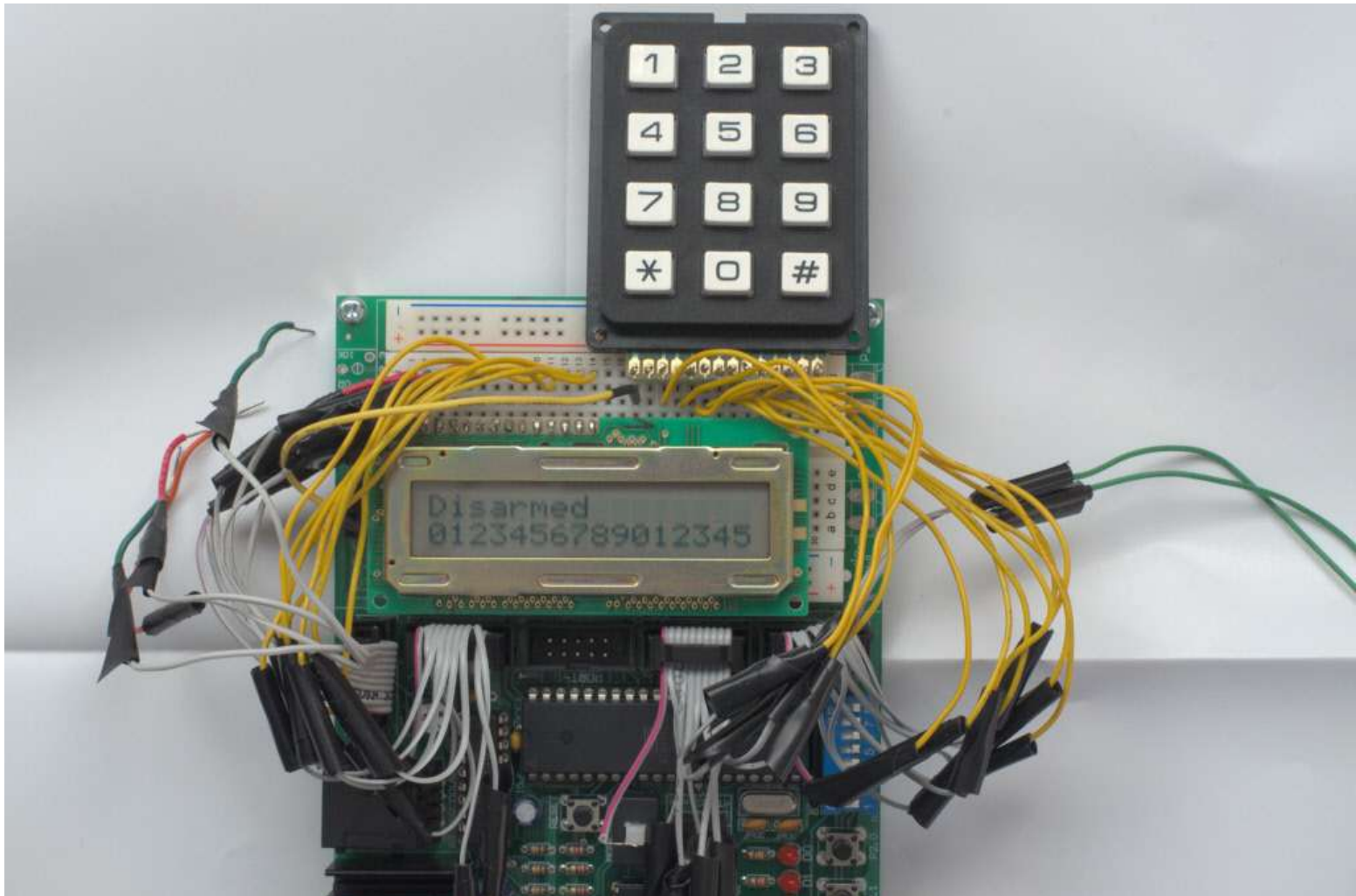


LCD display, C programming



Overview

- LCD
 - 2 line text display
 - Physical connections
 - Control and data lines
- C programming
 - Organizing your code
 - Global variables
 - Parameter passing

