Technology Arts Sciences

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Course

DR - Digital Computer

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General information

Long name	Digital Computer
Approving CModule	DR BaTIN
Responsible	Prof. Dr. Lothar Thieling Professor Fakultät IME
Level	Bachelor
Semester in the year	winter semester
Duration	Semester
Hours in self-study	60
ECTS	5
Professors	NF Hartung
Requirements	none
Language	German
Separate final exam	Yes

Final exam

Details

The students should demonstrate the following competencies in a written exam: 1.) Safe handling of concepts and mechanisms. 2.) Analysis of given digital circuits. 3.) Design of digital systems (simple networks, counters, automata) in VHDL based on given textual specifications. 4.) Implementation of high-level language constructs in assembler or vice versa.

Minimum standard

At least 50% of the total number of points

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Lecture / Exercises

Learning goals

Knowledge

boolean algebra

basic functions

axioms and laws

disjunctive normal form, minterms

conjunctive normal form, maxterms

systematic simplification

boolean network

logic gates, tri-state buffer

description forms

boolean equation

table

KV diagram

schematic

transformations between the forms of description

analysis

synthesis (including transfer from text to problem solution)

don't-care conditions

typical networks

decoder

multiplexer

demultiplexer

adder

number representation in computer systems

dual-code, hexadecimal-code, change of basis

two's complement

fixed point representation

floating point representation

ASCII-code

feedback networks

flip-flops and latches

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asynchronous control

clock state control

edge triggered

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registers
parallel read-write register
shift register
parallel-serial conversion
seria-parallell conversion
practice-oriented specifications
setup time
hold time
minimum puls width
synchronous counters
the basic idea
construction using D flip-flops
analysis
synthesis
specification using VHDL
refer VHDL
finite state machines
description of state machines using state transition diagrams (Moore)
design of state machines as a problem-solving
Implementation using VHDL
state transition diagrams
modeling according to Moore
characteristics (determinism, completeness)
VHDL
specification of boolean networks
structure of a VHDL program (entity, port, architecture, signals, in, out)
signals (type stdlogic: 1, 0, Tri-State, Don't-Care)
signal assignment (direct implementation of boolean functions)
conditional signal assignment (direct conversion of tables)
vectors of signals
integer data type and conversion from/to signal vectors
design entry VHDL
specification of counters and finite state machines
processes and sequential instructions (process, variable, if, case, event, type)
implementation of regular counter in VHDL
implementation of finite state machines in VHDL
hierarchical VHDL-desin
packages, components, portmaps, generics
programmable logic devices
structure
the basic idea
technology
CPLD versus FPGA
design tool
scematic design entry
basic library (gates, in, ou, buffer, mux, decoder, flip-flops)
hierarchical schematics
VHDL design entry
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detail refer VHL
synthesis
simulation

structure and mode of operation of a simple computer

structure of a Von Neumann computer (registers, arithmetic logic unit, control unit, memory, buses)

mode of operation (program execution based on register transfers)

concretization of mode of operation (a minimal simulated Von Neumann computer)

programming the minimal computer in assembler (simple loops, different addressing modes)

design and operation of a dedicated CPU (eg IA32E-architecture)

architectural overview

mode of operation (program execution based on register transfers)

basics for programming in assembly language

Skills

specifying system behavior (derived from text documents)

development of problem solutions that can be implemented with boolean networks

interpretation and convertion of codes

development of problem solutions that can be implemented with synchronous counters

development of problem solutions that can be implemented with finite state machines

explain the operation of a Von Neumann computer

Expenditure classroom teaching

Туре	Attendance (h/Wk.)
Lecture	2
Exercises (whole course)	1
Exercises (shared course)	1
Tutorial (voluntary)	0

Separate exam

none

Practical training

Learning goals

Skills	
development od digital systems	
explain the system behavior of a Von Neumann computer	
implement subsystems of a Von Neumann computer	
implementation of C-code sequences using assembler	
manage complex tasks as a small team	

Expenditure classroom teaching

develop problem solutions

Туре	Attendance (h/Wk.)
Practical training	1
Tutorial (voluntary)	0

Separate exam

none

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