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## TRAFFIC LIGHT CONTROL USING FPGA

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### ABSTRAC

*In this study made a simulation of traffic lights by using a FPGA module. Traffic lights are to regulate traffic lights installed at the intersection of highways is useful to regulate road users, in order to run according to the rules and not a traffic accident. Traffic lights will be connected using IDC 40 pin cable to the GP I / O. Simulations were designed in this study using two types that exist in the FPGA. The design simulation using VHDL language, then updated to the Function Block Diagram (BDF). BDF used as a top-level Entity or as the center of the whole system. BDF consist of 2, namely: a traffic light system (traffic) and system clock divider (clk\_div). Traffic light system has two types that could run in the BDF, the traffic light system 2-way crossing pedestrians using the button (type 1) and 4-way type using buttons pedestrian crossings (type 2). Traffic light system type 1 has 8 pieces of state. Then the lights started from the North-South direction is green for 5 seconds, then to yellow for 1 second, afterwards became all red for 1 second and then will move to the West-East into a green light. When the pedestrian button is pressed, the pedestrian light is green for 6 seconds and the main road to red lights all. Pedestrian lights made longer useful to anticipate pedestrians crossing or crossing diagonally. The traffic light type 2 will begin with a traffic light next to the North colored green for 5 seconds, then to yellow for 1 second, after it became red for 1 second and move to the hand of the West with the provisions of the same time and rotating clockwise. Transfer traffic light system is controlled by the displacement function keys consisting of: d, d1, and clr. The system clock divider is useful for controlling the switching time from one to the other state. Traffic lights get a clock of 5.7220 Hz*

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### 1. Preliminary

Traffic light technology in Indonesia continues to grow. Besides having a role in regulating the density of traffic on the highway it also enhances traffic safety. Every major intersection in Indonesia

possessed traffic lights that continue to experience growth. The development can be seen through the technology design of traffic lights that uses microcontroller, Programmable Logic Circuit (PLC), and Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA). Microcontroller design can

be designed and simulated using fuzzy logic-based Microcontroller (Taufik, Supriyono, Sukarman, 2008). Microcontrol is a computer chip which consists of several microprocessors and has a special function (Ganiyu, Arulogun, Okediran, 2014).

Microcontroller has the advantage that it has small size and only has special functions depending on the program that is inputted by programmer in the object. Besides the advantages, there are also weaknesses of the microcontroller, which needs a lot of contactors to enable traffic lights to be switched on. In the development, a system that only requires fewer contactors by using the PLC was created. PLC is a special program of industrial control (ladder diagram) that is useful to monitor and control industrial processes and are designed to withstand industrial environments and is resistant to interference (noise, vibration, shock, temperature, humidity) (Indrawan, Haritman, Hakim, 2013).

Another system used is the FPGA, which is connected between the gate array rows and columns that can be programmed by using the computer connected with USB. There are advantages when using an FPGA which can redesign components without the need to buy a new processor, operated in parallel, and has a large capacity RAM for

data storage. In establishing the design of FPGA, there are many ways that can be done, one of which is by using a block diagram or using VHDL data script. Microcontroller and PLC system are well known to students of Electrical Engineering University of Muhammadiyah Surakarta (UMS), but FPGA is a new thing that is still studied by students. Besides, there are some students that make prototype experiment using PLC or by a microcontroller. Therefore this study is a new innovation that is manufacturing of traffic lights using FPGA system with VHDL language.

