

Project 1

Puzzle alarm clock

Clock that requires solving some simple puzzles
(before turning alarm off)

Objective: Very easy to go back to sleep after stopping the alarm. Possible to go back to sleep without waking up fully. Making me perform some cognitive activity before turning the alarm off will probably wake me up.

Requirements

1. Basic (Need)

- a) Can set time & alarm time
- b) Cannot turn off alarm while it is ringing
- c) Need some puzzle-type interface to turn alarm off

2. Advanced (Want)

- a) Be able to choose alarm tone
- b) Alarm clock tries to run away

Clock hand order (in order closest to face)

- 1) Alarm hand (silver)
- 2) hour hand
- 3) Minute hand
- 4) Second hand

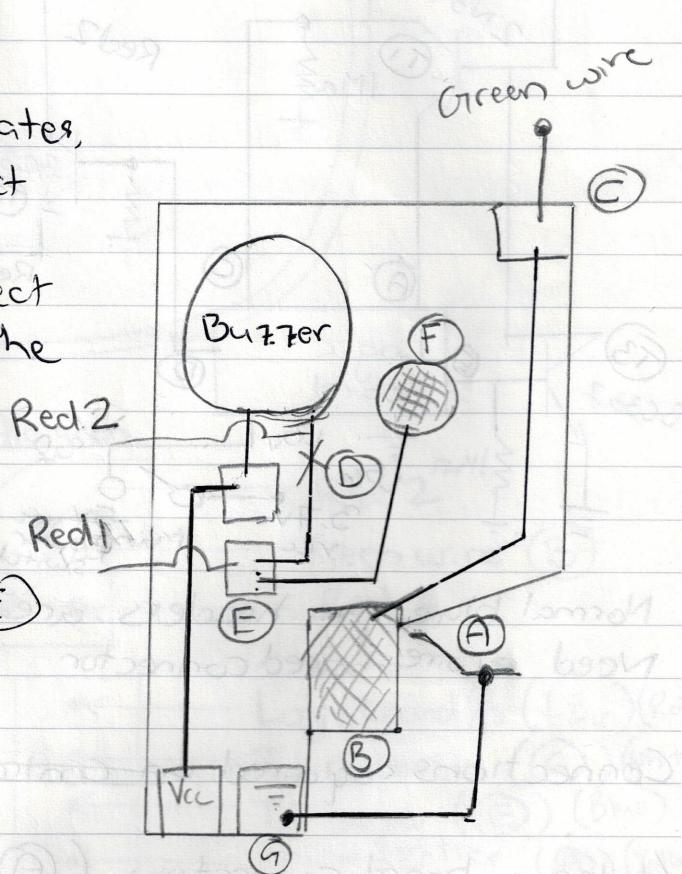
(Bearing ~~points~~ burr points upward)

Circuitry notes:

- 1) When the alarm activates, switch (A) makes contact with pad (B).
- 2) This makes pad (B) connect to ground, and makes the buzzer buzz

Plan:

- 1) Disconnect wire (D)
- 2) Add connection point to (E)
- 3) Add wire to (C)
- 4) Add wire to gnd pad (G)

