Hardware Project Report: Random Number Generator

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1 Introduction

The purpose of this project is to design and build a random number generator using various hardware components. The random number generator will provide a reliable source of random numbers for different applications such as simulations, cryptography, and games. The following equipment will be utilized in the project:

- Breadboard
- Seven Segment Display Common Anode
- 7447 Seven Segment Display Decoder
- 7474 D FlipFlop x2
- 7486 XOR gate
- 555 Precision Timer
- Resistor 10M
- Resistor 1K
- Capacitor 47nF
- Capacitor 470nF
- USB micro B breakout board
- Jumper wires

2 Hardware Design

The random number generator will be designed using a combination of digital logic circuits and timing components. The main components involved in the design are the 555 timer, D flip-flops, XOR gate, and the seven segment display.

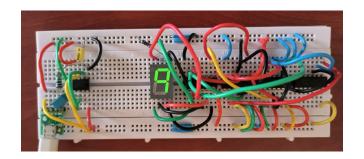


Figure 1: Circuit

2.1 Circuit Design

The circuit will be constructed on a breadboard using the following connections:

- 1. Connect the 555 timer in a stable mode with the resistor 10M, resistor 1K, and capacitor 470nF to generate a clock signal.
- 2. Connect the output of the 555 timer to the clock inputs (CLK) of both D flip-flops (7474).
- 3. Connect the Q outputs of the first D flip-flop to the D inputs of the second D flip-flop in a serial configuration.
- 4. Connect the Q outputs of both D flip-flops to the inputs of the XOR gate (7486).
- 5. Connect the output of the XOR gate to the input of the seven segment display decoder (7447).
- 6. Connect the output of the seven segment display decoder to the seven segment display (common anode).
- 7. Connect power and ground to all the components as per their requirements.

3 Working Principle

The random number generator works based on the principle of generating a random bit sequence using the 555 timer in a stable mode. The output of the timer is fed as a clock signal to the D flip-flops, which act as a shift register. The XOR gate combines the outputs of the D flip-flops, creating a pseudo-random sequence. This sequence is then decoded by the seven segment display decoder and displayed on the seven segment display.

4 Implementation

Once the circuit is built on the breadboard, connect the USB micro B breakout board to a power source and provide the necessary power supply to the circuit. The clock signal generated by the 555 timer will start shifting the random bit sequence through the D flip-flops. The XOR gate will combine the outputs of the flip-flops, and the resulting pattern will be displayed on the seven segment display through the decoder.

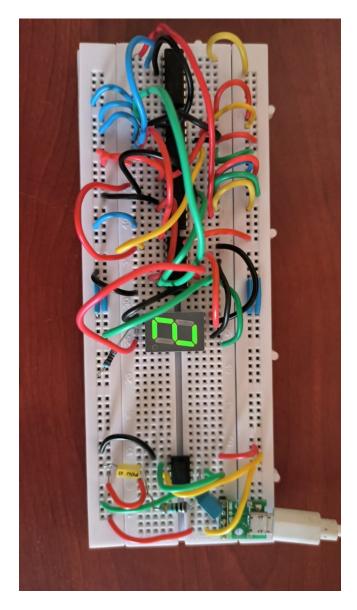


Figure 2: Circuit

5 Conclusion

In conclusion, the hardware project to create a random number generator using the mentioned components provides an efficient and reliable solution for generating random numbers. The circuit design and implementation on the breadboard allow for easy testing and modification. The random number generator can be further enhanced by adding additional components or optimizing the circuit design based on specific requirements.