Final Project_Team4 Doodle Jump

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Motivation

Doodle Jump(released in 2009) is a popular game in our childhood, when IPhone just started to become prevalent. We were looking for some games that are easy to be programmed and this was what firstly came up.

Introduction

Adapted from the phone-based game Doodle-Jump. We keep most of the elements in the original game.

Goal: Player need to guide the doodle up to a series of platforms without falling. Victory is set as score=9999.

Characters:

Doodle:



Represents the player, can shoot with infinite bullet, but only one bullet is allowed to present on the map. Controlled by keyboard.

Monster:



Represents the villain of the game, kill the player upon contact.

A player can destroy monsters by shooting bullet towards it. Monsters spawned every 500 points after its death.

Environment:

Map:

map width = 640, map height = 480

Platform:



Platform are generated randomly, initially they are immobile. However, when player scores 5000, platforms will start to move horizontally.

User Manual:

keyboard:

A->left

D->right

1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9->shooting(in 8 directions)

Enter, Esc->progress in the game

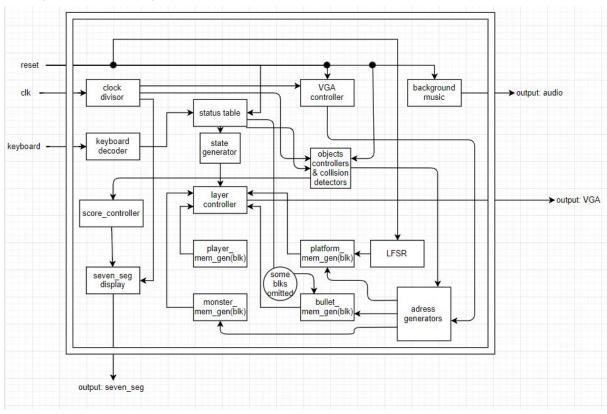
FPGA board:

7-segment: current score

rightmost switch: turn on(off) music LED: will shine in patterns after victory

Game Design

Rough block diagram



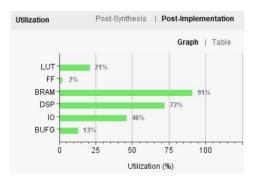
1.block memory generators

We use memory IPs to create multiple block memory generators, block memory generators take a lot of space of RAMs and the size of it is obtained by depth*width.



(ex. the block memory of platform take 12*(58*15)=10,400bits,1/180 of total)

We use 14 block generators in total which consumes



91% of the total usage(1800,000bits). We've calculated take the best advantage of usage by cutting big pictures into smaller pieces. But to have clearer texts on the screen, we need to do some sacrifice.

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ex.

(440*56)*12=295,680

295,680/1800,000=16.4%

2. controllers(monster,player,bullet)

a) player controller -

The module is designed to handle player movement and position data. It takes two input from keyboard_decoder, these affects player's speed in horizontal direction. The module will update player's position by its current speed, however, in the case that collision occurs, position will updated as being bounced instead. Collision detector gives a signal "hit" to control the process.

b) monster controller —

This module is used to handle monster spawning, movement and position data. Monster is spawn by 500 score interval, and will automatically move horizontally until it reached map bottom or being hit by bullet.

c) bullet controller -

This module records bullet existence, speed and position. There can only be at most one bullet on a map, thus the player has to wait the bullet to went out of the map to reload.

To determine if there is a bullet exist on the map, two register exist_x, exist_y are used and only when both are "high" the bullet is considered exist. After player fires a bullet, exist_x and exist_y are set to "high", and will return to "low" when reaching the edge of the map.

3. memory address generators

it give address to block memory generator, at clk_25MHZ tells it which part of the memory should be read.

```
if(v_cnt>=start_y && v_cnt<start_y+height)begin
  if(h_cnt>start_x && h_cnt<=start_x+width)begin
    pixel_addr=(h_cnt-start_x)+(v_cnt-start_y)*width;
    valid=1;
end
else begin
    pixel_addr=0;
    valid=0;
end
end</pre>
```

as the method above, it reads in the height*width region, otherwise it reads 0. (In all our figures when addr==0 ----> pixel==12'hfff)

4. random platform generator(LFSR)

