

Step 4: Implement the Solution

Pseudocode

START SYSTEM

// This marks the start of the automated pet feeder system function.

INITIALISE SYSTEM

// This sets up the user customisable feeding schedules and the real time clock.

// The system is designed for a continuous function using the electrical wall outlet

LOOP CONTINUOUSLY

// The system continuously checks conditions and performs actions, running continually

IF (IsItFeedingTime IS TRUE · NOT (FoodStorageTank IS EMPTY)) THEN

// This decision checks two conditions:

// 1. If the current time from the real time clock matches a scheduled feeding time

// 2. AND if the food storage tank is NOT empty, by checking with the infrared level sensor

ACTIVATE DISPENSING MECHANISM

// The system physically dispenses dry kibble

// A sound is announced to alert the animal

WAIT FOR 10 MINUTES

// A timer is set which allows the pet enough time to eat the food

IF (BowlWeight IS UNCHANGED) THEN

// This decision uses the weight sensor input to determine if the kibble in the bowl has been eaten

// If the bowl weight is unchanged, it means the has not been eaten

OUTPUT: ALERT STAFF (FOOD UNEATEN)

// A Alert is announced and displayed to staff

// This prompts the staff to check on the animal's well being

LOG: UNEATEN FEEDING

// This is logged by the system, which is important for distinguishing different feeding times
(E.g., Breakfast vs Lunch)

ELSE

// The bowl weight has changed, indicating the kibble was eaten

LOG: SUCCESSFUL FEEDING

// This is logged by the system, to confirm the feeding was successful

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END IF

ELSE IF (IsItFeedingTime IS TRUE · FoodStorageTank IS EMPTY) THEN

    // This path is taken if it IS feeding time, But the food storage tank is empty

    OUTPUT: ALERT STAFF (FOOD TANK EMPTY)

    // A alert is announced and displayed to the staff to take action

    // This notifies them to refill the food tank

ELSE (NOT (IsItFeedingTime IS TRUE)) THEN

    // This path is taken if it is currently NOT a scheduled feeding time

    WAIT FOR NEXT CYCLE

    // The system waits and then revisits the “IsItFeedingTime” check, delaying the loop until the
    next scheduled interval

END IF

END LOOP

// This returns to the beginning of the loop to check for the next scheduled feeding time
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