DE2-115 Control Panel - Part I

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Introduction to DE2-115 Control Panel



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Introduction to Control Panel

- The DE2-115 board comes with a Control Panel facility that allows users to access various components on the board from a host computer.
 - The host computer communicates with the board through a USB connection.
 - The facility can be used to verify the functionality of components on the board or be used as a debug tool while developing RTL code.



Control Panel Setup



Control Panel Setup

- The Control Panel Software Utility is located in "/DE2_115_tools/DE2_115_control_panel/" in the DE2-115 System CD.
- It's free of installation, just copy the whole folder to your host computer and launch the control panel by executing the "DE2_115_ControlPanel.exe".



Activate the Control Panel (1/2)

- Make sure Quartus II 10.0 or later version is installed successfully on your PC.
- 2. Set the RUN/PROG switch to the RUN position.
- 3. Connect the supplied USB cable to the USB Blaster port, connect the 12V power supply, and turn the power switch ON.
- 4. Start DE2_115_ControlPanel.exe on the host computer. The Control Panel user interface will appear.



Activate the Control Panel (1/2)



Activate the Control Panel (2/2)

- The DE2_115_ControlPanel.sof bit stream is loaded automatically as soon as the DE2_115_control_panel.exe is launched.
- In case the connection is disconnected, click on CONNECT where the .sof will be re-loaded onto the board.
- Note, the Control Panel will occupy the USB port until you close that port; you cannot use Quartus II to download a configuration file into the FPGA until the USB port is closed.



DE2-115 Control Panel Concept



Controlling the LEDs, 7-segment Displays, and LCD Display







Switches and Push-buttons



Push-buttons

- Each of these buttons is debounced using a Schmitt Trigger circuit.
 - Since the push-buttons are debounced, they are appropriate for using as reset inputs in a circuit.

Before _ Debouncing	Pushbutton depressed	Pushbutton released
Schmitt Trigger _ Debounced		



Switches

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 Switches are not debounced, and are assumed for use as level-sensitive data inputs to a circuit.





Reference

1. "DE2-115 User Manual" by Terasic Technologies Inc.