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6.111 Final Project Checklist
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Commitments

- Sequencer, Synth, Sampler all work in conjunction
- Sequencer
 - Multiple sampler and synth tracks, controlled in play/pause, write on/off modes
 - Commit/revert support
 - Use input/output hardware mostly on Nexys4
- Sampler
 - Storage controller
 - Load audio files off the SD card (formatted with python script to have exactly 15 files on it)
 - Sample controller
 - Take addresses from storage controller and assign to trigger inputs
 - Take trigger inputs from sequencer and send addresses to playback
 - Playback module
 - Play one audio file at a time
- Synth
 - Single synth channel
 - Single, tunable oscillator with multiple waveforms
 - Basic, “fixed” FIR filter (i.e. select from a few precomputed filter responses)
 - Parameters controllable via dedicated potentiometers, switches

Main Goals

- Commitments, plus:
- Sequencer
 - Use dedicated hardware interface created for our project, handle external inputs (switches, buttons, encoders) and create visual effects (LED arrays, 7 segment displays, etc.)
- Sampler
 - Improve playback module to allow multiple audio files to play back at once
- Synth
 - Multiple synth channels
 - 3 oscillators per channel with individual tuning, waveform, level control
 - Adjustable filter response, emulating typical analog lowpass filter
 - Amplitude, filter envelopes
 - Multi-function controls allow many parameters to be edited with same set of potentiometers, switches

Stretch Goals

- External DAC for better sound quality

- MIDI support (between Sequencer and Sampler/Synth; to/from external devices)
- VGA visualization - display graphical representation of sequence, oscilloscope-like display of sampler/synth/master output.
- Master output effects (filter/EQ, echo, overdrive, etc)
- Sequencer
 - Controllable BPM
 - Scene controller (user control)
 - Interact with Sampler to switch out active scene during use
- Sampler
 - Scene controller (user control)
 - Switch out active scene while device is being used
 - Recorder
 - Save overall output back to SD
 - (Much harder) replace samples in scene with live recorded audio clips
 - Basic FX
- Synth
 - Modulation between oscillators: hardsync, phase modulation, ring modulation
 - LFO modulation of filter, pitch, amplitude, etc
 - Additional filter types (highpass, bandpass, etc)
 - Polyphony
 - Save/recall synth patches (in BRAM, maybe on SD?)