## **2. The research method**

### **2.1. Requirement Analysis**

The design will be created inside the FPGA system which will be connected via the GP I / O to the traffic lights testing board which will be shown in detail of the design. To clarify the design can be seen in Figure 3.1. The design of a traffic light intersection lines using FPGA is useful to analyze the traffic lights running with algorithms that have been made. There are two types of algorithms to be executed, namely: type for two crossings (North-South and West-East) and 4 crossings (North, South, West, East). In the design there is a button that has the function keys, namely: blinking lights and displacement type of track. Traffic lights have lights for

pedestrians which is useful as a tool for crossing pedestrians and present in all lanes

## 2.2. Design

### 2.2.1. Crossing Line Design

Crossing Track Design have two types, namely: 2-way crossings with pedestrian (type 1) and 4 directions crossing with pedestrian (type 2). For type 1 can be describe in Table 1 and type 2 describe in Table 2

Table 1. design of type 1

State	North-South	West-East	Pedestrian North-South	Pedestrian West-East	Delay (s)
s0	Green	Red	Red	Red	5
s1	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	1
s2	Red	Red	Red	Red	1
s3	Red	Green	Red	Red	5
s4	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	1
s5	Red	Red	Red	Red	1
sew	Red	Red	Red	Green	6
sn	Red	Red	Green	Red	6

Table 2. design of type 2

state	N	W	S	E	Pedestrian				Delay (s)
					N	W	S	E	
s8	G	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	5
s9	Y	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	1
s10	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	1
s11	R	G	R	R	R	R	R	R	5
s12	R	Y	R	R	R	R	R	R	1
s13	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	1
s14	R	R	G	R	R	R	R	R	5
s15	R	R	Y	R	R	R	R	R	1
s16	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	1
s17	R	R	R	G	R	R	R	R	5
s18	R	R	R	Y	R	R	R	R	1
s19	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	1
sn	R	R	R	R	G	R	R	R	6
sw	R	R	R	R	R	G	R	R	6
ss	R	R	R	R	R	R	G	R	6
se	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	G	6

### 2.2.2. Button Design

There are 3 buttons to transfer the desired functions, namely: d, d1, and clr. Function keys are placed on FPGA board. The function buttons are described below:

- 1) If no key is pressed, the type 1 would work on line crossings.
- 2) If the button clr = 1, the light will stop and return to its initial state.
- 3) If button d = 1, the light will blink yellow.
- 4) If button d and d1 is 1, the crossings will turn into type 2.

### 2.3. Detail of design

Detail of the design explain overall system of traffic light to be operated. From the above requirements, then make a prototype of traffic light by using FPGA system. Prototype will be run, when the I/O on FPGA connected to traffic light board that use IDC cable 40 pins. In the FPGA, has created a program using Block Diagram Function (BDF). BDF production consists of traffic light system (traffic) and clock system (clk\_div). The clock system created to divide the first 50 MHz clock, so that when the time change can be show and not too fast. Then, there are have two types in traffic light system, namely: type for two crossing with pedestrian, and 4 lanes without pedestrian. In made program clock

and traffic light system begins with using VHDL and then update to BDF. Top-level BDF figure can be seen in Figure 1.

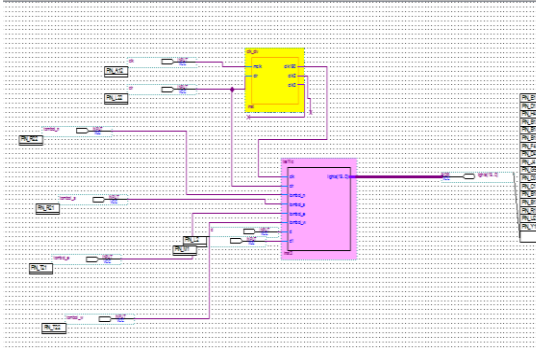


Figure 1. BDF (Block Diagram Function)

For a traffic light system type 1 or two crossing with pedestrian button can be explained by the State Diagram shown in Figure 2.

