TamaMudder!

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Abstract:

The TamaMudder is a virtual pet whose life is based on the life of a Mudder. The goal is to survive long enough to get to graduation. The owner of the TamaMudder must see that the TamaMudder gets adequate amounts of Food, Sleep and maintains a healthy amount of Tan and Happiness. They do so by making the TamaMudder do various activities by pushing the different activity buttons on the game board. The health of the TamaMudder is displayed on a grid of LED's. Another set of LED's will indicate which, if any, activity is currently being executed. The game is controlled and executed by a microcontroller. The microcontroller receives inputs from the game board and outputs display data to an FPGA. The FPGA decodes the data and outputs it to the LED display.

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Introduction

In looking at the many of the other projects and ideas, all seemed interesting but few of them were cute. So we thought a Tamagotchi-style game would be a cute contrast to the many gadgets and games that we saw in both this year and last year's reports.

The TamaMudder is a game based on the Tamagotchi virtual pets. The basic premise is that the player needs to take care of the virtual pet, as they would a real pet, and gets to watch it grow and evolve. For the TamaMudder, the player will help the TamaMudder survive long enough to reach graduation. As with the Tamagotchi pets, the TamaMudder will die if the player neglects to take care of it. For example, if the player never sends the TamaMudder to Platt, it will starve to death.

In the TamaMudder world, each hour lasts ½ second in the real world and it only takes 4 weeks to reach graduation, as opposed to 4 years in the real world. Like a real Mudder, it must sleep, eat, do homework, and maintain a decent tan in order to survive to reach graduation.

The game hardware consists of a Motorola HC11 controller, a Xilinx Spartan FPGA, toggle switches and several LED's assembled together on a protoboard. The HC11 controller polls for user input, keeps track of which activity is running and the different health levels of the TamaMudder as well as the overall life/grade level. The FPGA decodes data from the HC11 controller and controls the LED display.

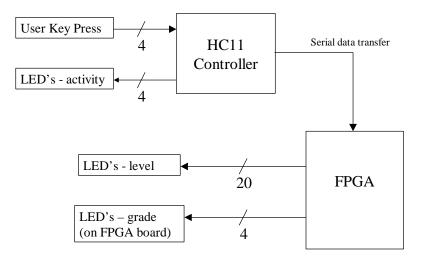


Figure 1: Overall System Block Diagram

Schematics

We tried to keep the game design as simple as possible. Therefore all the LED's connected directly to a signal pin on the FPGA instead of having the LED's multiplexed. We were worried that we were going to run out of pins, but our design was small enough to allow us the luxury of controlling the LED's directly. Since the HC11 controls the user input, we connected the user input switches and activity display LED's directly to the HC11 controller, bypassing the FPGA which would have acted as a wire anyway.

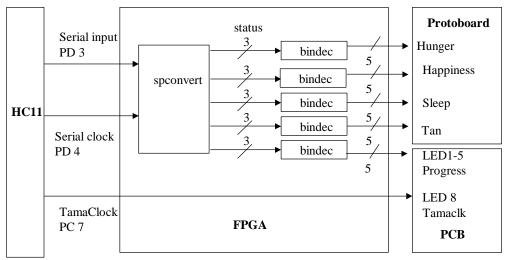
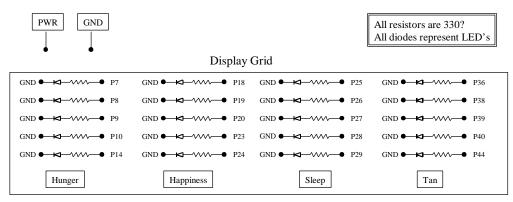


Figure 2: FPGA Interface

The HC11 outputs data to be decoded in the FPGA through both the serial port and a parallel port pin. The serial port sends all the LED display data to the FPGA in groups of 5 8-bit numbers. The parallel port sends the TamaClk signal to the FPGA which acts as a wire to display the pulse on the 8th LED of the FPGA board.



