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IDENTIFYING DATA
Programmable Electronic Circuits

Subject	Programmable Electronic Circuits			
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General description	The main learning goals of this course are: Architecture of microprocessors, microcontrollers and configurable devices. Design methods and tools to acquire the necessary skills to design systems based on these devices.			

Competencies

Code	
B3	CG3: The knowledge of basic subjects and technologies that enables the student to learn new methods and technologies, as well as to give him great versatility to confront and adapt to new situations
B4	CG4: The ability to solve problems with initiative, to make creative decisions and to communicate and transmit knowledge and skills, understanding the ethical and professional responsibility of the Technical Telecommunication Engineer activity.
B13	CG13 The ability to use software tools that support problem solving in engineering.
C7	CE7/T2: The ability to use communication and software applications (ofimatics, databases, advanced calculus, project management, visualization, etc.) to support the development and operation of Electronics and Telecommunication networks, services and applications.
C8	CE8/T3: The ability to use software tools for bibliographical resources search or information related with electronics and telecommunications.
C14	CE14/T9: The ability to analyze and design combinatory and sequential, synchronous and asynchronous circuits and the usage of integrated circuits and microprocessors.
C15	CE15/T10: The knowledge and application of the fundamentals of description languages for hardware devices.
D2	CT2 Understanding Engineering within a framework of sustainable development.
D3	CT3 Awareness of the need for long-life training and continuous quality improvement, showing a flexible, open and ethical attitude toward different opinions and situations, particularly on non-discrimination based on sex, race or religion, as well as respect for fundamental rights, accessibility, etc.

Learning outcomes

Expected results from this subject		Training and Learning Results
To understand the basic architecture of microprocessors, microcontrollers and configurable devices (FPGAs).	B3	C14 C15
To know the methods and techniques of design of integrated hardware/software systems (System on Chip ⬚ SoC).	B3	C14 C15
To know the hardware and software tools for the design of systems based in programmable devices.	B13	C14 C15

To acquire the skills to use the design tools for the design of digital systems.		C14 C15	
Ability to design simple integrated systems (System on Chip ⬝ SoC) applied to the telecommunications fields.	B3 B4 B13	C7 C8 C14 C15	D2 D3

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Topic	
LESSON 1 THEORY (1 h.). INTRODUCTION TO FPGAs.	1.1.- Introduction. 1.2.- Definition of FPGA. FPGA classification. 1.3.- FPGA architectures. 1.3.1.- Logical resources. 1.3.1.1.- Configurable Logic Blocks. 1.3.1.2.- Internal Logic Blocks. 1.3.1.3.- Input/Output Blocks. 1.3.1.4.- Embedded circuits. Memories. PLL digital circuits. Arithmetical circuits. Multipliers. DSP blocks. Serial transceivers. 1.3.2.- Interconnection resources. 1.3.2.1.- Interconnection lines. 1.3.2.2.- Configurable connection points. 1.3.3.- Examples of commercial FPGAs. 1.4.- FPGA technologies. 1.4.1.- FPGA manufacturing technologies (LVTTL, LVCMOS, etc.). 1.4.2.- FPGA configuration technologies. 1.4.2.1.- Static RAM technology (SRAM). 1.4.2.2.- Antifuse technology. 1.4.2.3.- Non-volatile memory technology (EEPROM). 1.4.3.- FPGA configuration. Methods. External programmer. In System Programmable (ISP). 1.5.- General characteristic of the FPGAs. 1.6.- Advantages of the FPGAs. 1.7.- Stages of the design of digital systems with FPGAs. 1.7.1.- Design implementation with FPGAs. 1.8.- FPGA CAD tools. 1.9.- FPGA applications. 1.10.- FPGAs versus other circuits. Comparative analysis.
LESSON 2 THEORY (1 h.). XILINX SPARTAN 3 FPGA FAMILY. ARCHITECTURE.	2.1.- Introduction. 2.2.- Xilinx Virtex 2 family architecture. 2.2.1.- Logical resources. CLBs. ⬝Slices⬝. RAM-based shift registers. 2.2.2.- Internal memories. Distributed memory. Embedded memory. 2.2.3.- Clock circuits. 2.2.4.- Hardware multipliers. 2.2.5.- Input / Output technologies. 2.3.- Spartan 3 vs. Virtex 2. 2.4.- Spartan 3E vs. Spartan 3. 2.5.- Synthesis guidelines.
LESSON 3 THEORY (2 h.). INTRODUCTION TO MICROCONTROLLERS.	3.1.- Introduction. Definition of microcontroller. 3.2.- Internal architecture. Harvard. Von Neumann. 3.2.1.- Control Unit. 3.2.2.- ALU. 3.2.3.- Instruction set. RISC. CISC. 3.3.- External architecture. 3.3.1.- Access to memory. Program memory. Data memory. 3.3.2.- Access to peripherals. Input / Output ports. 3.3.3.- Interrupt control. 3.4.- Integrated peripherals. 3.4.1.- Timers. 3.4.2.- Serial communication. UART RS232. SPI. I2C. 3.4.3.- A/D and D/A converters. 3.5.- Examples of commercial microcontrollers. 3.6.- Microcontroller applications. 3.7.- Tools for programming and verification.
LESSON 4 THEORY (2 h.). XILINX PICOBLAZE MICROPROCESSOR (I).	4.1.- Introduction. 4.2.- Versions of the Xilinx Picoblaze microprocessor. 4.3.- Internal architecture of the Picoblaze microprocessor. 4.4.- Instruction set of the Picoblaze microprocessor.

