] <= 4'b1111;
         DOWN: begin
a[7:4] <= 4'b1110;
             b[7:4] <= 4'b1100;
c[7:4] <= 4'b1100;
             e[7:4] <= 4'b1100;
             g[7:4] <= 4'b0001;
             p[7:4] <= 4'b1111;
         default: begin //Same as the IDLE status
  a[7:4] <= 4'b1111;</pre>
              b[7:4] <= 4'b1100;
             c[7:4] <= 4'b1100;
              e[7:4] <= 4'b1110;
             f[7:4] <= 4'b1111;
             g[7:4] <= 4'b0010;
p[7:4] <= 4'b1111;
    endcase
```

## **Right side of SSD**

For the right side of the SSD, we had to define right side according to the current floor of elevator which can be Floor 0, Floor 1, Floor 2, Floor 3 or Floor 4 and since it had to shown at all times, the always block was used without any constraints coming from clock or reset button that is it always checked for the current floor of elevator. The coding of the letters was done as requested in the project file which can be seen below.

```
//Defining the right SSD -> Current floor the elevator is at case (elevator_state)

FLOOR_0: begin

a[3:0] <= 4'b0110;
b[3:0] <= 4'b1110;
c[3:0] <= 4'b1110;
d[3:0] <= 4'b1010;
e[3:0] <= 4'b010;
g[3:0] <= 4'b010;
g[3:0] <= 4'b0101;
p[3:0] <= 4'b0111;
end

FLOOR_1: begin

a[3:0] <= 4'b1110;
c[3:0] <= 4'b110;
d[3:0] <= 4'b1001;
f[3:0] <= 4'b0011;
f[3:0] <= 4'b0011;
g[3:0] <= 4'b0101;
g[3:0] <= 4'b
```

```
FLOOR_2: begin

a[3:0] <= 4'b0110;
b[3:0] <= 4'b1111;
d[3:0] <= 4'b1010;
e[3:0] <= 4'b0010;
e[3:0] <= 4'b0010;
f[3:0] <= 4'b0011;
g[3:0] <= 4'b0010;
p[3:0] <= 4'b0110;
b[3:0] <= 4'b1111;
end

FLOOR_3: begin

a[3:0] <= 4'b1110;
c[3:0] <= 4'b1110;
d[3:0] <= 4'b1110;
d[3:0] <= 4'b1110;
d[3:0] <= 4'b1100;
p[3:0] <= 4'b0011;
g[3:0] <= 4'b0011;
g[3:0] <= 4'b0011;
g[3:0] <= 4'b1100;
e[3:0] <= 4'b1100;
c[3:0] <= 4'b110;
d[3:0] <= 4'b1111;
end

FLOOR_4: begin

a[3:0] <= 4'b1111;
end

FLOOR_4: begin
a[3:0] <= 4'b1111;
end

default: begin //Same as FLOOR-0
a[3:0] <= 4'b111;
end

default: begin //Same as FLOOR-0
a[3:0] <= 4'b110;
d[3:0] <= 4'b111;
end

endcase
end
```