Activity	Input	and	Display	
Activity	input	anu	Display	

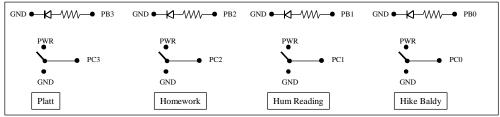


Figure 3: Breadboard Schematic

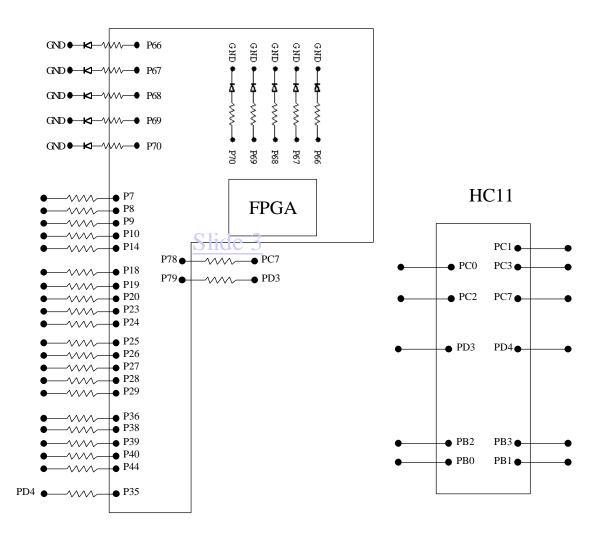


Figure 4:Printed Circuit Board and HC11 Schematics Pin Assignments

Microcontroller Design

Please refer to Final2.asm in Appendix A when reading this section.

As previously stated, the HC11 takes in a 4-bit, one-hot, parallel user input and outputs a 4-bit, one-hot, parallel display showing which, if any, activity is currently being played. The HC11 will also output the current health levels and grade at every TamaClk tick, which means the display will refresh every half second. The display output is sent serially to the FPGA. The TamaClk is sent via a single output parallel pin to the FPGA where is it displayed on an LED on the FPGA board.

INPUT	OUTPUT			
Parallel port C – Activity/User Input (PC 0-3)	Serial port, Serial clk (PD 3,4)			
	Parallel port B – activity output (PB 0-3)			
	Parallel port C – TamaClk (PC 7)			

Table 1: Inputs and outputs of HC11

Variables

The HC11 assembly code mainly consists of a series of counters with different events occurring at different times and different dependencies on other counters. There is a life counter (LIFE), that counts by the hour up to 1 week and then the life week (LIFEWK) counter will increment while the life counter resets. Each health level has it's own counter because they increment and decrement at different rates. Those counters are stored in Game Parameters table stored in memory. When an activity starts, it also depends on a counter to keep track of the Activity until it reaches the set Duration. These counters are also stored in the Game Parameters table. While an activity is being played, an internal flag (AFLG) is toggled to prevent any further key presses from registering until the activity is done with. When the activity is done, it will increment the associated health Level up to the Max Level. The user input is always stored in a temporary memory location (TPORTC) and if an activity is being played, the program will bypass scanning for a user input and just read from the temporary memory location, in effect, freezing the user input until the activity is finished.

Status:		Hunger	Happiness	Sleep	Tan
Max Level	CONST	5	5	5	5
Level	VAR	5	5	5	5
Lcount	VAR	0	0	0	0
Time2Drop	CONST	8	24	24	48
Activity:		Platt	Homework	Hum Reading	Hike Baldy
Duration	CONST	1	4	8	6
Activity	VAR	0	0	0	0

 Table 2: Game Parameters – Initial Settings

Program Structure:

Initialization:

- Store Game Parameters into memory
- Clear all variables (LIFE, LIKEWK, AFLG, TPORTC, TAMACLK)
- Initialize parallel port outputs

Main Program Loop

- Poll for user input if Activity Flag != 0
- Call activity subroutine if valid key press detected. If not a valid key press, TPORTC = 0.
- Toggle TamaClk
- Call Main2 subroutine.
- Output TPORTC to activity LED display.

