

Traffic Light Controller

Requirements for the exercise (issues and skills necessary to complete the task):

- representation of numbers in decimal, binary and hexadecimal systems;
- setting up a new project in Quartus Prime;
- creating a hardware module (symbol) in Quartus Prime based on a schematic file (*.bdf);
- creating a hardware module (symbol) in Quartus Prime based on a source code file (eg. *.vhd);
- ability to simplify a logical expressions using the Karnaugh Map method;
- ability to implement a scheme with logic gates based on an algebraic equation.

FREQUENCY DIVIDER (Toggle Mode)

Each kind of Flip-Flop can be configured to work in switching mode called Toggle Mode, works as a binary, frequency divider. In this mode, a rectangular wave is generated at the outputs Q and ~Q with the frequency equal to half of the clock frequency given to the flip-flop. The figure below shows several flip-flops configured in toggle mode.

Moreover, by connecting several flip-flops in series, you can obtain a mod 2^{N} counter (eg. counter mod 4, mod 8, mod 16, mod 32,).



Fig. 1: D, T and JK Flip-flops configured to work in switching mode.



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Design and implement the up-counter (mod 16) by connecting in series toggle mode configured flip-flops. Next, design combinational logic circuit to control the led traffic to get the sequence, as on the figure below. The inputs of the combinational circuit should be the counter outputs.



Fig. 2: Traffic light sequence at the intersection of roads A and B

Use the 1Hz signal from the Multiprescaler block as the clock signal for the counter. An example of the mod 16 up-counter, based on flip-flops configured as toggle mode, is shown in Fig. 3. Table 1 shows the Karnaugh map for the red light signal, for road A (R_A signal). Based on such maps, combinational circuits should be implemented for all traffic light signals (R_A, Y_A, G_A, R_B, Y_B, G_B). Implement the logic for controlling the lights (combination circuits) in the form of a hardware module (in the form of a symbol).

As a street light simulator on the DE10-Lite board, use the 7-segment displays HEX0 and HEX1, as shown in Fig. 4. Connect the unused display bars to the high state - VCC (HEX0[1], HEX0[2], HEX0[4], HEX0 [5], HEX1[1], HEX1[2], HEX1[4], HEX1[5]). Figure 5 shows the final circuit diagram of the Traffic Light Controller.

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X ₁ X ₀ X ₃ X ₂	00	01	11	10
00	1	1	1	1
01	1	1	1	1
11	0	0	0	0
10	1	1	0	0

Tab. 1: Karnaugh map for $R_{\!A}\,signal$



Fig. 3: Up counter mod 16



Fig. 4: Using 7-segment displays as a traffic light simulator

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Fig. 5: Diagram of the traffic light controller system