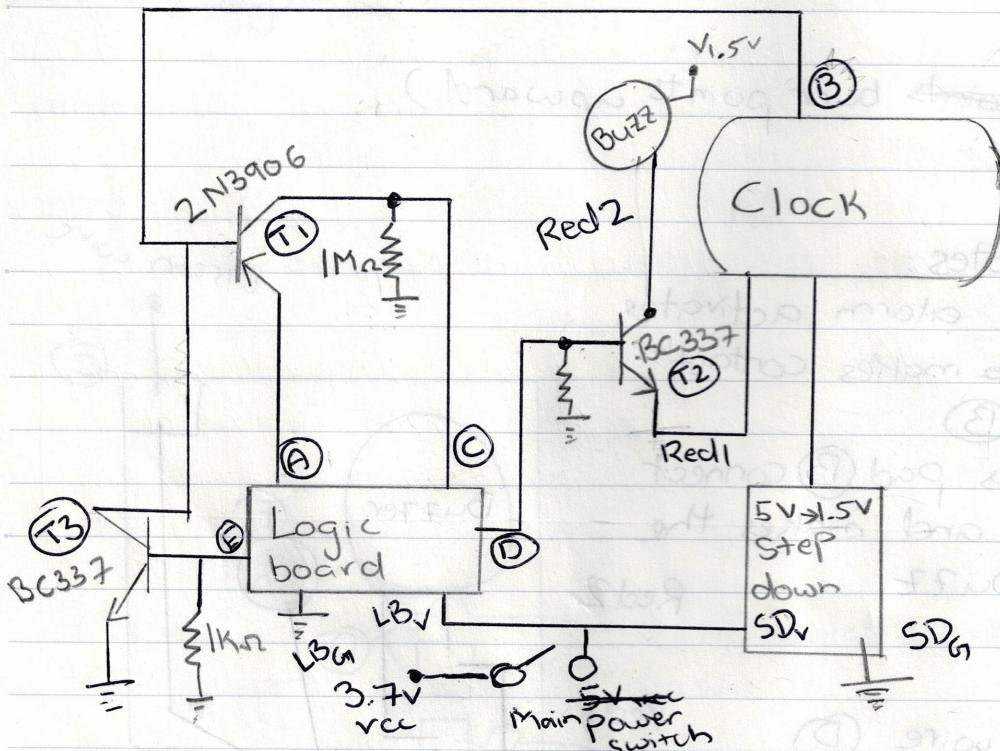


Alarm is engaged when green wire is connected to ground

New circuitry

Logic circuit input \Rightarrow Green wire is grounded

Circuit action \Rightarrow Short red wires together.



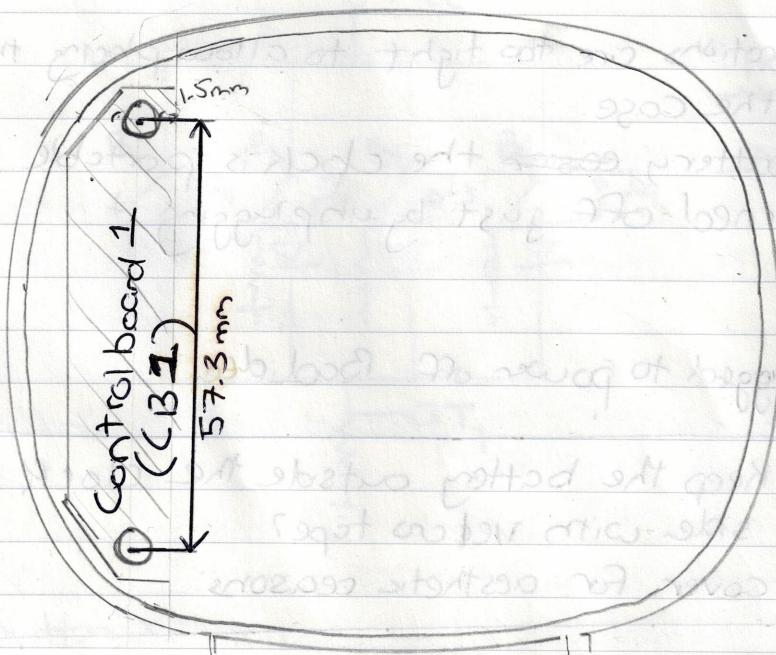
Normal blue pin headers are too big for this project
Need wire-based connector

Connections required on control board + (CBI)