LESSON 5 THEORY (1 h.). SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT FOR XILINX PICOBLAZE MICROPROCESSOR.	5.1.- Introduction. 5.2.- Syntax of an assembler program for the Picoblaze microprocessor. 5.3.- Program development with pBlazeIDE environment for Picoblaze .
LESSON 6 THEORY (3 h.). XILINX PICOBLAZE MICROPROCESSOR (II).	6.1.- Introduction. 6.2.- External architecture. 6.2.1.- Input / Output instructions. 6.2.2.- Connection of input peripherals. 6.2.3.- Connection of output peripherals. 6.2.4.- Initial state. 6.2.5.- External interrupts. 6.3.- Design of peripherals for the Picoblaze microprocessor.
LESSON 7 THEORY (1 h.). INTRODUCTION TO SYSTEMS ON CHIP (SOC).	7.1.- Introduction to digital design methods. 7.1.1.- Software method. 7.1.2.- Hardware method. 7.2.- Systems On Chip (SOC). 7.3.- Systems On a Programmable Chip (PSOC). Microprocessors embedded in FPGAs. 7.3.1.- Hardware Microprocessors. 7.3.2.- Software Microprocessors. 7.4.- Embedded microprocessor applications.
LESSON 8 THEORY (4 h.). HARDWARE / SOFTWARE CODESIGN.	8.1.- Introduction. 8.2.- Software design. 8.3.- Hardware design. 8.4.- Stages of hardware / software codesign. 8.5.- Hardware / software partition. 8.6.- Examples hardware / software codesign. 8.7.- Peripheral design. How to split functions between 〈hardware〉 and 〈software〉.
LESSON 9 THEORY (6 h.). DESIGN OF COMPLEX SYSTEMS.	9.1.- Introduction. 9.2.- Previous analysis of the most suitable solution. 9.3.- Application specific peripherals. Design methods. 9.3.1.- Practical examples.
LESSON 10 THEORY (2 h.). INTRODUCTION TO CORRECT DESIGN METHODS.	10.1.- Introduction. 10.2.- Design of digital systems with FPGAs. 10.2.1.- Hierarchical design. 10.2.2.- Independent technology design. 10.2.3.- Timing design.
LESSON 11 THEORY (3 h.). SYNCHRONOUS DIGITAL SYSTEM DESIGN.	11.1.- Introduction. 11.2.- Synchronous design. 11.3.- Synchronous sequential systems. FPGA design tips. 11.4.- Synchronisation of input variables.
LESSON 1 LABORATORY (2 h.). STAGES OF DIGITAL SYSTEM DESIGN WITH FPGAs.	1.1.- Introduction. Xilinx ISE tool flow diagram. 1.2.- VHDL description. 1.3.- Behavioural simulation. 1.4.- Synthesis. 1.5.- Implementation. 1.6.- Implementation options for the Xilinx Spartan 3E FPGA family. 1.7.- FPGA Editor. 1.8.- Timing simulation. 1.9.- Timing analysis report. 1.10.- Technology and configuration methods for Xilinx FPGAs. 1.11.- Development boards based on FPGAs of Xilinx. 1.12.- Configuration file (.BIT). 1.13.- FPGA programming. 〈iMPACT〉. 1.14.- Digital system testing. Frequent problems. 1.15.- Examples.
LESSON 2 LABORATORY (2 h.). PERIPHERAL CIRCUIT DESIGN FOR THE PICOBLAZE MICROPROCESSOR.	2.1.- Introduction. 2.2.- Guidelines on synchronous design with VHDL. 2.3.- Basic register in VHDL. 2.4.- Data memory in VHDL. 2.5.- Timer in VHDL.
LESSON 3 LABORATORY (2 h.). PERIPHERALS INTERFACE CIRCUIT DESIGN FOR THE PICOBLAZE MICROPROCESSOR.	3.1.- Introduction. 3.2.- Input peripheral interface circuit in VHDL. 3.3.- Output peripheral interface circuit in VHDL. 3.4.- Interrupt storing circuit in VHDL.
LESSON 4 LABORATORY (2 h.). XILINX PICOBLAZE MICROPROCESSOR SOFTWARE TOOLS.	4.1.- Introduction. 4.2.- Program assembler and simulator in Mediatronix. Picoblaze IDE. 4.3.- Basic examples.

