

Amazing Dinosaur

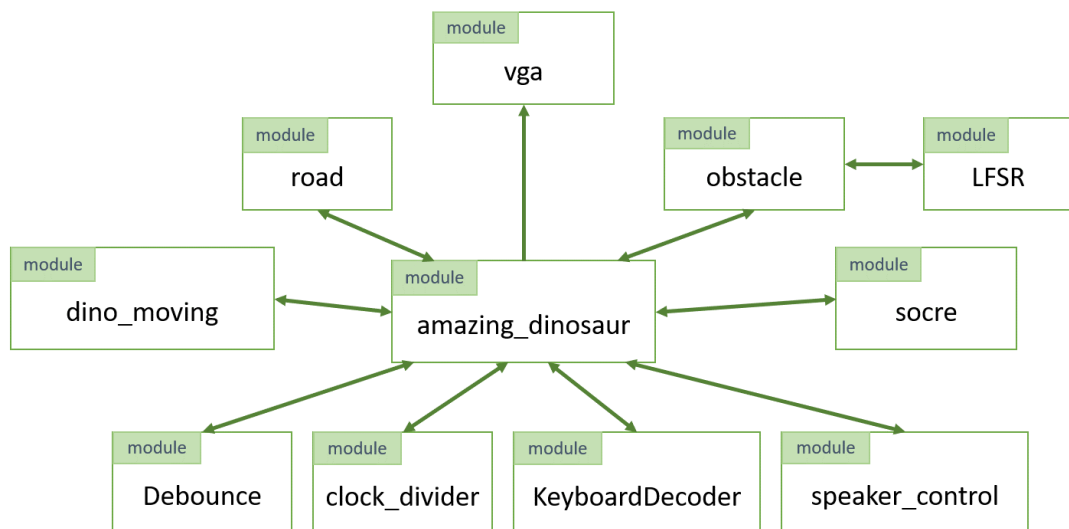
1. IDEA

In this project, I implement a dinosaur running game on FPGA board. The rule of the game is that the dinosaur must avoid obstacles, which are randomly generated. I consider several parts of the game to finish this project, i.e., the **body of the dinosaur**, different **obstacles**, **jumping** scheme, **scoring** scheme, running **speed**, **music**, **led indication**, **vga control**, and the **collision detection**.

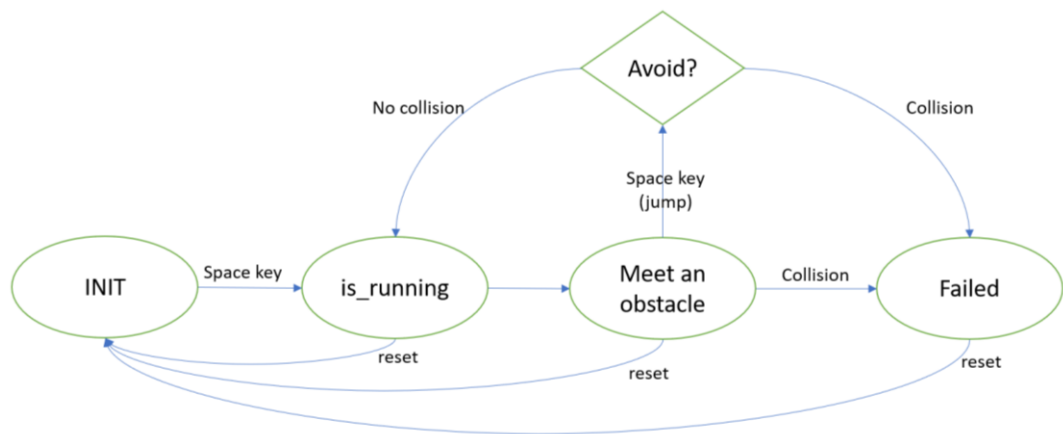
2. Detail and Block Diagram

First I list the relationship of modules I used, and I will explain main function of each modules. In this project, I used eleven types of modules.