10 registers are created to every time the when platform's position > screen_height 'new' platform comes from top of screen, with random horizontal position. We use LFSR here.

```
if(rst)begin
assign next_r1[8:1]=r1[7:0],next_r1[0]=r1[8]^r1[7];
                                                             r1<=8'b1101_0001;
assign next_r2[8:1]=r2[7:0],next_r2[0]=r2[8]^r2[7];
                                                             r2<=8'b1001_1001;
assign next_r3[8:1]=r3[7:0],next_r3[0]=r3[8]^r3[7];
                                                             r3<=8'b0101_1101;
assign next_r4[8:1]=r4[7:0],next_r4[0]=r4[8]^r4[7];
                                                             r4<=8'b0110_0001;
assign next_r5[8:1]=r5[7:0],next_r5[0]=r5[8]^r5[7];
                                                             r5<=8'b1101_1001;
assign next_r6[8:1]=r6[7:0],next_r6[0]=r6[8]^r6[7];
                                                              r6<=8'b1000_1101;
assign next_r7[8:1]=r7[7:0],next_r7[0]=r7[8]^r7[7];
                                                              r7<=8'b1111_0001;
assign next_r8[8:1]=r8[7:0],next_r8[0]=r8[8]^r8[7];
                                                              r8<=8'b1101 0101;
assign next_r9[8:1]=r9[7:0],next_r9[0]=r9[8]^r9[7];
                                                              r9<=8'b1001_0101;
assign next_r10[8:1]=r10[7:0],next_r10[0]=r10[8]^r10[7];
                                                              r10<=8'b1100 1001;
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It generate pseudourandomness with methods above.

5. collision detector

The module only detects collision between two objects by checking overlapping of x and y coordinates. If both events are true, then collision is expected and sends out a "hit" signal.

6. audio

Uses pmod to output music. The work from lab5 is utilized. We use Doraemon's theme to make it sounds happier and relaxing.

7. keyboard_decoders

Uses the keyboard decoder from lab6.

8. seven-segments

Uses register[15:0]'s first bit do run the four concurrently.

9. top module

top module deal with

1)LED controls

LED flashes when player finally reach score 9999!! There are four display pattern and each with a duration of 16 cycles.

a) right-shifting

All LEDs will be set to high initially, and then turned off sequentially from left to right.

b) left-shifting

This state is similar to right-shifting, but turning off in the opposite direction.

c) Crossing

This state combines two previous pattern, but each bounced back when it reaches middle LEDs.

d) Twingling

This final state sets LEDs into pairs such as 1100_1100_0011_0011. In each cycle the LEDs invert its state and thus create a glittering effect.

The LEDs repeat these four states until the game is reset.

2)state & score controls ()

There are 4 states: START: menu page

RUN0: main stage when everything keep still

RUN1: main stage when game runs

END: the ending page

state signal are delivered into many modules, to tell them only to trigger changes in specific states.

score is added by 3*advance, which is a special signal saying how much height it jumps, generated by move controller of player.

3)VGA ouput layers control (line 251)

The layers are streched by a simple if-else structure.

We setted valid_signal for every object.

the order listed as:

START: actually there's no regulations here, since graphs are (almost)stable at menu pagefor only for uniformity.

```
START:
    if(doodle_vld){vgaRed, vgaGreen, vgaBlue} = pixel_text_doodle;
      if(dleft_vld){vgaRed, vgaGreen, vgaBlue} = pixel_dleft;
      else begin
          if(dright_vld){vgaRed, vgaGreen, vgaBlue} = pixel_dright;
          else begin
              if(dup_vld){vgaRed, vgaGreen, vgaBlue} = pixel_dup;
              else begin
                    if(midmon_vld){vgaRed, vgaGreen, vgaBlue} = pixel_midmon;
                       if(pltleft_vld){vgaRed, vgaGreen, vgaBlue} = pixel_pltleft;
                          if(pltright_vld){vgaRed, vgaGreen, vgaBlue} = pixel_pltright;
                             if(enter_vld){vgaRed, vgaGreen, vgaBlue} = pixel_enter;
                             else {vgaRed, vgaGreen, vgaBlue} = 12'hfff;
                        end
                      end
                  end
```

RUN0,RUN1: blt vld > plyr vld >mon vld >bg vld

Conclusion:

Hardware environment is not common to be used by game programming .In this project, we have implemented a primary game environment that includes collision detectors, layer controls. Some advanced features like gravity simulation and random generators are also involved. We overcome the problems of VGA signals and discontinuity between block memories and controllers. Not only did we apply the knowledge we have learned, new questions encountered in the assignment also lead to new discoveries. The game, with some imperfections need to be improved, comes out as an enjoyable one to play with.

Appendix: Individual reports

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Firstly, The debugging cost a lot of time when programming since every time the synthesis take several minutes, even sometimes half an hour. It's very different from the software projects we're used to program.

By setting the systhesis -directive* to Runtime-optimize can slightly mitigate the problem.

The second problem I encounter is loading pictures. The pixel on the right is missing sometimes since the h_cnt and v_cnt are not processed properly(sometimes simple delay will cause serious problems).

I make sure the correctness by setting the region in memory address generator in specific pattern.

The third problem I encounter is block memory. Since the limit of Basys3 is only 1800,000 bits. Many delicate pictures cannot be used(or need to be processed very complicatedly).

To solve this, I calculated and resize every graph's size to make best composition and usage.

The project made me think of a lot of explorational things, which I might have never deep down into with normal exams and assignments. Although it's far from enough, that's what learnings should be like.

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In this assignment, the ability to identify bugs before generating bitstream is much important because it's such a time consuming process. Plus, as the project grows larger, from time to time I would forget my progress and result in trivial errors such as forget to connect ports in top module. I guess using some notes may help, just like making version control.