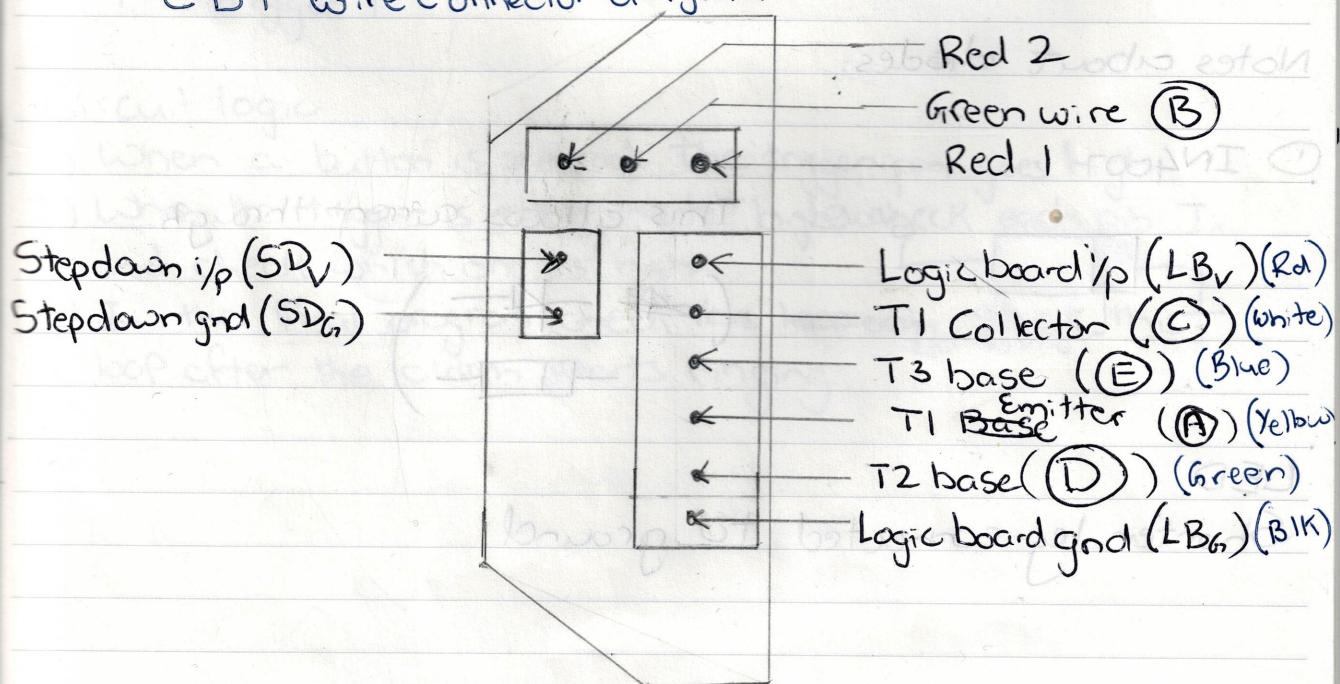
- 4 logic board connections (A, C, D, E) - 1 6pin connector
- 1 logic board ground + logic board power
- 2 Battery Power connector] 2pin connector
- 2 Step down input] 2pin connector
- 2 Red wire from clock] 1 3pin connector
- 1 Green wire from Clock

Physical design

57.3 mm bet' holes



CB1 wire connector diagram



Power Source Considerations

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1) Battery

Space considerations are too tight to allow placing the battery inside the case.

If there is a battery, ~~either~~ the clock is portable and cannot be turned off just by unplugging it

2) Wall socket

Can be unplugged to power off. Bad idea.

Compromise: Keep the battery outside the clock casing
Attach to the side with velcro tape?
Also create a cover for aesthetic reasons

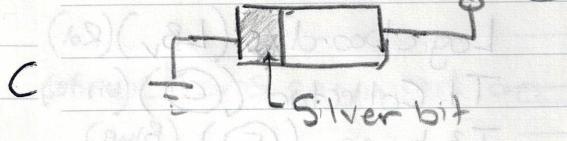
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Control circuitry

Notes about diodes:

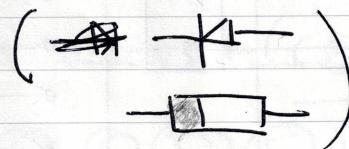
1) IN4007

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This allows current through



11 LED

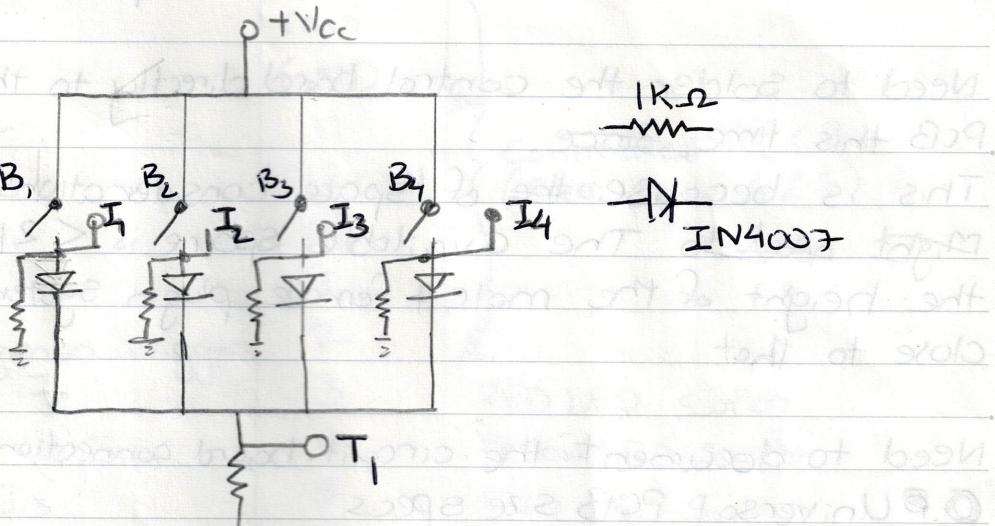
2R: Shorter leg connected to ground

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Button press circuit



B_x = Button x

I_x = Input x

T_1 = Trigger 1

Circuit logic

- 1) When a button is pressed, the trigger pin goes high
- 2) When the trigger is high, made high, check each pin I_x and check which one is high
- 3) In the final program, ~~check this loop only~~ Start this loop after the alarm starts ringing.

Normally it is better to have a plug-in connection for the control board in case it needs to be replaced

Need to solder the control board directly to the universal PCB this time, since

This is because of space considerations

Might need to The available space is < 21 mm, and the height of the male + female plugin system is very close to that

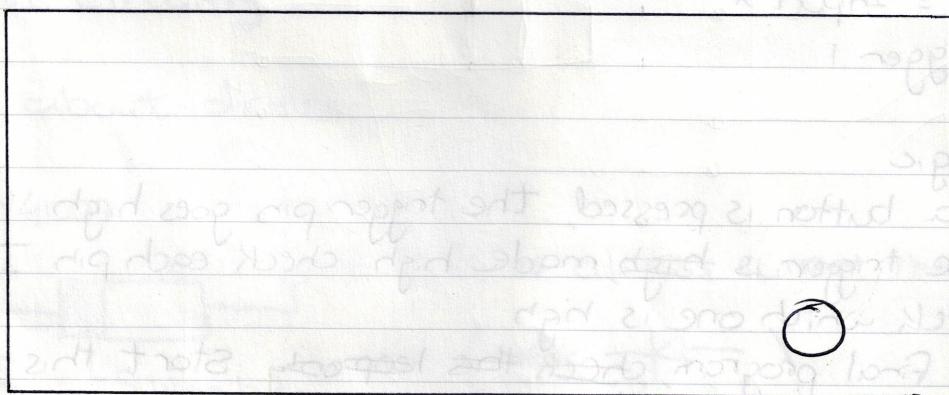
Need to document the circuit board connections carefully

