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Embedded System Session 3 - Keypad & LCD Interface

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Code Design Principles

Clean Code Guidelines >

Make your code:

- **Clean:** Easy to understand and maintain
- **Configurable:** Easy to modify parameters
- **Readable:** Self-documenting with clear names
- **Editable:** Modular and well-structured

Software Architecture Layers

Processing Call Tree

The embedded system follows a hierarchical structure:

```
Application (Main)
  ↓
HAL (Hardware Abstraction Layer)
  ↓
MCAL (Microcontroller Abstraction Layer)
  ↓
Microcontroller Hardware
```

Layer Descriptions

Layer	Distance from Hardware	Responsibility	Examples
MCAL	Closest	Direct microcontroller control	DIO, ADC, Timer drivers
HAL	Middle	Hardware component abstraction	LED, Motor, Sensor drivers
Application	Furthest	Business logic and main program	User interface, control algorithms
Lib	Cross-cutting	Common utilities for all layers	Math functions, data types

≡ Layer Interaction Example >

```
// Application Layer
int main(void) {
    LED_Init();           // HAL function
    LED_TurnOn();         // HAL function
}

// HAL Layer (LED Driver)
void LED_TurnOn(void) {
    DIO_SetPin(LED_PORT, LED_PIN, HIGH); // MCAL function
}

// MCAL Layer (DIO Driver)
void DIO_SetPin(uint8_t port, uint8_t pin, uint8_t value) {
    if (value == HIGH) {
        *port_registers[port] |= (1 << pin); // Direct hardware
access
    }
}
```

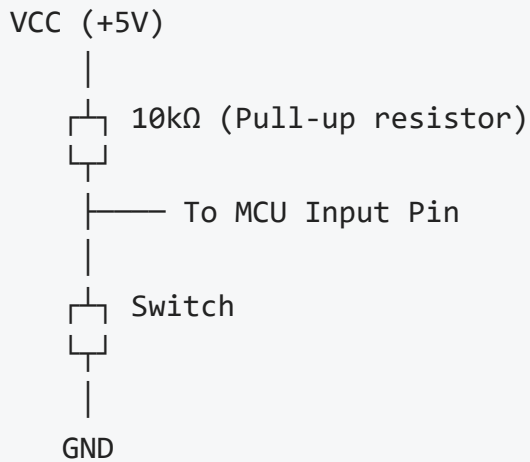
Pull-up and Pull-down Resistors

Internal Pull-up Configuration

ATmega32 provides internal pull-up resistors that can be enabled via software:

```
// Enable internal pull-up on input pin
DDR_REG &= ~(1 << PIN_NUM); // Set as input (0)
PORT_REG |= (1 << PIN_NUM); // Enable pull-up (1)
```

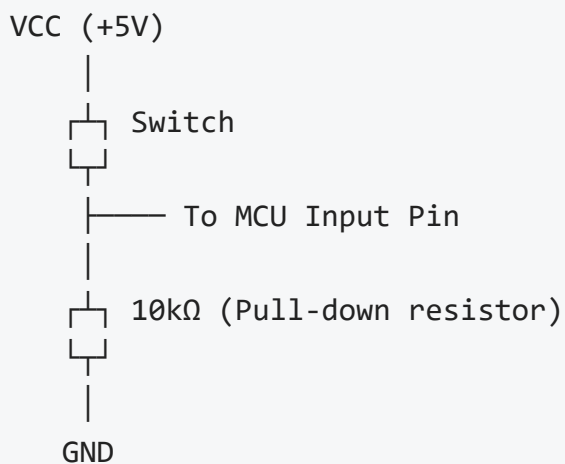
External Pull-up Resistor



Operation:

- **Switch Open:** Pin reads **HIGH (1)**
- **Switch Pressed:** Pin reads **LOW (0)**

External Pull-down Resistor



Operation:

- **Switch Open:** Pin reads **LOW (0)**
- **Switch Pressed:** Pin reads **HIGH (1)**

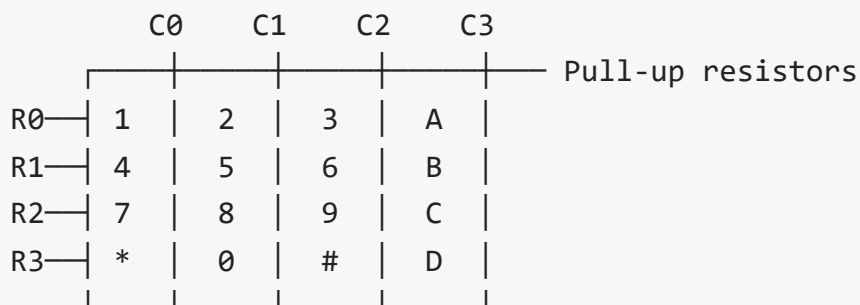
Keypad Interface

4×4 Matrix Keypad Design

A 16-button keypad requires only **8 pins** instead of 16 individual pins:

- **4 Row pins** (outputs from microcontroller)
- **4 Column pins** (inputs to microcontroller)
- **All pins connected to pull-up resistors**

Keypad Connection Diagram



Keypad Scanning Algorithm

The scanning process involves systematically testing each row:

☰ Keypad Scanning Sequence >

Step 0: Test Row 0

```
// Set Row 0 to GND, others to VCC
ROW0 = 0; ROW1 = 1; ROW2 = 1; ROW3 = 1;
// Test all columns
if (COL0 == 0) button_pressed = '1';
if (COL1 == 0) button_pressed = '2';
if (COL2 == 0) button_pressed = '3';
if (COL3 == 0) button_pressed = 'A';
```

Step 2: Test Row 1

```
// Set Row 1 to GND, others to VCC
ROW0 = 1; ROW1 = 0; ROW2 = 1; ROW3 = 1;
// Test all columns
if (COL0 == 0) button_pressed = '4';
if (COL1 == 0) button_pressed = '5';
```

```
if (COL2 == 0) button_pressed = '6';  
if (COL3 == 0) button_pressed = 'B';
```

Steps 3-4: Continue for remaining rows...

Keypad Implementation

```
#define KEYPAD_ROWS 4  
#define KEYPAD_COLS 4  
  
// Keypad layout definition  
const char keypad_layout[KEYPAD_ROWS][KEYPAD_COLS] = {  
    {'1', '2', '3', 'A'},  
    {'4', '5', '6', 'B'},  
    {'7', '8', '9', 'C'},  
    {'*', '0', '#', 'D'}  
};  
  
char Keypad_GetKey(void) {  
    for (uint8_t row = 0; row < KEYPAD_ROWS; row++) {  
        // Set current row LOW, others HIGH  
        Keypad_SetRowPattern(row);  
  
        // Small delay for signal stabilization  
        _delay_us(10);  
  
        // Check all columns in current row  
        for (uint8_t col = 0; col < KEYPAD_COLS; col++) {  
            if (Keypad_IsColumnPressed(col)) {  
                // Wait for key release (debouncing)  
                while (Keypad_IsColumnPressed(col));  
                return keypad_layout[row][col];  
            }  
        }  
    }  
    return 0; // No key pressed  
}
```

LCD (Liquid Crystal Display)

LCD Specifications

Common LCD configurations:

- **2×16:** 2 rows, 16 columns per row
- **4×20:** 4 rows, 20 columns per row

LCD Internal Architecture

Component	Function	Description
CGROM	Character Generator ROM	Stores standard character patterns
CGRAM	Character Generator RAM	Stores 8 custom characters
DDRAM	Display Data RAM	Stores characters to be displayed

LCD Pin Configuration

Power Pins

Pin	Name	Function	Connection
1	VSS/GND	Ground	0V
2	VDD/VCC	Power Supply	+5V
3	V0	Contrast Control	Potentiometer center
15	A (Anode)	Backlight +	+5V through resistor
16	K (Cathode)	Backlight -	GND

Data Pins

Pin	Name	Function
7-14	D0-D7	8-bit data bus

4-bit Mode Operation >

Most applications use **4-bit mode** (D4-D7 only) to save microcontroller pins:

- **8-bit data** sent as **two 4-bit nibbles**
- **Upper nibble** sent first, then **lower nibble**
- Requires **2 write operations** per byte

Control Pins

Pin	Name	Function	Logic Levels
4	RS	Register Select	0 = Command, 1 = Data
5	RW	Read/Write	0 = Write, 1 = Read
6	E	Enable	Rising edge triggers operation

LCD Command/Data Types

Command Mode (RS = 0)

Commands configure LCD behavior:

Command	Hex	Function
Clear Display	0x01	Clear screen, cursor to home
Return Home	0x02	Cursor to position (0,0)
Entry Mode Set	0x06	Increment cursor after write
Display Control	0x0C	Display on, cursor off
Function Set	0x38	8-bit, 2-line, 5×8 font

Data Mode (RS = 1)

Actual characters to display (ASCII values).