LESSON 5 LABORATORY (6 h.). DESIGN OF DIGITAL SYSTEMS BASED ON THE PICOBLAZE MICROPROCESSOR.	5.1.- Introduction. 5.2.- Picoblaze microprocessor source files. 5.3.- Design stages for digital systems based on the Picoblaze microprocessor. 5.3.1.- Choosing the right Picoblaze microcontroller. 5.3.2.- Picoblaze program design. 5.3.3.- Picoblaze program simulation. 5.3.4.- Generation of the necessary VHDL files for the implementation of the Picoblaze Microprocessor in Xilinx Spartan 3E FPGA family. 5.3.5.- Peripheral circuit design for the Picoblaze microcontroller. Additional circuits needed. 5.3.6.- Simulation of the peripheral and additional circuits. 5.3.7.- Implementation of the complete digital system. 5.3.8.- Test of the complete digital system. 5.4.- Design of a basic example with use of interrupts, based on the Picoblaze microprocessor.
LESSON 6 LABORATORY (6 h.). PROJECTS. DESIGN OF PERIPHERALS FOR THE PICOBLAZE MICROPROCESSOR.	6.1.- Design and implementation of a medium-complexity peripheral for the Picoblaze 3 microprocessor, according to the instructions supplied by the teacher through FaiTIC website.
LESSON 7 LABORATORY (6 h.). PROJECTS. DESIGN OF AN EMBEDDED SYSTEM BASED ON THE PICOBLAZE MICROPROCESSOR.	7.1.- Design and implementation of a medium-complexity application example based on the Picoblaze 3 microprocessor, according to the instructions supplied by the teacher through FaiTIC website.

Planning

	Class hours	Hours outside the classroom	Total hours
Introductory activities	2	2	4
Master Session	12	16	28
Troubleshooting and / or exercises	12	19	31
Laboratory practises	14	20	34
Tutored works	6	12	18
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Long answer tests and development	2	5	7
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*The information in the planning table is for guidance only and does not take into account the heterogeneity of the students.

