FPGA Embedded System Design Course 2024

Course content (Lectures):

- 1. Binary System: Understanding binary representation, binary arithmetic, and binary logic.
- 2. Basic Logic Gates: AND, OR, NOT, NAND, NOR, XOR, XNOR gates and their truth tables.
- 3. Flip-flops / Registers / Memory / Latches: Basic building blocks of sequential logic, including D flip-flops, registers, memory elements like SRAM, and latches.
- 4. Karnaugh Maps (K-Maps): A graphical method for simplifying Boolean expressions.
- Introduction to PAL, PLA, CPLD, and FPGA Architectures: Programmable logic devices and their architectures, including PAL (Programmable Array Logic), PLA (Programmable Logic Array), CPLD (Complex Programmable Logic Device), and FPGA (Field-Programmable Gate Array).
- 6. SRAM & Anti-fuse Technology: Different types of memory technologies used in digital systems.
- 7. Layout Design using Microwind: Software tools used for digital layout design.
- 8. N-MOSFET Design Flow: Design considerations for NMOS transistors.
- 9. **FPGA Architecture**: Detailed understanding of FPGA architecture, including I/O blocks, CLBs, and programmable interconnects.
- 10. Introduction to VHDL Language: Hardware description language used for modeling digital sytems.
- 11. VHDL Modeling: Style of modeling, data types, operators, variables, constants, packages, libraries, signals, and process characteristics.
- 12. Data Conversion, when-else, with-select, if statements, case statements: Control structures in VHDL.
- 13. Tri-state Drivers / Buffers (CMOS Transmission): Circuit elements used for bus sharing.
- 14. Comparator, Multiplexer, Shift Register: Common digital building blocks.
- 15. Process Statements: Combinational and sequential processes.
- 16. **Component Instantiations**: Designing and instantiating components using VHDL, such as a full adder using half adders.
- 17. Serialiser Design: Designing serial data transmission circuits.
- 18. Block RAM Design: Designing memory elements in FPGA.
- 19. Finite State Machine (FSM) Design Flow: Designing state machines for control logic.
- 20. UART Operation (RS232 Protocol): Understanding UART communication and its implementation in VHDL.

Demonstrations:

1. Introduction to Quartus II Software Tool

- Overview of Quartus II features and capabilities.
- Design Methods: VHDL code design and Block diagram (Schematics designs).
- Simulation and synthesis basics.

2. Cyclone II Development Board Overview & Schematics Analysis

- Detailed examination of the Cyclone II FPGA board components.
- Understanding the schematics and connectivity.
- Power supply and pin configuration.

3. Basic Gate Interface

- Implementing basic logic gates (AND, OR, NOT, XOR) using VHDL.
- Practical examples and testing using Quartus II.

4. Push Button Input & LED Output

- Interfacing push buttons and LEDs.
- Basic input/output handling in VHDL.

5. LED Blinking

- Creating a simple LED blinking project.
- Understanding clock dividers and timing constraints.

6. Pulse Width Modulation (PWM)

- Introduction to PWM and its applications.
- Generating PWM signals using FPGA.
- Controlling LED brightness with PWM.

7. LED Shift Operation

- Implementing LED shifting patterns (left, right).
- Using shift registers in VHDL.

8. Button Debounce Operation with LED Shifting

- Combining button debounce logic with LED shifting operations.
- Advanced input handling techniques.
- 9. Seven-Segment Display (SSD) Interface
 - Interfacing a seven-segment display with FPGA.
 - Displaying numbers and characters on SSD.
 - Multiplexing multiple SSDs.

10. Synchronous 3-bit Up/Down Counter and 4-bit Counter using SSD

- Designing a 4-bit counter and displaying output on a seven-segment display.
- Designing a counter with up and down counting capabilities.
- Using push buttons to control counting direction.

11. Implementation of Phase-Locked Loop (PLL) and Clock Division Techniques in FPGA Designs

- Adding a PLL block diagram.
- Clock Division from 50 MHz to Lower Frequencies.

12. Multiplexer Example

- Implementing multiplexers in VHDL.
- Practical examples of data selection and routing.

13. Full Adder and Half Adder Design

- Designing and implementing full adder and half adder circuits.
- Testing and verifying adder functionality.

14. Finite State Machine (FSM) Example

- Introduction to FSM concepts.
- Designing and implementing FSMs for various applications.

15. 16x2 LCD Interface

- Interfacing a 16x2 LCD with FPGA.
- Displaying custom messages on the LCD.
- Handling LCD commands and data.

16. Active Buzzer Interface

- Interfacing and controlling an active buzzer.
- Generating sound patterns and alarms.

17. Analog to Digital Converter (ADC) Using DC Geared Motor & Potentiometer

- Understanding ADC concepts and interfacing.
- Using an ADC to read potentiometer values and control a DC motor.

18. Serial Communication (UART)

- Implementing UART communication.
- Sending and receiving data between FPGA and a computer.

19. Block RAM Memory Interfacing

- Interfacing block RAM memory module.
- Reading from and writing to RAM.

20. Final Project – FPGA-based Line Follower Robot

- Integrating various skills learned.
- Designing and implementing a line follower robot using FPGA.
- Sensor interfacing and control algorithms.

Don't miss this opportunity to become proficient in FPGA design! Enroll now and unleash your creativity in digital systems. Limited seats available. Reserve yours today!