① Universal PCB size specs

Width = ~ 25.07 mm = 11 universal PCB holes

Length = ~ 63 mm = 26 universal PCB holes

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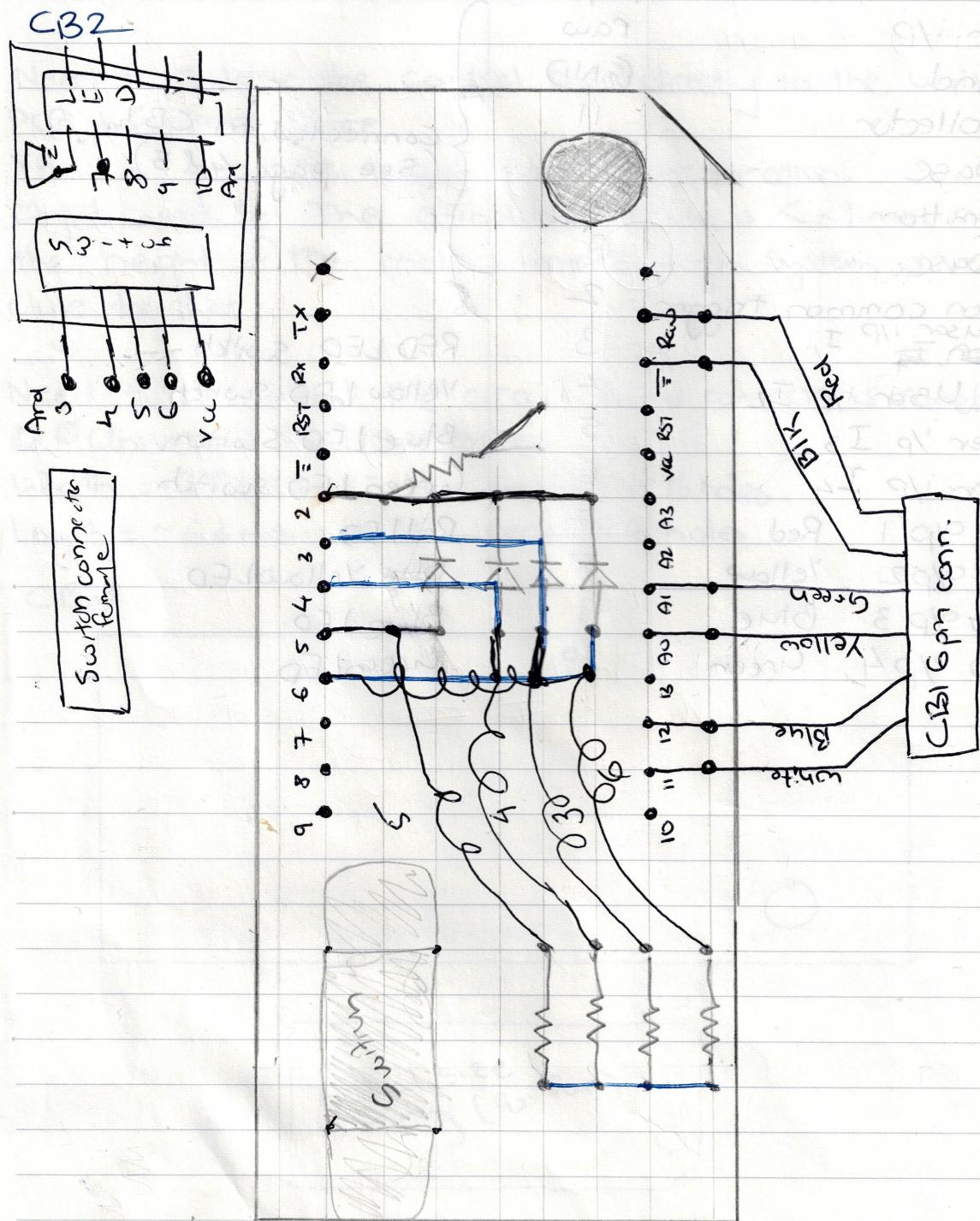


Actual size
tracing (for fun)