- Call sec subroutine for 1/2 second delay

Main2 subroutine – (computes the 5 8-bit serial outputs for the LED display, 4 levels + 1 grade)

- Starts the beginning of the Game Parameter table. For each category, calls level to compute the current level and increment the counter. Then calls increment the pointer stored in accumulator X to the next category.
- Call grade subroutine to compute current grade.

Grade subroutine

- If LIFE counter = 168 hours (= 24 hours x 7 days), reset LIFE to 0 and increment LIFEWK.
- Else LIFE = LIFE+1
- Send LIFEWK to serial output by calling serial
- If LIFEWK = 5, then call win

Serial subroutine

- Outputs data stored at 0,X to serial port

Activity subroutine – (is only called when an activity is occurring)

- Uses the category parameters stored starting at 0,X
- If Activity variable < Duration constant, increment Activity and toggle Activity Flag on.
- Else if Activity variable >= Duration constant, activity is finished, reset parameters and flag, increment corresponding health level by one unless already at Max Level.

Level subroutine -

- Uses the category parameters stored starting at 0,X.
- Checks if Level Counter (LCount) is equal to Time2Drop. If equal, the decrement Level and reset Level Counter. Else increment Level Counter by one.
- If the TamaMudder stays at Level 1 for 24 hours, then call die subroutine.
- Send Level to serial output by calling serial

FPGA Design

*Please refer to Appendix B when reading this section.

The main functions of the FPGA board are

- ? Conversion of the serial input from HC11 into 5 8-bit binary numbers.
- ? Decoding the binary input from HC11 and output 4 5-bit decimal display.

INPUT	OUTPUT
Serial port, Serial clk(PD3,4)	4 5-LED Level Display (to protoboard)
Parallel port C-TamaClk(PC 7)	5-LED Progress Display (PCB LED1-5)
	TamaCLk (PCB LED8)

Table 3: Inputs and Outputs of FPGA

To perform these functions, the following modules were created in verilog.

1. spconvert.v: input: serial data, serial clock

output: 40-bit data

spconvert takes in groups of 5-8 bit serial data and converts them into 40-bit data using a series of shift registers and a serial clock (from HC11).

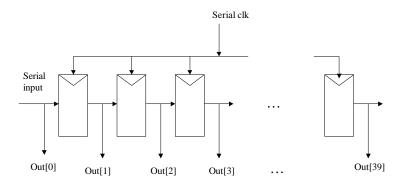


Figure 5:Shift Register

2. *bindec.v*: input: 3-bit binary

output: 5-bit decimal representation

This module takes in a 3-bit binary number and converts into a 5-bit decimal display. For example, inputs 011, 101 are converted into 00111,11111, respectively.

3. *status.v*: input: serial data, serial clk, tamaclk

output: 4 5-bit Status, 1 5-bit Progress, 1-bit tamaclk.

This is the top-level module of the FPGA where the previous modules, *spconvert* and *bindec*, are called and used for all the inputs and outputs on Table3.

First, *status* takes in serial data from the HC11 serial port (PD3). This data and Serial clk (PD 4) go into *spconvert*, and become 40-bit (5 8-bit data). Then, *bindec* takes the least significant 3 bits of each group of 8 to control 4 5-level Status displays and a 5-level Progress display. For example, Bits 0,1,2 from the first eight of the 40 bits (7:0), and Bits 8,9,10 from the second 8 bits (15:7) are used to control Progress and Tan, respectively. The table below shows the bits used for Status and Progress displays. Also, Tamaclk, which is used to display the time in TamaMudder world,

BIT NUMBER	OUTPUT
34:32	Hunger
26:24	Happiness
18:16	Sleep
10:8	Tan
2:0	Progress

Table 4: Information Bits Used

Results

TamaMudder was successfully built as planned and meets all the requirements stated in our proposal. However, while testing the system, we realized that the initial game specifications were not sufficient to make the game as challenging as we expected.. Fortunately the game parameters are easy to change. In order to increase the level of difficulty, all one needs to do is modify the numbers stored into memory.(See Appendix A) For example, one could make the TamaMudder deteriorate faster, or have activities take longer to complete, to make it more interesting.

