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# **Objective**

Most educational institutions' administrators are concerned about student security. The conventional method allowing access to students inside a college/educational campus is by showing photo i-cards to security guard is very time consuming and insecure, hence inefficient.

Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) based security system is one of the solutions to address this problem. This system can be used to allow access for student in school, college, and university. It also can be used to take attendance for workers in working places. Its ability to uniquely identify each person based on their RFID tag type of ID card make the process of allowing security access easier, faster and secure as compared to conventional method.

Students or workers only need to place their ID card on the reader and they will be allowed to enter the campus. If any invalid card is presented, the alarm is turned on and the permission is denied.

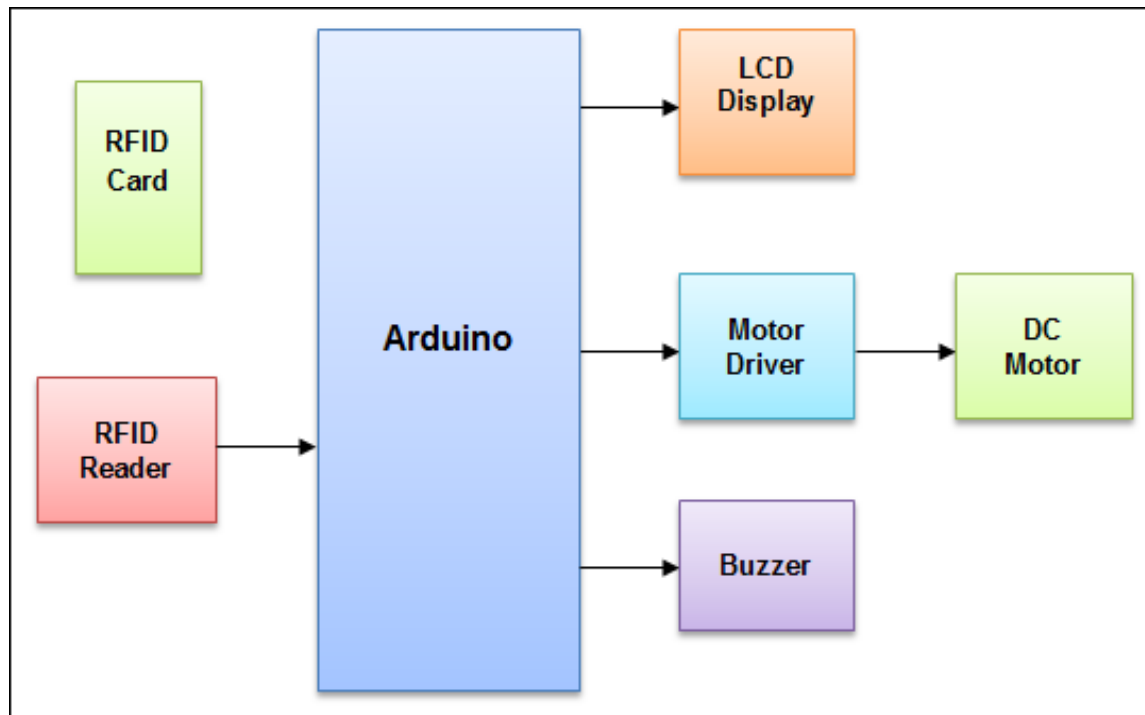
# **Introduction**

The security system is basically an embedded one. Embedded stands for hardware controlled by software. Here, the software using a Microcontroller controls all the hardware components. The microcontroller plays an important role in the system.

The main objective of the system is to uniquely identify and to make security for a premises. This requires a unique product, which has the capability of distinguishing different person. This is possible by the new emerging technology RFID (Radio Frequency Identification). The main parts of an RFID system are RFID tag (with unique ID number) and RFID reader (for reading the RFID tag). In this system, RFID tag and RFID reader used are operating at 125 KHz. The microcontroller internal memory is used for storing the details.

This report provides a clear picture of hardware and software used in the system. It also provides an overall view with detailed discussion of the operation of the system.