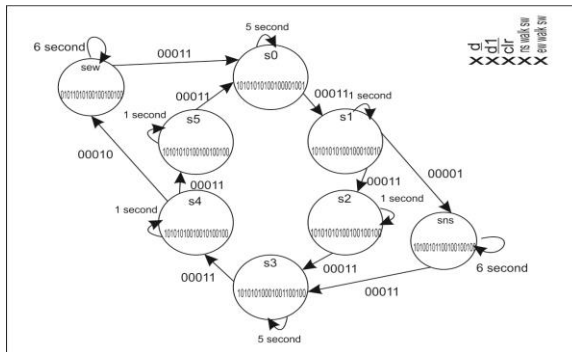


Figure 2 state diagram type 1

Figure 2 can explain at bellow

1. When  $s_0$ 
  - Running until 5 second (North-South are green, West-East are red).
  - If the input is 00011 and time 5 second is over, change to state  $s_1$ .
2. When  $s_1$ 
  - Running until 1 second (North-South are yellow, West-East are red).
3. When  $s_2$ 
  - Running until 1 second (all reds).
  - If the input is 00011 and time 1 second is over, change to state  $s_3$ .
4. When  $s_3$ 
  - Running until 5 second (North-South are red, West-East are green).
  - If the input is 00011 and time 5 second is over, change to state  $s_4$ .
5. When  $s_4$ 
  - Running until 1 second (North-South are red, West-East are yellow).
  - If the input is 00011 and time 1 second is over, change to state  $s_5$ .
  - Another if the input is 00010 and time 1 second is over, change to state  $sew$ .
6. When  $s_5$ 
  - Running until 1 second (all reds).
  - If the input is 00011 and time 5 second is over, change to state  $s_0$ .
7. When  $sns$ 
  - Running until 6 second (North-South pedestrian are green and main road all reds).
  - If the input 00011 and time 6 second is over, change to state  $s_3$ .
8. When  $sew$ 
  - If the input is 00011 and time 1 second is over, change to state  $s_2$ .
  - Another if input is 00001 and time 1 second is over, change to state  $sns$ .

- Running until 6 second (West-East pedestrian are green and main road all reds)
- If the input 00011 and time 6 second is over, change to state  $s_0$

For a traffic light system type 2 or four crossing with pedestrian button can be explained by the State Diagram shown in Figure 3

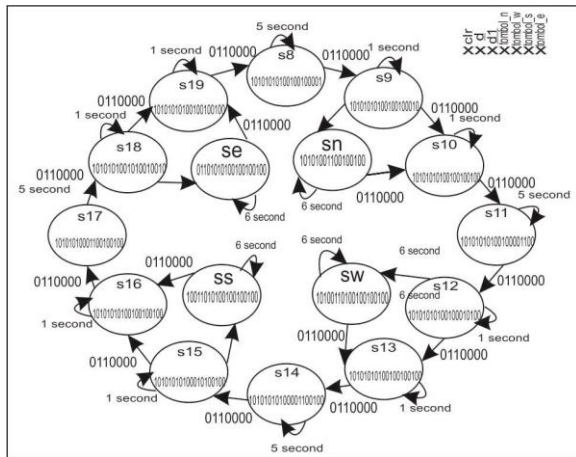


Figure 3. State diagram for type 2

Change of state can explained in bellow:

1. When  $s_8$ 
  - Running until 5 second (North is green and other red).
  - If the input is 011 and time 5 second is over, change to state  $s_9$ .
2. When  $s_9$ 
  - Running until 1 second (North is yellow and other red)
  - If the input is 011 and time 1 second is over, change to state  $s_{10}$ .
  - if input 0110111 and time 1 second is over, change to state  $s_n$ .
3. When  $s_{10}$ 
  - Running until 1 second (all lights are red).
4. When  $s_{11}$ 
  - If the input is 011 and time 1 second is over, change to state  $s_{11}$
5. When  $s_{12}$ 
  - Running until 5 second (West is green and other red).
  - If the input is 011 and time 5 second is over, change to state  $s_{12}$ .
6. When  $s_{13}$ 
  - Running until 1 second (West is yellow and other red)
  - If the input is 011 and time 1 second is over, change to state  $s_{13}$
  - if input 0111011 and time 1 second is over, change to state  $s_w$ .
7. When  $s_{14}$ 
  - Running until 1 second (all lights are red).
  - If the input is 011 and time 1 second is over, change to state  $s_{14}$ .
8. When  $s_{15}$ 
  - Running until 5 second (South is green and other red).
  - If the input is 011 and time 5 second is over, change to state  $s_{15}$ .
  - if input 0111101 and time 1 second is over, change to state  $s_s$ .
9. When  $s_{16}$ 
  - Running until 1 second (South is yellow and other red)
  - If the input is 011 and time 1 second is over, change to state  $s_{16}$ .
10. When  $s_{17}$ 
  - Running until 1 second (all lights are red)
  - If the input is 011 and time 5 second is over, change to state  $s_{17}$ .

