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Car speed detector

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Arduino car speed detector

This project entails the method of designing and building a simple Car Speed detector circuit using Arduino UNO and IR Sensors.

I.Introduction

In the past many problems and accidents have arisen due to the violation of car speed limitations. Therefore we decided to find an efficient method of detecting the speed of the cars that break these rules in order to decrease the number of accidents that occur. This is done on 2 levels, in the first level the patrolling officers usually depend on a handheld gun that works on RADAR technology or LIDAR technology. This is an exhausting process as the officer has to manually check for over speeding for each vehicle in addition to the fact that it is prone to human error thus making it not the most efficient method. So what if the car speed detection is made automatically? Our project detects the speed of the vehicle automatically, where you can place the system in one place and view the results remotely without any human intervention.

II.Project components

1. Arduino Uno

The Arduino Uno is an open source microcontroller board developed by arduino.cc. The board is equipped with sets of digital and analog (I/O) pins. To be more specific it contains 14 digital I/O pins, 6 analog I/O pins.

This is the smart component in the project that handles all the inputs/outputs using logical code implementations that we have burned on it.

2. Infrared sensors

An IR sensor is an electronic instrument that is used to sense certain characteristics of its surroundings. These sensors are also capable of measuring the heat being emitted by an object and detecting motion. There are two types of IR sensors: active and passive. The one we are using in our project is the active sensor which both emits and detects infrared radiation. The active sensors have two parts: a light emitting diode (LED) and a receiver. When an object comes close to the sensor, the infrared light from the LED reflects off of the object and is detected by the receiver.

3. 16x2 LCD display module

An LCD is an electronic display module which uses liquid crystal to produce a visible image. "16x2 LCD" is named so because it has 16 Columns and 2 Rows. This will display the speed of the passing vehicles.

4. Breadboard

The breadboard is used in prototyping the electronic circuits. It is reusable, so this makes it easy to use for creating temporary prototypes. A modern breadboard consists of a perforated block of plastic with numerous tin plated phosphor bronze or nickel silver alloy spring clips under the perforations.

5. Buzzer

A buzzer or beeper is an audio signaling device, which may be mechanical, electromechanical, or piezoelectric. Typical uses of buzzers and beepers include alarm devices and timers.

6. Connecting wires

Used to connect between components and the breadboard

III. Software simulation

1. Code

```
#include<LiquidCrystal.h>
LiquidCrystal lcd(2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7);
int timer1;
    int timer2;
float Time;
int flag1 = 0;
int flag2 = 0;
float distance =
5.0; float speed;
int ir_s1 = A0;
int ir_s2 = A1;
int buzzer = 13;
void setup(){
    pinMode(ir_s1, INPUT);
    pinMode(ir_s2, INPUT);
    pinMode(buzzer, OUTPUT);
    lcd.begin(16,2);
    lcd.clear();
    lcd.setCursor(0,0);
    lcd.print(" This is the ");
    lcd.setCursor(0,1);
    lcd.print("speed detector");
    delay(2000);
    lcd.clear();
}
void loop() {
if(digitalRead (ir_s1) == LOW && flag1==0){timer1
= millis(); flag1=1;}

if(digitalRead (ir_s2) == LOW && flag2==0){timer2
= millis(); flag2=1;}
```

```
if (flag1==1 && flag2==1){
    if(timer1 > timer2){Time = timer1 - timer2;}
    else if(timer2 > timer1){Time = timer2 - timer1;}
    Time=Time/1000;//convert millisecond to second
    speed=(distance/Time);//v=d/t
    speed=speed*3600;//multiply by seconds per hr
    speed=speed/1000;//division by meters per Km
    }
    if(speed==0){
        lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
        if(flag1==0 && flag2==0){lcd.print("No
car detected");}
                                else{lcd.print("Searching...
");}
    }
    else{
        lcd.clear();
        lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
        lcd.print("Speed:");
        lcd.print(speed,1);
        lcd.print("Km/Hr ");
        lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
        if(speed > 50){lcd.print(" Over Speeding ");
digitalWrite(buzzer, HIGH);}
        else{lcd.print(" Normal Speed "); }
        delay(3000);
        digitalWrite(buzzer,
LOW); speed = 0;
        flag1 = 0;
        flag2 = 0;
    }
}
```

2. Code discussion

At the beginning we're defining the variables that we're using in our code despite the fact they may remain constant as the distance between the 2 IR sensors. Through the function, we ask if the inputs are working. If yes, start the timers and calculate $|time1-time2|$, after that we do some calculations to adjust the units and use the equation $v=d/t$, then print the answer we choose on the screen. If $v=0$, this means that no car is detected. Otherwise check if $v>50$, print over speeding and activate the buzzer. Otherwise print normal speed then close the function (this step's happening after any case of the 3 cases above).