## Block Diagram:



# Components

## 1) Arduino:

**Arduino Uno** is a microcontroller board based on 8-bit ATmega328P microcontroller. Along with ATmega328P, it consists other features such as crystal oscillator, serial communication, voltage regulator, etc. to support the microcontroller. Arduino Uno has 14 digital input/output pins (out of which 6 can be used as PWM outputs), 6 analog input pins, a USB connection, A Power barrel jack, an ICSP header and a reset button.

### How to use Arduino Board

The 14 digital input/output pins can be used as input or output pins by using pinMode(), digitalRead() and digitalWrite() functions in arduino programming. Each pin operate at 5V and can provide or receive a maximum of 40mA current, and has an internal pull-up resistor of 20-50 KOhms which are disconnected by default. Out of these 14 pins, some pins have specific functions as listed below:

- **Serial Pins 0 (Rx) and 1 (Tx):** Rx and Tx pins are used to receive and transmit TTL serial data. They are connected with the corresponding ATmega328P USB to TTL serial chip.
- **External Interrupt Pins 2 and 3:** These pins can be configured to trigger an interrupt on a low value, a rising or falling edge, or a change in value.
- **PWM Pins 3, 5, 6, 9 and 11:** These pins provide an 8-bit PWM output by using analogWrite() function.
- **SPI Pins 10 (SS), 11 (MOSI), 12 (MISO) and 13 (SCK):** These pins are used for SPI communication.
- **In-built LED Pin 13:** This pin is connected with an built-in LED, when pin 13 is HIGH – LED is on and when pin 13 is LOW, its off.

Along with 14 Digital pins, there are 6 analog input pins, each of which provide 10 bits of resolution, i.e. 1024 different values. They measure from 0 to 5 volts but this limit can be increased by using AREF pin with analog Reference() function.

- Analog pin 4 (SDA) and pin 5 (SCA) also used for TWI communication using Wire library.

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- **AREF:** Used to provide reference voltage for analog inputs with analogReference() function.
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- **Reset Pin:** Making this pin LOW, resets the microcontroller.

## Communication

Arduino can be used to communicate with a computer, another Arduino board or other microcontrollers. The ATmega328P microcontroller provides UART TTL (5V) serial communication which can be done using digital pin 0 (Rx) and digital pin 1 (Tx). An ATmega16U2 on the board channels this serial communication over USB and appears as a virtual com port to software on the computer. The ATmega16U2 firmware uses the standard USB COM drivers, and no external driver is needed. However, on Windows, a .inf file is required. The Arduino software includes a serial monitor which allows simple textual data to be sent to and from the Arduino board. There are two RX and TX LEDs on the arduino board which will flash when data is being transmitted via the



USB-to-serial chip and USB connection to the computer (not for serial communication on pins 0 and 1). A SoftwareSerial library allows for serial communication on any of the Uno's digital pins. The ATmega328P also supports I2C (TWI) and SPI communication. The Arduino software includes a Wire library to simplify use of the I2C bus.

This is the most important segment of the project. The controller is responsible for detection and polling of the peripherals status. It is responsible for making decisions for the connected devices. It is responsible for prioritizing all the slaves attached to it.