- The relationship between each module is followed by this diagram:



- The dinosaur has following status:



Amazing Dinosaur Module

This module is the main module. It collects each submodule's pixel signal (i.e. *px_dinosaur*, *px_ground*, *px_obstacle*, *px_scoring*) and transmit the signal to **vga** module.

- Detect Collision
If *px_dinosaur* and *px_obstacle* has both value 1 at the same time, which means a collision occurs, then *stop_trigger* will be set to 1.
- Analyze the keyboard signal
Determine if the player hit the "space" key on key board or not.
- Start or Reset the game
In the beginning, one can use "space" key on keyboard to start the game.
If the game is stopped by *stop_trigger* or just willing to restart the game, one can hit the center button on FPGA board to reset.
- Sending Jump signal
When the dinosaur is running, one can use the "space" key on keyboard to make the dinosaur jump.
- Music Selection
Before the game start, there is no music playing. While the player starts the game, the music 1 will be played. If the player trigger *jump*, the FPGA will play a jumping sound effect, which is another music track.
When the dinosaur hit an obstacle, all music will stop.
- 7-segment and LED
Transmit the *score* signal to 7-segment Display.
LED will indicate whether the dinosaur is running, hit, or not begin yet.
- VGE Display
Transmit the *score* signal to 7-segment Display.

dino_moving Module

This module is used to output Dinosaur Body Pixel and control Jumping scheme. It will decide **HOW high** and **HOW long** it should jump. Notice that the jumping must happened when the dinosaur was on the road, we used *jump_time* and *is_jumping* to detect if the dinosaur finished last jumping and running on the road or was still up in the air. Then transmit *px_dinosaur* to *amazing_dinosaur* for displaying.

```
40 always @(negedge frame) begin
41     counter <= counter+1;
42     if (is_running) begin
43         if (jump && is_jumping==1'b0) is_jumping<=1'b1;
44         if (is_jumping) begin
45             if (jump_time>=12'd40) begin
46                 jump_time<=12'b0;
47                 is_jumping<=1'b0;
48             end
49             else jump_time<=jump_time+1'b1;
50         end
51     end else begin
52         if (rst || start) begin
53             jump_time <= 12'b0;
54             is_jumping <= 1'b0;
55             counter <= 4'b0;
56         end
57     end
58 end
```

obstacle

To generate a random position of obstacle onto the road. To accomplish this function, I used LFSR to generate a random number for *waiting_time*. I used a counter until counting to the *waiting_time*. Once the counting finished, it will generate an obstacle on the road by transmitting *px_obstacle* to *amazing_dinosaur* for displaying.

```
47 always @(negedge frame) begin
48     if (my_rst) begin
49         position <= 10'b0;
50         wait_counter <= 10'b0;
51         wait_time <= 10'b0;
52     end
53     if (is_running) begin
54         if (position == 10'b0) begin
55             if (wait_counter == 10'b0) begin
56                 wait_time <= rand * 10'd7;
57                 obstacle_sel <= rand % 3;
58                 wait_counter <= 1;
59             end else begin
60                 wait_counter <= wait_counter + 1;
61                 if (wait_counter >= wait_time) begin
62                     position <= screen_speed;
63                     wait_counter <= 10'b0;
64                 end
65             end
66         end else begin
67             position <= (position + screen_speed) % 700;
68         end
69     end
70 end
```

LFSR

Generate a *pseudo* random number for *waiting_time of obstacle*.

```
267 module LFSR(random, clk, rst);
268     input clk;
269     input rst;
270     output [3:0] random;
271     reg [3:0] random;
272
273     always @(posedge clk or posedge rst) begin
274         if (rst == 1'b1) random[3:0] <= 4'b1000;
275         else begin
276             random[2:0] <= random[3:1];
277             random[3] <= random[1] ^ random[0];
278         end
279     end
280 endmodule
```

road

This module is used to generate the ground layout and control **HOW Fast** the screen is moving. The road should move from right to left repeatedly if *is_running* == 1. Also, output *px_road* to *amazing_dinosaur* for displaying road .

```
36     always @(negedge frame) begin
37         if (is_running) position <= (position + screen_speed) % 10'd160;
38         else position <= 10'b0;
39     end
```

keyboard

This module is from TA's providing IP module.

score

When the dinosaur is running, the score will auto increase by 1 in a given period.