One deviation from the proposal is the usage of the FPGA board. Initially, we planned to have the FPGA freeze the activity control input from the breadboard upon detecting a valid user input, then releasing it when the HC11 signaled the completion of the activity. Eventually it turned out that we were trying to design an asynchronous circuit. We decided that it was less complicated to delegate the activity/user input detection to the HC11 board.

Another minor change we made is time scaling. Our proposal stated that 1 second in the real world would equal 1 hour in the TamaMudder world. This turned out to be too long to keep the player engaged in the game. Thus we modified the game parameter so that 1 TamaMudder hour equals ½ second in real time. We also switched to toggle switches instead of push-buttons to accept user inputs on the breadboard. This was done so that we could easily tie the input to Vdd or GND. We could have still used the toggle switch if we had added resistors to the outputs.

Appendix A – HC11 assembly code

* Final2.asm ********* * Tina Wang * 11/19/00 * MicroP's Final Project: TamaMudder! * A game where you take care of a Virtual Mudder. This portion is the assembly code that programs the Motorola HC11 * controller. The controller contains the control logic of the game. It interfaces with the FPGA board which contains the display * logic. In theory, each delay time unit should be equivalent to an hour * but for practical purposes, each delay will only be 1/2 sec. real time. * Interfaces - serial output to FPGA for satisfaction display - 4-pin parallel input from user keypress for activity input, used 1-hot encoding - 4-pin parallel output to LED display for current activity * - 1-pin parallel output to FPGA for TamaClk, equivalent to slowclk, ticks on and off for every hour in the TamaMudder world ($\sim 1/2$ sec) * HC11 Pin Assignments * - serial port, serial clk (PD3, PD4) - parallel port C, activity input (PC 0-3), TamaClk (PC7) * - parallel port B, activity LED output (PB 0-3) * Subroutines * - main2: Calls Level for each catagory and then grade. * - grade: Increments Life counter and computes & displays grade. Calls win when user has won the game * - win: Blinks display in an infinite loop * - sec: Creates a 1/2-sec delay * - increm: Increments X by 6 * - serial: sends 8-bit output number of data found in 0,X * - activity: computes duration of an activity, increments level when done * - level: computes level, drops at appropriate times * - dead: Clears entire display, infinite loop ***** * Assign Register locations DDRD EQU \$1009 * Data direction control for Port D * SPI Control Register * SPI Status Register * SPI Data Register SPCR EQU \$1028 SPSR EQU \$1029 SPDR EQU \$102A EQU %10000000 * Timer Overflow Flag mask TOF TFLG2 EQU \$1025 * port C, 8-bit bidirectional parallel port PORTC EQU \$1003 Port c, s-pit Didirectional paral * Data direction control for Port C * port P _ 0 http://www.sectional.com/ * port P _ 0 http://www.sectional.com/ * port C DDRC EQU \$1007 PORTB EQU \$1004 * port B, 8-bit output port * Assign Variable locations LIFE EQU \$0021 * Holds overall life counter LIFEWK EQU \$0022 * Holds life week counter AFLG EQU \$0023 * Holds internal flag for activity duration * Temporary storage for Port C input * Holds TamaClock counter TPORTC EQU \$0024 TAMACLK EQU \$0025 ******* Game Level Table (in Hex) + (also Table 1 in Status Report) | Status: | Hunger | Happiness | Sleep | Tan Max Level 05 05 05 05 _____ ____ _____ Level 05 05 05 05 -----_____ ---------_____ LCount 00 00 00 00 - 1 _____ _____ |Time2Drop | 08 | 18 | 18 | 30 | Activity: | Platt | Homework | Hum Reading | Hike Baldy |