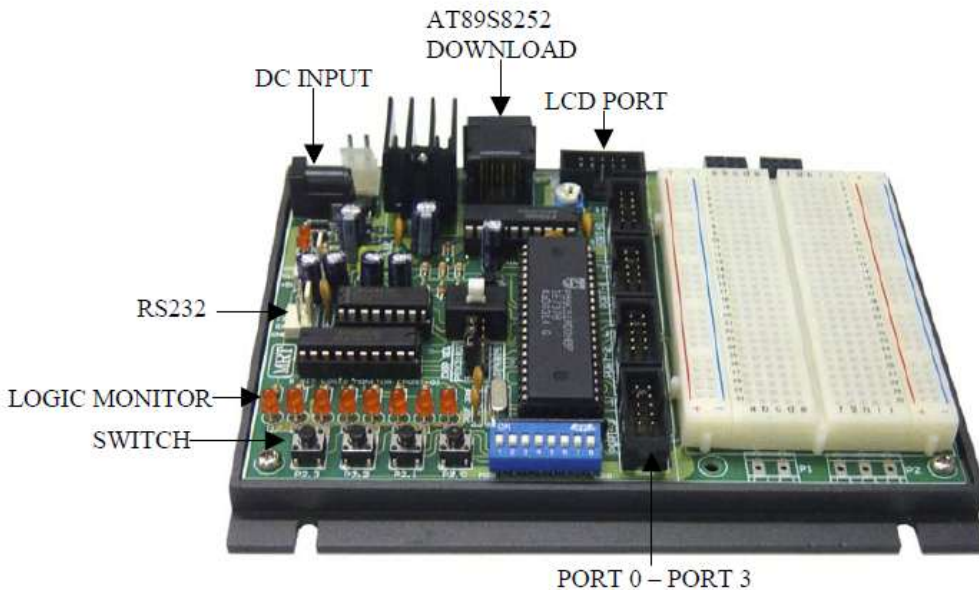
LCD display

- LCD display:
 - Small
 - Low power
 - Simpler interface than serial communication to a monitor
 - 44780 LCD standard makes them mostly interchangeable
 - Displays 2 lines with 16 characters / line



14-pin LCD

GND VCC VEE RS RW EN DB0 DB1 DB2 DB3 DB4 DB5 DB6 DB7



PIN	NEME	Function connected with CPU
1	GND	GND
2	VCC	+VCC
3	VEE	VR Adjust the LCD light LCD
4	RS	P1.0 Instruction/Data Select
5	RW	P1.1 Read/Write Data
6	E	P1.2 Enable
7	D4	P1.4 Data Bit 4
8	D5	P1.5 Data Bit 5
9	D6	P1.6 Data Bit 6
10	D7	P1.7 Data Bit 7

Control lines

Line	Function
EN	<p>Enable line</p> <p>Tells the LCD when it is being sent data or a command.</p> <p>Set EN=1, set other lines and data bus, then set EN=0, 1-0 transition causes LCD to read. EN must be high for minimum time (depends on particular make of LCD, ~250ns)</p>
RS	<p>Register select</p> <p>Tells the LCD if the information found on the data bus is a command or data for display.</p> <p>RS = 0, data is a command RS = 1, data is text for display</p>
RW	<p>Read/write</p> <p>Tells the LCD whether we are trying to read or write to the LCD.</p> <p>RW = 0, information on data bus is for writing to LCD RW = 1, for querying the LCD, e.g. checking if LCD busy</p>

Data bus

- LCD can be set to either 4-bit or 8-bit mode
 - 8-bit easier, but requires more wires
 - Total of 11 data/control lines, +3 power/ground
 - Two cables:
 - LCD port for 3 power/ground, 3 control lines
 - Port P0, P2, or P3 for 8 data bus lines
 - 4-bit, must send command/text one nibble at a time
 - Total of 7 data/control lines, +3 power/ground
 - One cable:
 - LCD port for 3 power/ground, 3 control lines, 4 data bus lines
- Command or output text
 - Sent by placing 8-bit char value on data bus

Checking busy status

- Instructions take LCD time to process
 - LCD signals it is done by lowering level on DB7
 - Make a function that will be used by other LCD functions:
 - Specify a command, RS = 0
 - Specify we want to query LCD, RW = 1
 - Mark start of command, EN = 1
 - Set all pins on data bus to 1
 - Repeat process until DB7 is 0
 - Finish the command, EN = 0
 - Specify future commands will write to LCD, RW = 0

Checking busy status

WAIT_LCD:

```
CLR EN           ; Start LCD command
CLR RS           ; Specify an LCD command
SETB RW         ; Specify we are reading from LCD
MOV DATA, #0FFh ; Set data bus to all 1's initially
SETB EN         ; Signal LCD to process
MOV A, DATA    ; Read the return value
JB ACC.7, WAIT_LCD ; If bit 7 high, LCD is still busy
CLR EN         ; Finish the command
CLR RW         ; Turn off RW for future commands
RET
```

```
void LCDWait();
```


Issuing a command

- LCD accepts a variety of commands
 - Create a function that issues a command
 - Command is a byte on the input bus
 - Procedure (8-bit mode):
 - Set RS = 0 to indicate a command
 - Set RW = 0 to indicate a write
 - Move command onto data bus
 - Set EN = 1 to signal start of command
 - Wait 4 cycles
 - Set EN = 0 to mark end of command
 - Wait while LCD is busy

Sending a command

LCD_COMMAND:

```
CLR RS           ; Specify this is a command
CLR RW          ; Specify that we are writing
MOV DATA,A     ; Put the command on the data bus
SETB EN         ; Clock out command to LCD
NOP             ; Wait 4 cycles to give LCD time to process
NOP
NOP
NOP
CLR EN          ; Finish the command
CALL WAIT_LCD   ; Wait for command to execute
RET
```

```
void LCDSendCommand(unsigned char cmd);
```