- Running until 5 second (East is green and other red).
  - If the input is 011 and time 5 second is over, change to state  $s_{18}$ .
  - if input 0111110 and time 1 second is over, change to state  $s_e$ .
11. When  $s_{18}$
- Running until 5 second (East is yellow and other red).
  - If the input is 011 and time 5 second is over, change to state  $s_{19}$ .
12. When  $s_{19}$
- Running until 5 second (all lights are red).
  - If the input is 011 and time 5 second is over, change to state  $s_8$ .
13. When  $s_n$
- Running until 6 second (North pedestrian are green and main road all reds).
  - If the input 0111111 and time 6 second is over, change to state  $s_{10}$ .
14. When  $s_w$
- Running until 6 second (West pedestrian are green and main road all reds).
  - If the input 0111111 and time 6 second is over, change to state  $s_{13}$ .
15. When  $s_s$
- Running until 6 second (South pedestrian are green and main road all reds).
  - If the input 0111111 and time 6 second is over, change to state  $s_{16}$ .
16. When  $s_e$
- Running until 6 second (East pedestrian are green and main road all reds).

17. If the input 0111111 and time 6 second is over, change to state  $s_{19}$ .

The traffic light type 2 will run if the input to the  $clr$ ,  $d$ , and  $d1$  are '011'. Then, traffic light will run start from state  $s_8$  to  $s_{19}$  with on the rule. First traffic light is green I the North and other are reds and rotate clockwise. Design of the button have 3 buttons and has 4 functions to changing, namely:  $d$ ,  $d1$ , and  $clr$  described at Table 3

Table 3. The button function

$d$	$d1$	$Clr$	Information
1	0	0	Blink
0	0	1	Back to the starting state
0	0	0	2 lanes of crossing with pedestrian button.
1	1	0	4 cross lanes without pedestrian button.

### 3. The Result

Traffic light board has square shape by size of 20 x 20 cm, with two direction intersection models namely: 2 lines with walk signal and 4 lines without walk signal. The LED for traffic light will be connected with traffic light board to FPGA board by IDC 40 pin cable. The figure can be seen at Figure 4





Figure 4. FPGA and traffic light board

**3.1. Testing and Analysis**

**3.1.1. Testing traffic light board and LED**

The total number of LED are 20 and are connected to the testing board made by the researcher. From the testing board, the LED are then connected by IDC cable 40 pins to I/O FPGA board. The LED will be turn on started from North then rotate by clockwise direction, with fixed timer.

**3.1.2. Testing of delay of traffic light time state**

The testing of time state is from Green to Yellow and then to Red. After that, the testing is made to the exchange from North to West until North again by clock direction as a result of the clock from FPGA system that is programmed for organizeing the timer. Clock divider used has 23. This clock produced frequency. So, the frequency arrangement is explained through this equation (1)

$$f_c = \frac{\text{frequency of board clock}}{2^n} \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

Note:

$f_c$  = Frequency(Hz)

Freq. of board clock = 50MHz

$n$  = divider

so, the value

$$f_c = \frac{50MHz}{2^{23}}$$

$$f_c = 5.9604 \text{ Hz}$$

after getting the value of frequency then the value is put into equation (2) to get the time value needed.

$$t = 1/f_c \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Notes:

$t$  = time (s)

$f_c$  = Frequency (Hz)

So, the time got is:

$$t = 1/5.9604$$

$$t = 0.1677 \text{ s}$$

The time state of the LED work from one to the other is shown at Table 4 for type 1 or intersection with 2 direction and pedestrian button.