List of required connections and corresponding pins

Pin no	Pin/no	Notes
1) Power i/p	raw	
2) Ground	GND	
3) T ₁ collector	11	
4) T ₃ base	12	
5) T ₁ emitter	A ₀	
6) T ₂ base	A ₁	
7) Button common trigger	2	
8) Button I₁ User i/p I ₁	3	RED LED switch
9) Button I₂ User i/p I ₂	4	Yellow LED switch
10) User i/p I ₃	5	Blue LED switch
11) User i/p I ₄	6	Green LED switch
12) LED o/p 1 Red	7	Red LED
13) LED o/p 2 Yellow	8	Blue Yellow LED
14) LED o/p 3 Blue	9	Blue LED
15) LED o/p 4 Green	10	Green LED

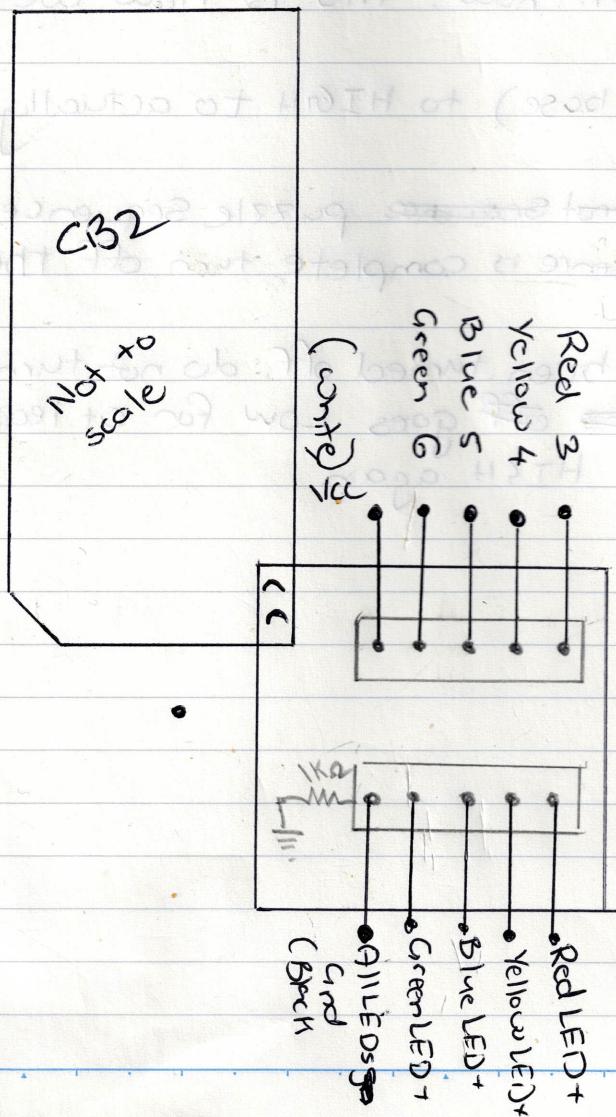
Control board layout



LED and button selection

5mm diameter LEDs

LED, switch wiring notes
 (LED shorter leg to ground)



Working

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Initially \textcircled{A} (T_1 emitter) is set HIGH & \textcircled{C} (T_1 collector) is set LOW.

\textcircled{B} (Alarm on/off indicator) is initially HIGH when the alarm is off so \textcircled{C} (T_1 collector) should read LOW.

When the alarm is triggered, \textcircled{B} goes LOW. This forward-biases the emitter-base junction of T_1 , and it turns on. \textcircled{C} should read HIGH now. This is how we know the alarm is on.

Now set \textcircled{D} (T_2 base) to HIGH to actually turn on the alarm.

Now activate the control sequence puzzle sequence.

When the puzzle sequence is complete, turn off the alarm.

Once the alarm has been turned off, do not turn it back on until \textcircled{C} turns off goes LOW for at least 5 seconds before it goes HIGH again.