LCD Write Sequence

≡ LCD Write Timing >

```
void LCD_WriteData(uint8_t data) {
    // 1. Set data on pins
    LCD_DATA_PORT = data;

    // 2. Configure control pins
    LCD_RW = 0;    // Write operation
    LCD_RS = 1;    // Data mode

    // 3. Generate enable pulse
    LCD_E = 1;     // Enable high
    _delay_us(1);  // Hold time
    LCD_E = 0;     // Enable low (falling edge executes)
```

```
    // 4. Wait for LCD processing
    _delay_ms(2); // Command execution time
}
```

LCD Initialization Sequence

```
void LCD_Init(void) {
    // Wait for LCD power-up
    _delay_ms(20);

    // Function Set: 8-bit, 2-line, 5x8 font
    LCD_WriteCommand(0x38);
    _delay_ms(5);

    // Display Control: Display ON, Cursor OFF
    LCD_WriteCommand(0x0C);
    _delay_ms(1);

    // Clear Display
    LCD_WriteCommand(0x01);
    _delay_ms(2);

    // Entry Mode: Increment cursor, no shift
    LCD_WriteCommand(0x06);
    _delay_ms(1);
}
```

Advanced LCD Functions

```
// Set cursor position
void LCD_SetCursor(uint8_t row, uint8_t col) {
    uint8_t address;
    if (row == 0)
        address = 0x80 + col; // First row
    else
        address = 0xC0 + col; // Second row
    LCD_WriteCommand(address);
}

// Display string
void LCD_WriteString(const char* str) {
    while (*str) {
```



```

        LCD_WriteData(*str++);
    }
}

// Display number
void LCD_WriteNumber(int32_t number) {
    char buffer[12];
    sprintf(buffer, "%ld", number);
    LCD_WriteString(buffer);
}

// Create custom character
void LCD_CreateCustomChar(uint8_t location, uint8_t pattern[]) {
    LCD_WriteCommand(0x40 + (location * 8)); // Set CGRAM address
    for (uint8_t i = 0; i < 8; i++) {
        LCD_WriteData(pattern[i]); // Write pattern
    }
}

```

Design Best Practices

Avoiding Magic Numbers

Magic Numbers Problem >

Magic numbers are unrecognized values with unclear meaning:

Bad Example:

```

LCD_WriteCommand(0x38); // What does 0x38 mean?
_delay_ms(47);          // Why 47 milliseconds?

```

Good Example:

```

#define LCD_FUNCTION_SET_8BIT_2LINE 0x38
#define LCD_INIT_DELAY_MS           47

LCD_WriteCommand(LCD_FUNCTION_SET_8BIT_2LINE);
_delay_ms(LCD_INIT_DELAY_MS);

```

2D Array Usage

For keypad layout definition:

```
// Keypad character mapping
uint8_t keypad_chars[ROWS][COLUMNS] = {
    {'1', '2', '3', 'A'},
    {'4', '5', '6', 'B'},
    {'7', '8', '9', 'C'},
    {'*', '0', '#', 'D'}
};

// Access specific key
char pressed_key = keypad_chars[row_index][col_index];
```

Practical Application Examples

Simple Calculator Interface

```
int main(void) {
    uint32_t number1 = 0, number2 = 0, result = 0;
    char operator = 0;
    char key;

    LCD_Init();
    Keypad_Init();

    LCD_WriteString("Calculator Ready");
    LCD_SetCursor(1, 0);

    while (1) {
        key = Keypad_GetKey();
        if (key != 0) {
            if (key >= '0' && key <= '9') {
                // Number input
                LCD_WriteData(key);
                if (operator == 0) {
                    number1 = number1 * 10 + (key - '0');
                } else {
                    number2 = number2 * 10 + (key - '0');
                }
            } else if (key == '+' || key == '-' || key == '*' || key ==
                '/') {
                // Operator input
                operator = key;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```

        LCD_WriteData(' ');
        LCD_WriteData(key);
        LCD_WriteData(' ');
    } else if (key == '#') {
        // Calculate result
        switch (operator) {
            case '+': result = number1 + number2; break;
            case '-': result = number1 - number2; break;
            case '*': result = number1 * number2; break;
            case '/': result = number1 / number2; break;
        }
        LCD_WriteString(" = ");
        LCD_WriteNumber(result);

        // Reset for next calculation
        number1 = number2 = result = 0;
        operator = 0;
    }
}
}
}
}

```

LCD Character Set Display

```

// Display all printable ASCII characters
void LCD_ShowAllChars(void) {
    LCD_Clear();
    for (uint16_t i = 32; i <= 126; i++) { // Printable ASCII range
        LCD_WriteData((uint8_t)i);
        _delay_ms(200);

        // Move to next line after 16 characters
        if ((i - 32 + 1) % 16 == 0) {
            LCD_SetCursor(1, 0);
        }
    }
}

```

References

- [HD44780 LCD Controller Datasheet](#)
- [Matrix Keypad Interface Techniques](#)
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- Embedded C Programming Best Practices