Table 4. 1 Intersection with 2 lines using pedestrian buttons for crossings

State	North-South	West-East	Pedestrian North-South	Pedestrian West-East	Delay (s)
s0	Green	Red	Red	Red	5
s1	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	1
s2	Red	Red	Red	Red	1
s3	Red	Green	Red	Red	5
s4	Red	Yellow	Red	Red	1
s5	Red	Red	Red	Red	1
sew	Red	Red	Red	Green	6
sns	Red	Red	Green	Red	6

Table 5 shows the model of the intersection with four pedestrian lanes for crossings with pedestrian button.

Table 5 The model of the intersection with four pedestrian lanes for crossings with button.

state	N	W	S	E	Pedestrian				Delay (s)
					N	W	S	E	
s8	G	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	5
s9	Y	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	1
s10	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	1
s11	R	G	R	R	R	R	R	R	5
s12	R	Y	R	R	R	R	R	R	1
s13	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	1
s14	R	R	G	R	R	R	R	R	5
s15	R	R	Y	R	R	R	R	R	1
s16	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	1
s17	R	R	R	G	R	R	R	R	5
s18	R	R	R	Y	R	R	R	R	1
s19	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	1
sn	R	R	R	R	G	R	R	R	6
sw	R	R	R	R	R	G	R	R	6
ss	R	R	R	R	R	R	G	R	6
se	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	G	6

From Table 4 and Table 5 can be made simulation wave form can show in Figure 5

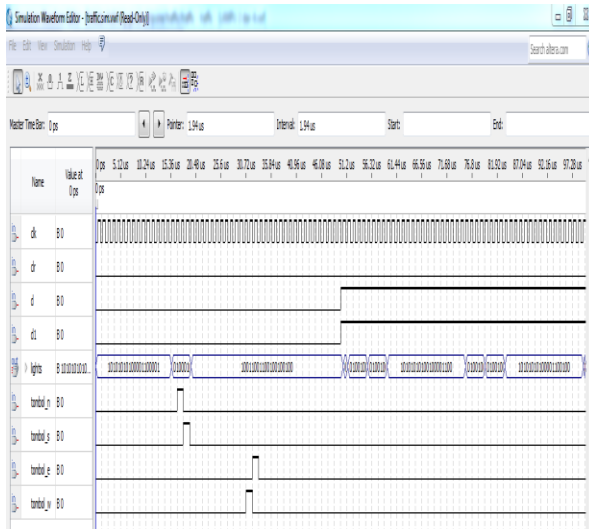


Figure 5 Simulation wave

3.1.3. Testing the function keys

Prototype of traffic light has three key functions and have 4 function in the form of d, d1, and clr. If the button is worth 1 or 0, it will have a predetermined function, namely: blink, 2 lanes crossing use pedestrian button, 4-lane pedestrian crossings with button, turn back to the beginning, and blinking mode.

Function keys can be seen in Table 6

Table 6. Function Key

d	d1	clr	Keterangan
1	0	0	Blink
0	0	1	Back to the starting state
0	0	0	2 lanes of crossing with pedestrian button.
1	1	0	4 cross lanes with pedestrian button.

4. Conclusion

1. The traffic light is designed by using Very High Speed Integrated Circuit “VHSIC” High Description Language (VHDL) that can be updated to Block Diagram Function (BDF).
2. Traffic lights type 1 are controlled by 5 inputs and traffic lights type 2 controlled by 7 input
3. Switching button function are controlled by input, namely: d, d1, and clr
4. The time delay depends on the clock programmed.

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