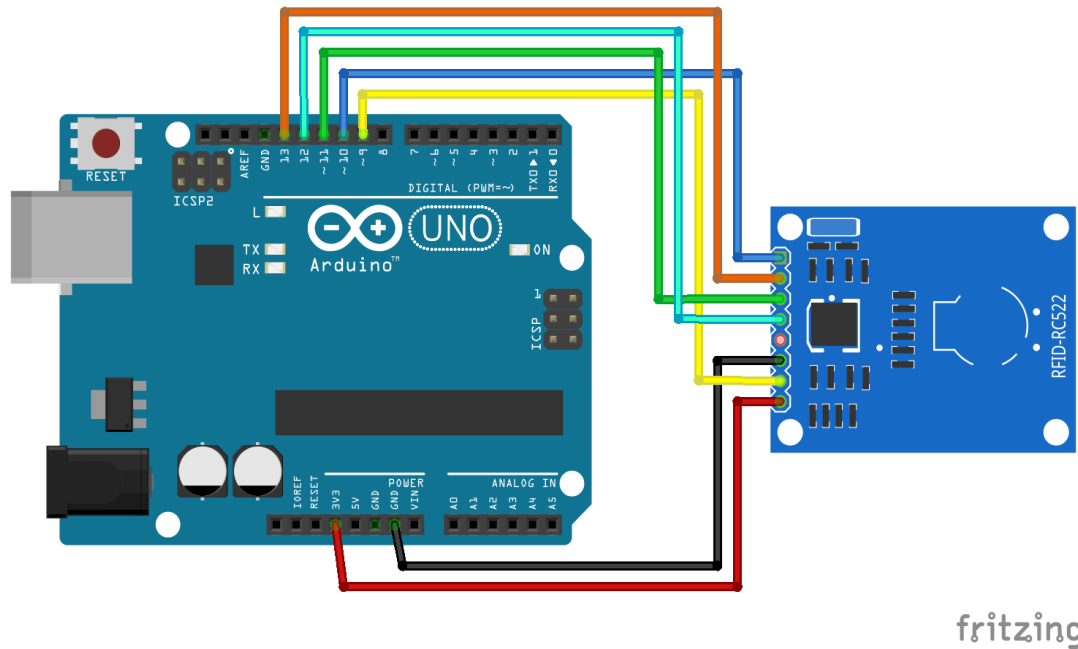
It is the major part of the system which controls all the operation of the circuit such as LCD interfacing, square wave generation. It also decides the messages to be displayed on the LCD along with the time duration for which they should be displayed on the LCD. Microcontroller also decides the frequency of square wave output.

### **Pin Description**

<b>Pin Category</b>	<b>Pin Name</b>	<b>Details</b>
Power	Vin, 3.3V, 5V, GND	Vin: Input voltage to Arduino when using an external power source. 5V: Regulated power supply used to power microcontroller and other components on the board. 3.3V: 3.3V supply generated by on-board voltage regulator. Maximum current draw is 50mA. GND: ground pins.

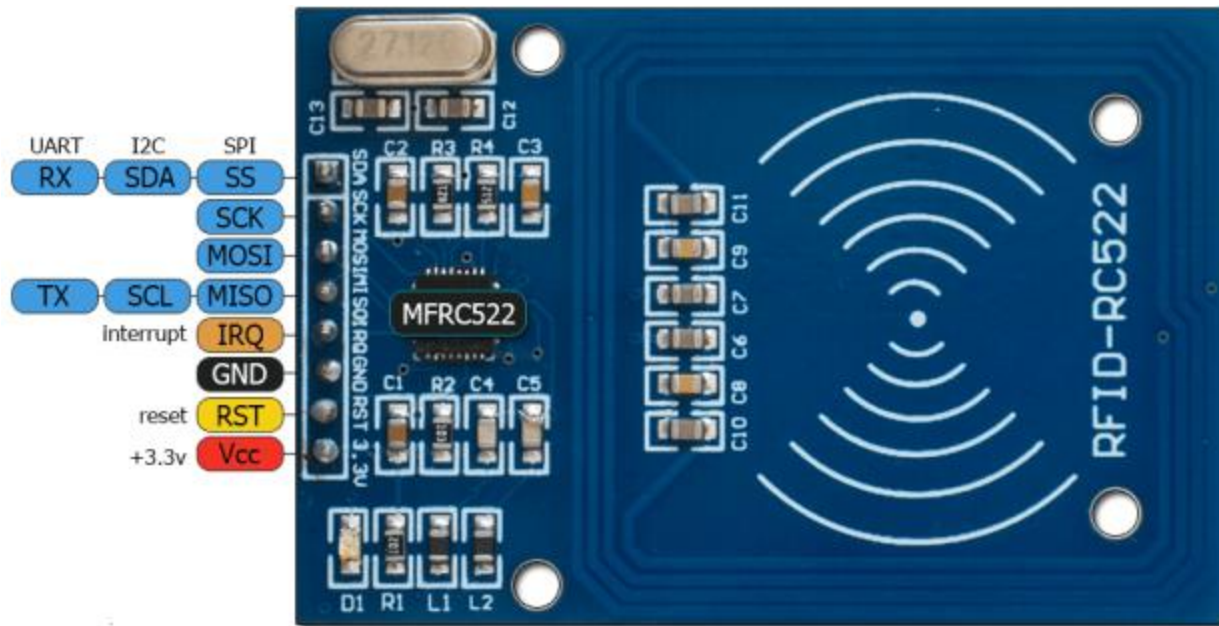
Reset	Reset	Resets the microcontroller.
Analog Pins	A0 – A5	Used to provide analog input in the range of 0-5V
Input/Output Pins	Digital Pins 0 - 13	Can be used as input or output pins.
Serial	0(Rx), 1(Tx)	Used to receive and transmit TTL serial data.
External Interrupts	2, 3	To trigger an interrupt.
PWM	3, 5, 6, 9, 11	Provides 8-bit PWM output.
SPI	10 (SS), 11 (MOSI), 12 (MISO) and 13 (SCK)	Used for SPI communication.
Inbuilt LED	13	To turn on the inbuilt LED.
TWI	A4 (SDA), A5 (SCA)	Used for TWI communication.
AREF	AREF	To provide reference voltage for input voltage.