Duration 01 04 08 06 ------Activity 00 00 00 00 _____ * Max Level: CONST, corresponds to maximum level of health Level: VAR, corresponds to TamaMudder's current level of health LCount: VAR, corresponds to amount of time that TamaMudder has been at current level * Time2Drop: CONST, except at Level 1, if Drop Time = Time2Drop, then Level = Level-1 Duration: CONST, corresponds to the time it takes to complete activity * Activity: VAR, counter corresponding the the time spent on an activity * All CONST remain constant throughout the program. VAR's are * initiallized to the values in the table. * Store table into memory starting at \$0000, reading down (columns) ORG \$0000 FCB #\$05 * Column 1 - Hunger FCB #\$05 FCB #\$00 FCB #\$08 FCB #\$01 FCB #\$00 FCB #\$05 * Column 2 - Happiness FCB #\$05 FCB #\$00 FCB #\$18 FCB #\$04 FCB #\$00 FCB #\$05 * Column 3 - Sleep FCB #\$05 FCB #\$00 FCB #\$18 FCB #\$08 FCB #\$00 FCB #\$05 * Column 4 - Tan FCB #\$05 FCB #\$00 FCB #\$30 FCB #\$06 FCB #\$00 FCB #\$00 * Holds life display ***** * Memory pointer X at location \$0000 * Start program at \$D000 ORG \$D000 LDAA #\$00 * Initialize Life Counter to 0 STAA LIFE LDAA #\$01 * Initialize LifeWeek Counter to 0 STAA LIFEWK LDAA #\$00 * Initialize ActivityFlag to 0 STAA AFLG LDAA #\$00 * Initialize TemporaryPortC to 0 STAA TPORTC LDAA #\$00 * Initialize TamaClk to 0 STAA TAMACLK LDAA #\$80 * Set data direction for parallel port STAA DDRC 1=output, 0=input * LDAA TAMACLK STAA PORTC * Intialize PortC output bit 7 = 0 LDAA #\$00 * Initialize PortB output to 00 STAA PORTB

* Main program, start by reading parallel port

main:	LDX #\$0000	* Start with X pointing to \$0000			
	LDAA TPORTC STAA PORTB LDAA AFLG CMPA #\$00	* Output TemporaryPortC to PortB			
	BNE food	* If ActivityFlag=0 (no activity now)			
	LDAA #\$80 STAA DDRC LDAA PORTC STAA TPORTC	 * Set data direction for parallel port * 1=output, 0=input * Load data from parallel port C * Store user input in TemporaryPortC 			
food:	LDAA TPORTC ANDA #%00001111 CMPA #%00001000				
	BNE hw JSR activity BRA none	* If not food keypress, check next			
hw:	JSR increm LDAA TPORTC ANDA #\$00001111 CMPA #\$00000100 BNE read JSR activity BRA none	* Load data from memory * Mask A to read bottom 4 bits only * If not hw keypress, check next			
read:	JSR increm LDAA TPORTC ANDA #%00001111 CMPA #%0000010 BNE hike JSR activity BRA none	 * Load data from memory * Mask A to read bottom 4 bits only * If not read keypress, check next 			
hike:	JSR increm LDAA TPORTC ANDA #%00001111 CMPA #%00000001 BNE invalid JSR activity BRA none	 * Load data from memory * Mask A to read bottom 4 bits only * If not hike keypress, then invalid 			
invalid:	LDAA #\$00 STAA TPORTC				
none:	LDAA TAMACLK ADDA #\$80 STAA TAMACLK LDAA #\$80 STAA DDRC	 * Increment TamaClk * Set data direction for parallel port * 1=output, 0=input 			
	LDAA TAMACLK STAA PORTC	* Output TamaClk to LEDs			
	JSR main2				
	LDAA TPORTC STAA PORTB	* Output TemporaryPortC to PortB			
	JSR sec BRA main				

	track of category	levels and displays levels to user			
main2:	JSR increm JSR level JSR increm JSR level	<pre>* Level - Hunger * Increment to next category * Level - Happiness * Increment to next category * Level - Sleep * Increment to next category * Level - Tan * Life status</pre>			