Methodologies

	Description
Introductory activities	Introduction to the subject key topics both theoretical and practical. Through this methodology the outcome CG3 is developed.
Master Session	Conventional lectures. Through this methodology the outcome CG3 is developed.
Troubleshooting and / or exercises	These sessions will include the realisation of exercises and works by part of the professor and of the students. Through this methodology the outcomes CG3, CG4, CE8/T3, CE14/T9 and CE15/T10 are developed.
Laboratory practises	Guided practices will be set out in these sessions , as well as the realisation of circuits and programs. Through this methodology the outcomes CG3, CG4, CG13, CE7/TE2, CE8/T3, CE14/T9, CE15/T10, CT2 and CT3 are developed.
Tutored works	The students will have to develop a laboratory project which consists of designing circuits and programs. This project is related to the laboratory lesson 6. Through this methodology the outcomes CG3, CG4, CG13, CE7/TE2, CE8/T3, CE14/T9, CE15/T10, CT2 and CT3 are developed.
Tutored works	The students will have to develop a laboratory project which consists of designing circuits and programs. This project is related to the laboratory lesson 7. Through this methodology the outcomes CG3, CG4, CG13, CE7/TE2, CE8/T3, CE14/T9, CE15/T10, CT2 and CT3 are developed.

Personalized attention

Methodologies	Description
Laboratory practises	In class the teacher will assist the students. Besides, the students will have the opportunity to consult with the teacher in office hours which will be published in the faculty website.
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Assessment

	Description	Qualification	Training and Learning Results		
Laboratory practises	Design of digital circuits in VHDL and assembler programs. It will be necessary to deliver the design source files and show the teacher in the laboratory the operation of each one of the circuits and programs. The assessment will be based on the operation of the circuits and programs developed in the practical sessions corresponding to the laboratory lesson 5, according to the published criteria. Through this methodology the outcomes CG3, CG4, CG13, CE7/TE2, CE8/T3, CE14/T9, CE15/T10, CT2 and CT3 are assessed.	10	B3 B4 B13	C7 C8 C14 C15	D2 D3
Tutored works	Autonomous Project which consists of designing a complex peripheral. The peripheral must be composed of a control unit and an ALU and must be designed following the method analysed in the theoretical lesson 9. The content corresponds with laboratory lesson 6. The assessment will be based on the correct operation of the circuits and programs developed during the laboratory sessions assigned to lesson 6, as well as in the correct application of the theoretical concepts to the job done, according to the published criteria. It will be necessary to show every circuit and program to the teacher in the laboratory. Through this methodology the outcomes CG3, CG4, CG13, CE7/TE2, CE8/T3, CE14/T9, CE15/T10, CT2 and CT3 are assessed.	20	B3 B4 B13	C7 C8 C14 C15	D2 D3
Tutored works	Autonomous Project which consists of designing a medium-complexity embedded digital system. The embedded system must be composed of a microprocessor and its peripherals, as well as the auxiliary circuits needed to work correctly. It will also be necessary to develop a program for the microprocessor in assembler language. The content corresponds with laboratory lesson 7. The assessment will be based on the correct operation of the circuits and programs developed during the laboratory sessions assigned to lesson 7, as well as in the correct application of the theoretical concepts to the job done, according to the published criteria. It will be necessary to show every circuit and program to the teacher in the laboratory. Through this methodology the outcomes CG3, CG4, CG13, CE7/TE2, CE8/T3, CE14/T9, CE15/T10, CT2 and CT3 are assessed.	20	B3 B4 B13	C7 C8 C14 C15	D2 D3
Long answer tests and development	This exam will include two types of questions: 1) Multiple choice questions about the theoretical topics of the subjects. 2) Design problems about circuits and programs, explaining the work done Through this methodology the outcomes CG3, CE14/T9 and CE15/T10 are assessed.	25	B3	C14 C15	
Long answer tests and development	Exam based on solving tasks and design problems about circuits and programs, explaining the work done Through this methodology the outcomes CG3, CG4, CE14/T9 and CE15/T10 are assessed.	25	B3 B4	C14 C15	

Other comments on the Evaluation

The final mark will be expressed in numerical form ranging from 0 to 10, according to the valid regulation (Royal decree 1125/2003 of 5 September; BOE 18th September).

Following the guidelines of the degree the students will be offered two assessment systems: continuous assessment and final assessment.

CONTINUOUS EVALUATION:

The students are considered to have chosen the continuous assessment when they have attended 2 laboratory sessions or 2 theoretical sessions.