And output *px_score* to *amazing_dinosaur* module for displaying score .

```
150 always @ (posedge clk or posedge rst or posedge start) begin
151     if(start||rst) begin
152         score_data <= 0;
153         score_data_cnt <= 0;
154     end
155     else if(is_running==0) score_data <= score_data;
156     else if(score_data_cnt < 1000000) score_data_cnt <= score_data_cnt + 1;
157     else begin
158         score_data_cnt <= 0;
159         if(score_data[3:0] == 4'b1001) begin
160             score_data[3:0] <= 0;
161             if(score_data[7:4] == 4'b1001) begin
162                 score_data[7:4] <= 0;
163                 if(score_data[11:8] == 4'b1001) begin
164                     score_data[11:8] <= 0;
165                     if(score_data[15:12] == 4'b1001) begin
166                         score_data[15:12] <= 0;
167                     end
168                     else score_data[15:12] <= score_data[15:12] + 1;
169                 end
170                 else score_data[11:8] <= score_data[11:8] + 1;
171             end
172             else score_data[7:4] <= score_data[7:4] + 1;
173         end
174         else score_data[3:0] <= score_data[3:0] + 1;
175     end
176 end
```

audio

This module used to play music when dinosaur is running, also it will play jumping sound.

vga

Only output one color on screen for simplicity, and output when $px == 1$, which means $px_road == 1$ or $px_dinosaur == 1$ or $px_obstacle == 1$ or $px_score == 1$.

```
56 assign r = (tmp) ? 4'h0 : px ? 4'b0000 : 4'b1111;  
57 assign g = (tmp) ? 4'h0 : px ? 4'b0000 : 4'b1111;  
58 assign b = (tmp) ? 4'h0 : px ? 4'b0000 : 4'b1111;
```

Use SW[0] to decide whether turning on the vga signal.

```
37 always @ (posedge clk or negedge vga_enable) begin  
38     if (!vga_enable) v_count <= 10'h0;  
39     else if (h_count == 10'd799) begin  
40         if (v_count == 10'd524) v_count <= 10'h0;  
41         else v_count <= v_count + 10'h1;  
42     end  
43 end
```

3. Completeness

Based on my proposal, I accomplished almost 90% functions. However, the sound effect for jumping was not like in real world. It should be able to be refined.

Project Description:

1. 概念圖、功能描述與使用到的 I/O Devices 或額外的機構設計

我預計設計一個恐龍遊戲，並且包含音效、進入、結束等畫面。



- Switch 用來控制是否啟動遊戲，輸出 VGA **done**
- LED 用來顯示目前的狀態（初始、遊戲中、失敗） **done**
- Push button 用來 Reset **done**
- 7-segment Display 可以顯示目前的分數 **done**
- 鍵盤 用來控制恐龍可以跳起來避開障礙物 **done**
- Audio 遊戲背景音樂 和 失敗的音效，還有恐龍跳起來的音效 **80% done**
- VGA 輸出遊戲畫面 **done**

4. Challenges

- When I try to generate obstacles on the road, I have no idea how to do it completely random. I found, however, if I using LFSR it will sometimes generate a consecutive sequence of obstacles, which makes dinosaur cannot avoid them by single jumping.

I extend the time by multiple it by a number, hence, it ensures a certain distance between two obstacles.

- To have high resolution via vga, I choose not display colorful picture on screen, instead, all color on screen are in dark gray, which is decided by 0 or 1.



- Determine clock_divider for Keyboard, jump and vga is a tough process. Since I have to synthesis for a long time the check whether it works. But finally it looks great.

5. Final Thoughts

This is really a good course and I also be more familiar with Verilog by accomplishing this project. Thank to TAs and the professor.

6. References

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