***** activity: JSR act0 RTS ***** * Grade subroutine * This increments and displays the life counter grade: LDAA LIFE * 24 hours x 7 days = 168 hours = A8 * If equal to 1 week (if LIFE < A8) LDAB #\$A8 CBA BNE weekup * Week = Week+1 LDAA LIFEWK ADDA #\$01 STAA LIFEWK LDAA #\$00 * Life = 0 STAA LIFE BRA gradel weekup: LDAA LIFE * Else Add one to life counter ADDA #\$01 STAA LIFE * Load current grade gradel: LDAA LIFEWK STAA 0,X * JSR serial Send to display LDAB LIFEWK * If week=5 LDAA #\$05 CBA BEQ win * Jump to WIN RTS * Else return from subroutine **** * Win subroutine * Blinks the display on and off when user has won the game * Infinite loop until manual reset * Clear activity display win: LDAA #\$00 STAA PORTB LDX #\$0000 * Blink display when game over LDAA #\$05 * infinate loop STAA 0,X STAA 1,X STAA 2,X STAA 3,X STAA 4,X JSR win2 LDX #\$0000 LDAA #\$00 STAA 0,X STAA 1,X STAA 2,X STAA 3,X STAA 4,X JSR win2 BRA win win2: LDX #\$0000 JSR serial INX JSR serial INX JSR serial INX JSR serial INX JSR serial JSR sec RTS

* 1/2-sec delay subroutine

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*
                       * Load B=number of times to repeat for 1 sec.
sec:
     LDAB #15
                       * Clear TOF
sdelay: LDAA #TOF
      STAA TFLG2
sspin: TST TFLG2
                       * test if flag is all 0's
      BPL sspin
                        * branch on plus, spin until overflow
                        * B=B-1
      DECB
                        * if B!=0, repeat
      BNE sdelay
                        * else B=0, return from subroutine
      RTS
*****
* increm
* increment X by 6 subroutine
increm: INX
       TNX
       INX
       INX
       INX
       INX
       RTS
*****
level: JSR level1
       RTS
*****
* Serial Port - LED display
* Sends data at 0,X to serial port
serial: LDAA #%00111000
                      * Set data direction for serial port
       STAA DDRD
      LDAA #%01011100
                      * Set serial port control
       STAA SPCR
      LDAB SPSR
                       * Check SPSR, will clear SPIF (7th) bit
      LDAB 0,X
                       * Load current level
                       * Send data to serial port
       STAB SPDR
       RTS
*******
* Activity subroutine
* Keeps track of the duration of an activity
* Increments activity counter, compares it to activity duration
* Increments level when counter=duration
* Toggles flag on through the cycle of an activity
* Toggles flag off at the end of an activity
* 0,X Max Level
* 1,X Level
* 2,X LCount
* 3,X Time2Drop
* 4,X Duration
* 5,X Activity
act0:
        LDAB 5,X
                        * Load activity counter
        LDAA 4,X
                        * Load duration time
        SBA
        BLE act1
                        * If activity < duration
        LDAA 5,X
                         *
                             Activity+1
        ADDA #$01
        STAA 5,X
        LDAA #$01
                        *
                           ActivityFlag=1
        STAA AFLG
        RTS
                        *
                             and Return
        LDAA #$00
                        * Else activity >= duration
act1:
        STAA 5,X
                             Activity=0
                         *
        LDAA #$00
                         *
                             ActivityFlag=0
        STAA AFLG
        LDAA #$00
                        *
                             LCount=0
        STAA 2,X
                        *
        LDAB 1,X
                        *
                            Load Level
        LDAA 0,X
                        *
                            Load Max Level
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	SBA BLE act2	*	If Level < Max Level
	LDAA 1,X ADDA #\$01 STAA 1,X RTS	*	Level+1
act2:	LDAA 0,X STAA 1,X RTS	*	Else Level=MaxLevel

