

# Open Thesis / Project: Electronics for an FPGA Demonstrator

## Motivation & Summary

The goal of this work is to create an Field-Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) demonstrator and simulator for study fairs and exhibitions. It is supposed to demonstrate the functionality of an FPGA using cables and switches. To do so, a mechanical front plate consisting of multiple switches, buttons, and LEDs must be connected to a computing device for simulating the FPGA primitives (e.g., a microcontroller on a printed circuit board – PCB). Its firmware stores and updates the state, depending on how the demonstrator FPGA is “configured” on the front plate. Moreover, some features like *going back in time* allow exploring the functionality and give some intuition on how an FPGA can realize real-world designs.

## Recommended Prior Knowledge

- FPGAs
- Electronics / PCB design
- Microcontroller programming

## Thesis Type

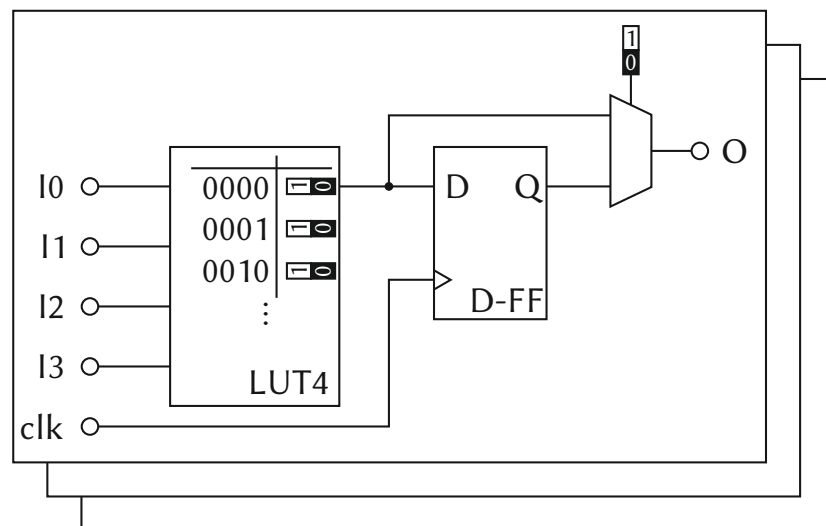
- Bachelor’s Thesis
- Master’s Project

## Student Target Groups

- Computer Science (CS)
- Information and Computer Engineering (ICE)
- Electrical Engineering (EE)

## Goals & Tasks

- Create the electronics for the simulator
- Design and implement the microcontroller firmware



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