## Connection Diagram



### 2) **RFID MFRC522 Module**

RC522 – RFID Reader / Writer 13.56MHz with Cards Kit includes a 13.56MHz RF reader cum writer module that uses an RC522 IC and two S50 RFID cards. The MF RC522 is a highly integrated transmission module for contact-less communication at 13.56 MHz. RC522 supports ISO 14443A/MIFARE mode.



RC522 – RFID Reader features an outstanding modulation and demodulation algorithm to serve effortless RF communication at 13.56 MHz. The S50 RFID Cards will ease up the process helping you to learn and add the 13.56 MHz RF transition to your project.

The module uses SPI to communicate with microcontrollers. The open-hardware community already has a lot of projects exploiting the RC522 – RFID Communication, using Arduino.

The following table shows the connection between Arduino UNO & RFID MFRC522:

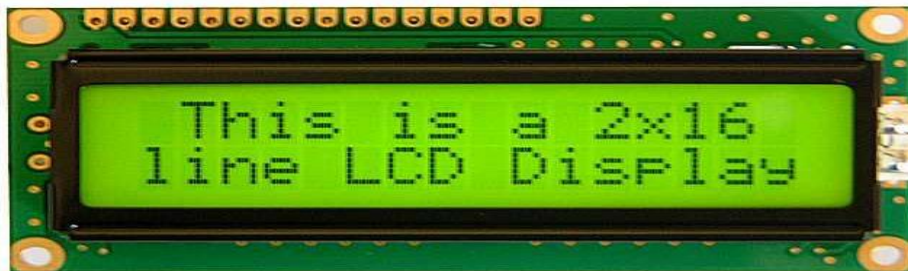
PIN	WIRING TO ARDUINO UNO
SDA	Digital 10
SCK	Digital 13
MOSI	Digital 11
MISO	Digital 12
IRQ	Don't connect
GND	GND
RST	Digital 9
3.3V	3.3V