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* Leveling Subroutine
* Keeps track of the amount of time a user has been at a
* certain level.
* If a user is at Level 1 of any category for 24 hours
 then TamaMudder dies.
* Level drops when LCount=Time2Drop
\ast LCount starts counting up from 0 whenever there is a
  level change
* 0,X Max Level
* 1,X Level
* 2,X LCount
* 3,X Time2Drop
* 4,X Duration
* 5,X Activity
* If LCount < Time2Drop
   increment LCount
* Else if Level = 1
  if LCount < 24
   increment LCount
   else DEAD
* Else (LCount >= Time2Drop) and (Level != 1)
 Level = Level - 1
   LCount = 0
level1: LDAB 2,X
                         * Load LCount into B
        LDAA 3,X
                         * Load Time2Drop in A
        SBA
                          * Subtract LCount from Time2Drop
                         * If LCount < Time2Drop
        BLE level2
                         *
        LDAA 2,X
                               Load LCount into A
        ADDA #$01
                         *
                                LCount+1
        STAA 2,X
                          +
                                Store back into table
        BRA endl
                         *
                                Skip to next catagory
                         * Load Level into A
level2: LDAA 1,X
        CMPA #$01
                          * If Level = 1
        BNE level3
        LDAA 2,X
                          *
                              If LCount = 24 (hours in a day)
        CMPA #$18
        BEQ dead
                          *
                              Then DEAD
        LDAA 2,X
        ADDA #$01
                          * Else LCount+1
        STAA 2,X
        BRA endl
                          *
                             Skip to next catagory
level3: LDAA 1,X
                          * Load Level into A
        SUBA #$01
                          * Level-1
        STAA 1,X
        LDAA #$00
                          * LCount=0
        STAA 2,X
endl:
        INX
        JSR serial
                        * Send to display
        DEX
        RTS
******
* Dead subroutine
* Blanks out entire display and holds in an infinite loop
* until manual reset.
dead:
        LDAA #$00
                        * Clear display if dead
        STAA 0,X
                       * infinate loop
        JSR serial
        LDAA #$00
                       * Clear activity display
        STAA PORTB
        BRA dead
```

Appendix B-Verilog

Status.v

//This module takes serial clock, serial output from the HC11 board //and outputs LED display control

module status (clk,hc_sin,sloclk,tamaclk,satled0,satled1,satled2,satled3,progled);

input clk ; input hc_sin; input sloclk;

output tamaclk; output [4:0]satled0; output [4:0]satled1; output [4:0]satled2; output [4:0]satled3; output [4:0]progled;

reg [39:0] out1; reg [4:0] eat; reg [4:0] sleep; reg [4:0] hw; reg [4:0] tan; reg [4:0] prog;

spconvert sp0(clk,hc_sin,out1); bindec decode0(out1[34:32],eat); bindec decode1(out1[26:24],sleep); bindec decode2(out1[18:16],hw); bindec decode3(out1[10:8],tan); bindec decode4(out1[2:0],prog);

assign satled3=eat; assign satled2=sleep; assign satled1=hw; assign satled0=tan; assign progled=prog; assign tamaclk=sloclk;

endmodule

Bindec.v

// This module takes a 3-bit binary input from and turns it into 5-bit // decimal representation.

module bindec (fromhc,toled);

input [2:0] fromhc; output [4:0]toled;

reg [4:0]toled;

parameter ONE = 3'b001; parameter TWO = 3'b010; parameter THREE = 3'b011; parameter FOUR = 3'b100; parameter FIVE = 3'b101;

always @(fromhc) case(fromhc) ONE: toled<=5'b00001; TWO: toled<=5'b00111; THREE: toled<=5'b00111; FOUR: toled<=5'b01111; FIVE: toled<=5'b01111; default: toled<=5'b00000; endcase endmodule

spconvert.v

//takes serial data and converts it so that it could be used as parallel data. module spconvert (clk,sin,pout);

input clk ; input sin; output [39:0] pout; reg [39:0] shiftreg;

always @(posedge clk)
shiftreg<={shiftreg[38:0],sin};</pre>

assign pout=shiftreg;

endmodule