Basic Structure:

Serial Terminal

Audio CODEC

picoBlaze

micro-controller

Storage

Memory

LCD

Display

User Controls

Figure 1: High-level block diagram of audio recorder/player

Microphone

& Speaker

Things to do:

1. Create a menu system in Verilog and output it to the terminal.
   1. Menu options shown below:
      1. Play a message
      2. Record a message
      3. Delete a message
      4. Delete all messages
      5. Volume control

Getting the menu to output correctly involves knowing the window length.

It’s 80 characters long, so subtract message length for each line by that; this will give how many spaces are needed for each line to be shown as a newline.

Instead of that, put as many backspace characters as the previous message length. This leads to waaaaay less lines.

* 1. Figuring this out first will make creating menu options when in other sections easier.
  2. Setup logic for transitioning to other modules.

1. Create an FSM to handle where the user is in the menu options.
   1. FSM will use BTN’s as control signals for changing state (debounced of course)
2. Create module to output memory for options 1 and 3 of the menu.
   1. First figure out how to output memory
   2. Then figure out how to scroll and display current position in memory correctly
      1. Separate logic (in assembly?) for reaching the end of memory, and current position.
      2. Scrolling will involve button pushes, so debouncers are necessary.
3. Implement a “MEMORY FULL” message.
   1. If memory is full, do not allow user to record.
   2. Message should be implemented in menu system, simple check if memory is full then output message after the welcome message.
4. Implement pause/play and skip for messages.
   1. Switch to control pausing and playing
      1. When switch is up, pause.
      2. When switch is down, play
   2. Button for skipping (?)
   3. While a message is playing, user can interact with menu.
      1. Lost on this one, but we can figure it out later.
5. Implement recording of messages.
   1. Messages can only be 4 minutes long
      1. Since we’re working in nanoseconds, likely very big number to count seconds alone.
      2. Output message if max recording time is close to being reached(?)
      3. Stop recording once max time is reached.
   2. Can record a max of 6 messages
      1. Once this max is reached, go back to the menu, where the “MEMEORY FULL” message will be output.
6. FINITO!!!!
7. LGSB