### **3) LCD Display: LM016L**

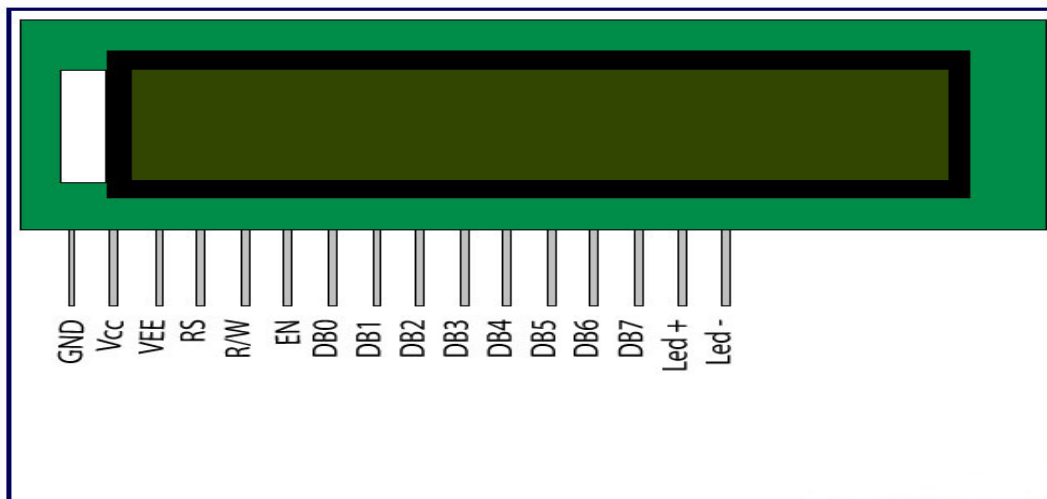
LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) screen is an electronic display module and find a wide range of applications. A 16x2 LCD display is very basic module and is very commonly used in various devices and circuits. These modules are preferred over seven segments and other multi segment LEDs. The reasons being: LCDs are economical; easily programmable; have no limitation of displaying special & even custom characters (unlike in seven segments), animations and so on.

A 16x2 LCD means it can display 16 characters per line and there are 2 such lines. In this LCD each character is displayed in 5x7 pixel matrix. This LCD has two registers, namely, Command and Data.

The command register stores the command instructions given to the LCD. A command is an instruction given to LCD to do a predefined task like initializing it, clearing its screen, setting the cursor position, controlling display etc. The data register stores the data to be displayed on the LCD. The data is the ASCII value of the character to be displayed on the LCD.



### **Pin Diagram.**



## Pin Description

Pin No	Function	Name
1	Ground (0V)	Ground
2	Supply voltage; 5V (4.7V — 5.3V)	Vcc
3	Contrast adjustment; through a variable resistor	VEE
4	Selects command register when low; and data register when high	Register Select
5	Low to write to the register; High to read from the register	Read/write
6	Sends data to data pins when a high to low pulse is given	Enable
7	8-bit data pins	DB0
8		DB1
9		DB2
10		DB3
11		DB4
12		DB5
13		DB6
14		DB7
15	Backlight VCC (5V)	Led+

16	Backlight Ground (0V)	Led-
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#### 4) Servo Motor



Servo Motor

#### What is a Servo Motor?

A **servo motor** is an electrical device which can push or rotate an object with great precision. If you want to rotate an object at some specific angles or distance, then you use servo motor. It is just made up of simple motor which runs through **servo mechanism**. If the motor used is DC powered then it is called DC servo motor, and if it is AC powered motor then it is called AC servo motor. We can get a very high torque servo motor in a small and light weight package. Due to these features they are being used in many applications like toy car, RC helicopters and planes, Robotics, Machine etc.

Servo motors are rated in kg/cm (kilogram per centimeter) most hobby servo motors are rated at 3kg/cm or 6kg/cm or 12kg/cm. This kg/cm tells you how much weight your servo motor can lift at a particular distance. For example: A 6kg/cm Servo motor should be able to lift 6kg if the



load is suspended 1cm away from the motors shaft, the greater the distance the lesser the weight carrying capacity.

The position of a servo motor is decided by electrical pulse and its circuitry is placed beside the motor.

## **Servo Mechanism**

It consists of three parts:

1. Controlled device
2. Output sensor
3. Feedback system

It is a closed loop system where it uses positive feedback system to control motion and final position of the shaft. Here the device is controlled by a feedback signal generated by comparing output signal and reference input signal.