Laboratory class attendance is compulsory if the student has chosen continuous assessment.

The students who have chosen continuous assessment can only miss two laboratory sessions as a maximum.

Theoretical class attendance is considered crucial to achieve success in continuous assessment.

The fact of not attending theoretical classes alone will not imply the loss of the right to continuous assessment, but the student will have to study the theoretical concepts and prepare the laboratory practices on their own.

Weekly theoretical assignments will be given as homework. They must be handed in at the beginning of the following sesión.

The students who attend theoretical classes regularly (maximum of 2 absences) and hand in the theoretical assignments, will be given the opportunity to repeat the first theoretical exam at the end of the term if they do not pass it during the first term.

The students that have chosen continuous assessment, but do not pass the course, will have to do the final assessment in July, that is, they will have to repeat all the tasks, included those that had previously passed.

The students that pass the course by means of continuous assessment will not be allowed to repeat any task in the final assessment in order to improve the mark.

The students will develop the laboratory practices and the laboratory projects in groups of two students during the continuous assessment. Both students will be given the same mark.

The total mark will be the sum of the marks obtained in the different tasks of the subject.

To pass the subject, it is necessary that:

· The mark of each one of the theoretical exams is equal or greater than 5 over 10.

· The global mark of the laboratory tasks is equal or greater than 5 over 10.

· The student performs all the tasks indicated in the criteria assessment for both laboratory assignments.

· At least the timing simulation works properly in both laboratory assignments.

· The different tasks have to be delivered on the date specified by the professor, otherwise they will not be assessed.

In case the students pass all the different tasks, the final mark (FM) will be the weighted sum of the marks of each part of the subject:

$$FM = 0.25 * TE1 + 0.25 * TE2 + 0.10 * LP + 0.20 * AP1 + 0.20 * AP2$$

In case the students do not pass any of the tasks of the subject (mark of any task < 5), the final mark (FM) will be:

$$FM = Minimum [4.5; (0.25 * TE1 + 0.25 * TE2 + 0.10 * LP + 0.20 * AP1 + 0.20 * AP2)]$$

Being:

· TE1 = First partial theoretical examination.

· TE2 = Second partial theoretical examination.

· LP = Mark of the guided laboratory practices corresponding to lessons 5.

· AP1 = Laboratory Autonomous Project that consists of the design of a complex peripheral.

· AP2 = Laboratory Autonomous Project that consists of the design of a medium-complexity embedded system.

FINAL ASSESSMENT:

The students that opt for the final assessment (both at the end of the term or in July) will have to do theoretical exam and a laboratory exam individually.

The students that opt for the final assessment will not be allowed to attend the theoretical exams that are hold during the term. Their laboratory tasks will not be evaluated during the term either.

The total mark will be the sum of the marks obtained in the different tasks of the subject.

To pass the subject, it is necessary that:

· The mark of each one of the theoretical exams is equal or greater than 5 over 10.

· The mark of the laboratory exam is equal or greater than 5 over 10.

In case the students pass all the different tasks, the final mark (FM) will be the weighted sum of the marks of each part of the subject:

$FM = 0.25 * TE1 + 0.25 * TE2 + 0.50 * LE$

In case the students do not pass any of the tasks of the subject (mark of any task < 5), the final mark (FM) will be:

$FM = Minimum [4.5; (0.25 * TE1 + 0.25 * TE2 + 0.510 * LE)]$

Being:

· TE1 = First partial theoretical examination.

· TE2 = Second partial theoretical examination.

· LE = Laboratory examination.

COMMON FOR ALL THE STUDENTS:

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA.

Theoretical examinations.

The first theoretical examination will be scheduled around the eighth week of classes in the place and date determined by the professors and the faculty. It will include practical problems and test questions on the topics that have been studied until the previous week of the exam included.

The second theoretical examination will be scheduled together with the final term exam in the place and date determined by the faculty. It will include practical problems on all the topics that have been studied in the subject

The students will have to answer all the exam questions properly to obtain the maximum mark.

Laboratory guided practices (only for continuous evaluation).