Initialization commands

- Initializing the LCD, issue three commands:
 - 0x38 = 8-bit data bus, 5x8 character font
 - 0x20 = data interface command
 - 0x10 = bus size, 8-bit (otherwise 4-bit)
 - 0x08 = 2 lines LCD display (other 1-line)
 - 0x04 = character size 5x10 (otherwise 5x8)
 - 0x0C = turn on, with no cursor
 - 0x08 = display cursor command
 - 0x04 = display on (otherwise off)
 - 0x02 = cursor on (otherwise no cursor displayed)
 - 0x01 = cursor blinks (otherwise cursor constant)
 - 0x06 = turn on cursor auto-advance
 - 0x04 = cursor move direction command
 - 0x02 = advance cursor after write (otherwise don't)
 - 0x01 = shift display after write (otherwise don't)

```
void LCDInit();
```

Cursor position

- Clearing screen

- Issue command 0x01

```
void LCDClear();
```

- Cursor position

- Issue command:
 - 0x80 + desired location
- Only the blue spots are visible

```
void LCDSetCursor(unsigned char line,  
                  unsigned char index);
```

Display	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16						
Line 1	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B	0C	0D	0E	0F	10	11	12	13	14	15	...
Line 2	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	4A	4B	4C	4D	4E	4F	50	51	52	53	54	55	...



Writing a character

- Writing a single character
 - Will be placed at current cursor position
 - Procedure (8-bit mode):
 - Set RS = 1 to indicate text data instead of command
 - Set RW = 0 to indicate write operation
 - Move 8-bit char value to data bus
 - Set EN = 1 to mark start of command
 - Wait 4 cycles
 - Set EN = 0 to mark end of command
 - Wait while LCD busy

Writing a character

WRITE_LCD_TEXT:

```
SETB RS           ; Specify this is text for display
CLR RW           ; Specify that we are writing
MOV DATA,A      ; Put the command on the data bus
SETB EN          ; Clock out command to LCD
NOP              ; Wait 4 cycles to give LCD time to process
NOP
NOP
NOP
CLR EN           ; Finish the command
CALL WAIT_LCD    ; Wait for command to execute
RET
```

```
void LCDWriteChar(unsigned char ch);
void LCDWriteText(const char* str);
void LCDBlankLine(unsigned char line);
```

Code organization

- **Option 1: Put everything in one giant main function**
 - Code reuse: virtually impossible
 - Frequent repeated code that must be kept in synch
 - Using code in another project requires time and care
 - Bug density: extremely high
 - All variables are available to all parts of the code
 - Can't effectively test individual parts in isolation
 - High levels of nesting make it hard to see what is going on
 - Ability to find things: extremely low
 - No separation into functional parts

Code organization

- **Option 2: Everything in one *.c file, use functions but pass data via global variables**
 - Code reuse: tedious
 - Requires cutting out just the functions, constants, and globals related to the functionality you are moving
 - Bug density: high
 - Global variables lead to unforeseen dependencies
 - Bugs become harder to find and more squirrely
 - Functions have implicit dependency on 0+ global variables but this is not explicitly obvious from function parameter list
 - Ability to find things: okay
 - Need to find where the desired function is
 - No real order of the functions in what becomes a very long file

Code organization

- **Option 3: Everything in one *.c file, use functions and avoid global variables**
 - Code reuse: somewhat tedious
 - Requires cutting out just the functions and constants related to the functionality you are moving
 - Bug density: moderate
 - Functions do one simple job given their input parameters
 - If globals are required, they are accessible everywhere
 - Ability to find things: okay
 - Need to find where the desired function is
 - No real order of the functions in what becomes a very long file

Code organization

- **Option 4: Separate different functionality into different *.h and *.c files**
 - Code reuse: good
 - New project can just add the relevant pair of *.h and *.c files
 - Bug density: low
 - Functions do one simple job given their input parameters
 - If globals are needed, they can be isolated to their *.c file
 - static globals = private instance variables
 - static functions = private methods
 - Ability to find things: good
 - Look in relevant *.h file to see what functions are available
 - Look in relevant *.c file to see implementation of a function

sleep.h

```
// Power savings based sleep function that uses timer0
// Includes the timer0 type 1 interrupt function.

#ifndef __SLEEP_H__
#define __SLEEP_H__

#include <REG52.h>

void startTimer0(); // Start the 0.01s heartbeat on timer0
void sleep();       // Power savings sleep for 0.01s

// Sleep for the given number of hundredths of a second
void sleepHundredths(unsigned char hundredths);

#endif
```

sleep.c

```
#include "sleep.h"

void startTimer0()
{
    TMOD = TMOD & 252; // Mask out lowest 2 bits
    TMOD++;           // Set T0M1/T0M0 to 01
    TH0 = 219;        // Setup for ~0.01 delay
    TR0 = 1;          // Start timer0 running
    ET0 = 1;          // Enable timer0 interrupt
    EA = 1;           // Global interrupt enable
}

void timer0ISR() interrupt 1
{
    TH0 = 219;
}

void sleep()
{
    TH0 = 219;
    PCON = 1;
}

void sleepHundreths(unsigned char hundreths)
{
    unsigned char i = 0;
    for (i = 0; i < hundreths; i++)
        sleep();
}
```