3. Notes

For our simulation, among the plenty of softwares out there we decided to use Proteus because we were familiar with its interface in previous projects and it has a sundry of utilities that could be useful in our future work. This includes modules such as Schematic capture, PCB, Microcontroller simulation, 3D verification and many others

IV. Projects Mechanism

IR Sensors detect the speed of a car. We place 2 IR sensors with a known distance apart (which is 10cm in our project). When a car passes in front of the first sensor, the IR rays reflect to the sensor and a timer starts counting, then it stops when the car passes in front of the second sensor as the same reflection happens. Using the distance and time values, we can calculate the speed of the car. And it will be displayed on a 16x2 LCD screen. Arduino uses the calculated speed value to determine if a car exceeded the speed limit.

V. Future enhancement

1) When a car exceeds the speed limit, the radar captures a photo of their number, and compares them with the stolen cars reported,

and if there is matching, it will automatically send a warning to the police department.

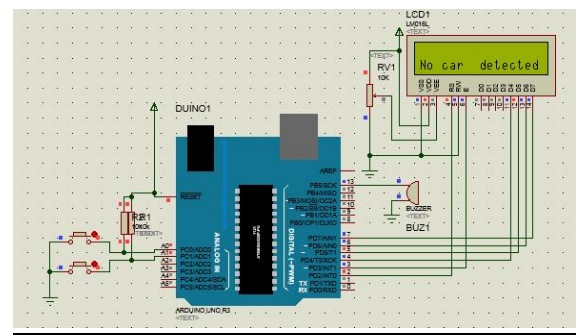
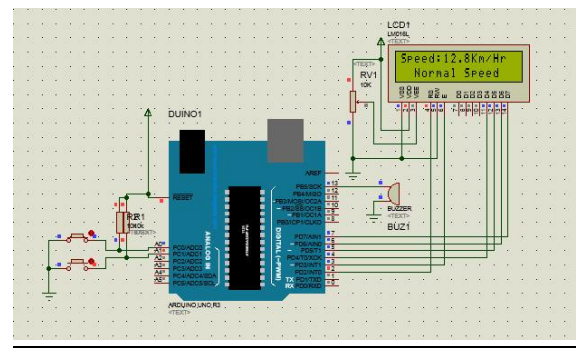
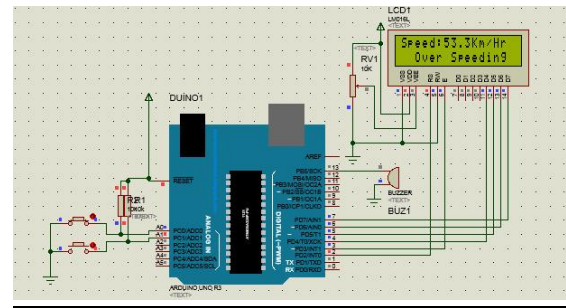
2) We can track the over speeded vehicle using Image Processing and sensors. This is done by capturing the image of the vehicle and pre-processing both at the initial and final point and comparing the image if it matches then time T is calculated. Based on T calculated we will decide whether the vehicle is over speeded or not.

VI.Results

These pictures were taken from our proteus simulation. In this simulation we replaced the IR sensors with push buttons which was allowed by our professor.

VII.Conclusion

We believe that if our project is implemented correctly and with enough funding we could help greatly reduce the number of accidents that occur on the roads, but this does not mean that the problem is still solved because we need to educate the people and shed more light on the importance of traffic rules and how people should abide to them in order to save the lives of many. If people were already following these rules, we would not have thought about this project. Therefore to conclude, this problem is of utmost importance and needs more awareness.



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