Design Name : A Key Sequence Reader Example

Objective :

Learn how to store inputs in an array/vector.

Assignment 1:

We would like to design a key-sequence tracker, but we have only two keys. That is, users will enter a binary sequence using these keys which represent binary 0 and 1.

- 1. Use two on-board buttons (East=0, South=1).
- 2. When the user presses East button, the value 0 is shifted into the LSB bit of an array of length 8-bits, shifting previous values to the left (towards MSB). MSB will be discarded.
- 3. Same actions will be taken when the user presses South button with inserted bit value of 1.
- 4. Last 8 bits will be displayed on LEDs. Example : User presses S,E,S,S,E,E,S,E, LEDs will show 10110010. Then if user presses E, LEDs will show 01100100.

Note: You need to use key-debouncers. Array can be either a std_logic_vector(7 downto 0) or an array(7 downto 0) of std logic.

Assignment 2:

Enhance your design so that, when Center button is pressed your code checks if the last 8 bits entered match the preset constant pattern. In case of match all LEDs light up, otherwise all LEDs are turned off.

Assignment 3:

Enhance your design so that, when match occurs, all LEDs blink at 2 Hz.

Assignment 4:

Enhance your design so that all four buttons are used to enter the key sequence. Now a single bit array (or vector of bits) is not enough to store key value. Assume that E=00, S=01, E=10 and N=11. Think of a way to display a 16 bit value on 8 LEDs (use a switch for example).

Homework :

Describe the changes required in the design for a 10-key keyboard and longer keysequences.