Here reference input signal is compared to reference output signal and the third signal is produced by feedback system. And this third signal acts as input signal to control device. This signal is present as long as feedback signal is generated or there is difference between reference input signal and reference output signal. So the main task of servomechanism is to maintain output of a system at desired value at presence of noises.

## **Working principle of Servo Motors**

A servo consists of a Motor (DC or AC), a potentiometer, gear assembly and a controlling circuit. First of all we use gear assembly to reduce RPM and to increase torque of motor. Say at initial position of servo motor shaft, the position of the potentiometer knob is such that there is no electrical signal generated at the output port of the potentiometer. Now an electrical signal is given to another input terminal of the error detector amplifier. Now difference between these two signals, one comes from potentiometer and another comes from other source, will be

processed in feedback mechanism and output will be provided in term of error signal. This error signal acts as the input for motor and motor starts rotating. Now motor shaft is connected with potentiometer and as motor rotates so the potentiometer and it will generate a signal. So as the potentiometer's angular position changes, its output feedback signal changes. After sometime the position of potentiometer reaches at a position that the output of potentiometer is same as external signal provided. At this condition, there will be no output signal from the amplifier to the motor input as there is no difference between external applied signal and the signal generated at potentiometer, and in this situation motor stops rotating.

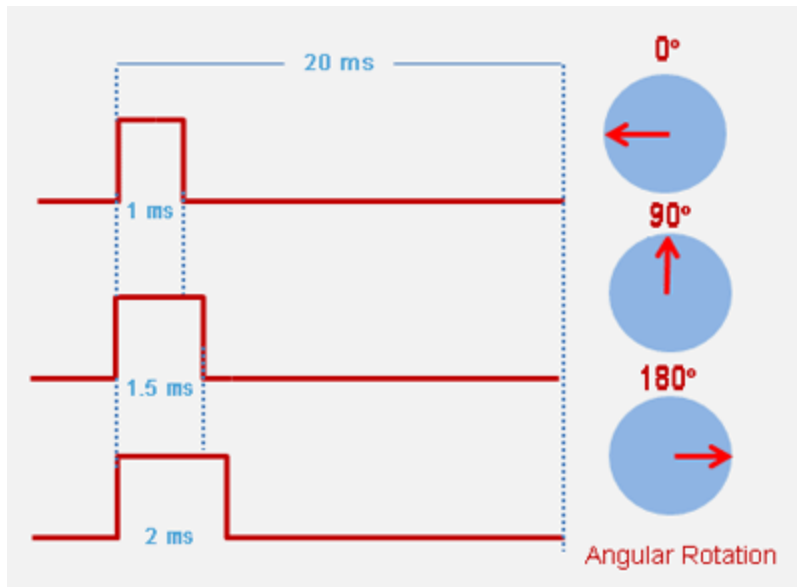
### **Controlling Servo Motor:**

All motors have three wires coming out of them. Out of which two will be used for Supply (positive and negative) and one will be used for the signal that is to be sent from the MCU.

Servo motor is controlled by PWM (Pulse with Modulation) which is provided by the control wires. There is a minimum pulse, a maximum pulse and a repetition rate. Servo motor can turn 90 degree from either direction form its neutral position. The servo motor expects to see a pulse every 20 milliseconds (ms) and the length of the pulse will determine how far the motor turns. For example, a 1.5ms pulse will make the motor turn to the 90° position, such as if pulse is shorter than 1.5ms shaft moves to 0° and if it is longer than 1.5ms than it will turn the servo to 180°.

Servo motor works on **PWM (Pulse width modulation)** principle, means its angle of rotation is controlled by the duration of applied pulse to its Control PIN. Basically servo motor is made up of **DC motor which is controlled by a variable resistor (potentiometer) and some gears**. High speed force of DC motor is converted into torque by Gears. We know that  $WORK = FORCE \times DISTANCE$ , in DC motor Force is less and distance (speed) is high and in Servo, force is High and distance

is less. Potentiometer is connected to the output shaft of the Servo, to calculate the angle and stop the DC motor on required angle.



