

WHY?





PROJECT OVERVIEW

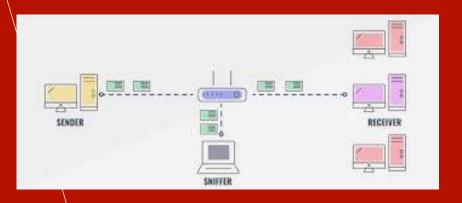
A secure embedded system for network monitoring

- Combines packet sniffing and biometric authentication
 - Built with a LCD display and fingerprint sensor

SYSTEM COMPONENTS

PACKET SNIFFER

Captures and analyzes real-time network traffic



BIOMETRIC AUTHENTICATION

Restricts access to authorized users(fingerprint)



LCD DISPLAY

Shows system status and alerts







CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

CHALLENGES

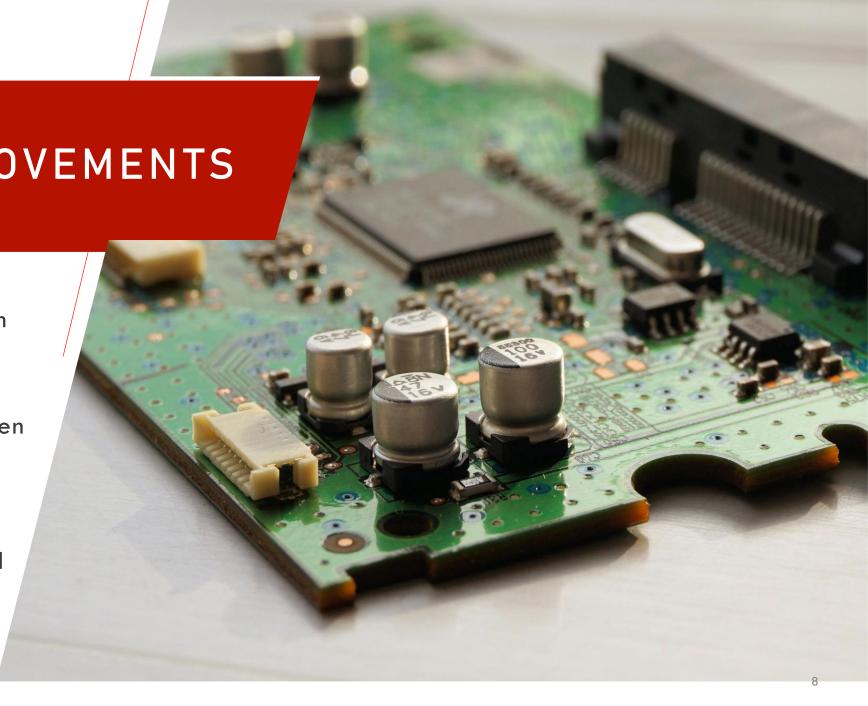
- 1. ESP32 NOT SCANNING INITIALLY
- 2. Unreliable Stop Signal Handling
- 3. Integration of Biometric Authentication
- 4. LCD UI Freezing / Delays
- 5. ISR and Timer Conflicts
- 6. Power and Voltage Compatibility
- 7. Packet Sniffer Debugging

SOLUTIONS

- 1. Enabling sniffer mode to allow for system stabilization after boot.
- 2. Dedicated GPIO pin with RISING or FALLING mode and debounce logic.
- 3. Implement a non-blocking UART handshake with timeouts and confirmation codes
- 4. SR with buffered updates using a flag system to trigger redraws only when needed.
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- 6. Protect shared resources and avoid nested interrupts.
- 7. 4-channel bidirectional logic level shifter (e.g., TXS0108E)
- 8. Filter and log raw packet headers



- User access logs
 - Track and timestamp each authorized user's activity
- Touchscreen interface
 - Replace LCD with touchscreen for easier user interaction and system control
- Support multiple biometric users
 - Manage multiple registered users with different access levels



FINAL TIPS & TAKEAWAYS

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

EE majors have my respect

Packets are quick and never ending

 Filtering is tricky if you want certain things to standout

Timing and transitions

Not easy to create such a sleek device

I never got Mexican food...

GITHUB LINK:

https://github.com/CMBorjas/Biometrics_Packet_Sniffer.git