Only the correct operation of the circuits and programs developed in the laboratory sessions which correspond to the laboratory lesson 5 will be evaluated, according to the evaluation criteria.

The total mark of the assessable laboratory practices (LP) corresponds to the 10% of the total mark of the subject. It will be necessary to deliver the required source files.

Autonomous laboratory assignments (only for continuous evaluation).

Assignment 1. Complex peripheral. Design of a peripheral for the microprocessor used in the subject. The peripheral has to be formed by a control unit and an ALU, according to the method studied in the theoretical lesson 9 of the subject.

Assignment 2. Embedded System. Design of an embedded system based on the microprocessor studied in the theory of the subject. This embedded system has to include the complex peripheral design in assignment 1.

The assessment criteria for both the laboratory practices (laboratory lesson 5) and the two laboratory assignments are the following:

1)   Functionality. (50 %)

Demonstrable by:

·   Basic functional simulations (without real delays) (10 %):

          Simulation of the software (only in embedded systems).

          Behavioural simulation of the different hardware circuits.

          Behavioural simulation of the complete embedded system (hardware + software) (only in embedded systems).

·   Timing simulations (with real delays) (20 %)

          Timing simulation (Post-route) of the different hardware circuits.

          Timing simulation (Post-route) of the complete embedded system (hardware + software) (only in embedded systems).

·   Tests on the development board. (20%)

          Board test of the different hardware circuits.

          Board test of the complex peripheral.

          Board test of the complete embedded system (hardware + software) (only in embedded systems).

2) Design correctness. (20%)

Demonstrable by:

·   Suitable hardware / software" partitioning (only in embedded systems).

·   Suitable distribution of tasks between the control unit and the ALU (only in complex peripherals).

·   Utilisation of the most suitable hardware circuits for each task.

·   Suitable hierarchical organisation of the hardware.

·   Application of synchronous design techniques.

·   Optimisation of the VHDL description.

·   Suitable structure of the assembler program, with the inclusion of the necessary subroutines (only in embedded systems).

·   Utilisation of the microprocessor interrupts when it is adequate (only in embedded systems).

3)   Analysis of the FPGA implementation. (10%)

Analyse the FPGA logical resources used and their justification.

Analyse the internal system delays.

4)   Documentation of the design and FPGA implementation. (20 %)

a. Report. It will be necessary to deliver a report of a maximum of 10 pages for each of the laboratory lessons 5 to 7 that will have to follow the index supplied by the professor. In the report, all these things will be considered:

· Clear structure and order.

· Clear and sufficient explanations for the understanding of the work done.

· Inclusion of suitable and readable figures, included results of simulation.

· Inclusion of relevant data for the understanding of the work done.

b. Source design files.

· Enough comments in the VHDL files to explain the sentences used.

· Enough comments in the assembler files to be understood (only in embedded systems).

Laboratory exam (only for final assessment).

The examination will consist of the design of VHDL circuits VHDL and assembler programs for the microprocessor used in the subject. These circuits and programs may be part of a complex peripheral or an embedded system and will have a similar complexity to those designed in the laboratory lessons 5, 6 and 7 of the subject. The student will have to perform the simulations and board tests stipulated in the exam, during the time assigned.

The correct operation of the circuits and programs developed during the exam will be evaluated, as well as the correct application of the theoretical concepts to the work done, according to the assessment criteria.

It will be necessary to show the operation of each of the circuits and programs to the professor, in the laboratory.

To pass this exam, it will be necessary:

 To develop all the tasks indicated in the exam.

 That at least the timing simulation works properly in all the sections.

Sources of information

Recommendations
Subjects that continue the syllabus
Design and synthesis of digital systems/V05G300V01923

Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before
Programming I/V05G300V01205
Digital Electronics/V05G300V01402
Physics: Fundamentals of Electronics/V05G300V01305

Other comments
The students will have previously followed the subject Digital Electronics. It gives the necessary knowledge to understand the topics of this course. It is not necessary to have passed it.

Besides, it is recommended that the students have previously followed the subject Physical: Foundations of Electronics and Programming I. They give the necessary knowledge to understand some topics of this course.