Servo motor can be rotated from 0 to 180 degree, but it can go up to 210 degree, depending on the manufacturing. This degree of rotation can be controlled by applying the **Electrical Pulse** of proper width, to its Control pin. Servo checks the pulse in every 20 milliseconds. Pulse of 1 ms (1 millisecond) width can rotate servo to 0 degree, 1.5ms can rotate to 90 degree (neutral position) and 2 ms pulse can rotate it to 180 degree.

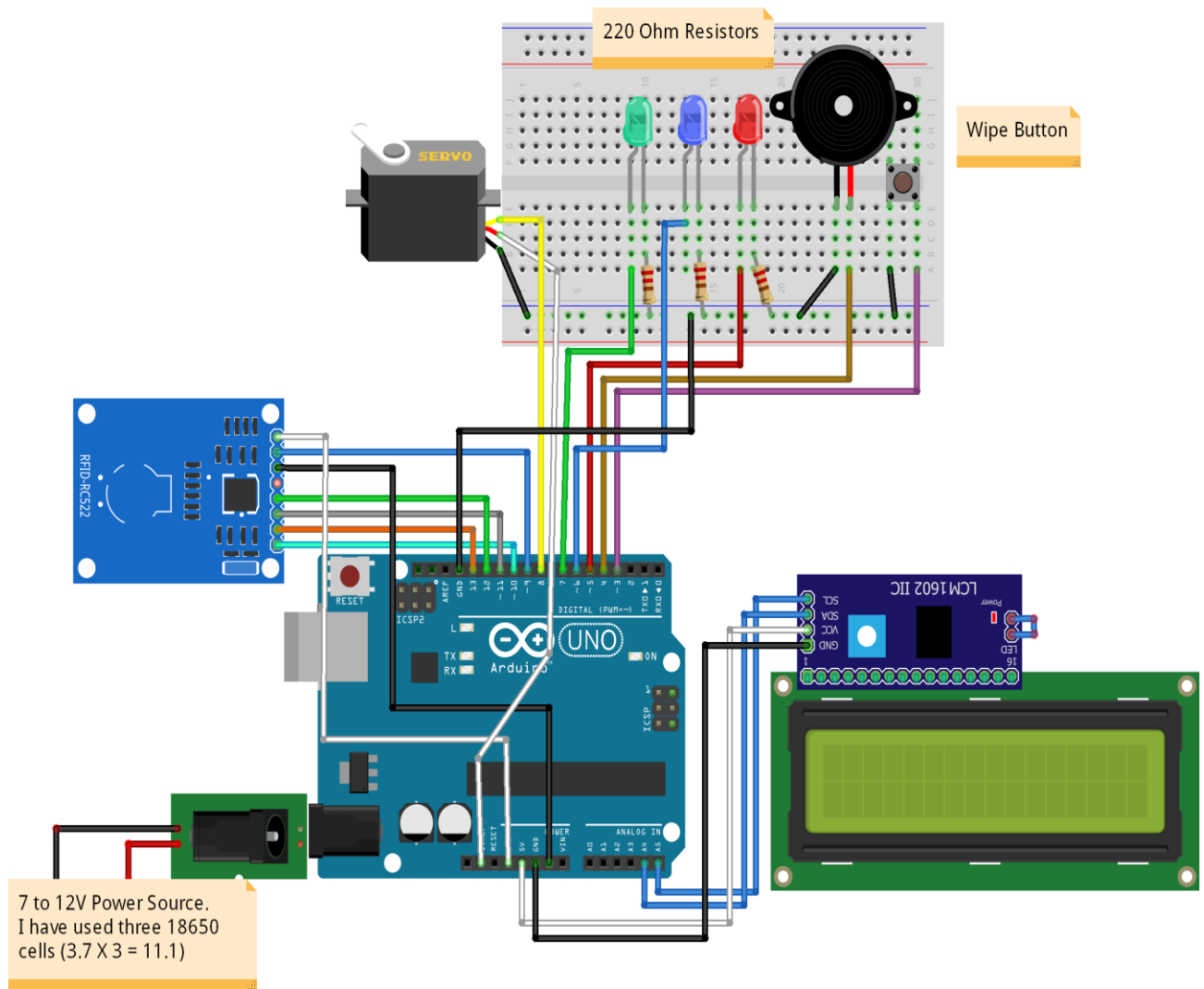
All servo motors work directly with your +5V supply rails but we have to be careful on the amount of current the motor would consume, if you are planning to use more than two servo motors a proper servo shield should be designed.

