Introduction

Sequencers are functions that with the permission of the input signal change their output states with a given sequence. This simple unit has one data input, and three data outputs. Main part of the design is Pipe Delay cell with nRESET input to return outputs in startup state, see Figure 1.

Sequencer Circuit Design

As can be seen on Figure 4, Sequencer is implemented using Pipe Delay with data and reset inputs connected to SEQUENCER_IN (PIN2), clock input to CNT0/DLY0 output (as it together with LUT3-bit0 forms an oscillator), 1 PIPE OUT to 1_PIPE_OUT (PIN10), OUT1 to SEQUENCER_OUT1 (PIN11), OUT0 to SEQUENCER_OUT0 (PIN12), all outputs have Output Enable connected to VDD as they are configured as push-pull.

Digital Sequencer circuit analysis

When HIGH signal comes in to SEQUENCER_IN (PIN2), it allows, pipe delay with sourced data input from the same PIN2 and clock from Sequencer Oscillator which produces pulses with width of 1/29.11kHz and period T=10ms due to CNT0/DLY0 set as rising edge delay. 1 PIPE OUT will switch HIGH after first rising edge of clocking signal (in 10ms), OUT1 after 4th (40ms), OUT0 after eleven clocks (110ms). When pipe delay’s OUT0 is set HIGH the Sequencer Oscillator will turn OFF (see Figure2). Sequencer will hold its output states until SEQUENCER_IN (PIN2) goes LOW.

Functionality waveform of real Sequencer circuit created in GreenPAK2 Designer is shown on Figure 3, where Channel1 (yellow/top line) ─ PIN2 (SEQUENCER_IN), Channel2 (light blue/2nd line) ─ PIN12 (SEQUENCER_OUT0), Channel 3 (magenta/3rd line) ─ PIN11 (SEQUENCER_OUT1), Channel4 (blue/bottom line) ─ PIN10 (1_PIPE_OUT). As can be seen from Figure 3 the real waveforms coincide with the theoretical shown in Figure 1.

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Programming code for GreenPAK Designer.
Digital Sequencer is a simple but useful function which can be used in power management systems or to switch LEDs.

Note: for proper operation of the circuit, don’t forget to configure input and output pins correctly. In the case of the schematic you see on Figure 4, inputs are configured as digital input with Schmitt trigger, and outputs as push-pull.

Figure 3. Sequencer circuit in GreenPAK2 Designer

Figure 4. Sequencer Functionality Waveforms
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