## 5) RFID Card



An RFID tag is a smooth card of credit-card size , which is read by an RFID reader. It works at 125kHz and comes with a unique 32-bit ID. Normally, each tag has a unique ID number which cannot be changed. You can find out its unique ID through software.

# Construction



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## Code:

```
#include <SPI.h> //including SPI header file
#include <MFRC522.h> //including the RFID reader header file
#include <LiquidCrystal.h> //including the LCD header
#define SS_PIN 10
#define RST_PIN 8
#include <Servo.h> //including the servo motor header file
int servoPin = 9;
// Create a servo object
Servo Servo1;
MFRC522 mfrc522(SS_PIN, RST_PIN);
LiquidCrystal lcd(6 , 7, 5, 4, 3, 2);
void setup()
{
  SPI.begin();
  Servo1.attach(servoPin);
  mfrc522.PCD_Init();
  lcd.begin(16, 2);
  lcd.print("Scan RFID Card");
  Serial.begin(9600);
}
void clockwise()
{
  // Make servo go to 0 degrees
  Servo1.write(90);
  delay(1000);
  // Make servo go to 90 degrees
  Servo1.write(0);
  delay(5000);
  // Make servo go to 180 degrees
  Servo1.write(90);
}

void loop()
{
```

```

Servo1.write(90);
if ( ! mfrc522.PICC_IsNewCardPresent())
{
    return;
}

if ( ! mfrc522.PICC_ReadCardSerial())
{
    return;
}

lcd.clear();
lcd.begin(16, 2);
String content= "";
byte letter;
for (byte i = 0; i < mfrc522.uid.size; i++)
{
    content.concat(String(mfrc522.uid.uidByte[i] < 0x10 ? " 0" : " "));
    content.concat(String(mfrc522.uid.uidByte[i], HEX));
}
lcd.begin(16, 2);
content.toUpperCase();
Serial.print(content);
if (content.substring(1) == "F9 2C 33 09") //Plz change to your cards UID
{
    lcd.setCursor(0,1);
    lcd.print("Authorized");

    delay(3000);
    lcd.clear();
    clockwise();
    setup();
}

else if (content.substring(1) == "09 10 32 09") //Plz change to your cards UID
{
    lcd.setCursor(0,1);
    lcd.print("Authorized");

    delay(3000);

```

```
    lcd.clear();  
    clockwise();  
    setup();  
}  
else {  
    lcd.setCursor(0, 1);  
    lcd.print(" Access denied");  
    delay(3000);  
    lcd.clear();  
    setup();  
}  
}
```



# **Working**

The principle of operation of this project is based on the working of the RFID Circuit.

A Passive RFID Card is used in this project with a unique ID number. When this card is placed near the RFID Reader Module, the antenna coil in the Reader energizes the coil in the RFID card through mutual induction. As a result, the microchip in the reader also gets enough power to turn it on. Now the coil in the reader acts as an antenna and transfers the data in the microchip to the reader module through radio communication. The reader module, then communicates with the microcontroller through UART protocol to transfer the data received from the card.

# **Conclusion**

Finally we want to say that using this system, authorization of personnel is carried out with an RFID card and only those with access can enter a secured area.

The security of any organization is a priority for the authorities. The security concern is for the physical property and also for the intellectual property. For this reason automatic identification and access control system has become necessary to overcome the security threats faced by many organizations.

This project deals with an interesting manner of security access control with the help of RFID Technology, where only people with valid cards are allowed to access the door or any secure area.